



## CPD must fix how it investigates homicides

### Review lays out daunting task for police force already facing court-ordered reform and fallout

BY JEREMY GORNER AND ANNIE SWEENEY

A yearlong review has found that the Chicago Police Department must overhaul the way it investigates homicides, from finding better detectives to keeping better track of their work, if it hopes to improve its

dismal clearance rate and reduce violent crime.

For a department already facing court-ordered reforms and continuing fallout from highly publicized prosecutions of officers, the 116-page report lays out a daunting task: Reverse a clearance rate that has been declining over a decade by

tackling deep-rooted problems with how detectives are trained, promoted and deployed.

The Police Executive Research Forum found some detectives do not even know how many cases they were assigned in the past year. It also found that the department offers nothing

to witnesses who feel threatened, does not pay enough attention to shootings that are not fatal and must wait up to a year for crucial DNA test results. And it noted that homicide sergeants and lieutenants are currently not required to have experience investigating homicides.

It recommended a separate homicide unit, a more aggressive cold case unit, more stations where detect-

ives are assigned so they are closer to the crimes, more rigorous selection and training of detectives and better equipment. And it said the department should establish a probationary period for newly selected homicide detectives to determine whether the assignment is a good fit.

While city officials said Wednesday they welcomed the report, they offered few details of what will be done

when. There was no estimate of how much time or money it could take.

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson was asked at a news conference how the department's detective bureau became so riddled with problems. "This didn't happen overnight," he replied. "This has been years in the making. But now we can't

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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot reads "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" for students affected by the CPS work stoppage at Kennicott Park in Chicago on Wednesday.

## Deal on. Strike not off.

### Despite tentative pact, impasse over lost days will keep teachers out

BY HANNAH LEONE, GREGORY PRATT, JAVONTE ANDERSON AND MORGAN GREENE

After days of accusations hurled back and forth, marathon bargaining sessions at Malcolm X College and protests of red across the city, Chicago Teachers Union delegates voted Wednesday to accept a new contract deal. But until they reach an agreement

with Mayor Lori Lightfoot on lost school days to be made up, the strike is still on.

The delegates voted 364-242 in favor of a tentative agreement reached Wednesday, according to a source with firsthand knowledge of the outcome. The tentative agreement can only be ratified by a vote open to all 25,000 members.

Teachers won't get paid for the days lost unless they are made up. The union said it will

be at City Hall at 10 a.m. Thursday to "demand" the mayor restore instructional time.

CTU President Jesse Sharky late Wednesday night called the agreement "a contract we can believe in," with meaningful improvements in class size, staffing and other wins that "would produce real lasting benefits in our schools." Sharky said Lightfoot did the right thing and honored her cam-

paign promises.

"I want to say thank you to parents for believing, trusting us," CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates said.

But as the news conference wound down, Sharky said he had still not received a call from the mayor saying they had an agreement on lost school days.

"We feel like this is punitive on the mayor's part," he said. "She backed herself into a corner by saying she wouldn't

do it."

"We won many things in this battle," Sharky added. "We need now to close the final chapter, which is to get an agreement to return to work."

But a fired-up Lightfoot on Wednesday night did not budge.

Lightfoot said she's "gravely disappointed" the strike isn't over and blasted the union's

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## Dems press Bolton to testify in inquiry

### House lawmakers call more witnesses tied to Ukraine call

BY LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER AND MARY CLARE JALONICK  
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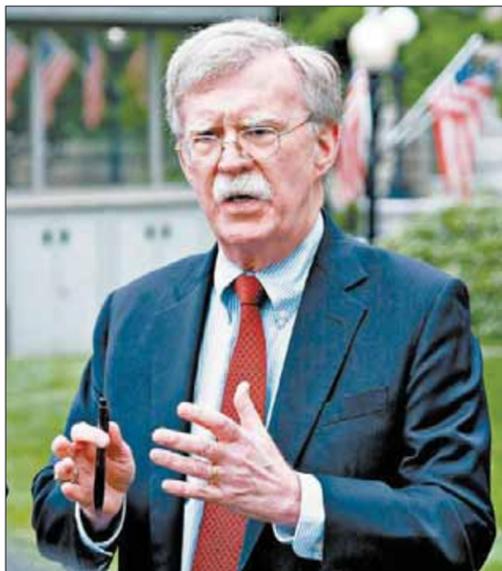
WASHINGTON — House investigators are summoning former national security adviser John Bolton to testify in their impeachment inquiry, deepening their reach into the White House as the probe accelerates toward a potential vote to remove the president.

Democratic lawmakers want to hear next week

from Bolton, the former adviser who sparred over the administration's approach to Ukraine, in particular President Donald Trump's reliance on his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, for a back-channel operation. Bolton once derided Giuliani's work as a "drug deal" and said he wanted no part of it, according to previous testimony.

The Democrats also are calling John Eisenberg, the lawyer for the National Security Council who fielded an Army officer's concerns over Trump's phone call with the

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House investigators in the inquiry are seeking to hear next week from former national security adviser John Bolton.

## Outcome Health settles fraud probe for \$70M

### Firm admits to ad scheme to defraud its medical clients

BY ALLY MAROTTI AND LISA SCHENCKER

Outcome Health became a darling of Chicago's tech industry by installing screens in doctor's offices and waiting rooms that combined health information with drug advertising. Now, after years of turmoil, it is resolving a federal fraud investigation.

In the agreement announced Wednesday, Outcome admitted that from 2012 to 2017, former executives and employees "executed a scheme to defraud

its pharmaceutical clients by selling advertising inventory that it did not have," the Justice Department said. It agreed to pay \$70 million to pharmaceutical clients victimized by the scheme.

Outcome also agreed, as part of a non-prosecution agreement, to cooperate with the federal government's ongoing investigation of individuals. The FBI and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s Office of Inspector General are investigating the case.

Outcome was founded in 2006 as ContextMedia, when its co-founders Rishi Shah and Shradha Agarwal

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On Nov. 3, critic and historian Henry Louis Gates Jr. will receive the Tribune's Literary Award for lifetime achievement. Gates will talk with Tribune publisher and editor-in-chief Bruce Dold on that day at 11 a.m. Gates is widely celebrated as one of the foremost authorities on the history of African American literature. Credited with discovering the earliest known literary works by African American writers, Gates is also celebrated for the work he has done to make history accessible and appealing through his PBS show, "Finding Your Roots," and through his numerous, acclaimed documentaries. In his newest book, "Stony The Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow," Gates argues that the roots of contemporary structural racism can be traced to this transformative period following the Civil War. He demonstrates yet again why he is one of America's most powerful voices on race and history. The program is presented in partnership with the Chicago Humanities Festival. Tickets are on sale now at [chicagohumanities.org](http://chicagohumanities.org).

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Several dozen Chicago Public School students and supporters stage a sit-in to support striking teachers on Monday.



## JOHN KASS

# Rewarding CTU with an elected board insanity

There are hundreds of thousands of innocent victims of the Chicago Teachers Union leadership that pushed its members into an unnecessary and destructive strike.

The most important are the most vulnerable, the 300,000 public school students — most of them African American and Latino, and most from low-income neighborhoods.

Their education, sports and other programs have already been sacrificed on the altar of CTU leadership power and arrogance.

But, if there is such a thing as a "good" casualty of the strike, it is this: the absurd idea of an elected Chicago Board of Education.

Because now, after all CTU leadership has done, after striking even though it had been offered a more than generous 16 to 24 percent raise over five years by Mayor Lori Lightfoot, after issuing ever-changing demands and holding the kids hostage while performing Saul Alinsky-style theatrics and "Thriller" dance routines, they've actually accomplished something that's productive.

CTU leadership has made the most compelling case in years for why an elected school board would be a disaster for Chicago.

CTU leadership and their allies in the Democratic Party — including Boss Madigan — would use such a board to wrest control from the mayor and run the schools themselves.

That would be fiscally and ethically irresponsible, for the kids, their parents and for taxpayers.

It wouldn't just be irresponsible to reward CTU leadership with de facto control of an elected school board after what it has done.

It would be political insanity.

And it would be disastrous for Lightfoot.

On Wednesday afternoon, CTU leadership said it would call its House of Delegates to vote on a tentative contract offer. Leaders added that a deal depended on Lightfoot allowing school days lost in the strike to be made up. She's said in the past that she would not extend the school year after a strike.

Whether this is yet another theatrical distraction, or the end of the strike, wasn't yet clear by my deadline.

But what CTU leadership has wanted from the beginning is control over the troubled school system it has spent the last few weeks stomping on.

Union leaders rejected that Lightfoot raise and kept pushing for more, demanding affordable housing and other expensive items.

A couple of days ago, Lightfoot looked exasperated and exhausted as CTU leadership kept insisting she sign on to an elected school board bill in the state legislature that she considers fundamentally flawed.

"Are we really keeping our kids out of class unless I agree to support the CTU's full political agenda wholesale?" said the mayor.

Bingo.

Lightfoot is a Democrat. But so, too, is the opponent she vanquished in the mayoral runoff election, Cook County Democratic Party chair and Cook Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who was backed by the CTU.

Lightfoot stomped Preckwinkle. The people had spoken overwhelmingly, but the political class, and the CTU and other public worker unions that provide election muscle, know how to bide their time.

Lightfoot is learning that in Illinois, revenge is a dish best served cold.

Another CTU ally is the Boss of Illinois, House Speaker Michael J. Madigan. On Wednesday, Boss Madigan issued a statement — perhaps it was a written decree — signaling his support of a CTU-backed school board proposal that Lightfoot has opposed.

It would create a board with some 21 elected members. That's not a board, it's a MoveOn.org convention.

Hey, Boss Madigan, don't you have enough on your plate, with the big federal bus rolling from Chicago to Springfield and the FBI crawling all over your friends?

Instead of spending time virtue signaling, why not find out who else you know who's wearing a federal wire?

With so much political intrigue in the air, it could be easy for taxpayers and parents to be overwhelmed by critical elements that haven't yet been fully reported out or explained.

I called Paul Vallas, the former mayoral candidate and former CPS

chief, who offered some questions on the "tentative offer."

■ If future state budgets don't fully fund Pritzker's school aid formula — and if he doesn't get his income tax increase — will Chicago property taxpayers get the bill to pay for the teacher raises, step increases and added positions?

■ Some 60,000 students are attending about 120 charter schools. Will they receive funding for additional support, capital improvements and sharing TIF district surpluses?

■ Will the tentative deal limit school choice opportunities for low-income children by preventing new charters or expansion of existing charter enrollment?

■ And how will the public school instructional day be impacted by the CTU demand for more preparatory time?

Doesn't everybody with a job arrive prepared for work?

Vallas says a nine-member hybrid school board would be equitable.

"Recent events make a strong argument against a traditionally elected school board," Vallas said, "but you need community representation to ensure transparency."

Under Vallas' plan, four board members would be chosen by members of elected local school councils. The other five, including the chairman, would be appointed by the mayor.

It sounds, what's the word, reasonable?

But this is Chicago. There's nothing reasonable about what the CTU has done to those 300,000 students, their parents, taxpayers and the good teachers who care for them.

The mayor should have full control of the schools. She was elected to do that job. CTU leaders, and Boss Madigan, should let her do it.

Rewarding CTU leadership isn't good government. And it's not good politics.

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# Silly rabbits. Trick-or-treating isn't just for kids.



REX W. HUPPKE

For far too long, Halloween has been grossly mischaracterized as a holiday for children.

Allow me to set the world straight: That kid-friendly view of Halloween is boo (expletive).

The last night of October is a holiday for adults, and for parents in particular.

Yes, we have to do the busy work of helping kids figure out costumes, watching them realize they don't actually like their costumes, helping them pick out different costumes, helping them put on their costumes and making sure their masks don't asphyxiate them or limit their vision so much that they get run over.

And yes, we have to listen to them whine about how mean we are because we won't let them watch an R-rated horror movie even though they have friends whose irresponsible parents let them watch it and they don't get why we're so strict and they promise it won't give them bad dreams for the next year and blah blah blah.

And yes, we have to buy big bags of candy to give away to children we aren't technically in charge of feeding and we have to sit there all night and tell those random children how adorable they look in their costumes even if it looks like they kind of mailed it in, costumewise, and we have to deal with the dog barking every time the doorbell rings and the severe, room-clearing gas she develops after several hours of being stressed out by the doorbell.

But that's all OK. Because at the end of the day, we are legally permitted to send our children out into the neighborhood to gather metric tons of free candy that we will then eat without telling them.

It's like having personal shoppers eager to satisfy any sweet tooth.

I can already hear some of you weaker-willed parents saying, "Wait, no, my children get really upset when I eat their candy."

Really? That's funny, because I get upset when a small human being comes along and forces me



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to spend years doing practically everything because he or she can't cook, drive, pay bills or, in the early stages, recognize that when I leave the room I don't stop existing.

If your son gets mad because you ate one of his 437 mini Kit Kats, ask him if he would like to start paying rent. Problem solved.

Also, we adults have the distinct advantage of staying up later than children. My kids can watch over their Halloween candy haul all they want, but come bed time, me and my pancreas are swooping in for the kill, and no sugary comestible is safe.

Now I hear some of you griping, "It's so unhealthy! I won't let Halloween screw up my diet!"

First off, yes you will. Halloween is to diets what children are to going to the bathroom without being interrupted.

More importantly, though, don't sweat the brief surge in tiny candy bar consumption. The post-Halloween/pre-Thanksgiving weeks were designed specifically for crash diets. Why feel bad about yourself when you know you'll soon be feeling good

about yourself before again feeling very, very bad about yourself?

Loosen up, fellow grown-ups. This is OUR holiday!

Aside from dispatching our children to fetch free candy, we can also enjoy these Five Steps for a Parent's Perfect Halloween:

**1. Steal some of your own candy.** Hopefully you've raised your children/unpaid candy collectors well enough that they'll round up only the good stuff. But just in case, make sure you stash some of the candy you bought to hand out to trick-or-treaters. Trust me, you deserve it more than they do.

**2. Only give candy to children who pass "the candy corn test."** As most adults know, candy corn is an abomination. Some children, however, grow up in twisted pro-candy corn households. It's important to identify those children and teach them a lesson.

The test is simple: When a child or group of children approaches, you hold up one small

bag of candy corn and say, "Who likes cannnnnnndy corn?!?"

Those who smartly roll their eyes or grimace can be handed some of your non-candy corn candy. Those who get excited at the sight of candy corn receive no candy, but leave with an important lesson.

**3. Play the trick-or-treat drinking game.** Every time someone says "trick or treat," you drink. (This game usually lasts approximately 12 minutes and then you go to bed.)

**4. Steal candy from teens you deem too old.** Remember, this is an adult holiday and we are in charge. That means we set the rules, and if you believe a teen trick-or-treater has no business being out trick-or-treating, you are well within your rights to discreetly exact punishment.

To do this, simply reach into the teen's candy bag as if you're dropping in a piece of candy, flick the side of the bag with your finger so it sounds like you dropped something in and then

deftly grab a piece of their candy as you bring your hand out.

That will serve them right, and it will increase your stock of sweet, delicious candy.

**5. Send your children out a second time.** When your kids get back with what should be an impressive candy haul, insist that they go back out for more. They may be tired from wandering the neighborhood for hours, and they may be cold or even wet, depending on the weather.

That doesn't matter. It's time they learn what real work looks like.

Empty their bags, make sure they have an acceptable variety of candy — don't let them skimp on the Almond Joy, that is a tragically underrated candy bar — and then ship them back out to drum up more yums.

Remember, Halloween is about grown-ups. Don't let a child's sore feet or pleas for rest ruin your night.

We deserve this!

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## Man found not guilty in girl's fatal shooting

Defendant had denied his shot killed 11-year-old at sleepover

BY WILLIAM LEE  
AND MEGAN CREPEAU

A Cook County jury on Wednesday acquitted a man of murder in the slaying of an 11-year-old girl after more than a week of trial on charges his errant shot killed young Shamiya Adams at a 2014 slumber party inside a West Side residence.

Tevin Lee's family members exclaimed with glee in the courtroom gallery as the foreman read the not-guilty verdict after a little more than an hour and a half of deliberations. The verdict sets the stage for Lee's release from jail after more than five years in custody awaiting trial.

Lee had taken the witness stand earlier Wednesday in his own defense, admitting he was at the shooting scene but blaming a friend nicknamed "Boo Man" for unexpectedly opening fire.

On cross-examination, Lee, now 24, admitted lying to Chicago police detectives following his arrest by denying he was even outside the residence where Shamiya was

struck in the head by what a prosecutor earlier called "a one-in-a-million shot."

Prosecutors alleged Lee, then 18, was seeking to avenge the beating of a friend's brother earlier that same day in July 2014 when he opened fire at a group of boys outside the home of Shamiya's best friend in the East Garfield Park neighborhood. One bullet entered an open window, penetrated a bedroom closet and went through a wall before striking Shamiya as she and her friends planned to heat up s'mores in a microwave after bugs had driven them inside.

Wearing a light gray suit and striped tie with his long dreadlocks pulled back, Lee testified Wednesday that he intended to be a peacemaker when he went along with three others to the 3900 block of West Gladys Avenue after learning that a group of boys had earlier jumped a friend there.

One of the attackers was a grade school classmate with whom he had a "great relationship," said Lee, who indicated he had worked as a youth violence worker after graduating from Crane High School as



Lee

a three-sport athlete.

Lee said he planned to talk with the former classmate, not fight, unless "it was necessary."

But a group of 25 to 30 males surrounded him and his three friends, he told jurors. To his surprise, Boo Man, one of the friends, pulled out a revolver and fired four shots at the group, Lee testified.

Lee admitted lying to police at the time to protect Boo Man, he said.

"I was scared," he said. "He was my friend, and I didn't want to get him in trouble."

On cross-examination, Assistant State's Attorney William Bruce confronted Lee with surveillance video of his police interrogation that showed he denied being at the scene, never mentioned Boo Man, and secretly called and texted people while in custody.

Lee said he lied out of fear after police threatened him with jail, but he sometimes didn't remember his reasoning when pressed by Bruce.

During dramatic closing arguments later Wednesday, Bruce detailed

Shamiya's sleeper while displaying a photo of her smiling face on a TV screen for jurors.

He then contrasted that with a photo of the bullet that had been removed from the girl's head after her death as he described the panic her random shooting caused for her friends.

"It's very easy to put (the shooting) on Boo Man," Bruce told jurors of Lee's testimony. Lee "denied what he had to deny," the prosecutor said.

But Lee's attorneys questioned the credibility of prosecution witnesses.

Lee's attorney, Lakshmi Jha, called the witnesses "opportunists, drug users, felons, proven liars or some combination."

"The state's case is these witnesses, and quantity doesn't equal quantity," she told jurors.

Jha said Boo Man, the brother of the teen who was attacked earlier that day, had more of a motive than Lee to fire on the group, though she admitted there was no physical evidence that happened.

"This was Boo Man's fight," she said.

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## Will snow make for scary Halloween?

The rare late October snowstorm that dropped more than 2 inches on parts of northern Illinois early Wednesday broke a nearly 100-year-old record for the most snow ever recorded here on Oct. 30. More snow appeared headed to the area on Halloween as meteorologists declared winter weather advisories for the area into Thursday. As of 1 p.m. Wednesday, O'Hare International Airport recorded 1.2 inches over a 12-hour period, breaking the 1923 record of 0.7 inches. Snow accumulations of about an inch were expected Thursday near Lake Michigan in Chicago. **Chicago Weather Center on back page of A+E**

## Flurry of ethics reform proposals floated in Springfield

BY JAMIE MUNKS  
AND DAN PETRELLA

SPRINGFIELD — Calls for ethics reform dominated the first half of the Illinois General Assembly's fall veto session as lawmakers met under the cloud of political corruption scandals that have hit both chambers.

That means the big-ticket items slated for the session, including a revamped Chicago casino proposal and Gov. J.B. Pritzker's push to consolidate 650 downstate and suburban public safety pension funds, were left for when lawmakers return to the Capitol for three more days on Nov. 12.

Notably absent from the session were Sen. Martin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat who's under federal investigation, and state Rep. Luis Arroyo, who was charged Monday with one count of bribery after he allegedly agreed to pay a state senator kickbacks for support on gambling legislation.

Senate President John Cullerton and House Speaker Michael Madigan both said they would push for tougher ethics laws, while Republicans in both chambers introduced specific ethics proposals.

Pritzker also called for strengthening the state's ethics laws at an event Wednesday morning in Chicago, saying he's "disgusted by these people who take advantage of the public, who take public office and think that this is OK."

"We are going to root these people out," he said. "And I'm glad, frankly, that people are being caught. ... It is time."

A special committee called by Madigan will meet Friday to consider kicking Arroyo out of the House, something that has happened only once in more than 100 years.

State Sen. Jason Barickman, a Bloomington Republican, is sponsoring legislation that would allow the legislative inspector general to investigate complaints against legislators and issue sub-

poenas without approval from the Legislative Ethics Commission.

"So today, because we have a legislative inspector general who is not allowed to be independent of the legislature, it looks like the fox is guarding the henhouse. And that needs to end," Barickman said at a Wednesday news conference.

The changes have the support of the current legislative inspector general, Carol Pope, who in a letter this summer urged legislative leaders to give her office more independence.

"How truly independent can the LIG be if she is required to seek approval of eight legislators to open an investigation or seek a subpoena?" Pope wrote.

One of the members of the Legislative Ethics Commission is Sen. Terry Link, a Vernon Hills Democrat who according to a source is the senator Arroyo is accused of trying to bribe. According to the criminal complaint, the senator Arroyo met with was cooperating with authorities and wore a wire.

Link was in Springfield for the veto session and denied being a cooperating witness. Pope declined to comment on Link's reported cooperation with federal authorities.

Link also is one of the architects of the massive gambling expansion lawmakers approved earlier this year, paving the way for six new casinos statewide.

Cullerton said Tuesday that Link will remain the point person on gambling, as Mayor Lori Lightfoot pushes for lawmakers in Springfield to retool the tax structure for the Chicago casino that was laid out in the gambling expansion bill after a consultant concluded it would be unattractive to investors.

Rep. Bob Riva, a Blue Island Democrat who was deeply involved in the gambling legislation, said after the House adjourned Wednesday he'd just been briefed on an updated casino proposal from the city of Chicago but didn't offer specifics.

"Let me digest this a little bit and see where we're at," Rita told reporters Wednesday.

Cullerton said Tuesday a compromise seemed close on changing the Chicago casino tax rates.

There was little movement on Pritzker's plan to consolidate local pension funds for suburban and downstate police and firefighters — which together have \$11.5 billion in unfunded liabilities — into two statewide investment pools.

The governor hopes the plan will be his signature accomplishment during the veto session. Pritzker and his supporters say the measure would ease the local property tax burden by helping the funds reap better returns on their investments.

Pritzker scored a small victory Wednesday when a group of mostly Republican senators failed to override the Democratic governor's first veto.

The measure, sponsored by GOP Sen. Sue Rezin of Morris, would have required lawmakers to approve any application for federal waivers from the insurance coverage requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

Rezin said the bill was an effort to preserve protections for coverage of pre-existing conditions. Pritzker said in a July veto message that those protections are already enshrined in state law and that his administration needs to "retain our flexibility to innovate and be responsive to the evolving healthcare needs of the people of the State."

The override attempt, which requires a three-fifths majority, failed on a vote of 27-23.

The House advanced a bill that would allow college athletes in Illinois to earn a profit from endorsement deals, which Pritzker backed earlier this week. The vote comes a day after the NCAA announced it would begin the process to do the same.

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## House OKs ethylene oxide's phaseout

Medline Industries, lobbyists work to quash bill in Senate

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Illinois is a step closer to phasing out the use of cancer-causing ethylene oxide, but business lobbyists are rallying to block the legislation from reaching Gov. J.B. Pritzker's desk before the General Assembly's fall session adjourns.

On a 60-47 vote, the Illinois House advanced a bill to the Senate that would require Northfield-based Medline Industries to move an assembly plant away from densely populated Lake County neighborhoods or switch to safer alternatives for sterilizing medical equipment by the end of next year.

House Bill 3888, which Pritzker has vowed to sign, also would force a handful of the state's chemical manufacturers to dramatically reduce emissions of the toxic chemical and nudge hospitals to stop using ethylene oxide by 2023.

Sponsored by Rep. Rita Mayfield, D-Waukegan, the measure is the latest response to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report that found ethylene oxide pollution is responsible for alarmingly high cancer risks in four predominantly Latino and African American census tracts surrounding Medline's plant off Skokie Highway and Pulaski Drive in southwest Waukegan.

The Chicago Tribune first reported in November that Medline was the third-largest source of ethylene oxide in Illinois in 2014, the last year for which comprehensive figures are available, trailing only Vantage Specialty Chemicals in nearby Gurnee and the now-shuttered Sterigenics facility in west suburban Willowbrook.

While there was a bipartisan push to force Sterigenics to close in DuPage County, most House Republicans voted against Mayfield's measure to address similar concerns in Lake County. Rep. Jim Durkin, a Western Springs Republican and the House minority leader, voted present.

Medline has agreed to overhaul its Waukegan plant and limit its annual emissions to 150 pounds, down from 3,058 pounds reported by the company in 2014. But community groups contend that any additional ethylene oxide released close to homes and schools increases the cumulative risk of developing cancer.

"We need to call and email like never before to make sure our voices are heard by each and every senator," the Stop EtO in Lake County group wrote in a Facebook post after the House vote.

Medline contends it needs to use ethylene oxide because it is a proven, government-approved method to sterilize medical equipment, in particular surgical kits that contain several types of materials, some of which can be damaged by alternatives such as steam or radiation.

"We look forward to continuing conversations with legislators in the Senate regarding Medline's exemplary safety record and the importance of ethylene oxide sterilization to Illinois hospitals," the company said in a statement.

Business lobbyists are helping organize the opposition, in part because the measure would target Vantage and five other chemical manufacturers in Illinois.

As of this month, there are 27 permitted users of ethylene oxide in the state, according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Most are hospitals, the Illinois EPA found, including Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Loyola Medical Center in Maywood and Hinsdale Hospital in DuPage County.



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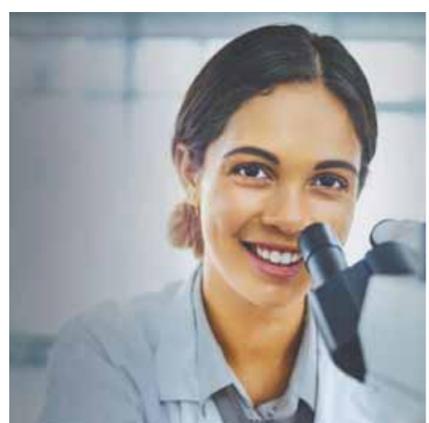
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# The A to Z of Illinois' school report cards

Schools' spending per student among the data provided

BY DAWN RHODES

Wednesday marked the release of Illinois' annual school report cards, the comprehensive analysis breaking down the academic and test performance, demographics and financial picture of every school and district in the state.

This marks the second year in which the Illinois State Board of Education has grouped schools into four categories: exemplary, commendable, underperforming and lowest performing. As in 2018, the majority of schools were deemed "commendable."

One piece of information is new this year: How much each school spends on each student.

Per-pupil spending is a key factor for assessing student success. There is much research to suggest a correlation between higher spending and better overall academic performance.

The state has been collecting that per-pupil spending from school districts for years. Fulfilling a requirement from the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, 2019 is the first time many parents, teachers, principals and district administrators in Illinois can

dig deeper to see how that spending varies within districts — from school to school.

State education leaders said they hope the new data will spark new discussions, analysis and understanding on equitable spending among buildings within districts.

"We are encouraging deeper conversations — rather than conclusions — acknowledging this is the first time any of us are getting to look at the data," said Sara Shaw, ISBE's senior manager of fiscal and academic solvency. "Once money gets to districts, there is a lot of autonomy on how to spend it and move it between schools. This new data set allows district to check their assumptions on where money is going."

Here is a bit more on the report cards:

**What do the rankings mean?** The ratings are meant to indicate how well a school educates all demographic groups of students. They also are meant to factor in students' annual improvement in standardized testing, rather than simply the results.

**Exemplary:** Performance in the top 10% of all schools. No student groups doing as poorly as the bottom 5% of students in the state. For high schools, it also means a graduation rate

of at least 67%.

About 400 schools, nearly 11% of all schools, received this rating in 2019.

**Commendable:** Same as exemplary except overall performance is not in the top 10% of all schools. About 75% of Illinois schools fall into this category.

**Underperforming:** At least one student group that is performing at or below the bottom 5% of students in the state. Examples of student groups include racial and ethnic minorities, as well as economically disadvantaged students and English-language learners.

About 400 schools were labeled underperforming this year.

**Lowest performing:** The bottom 5% of all state-wide schools. For high schools, that also means a graduation rate under 67%.

This group includes 160 schools in the state.

**What else is new this year?** The 2019 report card tracks performance for the first time on new categories of students. They include children with disabilities, students who have moved recently because of economic reasons, military-connected students, and children put into temporary custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Illinois data also will include a new calculation of

dropout rates, according to Brenda Dixon, ISBE's research and evaluation officer. Previously, ISBE relied on school districts to report how many students had dropped out. Now the department of education is asking states to also tabulate students enrolled in a previous school year and not enrolled the following fall.

Dixon says this will cause dropout rates for every district in the state to increase or remain the same.

**What is per-pupil spending?** The spending at each school divided by the number of students.

ISBE breaks this down in two ways. The first isolates the expenses specific to a school, such as teacher and administrator salaries and benefits, classroom instruction and supplies. The second looks at the school's share of district spending, which can include dollars for central administration, busing, food and facilities maintenance.

Per-pupil spending does not factor in dollars for major construction projects and paying down debt.

Let's take Indian Prairie School District, which includes 21 elementary schools in Naperville, Aurora and Bolingbrook. All have a commendable or exemplary rating this year.

The school-specific spending per student ranges

from about \$6,000 to \$10,000, according to the data. The district allocations per student range from about \$3,000 to \$4,500.

In all, the median spending among elementary schools is about \$12,000 per student.

Another example: Township High School District 214 in Arlington Heights. Its six high schools also have either an exemplary or commendable rating this year.

The school-specific spending varies from about \$12,000 to \$14,000 per student. The schools receive between \$7,300 and \$7,500 in district funding per student.

Overall, spending ranges from about \$19,664 to just over \$22,000 per student.

**Where can I find these numbers?** Go to <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/> and enter the name of your school.

There will be a vertical drop down menu on the left side. Click on "School Environment" and navigate to "School Finances."

The bar graph and the page will tell you more about the per-pupil spending at that school, compared to the average for the school district.

The 2019 report card will show spending for the 2018-19 school year.

**Why would the same dis-**

**trict have different spending for different schools?** There are several reasons why per-pupil spending could vary from your child's school versus one in another part of your community or district.

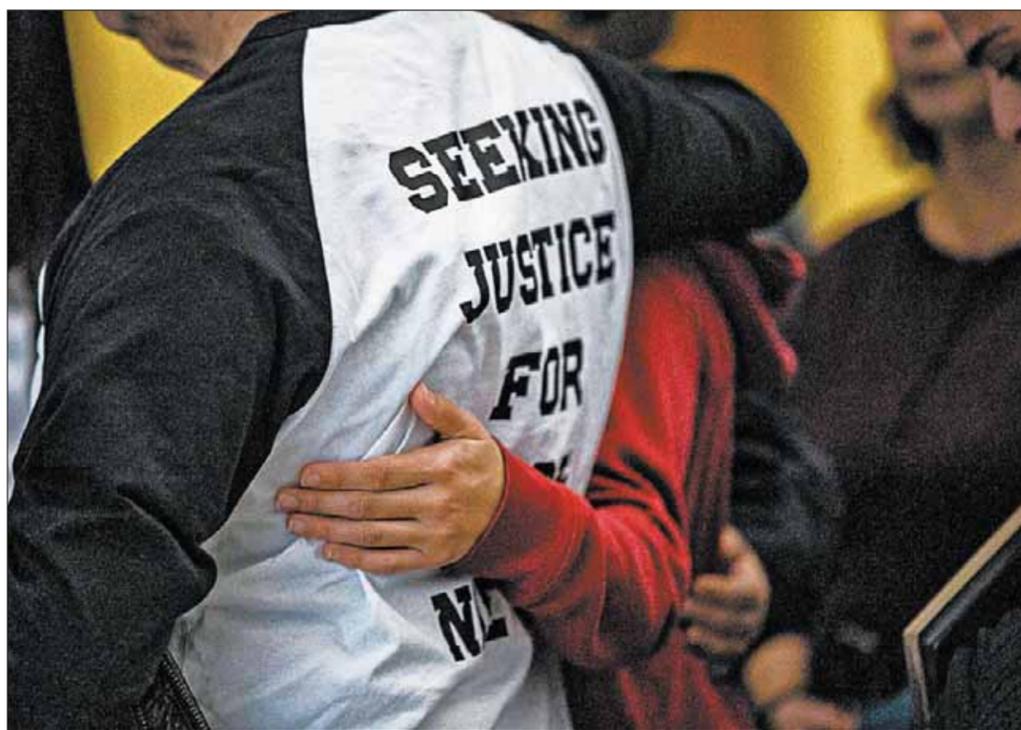
One big factor is personnel. About 80% of spending in public elementary and secondary schools is devoted to staff salaries and benefits, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Salaries throughout the state vary depending on whether teachers receive "step" or "lane" increases, which are contractual pay bumps according to years of service and educational attainment. The majority of school districts in Illinois have some type of teacher salary schedule, according to the state's most recent teacher salary survey.

So if School A has a higher proportion of teachers with master's degrees than School B, with all else being equal, School A's spending per child may be higher.

Other factors that can affect per-pupil spending include additional resources for special student populations, school improvement decisions, school-specific programming and variances in class sizes, said Shaw, of ISBE.

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Family and supporters of Jose Nieves embrace during a press conference this week. Nieves was fatally shot in 2017.

## Ex-cop on trial for off-duty killing declines to take stand

He had claimed the 2017 shooting was self-defense

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

As the second and final day of testimony at his first-degree murder trial neared an end Wednesday, former Chicago police Officer Lowell Houser rose to face the judge tasked with determining his fate.

"I take it that since your attorneys told me the defense is resting you have chosen not to testify?" Cook County Judge William Gamboney asked.

"Yes, your honor," replied Houser, who cut a large figure in the tiny courtroom wearing a blue suit with thick shoulder pads that jutted out at a square angle from his neck.

His decision not to take the stand came as somewhat of a surprise, since Houser's case is riding on his claims of self-defense. Only Houser could have spoken about his frame of mind when he encoun-

tered Jose Nieves on the Northwest Side in January 2017 while off-duty.

Prosecutors contend that the unarmed Nieves posed no threat to Houser, a 28-year department veteran who was on medical leave at the time.

A Spanish-speaking eyewitness saw the two men talking or arguing on opposite sides of the street moments before the shooting, but his testimony came off at times as muddled — perhaps because of a language barrier, perhaps because he was looking from the window of a nearby residence while watching television.

He had turned away to watch the TV when he heard the first shot fired, leaving Houser himself as the apparent only living witness to those crucial moments just before the shooting.

But with Houser not taking the stand on his own behalf, his attorneys sought to show his point of view through the testimony Wednesday of a prosecution witness, Chicago police Detective Marc Leavitt, who briefly interviewed the off-duty officer after the shooting.

Leavitt testified that Houser told him the following: A "male Hispanic" — a reference to Nieves — came up and blocked him as he tried to drive his car



Houser

out of a parking space.

Houser couldn't make out what the man was saying other than hearing the word "Eagles," a reference to a street gang, he said.

"I'm a Chicago police officer, I'm not about violence," Houser claimed to say.

Houser told the detective that Nieves threatened to shoot him and torch his car, and reached toward the back of his waist, Leavitt testified.

Thinking the man was reaching for a gun, Houser told the detective he opened fire.

Houser also told the detective that he had once intervened as Nieves was fighting with his friend's son.

The police were called during that incident, Houser told him, but their interview was cut short before Leavitt could question him further.

Prosecutors have previously said that Houser brandished a gun during that encounter in December 2016, but no testimony at Houser's trial revealed any details of that altercation.

Without an eyewitness to directly contradict the defense assertion that Nieves was threatening to shoot the off-duty officer, prosecutors must rely on other supporting evidence to fill in the blanks.

Nieves had his coat off

and shirt tucked into his pants, witnesses have said, indicating that Houser should have known he was unarmed.

The eyewitness who saw the two men before the shooting noticed that they were across the street from each other.

In other testimony Wednesday, Assistant Cook County Medical Examiner Stephanie Powers said she found no evidence that Nieves had been shot at close range, though she could not tell how far away the gunman may have been from Nieves at the time of the shooting.

Powers testified that the angle of the bullet's trajectory of Nieves' most damaging wound — to his lower back — was "fairly steep," but she couldn't conclusively say how Nieves was positioned when he was shot. Nieves could have been bent forward at the waist with his back to the gun, Powers said on questioning from prosecutors. When the defense asked her if he could have been crouching, she said that was possible and volunteered that he could also have been in the fetal position.

At the conclusion of Powers' testimony, a woman in the courtroom began to wail and ran out into the hallway, her screams echoing.

Closing arguments are scheduled for Thursday morning.

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## R. Kelly, fearing for his infected toe, skips court

BY DAN HINKEL

Embattled singer R. Kelly skipped his scheduled federal court appearance Wednesday morning because he has an infected toe and was worried someone might step on it, his lawyer said.

Kelly, who faces a raft of charges in various jurisdictions over his alleged sexual abuse of women and girls, was excused from court because the infection had cost him his toenail, attorney Steven Greenberg told U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber during a brief and otherwise uneventful hearing in the downtown federal courthouse.

Kelly, the lawyer said, was worried he'd be stepped on during the process of being transported to court from the Metropolitan Correctional Center, the downtown federal jail where he is being held without bond.

In the courthouse lobby, Greenberg told reporters that Kelly was wearing a walking boot. Greenberg said he did not know which foot or toe was causing the problem.

Kelly was first indicted in Cook County in February, weeks after State's Attorney Kim Foxx made an unusual public plea for any Kelly accusers to come forward, citing "deeply, deeply disturbing" allegations raised in a Lifetime documentary series. He faces charges he sexually assaulted one woman and sexually abused three underage girls.

In the most serious blow for the onetime superstar, though, Kelly was charged in July in federal courts in Chicago and Brooklyn, New York. The Chicago indictment alleged he conspired with two former associates

— Derrel McDavid and Milton "June" Brown — to rig his 2008 child pornography trial in Cook County by paying off witnesses and victims to change their stories. In New York, he was indicted on a charge of racketeering conspiracy alleging he identified underage girls attending his concerts and groomed them for later sexual abuse.

Kelly is scheduled to go on trial in federal court in Chicago in April and in Brooklyn the following month.

He also was charged in August by the Hennepin

County attorney in Minneapolis with prostitution on allegations he solicited an underage girl who sought his autograph 18 years ago.

Kelly, 52, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, has pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

A motion to dismiss filed last month in federal court in Chicago by McDavid's lawyers — and adopted by Kelly's — made several technical arguments for throwing out parts of the indictment. One contention was that a videotape would not qualify as a record that a defendant could be punished for destroying or concealing under a federal statute intended to prevent the destruction of evidence of financial fraud.

The motion invoked a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that held that a fisherman could not be punished under the statute for throwing back a fish that was too small to keep.

"Simply put, a video is more like a fish than it is like a spreadsheet or a report," the motion argued.

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## Ex-Exelon CEO also quits as Chicago Fed Reserve chair

The Exelon Utilities CEO who retired abruptly two weeks ago amid a wide-ranging federal investigation of lobbyist activities now has stepped down as chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Anne Pramaggiore's latest move follows Exelon and ComEd receiving two federal grand jury subpoenas in the probe.

A source with knowledge of the case told the Tribune that Pramaggiore is one focus of the federal investigation.

Pramaggiore released a statement on Wednesday that did not address the

federal investigation, saying the Chicago Fed is "well-positioned to execute on its important mission." A Pramaggiore spokesman said her Oct. 25 departure was voluntary. Her term as chair was to have ended at year's end. Even so, she's leaving as federal authorities are looking into two companies where she had been a top executive.

The Wall Street Journal first reported Pramaggiore had left the Chicago Fed position. The Chicago Fed could not be reached for comment.

— Ray Long

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# Police

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worry about that. What we have to worry about now is fixing it and making us better.”

The report poses the latest challenge for Johnson. In four years, the department has faced a sweeping, federally mandated reform of policing practices, the murder conviction of a white officer in the on-duty slaying of a black teenager, and an overhaul of street stops that were found to disproportionately target African Americans.

The latest recommendations go to the heart of keeping neighborhoods safe, the report's authors argue.

“Given the proliferation of shootings and homicides in Chicago, it is more important than ever that these crimes be investigated thoroughly,” the report states. “Evidence suggests that thorough investigations not only help bring perpetrators to justice; they also help prevent future homicides by incarcerating repeat offenders and reducing retaliation killings.”

The Rev. Marshall Hatch, who heads the New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church on the West Side, said any resulting changes will be meaningless unless they address the shaky relationship between the police and communities.

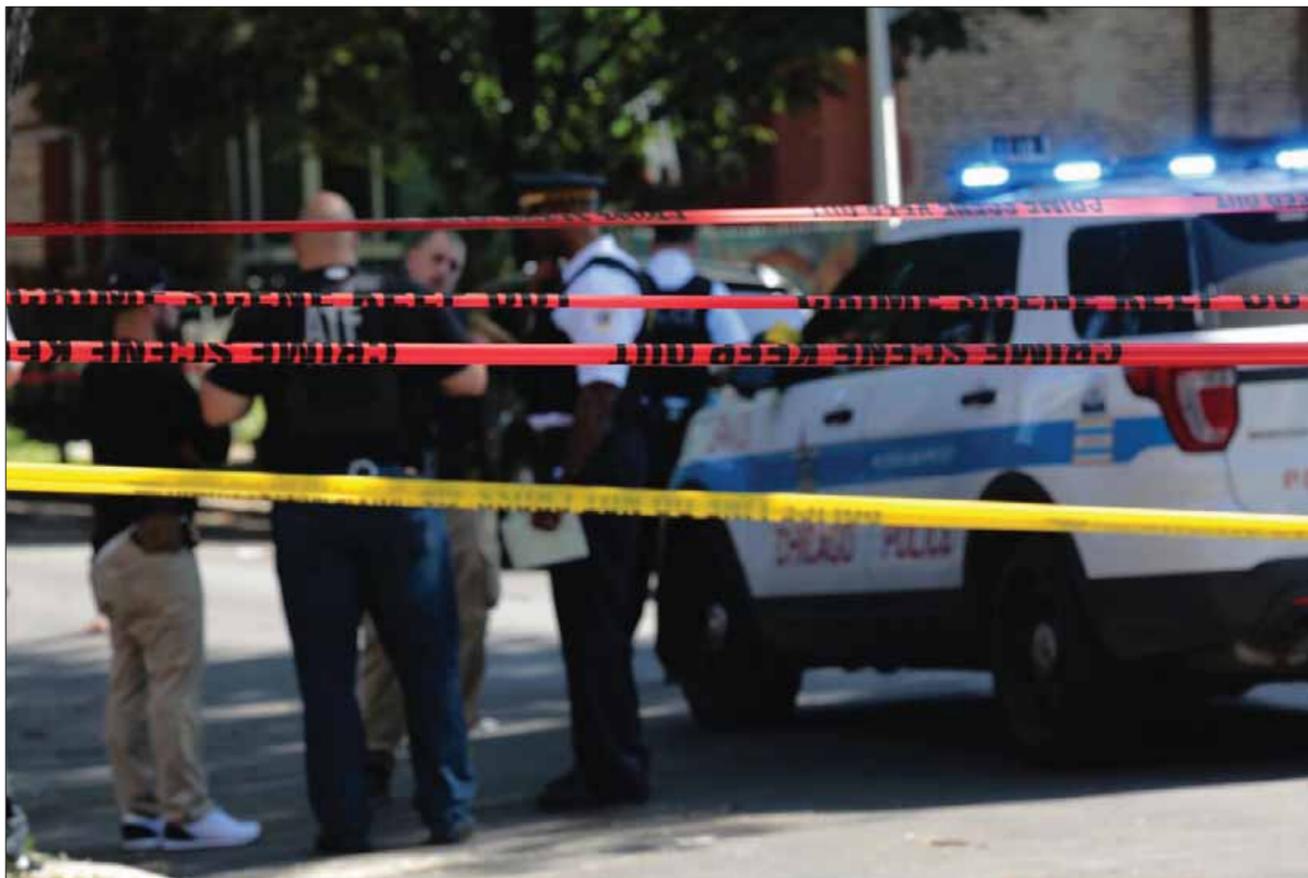
“Whenever we go to these great pains to avoid talking about race and cultural differences, we don't get at sort of the root that we need to in order to make real progress and radical change,” Hatch said. “I mean, if the people don't believe that the police can protect you if you pass along information, then they have good reason not to pass it along.”

Gwendolyn Baxter, founder of The Sisterhood, an advocacy group for mothers who have lost their children to gun violence, especially welcomed a recommendation that detectives improve their relationship with grieving families. She knows the grief all too well. Her son, Larry D. Harper Jr., was fatally shot in 2003 near 83rd Street and Cregier Avenue on the South Side.

“In some cases, as in mine, I was made to feel like I did something wrong, you know, whenever I called and questioned about my son's case,” Baxter said Wednesday. “I didn't like the way that I was made to feel. And I just gave up, you know, because it was too painful and it was too agonizing to hear them as I was getting on their nerves.”

## ‘We need to do everything’

Many of the issues in the report were examined in a series of Tribune articles last year that looked at a particularly violent weekend over the summer and weighed the challenges police face in solving crimes. In the middle of the series,



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Many of the issues in the report were examined in Tribune articles that looked at a particularly violent weekend last summer.

**“There are detectives out there every single day working their butts off. ... We need to do better for them.”**

—Mayor Lori Lightfoot

Johnson announced that the Police Executive Research Forum would evaluate the department. The severity of the problems detailed in the report could lead to changes within the detective bureau's leadership, according to a source with knowledge of the department.

The department's clearance rate on homicides has been lagging in recent years, falling some 20 percentage points behind other major cities by the end of 2018. While it has improved over the last year or so, the rate remains below 50% and is far behind New York City and Los Angeles, which both have more detectives.

In Chicago, 8.4% of the department is made up of detectives compared to 11.4% in New York City and 15.4% in Los Angeles, according to the report.

At a news conference Wednesday reviewing the recommendations, Chuck Wexler, executive director of the research forum, zeroed in on a decision by then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel in 2012 to close two of the department's five detective bureaus to close a budget gap.

“When you went from five to three, there wasn't much planning when that happened,” Wexler said. “You had detectives pushed into three (areas). Some of

them didn't have desks, didn't have computers. ... Detectives would have to travel almost an hour to get to certain parts of the city.”

The report calls for those two bureaus to be reopened — something Mayor Lori Lightfoot proposed earlier this month.

Wexler also singled out a recommendation in the report to pay more attention to nonfatal shootings, saying such a focus “can help prevent homicides.” And he called the current delays in DNA testing “unheard of” and “unacceptable” and “astounding.”

Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, said at the same news conference that “we need to do everything that we can to set our detectives up for success,” but did not say exactly what would be done when.

“I can tell you firsthand, having followed some critically important cases in our city, that there are detectives out there every single day working their butts off,” she said. “Working hard. Long hours. Doing everything that they can. ... We need to do better for them.”

Deputy Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan said a lieutenant would be placed in charge of implementing changes. “Execution is the more important part,” said Deenihan, who acknowledged the need for the department to do better and address some “antiquated” methods of tracking cases.

But he also went out of his way to support detectives. “They are the ones who are out there every day, every night, in the middle of the night, going to court, doing this extremely difficult job.”

The department has already added about 300 detectives in the last few years and significantly expanded

its technology since the low clearance rates became an issue.

During its review, the agency interviewed 50 detectives and two members of the Cook County state's attorney's office and reviewed all general orders and directives. Following are some of the key findings and recommendations excerpted from the report.

**Organization:** The Chicago Police Department should create a homicide unit. Each detective area and each watch should include squads of detectives who handle only homicides (and maybe serious assaults).

**Staffing and managing cases:** The department needs to increase staffing levels at the bureau of detectives, including sergeants to oversee the teams of homicide detectives. “A homicide unit ideally should be staffed so that each detective is the lead on an average of four to six new homicide cases per year. ... An increase in detectives' average caseload size can be expected to result in a decrease in their individual clearance rates.” The department should also revise the practice of midnight detectives handing off cases to day shift detectives, which can lead to unbalanced case distribution, duplication of effort and lost productivity.

**Nonfatal shooting investigations:** The department needs a better-defined strategy for investigating nonfatal shootings “to prevent retaliatory shootings and homicides.” There are more than four times as many nonfatal shootings as fatal shootings in Chicago. “Thorough investigations of nonfatal shootings can help

to prevent future homicides.” The department should work with the state's attorney's office and the U.S. attorney's office to ensure that gun offenders are consistently prosecuted for violations.

**Cold case investigations:** The department should establish a centralized cold case unit “with a new mission that emphasizes clearing cases while also providing a quality assurance check on homicide investigations.” The unit should be staffed with top homicide detectives “who have a desire to investigate cold cases.”

**Selecting detectives and supervisors:** The department needs a standardized time frame for offering the promotional exam for police officers interested in becoming detectives. The department went about a decade without offering an exam. The department, in coordination with the police union, should revise the existing promotional exam to ensure the most qualified officers are selected for promotion to detective. The department should establish a rigorous, formal process for selecting homicide detectives.

**Training:** Detectives receive limited training on conducting death investigations, and there are few opportunities for advanced training upon assignment as a homicide detective. In addition to the basic training required of all new detectives, they should receive advanced training on investigative techniques, technology, case law, forensics and evidence collection, crime analysis, best practices for homicide investigations, conducting bias-free investigations, and

how to investigate specific types of cases (e.g., child deaths, kidnapping).

**Supervision:** Detectives need better guidance on case planning and formal reviews of homicide investigations. The Bureau of Detectives should develop a supplemental evaluation form to assess whether each detective is conducting thorough investigations, performing all necessary case follow-up, and properly documenting all investigative tasks and findings. Underperforming detectives should receive additional training.

**Records:** Case files must be better organized and include all relevant documentation. The case files reviewed included very limited documentation regarding investigative follow-up work; many leads were unaddressed, misfiled or not documented within the file.

**Equipment and technology:** “Detectives need essential tools, equipment, and technology, including individual workspaces, desktop/laptop computers, a sufficient number of vehicles and radios, and investigative tools such as gunshot residue (GSR) kits and buccal swab kits.”

**Evidence collection and analysis:** The Illinois State Police crime lab, responsible for processing DNA evidence for the department, typically takes 6-12 months to provide results, and some officers reported waiting even longer.

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## Block by block, Hyde Parkers act to block Halloween vandalism

BY PAIGE FRY AND WILLIAM LEE

Bennie Currie will have hot chocolate, or maybe warm cider. His Hyde Park neighbors, he hopes, will have their porch lights on and their grills lit as they mobilize against years of Halloween vandalism.

At least 26 blocks are “activating” for a “Collaboration Night.” People plan to keep their porch lights on, grill, watch horror movies, walk dogs and visit with neighbors outside from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. — when a lot of the crime happened last Halloween.

“Be out and present and vigilant, if you will. I think it will work,” said Currie, who helped organize the parties after the South Side neighborhood was hit hard last year. “But the key is you got to get out there and be part of this thing.”

Currie personally plans to tour his neighborhood with hot chocolate or warm cider in hand.

Currie, 58, has lived in Hyde Park since 1991. Three years ago, groups of teen-

agers began coming into the neighborhood on Halloween night and causing trouble, he said. Last year, police said, they got into fistfights, threw eggs and golf balls, and set at least two cars on fire.

The vandalism was particularly bad near Hyde Park's commercial strip in the 5300 block of South Lake Park Avenue, police said. Eleven juveniles and an adult were arrested.

Later that evening, another large group smashed windshields and jumped on car hoods as they walked along East 54th Street between Kimbark Avenue, Kenwood Avenue and Ridgewood Court. At least two cars had fireworks tossed inside.

Community leaders and local aldermen got together this year to talk about how to prevent the violence and organize Halloween activities along the business corridor for Halloween. Currie said he wanted to come up with something for the surrounding area.

He remembered how he would walk through an al-

ley by his home with his dogs when high schoolers gathered there to fight. They would normally leave once they saw him coming, he said. He suggested his neighbors do something similar for Halloween.

Through word of mouth, door knocking and social media, Currie said he's recruited more than 30 people to volunteer as “block captains,” and monitor their areas and help organize events. Other neighbors have said they plan to participate — including a majority of people on Ridgewood Court, which was badly affected last year.

The block parties will span as far west as the 4700 block of Drexel Boulevard, as far east as Hyde Park Boulevard, as far north as 47th Street and as far south as 56th Street, Currie said. There will also be events for families and teenagers in the business corridor on 53rd Street, including a basketball tournament, live performances and a movie.

A few blocks in Bronzeville will be planning their own activities, Currie



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Halloween decorations are on display near South Greenwood Avenue and East 54th Street in Chicago's Hyde Park Neighborhood on Tuesday.

said. He's also talking to community organizers in South Shore.

## Keeping an eye out on Halloween

The focus on community events harks back to the troublesome Halloweens of the 1920s and 1930s, when parents, shopkeepers and police braced for widespread property damage, arson and pranks that sometimes turned deadly.

Pranks had gotten so destructive and dangerous

by 1933, the year sometimes credited as the most destructive Halloween nationwide, that Chicago's entire uniformed police force was ordered on duty that year. Two years earlier, a group of about 30 boys pushed a street car off its tracks and stole a horse, according to a Tribune report.

This year, Chief of Patrol Fred Waller said a large detail of police officers will be in Hyde Park, though officers across the city will also be on high alert. The holiday traditionally sees an

uptick in crimes like robbery that allow for criminals to better conceal themselves, he said.

“It's always going to be some heightened alert because of people running around with masks and paintball guns,” Waller said. He added that the rainy and snowy forecast would quell any trouble.

Currie said he plans to add more layers and stay outside. “Let's get out there,” he said. “We're not canceling Halloween, so bundle up.”

# ABCs of mayor, CTU's fight over TIF cash

Issue in spotlight as teachers rallied at Lincoln Yards

BY HAL DARDICK

As the teachers strike was poised late Wednesday to enter its 11th school day, the issue of a pot of money from controversial tax increment finance districts remains a point of contention between Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Lightfoot has proposed tapping a record amount of TIF funds, which would return more money than ever before to the schools and city government.

The union says that's fine, but accuses Lightfoot of attempting to recoup that windfall of TIF money by making Chicago Public Schools cover pension contributions for nonteachers that are now covered by City Hall.

The issue was back in the public eye in the past two days, as teachers rallied Tuesday outside the site of a newly created TIF district for the Lincoln Yards megaproject. The development west of Lincoln Park is in line to get up to \$1.3 billion in taxpayer subsidies. On Wednesday, members and supporters of the union protested near the proposed site of The 78, another big development near Roosevelt

Road and Clark Street that's in line for up to \$1.1 billion in subsidies.

Union leaders have questioned the city's priorities, contending that the subsidies are part of a "TIF scam" that amount to "giveaways to wealthy that deprive schools."

Lightfoot, however, says the city already has offered to return as much as possible from the city's 140 TIF funds to schools and other taxing bodies.

## What's a TIF?

Some background: TIF districts are a tool for cities to promote economic development in areas that are blighted or at risk of becoming blighted. When a TIF district is established, schools and local governments collect taxes for the next 23 years based on the area's property assessments at the time of the vote.

As land values rise due to the new development, the extra property taxes that are collected as a result are poured into the TIF fund to be used for streets, roads, bridges and other infrastructure needed for the development to occur. TIF fund money also can be used for job training, affordable housing and the expansion or construction of schools, if the development leads to a bigger school population.

As federal and state fund-

ing for cities declined in recent decades, then-Mayor Richard M. Daley vastly expanded the number of TIFs, which now cover about one fourth of the city's real estate, including some areas downtown.

Daley's successor, former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, reined in spending money from those downtown TIFs and established a policy for returning TIF money to the schools and local governments every year. But Emanuel also led the charge to approve Lincoln Yards and The 78. He contended neither development — and the jobs they are expected to generate — would occur without the subsidies. Critics, though, continued to refer to the districts as the "mayor's slush fund."

## The surplus

The city can redirect money from TIF districts that isn't committed to specific projects. It's called declaring a surplus.

Lightfoot has proposed declaring a record \$300.2 million TIF surplus in 2020. That's up from the \$175.7 million this year that Emanuel included in his final budget.

As the biggest taxing body, CPS stands to collect \$163.1 million of Lightfoot's \$300.2 million surplus.

CPS was counting on getting roughly \$97 million

from the TIF surplus, so Lightfoot is trying to free up \$66.2 million more. That extra money already is figured into the contract offer made to CTU, the city maintains.

At the same time, however, Lightfoot wants CPS to reimburse the city \$60 million to cover the school district's share of pension contributions for CPS employees who aren't teachers. Those workers aren't part of the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund but instead are covered by the city's pension fund for municipal workers.

The city has picked up those pension costs for years, but Lightfoot now wants the school district to come up with money.

The mayor faces a separate budget crisis at City Hall, and she's looking for money to close that major shortfall.

The teachers union says that pension reimbursement is simply a "claw back" of the TIF surplus money that's supposed to go to CPS. The union says the same thing about Lightfoot's call for CPS to pay \$33 million to defray the cost of police officers who work in the schools.

But Susie Park, the city's budget director, said the requirement for CPS to cover costs for cops in schools goes back many years and is part of the current budget

passed by Emanuel. The Park District, Chicago Housing Authority and CTA make similar payments for police protection, she noted.

Some critics say the city should abolish all TIF districts and allow the schools and City Hall to get more tax money each year. But when a TIF is set up, the city makes contractual commitments to developers to subsidize specific projects, and it also issues bonds that have to be paid off. So a blanket elimination of TIFs almost certainly would land the city in court.

"We couldn't abolish the TIFs immediately," said Jennie Huang Bennett, the city's chief financial officer. "The fact that the mayor's budget proposes such a significant increase in the surplus is a commitment to putting as much of those monies back into the various taxing bodies as possible, particularly in this budget year. And we are looking at TIF reforms going forward" aimed at spending TIF dollars in needier parts of the city.

Park, the budget director, said there will be \$1.8 billion in the TIF funds at the end of the year. Of that, \$145 billion is contractually committed or needed to pay off bonds, she said. Even if the city were to declare all noncommitted funds as surplus, that would only make available another \$50 mil-

lion. CPS would get about 52% of those funds.

City officials maintain that when used properly, TIF districts promote development that creates jobs and, after 23 years, results in significantly more in tax collections for the schools and other governments — even as critics question whether TIFs in better-off parts of the city are even needed to attract development.

But CTU spokeswoman Chris Geovanis said the controversy surrounding TIFs is related to the city's "distorted priorities ... that take from the poor and give to the rich."

She described the use of TIFs in wealthier parts of the city as "a form of corporate welfare to the most wealthy and clouted political and economic interests around the circle of power that really calls the shots on how those funds are going to be distributed."

Still, while nine people were taken into custody while protesting the Lincoln Yards development at Sterling Bay headquarters on Tuesday, the city can't tap that TIF district for money. That's because the TIF was just created in May and doesn't have any money in it yet.

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## Strike

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leadership for not raising the issue of compensation during three and a half hours of negotiations at City Hall on Tuesday. And she drew a hard line on extending the school year to make up strike days.

"I'm not compensating them for days they went on strike," Lightfoot said.

Lightfoot said she met with Sharkey and Davis Gates for hours on Tuesday and they raised six issues that needed to be addressed for a deal. Though she was skeptical that they wouldn't "move the goal posts," Lightfoot said Sharkey made a "dramatic gesture" by giving his word that would be the end.

"Tellingly, not once during the three-and-a-half-hour meeting did they raise compensation for strike days," Lightfoot said. "Not once."

Every day throughout negotiations, her administration moved closer to their side in core demands, Lightfoot said.

"But here we are after students have missed 10 days of class, and the CTU leadership has chosen to throw a curveball into this process" by not saying yes, Lightfoot said.

Referring to the union's frequent argument that Lightfoot wasn't living up to her campaign pledges, Lightfoot said: "The CTU has repeatedly asked me to give them what I promised during the campaign, and that's precisely what we did in this contract. Now what I'm saying to the CTU leadership is to give our kids and our parents and our taxpayers what you promised."

The strike — which began Oct. 17 and took 25,000 CTU members off the job and about 300,000 students out of school — is the longest against the Chicago Board of Education since 1987, when the teachers union went on a 19-day strike.



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Ruth Arnold, center, a preschool special ed teacher at Philip Rogers Elementary School, rallies with others Wednesday.

The tentative agreement under consideration by the union is a five-year deal, according to a copy obtained by the Tribune. The union had pushed for a three-year deal, and this has been one of the main obstacles to the strike's end in recent days.

Lightfoot offered the union 16% raises, and made concessions on class sizes and staffing to placate two of the CTU's top demands.

On staffing, the tentative agreement would put at least one full-time nurse and social worker in every school by July 2023. It also includes hiring at least 250 nurses and 209 social workers, with plans for phasing in a certain number of each position each year, "provided there are a sufficient number of qualified candidates." These additions are based on the district's staffing levels as of July 1, 2019.

The document further stated CPS would spend \$500,000 annually over the duration of the contract on efforts to recruit and train clinicians such as nurses, social workers, case managers, school psychologists, physical and occupational therapists, language pathologists and audiologists.

It would reduce the ratio of students to various clinician positions, ensure CPS worked to reduce other clinician workloads and would not reduce the number of currently staffed clinician positions. And it commits to staffing case managers for students with Individualized Education Plans to get to at least one part-time case manager for each school with 50 students on IEPs, with steps up to 2.5 for schools with 300 or more such students.

The tentative agreement includes additional teacher-directed prep time for kindergarten teachers during certain times of the school year.

Several provisions related to immigration are also in the tentative agreement, including a requirement that CPS buildings and property be declared immigration sanctuary spaces for all students, parents and community members who are on school grounds for school-related business.

The agreement would also provide the development of a training program to help staff "appropriately respond" to agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement if they seek to enter a school. Additionally, school personnel would be prohibited from inquiring about a

student's or family member's immigration status. The Board of Education would also be barred from collecting information regarding the immigration status of any CPS student or their families.

Under the terms of the contract, if approved, the Board of Education would allocate up to \$200,000 per school year to assist CPS employees in planning for and navigating immigration issues. The agreement would also grant employees up to 10 unpaid working days "to attend to immigration or citizenship status matters."

The CTU also continued to pressure Lightfoot to support an elected school board. According to internal bargaining documents, the union would weigh such a commitment on her part among other factors in agreeing to a five-year contract rather than the three-year term they want.

House Speaker Michael Madigan on Wednesday reiterated his support for an elected school board and vowed to give the matter full consideration again in the spring.

On Thursday, students will continue to deal with the effects of the strike. Some seniors haven't been able to work with teachers and counselors to gather college application materials and review entrance essays in time for early decision and early action admissions deadlines. Other students may have to forfeit high school postseason sports. Striking teachers — already going without pay — could have to start paying COBRA costs to keep their health insurance.

Earlier Wednesday, union supporters marched again, using megaphones and shielding themselves from the first snow of the season.

Protesters were likely joined by some of the 7,500 CPS support staff represented by the Service Employees International Union who ratified their new tentative contract with "life-changing improvements" Wednesday. The union called the five-year agreement with CPS — providing wage increases ranging from 17% to 40% for the support staff — a victory for working people, and said they would continue to support their CTU counterparts on the picket line.

Supporters gathered at the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Clark Street, near the proposed site of The 78 development, a mixed-use riverfront campus slated for vacant land between Chinatown and the South Loop. Rallying on both sides of Roosevelt, they protested city funding from a special taxing district for The 78.

"We need money to educate, not to fund The 78," they chanted.

On the Chalmers School picket line on Roosevelt Road, teachers excitedly greeted Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers. Weingarten recalled the power of seeing her mother, who was a teacher in New York, on strike for six weeks, and credited both the bargaining team and picketing teachers for the union's success.

"We're now into one day longer, one day stronger," she said. "This is a 20-year

struggle, and you are at the tip of it."

As Weingarten answered questions, a man handed out "solidarity muffins." The teachers didn't know him — he identified himself only as "the muffin man."

On the corner of North Halsted Street and Roosevelt Road, Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, voiced his support of the union and called CPS "the system that has failed children for way too long." One of the teachers arrested Tuesday evening in a sit-in at Sterling Bay headquarters also spoke and was met with chants of "We're with you."

Jennefa Krupinski, an assistant teacher at Suder Montessori, arrived at the rally in a white poncho with scrawled phrases like "more counselors" and "a nurse in every school." Krupinski was dressed, she said, as "the ghost of Lori Lightfoot's campaign promises."

Outside Hamilton Elementary School in Lakeview, Amy Penna, a second grade teacher, said she could feel picketing's impact. "It's grueling; we're lucky at Hamilton to have a lot of support," she said. "The issues are important, but it's infuriating that it's taken this long. We want to go back, but a fair contract needs to be reached."

Holding a small umbrella of her own, Para Penna, 7, asked her mom if it was time for them to go home. "I miss school, I don't like this," she said. "I've been at school since preschool, and it's been like a second home for me."

Also Wednesday, CPS runners who were shut out of competing in the cross-country postseason because of the strike announced they will hold a "city-state" meet Nov. 7 for the district's elementary and high school students.

Organizer Chris Wilhite, a manager at Dick Pond Athletics in Park Ridge and a former cross-country runner at Mather High School on the Northwest Side, said he hopes the meet will get as many as 1,000 runners. Students can form their own teams and give themselves fun team names, he said.

Lightfoot spent the morning reading "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" to children inside the Kennicott Park gym in North Kenwood, where she said officials should think of the children "whose lives are dramatically affected by their ability to be in class, to connect with their teachers, to have instructional time."

"Obviously I'm hopeful and prayerful that this will be approved," she said, "but whatever the result is, we'll deal with it at that time."

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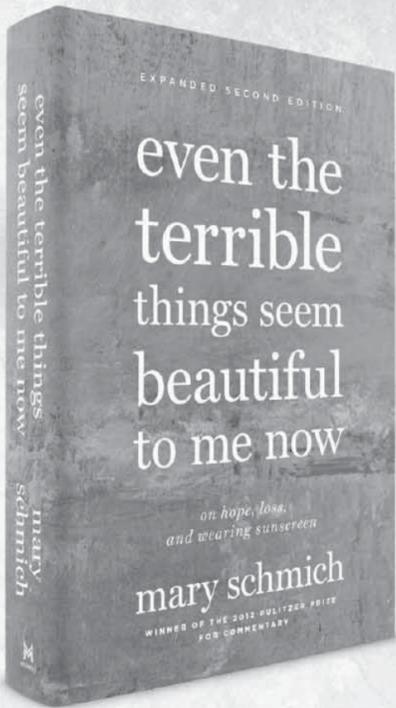
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Chicago Public Library Commissioner Andrea Telli told aldermen there's been a jump in the number of books returned in the few weeks since Chicago ended library overdue fines.

## Chicago libraries will add Sunday hours gradually in '20

BY JOHN BYRNE

Chicago's public libraries will roll out new Sunday hours gradually in 2020, with the goal of adding them to all the branch libraries by the end of the year, the library commissioner said Wednesday.

Commissioner Andrea Telli also told aldermen during her 2020 budget hearing on Wednesday that there's been a big jump in the number of books returned in the few weeks since Chicago ended library overdue fines.

Two weeks after Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced she would raise property taxes by \$18 million to fund adding Sunday hours at all 81 library locations, Telli said staffing issues will determine which open when.

She also said she wants to be fair about which branches open first from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

"We don't want them all to open first on the North Side or the South Side," Telli said. "We want them spread around the city as they open."

Perhaps 15 to 20 branches will open Sundays in the first quarter of 2020, Telli said during the hearing. More branches will then be added throughout the year.

As for the new no-fines policy Lightfoot unveiled a month ago, Telli said there has been a 240% increase since then in the number of books returned to the library. She acknowledged it's still too early to draw long-term conclusions about whether more people

are using the libraries because their outstanding fines got erased.

"I think we are seeing additional patrons come in to the branches," she said. "We only have three weeks of data, so I think what I'd like to do is be able to look at that full month of data during the month of October and maybe even the month of November to see if the numbers have absolutely increased."

"Just by word of mouth, and then also on the library's social media pages like Facebook, we saw a lot of patrons say, 'Oh my god, this is so great, I'm going to bring back my books,'" Telli added.

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## Outcome

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were students at Northwestern University. The company gained widespread attention in 2017 when it secured funding from big-name investors and rose to a valuation of about \$5.5 billion, a number unmatched among Chicago tech companies.

In October 2017, the Wall Street Journal reported that some of the company's employees provided inflated data to pharmaceutical companies. The Journal said its review found nothing to implicate top executives' involvement in allegedly misleading advertisers.

Soon after, big-name investors — including units of Goldman Sachs and Google, and a fund co-founded by J.B. Pritzker — sued the company, then-CEO Shah and then-President Agarwal, alleging Outcome Health misled advertisers and investors about the company's performance.

There was additional fallout. Outcome offered employee buyouts and called off plans to move to a huge new Chicago headquarters. Hospitals that had installed the screens backed away from the company.

Outcome settled allegations of fraud leveled by its investors in January 2018, and Shah and Agarwal stepped down from daily operations. Six months later, they resigned from their board positions.

In July, the Tribune reported that the FBI was conducting a criminal in-

vestigation of Outcome and its executives as recently as November.

A briefly unsealed affidavit for a warrant to search a company laptop, sought in November 2018, contained allegations that there was "probable cause to believe" Shah and Agarwal and other employees "conspired to commit wire fraud ... and committed mail and wire fraud."

The agreement announced Wednesday is between the company and the Justice Department. Shah and Agarwal no longer have any ties to the company.

In a statement, current Outcome CEO Matt McNally said the company was "thrilled to resolve this matter."

"Over the past two years, Outcome Health has focused on doing right by our customers. In short, we are a completely new Company," he said. "We have new management, new owners and new controls in place. We are excited to turn the page from this inquiry."

The company overhauled internal controls and agreed to modify its compliance program, according to the agreement.

The agreement states former Outcome executives inflated the number of doctor's offices in its network, directed employees to fabricate the number of patients interacting with advertisements and altered numbers indicating pharmaceutical clients' return on their investments. Specifically with regard to patient interactions, the agreement said "on limited occasions, the magnitude of the inflation

was over 100 times the real number."

A statement of facts attached to the Justice Department's agreement with Outcome states that the company overbilled clients by more than \$6 million in 2015 and by more than \$25 million in 2016.

Misrepresentations made to a "Big 4" accounting firm hired by Outcome to audit its financial statements caused the firm to "conclude that Outcome had met its contractual obligations to its clients," the document states. Outcome then used inflated revenue figures to aid in raising capital, according to the agreement.

The former executives described in the document are not identified by name. "Executive A was the CEO of Outcome from 2006 until he stepped down in January 2018," the agreement states. "Executive B served in various roles, including Chief Strategy Officer and, more recently, President until she stepped down in January 2018."

Shah served as CEO of Outcome from the company's founding until he stepped down in January 2018. Agarwal was president when she stepped down in 2018.

Attempts to reach Shah and Agarwal were unsuccessful.

The agreement states that two other former un-named executives also participated in the scheme.

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## NATION &amp; WORLD

## LA-area fires threaten homes

Strong winds drive blazes in suburbs, near Reagan library

BY BRIAN MELLEY AND MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ  
Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — A wind-whipped outbreak of wildfires outside Los Angeles on Wednesday threatened thousands of homes and horse ranches, forced the smoky evacuation of elderly patients in wheelchairs and narrowly bypassed the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, protected in part by a buffer zone chewed by goats.

With California tinder dry and fires burning in both the north and south, the state was at the mercy of gusty winds, on high alert for any new flames that could run wild, and weary from intentional blackouts aimed at preventing power lines from sparking more destruction.

The blaze near the Reagan library in Simi Valley was driven by strong Santa Ana winds that are the bane of Southern California in the fall and have historically fanned the most destructive fires in the region.

The library, which holds the presidential archives and whose grounds include the graves of Reagan and his wife, Nancy, was well-equipped when flames surrounded it. It relies on a combination of high-tech defenses such as fireproof vaults and a low-tech measure taken every year, when hundreds of goats are brought in to feed on the brush and create a firebreak.



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Firefighters make their way along a road leading to the Reagan library during a wildfire Wednesday in Simi Valley, Calif.

An army of firefighters helped protect the hilltop museum, and helicopters hit the flames, leaving some neighbors resentful as they frantically hosed down fires in the surrounding subdivisions and open ranchland.

Armed with just a garden hose and wearing a mask, Beth Rivera watered down the perimeter of her home to prevent embers from igniting the dry grass. Friends helped evacuate 11 horses from the property. The fire was 30 yards away and blowing toward her house, with no firetrucks in sight.

Animals could be heard shrieking in a barn burning

next door on Tierra Rejada Road, where large ranches with riding stables and horse rings line the road. Two horses bolted into the street from the flaming barn, trailing a cloud of smoke.

"Oh gosh, this isn't fun," Rivera said. "There isn't a fire unit (here) at the moment because they're busy working on the fire close to the library. This is why I'm very worried. Because I can't save my home."

Within minutes, a fire crew arrived to help Rivera and her boyfriend protect their home.

The brush fire broke out before dawn between the

cities of Simi Valley and Moorpark north of Los Angeles and exploded to more than 1,300 acres, Ventura County officials said. About 7,000 homes, or around 26,000 people, were ordered evacuated, authorities said.

Wind gusts up to 68 mph were reported in the area, forecasters said. Other spots in Southern California were buffeted by even stronger winds. The gusts knocked over a truck on a freeway in Fontana.

Another wildfire forced the evacuation of two mobile home parks and a health care facility in Jurupa Valley, 45 miles east of

Los Angeles, where elderly people were taken out in wheelchairs and gurneys as smoke swirled overhead. The blaze was at least 200 acres in size.

Meanwhile, nearly 1 million people who rely on Pacific Gas & Electric were without power across Northern California amid the third blackout in a week imposed by the state's largest utility.

In wine country north of San Francisco, fire officials reported progress in their battle against a 120-square-mile blaze in Sonoma County, saying it was 30% contained.

The fire destroyed at

least 206 structures, including 94 homes, and threatened 90,000 more, most of them homes, authorities said. More than 150,000 people were under evacuation orders.

Winds topped out at 70 mph north of San Francisco Bay and began to ease early Wednesday, but forecasters said the fire danger would remain high because of continuing breezes and dry air.

In Southern California, fire crews continued trying to snuff out a wildfire in the celebrity-studded hills of Los Angeles that destroyed a dozen homes Monday. About 9,000 people, including Arnold Schwarzenegger and LeBron James, were under evacuation orders.

No deaths have been reported from the recent fires, but toppled trees claimed three lives.

In the battle taking place in the dry hills around Simi Valley, 800 firefighters worked on the ground as helicopters dropped water on the leading edge of the fire.

Firefighters successfully protected the library, leaving it looking like an island in a soot-black sea. Flames came within about 30 yards of the property, but there was no damage, library spokeswoman Melissa Giller said.

Residents were warned of evacuations when their cellphones blared with emergency messages and police officers went door to door.

"Everything started rolling so fast," said Elena Mishkanian, describing the time from the text to when she heard sirens.

Her family was able to gather only some basics.

## Cases show foreign money in US politics

Records: Middlemen sent illegal donations to Democrats, GOP

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When President Barack Obama was reelected in 2012, a Saudi tycoon and his business associate sent hundreds of thousands of dollars to the U.S. to help pay for the inaugural celebration and get a photo with the president, according to court documents and an analysis of campaign finance records by The Associated Press.

U.S. election law prohibits foreign nationals from making those sorts of political contributions. But the donations Sheikh Mohammed Al Rahbani tried to send to Obama's inaugural committee were funneled through a seasoned straw donor, the records and the AP analysis show.

That intermediary, Imaad Zuberi, agreed in October to plead guilty to making illegal campaign contributions to several American political candidates on behalf of foreign nationals. He is also set to

plead guilty to concealing his work as a foreign agent as he lobbied high-level U.S. government officials.

The prosecution by the U.S. attorney in Los Angeles is the latest in a string of cases that highlight the prevalence of banned foreign money in American politics and the often lax approach campaigns take in vetting contributions.

Zuberi, a jet-setting fundraiser and venture capitalist, has raised millions of dollars for Democrats and Republicans alike over the years. Prosecutors say he has worked on behalf of several foreigners, not just Rahbani.

He served as a top fundraiser for both Obama and Hillary Clinton during their presidential runs, including stints on both of their campaign finance committees, before switching his support to President Donald Trump immediately after his 2016 victory, pumping nearly \$1 million into the Republican's inaugural committee.

Federal Election Commission records show hundreds of donations from Zuberi and his family to Republican and Democratic national committees, the

presidential campaigns of Trump and Clinton, and dozens of congressional candidates across the political spectrum. Zuberi-linked donations often went to lawmakers who are influential or outspoken on foreign policy issues, like Sen. Lindsey Graham and Democratic Rep. Eliot Engel, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Only Zuberi has been charged in the case, and prosecutors have not alleged that any campaign that received money from him was aware that at least some of his donations were financed by foreigners.

Zuberi's case raises questions about the degree to which political committees vet donors. One campaign, not identified by name, accepted donations made in the name of one of Zuberi's dead relatives, prosecutors said. Another political committee took donations from a person Zuberi invented.

Some donations reported by political campaigns were made in Rahbani's and others' names but were paid for with credit cards belonging to Zuberi or his wife, prosecutors said.

Requests for comment were sent to representatives



KATHY WILLENS/AP 2016

Imaad Zuberi, far left, arrives at Trump Tower in New York. Zuberi agreed this month to plead guilty to making illegal campaign contributions on behalf of foreign nationals.

for Graham, Clinton and Engel.

Steve Kerrigan, CEO of Obama's 2013 inauguration committee, said it had a thorough vetting process that included requiring donors to certify that their contributions complied with the law. He declined to comment further on Zuberi's donations.

As a middleman, Zuberi was deeply flawed.

Zuberi, 49, admitted in a plea agreement that only \$97,500 of the \$850,000 that he was supposed to deliver to the Obama inaugural committee on Rahbani's behalf actually made it into the committee's hands. The rest, he skimmed for

himself.

The case shares similarities with others recently filed against people accused of channeling banned foreign donations to U.S. candidates.

Two associates of Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer, pleaded not guilty Oct. 23 to federal charges they used foreign money to make unlawful campaign contributions to several U.S. candidates and committees.

Prosecutors said the donations orchestrated by Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman included a \$325,000 contribution to a group supporting Trump's reelection, made at a time when the pair were lobbying U.S. poli-

ticians to oust the country's ambassador to Ukraine.

In April, a Washington political consultant was sentenced to three years of probation after admitting he made a \$50,000 straw donation on behalf of a wealthy Ukrainian client who wanted tickets to Trump's inauguration. Like Zuberi, W. Samuel Patten also was charged with failing to register as a foreign lobbyist.

Zuberi has also been under scrutiny by federal prosecutors in New York after he donated \$900,000 to Trump's inaugural committee and \$100,000 to a Republican campaign committee.



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Gen. Frank McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command, said Wednesday that IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's remains were buried at sea within 24 hours of his death in Syria.

## Pentagon releases images on IS leader raid

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WASHINGTON — The general who oversaw the U.S. raid on Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi provided the most detailed account yet of the operation Wednesday and said the U.S. is on alert for possible "retribution attacks" by extremists.

Gen. Frank McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command, said al-Baghdadi's remains were buried at sea

within 24 hours of his death inside an underground tunnel where he fled as special operations soldiers closed in on him.

The Pentagon released the first government photos and video clips of the weekend operation, including one showing Delta Force commandos approaching the walls of the compound.

Another video showed American airstrikes on other militants who fired at helicopters carrying soldiers to the compound.

The attacking American

force launched from an undisclosed location inside Syria for the one-hour helicopter ride to the compound, McKenzie said.

Two children died with al-Baghdadi when he detonated a bomb vest, McKenzie said, adding that this was one fewer than originally reported.

He said the children appeared to be under the age of 12. Four women and two men who were wearing suicide vests and refused to surrender inside the compound were killed, McKen-

zie said.

The general said the male military dog that was injured when he came in contact with exposed live electrical cables in the tunnel during the raid had been on approximately 50 combat missions.

McKenzie offered no new details about al-Baghdadi's final moments in the nighttime raid when asked by a reporter about Trump's description of the Islamic State leader as "whimpering and crying and screaming all the way" to his death.

# Amazon jumps into Seattle politics

Online giant bets on pro-business leaders for council

BY GENE JOHNSON  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Brian Sweeney has a long list of complaints about Amazon, from the way it treats warehouse workers to the low taxes it pays and its effort to win concessions from cities to bring in jobs. So when he learned the online retail giant had poured \$1 million into remaking the Seattle City Council with more business-friendly candidates, he pulled out his wallet.

The New York resident sent \$15 to socialist council member Kshama Sawant, a target of the online retail giant. While that doesn't compare to Amazon's unprecedented spending, about 1,900 others also have donated to Sawant since then, her campaign says. It's a dramatic rise in support and a reflection of the risk Amazon is taking as it splashes into the politics of its liberal hometown.

Many in Seattle aren't happy with the council, but they also may not like a company headed by the world's richest man, Jeff Bezos, trying to influence their vote. As historic income inequality fuels homelessness and soaring housing prices, some progressives elsewhere don't like it either.

"Amazon could do this in hundreds of places around the country with all the money they're not paying in taxes," said Sweeney, 28, a software engineer turned carpenter in Valley Stream, New York.

With seven of the nine Seattle council seats in play Nov. 5, business interests see an opportunity to shift city leadership closer to the political center and away from a bent to potentially tax big companies to fund homeless services or improve public transit.

The council is officially nonpartisan, but Republi-



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Council member Kshama Sawant, a fierce critic of Amazon, is running against Egan Orion. Seven council seats are in play.

cans stand little chance of getting elected in Seattle, and many of the business-backed candidates are moderate to progressive Democrats. The race will decide whether the council is dominated by socialists and extremely liberal Democrats or more centrist ones.

"We are contributing to this election because we care deeply about the future of Seattle," Amazon spokesman Aaron Toso said in a statement. "We believe it is critical that our hometown has a City Council that is focused on pragmatic solutions to our shared challenges in transportation, homelessness, climate change and public safety."

Progressive Democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are among those accusing Amazon of trying to buy the council.

The elections come a year after a political debacle that damaged the council's popularity. The leaders



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Candidate Egan Orion, director of an annual gay pride festival in Seattle, is trying to unseat Kshama Sawant.

unanimously passed the "Amazon tax," designed to make lucrative companies contribute more to affordable housing for the homeless.

It repealed the tax after a revolt from Amazon, which would have had to pay around \$11 million a year and threatened to halt its growth in the city. The company said Seattle didn't

need more money and that it was "highly uncertain whether the City Council's anti-business positions or its spending inefficiency will change for the better."

The debate helped cement Amazon's awakening to local politics as the council's popularity slipped, especially over its handling of homelessness. Four council members decided not to

seek reelection.

There's been little progress in the four years since the city declared a homelessness crisis. Many business interests support "sweeps" of homeless camps accompanied by teams to help people get services.

Liberal council members, including Sawant, say the sweeps are inhumane and don't work. She wants money for tiny-house villages.

Meanwhile, some in Sawant's district say she's more interested in building a national socialist movement than responding to their concerns. A large portion of her donations come from out of state.

Sawant helped make Seattle the first big city to adopt a \$15-an-hour minimum wage. She frequently says people must choose sides in "class warfare" and has warned that a win by Amazon would embolden corporate interests to fight efforts to make the rich pay

more in taxes or spread progressive policies like tenants' rights and paid sick leave laws.

The two liberal pro-union council members who are not up for reelection, Teresa Mosqueda and Lorena Gonzalez, didn't endorse Sawant in the primary.

But after Amazon weighed in, both endorsed her. She's running against Egan Orion, director of an annual gay pride festival in Seattle.

Gonzales said Amazon's support might swing Orion's positions.

"When there's that much money being offered, there will be a quid pro quo expectation," she said. "Amazon has plenty of access to the council already. What they want is elected officials who are going to bend to their will."

At a recent debate, Orion pointed to his work in the LGBTQ community and with small businesses, saying, "That narrative does not match the person that I am or the way I am running this campaign."

He describes himself as a progressive but says more can be accomplished by negotiating with business leaders than by demonizing them.

Amazon gave \$1 million in October to the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's political action committee, bringing its total contributions to the PAC this year to \$1.5 million — a huge amount for a local election. Starbucks, Expedia and a development company started by late Microsoft founder Paul Allen also have contributed.

"Generally, folks have seen a council that talks a lot about progress on homelessness, on reducing traffic, on helping with our increasingly unaffordable housing stock, and they really just haven't seen progress," PAC executive director Markham McIntyre said. "With taxes going up year after year, they get frustrated when they're not seeing results."



RODRIGO ABD/AP

Anti-government demonstrators march past La Moneda presidential palace on Wednesday in Santiago, Chile. Protesters are demanding greater economic equality.

## Chile scraps 2 major summits amid deadly demonstrations

BY MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
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SANTIAGO, Chile — Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said Wednesday that he is canceling two major international summits so he can respond to protracted nationwide protests over economic inequality that have left more than a dozen people dead, hundreds injured and businesses and infrastructure damaged.



Pinera

The decision to call off the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and U.N. global climate gatherings, planned for November and December, respectively, dealt a major blow to Chile's image as a regional oasis of stability and economic development.

Pinera said he was forced to cancel both events due to the chaos unleashed by 12 days of protests. Demonstrators are demanding greater economic equality and better public services in a country long seen as an economic success story. Shops have been vandalized and buildings set on fire. The situation had sta-

bilized somewhat by midday Wednesday: Except for the presence of a few hundred protesters, the streets of the capital, Santiago, were mostly quiet, with no reports of vandalism.

"This has been a very difficult decision that causes us great pain," Pinera said in a televised address. "A president always has to put the needs of his countrymen first."

Opposition and pro-government parties in Chile generally welcomed the president's decision, saying that having the summits was unrealistic given the circumstances.

Trade and climate negotiators scrambled to find new locations for their summits, aimed at resolving tariff-related conflicts between China and the U.S. and finalizing countries' climate rules in advance of a bigger summit next year during which governments will be asked to commit to new emissions limits.

President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping had hoped to sign a modest trade agreement at the APEC summit, formerly scheduled to take place in Santia-

go on Nov. 16-17. Under the tentative deal, the U.S. had agreed to suspend plans to raise tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese imports, and Beijing had agreed to step up purchases of U.S. farm products.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said U.S. officials were "awaiting potential information regarding another location," but it was unclear if any had been proposed.

Gidley added that Trump wanted to sign the deal with China "within the same time frame," hinting that a separate event could occur outside a summit.

The so-called Phase One trade agreement did little to address the underlying U.S. grievances against China, including its alleged practice of forcing foreign firms to hand over trade secrets, stealing technology and unfairly subsidizing Chinese firms.

China's leaders have been reluctant to make the kind of policy reforms that would satisfy Washington, worrying such concessions would mean scaling back their aspirations to become a world leader in advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and driverless cars.

## New headscarf debate divides an already fractious France

BY ELAINE GANLEY  
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PARIS — When a far-right French official disrupted a regional council meeting to demand that a Muslim woman accompanying a group of schoolchildren be ordered to remove her headscarf, "in the name of our secular principles," her own child buried his head in her shoulder and cried.

The scene has triggered a venomous national debate that is scrambling questions over the headscarf, Islam, immigration and radicalization.

The clamor reached a crescendo with the shooting and wounding Monday of two Muslims outside a mosque in southwest France by a suspect with past links to the anti-immigration National Rally party. The 84-year-old man told investigators he attacked "to avenge the destruction of Notre Dame," Paris' grand cathedral ravaged by fire in April — which he blamed, inexplicably, on Muslims.

In other times, the Oct. 11 confrontation at the council meeting in Dijon might have been but one more installment in France's decades-long battle with itself over how to define, and enforce, secularism, a principle inscribed in the constitution more than a century ago to ensure neutrality regarding religions.

But today's uproar illustrates the growing unease — even contempt — by some sectors of society toward those Muslims seen as failing to join the French melting pot. Such views aren't limited to the far right: The conservative-led Senate approved a bill Tuesday banning mothers from wearing headscarves on school field trips, and a survey by the IFOP polling firm published Sunday suggested that eight out of 10 French think secularism is in danger.



DOMINIQUE FAGET/GETTY-AFP

Women demonstrating recently in Paris hold signs with messages that include: "Don't touch my headscarf."

Some contend this shows the normalization of Islamophobia in France.

"The veil (headscarf) is seen as the symbol par excellence of religious visibility" and is "seen by some as linked to radicalization," said Nicolas Cadene, No. 2 in the government's Observatory of Secularism.

"We're in a climate of a meeting of fears, emotions, instincts," he said in an interview.

For Cadene, French society is growing polarized as one part increasingly turns away from religion while another, notably Muslims, grows more visible. The attack inside Paris police headquarters early this month by a Muslim intelligence employee that left four dead raised already percolating tensions, he said.

In all cases, he said, the debate shows the confusion over the 1905 law separating church and state, the basis of the country's unusually important secular identity. He said the law is not meant to protect a "mythical identity, white and of Catholic culture" promoted by some.

Islam is the No. 2 religion in a largely Catholic nation where many, especially the

anti-immigration far right, hone to France's roots and view its Muslim population, which grew from the nation's colonial past, as intruders and a threat to the French way of life, including secularism.

Fifteen years ago, France forbid students from wearing "ostentatious" religious signs in classrooms, including headscarves. Seven years later, it became illegal to wear face-covering veils in French streets. While all showy religious signs are included in the 2004 law and all garments covering the face are banned in the 2011 measure, it has never been a secret that Muslims were the target.

The mother who was the focus of National Rally official Julian Odoul's anger at the Dijon regional meeting has said she decided to accompany a class because her son implored her to go.

"What he told me when he was crying is that he felt everyone was against me," the woman, identified only as Fatima E., told the Collette Islamophobia in France, which published the interview.

"I felt a rejection I've never felt before," she said. "Today, I have a negative opinion of what is called the Republic."

# National parks could soon have Wi-Fi and electricity

Proposal looks to update campsites with private firms

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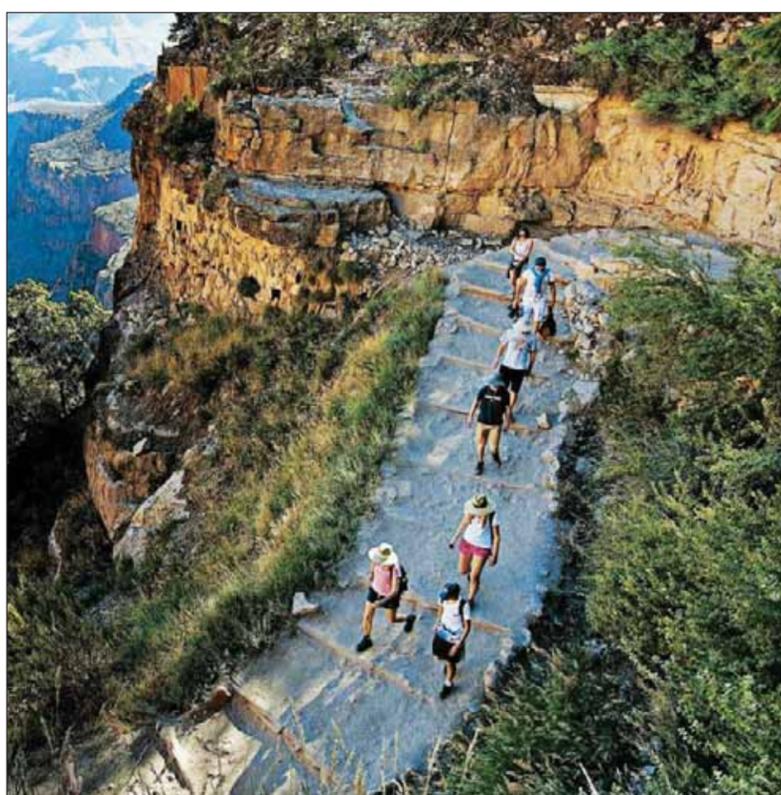
FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Food trucks. Wi-Fi. Hot showers.

Those campground upgrades could be coming to a national park near you.

The Interior Department is reviewing recommendations to modernize campgrounds at national parks. The recommendations posted online this month come from an advisory committee created under former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke that has been looking at ways for private businesses to operate on public lands.

The vice chairman of the Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee, Derrick Crandall, said many campgrounds don't meet visitors' expectations. Allowing the private sector to run them would free up park staff for interpretation, safety needs or other visitor services, he said.

Redesigning some campgrounds, and adding running water, tent and cabin rentals, food trucks, extended family sites and Wi-Fi at select parks also could boost revenue and encourage more people to stay overnight, the committee



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Hikers make their way down the popular Bright Angel Trail at the Grand Canyon. The Interior Department is considering ideas to modernize National Park Service campgrounds.

said. "We're basically suggesting that would be a way to improve overall camping experiences," Crandall said. "Are we talking about pricing people out of national

parks through this? Not at all."

The Interior Department isn't obligated to enact the recommendations but has said it doesn't have the money to modernize the

more than 1,420 campgrounds in its system nor does every campground need upgrades.

"Once the report is reviewed, we'll respond accordingly," department

spokesman Nicholas Goodwin said.

Environmentalists say the proposal would price out some visitors and benefit special interest groups. The committee largely is made up of representatives from the tourism, manufacturing, hospitality and recreation industries.

More than one-third of the country's 419 national park units have campgrounds that range from primitive, backcountry sites with no amenities to campgrounds that are easy to reach by road. About 6% are operated by concessionaires, according to the committee. Few campgrounds have amphitheaters, Wi-Fi, electricity or hot showers year-round.

The Interior Department disputed reports that it would turn to privatizing campgrounds to reduce a nearly \$12 billion backlog in maintenance at national parks, including \$331 million needed for campgrounds.

Gift shops, white-water rafting, mule rides, bicycle rentals and hotels are some of the services that already are contracted to private businesses at more than 100 national park units, the agency said.

Campgrounds at the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Yosemite in California, Zion in Utah, Rocky Mountain in Colorado, Acadia in Maine

and Assateague Island National Seashore off the coast of Virginia and Maryland have the highest occupancy rates within the Park Service.

More than 9.2 million people stayed at campgrounds last year, led by tent campers, people traveling in RVs, backcountry campers and those staying at sites run by concessionaires, the Park Service said.

The committee suggested selecting five to 10 national park sites by December, including those with low visitation numbers, for a pilot project on upgrades.

Larger campgrounds that already are operated by concessionaires at places like Yellowstone in California and Grand Teton in Wyoming would be a good place to start, Crandall said. The committee also raised the possibility of expediting environmental reviews for projects and blackout dates during peak visitation times for senior citizens who get discounts of campground fees.

Clay Cutler, who lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, said he doesn't need much when he goes camping, just a flat piece of ground to pitch a tent, a fire ring and good company.

"I'm not going and looking for Wi-Fi," said Cutler, 31.

"That's 99% of the reason I go camping to get away from that and enjoy nature."

## Dems set stage for approval of impeachment ground rules

BY ALAN FRAM  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats set the stage Wednesday for certain House approval of the ground rules lawmakers will use as they consider impeaching President Donald Trump. The chamber braced for a near-party line vote in its first showdown over the inquiry.

There was no doubt that the Democratic-controlled chamber would approve the eight pages of rules on Thursday. But it was unclear exactly how many defectors each party would suffer.

"As much as this president flaunts the Constitution, we are going to protect it," House Rules Committee Chairman James McGovern, D-Mass., said as his panel debated the procedures.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy told The Associated Press that the package creates "much more of a politically closed system than an open system."

That echoed Republican complaints that the Democratic-run process has been secretive and tilted against them.

Democrats say their plan follows how impeachment efforts against Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton were run.

The investigation is focused on Trump's efforts to push Ukraine to investigate his Democratic political opponents by withholding military aid and an Oval Office meeting craved by the country's new president.

Both parties' leaders have been rounding up votes as Thursday's roll call approaches, with each side eager to come as close to unanimity as possible.

Republicans said a solid GOP "no" vote would signal to the Senate that the Democratic push is a parti-



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Rules Committee Chairman Jim McGovern, D-Mass., presides over a markup of the resolution on Wednesday.

san crusade against a president they have never liked. McCarthy, R-Calif., said he's unaware of any Republican even "leaning toward voting for it."

If the House impeaches Trump, the Senate would decide whether to remove him from office.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., a moderate who some thought might be open to backing the Democratic rules, said he would oppose them. He complained about the secrecy that Democrats have used and said he would not be pressured by GOP leaders or Trump, with whom he had a drink at a Republican fundraiser Tuesday night.

Democrats were also hoping to stay united to demonstrate solidarity from their most left-wing elements to their most moderate members.

"We all want to just follow the facts, apply the law, be guided by the Constitution, present the truth to the American people, and a vote tomorrow is a step in that direction," said Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., a member of the Democratic leadership.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., decided to have the vote following weeks of GOP claims that the inquiry was invalid because the chamber has not voted to formally com-

mence the work.

The rules lay out the process by which the House Intelligence Committee — now leading the investigation by deposing diplomats and other officials behind closed doors — would transition to public hearings.

That panel would issue a report and release transcripts of the closed-door interviews it has been conducting with diplomats and other officials with connections to Trump's interactions with Ukraine.

The Judiciary Committee would then decide whether to recommend that the House impeach Trump — a finding that he should be removed from office.

Republicans could only issue subpoenas for witnesses to appear if the entire panel approved them — in effect giving Democrats veto power over such requests by the GOP.

Attorneys for Trump could participate in the Judiciary Committee proceedings. But in a bid for leverage, panel Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., would be allowed to deny "specific requests" by Trump representatives if the White House continues refusing to provide documents or witnesses sought by Democratic investigators.

## Bolton

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Ukraine president, and Michel Ellis, another NSC official, according to a person familiar with the invitation and granted anonymity to discuss it.

The rush of possible new witnesses comes as the House prepares to take its first official vote Thursday on the process ahead. That includes public hearings in a matter of weeks and the possibility of drafting articles of impeachment against the president.

The White House has urged officials not to testify in the impeachment proceedings, and it's not guaranteed that those called will appear for depositions, even if they receive subpoenas as previous witnesses have.

Bolton's former deputy, Charles Kupperman, has filed a lawsuit in federal court asking a judge to resolve the question of whether he can be forced to testify since he was a frequent adviser to the president. Any ruling in that case could presumably have an impact on whether Bolton will testify.

Trump and his Republican allies say the inquiry is illegitimate and are unpersuaded by the House resolution setting out next steps. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the format for the probe denies Trump the "most basic rights of due process."

Now in its second month, the investigation is focused on Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukraine when he asked President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate Democrats and a potential 2020 political rival, Joe Biden, as the White House was withholding military aid Ukraine relies on for its defenses. Democrats contend Trump was proposing a quid pro quo arrangement.

On Wednesday, the Democratic and Republican House lawmakers heard testimony about the Trump administration's



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A federal court may decide whether former Trump adviser John Bolton can be forced to testify.

unusual back channels to Ukraine.

Two State Department Ukraine experts offered new accounts of Trump's reliance on Giuliani rather than career diplomats to engage with Ukraine, a struggling democracy facing aggression from Russia.

Foreign Service officer Christopher Anderson testified that Bolton cautioned him that Giuliani "was a key voice with the president on Ukraine" and could complicate U.S. goals for the country.

Another Foreign Service officer, Catherine Croft, said that during her time at Trump's National Security Council, she received "multiple" phone calls from lobbyist Robert Livingston — a former top Republican lawmaker once in line to become House speaker — telling her the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, should be fired.

Livingston characterized Yovanovitch as an "Obama holdover" and associated with George Soros," she said, referring to the American financier who is often the subject of conservative criticism in the U.S. and Europe.

Most Democrats are expected to support the formal impeachment investigation resolution Thursday, even if they don't back impeachment itself, saying they are in favor of opening the process with more formal procedures. Public hearings are expected to begin in mid-November.

Democrats are eager to hear from top witnesses who have already provided compelling testimony behind closed doors, including diplomat William Taylor, a top ambassador in Ukraine, and Alexander Vindman, the Army officer who testified Tuesday that he twice reported to superiors, including Eisenberg, his concerns about Trump's actions toward Ukraine.

Vindman is willing to testify publicly, according to a person familiar with the situation and granted anonymity to discuss it.

On Thursday, the investigators are to hear from Tim Morrison, who served at Trump's National Security Council and was among those likely monitoring the president's call with Ukraine. He resigned from the NSC on Wednesday.

Croft and Anderson had served as top aides to the former U.S. special envoy to Ukraine, Kurt Volker, who was the first to testify in the impeachment inquiry and whose cache of text messages provided insight into Trump's demands on Zelenskyy.

Croft described being told at an administration meeting that security funds for Ukraine were being put on hold "at the direction of the president."

In his opening statement, Anderson traced his unease with developments that he felt threatened to set back relations between the U.S. and Ukraine.

## Ex-Trump aide planning run at California seat vacated by Rep. Hill

BY ALLYSON CHIU  
The Washington Post

George Papadopoulos' first major political role, serving as an adviser to the Donald Trump campaign in 2016, catapulted him into the center of an international scandal and ultimately landed him in federal prison.

Now a free man living in California, Papadopoulos, who pleaded guilty in 2017 to lying to federal agents investigating Russian interference in President

Trump's election, is planning to make his return to politics — as a candidate for Congress.

His seat of choice?

The one occupied by Rep. Katie Hill, D-Calif., who announced Sunday that she is resigning amid an ethics investigation into allegations that she had been romantically involved with her legislative director. Hill has denied the charge, but admitted to engaging in a



Papadopoulos

consensual three-person relationship with her now-estranged husband and a member of her campaign staff. The freshman lawmaker, who identifies as bisexual, became embroiled in controversy in October after a conservative news site and British tabloid published nude photos of Hill without her consent.

On Tuesday, Papadopoulos, 32, filed paperwork to run as a Republican in

California's 25th District and is expected to formally announce his candidacy later this week, Fox News reported. The news was met with backlash from California State Assemblywoman Christy Smith, the lone Democrat in the race for Hill's seat. Three Republicans are also running, the Associated Press reported.

"If he pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI — how do we know he'll tell us the truth?" Smith tweeted, tagging Papadopoulos. "We deserve someone from our

community serving as our voice — not @realDonaldTrump's wannabe political hack!"

One day before the photos of Hill were published, Papadopoulos tweeted, "California's 25th congressional district looks like it's for the taking."

A remark about Russians and their "dirt" on Hillary Clinton from Papadopoulos to an Australian diplomat at a London bar helped trigger the FBI investigation of Trump's campaign in July 2016, according to The Post.

Papadopoulos, arrested in 2017, was accused of making false statements to the FBI about his Russia contacts. On Oct. 5, 2017, Papadopoulos admitted to lying, becoming the first Trump official to plead guilty and cooperate with special counsel Robert Mueller.

Since his release in December, Papadopoulos wrote a book, "Deep State Target: How I Got Caught in the Crosshairs of the Plot to Bring Down President Trump."

# Meet ultra-rich who want wealth tax

Group: Government could spend their money effectively

By JOSH BOAK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the grand vacation homes of Newport Beach were empty on a beautiful Memorial Day weekend, Molly Munger decided it was time for the U.S. to consider taxing wealth.

As her family's boat moved through the harbor a few years ago, Munger, whose father is a billionaire investor, saw that many of her neighbors' houses were sitting dark and vacant. She knew why: The owners now controlled enough money to holiday at one of their several other luxury homes. It didn't sit right, she said.

"It's just too much to watch that happen at the top and see what is happening at the bottom," said Munger, 71, a California civil rights lawyer whose father, Charlie, built his fortune as vice chairman of Warren Buffett's firm Berkshire Hathaway. "Isn't it a waste when beautiful homes on the beach are empty for most of the summer?"

Munger is among a handful of billionaires and multimillionaires making a renewed push for the government to raise their taxes and siphon away some of their holdings. As Democratic presidential candidates debate a new tax on wealth rather than on incomes, this group of ultra-rich people is urging them on.

"I believe in free markets. I'm the daughter of a capitalist. But not Darwin-like free, unregulated and red in tooth and claw," Munger said.

The chief argument from these tycoons, financiers and scions is that the government could spend their money more effectively than they could on their own by improving schools, upgrading infrastructure and protecting the environment. It challenges a long-



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Ian Simmons, co-founder and principal of Blue Haven Initiative, is among the well-off declaring they're ready to pay more.

standing belief among many politicians and economists that lower taxes on corporations and investment incomes are the most efficient way to deliver growth and spread wealth down the income ladder.

The idea also is a challenge to the reputed billionaire in the White House, Donald Trump, who once backed a wealth tax but in 2017 enacted a dramatic tax cut that favored the rich.

Twenty people, including one who remained anonymous, signed on to a letter this summer essentially asking to be taxed more.

The group included financier George Soros, Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes and heiress Abigail Disney, and others often involved in liberal causes. Bill Gates, the world's second richest person, didn't sign it but has since said he "wouldn't be against a wealth tax" on a net worth that exceeds \$100 billion.

While Democrats have

long pushed for higher taxes on the top income tiers, the current debate goes further — whether to impose annual taxes on what people own, not just on what they earn.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren has endorsed a wealth tax on holdings above \$50 million that could potentially raise as much as \$2.75 trillion over 10 years. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' tax would start at \$32 million.

At last week's presidential debate, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, expressed openness to levying a wealth tax, while Tom Steyer argued for higher taxes on his own \$1.6 billion fortune.

There were detractors: Tech entrepreneur Andrew Yang argues wealth taxes in other nations have failed to raise enough revenue.

Former Vice President Joe Biden criticized the

Warren and Sanders plans as "demonizing wealth" and argued instead for focusing on income taxes and raising the rates charged on earnings from investments.

Biden's view is backed by many in the economic establishment, even those who say they support using the tax code to counter income inequality.

Larry Summers, the former treasury secretary and Harvard University president, argues a wealth tax is essentially unworkable. The richest Americans would find ways to avoid it, making it difficult to implement and unlikely to break the hold on politics by powerful companies and rich donors, he said last week at a panel on wealth taxes at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington.

Summers estimates that changes to the income tax could raise more than \$2 trillion over 10 years from the top earners, but he

doubts that a wealth tax would curb the influence of the richest Americans.

But the economists who developed the idea dispute the notion that tax avoidance is an unbreakable law of nature. Wealthier Americans paid taxes in the past when tax avoidance was seen as freeloading, said Emmanuel Saez, an economist at the University of California at Berkeley whose work has drawn attention to the wealth tax as a fix for inequality.

"The tax system reflects the values of society," he said.

The top 1% of Americans hold nearly 40% of the country's wealth, while the bottom 50% of Americans effectively control none of it, according to the World Inequality Database, an index Saez helped develop. Many in the wealthiest sliver of that top 1% pay lower rates than most Americans because of how their income gets taxed,

according to his calculations.

Ian Simmons is among the well-off declaring they're ready to pay more.

Simmons runs an investment fund called the Blue Haven Initiative with his wife, Liesel Pritzker Simmons. The 43-year-old joined the effort to recruit other moneyed families to support a wealth tax in the June letter.

The idea of taxing a relatively steady base of trillions of dollars felt consistent to Simmons with what he first learned at the Harvard University introductory economics class taught by Martin Feldstein, who was President Ronald Reagan's economic adviser.

"This is really a conservative position about increasing the stability of the economy in the long term and having an efficient source of taxation," he said.

Simmons' family money came in part from mail order retailer Montgomery Ward, which opened in 1872, an innovation aided by the U.S. Postal Service. The Hyatt hotel chain that helped form his wife's family fortune was aided by the government's construction of the interstate system.

That's part of the reason he supports a wealth tax — because his family's fortune stems in part from government programs, echoing Warren's key argument for her tax plan.

When Simmons called the retired real estate developer Robert Bowditch this year to endorse the idea, the 80-year-old did the math on what it would mean for his own lifestyle. He figured it would cut into some of his charitable giving, but the returns would be much greater because the public would be able to decide in a democratic fashion on how the money would be spent.

"Charitable giving by itself simply cannot provide enough money to support public goods and services, such as public education, roads and bridges, clean air," Bowditch said. "It has to be done by taxes."

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Twitter announces ban on all political advertisements

SAN FRANCISCO — Twitter is banning all political advertising from its service, saying social media companies give advertisers an unfair advantage in proliferating highly targeted, misleading messages.

"While internet advertising is incredibly powerful and very effective for commercial advertisers, that power brings significant risks to politics, where it can be used to influence votes to affect

the lives of millions," Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey said Wednesday in tweets announcing the new policy that will begin Nov. 22.

Facebook has taken fire since it disclosed earlier in October that it will not fact-check ads by politicians or their campaigns, which could allow them to lie freely.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg told Congress last week that politicians have the right to free speech on Facebook.

### US filmmaker Oliver Stone praises Putin for role in Syria

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — American filmmaker Oliver Stone on Wednesday praised Russian President Vladimir Putin as a "stabilizing force" in the Middle East, particularly in Syria as Moscow fills a void left by pullout of U.S. forces.

Stone, 73, the director of "JFK," "Platoon" and "Wall Street," is known for his strident views on U.S. foreign policy. However, his comments came dur-

ing the Future Investment Initiative forum in Saudi Arabia, which has long opposed Syrian President Bashar Assad.

"Mr. Putin was always concerned about the terrorists," Stone said. "If they had gotten to Damascus and they almost did ... there would be a possible caliphate throughout this whole region."

The director added: "I think Mr. Putin is very concerned about peace."

### Math, reading scores drop from 2017 on 'nation's report card'

WASHINGTON — National scores for reading in fourth and eighth grades dropped from 2017 to 2019, according to results released Wednesday.

Declines in the federally administered tests were recorded among students with the highest scores and among those with the lowest scores. In math, there was a small improvement among fourth-graders but a small drop in grade eight, driven

by declines among lower-performing students.

National Assessment of Educational Progress tests, often referred to as the "nation's report card," assesses the performance of children from all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds in urban, suburban and rural areas.

The results were based on testing of about 300,000 fourth-graders and 290,600 eighth-graders.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Donald Trump presents the Medal of Honor to Army Master Sgt. Matthew Williams on Wednesday during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

## Trump presents highest military honor to Green Beret

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump presented the nation's highest military honor on Wednesday to a Green Beret who helped save four critically wounded comrades and prevented the lead element of a special operations force from being overrun in Afghanistan.

The Medal of Honor was presented to Army Master Sgt. Matthew Williams of Texas.

The events occurred in April 2008 during a mountainside firefight that lasted several hours as Williams' team and about 100 Afghan commandos were attacked

by insurgents waiting above them.

Trump recounted how Williams led the commandos across a fast-moving and icy river and engaged the enemy. When his team sergeant was wounded by a sniper, Williams exposed himself to enemy fire to come to his aid. He helped evacuate the sergeant and then climbed back up the mountain to evacuate others as he helped carry and load them into helicopters.

"Matt's incredible heroism helped ensure that not a single American soldier died in the battle," Trump said.

Trump said the enemy had the high ground, superior numbers and the element of surprise.

"Everything they were not supposed to have, they had," Trump said. "But they had one major disadvantage. They were facing the toughest, strongest and best trained soldiers anywhere in the world."

The honor is an upgrade of the Silver Star that Williams initially received. He is the second member of his detachment to receive the Medal of Honor for that operation. Former Staff Sgt. Ronald Shurer II received it a year ago.

### Hundreds of migrants in Libya flee detention

PARIS — Hundreds of migrants have fled a detention center in coastal Libya and crowded overnight around a U.N. facility, saying they were denied food for weeks.

Around 450 people left Abu Salim detention center late Tuesday. Two of the migrants, as well as activ-

ists, said they were forced to beg for money from families to pay police to buy them food. Those who couldn't pay went hungry.

The migrants spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity, fearing for their safety. They walked about 90 minutes through the city of Tripoli, according to

Tarik Lamloum, a Libyan activist.

The U.N. refugee agency says the facility is already overcrowded, with about half the 800 people inside arriving informally, including many from another detention center that was hit last summer by an airstrike.

### South African police arrest 100 refugees after protest

JOHANNESBURG — Police in the South African city of Cape Town used water cannons Wednesday while arresting and dispersing hundreds of refugees and asylum-seekers, including children, who had camped for weeks outside the U.N. refugee agency's office seeking protection after anti-immigrant attacks.

Local human rights and legal groups expressed shock over images of small children clinging to people being dragged away by police.

Police said they arrested about 100 people who "failed to heed the call to disperse." Many who weren't arrested fled to a nearby church.

Some refugees and asylum-seekers had told local media they wanted to be relocated outside the country after a wave of deadly attacks on foreigners in South African cities earlier this year.

**In Georgia:** A small plane crashed into a town home Wednesday morning in a leafy Atlanta-area neighborhood near a major interstate, killing two people and tearing off the home's brick exterior, authorities said.

Both the pilot and a passenger died, but there were no injuries on the ground because no one was home at the time, DeKalb County Fire Capt. Dion Bentley told reporters.

The Piper PA-28 plane crashed shortly after taking off from DeKalb-Peachtree Airport outside Atlanta about 10:30 a.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement. Conditions were foggy in the area. The end of the airport's runway is about 1.2 miles from the crash site.

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## EDITORIALS

# CTU leaders decided their social agenda meant more than Laila's college dreams

Put yourself in Laila Cooper's anxious shoes. The Kenwood Academy senior watched helplessly as the late October days flew by. An important college application deadline approached, but sorry, Laila, your school was on strike for 10 days, so good luck getting transcripts and letters of recommendation ready in time. "In time" means, by *this Friday*.

We wonder what words of solace Chicago Teachers Union officials would offer the many students such as Laila, who were shut out of school when they should have been applying to colleges, meeting with guidance counselors or preparing for college entrance exams. Unlike in other Chicago-area districts, many of the poor and minority kids thrown to the curb by this strike can't get that kind of help at home.

**Would CTU President Jesse Sharkey try to explain** to Laila that the risk to her early admission was a regrettable but necessary sacrifice she must make? For what reason? So teachers could wage a broad political battle vs. Chicago Public Schools? Would Sharkey instruct Laila to stand in solidarity with CTU and accept her fate? Because by the time her paperwork finally gets to admissions offices, lots of early acceptance slots already will be filled.

The teachers union pursued multiple agendas during contract negotiations with Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. That mucked up the process and extended the strike. There were talks focused on compensation, length of contract and working conditions. Then there were CTU's broader political demands, which included opposition to tax benefits for real estate developers and a preferred configuration for an elected school board.

**CTU's social agenda had no legitimate place** in the negotiation of a labor contract. But the union went there anyway, diverting time and attention from the business at



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Chicago Public Schools students and others stage a sit-in outside City Hall on Monday to support striking teachers.

hand in order to energize members, give momentum to the broader labor movement — and stick it to Lightfoot. Why limit teachers to holding signs outside a school when nine or 10 fired up members could get themselves detained by police for holding a sit-in at a real estate firm's office lobby?

Contrast those antics with CPS students' time-sensitive priorities. Natasha Dunn, parent of a high school senior, told the Tribune she was worried her son wouldn't hit necessary milestones for passing Advanced Placement exams, which could

jeopardize his scholarship opportunities. "You have students particularly in the black community who rely on the services that the school system gives them," she said.

Laila Cooper told the Tribune she wants to apply early to several colleges, but was still waiting on "everything" — transcripts, letters of recommendation — ahead of her Nov. 1 application deadlines. Amanda Sawyer, another Kenwood senior, was in the same paperwork jam. She said she'd email the schools and hope for the best.

**Schools will reopen and normalcy will**

**return**, though at an irredeemable cost to many of the 300,000 students in CPS. Chicago's children lost two weeks of education to a strike that could have been averted or shortened. Some of those young people missed out on once-in-a-lifetime sports moments. Some saw their college application plans upended and possibly derailed.

Chicago's children could have been the priority during this labor negotiation, but CTU leaders had other ideas. They decided their social agenda meant more than Laila Cooper's college dreams.

# Big thirst, smooth brew: Starbucks pours \$10 million into parched Chicago business barrens

What constitutes a sound corporate investment? Does investing profits into business expansion qualify? Check. Setting aside money for efficiency-building? Check. Investing in the future health of America's cities? Absolutely, check. Case in point:

This week, Starbucks announced it will set aside \$10 million to help jump-start economic development in Chicago neighborhoods burdened by years of neglect and disinvestment.

The money will be channeled to non-profit community development groups, which in turn will use the cash to finance loans to small businesses, the Tribune's Corilyn Shropshire reports. "We believe the pursuit of profit is not in conflict with the pursuit of doing good," said Dennis Brockman, Starbucks' Midwest regional vice president.

**What's especially encouraging** about the Starbucks announcement is that it's

only the latest in a series of initiatives by corporate giants aimed at stoking economic revival on the South and West sides. Earlier this fall, BMO Harris Bank said it would partner with City Hall's Invest South/West initiative and set aside \$10 million to trigger economic development in 10 South and West side neighborhoods. Starbucks' investment will also link up with Invest South/West, which channels grants to small businesses. The longer-range goal is to help those neighborhoods thrive and grow.

In 2017, JPMorgan Chase set up a three-year, \$40 million tranche of grants to spark job training and small business growth in South and West side communities. Chase followed that with an additional \$10 million to enable financing for South and West side businesses that otherwise lack access to capital.

Last month, Chase CEO Jamie Dimon announced a pilot program to partner with

Chicago nonprofits to mentor, train and recruit ex-offenders who otherwise wouldn't apply to jobs in banking because they believe their criminal records disqualify them from work at financial institutions.

**It would be easy to dismiss** these examples of corporate philanthropy as public relations ploys. Yes, philanthropy helps the brand. If a customer thinks so sweetly of Starbucks' gesture that she buys an extra salted caramel mocha Frappuccino, so be it.

But it's clear to us that Chase, BMO Harris, Starbucks and others recognize the long-term value in investing in solutions to the lack of thriving commerce — and the lack of promising jobs — in so many Chicago communities.

In the language of urban affairs, it's called social impact investing — corporate spending that's meant to change lives. Expecting City Hall to shoulder all the

burden of solving Chicago's ills is unrealistic. And when it's all on City Hall, what does that really mean? It's all on taxpayers' shoulders. Chicago's corporate community can and should take on the role of change agent.

**Simply put, it's smart business for the private sector.** Banks and other corporate entities that pave the way for South and West Side small business owners to gain financing seed commercial development that creates future customers. Ultimately that leads to a healthier local economy, a healthier Chicago.

The only thing missing from the uptick in corporate philanthropy is scale. As in, more corporations getting involved, more capital uplifting South and West Side communities desperate for something to catalyze an economic turnaround. Corporate Chicago has the wherewithal help reverse the scourge of disinvestment.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Pete Buttigieg is easily the best debater, and most appealing to independents and a few wavering Republicans, but the big question still hangs over his candidacy: Will more culturally conservative minority voters — not to mention white working-class ones — show up for a gay man in the numbers that Democrats need? The cause for concern is real.

... The only true bright spot is Andrew Yang ... When he's asked a question, his nearly expressionless, wrinkle-free face, which seems to spring directly from his chest, seems about to offer some canned pabulum, and then almost always responds with a flawless, thoughtful and entirely relevant, even insightful, answer. I'm rooting for him (and Pete), but I'm not delusional.

Yang and "Booty-judge" are the future that possibly has arrived too soon, like Barack Obama in 2007. But neither, alas, has Obama's aura, emotional intelligence and natural command. Who even has Bill Clinton's roguish charm and policy brilliance?

Don't get me wrong. I'll vote for anyone, including Elizabeth Warren or Bernie Sanders or even the vacuous "Beto" O'Rourke to defeat Trump. We proud human scum will not be distracted from the central task at hand.

But let's be honest: This is a field that has largely wilted upon inspection. For what it's worth, I suspect Warren will win the nomination and dutifully lose the election just like Mondale, Dukakis, Gore, Kerry and the second Clinton. She has that quintessential perfume of smug, well-meaning, mediocre doom that Democrats simply cannot resist.

**Andrew Sullivan**, *New York Magazine*

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# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

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TRUMP MAKES LIFE MISERABLE FOR REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS.

## A SECOND TERM WOULD BE EVEN WORSE



STEVE CHAPMAN

Andrew Yang is running for the Democratic nomination for president, but he may have a unique understanding of what it's like to be a Republican member of Congress right now.

After accumulating nearly \$120,000 in student loan debt to get a Columbia law degree, Yang went to work for a big New York law firm. He quit after "the worst five months of my life," he recently told the Washington Post. "Working at a law firm was like a pie-eating contest, and if you won, your prize was more pie."

Defenders of President Donald Trump find themselves doing something similar. Only what they're eating probably doesn't taste like pie.

Many Republicans in Congress detested Trump when he was running for president, and some said so. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he was a "jackass" who "scares the hell out of me." Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, called him "a pathological liar."

He has done some things GOP

members cherish, such as signing a big tax cut and appointing two conservatives to the Supreme Court. But on most days, they have found that having him in the presidency is like keeping a raccoon as a house pet — impossible to train, doing serious damage and always apt to bite.

Trump carried them to a historic defeat in the 2018 congressional elections, when Democrats flipped 40 House seats, their biggest gain since 1974. Overall, they got about 10 million more votes than Republicans.

Many GOP members have enjoyed as much of this as they can stand. Last year, Speaker Paul Ryan decided to quit, with friends reporting that "he feels like he's running a day care center." So far, 21 of the party's House incumbents have announced they won't run again in 2020.

It may be they are frustrated to see Nancy Pelosi in control and pessimistic about recapturing the House. They could be stuck in the minority for another two years or longer — with Joe Biden or Elizabeth Warren in the Oval Office.

One prospect, however, could be even more unpleasant: a reelected Trump. In his first term, he has shown himself incapable of growing into the job, as everyone hoped he would. So Republicans have had the endless

misery of making excuses, shading facts and reciting White House talking points that insult the intelligence of any sentient adult.

Instead of learning from his mistakes, Trump has persisted in his recklessness, bigotry, ignorance, contempt for constitutional limits, puerile boasting and name-calling, disdain for allies, infatuation with tyrants and eagerness to use his office for his financial benefit. "He's an idiot," concluded his then-chief of staff, John Kelly, as reported in Bob Woodward's book "Fear." "We're in Crazytown."

Kelly is just one of those who found there was no way to do their jobs conscientiously and also get along with Trump — notably Defense Secretary James Mattis, national security adviser H.R. McMaster, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and chief economic adviser Gary Cohn.

These are able, accomplished people. At best, they managed only to keep him from doing even worse.

But at what cost? They had to suppress their best attributes to indulge Trump's worst ones. Retired Navy Cmdr. Guy Snodgrass, a former aide to Mattis, writes in his book, "Holding the Line," of watching in dismay as his boss made "public statements in support of policies that I knew he personally loathed."

All Mattis and many others got in return was to be ignored, overruled, humiliated and abused. Most left with their reputations stained, if not ruined.

If this is how Trump has conducted himself while eyeing a second term, we can only imagine what he would do without the worry of a reelection campaign. If he previously had to consider the threat of impeachment, an acquittal would embolden him. He would take these achievements as a total vindication of all he has done — and a license to do even worse.

For GOP members who are fanatically partisan, addicted to office or obsessed with the perks of their jobs, serving as apologists for this president may be a pleasure, not a duty. But for any with a sliver of principle and self-respect, the prospect of four more years of Trump cannot be enticing.

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" asked Jesus of Nazareth. Losing your soul to gain the world is one thing. Losing it to keep Trump is another.

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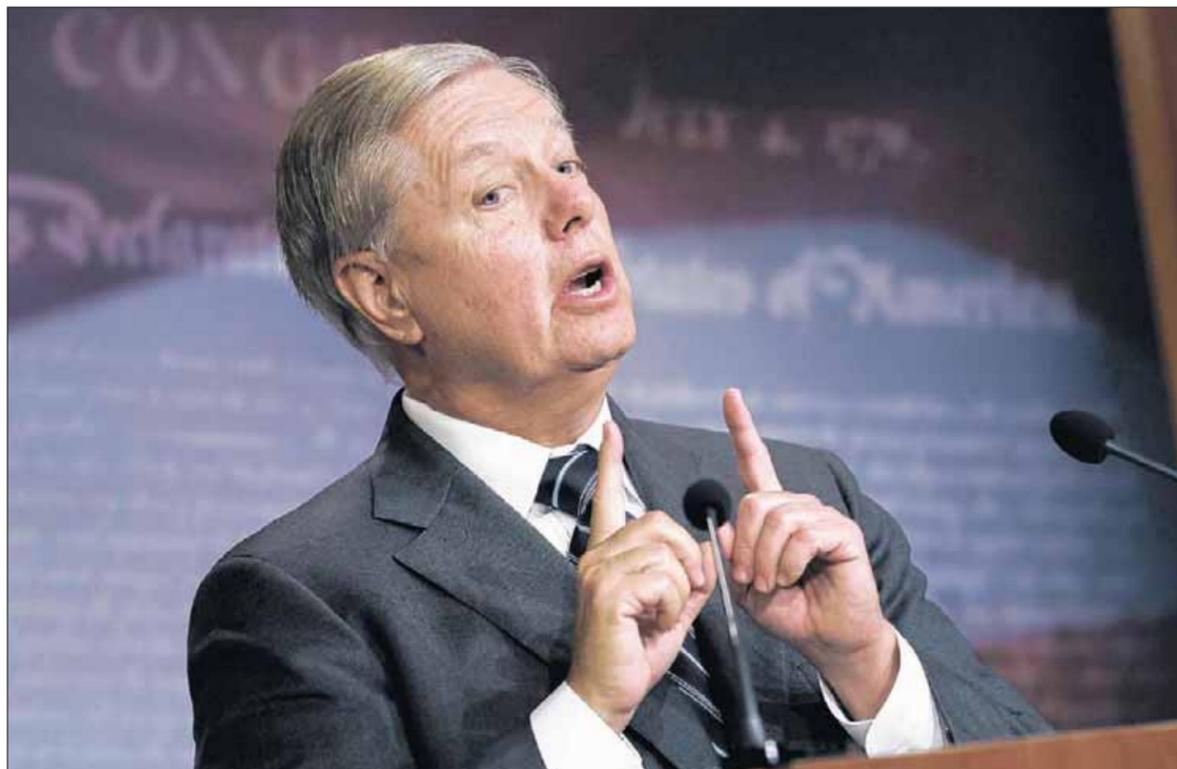
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## PERSPECTIVE



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Sen. Lindsey Graham and some fellow Republicans have criticized the impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump.

## GOP got what it asked for on impeachment, and now it's stuck



CLARENCE PAGE

In their exhausting task of trying to defend President Donald Trump's fishy behavior in the Ukraine scandal, Republicans on Capitol Hill have been flailing this way and that, propping up questionable arguments, only to watch them fall like dominoes.

So far, violating — or maybe illustrating — the Washington maxim that if you're arguing about process, you're losing, Trump's congressional defenders have turned to complaining about the process of an impeachment inquiry that they never wanted in the first place.

Why? Simple. They'd rather argue about the process than try to mount a defense that only gives more attention to the evidence and testimonies that have been mounting against Trump by the day. The sheer volume of new names and revelations has made it difficult for Trump's Republican defenders to keep up.

So, instead of trying to fight on the substance, they complain about the process, even when they can't seem to get their story straight — or keep it straight for more than a day or two at a time.

First they said Trump's July 25 phone call — in which he instructed the president of Ukraine to dig up some dirt on Joe Biden — was, in the president's words, "perfect." Republicans also began to call the impeachment inquiry a sham because the full House hadn't voted on it and sharply attacked the participants for taking depositions behind closed doors.

That criticism began to fall apart even before the brash young Florida Rep. Matt

Gaetz led about 30 other House Republicans to barge into a secure hearing room to disrupt the deposition of Laura Cooper, a deputy assistant secretary of defense.

The Republicans supposedly were protesting the absence of Republicans from the closed-door hearings. In fact, some of the protesters were members of the committees involved, which meant they already were welcome to attend. Cooper, an expert on Russia and Ukraine, testified a few hours later.

Trump, in a classic example of Trumpian overstatement, smeared the impeachment inquiry as a "lynching," even though the hearing that Gaetz and company invaded was held in accordance with rules set up by the House in 2015 when it had a Republican majority.

Over in the Senate, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina prepared a resolution, co-sponsored by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and signed by dozens of other Republicans, to condemn the inquiry as "illegitimate."

But, try as they might, the Grand Old Party crashers in the House could not erase the memory of such impressive witnesses as William Taylor, the top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine, who testified behind closed doors before the Gaetz intrusion.

Taylor's 15-page opening statement described in vivid detail how Trump withheld military aid to pressure President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to launch investigations into a couple of debunked conspiracy theories. One was about the 2016 election. The other was about Joe Biden and his son, Hunter.

Taylor's testimony, among others, helped support the argument Democrats have made in simple contrast to the shifting GOP argument: Trump should be impeached because he abused his power for his own political gain.

"It's been more than a month and Republicans in Washington still won't answer

the simple question," Nancy Pelosi tweeted Monday. "Is it appropriate for a president to pressure a foreign country to undermine our elections?"

That argument could have surprisingly persuasive power, judging by a new survey from Grinnell College, especially when no names or parties are attached to the issue. When participants were asked, without mentioning Trump, whether it's OK "for political candidates in the U.S. to ask for assistance from a foreign government to help them win an election," 81% said no. Even Republican voters overwhelmingly reject what Trump did.

But when Trump's name is inserted, respondents returned to party lines. Overall 42% said Trump should be impeached and removed from office. But while 83% of Democrats felt that way, 87% of Republicans did not.

Now that Democrats have announced they'll hold a vote to authorize an impeachment probe and shut down a Republican complaint, watch for the argument to shift again. Republicans now want to build a "merit-based" case to defend Trump, Politico reports, which apparently means they will argue as President Bill Clinton did that, whatever he did, it "doesn't rise to the level of impeachment."

Using that excuse, which I already have heard some Republican lawmakers use, could enable GOP lawmakers to avoid offending Trump's base voters without losing too many moderates, depending on whatever new revelations turn up. But a merit-based defense only works when the president in question still has enough merit.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Don't brag about terror leader's death

Regarding the killing of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi: Yet again, we find that the urge to publicize this type of accomplishment in order to gain short-lived political advantage is irresistible to whichever administration is in office.

The same thing happened in 2011, when Navy SEALs sent Osama bin Laden to paradise upon confirming that he was to be found in hiding in a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

Any military intelligence professional — speaking as a retiree from that field — is predictably highly frustrated and enraged when this sort of thing occurs. It is essential in such cases to protect knowledge of sources and methods from being divulged, as broadcasting such information provides the enemy with crucial data that can and will be used against us to prevent similar successful exercises in the future.

Indeed, the best outcome for such initiatives is to leave our adversary completely in the dark as to how it was carried out and who was responsible.

In 2011, then-Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, himself a former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, was so agitated over the glaring publicity being given at the time to the SEALs' success and details as to how it came about that he urgently told a White House official that he needed to "shut the (expletive) up," but of course at that point it was far too late, as the Obama administration wished to bask in the glory — and gain the immediate political credit — for having killed the major perpetrator of the 9/11 attacks, a phenomenon now seen again under the Trump administration.

Ironically, such successes are largely due to painstaking efforts over long periods of time (10 years in the case of bin Laden) to pinpoint the current location of such high-value targets, who are often constantly on the move.

This means that credit for such intelligence coups really belongs to a wide range of organizations and individuals. However, they don't desire media attention.

Success in the military intelligence field is its own reward, not that the pols have any such desire to remain anonymous when it comes to an opportunity to claim such credit for themselves.

— W.T. Rowan, Park Ridge

### What goes around, comes around

I was not surprised that our president had to listen to boos and hear the crowd chant, "Lock him up," at a recent World Series baseball game. After all, hasn't he perpetuated this kind of vulgarity in his shameful politics? Name calling, denigration and simple insults have become the Donald Trump norm — often cheered on enthusiastically by his followers.

As much as I hate to see this happen in our country, it's pretty easy to see why. My mother would have simply said, "You get what you deserve."

— John S. Strauss, Campton Hills

### If Trump cares about Chicago ...

After President Donald Trump stated that "Afghanistan is a safe place by comparison" to Chicago, my suggestion to him is to put his money where his mouth is by sending federal aid to Chicago to help fight crime.

— JoAnn Lee Frank, Clearwater, Florida

### Time to vote out longtime incumbents

President Donald Trump has described Washington as the "swamp." If he is referring to the waste of tax dollars and corruption in government, he is probably right on target.

So who is responsible for the swamp? The answer is simple — voters who have been duped into believing there is a real difference between Republicans and Democrat. Here is an example: The national debt is almost an unbelievable \$23 trillion. Decades of corruption and spending that far exceeds revenues by various Congresses and presidents have resulted in our staggering debt.

We can certainly drain a lot of the swamp by voting to oust any incumbent who has already been in office for 12 years. There are millions of eligible voters who don't bother to vote because they say it doesn't matter. They are wrong for not voting, and also right, because both parties abound with members who have sold their votes to special interest groups and large donors.

Defeating incumbents who have been in office for at least 12 years would go a long way toward draining the swamp.

— Victor Darst, Huntley

## Christmas decorations, holiday music and other delights do not start too early. You start too late.

BY ANDREA HANIS

It's Halloween, the day of orange and black, ghosts and spiders, and a frightening warning that must not be ignored: You are way behind preparing for Christmas.

Do not lament the glimmering first appearances of lights and trees in stores around July 4. Anyone worth their homemade caramels knows that putting on a good old-fashioned holiday celebration is a lot of labor. And it can't be done in a panic at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve or the first night of Hanukkah in Walgreens, though that sacred ritual has its place.

No life hack will allow you to fully relish the season if you don't put in the time. And this year, the calendar poses an extra challenge. The holiday shopping season, which retailers define as the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, is the shortest possible, just 26 days in 2019, down from 31 in 2018. At least Hanukkah falls late: It begins Dec. 22, but other years can arrive as early as November.

Deny and delay if you must. But please spare those who sensibly toil in advance from your whiny complaints about seasonal creep.

When you waltz into someone else's welcoming, beautifully decorated holiday house, snowflakes glinting in your hair and a bottle of wine under your arm, do you appreciate that your host bought gifts all summer, deep-cleaned the carpet in September, scheduled the chimney sweep in October and replenished their spice rack and baking shelf in November?

Some far-flung families celebrate the December holidays when they gather for



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Thanksgiving, so their deadline for holiday gestures falls that much earlier. If they found time to wrap gifts on Columbus Day, using the plaid wrapping paper they bought while shopping for school supplies in August, who are you to judge? Charity gifts for children and other such programs tend to have early due dates, too.

Styled photos for holiday cards or Instagram posts are best shot well in advance. And there's always a difficult-to-find toy or demanding trend of the moment, like finding matching plaid pajamas for the entire extended family, plus the dog and cat. When money is tight, planners still start early, to spread out the expense of extra purchases.

Only after all this dizzying preparation does December itself arrive, not only bringing the actual festivities but also year-end deadlines at the office and in personal finance. At this point, the season is already won or lost. The unprepared will be tram-

pled by stress, crowds, expense and lost opportunity. The well-organized will be curled up in front of a holiday movie while deciding that yes, they do have time to buy a few extra gifts for children in need.

Granted, you can reasonably reject some or even most holiday commercialism. But probably not all of it. If you don't do much of the prep work for the season yourself, you are likely reaping the rewards of someone else doing it for you, and you should become woke enough to notice. Those pecans didn't sugar themselves.

So for the love of the Grinch, let the holiday-obsessed prepare in peace. As you nibble your zombie Halloween candy, consider that even if you aspire to enjoy even a fraction of all this warm and spendy holiday goodness, the best time to start is — yesterday.

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## Investment firm to get Anixter in \$3.8B deal

BY MARY ELLEN PODMOLIK

Anixter International on Wednesday said it has agreed to be acquired by an affiliate of private investment firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice in a \$3.8 billion transaction that will make Anixter a private company.

Under terms of the all-cash deal, Anixter shareholders will receive \$81 a share, a premium of 13% over Anixter's closing price Tuesday.

Shares of the company's stock closed at \$83.42 on Wednesday, up more than 16%.

Bill Galvin, Anixter's president and CEO, is expected to continue leading the company after the transaction closes. On an earnings call Wednesday morning,

Galvin said Clayton, Dubilier & Rice had a strong track record helping companies like Anixter grow, and the two firms had similar cultures.

"We weren't looking to go private," he said. "We were running the company as a public company and we're prepared to do that. We've been very public about what our strategy is long-term and we were approached by a company that we felt was a serious — seriously interested in our company. And of course, it's our responsibility, our fiduciary responsibility to consider serious companies. And that is how we started in this venture."

In 2014, Glenview-based Anixter was trying to sell itself for as much as \$115 a share, but poten-

tial buyers balked at the price, Bloomberg reported at the time, citing people familiar with the situation.

The deal requires approval by shareholders as well as regulators. The company said certain shareholders, including longtime Chairman San Zell, have agreed to support the merger.

However, the merger agreement allows Anixter's board to solicit a better merger proposal from someone else through Dec. 9, and the board plans to do so. Anixter would have to pay a \$45 million breakup fee if it passes on the deal announced Wednesday.

William Anixter and his brother, Alan, started Anixter Bros. in 1957. Each pitched in

\$5,000 that they borrowed in part from their mother, Zelda. The firm went public in 1967 and by 1982, sales exceeded \$500 million. The company had a broad reach as the leading nationwide independent distributor of wire and cable.

In 1986, with Anixter Bros. generating more than \$700 million in sales, the brothers decided to sell the company to Zell's Chicago-based ITEL Corp., which later changed its name to Anixter and then to Anixter International.

Also Wednesday, Anixter reported third-quarter earnings of \$59.3 million, or \$1.73 a share, an increase of 24% on a per-share basis from a year ago. Quarterly sales rose 2% to \$2.2 billion.



ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL

A sign marks Anixter International's headquarters in Glenview. On Wednesday, Anixter said it had agreed to be acquired by an affiliate of private investment firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice for \$3.8 billion.

## BIG CHANGES BREWING

### Molson Coors to cut 500 jobs, move North American HQ from Denver to Chicago

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Beer giant Molson Coors announced Wednesday that it will cut up to 500 jobs and move its North American headquarters from Denver to Chicago as part of a plan to rescue the business from falling sales.

Molson Coors, whose U.S. business MillerCoors is already based in Chicago, said the consolidation will save \$150 million annually and free up resources to invest in its brands and new products. It plans to expand beyond beer — this year it launched a hard coffee and canned wine — while also reinvesting in some of its iconic brands. The company has already launched new campaigns promoting Coors Light and Miller Lite.

Molson Coors will work to bring new products to the market more quickly, reducing time to market from 18 months to as little as four months, the company said. And it is changing its name, from Molson Coors Brewing Co. to Molson Coors Beverage Co., effective in January.

"We're going to take more calculated risk. We're going to move faster. We're going to diversify our portfolio," said Gavin Hattersley, Molson Coors' new president and CEO, on a conference call with analysts.

"Our company makes some of the world's greatest beers and our iconic beers have stood the test of time. But as the world around us changes ... our business performance is lagging," Hattersley said.

Molson Coors, the second-largest beer company in the U.S. after Anheuser-Busch InBev, has experienced years of volume losses as the industry's biggest players face competition from craft and imported beer as well as rising consumer interest in hard seltzer and other flavored malt beverages. While total retail sales in the U.S. were flat over the year ended in September, at about \$34 billion, sales of domestic premium beer, which includes stalwarts like Bud Light, Coors Light and Miller Lite, declined 5%, according to Nielsen.

The company, which has lagged its competitors in innovation and marketing spending, is "at an



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MillerCoors is already based in Chicago, and parent company Molson Coors announced Wednesday it also will move its headquarters from Denver.

inflection point," Hattersley said.

The revitalization plan comes just over a month after Hattersley, who previously ran MillerCoors, took the company's reins from retiring CEO Mark Hunter. MillerCoors accounts for the vast majority of Molson Coors' business.

The company's plan includes reducing its four business units to two — North America and Europe — to streamline operations.

Some jobs in offices around the country will be centralized in Milwaukee, the company said.

Molson Coors, which has 17,500 employees globally, said the 400 to 500 job cuts will take place across its U.S., Canadian and international business units. The company as of last December had 7,300 workers in the U.S.

The company is closing its Denver office, which employs about 300 people. Some Denver employees may relocate to Chicago.

It is too soon to say how the Chicago office, which has 400 employees, will be affected, said Adam Collins, the company's



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Molson Coors President and CEO Gavin Hattersley stands at the bar at the MillerCoors office pub in Chicago. Hattersley on Wednesday called the corporate restructuring moves "significant and difficult changes."

newly named chief communications officer.

"We won't have specific numbers location by location until the plan is implemented," said Collins, who was former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's communications officer before joining MillerCoors as vice president of commu-

nications and community affairs in December.

Molson Coors executives, as well as marketing teams and lead sales functions, will be located in the Chicago office in the Loop, which has been a key asset to the company because "the city is a hub for recruiting marketing tal-

ent," Collins said.

"That was something that was important to us," he said. "That was something we wanted to continue to draw on."

The restructuring is expected to cost the company \$120 million to \$180 million in employee severance, relocation and other costs.

The company, whose brands include Miller, Coors, Molson, Leinenkugel's, Keystone, Blue Moon, Henry's Hard soda and Smith & Forge hard cider, plans to spend "several hundred million dollars" to modernize its brewery in Golden, Colorado, where it has been brewing for 146 years.

Colorado, the birthplace of Coors, will continue to have about 2,000 Molson Coors employees, the most of any other state.

Part of the plan is to invest heavily in higher-end brews, which has been driving growth in beer as mass-market brands drag. Though Molson Coors has Blue Moon and Peroni, it "really is severely under-indexed in that

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## Uber files lawsuit against Skokie over ride-share fees

Case could affect Chicago's tax too

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

The ride-share company Uber said it filed suit against Skokie on Wednesday over new taxes, alleging that they violate the state's constitution.

Some cities are looking to either impose ride-share fees or increase existing rates to deal with heightened congestion and lower public transit use, which have been blamed on the growth of ride-hailing. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot last week proposed an increase in ride-share fees to as much as \$3 on solo ride-share trips downtown.

An Uber representative could not immediately say



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The ride-share company Uber has sued Skokie over new fees, saying they're unfair since most trips that go into the suburb begin or end someplace else.

why the company was suing Skokie and not other Illinois towns with ride-share taxes, which include Chicago, Evanston and Hoffman Estates. Uber has objected strongly to the pro-

posed Chicago fee increase, saying it would hurt riders and drivers, and a favorable ruling on Skokie's tax could potentially affect Chicago.

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## TRICK-OR-SWEET?

From doughnut candy corn to zombie Skittles, candy-makers are trying to tickle trick-or-treaters with twists on classics

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Consumers are increasingly opting for foods that brand themselves as healthy alternatives, but there is little evidence wellness concerns are disrupting the candy-gobbling traditions of Halloween.

Candy manufacturers are doubling down on the classics, as they have for years, with seasonal twists and variety bags that urge prolific consumption of sweets.

Chicago-based Ferrara Candy, whose Brach's brand has 85% of the candy corn market share during Halloween, this year introduced doughnut-flavored Donut Shoppe candy corn at Dollar Tree stores; fruity mermaid-themed candy corn in shapes like sea shells and starfish at Kroger; and pumpkin pie-flavored candy corn at Walgreens.

Mars Wrigley Confectionary, whose global headquarters are in Chicago, turned its playful Skittles brand into a "trick" with Skittles Zombie, which mixes five fruity flavors with one disgusting



FERRARA CANDY

Chicago-based Ferrara Candy has introduced Brach's Donut Shoppe candy corn.

flavor that "tastes just like a rotten zombie." The new product is meant to appeal to millennials and Gen Xers who want an "unexpected twist on old favorites," said TJ Kanaris, head of seasonal marketing.

Hershey, meanwhile, did a nationwide launch of its Reese's Pumpkins stuffed with Reese's Pieces, and introduced pumpkin pie-flavored Kit Kats. Flavors

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# Juul shipped tainted products, lawsuit says

Fired executive describes 'reckless' company culture

BY MATTHEW PERRONE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Juul Labs executive who was fired earlier this year is alleging that the vaping company knowingly shipped 1 million tainted nicotine pods to customers.

The allegation comes in a lawsuit filed Tuesday by lawyers representing Sidhant Breja, a one-time finance executive at the e-cigarette maker. The suit claims that Breja was terminated after opposing company practices, including shipping the contaminated flavored pods and not listing



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Juul faces multiple suits by families of teenagers who say they got hooked on nicotine through the company's vapes.

expiration dates on Juul products.

The lawsuit does not specify the contamination

issue or how it occurred. Lawyers for Breja declined to elaborate on the issue Wednesday.

A Juul spokesman said in a statement that the claims are "baseless" and that Breja was terminated because he failed to "demonstrate the leadership qualities" required for the job.

Juul, the best-selling e-cigarette brand in the U.S., has been besieged by criticism amid an explosion of underage vaping. The company faces multiple investigations by federal and state officials as well as lawsuits by families of teenagers who claim they became hooked on nicotine through the company's vapes.

Breja worked in Juul's global finance department less than 10 months. The lawsuit, filed in the Northern District of California, seeks damages for lost salary, bonuses and Juul stock,

which it values at more than \$10 million.

BuzzFeed News first reported the lawsuit.

Breja describes a "reckless" and "win-at-all costs" culture at Juul, primarily driven by the company's former CEO, Kevin Burns, who was replaced in a management shake-up last month.

In March, Breja says he learned that some batches of nicotine solution used in the company's mint pods had been contaminated. Breja claims that company management shipped roughly 1 million pods affected by the issue and failed to issue a recall or public announcement.

Juul's spokesman rejected Breja's account, saying the company "deter-

mined the product met all applicable specifications."

When Breja protested the decision to ship the pods, the lawsuit alleges, his supervisor at Juul reminded him that "stockholders would lose significant personal wealth should he make his concerns public."

Breja claims he was wrongfully terminated for unrelated reasons the week after raising his concerns. Because he had worked at the company for less than a year, he did not receive company stock that his lawyers claim would be worth "eight figures at its current valuation."

In an earlier conflict with Juul management, Breja says he urged executives to add expiration or "best by" dates to its flavored pods.

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growing category," said Benj Steinman, who runs industry publication Beer Marketer's Insights.

"They have a lot of work to do," he said.

Molson Coors already has several innovations in the "above premium" category pipeline, including a craft lager called Saint Archer Gold, the 95-calorie Blue Moon Light Sky and Coors Peak, a 92-calorie higher-end beer made with organic ingredients.

It is also rolling out a line of wine spritzers called Movo and in select markets is testing an alcoholic cold brew coffee in partnership with La Colombe. It is launching a line of cannabis-infused non-alcoholic beverages in Canada.

Hattersley created a new role, president of emerging growth, to oversee the non-beer and craft investments, one of nearly a dozen leadership changes announced as part of the consolidation. There no longer will be a separate president of the U.S. business as MillerCoors is folded into Molson Coors.

The savings from the changes will allow Molson Coors to "execute big campaigns for our iconic brands without having to sacrifice our efforts to premiumize and modernize our portfolio," Hattersley said.



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Geese take flight from Clear Creek outside the Coors Brewery on Wednesday in Golden, Colorado. Molson Coors plans to close its Denver office, cutting 500 jobs, and move its headquarters to Chicago.

It has already seen some improvement in its stalwart brands. Coors Light, which has been declining for years, recently gained segment share thanks to its "Made to Chill" marketing campaign.

Miller Lite has grown market share in the premium light beer category for the past 20 quarters.

The company announced its revitalization plan as it reported third-quarter earn-

ings that fell short of Wall Street's expectations. Net sales fell 3.2% for the quarter, to \$2.8 billion, driven by volume declines. It reported a loss of \$402.8 million, or \$1.86 a share.

The company's shares closed at \$53 Wednesday, down 3%.

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## Uber

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"Filing a lawsuit against the Village of Skokie sends a clear message to Mayor Lightfoot," said Bryant Greening, co-founder of the law firm Legal-Rideshare, which specializes in Uber and Lyft litigation. "The complaint serves as a warning shot that Uber will not stand by as Chicago attempts to impede its ability to dominate local transportation."

Chicago's ride share proposal would raise as much as \$40 million annually for the cash-strapped city.

On Wednesday, Skokie started charging ride-share companies 15 cents for every shared trip that begins or ends in the suburb, and 35 cents for every solo trip, according to the lawsuit, which Uber said was filed in Cook County Circuit Court. This would be on top of other ride-share fees, so a trip that began in Chicago and ended in Skokie would be taxed twice.

The suit alleges that the Skokie tax violates the Illinois constitution because home rule municipalities cannot impose "occupational, extraterritorial or arbitrary" taxes. The suit claims that the tax is "extraterritorial" because most trips occur at least in part outside of Skokie, and it is "arbitrary" because the suburb provided no data to support its claim that the revenue was needed to offset the increased use of Skokie roads.

"We always look to work constructively with the cities we serve, and suing Skokie was a last resort," said Uber spokeswoman Kelley Quinn in an email. "While we believe Skokie's fees run against well established Illinois law, our hope is that we can work with Springfield on legislation that raises revenue in a way that makes sense for the state and the industry."

The suit contends that more than 85% of Uber trips beginning or ending in Skokie go outside of Skokie. More than 1,500 Uber drivers have Skokie-based home addresses, the suit said.

The suit argues that the Skokie tax ignores the impact other services, such as package couriers, have on roads and infrastructure, and also ignores the fact that Uber may actually reduce overall use of roads, emissions and parking congestion.

The suit said that most states preempt local governments from imposing their own regulations and taxes on Uber and similar businesses. The exceptions to the preemption model are Illinois, Oregon, Nebraska and Minnesota, an Uber spokesperson said.

Skokie has not yet been served with the lawsuit and is declining comment for now, said Ann Tennes, director of marketing and communications for the village.

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## Candy

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and shapes reminiscent of fall tend to be winners, the company said, as do large multibrand assortments containing the tried and true.

"We find people use Halloween to enjoy something they remember receiving as a kid," Hershey spokeswoman Kaylee Duggan said.

A successful Halloween is critical for the candy industry, which has been pressured by the onslaught of better-for-you snacks, backlash against sugar and online shopping habits that are less likely to include impulse buys. The weekend before Halloween is the biggest of the year for candy sales.

The industry last year reported \$4.5 billion in sales for the six weeks leading up to Halloween, up a notch from \$4.4 billion the previous year and \$4.2 billion in 2014, according to the National Confectioners Association. The increase has been driven mostly by spending on pricier premium products, the trade group said.

Five percent of all candy consumed during the year happens on Halloween and the following week, when people eat 2½ times more candy than is typical, according to NPD Group. Most of it is chocolate. Only 8% has a label indicating it's a better-for-you product, a loosely defined term that can mean it is low in salt or sugar, high in fiber or contains added vitamins.

The largest candy companies made a voluntary commitment in 2017 to make half of their individually wrapped candies less than 200 calories by 2022, by reducing portion size or reformulating recipes. People are handing out smaller pack sizes for Halloween, with 85% of Americans who give out candy choosing miniature treats, according to the candy trade association.

For some families, Halloween is the one occasion a year when healthy eating rules are put aside.

"These kids are not eating Apple Jacks the rest of the year, they're not having soft drinks," said Marcia Mogelonsky, director of insight for food and drink at market research firm Mintel. "Sometimes a little bit of indulgence is not a bad thing, and candy can be seen as a permissible indulgence."



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Some of the newer flavors of Halloween candy include pumpkin pie candy corn (the brown candy corn), by Chicago-based Ferrara Candy brand Brach's.

The Halloween aisles are increasingly showcasing noncandy snacks, such as bat-shaped pretzels from Utz and ghost-shaped veggie chips. And some organic, all-natural and allergy-friendly candies appeal to a subset of consumers.

But classic brands like Snickers and Twix still rule the holiday, in more themed shapes and flavors to capture the spooky spirit.

"There's gummy candy that looks like snot, gummy brains, gummy body parts, gummy eyeballs," Mogelonsky said. "The grosser the better."

Restrictions put on trick-or-treating in the name of safety — including limiting it to daytime hours or inside of malls — has made indulging in candy an even more important part of the holiday because some of the other freewheeling joys have been taken away, she said.

Mogelonsky recalls a Crest toothpaste commercial from a few years back that featured a focus group of kids in their Halloween costumes tasting healthy veggie-flavored treats. They revolted — and the message was that Halloween must involve candy.

"Just like we've been told to drink responsibly, this ad was telling us to eat candy responsibly," she said, referring to the company's angle to brush teeth post-candy binge. "It hasn't gone much further than that."

Peter Goldman, vice president of

seasonal and Brach's Confections at Ferrara Candy, said the higher cost of producing better-for-you products is one reason they haven't seen great adoption at Halloween, when people are buying in bulk.

"People may not be willing to make that price-value trade-off yet," he said. "When it comes to 100 people going to your front door they'd rather have the big mixed bag."

At Ferrara, which merged with Nestle's U.S. confectionary business last year under parent company Ferrero, mixed bags present an exciting opportunity to combine candies that haven't been paired before, such as Trolli products with Nestle's SweetTarts and Nerds.

Growing the core brands is key to the holiday, Goldman said. But companies still invest in seasonal innovations to provide excitement for retailers and consumers during the several weeks when candy is given ample shelf space, Goldman said.

Mars Wrigley, for example, brought back its M&M Ghoul's Mix, whose colors appeal to people baking Halloween treats, a practice that has nearly doubled in popularity over the past two years, the company said.

In addition to its doughnut, pumpkin pie and mermaid candy corn twists, Ferrara has launched a new Trolli candy corn that mashes the shape and texture of candy corn with the tangy flavors and colors of

Trolli Sour Brite Crawlers.

Ferrara has found that flavors people associate with fall tend to do well — s'mores and sea salt chocolate candy corn have been successes in the past, he said. Other efforts, like fruit cream candy corn, failed to connect with consumers.

Ferrara, which makes 95% of all candy corn sold annually, sells about \$50 million to \$60 million worth of candy corn during the 12-week Halloween season, amounting to about 7 billion individual pieces. It hopes its new versions add 10% to 20% to its candy corn sales.

The polarizing candy is enjoying a renaissance, according to Jelly Belly, which manufactures candy corn at its North Chicago factory. Candy corn sales are up 20% this fall compared with last year.

Candy corn is the sixth most popular Halloween candy in the U.S., according to bulk online candy seller candystore.com, which mined 12 years of its sales data to come up with a list. Skittles is No. 1.

Tastes vary greatly across the nation. While candy corn is No. 1 in five states, it doesn't crack the top three in Illinois, according to the site's analysis. The most popular Halloween candies in Illinois are Kit Kat, Sour Patch Kids and Snickers, the site found.

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# Avant, sister company 'aggressively hiring'

Online lender needs software engineers; will get more office space

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Chicago-based online lender Avant and its sister company, Amount, are "aggressively hiring" software engineers, and plan to take over another floor of office space in the Loop.

Amount, which launched last year, provides technology to banks, powering their lending activity and running online fraud prevention, among other serv-

ices. The two companies operate under the same holding company, but are exploring a spin off of Amount early next year, said Amount President Adam Hughes.

Amount works with seven banks and that number is growing, Hughes said. The company also offers multiple software products for those banks to use, and therefore needs more engineers to manage the products and roll them out.

"We are aggressively hiring," Hughes said. "The deal flow we're seeing from new banks in the Amount side, our existing bank partners wanting to do more now



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that we have multiple products ... there's more to do there."

Amount has hired 50 software engineers so far this year, doubling the team

to 100 people. Hughes said plans are to hire about five new software engineers a month.

Together, Avant and Amount employ 715 people, 500 of whom are in Chicago. Both companies are headquartered at 222 N. LaSalle St. and occupy floors 17 and 18.

Early next year, the 230 Avant employees will take over the 16th floor in the building, Hughes said. The need for the new 25,000-square-foot office space is "really driven by the growth in technology employees on the Amount side," he said.

"We're trying to be smart in making sure we don't

grow too quickly, but also making sure we can execute on the ambitious goals our bank partners have," Hughes said.

Avant is 7 years old and is one of a handful of Chicago companies that have achieved unicorn status, an industry term for a startup valued at \$1 billion or more.

Avant has not raised a round of capital since 2015, according to venture funding tracker Crunchbase. Amount is considering raising equity capital next year, Hughes said.

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People hold photos of those lost in Ethiopian Airlines and Lion Air crashes listen during a House Transportation Committee hearing with Boeing executives.

## Boeing CEO faces 2nd grilling from Congress over 737 Max

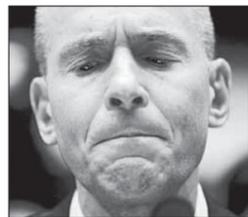
BY DAVID KOENIG Associated Press

Lawmakers blasted Boeing and peppered its CEO on Wednesday with questions about the design and marketing of the 737 Max, the plane involved in two crashes that killed 346 people.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., said Boeing showed a "lack of candor all through this." DeFazio and others on the panel highlighted Boeing's failure to tell pilots about a new flight-control system until after a Max crashed a year ago in Indonesia, and the recent disclosure that a company test pilot raised alarms about the system in 2016.

DeFazio and Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., also hammered CEO Dennis Muilenburg over his compensation, which rose last year to \$23.4 million, including more than \$13 million in extra incentive pay, according to a regulatory filing.

Muilenburg explained changes Boeing is making in the Max and other steps it is taking to improve safety. He conceded that the company "made some mistakes" in designing the flight system called MCAS, which pushed down the nose of



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Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg testifies.

the planes before crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia.

"We are learning, we still have more to learn. We have to work to do to restore the public's trust," Muilenburg said.

Some members of the panel defended Boeing and the Federal Aviation Administration, which certified the plane.

The committee's top Republican, Sam Graves of Missouri, said he wasn't absolving Boeing of mistakes but suggested that foreign pilots were partly to blame.

Graves noted the safety record of U.S. commercial airlines — no fatal crashes since 2009 — and a preliminary report on the second Max crash, which revealed that the Ethiopian Airlines pilots were flying so fast it might have hindered their ability to overcome an MCAS malfunction.

"I guess we're going to have to start building airplanes to the lowest common denominator if we're going to export" planes, Graves said.

The Transportation Committee has been investigating Boeing and the FAA for months, securing about 500,000 pages of documents, some of which they displayed at the hearing.

The committee learned of a manager who said assembly-line workers were being pushed too hard to churn out 52 of the 737s a month in 2018, and he urged that production be stopped. He said he was hesitant to put his own family on a Boeing plane.

Muilenburg said the manager, who has since retired, "raised some good concerns" that the company has addressed. However, Boeing didn't reduce the production rate until this April, when the grounding of the Max halted deliveries of new Max jets.

Muilenburg's appearance before the House panel came a day after he testified to a Senate committee. He was criticized by senators over several issues.

Boeing has been spending months revising MCAS, tying it to an additional sensor at all times and making it less powerful.

## Fed signals pause after it trims key interest rate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate Wednesday for the third time this year to try to sustain the economic expansion in the face of global threats. But it indicated it won't cut again in the coming months unless the economic outlook worsens.

The Fed's move reduces the short-term rate it controls — which influences many consumer and business loans — to a range of 1.5% to 1.75%.

A statement the Fed released after its latest policy meeting removed a key phrase that it has used since June to indicate a future rate cut is likely. And Chairman Jerome Powell suggested the Fed will now pause unless the economic picture darkens. "If developments emerge that would cause a material reset of our outlook," he said, "we will respond appropriately."

The phrase the Fed dropped from its policy statement had said it would "act as appropriate to sus-



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell focuses on the rate cut at a news conference Wednesday in Washington.

tain the expansion." This was its signal that it expected to continue easing credit to aid the economy. In its new statement, the Fed said it will review the latest economic data as "it assesses the appropriate path" for its benchmark interest rate.

The statement noted job gains have been solid and pointed to strength in consumer spending. But it also pointed out business investment and exports "remain weak."

Meanwhile, the U.S.

economy slowed to a growth rate of 1.9% in the summer as consumer spending downshifted and businesses continued to trim investments in response to trade war uncertainty and a weakening global economy. The Commerce Department reported the July-September performance for the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, was just below the 2% rate of growth in the second quarter.

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#### Cashing a CD in early? Here's what you need to know

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When you open a new CD, the bank or credit union will stipulate its early withdrawal penalty terms. In other words, these rules are set at the time you open the CD, not current bank policy at the time you withdraw.

This points out how important it is to read the fine print before deciding on a new CD. While many institutions fall within a normal range of penalties, some impose exceptionally stiff penalties, while others have surprisingly mild policies. Identifying this information is important pre-commitment homework.

But what if you've already opened your certificate, and now find you need the cash? The first step is to look up the terms you received when you opened the CD, and then call the institution to confirm your specific penalty calculation.

If the penalty is a flat number of months' earned interest, it won't really matter when you initiate the withdrawal. But with policies that penalize you more or less depending on how close you are to maturity, you may want to consider your best withdrawal timing. Some banks also allow a partial withdrawal, which can help minimize the penalty.

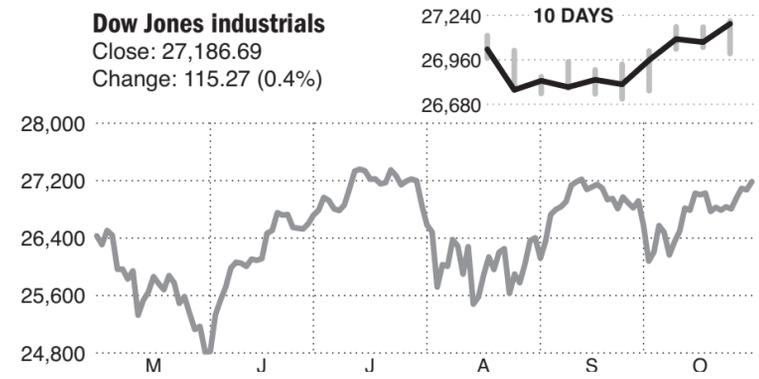
Once you know your penalty amount, you can also compare it to the expense of any other alternatives you might have for securing cash. For instance, if your cash flow need is short term, tapping a home equity line of credit may cost you less than the CD penalty.

In any case, be sure to talk with the institution to fully understand your penalty calculation before making a withdrawal decision.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 27,204.36 Low: 26,999.64 Previous: 27,071.42



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
<b>+27.12</b> (+.33%)	<b>+9.88</b> (+.33%)	<b>-4.22</b> (-.27%)
Close: 8,303.97	Close: 3,046.77	Close: 1,572.85
High: 8,315.50	High: 3,050.10	High: 1,575.61
Low: 8,242.97	Low: 3,025.96	Low: 1,562.05
Previous: 8,276.85	Previous: 3,036.89	Previous: 1,577.07

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
<b>-0.04</b> to 1.79%	<b>+5.80</b> to \$1,493.20	<b>+16</b> to 108.97/\$1	<b>-0.0013</b> to .8988/\$1	<b>-48</b> to \$55.06

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
+1.31	+2.27	+1.41	+4.25	+6.66	+5.51	+8.25	+13.66	+12.35

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	511.25	514	507	509.25	-2.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	385.75	391.25	385.25	390.75	+4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 19	917.75	921.50	915.25	916	-2.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	31.05	31.32	30.90	30.98	-0.02
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	303.00	304.10	302.00	302.20	-0.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Dec 19	55.53	55.73	54.42	55.06	-0.48
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 19	2.628	2.723	2.616	2.691	+0.052
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Nov 19	1.6911	1.7058	1.6521	1.6645	-0.0212

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	84.01	+5.56	Envestnet Inc	N	62.46	+1.34	McDonalds Corp	N	196.89	+4.27
AbbVie Inc	N	79.66	+1.19	Equity Commonwith	N	32.00	+2.3	Middleby Corp	O	121.15	+1.8
Allstate Corp	N	104.95	-3.27	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	69.15	+3.2	Mondelz Intl	O	52.03	-0.80
Aptargroup Inc	N	119.25	+7.74	Equity Residential	N	88.85	+1.28	Morningstar Inc	O	157.96	+4.79
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.53	-0.98	Exelon Corp	O	46.65	+0.80	Motorola Solutions	N	165.36	+6.1
Baxter Intl	N	76.88	-0.98	First Indl RT	N	42.20	+0.50	NiSource Inc	O	27.51	+4.0
Boeing Co	N	346.06	-2.87	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	60.87	+1.4	Nthn Trust Cp	O	101.03	-1.32
Brunswick Corp	N	59.02	-0.49	Gallagher AJ	N	91.27	+1.33	Old Republic	N	22.43	-0.02
CB&E Global Markets	N	116.64	+2.80	Grainger WW	N	310.38	-2.56	Packaging Corp Am	N	110.43	-1.15
CDK Global Inc	O	50.09	+0.7	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.83	+2.58	Paylocity Hldg	O	103.76	+0.90
CDW Corp	O	127.38	+1.20	IAA Inc	N	38.41	+4.7	RLI Corp	N	97.23	-0.7
CF Industries	N	47.04	+1.7	IDEX Corp	N	156.24	-6.04	Stericycle Inc	O	53.49	+0.05
CME Group	O	204.97	+3.97	ITW	N	170.21	-2.22	TransUnion	N	81.91	+1.4
CNA Financial	N	44.61	-1.1	Ingredion Inc	N	79.15	-2.20	US Foods Holding	N	39.86	-3.6
Cabot Microelect	O	153.37	-3.82	John Bean Technol	N	104.88	-2.79	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	240.25	-1.86
Caterpillar Inc	N	140.34	-0.99	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	148.65	+3.8	United Airlines Hldg	O	91.67	+6.4
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.79	+0.30	Kemper Corp	N	72.18	-2.64	Ventas Inc	N	64.90	+9.8
Deere Co	N	173.82	-0.29	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.50	+3.6	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	55.86	-4.1
Discover Fin Svcs	N	81.15	-0.77	LKQ Corporation	O	31.48	-1.3	Waltrust Financial	O	65.59	-7.6
Dover Corp	N	103.94	-1.10	Littelfuse Inc	O	174.27	-14.73	Zebra Tech	O	238.87	+1.23

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	10.11	+1.04
PG&E Corp	6.14	+1.11
Nokia Corp	31.62	+1.10
Bank of America	14.98	+0.45
Fiat Chrysler Auto	14.98	+0.75
Chesapk Engy	1.40	-0.07
AT&T Inc	38.20	+1.14
Fitbit Inc	5.86	-0.19
Ford Motor	8.54	-1.0
GrubHub Inc	34.00	+0.89
Twitter Inc	29.86	+0.1
Petrobras	16.24	+2.0
Itau Unibanco Hldg	9.18	+0.06
Bco Santander SA	4.09	-0.14
EnCana Corp	4.17	-0.16
Antero Resources	2.70	-0.14
Transocean Ltd	4.89	-0.22
NY Cmty Bcp	11.84	-1.85
Pfizer Inc	38.48	+0.27
Freeport McMoRan	10.13	-1.0
Sthwstn Energy	2.10	-0.13
Deutsche Bank AG	7.36	-0.62
Snap Inc A	14.86	+2.2
Nabors Inds	1.89	+1.0

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.20	+1.14
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.53	+0.64
Alphabet Inc C	1261.29	-1.33
Alphabet Inc A	1260.70	+0.4
Amazon.com Inc	1779.99	+17.28
Apple Inc	243.26	-0.73
Bank of America	31.62	-0.45
Berkshire Hath B	213.25	+2.4
Exxon Mobil Corp	67.72	-1.72
Facebook Inc	188.25	-1.06
HSBC Holdings prA	26.37	+0.2
JPMorgan Chase	125.73	-0.70
Johnson & Johnson	132.84	+3.72
MasterCard Inc	277.15	+2.86
Microsoft Corp	144.61	+1.78
Procter & Gamble	124.94	+1.34
Taiwan Semicon	51.91	+4.4
Visa Inc	179.25	+1.62
WalMart Strs	118.10	+0.95

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.43	+1.4	+11.6
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	28.12	+0.8	+12.1
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	49.84	+1.5	+14.6
American Funds CptIncBlldrA m	62.02	+1.5	+10.9
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	61.12	+2.1	+13.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.05	+2.8	+14.1
American Funds InvCamrcA m	23.14	+0.7	+12.0
American Funds InvCamrcA m	38.68	+1.1	+9.5
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	45.85	+2.4	+18.5
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	47.27	+1.4	+14.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.12	+0.3	+10.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.63	-0.22	+9.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	192.03	-0.39	+8.3
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.74	+0.3	+7.5
Fidelity 500dXlnsPrm	105.97	+3.3	+15.9
Fidelity Contrafund	13.27	+1.0	+15.5
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.58	+0.3	+11.1
Fidelity TlMktIdXlnsPrm	86.47	+2.2	+15.1
Fidelity US500dXlnsPrm	11.94	+0.3	+10.8
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	-0.1	+8.7
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.02	+0.2	+10.9
PIMCO Inc12	11.95	...	+6.6
PIMCO Inc1stl	11.95	...	+6.7
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.46	+0.3	+9.9
Schwab SP500dX	47.31	+1.3	+15.9
T. Rowe Price BCGr	116.80	+8.0	+17.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.58	+4.5	+17.3
Vanguard 500dXAdmrl	281.47	+8.0	+15.9
Vanguard BalldXAdmrl	38.05	+1.1	+13.8
Vanguard DivGrnv	30.33	+1.9	+20.2
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	77.68	+0.6	+13.8
Vanguard GrldXAdmrl	87.96	+4.6	+20.0
Vanguard HCAdmrl	86.73	+6.3	+9.3
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Vanguard InslDxlns	276.00	+7.8	+15.9
Vanguard InslDxlnsPlus	276.02	+7.8	+15.9
Vanguard InstSMlInPls	65.45	+1.6	+15.1
Vanguard MDCpldXAdmrl	211.14	+3.0	+14.4
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	144.29	+6.7	+13.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.73	+0.1	+6.1
Vanguard SmCpldXAdmrl	75.52	-0.7	+0.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.68	+0.9	+12.2
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Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.07	+0.7	+13.4
Vanguard TtBMDXAdmrl	11.08	+0.4	+11.0
Vanguard TtBMDXlns	11.08	+0.4	+11.0
Vanguard TtInBdXAdmrl	23.30	+0.4	+10.0
Vanguard TtInBdXlns	34.96	+0.5	+10.0
Vanguard TtInBdXlnv	11.65	+0.1	+9.9
Vanguard TtInSdXAdmrl	28.75	+1.1	+12.7
Vanguard TtInSdXlns	114.98	+4.1	+12.7
Vanguard TtInSdXlnsPlus	114.98	+4.0	+12.7
Vanguard TtInSdXlnv	17.18	+0.6	+12.6
Vanguard TtSMldXAdmrl	75.32	+1.8	+15.1
Vanguard TtSMldXlns	75.34	+1.9	+15.1
Vanguard TtSMldXlnv	75.29	+1.8	+14.9
Vanguard WldsmAdmrl	74.25	+2.9	+15.2
Vanguard WldsmAdmrl	66.10	+1.9	+13.6
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	66.32	+1.3	+12.2

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Israel (Shekel)	3.5286
Japan (Yen)	108.97
Mexico (Peso)	19.1406
Poland (Zloty)	3.83
So. Korea (Won)	1168.61
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.44
Thailand (Baht)	30.23

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2939.32	-14.9/-5
Stoxx600	398.70	+3/+1
Nikkei	22843.12	-131.0/-6
MSCI-EAFE	1952.84	+6.4/+3
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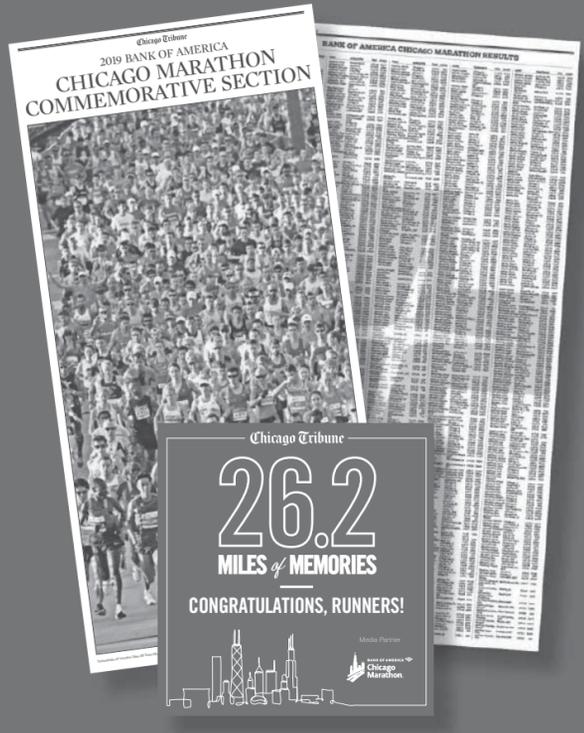
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## OBITUARIES

RAY JENKINS 1930-2019

## Pulitzer Prize winner had 'ringside seat' to history

BY HARRISON SMITH  
The Washington Post

During 40 years in journalism, Ray Jenkins helped his Georgia newspaper win the Pulitzer Prize for public service, met privately with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., profiled Alabama Gov. George Wallace as a contributor to the New York Times and spent a decade editing the editorial pages of the Baltimore Evening Sun.

Jenkins, who also worked for two years as the No. 2 press official in the Carter White House, would come to say he had a "ringside seat to the history of our times." But "the most significant story I ever wrote," he said after announcing his retirement in 1991, "was a routine story I wrote in 15 minutes and that didn't even carry a byline."

The article ran April 5, 1960, on Page 9 of the Alabama Journal — the afternoon counterpart of the Montgomery Advertiser — and detailed a recent full-page advertisement in the Times in which "60 prominent liberals" appealed for legal defense contributions for King.

He was 89 when he died Oct. 24 at his home in Baltimore. The cause was complications from congestive heart failure, said his wife, Bettina Jenkins.

A tall, courtly Southerner, Carrell Ray Jenkins was born in Sylvester, Georgia, on Sept. 25, 1930. His mother was a homemaker, and his father sold tractors for International Harvester while growing cotton, corn and tobacco on the family farm.

He became the first in his family to graduate from college, receiving a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia in 1951, and joined Georgia's Columbus Ledger newspaper that same year.

Jenkins was beaten while covering a 1952 municipal election. Two years later he found himself in the middle of one of the country's hottest stories, when Albert Patterson, the Democratic nominee for Alabama attorney general, was assassinated in Phenix City after promising to crack down on corruption.

The state government brought in the National Guard, and 144 people were prosecuted in connection with the city's politically connected underworld. More than 80 were convicted or pleaded guilty.



MARK C. JENKINS/AP

Ray Jenkins, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who worked as a special assistant for press affairs in President Jimmy Carter's administration, died Oct. 24 at 89.

And in a twist of fate that inspired a Hollywood film, "The Phenix City Story," Patterson's son, John, was elected attorney general in his place and later became governor.

Jenkins covered the story alongside Ledger colleagues such as Tom Sellers and editor Robert Brown, who wrote front-page editorials. In 1955, the Ledger and its Sunday edition, the Ledger-Enquirer, were awarded the Pulitzer for public service, a top honor in American journalism that is given to a publication rather than to individual reporters.

Jenkins was only 24 when the Pulitzer was awarded. He went on to write about the black community in Columbus, which was generally ignored by the newspaper, before being named city editor of the Alabama Journal in 1959. Within a year, he would write his 12-inch story on the King ad, which he spotted while eating a bologna sandwich, examining a tattered copy of the New York Times that had been passed among the Journal's editors.

His article prompted an outraged editorial from the Montgomery Advertiser, which pounced on the inaccuracies in the ad to call for the Times and the advertisement's backers to determine whether their names were "married to a slanderous lie." Soon after, Montgomery police commissioner L.B. Sullivan demanded a retraction and sued the Times, alleging libel.

Other politicians sued as well, and the case landed in the Supreme Court, which ruled unanimously for the Times and restricted public officials' ability to sue for

defamation, establishing the standard of "actual malice."

Jenkins, meanwhile, rose to become the Journal's managing editor and then editorial-page editor, a position that he also held at the morning Advertiser before being named executive editor of both newspapers in 1978.

He edited a Pulitzer-winning 1970 series by Harold Eugene Martin about the use of Alabama prisoners for pharmaceutical experiments and once estimated that he cost the Advertiser and Journal \$500,000 in revenue for running liberal editorials opposing Wallace, the segregationist Alabama governor.

"I don't want to sound pretentious, but the editorial page ought to be the repository of the conscience of the community," Jenkins later told the Evening Sun.

He joined the newspaper in 1981, after working in the Carter administration as a special assistant for press affairs — a position that later led him to joke, "The White House is a good place to have been, not to be." Under Jenkins, the editorial and op-ed pages of the Evening Sun "improved dramatically," Publisher Michael Davies said in 1991, when Jenkins announced his retirement. The Evening Sun, an afternoon sister paper of the Baltimore Sun, folded three years later.

In retirement, Jenkins wrote occasional op-eds and a book, "Blind Vengeance" (1995), on the 1989 bombing campaign of Walter Leroy Moody Jr., who killed federal judge Robert Vance and civil rights lawyer Robert Robinson. (Moody was sentenced to death and executed last year at 83.)

Jenkins' account of the bombings drew on a legal training he pursued in the years after covering the Phenix City trials, taking night classes at the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, now part of Faulkner University in Montgomery. He received a law degree in 1977 and was also a Nieman journalism fellow at Harvard University. In 1985, he won the Scripps Howard Foundation's Ernie Pyle Award for human-interest reporting.

In addition to his wife of 63 years, the former Bettina Cirsoviuse, survivors include three children, Sam Jenkins, Mark Jenkins and Nancy Jenkins-Chafin; and four grandchildren.

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## Death Notices

## Carbone, Gary R.

Gary R. Carbone, age 62, passed away suddenly on October 28, 2019. Gary was the beloved husband of Martha, nee McGurn, for 38 wonderful years; loving father of Tony (Sandra), Jaclyn (Michael) LaFlamboy, Joseph (Brianna) and Julie (Justin) Schultz; dearest son of the late J. Dolores and Michael Carbone, Sr.; cherished grandfather of Tyler, Natalie, Mackenzie, Charlie, Mia, Isla, Gio and Brody; dear brother of Gayle (John) Heath and the late Michael (Nancy) Carbone; close friend and business partner of Shawn and Liz Minogue; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Gary was the owner of G&S Truck repair. Visitation Friday, November 1, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to St. Bartholomew Church in Chicago for a Mass at 11:00 a.m. The interment will be private. For more information www.cumberlandchapels.com or (708)456-8300.



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## Ciezkowski, Elizabeth A. "Ela"

Elizabeth "Ela" A. Ciezkowski "Zbyszewski" nee Stzernal, age 82; loving mom of Margaret (Joseph) Stojak, Renee (David) Rogers, Paul (Bryn) Zbyszewski, and Joanna (Jorge) Gaytan; dearest grandmother of Tina, Nina, Richie, Haley, Maggie, Ellen, Michael, and Wrigley; cherished sister of Martha (Ron) Golubiec, and Eva (the late Les) Filipowicz; fond aunt of many. Friends and family will gather on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the St. John Brebeuf Church, 8301 N. Harlem Ave., Niles for 12:30 PM Mass. In lieu of flowers memorials to Polish Scouting Organization: Dom Harcerski, 6434 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago IL 60634 will be appreciated. Funeral arrangements by **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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## Colucci, Phil J.

Phil J. Colucci, age 71. Beloved husband of the late Leslie J. Loving father of Paul (Jessica), Lisa (Jimmy) Loerzel, John, Alison, Philip and Michael. #1 Grandpa of Joey, Ava, Ethan and Cooper. Caring brother of Bob (Stash) and Mary Ann (Santi) Campanella. Visitation Friday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at **PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS** 6938 W. North Ave. Family and friends gathering Saturday at funeral home from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. then proceed to Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Info 773.637.4441 or www.petersonbassifuneralhome.com

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## Conlin, Shirley

Shirley A. Conlin, nee Betts, 87, passed away on October 25, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Stanley R. Conlin. Loving father of Richard (Linda) and Barbara (Richard) Ryan. Dearest grandmother of Shannon and Andrea Ryan. Great Grandmother of Madison, Jacob, Austin, and Abie. Visitation, 10 AM, Friday, November 1, 2019, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 1104 Waukegan Road, Glenview, until time of the Funeral Service at 11 AM. Interment private at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, LaSalle, IL. Funeral Info 847-901-4012

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## Dimpfl, Joyce A.

Joyce A. Dimpfl, born June 21st 1943, passed away October 18th 2019. Daughter of the late John and Evelyn; beloved sister of Robert and Alice, Jeanette and Howard Shapiro, and the late Mary D. Dimpfl; aunt to Mike and Mary, Beth and Larry, Laurie and Dennis, Tom and Kari, Connie and Allen, and Bill. Great-aunt to many nieces and nephews. Former resident of Kankakee and Elmhurst, Illinois, most recently resided at Providence Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Downers Grove, Illinois. Graveside service will be Saturday, Nov 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, 17 W 201 Roosevelt Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. For info: **Steuerele Funeral Home** 630-832-4161

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## Dolan, Sarah A.

Beloved sister of Peter (the late Rosaleen), Michael (May), Ellen, Harriet (Michael) Fanning, Elizabeth (Patrick) Tierney, Anthony and the late William (May), the late Simon (Elizabeth) and the late John. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and dear friends. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, prayers at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home going to St. Mary's Church in Des Plaines for Mass at 11 a.m. Interment private. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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## Dugan, Michael John

Michael John Dugan, age 76, CPA and founder of Dugan & Lopatka CPAs; beloved husband of 54 years to Gail Dugan; loving father of Jon Michael (Becky Lomax) Dugan and Rebecca Kathleen (Bryan) Knight; proud grandfather of Mason Alexander Knight, Norah Olivia Knight and Margot Gale Dugan; brother, Timothy (Joyce) Dugan and sister, Susan Bingham; nieces Shannon (Jeff) Swift, Melissa (Chris) Adams and nephew Alex (Franky) Bingham. Memorial visitation Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 to 11 at Wheaton Bible Church, 27W500 North Ave., West Chicago, IL with a service at 11:00 a.m. Information and guest book at [hultgrenfh.com](http://hultgrenfh.com) or Hultgren Funeral Home 630-668-0027.



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## ON OCTOBER 31 ...

**In 1517** Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

**In 1864** Nevada became the 36th state.

**In 1926** magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix; he was 52.

**In 1941** the U.S. Navy destroyer Reuben James was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Iceland with the loss of 115 lives, even though

the United States had not yet entered World War II.

**In 1955** Britain's Princess Margaret ended weeks of speculation by announcing she would not marry Royal Air Force Capt. Peter Townsend.

**In 1968** President Lyndon Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

**In 1983** Bears founder and owner George Halas died in Chicago; he was 88.

**In 1984** Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards.

**In 1994** an American Eagle turboprop commuter plane en route from Indianapolis to O'Hare International Airport crashed in a rainstorm south of Roselawn, Ind., killing 64 passengers and four crew members.

**In 1996**, in Pontiac, Mich., Dr. Jack Kevorkian was charged with assisting three suicides since June 1996. (He was later acquitted.)

**In 1999** EgyptAir Flight 990, bound from New York to Cairo, crashed off the Massachusetts coast, killing all 217 people aboard.

**In 2001** New York hospital worker Kathy Nguyen died of inhalation anthrax, the fourth person to perish in a spreading wave of bioterrorism. **Also in 2001** former Symbionese Liberation Army fugitive Sara Jane Olson pleaded guilty in Los Angeles to the attempted murder of police officers. (She was released on parol in March 2009 after serving seven years of a 13-year prison sentence).

**In 2005** President George W. Bush nominated Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court.

**In 2013** the Federal Aviation Administration cleared the way for passengers to use most portable electronics on takeoffs and landings.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Oct. 30  
Powerball ..... 19 22 52 56 67 21  
Powerball jackpot: \$140M  
Lotto jackpot: \$9.5M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 122 / 0  
Pick 4 midday ..... 4996 / 8  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... 04 28 31 34 41  
Pick 3 evening ..... 739 / 7  
Pick 4 evening ..... 9416 / 4  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... 05 21 24 41 45  
Nov. 1 Mega Millions: \$118M

**WISCONSIN**  
Oct. 30  
Megabucks ..... 11 29 31 36 43 46  
Pick 3 ..... 524  
Pick 4 ..... 2553  
Badger 5 ..... 03 20 25 26 29  
SuperCash ..... 01 06 10 12 16 20

**INDIANA**  
Oct. 30  
Lotto ..... 02 14 16 38 39 43  
Daily 3 midday ..... 070 / 5  
Daily 4 midday ..... 4717 / 5  
Daily 3 evening ..... 700 / 5  
Daily 4 evening ..... 6099 / 5  
Cash 5 ..... 09 14 22 24 37

**MICHIGAN**  
Oct. 30  
Lotto ..... 02 13 18 20 27 31  
Daily 3 midday ..... 280  
Daily 4 midday ..... 8890  
Daily 3 evening ..... 914  
Daily 4 evening ..... 4717  
Fantasy 5 ..... 12 20 21 25 26  
Keno ..... 05 08 14 15 18 20  
22 23 26 27 28 31 32 34  
40 45 50 52 56 59 60 73

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## Englehart, Kaitlin

Kaitlin K. Englehart age 32, beloved daughter of Christopher and Kristen; loving sister of Dallas (Ashley); cherished aunt of Riley, Sapphire and Logan; dear granddaughter of Lois Christoffersen; friend to many. Visitation Friday, from 4 to 9 P.M. Funeral Service, Saturday, 11 A.M. at **Lawrence Funeral Home** 4800 N. Austin Ave. Chicago. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For info www.lawrencefh.com or (773) 736-2300.



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## Gallios, Van A.

Van A. Gallios, beloved husband of Constance, nee Tressa; loving father of Harry (Sue), Andrew (Kerry), and Georganne (José) Lopez; dear brother of Betty (the late Robert) Sefer, the late Helen (the late George) Mavrelis, the late Peter (the late Sue), the late Mary (the late James) Bliss, the late Nick (Friedl), the late James (the late Alice), and the late John (Angela); fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Grandfather to 7 loving grandchildren Evangelina, Jack and James Gallios, Brynn and Elijah Beaver, and Julia and Melinda Lopez; beloved son of the late Aristides and Georgia Gallios. Visitation Friday, November 1, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 10:00 a.m. at Transfiguration Chapel at Elmwood Cemetery, 2905 Thatcher Ave., River Grove. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Please Omnit Flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Gerhard, Rosemary

nee Horist, Cherished daughter of the late John and Mary Horist; Devoted wife of the late Dr. Rinert Gerhard; Loving mother of the late Dr. Glenn, Dr. James (Shelley), and Marianne (Terry) McKeown; Dear sister of the late John (Margie) Horist, late Hilda Radeck, Joseph (Barb) Horist, and the late Daniel Zwissig; Proud grandmother of Kevin, Brian, and Katie McKeown; and Angela (Dan) Ward; Great-grandmother of Brayden and Olivia Ward; Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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## Gudyka, Louis C.

Louis C. Gudyka. Beloved husband of the late Charmaine nee Tanner. Loving father of David (Patty) Gudyka, Beverly (the late Roger) Peart & the late Nancy (Ronald) Wintercorn. Cherished grandfather of Bryan, Cassy, Teri, Daniel, Jackie, Robert & Zachary. Proud great grandfather of many. Fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Saturday 8:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., to St. Linus Church for Mass at 9:30 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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## Hoffberg, Jerome "Bud"

After almost 104 years of high energy and spirit Bud Hoffberg has passed from this world. Each segment of his life was embraced and, in his twilight, he often said, "I've had a wonderful life – no regrets!"

Following graduation from St. John's Military Academy in 1933, he attended the University of Illinois. He then joined his parents at Petra Manufacturing Company. During WWII he entered the service as a private and rose to captain after two tours overseas. While in England he was in logistics and later in France he commanded a headquarters company and prisoner of war camps. Upon his return to business and always open to innovation he came across a thick, gummy substance called vinyl plastic and after several years of development it became the material used in many products all over the world. Petra Manufacturing Company is the world's oldest fabricator of PVC. He introduced Velcro, a Swiss product, into the United States. There were other original and creative products introduced during his 50 years with Petra, 25 as President and CEO. Bud will be remembered as an entrepreneur, sportsman and philanthropist with an incredible sense of humor and an amazing outlook on life. Most important was his commitment to his family, friends and children. He is predeceased by his wife Betty, nee Stubbs and survived by his children, Norman and Ronna (Dana Mikstaj) Hoffberg. A private family interment will be held at Westlawn Cemetery on Friday. A Celebration of Life will be take place on Sunday 3PM at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniels, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers please consider the Three Crowns Foundation, www.3c.org. For visitation information, please contact **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Buffalo Grove, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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## Hopper, Linda Lee

Linda Lee Hopper, nee Lingenfelter, 82, of Lake Forest, IL, beloved wife for 40 years of the late Donald Earl (1995), loving mother of Leigh Ann (Peter) King of Winnetka, IL and Amy (Sam) Levin of Deerfield, IL; adored grandmother of Paul, Thomas, Adam, Josh, and Rachel; cherished sister of Diane Cash and Frances Ingram; dear sister-in-law of the late Thomas (Pam) Hopper; treasured aunt and friend of many. Funeral service 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2nd at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave., Lake Forest, IL, followed by burial at Lake Forest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. For condolence information, please contact **Wenban Funeral Home**, (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com.

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## HOYT, ELAINE ANNE

Elaine Anne Hoyt, 77, of The LaGrange Highlands. Proud Navy Veteran and member of the Robert E. Coulter American Legion Post #1941 and the American Legion Auxiliary. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Loving mother of Jack "Matt" and Charles. Devoted sister of Karen Anderson, Joanne (late Tom) Froggatt and Joe (Deanna) Tomek. Dear aunt and great-aunt of many. Visitation 3 to 9pm Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Will lie in state from 9:30am until Funeral Service 10:30am Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 at Grace Lutheran Church, 212 S. Nolton Ave., Willow Springs, IL 60480. Interment Lyonsville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Grace Lutheran Church (address above) appreciated. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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## Hughes, Matthew Harrington

Loving son, brother, nephew, cousin, godfather and so much more, passed away on October 23, 2019, at the age of 33. He had been living in The Woodlands, Texas. Matt will be remembered for his wit, intelligence, his beautiful heart, and his love for his family and friends. When Matt walked into a room, he brightened it and made everyone smile, and he will always be remembered that way. He was an amazing athlete, talented artist, and a top salesman at his company. Matt is survived by his mother and father, Kevin and Eileen Hughes, his two sisters, Annie (Tommy) Doherty and Molly Hughes, his two brothers Ryan and Kyle Hughes, and godson Tony Dodaro. Visitation will be held Friday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home**, located at 625 W. Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Visitation will continue on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 10:45 a.m. at Mt. Olive Church, located at 3850 N. Tripp in Chicago. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, PLEASE DONATE TO TIMOTHY'S MINISTRY IN MATTHEW HUGHES' NAME AT HTTPS://WWW.TIMOTHYSMINISTRY.ORG/DONATIONS.PHP. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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## Jahrke, W. Joseph

80 years old. Loving son of the late Ernie and the late Ella Jahrke; nephew to the best cookie maker Hilda Kroepel; devoted and caring husband of 55 years to Ginia Rose; a special brother in law to Paula (Tony), Joan (Al), and Arlene (Ken); fun and adventurous uncle with a terrific sense of humor to Tracey (Mark), Steven (Andrea) and Michael; sweet great uncle to Skya, Sola, Selah, Revel, Quinn, and Archer. Born and raised in Chicago, Joseph met Ginia at Gamma Delta. Sparks ignited and their relationship began with Joe taking Ginia back to the college in his new car. Joseph received his Bachelor's and Masters Degrees from IIT, as well as a Masters degree from the Art Institute of Chicago. Joe and Ginia dated throughout Ginia's senior year of college. When Ginia took a trip with her college roommate to San Francisco, Joe followed and surprised her, thus their wedding song "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." They attended many Tony Bennet concerts at Ravinia just to hear him sing their song. Joe loved music and would sing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to his Ginia Rose. He worked as a CTA designer of trains, taught art, design and photography at Oak Park River Forest High School, Lane Tech High School, Lindbloom High School, and North Park University. He also worked as a docent at Lincoln Park Zoo, displayed his original work at numerous art shows, and was awarded Teacher of the Year the year before he retired. His hobbies included designing lush gardens, photography, animals; especially Olga the Walrus. He was a lover of chocolate, and an artist who created drawings, sculptures, and paintings. He was an upstanding Christian with a kind and gentle soul. He was a Papa to 15 cats over the years. Joseph was a very honorable man. He loved to visit the Indiana sand dunes, Lincoln Park and Brookfield Zoos, Morton Arboretum, Shakespeare Theatre, and Chicago Botanic Garden. Visitation will be held Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago. Funeral Friday, lying in state from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church located at 3938 W. Belle Plaine Ave. in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to Irving Park Lutheran Church are appreciated. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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## Jones, Sidney A.D. 'Alex'

Age 18 passed away Tuesday October 22, 2019 in San Diego, CA. Sidney graduated from Hoffman Estates High School in May of 2019, before enlisting in the US Marines Corp. graduating from S.D.M.C. boot camp September 13, 2019. He is survived by his loving mother

Brandy (Alan) Altschul; sisters Crystal Juliano and August Anderson; maternal grandparents Wanda Juliano and Rodger Juliano; niece Aubrie Juliano; uncles James (Lisa) and Thomas Lovelace also many loving cousins and other relatives. Preceded in death by an uncle Terry Lovelace. Visitation Sunday November 3, 2019 from 3 to 8 pm at Goodale Memorial Chapel, 912 S. Hamilton St., Lockport, IL. Funeral Monday November 4, 2019, 12 noon at the funeral home chapel. Interment with full Military Honors to follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. Sidney dedicated his life to helping others, he was an avid history buff and a loyal Miami Dolphins fan, he also loved animals, per his families wishes, in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Will County Humane Society (www.willcountyhumane.com) preferred. (www.anderson-goodale.com) (815) 838-1533

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## Kavoosi, Jehan G.

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Jehan Gir Kavoosi, 81, on October 28, 2019, in his home in Wilmette, Illinois. His adored wife of 51 years, Mary Clair Kavoosi (nee McCaffrey) was by his side along with other family members. Jehan was a loving and dedicated father to his daughters, Michelle (Eric Prezant) Kavoosi, Hope (Tanuj Chatterjee) Kavoosi, and Andrea (David McHugh) Kavoosi. He was the beloved grandfather of Ava and Joe Prezant, Ella and Miles Chatterjee, and Zia and Renzo McHugh. He is also survived and deeply missed by his siblings, Mahin, Parviz and Max and many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and friends.

Jehan was born May 12, 1938, in Mashad, Iran. He immigrated to the United States in 1964, and became a U.S. citizen in 1972. He earned several degrees and spent most of his adult life as an Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Jehan was known for his generous heart, open-mindedness and giving nature. He persistently went above and beyond for family, extended family and anyone who needed a hand. He enjoyed swimming, construction and was an accomplished artist. He won several awards for his watercolor paintings and gifted many works. In his later years, he valiantly fought back Parkinson's disease, keeping as active as possible, remaining optimistic and smiling and laughing with and for his grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Friday, November 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m. with a Celebration of Life at 7:00 p.m., **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (Michael J. Fox Foundation Jehan G. Kavoosi Tribute Page) Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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## Keane, Martin J.

Martin J. Keane age 85, Dear husband of Kathleen, nee Purtle; Loving father of Martin D. (Anne), Terese (David) Audino, Kevin J. Keane, and Brian J. (Ana) Keane; Cherished grandfather of Marty and Grace Keane and Mariano and Claudia Audino; Caring brother of John (Marji) and the late Helen (late Ron) Guest; Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 10:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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## Kelly, William J.

William J. Kelly; Age 72; Loving husband of Louise, nee Weston; Dear father of Tracy (Don) Rohe, William (Kathleen) Kelly and Colleen (Dave) Manrique; Proud papa of Meghan, Kaitie, Jack, Jill, Miles, Max and Will; Dear brother of Michael (Ellen) Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Margaret Mary (Jim) Henry and the late Thomas Kelly; Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; Bill will be missed by many of his Dear friends; Proud member Pipefitters Local Union # 597; Memorial visitation Saturday, November 2, 2019, Sacred Heart Church 8245 W. 111th St, Palos Hills 60465, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Memorial Mass; 10:00 a.m.; Interment Private; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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## Kraus, Helen

Helen Kraus, MD, age 64 of Cocoa Beach, FL, passed away on October 26, 2019. Survived by her husband Daniel H. Carter, and children, Andrew, Alexandra, and Paul. Helen attended medical school at Northwestern University, and practiced at numerous Chicagoland hospitals. Donations appreciated to Shriners Hospital for Children, Chicago. For more information about memorial services, please email friendssofhelenkrausmd@gmail.com

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## Kyriakopoulos, Stavroula

Stavroula Kyriakopoulos, nee Christofilis, age 94, of Kerastati, Tripolis, Arcadia, Greece passed away on Friday, October 25, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Nikolaos and loving mother of Georgia, Pete (Mary), Steve (Kathleen) and Bill (Ellen) Kyriakopoulos. Devoted daughter of the late Efstratios and Christina Christofilis; proud grandmother of Nick, Stavroula, Stephanie (Alex), Katlyn (Michael), Nikolas, Renee, Nicole and Stavro; dear sister of Panagioti (Maria), Panagiota, Yiannoula, Niki and Georgios, sister-in-law of Gus Kyriakopoulos and predeceased by siblings, Van, Styliani, James and John. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and their families. Family and friends will meet Friday morning, November 1, 2019, at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60625, for visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. and the Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations may be gratefully made in Stavroula's name to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church or to Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Arranged by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.** For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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## Lofton, Richard M.

Richard M. Lofton, 86 of Riverside, IL, beloved husband of 58 years of Mary nee Sundquist; at rest October 28, 2019, loving father of Kathleen Lofton, Jane Kouba (Kevin) Benson, Michael (Carolyn Pipal) and David (Susan) Lofton; dearest grandfather of 8; brother of John Robert (Joan) Lofton and the late Joan (late Robert) Fritz; father in law of James L. Kouba and the late Michael A. Kouba. Visitation Friday, November 1, 4 to 7:00 p.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside, Funeral Mass Saturday, November 2, 9:45 a.m. at St. Mary Church. Interment Windridge Memorial Park & Nature Sanctuary, Cary, IL. Funeral info at www.moravecek.com or 708-447-2261.

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## Lutze, Raymond J. 'Ray'

Jan 02, 1925-Oct 22, 2019. Born in Naugatuck, CT he was a WWII veteran serving in the US Navy aboard the USS Santee. Working as an electrical engineer he retired from Northrup in 1989. In retirement he enjoyed boating and actively participated in bowling and shuffleboard leagues.

Surviving are: his wife, of 70 years, Elizabeth (Helbig) Lutze, five children: Nancy Pacioncia of Kittery, Maine, R. Jay Lutze of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Martha Fox of Antioch, California, Barbara Lockhart of Schaumburg, Illinois, and Susan Hasse of Gallatin, Tennessee. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made, in his memory, to Habitat for Humanity.

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## McElligott, Catherine

Catherine Mary McElligott, nee Fenlon, 71, beloved wife of Michael McElligott; devoted mother of Annie McElligott, Michael, Nora (Christopher) Barcelona, Brendan (Jennifer) and the late Michelle McElligott; proud grandmother of

Michelle, Austin, Aidan and Noah; loving sister of Joan (the late Jack) Barrett, Noreen (the late John) Orr and the late Peter (Patricia) Fenlon; also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral Saturday 9:15 AM from Kenny Brothers, 3600 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park, IL to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Proud long-time member of the Kerry Association, retired 24 year employee of the Chicago Police Department. Info. 708-425-4500.

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## Mensinger, Margaret "Peg"

Margaret "Peg" Mensinger of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late Vernon; dear mother of Stuart (Joan), Connie (the late Art) Spiegel, Paul (Clair) and Carol (Ken) Priban; loving grandmother of 13; cherished great grandmother of 20; fond sister of the late Samuel Delay. Visitation at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Friday 4 to 8 p.m. Family and friends will meet at Morton Grove Community Church 8944 Austin Ave. Morton Grove on Saturday for 12 noon service. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. Peg was a longtime teacher at Park View School in Morton Grove.

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## Roche, Charles Paschal

Charles Paschal Roche, 87, native of Curranes, Castleisland, Co. Kerry, Ireland; beloved husband of Marian nee McNulty; loving father of Eileen (Aiden) Moriarty, Joan (Kurt) Hoigard, the late Mary (Gustavo) Slovinsky and the late Kathleen (Bill) Smith; cherished grandfather of Chloe (Jorge Lisón), Daniel, and Kevin Slovinsky, Michael (Denisse Ortez) and Brendan Moriarty, and Charlotte and Lillian Hoigard; dear brother of Joan (Donald) Griffin, the late John (Julia), Mary (Eddie) Francocci, Denis, Eileen Cook and Margaret; fond uncle to many; proud U.S. Army Veteran; Funeral Saturday 9:15 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin) to St. Viator Church. Mass 10 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4-9 PM. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com

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## Scanlan, Harold J. 'Bud'

Harold J. "Bud" Scanlan. Age 92. Retired C.P.D. and U.S. Navy Veteran. Loving father of Michael (Patricia) O'Connor. Proud "Pa" of Michael (Erin) O'Connor, Colleen (Chris) Rose, Jack (Maggie) O'Connor and Megan (Jimmy) Troy. Great-grandfather of 15. Dear son of the late Frank and Nora Scanlan. Fond brother of the late Fran Monreal, Gladys Gaworski, Loretta Connolly, Dorothy Rowan, Jean Labus, Shirley Fornero, Jack Scanlan (Army WWII) and Rosemary McGarry. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 11:00 A.M. from the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home** 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park to St. Damian Church. Mass 11:45 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 2-8 P.M. 708-614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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## Scoleri, Rosemary

Rosemary Scoleri, nee Spinelli, age 82 of Downers Grove, formerly of Lyons. Beloved wife of the late Vincent, loving mother of Nicholas Scoleri and Phyllis (John) Zochowski, cherished grandmother of Michaelina and Ashley Zochowski, dear sister of John Spinelli. Visitation Friday, November 1, 2019, 3:00pm to 8:00pm at **Johnson-Nosek Funeral Home**, 3847 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield. Cremation Private. Online condolences maybe offered to the family at www.JohnsonNosek.com. Info: 708-485-0214

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## Sinnott, George E.

Beloved brother of Mary (the late Thomas) Browne; Fond uncle of Catherine Browne, Margie (Mike) Gallagher, Julie (Mark) Brandt, Amy (Eric) Stockwell; Proud great uncle of Bridget, Patrick, Danny, Molly, Charlie, and Ellery; Devoted son of the late George and Mary Sinnott; Visitation Saturday 10:00 a.m. until Chapel Prayers 12:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers Georges family would appreciate donations to Misericordia; For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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### Snell, Howard S.

Suddenly age 70 years, resident of Matteson, IL. devoted son of the late James & Stephanie nee Olejniczak Snell; loving brother of June Snell, Jayne (Paul) Targgart and the late JoAnn, Jimmy and Bryan Snell; cherished father of Sherome Snell, Christopher (Amy Joy) Lutchen and Amy Lynn Lutchen; dearest uncle of Paul Jr., Autumn, Brandy, Anna and Bryanna; dear cousin and friend to many. Howard was a retired Union Stewart for the Millwright Union Local # 1085 and retired from FSC Paper Company. He was also a member to the Tinley Park and Scottish Rite Mason's and the Madinah Shriners.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:30 p.m. until time of Funeral Service 5:00 P.M at **Hirsch West End Funeral Home** 3501 Lincoln Hwy. Matteson, IL 60443, Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Shriners Hospitals for Children would be appreciated. For information or to express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, 708-748-3800 or visit [www.hirschfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hirschfuneralhomes.com)

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### Snitovsky, Tama J.

Tama J. Snitovsky, 49, following a valiant struggle with complications of leukemia. Beloved and devoted daughter of Norman and Roberta nee Shaffer. Dear sister of Peter A. (Molly) Snitovsky and the late Barry Snitovsky. Service Friday, 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Shalom Cemetery. Tama was a Human Resources and Pension Specialist and worked for Walgreens, Hewitt, Emerson Electric and others, before leaving her cubical life to become an avid gardener and bicyclist. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Hadassah Chicago North Shore, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 800, Northbrook, IL 60062 [www.hadassah.org/cns](http://www.hadassah.org/cns) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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### Swider, Raymond J.

Raymond J. Swider of Westchester, age 93. Beloved husband of the late Marguerite, nee Beiger; loving father of Raymond, Jr. (Mary), Gregory (Saskia), Susan (John Rogers), Christopher (Cathy) and Paul (Daniela) Swider; proud grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of two; dear brother of the late Walter, Adeline and Adam (Alice) Swider. Lying-in-State at Queen of Angels Church, 2230 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 12:30 p.m. until time of Funeral Mass 2:00 p.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Parkinsons Association appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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### Testo, Lucille A.

Lucille A. Testo, age 99, beloved wife of the late Alfred; loving mother of Ralph (Donna) and Robert (Laura); cherished grandmother of Dawn (John) Hichew, Todd (Teri), Sam and Ben Testo; fond great-grandmother of 6; great great-grandmother of 1; survived by 2 brothers and 2 sisters; preceded in death by 2 brothers and 1 sister; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sat., Nov. 2, 2019 9-11 AM at Nazarethville Home for the Aged, 300 N. River Rd. Des Plaines. Mass to follow at 11 AM. Entombment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, memorials to your favorite charity appreciated. 847/394-2336

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### Thomas, Regina M.

Regina M. Thomas, 80, formerly of Mt. Prospect was born June 27, 1939 in Chicago to Henry and Rose (Bakun) Hajduk and passed away October 28, 2019. Regina was the beloved wife of the late John Urso; loving mother of Scott (Janice) Thomas, Barry (Janet) Thomas and Shelly (David Osman) Thomas; cherished grandmother of Kimberly and Paul Thomas; dear sister of Kenneth (Judy) Hajduk and fond aunt of Andrew and Collin Hajduk. Visitation will be Friday, November 1, 2019 from 3-8 PM at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner Street, Des Plaines. Prayers will be said on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10:15 AM at the funeral home and proceed to St. Thomas Becket Catholic Church, 1321 Burning Bush Lane, Mt. Prospect for a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 appreciated. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or [oehlerfuneralhome.com](http://oehlerfuneralhome.com)

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### Thompson, Stanley A.

Stanley Thompson, 92; WWII Army Veteran; beloved husband of the late Edwina M., nee Zielinski, loving father of Danny (Trudy) Thompson, Darlene Thompson, Susan (William) Clark, Thomas (Sarah) Thompson and Jody (Eric) Weis. Cherished grandfather of Scott, Michael A., Kevin, Christine, Jennifer, Robert, Brian, Katherine, Anthony, Michael R., Justin and Ryan. Great-grandfather of 16. Dear friend of many. Visitation Friday, November 1, 2019, from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 8025 W. Golf Rd., Niles. Funeral Saturday, November 2, starting with prayers at 10:15 a.m. from the funeral home, processing to St. John Brebeuf Church for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery. Proud member of AL Post #134 (Morton Grove). In lieu of flowers, donations to the Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 302, Skokie, IL 60077, are appreciated in Stanley's memory. Info 847-581-0536 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)

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### Trynkiewicz, Timothy

Timothy Trynkiewicz; beloved son of the late Stanley and the late Florence; loving brother of the late Audrey Horwitz; also loving cousin and friend of many. Funeral services and interment will be private. Arrangements entrusted to **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME**. 773-774-0366

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### Worrell, Roger L.

Roger L. Worrell age 55, passed away peacefully Oct. 27th after a sudden, brief illness surrounded by his family. He leaves behind his wife Deanna, daughter Maeve, son Declan, father Robert and brother Larry (Janet), nephew Bill, niece Amanda (Robert) as well as many cousins, aunts, uncles and great niece and nephews. Roger was preceded in death by his mother Barbara. He will be sorely missed by many. Visitation Friday, Nov. 1st from 3-8:00 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home, 3918 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Funeral Saturday, Nov. 2nd, Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at St Josaphat Catholic Church, 2311 N. Southport, Chicago. Private Burial Montrose Cemetery. Info: 773 588-5850 or [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com).

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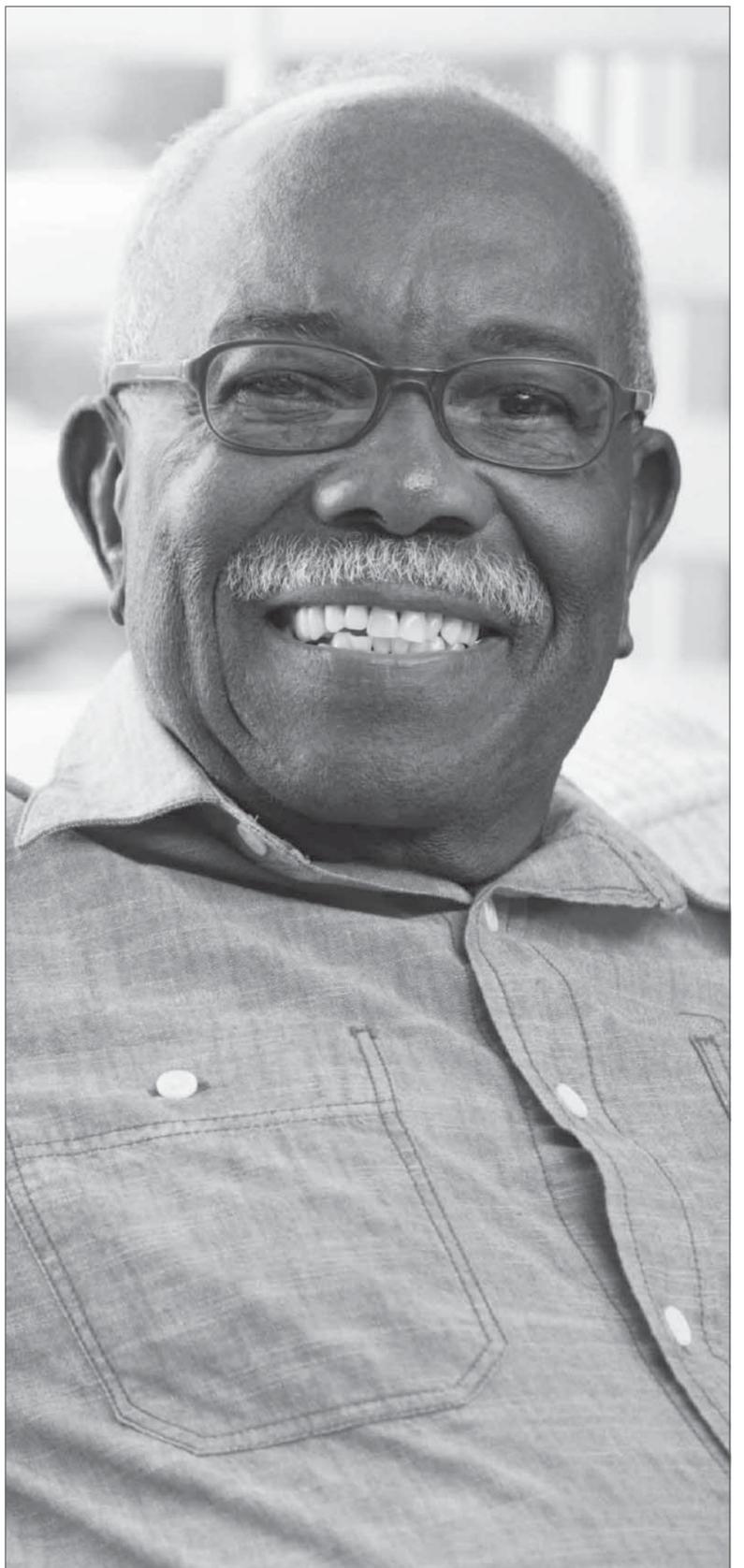


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Deyanna Tolefree

A MINOR NO. 2019JD01587

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Dwatia Tolefree (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on October 07, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Darroin Edward Bowden in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 11/14/2019 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 61 COURTROOM 6.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT October 10, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: C. Valiulis, S. Auyeung ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS October 10, 2019 6485479

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Jeremiah M Jones

A MINOR NO. 2019JD01599

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Jamar Jones (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on October 08, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Joanne Rosado in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 11/14/2019 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 55 COURTROOM 2.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT October 11, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: A. Brannon, C. Winsett ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

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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 Jimmy Long AKA Jimmie Long

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Danielle Thomas (Mother) AKA Danelle Thomas

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01030

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 17, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Andrea Buford in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois ON 11/21/2019 at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS October 4, 2019 6494175

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Kahari D Baugh

A MINOR NO. 2019JD01444

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Caprese Ware (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on September 12, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Darryl Jones in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 11/14/2019 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 57 COURTROOM 7.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT October 16, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: E. Sheehan, B. Chinwuba ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS October 16, 2019 6485629

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Lucretia Lewis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lucretia Lewis (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00222

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Samuel Motrey (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 15, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois ON 11/21/2019, at 10:30 AM IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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.

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

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IN THE INTEREST OF Oryan Lewis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lucretia Lewis (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00921

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 20, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 11/21/2019, at 10:30 AM IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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 October 10, 2019 6494166

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TO: Michael Kinsch, Roberto Delacelda, Daniel Benami, Damian Antela, and Jose Paul Trembley; First Midwest Bank; Wheeler Financial, Inc., IRS, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Briar Trace Condominium Association, Briar Trace Condominium Association, and Blythe Bank, Occupant, 1115 E Algonquin Road, Unit 2, Arlington Heights, IL, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003818. FILED: October 11, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 17S-0002170. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2011-2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 1115 E Algonquin Road, Unit 2, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 08-15-402-025-1062. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/25/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/25/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/1/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/25/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645, Chicago Assets, LLC Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: October 25, 2019. 10/30, 31, 11/1/2019 6491509

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## Baseball better hurry up and attract some new fans



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On baseball

Baseball got exactly what it wanted when the Nationals and Astros took the World Series to Game 7 on Wednesday night in Houston. ■ Whether you care who wins matters little. ■ There's nothing like Game 7 drama to end a baseball season on a high note, especially after a season in which drama was in short supply. ■ Five of six divisional races were decided well before the final weeks, postseason games were longer than ever and mostly forgettable and the World Series was upstaged by unforeseen sideshows, including the firing of Astros assistant general manager Brandon Taubman and the booing of President Donald Trump during Game 5. ■ The poor TV ratings are an indictment of

MLB's inability to market the game and its stars, including the biggest two of the Series: Alex Bregman and Juan Soto. ■ Inside: Three things we learned about the state of baseball in 2019.

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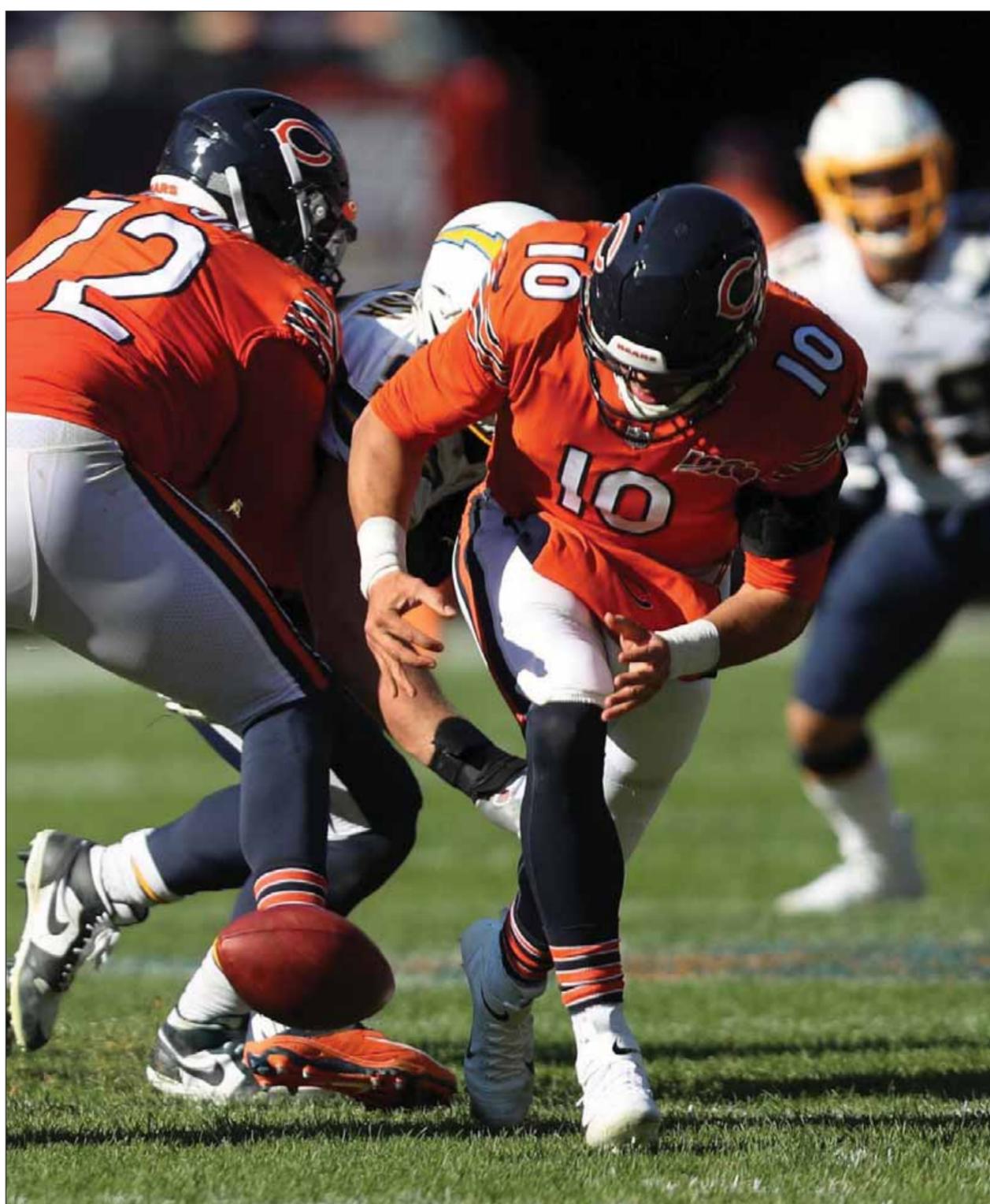


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### WORLD SERIES

## A Nationals story

Road team wins for seventh straight time in wild Series. **Pages 2-3**



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Matt Nagy suggested to Mitch Trubisky that he rewatch Sunday's game using the actual broadcast instead of coaches film.

## Serious discussion

'Kind of tense,' Trubisky says of his body language after watching TV broadcast

Matt Nagy's notes featured quite a few yellow marks as the Bears coach reviewed Sunday's 17-16 loss to the Chargers on Monday. They highlighted strong throws by Mitch Trubisky in what

was one of his better efforts this season despite a pair of turnovers on consecutive possessions in the fourth quarter.

Nagy cited the throw Trubisky stepped into, delivering a strike across the middle to tight end Trey Burton on second-and-18 with the Bears trailing and less than five minutes to play. Cornerback Desmond



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

King was in step with Burton, and the ball was in a window where Burton could haul it in and get down before hits from safety Rayshawn Jenkins and linebacker Thomas Davis.

It was the only play Nagy singled out, but there were others. The Bears had a season-high five completions of 20 yards or more, only the second

game in which the offense has produced more than two passes of 20-plus yards.

Trubisky hit the open corner route he had missed to Taylor Gabriel the week before against the Saints. Off play action, he put a one-on-one ball up for Allen Robinson that the wide receiver came down with for a 31-yard gain.

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### BLACKHAWKS

## Dach staying with big club

First-round pick will be with Hawks past 9-game mark

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**

Kirby Dach showed the Blackhawks enough in six games that they didn't need to see more: He's staying.

Dach, the No. 3 pick in this year's draft, was informed by general manager Stan Bowman and coach Jeremy Colliton on Tuesday that he won't return to his junior team in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and will remain with the Hawks.

Colliton shared the news with reporters after practice Wednesday in El Segundo, Calif.

"He's shown he can help us and he's only going to get better," Colliton said. "I think the player he is now, there's likely going to be a huge improvement as the year goes on, and the player (he is) in February I'm sure is going to be an impact player for us."

Once Dach, 18, has played in 10 games, he will have burned the first year on his entry-level contract.

There is one more game benchmark to watch for regarding Dach. Once he plays in his 40th game, he will move one year closer to unrestricted free agency, which would then come after the 2025-26 season. Dach is scheduled to be a restricted free agent after 2021-22.

The 6-foot-4 forward has a goal and an assist while averaging 11 minutes, 59 seconds of ice time.

Beyond the statistical measures, Dach immediately showed he was comfortable playing against NHL competition. He hasn't looked over-matched or intimidated no matter the opponent or who his linemates have been.

Dach's season got a delayed start when he suffered a concussion during a prospect tournament just before training camp. He made his NHL debut Oct. 20 against the Capitals and scored his first goal in his second game two nights later against the Golden Knights when a puck bounced off his leg and into the net.

"I came into camp wanting to make this team," Dach told reporters. "And to finally get that recognition from Jeremy and the management group is awesome, and I'm thrilled to be here."

## Alternate reality: DePaul basketball somehow paints a rosy picture



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
On college basketball

The DePaul contingent arrived downtown for a media luncheon, prepared to talk basketball.

The arrival was a feat in itself, given that athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto and coach Dave Leitao live in a parallel universe, free from the constraints of reality.

Those who realize DePaul still has a men's basketball team have no idea what the school is doing. Why are officials so enamored with Leitao?

Why did they hire him a second time in 2015 after he left for Virginia in 2005, only to flame

out at a program that won the 2019 NCAA Tournament?

Why did they defend him after the NCAA in July cited a "culture of silence" pervading the program and found that "the head coach did not promote an atmosphere of compliance"?

Why did they triple down and take the unusual step Sept. 12 of announcing they are negotiating an extension for Leitao? The only recruit who took an official visit

within 10 days of the announcement, according to 247Sports.com, was a 5-foot-10 guard named Wendell Green. He pledged to Eastern Kentucky.

Why do they still support Lenti Ponsetto, a kind individual but one with a dismal record for hiring basketball coaches?

There's all sorts of weird here.

You almost have to admire people who care so little about popular opinion. It's like the coiffed

man on FS1 screaming about how LeBron James and Aaron Rodgers are overrated. Or the folks who think the moon landing was staged. It takes a certain amount of moxie to be that unaware.

The Blue Demons last made the NCAA Tournament in 2004, under Leitao. They have finished last or tied for last place in their conference nine times since then.

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Outrage over interference

How fitting that an impassioned debate over an arcane rules interpretation on a call ultimately rendered moot would overshadow all other talk of the 2019 World Series heading into a decisive seventh game.

America's national pastime, after all, is no longer baseball or even football. It's overheated arguments, followed closely by dubious officiating. So this was like hitting the mother lode.

Outrage on both sides of the debate, coupled with confusion, ensured that Nationals baserunner Trea Turner being called out for interfering with Astros first baseman Yuri Gurrriel in the seventh inning would dominate the remainder of Tuesday's Game 6 broadcast on Fox, its postgame show and across social media.

Anthony Rendon's subsequent home run, which turned a one-run Nats advantage into a three-run lead en route to a 7-2 season-saving victory over the Astros, rendered umpire Sam Holbrook's verdict largely irrelevant.

But Rendon's shot did nothing to quiet arguments over the call, baseball's rules and application of those rules in the run-up to Wednesday's decisive game.

Major League Baseball did itself no favors with its failure to communicate effectively with the media or fans.

What made for truly Grade A outrage, however, is knowledgeable observers could reasonably come to diametrically opposed views of how it should have played out.

Cubs TV play-by-play announcer Len Kasper insisted on Twitter that the umpires got it right, while Pirates announcer Joe Block saw just the opposite.

"It's unfortunate for Sam Holbrook to be in that situation," Alex Rodriguez, hardly known for strict adherence to rules when he was a player, said on Fox's postgame show.

"It was a terrible call and the judgment is wrong and maybe they need to change that rule. ... That play right there could have sent the Nationals home. We've got to fix that."

The best thing to be said of this latest World Series controversy is at least it erupted on the field.

Everyone saw what happened. Turner sprinted toward first in a bid to beat out an infield single with one on, a one-run lead and no outs in the top of the seventh.

Yet there seemed to be no clear consen-



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The Nationals' Trea Turner is called out for interfering with Astros first baseman Yuli Gurriel.

sus on what happened and how it should be adjudicated.

Turner knocked off Gurriel's glove. Pitcher Brad Peacock's throw to first hit Turner in the back of the leg. Nats runner Yan Gomes was on his way to second and reached third as the Astros scrambled for the ball, while Turner advanced to second.

But Holbrook called Turner out for interference and returned Gomes to first.

While Fox announcers Joe Buck and John Smoltz tried to make sense of what was going on, Holbrook put on a headset to talk to New York, replay style, confusing matters more as interference calls are judgment calls and not reviewable.

Only later was anyone told they were merely talking over the applicable rule to make sure Holbrook's understanding was in sync with how it was written.

Fans at Minute Maid Park had no idea what was going on. Fox viewers had little more insight.

Emblematic of just how absurd the situation was, Fox host Kevin Burkhardt on Twitter blasted MLB's replay-review process concerning the play even though there was no actual review.

Those who thought it was the right call, such as White Sox analyst Steve Stone, still thought it was enforcement of a bad rule.

"It's a bad rule, but as long as it's written as it is they enforced what the rule book states," Stone tweeted. "The worst part is the runner put back at first. There is no way that he should be denied at least 2nd."

MLB Chief Baseball Officer Joe Torre tried to explain what went on after the game to Fox's Ken Rosenthal.

The takeaway: Turner ran on the fair side of the baseline, but the critical point seemed to be that he knocked off Gurriel's glove and it didn't matter that it happened when Turner should have been allowed to cross into fair territory to step on the base.

"We appreciate Joe Torre's thought process on that," Burkhardt said. "I don't agree with it."

Throughout the world of sports — on the grandest stages the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB have to offer — this is the golden age of dubious calls.

Officiating is subjected to CSI-style dissection in replay review that stops everything dead while everyone awaits the verdict.

Kids used to grow up wanting to be star athletes. Some surely still do.

But at least a few probably dream instead of becoming the guy who stands there telling everybody they're wrong about what they saw happen.

### LET'S PLAY 2

	<b>Sunday</b> @Eagles Noon FOX-32	<b>Nov. 10</b> Lions Noon CBS-2
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8:30 p.m. Nuggets at Pelicans		TNT

<b>NFL</b>		
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<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>		
7 p.m. West Virginia at Baylor		ESPN
7 p.m. Ga. Southern at App. State		ESPNU

<b>GOLF</b>		
11:30 a.m. PGA: Bermuda Championship		Golf
4 p.m. LPGA: Taiwan Swinging Skirts		Golf
9 p.m. WGC-HSBC Champions		Golf

<b>HOCKEY</b>		
6 p.m. Wisconsin at Penn State		BTN
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<b>MARTIAL ARTS</b>		
7 p.m. Professional Fighters League		ESPN2

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4 a.m. (Fri.) New Zealand vs. Wales		NBCSN

<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>		
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WORLD SERIES

# Nationals win 1st Series title

Howie Kendrick, above, rounds the bases after hitting the go-ahead, two-run home run during the seventh inning of Game 7 of the World Series on Wednesday night in Houston. The Nationals went on to beat the Astros 6-2 and claim the franchise's first World Series championship. It's the second Series victory for the nation's capital — the Senators won it all in 1924. Anthony Rendon hit a solo homer off Astros starter Zack Greinke two batters before Kendrick to cut the Nationals' deficit to 2-1. The Nationals padded their lead with one run in the eighth and two more in the ninth.

# Torre: It was the right call

MLB exec insists umpires, review correct in Game 6

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Major League Baseball executive Joe Torre says the “right call” was made and that a protest was denied after Nationals leadoff hitter Trea Turner was called out for interference during his team's 7-2 Game 6 victory in the World Series on Tuesday night.

Nationals manager Dave Martinez was ejected for arguing plate umpire Sam Holbrook's ruling in the seventh inning, and Torre said the Nationals' request to protest the game was denied because it was a judgment call.

Holbrook's signal came after Turner hit a slow roller down the third base line with a runner at first and ran narrowly inside fair territory.

Astros pitcher Brad Peacock fielded the ball, and his throw pulled first baseman Yuli Gurriel toward the baseline. As Gurriel stretched, Turner ran into his glove, and the ball bounced off Turner's leg and into foul territory. Turner ended up at second, with lead runner Yan Gomes going to third — except Holbrook quickly signaled for interference.

Turner was called out and Gomes sent back to first base. After some argument from Martinez and the Nationals, umpires went to the headsets for 4½ minutes before upholding the call. The overall delay stretched over 10 minutes.

“I mean what else do you do? I don't know. The batter's box is in fair territory. First base is in fair territory. I swung, I ran a straight line, I get hit with the ball, I'm out,” Turner said. “I don't understand it. I can understand it if I veered one way or the other. I didn't.”

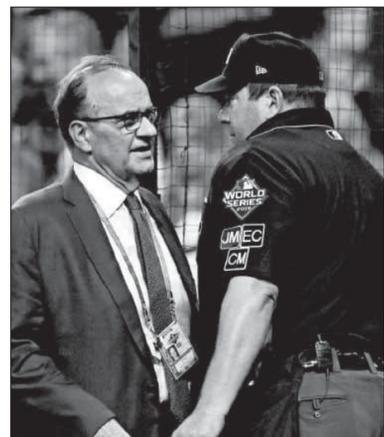
The Nationals wanted to pursue a protest, and Turner was heard on television pointing to Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, in the stands and shouting “He's right there!” and “Just ask him!”

“The call was the fact that he interfered with Gurriel trying to catch the ball,” Torre said, adding that Holbrook “made the right call at first base.”

Turner said he was pointing out Torre because he felt there could have been some clarification then about what had just happened.

“We should do everything we possibly can to get the calls on the field right,” Turner said. “If it's in the rules that I did the wrong thing, then so be it, but I think this stage is too big and too important to a lot of people to have every avenue not taken advantage.”

Torre said that while MLB and its umpires want to “double and triple-check ourselves” in the World Series, the delay shouldn't have lasted as long as it did.



Joe Torre talks to home plate umpire Sam Holbrook during Game 6 on Tuesday.

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Nationals win series 4-3

- Game 1: Nationals 5, Astros 4
- Game 2: Nationals 12, Astros 3
- Game 3: Astros 4, Nationals 1
- Game 4: Astros 8, Nationals 1
- Game 5: Astros 7, Nationals 1
- Game 6: Nationals 7, Astros 2
- Game 7: Nationals 6, Astros 2

“I don't know if it was the noise or whatever it was. I know we had a hard line in our box, and we had trouble reaching people because we tried to make some calls, we couldn't do it,” Torre said. “It should never be that long. That's unfortunate. ... We have to take ownership of that.”

Martinez stepped onto the field to talk with Holbrook and crew chief Gary Cederstrom after the inning and quickly became animated. Six weeks after having a heart procedure, Martinez was restrained by bench coach Chip Hale — or at least Hale tried — as the manager kept shouting and eventually was tossed.

Martinez is the first manager to be ejected from a World Series game since the Braves' Bobby Cox in 1996.

Two batters after Holbrook's call, Anthony Rendon hit a two-run homer to put the Nationals ahead 5-2. Rendon added a two-run double for a 7-2 lead in the ninth.

“I didn't think he was out of the line,” Rendon said, adding he was happy to take a seat and rest during the delay.

Torre came onto the field a half-inning later and had a conversation with Cederstrom.

Holbrook's call was roundly criticized by other players on social media. Indians pitcher Mike Clevinger tweeted it was “just plain ugly,” and Cubs slugger Kyle Schwarber called it “a bad rule,” suggesting MLB should adopt a wider “safety bag” like those used in many slow pitch softball leagues.

# Sullivan

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1. MLB is losing steam and in danger of losing a generation of fans.

Average attendance was down to 28,198 in 2019, its lowest since 2003, according to baseball-reference.com. Meanwhile, teams combined for the most home runs in history and set the single-season strikeout record for the 11th consecutive year. And the average time of a nine-inning game — 3 hours, 5 minutes — tied the all-time high, set in 2017.

The lack of action between home runs combined with the long games exacerbated by nonstop pitching changes is taking its toll on some fans — even the die-hards.

So who is responsible for turning baseball from the national pastime into a summer diversion between the NFL draft and NFL season?

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred, certainly, for the juiced ball that hasn't helped, the widespread tanking that's unchallenged and the schedule that starts earlier every year despite brutal spring temperatures in many cities. But the players, owners, union, management and even agents deserve their share of blame, along with the lack of accountability for bad umpires.

2. Baseball's long, dull free-agent season is a turnoff.

The NBA and NFL thrive on constant speculation followed by a burst of big personnel moves that accompany the start of free agency, creating media and fan interest in almost every market.

But baseball free agency? The winter meetings once were a much-anticipated swap-o-rama, but now free agency starts slowly and grinds to a near halt in the dead of winter. The proliferation of rebuilding teams reduces the market for many free agents, and agents such as Scott Boras and Casey Close don't mind waiting until spring training to get the right deal for their superstars.

Flash back to mid-February, when Cardinals starter Adam Wainwright made the worst prediction of the season: “Unless something changes, there's going to be a strike, 100%. I'm just worried people are going to walk out midseason.”

Wainwright was referring to the fact prominent free agents Bryce Harper, Manny Machado, Craig Kimbrel and Dallas Keuchel were unsigned at the start of spring training camps. There was no strike or midseason walkout. The idea that fans would have any sympathy for players making tens of millions of dollars walking out was ludicrous, and fortunately for MLB, no players took Wainwright seriously.

Machado and Harper both got their

megadeals that spring, and Kimbrel and Keuchel were paid handsomely once teams no longer had to lose draft-pick compensation for signing them. What was the result? Of the four, only the Braves' Keuchel helped take his team to the postseason.

Kimbrel, who reportedly was seeking to become baseball's first \$100 million closer, was instrumental in the Cubs' late-season collapse, and neither Harper nor Machado could prevent his team from underachieving or his manager from being fired.

3. MLB still can't market its biggest and brightest stars.

Fox Sports analyst Alex Rodriguez said before Game 6 of the Series on Tuesday that Astros starter Justin Verlander was the “Tom Brady of baseball,” a terrible comparison unless you're talking about athletes with supermodel wives.

Baseball's biggest problem is it has no Tom Brady, the kind of star known by people who don't even follow the sport. Mike Trout, baseball's best player, is practically invisible while playing late West Coast games on a mediocre team.

Baseball does, however, have many great young stars on the rise, such as Bregman and Soto — both of whom embarrassed themselves with their silly “look-at-me,” bat-carrying antics after hitting home runs during Game 6.

Aside from those two, MLB also has the

likes of Javier Baez, Aaron Judge and Pete Alonso, young players with plenty of flair performing for big-market teams featured prominently on ESPN and Fox telecasts.

“The next generation of players is really, really talented,” Nationals starter Max Scherzer said at the All-Star Game. “They can really do things we've never seen young players do in the past.”

But if baseball can't market Trout, why should anyone believe it can market other young stars?

Manfred blamed Trout in 2018 for not accepting MLB's help in marketing him, and now the Angels are hoping the promotional skills of new manager Joe Maddon will aid Trout's cause.

Still, you have to want the attention. Some players, including Scherzer, don't seem to care much.

“If you want to use me to promote, I'll promote,” he said. “If you don't, I get it.”

Maybe that lack of marketing in baseball is why NBA stars are so much more recognizable than their MLB peers?

“It's because they're 7 feet tall and they stick out like sore thumbs,” he said. “It's really easy to know that guy plays basketball. I've played with all these (stars), and as a baseball player, you can completely blend in.”

“Sometimes anonymity is your friend.” Well, if anonymity is the goal, maybe MLB is in pretty good shape.

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## BULLS &amp; BLACKHAWKS

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## Love bangs boards, Bulls

Another bad loss sees Cavs forward grab 20 rebounds

BY STEVE HERRICK  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Love had 17 points and 20 rebounds, Tristan Thompson scored 23 points and the Cavaliers defeated the Bulls 117-111 on Wednesday night.

Love's basket on a goaltending call on Lauri Markkanen gave the Cavaliers a 91-90 lead early in the tightly played fourth quarter. His jumper from the left wing put the Cavs ahead 110-106 with just under a

minute to play.

Collin Sexton, who sat most of the third quarter because of foul trouble, scored 10 points in the final eight minutes, including a dunk over Bulls center Wendell Carter Jr. after an assist from Love on the Cavs' next possession.

While the Bulls fell to 1-4, the Cavaliers have split their first four games. They started 0-6 last season and didn't get their second win until their 13th game.

Sexton had 18 points, a day after the Cavaliers exercised his third-year contract option. Love and Thompson, who had 10 rebounds, have had double-doubles in each of the Cavs' four games.

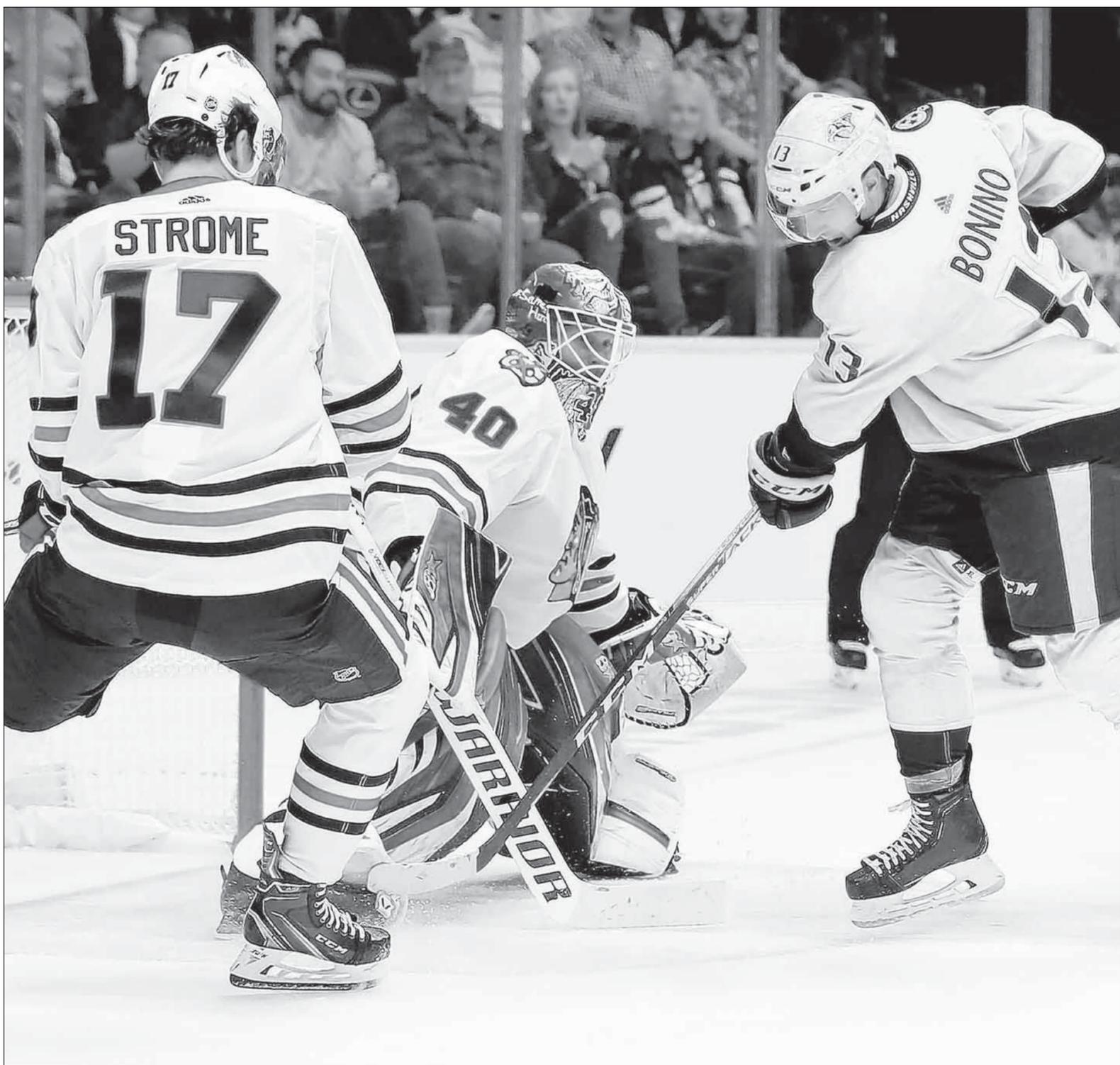
Markkanen and Zach LaVine scored 16 each for the Bulls, who have lost three straight. Carter and Otto Porter Jr. added 15 apiece.

First-year Cavs coach John Beilein's goal to establish a home-court advantage for his rebuilding team is off to a good start. The Cavs won their home opener over the Pacers and rallied to beat the Bulls.

The Bulls went on a 15-0 run to take a 21-11 lead in the first quarter, but the Cavs closed the deficit to 26-25. The Bulls pushed the lead back to double figures behind eight points from Markkanen. The Cavs cut into the lead again, and the Bulls led 53-50 at halftime.

Sexton picked up his fourth foul early in the third and sat out most of the quarter. The Cavs hit five 3-pointers, including three by Cedi Osman. Jordan Clarkson was fouled while making a 3-pointer from the corner and converted the free throw.

■ Carter started and played 27 minutes despite waking up in the morning with eye inflammation. ... Chandler Hutchison (strained left hamstring), who is rehabilitating his injury with the G-League's Windy City Bulls, will rejoin the Bulls on Thursday in order to gauge his progress. ... Cristiano Felicio was a healthy inactive for the fifth straight game. He is the only player on the roster not to play a minute this season.



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Predators center Nick Bonino scores a goal against Blackhawks goaltender Robin Lehner.

## BLACKHAWKS TAKEAWAYS

## Lehner has earned top spot in goal

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

NASHVILLE — Jeremy Colliton often talks about the Blackhawks needing to play a complete 60 minutes.

During their 3-0 loss Tuesday to the Predators, the Hawks didn't come close.

"I actually thought we weren't terrible in the first 10 minutes," Colliton said. "But then we needed to push back. We needed to have some sustained zone time. We needed to make a few plays. We needed to win a race, win a 50-50, and then all of a sudden, that shapes the next 40 seconds of your shift."

"And typically we were late, they got momentum from it, they hemmed us in, and it just snowballed."

Here are three takeaways from the loss:

**1. Robin Lehner deserves the net as long as he wants.**

Enough of the talk about giving playing time for both Lehner and Corey Crawford. Until further notice, it should be Lehner's net.

Whether it's back-to-backs, road games, playing against good teams or bad, it shouldn't matter. As long as Lehner is playing like one of the best goalies in the league, he needs to start nearly every game.

After a 3-6-2 start, the Hawks aren't in a position to be patient or cautious. Yes, Crawford can still be very good at times, but Lehner hasn't had a bad game this season and always puts them in position to win.

"Today was a crazy game, to be honest," Lehner said late Tuesday. "I forget the shots. They had a lot of chances today. One thing I really like is my D men really worked with me today. They fought hard and they tried their best to help me out until the last second of the game. So that's positive. I commend them for that. They blocked

some shots late but, man, they were toying with us today."

Lehner was simply unbelievable against the Predators, stopping 48 shots, including one in which he moved from pipe to pipe and fully extended his left leg to make the pad save.

The immediacy in which Lehner has assumed the mantle as one of the Hawks leaders is stunning. Eleven games into the season and on a day when Lehner's play was brilliant, Jonathan Toews praised not just the goalie's performance but his attitude.

"I mean, he was vocal, he had energy, he would come to the bench and always had something positive to say despite the fact we were hanging him out to dry every single shift," Toews said. "So he made some huge stops. It could've been a 10-0 game if it wasn't for him."

Lehner won't start every game, of course. The Hawks have back-to-back games this weekend against the Kings and Ducks as well as each of the next two weekends. Crawford can and should get his chances.

But right now, Lehner should get the majority of them. Because he's the Hawks' best chance to keep them from falling hopelessly out of the playoff race before Christmas.

**2. Erik Gustafsson needs to take a night off.**

In a season full of early individual disappointments, Erik Gustafsson might be at the top of the list — which is saying a lot considering Jonathan Toews has two points in 11 games, Brent Seabrook has been a healthy scratch for two games and Patrick Kane is nowhere near the offensive force the Hawks need him to be.

Gustafsson was one of six defensemen in

the league last season to score at least 60 points. He finished with career-highs in goals (17) and assists (43), and it seemed as if his defense was improving.

This season he's tied for 69th among defensemen with four points and has taken a step backward. He has no goals and four assists, and while he's still quarterbacking the power play, the Hawks are 3-for-34 overall and 0-for-21 in their last six games after failing to score in three chances against the Predators.

Gustafsson never has been reliable defensively. But he has been a stand-up guy who takes responsibility when he plays poorly. He twice failed to clear out Nick Bonino from in front of the net Tuesday, allowing him to swat back rebounds for two of his three goals.

"I have to see where the guy (is)," Gustafsson said. "I focus a little too much on the puck. (Lehner's) saving the first one, I've got to be there and take the second shot. I wasn't there tonight. I have to be better."

If Gustafsson isn't scoring and is making mistakes on defense that are turning into goals, it's probably his turn to sit out for a game or two to get his head on straight.

**3. The Blackhawks weren't embarrassed. But should they have been?**

Predators goalie Pekka Rinne wasn't gloating. He just spoke the truth based on what he had just experienced.

"For me, it was one of the for-sure easier shutouts," Rinne said after stopping 20 shots.

While Robin Lehner was at one end of the ice standing on his head, Rinne was on the other end sipping ice tea and getting a manicure. The Hawks barely put up a fight.

The Predators came out at top speed

from the puck drop and never let up. They put 19 shots on goal in the first period and followed it with 21 in the second. Maybe they let down a little in the third, but they kept firing at Lehner until the end, topping the 50-shot mark in the final minutes.

The Hawks aren't required to feel humiliated or embarrassed after getting pushed around for 60 minutes. And they didn't.

"It's fine," Lehner said. "We try to keep positive but we know we got to step it up. Today they just had us in most of the categories you can think of but, yeah, it's a hard one to analyze because they're a good team. They play hard. Every single guy on their team played desperate and hard and really outworked us. That's what happens. We've got to figure out a way to figure this out."

The Hawks were coming off a high point of the season after beating the Kings 5-1 on Sunday. To follow with a loss in which they were outplayed and outthrustled the entire game might give their morale a hit. But Toews said that's not the case.

"It's as good as it can be, given the fact that we're really unhappy with the way we're playing," Toews said. "But it's a good group of guys and we're trying to find our way. ... My game hasn't been there, so you can say all you want to your teammates and try and rally guys in the locker room and be positive, but it starts with your individual game and your effort and your energy and your consistency and doing the little things right."

The Hawks don't play again until Saturday when they visit the Kings, another chance to get well — if even briefly. But if it goes the other way this time, the Hawks might have to accept that they've hit a new low.

## BEARS

# On hash-mark decision, Nagy 'felt very comfortable'

BY COLLEEN KANE

Matt Nagy was ready for the conversation Wednesday at Halas Hall to turn to Eagles preparations, but the Bears coach instead faced a new set of questions about whether he put his kicker in the best position to make a potential winning field goal Sunday in a 17-16 loss to the Chargers.

Kicker Eddy Pineiro said Tuesday that the left hash mark, where he set up his 41-yard attempt, was not his preferred spot to kick with a right-to-left wind blowing at Soldier Field.

He was not trying to make excuses for missing the kick wide left. But he was answering honestly a question about which spot would have been best for him, considering the Bears had 43 seconds and a timeout left, were on first down and had the means to get the football to the spot they wanted.

Pineiro's comments raised several questions for the coach.

Was it not communicated to Nagy that Pineiro would have preferred the center of the field or the right hash? Did Nagy know and deny the request? Did quarterback Mitch Trubisky make a mistake when he knelt on the left hash?

In a roundabout way during Wednesday's news conference, Nagy said he was fine with both the spot from which Pineiro kicked and the communication process the

Bears used to arrive at that spot.

"We have a communication process that we used, and we felt very comfortable in that situation with what we did," Nagy said. "The communication between all of us was that from 41 yards he was going to make that kick. And he didn't. And we understand that. And he feels as bad as anybody. Whether it's on the right hash, the middle or the left hash, he wants to make it and he didn't."

Trubisky, for his part, indicated he simply followed orders.

"Whatever he needs me to do, I do," Trubisky said.

And what did Nagy tell Trubisky to do?

"What did you see happen on the field?" Trubisky asked.

He knelt on the left hash.

"So that's what we talked about," Trubisky said.

Nagy's decisions in the final minute of Sunday's loss have become the subject of national debate.

He chose to have Trubisky take a knee rather than run another play to get Pineiro's attempt closer, noting the possibility his offense could fumble, throw an interception or commit a holding penalty that would take the Bears out of field-goal range.

He didn't waver on that decision Monday, and on Wednesday he didn't appear to second-guess how Pineiro ended up kicking from the left hash either.

However, in his circuitous answers, he was vague about what the Bears' communication process is to make such decisions. And he left open to interpretation whether Pineiro made his wishes known or why — if the Bears knew of Pineiro's wishes — they didn't attempt to get him to his preferred spot.

But one message was pretty clear: Nagy expected Pineiro to make the 41-yarder — no matter the circumstance.

"There are so many different situations — what time is on the clock, what's the down and distance, where's the ball at, etc.," Nagy said. "At that point in time, where we were, everything included, we felt really good about Eddy, in a lot of ways, making that kick. That's what I said at the beginning. With us feeling that good about everything, he missed the kick."

"He said it yesterday that he's as upset as anyone and he wants to make it. I'm OK with where we were. I want to make it next time."

Asked what he learned Sunday about his in-game processes, Nagy said the Bears could have done many things earlier in the game to avoid having these debates about his choices leading up to the missed field goal.

And then he again turned the conversation to Sunday.

"We have to move forward," Nagy said. "If we keep holding on to that, then it hurts us for the Eagles, and that's not really what we want."



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Browns QB Baker Mayfield is tied for the NFL lead with 12 interceptions.

## NFL

## Mayfield's frustration boils over

News services

Baker Mayfield's frustration finally boiled over. The losing is beating him.

Annoyed with a reporter's line of questioning about a drive at the end of the first half in last week's loss to the Patriots, the Browns fiery quarterback abruptly ended his weekly interview session Wednesday and stormed off.

Mayfield, who's tied for the NFL lead with 12 interceptions, grew increasingly agitated when a reporter asked him about a failed two-minute drive in a 27-13 loss to the Patriots. The Browns were called for a penalty, which Mayfield said prevented them from moving the ball.

"Was I happy with the drive? No, we didn't score points," Mayfield chirped. "That's the dumbest question you could ask. What?"

Mayfield then disgustedly walked away from the lectern and toward his locker.

Soon after, the former No. 1 overall pick went on Twitter to explain his exasperation. Picked by some experts to win the AFC North, the Browns (2-5) haven't played up to enormous expectations and have lost three straight games.

"Everybody wants to hear the truth until they actually get it," Mayfield wrote. "I am who I am. Don't call it emotional when it's convenient and then passion when it fits. I care about winning, so yeah I'm frustrated."

"If I was to act like it's okay to lose, then y'all would say that I've gotten complacent. My sense of urgency is at an all time high. And if I offend anybody along the way, that's too bad."

Before his minor meltdown, Mayfield was cordial while answering questions about the Browns' numerous issues this season. The Browns lead the league with 70 penalties, the offense has been unable to find a consistent rhythm and Mayfield has thrown just six touchdown passes after setting the league rookie record with 27 last season.

He's ranked 32nd with a 57.6 percent completion rate, and Mayfield — along with Browns first-year coach Freddie Kitchens — haven't figured out how to best use wide receivers Odell Beckham Jr. and Jarvis Landry, who have combined for one TD reception.

Mayfield developed a reputation for brash behavior while winning the Heisman Trophy at Oklahoma. He infamously grabbed his crotch during a game at Kansas and angered Ohio State fans by planting a red-and-white OU flag at midfield at Ohio Stadium after the Sooners beat the Buckeyes.

**Williams fails physical:** Less than 24 hours after ending a lengthy holdout, Redskins left tackle Trent Williams failed a physical.

Interim coach Bill Callahan said the 31-year-old failed and couldn't practice because of discomfort with his helmet.

Williams previously had a growth on his head removed, and the dispute that led to his holdout centered on the Redskins' medical staff and its handling of that situation.

**Bad score:** The NFL received its lowest overall score in racial and gender hiring practices in 15 years, according to a new diversity report.

The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport released its annual racial and gender report card, giving the NFL a B for racial hiring practices and a C-plus for gender hiring practices. This gave the NFL a combined B-minus grade for its overall score of 79.3%, a notable decrease from its score of 81.6% last year.

Most notably, the B for racial hiring practices broke a streak of nine consecutive years of earning an A-minus or higher. The NFL's score for race was 82.3%, 6.7 percentage points lower than last year's score of 89%. The score for gender was 76%, a two-percentage point increase from 2018.

### SAM FARMER'S THURSDAY PICK

49ers (7-0) at Cardinals (3-3-1)

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Kyler Murray is unquestionably entertaining, but the 49ers' pass rush is going to keep him hemmed in the pocket and limit what he can do. On offense, the 49ers will grind it out on the ground.

49ers 27, Cardinals 13



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky leaves the field after a loss to the Chargers at Soldier Field on Sunday.

## Biggs

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There was a nice shot to Anthony Miller on an open route and a 31-yard gain to Tarik Cohen down the seam. When Nagy went for it on fourth down, Trubisky delivered with a throw to move the chains.

"I feel like I was just a little more comfortable in the pocket after being out for a couple of weeks," Trubisky said. "Just keeping my eyes downfield and trying to make plays. Putting the ball in the right spot. Just got to continue to make better decisions and stay on the field."

As the Bears prepare for Sunday's game against the Eagles in Philadelphia and aim to halt a three-game losing streak, the question is how Nagy can get more out of Trubisky as the team reaches the midpoint of the season in last place in the NFC North.

Coming off a disastrous outing against the Saints, and now on the verge of falling out of playoff contention for good, Nagy has received weekly questions on the status of his starter. The Bears are far too invested to Trubisky, who has 33 career starts including the playoffs, to alter the course of the organization at this point.

"You're talking about a kid that, he wants it really bad," Nagy said. "He really, truly cares. And I've told you how I am and what I've learned on how you need to be with quarterbacks. But at the same time, there's also an accountability. There's that balance of, when is it time and when do you want to start seeing that type of stuff? I

think we're getting close to that, and he knows that. When there's opportunities to be made, we want to make those, and he wants to make them, but we've just got to do it."

Trubisky also made a long-awaited big play with his legs, scrambling out of a would-be sack by Melvin Ingram and gaining 11 yards to set up the ill-fated 41-yard field-goal attempt for Eddy Pineiro on the final play. The turnovers, an interception when he was fooled by coverage and a lost fumble, were low moments. Others included the failure of the passing game to convert in four first-half trips to the red zone and an overthrown shot to Gabriel that would have resulted in a 58-yard touchdown and a fourth-quarter "dagger" to use Nagy's word.

It's the balancing act Nagy and the Bears must work through as they stick with their 25-year-old quarterback hoping he develops into what the franchise envisioned when he was drafted at No. 2 in 2017. Nagy and Trubisky both believe the offense is close to taking off, but they admit all they can do at this point is remain positive for a team that has scored 16 or fewer points in four of seven games.

At Nagy's suggestion, Trubisky sat down like fans in their living room or at a bar and watched the TV broadcast of the game, not the normal coaches film, in order to study himself between plays more than during the action.

"That told me a lot about myself," he said. "It was weird watching it because I really didn't feel like it was me. It was kind of a shell of myself."

What did he see?

"I really wasn't doing much," Trubisky said. "I really wasn't showing any body language. It was mostly just like a guy who looks super serious, kind of tense. And that's really not me. Especially when you're going out on the field and playing the game you love. You should be out there having fun, which I usually am. But I'm not showing that. I think I can portray that in different ways. Especially in ways that my teammates can feed off."

Maybe Nagy suggested Trubisky be introspective in an effort to help rebuild his confidence. Trubisky had to be shaken by the loss to the Saints and the reaction by the dissatisfied crowd at Soldier Field. As Nagy's said, working with quarterbacks can be a delicate thing.

"Especially through times of adversity, they're always looking towards the leaders, they're always looking towards me and seeing how we're going to react, how we're going to bounce back and be positive, so even more emphasis on that this week," Trubisky said. "You've got to be excited for the opportunity. You've got to continue to come work and have fun. That's what I'm going to do this week. When everybody looks at me, hopefully they just get motivated and are ready to go and ready to get their mind back on track."

So look for a more animated Trubisky against the Eagles as the Bears search for a spark, anything to help them turn the corner on offense a week after they finally got the running game going. If Nagy can highlight some red-zone throws in yellow, those will look good on every version of the film.

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Greenstein

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In June, ESPN.com ran an in-depth piece headlined: "Chasing Ghosts: DePaul's sad journey from name brand to also-ran."

The NCAA put DePaul on three years' probation and suspended Leitao for the first three games this season after finding that "the head coach did not stop or prevent violations from occurring in his program."

DePaul's name also came up in the federal trial probing college basketball corruption. The father of former recruit Brian Bowen told a jury that Shane Heirman, now an assistant coach at DePaul, paid him \$2,000 per month to have his son attend high school at La Lumiere in Indiana, where Heirman coached at the time.

You hear all this and think a few things about DePaul: 1) Bad at basketball, worse at cheating; 2) A complete overhaul is needed.

But the administration's rallying cry is closer to this: FOUR MORE YEARS!

I asked Lenti Ponsetto why the school is standing by Leitao.

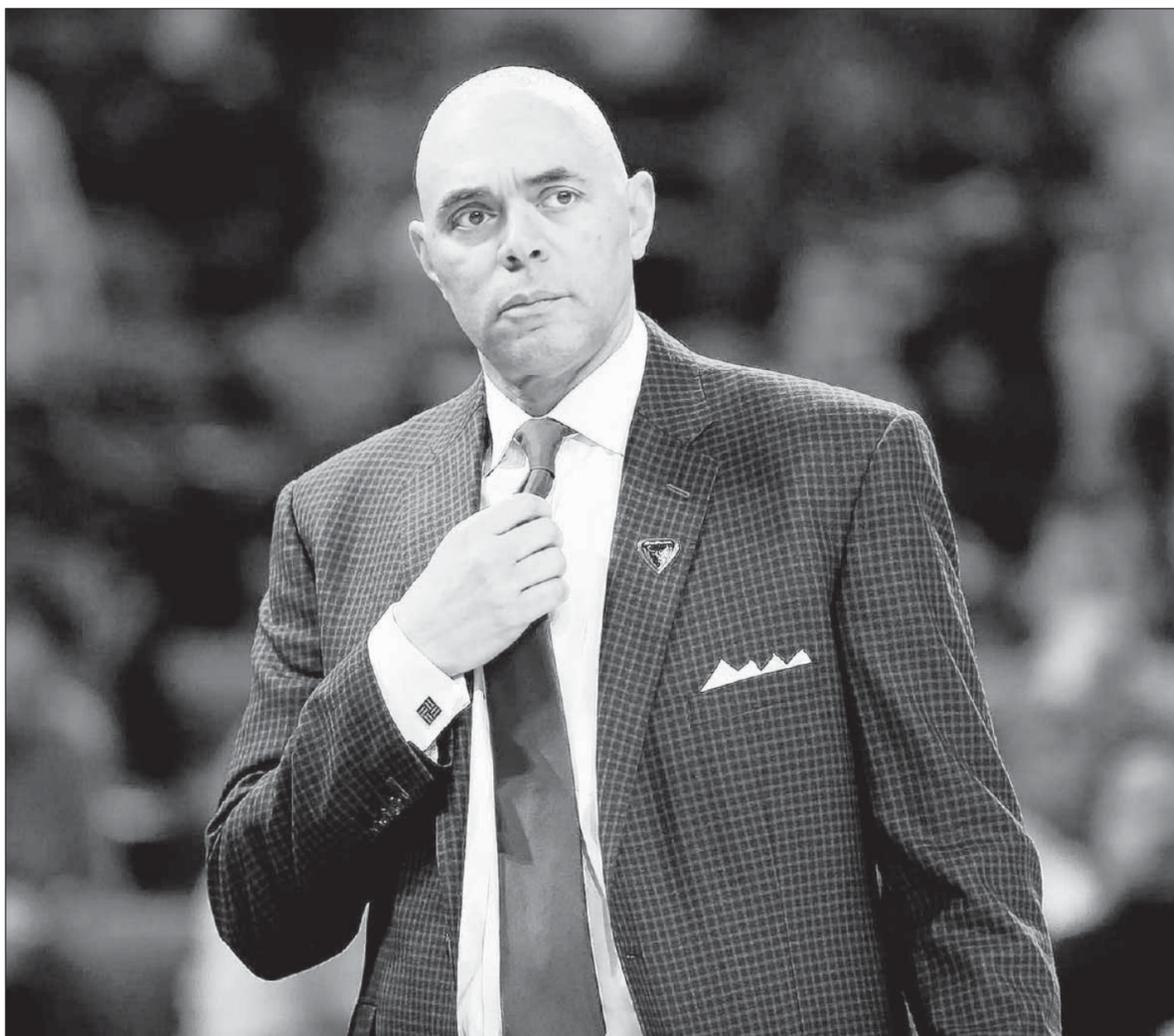
"We think he has done a really good job of rebuilding the program," she said. "The NCAA situation we had really wasn't the result of Dave's doing. Unfortunately we had a staff member who went a little rogue, and his behavior went beyond what we would have expected. Dave wasn't aware that it happened, but nonetheless he's the guy who has to face the penalty, and we accept that."

The NCAA report did not list names but alleged that associate head coach Rick Carter, since fired, had arranged for the assistant director of operations to live with big man Levi Cook as he sought to gain academic eligibility. Cook played one season for DePaul, averaging 2.6 points and 2.3 rebounds, and will play for Coastal Carolina this season after stops at Marshall and two junior colleges.

From the NCAA report: "The head coach did not monitor his staff when he did not actively look for red flags or ask questions about the assistant director of basketball operations' two-week absence. The committee directed that head coaches must verify — not just trust — that staff members are following the rules."

Oh, and three staff members knew about the arrangement but did not report or question it. The director of basketball operations "stated he knew the contact was a violation but did not report it because he did not want to be disloyal, cause tension, get in the way of the associate head coach or otherwise hurt his career. He also did not know how to report violations."

Got it.



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DePaul coach Dave Leitao looks on during a game against Marquette on Feb. 12 at Wintrust Arena.

So should Leitao have been aware? We're not talking about a 5,000-person company here.

"That's the general standard now," Lenti Ponsetto replied. "We'd all like to think he should have known, but he didn't know. Things happened in a duplicitous manner, and I don't think Dave would have ever approved, given his track record of always being so conscientious. ... He has never had a violation in all his years that he was an assistant coach or a head coach. So it's realistic that he didn't know. No one on our compliance staff was aware either."

"NCAA" appears in Lenti Ponsetto's DePaul bio 31 times because she has served on enough councils and committees to have memorized the Division I manual.

She likes that DePaul improved last season from 11-20 to 19-17, its first winning record since 2006-07. She's proud that the team took second place in the CBI, a pay-to-play tournament featuring NIT rejects.

Top scorers Max Strus (20.1 points per game), who recently signed a two-way contract with the Bulls, Eli Cain (13.1) and Femi Olujobi (12.8) had their eligibility expire, but this roster has talent.

Forward Paul Reed averaged 12.3 points last season and was the Big East's top rebounder (8.5 per game). Morgan Park alumnus Charlie Moore transferred in after stops at Cal and Kansas. Forward Romeo Weems highlights a four-man recruiting class ranked 34th nationally in the 247Sports composite. There's also experi-

ence in guards Devin Gage and Jalen Coleman-Lands and forward Jaylen Butz.

"We have more talent, so it will be about creating chemistry," Lenti Ponsetto said. "The schedule is unforgiving."

DePaul will take on three Big Ten teams — Iowa, Minnesota and Northwestern — plus Texas Tech before dueling with the likes of Villanova, Marquette, Seton Hall and Xavier. An ESPN.com poll predicted an eighth- or ninth-place finish in the 10-team Big East. The DraftKings sportsbook lists DePaul as the longest shot to win the conference.

All that's OK.

In DePaul's world, the coach is virtuous and the team is on the verge of greatness.

## Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Family doctors, for short
- 4 Guinness & Baldwin
- 9 Up in \_\_\_; irate
- 13 Carney & Linkletter
- 15 The \_\_\_; important Dutch city
- 16 \_\_\_ up; absorb
- 17 Work hard
- 18 Give a speech
- 19 Indira's dress
- 20 Stuck out
- 22 Makes angry
- 23 As \_\_\_ as an owl
- 24 \_\_\_ Padres National Forest
- 26 Plot
- 29 Dusk
- 34 "\_\_\_ Were the Days"
- 35 Pulverize
- 36 Broadcast
- 37 Hilarious person
- 38 Seeking charges against
- 39 "Hey \_\_\_"; Beatles hit
- 40 Most common conjunction
- 41 Leans to one side
- 42 Book leaves
- 43 Good enough
- 45 Room nook
- 46 Feel sick
- 47 Too thin
- 48 Give one's \_\_\_; promise
- 51 Weighty; critical
- 56 Surrounded by
- 57 Racket
- 58 Rich soil
- 60 Able to reach high shelves
- 61 Microsoft's Bill
- 62 "For heaven's \_\_\_"
- 63 Beech or birch
- 64 Begin
- 65 Female bird

**DOWN**

- 1 Floor pad
- 2 Let fall
- 3 \_\_\_-crazy; tired of confinement
- 4 Eat like \_\_\_; down large quantities
- 5 Actor Lash \_\_\_
- 6 Mild oath
- 7 As \_\_\_ as a button
- 8 Very young plant
- 9 St. Francis' home
- 10 Lion's cry
- 11 Harmon or Hamill
- 12 Equipment for Killy
- 14 Last in a race

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## WORLD SERIES

NATIONALS 6, ASTROS 2									
WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	1	.161			
Eaton rf	4	1	1	2	0	.320			
Rendon 3b	5	1	1	1	1	.276			
Soto lf	4	1	2	1	1	.333			
Kendrick dh	3	2	1	0	0	.280			
Cabrera 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.286			
Zimmerman 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.208			
Gomes c	4	1	0	0	0	.188			
Robles cf	4	2	1	0	0	.160			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>				

HOUSTON									
HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Springer cf-rr	4	0	0	0	1	.296			
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0	1	.303			
Brantley lf	4	0	1	0	1	.321			
Bregman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.207			
Gurriel 1b	4	2	2	1	0	.310			
Alvarez dh	3	1	2	0	0	.412			
Correa ss	4	0	2	1	2	.222			
Chirinos c	4	0	0	0	2	.211			
Reddick rf	2	0	1	0	0	.214			
Marisnick ph-cf	3	1	2	0	1	.375			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>				

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a-1B for Reddick, 6th; E. Marisnick (1); LOB: Was 7, Hou 10. HR: Rendon (2), off Greinke; Kendrick (1), off Harris; Gurriel (1), off Scherzer; RBIs: Rendon (8), Kendrick (2), Soto (7), Eaton (2), Gurriel (5), Correa (3), SB: Eaton (1), S. Cabrera. **Runners left in scoring position:** Was 4 (Zimmerman, Robles, Cabrera, Soto); Hou 5 (Springer, Alvarez, Altuve, Chirinos). **RISP:** Was 2 for 3, Hou 1 for 8. **Runners moved up:** Reddick. **GDP:** Kendrick, Altuve. **DP:** Was 1 (Cabrera, Zimmerman); Hou 1 (Altuve, Gurriel).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scherzer	5	7	2	4	3	3	3.60
Corbin, W, 1-1	2	0	0	0	0	3	3.60
Hudson	1	0	0	0	2	9	9.00

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greinke	6½	2	2	2	2	2	2.45
Harris, L, 0-1, BS	0	2	1	1	0	0	4.50
Osuna	1½	2	1	1	2	0	3.86
Pressly	½	0	0	0	0	0	9.00
Smith	½	2	1	1	1	1	5.40
Urquidy	½	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

**Inherited runners-scored:** Harris 1-1, Osuna 1-0, Pressly 2-0, Urquidy 3-2. **Time:** 3:42. **At:** 43,326 (41,688).

## RECENT WORLD SERIES RESULTS

**2019:** Washington 4, Houston 3  
MVP: Stephen Strasburg, RHP, Wash  
**2018:** Boston 4, L.A. Dodgers 1  
MVP: Steve Pearce, 1B, Boston  
**2017:** Houston 4, Los Angeles 3  
MVP: George Springer, OF, Houston  
**2016:** Chi Cubs 4, Cleveland 3  
**2015:** Ben Zobrist, OF, Chi Cubs  
**2014:** Kansas City 4, N.Y. Mets 1  
MVP: Salvador Perez, C, Kansas City  
**2013:** San Francisco 4, Kansas City 3  
MVP: Madison Bumgarner, LHP, San Fran.  
**2012:** Boston 4, St. Louis 2  
MVP: David Ortiz, DH, Boston  
**2011:** San Francisco 4, Detroit 0  
MVP: Pablo Sandoval, 3B, San Fran.  
**2010:** St. Louis 4, Texas 3  
MVP: David Freese, 3B, St. Louis  
**2009:** San Francisco 4, Texas 1  
MVP: Edgar Renteria, SS, San Fran.  
**2008:** N.Y. Yankees 4, Philadelphia 2  
MVP: Hideki Matsui, DH, N.Y. Yankees  
**2007:** Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 1  
MVP: Cole Hamels, LHP, Philadelphia  
**2006:** Boston 4, Colorado 0  
MVP: Mike Lowell, 3B, Boston  
**2005:** St. Louis 4, Detroit 1  
MVP: David Eckstein, SS, St. Louis  
**2004:** Chi White Sox 4, Houston 0  
MVP: Jermaine Dye, OF, Chi White Sox  
**2003:** Florida 4, N.Y. Yankees 2  
MVP: Josh Beckett, RHP, Florida

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

Ga. Southern at #20 App. St., 7 p.m.  
W. Virginia at #12 Baylor, 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Princeton at Cornell, 5 p.m.  
Navy at UConn, 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

Wofford at #4 Clemson, 3 p.m.  
#6 Florida vs. #8 Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla., 2:30 p.m.  
#9 Oregon at USC, 7 p.m.  
#9 Utah at Washington, 3 p.m.  
Mississippi at #11 Auburn, 6 p.m.  
#14 Michigan at Maryland, 11 a.m.  
#15 SMU at #24 Memphis, 6:30 p.m.  
Va. Tech at #16 Notre Dame, 1:30 p.m.  
#17 Cincinnati at E. Carolina, 6 p.m.  
#22 Boise St. at S. Jose St, 9:30 p.m.  
# 22 Kansas St at Kansas, 2:30 p.m.  
N.C. St. at #23 Wake Forest, 11 a.m.  
**East**  
St. Fran. (Pa.) at Duquesne, 11 a.m.  
Colgate at Georgetown, 11 a.m.  
Butler at Marist, 11 a.m.  
LIU at Robert Morris, 11 a.m.  
Boston College at Syracuse, 11 a.m.  
Liberty at UMass, 11 a.m.  
CCSU at Wagner, 11 a.m.  
Columbia at Yale, 11 a.m.  
Fordham at Lafayette, 11:30 a.m.  
Holy Cross at Lehigh, 11:30 a.m.  
Sacred Heart at Bryant, noon  
Dartmouth at Harvard, noon  
NC Cent. at Howard, noon  
Villanova at New Hampshire, noon  
Brown at Penn, noon  
Merrimack at Rhode Island, noon  
Delaware at Towson, 1 p.m.  
Maine at Albany (NY), 2:30 p.m.  
**South**  
Old Dominion at FIU, 11 a.m.  
Houston at UCF, 11 a.m.  
Valparaiso at Davidson, noon  
Austin Peay at E. Kentucky, noon  
Presbyterian at Hampton, noon  
Stetson at Jacksonville, noon  
Dayton at Morehead St., noon  
Charleston S. at Gardner-Webb, 12:30 p.m.  
NC A&T at SC State, 12:30 p.m.  
W. Carolina at VMI, 12:30 p.m.  
Furman at Chattanooga, 1 p.m.  
William & Mary at Elon, 1 p.m.  
Monmouth (NJ) at Kennesaw St., 1 p.m.  
Alabama St. at MVSU, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee Tech at Murray St., 1 p.m.  
Morgan St. at Norfolk St., 1 p.m.  
Campbell at N. Alabama, 1:30 p.m.  
Troy at Coastal Carolina, 2 p.m.  
Texas S. at Grambling St., 2 p.m.  
Stony Brook at Richmond, 2 p.m.  
SE Missouri at Tennessee St., 2 p.m.  
Jacksonville St. at UT Martin, 2 p.m.  
Middle Tenn. at Charlotte, 2:30 p.m.  
The Citadel at ETSU, 2:30 p.m.  
Miami at Florida St., 2:30 p.m.  
Delaware St. at Florida A&M, 3 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech, 3 p.m.  
Tulsa at Tulane, 3 p.m.  
FAU at W. Kentucky, 3 p.m.  
Texas St. at La-Lafayette, 4 p.m.  
Arkansas St. at La-Monroe, 4 p.m.  
Northwestern St. at McNeese St., 4 p.m.  
Stephen F. Austin at SE Louisiana, 4 p.m.  
Alabama A&M at S. U., 4 p.m.  
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Jackson St., 6 p.m.  
Samford at Mercer, 6 p.m.  
UAB at Tennessee, 6 p.m.  
Virginia at N. Carolina, 6:30 p.m.  
Vanderbilt at S. Carolina, 6:30 p.m.  
**Midwest**  
N. Illinois at C. Michigan, 11 a.m.  
Buffalo at E. Michigan, 11 a.m.  
Nebraska at Purdue, 11 a.m.  
N. Iowa at Western St., noon  
S. Illinois at Indiana St., noon  
Akron at Bowling Green, 1 p.m.  
S. Dakota at W. Illinois, 1 p.m.  
S. Dakota St. at Missouri St., 2 p.m.  
Rutgers at Illinois, 2:30 p.m.  
N. Dakota St. at Youngstown St., 5 p.m.  
Northwestern at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
**Southwest**  
UTSA at Texas A&M, 11 a.m.  
UTEP at N. Texas, 2:30 p.m.  
TCU at Oklahoma St., 2:30 p.m.  
Marshall at Rice, 2:30 p.m.  
Mississippi St. at Arkansas, 3 p.m.  
Cent. Arkansas at Lamar, 3 p.m.  
Nicholls at Incarnate Word, 4 p.m.  
**West**  
S. Utah at Montana St., 1 p.m.  
Army at Air Force, 2:30 p.m.  
UNLV at Colorado St., 2:30 p.m.  
N. Arizona at E. Washington, 3:05 p.m.  
Oregon St. at Arizona, 3:30 p.m.  
N. Colorado at Idaho St., 3:30 p.m.  
Cal Poly at Idaho, 4 p.m.  
Drake at San Diego, 4 p.m.  
Montana at Portland St., 4:05 p.m.  
Weber St. at Sacramento St., 8 p.m.  
Colorado at UCL, 8 p.m.  
BYU at Utah St., 9 p.m.  
New Mexico at Nevada, 9:30 p.m.  
Fresno St. at Hawaii, 10:59 p.m.

## NFL

AFC												
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
New England	8	0	0	1.000	250	61	4-0-0	4-0-0	6-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	134	122	2-2-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	.143	78	185	1-3-0	0-3-0	0-5-0	1-1-0	0-3-0	
Miami	0	7	0	.000	77	238	0-4-0	0-3-0	0-5-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	

NFC												
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	158	151	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	
Houston	5	3	0	.625	212	188	3-1-0	2-2-0	4-1-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500	173	163	2-2-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	148	135	2-2-0	2-2-0	2-4-0	2-0-0	0-2-0	

NFC												
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	214	156	2-1-0	3-1-0	3-2-0	2-0-0	2-1-0	
Pittsburgh	3	4	0	.429	150	145	2-2-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	133	181	0-3-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	0-3-0	1-0-0	
Cincinnati	0	8	0	.000	124	210	0-3-0	0-5-0	0-4-0	0-4-0	0-2-0	

NFC												
WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	226	181	1-3-0	4-0-0	4-2-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	151	192	2-1-0	1-3-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	157	157	1-3-0	2-2-0	2-4-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	
Denver	2	6	0	.250	125	151	1-3-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	

## NFC

AFC												
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV	
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	190	124	3-1-0	1-2-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	3-0-0	
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	202	199	2-1-0	2-3-0	2-4-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	158	218	1-3-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	
Washington	1	7	0	.125	99	195	0-4-0	1-3-0	0-6-0	1-1-0	0-3-0	

NFC												
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV	
New Orleans	7	1	0	.875	195	156	4-0-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	
Carolina	4	3	0	.571	179	184	1-2-0	3-1-0	2-3-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	196	212	0-3-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	
Atlanta	1	7	0	.125	165	250	1-3-0	0-4-0	1-4-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	

NFC												
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV	
Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	215	163	4-1-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	211	132	4-0-0	2-2-0	5-2-0	1-0-0	1-2-0	
Detroit	3	3	1	.500	180	186	2-2-0	1-1-0	2-2-1	1-1-0	0-2-0	
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	128	122	1-3-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	

NFC												
WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV	
San Francisco	7	0	0	1.000	207	77	3-0-0	4-0-0	4-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	208	196	2-2-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	214	174	2-2-0	3-1-0	3-3-0	2-0-0	0-2-0	
Arizona	3	4	1	.438	170	223	1-2-1	2-2-0	2-3-1	1-1-0	0-1-0	

## WEEK 9

## THURSDAY'S GAME

San Francisco at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

Houston vs Jacksonville (London), 9:30 a.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon  
Washington at Buffalo, noon  
Tennessee at Carolina, noon  
Minnesota at Kansas City, noon

## OFFENSIVE LEADERS

TEAM	TOT	PASS	RUSH	PPG
Dallas	437.9	291.9	146.0	27.1
Baltimore	434.9	230.7	204.1	30.6
Minnesota	396.5	236.4	160.1	26.4
Houston	395.0	261.4	133.6	26.5
Kansas City	392.5	309.5	83.0	28.3
San Francisco	387.3	206.1	181.1	29.6
Atlanta	385.5	317.0	68.5	20.6
L.A. Rams	384.5	287.3	97.3	26.8
Seattle	382.9	252.9	130.0	26.0
Jacksonville	379.8	243.3	136.5	21.6
Detroit	379.8	282.7	96.9	25.7
New Orleans	375.3	261.0	114.3	24.4
Green Bay	373.5	271.9	101.6	26.9
Oakland	371.9	240.4	131.4	21.6
Tampa Bay	370.7	271.4	99.3	28.0
New England	369.9	274.6	95.3	31.3
L.A. Chargers	350.6	281.1	69.5	19.6
Indianapolis	345.9	217.4	128.4	22.6
Buffalo	345.7	215.3	130.4	19.1
Cleveland	345.3	219.9	125.4	19.0
Philadelphia	343.8	218.8	125.0	25.3
Arizona	342.9	226.4	116.5	21.3</

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## ILLINOIS

## The game that wasn't

Illinois scheduled an overseas football game 30 years ago — in Moscow. But the Glasnost Bowl fell apart before it began.

BY SHANNON RYAN

Mikhail Gorbachev's blue Illinois football jersey is kept neatly folded in an old equipment room in Champaign.

The No. 1 jersey was never delivered 30 years ago as intended to the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Neither were the similar jerseys now stacked alongside Gorbachev's: one each for former U.S. President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush, who had succeeded Reagan earlier that year.

The jerseys were designed to be gifts between the nations as Illinois prepared to play a historic game against USC in Moscow in the waning stages of the Cold War. The game was billed as the Glasnost Bowl.

Pulling off a college football game halfway around the world, in a nation with a poor economy and even worse understanding of the sport, proved too difficult, and the trip was scrapped about two months before the scheduled kickoff. The game was played instead at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and the No. 22 Illini beat the fifth-ranked Trojans 14-13.

Illinois announced two weeks ago it will open the 2021 season in Dublin against Nebraska. It will be the program's first overseas game and the eighth college football game in Ireland.

Even in 1989, international games weren't unheard of. Tokyo hosted an annual American college football game from 1976 to 1993, including Notre Dame versus Miami in 1979.

But playing in the Soviet Union was "a fantasy," said former Illinois coach John Mackovic (1988-91). U.S. football teams still haven't played a game in Russia.

The Glasnost Bowl was marketed as a game of significant magnitude. For the football programs, it was not so much a political statement as an opportunity for global exposure.

The game was to air nationally on ABC on Labor Day, a week before the 1989 season kicked off for most programs.

"It was a nice opportunity to show that maybe Americans and Russians were getting along better," Mackovic told the Tribune recently. "As we met with Russian reps, nobody said, 'This would be good for the two countries.'"

"What I was telling players was: 'This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance. You may never get a chance to visit Russia again, for one thing.' Just to open their eyes to the rest of the world. I always wanted them to explore and know more about our world."

It was a novel idea but impossible to execute.

It is far easier for sports with smaller rosters such as basketball to play games overseas than football, with its large rosters, abundant coaching and support staffs and heavy equipment. Traveling overseas for exhibition games has become almost commonplace for college basketball teams; Illinois played in Italy this summer.

International football games take far more effort. The Glasnost Bowl was not the only overseas trip to fall through. In 1996, the Haka Bowl scheduled for New Zealand between teams from the Pac-10 and Western Athletic conferences was scrapped because the NCAA revoked the game's certification over financial concerns. In 2013, bowl games proposed for Dublin and Dubai ran into similar NCAA certification impediments.

The obstacles were plentiful — almost laughable — as Illinois prepared for the



Illinois jerseys made as gifts to U.S. presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for the 1989 game.

Glasnost Bowl.

Raycom Sports and Entertainment, a sports broadcasting and event management company, negotiated with the local government in Moscow and would retain control of ticket sales. After a preliminary agreement, Raycom and the game's promoter sued each other. In June 1989, the event was called off.

When Mackovic traveled to Moscow with USC representatives to survey the arrangements, he realized it might have been a bit of a pipe dream.

"I guess what went through our minds was, 'How in the world are they going to make this work?'" he said. "But if they say it'll work, well, OK."

The Russians were so unknowledgeable about football, they asked Mackovic how many ambulances he would need for the game. He told them Illinois always had one on hand as a precaution.

"They said, 'Well, you'll need to take away the dead.' I said, 'Well, we're not counting on anyone dying.' They thought the game was vicious like that, that we killed off players. They assured us a hospital was close by."

Logistically, the game was a nightmare. The teams were tasked with finding goal posts or locating a welder in Russia to assemble some. They were responsible for bringing every necessary item, from tape to ice machines.

To save money, the teams were scheduled to fly together with all of their equipment. "All these little things starting adding up, and the list got gigantic," former Illinois associate athletic director Dana Brenner said. "How are you going to get all that on a 747 with both teams? Everyone was in agreement that while the idea was terrific and it was a great life experience for everyone, just the enormous amount of logistical problems made us say, 'Hey, we can't pull this off.'"

Converting Dynamo Stadium, a soccer arena, into a football field meant the end zone would have butted against a wall —

similar to the problem Illinois encountered when it played Northwestern at Wrigley Field in 2010.

The dressing rooms, Mackovic said, would not have fit the entire team even if they were standing shoulder to shoulder. The team hotel rooms were mostly bare besides two single beds.

"We started talking internally: 'Boy, is this going to be really difficult to do,'" said Andy Dixon, Illinois' former head equipment manager. "We went over all the things we'd have to take: our own food, our own chefs, our own toilet paper. Electrical converters. Our own sky lift for video. Even though it was exciting, we knew it would be difficult."

School administrators acknowledged turmoil in the area, but there also were signs of the Soviet Union's impending fall and improving relations with the U.S.

In 1987, the countries had agreed to scrap intermediate-range nuclear missiles. The Revolutions of 1989 saw the toppling of Soviet-imposed communist regimes in central and eastern Europe.

Two months after the scheduled date of the Glasnost Bowl, mass public rallies led to the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989. Gorbachev resigned as Soviet president on Dec. 25, 1991, and the U.S. recognized the independence of Soviet republics.

"There was a lot of unrest and change occurring in Eastern Europe," Brenner said. "Everyone thought it could be a great experience for both countries if done in a positive manner. Everyone felt good about the decision (to play in Moscow)."

Any political ramifications of the game were largely lost on the players, some of them said. They had secured passports and been photographed for game promotions. They were hyped about playing in a high-profile game against a prestigious opponent and — for many — traveling overseas for the first time.

"I don't think a lot of us thought about the political part," said Mike Bellamy, the Illini's current running backs coach, who played wide receiver for Illinois in 1988-89. "We

were 20-year-old kids. We were excited about the big deal college football was making about it and playing USC."

When players learned the trip was off, disappointment was temporary.

"We were looking forward to it, going out of the country," said former Illini running back Howard Griffith (1987-90). "Telling us we were going out to California for a week, that was cool (too). The whole Ice Cube culture was happening. We had some teammates from out there. We stayed maybe in Santa Monica, stayed at some four- or five-star resort. It was fun."

Mackovic was determined to make the best of it and took the players to California for the week, a lengthy trip that the NCAA would not approve today, he gleefully pointed out.

"We turned lemons into lemonade and booked the whole week," he said. "We took the team to Disneyland. We treated it like a mini bowl trip. They loved it. The weather was nice."

And the game was even nicer for the Illini.

Jeff George threw two touchdown passes in the final six minutes, including a 20-yarder to Los Angeles native Steve Williams with 2 minutes, 19 seconds left, to erase a 13-0 deficit and clinch the upset.

USC quarterback Todd Marinovich, a redshirt freshman starting in place of the injured Pat O'Hara, was picked off by Illinois' Henry Jones with less than two minutes remaining.

Both teams went on to have impressive seasons. Led by linebacker Junior Seau, the Pac-10 defensive player of the year, the Trojans beat No. 3 Michigan in the Rose Bowl and wound up eighth in the final AP poll.

Illinois finished 10-2 and ranked No. 10 after a Citrus Bowl victory against No. 16 Virginia.

"It was quite a weekend," Mackovic said of the game at USC.

And a much shorter plane ride home than they originally expected.

## NORTHWESTERN

## Wildcats offense is bad — really bad

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

There are 130 FBS teams. Every respectable Northwestern fan knows this because of the following sad facts:

- The NU offense ranks 130th in scoring with 10.7 points per game.
- The passing offense ranks 130th with a 75.7 efficiency rating. That's 20 points lower than the 129th team, Old Dominion.
- Northwestern ranks 130th in plays of 20 or more yards. The Wildcats have produced 10 such plays, nine fewer than any other FBS team.

OK, let's stop there. We have the facts to show that Northwestern is America's least entertaining team.

Here are five thoughts on this historically inept offense.

#### 1. There are no playmakers.

Flip channels on a fall Saturday and you'll see players with blinding speed and dazzling skill. Think Penn State's KJ Hamler or Purdue's David Bell. Or pretty much any Ohio State player who touches the football.

Northwestern has zero players who rank in the top 50 in the Big Ten in receiving yards. Indiana has six.

Running back Drake Anderson can fly and occasionally make a defender miss.

Receivers Kyric McGowan, JJ Jefferson and Riley Lees are nice players. But let's be honest: The Wildcats haven't had a game-changing talent since Venric Mark left the building in 2014 or a technician since Austin Carr caught 90 passes in 2016.

#### 2. The quarterback situation is, um, not good.

Hunter Johnson and TJ Green were neck and neck heading into the opener at Stanford. Johnson struggled mightily and gave way to Green, who broke his foot and needed season-ending surgery. Johnson looked better against UNLV, Michigan State and Wisconsin but then took time away to support his mother during treatment for breast cancer.

Aidan Smith, at times, looks like a competent Big Ten quarterback. His arm strength is fine and his athleticism is better than average. But his accuracy is just OK and his decision-making can be a problem.

Case in point in the 20-0 loss to Iowa on Saturday: On fourth-and-4 in the third quarter, Smith noticed that his primary receiver was covered but missed a wide-open Lees in the middle of the field.

"Take the 5 yards, let a guy make a play," NU coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "We had that multiple times Saturday. ... We need more

production out of that (quarterback) room. It's the elephant in the room. It's painfully obvious."

#### 3. That's not the only thing that's painfully obvious.

Athletic director Jim Phillips should not have to persuade Fitzgerald to hire a new offensive coordinator after the season. Mick McCall helped Fitzgerald win a lot of games over the last 11 seasons, including a Big Ten West title in 2018. Soon it will be time to move on and find a new voice for this offense.

Since 2013, these are Northwestern's yearly national scoring rankings: 83rd, 101st, 114th, 87th, 56th, 100th. And as mentioned, 130th this season.

McCall remains upbeat, saying Tuesday: "Guys are still practicing hard and working hard. We've just got to take it to the field. We've been inconsistent as far as execution."

Asked if he's aware of criticism from fans and media, he replied: "I don't even hear it and I don't even care. I don't have time to do that. My whole thing is the guys, and I'm trying to do the best for them, to help them."

"I get it. Fans are fans. They are passionate. But if they knew all the things that are going on, they'd say: Oh, right."

#### 4. Injuries have made a bad situation worse.

Start at quarterback, where Green showed promise.

Northwestern's best receiver, Ben Skowronek, has missed the last four games after ankle surgery and has not returned to practice.

Top tailback Isaiah Bowser was slowed by a knee injury. Jefferson exited the Iowa game in the first quarter.

#### 5. The loss of Cam Green was huge.

The lively superback retired from football after ranking as the Wildcats' No. 2 pass catcher last season with 57 grabs for 483 yards and four touchdowns. In explaining his decision to bypass a fifth season, Green said he wanted to let backups with NFL ambition such as Charlie Mangieri get a shot.

Mangieri has just five catches for 21 yards.

He dropped a terrific pass from Smith on second-and-12 against Iowa.

Later in the game, on fourth-and-3, receivers Berkeley Holman and Malik Washington ran into each other on a rub route, leading to an incompleteness.

If it's not one ugly thing with this offense, it's another.

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## TV lands Love

Ex-PGA champ, two-time Ryder Cup captain debuts for CBS in January

Davis Love III will join CBS golf coverage as an analyst beginning with the Farmers Insurance Open in January.

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By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Peter Kostis and Gary McCord are out at CBS Sports. Davis Love III is in.

Sean McManus, the chairman at CBS Sports, announced Tuesday that Love is joining the network as a golf analyst next year. He makes his debut at Torrey Pines in January for the Farmers Insurance Open. McManus described the former PGA champion and two-time Ryder Cup captain as “the perfect fit for CBS.”

Love is playing in the Bermuda Championship this week, and he plans to play the remaining two PGA Tour events this year in Mexico and his home at Sea Island.

“My playing days are not totally over, as I will play select events, but my focus now shifts to broadcasting,” Love said. “I have been fortunate to spend a lot of time with the men and women of CBS Sports, and I look forward to getting started in January.”

That brings Love back to the Masters in a different capacity. CBS airs that, along with the PGA Championship, where Love is exempt for life as a past champion (1997). ESPN has the opening two rounds, and it was not clear if Love planned to play at Harding Park or what he would do if he made the cut in San Francisco.

Golfweek and Sports Business Journal reported that the contracts of Kostis and McCord were not renewed. McCord told Golf Digest, “Bottom line, they fired me.”

McCord said McManus told him and Kostis that CBS golf coverage was getting a little stale and the network needed to go in another direction.

“I’ve been called a lot of things,” McCord said. “But one thing I’ve never been called is stale.”

### Rory’s curls

Rory McIlroy sported a new look when he returned to competition last week after a three-week break.

The curls are back.

They are spilling out from under his cap, reminiscent of his early years on tour, except for the flecks of gray. And his hair is about to get longer.

“I’m not going to get it cut until February,” he said Tuesday.

The reason has nothing to do with a midlife crisis for the four-time major champion who turned 30 last year. In a roundabout way, it started with his wife getting her hair cut in Los Angeles a few years



TOSHIFUMI KITAMURA/GETTY-AFP

Rory McIlroy returned to competition last week after a layoff and was sporting his old hairstyle.

ago during the Genesis Invitational at Riviera.

“Now, anytime she goes there, she has to get her hair cut because she says it was the best haircut she ever had,” McIlroy said. “So we were there a week after Pebble Beach, the U.S. Open, and she’s getting her hair cut. I came into the salon, but I had just got my haircut the previous week. Her hair stylist said, ‘Oh, you should have let it grow and let me cut it.’ So I said, ‘OK, the next time we’re in LA, I’m going to grow my hair out and then let you do whatever you want with it.’”

Expect the locks to be flowing when he shows up at Torrey Pines in January.

And when he gets to Riviera? There’s no telling.

### Presidents Cup

Jordan Spieth hasn’t given up hope of playing in the Presidents Cup in Australia, one reason why he’s at the HSBC Champions for the first time since 2015.

Tiger Woods makes his captain’s picks late next week, and there is uncertainty among some players how many picks are available. Woods won in

Japan last week after taking time off to repair cartilage in his left knee, so he figures to be one of the picks. U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland did his part after finishing 10th in the standings. He tied for third in South Korea and was fifth in Japan.

That leaves two picks, unless Brooks Koepka is not fully recovered from a knee injury.

“If I win or put in a good effort, I could potentially be on Tiger’s mind if there’s an open spot for the Presidents Cup,” Spieth said. “It depends on Brooks’ situation. Tiger needs to pick himself. It’s hard not to go down the list on the next few guys. I think I would have to have a spot open up, and play really well. If it happens, great. If not, I’m looking at having a solid week and recognize last week was a fluke and the work I’m putting in is paying off.”

Spieth tied for eighth in South Korea and then got off to a bad start in Japan and finished near the bottom of the pack.

Kevin Kisner is also at the HSBC, but there was less urgency about feeling he had to perform great in Shanghai to merit consideration. Kisner

finished 15th in the standings, but he has shown in recent years he has adapted nicely to match play. He went 2-0-2 in his Presidents Cup debut in 2017, was runner-up in the Match Play in 2018 and won the Match Play this year. His record in the World Golf Championships event is 11-2-1 over the last two years.

Kisner says Woods has told him Royal Melbourne is a good fit for him and they have “tons of conversations about him wanting me to play well to justify a pick.”

More important to Kisner was taking a break after last season, so he didn’t return until last week and finished near the bottom in Japan.

“I never understand how they pick those teams,” Kisner said. “What are we picking? Recent form, seeing how the Presidents Cup is a month-and-a-half away? I played great a month-and-a-half ago.”

“I think he thinks the golf course fits you and you fit with the team, he understands we’re all great players.”

### Missing title

Sam Snead had 81 official victories for years until the

PGA Tour finally agreed to count the British Open he won in 1946 at St. Andrews.

Perhaps the same revision awaits Phil Mickelson one day. Mickelson is at 44 victories — his goal has always been 50 — and that does not include his victory in the HSBC Champions in 2009, the first year it was designated a World Golf Championships event.

Only it wasn’t treated like the other WGCs.

First, it was an unofficial victory because the field consisted of a majority of players who were not PGA Tour members and the PGA Tour money list — along with the top 125 who kept their cards — had not been decided. Mickelson played in the final group with Tiger Woods. Ernie Els was the runner-up, followed by Ryan Moore and Rory McIlroy.

Then, the tour decided it would count as a PGA Tour victory only if it was won by a PGA Tour member. After three years, it was a full-fledged WGC and counted toward the PGA Tour.

Still, Mickelson is not credited with an official PGA Tour victory for that 2009 victory. He shouldn’t have to wait more than 50 years — as Snead did — for the tour to change that.

### Divots

Jack Warfield is retiring after 42 years in golf, half of those with the PGA Tour and the last eight as president of the PGA Tour Latinoamerica. ... Nathaniel Crosby is returning as U.S. captain for the Walker Cup. The 2021 matches will be played at Seminole Golf Club in Florida. The Americans won the Walker Cup this year at Royal Liverpool. ... Jordan Spieth, Charles Howell III and Lucas Glover are among 18 players who are competing in all three PGA Tour events in Asia. ... The USGA and R&A say their “Distance Insights Project Report” needs a little more time and now is expected to be released on Feb. 4.

Stat of the week  
Dating to 2003 when ShotLink was developed for the PGA Tour, only six players who began a tournament with three straight bogeys have finished in the top 10. Tiger Woods in Japan was the only player to win.

### Final word

“I don’t want Paris to be my last one. But if it was my last one, I’ll be very content with my performances in them.” — Ian Poulter on the Ryder Cup.

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CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

England's George Kruis wins a lineup against the United States during the Rugby World Cup Pool C game at Kobe Misaki Stadium in Kobe, Japan, on Sept. 26.

## Japan excels as World Cup host, must ride rugby wave

By STEVE DOUGLAS  
Associated Press

TOKYO — Three years into his second stint living in Japan, Peter Musgrave takes his young son to a park in central Tokyo and sees people throwing around a rugby ball.

"It's chalk and cheese to when I first lived here," the 40-year-old Musgrave says.

Back in those days, from 2006-12, the bank worker from England barely noticed rugby in the Japanese capital unless he "went out to a foreigner bar to watch a game." The Brave Blossoms, as Japan's national team is affectionately called, were conceding nearly 100 points in games against the sport's major powers.

The thought of an audience of around 55 million — representing close to half the population — watching on TV as Japan won a rugby match with breathtaking skill to power into the quarterfinals at a home Rugby World Cup would have been consigned to the realms of fantasy.

Yet that's what happened in this 2019 global showpiece, the first Rugby World Cup to be held in Asia. It's been an absolute blast, an eye-opener not just for the estimated half-million traveling fans from 19 other competing countries but also for the Japanese people who have been such courteous and polite hosts.

There was the scene of 15,000 people turning up to watch Wales' first practice session of the tournament. Some arrived three hours before practice, lining up for more than a kilometer outside Kitakyushu Stadium.

How about Oita, the land of hot springs in the most southwestern of Japan's main islands and a place that could never be described as a rugby hotbed, welcoming fans of France, England, Wales and Australia for one memorable quarter-final weekend? Locals, merely passing by pubs and bars, joined in the revelry, some being lifted up like they were second-row forwards in a lineout.

From Fukuroi to Fukuoka, from Kamaishi to Kumamoto, lasting memories have been made in this 6½-week tournament that has been 10 years in the planning but will draw to a close Saturday when



JAE HONG/AP

Japan's Pieter Labuschagne, left, is airborne as he scores a try as Russia's Bogdan Fedotko watches during a Rugby World Cup Pool A game at Tokyo Stadium on Sept. 20.

England plays South Africa in the final.

So when the World Cup circus leaves town, what will be left behind? How does Japan sustain the rugby fever?

"I have a little worry, yes," former Japan rugby captain Toshiaki Hirose told The Associated Press. "Four years ago, we beat South Africa in the World Cup and a lot of Japanese people watched it. Now, I think Japanese people understand rugby as well, and respect the passion."

"I think there is an environment where kids want to start playing rugby but we should have this environment more, not just in the cities but also in the countryside."

Rugby lags behind baseball, soccer and others in the list of the most popular sports here. There are 92,000 registered rugby players — a 10th of the number in soccer — and there is a participation rate among teenagers of 1.5%, according to the most recent white paper on sport in Japan. Rugby tied ninth among the most popular spectator sports in Japan and didn't feature in the top 10 of most popular sports watched on TV.

The country has a 16-team domestic league which is a corporate and mostly amateur competition featuring a growing number of well-paid foreign stars and Japan internationals. Only five Top League games in the entirety of last season attracted a crowd of more than 5,000 spectators.

Japan has had a team, the Tokyo-based Sunwolves, playing in the leading southern-hemisphere provincial competition — Super Rugby — since 2015 against rivals from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and Argentina. But they are about to be disbanded, leading to much uncertainty about their future.

Meanwhile, at grassroots level, Hirose says most kids can only choose one sport in which to specialize at school — and invariably that's baseball or soccer. There is also a shortage of age-group facilities, top-class coaches and even grass fields, says Musgrave.

"You have to be careful," says Andrew Fielder, a 41-year-old IT worker who is a friend of Musgrave and also an expat in Tokyo. "Children need to have quality instructors otherwise they could hurt themselves. I would be wor-

ried. You'd want to be sure they have the right level of instruction, certification."

Musgrave and his 6-year-old son, Hugo, went along with Fielder and his 5-year-old son, Theon, to a Rugby Introduction Day staged by the Japan Rugby Football Union and World Cup sponsor Land Rover to encourage a younger generation to play the game in the wake of Japan's unprecedented run to the quarterfinals.

Among the superstar ex-players running the event were England World Cup winners Jonny Wilkinson and Lawrence Dallaglio, who have gone around Japan during the World Cup in their role as TV pundits and ambassadors and seen first-hand the fanatical support for the Brave Blossoms.

"It was only a couple of World Cups ago that they were losing by large scores," Dallaglio said, likely recalling the 83-7 loss to New Zealand in 2011, which came after the 91-3 defeat to Australia in 2007. "What they've done in the last eight years is phenomenal, so if they can continue that development ... the next generation hopefully will have been inspired by their heroes that they've wit-

nessed out on the field."

Japan, a so-called Tier Two rugby nation, rarely gets to play the sport's top teams like the All Blacks and England outside of World Cups. Wilkinson says it is "imperative" that changes, with Dallaglio suggesting they could even enter the major southern or northern hemisphere international competitions.

"They need to continue to introduce them to quality opposition," Wilkinson said in a message to rugby's powerbrokers, "... and come to understand when you play against quality opposition, it gives an insight into where you need to be but also what you are already capable of."

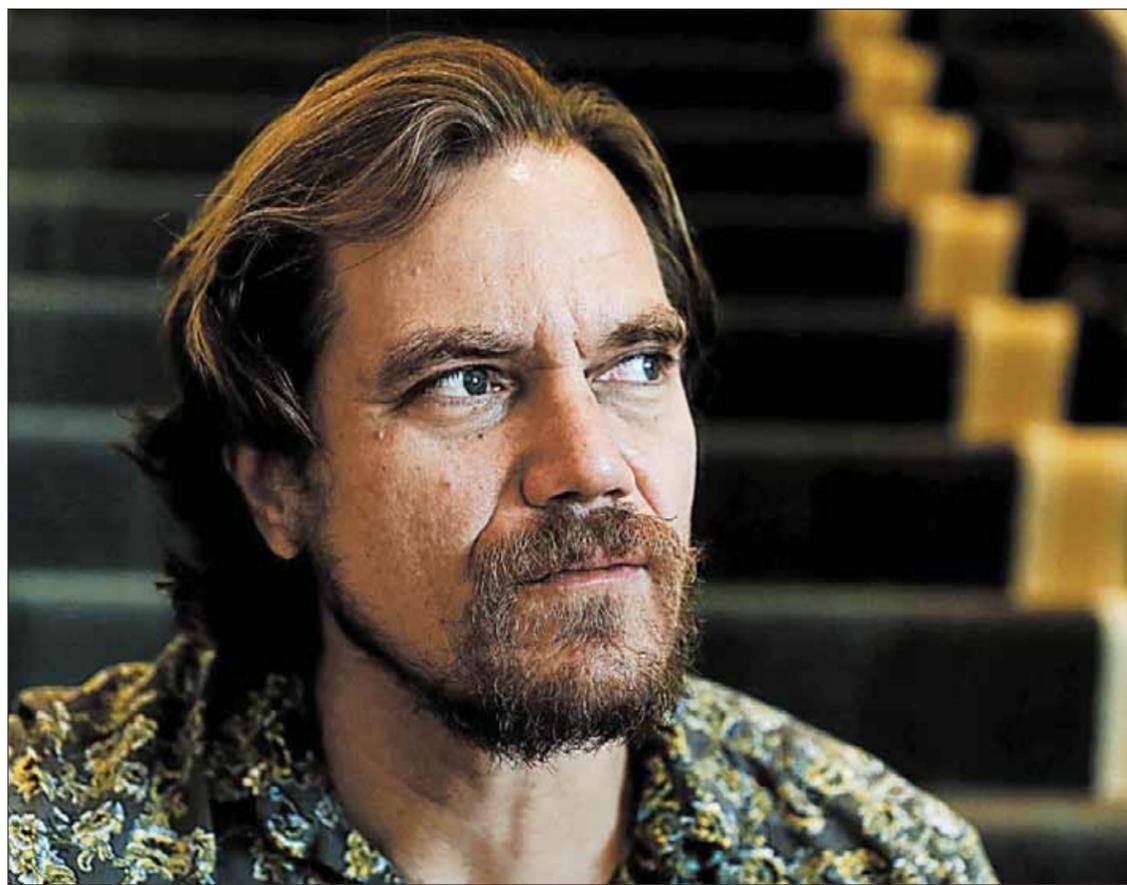
Other issues facing Japan is the possibility of its head coach, New Zealander Jamie Joseph, leaving and stalwart players like captain Michael Leitch and Luke Thompson potentially having played in their last World Cup. A new generation of players needs to come through, without that carrot of a World Cup on home soil that has inspired the current crop.

Hirose doesn't want this past six weeks to go to waste. He has been around Japan, teaching kids the national anthems of the competing teams because it is a "good opportunity for us to understand other countries' cultures." He has seen the Japanese people take the Brave Blossoms to their hearts — "they like their courage and discipline" — and enjoy mixing with foreigners before and after games, "drinking, chatting, singing."

They've witnessed visiting fans paint the Japanese flag — the "Hinomaru" — on their faces, and wear bandanas decked with the red-and-white colors of Japan.

World Rugby, the sport's governing body, says its legacy programs have introduced 1.8 million people in Asia to the sport, a million of them from Japan. They have to keep that going to sustain a genuine Asian presence in the sport.

"One of the reasons we came to Asia," World Rugby chairman Bill Beaumont says, "was to actually leave a legacy. What we have to do is carry on working with them so when you come back in two years' time, the people are talking about (Brave) Blossoms and not about baseball."



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Actor Michael Shannon, seen at the Peninsula Hotel in Chicago last week, is a co-founder of A Red Orchid Theatre in Old Town.

# Michael Shannon, a scary good actor

2-time Oscar nominee has many loves, but as for Halloween ... bah!

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Halloween's Thursday. Although local stage veteran, A Red Orchid Theatre co-founder, two-time Academy Award nominee and occasional Chicago revisitor Michael Shannon is traveling over the holiday, he's pleased to report that one daughter he and actress Kate Arrington are raising in Brooklyn has opted for a Bride of Frankenstein costume. Their other daughter will be sporting a Red Devil outfit. "A classic," Shannon says.

Even so: Not his favorite holiday. "I may sound a little bah-humbag here, but as an actor? And I know some other actors who're really into Halloween, but ... I don't know, it's kind of what I do for a living." We're sitting in a sushi place next to the AMC River East theaters. "The idea of getting dressed up and pretending to be somebody else, as a 'holiday,' that doesn't really ... I guess it'd

be like if you worked at McDonald's and there was a national holiday called Hamburger Day, or something."

If you were a writer-director and you wrote that paragraph, and you wanted to get a really big laugh on the line "Hamburger Day, or something," you'd be smart to cast Michael Shannon in the Halloween-ambivalent dad role. "That guy, man. Effing great." So says writer-director Rian Johnson, who made the merry whodunit "Knives Out." Shannon plays one of the weaselly heirs apparent to the publishing fortune left behind by a mystery writer portrayed by Christopher Plummer.

"He's one of the most interesting actors working today," Johnson said. "And he's such a sweetheart. So focused on set, but I'm kind of surprised comedy directors like Judd Apatow haven't pulled them into their world. Of everyone in our cast — and we had some really great comic actors — Michael would come out with the best comic ad-libs."

Now 45, the Kentucky-born actor is currently on screens in the eccentric historical drama "The Current War." It features Shannon as George Westing-

house, waging a competitive battle for electrical supremacy with Benedict Cumberbatch's Thomas Edison.

Shannon's stepmother came to the Chicago preview screening, along with other family and friends. Earlier that day Shannon joined writer-director Johnson for publicity and press on behalf of Johnson's merry whodunit "Knives Out," which played the Chicago International Film Festival last week and opens commercially Nov. 27. Shannon's in that one too.

The oddball saga of "The Current War" makes it a rare bird, whatever its commercial fortunes. Director Alfonso Gomez-Rejon ("Me and Earl and the Dying Girl") premiered a hastily assembled, Harvey Weinstein-meddled version at the 2017 Toronto film festival.

A few days later came the first big stories chronicling the many, many accusations of sexual assault and harassment against the co-head of the Weinstein Co. Weinstein's career tanked along with "The Current War," which never made it to theaters.

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 'Latin History for Morons'  
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## Leguizamo has the class in the palm of his hand

Opening night glitches can't spoil the fun with this comedic genius

By CHRIS JONES

Tuesday at the Cadillac Palace was a rough night for John Leguizamo: a sound cue went haywire and, as is typical when computers run things, an attempt to rewind caused yet further technical chaos, sending Leguizamo's lights blinking like disco lights gone rogue. Even at 55, Leguizamo is like a cross between a spinning top with a low center of gravity and an Alexa without an off switch. But he was forced to come grinding to a halt. I've watched him do verbally chaotic shows here for 25 years: "Spic-O-Rama," "Ghetto Clown," "Mambo Mouth," "Freak." The titles are revealing. Stasis never was a happy state of Leguizamo being.

Especially not now. These are his glory years. The world finally has caught up to some of the things he has been hiding in his jokes for decades.

And in "Latin History for Morons," a genuinely brilliant piece of popular political theater that now is touring the country following a hit Broadway run, Leguizamo has crafted the kind of ending that I suspect the Leguizamo of "Spic-O-Rama," one of the first shows to expose the pervasiveness of the stereotyping of Latinx peoples, would have thought impossible to pull off and still sell another ticket to a white person or get invited back to the Goodman Theatre. He sat, still on the stage, his face set, his jaw firm, his heart seemingly rushing from his chest to his brain to his mouth, recounting the accomplishments of his Latin brothers and sisters in the formation of this nation, laying out the evidence of their exclusion from the Eurocentric historical record and, most importantly, laying out the personal, human costs of this injustice, this cultural apartheid, as he put it, this intellectual jihad.

"We are," he said, "so American it hurts."

Leguizamo, a figure also familiar from his movie roles, has a diverse audience. But that line landed in every corner of the theater like, well, nothing I've ever heard Leguizamo say before. For me, at least, it came with a real emotional weight — a culminating moment for a pioneer and a teacher of long-standing. Sure, a

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# Behind the 'BoJack Horseman' Chicago episode

Second City alum talks about her path to Netflix's absurd comedy

By CARMEL CARRILLO

"I was really, really pumped to write an episode based in Chicago," said Alison Tafel, a "BoJack Horseman" staff writer since Season 4.

The first half of the sixth season debuted last week on Netflix, and one of the episodes finds Diane, BoJack's best friend and ghost writer of his memoir, contemplating a move to the Midwest from fictional Hollywood (yep, without the "d"), the capital of the animal/people entertainment industry in this whimsical animated series for adults.

"I wanted people to be pro-Diane moving to Chicago and pro-her fitting in really well there," Tafel said. "My whole goal was to be like, 'Yeah, here's all these funny things about Chicago but also like, 'She's never seen snow, so here's some snow!'"

"Alison is always passionate about making each episode feel like its own event, rather than indistinguishable chapters in a longer story," said Raphael Bob-Waksberg, the executive producer of and showrunner for



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Diane and Guy visit Chicago for an assignment, and go from co-workers to more in "BoJack Horseman."

"BoJack." "And I loved how eager she was to home in on Diane's love story in this episode, which doubled as a love letter to Chicago itself."

The episode, "Feel-Good Story," finds Diane (voiced by Alison Brie) and her co-worker, Guy (Lakeith Stanfield) visiting his hometown and growing

closer. It also pays homage to the city — even its likelihood to see snow in October.

## The Chicago experience

Colorado native Tafel graduated with a degree in theater from Arizona State University.

"I was a nerd in college who did improv and sketch, so I always knew after college I would move to Chicago to see Second City," she said. "So I moved out there and joined that cult of Second City and Improv Olympic (now iO)."

"I did (Chicago's Second City) conservatory, the music improv

conservatory, and because I was poor, I was an intern there to pay for my classes.

"A big group of us (from college) moved to Chicago together. At the Pub Theater, we did a sketch comedy show called the 'That's Not Funny Show.' And then at Gorilla Tango, I did another sketch show that was written by a bunch of Second City people, and they cast me."

## Fundamentals of good comedy

Tafel, who lived in Pilsen during her time here from 2009 to 2012, describes herself as an "actor-slash-writer."

"I feel with comedy ... I got more stage time the more that I wrote," she said. "So the more sketches I brought to the table, the more sketches I could get in a show that I wrote — obviously I would put myself in my sketches — so they kind of always went hand in hand: In order to be good at performing comedy, you had to be good at writing comedy."

Then she moved to LA. "I started out as a CBS page and performed comedy at night," Tafel said. "I wore the blazer and the tie and told people where to

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# CELEBRITIES

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"The Voice" coaches John Legend and Kelly Clarkson.

## Legend, Clarkson sing update of 'Baby, It's Cold Outside'

NEW YORK — John Legend and Kelly Clarkson, his fellow coach on "The Voice," have joined forces on a reimagined version of the oft-criticized Christmas classic "Baby, It's Cold Outside."

The song, written by Frank Loesser in 1944, is a duet that has a man trying to persuade a woman to stay overnight at his home on a cold winter's night. It's been a flashpoint of the #MeToo era, with foes calling it everything from sexist to an ode to date rape.

Legend and comedian Natasha Rothwell of HBO's "Insecure" wrote the new take, which includes Clarkson leading the call-and-response lyrics:

"What will my friends think (I think they should rejoice)/ If I have one more drink? (It's your body, and your choice.)"

Gone are such lines as, "Gosh, your lips look delicious," sung by the man, and "Say, what's in this drink?" by the woman.

The Grammy-winning Legend includes the song on a new expanded version of his first Christmas album, "A Legendary Christmas: The Deluxe Edition," out Nov. 8.

The original song won an Academy Award in 1949 after Esther Williams and Ricardo Montalban performed it in the film "Neptune's Daughter." Among the famous who have reprised it are Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Jordan, Amy Grant and Vince Gill, and Fantasia and CeeLo Green.

— Associated Press



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**'Forever changed':** Comedian Kevin Hart says his "world was forever changed" after he suffered a serious back injury when the car he was riding in crashed nearly two months ago in California. In a video posted on Instagram, the 40-year-old thanked his family and friends and reflected on how he now sees life differently. The video shows Hart struggling to walk and doing physical therapy with a scar on his back. Hart says he's "thankful for life" and is looking forward "to an amazing 2020."

**Charged:** Court documents show that "Supernatural" star Jared Padalecki has been charged with two counts of misdemeanor assault with injury, accused of assaulting two employees early Sunday at an Austin, Texas, bar that he owns. An affidavit says employees escorted him out of the bar after he fought with people inside, and then tried to keep him out "because of his intoxicated behavior."

**10-year award:** Taylor Swift will receive the artist of the decade award at the American Music Awards next month. Swift has won 23 AMAs and has five nominations this year; Michael Jackson holds the record for most wins with 24. To celebrate her career, Swift is also expected to hit the stage to perform some of her biggest hits.

**Oct. 31 birthdays:** Actress Lee Grant is 94. Newsman Dan Rather is 88. Actress Deirdre Hall is 72. Journalist Jane Pauley is 69. Director Peter Jackson is 58. Guitarist Johnny Marr is 56. Actor Dermot Mulroney is 56. Actor Justin Chatwin is 37. Actress Holly Taylor is 22. Actress Willow Smith is 19.



# ASK AMY

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## Elderly mother caught in a lie

**Dear Amy:** My mother is 93 years old. I found out a few years ago that she was pregnant with me when she and my father got married. I was looking through some papers (birth certificates and such), and I saw that their marriage license was in a sealed envelope. I thought it was kind of strange but never said anything.

My mom gave me all of her important papers to put into my safe-deposit box, so I opened the envelope and saw that my parents got married the year I was born, not the year before, as they always said.

I asked my mom about this, and the only thing she really said was that she was madly in love with my dad. She deflected any more conversation. I think she should tell my sisters, since she was basically lying to us all these years.

She gave my youngest sister a terrible time when she got pregnant without getting married (my parents hated her boyfriend from the beginning, and this was devastating to him and to her). Don't you think my mom should tell us the truth?

— Oldest Sister

**Dear Sister:** Yes, I think your parents should have told all of their children the truth, many years ago. If they had, maybe you'd be over it by now, instead of pecking at your elderly mother over something you cast as an important deep and dark secret but which shouldn't be considered a scandalous betrayal, all these years later.

There is an undercurrent of disrespect and anger here, and because of this you probably should

not be handling your mother's business.

You might start the ball rolling by being honest with her in the way you wish she had been honest with you. Tell her, "Mother, I've been going through your papers. I opened the envelope containing your wedding certificate you entrusted to me and I see that you misstated the year of your wedding. I think you should tell this to all your children. I also think I might not be the right person to oversee your affairs because I can't seem to stop judging you about this inconvenient truth."

**Dear Amy:** Christmas is approaching and I know what that will look like for my 18-month-old daughter and my mother-in-law: So many clothes. And toys. An avalanche of stuff.

I love my MIL and appreciate her pampering her only grandbaby, but I have this issue: I am a tree hugger, and the textile industry is catastrophically destructive for the planet. I shop 100% secondhand, except for the necessary exceptions, all of which I source from companies with transparent methodologies and third-party accountability.

The deluge of unethically produced items makes me a little sick, especially when it's not just bad for the planet but, you know, ugly/tacky/cheaply made and unlikely to hold up to a toddler's wear and tear.

Is there any way I can communicate this that's unlikely to cause a problem? My MIL is conservative and believes that climate change is a hoax.

— Reluctant Clothes Horse

**Dear Reluctant:** I hope your partner is onboard with this, because you two should be a united front in dealing with your mother-in-law. You might approach this by assuming she is going to have a problem with it — and her problem is something you're going to have to tolerate so you can get through this together.

I don't think you should preach about climate change and third-party accountability, partly because it makes you seem insufferable. Tell her, "We are being really strict about the things we bring into the house. We'd like you to cut down your giving to two pieces of clothing and two small toys. Can you help us with that?"

You could also take her to your favorite resale shop and/or give her a catalog from a company making clothing you find acceptable.

**Dear Amy:** No, no, no. "Upset Family" wrote that their kid used a racist epithet at school. You blamed them! Parents are not responsible for every single thing their kids do. Shame on you.

— Disgusted

**Dear Disgusted:** "Upset Family" reported that their young child had learned this word at home. So, yes, this renders them responsible for his taking the word out into the world.

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# Netflix

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sit at 'The Price Is Right'. From there, I worked my way up to be an assistant ... on a Fox show called 'Raising Hope' ... then I went to Disney Channel and worked as a writer's assistant."

In 2016 Tafel got a manager and an agent.

"It just so happened that 'BoJack Horseman' was looking for a new staff writer," she said. "I was the biggest 'BoJack Horseman' fan. I could not believe I got an interview with them because I just fan-girl'd."

A month later she started the job.

## Sketch on the side

In addition to the Netflix gig, Tafel and a friend, Monique Madrid, write and perform a comedy show called "Real Women Live!" They're working on a sequel now.

"The Chicago Second City scene, everybody is sort of interconnected. ... Once you know that someone is also part of that community, there's an instant bond," said Madrid,



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Diane and Guy say goodbye on a Chicago "L" platform at Clark and Lake streets in Netflix's "BoJack Horseman."

who taught at Second City from 2012 to a couple of months ago. From 2010-12, she was a member of the troupe that performed on Norwegian Cruise Lines.

Madrid, who is a hair and makeup artist by day, is still trying to break into TV writing and says Tafel has been instrumental.

"I really got to know her as I was doing her hair. ... One of the reasons she wanted to write a show with me was not only to showcase her own writing and acting skills but to just do that thing where you

lean down and pull other people up," Madrid said. "There really is something to be said about having somebody on your team fighting for you."

## Formula for the perfect Guy

Which kind of sounds like Diane's co-worker and possible love interest, Guy. "I was really excited to



Tafel

create a new character that felt real but different from BoJack and also (Diane's ex-husband) Mr. Peanutbutter (a retriever and frenemy of Bojack)," Tafel said. "Like I just wanted someone who is kind of supportive ... just a good Midwestern dude from Chicago."

Unlike BoJack and Mr. Peanutbutter, Guy (voiced by LaKeith Stanfield) is a calm, honest force who's

comfortable behind the camera.

"I was really excited to be the person to help create Guy," Tafel said. "At first I made him too perfect ... (who) became the perfect guy for Diane that you root for. I didn't know he was going to be a bison, so when Lisa Hanawalt (who also created "Tuca and Bertie") drew him as this big bison, I was so excited because I think he's very handsome."

## How the show comes together

"'BoJack' has the best writers' room — it is a group effort," Tafel said. "But it is a little different in that Raphael really does let you have ownership, which isn't super common."

"But when it's your episode, you do get to run the room a bit and kind of take charge of your episode. ... After you work through it in the room (with the other writers) and work it on a whiteboard and talk through everything, Raphael approves it. You go home by yourself and you write the episode and then turn it in, get notes, revise. After your final draft, you send it to Raphael, who does a final pass and actually makes it really brilliant."

## 'L' is for lost

Near the end of the episode, Diane gets on the wrong train. Tafel said she was writing from experience.

"When I lived in Chicago, the first time I was flying home, I got on the wrong train and went to O'Hare, and I meant to go to Midway," she said. "I didn't know there were two airports. So I wanted to write that joke. ... I have a huge amount of Chicago pride."

Bob-Waksberg echoed Tafel's love for the Windy City.

"Chicago is one of my favorite cities," he said. "I was so happy with all the little jokes and local references we were able to cram into this episode and sprinkle throughout the rest of the season."

Tafel is writing another episode for the second half of the final season, which debuts Jan. 31, and she said it's a good one. Will we see more Chicago?

"I don't know if I can tell you," she said.

Till then, you can see "BoJack Horseman" and friends on Netflix.

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# Shannon

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Then, through a series of fortunate events for Gomez-Rejon, mentor Martin Scorsese got involved, the film picked up a new distributor, the director filmed new sequences, cut others, added still others that filmed back in late 2016 and early 2017. "The Current War" now exists in a 10-minute-shorter form with which Gomez-Rejon and company say they're satisfied.

"Harvey just kind of suffocated the movie," Shannon told the River East audience Thursday of the 2017 version. "He thought he had it all figured out, but I always say

it's best to let the director express their vision. Alfonso really wanted the film to be propulsive, and he always said it was a movie set in the past but about the future. And he wanted it to feel that way."

One audience member asked Shannon about the challenges and rewards of doing a late 19th century period drama. "It's the best kind of education, really," the actor offered. "Trying to imagine what it was like, and to be that person — it's a multidimensional, living, breathing education in another time, another place. I didn't know anything about electricity, really. But that's what my whole career's been like. I like that challenge of walking into a room I've never been in and figuring out

how to belong there."

En route to the sushi place, a fan approached Shannon for some general career advice. "Well, that's not my forte," he said. "What specifically do you want to know?" They conferred a bit, Shannon took his email address and said he'd drop him a line. "Thanks, brother," he said.

Not counting a lot of other things — television, including "The Little Drummer Girl" on AMC; concert gigs (Shannon's in a band, sometimes); copious stage work, most recently on Broadway with Audra McDonald in "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune" — Shannon's work schedule has alternated between busy, busier and extremely unlikely. "Groundhog Day"

was his first movie. He played Fred, one of the townies whose life is improved by the magical repeat-and-fade powers of the Bill Murray character. Shannon shot it when he was 18.

In interviews over the last decade, Shannon and I always get to the part where I tell him my heartbeat becomes irregular just hearing about how many movies he makes — the current tally is 67 in the last 27 years — and he tells me yeah, yeah, I'm thinking of slowing down.

"It's a very weird sensation, turning down work," he said the other night. "The people I came up with, the stuff I say no to, they'd die to be doing it. But I went through a period of time when I was

hardly ever home. And I don't want to live like that anymore. I've been slowing down as of late. I'm not on the same frenetic schedule I was for a while there. I like it. I've been home, mostly, the last few months. I enjoy it. I like being able to take the kids to school and pick 'em up, and have dinner together. Means a lot to me. I'm almost afraid that I'm losing ..."

He pauses, then: "I used to be able to flip the switch, and go back and forth, but I think it's getting harder now. I don't like being away from home. At all. Don't like it one bit. I mean, it's nice to come to Chicago for a couple of days, but to go do a job two, three months somewhere — it's difficult."

Shannon mentions the "kid on the sidewalk, ask-

ing for advice. I don't really have much advice to give. I don't know how or why I've been so lucky. Maybe what got me to this point is that I just love what I do. And I love it as much as Red Orchid as I do in Hollywood.

"I'll do it in a boat. I'll do it in a moat. I don't care. I just love acting."

"The Current War" is now playing in theaters. "The Little Drummer Girl" is currently streaming on AMC.com. "Knives Out" opens in theaters Nov. 27.

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## APPRECIATION

## Witherspoon noted for his father roles

Those became a signature for late actor in TV, films

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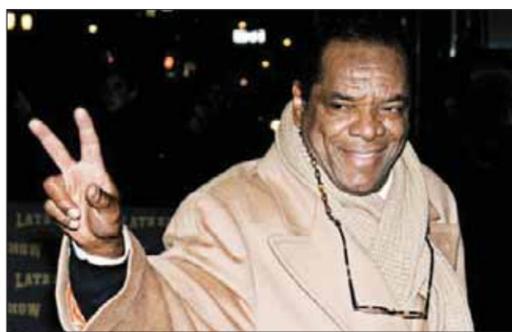
One of John Witherspoon's most memorable lines from "Friday" is the one he delivers after his character, Willie Jones, has just finished using the toilet: "Don't nobody go in the bathroom for about 35, 45 minutes."

The scene became a meme before there were memes. But the essence of Witherspoon's role shines through in a later scene when Willie — father of the film's protagonist, Craig (Ice Cube) — opens his son's bedroom door to find him holding a gun. Witherspoon appears crestfallen: "What's that for?" he asks.

Craig, embroiled by association in a dispute with a neighborhood drug dealer, responds that it's for "protection."

"Oh, man. Your mother and I never would have moved into this neighborhood if we had known you'd need a gun to walk down the damn street," Willie says. He holds up his fists.

"When I was growing up



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John Witherspoon, who memorably played Ice Cube's father in the "Friday" films, died Tuesday at 77.

this was all the protection we needed," he tells Craig. "You win some, you lose some, but you live to fight another day."

The crude bathroom line may be synonymous with Witherspoon, who died Tuesday at 77. But so too is the nurturing father figure behind the humor.

After Witherspoon's family announced his death Wednesday in a tweet from the actor's social media account, tributes came pouring in from co-stars and fans who remembered his signature roles, which often defied nefarious stereotypes about black fatherhood.

He was Robert Freeman,

the gruff but loving Granddad on the animated series "The Boondocks." And he was "Pops" to many because of his beloved run as John "Pops" Williams on the '90s sitcom "The Wayans Bros." While many actors go to great lengths to shed previously defining roles, Witherspoon embraced each one, often resurfacing fan-favorite jokes from his past projects in his newer ventures.

A Detroit native, Witherspoon got his start in stand-up comedy after a stint as a department store model. The comedy circuit introduced him to legendary entertainers, including Robin Williams and David Letterman, who regularly

hosted Witherspoon on his CBS late-night show.

Witherspoon went on to star alongside other comedy legends on TV shows and films such as "The Richard Pryor Show," Robert Townsend's "Hollywood Shuffle" and the Eddie Murphy-led "Boomerang." He and Murphy later co-starred in Wes Craven's "Vampire in Brooklyn," which Witherspoon often cited as one of his favorite projects.

Witherspoon, who grew up as one of 11 children, often recalled in interviews his family's financial struggles. Though he and many of his siblings went on to be successful (his brother William worked for Motown and co-wrote Jimmy Ruffin's "What Becomes of the Brokenhearted"), Witherspoon never forgot the sting of poverty.

The experience became central to his comedy — in recent years, he hosted a YouTube show, "Cooking for Poor People," in which he appeared shirtless under an apron bearing a picture of his own face and introduced each episode with the tagline: "Because when you're hungry, everything tastes good." (The show's theme song is a riff on his

indelible bathroom scene from "Friday.")

Witherspoon's childhood poverty also influenced the actor's demanding work ethic.

In a 2015 interview with the "Breakfast Club" radio show, he said "working and getting this paper" was what kept him going well into his 70s. In an interview with Vlad TV last year, Witherspoon recalled the days he paid his rent six months in advance "so if I'm broke I still have a place to go home and sleep."

The most recent episode of "Cooking for Poor People," published Monday, opens with Witherspoon apologizing to fans for not posting a new video in a while, citing his involvement in the upcoming "Boondocks" reboot and "Last Friday," the planned fourth installment of the "Friday" franchise.

Witherspoon's death puts his beloved roles in those projects in flux. Ice Cube, who co-wrote "Friday" and wrote the film's two sequels, tweeted: "I'm devastated over the passing of John Witherspoon. Life won't be as funny without him." Aaron McGruder, who created the "Boondocks" series and the comic strip

on which it was based, told The Washington Post that "John let me borrow his wonderful, magical voice ... and now I've lost part of my own."

Regina King, who starred as Witherspoon's daughter in "Friday" and later lent her voice to his "Boondocks" character's grandsons, also appreciated the comedian on Twitter.

Marlon Wayans, who played Witherspoon's on-screen son for several years, posted a tribute of his own to social media, accompanied by a clip from their WB show.

One of the most poignant tributes came from Witherspoon's real-life son, J.D., who followed his father into the entertainment business. The pair appeared on Joe Rogan's podcast earlier this year, when J.D. recalled that his dad's only advice for his foray into the industry that made him famous was that he'd "better be funny."

"We'd roast each other like homies more than Father & Son, and I really liked that," J.D. Witherspoon tweeted Wednesday. "He was my best friend & my idol."

The Washington Post's Michael Cavanaugh contributed to this report.

## IN PERFORMANCE

## Art ensemble looks at what you know, and how

'Ways of Knowing' created by Honey Pot Performance

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Is knowledge something to be learned from books or is it instilled in us by our ancestors and lived experiences? Does knowledge always equal power? Can it be dangerous and esoteric?

Think about all of the multitude of things that you know. Now think about how you came to know these things.

Honey Pot Performance's upcoming project, "Ways of Knowing," raises these questions and more.

On a Sunday evening, the streets are empty on a rather warm day for fall. But inside, the stage in a Humboldt Park rehearsal hall is in a thrum setting, with various bottles, jugs, carafes and tin tubs filled with water in an alley configuration, mirroring one another. Throughout the performance space are bowls, napkins and cutlery — which will come into play at the end of performance for a meal prepared by six different chefs, rotating each night.

The Chicago-based performance art ensemble Honey Pot Performance has created work with the same members for the last two decades. This group of friends — all women of color — wanted to tell stories about their communities and lives. Some members of the ensemble are vocalists, others are singers and poets.

The ensemble started out as Thick Routes (pronounced "roots") Performance Collage in about 2000. Initially, there was a core group of six women. From there, other women who were interested in performing and storytelling became involved. Soon, it became a



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Abra Johnson, Aisha Jean-Baptiste, Meida McNeal, Jo de Presser and Felicia Holman of Honey Pot Performance in 2018.

group of 15 women.

"We did a couple of things together as this larger group," said Honey Pot Performance artistic director Meida McNeal in a coffee shop in Albany Park.

McNeal then went off to finish grad school on the East Coast. She returned to Chicago to create new work with the smaller core group in the late aughts.

"So there was this particular way in which this kind of story gathering and storytelling was really useful to think through our positions, like 'What are we going to do?'" said McNeal. "After we made that work, we realized that we were back at this again and from there we transitioned into Honey Pot in 2010-11."

McNeal came into the work as a dance maker and writer. As a child, she did a lot of poetry, theater and dance training at Joseph Holmes Dance Theatre — one of the first and only multicultural modern dance companies in Chi-

cago during the 1980s. After that, she was heavily into making dance, but always in collaborative processes.

She wouldn't consider herself a choreographer today. "I used to use that language a lot more previously. Now I say 'dance maker' or 'performance maker.'"

As a dance maker, McNeal has always been interested in how all kinds of bodies move, how to organically draw out people's movement and then create from that. She said in Honey Pot, everyone was a seasoned social mover, like in clubs, but not with conventional dance training.

She also has a background in ethnography, specifically in capturing cultural stories. The ensemble was also committed to telling cultural stories, so it became their focus.

As Honey Pot artistic director, McNeal sets up structures so the group can come in and discuss what

they are working on and how, from that, to generate works. The power dynamic within the ensemble is horizontal because they are all sharing vision and labor.

The ensemble's methodology is rooted in listening and dialogue. Generating new work takes about six to eight months, and involves input from various Chicago communities during experiences which Honey Pot Performance calls gatherings. This was the process used to develop "Ways of Knowing."

"Ways of Knowing" questions Honey Pot Performance's creative process as artists. The idea first came about in the fall of 2017 when the ensemble met at Links Hall where they were in residence. They entered this residency with no intentions or ideas for a new project. They just entered the space and began to play and talk.

"From that, we were like: This feels like a good place to have this in-depth con-

versation about how we make work together and why we keep doing this as folks who are now in our 40s. All while still being in the body and still feeling a desire and passion and need to creatively express. Like why?" said McNeal.

After this idea was set in place, the community became involved through a series of gatherings created and curated by Honey Pot Performance. These gatherings — each about three hours — took place in a variety of spaces such as someone's home, community spaces, a co-working space and performance venues where Honey Pot Performance has been in residence.

Within these gatherings, various stations of activities were set up where attendees were asked to share stories and thoughts about what and how they know in the world. Each gathering concluded with a meal and a conversation to blur the line between audience and

performer. This ritual will be a part of performances for "Ways of Knowing." The conversations that took place at the gatherings all depended on who was present in the room. Honey Pot would record and transcribe these conversations which would eventually get worked into "Ways of Knowing."

For example, one participant shared in one of these gatherings that knowledge for her is embedded in jewelry passed down from her grandmother and mother. On specific instances, she will put on these pieces to feel connected to her ancestors whom have passed knowledge onto her. This story has found its way into "Ways of Knowing."

Honey Pot hopes the themes of this upcoming performance will resonate because "a lot of people feel devalued. And a lot of people feel like their expertise or their ways of making meaning in the world don't necessarily seem like they mean a lot to other folks," said McNeal.

McNeal wants audiences to walk away thinking, "I am enough. I have enough knowledge to get me through this world. The things that I know, love and value matter."

"Ways of Knowing" (Nov. 2-10) is a multimedia performance that will feature various movements set to audio recordings of preproduction interviews, music, singing and poetry. The performance will feature Meida McNeal, Abra Johnson, Jo de Presser and Jennifer Ligaya. All performances will take place at Experimental Station, 6100 S. Blackstone Ave. For more information, visit [www.honeypotperformance.org/](http://www.honeypotperformance.org/)

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## Latin

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fun and an anarchic guy. A performer who likes risk. But always a teacher.

Pedagogy happens to be the topic of a show aptly described by its title: replete with chalkboard and stringy tie, Leguizamo offers a lesson in the great history of the Inca and the Mayan peoples, and, drawing from revisionist histories by the likes of Howard Zinn, deconstructs the long-standing theories of colonialist triumphalism. He has been at this for too many years, of course, to expect people to plunk down their hard-

earned cash and be told they're myopic by some self-appointed superior. So, being a clown of formidable brainpower, he crucially includes himself in the list of the moronic, casting himself as a hapless dad, finally awakened to the travails of his own son, a kid looking for some heroes to fend off the schoolyard bullies, and finding none in the approved textbooks.

Leguizamo is a master at offering sugar with the hard truths, usually throwing the jokes back on himself in a way designed to prevent resistance to what he is actually trying to say, and never abdicating his role as an entertainer. He should give master classes to any

**When:** Through Nov. 3

**Where:** Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 40 mins.

**Tickets:** \$40-\$90 at 800-775-2000 or [broadwayinchicago.com](http://broadwayinchicago.com)

number of progressive politicians yet to master the fine art of political activism and, well, a crucial note of empathy.

He's been on a journey with us himself all these years. So it feels entirely reasonable for him to ask us to go on a journey with us.

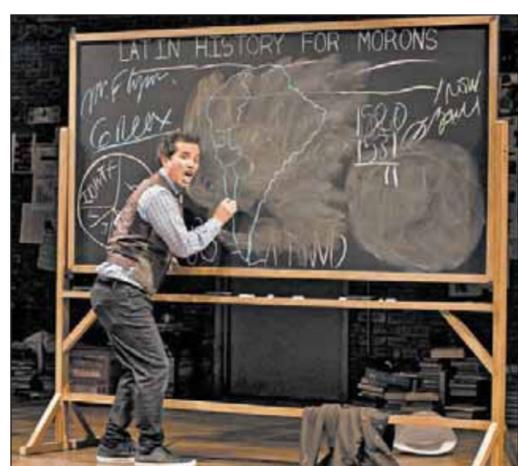
Especially since he likes to deliver a good night out.

In the middle of the tech mayhem Tuesday, he asked his crew from the stage if they just wanted him to refund everyone's money: "I'd be up for that," said a performer who knows his first responsibility. But no one in the theater wanted that. (I mean, I didn't ask everyone, but ...)

The voice in Leguizamo's ear promised to get it together and a whole bunch of morons got some schooling together.

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MATTHEW MURPHY

Comedian John Leguizamo explains things in "Latin History for Morons," now in Chicago at the Cadillac Palace Theatre.

## BOOK REVIEW

# Chronicling a chaotic, heralded life

Meaty bio recounts Brando's career

BY MICHAEL F. COVINO  
The Washington Post

Everybody in my old Bronx neighborhood was excited. They were shooting a scene for "The Godfather" in the local Italian restaurant, and Marlon Brando would be there. Then, big letdown: only Sterling Hayden and some young punk named Al Pacino.

Brando hadn't been in a notable movie in nearly a decade. He'd appeared in movies that made money and others that bombed, but none like those three early standouts: "A Streetcar Named Desire" (1951), "Julius Caesar" (1953) and "On the Waterfront" (1954). Those made him one of the most acclaimed — and bankable — actors in Hollywood, and garnered Oscar nominations and his first win, for "Waterfront."

Almost 20 years and numerous flops later, the locals were still excited. William J. Mann's "The Contender: The Story of Marlon Brando" is a big, sprawling, meticulously researched and, for the most part, compelling biography that tells us everything we ever wanted to know about the man and then some. Brando lived a messy life, so maybe it's appropriate that his biography is somewhat messy, too, with its not-quite-chronological arrangement.

Born in 1924, Brando spent his first years in Omaha, Nebraska, where his mother was active in the Omaha Community Playhouse — something Marlon, oddly, didn't learn

until early adulthood. Then the family moved to Illinois. Both parents were alcoholics, Dad abused Mom, and young Marlon had to rescue her more than once from drunken escapades beyond the family's property lines. Not the happiest childhood, and when he grew up, he forsook alcohol like it was, well, monogamy.

A prep school teacher recognized his acting talent, and Brando moved soon after to New York, where he impressed theater people, among them the great teacher Stella Adler of the Dramatic Workshop. Eventually Adler's family took him in, and she became the mother he'd never had, while her daughter Ellen became his first true love.

Mann ably captures Brando's blossoming in New York's theater world. When he acted in a play at the New School, his classmate Mae Cooper recalled, it "gave you the chills." Was this the apathetic student she'd barely noticed in class? "It was like suddenly you woke up and there's your idiot child playing Mozart." Others, including actress Jessica Tandy, just thought him a "psychopathic bastard."

Another person central to his development was director Elia Kazan, also involved with the Dramatic Workshop, who worked with Brando first on stage and then on two of his best early movies, "Streetcar" and "Waterfront."

After those early successes, though, Brando started making movies more for the money than



Marlon Brando's work as an actor — he's shown here in "The Wild One" (1954) — is the centerpiece of a meticulously researched new biography, "The Contender."

the quality. Some became hits, but by the 1960s most were not.

Mann stresses that Brando was also a serious and expansive reader and that he got involved in the civil rights movement, not just offering financial support but also attending rallies around the country. Mann also details the numerous lovers he left heartbroken, including actress Rita Moreno, who attempted suicide during their tumultuous relationship.

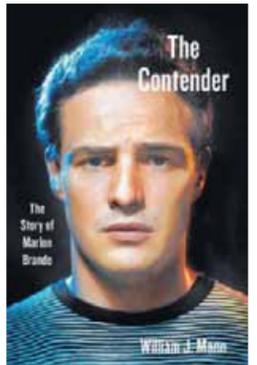
By the early '70s Brando was pretty much washed

up in Hollywood. But young Francis Coppola thought he'd be perfect as Vito Corleone in "The Godfather," and Brando, who liked the novel, agreed to humble himself and audition for the role. His performance changed the mind of Paramount's head, and he won the part.

He got along with Coppola. According to Mann, it was his happiest collaboration since Kazan nearly 20 years earlier, and the movie, released in 1972, reignited his career and won him his second Oscar. But after its success and the succès de

scandale of "Last Tango in Paris," released in the United States the following year, Brando went back to doing movies for cash.

Hence it was even more disheartening when Coppola and Brando reunited seven years later for "Apocalypse Now" and found themselves at odds. Brando was so overweight that he insisted that Coppola shoot around the excess baggage, but Coppola wanted to use Brando's body to show that his character, the demented Colonel Kurtz, was "a man eating all the time and overindulging." Brando



## 'The Contender'

By William J. Mann, Harper, 736 pages, \$35

prevailed. "Apocalypse," in its original release, ran 2 1/2 hours, and Brando doesn't appear until the last half-hour. He's barely visible. He's shot in the dark, in murky close-ups, in dim long shots.

From then on, his films were mostly unremarkable. Brando did get nominated for a noteworthy supporting role in the otherwise unnoteworthy "A Dry White Season" (1989), and he made one surprising comedy, "The Freshman" (1990), in which he gently parodied his own Don Vito role. Mann writes: "Even in his least successful roles, there is something. None of his performances is a throwaway." But many were.

In the prologue, Mann also makes the questionable assertion that "Brando's acting, as great and as important as it is, is not the most interesting thing about him." But our interest in him, our interest in Mann's book, springs from his best acting — not from his admirable political activism, his Tahitian island getaway, his frequent affairs, his numerous wives, his many children, the attempted suicides of several people around him, the murder one son committed or the suicide of his daughter in Tahiti. That's all grist for a bio, but it's not the main attraction.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Elaine Stritch bio reveals vulnerability behind moxie

BY BROOKE LEFFERTS  
Associated Press

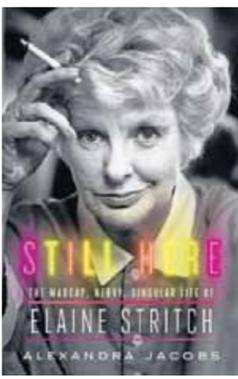
As the curtain rises in a new biography of Elaine Stritch, the scene is the actress' New York memorial service, attended by some of the biggest names in the theater world, with eulogies by Tony-winning actor Nathan Lane and famed producer Hal Prince, both throwing out zingers for laughs and to honor the woman who made so many lines shine.

As "Still Here: The Madcap, Nerdy, Singular Life of Elaine Stritch" suggests, the grande dame of Broadway brought life to scores of characters for decades, but she was a complicated, often dramatic character herself.

The book — written by New York Times feature editor Alexandra Jacobs — is a mini-history of the Great White Way from the 1970s through Stritch's death in 2014, told through the icon's professional and personal journey. Stritch auditioned for some of the most famous roles in Broadway history. She won some and lost many, and Jacobs tries to explain why despite solid talent and remarkable stage presence, Stritch seemed to get in her own way, sabotaging her chances at the success she coveted.

"To the end she was both restless and routinized, selfish and generous, straightforward and elliptical," Jacobs writes. "She insisted on being seen and heard, felt and dealt with."

The story follows Stritch's life from the early days with her conservative well-to-do family in the Detroit suburbs to her move to New York with dreams of stardom. Manhattan was her playground, but Jacobs follows Stritch on the road, meeting many famous people along the



## 'Still Here'

By Alexandra Jacobs, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 352 pages, \$28

way.

Stella Adler and Lee Strasberg were teachers at her drama school, where Marlon Brando was a fellow student who once read her passages of "Wuthering Heights" on a date. Some of the best anecdotes are Stritch's encounters with desirable men like the young Congressman John F. Kennedy, Frank Sinatra and Rock Hudson. Because of her "luminous personality, she tended to collect people who wanted to adore her," Jacobs explains.

As she honed her craft, she worked with some of the greats, including Harry Belafonte, Bea Arthur, Burt Lancaster, Mickey Rooney and Jackie Gleason, who fired her from "The Honeyymooners" after a day because she had too big a personality to share scenes with him. But the life of an actress is full of rejection and heartache, and Stritch endured plenty of both.

Jacobs says Stritch was "incapable of not telling the truth," which was refreshing to some and too much for others. Her acerbic wit and lack of bounda-

ries got her in trouble with both love interests and bosses. The author suggests alcoholism also kept Stritch from reaching her full star potential. She drank often and in large quantities for decades before she got sober in the late 1980s, but her relationship with booze continued for many more years.

Stritch was labeled unreliable for being late and forgetting lines, and could be arrogant, self-centered and overbearing with colleagues. She liked the finer things: car services, posh hotels and designer clothing, but didn't like to pay for them. She lost several jobs over greedy business negotiations for perks and even had bouts of kleptomania.

The tone is respectful with spots of humor and compassion. With more than 25 pages of bibliographical notes, it's clear Jacobs has done meticulous research. But some of the details and tangents about minor players feel unnecessary and disrupt the narrative.

One poignant revelation is when theater critic John Lahr suggests the reason for much of Stritch's bad behavior was fear and panic. "The truth of Elaine was her real great acting was convincing the world she was loosey goosey — that was a complete act," Lahr told Jacobs.

"Still Here" is an insider's story, with behind the scenes show tales and name-dropping as titillating as a good table for eavesdropping at Sardi's. As the lyric goes, "good times or bum times." Stritch saw it all and always found a way to get the next gig and bring a crowd to its feet. This book is sure to send nostalgic Broadway fans to YouTube to replay all her oldies, wishing she was still here.

## BOOK REVIEW

# Grisham strikes again with another terrific legal thriller

BY MAUREEN CORRIGAN  
The Washington Post

What is there left to say about a new John Grisham novel?

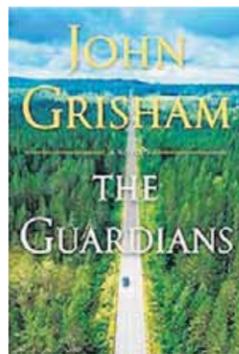
Maybe only that Grisham has done it again.

"The Guardians" is Grisham's 40th novel; he's now 64 and has been writing suspense novels pretty much nonstop since "A Time to Kill" was published in 1989. Most of his novels are legal thrillers, but Grisham has also branched out into stories about rare books, sports and medicine. Grisham has even written a young-adult legal series featuring a 13-year-old amateur legal eagle named "Theodore Boone."

Such creative longevity is not that unusual in the suspense genre, but what is rare is Grisham's feat of keeping up the pace of producing, on average, a novel a year without a notable diminishment of ingenuity or literary quality. Dame Agatha Christie, who barely paused between books to sharpen pencils during her near-50-year marathon mystery career, is another such marvel.

Which brings us to "The Guardians," Grisham's latest terrific novel. Grisham's main character here is a so-called "innocence lawyer," a workaholic attorney-and-Episcopal-priest named Cullen Post. Post has trimmed his life down to the barest of essentials, living in spartan quarters above the non-profit Guardian Ministries, his workplace in Savannah, Georgia. The book focuses on Post's investigation into the wrongful conviction of a black man named Quincy Miller who was set up to take the fall for the murder of a white lawyer in a small Florida town some 22 years before the opening of this story.

Post's efforts to ferret out



## 'The Guardians'

By John Grisham, Doubleday, 384 pages, \$29.95

exculpatory evidence in this cold case put him in grave danger because, for one thing, the shadowy drug cartel responsible for the murder has been known to hold grisly parties in isolated jungle locales south of the border. In the dead center of this novel, Post hears a cautionary tale from a traumatized survivor of one of these gatherings. This account calls upon Grisham to summon up his heretofore unrealized inner Caligula.

In an affecting back story, Post recalls his early career as a public defender, but the grotesque contradictions of that job — particularly Post's final assignment to defend a depraved teenage rapist and murderer — brought on a nervous breakdown. After a sincere "come-to-Jesus" moment during his recovery, Post was ordained and began serving with a prison ministry, which led him to innocence work and eventually Guardian Ministries. It's a trim four-person operation dedicated to righting wrongs of the criminal justice system.

That said, "The Guardians" is nuanced in its moral vision: Post ac-

knowledges that most of the prisoners who contact him alleging wrongful convictions are, in fact, guilty; but it's the thousands of others who have become his vocation. So far, the team has exonerated eight prisoners.

Quincy Miller may just become the ninth. His fate will depend on a relentless re-investigation conducted by Post and his colleagues and some strong-arming of jailhouse snitches and other witnesses who gave false testimony years ago. The lawyer Quincy was convicted of killing turns out to have had ties to a drug cartel. So, too, does the now-retired sheriff who was in charge of the investigation 22 years ago. Thinking out loud with a colleague, Post says: "Our clients are in prison because someone else pulled the trigger. They're still out here, laughing because the cops nailed the wrong guy. The last thing they want is an innocence lawyer digging through the cold case."

In his titanic efforts to turn justice denied for Miller into justice delayed, Post courts danger both human and supernatural. The climax of "The Guardian" slyly nods to many a classic Nancy Drew adventure: Post and Frankie steel themselves to break into a boarded-up haunted house and unearth (as Nancy would say) a "clew" that just may decide Miller's fate — all before the drug gang gets wind of their location. Post is a driven and likable loner whom, I hope, Grisham will bring back in future novels. After all, as "The Guardians" makes clear, there's plenty of work left for an innocence lawyer to do.

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## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Tymberlee Hill

**"Perfect Harmony"** (7:30 p.m., NBC): In the new Halloween episode "Halle-Boo-Yah," Arthur (Bradley Whitford) helps Ginny (Anna Camp) conquer her inferiority complex as she tries to take on a new management role at work. Meanwhile, Dwayne (Geno Segers) bows out of a long-established seasonal tradition, prompting Wayne (Will Greenberg) to fear he and his lifelong buddy are starting to grow apart. Tymberlee Hill also stars.

**"Halloweentown"** (1 p.m., 7:20 p.m., Disney): Like a ghoulish Brigadoon, a hidden town makes contact with the outside world just once a year — on Halloween. In this 1998 fantasy, Debbie Reynolds plays a witch grandma who visits her daughter's family on the only day she can, Oct. 31, to enlist their help in saving her hometown. But her daughter (Judith Hoag), who's raising her kids in the mortal world, refuses to cooperate — until the youngsters slip away on a bus to Halloweentown.

**"Grey's Anatomy"** (7 p.m., ABC): In a new Halloween episode called "Whistlin' Past the Graveyard," Alex (Justin Chambers) is feeling optimistic that he can impress investors at Pac-Gen North, until he hears decidedly unwelcome news about skeletons being unearthed at the construction site. With few other options, he asks Richard (James Pickens) to help distract the money men and women from those distasteful reports.

**"The 13 Scariest Movies of All Time"** (7 p.m., CW): Host Dean Cain counts down some of the scariest thrillers ever made in this new one-hour special, which considers such topics as what exactly it is that makes these movies scary. Guests include Elizabeth Stanton, Garrett Clayton, Darrin Butters & Ezra Weiss, Jackie Fabulous, Brandon Rogers, Noah Matthews and Katherine Murray.

**"Million Dollar Listing New York"** (8 p.m., 11:15 p.m., Bravo): Season 8 concludes with a finale called "Four Men and a Baby," which finds Ryan and Luis hosting a dinner party to promote their joint listing. Unfortunately, they haven't reckoned with the tactless tongue of guest Ramona Singer ("The Real Housewives of New York City"), who won't stop commenting on how tacky she finds the decor.

**"Ghost Adventures"** (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): In a two-hour Halloween special episode called "Curse of the Harrisville Farmhouse," Zak Bagans and his team take their cameras to the Rhode Island farmhouse that provided the narrative backdrop for the horror blockbuster "The Conjuring." It was here that the Perron family was tortured by poltergeist activity, physical attacks and even possession.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 10:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Ewan McGregor ("Doctor Sleep").\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Kristen Stewart; actor Gaten Matarazzo; comic Pete Lee.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi; actor Rob Corddry.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Antonio Banderas; actress Natalia Reyes; Big Boi, Sleepy Brown and CeeLo Green perform.\*

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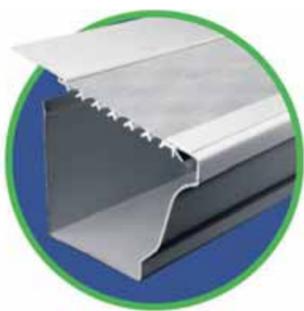
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	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	The Game	The Game	Blade II (R,'02) ★★ Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson. ©				
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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Oct. 31): Your profitable ventures flower this year. Provide dedicated and reliable communication to maximize benefits. A creative breakthrough this winter motivates a change of destination. Adapt to a financial challenge next summer before your exploration reveals amazing treasures.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Talk about an educational adventure that you're planning. Consider your budget and plan carefully for the best experience.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Grow shared accounts. Miscommunications between partners with Mercury retrograde can interrupt and frustrate. Guard patience over the next three weeks. Clarify mistakes right away. Connect with humor.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Keep equipment in working order. Delays, misunderstandings or mistakes could frustrate your work and health over the next three weeks with Mercury retrograde. Slow down to get done faster.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Keep practicing your physical routines. Romantic overtures could backfire over the next three weeks with Mercury retrograde. Clarify misunderstandings immediately. Find your sense of humor and reconnect.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Clean, sort and organize at home with Mercury retrograde. Review old papers, photos and possessions. Make repairs before things break.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Take extra care with communications with Mercury retrograde. Clear up misunderstandings as soon as possible. Launch creative projects after three weeks.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Monitor cash flow closely. Allow extra time for travel, invoices and collections with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Double-check numbers.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Upgrade your brand. Consider consequences before speaking with Mercury retrograde in your sign. Figure out what works and what doesn't.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Revise and refine your message. Avoid misunderstandings with Mercury retrograde. Delays or breakdowns could affect mechanical equipment.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Consider transitions, past and future. Nurture old friends and connections over the next three weeks with Mercury retrograde.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Team misunderstandings could cause delays. Review professional data closely with Mercury retrograde. Guard against communication breakdowns. Back up hard drives, important documents and archives.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Make educational plans and itineraries for later exploration with Mercury retrograde. Reduce travel and shipping over three weeks.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



### Bliss By Harry Bliss



### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>	♠ 954	♥ 107	♦ KJ953	♣ QJ5
<b>West</b>	♠ K1082	♥ KQ9654	♦ Q4	♣ 2
<b>South</b>	♠ AQ6	♥ AJ	♦ A2	♣ AK10874
<b>East</b>	♠ J73	♥ 832	♦ 10876	♣ 963

South in today's deal was Norwegian expert Nils Kvangraven. Six clubs would have been easy, possibly providing an overtrick. This was a pairs game, however, and Kvangraven was after the extra points available in no trump.

**The bidding:**

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
2♣	2H	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	All pass		

**Opening lead:** King of ♥

diamond finesse, but when he cashed the ace and led a diamond toward dummy, the queen appeared on his left. This was the position:

<b>North</b>	♠ 9	♥ 10	♦ J9	♣ Void
<b>West</b>	♠ K10	♥ Q9	♦ Void	♣ Void
<b>South</b>	♠ AQ6	♥ J	♦ Void	♣ Void
<b>East</b>	♠ J7	♥ Void	♦ 108	♣ Void

South cashed dummy's jack of diamonds and discarded the jack of hearts. West could see the endplay coming. Should he bare the queen of hearts, he would be thrown in with that bare and forced to lead a spade. West did the best he could by discarding the 10 of spades, but Kvangraven was not to be fooled. He accurately led a spade to his ace, dropping the king, and claimed two more spades for an overtrick. Well played!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert By Scott Adams



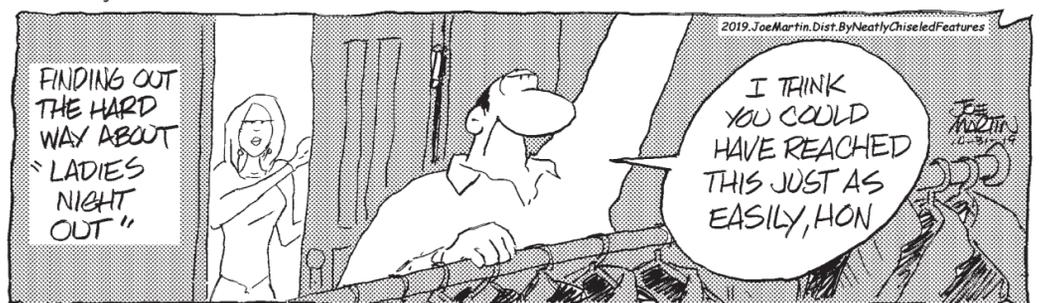
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### Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



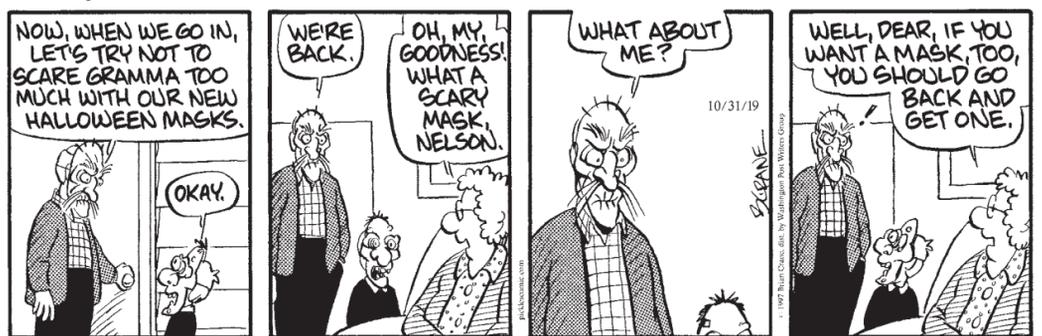
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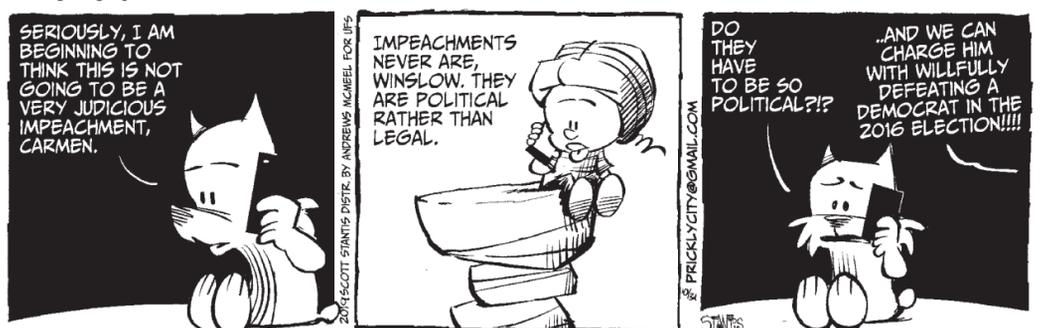
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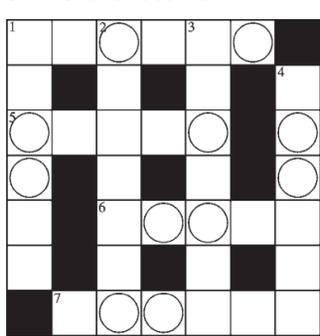
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

**The NHL's annual award for the "goalkeeper adjudged to be the best at his position" is named for whom?**  
 A) Frank Calder  
 B) Marie Evelyn Byng  
 C) Art Ross  
 D) Georges Vezina  
**Wednesday's answer:** Ellen Burstyn won an Oscar for her role as Alice in "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore."  
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**Jumble Crossword**



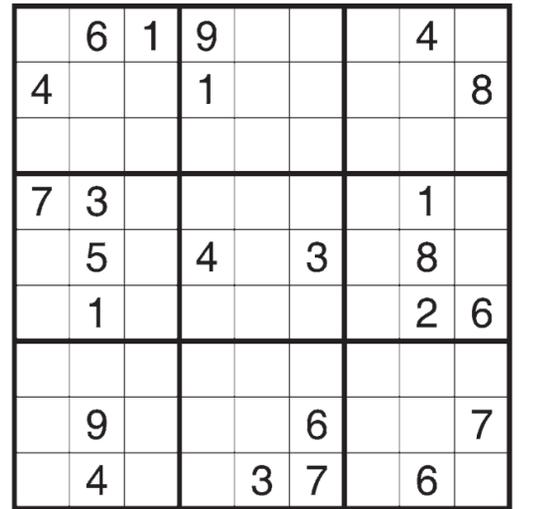
**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. In the direction of  
 5. Tropical tree  
 6. Green  
 7. Respectable  
**ANSWER**  
 DWROTA  
 AABSL  
 NOOIN  
 ECDTEN

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Pill  
 2. Warm \_\_\_\_  
 3. Grasp, understand  
 4. \_\_\_\_ Earth  
**ANSWER**  
 AETLTB  
 OELWEMC  
 ZAIIEELR  
 ATPLEN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.  
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**BONUS** ○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○  
 ANSWERS: 1-A-Toward 2-B-Balms 3-A-Orion 7-A-Decent 12-Delect 22-Welcome 32-Relax 42-Fraser 47-Fraser 5-Neil Baldwin  
 By David L. Hoyt.

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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6	5	8	4	9	3	2	7	1
7	4	1	6	5	2	9	3	8
9	2	3	1	8	7	4	5	6
2	3	9	8	4	1	7	6	5
4	6	7	5	3	9	8	1	2
1	8	5	2	7	6	3	9	4
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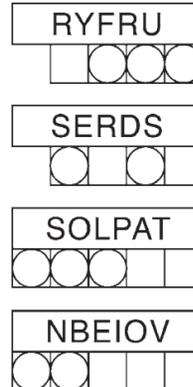
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



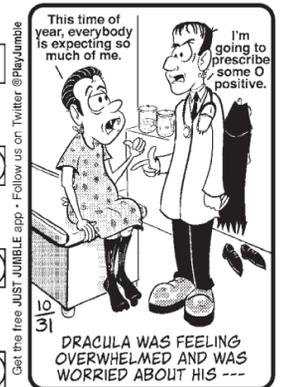
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**Wednesday's answers**

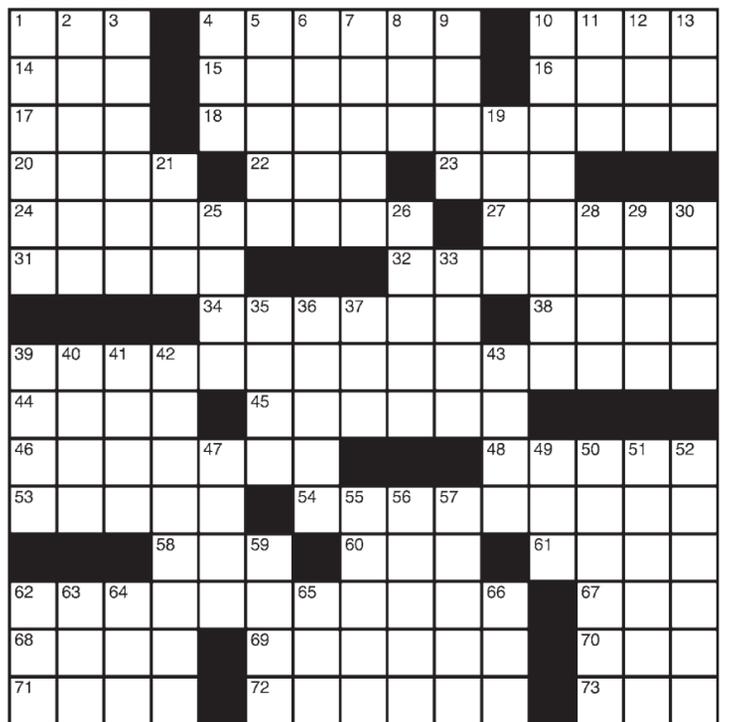
Jumbles: CAMEO LILAC DUPLEX LATELY  
 Answer: The turnpike workers had seen over 1,000 cars — ALL-TOLLED

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- 1 Spot for a salt scrub
- 4 Aromatic evergreen
- 10 Wind with nearly a three-octave range
- 14 Fresh from the oven
- 15 Collection of hives
- 16 Sullen look
- 17 Track
- 18 Halloween feeling in a warren?
- 20 Buffalo lake
- 22 Like the vb. "go"
- 23 Belly laugh syllable
- 24 Halloween feeling near a water supply?
- 27 Valleys
- 31 "Take Care" Grammy winner
- 32 "We've waited long enough"
- 34 Bebe's "Frasier" role
- 38 Overlook
- 39 Halloween feeling in the office?
- 44 Enjoy privileged status

**Down**

- 1 Astute
- 2 Bartender, often
- 3 Fifth-century conqueror
- 4 Soap unit
- 5 Two (of)
- 6 Cuba \_\_\_\_
- 7 Brand of hummus and guacamole
- 8 Actor Millen of "Orphan Dealer"
- 9 Folk story
- 10 Wheeler-dealer
- 11 Feathery neckwear
- 12 CSNY's "\_\_\_ House"
- 13 Many "Guardians of the Galaxy" characters

- 21 Rockies bugler
- 25 Sandwich source
- 26 "Same here"
- 28 Vehicle with a partition
- 29 Mideast potentate
- 30 Slowly sinks from the sky
- 33 Those folks
- 35 Confident words
- 36 Suit part sometimes grabbed
- 37 Unhealthy
- 39 Nursery piece
- 40 Narrow way
- 41 Engrave
- 42 Backslides
- 43 Hitting stat
- 47 Advance slowly
- 49 Big club
- 50 Koala, for example
- 51 Game based on whist
- 52 Living room piece
- 55 Japanese art genre
- 56 Carried on
- 57 Big name in Indian politics
- 59 Some GIs
- 62 Monk's address
- 63 Cured salmon
- 64 Employ
- 65 31-Across genre
- 66 Covert information source

**Wednesday's solution**



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**HOMES**



# Old china, new settings

Decorate walls, create new serving pieces or smash it up and make jewelry **PAGE 4**

## HOME REMEDIES

# Creative ways to create more cabinet space in your kitchen

BY KATHRYN WEBER  
Tribune Content Agency

You can never have too much storage, especially in the kitchen. Even if you think you've maximized all your kitchen cabinet space, you might be surprised to find that there is still more storage to be found and utilized in your cabinets.

## Cabinet renovation

One solution is to make inaccessible cabinet space more accessible by installing cabinet drawers. The problem is that there is often a center stile in cabinets with two doors. This center stile, when removed, can allow you to install drawers in your cabinets that greatly improve your storage capacity. For cabinets with a narrow span, removing the stile shouldn't be a problem. The wider the span between the two doors, though, the more there's a potential for sag-

ging in the middle.

Cabinets that meet at the center and have no stile, though, can easily be fitted with drawers. If your cabinets close on the stile and don't meet in the center and the stile shows, it can be carefully removed and then added to one of the cabinet doors so that when they're closed, the stile still appears to be there. Look online for how-to's on this project. Check with a carpenter or cabinetmaker if you're not sure if the center stile removal will cause support problems.

For kitchens with tall ceilings or cabinets that don't go all the way to the ceiling, give some thought to adding cabinets above. It's an easy way to get more space above the cabinets that's going unused. The toe-kick, or the base of the cabinets, is often merely a piece of wood that covers the empty space beneath the cabinet. This is space

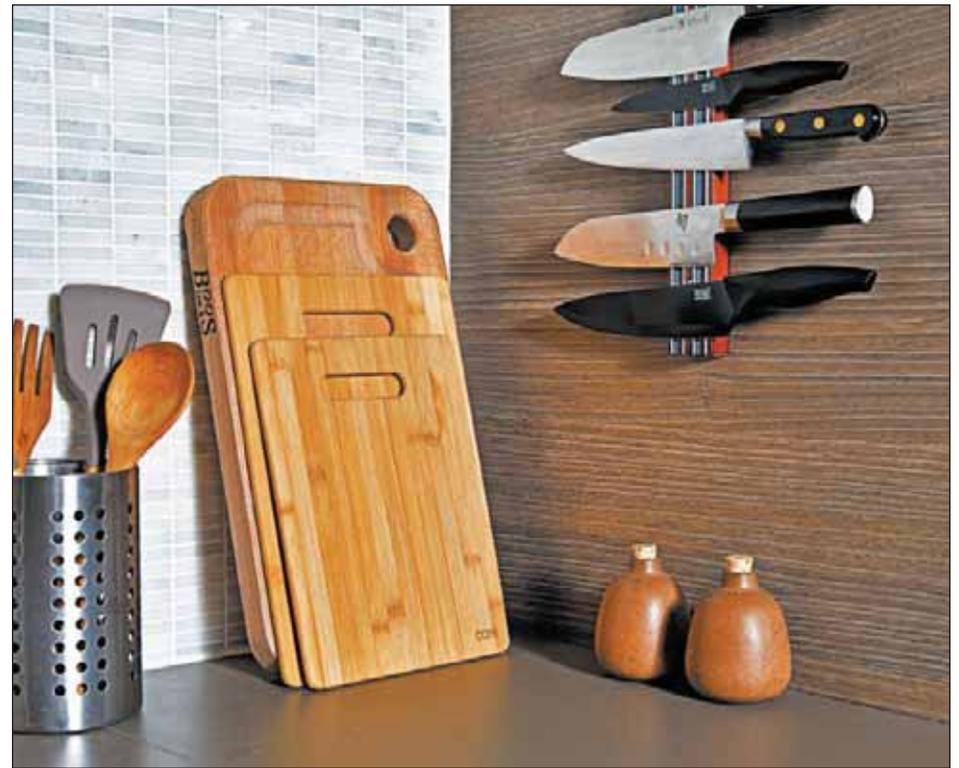
that can be used by adding toe-kick drawers. These make great storage for baking sheets, cooling racks and pans.

## Extra shelves

In standard upper cabinets with two or three shelves, it's easy to add an extra shelf. This is especially helpful to add more storage if you have a lot of height between your dishes and the shelf above. Or, use cup hooks. They're old-fashioned, sure, but they get your cups off the shelves and give you storage under them. Look at the space under your cabinets too. The backsplash, when outfitted with shallow shelves, is a great spot to store glassware or coffee mugs.

## Set it out

Get more storage out of your cabinets by displaying your dishes or cookware. Add a platter rack to a wall



STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Utilize space by storing knives on a magnetic strip.

that not only displays your platters but frees up more space in your cabinets. Cookware removed and placed on a pot etagere is a storage-friendly way to store pots more efficiently and display them at the same time. Don't overlook

other simple ideas such as racks installed on the backsides of cabinet or pantry doors, pegboard and magnetic knife strips. Hooks on the back of cabinet doors can hold spatulas, measuring cups or hot mitts. Mount shelves on the sides

of cabinets to hold cookbooks or racks for kitchen utensils. And, lastly, use Lazy Susans. These hard-working kitchen items help you find what you're looking for fast, keep your cabinets neat and they're so much fun to spin.

# Make your rental property an inviting oasis

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

With the explosion of short-term vacation rentals, savvy rental hosts know the key to higher profits is to maximize bookings and rentals. One of the best ways to do this is through the use of great design. When it comes time to rent a property, many renters will judge a book by its cover. This is where thoughtful space planning and elevated design come into play. Here are some

tips on how to maximize your vacation rental.

## Design for your target audience:

Don't just use what you have; remember you are marketing an "experience." Include bright, fun and friendly colors into your decor.

**Mass appeal:** Create a neutral and appealing decor. Many people are turned off personal colors and decor items.

**Lounge-worthy:** Make

sure you have enough seating. It will be an absolute turnoff for a renter to rent a large space that has a limited amount of lounge seating in common areas such as living and family rooms.

## Include a welcome basket:

This should include maps of the area as well as items such as bottled water, sunscreen and small snacks. Want to splurge? Consider a bottle of wine, local maple syrup or cheese from a local vendor.

**Sleeper sofa:** The more people the property sleeps, the more the host can charge.

**Fun factor:** Showcase board games and other activities for entertainment such as chess, checkers and pool tables.

**Comfort:** Splurge on items that touch the skin, such as towels and bedding.

**Be prepared:** Be sure to include extra sets of sheets. Three sets per bed is ideal.



DESIGN RECIPES

A "space saving" styled second bedroom.

**Also:** Make sure you are covered for any and all potential damages, so charge a wear-and-tear

deposit. Also charge a cleaning fee, which is standard in most vacation rentals.

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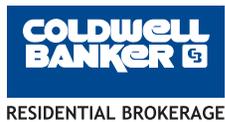


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# A repurposeful life for old china

Fresh ideas for the dinnerware nobody wants

BY JURA KONCIUS  
The Washington Post

Ariel Davis was taking an evening run in Brooklyn, New York, when she literally stumbled over a pile of 75 pieces of china set out in the street.

"Someone had left their beautiful Franciscan Desert Rose set out next to their trash," says Davis, 32, who happens to adore old china. "I had to rescue it."

This unexpected find led Davis to pick up a drill press last year and start the Brooklyn Teacup, a business that takes vintage plates and teacups and upcycles them into tiered cake stands.

Her designs are popular with younger consumers who are often space-strapped and might not otherwise go for the flowery dish sets of past generations. Formal china isn't a staple in many homes anymore. According to Jeffra Trumpower, a senior creative director at WeddingWire, "Entertaining has become much more casual. Couples are registering for things to make that experience more their own instead of the things that used to define fine dining or entertaining."

What to do with stacks of dinnerware is a hot issue in many households. The topic swirls through family holiday meal discussions and decluttering forays. Between guilt and sentimentality, many households have trouble releasing their heirloom china.

So what else can you do with heirloom plates and cups? You could take a



LEATAL COHEN

A Brooklyn Teacup tiered serving dish made of upcycled china is filled with desserts at a garden-inspired brunch.

hammer to them and make the broken pieces into jewelry or a mosaic mirror. But that might be too disturbing. Here are some other ideas.

## Create a plate wall.

Georgia designer James Farmer is a big fan of hanging plates in an arrangement on the wall. "If you can't use your plates every day, they can become art," Farmer says. "It's a beautiful way to celebrate your heritage." He suggests starting with a larger piece, such as a platter, in the middle as inspiration and hanging the rest around it. He mixes patterns, shapes and sizes and sometimes adds in art for more of a gallery wall look.

Farmer's method is usually to first arrange plates on the floor or on a tabletop until he is pleased with the look. He takes a photo of the final placement for reference, then puts up the nails and hangs the plates, which he has secured with old-fashioned wire plate hangers. His favorites are Tripar brass-coated plate hangers from Ace Hardware.

"A lot of people think this is part of a Southern tradition, but it's very French and English," Farmer says.



CYNTHIA NOURI/  
SASHA NICHOLAS

Vintage china serving pieces can be used as containers for plants such as orchids and herbs.

"When you're watching a Jane Austen movie, check out the walls. They are adorned with plates that have been hanging there for hundreds of years."

## Use dishes to deliver a gift.

If you must divest yourself of a set of china and you want to feel as though it is going to a good home, take matters into your own hands. Start making host or hostess gift plates, says Kinkead: plates you fill with homemade cookies or bars and bring to your friends and family when you are invited over. Use



EMILY J. FOLLOWILL

If you can't use your plates every day, they can become art.

the cups and saucers to fill with a selection of nice teas, and gift those to your nearest and dearest.

This can work for presents for housewarmings, baby showers or birthdays. Be creative. If you're drowning in Spode Christmas Tree plates, give them away during December when others can make use of them as appetizer serving plates.

## Have china upcycled.

The Brooklyn Teacup sells ready-made tiered stands made of vintage plates that Davis finds in thrift shops or on Facebook Marketplace. She also does custom design for customers who provide her with their china. Davis can take several-size plates and a teacup and create a stand,

in whatever arrangement you like. A custom three-tier stand costs about \$50 between the hardware and the drilling; she has a minimum order of \$250, which will get you about five stands you can share with family. Then you can de-accession the rest of the set without feeling guilty.

## Repurpose pieces as planters.

Don't feel guilty about breaking up a china set: Soup tureens and teacups can be repurposed as beautiful containers for plants. Sell or donate the rest.

Cynthia Nouri, owner of the luxury gift registry Sasha Nicholas, often counsels couples on how to refresh and repurpose old china and posts ideas on her popular Instagram

feed. You can fill a flower-bedecked Herend serving bowl full of orchid plants or plant herbs in a row of Wedgwood teacups you keep on a windowsill. "An interesting soup tureen with the matching platter underneath filled with plants can make a beautiful centerpiece," Nouri says. "Looking at these pieces reminds you of sitting at the table with old friends and past generations."

She suggests putting small pebbles at the bottom for drainage. "I've seen teacups used with cute fresh flower arrangements on a table or as an accent in a powder room," Nouri says. "There are so many ways to use these pieces. You don't need to keep the whole set to remind you of its history."



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Cutting back buckthorn and treating the stumps with a herbicide can be done with good results throughout fall and winter.

## How to kill weeds with herbicides in the fall

BY TIM JOHNSON

Can I still use herbicides to control weeds in my lawn and garden beds this year? I was too busy with family commitments during the growing season, and the weeds really got going.

— Robert Knobel, Morton Grove

Herbicides are most effective when applied to weeds that are actively growing. The growth rate of most weeds slows as the temperature gets colder in fall but can still be susceptible to herbicide applications.

It is difficult to specify a date because the weather is different each year. Ideally, wait until there are at least two to three days with consecutive high temperatures in the 50s Fahrenheit, and apply when the daily air temperature is near its

peak. The herbicide is slower acting in colder temperatures than in warmer weather, so it takes longer for the weeds to show symptoms of injury. Be sure to follow directions on the label, and if you have any doubts about the weather, wait until next year to treat the weeds.

I would be hesitant, in most years, to apply herbicides for broadleaf weeds in late October and November in the Chicago area. You can cut back buckthorn and treat the stumps with an herbicide with good results throughout fall and winter, though. It's also a good time to do some hand weeding on warmer fall days when the ground is moist but not too wet to work in. It is easier to get the roots of weeds out when the soil is moist.

If you have a lot of crabgrass — which is an annual weed — it is best to wait

until spring to apply a preemergent herbicide that will provide control by preventing its seeds from germinating. It also prevents grass seed from germinating, so you need to plan accordingly for seeding the lawn.

For northern Illinois, late April to early May is the recommended time for applying a preemergent crabgrass herbicide — apply before lilacs come into flower. Postemergent crabgrass herbicides should be applied when the plants are small, so it is too late now to use these products. The crabgrass that is in the lawn now will die out naturally later in the fall.

*Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.*

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## Leaves are falling, but it's too early to stop weeding

BY BETH BOTTS

Did you think your weeding was done for the year? Think again.

If you look closely among the fallen leaves, you're likely to see flashes of green, and they're likely to be weeds, according to Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

"If you keep weeding all through the fall, it will reduce the number of weeds you have to deal with next year," she said.

Many of the weedy plants that give us so much trouble are perennials, she said, and they often have a longer growing season than our native or ornamental plants. "That helps them out-compete the plants we want, because they have more time to gather the sun's energy and turn it into root growth," she said.

Don't count on freezing weather to knock off weeds. A frost may shrivel the top growth of perennial weeds, but it won't kill the roots.

Other weeds are annuals, meaning they complete their life cycle in one year and die at the end of the growing season. "But they leave behind lots of seeds in the soil, and those seeds can sprout in a warm spell," Janoski said. There are also biennial weeds, which take two years to develop.

Weeds are a problem because they compete with the plants we want for space, water and nutrients from the soil, she said. They can affect the growth of every other plant, from pansies to tomatoes to trees. "They're also unsightly," she said. "I know what I want my yard to look like, and I'd rather see the plants I planned on."

Because most weed species are fast-growing opportunists that have evolved to take advantage



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Keep weeding through the fall to reduce weed problems next year. Make sure to remove the roots, especially with perennial weeds, such as dandelions.

of any opening, they can grow in a wide variety of weather conditions. "If you look closely in January or February warm spells, you may see weeds sprouting," Janoski said. "And many perennial weeds, such as creeping Charlie, will keep growing in the fall until the soil freezes."

Here are some of her tips for dealing with weeds:

**Be vigilant.** Watch for weeds all year long. "Keeping after them is the best way to control them," she said.

**Weed early and often.** Try to pull up weeds as sprouts, before they have a chance to sprawl through your lawn or develop seeds. "Young weeds are easier to remove," she said.

**Get the roots.** Don't just tear off the stems and leaves; use a weeding tool to get under the plant and remove the roots, so the plant can't resprout. This is especially important with perennial weeds that have deep, carrotlike taproots, such as dandelions. "It's easiest to remove the roots when the soil is moist, after

a rain or watering," Janoski said.

**Cover your soil.** Spread mulch to keep seeds in your soil from getting enough sunlight to sprout, and to prevent seeds that blow in from getting a foothold. "Bare soil is an invitation to weeds," she said. You also can fill in with desirable plants.

**Use herbicides carefully.** In extreme cases, you may consider using an herbicide to remove a large infestation of weeds. Get professional advice from the Plant Clinic or other sources to choose the right chemical for the situation and apply it correctly. "Using herbicides carelessly can be dangerous and do more damage to your garden than the weeds," Janoski said.

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum ([mortonarb.org/plantadvice](http://mortonarb.org/plantadvice), 630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)).*

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# Installing concrete deck piers to last

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

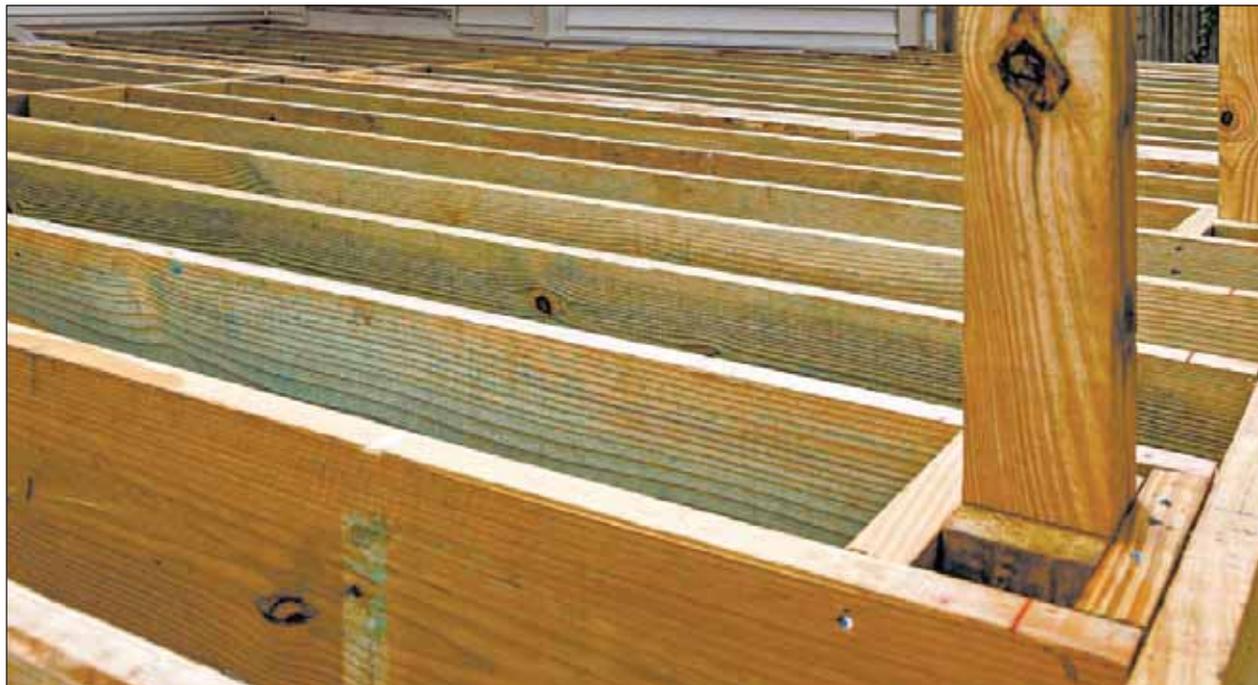
**Q: I'm concerned about the concrete deck base that's fully above ground at my new home. The other decks in our development have the concrete piers below ground. Shouldn't the concrete be completely buried to protect against freezing and cracking in the winter months? What do you feel are the best concrete deck foundation details?**

**A:** I love questions like this. I can understand the concern, based on the data sample you're considering. It's not far-fetched to worry that your deck foundation piers are wrong when they are the only ones that look like it in the neighborhood.

But think about this: Is it possible that your carpenter was the only good one in the development, and the other ones are ill-informed and lack critical thinking skills? You bet it's possible. I see it every day in the photos and emails I get on my website.

The photos sent show me that the builder or carpenter got everything right as far as what's supposed to happen above ground. It would take less than an hour with a round point shovel to determine if the deck pier extends below the frost level and has a wider concrete footing that the circular deck pier rests on.

Let's discuss deterioration concerns first. Concrete is an artificial man-



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There are all sorts of ways to install a foundation base or pier when constructing a new deck for your home.



TIM CARTER

Installing concrete deck piers like this correctly is important so the deck post itself will not fail.

made rock. If it's mixed and installed properly for the local weather conditions, it can last for hundreds of years. If you want proof,

visit a few railroad bridges in your area that have poured concrete abutments that support the bridge structure. I've seen concrete bridgework that was installed in the early 1900s that looks in excellent shape.

You can also look around for above-ground poured concrete house foundations that might be 80 or more years old. It's all about adding enough Portland cement to the mix and making sure you don't add too much water or use water to finish the concrete. Curing the concrete to slow the release of the mix water is also very important.

Frost heave is another

factor to be concerned about. Soils that contain water in freezing climates can expand, and they go up in almost all cases. Where I live in central New Hampshire, the soil around my house goes up at least 3 inches each winter. It can go up even more if there's an active spring under the soil. Ice lenses grow and grow, pushing the soil above them higher as the bitter weather drives the frost deeper in the soil.

Builders, engineers, architects and building inspectors are all aware of the frost depth in a local area. I've got a drawing on my AsktheBuilder.com website showing the frost depth across many areas of

the U.S. If you live in the farthest northern reaches of Minnesota or Maine, you might have to dig down 6 feet or more to get a foundation footing below the depth that frost penetrates.

You want your deck piers to be below the frost level so the deck doesn't lift up. This kind of unwanted force can cause severe structural damage to the deck.

I've worked with many architects and engineers in my building career. Most of their plans agree: It's important to spread out the concentrated load of the deck posts across as much soil as you can. Usually, a 6- or 8-inch thick, 2-foot diameter poured concrete

pad below the frost depth is sufficient to distribute the weight of the deck.

There are all sorts of ways to install a deck foundation base or pier. The most ingenious method I've seen to date — and I used this on my own deck and for shed foundation piers I built four years ago — is a plastic deck pier form you snap together on the job site. It even comes with all the required pre-bent and pre-cut reinforcing steel rods. I've got several videos of this marvelous deck pier system on my website.

This deck pier form is designed such that its base is flared out at the bottom so it spreads out the concentrated load. You just dig the hole to the correct depth, make sure the soil is compacted, set the form in place and then immediately backfill around the form with the soil you just dug out of the hole. Add this soil slowly to make sure the form doesn't move. You should then fill the form with concrete, place the anchor bolt for the post base and wait one day to start building the deck.

I prefer to have the top of my concrete deck piers at least 4 inches above the final grade around the piers. I don't want my treated lumber posts buried in the soil, as I've seen them rot and be a food source for termites. I always use a galvanized steel post base that keeps the bottom of the wood post up and off the poured concrete. This allows water to drain away from the wood.

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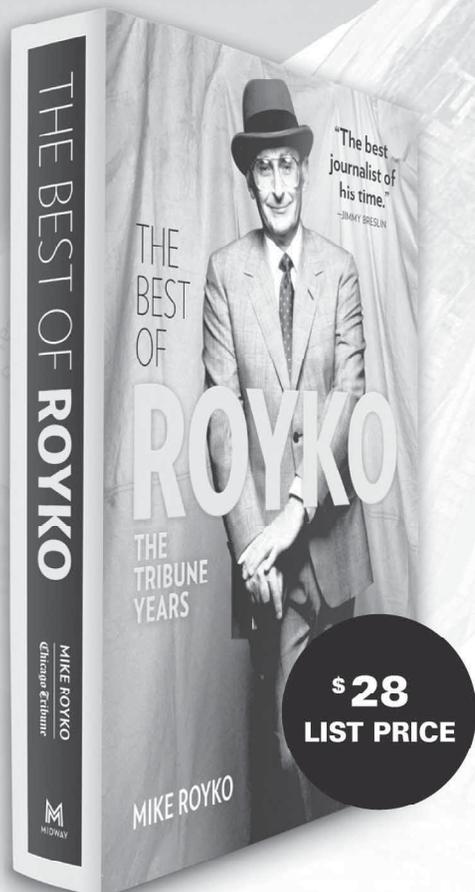
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A handyman should be up to the task of replacing your faucet, toilet and other fixtures.

## Does your small job call for a handyman or specialist?

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE  
 HomeAdvisor

A professional handyman service can tackle a number of small jobs and save you time and effort. But some work will still require the expertise of a licensed specialist. So, how do you know when to hire one over the other? Here are some jobs perfect for a handyman.

**Any job you could do yourself:** The kinds of projects you could DIY (if you had the time, tools and patience) are perfect for a handyman. A seemingly simple job like mounting a TV or replacing a door can take the average homeowner hours to complete, while an experienced handyman pro can get the same job done quickly and efficiently.

To get the best use of their time — and make the most of their hourly rate — hire a handyman to tackle several jobs in one visit. This will prevent the added cost (and hassle) of your pro driving back and forth to your home to complete different tasks on different days.

**Replace a toilet, faucet or outlet:** Replacing fixtures and switches doesn't usually require a license, so a handyman with experience in the field should be able to do the work. Generally speaking, if you're swapping out a fixture that connects to existing pipes or wiring, you're in safe territory. But if you start meddling with plumbing pipes, electrical wires or gas lines, it's time to hire a licensed pro.

**Replace a door lock:** You really only need a locksmith when you want to repair a lock itself or when you've locked yourself out. But if you have keys in hand and simply need to swap an old lock for a new one, a handyman should be able to handle the work. In fact, this is more of a carpentry-and-installation task than a locksmith job.

**Most one-to-one swap jobs:** Replacing crown molding, repairing drywall, installing garbage disposals, hanging a ceiling fan — all of these jobs and more replace a dated or broken component with a similar or identical component. And in most cases, if you're

### Other tips

- If whatever you're replacing or repairing is under warranty, hire carefully. In many cases, the warranty's fine print will require you to hire a licensed or certified specialist, or you'll void the warranty.
- State and local governments have different licensing requirements for different jobs. Verify that your handyman can do this kind of work.
- Always make sure your handyman carries liability insurance, and get all estimates in writing.

replacing one thing with the same thing, a handyman is the right pro for the job.

### Basic seasonal changes:

You want a pro to do your twice-yearly HVAC inspection. But a lot of seasonal work is perfect for a handyman. Cleaning gutters, weather-stripping windows and doors for energy efficiency, and hanging holiday lights are all suitable tasks for a trustworthy handyman professional.

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Home inspections are certainly a smart move. Performed by certified professionals, the inspection will evaluate the existing condition of all aspects of a house, including the roof, foundation, electrical and plumbing systems, heating and cooling mechanicals, walls, windows, and insulation.

These inspections typically cost \$300-\$500 and result in a detailed report laying out the area-by-area findings throughout the house.

Typically, homebuyers order a home inspection after having their offer on a house accepted, giving them a chance to negotiate any price adjustments based on deficiencies or required repairs identified by the inspection, or to abandon the offer altogether.

As smart as it is to order an inspection, however, your lender almost certainly won't

require it. What mortgage lenders do require is an appraisal of the home, but this is not at all the same as a home inspection.

Whereas an inspection assesses the quality and condition of the home's structure and its major systems, an appraisal aims merely to determine the home's fair market value, so the bank can be sure the requested loan is appropriate given the value of the property.

One exception is for FHA loans, where the required appraisal also includes a basic inspection to determine that the home is safe and habitable. But the FHA inspection component comes nowhere near the comprehensiveness of a professional home inspection.

Gaining a complete understanding of a home's physical strengths and weaknesses before you purchase it is invaluable. Just be clear that the inspection is an investment you make to protect your own interests — and peace of mind — rather than the lender's.

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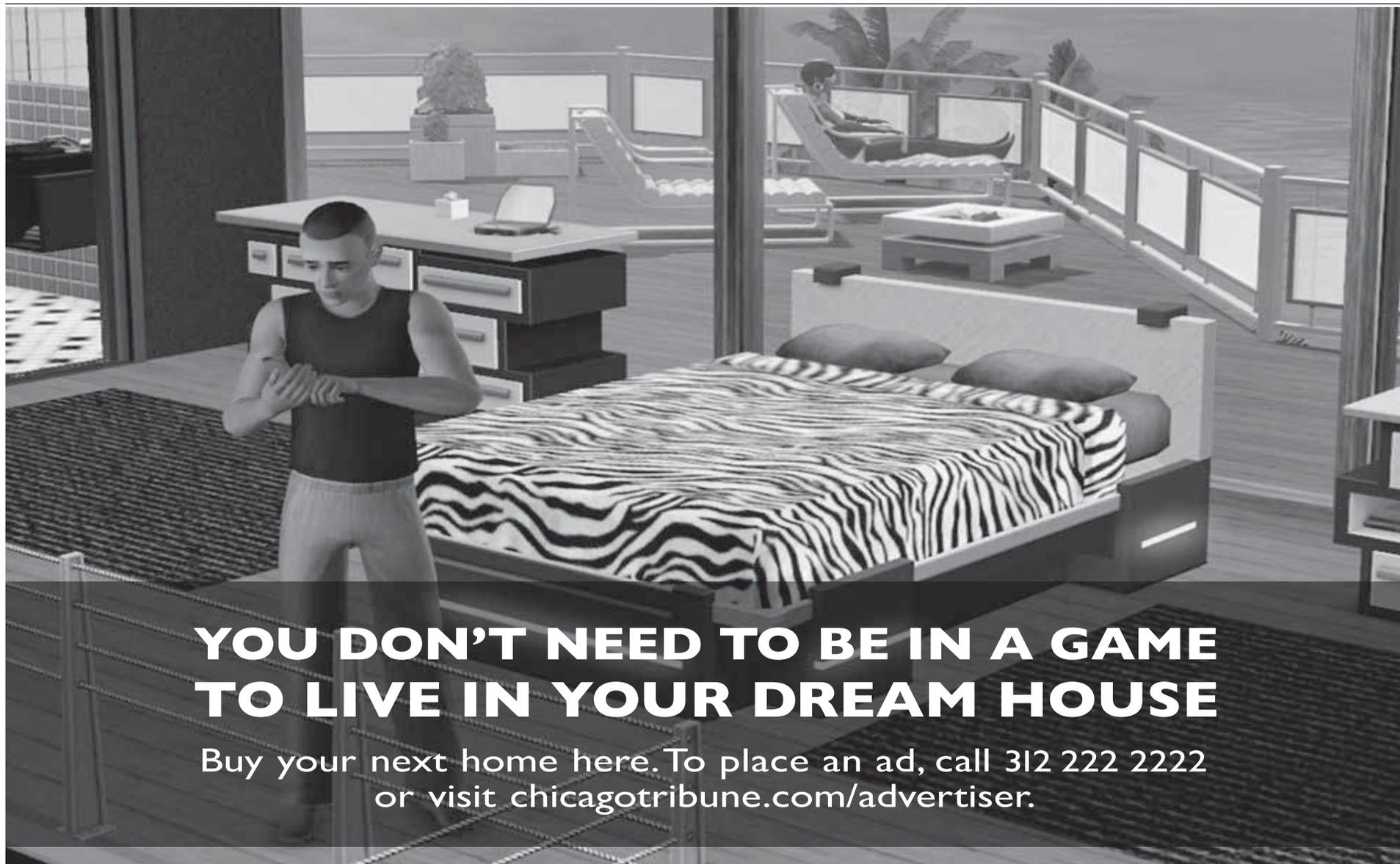
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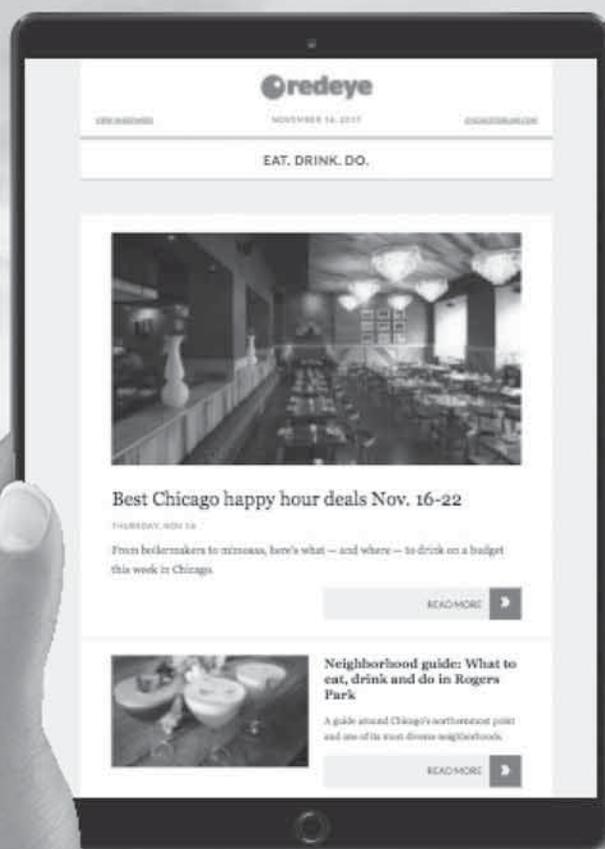
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