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# Feds taped Madigan confidant's calls

Sources: In probe into ComEd's lobbying practices, FBI tapped McClain's phone

BY RAY LONG AND JASON MEISNER

Federal authorities recorded phone calls of one of House Speaker Michael Madigan's closest confidants as part of the burgeoning investigation into ComEd's lobbying practices, two sources with knowledge of the

probe told the Chicago Tribune. Recordings of phone conversations involving Michael McClain, who lobbied for ComEd and parent company Exelon before retiring in 2016, are part of the expansive probe that has rocked the Springfield political establishment over the past several months, the sources said.

One of the sources said the recordings were made as a result of an FBI wiretap on McClain's cellphone.

The Tribune first reported that McClain's home in downstate Quincy was raided by federal agents in mid-May at about the same time they searched homes of at least two other Madigan allies.

The revelation that federal authorities also have recordings of McClain's phone calls comes as Madigan, the state's Democratic

Party chairman and the nation's longest-tenured speaker, presides over a fall legislative session in which he already has forced one of his House Democrats to resign over fresh federal bribery charges.

It is unknown if the FBI listened in on any calls between McClain and Madigan, who is famously cautious about what he says in public and over the phone.

But McClain, 71, whose friendship with Madigan dates to when they both served in the House in

the 1970s, is widely viewed as one of the few people in Springfield who would have candid conversations about legislative and political strategies with the speaker. Before he retired, McClain often could be found camped out in front of the speaker's third-floor Capitol office.

At the height of his power at the Capitol, McClain played an outsize role in the lobbying efforts of

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## No well of deals for mayor in Springfield

Deficit-fighting casino, real estate transfer tax pacts eluding Lightfoot

BY JOHN BYRNE AND DAN PETRELLA

SPRINGFIELD — Mayor Lori Lightfoot headed to Springfield on Tuesday looking for help on legislation aimed at eventually shoring up Chicago's troubled finances — a sweetened casino tax structure and the power to hike taxes on expensive real estate deals.

She was leaving Springfield without a deal in place on either.

Lightfoot stressed the urgency of getting a casino deal done this week to help ease the concerns of bond ratings agencies and provide certainty for future budget years.

"We've got our work to do, but I feel like, particularly over the course of the last three-plus weeks that we've been working literally every single day on this, that we've made significant progress," Lightfoot said at a late-afternoon news conference regarding her casino plan. "Now, whether that progress turns into enough votes to get it passed out, that remains to be seen, but we're certainly working very hard on that, along with others, to identify and address any lingering concerns."

And, while Lightfoot expressed optimism publicly that the legislature could still give the city the power to hike taxes on expensive real estate sales, her administration back in Chicago was bracing rooms full of aldermen for the likelihood they would need to look elsewhere to find the revenue expected from the tax change.

Nevertheless, Lightfoot said she was continuing to work, but could not rule out a substantial property tax hike if the legislature doesn't come through.

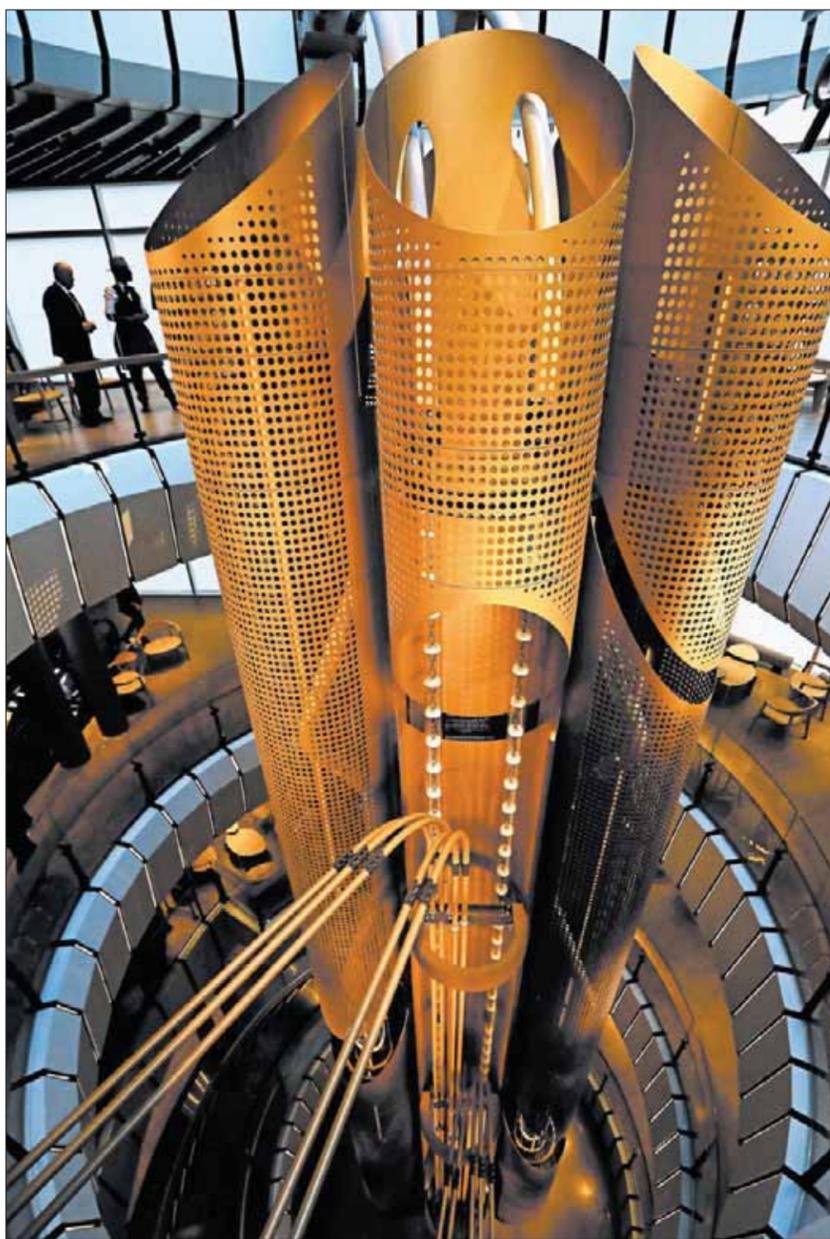
The gambling expansion bill Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed in June created licenses for new casinos in Chicago, Waukegan, the south

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House Speaker Michael Madigan praised Mayor Lori Lightfoot's "advocacy for" her city after her Springfield meeting Tuesday.



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The huge coffee bean cask is a centerpiece of the Starbucks Reserve Roastery on the Mag Mile.

# GRANDE FLAGSHIP

World's largest Starbucks also a Mag Mile showcase

A lot of flagship stores boost their brand and pay scant attention to the character of their cities. But the five-story Starbucks coffee palace that opens Friday in the former Crate & Barrel store on North Michigan Avenue feels at home in Chicago.

It's not just that this emporium, which houses an array of coffee bars as well as a bakery and equipment that will roast about 200,000 pounds of coffee beans a year, is the world's largest Starbucks.

Instead, the 35,000-square-foot facility can be deemed an architectural success for more subtle reasons: It's visually theatrical, crisply designed and carefully tailored to its host city



BLAIR KAMIN  
Cityscapes

even though it springs from a well-worn corporate template. The flagship reminds us that modern architecture celebrates the process of making things, unlike beaux-arts buildings that hide such things behind pretty facades.

Once vinyl sheets that block the view into the store are removed in time for Friday's opening, passersby will be able to look inside and glimpse such things as a towering coffee bean cask that resembles a rocket on a launch pad. Also visible will be ceiling pipes (some see-through) that carry

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## Justices question legality of DACA

Conservative bloc seems poised to let Trump end program

BY MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sharply at odds with liberal justices, the Supreme Court's conservative majority seemed ready Tuesday to allow the Trump administration to abolish protections that permit 660,000 immigrants to work in the U.S., free from the threat of deportation.

That outcome would "destroy lives," declared Justice Sonia Sotomayor, one the court's liberals who repeatedly suggested the administration has not adequately justified its decision to end the 7-year-old Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Nor has it taken sufficient account of the personal, economic and social disruption that might result, they said.

But there did not appear to be any support among the five conservatives for blocking the administration. The nine-member court's decision is expected by June, at the height of the 2020 presidential campaign.

President Donald Trump said on Twitter that DACA recipients shouldn't despair if the justices side with him, pledging that "a deal will be made with the Dems for them to stay!" But Trump's past promises to work with

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## Trump to face limits to power in hearings

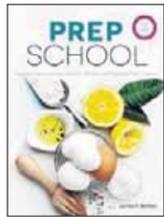
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Lucy, a rescue horse at the Hooved Animal Rescue & Protection Society in Barrington Hills, sports a snowy nose.



## JOHN KASS

# Riding a good horse in the snow

Just about the time my wiper blade broke off in the snow on Ogden Avenue near Western — where the crazy panhandler in the wheelchair rolls through traffic to collect his coin — I'd been thinking about a horse.

I remembered riding that horse in the snow. It was a different life.

Many of you probably don't give two figs about the horse. I figure you're thinking about sharpening your political tribal weaponry for the opening act of Trump Impeachment Theater. OK. There's plenty of time for that.

But that broken wiper ended up costing me. The Honda guy noticed the tread was gone on my front tires, and the front brakes were gone, too. Merry Christmas to me.

Before the bad news about my car, I wasn't thinking of tribal politics or of mocking you if you think differently about what's going on in Washington.

I was thinking of how nice it is to ride a good horse in the first snow.

"I've often said, there is nothing better for the inside of a man, than the outside of the horse," said the late President Ronald Reagan, paraphrasing Winston Churchill.

Both men were right. It's good for women and men.

It's quiet out in the woods on a horse in the snow, with your heels down in the stirrups in the trot, your weight on your toes, the plumes of breath rising, the warmth, the squeak of the leather, the muffled thump of hooves.

There's a rhythm to the gait of a decent horse. And if you're lucky you'll see things, like deer in the woods. Most often you'll see the does near a trail, but once there was a big buck in his prime. His eyes were wide, he had a thick neck to swing those antlers which were weapons on his head. He waited.

The horse and I stared at him and he stared right back. The trees were bare and black against the snow. Then he was gone.

When you write a newspaper column, it's easy to be reduced to stereotype by readers who are angered by your opinions. I'm sure it happens to my colleagues, too.

It's how things work now. Ridicule is the coin of this realm. But people don't know what they don't know. And they don't know about me and that horse.

I left the car at the dealership, contacted editors to say I would miss a meeting, and stopped for coffee on Clark Street. On the menu they offered eggs "The Chicago Way."

Across the street there is a BMW dealership, and I thought of a blue BMW that Chicago Outfit boss Anthony "The Hatchet" Chiaramonti drove once to an urgent morning meeting at a Brown's Chicken in Berwyn.

They got him in the vestibule. And later, I asked a Grand Avenue guy who knew the dead Hatchet: Why did they call a morning meeting at a Brown's fried chicken?

"Where do you think it should be?" he asked. "In an Italian restaurant with checkered tablecloths and candles stuck into bottles of Chianti? This isn't a movie. It's life."

Riding that horse in the snow, was life, too, but a different life.

How many different lives have you had? How many were broken, with the beginning of some new life sprouting from the broken place?

Back then I was a kid, having come home from the Merchant Marine, forced to give up a career at sea because of an allergy to grain dust. I was angry and raging about coming home and hated myself and the world.

I took a few courses at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. They offered a horseback riding class. And I was lonely and the student female to male ratio in the horse class was about 18-1.

The young women had long hair like Joni Mitchell that smelled like

herbs. They were artsy and wore Justin boots and listened to Dylan. And so, that angry, lonely boy took a riding class, and fell in among the horses.

Riding is one of those things you learn when young, like hunting or fishing. If you don't learn it when that window of your life is open, you might never learn it at all.

I was lucky. The instructors were looking for help in exercising horses that were boarded at their stable. Some owners didn't have the time to ride them regularly. A few students were quietly chosen to take the private horses, and class horses, out on the trail when they required exercise.

Not for some stupid full-out run, not cutting wildly through the trees risking injury to the horse. But just enough to get their blood up a bit, so they wouldn't go crazy in their stalls, then leading them on a long walk to cool down and finally, a thorough brushing.

They helped settle things in me. And I hope I helped settle them. They weren't blooded thoroughbreds or dynamic stallions like the great French jumper Galoubet A, a horse you probably never heard of. The ones I rode were decent pet horses. I kept carrots and apples in my coat pockets for them.

The broken windshield wiper was random, and what had been completely forgotten rushed out at me from some other life I once had. And I wondered: Who was that guy?

That angry kid on the chestnut quarter horse, apples in his pockets, the black bark of the trees and that buck in the snow.

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# Editorial reveals issue most black journalists face



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

The editor of The Daily Northwestern student newspaper made a rookie mistake. I think he knows that now.

The fact that Troy Closson apologized in an editorial for reporters doing their jobs covering last week's protest of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions' speech on campus doesn't give us the right to condemn an entire crop of budding professional journalists. Closson doesn't deserve it either.

Many professional journalists, students and others were stunned by the editorial that appeared days after protesters breached security in the lecture hall where Sessions was speaking and entered through a bathroom window, violating the school's written policy regarding protests.

"We recognize that we contributed to the harm students experienced, and we wanted to apologize for and address the mistakes that we made that night — along with how we plan to move forward," said the editorial, signed by Closson and other top editors.

Among the perceived mistakes: posting photos of the protesters on reporters' Twitter accounts. The photos have since been taken down.

Using the university's student directory to obtain student phone numbers beforehand and asking if they would be willing to be interviewed. The editorial said it was an "invasion of privacy" and that "we've spoken with those reporters — along with our entire staff — about the correct way to reach out to students for stories."

Identifying the interviewed students by name in the news story. The paper has since removed the



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The Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism on Tuesday in Evanston.

name of a protester initially quoted in the piece.

"Last week, The Daily was not the paper that Northwestern students deserve," the editorial stated.

These editors could not have been more wrong.

There was nothing unethical or underhanded in how the reporters and photographers went about their jobs. These are techniques professional journalists use all the time to report the news. None of it deserved a public apology.

The errors were in how they addressed the perceived mistakes. They were unnecessary and extreme, and raised questions about the ethics involved in making these journalistic decisions. Closson, as the editor-in-chief, takes full responsibility.

As only the third African American to head the newspaper staff, Closson found himself in a difficult

position. He declined an interview with me, directing me instead to his Twitter feed, where he expressed the difficulty of covering students who haven't always gotten a fair shake in the campus newspaper.

"Being in this role and balancing our coverage and the role of this paper on campus with my racial identity— and knowing how our paper has historically failed students of color, and particularly black students, has been incredibly challenging to navigate," he tweeted.

The bottom line is that Closson was forced to answer the question nearly every black journalist has been asked at one time or another in their career: "Are you black first or are you a journalist first?"

The question doesn't always come from the outside. Sometimes it comes from within. Re-

gardless, there is only one correct answer.

We are journalists. That doesn't mean, however, that we should lose sight of who we are as individuals. Experience gives every journalist, regardless of race, the tools we need to better navigate the delicate journey between our work and our individuality.

As African Americans, we perform our jobs as vigorously as our white counterparts, without losing sight of the subtle and sometimes intangible cultural undercurrents that often lie beneath the surface of complicated news stories. These are assets that our race affords us.

Closson was a black student in a powerful position, directing the coverage of one of the biggest news events to take place on campus. And to do the job well, he had to put other students of color in jeopardy of being reprimanded by

the university. His initial instinct was correct.

Among the racially diverse group of protesters were African American and Latino students — minority groups that have been most directly penalized by the policies Sessions carried out while in Donald Trump's administration, regarding civil rights, immigration, police reform, voting rights and LGBTQ rights.

The editorial referred to them as "marginalized students." Closson wanted to show these students that the newspaper, under his direction, would be listening to them, for a change.

Some of these "marginalized students" may have broken the university's written rule regarding protests when they sought to disrupt Sessions speech. Northwestern allows students to picket outside an event, but they are not allowed to go inside and

disrupt an event.

When campus security officers asked them to leave, a small number charged toward the entrance of the auditorium. According to a university spokesman, "Some demonstrators forcefully pushed back against police (and) were physically redirected."

It sounds like the situation got a bit out of hand, as protests sometimes do. There was some minor property damage, but no one was injured and no students were arrested.

Any student who is found to have engaged in misconduct would be held accountable, the spokesman said. Closson didn't want to be a party to that.

What happened in the aftermath is unfortunate, but every student should look upon it as a learning experience. The episode is merely a reflection of the real world, beyond the protective campus of one of the nation's most selective schools.

The protesters have to understand that there often are consequences for standing up in what you believe in. In the 1960s, students were kicked out of school and adults lost their jobs marching for the right to vote or to sit down on a public bus. If you ask many of them today as elders, they would say they'd proudly do it again.

The job of a journalist isn't supposed to be easy. But we can never lose sight of our mission — to serve as watchdogs in the interest of the public. That must never change, regardless of the color of our skin.

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## At Northwestern, a paper ripped on 2 sides

Daily's apology for Sessions coverage angered journalists

By Dawn Rhodes

The student journalists at the Daily Northwestern have come under fire twice in the past week.

First they were roundly criticized by fellow students angered by how the paper covered last week's appearance by former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, an event that spurred tense protests at the Evanston campus.

Then, in an attempt to mend fences, the student editorial staff published a mea culpa on Sunday that has drawn the ire of journalists appalled that the students would apologize for what seemed to be basic journalistic practices.

Charles Whitaker, dean of Northwestern's journalism school, said social media not only intensified the pressure the students felt about their work but bullied the editorial team at the student-led paper into apologizing.

"I think social media has ratcheted up the level of harassment that is experienced by students in student media to a degree that is unprecedented," Whitaker said. "I also think you do have a group of students who are taking classes in critical race theory, gender studies and who are sympathetic to the notion that media has not always reflected communities of color well.

"Against that backdrop, they do this soul-searching and they come to an ill-considered conclusion that they have somehow done something wrong by practicing journalism."

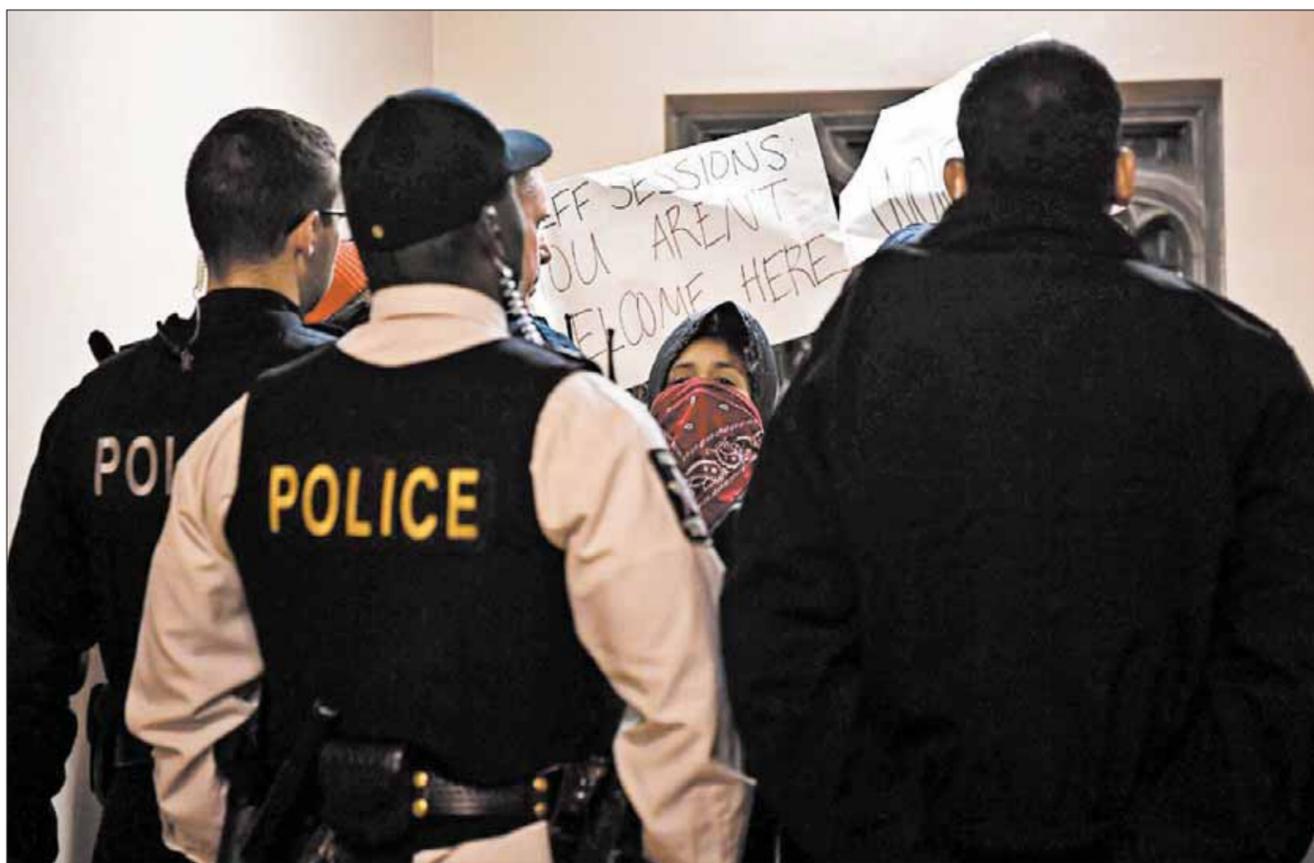
Underpinning it all is the tightrope student journalists traverse in writing about their own classmates and campuses, managing disagreement about the role and responsibilities of journalism, and confronting the historic failure of a majority white industry to fairly cover people of color and minority communities.

The Daily is an independent, nonprofit entity run by students, Whitaker said. It does not have a faculty adviser, nor is it overseen by the journalism school.

Troy Closson, the Daily's editor-in-chief, hinted at those difficulties in a statement on Twitter late Monday, saying in part that the leadership's apology "addressed some legitimate areas of growth we noticed in our reporting, but also over-corrected in others."

Closson, a senior, is only the third black person to lead the Daily in more than 135 years.

"Being in this role and



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Students protesting former Attorney General Jeff Sessions' speech at Northwestern University on Nov. 5 are blocked by security.

balancing our coverage and the role of this paper on campus with my racial identity — and knowing how our paper has historically failed students of color, and particularly Black students — has been incredibly challenging to navigate," Closson said. "And our statement and the areas it fell short were largely a result of that — of how challenging it can be for marginalized students to navigate situations like those this past week while balancing our identities, roles as student journalists and positions as students at NU."

Sessions, ousted as the nation's top prosecutor a year ago, came to Northwestern on Nov. 5 at the invitation of the College Republicans. The Daily sent reporters and a photographer to cover Sessions' remarks as well as the protests outside and inside, Lutkin Hall.

The Daily reported that about 150 people demonstrated, at one point climbing through open windows and pushing through doors in an attempt to interrupt Sessions' speech.

In the ensuing days, the Daily's editorial staff fielded complaints about photos of the demonstrations being posted to social media, saying some protesters found that to be traumatizing and invasive. The Daily's leadership also said some students complained about reporters using the Northwestern directory to contact them before the event and ask if they

wanted to be interviewed.

In response, the Daily took down some photos from social media and removed the name of a student who demonstrated, explaining the paper did not want to make anyone vulnerable to disciplinary action by the school or expose them to threats.

"On one hand, as the paper of record for Northwestern, we want to ensure students, administrators and alumni understand the gravity of the events that took place Tuesday night," the editorial team wrote. "However, we decided to prioritize the trust and safety of students who were photographed. We feel that covering traumatic events requires a different response than many other stories. While our goal is to document history and spread information, nothing is more important than ensuring that our fellow students feel safe... We failed to do that last week, and we could not be more sorry."

The photographer, Colin Boyle, also tweeted an apology saying he removed photos that clearly identified Northwestern students amid the conflict.

"The situation was incredibly tense and I was doing my best as a photojournalist to document what was happening," Boyle wrote. "I cannot begin to understand the negative impact that seeing these images cause."

The response from fellow journalists, both in the Dai-

ly's comment boards and on social media, was vociferous, calling the move "embarrassing." They pointed out that if students who were contacted for interviews didn't want to take part, they only had to say no; that people who partake in public protests surrender their right to privacy; and that the journalists covering the protests did nothing wrong and should never apologize for reporting the news.

In addition to Daily staffers, Medill students reported on the event for a class assignment, according to freshman Melanie Lust.

Lust attended the event and had not planned on doing any reporting. But when she saw some students and campus police clashing, she recorded the scenes on her phone and posted them to Twitter. She, too, received a barrage of complaints, even though she said she received permission from the people in the video to share the footage publicly.

"I felt secure in my decision to document what happened," said Lust, 18.

Kathleen Bartzen Culver, professor and director of the Center for Journalism Ethics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, said faculty must help students understand the consequences of participating in a public demonstration, as well as the value of journalism. They must also teach young journalists about earning the trust of the

people whose stories they tell.

"The practices we see as normal inside, if they feel extractive to the people who are affected by them, that's something we have to be very worried about because it can truly damage trust," Culver said. "Most of the journalists I work with are in this to serve the public interest. I think they should open their eyes to the idea that maybe the public always doesn't believe that."

While Whitaker disagrees with the apology, he credited the students for being sensitive to the concerns and trying to address them as best they could. He also urged critics to be more understanding, saying the harsh backlash from other journalists has been almost as shameful as what they've heard from other students.

"It is very easy from a distance to castigate the Daily editors for this mea culpa," Whitaker said. "They are still students, they're still young, they're still learning."

Lust said she was concerned about the precedent the apology sets.

"It's upsetting that publications can't stand up for themselves and for the fundamentals of journalism," she said.

University spokeswoman Jeri Ward said Northwestern "is firmly committed to supporting all viewpoints, vigorous debate and free expression on campus — abiding principles that are fundamental to all levels of

our enterprise. The University also supports an independent student media and their opportunity to learn and grow. Student activists have a right to demonstrate, and student media have a right to cover them and record history."

A similar situation unfolded recently with the Harvard Crimson.

In September, the student paper covered a campus rally calling for the elimination of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. As part of that, staffers contacted ICE officials for comment, a request that was not answered.

Hundreds of people and multiple student groups signed a petition condemning the Crimson for asking for comment, according to the paper. Some also have called on students not to comment to the Crimson unless its policies are changed.

The student paper's president defended its work.

"Fundamental journalistic values obligate The Crimson to allow all subjects of a story a chance to comment," Kristine E. Guillaume wrote in a statement. "This policy demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that the individuals and institutions we write about have an opportunity to respond to criticisms in order to ensure a fair and unbiased story."

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## Rev. Jesse Jackson calls for change at Buffalo Wild Wings

By Madeline Buckley

Civil rights activist the Rev. Jesse Jackson and families affected by a racist customer at a Naperville Buffalo Wild Wings on Tuesday called on the business and its parent company to work toward greater diversity within its executive ranks and to increase the number of franchises owned by people of color.

Jackson said he and the families will meet with Buffalo Wild Wings President Lyle Tick on Monday to discuss policies that will foster diversity and inclusion throughout the restaurant and parent company Inspire Brands Inc. A Buffalo Wild Wings spokesman confirmed the meeting would take place.

Jackson threatened a boycott if conversations with company leadership don't result in progress.

"If we don't resolve it, there will be a national boycott," Jackson told reporters at a press event at

the South Side Rainbow/PUSH headquarters.

Jackson was accompanied by Mary and Justin Vahl, Marcus Riley and family members. Riley and Justin Vahl recounted the Oct. 26 incident that caused widespread condemnation of Buffalo Wild Wings employees' response to a racist customer.

"It still lives amongst us now," Riley said, noting that the children there that day still carry the incident with them.

Vahl and Riley were among a party of 18 dining at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Naperville that was asked to move to different tables because a restaurant patron did not want to be seated near black people.

Vahl and Riley said they visited the Buffalo Wild Wings on 75th Street east of Illinois Route 59 about 8:30 p.m. with four other adults and 12 children after a youth basketball tournament to celebrate the birthday of one of the kids.

After they were seated, a manager asked the group to move to another location on the pretense that the table was already reserved, Vahl and Riley said. But the families were previously alerted by a host, a black man, who told them they had been seated near a regular customer who "doesn't want black people sitting near him."

The group then left the restaurant to dine and celebrate the birthday elsewhere.

At Tuesday's news conference, Vahl and Riley thanked the host for alerting them, saying he was in tears as they left. The host then went to the back of the restaurant, took a photo of names and phone numbers of management, and sent the photo to one of the women in the group.

A company spokesperson said the company conducted an investigation and "terminated the employees involved" — a service manager and a shift



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The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. walks into a news conference on Tuesday with the family involved in a racial incident that occurred at a Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant in Naperville.

manager. The customer was also banned for life from all Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants.

Kim Metcalfe, a Buffalo Wild Wings spokeswoman, said later Tuesday that company representatives had spoken with members of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition on Monday to discuss ongoing efforts in response to the incident.

The company is implementing diversity training for all team members in its Naperville and Aurora locations by Nov. 22, among other initiatives.

Metcalfe also said Buffalo Wild Wings has already been addressing diversity in its upper ranks. She said more than 22% of the franchise restaurants are minority-owned and one of the

company's three top executives is a black man.

"The company has been in communication with the affected families, as well as Naperville city leaders, Governor Pritzker and Rainbow/PUSH to use this incident an opportunity to improve, hear constructive feedback and inform a path forward," the company said in a statement.

# Legislators block new rule for video gambling owners' sales

BY DAVID HEINZMANN

Less than a week after the Illinois Gaming Board attempted to stop video gambling operators from selling their businesses without state approval, a panel of lawmakers in Springfield blocked the move.

The General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules voted 10-0 against the Gaming Board on Tuesday, rejecting the gambling regulators' rationale for making the rule change on an emergency basis.

Gaming Board staff viewed their measure as an emergency step in response to the Tribune's revelations about Rick Heidner, whose Gold Rush Gaming is one of the state's largest operators. Regulators argued they needed to close a loophole in state law that allows video gambling operators to sell their businesses without Gaming Board approval. The status quo would allow a business owner facing a misconduct investigation to sell the business at a profit without facing state disciplinary action.

Republican Rep. Keith Wheeler of Oswego, the

committee co-chairman, introduced the motion to vote on the issue Tuesday. He said he agrees that the state should close the loophole but said committee members are frustrated because they believe the Gaming Board is using the emergency rule-making process inappropriately.

"There have been a series of rules promulgated by the Gaming Board under the guise of emergency rules that have not met the threshold," Wheeler said.

Since late June, he has reported receiving \$6,000 in campaign contributions from Heidner's businesses. Asked about those contributions Tuesday, Wheeler said he planned to donate the money to Mutual Ground, a women's shelter in Aurora.

"With all that (the Tribune) has exposed, it's going to a charity," he said.

Two Democrats on the panel, co-Chairman Sen. Don Harmon of Oak Park and Sen. Tony Munoz of Chicago, have received campaign donations from Heidner's businesses in recent years. Both abstained from Tuesday's vote.

Wheeler said he's trying to meet Thursday with

Gaming Board staff to reach an understanding about how to proceed. "I want to see that changed," he said. "On its face, it makes more sense to (require prior Gaming Board approval)."

However, Wheeler added that he has heard from industry groups that such a change would harm their businesses. He mentioned the Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association voicing such concerns. The lobbying group has given Wheeler's campaign fund \$2,000 since 2018.

The Gaming Board issued a statement Tuesday contending that the panel of lawmakers was going out of its way to create an "adversarial relationship" with the board and to undermine efforts to regulate the industry.

"Suspension of the emergency rule undermines the IGB's regulatory efforts at a critical moment in gaming expansion," wrote Gaming Board Administrator Marcus Fruchter.

State law "authorizes an agency to adopt an emergency rule if it finds that a situation exists constituting a threat to the public interest, safety, or welfare. The board unanimously found

that the rule regulating the transfer of ownership interests of a terminal operator met these stringent requirements," Fruchter wrote.

In October, the Tribune reported that Heidner won a 2012 video gambling license from the Gaming Board despite being in business with a convicted illegal sports bookmaker as well as a banker accused by the FBI of involving organized crime figures in a casino deal.

Since at least 2003, Heidner has formed a series of corporations to hold real estate with Parkway Bank Chairman Rocco Suspenzi, whom the FBI and the Gaming Board in 2003 accused of bringing organized crime figures into secret ownership stake in the Rosemont casino project. In addition, Heidner and convicted bookie Dominic Buttitta own a building that is leased to an Elgin bar that's a venue for Gold Rush video gambling machines.

Through a spokesman, Heidner has said he has no intention of giving up control of his business.

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A memorial sits near where four men were stabbed, one fatally, in the 5300 block of West Irving Park Road.

## Man who loved graffiti art stabbed in Portage Park

Police probing incident that left 1 dead, others hurt

BY PAIGE FRY

Reinaldo "Rei" Sanchez expressed himself through a spray can.

He decorated walls around the city with his tagging name "Yers" in bold, saturated letters.

Sanchez, 28, grew up in the Belmont Cragin neighborhood and was known for always being artistic and genuine, childhood friends said. He wasn't involved in gangs and just stayed with a tagging crew, according to friends. Friends said they were in disbelief to discover that Sanchez had been killed early Monday.

"I'm just sad that this happened to him because, to be honest, he was the kind of person who would go around and try to make everyone laugh," said childhood friend Odalys Quintana, 23. "It's a sad way for him to go."

Sanchez and at least three other men were walking to a parked car just after 2 a.m. Monday in the 5300 block of West Irving Park Road when another car hit it, causing minor damage, police said. The driver got out of the car and they began to argue. The dispute escalated and the driver took out a knife and attacked the four men before driving away — possibly with another person in the vehicle. A man was also beaten during the incident.

Sanchez was taken to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center where he was pronounced dead, police said. He died of multiple stab wounds, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The other three men, ages 27, 28 and 29, were all brought to the same hospital and initially were listed in critical condition.

A 28-year-old man who was punched in the face was taken to Community First Medical Center in good condition, police said. None of the victims were known to police.

No one was in custody Tuesday. Chicago police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli said investigators are looking into a video of the incident to try to find more information and believe the offender may have been in a blue pickup

truck.

Monday evening, Quintana drove to where the incident took place and dropped off a candle at a memorial for Sanchez, she said. She had her own moment of silent for her old friend and remembered their high school years, she said. They would often walk home together after class at Foreman High School and stop to grab a bag of spicy chips.

Sanchez was like an older brother to her and would offer advice: Don't let people walk all over you.

Sanchez also stood up for her when others would try to start drama. She last spoke to him about 2 1/2 years ago as they grew in different directions.

Another friend, who asked not to be named, said her family grew up in the same house as Sanchez's family and she had known him since she was 3 years old. He has a younger sister, who is closer to her age, but they all played together throughout their childhood.

The friend said her favorite memories were of them foot racing with other kids from across the street. Sanchez normally won because he was taller than them and skinny — which they would poke fun of him about as children. When he became a teenager, his father moved to Mexico, so Sanchez had to take on more responsibility and care for his mother who was sick and help pay the bills.

"He was a good son. He was a good brother," she said. "He was the man of the house, but he was a sweet person. I don't think anyone can say anything negative about him."

He was friendly to everyone and people in the neighborhood all knew him, she said. His family plans to have a small funeral service for him, she said. Even though the friend said her family hasn't kept in contact as much after Sanchez's family moved to another house, they were invited to attend.

"He's a nice person. I couldn't believe it was him either. He's not the type that you would see arguing or fighting," she said. "It sucks that another human being could do that to another person. How could you not feel bad?"

## Lightfoot

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suburbs and three other locations. Under the law, Chicago would get one-third of the post-payout revenue to help pay down its police and firefighter pension debt.

A consultant's report released in August stated that combined city and state taxes would be so high that the project likely would not attract a developer.

A major concern for some suburban House Democrats, whose votes would be crucial for passage, remains the location of the city casino. The five South and West side sites the consultant studied this summer all would potentially pull business away from the new south suburban casino also authorized in the gambling expansion legislation. The Illinois Gaming Board is currently reviewing four applications for the single south suburban license.

"We think they should be looking downtown," said Rep. Will Davis, a Homewood Democrat. "They didn't look downtown. They didn't look anywhere between McCormick Place and Navy Pier. If Chicago touts itself as a tourist city, if that's where all the tourists are, why would we not want to put that kind of facility in that box?"

Davis, whose district includes one of the four hopeful casino sites, said the idea behind putting a casino in the south suburbs was to keep gamblers from crossing the border to place their bets in Indiana.

"If we're working in partnership, then she's got to work with us," Davis said.

Democratic Rep. Bob Rita of Blue Island, the House point man on gambling legislation, said negotiations continue with the mayor's and governor's offices and the Senate in hopes of reaching an agreement in the veto session's remaining two days. Lawmakers are looking at not only the city's tax on post-payout revenue but also all the other fees and taxes the casino would pay.

"We're getting close, but there's other outlying issues that we need to address," Rita said. "It's not all just about the tax rates."

A possible pathway to an agreement could include assurances from the city that the Chicago casino wouldn't be located too close to other new or existing casinos, Rita said.

Lightfoot said she wouldn't comment on potential locations for fear of creating land speculation. "Any talk about location is really premature because if we don't get the tax structure fixed, there won't be a Chicago casino," she said.

Despite the lack of consensus on the casino, House Speaker Michael Madigan said he thought Lightfoot



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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot spent about an hour Tuesday afternoon meeting with House Democrats in Springfield.

did "very well on her advocacy for the position of the city."

Madigan said he was waiting to find out Pritzker's position and "whether he and the mayor have come to an agreement."

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said the governor would encourage lawmakers to support legislation that would help the Chicago casino.

"The governor has said from the outset that it's important for all parties to get the Chicago casino right, including maximizing the opportunities for jobs for residents and revenue to address our financial obligations, and if the city's gaming legislation reaches his desk, he will sign the bill," she said in a statement. "Over the past several days, staff from the city, both the House and the Senate, and the governor's office have discussed the contours of a proposal, and there has been broad agreement from the parties. Our understanding is that legislators will be filing a bill shortly, and the governor would encourage lawmakers to support it."

Meanwhile, Chicago's city government is facing an \$838 million budget shortfall in the next fiscal year. As part of her plan to offset the gaping deficit, Lightfoot was counting on help from Springfield.

Instead, Lightfoot is turning to a mix of savings and larger returns on debt refinancing to come up with the money next year, her finance team told aldermen Tuesday.

With state lawmakers all but certain not to approve Lightfoot's graduated real estate transfer plan in the final days of the General Assembly's veto session this week, her finance team laid out Plan B, aldermen said after closed-door sessions Tuesday at City Hall.

Lightfoot spent about an hour Tuesday afternoon meeting behind closed doors with House Democrats in Springfield. When she emerged, the mayor said she hadn't given up hope winning support this week for the real estate transfer tax proposal despite objections from a bloc of progressive lawmakers.

Her administration developed a backup plan, however, because "we always

have Plan B," she said. "We have Plan C, and we have Plan D."

Lightfoot's still avoiding new sources of revenue like a property tax hike she has been loath to turn to in order to help address next year's shortfall.

Instead, Lightfoot is planning to rely on one-time savings. Doing so will avoid the difficulty of lining up City Council votes for a spending package larded with big, widespread hits on taxpayers, but it will also open her to criticism that she's not addressing the city's structural financial imbalances as she promised to when she took office.

Lightfoot will count on an additional \$15 million from the refinancing of bond debt for a total of \$215 million in such savings next year, aldermen said. An extra \$15 million will come from various kinds of lower costs, including less health care spending and less overtime for firefighters, aldermen said they were told.

Another \$20 million will come from a city government employee hiring slowdown through 2020. The slowdown, which will include police and fire department hiring, will return the city to the rate of hiring taking place earlier in 2019, according to Chief Financial Officer Jennie Huang Bennett.

Lightfoot is still counting on an additional \$163 million in ambulance cost reimbursements that have yet to come in from the federal Center for Medicaid Services. And she says she will save \$150 million in 2020 through so-called zero-based budgeting, the practice of making each city department justify its spending from the ground up.

In addition, administration officials told aldermen Tuesday that the actual increase in the city property tax levy in 2020 will be \$65 million. That's because \$15 million more will be assessed to new properties, added to the levy like every year, and around \$32 million is coming in to pay off bonds, a plan the City Council approved before Lightfoot took office.

The mayor already outlined an \$18 million property tax increase to pay for Sunday hours at Chicago libraries. "The only increase

as part of this budget is the one tied to the library hours, which the mayor already outlined," Huang Bennett said.

Nevertheless, Lightfoot said later that she could not rule out entirely the possibility of a property tax hike depending on what lawmakers do this week.

"As I've said, I can't take property taxes entirely off the table, but we're working tirelessly both here and also in Chicago to avoid a substantial property tax increase," Lightfoot said.

With Lightfoot trying to drum up support among lawmakers to change the tax structure of the Chicago casino license, some aldermen said they told her finance team to look for new money rather than counting on such types of savings.

"Obviously, I think people are hopeful that these numbers will hold, and that these savings will materialize," said Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, a Democratic Socialist who backed Lightfoot opponent Toni Preckwinkle in the mayoral election. "But as we know, we're not just facing a \$50 million gap in this budget for next year. We're going to have to continue finding additional sources of revenue. So I think folks are asking why not just go for that revenue now so that we can be in a stronger place as we look at the 2021, 2022 and 2023 budget."

And veteran Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th, said she's been trying to convince the Lightfoot administration to lock in money sources they can count on. "I'm looking for the real revenue, and I'm working very hard to try to communicate to them," Hairston said. "I've been here a minute. I've seen a few things, and I know a few things. I think we need to do it in a very responsible way that we are not coming back each year and trying to figure out how we can wring this towel one more time."

But Huang Bennett defended Lightfoot's approach, saying the new mayor's budget includes about \$350 million in new revenue. And Lightfoot will continue working to secure the votes in Springfield to enact the graduated real estate transfer tax next year. "That will be \$100 million in new revenue each year," Huang Bennett said. "So Mayor Lightfoot is looking at this structurally and progressively, so we can do this in a way that does not just impact one part of the tax base."

The City Council is set to approve Lightfoot's 2020 budget later this month.

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# What'll your bucks get you at this Starbucks?

Sip coffee cocktails, but don't ask for pumpkin spice latte

BY LOUISA CHU

The world's largest Starbucks opens Friday in Chicago with Malort coffee cocktails, liquid nitrogen gelato and barrel-aged, smoked Cold Fashioneds.

The highly anticipated 35,000 square foot Reserve Roastery on the Magnificent Mile transforms the five-story former flagship of Crate & Barrel into a luminous coffee experience. The coffee shop, bar and store on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Erie Street is the sixth and final roastery currently planned worldwide with sister locations in Seattle, Shanghai, Milan, New York and Tokyo.

You will find rare coffee from around the world, house-made Princi bakery goods and coffee cocktails made only in Chicago. You won't find pumpkin spice lattes, peppermint mochas or mobile ordering. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the space, but there's not one single exposed outlet or wireless charging station. You can earn stars through the Starbucks rewards program, but can't redeem them or birthday rewards, either. For those perks you can go to the nearest regular Starbucks store in the Marriott Courtyard hotel (165 E. Ontario St.), east of Michigan Ave-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS  
An affogato drink, left, at Starbucks Reserve Roastery, and the Smoked Cold Fashioned.



nue.

Reserve Roastery was initially envisioned as "the Willy Wonka of coffee," former CEO Howard Schultz told the Tribune when the Chicago roastery was first announced over two years ago. "It's not a coffee store, the essence of it is the theater and romance and something so experiential."

The roastery seems light years away from the first Starbucks in Chicago that opened in 1987, which barely merited a mention in the Tribune, then the first store outside of the Pacific Northwest.

The price for an espresso at the roastery is \$4.50. At the nearest regular Starbucks, it's \$1.55. The new space, though, is indeed far more than a coffee store.

When you enter, straight ahead you'll see the first of four coffee bars, with food

and drink to-go. There are coffee bars on every level except the fifth floor, but the ground floor coffee bar was designed with to-go orders in mind. All the beans roasted in-house will be served only at this location, or sold by the bag. To the left, you'll find a shop with mugs, tote bags and T-shirts, next to the "Scooping Bar" for beans by the pound.

To the right stands the towering centerpiece to the store, a bronzed steel kinetic functional sculpture that suggests spaceships and church organs. The 56-foot steel cask is Starbucks' tallest, where coffee beans rest and de-gas after roasting. You can see and hear beans move through a dizzying array of overhead tubes as they're piped throughout the space.

Take the curved escalator, billed as the first in the

Midwest, up to the second floor. It's not quite the Great Glass Elevator that goes every which way in "Willy Wonka," but you do get an establishing view.

Before you head up, visit the highest priced item at the roastery: a \$6,500 La Marzocco Linea mini espresso machine, hand painted by Chicago artist Mac Blackout.

When you ascend to the Princi bakery level with eggs in purgatory for breakfast and hot pizza for lunch and late into the night, you'll discover the source of a vertical conveyor transporting baked goods such as cornetti (Italian croissants), focaccia and bread to the ground floor, tempting you like a modernized rotating pie case.

On the third floor you'll find the "Experiential Coffee Bar" with liquid nitrogen gelato. Look for dramatic white vapor clouds as sweet cream freezes into fior di latte, which blooms exquisitely as an affogato (\$9) with two shots of espresso.

Order a side of truffles (\$9 or \$13) by Chocolat Uzma in Pilsen, owned by Pakistani-American chocolatier Uzma Sharif, the only local food maker at the roastery.

A total of seven brewing methods can prepare your coffee, from the low-tech pour-over or Chemex, to the traditional coffee press or espresso, to the high tech siphon or Clover. Cold brewed coffee, which uses

time, not heat, for extraction, is offered by the glass and growler.

The Arriviamo Bar on the fourth floor highlights a barrel-aged coffee program, with a literal Smoked Cold Fashioned (\$14), made using a Breville Smoking Gun invented by Niles based PolyScience owner Philip Preston for chef Grant Achatz at Alinea.

Five Chicago exclusive cocktails (four with alcohol, three with coffee, two with tea and one non-alcoholic) were created in collaboration with local mixologists Julia Momose of Kumiko in the West Loop, Annie Bee-Tron of Fat Rice in Logan Square, and Rachel Miller of Community Tavern in Portage Park.

The menu includes Malort, the bitter booze we love to hate from CH Distillery made in East Pilsen, enlightened by the frothy shandy-inspired Roastery Boilermaker (\$16) with cold brew coffee; Four Grain whiskey from Koval in Ravenswood; rose fruit liqueur; pink grapefruit juice; and a sidecar of bierschnaps from Rhine Hall Distillery in West Town.

The short, dark and handsome Union Stock (\$16) blends barrel-aged cold brew coffee with Italian amari plus grappa (Italian brandy) from Rhine Hall.

The delightful Lake Shore (\$16) features Teavana Zen Clouds oolong tea with tequila and mango yogurt syrup, and is gar-

nished with the tiniest and cutest mango paleta.

The theatrical Pour Over Bijou (\$16) extracts coffee with Japanese gin, Italian Carpano Bianco vermouth, Strega liqueur and French green Chartreuse for an utterly exhilarating exploration beyond the expectations of coffee or cocktails.

A spirit-free All Day Spritz (\$10) pours Teavana Mandarin Mimosa tea with strawberry and honey shrubs and elderflower tonic.

Beer and wine options include Veuve Cliquot Yellow Label Brut Champagne (\$150) by the bottle, the highest priced food or drink item on any of the menus.

The fifth and top floor hides a slice of rooftop terrace overlooking Michigan Avenue, open when weather permits.

Mexican-American Chicago muralist Eulio Ortega painted the huge five-floor artwork alongside the back stairs showing the journey of coffee, with his own father depicted as a farmer picking coffee.

Regular roastery hours start Saturday, Nov. 16. The roastery will open Mondays through Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fridays 7 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays 8 a.m. to midnight, and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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roasted beans to silos at coffee counters, and a spiral escalator, billed as the first of its kind in the Midwest.

Here, the steel-and-glass sobriety of mid-20th century modernism gives way to a playful yet stylish aesthetic — "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" meets the sophisticated, bent-wood warmth of the Scandinavian design championed by Crate & Barrel's founders, Gordon and Carole Segal. Even noncoffee drinkers like me may be tempted to step inside, just to glimpse the retail theater.

Officially known as the Starbucks Reserve Roastery Chicago, the store is the sixth roastery built by the Seattle-based coffee giant since 2014. (The others are in Seattle, Shanghai, Tokyo, Milan and New York.) Based on an advance look I got, it seems likely to attract visitors beyond the core of Starbucks devotees whose days are incomplete without a latte or nitro cold brew.

The project's success boils down to a crucial decision taken by an in-house team led by Starbucks Chief Design Officer Liz Muller and Vice President Jill Enomoto. They chose to build on the architectural character of the Crate & Barrel store, which opened in 1990 and was designed by Chicago architects Solomon Cordwell Buenz.

With a glass-enclosed corner cylinder punctuating its outer walls, Crate & Barrel was a dramatic departure from the decorous, limestone-clad buildings of North Michigan Avenue. Taking note of its white metal facade panels, the American Institute of Architects' Guide to Chicago compared the building to a man in summer whites attending a black-tie party, calling it "shamelessly transparent."

But the store was a business success, using skylights and an escalator in the corner rotunda to draw people upstairs to buy clean-lined sofas and other tasteful fare. Last year, though, the store closed, a victim of changing retail habits. By that time, Gordon Segal, who still owns the building, had persuaded his friend Howard Schultz, then Starbucks' chief, to fill the store with a flagship roastery.

To its credit, Starbucks has not plastered the exterior with the company's ubiquitous green-and-white siren logo. Small black letters on the top of the cylinder spell out the name "Starbucks Reserve Roastery."



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS  
Marble tiles wrap around the main coffee bar on the first floor of the new Starbucks Reserve Roastery Chicago, seen Tuesday.



A view of the first floor coffee roaster inside the new Starbucks Reserve Roastery on North Michigan Avenue, seen during a preview Tuesday morning in Chicago.

There may be more signage, but nothing grotesquely oversized. The idea is to let the activity within the store speak for itself.

When you step inside, you're greeted by an old-fashioned, clickety-clacking train station flipboard that tells you what coffees are being roasted (in 400-degree heat) in a big machine in front of you. Bags of green coffee beans, which arrive at the store in burlap bags, will be cut open on a table next to the roaster. To your right is the big architectural move — the old Crate & Barrel rotunda, which has been dramatically remade.

At its center is the towering cask, which consists of eight cylindrical chambers clad in perforated, bronze-colored aluminum. The cask is a powerful sculptur-



The spiral escalator that sweeps past the bean cask in the new roastery is billed as the first of its kind in the Midwest.

al object, although it looks a little cramped in the remade rotunda.

Conveyors bring beans to the top of the cask, where another machine drops them into chambers where the beans cool. As time passes each day, more

beans will pour into the chambers, like grains of sand in an hourglass. Leave it to Starbucks to find poetry in a hill of beans.

A Mitsubishi-made spiral escalator sweeps a quarter-circle around the cask, giving visitors a dramatic ride to the second floor. (Conventional escalators transport people between other floors.) Steel beams extend the once-narrow floors around the cylinder further inward, creating ample sitting areas where visitors can look outside to North Michigan Avenue and be seen by passersby.

Throughout the store, custom-designed chairs and tables are pitch-perfect with the original building's light colors and curving contours. Made of light-colored wood, with organic shapes, the furnishings come from BassamFellows of New Canaan, Connecticut. They resonate on a deeper level, recalling the Scandinavian designs popularized by the Segals.

Bronze-colored stainless pipes and perforated wood panels extend outward from the cask like rays of the sun. The panels are acoustic. They also shift in tone from dark green at the fringe to light green at the center, creating the illusion that the ceiling level is rising when, in fact, it doesn't change. All this creates a very different atmosphere from the New York roastery, whose dark tones and cooper finishes evoke an old-fashioned men's club.

Many other touches distinguish the Chicago flagship. The coffee bars are faced in 22 different types of marble tiles. Railings are wrapped in hand-stitched leather. The second-floor Princi Bakery and Cafe features handsome cast-iron ovens. Starbucks has retained the

two-story skylit space on the third and fourth floors, creating a dramatic setting for a coffee bar there. In addition, a rooftop terrace transforms a previously unused outdoor space.

Even the remade fire escape stairway on the store's south end is artistic. There, Chicago artist Eulio Ortega has painted a handsome five-level mural that portrays a succession of images, from growing coffee trees to farmers harvesting the coffee. Like the coffee bean cask, the mural tries to draw people upwards and celebrates the process of coffee-making.

It will be interesting to see whether the size of the flagship turns out to be boon or bane. Is there sufficient and sustainable demand for all it contains? If so, how well will it be able to handle the crowds? Other Reserve Roasteries attract as many as 8,000 people a day, according to Starbucks.

However that part of the story turns out, Starbucks deserves kudos for crafting a design that simultaneously respects and freshens the landmark building in which it's located. While the Chicago Reserve Roastery isn't especially edgy or profound, it is creative, multisensory interior architecture — one of the finest flagships, second only to the uber-transparent Apple store, on the Mag Mile.

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# In Trump saga, refrains of Blagojevich's tale

Ex-governor ouster provides guide for process, rhetoric

BY RICK PEARSON

The rhetorical strains surrounding Donald Trump as he faces the start of a formal impeachment inquiry on Wednesday echo what was heard in Illinois 10 years ago as legislators moved to oust Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Then, the impeachment process began with Blagojevich and his team denying any wrongdoing or “quid pro quo,” labeling the proceedings a “witch hunt” and citing a lack of “due process.” Lawmakers denied they were convening a “kangaroo court” and accused the governor of having an “utter disregard” for the checks and balances of the legislature.

In the end, the Illinois General Assembly impeached and convicted Blagojevich and removed him from office, a first in the state's often politically inglorious history.

There are similarities as well as significant differences in the impeachment process employed for Blagojevich and what is happening in Washington with Trump. But the Illinois experience can be illustrative in helping to know what impeachment is, how the process works and where it may lead.

For both Blagojevich and Trump, the root of the impeachment proceedings revolves around telephone conversations.

Blagojevich was arrested and charged with federal corruption over a variety of issues, including an attempt to personally or politically profit from the sale of the Senate seat of then-President-elect Barack Obama as well as efforts to try to extort special interests for campaign contributions. The arrest, the result of taped conversations including phone calls, fueled his impeachment.

Unlike Blagojevich, Trump has not been criminally charged with any wrongdoing. Instead, the push for Trump's impeachment stems from a whistleblower's initial report of a July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in which Trump allegedly sought a foreign investigation of potential 2020 campaign opponent Joe Biden and his family in exchange for the distribution of \$400 million in U.S. military aid.

The report promoted House Democrats to start the inquiry into Trump, who has denied any wrongdoing.

Blagojevich, like Trump, was a controversial politician under fire on a number of fronts before the impeachment process started, noted Chris Mooney, a pro-



Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was impeached and removed from office, at O'Hare International Airport in 2012.

fessor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

“Both men were target-rich environments, but they got tripped up in weird little ways,” Mooney said.

**The origins of impeachment:** The rarely utilized process that can lead to the removal of a president, and led to the removal of Blagojevich, borrows from a centuries-old British technique used by the House of Commons and House of Lords to remove royal ministers and local governors appointed by the crown, which was adopted by colonial governments before the U.S. became a nation.

It's a two-step process that, in some respects, resembles a legal proceeding. But by its very nature, impeachment is a political action, not a legal one, with the rules largely drawn up by lawmakers on how to proceed.

Both the U.S. and Illinois constitutions give the House the “sole power” to impeach. In the House, impeachment is akin to the process of seeking an indictment, with members acting as investigators as well as a grand jury to determine if articles of impeachment are warranted.

If a House majority approves articles of impeachment, the issue moves to the Senate for trial.

Both federal and state constitutions empower the Senate to sit as jurors with a two-thirds vote needed to convict on any article of impeachment and remove the leader from office.

At the federal level, the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court presides over the impeachment trial while in Illinois, it is the chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

On both levels, the Senate's decision is not subject to appeal.

Both the federal and state constitutions offer generic language allowing the legislative branch to determine whether cause to remove the chief executive exists.

The lack of an avenue for appeal and the unspecific definition of impeachable offenses is another example of how impeachment is a political act and not a legal one guided by laws, case law and judicial opinion.

On the federal level, an impeachable offense is considered “treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors.” The Illinois Constitution says only that the House will conduct investigations “to determine the existence of cause for impeachment.”

Before the new state constitution was adopted in 1970, the state's previous governing document from 1870 allowed for impeachment for “any misdemeanor in office.”

The phrase was deleted in the new constitution because the definition of “misdemeanor” had evolved from “misconduct” to a petty offense, such as a parking violation.

In the Federalist Papers, Alexander Hamilton wrote that impeachable offenses are those “which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust. They are of a nature which may with peculiar propriety be denominated POLITICAL, as they relate chiefly to injuries done immediately to the society itself.”

**How impeachment played out in Illinois:** Less than a week after Blagojevich's arrest by federal agents at his Ravenswood home in the early morning hours of Dec. 9, 2008, the House voted 113-0 to adopt a resolution creating a 21-

member Special Investigative Committee to look into whether he should be impeached.

“As distressing as the present circumstances may seem, we should take some comfort in the fact that the framers of the United States Constitution, as well as those delegates who crafted the 1970 Illinois Constitution, had the wisdom to foresee such problems and establish an orderly, lawful means to address them,” said then-state Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, the Chicago Democrat who chaired the panel.

The special panel met for seven days, taking testimony from witnesses and reviewing documents involving previous investigations of the Blagojevich administration. Blagojevich asked for seven days to present testimony but only his legal counsel appeared.

Again reflecting that impeachment differs from trial law, Blagojevich's decision not to testify before the panel was a factor lawmakers could consider when deciding whether to recommend impeachment. The Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination only applies in court, the panel said.

On Jan. 8, 2009, all 21 panel members recommended a single article of impeachment, which the full House approved the next day, 114-1-1.

With a new session of the General Assembly sworn in on Jan. 14, the House voted again, 117-1, to impeach Blagojevich. The lone vote against impeachment was cast by his sister-in-law Deb Mell.

In the 13-count article of impeachment, Blagojevich was accused of profiting from the open Senate seat, trading official acts for campaign contributions and violating state hiring rules, among other acts.

As senators were sworn into office that January, they also were sworn in as jurors for the impeachment trial. Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Fitzgerald was sworn in to preside. Senators ordered the chamber's sergeant-at-arms to deliver a summons for Blagojevich to respond to the proceedings.

With the Senate trial approaching on Jan. 26, Blagojevich's lawyers announced they would boycott the proceedings, saying they were hampered by its rules and ability to call witnesses. Newly installed Senate President John Cullerton, said the rules were based off those used in President Bill Clinton's impeachment.

As the trial began, Blagojevich was in New York making media appearances on several shows and declaring his innocence as a “not guilty” plea was automatically entered for him in Springfield.

After three days in which the case was presented to senators by the House manager, or prosecutor, David Ellis (now a state appeals judge), Blagojevich agreed to come to Springfield — not to testify on his own behalf but to present his own closing argument.

Blagojevich's comments were not made under oath and he could not be questioned by senators. But his words had little sway and senators voted unanimously, 59-0, to remove Blagojevich from office.

On a second 59-0 vote, they prohibited him from ever holding a state public office again. Pat Quinn, the lieutenant governor, was quickly sworn in as governor.

Blagojevich became and remains one of only eight governors in the nation's history who were removed from office through impeachment.

**How impeachment is playing out in Washington:** With the House Intelligence Committee taking in preparing to open public hearings on Wednesday, Democrats have said the goal is to air testimony about the president's actions regarding Ukraine and Biden.

Currently, voters are divided on whether Trump should be impeached and removed from office. Republicans and GOP voters staunchly back the president and Trump has called Democratic efforts to oust him a “coup” to erase the 2016 election results.

Blagojevich, in contrast, had alienated both his own party and voters. A Tribune poll conducted in late October 2008, just weeks before his surprise arrest, showed his job approval rating at 13% — a record low among politicians in Tribune surveys.

In Illinois, Democrats controlled both the House and Senate and threw out a governor of their own party. In Washington, Democrats control the House but Republicans run the Senate and GOP votes would be needed to remove Trump from office.

Blagojevich was ultimately convicted criminally after two trials on federal corruption charges and is imprisoned in Colorado. Unlike governors, presidents cannot face criminal prosecution while in office under U.S. Department of Justice guidelines.

In Washington, House Democrats appeared to want to advance a floor vote on impeachment by Christmas, potentially making Trump the third president along with Clinton and Andrew Johnson to be impeached. Neither Clinton nor Johnson was convicted.

A House vote would send articles of impeachment to the Republican-led Senate for trial, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has already predicted a lack of votes for conviction.

When Hamilton wrote about impeachment in the Federalist Papers in trying to help sell the nation on its new Constitution, he envisioned a nation sharply divided by the presidency when he warned the process would “seldom fail to agitate the passions of the whole community, and to divide it into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused.”

As a precursor to current-day divides among Democrats and Republicans on Trump, Hamilton wrote that with impeachment “there will always be the greatest danger that the decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties, than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt.”

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## ComEd

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ComEd and Exelon, which won such major victories as a massive smart-grid overhaul in 2011, and a plan to save two nuclear power plants and the jobs that went with them.

McClain could not be reached Tuesday for comment, while a spokesman for Madigan had no immediate comment. Madigan has previously denied any wrongdoing, telling reporters in Springfield two weeks ago, “I'm not a target of anything.”

ComEd spokeswoman Jean Medina restated Tuesday that the company is cooperating fully with federal investigators but declined to comment further.

Wiretaps are treated by the courts as an investigative method of last resort and require proof not only that a specific crime was being committed but also that the target was using a particular phone to do so. They must be signed off on by a deputy attorney general assigned to the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington before going before the chief federal judge for final approval.

Once agents are up and listening in on a phone, they are required to provide meticulous details to the chief



Michael McClain lobbied for ComEd and parent company Exelon before retiring in 2016.

judge every 10 days that they are indeed gathering evidence of criminal activity to keep the recording ongoing.

Word that the FBI tapped McClain's phone follows Tribune reports that former Exelon Utilities CEO Anne Pramaggiore, who worked closely with McClain, is a focus of the federal investigation.

Also under scrutiny, according to sources, are long-time ComEd lobbyists Fidel Marquez and John Hooker, who retired from ComEd but stayed on to work on company issues through a

private lobbying firm that includes Michael Kasper, Madigan's legal point man on politics. Hooker has since left the firm, records show.

Pramaggiore, 61, once hailed as one of the top female executives in the country, abruptly retired from Exelon last month. She also stepped down as chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Under Pramaggiore's leadership, ComEd employed an army of lobbyists and consultants, and sprinkled millions of dollars in campaign contributions to

legislators. ComEd and Exelon consistently ranked among the top corporate donors in Illinois.

The criminal probe has zeroed in on payments through the company's vast network of consultants to some individuals who seemed to have done little actual work, a source familiar with the probe has said. The payments were aimed at currying favor with certain lawmakers while circumventing lobbying disclosure rules, the source added.

Among the payments, authorities suspect, were

thousands of dollars in checks from current and former ComEd lobbyists written to Kevin Quinn, an ousted Madigan political operative, according to the source. The Tribune first reported the checks were under scrutiny in July.

Along with the raid on McClain's home in mid-May, authorities searched the home of Quinn as well as former Ald. Mike Zalewski, 23rd, who represented a neighboring ward to Madigan's 13th Ward stronghold. The FBI was seeking records of interactions among Madigan, McClain and Zalewski related to attempts to get ComEd lobbying work for Zalewski after he retired in 2018, a law enforcement source has said.

In addition, Madigan's name popped up on a search warrant executed by the FBI in May at the City Club of Chicago seeking records from the organization's president, Jay Doherty. He has been paid more than \$3 million in recent years as a ComEd lobbyist and business consultant, according to federal regulatory records.

ComEd and Exelon have also acknowledged getting two federal grand jury subpoenas in recent months seeking records pertaining



Quinn

to its lobbying efforts. One of the subpoenas received by the company in September asked specifically about the company's “communications” with state Sen. Mar-

tin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat whose legislative territory overlaps with the speaker's House district.

Sandoval's Capitol office was raided Sept. 24. Among the lengthy list of items that authorities searched for were those related to ComEd and Exelon, including four unnamed utility officials and specific information about “rate increases,” according to a copy of the warrant provided in an open records request.

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## Trump to face limits of presidential power

Impeachment process may shape how voters view president in '20

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For three years, Donald Trump has unapologetically defied the conventions of the American presidency.

On Wednesday, he comes face to face with the limits of his power, confronting an impeachment process enshrined in the Constitution that will play out in public and help shape how the president will be viewed by voters next year and in the history books for generations.

Trump accepted the Republican nomination, declaring that “I alone can fix” the nation’s problems. Once elected, he set about reshaping the presidency, bending and dismantling institutions surrounding the 230-year-old office.

Now a parade of career public servants will raise their hands and swear an oath to the Constitution, not the presidency, representing an integral part of the system of checks and balances envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

“Trump can do away with the traditions and niceties of the office, but he can’t get away from the Constitution,” said Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian at Rice University. “During Watergate, many people feared that if a president collapsed, America is broken. But the lesson of Nixon is that the Constitution is durable and the country can handle it.”

The Democrats will try to make the case that Trump tried to extort a foreign nation, Ukraine, to investigate a political rival, former

Vice President Joe Biden. But even if the House ultimately votes to make Trump only the third American president to be impeached, few expect the Republican-controlled Senate to eventually remove Trump from office.

“Even if reelected, it’s a dark mark,” Brinkley said. “He does not get off scot-free. There is a penalty you pay.”

Trump enters the crucible of the public hearings largely alone — by his own design. He has killed the White House daily press briefing, likes to make announcements himself on Twitter and prefers to get his message out during chaotic jousting sessions with reporters in the Oval Office or as he comes and goes to his presidential helicopter. He has railed against the

lack of support from his own staff and Republicans on Capitol Hill, insisting that they stop limiting their complaints to the impeachment process and start defending his actions, a request that has unsettled some Republicans trying to get a handle on ever-shifting explanations coming from the White House.

Although a number of the president’s advisers believe that impeachment could be a political winner for Trump on the campaign trail next year, the president has reacted angrily to the probe. He defends his summer phone call with Ukraine’s leader, which is at the heart of the inquiry, as “perfect” while deriding the impeachment effort as a conspiracy among Democrats and the “deep state.”

The Republican National Committee will be lining up supporters to publicly de-

fend the president, including a Thursday conference call for regional reporters with presidential son Eric Trump that is aimed at putting pressure on vulnerable House Democrats. Many of them represent districts that the president won in 2016.

Although Trump teased Tuesday that he will soon release the transcript of his April phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, White House officials are not confirming that any such release is forthcoming. That first call to Zelenskiy is widely known to have been largely a congratulatory conversation after Zelenskiy’s election. It was Trump’s second call with Zelenskiy, in July, that prompted a whistleblower’s complaint.

Releasing a transcript of the first call could be an attempt by the White

House to distract from the congressional hearings, though the impeachment inquiry has moved well beyond the phone calls into broader attempts by the president and his allies to prod Ukraine to investigate Democrats by using U.S. military aid as leverage.

Trump has his own version of counterprogramming ready to go up against the hearings. He is scheduled to hold a noon meeting Wednesday with Turkey’s Recep Tayyip Erdogan and hold a joint afternoon news conference with the Turkish leader. Their meeting comes just weeks after Trump’s decision to pull most U.S. forces out of Syria led to a violent Turkish invasion. Trump’s supporters, meanwhile, have been working to discredit the proceedings and the witnesses who have come forward to testify.

## Multiple angles to Oval Office meeting

Ukraine’s leader, Trump aides had eye on visit’s optics

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The room features a couple of couches, an extremely old desk and a pair of classic wing chairs by the fireplace. But the location conveys power and instantly elevates the stature of any guest.

Through weeks of impeachment hearings and investigation, the Oval Office has emerged as such a sought-after destination that Ukraine’s new president was hell-bent on getting there and the White House unafraid to dangle it as leverage.

From the moment of his landslide victory last April, comedian-turned-president Volodymyr Zelenskiy pushed for a face-to-face meeting at the White House with President Donald Trump.

Why the Oval Office or its environs?

“It’s just the optics,” diplomat Kurt Volker explained to House investigators. Beyond the substance of the meeting, “the imagery of the Ukrainian president, you know, at the White House, walking down the colonnade, in the Rose Garden, whatever it might be, that imagery conveys a message of U.S. support.”

It wasn’t just Zelenskiy who was intent on a White House sit-down. Diplomats, White House aides and Ukrainian officials were united in their determination to bring Zelenskiy to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

The push for a White House meeting by Zelenskiy is central to what House Democrats allege was a quid pro quo: Trump and his allies made clear that the meeting and millions of dollars in military aid were contingent on Ukraine agreeing to investi-



Ukraine’s Volodymyr Zelenskiy sought an Oval Office meeting similar to the one granted to his predecessor, above, in 2017.

**“We hoped that such a meeting would help undo President Trump’s long-held view of Ukraine as a corrupt country.”**

— Catherine Croft, foreign service officer

gate former Vice President Joe Biden and the dealings in Ukraine of Biden’s son Hunter. The proposed trade-off triggered the whistleblower complaint that led to the impeachment inquiry now imperiling Trump’s presidency.

On its face, an Oval Office visit would seem more perk than substance for a foreign dignitary. But for the untested leader of Ukraine, who inherited a 5-year-old

war with Russia-backed separatists, a trip to the White House would demonstrate strength.

Over the nearly three years of his presidency, Trump has flattered and cajoled dozens of foreign leaders with meetings at the White House and at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

His hearty, white-knuckled handshake with France’s Emmanuel Macron went viral. Trump informed China’s Xi Jinping that the U.S. military had launched missiles against Syria as they ate at Mar-a-Lago. And he angered lawmakers on both sides of the aisle last month by offering Turkey’s Recep Tayyip Erdogan a November visit, extending the invitation just one day after pulling back U.S. troops supporting Syrian Kurdish forces in northwest Syria. Days later, Erdogan launched a military operation against the Kurdish forces.

“Even though we may throw those around like candy, they didn’t read it as that,” said Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union and a central figure in the impeachment inquiry.

Trump has long harbored unproven suspicions that Ukraine conspired to undercut his candidacy during the 2016 election. He kept Zelenskiy’s predecessor, Petro Poroshenko, at arm’s length.

Uncertainty about Trump’s commitment to Ukraine was heightened when Poroshenko visited Washington in June 2017 and was granted only a brief “drop-in” meeting with Trump in the Oval Office.

It was a starkly cooler reception than Trump gave Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Moscow’s ambassador to Washington, Sergey Kislyak, weeks earlier when Trump met with them in the same location.

Zelenskiy’s prospects with the Americans became increasingly complicated as Trump administration officials eventually put a hold on the release of \$391 million in military aid. Administration officials wanted Zelenskiy to state publicly that his government was investigating the Bidens before the money would be released or a meeting with Trump scheduled.

Diplomats saw a sit-down between Trump and Zelenskiy as crucial to improving relations between the two nations. Their long effort to make it happen has been laid out in testimony before the impeachment investigators.

“We hoped that such a meeting would help undo President Trump’s long-held view of Ukraine as a corrupt country,” foreign service officer Catherine Croft told legislators.

Sondland, for his part, told investigators that he and other members of a delegation to Zelenskiy’s inauguration in May told White House officials upon

their return that they wanted to arrange an Oval Office visit for the new president.

But Trump said he was skeptical that Ukraine was serious about anti-corruption reforms and told Sondland and others to instead talk to his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, about his concerns.

Trump “went on and on and on about how Ukraine is a disaster and they’re bad people” and insisted they interfered in the 2016 election, Sondland said.

Trump and Zelenskiy did eventually meet in September on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly. Even then, though, Zelenskiy gently needed Trump in front of reporters that he was waiting for a date for their White House meeting.

“You invited me, but I think — I’m sorry. But I think you forgot to tell me the date,” Zelenskiy told Trump.

Trump said his staff would be in touch.

## Man: Slashing ‘Baby Trump’ was matter of good vs. evil

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — An Alabama man charged with criminal mischief in the slashing of a towering “Baby Trump” balloon said it was a matter of good versus evil.

Al.com reports Hoyt Deau Hutchinson, 32, called the syndicated radio show “Rick & Bubba Show” on Monday to describe what happened. Hutchinson said he was shaking in anger when he drove past the

balloon and its handlers Saturday during President Donald Trump’s visit to see Louisiana State play the University of Alabama in football.

He yelled at the protesters, but then realized they might have seen him, so he bought a University of Alabama shirt to better blend into the crowd and get close to the balloon, he said. Pretending he wanted a photo with the balloon, Hutchinson said he used a material cutter with a sharp razor to slice the symbol

open.

The orange, diaper-clad caricature of the president is often floated at Trump appearances to protest and mock the president, which the balloon shows clutching a cellphone. The balloon measures over 20-feet tall and was left with an 8-foot-long gash in its backside.

“I get so mad about people not taking a stand,” he said. “The left wants to use religion against you like you shouldn’t act like this and stuff but I’ll tell you this — the Devil knows the Bible

as good as we do.”

Asked if the slashing was Hutchinson’s attempt to echo the Biblical story of Jesus turning over the temple tables of money changers, he said yes.

“It comes a point when you gotta take a stand. We don’t have two parties anymore. We have good versus evil. When you got one party that says it’s OK to kill babies and by the way, this is the first time I’ve ever seen a liberal get mad about chopping up a baby.”

He said he yelled “Trump

2020” as he was being arrested. He later posted bail and was released.

When asked about his motivations, Hutchinson told the radio station he keeps up with politics by watching Fox News and his two favorite personalities, Tucker Carlson and Sean Hannity.

“I’m not young, but I’m not old. I feel like a lot of people my age don’t keep up with the news and politics the way they should,” he said.



Demonstrators with a Baby Trump balloon protest President Trump’s visit to Tuscaloosa, Ala.

# Witness suggests Trump knew of WikiLeaks dealings

BY RACHEL WEINER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The deputy chairman of Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign pulled back the curtain Tuesday on the campaign's keen interest in the anti-secrecy organization WikiLeaks and suggested that Trump himself had more knowledge of the matter than the president has previously claimed.

Testifying at the trial of Roger Stone — a Trump friend accused of lying about his own WikiLeaks-related dealings — Rick Gates said he overheard a phone call in which Stone seemed to make the president aware of a planned WikiLeaks release. Gates and other witnesses testified that Stone posed himself as something of an intermediary between WikiLeaks and the campaign, with access to insider information.

Gates said his boss, Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, had told him that Trump would be kept updated on WikiLeaks's plans to release Democratic campaign emails — which authorities concluded were hacked by Russia.

The testimony from the former high-ranking campaign official indicates that Trump's knowledge of WikiLeaks was more advanced than he has previously stated.

In written responses last year to questions from special counsel Robert Mueller, who was investigating Russian interference in the campaign, Trump said he did not recall receiving any information about WikiLeaks disclosures in advance, being told that Stone "or anyone associated with my campaign" had discussions with WikiLeaks about future leaks, or ever discussing WikiLeaks



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP  
Roger Stone and his wife, Nydia, leave court Tuesday in Washington. Closing arguments are set for Wednesday.

with Stone.

Prosecutors and Stone's defense rested their cases Tuesday, with closing arguments set for Wednesday.

Gates said in court that he overheard at least one phone call between Trump and Stone in late July 2016 in which he said he thought they probably discussed WikiLeaks plans, saying he reached that conclusion because after Trump hung up on the call, the then-candidate said "more information would be coming." Gates conceded that he did not hear what Stone said on the call, which he said occurred when he and Trump were being driven from Trump Tower to LaGuardia Airport in New York.

Asked whether anyone else was giving the campaign information about WikiLeaks, Gates testified Tuesday that "the only person I'm aware of that had information at that time was Mr. Stone."

At trial, prosecutors are seeking to prove that Stone lied and sought to obstruct justice, but in pursuing that case, testimony during the past week has revealed a raft of information about the campaign's attention to WikiLeaks.

After Gates' appearance, the government rested its case. Stone's attorneys indicated that they do not plan to call witnesses, but would introduce various pieces of evidence, including audio of his testimony before the House Intelligence Committee.

Stone, 67, has pleaded not guilty to lying to Congress about his efforts to learn more about WikiLeaks releases that could harm Hillary Clinton, Trump's 2016 general-election rival, and to tampering with a witness also called by Congress by trying to get him not to contradict Stone's testimony.

Stone's attorneys argued that his testimony was not actually false because he never "successfully" contacted WikiLeaks, and also argued that he did not lie to the committee because he believed WikiLeaks was not relevant to the lawmakers' investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Gates said Manafort asked him to keep abreast of WikiLeaks' plans and to stay in touch with Stone, who started predicting as early as April 2016 that WikiLeaks' disclosures that would harm Clinton, before it was publicly known that hackers had obtained Democratic campaign emails.



Gates



ROBIN UTRECHT/GETTY-AFF  
Dutch founder of The Ocean Cleanup Boyan Slat, debuts the new barge system for the expansion of his company's river and ocean cleaning campaign at an event in Rotterdam.

## Dutch inventor unveils device to scoop plastic out of rivers

BY MIKE CORDER  
Associated Press

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — A young Dutch inventor is widening his effort to clean up floating plastic from the Pacific Ocean by also moving into rivers, using a new floating device to catch garbage before it reaches the seas.

The 25-year-old university dropout Boyan Slat founded The Ocean Cleanup to develop and deploy a system he invented when he was 18 that catches plastic waste floating in the ocean.

On Oct. 26 he unveiled the next step in his fight: A floating solar-powered device that he calls the "Interceptor" that scoops plastic out of rivers as it drifts past. "We need to close the tap, which means preventing more plastic from reaching the ocean in the first place," he said, calling rivers "the arteries that carry the trash from land to sea."

Slat's organization has in the past drawn criticism for focusing only on the plastic trash already floating in the world's oceans. Experts say 9 million tons of plastic waste, including plastic bottles, bags, toys and other items, flows annually into the ocean from beaches,

rivers and creeks, endangering marine life in the oceans, including whales.

Three of the machines have already been deployed to Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam — and a fourth is heading to the Dominican Republic, he said.

Izham Hashim from the government of Selangor state in Malaysia was present at the launch and said he was happy with the machine.

"It has been used for 1 1/2 months in the river and it's doing very well, collecting the plastic bottles and all the rubbish," he said.

Slat said he believes 1,000 rivers are responsible for some 80% of plastic pouring into the world's oceans, and he wants to tackle them in the next five years.

"This is not going to be easy, but imagine if we do get this done," he told his audience of supporters. "We could truly make our oceans clean again."

Slat used his livestreamed unveiling to appeal for support from countries committing to clean up their rivers and businesses prepared to inject funding.

The vessel is designed to be moored in rivers and has a shaped nose to deflect away larger floating debris

like tree trunks. The interceptors work by guiding plastic waste into an opening in its bow, a conveyor belt then carries the trash into the guts of the machine where it is dropped into trash bins. The interceptor sends a text message to local operators that can empty it when it's full.

Slat showed off how it worked by dumping hundreds of yellow rubber ducks into the water at the launch event in Rotterdam's port. The interceptor caught nearly all of them.

The machines cost about \$775,600, but Slat said the cost will likely drop as production increases.

Jan van Franeker of the Wageningen Marine Research institute has been critical of The Ocean Cleanup, but said the new device looks promising.

"I am really happy they finally moved toward the source of the litter," he said in a telephone interview. "The design, from what I can see, looks pretty good."

Slat argued that the economic effect of not picking plastic out of rivers is higher than the cost of buying and using the machines.

"Deploying interceptors is even cheaper than deploying nothing at all," he said.

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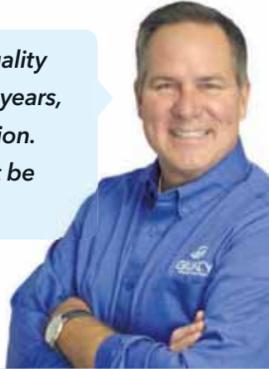
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Relatives mourn the deaths of Islamic Jihad leader Bahaa Abu el-Atta and his wife.

## Israeli airstrikes kill 1 militant, miss 2nd Islamic Jihad leader

By JOSEF FEDERMAN AND FARES AKRAM  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel on Tuesday targeted two senior commanders from the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad, killing one in the Gaza Strip and missing the second in Syria as it stepped up its battle against Iran and its proxies across the region.

The death of Bahaa Abu el-Atta and his wife as they slept in their home in eastern Gaza set off the heaviest fighting in months between Israel and Islamic Jihad, an Iranian-backed militant group that is even more hard-line than Gaza's Hamas rulers. Gaza militants fired scores of rockets into Israel throughout the day, some reaching as far as Tel Aviv, while Israeli warplanes responded with a series of airstrikes on Islamic Jihad targets. Eight others were killed, including at least seven militants.

"Whoever thinks that it is possible to hurt our citizens and evade our long arm is mistaken," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at a meeting of top security officials at Israeli military headquarters in Tel Aviv.

He described Abu el-Atta as "the main instigator of terrorism" from Gaza.

He said the killing had

been approved 10 days earlier, and that Israel had waited for the "optimal conditions" to hit him while minimizing civilian casualties. He said Israel was not interested in escalation but warned: "This could take time."

Egypt, which frequently mediates between Israel and Gaza militants, was working to de-escalate tensions, according to officials in Cairo. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

In a possible sign the fighting could be brief, Hamas did not take part in Tuesday's rocket fire. Although larger than Islamic Jihad, Hamas is also more pragmatic. With Gaza's economy in tatters, it appears to have little desire for another round of fighting with Israel.

Netanyahu has repeatedly said in recent weeks that Iran, Israel's archenemy, is becoming increasingly aggressive across the region and vowed to strike back.

Iran has forces based in Syria, Israel's northern neighbor and supports Hezbollah militants in Lebanon. In Gaza, it supplies Islamic Jihad with cash, weapons and expertise. Netanyahu also has claimed that Iran is using Iraq and Yemen to plan attacks against Israel. Hamas also receives some support

from Iran.

Israel frequently strikes Iranian interests in Syria. But Tuesday's airstrike in Damascus appeared to be a rare assassination attempt of a Palestinian militant in the Syrian capital.

Syria's state-run news agency said Israeli warplanes fired three missiles at the home of Akram al-Ajouri, a member of Islamic Jihad's leadership living in exile. Ajouri was not harmed, but his son and granddaughter were killed, the report said. The Israeli military had no comment.

The airstrike came at a sensitive time for the Israeli leader. After two inconclusive elections this year, Netanyahu heads a caretaker government and is fighting for his political survival ahead of a possible indictment on corruption charges.

After Netanyahu failed to cobble together a parliamentary coalition following an election in September, his chief rival, Benny Gantz, is now trying to form a government.

Despite their rivalry, the two projected a message of unity Tuesday. Gantz, a former military chief who led a 2014 war against Gaza militants, said he had been consulted by Netanyahu ahead of the overnight airstrike and called it the "right decision."

## France reopens contested Jerusalem tomb to public

By ILAN BEN ZION  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — French authorities reopened one of Jerusalem's most magnificent ancient tombs to the public for the first time in over a decade, despite a dispute over access to the archaeological-cum-holy site in the city's volatile eastern half.

After several aborted attempts, the French Consulate General reopened the Tomb of the Kings last month. But tensions between French authorities and Israeli nationalists and ultra-Orthodox Jews who seek open worship at the tomb and challenge France's ownership continue to make day-to-day operations problematic at the site.

France, which has managed the property since the late 19th century, closed the site for an extensive \$1.1 million restoration in 2009. The French tricolor flutters over the site's massive gate marked with the words "Republique Francaise," which obscures the grand 2,000-year-old mausoleum and Jewish ritual baths from the street.

The Tomb of the Kings is an underground burial complex dating to the first century BC and "definitely one of the most elaborately decorated tombs that we have from the early Roman period in Jerusalem," said Orit Peleg-Barkat, a Hebrew University archaeologist. Access to the interior burial chambers is prohibited.

Felicien de Saulcy, a Frenchman who excavated the site in 1863 in one of the first modern-era archaeological digs in the Holy Land, mistakenly identified the tomb as belonging to biblical kings. He took two sarcophagi found inside, as well as human remains, back to Paris despite protest by the local Jewish community. They remain in the Louvre's collection.



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Ultra-Orthodox Jews wait with other visitors to enter the Tomb of the Kings on Oct. 24 in east Jerusalem.

In 1878, a French Jewish woman purchased the property through the French consul in Jerusalem, and eight years later one of her heirs donated it to the French government.

Today, most archaeologists contend it belonged to Queen Helena, a Mesopotamian monarch who converted to Judaism in the first century BC. Adiabene was an ancient Assyrian kingdom whose rulers converted to Judaism. One of the sarcophagi at the Louvre bears an inscription mentioning a "Queen Sardan," possibly a relative of the Adiabene queen.

"Altogether, I think there is a scholarly agreement that this tomb should be associated with Helena," Peleg-Barkat said.

Jews who worship at the tomb believe it is the resting place of several prominent Jewish figures from antiquity, including the revered queen and her relatives, and that praying there will help bring rain and good financial fortune. Ultra-Orthodox Jews have called for the site to open without restrictions for prayer.

The surrounding east Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, however, is predominantly Palestinian. In this volatile city, visits by large numbers of religious Jews to a spot in the heart of a Palestinian neighborhood runs the risk of raising

tensions or even sparking violence.

Israel captured east Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle East war and later annexed it, a move unrecognized by most of the international community. Palestinians seek east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state, while Israel considers the entire city its capital.

Yonathan Mizrahi, head of Emek Shaveh, an Israeli organization against the politicization of archaeology, said the tomb's location in Sheikh Jarrah is what makes it so "politically problematic" for French authorities.

The past decade has seen a rise in Israeli nationalists buying properties and evicting longtime Palestinian residents in Sheikh Jarrah and other east Jerusalem neighborhoods. Just north of the Tomb of the Kings, an enclave of Israeli homes has grown around another ancient tomb in Sheikh Jarrah — where ultra-Orthodox Jews pray.

Since its closure in 2009, ultra-Orthodox Jews and religious nationalists have staged sometimes violent protests outside the tomb's gates, calling for it to be opened. On top of that, Israeli religious groups have sought to strip France's ownership in court. In 2015, two Israeli rabbis sued the French government in a rabbinic court for control of the site.

# Texas governor faces call to halt inmate's execution

Celebrities, EU ambassador among those making plea

BY PAUL J. WEBER  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — In his five years as Texas governor, Republican Greg Abbott has overseen the execution of nearly 50 prisoners while only once sparing a condemned man's life, after a victims' family asked him to do so.

But Abbott — who has proudly referred to the death penalty as “Texas justice” — has never confronted such intense pressure to halt a lethal injection like he is facing in the case of Rodney Reed, who is set to die this month for a 1996 killing despite new evidence that even a growing number of Republican legislators say raises serious questions about his guilt.

Last week, supporters of Reed held their biggest pro-



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Texas inmate Rodney Reed is scheduled to be put to death on Nov. 20 for a murder he says he didn't commit. Celebrities and lawmakers are looking to stop the execution.

test yet outside the governor's mansion, escalating a public campaign that now counts Beyoncé, Kim Kardashian and Oprah Winfrey among the celebrities who have urged Abbott to call off the Nov. 20 execution. So, too, has the European Union's ambassador to the U.S.

“Only thing I would tell him is, honestly, just look at

the evidence,” said Rodrick Reed, Rodney's brother.

It's unclear if the public pressure is making any impression on Abbott, who was a law-and-order state attorney general before he was elected governor. Abbott hasn't spoken publicly about Reed's case. Even Republican lawmakers who are close to the governor and have lobbied his office recently for a reprieve say they're in the dark about his thinking.

“They said the governor has heard about it and is taking a very deliberative and thoughtful analysis,” Republican state Rep. Matt Krause said. “But they didn't give me an indication one way or the other on which way he'd be.”

Reed, now 51, was convicted of raping and strangling 19-year-old Stacy Stites while she headed to work at a supermarket in Bastrop, about 30 miles southeast of Austin.

Reed has long maintained

that Stites was killed by her fiancé, former police officer Jimmy Fennell. Reed says Fennell was angry because Stites, who was white, was having an affair with Reed, who is black. In recent weeks, Reed's attorneys have presented affidavits that support his claims, including one by a former prison inmate who claims Fennell bragged about killing Stites and referred to Reed by a racial slur.

Reed's lawyers say other recent affidavits also corroborate the relationship between Stites and Reed. Fennell's attorney has said his client didn't kill Stites, and prosecutors maintain that they believe Reed is guilty.

Texas remains the death penalty capital of the U.S. even as executions nationwide hover at historic lows. Last year, about half of the 25 executions nationwide took place in Texas, which has put to death eight people so far this year.

Support for the death penalty has been declining in recent years, but in Texas, Abbott hasn't relaxed his position. A practicing Roman Catholic, Abbott breaks with the church on the Vatican's view that capital punishment can never be sanctioned, and efforts to scale back the types of crimes that carry the death penalty in Texas have stalled under his watch.

Last year, Abbott accepted a rare recommendation of clemency from Texas' parole board and commuted the sentence of Thomas “Bart” Whitaker, who fatally shot his mother and brother. Abbott did so after Whitaker's father, who was also shot, asked for mercy.

It's not the first time Abbott's decision-making has been in the spotlight over a high-profile death penalty case. While serving as Texas attorney general in 2011, Abbott ruled that a state forensic panel could

not consider old evidence in the case against Cameron Todd Willingham, who was executed for a fire that killed his children but whose guilt remained in question after his death because the arson science used to convict him had since been debunked.

In a letter to Abbott last week, more than a dozen Republicans said that getting it wrong with Reed could “erode public trust — not only in capital punishment, but in Texas justice itself.”

“We have a lot of executions, right? We're Texas,” said Republican state Rep. James White, who has served in the Legislature for nearly a decade. “This probably is the first one I've directly reached out to the attorney general's office and the governor's office on. Not on the prospect that I believe that Mr. Reed is innocent. But I do believe there is a lot of information and evidence that does deserve to be vetted.”



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DACA recipients rally with immigration rights activists on the steps of the Supreme Court building Tuesday in Washington.

## DACA

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Democrats on a legislative solution for these immigrants have led nowhere.

The president also said in his tweet that many program participants, brought to the U.S. as children and now here illegally, are “far from angels,” and he falsely claimed that “some are very tough, hardened criminals.”

The program bars anyone with a felony conviction from participating, and serious misdemeanors may also bar eligibility.

Some DACA recipients who are part of the lawsuit against Trump's action were in the courtroom for the arguments, and many people camped out in front of the court for days for a chance at some of the few seats available.

The high court arguments did not involve any discussion of individual DACA recipients or Trump's claims. Instead the focus was on whether either of two administration rationales for ending DACA, begun under President Barack Obama, was

enough.

Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric was a key part of his presidential campaign in 2016, and his administration has pointed to a court ruling striking down the expansion of DACA and creation of similar protections, known as DAPA, for undocumented immigrants whose children are U.S. citizens as reasons to bring the program to a halt.

After lower courts stepped in to keep the program alive, the administration produced a new explanation memo from Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh were among the justices who indicated Tuesday that the administration has provided sufficient reason for doing away with the program. Kavanaugh referred to Nielsen's memo at one point as “a very considered decision.” Roberts suggested that worries that DACA is not legal might be enough to support ending it.

Roberts, who could hold the pivotal vote on the court, aimed his few questions at lawyers representing DACA recipients and

their supporters.

However, justices' questions don't always foretell their votes. In June the chief justice surprised many when he cast the deciding vote to prevent the administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census, despite not voicing much skepticism during arguments in the case.

Justices Neil Gorsuch and Samuel Alito raised questions Tuesday about whether courts should even be reviewing the executive branch's discretionary decisions.

Sotomayor made the only direct reference to Trump, saying he told DACA recipients “that they were safe under him and that he would find a way to keep them here. And so he hasn't.”

She also complained that the administration's rationale has shifted over time and has mainly relied on the view that DACA is illegal, leaving no choice but to end it.

Solicitor General Noel Francisco, representing the administration, did not directly respond to Sotomayor. But near the end of the 80-minute arguments,

he asserted that the administration has taken responsibility for its decision and is relying on more than merely its belief that DACA is illegal. The administration has the authority to end DACA, even if it's legal, because it's bad policy, he said. “We own this,” Francisco said.

If the court agrees with the administration in the DACA case, Congress could follow up by voting to put the program on surer legal footing.

But the absence of comprehensive immigration reform by Congress is what prompted Obama to create DACA in the first place, in 2012, giving people two-year renewable reprieves from the threat of deportation while also allowing them to work.

Young immigrants, civil rights groups, universities and Democratic-led cities and states sued to block the administration. They persuaded courts in New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., that the administration had been “arbitrary and capricious” in its actions, in violation of a federal law that requires policy changes to be done in an orderly way.

## ‘Voice for immigrants’ elected 1st Latino to lead US Catholic bishops

BY DAVID CRARY AND REGINA GARCIA CANO  
Associated Press



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Jose Gomez, 67, had been vice president of the bishops' conference.

BALTIMORE — Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, an immigrant from Mexico, pledged to push for a more welcoming immigration system after winning election Tuesday as the first Latino to head the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“I'm humbled by your support,” said Gomez, whose predominantly Latino archdiocese of 4 million Catholics is the largest in the country. “I think it is a blessing for the Latino community.”

The issue of immigration is personal to Gomez, who has relatives and friends on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. He described the situation at the border as a “tragedy” and said he witnessed the “suffering of the people there” during visits to South Texas last year.

“It's an essential cause,” he said of overhauling immigration policy. “Our encouragement to elected officials is to find a good, solid immigration reform that allows people to move legally.”

Gomez, 67, has been vice president of the bishops' conference for the past three years. He is considered a practical-minded conservative in terms of church doctrine but has made clear his disappointment over key immigration-control policies adopted by the Trump administration.

He said he was praying for a favorable outcome from the U.S. Supreme Court after it heard arguments Tuesday on whether the administration could end a program that allows some immigrants to work legally in the U.S. while protecting them from deportation. Gomez and other bishops want the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

program to be extended.

“Archbishop Gomez is a quiet pastor with a powerful voice for immigrants,” tweeted John Gehring, Catholic program director at a Washington-based clergy network called Faith in Public Life. “The first Latino to lead Catholic bishops at a time when the Trump administration is attacking immigrants won't be afraid to call out racism and nativism.”

Gomez succeeds Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston, whose three-year presidency was complicated by the church's clergy sex-abuse crisis.

Following the election of Gomez, the bishops chose Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron, 71, as the new vice president. By tradition, that puts him in line to become president in three years, although he would be close to the mandatory retirement age of 75 at that point.

Ordained in 1975, Vigneron was named archbishop of Detroit in 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. Before that, the Michigan native served as a bishop in Oakland, California.

Gomez was born in Monterrey, Mexico, and studied theology at the University of Navarra in Spain. He was ordained an Opus Dei priest in 1978 and worked in the Galveston-Houston area and in Denver before being named archbishop of San Antonio in 2004. He became archbishop of Los Angeles in 2011.

## Tear gas, fires as Hong Kong protests morning to night

BY KEN MORITSUGU  
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Protesters in Hong Kong battled police on multiple fronts Tuesday, from major disruptions during the morning rush hour to a late-night standoff at a prominent university, as the 5-month-old anti-government movement takes an increasingly violent turn.

Gasoline bombs and fires lit up the night at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, while police massed for a possible clearing action with a water cannon truck.

It was the second straight day of weekday protests and followed an especially violent day Monday in which police shot one protester and a man was set on fire.

As on Monday morning, the day began with protesters shutting down parts of the commuter rail system

and blocking roads. Some people took more than two hours to get to work, while others stayed home.

Bus tires were punctured and debris thrown on railway tracks. Police fired tear gas at protesters who littered roadways with bricks and anything else they could get their hands on — even merchandise still wrapped in plastic and tossed out from boxes.

Commuters got off one stopped train and were escorted on foot along the tracks.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam, speaking to news media after a weekly meeting with advisers, called the blocking of the morning commute “a very selfish act.”

“People from different sectors in society are holding fast to their positions and refusing to concede to violence or other radical actions,” she said. “I hereby

express my gratitude to those who are still going to work and school today.”

Many office workers turned out in support of the protesters, who rallied for a second day on Pedder Street in Central, a business and high-end shopping district.

A few thousand people took over several blocks, chanting “Five demands, not one less” while holding up one hand with five outstretched fingers. Their demands include democratic changes and an independent investigation of police treatment of protesters.

Traffic was blocked on two major roads, with buses and half a dozen of Hong Kong's famous trams lined up unable to move. The words “Join Us” were spray painted on the front window of a halted double-decker bus abandoned by the driver and passengers. The driver-side window was shattered, with a mes-

sage reading “Sorry.”

Office workers filled the sidewalks and overhead walkways, some joining the protesters in chanting.

One 24-year-old man, who would not give his name, said he was there to support the protesters and accused the police of using excessive force, a common complaint among the city's 7.4 million people.

Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters and on-lookers who were hurling abuse at the officers. At least one person was injured when he was struck on the head by a tear-gas canister. But protesters returned by evening and were again blocking roads with bricks and commandeered buses.

Protests ebbed and flowed all day at several universities. Classes were canceled, and clashes were particularly intense at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



PHILIP FONG/GETTY-AFP

Police detain a man Tuesday at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where tear gas was fired at protesters.

Scores of officers charged onto the campus after firing tear gas, arresting student protesters who tried to block their way with makeshift barricades.

That didn't end the standoff, which was continuing Tuesday night.

Recent weeks have been marked by escalating vandalism of shops linked to mainland China and train stations, and assaults by both protesters and pro-

Beijing supporters.

On Monday, a police officer drew his gun during a struggle with protesters, shooting one in the abdomen. In another neighborhood, a 57-year-old man was set on fire after an apparent argument.

Both remained hospitalized Tuesday, the shot protester in serious condition and the man who was burned in critical condition, the Hospital Authority said.

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## Afghanistan: 3 Taliban freed in potential swap for 2 hostages

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Ashraf Ghani announced Tuesday that his government has released three prominent Taliban figures in an effort to get the insurgents to free two university professors — an American and an Australian — they abducted three years ago.

At a press event broadcast live on state television, Ghani told the nation that the “conditional release” was a very hard decision he felt he had to

make in the interest of the Afghan people.

It was not immediately clear if the three figures were still in Afghanistan, on their way or had already been sent — for example — to Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office.

There was also no statement from the Taliban or the Haqqani faction holding the American and Australian hostages, or any indication if and where the two would be freed.

## Evo Morales reaches Mexico as supporters march in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Evo Morales, who sought to transform Bolivia as its first indigenous president, flew to exile in Mexico on Tuesday as thousands of his supporters clamored for his return in the streets of the Bolivian capital.

Military fighter jets flew over La Paz in a show of force that infuriated Morales loyalists who were blocked from marching to the main square.

“Evo was like a father to

me. We had a voice, we had rights,” said Maria Apasa, 35. Like Morales, she is a member of the Aymara indigenous group.

Resignations by the nation’s constitutionally designated successors in the government has left unclear who would take his place.

The Senate’s second vice president, opposition politician Jeanine Anez, is positioning herself to become interim president.

## Clinton: UK voters must see Russian influence report

LONDON — Hillary Clinton says she’s “dumbfounded” that the U.K. government has failed to release a report on Russian influence in British politics before the country holds a national election next month.

The former U.S. presidential candidate told British media that the public needs to know what is in the report by Parliament’s Intelligence and Security Committee

before voters go to the polls Dec. 12.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s government has said it needs more time to review the security implications of the report before it is released. Critics, however, allege the report is being withheld until after the election because it is embarrassing to Johnson’s Conservative Party, which is trying to push through Johnson’s Brexit plan.



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**Australia wildfires:** Residents attempt to douse a blaze Tuesday near Taree, north of Sydney. The Australian government has declared a state of emergency in the drought-stricken east of the country, warning of a fresh wave of “catastrophic” fires.

## Former President Carter out of surgery; no complications

ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter, 95, was recovering Tuesday following surgery to relieve pressure on his brain from bleeding linked to recent falls.

A statement from his spokeswoman said there were no complications from the procedure performed at Emory University Hospital for a subdural hematoma — blood trapped on the brain’s surface.

Carter will remain in the hospital for observation, said Deanna Congileo, his spokeswoman at the Carter Center.

Carter’s wife of 73 years, Rosalynn Carter, is with him at the hospital, said Carter’s pastor, the Rev. Tony Lowden. “She won’t leave his side,” he said.

Large bleeds, usually after major trauma, can be life-threatening. But often, especially in elderly patients, the injury is a slow leak that takes a while to build up until initial symptoms such as headaches and confusion appear, said Dr. Lola Chambless, associate professor of neurologic surgery at Vanderbilt University.

To relieve pressure, surgeons most commonly drill

one or two small holes through the skull to drain the leakage site.

Despite his increasingly frail health, the nation’s oldest-ever ex-president still teaches Sunday school about twice monthly at Maranatha Baptist Church in his hometown of Plains in southwest Georgia.

Carter candidly discussed his own mortality on Nov. 3, during his latest appearance at his church.

Since then, Carter said he’s been “absolutely confident” in the Christian idea of life after death and hasn’t worried about his own death.

## Rand Paul’s attacker appeals to Supreme Court

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A man who tackled U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., outside his home and broke his ribs in 2017 has asked for the Supreme Court’s opinion after an appellate court vacated his 30-day jail sentence and suggested it was too lenient.

A three-judge panel of

the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in September that there was “no compelling justification” for Rene Boucher’s sentence.

The Daily News reports attorney Matt Baker filed a petition last week with the U.S. Supreme Court asking justices to consider

whether a resentencing hearing violates Boucher’s constitutional rights entitling him to due process and protecting him against double jeopardy.

Boucher has already served the 30-day sentence for the attack.

A resentencing hearing has not been set.

## EU: Israeli settlement products now require ID

BRUSSELS — The European Union’s top court ruled Tuesday that EU countries must identify products made in Israeli settlements on their labels, in a decision that was welcomed by rights groups but sparked anger in Israel.

The EU rejects Israeli settlement expansion, saying it undermines the hopes for a two-state solution by gobbling up lands claimed by the Palestinians. Israel says the labeling is unfair and discriminatory and says other countries involved in disputes over land are not similarly sanctioned.

The volume of settlement goods coming into Europe, including olive oil, fruit and wine but also industrial products, is relatively small compared to the political significance of the court ruling. It is estimated to affect 1% of imports from Israel, or \$16.5 billion a year.

**2020 election:** Mark Sanford dropped his challenge to President Donald Trump for the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday, saying the focus on impeachment has made it difficult for his campaign to gain traction.

The former South Carolina governor and congressman announced his decision to suspend his campaign on the eve of televised impeachment hearings in the U.S. House. He centered his campaign on warnings about the national debt but emphasized that the impeachment effort hurt his 2020 bid.

“I give him credit for taking a shot, for trying really,” said Bill Kristol, a director of Defending Democracy Together, an anti-Trump conservative group.

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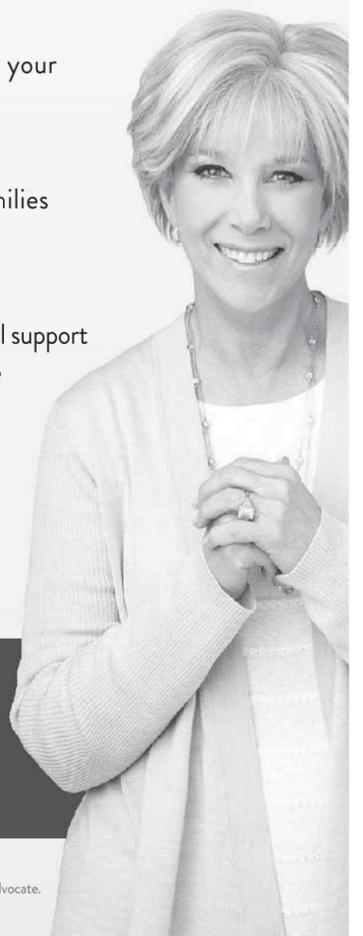


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## EDITORIALS

# The Daily's coverage of Jeff Sessions: A teaching moment for Northwestern

When former Attorney General Jeff Sessions agreed to speak at Northwestern University, editors at the student-run Daily Northwestern newspaper recognized it as a big story. Sessions, invited by College Republicans, was unwelcome by many on the liberal-leaning campus, so the Daily assigned one reporter to cover Sessions' talk and another to cover students protesting his appearance, plus a photographer.

**So far so good, journalistically:** Nice hustle, staff smartly deployed in the service of readers. As anticipated, Sessions' Nov. 5 appearance turned confrontational and the Daily got the story, all of it: Sessions explaining the policies of President Donald Trump, student protesters pounding on the doors trying to disrupt him, university police roughing up some of those protesters who got inside, Sessions criticizing the protesters for their "stupidity."

Maybe this incident isn't as significant as NU's antiwar strike of 1970 when a student barricade blocked Sheridan Road, but who knows? The work of journalists is to chronicle events in real-time — to write the first draft of history, as we news folks like to say. The reporters and editors of The Daily Northwestern did their job.

**And then, in the aftermath,** Daily editors had second thoughts about their coverage decisions, second thoughts about

their responsibilities to readers, second thoughts about the role of a campus newspaper at a politically charged moment in America. Instead of taking justifiable pride in their reporting, the editors — shockingly — apologized.

In a signed statement published Sunday, Editor in Chief Troy Closson and other staffers repudiated their own work, saying photos of the demonstrators posted to social media were "invasive." They also expressed regret that reporters had used Northwestern's directory to obtain phone numbers for students and then texted those students to ask if they'd be willing to be interviewed. The Daily editors abrogated their responsibility, unpublishing photos and pledging to rebuild trust they perceived was broken — when in fact they'd had their priorities and journalistic practices exactly right.

The tone of the apology provides context for the Daily's puzzling capitulation. The editors mistakenly decided in hindsight that Sessions' appearance as a Trumpian Republican wasn't news in the customary sense, it was a traumatizing event that required extreme sensitivity. "We feel that covering traumatic events requires a different response than many other stories," the editors wrote. "While our goal is to document history and spread information, nothing is more important than ensuring that our fellow students feel safe — and in situations like this, that they are benefiting from

our coverage rather than being actively harmed by it."

**To be frank, that's not journalism.** That's the language of campus coddling. It's prevalent at too many colleges, where professors provide "trigger warnings" before addressing tough topics and administrators avoid having divisive — read: conservative — speakers on campus.

We're disappointed in Northwestern President Morton Schapiro, who said he supported Sessions' appearance but then lamented that Sessions wasn't "the right speaker" for Northwestern. Too polarizing for Schapiro's taste? That should be the university's goal: to expose students to different opinions, even ones they may find disagreeable, and encourage those students to listen, to question and to respond (civilly).

In contrast, we've admired the University of Chicago's commitment to free expression as voiced forcefully and repeatedly by President Robert Zimmer: to embrace the marketplace of ideas, including potentially offensive ones, so students can learn to think for themselves.

When even NU's president wishes the Sessions event hadn't happened, the Daily's editors would have felt awfully lonely sticking to journalistic principles. Closson, as the third African American editor in Daily history, explained on Twitter that he

thought he had a responsibility to gain readership from students of color who had felt alienated from the newspaper. That's an appropriate goal, but here's what news organizations owe their audiences: thorough, fair-minded coverage via energetic and creative reporting — not pandering to public sentiment. Readers (students included) who are pampered and protected remain uninformed.

**In the aftermath to the aftermath,** we want to support the Daily's editors, not castigate them. They are students who, by definition, learn by doing — and sometimes failing. Closson acknowledges that the Daily's statement was an over-correction. He's owning this episode.

Hey, we err too. The Tribune publishes corrections and clarifications almost every day. We learn from our mistakes then move on. Do the same, Daily editors: Examine your work and make sure it's in the service of your entire readership, because all those people count on you to report the facts accurately and impartially.

Let this be a teaching moment, then, for the Daily, for President Schapiro and for Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, whose professors we know have the chops to teach the craft. Among its tenets: Journalism isn't about popularity. Sometimes there's no better way to make enemies than telling the truth to the people.

# As recreational marijuana comes to Illinois, beware the dangers of THC vaping

The latest national tally of people sickened by vaping-related lung disease stands at more than 2,000, with at least 39 dead. In Illinois 173 people have fallen sick, with three deaths reported. Confirming a cause presented a challenge to health officials for months. Now they believe they've got an answer.

Vitamin E acetate is commonly used as an additive in black market vaping products infused with THC, the psychoactive agent in marijuana. Drug dealers use the substance to dilute the level of THC, and thus pad their profit margins. Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that 29 samples taken from the lungs of people with vaping-related illnesses were studied, and in all 29 samples vitamin E acetate was found.

Anne Schuchat, principal deputy director at the CDC, called the findings a "breakthrough," and labeled vitamin E acetate as "a very strong culprit" in the outbreak.

The evidence is clear now: Anyone who uses black market or counterfeit THC vaping products is making a foolish choice with potentially disastrous ramifications. But in releasing the CDC findings, Schuchat pointed out that there remained anecdotal reports of vaping illness patients who said they had purchased THC vaping products from licensed dispensaries in states where recreational marijuana is legal.

All of this resonates in Illinois, and not



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only because the state has its share of vaping-related lung disease cases. On Jan. 1, recreational marijuana will become legal in Illinois. How prepared is the state for the arrival of recreational cannabis? Only ready enough to expect some unexpected consequences, which is why we argued against quick legalization. Questions abound about what the law will mean for everything from testing of impaired drivers to the amount of tax revenue marijuana sales will yield.

Add to that list of unexpected twists one more: The regulation of THC vaping prod-

ucts. Given that it's possible Vitamin E acetate could show up as an additive in legally obtained THC-infused vaping products, Illinois regulators should ban it.

Last week, the state of Ohio did exactly that. Regulators preemptively banned Vitamin E acetate in medical marijuana, and said they would work with licensed testing labs to ensure the compound doesn't make its way into cannabis vaping products.

Researchers are still trying to understand what exactly happens when the

compound gets inhaled. They know this much, though. When vitamin E acetate is swallowed or applied to the skin, it doesn't cause harm. But when it's inhaled as a super-heated vapor, it cools in the lungs and becomes an oil again. That oil, CDC officials say, can interfere with the lungs' ability to stay inflated. Researchers have said the damage to patients' lungs has resembled the effect that mustard gas had on the lungs of soldiers in World War I.

Scrutinizing what goes into THC-infused vaping products once they become legal in January will be crucial. Just as important will be educating consumers of the dangers of additives like vitamin E acetate in cannabis vaping products. Public education campaigns made headway helping Americans understand the risks of tobacco use and driving while impaired by alcohol or other drugs. They can do the same when it comes to the risks of THC-infused vaping products.

The rollout of recreational use of marijuana in Illinois is coming soon. It's expected that as many as 946,000 Illinoisans, nearly 1 out of every 10 people over 21, could become marijuana users, according to a study commissioned for Illinois lawmakers.

Unexpected situations await. Cannabis consumers need to be aware of the risks, while Illinois regulators and other officials have a responsibility to make the usage of recreational marijuana as safe as possible.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In one regard, impeachment would actually be doing Donald Trump a huge favor. He no doubt has considered the possibility of all of his oldest children following him into the White House, but knows that in the ordinary course of events, they would have a huge obstacle in the form of Americans' innate distrust of dynastic presidencies.

So if President Trump were removed from office in what many consider to be an illegitimate impeachment (aka soft coup), it would be a huge opportunity for him to elongate his influence on the nation's direction for decades.

The smart money at this point would be on Don Jr., who has exhibited a zeal for political infighting and has spent months on the road doing fundraisers for the party faithful. ... Ivanka, of course, is the apple of her father's eye, and yet has proven to be quite capable at fighting in close quarters (the West Wing). Her somewhat more liberal agenda could be seen as a way to attract more independents while her last name would assure her of maintaining most of Trump's base in the event of his ouster. My personal favorite is the underdog Eric, who is neither as abrasive as Don Jr. nor as unpredictable as Ivanka. He seems like a mensch, and his wife, Lara, would be a great secret weapon.

Whichever one of them ran in 2020 would be in a strong position to avenge his or her father, and set the table for their siblings to follow in years to come.

Frank Miele, RealClearPolitics

### SCOTT STANTIS



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## PERSPECTIVE



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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot was in Springfield on Tuesday to meet with House Democrats about a real estate transfer tax proposal and other issues.

## Hey downstate lawmakers, butt out of Chicago's fight over taxing the rich!



ERIC ZORN

As you may have heard, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot wants to raise the tax rates on the sale of high-end properties to help her balance the city budget.

You may like the idea. I do. Chicago's in a deep fiscal hole, and since the money to fill that hole has to come from somewhere, I'd rather a greater share of it come from those better able to afford the upcharge rather than from the general property tax increases and other measures Lightfoot has indicated will be necessary if this plan fails.

The current real estate transfer tax — think of it as a sales tax — is a flat 0.75%. Lightfoot's proposal is to drop that to 0.55% for sales of homes and commercial properties under \$500,000, but to increase it to 0.95% for the amount of sales between \$500,000 and \$1 million, to 1.5% for amounts between \$1 million and \$3 million, to 2% for amounts between \$3 million and \$10 million, and to 2.55% for amounts over \$10 million. She estimates this change will add \$100 million a year to the city's bottom line.

This is between us and Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

You may not like the idea. You may think of graduated taxes like this as a form of class warfare that will drive wealthy people — big spenders, job creators — out of the city and hamstring its real estate market.

But either way, let Chicago handle it, OK?

Let the mayor and the aldermen and, ultimately, those of us who vote here decide whether the city's better off with progressive or with flat real estate sales taxes.

This is evidently too much to ask. The General Assembly, consisting of members representing districts as far as 350 miles from Chicago who should not have a say-so, seems poised to reject Lightfoot's plan as the fall veto session concludes this week. The mayor's team appeared resigned to defeat Tuesday when it rolled out a "Plan B" alternative budget that didn't include the transfer-tax hikes.

In Illinois, home-rule communities — those with more than 25,000 residents or those that have voted to become home rule — have broad powers under the state constitution to "exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government" including the powers "to license, to tax, and to incur debt."

That's why the city and the county can hike entertainment taxes, hotel

taxes, fuel taxes, sales taxes, phone taxes and many others without asking Springfield for permission.

The state constitution does ban local income taxes and taxes on particular occupations, and it allows for the legislature to pass further restrictions on what local governments can do, such as the special law that tightly regulates real estate transfer taxes.

That law was passed in response to what was perceived as local abuses of this somewhat hidden tax, according to Michael Peddle, an associate professor in the Department of Public Administration at Northern Illinois University who has written extensively on home rule. "Where it spells out the exact language that must be used for a referendum to raise real estate transfer taxes, it makes no provision for graduated rates," Peddle said.

The justification for forcing Team Lightfoot to go downstate to beg for permission to raise a Chicago-only tax is that lawmakers from Cairo to Galena "have an interest in what happens in Chicago because it's such a large part of the state's economy," Peddle said. "They feel the need to be sure the real estate market and other forms of development aren't stymied in any way."

They also, let's be honest, feel a political imperative to vote against anything that their future opponents

could describe in an attack mailer as a tax increase, or a bailout of the big bad city. And for that reason, Lightfoot's perfectly reasonable idea already faced long odds in the veto session.

Then came a group of 13 House Democrats — 10 representing areas of Chicago — announcing that they, too, will stand in Lightfoot's way in the General Assembly unless she makes good on her campaign promise to devote proceeds from this tax increase to support homeless services. Specifically, they demand that the enabling law contain a provision directing 60% of the new revenue to easing homelessness.

A member of that group, Rep. Will Guzzardi of Chicago, said that increasing the rate on property transfers over \$10 million to 4% from mayor's proposed 2.55% would be a win-win for Lightfoot and advocates for the homeless, giving both the money they need. Does his math work? Would a high tax like that on big-dollar properties hurt the city in the long run?

Maybe. But please, downstate lawmakers, let Chicagoans hash these sorts of things out among ourselves. About three-quarters of us voted for Lightfoot, and she deserves a chance to implement her plans.

Thanks for your input, but we've got this. Really

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## How can American workers become more productive? Send them home early.

BY NOAH SMITH

In the sitcom "The Office," a bumbling manager spends much of his time distracting the hapless employees of a paper company's local sales branch. Somehow, despite all the antics that seem to interfere with getting anything done, the branch consistently manages to be the company's most profitable. Though that must have seemed laughably unrealistic to many fans of the show, it turns out to have some basis in reality.

Last summer, Microsoft conducted an experiment in Japan. In a country where people put in long hours, the U.S. software company gave its employees five consecutive three-day weekends. Astonishingly, Microsoft's sales per employee soared by 40% from the previous year. The company also saved money on electricity bills and paper-copying costs.

Now, confirming these results will take a more systematic experiment. Plenty of other factors could have contributed to the sales surge this summer; in order to really determine whether cutting hours raises productivity, companies should try the program at some branches but not at others, and compare the two.

But there are reasons to believe this was no fluke. A similar experiment at a New Zealand company in 2018 produced similar results. And research by Stanford University economist John Pencavel on British munitions plant workers during World War I has found that past a certain point,



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Commuters plod along the platform of a CTA Blue Line "L" stop in the Logan Square neighborhood last month.

working more decreases hourly output.

It's not hard to think of some reasons this would be the case. Long hours cause fatigue, both physical and mental. That fatigue affects not just the last few hours of a workday, but all the hours of the next day. An employee who drags back to work after only a few hours' rest isn't going to be very productive in the morning. Then the next long day tires them out even more, and the punishing cycle begins again. Eventually the worker starts making little errors, slowing down and failing to take initiative to fix problems and exploit new opportunities.

Another reason long hours lead to reduced productivity is that a worker can simply run out of things to do. Some tasks can be done at any time, but some have to wait on the schedules of others. A restaur-

ant's delivery truck can't just decide to deliver more food in a day in the absence of orders. A salesperson has to wait on customers' schedules. A lab researcher has to wait for experiments to run, and so on. Workers can probably always find something useful to do with extra hours, but that usefulness diminishes with each additional hour. Eventually, they end up using Twitter or chatting with other unoccupied workers, waiting for the end of the day.

A third possible reason for unproductively long working days could have to do with social signaling. Since it's impossible for managers to closely monitor their workers all day to make sure they're on task, employees may try to show that they're hard workers by staying late at the office. Someone who gets her work done early may stay at her desk until the boss goes home (or her coworkers go home) for fear of being singled out as a slacker.

The obvious solution is to tell employees to go home earlier. If workers are fatigued, this will give them more energy. If they're trying to look busy, this will free them from the need to keep up appearances. And if they have more actual work than they can do at the office, they can always do some at home.

Four-day workweeks like the one at Microsoft's Japan office are one way of sending workers home early. Another is to make companies give workers lots of vacation days. A third is to simply shorten the workweek, allowing companies to decide how to allocate hours across the week.

Some countries use a combination of these approaches — France, for example, has a 35-hour workweek and 36 total days of paid annual leave. It's not surprising, therefore, that France has one of the higher levels of per-hour productivity in the developed world.

Japan and the U.S. are two countries that need this approach. Americans work longer hours than their counterparts in more productive North European countries, and have no federally mandated paid vacation days whatsoever.

Japan, meanwhile, has seen its official working hours fall below those of the U.S., but many Japanese companies continue to make their workers stay at the office for unpaid overtime off the books. The government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has tried to change the culture of overwork, but is having a hard time doing so. A plan to pay workers for results rather than hours worked has been withdrawn after data showed it having little effect, while a measure to punish companies for requiring unpaid overtime hasn't been passed yet.

For the U.S. and Japan, as well as other countries where employees are working inefficiently long days, mandating shorter hours — through four-day workweeks, shorter workdays, or more paid vacation — could be just what they need to raise productivity while improving work-life balance.

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# PERSPECTIVE



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British actress Cynthia Erivo plays Harriet Tubman in "Harriet," a biopic about the famed American abolitionist.

## What black Americans can learn from the casting for 'Harriet'



CLARENCE PAGE

Are black British actors black enough to play black Americans?

That prickly question has buzzed through black conversations and Twitter feeds since at least the casting of David Oyelowo — the British son of Nigerian immigrants — to play the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Ava DuVernay's 2014 "Selma."

Now it's back with the casting of black, British and Tony Award-winning actor Cynthia Erivo to play Harriet Tubman in "Harriet," Hollywood's recently released movie about the abolitionist hero, under such protest hashtags as #NotMyHarriet. A Change.Org petition gathered more than a thousand signatures last year, demanding that the role go to an American actor, but the movie held a successful opening anyway.

How sad is this? I appreciate some other criticisms of the movie, such as the Hollywood style re-editing of some history. But it is sad to see backlash against Erivo's or Oyelowo's nationalities when we should be able to let performers stand on their own merit, regardless of the nationality of the actor.

Of course, I, too, join the multitudes who mocked Cameron Crowe's decision to cast Emma Stone as "Allison Ng." Stone is very talented, but not enough to pull off credibly playing a one-quarter Hawaiian and one-quarter Chinese woman in Crowe's "Aloha." It might have been a contender if Hollywood gave an Academy

Award for ethno-racial whitewashing.

But usually, who cares? When Sidney Poitier, a native of the Bahamas although born prematurely in a Miami hospital, became the first black actor to win the Oscar for best actor, for the 1963 film "Lilies of the Field," I don't recall that anyone cared about his accent. In that historic year of civil rights advances, Poitier's honors became an important symbol of Dr. King's dream coming true.

Times have changed. More recently, social networks and gossip columns have boiled with critiques like Samuel L. Jackson's poke at "Get Out," Jordan Peele's satirical horror film about racism in liberal suburbs. It might have been better with "an American brother" instead of British actor Daniel Kaluuya in the starring role, said Jackson. He voiced similar sentiments about Oyelowo's casting as King by award-winning black American director DuVernay.

But, with all due respect to Jackson, I tend to agree with John Boyega, the black British actor of "Star Wars" fame, who called Jackson's comment a "stupid ass conflict we don't have time for." Right on.

But the current chatter is inspired by more than theatrics. The debate over who's black enough to be African American reopens a lot of old wounds, including ethnic rivalries and prejudices that long have divided many of us African Americans from others of African ancestry.

There's even a new Twitter-fueled movement calling itself ADOS, for American Descendants Of Slavery, which held a national conference in Louisville, Kentucky, in October.

Coming soon to a cap and T-shirt near you, I'm sure, ADOS emerged along with a national resurgence of interest in reparations for slavery sparked by a June 2014 essay by Ta-Nehisi Coates in The Atlantic

— and inflamed by appeals for black votes in the 2020 presidential race.

I have long maintained that reparations for us descendants of slavery would be a great idea if they only had a prayer of actually happening. Unfortunately this effort is more than a century too late.

But that doesn't mean we shouldn't pursue answers to questions that could really help us to close the racial income gaps that the ADOS — and I — would like to close, such as, why do African and Caribbean immigrants succeed so well in this country academically and financially while too many native-born black Americans slip further behind?

African immigrants, for example, are more likely to have college degrees than blacks or whites who were born in the United States.

Contrary to stereotypes, black immigrants often arrive as a self-selected group of ambitious go-getters. Where many of us ADOS see institutional racism, they see opportunities.

In that sense, at least, they remind me of my own parents, who came up from the American South during the Great Migration. A railroad station was their Ellis Island. Looking past the Jim Crow segregation, they saw opportunity and took advantage of it.

Instead of viewing immigrant success with envy and wonder, we can learn a lot of useful lessons from their stories of success. The American Dream still works. Our challenge is to make it work for everybody.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### School lockdown was terrifying

On Friday, I endured my first real lockdown. I've never felt such fear — the fear of others and my own. I heard my friends breathing raggedly. One friend collapsed into another's arms. In a dark room, with the doors locked, students huddled together. I thought that hiding under chairs might save me if a shooter came into our classroom.

Our lockdown lasted 20 minutes. It felt like 1,000 years.

I will never forget the terror that my friends and I felt. I will never forget my life flashing before my eyes and thinking about the people I might leave behind if someone killed me. When those 20 minutes ended, the principal came on the loudspeaker and said, "This lockdown is over. You are safe." But I had never felt less safe in my life.

When you hear of shootings in schools, you tell yourself that "I'll never happen to you. But all I could keep thinking was, "It's happening to me. Why is it happening to me?" During those 20 minutes, people kept coming on the loudspeaker, telling us to stay in our classrooms. Those 20 minutes changed my outlook on life. I will never forget texting with my mom hoping that she would answer because it might be the last time I talked to her.

Thankfully, our lockdown at New Trier High School was triggered accidentally. But now I ask myself, how can we simply stand by and let our students endure such horrible trials, when all they should be doing is worrying about what grade they will get on their next math test? Schools should be a place of learning, joy, making friends and living life. Not the place where you first learn that you shouldn't let your guard down.

Thankfully, students at New Trier are safe, yet we need to talk about what happened. What happens at all schools around the country. How one lockdown can change people's lives forever.

— Sophie Zajdela, Glencoe

#### Breathing new life into Englewood

Tribune columnist Blair Kamin's interview ("Planner turns to city with a soul," Oct. 27) with Chicago's commissioner of planning and development, Maurice Cox, was insightful and hopeful. As a newly elected alderman in Chicago, I'm excited to learn from Cox's fresh perspective and leadership.

As a longtime resident of Chicago's Englewood community, however, I object to the conclusions suggested by Kamin's column after soliciting feedback from just one shopkeeper, whose shop is five blocks away, implying that the impact of the Englewood Square development has been minimal.

A more comprehensive review of impact would start with the fact that Englewood Square is 100 percent leased, despite a fragile retail environment, which includes four national brands that have limited experience investing in underserved neighborhoods. A complete review of impact would also note that crime in the immediate vicinity dropped 50 percent the year after Englewood Square opened. Then there are the 40 local vendors that introduced products on the shelves of the Whole Foods store, and now several of those companies are building national businesses, growing and hiring locally.

Other metrics of impact would include several new developments popping up as a result of Englewood Square's presence, such as a senior center under construction just to the south and Englewood Brews, a local craft brewery, directly across the street. Also, Whole Foods recently announced the opening of a new community kitchen a block west of Englewood Square, at the Primo Center for Women and Children. Now, we must bring together and balance planning principles, the voices of local residents, and the needs of tenants, developers and investors to build on the success of Englewood Square by developing the 8 acres of city-owned land adjacent to the shopping center.

I applaud Mayor Lori Lightfoot's just-announced neighborhood investment initiative to support revitalization of key corridors on the South and West sides of Chicago. The new Invest South/West investment tool aims to bring together public and private stakeholders to revitalize the core of 10 underinvested neighborhoods on Chicago's South and West sides. This is a smart and timely initiative.

I would respectfully suggest that initiative could start by examining the success of Englewood Square, not just as a destination shopping experience, but as a driver of subsequent investment in the community.

— Stephanie Coleman, alderman, 16th Ward

## Trump impeachment hearings can have historic gravitas and must-see TV buzz. Just don't ask where the line is.

BY WILL BUNCH

It sounds too good to be true: America's first and hopefully last reality show president getting his comeuppance on the ultimate miniseries, an impeachment inquiry broadcast live on every major network.

But when something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. When the lights on the TV cameras go red in the Longworth House Office Building at 9 a.m. CST Wednesday and veteran U.S. diplomat William Taylor, our man in Kyiv, raises his right hand, it will be just the fourth impeachment inquiry in American history — but the first one in an era where citizens can no longer find the blurred boundary between democracy and show business.

The impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump is an open-and-shut case that might struggle to fill a 60-minute episode of "Law and Order." The White House has already released the phone-call transcript that reveals Trump holding a clear quid pro quo over the new Ukrainian president, blocking more than \$500 million in security aid while pressuring him to investigate Trump's political rival Joe Biden. More than a half-dozen witnesses have backed this up. The case for abuse of presidential power is clear. Republicans seem to have surrendered on facts to argue the process. And yet Democrats can still find something to fret about.

How will the 18th-century notion of impeachment play in a modern America that grew up singing, "Here we are now, entertain us"?

This week's key witnesses — Taylor and fellow diplomat George Kent on Wednesday, ousted U.S. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch on Friday — have already told House committee members everything

they know behind closed doors. We've been told the purpose of the public hearings is to dramatize that case for the American people and win public support.

"From a television perspective, Democrats have to come out strong in that first episode." CNN's chief media watcher Brian Stelter said last weekend. That comment got some pushback, and other said the pressure is on the media to treat impeachment with the gravity it deserves.

But much of the public perception of the inquiry will be shaped by the members of Congress who conduct it. Will Democratic House members be willing to avoid the five minutes each of political grandstanding that has marred other high-stakes hearings in the Trump era, like the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court confirmation, and allow staff lawyers to walk the witnesses through the evidence in more of a courtroom vibe? And how much will Republican antics — with GOP members likely to shun facts in favor of conspiracy theorizing, about the still unidentified whistleblower in the case and other dark plots of the so-called Deep State — work to titillate their TV base on Fox News and make a mess of the Democrats' script?

There's no doubt millions of Americans will tune in. The hearings will be broadcast live not just on the usual cable channels but on the traditional networks. That's a cue that the hearing is seen as a national moment, on a par with the Senate Watergate hearings and Richard Nixon impeachment push of 1973-74.

But Democratic leaders have struggled to create the kind of moments and momentum that defined Watergate. They have failed in the one thing that our otherwise dysfunctional president does really, really well — to use the conventions that addicted Middle America to TV reality

shows to spin a simple narrative that always places The Donald at the center, a hero for his ever-aggravated supporters.

I grew up a child of Watergate, and it's only in hindsight that one really understands that the scandal by which all scandals are judged may also have been a once-in-a-lifetime catch of lightning in a bottle. The case against Richard Nixon was a damning one, but Nixon's foes also lucked out in the riveting way the story unfolded, drip by drip, over two years, with plot twists marking each season. And it played out before cable TV, where there was nothing else to watch, and when millions of the viewers were still persuadable.

Now, we've become the nation that media critic Neil Postman warned us about in his prescient 1985 book "Amusing Ourselves to Death," watching democracy fade away as we transition from engaged citizens to passive viewers demanding that our politics not uplift us but entertain us.

It pains me to write that. What's at stake Wednesday isn't getting boffo ratings, but showing how an unaccountable president was using the weight of his office, not to mention our tax dollars, to warp yet another presidential election. A demagogic president has worked to gain authoritarian power by obliterating the notion that objective truth matters, or even exists. In that sense, the Trump impeachment hearings might prove to be the ultimate reality show — a last stand for whether reality still exists in American democracy.

You might just want to tune in.

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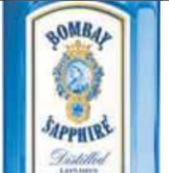
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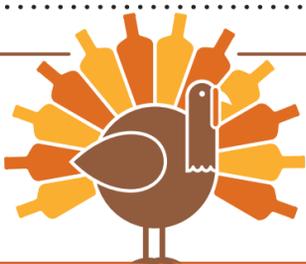
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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Will impeachment hearings be must-see TV?

TV, cable networks will preempt regular daytime programming

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

When the House impeachment inquiry goes live Wednesday morning, it promises to be must-see TV that could shape the future of American politics for a generation to come. That is, if your boss will let you watch it.

Major TV and cable networks will preempt regular daytime programming Wednesday and Friday to air the impeachment hearings, as testimony goes from behind closed doors to live television. It is a pivotal moment as both legislators and the court of public opinion weigh whether President Donald Trump's efforts to get Ukraine to investigate Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden represented an impeachable abuse of power.

But with entrenched partisan

politics, fragmented media platforms and the unemployment rate at a 50-year low, many people may be relegated to hunching down in their cubicles and sneaking furtive glances on their smart phones.

Businesses are certainly not throwing March Madness-like impeachment watch parties. And with no plans for a nightly network rebroadcast, as PBS did during the 1973 Watergate hearings, this week's hearings may be defined more by surreptitious streaming and sound bites than potentially compelling testimony.

"One of the most important aspects of the televised hearings is how many people watch them," Darrell West, director of governance studies for the Brookings Institution, said.

"During Watergate, millions watched and learned new things about (President Richard) Nixon, which ultimately turned them away from him. For Democrats to have any hope of altering public opinion, they need robust viewer-



Senators in the Senate Watergate Committee on Capitol Hill listen to Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters testify on Aug. 3, 1973.

ship levels."

That may be a hard sell at some Chicago-area businesses.

Tom Gimbel, founder and CEO of LaSalle Network, a Chicago-based staffing and recruiting firm, goes all in for March Madness viewing parties. But he is less

enthusiastic about the impeachment hearings as a workplace event.

"People really try to shy away from politics at work, especially in this day and age, because it can get so heated," Gimbel said. "If you look for updates on your phone or

something, you can't stop people from that, but I would not advise any company to make it a part of their business. Politics get messy, people get emotional."

To be sure, the broadcast networks are all in, with gavel-to-gavel coverage scheduled for ABC, CBS, NBC and PBS, as well as cable channels CNN, MSNBC, Fox News and CSPAN. The Trump impeachment is the first such event of the digital age, allowing viewers to stream it live, or digest it in pieces through social media and online news websites.

It may be hard, however, to match the impact of the Watergate hearings, when broadcast TV was the only way to watch.

In 1973, rotating network coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings, and the PBS rebroadcasts at night, drew millions of viewers and proved a tipping point for public opinion about Nixon, who resigned amid abuse

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Gotham Greens co-founder and CEO Viraj Puri and Chief Greenhouse Officer Jenn Frymark in the company's new 100,000-square foot greenhouse in Chicago's Pullman neighborhood.

## Growing appetites

Gotham Greens opens 2nd location, more than doubling production

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Gotham Greens, whose greenhouse-grown lettuces and herbs have become fixtures at many Chicago restaurants and grocers, has more than doubled its footprint in the city's Pullman neighborhood to satisfy the Midwest's hunger for high-quality produce.

The new 100,000-square-foot greenhouse opened last month on the site of a former Ryerson Steel plant, a stone's throw from Gotham Greens' existing 75,000-square-foot greenhouse on the roof of the Method soap manufacturing plant.

Rows of perfect-looking heads of butter lettuce, romaine and other greens grow in trays that span the length of the sunlit room, whose tropical conditions



Lettuce grows in Gotham Greens' new 100,000-square foot greenhouse in Chicago's Pullman neighborhood.

let you forget, momentarily, about Chicago's biting cold outside.

The original rooftop greenhouse, which opened in 2015, hit capacity within two years as demand from retailers, cafeterias and restaurants outstripped

supply, said CEO Viraj Puri.

The expansion will allow Gotham Greens to more than double its Chicago production, to 11 million heads of lettuce a year, so it can serve not only the Chicago market but also Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. The New

York-based company, which opened its first greenhouse in Brooklyn in 2011, recently built greenhouses in Providence, Rhode Island, to serve New England and in Baltimore to serve the mid-Atlantic region. It also has announced plans to build a greenhouse in Denver.

Growing produce indoors, which can be done year-round and almost anywhere because it's not dependent on the weather, has become an increasingly popular business as consumers seek local, pesticide-free foods that don't travel thousands of miles to arrive in their refrigerators, only to spoil in a few days. Greenhouses, which rely on sunlight, and vertical farms, which use artificial lights, also can control the growing environment to produce particularly healthy plants.

Greenhouse-grown lettuce has become more affordable as

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## Hyatt is ditching smaller shampoos

Hospitality industry moving to cut waste from plastic containers

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Tiny shampoo bottles are getting ready to disappear from another hotel bathroom.

Hyatt Hotels Corp. on Tuesday became the latest hotel chain to ditch small bottles of shower gel, shampoo and conditioner in an effort to cut waste. The Chicago-based company plans to switch from the miniature bottles to larger containers at all of its 896 hotels — comprising 219,308 rooms — by June 2021 at the latest.

Marriott International and IHG, which owns Holiday Inn, announced similar moves earlier this year, and Walt Disney Co. also has said it plans to replace small plastic shampoo bottles at its resorts and on its cruise ships.

Hyatt's also targeting single-use plastic water bottles. The company said it plans to add water stations where guests can refill bottles in hotels' public spaces, like lobbies and fitness centers. At meetings and events, water will be served in cafes unless bottled water is requested.

Bottled water still will be available in guests' rooms, said Hyatt's director of environmental affairs, Marie Fukudome.

"The solution we're putting in place is making sure guests looking to stay hydrated while avoiding single-use plastic will have that option," she said.

Hyatt didn't have an estimate of how much plastic the switch would save, in part because its 20 hotel brands won't all use the same larger bottles, Fukudome said.

When Marriott International announced plans to expand its switch from small toiletry bottles to larger, pump-topped bottles in August, it estimated the change would keep 500 million tiny bottles a year out of landfills. That adds up to about 1.7 million pounds of plastic, Marriott said.

At the time, about 1,000 North American Marriott hotels had begun using the larger bottles, with the rest expected to start by

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## Dean Foods files for bankruptcy protection

Dairy giant possibly to be sold to the Dairy Farmers of America

BY MICHELLE CHAPMAN AND DEE-ANN DURBIN

Associated Press

DALLAS — Got milk? Increasingly, Americans don't, and that led the nation's biggest milk producer to file for bankruptcy Tuesday.

Dean Foods blamed a decades-long drop in milk consumption

that has seen people turn to alternatives like soda, juice and almond milk.

The Dallas company said it may sell itself to the Dairy Farmers of America, a marketing cooperative owned by thousands of farmers.

"Despite our best efforts to make our business more agile and cost-efficient, we continue to be impacted by a challenging operating environment marked by continuing declines in consumer milk consumption," CEO Eric Berigause said in a state-

ment.

Dean Foods, founded in 1925, was a Chicago-area institution for decades before a 2001 merger of the Franklin Park-based company with Dallas-based Suiza Foods Corp. The combined company kept the Dean name but its headquarters moved to Dallas.

Mark Stephenson, director of dairy policy analysis at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, said the merger left Dean with a large number of aging facilities. At the same time, it sold off some nondairy brands, like TofuTown,

becoming less diversified.

Stephenson said Dean was also slow to innovate. He cited growing sales of Fairlife milk, a Coca-Cola Co. brand that is lower in lactose and higher in protein.

Americans are not drinking traditional cow's milk like they used to for a number of reasons. An increasing variety of beverages, including teas and sodas, has hurt milk consumption. So have protein bars and other on-the-go breakfasts, which take

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HYATT HOTELS CORP.

Chicago-based Hyatt Hotels Corp. says it will begin offering shower gel, shampoo and conditioner in larger containers.

# Ex-McDonald's worker alleges harassment in class-action suit

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN  
Associated Press

A former McDonald's employee is suing the company and one of its Michigan franchisees over sexual harassment.

On Tuesday, Jenna Ries filed a class-action lawsuit against the fast-food chain. She's one of at least 50 workers who have filed separate sexual harassment charges against McDonald's with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or in state courts over the past three years.

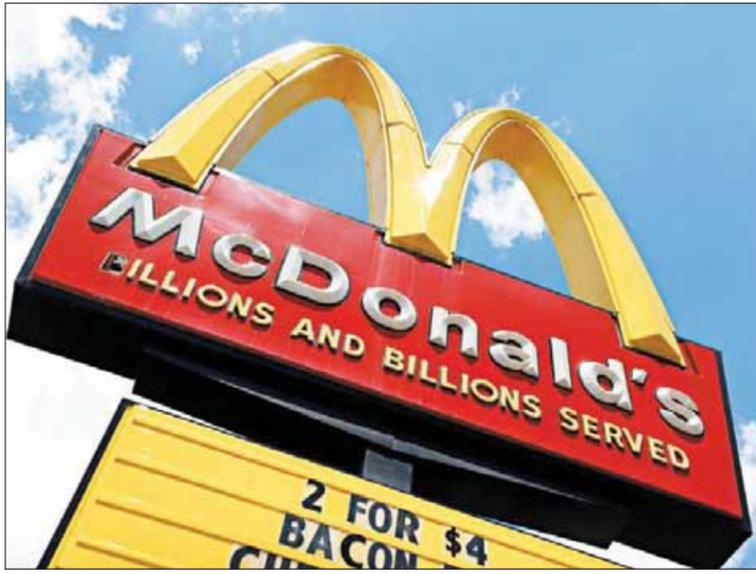
The lawsuit comes on the heels of McDonald's firing its CEO last week for having a consensual relationship with an employee.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the labor group Fight for \$15 are among those backing the plaintiffs. The Time's Up Legal Defense Fund, which was founded in response to the #MeToo movement, is also providing legal support. Ries is seeking at least \$5 million in damages for herself and other affected workers.

Sharyn Tejani, director of the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund, said low-wage fast food workers can lose shifts or even be fired if they report harassment to a manager.

Former CEO Steve Easterbrook, on the other hand, is still eligible for millions of dollars in salary, incentive payments and stock options. McDonald's said Easterbrook violated company policy forbidding managers from having romantic relationships with direct or indirect subordinates.

Ries, 32, said problems in the Mason, Michigan, restaurant began soon after she started working there in the fall of 2017 and continued for more than a



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

**"It's definitely difficult for me to come forward, but I want to encourage other people. I want McDonald's to recognize that they have a problem and make sure this doesn't happen to others."**

— Jenna Ries

year.

She alleges that the general manager ignored her co-worker's repeated harassment of her and her colleagues, including groping, physical assault and verbal epithets.

Eventually Ries was transferred to another location, but the co-worker who allegedly harassed her remained at the original location.

"It's definitely difficult for me to come forward, but I want to encourage other people," Ries told The Associated Press. "I want McDonald's to recognize that they have a problem and make sure this doesn't happen to others."

A phone number for the

franchisee, MLMLM Corp., was disconnected Tuesday.

Ries said she finds it ironic that McDonald's fired Easterbrook last week for violating a policy forbidding relationships between supervisors and their subordinates.

"They barely have a policy (against sexual harassment)," Ries said.

McDonald's and its franchisees are required to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws. Beyond that, McDonald's generally claims that workers at franchised restaurants are not its employees and doesn't spell out how harassment claims should be handled by fran-

chisees.

Eve Cervantez, one of Ries' attorneys, said she will argue that McDonald's is responsible for employees at franchised restaurants because the company exerts so much control over franchise operations and employees consider themselves McDonald's workers.

Last fall, McDonald's Corp. introduced harassment training for its U.S. franchisees and general managers. In January, the Chicago-based company released an enhanced policy against discrimination, harassment and retaliation, and in June it began offering a free hotline for employees.

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of power charges before facing articles of impeachment.

The 1998 impeachment process of President Bill Clinton did little to change public sentiment. It was the dawn of the cable news wars, with CNN, MSNBC and Fox offering 24/7 coverage of the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal. But Clinton's popularity remained high and many Americans tuned out the House impeachment investigation, with only 34% paying close attention to the proceedings, according to a 1998 Pew Research study.

In fact, when the House voted to impeach Clinton in December 1998, CBS broke with other broadcast networks and aired a Saturday football game between the Buffalo Bills and New York Jets. The NFL game drew more viewers than any of the impeachment broadcasts.

Clinton was subsequently acquitted by the

Senate.

Democrats are hoping the televised testimony in the Trump impeachment hearing will sway public opinion enough to convince Republicans in the Senate to vote to remove Trump from office, if the House first votes on articles of impeachment, as expected by analysts.

"Given the polarized environment, it is not likely that many minds will shift," West said. "But if Democrats can boost the number wanting to remove Trump from office from 50 to 60%, that would substantially alter the public opinion climate and make some Republican legislators nervous about continuing to support Trump. They want to make sure he doesn't take them down with himself."

But some advocates believe that sound bites alone won't sway public opinion in these partisan political times. As such, former PBS journalist Bill Moyers took out an ad in the New York Times urging PBS to preempt its primetime programming as it did during



AP

Monica Lewinsky, shown in a video image, is sworn in for her deposition on Feb. 1, 1999. The videotape was shown on Feb. 6, 1999, as part of the House Managers presentation in the Senate impeachment trial of President Clinton.

Watergate, and rebroadcast the full Trump hearings.

"Airing the impeachment hearings as streaming video on a website isn't enough," Moyers said in the ad. "Plenty of Americans still rely on good old broadcast TV to get the word. Hearken, PBS: Pull out the stops once again, and for the sake of the nation, throw away the schedule and air the Trump impeachment hearings in prime time."

The televised hearings are scheduled to begin Wednesday at 9 a.m. with testimony from Bill Taylor, chargé d'affaires at the U.S. embassy in Ukraine and George Kent, assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs. Testimony will resume on Friday morning with Marie Yovanovitch, former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine.

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# Norwegian Air to offer cheap flights to Paris and Rome

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

Budget airline Norwegian Air is expanding its service from Chicago, adding non-stop flights to Paris and Rome next summer.

The Norway-based carrier, which already operates flights from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to Barcelona and London, on Tuesday announced seasonal summer service to Paris and Rome using Boeing 787 aircraft. Flights will be offered several times a week, Norwegian said.

The Paris service will begin May 1 and run through Oct. 24. Flights to Rome will operate between June 2 and Oct. 19.

Fares will start at \$209.90,

including taxes, for a one-way economy ticket to Rome. A one-way economy ticket to Paris, including taxes, will start at \$219.90. The fares jump to \$779.90 for a premium class one-way ticket to Rome and \$629.90 to Paris.

Norwegian, Europe's third-largest budget carrier, has struggled financially. Last week, it announced it raised about \$272 million through a share and bond sale that it said would fund its cash needs through 2020.

The airline, which has no relationship with the cruise line, previously announced a partnership with U.S. budget carrier JetBlue to expand its flight offerings.

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# Tribune Publishing shutting down Hoy

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Tribune Publishing is shutting down Hoy, its Spanish-language newspaper.

The decision, announced Tuesday, will end the print and online publications on Dec. 13, the company said.

Launched in 2003 as a daily newspaper by Tribune Co., then the Chicago Tribune's parent company, Hoy has served Chicago's Hispanic population for 16 years. It supplanted Exito, a weekly publication started by the Chicago Tribune in 1993.

In recent years, Hoy's print publication schedule was reduced to three days a week. In 2017, it became a weekly, published only on Friday. Staffing has likewise been reduced, with about a half-dozen current employees, said Tilden Katz, a spokesman for Chicago-based Tribune Publishing, which also owns the Chicago Tribune and other major daily newspapers.

"We anticipate providing all affected employees the opportunity to take open positions inside the com-

pany," Katz said.

The Hoy brand started in New York in 1998 and grew into one of the largest Spanish-language newspapers in the U.S. In 2000, Tribune Co. acquired Hoy New York as part of the acquisition of Times Mirror, which also owned the Los Angeles Times.

Hoy New York was sold to Spanish-language publisher ImpreMedia in 2007.

In 2018, Tribune Publishing, then known as Tronc, included Hoy Los Angeles as part of its \$500 million sale of the Los Angeles Times and San Diego Union-Tribune to biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong. Hoy Los Angeles is not affected by Tribune's decision to shut down Hoy Chicago.

Katz said Tribune Publishing will expand Spanish-language content through the syndicated Tribune Content Agency and is "aggressively exploring other options" to serve Hispanic readers.

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# Qualtrics hiring 200 for new Loop office

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Qualtrics, a software company headquartered in Salt Lake City and Seattle, plans to open a Chicago office next year and hire more than 200 employees.

The 25,000-square-foot office, set to open next spring, will be on the 12th floor of 191 N. Wacker Drive. The positions mostly will be in sales and marketing, said Ryan Smith, Qualtrics co-founder and CEO.

"The plan is to create 200 jobs as fast as we can go," he said. "We've hired out of Chicago a lot, we just relocate them to other offices... We want to offer them the option to stay in Chicago."

Qualtrics makes software that helps companies interact with their employees and consumers, among other offerings. It has more than 250 customers in the Chicago area, including Hyatt Hotels, Crate & Barrel and Cars.com.

German software giant SAP acquired Qualtrics for \$8 billion in a deal that closed in January. The company already has about 45 people working in Chicago, many out of the SAP Fieldglass office. Those employees will move into the new Loop office.

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# Apple Card faces bias allegations

Algorithm appears to discriminate against women

By SHAHN NASIRIPOUR AND SRIDHAR NATARAJAN  
Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — Apple Inc. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc., two of the most recognizable companies in tech and finance, are caught up in a growing debate over whether lenders unintentionally discriminate when they use complex models to determine how Americans borrow money.

On Saturday, Bloomberg reported that a Wall Street regulator had opened a probe into Goldman's credit card practices after a viral tweet from a tech entrepreneur alleged that the Apple Card's algorithms discriminated against his wife.

Now another high-profile user of the Apple Card, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, is calling for the government to get involved, citing excessive corporate reliance on mysterious technology.

"These sorts of unfairnesses bother me and go against the principle of truth. We don't have transparency on how these companies set these things up and operate," Wozniak said on Sunday. "Our government isn't strong enough on the issues of regulation. Consumers can only be represented by the government because the big corporations only represent themselves."

Wozniak said he can borrow 10 times as much as his wife on their Apple Cards even though they share bank and other credit card accounts, and that other



TONY AVELAR/AP

Apple Pay executive Jennifer Bailey talks about Apple Card. Goldman Sachs, which services the card, faces investigation.

lenders treat them equally.

"Algos obviously have flaws," Wozniak said. "A huge number of people would say, 'We love our technology but we are no longer in control.' I think that's the case."

Lenders have promoted the models because they're supposed to level the playing field among different borrowers by removing human error and focusing only on data.

"Our credit decisions are based on a customer's creditworthiness and not on factors like gender, race, age, sexual orientation or any other basis prohibited by law," said Goldman spokesman Andrew Williams after the New York Department of Finan-

cial Services opened a probe into the bank's card practices. The investigation was launched in response to a series of Twitter posts from David Heinemeier Hansson that railed against the Apple Card for giving him 20 times the credit limit that his wife got. The tweets, many of which contain profanity, immediately gained traction online — and a response on Twitter from Wozniak.

Hansson didn't disclose any specific income-related information for the couple but said they filed joint tax returns and that his wife has a better credit score than he does.

Wozniak said he and his wife also file joint returns

and share credit card and bank accounts.

"The department will be conducting an investigation to determine whether New York law was violated and ensure all consumers are treated equally regardless of sex," said a spokesman for Linda Laceywell, the superintendent of the NY DFS. "Any algorithm that intentionally or not results in discriminatory treatment of women or any other protected class of people violates New York law."

It's the second such action in recent weeks from the regulator, which opened a probe against health care giant UnitedHealth Group Inc. after a study found an algorithm favored white patients over black patients.

The algorithms have

not leave certain consumers behind or entrench discrimination," Laceywell said in a statement on Sunday. She also solicited complaints from aggrieved consumers on Twitter.

Traditional lenders are increasing their use of machines to decide who gets how much credit as part of a strategy to reduce costs and boost loan applications. Meanwhile, technology companies are moving in on the financial services industry's turf, with businesses such as Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google threatening banks' lucrative business lines by offering loans and payment options.

The algorithms have

drawn scrutiny in Congress. In June, the House Financial Services Committee heard about examples of algorithmic decision-making where researchers have found instances of bias targeting specific groups even when there was no intent to discriminate.

Some lawmakers already are demanding a federal response. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., a contender to challenge President Donald Trump in the 2020 election, told federal regulators in June that the government "will have to take action to ensure that anti-discrimination laws keep up with innovation."

For Goldman, its growing ambitions for Main Street are bringing increased scrutiny and a new set of challenges it hasn't faced previously. The Apple Card is a joint venture between Apple and the New York-based bank, which is responsible for all the credit decisions on the card. It was rolled out earlier this year — the tech giant markets it as "created by Apple, not a bank" — and executives at both firms hailed it as the most successful launch ever.

Hansson said Goldman isn't treating inadvertent bias seriously.

"As soon as this became a PR issue, they immediately bumped up her credit limit without asking for any additional documentation," he said of his wife in an interview Saturday. "My belief isn't there was some nefarious person wanting to discriminate. But that doesn't matter. How do you know there isn't an issue with the machine-learning algo when no one can explain how this decision was made?"

## Gotham

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technology has improved and commercial operations have scaled. A clamshell of Gotham Greens lettuce costs about \$3.99 at Jewel-Osco, but it lasts in a customer's refrigerator for three weeks while commodity lettuce starts to wilt in four days, Puri said.

"We have democratized it for sure, so I think more and more retailers across the board are interested in the product," Puri said. "They are getting a fresher, longer-lasting product and that is where the value is."

Gotham Greens declined to give sales figures but says it has been profitable since its first year in operation. It has gained competition, including from Brightfarms, which grows lettuce and herbs in a greenhouse in suburban Rochelle and sells to Mariano's.

Still, less than 1% of leafy greens consumed in the U.S. are produced in indoor farms, so there is plenty of upside.

"We see a lot of room for growth and room for multiple winners," Puri said. "We want to be the best, but not the only."

Gotham Greens considered a Midwest expansion outside of Chicago but wanted to stay in Pullman, where community revitalization efforts have pulled



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Lettuce grows in the new Gotham Greens 100,000-square-foot greenhouse in Chicago's Pullman neighborhood.

in some \$400 million in new investments over the past decade.

Its neighbors include Whole Foods' Midwest distribution center, a state-of-the-art 135,000-square-foot community center and a Walmart. The Pullman Artspace Lofts, an \$18 million live-work space with 38 units, is slated to welcome its first residents soon, and Pullman Crossings, a \$35 million, 400,000-square-foot warehouse space behind Gotham's new greenhouse, should be completed early next year.

Gotham Greens has contributed to the neighborhood's revival by bolstering

Pullman's image as a hub for innovation and creativity, and its new greenhouse will offer tours about farming, nutrition and its growing process, said David Doig, head of the nonprofit Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, which has spearheaded much of the development.

In addition, Gotham Greens, which employs 50 people in its first greenhouse and will add another 60 in its second, offers jobs that "don't have high barriers to entry," Doig said. "They're good starter jobs."

Gotham Greens, which works with various economic development agencies

and nonprofits like Metropolitan Family Services to fill positions, said the vast majority of its employees live on the South Side, and more than half are in three surrounding ZIP codes.

Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives sold the land to Gotham Greens for the company's expansion after the nonprofit received \$3.4 million in city tax increment financing to prepare the property for development. The company, which built the new greenhouse for \$12.5 million, owns another 40,000 square feet of adjacent land if it wishes to expand further.

The new Pullman greenhouse is higher-tech and more efficient than its other facility in the neighborhood, the company said. It has more sensors and automated climate-control capabilities to ensure the environment achieves optimal temperature, humidity and light levels, plus uses advanced coatings on the glass to diffuse light in such a way that is better for photosynthesis. It uses conveyor belts to transport plants around the facility to reduce the number of times they're touched by human hands. And basil, which likes to grow in slightly different conditions, has its own room.

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## Bottles

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December 2020. IHG, which said it used about 200 million small bottles a year, said it expected the two-thirds of its hotels that had not yet begun using bulk-size bottles to make the switch by 2021.

The crackdown on single-use plastics isn't limited to the tiny bottles. Starbucks ditched single-use plastic drinking straws last year, as did several airlines and hotel companies. That includes Hyatt, which provides straws only when customers request them and is switching from standard plastic to greener options, which could include compostable plastic, Fukudome said.

Tiny shampoo bottles aren't being squeezed out

entirely. In a statement, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts said it's working to eliminate single-use plastics, which includes the small bottles, "while ensuring a positive guest experience."

Fukudome acknowledged travelers have "diverse perspectives" when it comes to hotel toiletries. Some still like arriving to a fresh set of tiny bottles and the larger replacements, whether bottles or wall-mounted dispensers, aren't meant to be taken home as souvenirs.

But she said the company has heard good feedback at hotels that have already started using bottles that last longer than a single stay. Hyatt began introducing larger bottles at its Hyatt Regency hotels last year.

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## Dean

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the place of a morning bowl of cereal.

More recently, health and animal-welfare concerns have also contributed, as more shoppers seek out nondairy alternatives like almond milk. Oat milk, for example, saw U.S. sales rise 636% to more than \$52 million over the past year, according to Nielsen data. Sales of cow's milk dropped 2.4% in that same time frame.

Since 1975, the amount of milk consumed per capita in the U.S. has tumbled more than 40%. Just since 2010, milk consumption is down more than 13%.

That has hit dairy farms and milk sellers hard.

It has had an outside effect on Dean Foods, which

derived 67% of its sales from fluid milk last year, according to its annual report. Fifteen percent came from ice cream and just 4% came from fruit juice, iced tea, water and flax-based beverages.

Dean, known for the Milk Chugs line introduced in 1997, has lost money in eight of its last 10 quarters and in seven of its last eight quarters it's posted declining sales.

Dean employs 16,000 people and operates 60 processing facilities across the country. On any given day, it is running 8,000 refrigerated delivery trucks on U.S. roads.

The company supplies milk for its own brands, like Dairy Pure, Meadow Gold and TruMoo, as well as store brands. One big blow came last year, when Walmart opened its own milk processing plant in Indiana.

The Dallas company looked into a sale earlier this year but said two months ago that it would continue doing business as a stand-alone venture.

Dean, which named Berigause as its new CEO in July, said its business is operating normally while it reorganizes.

It has received a commitment of about \$850 million in debtor-in-possession financing from certain existing lenders.

The bankruptcy filing comes at a difficult time for dairy farmers, who were already struggling with low prices because of oversupply.

Linda Ceylor and her husband, Gerald, operate an organic farm near Catawba, Wisconsin, where they milk fewer than 50 cows and raise heifers.

Ceylor said Dean Foods' woes mirror what smaller

producers are facing. She said the most hurtful part is watching young people go out of business, including three neighbors in their 30s.

"All they ever wanted to do is milk cows, and all three of them said they can't do anymore," Ceylor said. "That's like watching your grandchildren go through a massive problem you can't do anything about. There's really no other choice for them to make."

Darin Von Ruden, president of the Wisconsin Farmers Union, said he is concerned about Dean Foods selling itself to Dairy Farmers of America.

"That's two of the five biggest companies in the country, and when you start looking at that kind of consolidation, is that good for producers? The answer is probably no," said Von Ruden, who is selling his dairy operation to his son.

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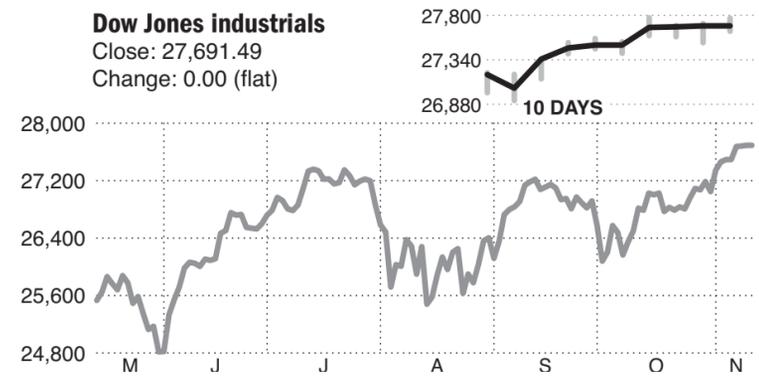
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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 27,770.86 Low: 27,635.32 Previous: 27,691.49



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+21.81 (+.26%)	+4.83 (+.16%)	+3.35 (+.02%)
Close: 8,486.09	Close: 3,091.84	Close: 1,595.12
High: 8,514.84	High: 3,102.61	High: 1,604.64
Low: 8,462.99	Low: 3,084.73	Low: 1,593.41
Previous: 8,464.28	Previous: 3,087.01	Previous: 1,594.77

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 1.91%	-3.40 to \$1,452.10	-1.10 to 108.94/\$1	+0.0018 to .9081/\$1	-0.06 to \$56.80

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +.72	NASD +.61	S&P +.56	DOW +2.47	NASD +4.14	S&P +3.21	DOW +9.51	NASD +17.85	S&P +13.58

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	506.25	517.25	505.25	517	+11.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	373.50	378	372.75	377.75	+4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 19	906	909.25	905	905.75	+7.5
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	31.40	31.48	30.88	31.03	-3.9
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	300.60	303.20	300.50	302.30	+1.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Dec 19	56.89	57.55	56.54	56.80	-0.06
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 19	2.637	2.685	2.607	2.621	-0.16
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 19	1.6099	1.6334	1.6061	1.6144	+0.045

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.34	+5.8	Equity Commonwith	N	31.69	-2.2	McDonalds Corp	N	193.28	+6.4
AbbVie Inc	N	86.44	+7.8	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	67.27	-4.8	Middleby Intl	O	119.00	+4.2
Allstate Corp	N	110.13	+7.5	Equity Residential	N	83.41	-7.5	Mondelez Intl	O	52.07	+2.7
Aptargroup Inc	N	108.22	-2.6	Exelon Corp	O	44.32	+3.0	Morningstar Inc	O	155.42	-5.7
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.24	-2.9	First Indl RT	N	41.28	-1.1	Motorola Solutions	N	161.12	-0.3
Baxter Intl	N	80.10	+1.24	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	62.38	+7.1	NISource Inc	N	26.09	...
Boeing Co	N	362.88	-4.08	Gallagher AJ	N	91.49	...	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.40	-3.8
Brunswick Corp	N	59.90	-5.4	Grainger WW	N	325.44	-1.71	Old Republic	N	22.80	+0.9
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.88	+7.8	GrubHub Inc	N	37.31	+1.5	Packaging Corp Am	N	113.71	+0.6
CDK Global Inc	O	51.80	-7.3	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.62	+3.1	Payloadly Hldg	O	108.11	+4.3
CDW Corp	O	133.82	-2.9	IAA Inc	N	43.10	+4.20	RLI Corp	N	96.77	+6.4
CF Industries	N	47.91	+1.46	IDEX Corp	N	161.50	+7.0	Stericycle Inc	O	61.60	-2.1
CME Group	O	201.49	+2.84	ITW	N	174.77	-4.7	TransUnion	N	82.97	+1.32
CNA Financial	N	44.59	+2.9	Ingredion Inc	N	84.90	-2.4	US Foods Holding	N	39.03	+1.2
Cabot Microelect	O	156.39	+0.8	John Bean Technol	N	107.70	-1.79	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	243.97	+2.01
Caterpillar Inc	N	146.34	-1.66	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	159.86	-2.38	United Airlines Hldg	O	92.72	-8.1
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.58	+0.3	Kemper Corp	N	74.80	+6.1	Ventis Inc	N	58.60	-5.0
Deere Co	N	176.39	-3.41	Kraft Heinz Co	O	32.98	+2.2	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	62.72	+4.7
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.45	+3.3	LKQ Corporation	O	36.18	+9.3	Waltrust Financial	O	67.02	+6.2
Dover Corp	N	110.01	+0.6	Littelfuse Inc	O	180.82	-1.34	Zebra Tech	O	244.38	+1.65

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.67	-1.4
Gen Electric	11.42	+0.7
Bank of America	33.09	-0.9
Uber Technologies	26.70	-4.4
Energy Transfer L.P.	11.66	-3.1
Ford Motor	9.04	-0.4
PG&E Corp	7.06	+8.0
Yamana Gold Inc	3.34	+0.9
Nokia Corp	3.51	-0.2
Sthvstn Energy	2.15	+0.3
Macy's Inc	16.08	+0.3
Kemet Corp	25.98	+2.96
Teva Pharm	9.61	+2.8
Kinross Gold	4.29	+1.6
Vale SA	11.50	-1.1
CenturyLink Inc	14.62	-4.4
DXC Technology Co	35.25	+5.85
Petrobras	15.64	-2.6
Transocean Ltd	4.95	-2.7
Antero Resources	2.53	-0.9
AT&T Inc	39.17	-2.0
Disney	138.58	+1.84
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.54	-1.7
HP Inc	19.53	-1.1

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	39.17	-2.0
Alibaba Group Hldg	186.97	+2.6
Alphabet Inc C	1298.80	-3.9
Alphabet Inc A	1297.21	-1.07
Amazon.com Inc	1778.00	+6.35
Apple Inc	261.96	-2.4
Bank of America	33.09	-0.9
Berkshire Hath B	220.89	+0.4
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.37	-9.7
Facebook Inc	194.47	+4.86
HSBC Holdings prA	26.49	+0.1
JPMorgan Chase	129.16	-7.6
Johnson & Johnson	131.35	-6.3
MasterCard Inc	277.14	+1.4
Microsoft Corp	147.07	+9.6
Procter & Gamble	119.27	-0.6
Taiwan Semicon	52.15	-4.5
Visa Inc	179.74	+2.0
WalMart Strs	119.12	+0.8

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.96	+0.9	+11.9
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	28.35	+0.4	+11.6
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	65.05	+1.7	+14.8
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	62.56	+1.3	+10.9
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	62.40	+2.1	+14.2
American Funds GrfAmrca m	51.86	+2.1	+13.9
American Funds InvCAMrca m	39.52	+0.2	+11.0
American Funds InvCAMrca m	39.52	+1.2	+10.6
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	46.53	+1.9	+18.4
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	48.07	+0.7	+13.7
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.43	...	+8.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.09	+0.1	+9.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.63	+0.4	+10.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	196.66	-0.1	+8.4
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.67	+0.1	+7.8
Fidelity 500DlxInPrm	107.64	+1.8	+15.7
Fidelity Contrafund	13.43	+0.5	+15.4
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.52	+0.1	+10.6
Fidelity TtMktDlxInPrm	87.81	+1.2	+15.0
Fidelity USBldInPrm	11.87	...	+10.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.29	...	+7.3
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.99	+0.2	+10.8
PIMCO IncI2	11.99	...	+7.4
PIMCO IncInstl	11.99	...	+7.4
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.40	+0.2	+9.4
Schwab SP500Dlx	48.06	+0.8	+15.7
T. Rowe Price BCGR	118.06	+4.8	+16.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	70.78	+2.6	+16.6
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	285.90	+4.7	+15.7
Vanguard BalDlxAdmrl	38.32	+0.5	+13.5
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.40	+0.3	+17.4
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	78.63	-0.6	+12.7
Vanguard GrdDlxAdmrl	89.00	+2.9	+20.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	87.26	+4.3	+6.4
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	14.38	...	+8.0
Vanguard InslDlxIn	280.35	+4.6	+15.7
Vanguard InslDlxInPlus	280.37	+4.6	+15.7
Vanguard InstTSMInPls	66.45	+1.0	+15.0
Vanguard MdCplDlxAdmrl	212.22	+1.3	+14.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	147.44	+1.5	+13.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.71	...	+6.1
Vanguard SmCplDlxAdmrl	76.64	+0.1	+10.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.84	+0.3	+11.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.78	+0.2	+12.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.16	+0.3	+13.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.27	+0.2	+13.3
Vanguard TtBMDlxAdmrl	11.01	+0.1	+10.4
Vanguard TtBMDlxIn	11.01	+0.1	+10.4
Vanguard TtInBdAdmrl	23.14	+0.1	+9.3
Vanguard TtInBdIn	34.72	+0.1	+9.3
Vanguard TtInSdAdmrl	29.06	+0.1	+12.8
Vanguard TtInSdIn	116.20	+0.2	+12.9
Vanguard TtInSdInPlus	116.23	+0.3	+12.9
Vanguard TtInSdInv	17.37	...	+12.7
Vanguard TtSMdAdmrl	76.47	+1.1	+14.9
Vanguard TtSMdIn	76.49	+1.1	+14.9
Vanguard TtSMdInxInv	76.44	+1.1	+14.8
Vanguard WngntAdmrl	74.76	+0.4	+14.4
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	66.04	+0.5	+12.5
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	68.15	+0.3	+14.1

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DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.565	1.51
6-month disc	1.55	1.53
2-year	1.63	1.65
10-year	1.91	1.93
30-year	2.38	2.42

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1452.10	\$1455.50
Silver	\$16.677	\$16.762
Platinum	\$869.90	\$880.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	59.7122
Australia (Dollar)	1.4612
Brazil (Real)	4.1663
Britain (Pound)	.7777
Canada (Dollar)	1.3226
China (Yuan)	7.0079
Euro	.9081
India (Rupee)	71.813
Israel (Shekel)	3.5042
Japan (Yen)	108.94
Mexico (Peso)	19.3280
Poland (Zloty)	3.89
So. Korea (Won)	1166.27
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.47
Thailand (Baht)	30.34

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2914.82	+4.8/+2
Stoxx600	406.90	+1.6/+4
Nikkei	23520.01	+188.2/+8
MSCI-EAFE	1976.44	-2/-0
Bovespa	106751.10	-1616.3/-1.5
FTSE 100	7365.44	+36.9/+5
CAC-40	5919.75	+25.9/+4

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## OBITUARIES

MARIA PEREGO 1923-2019

# Puppeteer created the mouse Topo Gigio for 'Ed Sullivan Show'

BY HARRISON SMITH  
The Washington Post

He was 10 inches tall, with blond hair, bright blue eyes, oversized ears like Mickey Mouse and the rosy cheeks of a child who had played too long in the snow. His name, Topo Gigio, was Italian for Louie Mouse, and during his dozens of appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in the 1960s and early '70s he seemed, indeed, to be a cartoon mouse sprung to life, touched with Blue Fairy magic like Pinocchio.

In recurring sketches with Sullivan, he scampered on two legs, wiggled his ears, rolled his eyes, poked fun at the variety show host and pulled up the covers on his tiny bed. When Sullivan once greeted him with a kiss on the cheek, he cartwheeled into a handstand and kicked his legs with delight — astounding millions of viewers who tried in vain to spot any strings or wires controlling his movements.

The bubbly, childlike mouse was part puppet, part marionette, created by Italian puppeteer Maria Peregó, who was awarded a patent for her design and operated Topo with the help of one or two other performers, plus a voice actor. She was 95, and working on a new Topo Gigio series for Italian television, when she died Nov. 7.

Her death was announced by her lawyer Alessandro Rossi, who did not give a precise cause but told the Italian wire service ANSA she had fallen ill at her home in Milan.

Peregó had experimented with papier-mâché and plaster before using a soft, smooth foam to create Topo Gigio in 1959 with support from her husband, Federico Caldura. Her character appeared on Italian television programs before spreading to Swiss, German, Dutch and Spanish programming, eventually becoming a hit in Japan and a staple of "The Ed Sullivan

Show" in the United States.

"I suppose in the 18-year history of our show we've never had any star who's won such affectionate acceptance as our little Italian mouse, Topo Gigio," Sullivan said in one 1967 episode, years after his program helped introduce audiences to Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

The host reportedly hired Peregó after seeing a tape of one of her Topo Gigio performances in Europe, resulting in a string of 94 appearances from Dec. 9, 1962 until the program's final episode on June 6, 1971, according to the official Ed Sullivan and Topo Gigio websites. Almost every appearance ended with a request from Topo: "Eddie, kiss me good night."

While Sullivan was sometimes criticized for having a stiff stage presence and wooden delivery, he seemed to loosen up while talking with Topo Gigio, voiced by Italian actor Peppino Mazzullo. The pair discussed modern art, Topo's love for spaghetti and lasagna (as well as gefilte fish and chow mein), and the intricacies of show business.

Peregó remained almost entirely out of view even as her character became famous around the world, singing alongside Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra and Italian star Raffaella Carrà. For most performances, she used two fingers on her left hand to control Topo's legs; with her other hand, she operated a clothespin-like system to open and close his mouth. One or two other puppeteers would control his arms and hands through a set of rods, depending on the complexity of the scene.

All of the puppeteers wore black velvet robes, using gloves and hoods to conceal themselves in front of a black background that rendered them invisible to viewers. And while Peregó wrote many of the Topo stories, her character's "Ed Sullivan Show" appearances were also developed

with help from other writers — notably comedian Joan Rivers, who was less appreciative of Topo than many of the show's young viewers.

Peregó was born in Venice on Dec. 8, 1923, and by the mid-1950s was working as a puppeteer with the Italian public broadcaster RAI. She invented characters such as Picchio Canocchiale, a riff on Woody Woodpecker, and traced her puppetry breakthrough to a Christmas tree she spotted in a barbershop window, made from a piece of green sponge.

She began using the material for puppets, while slowing down and speeding up records to get new ideas for characters and situations, including "insects, fish, singing flowers, cactuses with large sombreros and [guitar]-imitating Mariachis," according to her Topo website.

Topo began to take off in 1961, appearing in Italy that year on the popular TV program "Carosello" and in a film, "The World of Topo Gigio," co-directed by her husband. "Put it all down as a nice treat for the kiddies," wrote New York Times reviewer Howard Thompson. "And while we're at it, who says a mouse can't act?"

Her character later starred in a 1967 Japanese movie, "Topo Gigio and the Missile War," by celebrated filmmaker Kon Ichikawa, and appeared in comics strips and magazines. Peregó continued working on him until her death — information on survivors was not immediately available — and said she saw Topo as "a naive character," with shades of Don Quixote and Charlie Chaplin's Little Tramp.

"With his optimism he tries to justify himself, to invent, to introduce himself and to enter into fantasy and the absurd," she said recently on the Italian television program "Le Ragazze." "He's always on the edge between imagination and reality."

near Crescent, Okla., was killed in a car crash. (Rumors of foul play were never substantiated.)

**In 1977**, Al Capp's syndicated comic strip "Li'l Abner" appeared in newspapers for the last time.

**In 1979**, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan announced in New York his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

**In 1982**, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington.

**In 1985**, Colombia's Nevado del Ruiz volcano erupted, killing 23,000 people and covering 14 towns with an avalanche of ash and mud.

**In 1994**, Sweden voted to join the European Union.

**In 1999**, Lennox Lewis became the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, winning a unanimous decision over Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas.

**In 2001**, Afghanistan's ruling Taliban abandoned the capital, Kabul, without a fight, allowing U.S.-backed fighters to take over the city. **Also in 2001** Bishop Wilton Gregory was elected the first black president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**In 2002**, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved a compromise sex-abuse policy after the Vatican demanded they make changes to balance fairness to priests with compassion for victims. **Also in 2002** claiming Iraq was seeking the "path of peace," Saddam Hussein's government agreed to the return of international weapons inspectors.

**In 2003**, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had refused to remove his granite Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse, was thrown off the bench by a judicial ethics panel for having "placed himself above the law."

**In 2013**, Hawaii legalized same-sex marriage. **Also in 2013** the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 16,000 for the first time.

**In 2014**, separate juries found Paris McGee, 24, and Toyoyon Taylor, 34, guilty of murdering off-duty Chicago police Officer Thomas Wortham IV in 2010; each man received a life sentence.

**In 2015**, a series of attacks targeting young concertgoers, soccer fans and Parisians at popular nightspots killed at least 130 people in the French capital, leading President Francois Hollande to declare a state of emergency and seal the country's borders; Islamic State claimed responsibility.

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ON NOVEMBER 13 ...

**In 354**, St. Augustine, the bishop and theologian, was born in present-day Algeria.

**In 1775**, colonial forces captured Montreal during the American Revolution.

**In 1789**, Benjamin Franklin sent a letter to a friend in which he wrote that, "in this world, nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes."

**In 1927**, the Holland Tunnel under the Hudson River was opened, linking New York and New Jersey.

**In 1942**, the minimum draft age was lowered to 18 from 21.

**In 1956**, the Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public buses.

**In 1971**, the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Mariner 9 rocketed into orbit around Mars.

**In 1974**, Karen Silkwood, 28, a technician and union activist at Kerr-McGee's Cimarron plutonium plant

### WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Nov. 12  
Mega Millions ..... 197 / 5  
Daily 3 midday ..... 6114 / 5  
Daily 4 midday ..... 659 / 0  
Daily 3 evening ..... 5759 / 0  
Daily 4 evening ..... 07 33 37 38 42  
Cash 5 ..... 30 32 35 37 40 42 45 46  
47 48 49 53 55 59 64 69 74

**MICHIGAN**  
Nov. 12  
Daily 3 midday ..... 286  
Daily 4 midday ..... 1983  
Daily 3 evening ..... 189  
Daily 4 evening ..... 9215  
Fantasy 5 ..... 07 15 20 34 35  
Keno ..... 01 07 10 17 27  
30 32 35 37 40 42 45 46  
47 48 49 53 55 59 64 69 74

Nov. 13 Powerball: \$60M  
Nov. 14 Lotto: \$11M

**WISCONSIN**  
Nov. 12  
Pick 3 ..... 300  
Pick 4 ..... 6746  
Badger 5 ..... 02 03 17 23 26  
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### Death Notices

#### Adduci, Mary Lou

Mary Lou Adduci (nee Hodor), age 90 of Lansing, IL, formerly of Roseland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 10, 2019. She is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years: Thomas; three children: Thomas (Diane) Adduci, Donald (Nancy) Adduci; and Luanne Kettler; sister: Frances Salvador; and grandsons: Thomas (Samara Shein) Adduci, Jeffrey Adduci, and Kenneth Thomas Kettler. Mrs. Adduci was preceded in death by her sister: Eileen; and son-in-law: Ken Kettler. Mrs. Adduci earned a Masters Degree in Education from De Paul University in Chicago. She was a teacher at St. Louis Academy in Roseland and also St. Anthony's in Roseland. Mrs. Adduci will be laid to rest at a later date in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, IL. [www.schroederflauer.com](http://www.schroederflauer.com).

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#### Anderson, Lindra 'Shiney'

Visitation will be held from 5 pm - 8 pm on Friday, November 15 at First Presbyterian Church, 700 Sheridan Rd, Lake Forest, IL. Funeral service will be held at 12 pm on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the church. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)



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#### Bactat, Eduarda Diric

Eduarda Diric Bactat, age 102, retired school teacher. Beloved wife of the late Laureano Sr. Loving mother of Minerva (Rogelio) Flojo, Winston (Marina), Laureano Jr. (Sally), the late Erwin, Edlar (Mary Lou), and Monina (Justin) Salomon. Cherished grandmother of Raymond, Alfred (Yvette), Romina, Sheryl (Ricky) Necor, Marwin (Lannie), the late Fritzie, Farita (Chris) Reyes, Jun Jun (Mayra), Joseph, Matthew, Laurence, and Martin. Beloved great grandmother of Logan, Carolina, Charleen, Maya, Zoe, Brandon, Brianna, Bryant, Addison, Alex, Emmett, Evan, Mason, and the late Riley. Dear Aunt of many nephews and nieces. Preceded in death by 3 brothers and 4 sisters. Visitation Friday November 15, 3 PM to 9 PM at **Drake & Son Funeral Home** 5303 N. Western Ave., Chicago. Funeral Mass Saturday 11 AM at St. John Berchmans Parish 2517 W. Logan Blvd., Chicago. Interment Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago. Info: (773) 561-6874 or [www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com).

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#### Bagatti, Geno

Geno Bagatti, 87, passed away on November 11, 2019 in Lake Forest, IL. A visitation will be held from 5:30 - 8:30 pm on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Avenue, Lake Forest, IL. A private service will be held at a later date. For extended obituary please visit [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com). Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)



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#### Batjes, Carole

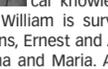
Carole Batjes (nee Licato) 82, passed away November 11, 2019. Beloved wife of Frank for 62 loving years. Cherished mother of Frank (Sherril), Jeannie (Tom) and Laurie (David). Beloved daughter of the late Peter and Lois Licato. Best Nana in the world to Danielle, Kristen (Brian), Frank, Joe, Angela, Michelle and Justin. Proud new Great Gramma to Brynn Elise. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Carole was proud of her Italian heritage and the many accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. She was very strong in her Catholic faith and was most happy when surrounded by family and friends. Visitation will be Thursday, November 14, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Funeral services will begin on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home, then proceed to St. Monica Catholic Church for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation or The American Diabetes Association. Info: 708-456-8300



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#### Beutel, Ernest

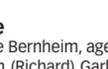
Ernest William Beutel was a husband, father, doctor, lawyer, naval officer, scholar, role model and inspiration to us all. As a cardiothoracic surgeon, he served the Navy, Saint Joseph Hospital and Resurrection Hospital, including as president of the medical staff. As an attorney, he utilized his medical knowledge as a patient advocate. Ernest William is survived by his wife, Anita, and two sons, Ernest and Andrew, with their spouses, Samantha and Maria. A visitation will be held from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019 at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Avenue, Lake Forest, IL 60045. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society of Chicago, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601, Youthbuild of Lake County, 2303 Kemble Ave., North Chicago, IL 60064 or a charity of your choice. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)



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#### Bobker, Louise

Louise Bobker, nee Bernheim, age 86, loving mother of Lynn (Richard) Garb, Robert (Chantal) Simon and Michael Simon; adored Oma of David, Jen, Chrissy, Robby, and Ryan; cherished sister of the late Fred (late Nelida) Bernheim; treasured aunt, great aunt, and friend to many. Graveside service Thursday, 12 Noon at Jewish Oakridge Cemetery, 4301 Roosevelt Rd., Hillside. Past president and life-member of Hadassah, Louise also loved to read and lead Indian Trails Library book discussion groups. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Hadassah, [www.hadassah.org/regions/chicago-north-shore](http://www.hadassah.org/regions/chicago-north-shore) and JourneyCare Hospice, [www.journeycare.org](http://www.journeycare.org). Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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#### Bucht, Marion P.

Marion P. Bucht, nee Anuth, 77, beloved wife of the late Hilding Bucht; devoted mother of Jon Bucht; loving sister of Albert (Linda) Seliukas; dearest mother-in-law of Rose Bucht; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Funeral Friday, 11:00 AM from **Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home** 10727 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. Info: 773-783-7700.

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#### Cardone, George J.

George J. Cardone, age 89, beloved husband of Doris nee Grimmel; loving father of Barry (Kari), and the late Julie; cherished grandfather of Dana (Corey) Bass, and Nick (Melissa) Cardone; great grandfather of Cadin, Jayden, and Kieria; Visitation at **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles on Thursday from 9:30 AM until the time of service 11:30 AM to St. John Brebeuf Church for Mass 12 Noon. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral Info 847-966-7302 or [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com)

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#### Cerniglia, Catherine

Catherine Cerniglia Catherine is the beloved wife of 63 years to the late Jack; loving mother of Minnie (Harry) Gunderson, Jack (Ellie) and Joe (Cassie); dearest grandma of Michael (Lora), Michelle (John), Joseph, Matthew, Anne, Meg (Chandler) Hope, Tim, John, Michael and Dan; great-grandma of Nicholas, Sammy, Jacob, Justin and baby Charlotte. Visitation, Thursday from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Prayers, Friday, 9:15 a.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, Mass 10 a.m. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery. For information 847-823-5122 or [www.nelsonfunerals.com](http://www.nelsonfunerals.com)



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#### Crudele, Ann Marie

Ann Marie Crudele of Buffalo Grove formerly of Chicago passed away Nov. 10, 2019. Dear daughter of the late James and Mary Crudele; fond sister of the late Joseph (the late Adrienne) Crudele; cherished aunt of James (Donna) Crudele, Jeanne (Wright) Chase, Jacqueline Annis, and Joanne (James) Bebarski; great-aunt of James J., Joseph, Andrew, Lauren, James R., Michael, Matthew, and Justin; dear friend of many. Respected member of the Rush University Hospital community. Visitation Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 from 4-8 pm at **Matz Funeral Home**, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Prayers at the funeral home Saturday 9:15 am proceeding to St. Mary Church, Buffalo Grove. Mass 10 am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers memorials to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for the care of the Sisters appreciated. For info: (847) 394-2336 or [www.matzfuneralhome.com](http://www.matzfuneralhome.com)

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#### Daum, James A.

James A. Daum, age 86. Father of Dawn (John) Smith, Cathy (Alex) Shaw and Ann Cobb; Brother of Alyce (Bernie) Majewski, the late Donald Daum and the late Pat Foster; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday November 15, 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Ligouri Church, 411 N. Wheeling Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Alphonsus Ligouri Church. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com).

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#### Hanson, Joseph

Joseph Hanson, age 85; beloved husband of the late Rosemary T. Hanson; loving father of John Hanson; fond uncle and great-uncle of many. Visitation Thursday 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Friday 9:15AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Mary of Gostyn Church. Mass 10:00AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. 630-968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)



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#### Hoban, L.C.M., Sr. Margaret Christina

Age 88, Native of Corha, Castiebar Co Mayo. Beloved daughter of the late Patrick and Maria Hoban. Fond sister of Maura (late Michael) McKenna, Anne (late Timothy) Heffernan, Kathleen Hoban, Sister Paul Hoban L.C.M., Helen (late James) Murphy, Josephine (late Frank) Jennings, and the late Nora (late Patrick) Lyons, Sarah (late Eamonn) Brogan and John Hoban. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Deepest gratitude to Thomas Quinn M.D., her niece Orlagh Brogan, and the Nursing Staff at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, IL.

Visitation Wednesday 4:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Little Company of Mary Hospital Chapel, 2800 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park, IL. Family and friends to gather Thursday at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 9343 S. Francisco, Evergreen Park, IL for Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Little Company of Mary Sisters Retirement Fund, 9350 S. California, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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## Kemph, Michael Eugene 'Mike'

On September 5th, 2019, Michael Eugene Kemph, loving husband, father of three children, grandfather to three boys; passed away peacefully at the age of 67 at his home. Mike was born on January 13th, 1952 in Chicago, IL to Eugene and Rosemary Kemph. He grew up the eldest son of eight siblings. He attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering, finding much success in the world of cable television. He was also an avid golfer, traveling around playing some of the world's most renowned courses. Mike could bring a smile to anyone's face with his quick wit and humor. He loved his family dearly, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Michael leaves behind his wife of 39 years Karen; children Matthew (Meg) of Ellicott City, MD; Megan (William McDonald) of Kirkland, WA; and Adam (Dawn) of Powder Springs, GA; and three grandsons (Graham, Noah, and Elliot). He is also survived by his siblings, Linda (Fred Gluck), Stephen (Carol), Richard (Kim), Jim (Kathleen), Mark and brother-in-law John Sheahan and many nieces and nephews.

Michael was preceded in death by his father Eugene, mother Rosemary as well as his sisters Roberta Sheahan and Rosemary Knox.

A memorial service will be held November 16th, 2019 at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church, located at 8404 S Cass Ave, Darien, IL.

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## Kmetz, Frances

Frances Kmetz passed away Sunday, November 10, 2019. Beloved wife of Edward C. Kmetz. Frances is also survived by her loving children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sister. Funeral Friday, November 15, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. from the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest to St. Emerich Church, Country Club Hills, for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park. Visitation Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For information: 708-687-2990.

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## Konefes, Edward

Edward Konefes, 100, of Wauconda, Illinois, passed away on November 7, 2019 at home. Born July 26, 1919, in Caledonia, Mississippi, the son of John Henry and Emma (Beck) Konefes, he grew up in Chicago, then moved to the northwest suburbs, settling in Wauconda in 1967. A gifted mechanic, Airport worked for many years at Palwaukee Airport. Aviation was his love. He also had a lifelong interest in building and flying award-winning free-flight models. He is survived by his beloved sister, Rita Maas, of Zion, IL; cherished nieces and nephews, Dawn Jones, Diane (David) Mahachek, John and Jim Konefes, David (Marilyn Harper) Johnson, Henry (Karen) Scheffner, and Ted Johnson; many great and great-great nieces and nephews, and very special neighbors and lifelong friends. Edward was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Joseph Konefes, and his sisters Martha Guenther and Louise Johnson. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., November 16, 2019, at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 348 W. Mill St., Wauconda, IL 60084 (847-526-2400). In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Academy of Model Aeronautics, Muncie, IN amaFOUNDATION.modelaircraft.org. Sign the guest book at: [www.kisselburgwaucondafuneralhome.com](http://www.kisselburgwaucondafuneralhome.com).

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## Korompilas, James Louis

James Louis Korompilas, age 86. United States Army veteran. Jim passed away on Monday, November 11th, surrounded by his loving family. On this day, Jim, and his beloved wife Vicki (nee Geanakos) celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. This was his last gift to Vicki and their children. Jim was a wonderful father to Gia (Spiro) Vlahopoulos, Stacey, James Louis Jr., (Angela) Korompilas, and Elena (Scott) Fairweather. Proud papou of Pamela (Dino), James, Donald, Alexis, and Jimmy. Devoted son of the late Lambros and Georgia (nee Tsilivis) Korompilas and son-in-law of the late John and Stella Geanakos. Dear brother of the late Nick (late Marie), Elaine (late Steven) Pappas, George (Connie) Korompilas, and the (late Stamata) and Tasia, his sisters in Greece. Brother-in-law of Peter (Valerie) Geanakos. Fond uncle and friend to many. Jim was a proud owner, partner, and restaurateur with his brothers, Nick and George, of The Big Top, Coronet and Chandelier Restaurants. Always a gentleman, he loved gardening, and growing his family's favorite vegetables, especially cherry tomatoes.

Family and friends will meet Thursday morning, at Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, 1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, for Visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment private. Memorial tributes may be made to Ascension Greek Orthodox Church.

*John G. Adinamis*  
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## Kriesemint, Dolores D

Dolores D. Kriesemint, age 92, of Hoffman Estates. Beloved wife of the late Harold Kriesemint. Devoted mother of Susan (Paul) Gunty, Mark Kriesemint, Lynn (Michael DeLuca) Aldrich and Michael (Claudia) Kriesemint. Loving grandmother of Ashley, Emily (Gregory), August, Mark (Veronica), Carolyn, Daina, Michael, Wendell (Melissa) and Chris (Theresa). Caring great grandmother of Jeffery, Brandlee, Baylee, Iza and London. Cherished daughter of Otis and Carolyn Greathouse. Visitation Saturday from 10 AM until the time of service at 11:30 AM at Ahlgrim and Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Memorial donations in her honor may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral information or online condolences [www.ahlgrimfuneral.com](http://www.ahlgrimfuneral.com) or 847-882-5580.

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## Lee, John E.

John E. "Jack" Lee, of Palatine passed away Friday, November 8th. He served in the Korean Conflict in the United States Army. Jack was the husband of the late Cecilia; beloved father of Deirdre (Daniel) Koehler; loving grandfather to Kevin; brother of Robert (Karen) Lee and the late Ronald (Marianne) Lee; and fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Viewing Saturday from 1 pm until time of service 3 pm at the Meadows Funeral Home, 3615 Kirchoff Rd., Rolling Meadows. Interment private. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association. Info (847)253-0224 or [www.Meadowsh.com](http://www.Meadowsh.com)

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## Levigne, Anthony M.

Anthony M. Levigne, age 28; Beloved son of William Det. C.P.D. and Kathleen Levigne (nee Callahan); Cherished grandson of Joseph and Barbara Levigne & the late James and Adrian Callahan; Dear nephew of Michelle (Michael) Power, Mary Beth Prosapio, Joseph (Theresa), Michael (Lynn) Levigne, Lori (Chris) Gromala and the late Helen (the late John) Johnson; Loving cousin and friend to many. Visitation Thursday 3 to 9 PM; Funeral Friday 9:15 AM from the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., to St. Bede the Venerable Church for Mass at 10:00 AM; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Member of Operating Engineers Local 399. Please sign guestbook at [blakelamboaklawn.com](http://blakelamboaklawn.com), for info 708-636-1193.

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## Line, Brian A.

Brian A. Line, age 39 of Naperville, passed away November 7, 2019. He is survived by his sister, Valerie R. Holmes; son, Gabriel Cicero-Line; uncle, Leo McNamee; aunt, Michelle Szela; aunt Fran Bonfiglio and uncle Phillip Line. Brian is preceded in death by his parents Gary F. and Sharon (McNamee) Line. Brian graduated from Boys Town High School in 1998 and He was a member of the Hendon Mob Poker database, where he placed 4th place on August 25 in the Heartland Poker Tour Texas Hold'em. A visitation for Brian will be held on Thursday, November 14, from 2 until 8 p.m. at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to [staydrugfree.org](http://staydrugfree.org). Info [beidelmankunschfh.com](http://beidelmankunschfh.com). 630-355-0264.

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## Linklater, Daniel G.

Daniel G. Linklater, age 76, of Indian Head Park, formerly of Crystal Lake and Chicago. Beloved husband of Carol Linklater (nee Meleski) for a wonderful 51 years. Loving father of Jill (George) Lee, Alice (Chris) Geisert, the late Michael, Nancy, Mark, and Edward (Danielle). Devoted grandfather of Maya, Austin, Katie, and Brian. Dear brother of the late Dolores (the late George) Patun, Thomas (Barbara), the late Ronald, the late Karen Fontaine, the late Edward, the late Patricia Tworek, the late William (Cori), Kathy (Dan) Liberatore, and the late Gerald. Preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Lillian Linklater. Fond uncle and friend of many. Daniel was a 50-year veteran of the rail transportation industry. He was the past president of the Traffic Club of Chicago and Western Railway Club. He served on the board of Midwest Association of Rail Shippers (MARS) for many years. He also was the past president of both Catholic Charities of McHenry County and Helping Hands Center Board. Visitation 2:00pm to 8:00pm Friday, November 15th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside, where continued visitation will be held from 8:30am until 9:00am chapel prayers Saturday, November 16th. Procession to follow to 10am Funeral Mass at St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Helping Hands Center, 9649 W. 55th St., Countryside, IL 60525. For info: 708-352-6500 or [HJfunerals.com](http://HJfunerals.com)

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## Markiewicz, Kathleen M. '(Marks)'

Kathleen (Babe) M. Markiewicz (Marks) Age 81 passed away quietly at home on November 8th, 2019 with her daughters by her side. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John, her parents, and three brothers; Wayne, Jay, and Tom, and one sister, Mary. Beloved mother of Christine (Paul) Little, Patty (Kevin) McNichols, and Carrie (Scott) McKenna (CPD). Cherished grandmother of Steven (Vida) McNichols, Michelle (Jesse) Vidor, Kacey, Michael, and Patrick McKenna. Great-grandmother of Donovan and Madiilyn McNichols. Survived by two brothers; Lyle and Pat and one sister; Karen. Kathleen was born August 18th, 1938 to Eugene and Kathryn (nee Thorpe) Surprise of Bear Creek, WI. She graduated as valedictorian of Bear Creek High School in 1956 and attended the University of Wisconsin before heading to the big city. She was working at CNA Insurance when she met John. They were happily married for 57 years until his death in 2018. While raising her family, she continued her education earning her Teaching degree and a Masters in Special Education. Kathleen was proud of her teaching career and truly enjoyed all of her students at Serena Hills, St. George, Central Park, and Governors State. Upon retirement she volunteered at St. James Hospital and Chicago Heights Public Library. She was happy to spend time in her garden, the kitchen, or her recliner with a book or a crossword puzzle in hand. She also enjoyed annual family vacations to Shawano Lake, WI. Never one to lay idle, Kathleen left us as she lived- quickly, efficiently, and in control. Here's to Babe and John sipping martinis together again. Memorial gathering Thursday, November 14th from 3PM until the time of service at 7PM at **Kerr-Parzygnot Funeral Home**, 540 Dixie Hwy. (at Joe Orr Rd.), Chicago Heights, IL 60411. (708) 754-0016.

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## McFarland, Regina G.

Beloved wife of the late John P. "Jack" McFarland; Loving mother of Maryann (Richard) Ruszkowski, Debbie (Brian) Karr, Bill (Kathy) and the late Johnny McFarland; Cherished grandma of Ricky (Val) Ruszkowski and Tricia (Charlie) McCullough, Alex and Caitlin Karr, and Michael McFarland; Great-grandma of Austyn and Brooklyn; Visitation Thursday, November 14, 2019 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday, November 15, 2019 9:15 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 108th & Oxford Ave, Chicago Ridge; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment St. Mary Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Meinhold, Harry

Harry Meinhold age 87 passed away on November 9, 2019. Beloved husband of Gerda Meinhold for 66 years. Visitation will be held Sunday, November 17th from 1-2:45 p.m. with Memorial Service will follow at Emanuel Church, Hales Corner, 10627 W Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners, WI 53130. For complete obituary go to [harry-m-meinhold.forevermissed.com](http://harry-m-meinhold.forevermissed.com).

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## Nawrocki, Adra 'Ginger'

Adra "Ginger" Nawrocki, McElray, 84, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Edward Nawrocki. Dear mother of Kathryn (Kenneth) Donofrio, Thomas Nawrocki, and the late Stephen Nawrocki. Loving grandmother of Tony Shea Donofrio. Dear sister of Marjorie Manak, Caryl Singer, the late Dennis McElray and James McElray. Aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Memorial visitation Friday, November 15, 3 PM to 7 PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago, and Saturday, November 16, 10 AM, until time of the memorial service at 11 AM at the funeral home. Info 773-736-3833 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Plummer, Barbara L.

Barbara L. Plummer, age 78; beloved companion of the late Carl Skalla; loving daughter of the late Charles and Grace Plummer; dear sister of Robert and the late June, Lois and 'Bud'; cherished aunt to Lynn (Scott) Zeman, Mark Nicholson, Tom Plummer and Emily Plummer; great-aunt to Brandon, Mark Jr., Charlie and Patrick; great aunt to Declan. Visitation, Friday, 10 a.m. until time of Prayers, 2 p.m., at **Kolbus-May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Susan G. Komen Foundation would be appreciated. For information 773-774-3232 or [www.kolbusmayfh.com](http://www.kolbusmayfh.com)

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## Powers

See Mary Ann 'Polly' Sinisgalli notice.

## Selinka, Charles R.

Charles R. Selinka retired Lt. CFD for 35 1/2 years and proud member of the Northside Fire Brigade and also a proud member of Local 134 IBEW; beloved husband of the late Geraldine; loving father of Cathy "Cate" (Pete) Cook, Chris (Tom) McCarthy and Mike (Erin); cherished grandfather of Nicholas, Elizabeth (Pedro), Meghan (Connor), Colin, Pete, Tommy, Morgan, Johnny, Mike, Joey, Charlie, Mikey and Ryan; fond brother of Lea (Henry) Chodacki; also loving uncle and friend of many. Visitation Friday, November 15, 2019 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee A ve., Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, November 16, starting with prayers at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Paul of the Cross Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Info. 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)

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## Simpson, Junior Alan 'JR'

Junior "JR" Alan Simpson passed away suddenly in an accident on the morning of Sunday, November 10 while working on his home in Highland Park, IL.



JR was born on June 27, 1955 in Savannah, IL to Kenneth Blair and Leola Alicia Simpson and raised in Mount Carroll, IL. JR and Nina Nabor married August 16, 1980, together they raised five children and spent 39 years by each others' sides. JR worked as a carpenter and operated his own general contracting business. He was a black belt in traditional karate-do, a lover and performer of all types of music, particularly bluegrass, and a devoted fan to his beloved Cubbies and Bears. JR valued nothing more than time spent with his family.

Preceded in death by his mother and eldest brother Kenneth Russell, JR is survived by his father, his wife Nina and their five children: Dylan, Lucas, Cali, Tessa, and Shane and their respective partners Amy, Monte, Scott, and Josh; three grandsons: Cooper, Riley, and Bodhi; siblings Bonnie and Bob Donnell, Sue, Glen and Linda Simpson, and Kevin; and his in-laws Nancy and Paul Nabor.

A service in celebration of JR's life will be held on Friday, November 15 from 4 to 8 pm at the American Legion, 1030 Central St, Evanston, IL 60201. Interested attendees are invited to bring an instrument to play in a jam session in his honor.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in JR's name to Bravo! Waukegan.

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## Sinisgalli, Mary Ann 'Polly'

Mary Ann "Polly" Sinisgalli, nee Powers, age 80. Formerly of Bloomingdale, IL. Dear mother of the late Mark Carpenter. Fond former wife to Tony Sinisgalli. Loving sister of Jeanne (the late Frank) Sorrentino and Larry J. (Maureen, nee McGrail) Powers. Daughter of the late Lillian nee Lahode and Larry Powers. Polly was loved and survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. In lieu of flowers, in Polly's name, the next time you dine out tip your servers generously, with cash. Visitation Thursday Nov. 14th, 3:00 to 8:00 pm at PETERSON-BASSI / GAMBONEY & SON DIRECTORS at 6938 W. North Av. (3 blk east of Harlem) Chicago. Friday Nov. 15th family and friends will meet at St. Giles Church to celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m. Polly's final committal service will be private. Info: 708/848-6661

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## Smith, Judy L.

Judy L. Smith, nee Dehmlow of Park Ridge. Passed away November 11, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Colonel Donald H. Smith, USMC. Loving mother of Cindy (Joe) Dugo, Don (Deb) Smith and Rick (Barb) Smith. Proud grandmother of Alexsa, Elex, Dylan, Emily and Taylor. Funeral Saturday, November 16, 2019, In State 10:00 AM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect (2 blocks north of Touhy at Cedar), Park Ridge until time of funeral service at 11:00AM. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Luke's Lutheran Church appreciated. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to **M J Suerth Funeral Home** 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com)

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## Stauder, Joan U.

Joan U. Stauder, nee Uhl, age 91; beloved wife of the late Eugene L. "Sam"; loving mother of Mimi (John) Rosing, Cecile (Bill) Schultz, Richard (Donna), Mary Catherine (John) Keefe, and Jamie Stauder; cherished grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 6; preceded in death by 5 brothers; fond sister-in-law of Judy Stauder Lawless and David and Kiyo Stauder; also, many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday at 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Mass at 10:00 A.M. Visitation Thursday from 3 to 8 P.M. Interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, donations to JDRF.org are appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com).

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## Steger, Charles A.

Charles A. Steger, age 79, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Carolyn; loving father of Cindy Steger, Curt (JoLinda) Steger, and Cheryl (The) Tran; dear son of the late Michael and the late Lucy Steger; devoted grandfather of Sarah, Jessica, and Hannah Steger, and Mia, Madison, and Tae Tran; fond brother of Lucy "Toots" Eberhardt; uncle of Michael (Christy) and John (Dorothy) Eberhardt.

Chuck was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. Loved to travel to Michigan and Wisconsin. Visitation Friday, November 15th, 4-8PM, at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd.) Lombard. Visitation Saturday, 9AM until time of service at 11AM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**. Interment Private. Memorials to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105, are appreciated. For info: call 630-932-1500.

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## Walker, Sophie C.

Sophie Walker, age 105, beloved wife of the late Lonnie and the late Vernon; loving mother of Helen (the late Elmer) Coomer; cherished grandmother of Mike (Debbie) Coomer, Kerry Coomer, Marci (Jim) Nelson, Janet (Johnny) Walker; great-grandmother of 11; great-great grandmother of 12 and good friend to Larry Kelly; she was preceded in death by her 10 siblings. Visitation Saturday 8:30 A.M. until the 10:30 A.M. Chapel Service at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. Entombment at Resurrection Cemetery. For info, please call (630) 852-3595 or visit [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com).

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## Welch, Eileen

Welch, Eileen, 92, of Chicago, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, November 9th. Eileen was born July 18, 1927 in Rockford, IL, married James Hoagland on April 22, 2002. Retired after many years of service from Graybar Electric. Loving aunt to Tom Welch, John (Bonnie) Welch and Marianne (Bill) Boykon. Cherished great aunt to Kevin (Heather) Welch, Katie (Bryan) Kaczmarek, Matthew (Hayley) Welch, Courtney (Jason) Keaton, Jamie Chivis, Michael Welch and several great-great nephews and nieces. Preceded in death by husband James Hoagland, loving and special niece Patrice Welch, nephew Bob Welch, Jr and great nephew Mark Welch. Private Requiem Mass at Holy Name Cathedral and inurnment at St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery in Naperville, IL.

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## Zarebski Jr., Steven Joseph

Steven Joseph Zarebski, Jr., age 75 of Romeoville formerly of Cicero, passed away November 11, 2019. Steven is preceded in death by Steven Joseph Sr. and Dorothy (nee Shine) Zarebski; and one brother Robert Zarebski. Steven is survived by his beloved wife of almost 56 years Judith, (nee Bienias); his loving children Pamela (William) Hrynko, John Zarebski, Susan (Frank) Shubert, Sandra (Timothy) Martin, and Joseph Zarebski; grandchildren Ann Marie Shubert, Frank Shubert, Kimberley Shubert, Alexander Dvorak, Josiah Martin, and Steven Martin; sisters Margaret (Leonard) Woods, Deborah (Russell) Corvo, and Patricia (Mark) Plank; many nieces and nephews also survive. Steven was a little league coach and a boy scout leader for many years. He enjoyed spending quality time with his family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. There will be a visitation held Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at O'NEIL FUNERAL HOME & HERITAGE CREMATORY, 1105 E. 9th STREET, LOCKPORT, 60441. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, November 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Community Church, 2003 Hassert Blvd., Naperville, IL, prayers at the funeral home at 8:45 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), would be appreciated. Relatives and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at: [www.oneilfuneralhome.com](http://www.oneilfuneralhome.com) Following all services, cremation rites will be respectfully addressed.

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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**  
**Alica Adams**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Stephanie Keister (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01100**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Terence Adams (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 28, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/05/2019**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory 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.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
October 28, 2019 6509789

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Asher Ellis**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Jessica McCabe (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00994**

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Charles Hamilton (Father)**, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 09, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** 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 **12/05/2019**, at **10:00 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.

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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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
October 24, 2019 6509797

## AUCTIONS

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Non-Mandatory  
: Pre-bid Conference and Walk Through Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM (CST)  
Juvenile Temporary Detention Center  
1100 South Hamilton Ave  
Chicago, Illinois 60612  
Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 5:00 PM November 22, 2019.  
Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, December 6, 2019  
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer  
Cook County Building  
118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Raffi Sarrafian  
Chief Procurement Officer  
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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**  
**Camille Sardin**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Mary Anne Fallon (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01313**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Michael Sardin (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 04, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** 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 **12/05/2019**, at **11:00 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 6509819

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Damarion M Mitchell**

A MINOR  
NO. **2019JD01481**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Willie Chery (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 FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **11/27/2019** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 56 COURTROOM 10.

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.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT**  
October 16, 2019

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS  
October 16, 2019 6485672

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Johnathan A Lopez**

A MINOR  
NO. **2019JD01757**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Alejandro Lopez (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **November 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Mendoza** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **11/26/2019** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 53 COURTROOM 4.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT**  
November 26, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS  
November 26, 2019 6509763

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Jovante Walker**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shana Barnes-Jennings (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01127**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (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 FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/05/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, 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 17, 2019 6509806

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Kaycion Maid**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Felicia Maid (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00840**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Timothy Randolph (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 05, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/05/2019**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM A, 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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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Jovante Walker**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shana Barnes-Jennings (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01127**

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
October 17, 2019 6509806

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Kaycion Maid**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Felicia Maid (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00840**

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October 07, 2019 6509834



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**COMING SUNDAY**  
THE INSIDE STORY ON WHAT LED TO THE BEARS DRAFTING MITCH TRUBISKY

## Finding commonalities in Trubisky's 3 TDs

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears ended their four-game losing streak Sunday with a 20-13 win over the Lions. Here's one observation from rewatching the CBS telecast and coaches' film via the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

**Mitch Trubisky's three touchdown passes should provide an offensive spark — or at least prove to the Bears they can do it.**



**UP NEXT | Bears at Rams**  
7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5  
■ Al Michaels talks Bears-Rams. **Page 2**

All three touchdowns were fantastic, really. The type of synchronized 11-man performance that makes you say: OK, just do that — again and again and again. As if it were that simple. But for three plays, anyway, Trubisky and the Bears made it look easy.

All three passes were perfect. Perfect timing. Per-

fect placement. Perfect touch. "When 11 guys do their job," coach Matt Nagy said Monday, "then he's able to be better at his job, and I think that's what you take away from it."

The Bears have correctly insisted Trubisky isn't the only player underperforming on offense. And that has been well-documented —

from the lack of tight end production to lost blocks along the offensive line, etc. To that point, it's fair to ask how many problems can good quarterback play reasonably be expected to cover up? Trubisky's ongoing challenge is to overcome and compensate for breakdowns around him.

On the three touchdowns, however, everything worked. No need to pick up for other guys.

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# LOVIE SMITH FLIPS THE SWITCH

Reversal of coach's career trajectory is even more stunning than Illinois stacking 4 wins



**DAVID HAUGH**  
*In the Wake of the News*

For one day last month, Lovie Smith the football coach became Lovie Smith the history professor.

His lesson to Illinois players covered the 2005 Bears, a resilient bunch of guys who reached out recently to remind Smith of that pivotal time in their lives.

"I'm not going to name names, but a lot of people called and said, 'Hey, Lovie, remember when we did this?'" Smith said Tuesday in a phone interview.

**THE ILLINI'S LAST 4**

- Def. Wisconsin 24-23
  - Def. Purdue 24-6
  - Def. Rutgers 38-10
  - Def. Michigan St. 37-34
- Trailed 20-7 vs. Wisconsin and 28-3 at Michigan State

**THE ILLINI'S NEXT 2**

- Nov. 23 at Iowa
- Nov. 30 vs. Northwestern

**BOWL GAME**

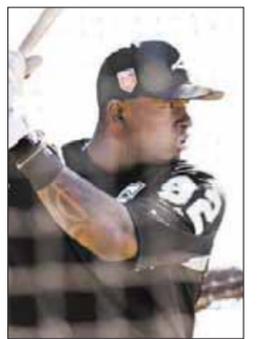
Yes, for the first time since 2014.

"We started 1-3 but then went on a run and won eight straight. Experiences like that teach you an awful lot!"

It taught Smith to keep believing, even when many people wondered why.

Statistics say Illinois pulled off its greatest comeback Saturday by turning a 28-3 deficit into a 37-34 victory over Michigan State.

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Luis Robert takes batting practice at Camelback Ranch in the spring.

## Off-season decisions ahead on Robert

Sox trying to figure out where prospect fits in



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
*On the White Sox*

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — While the White Sox seem poised to make some noise this winter, one of the more important decisions they'll have to make before opening day is whether to go north with top prospect Luis Robert.

If this seems like a rerun, that's because it is.

Last offseason, when they made a failed bid to sign megabucks free agent Manny Machado, the Sox also faced the big decision of whether to start the season with top prospect Eloy Jimenez on the major-league roster or wait a few weeks to call him up after he spent the requisite time in the minors to delay his free agency from 2025 to 2026.

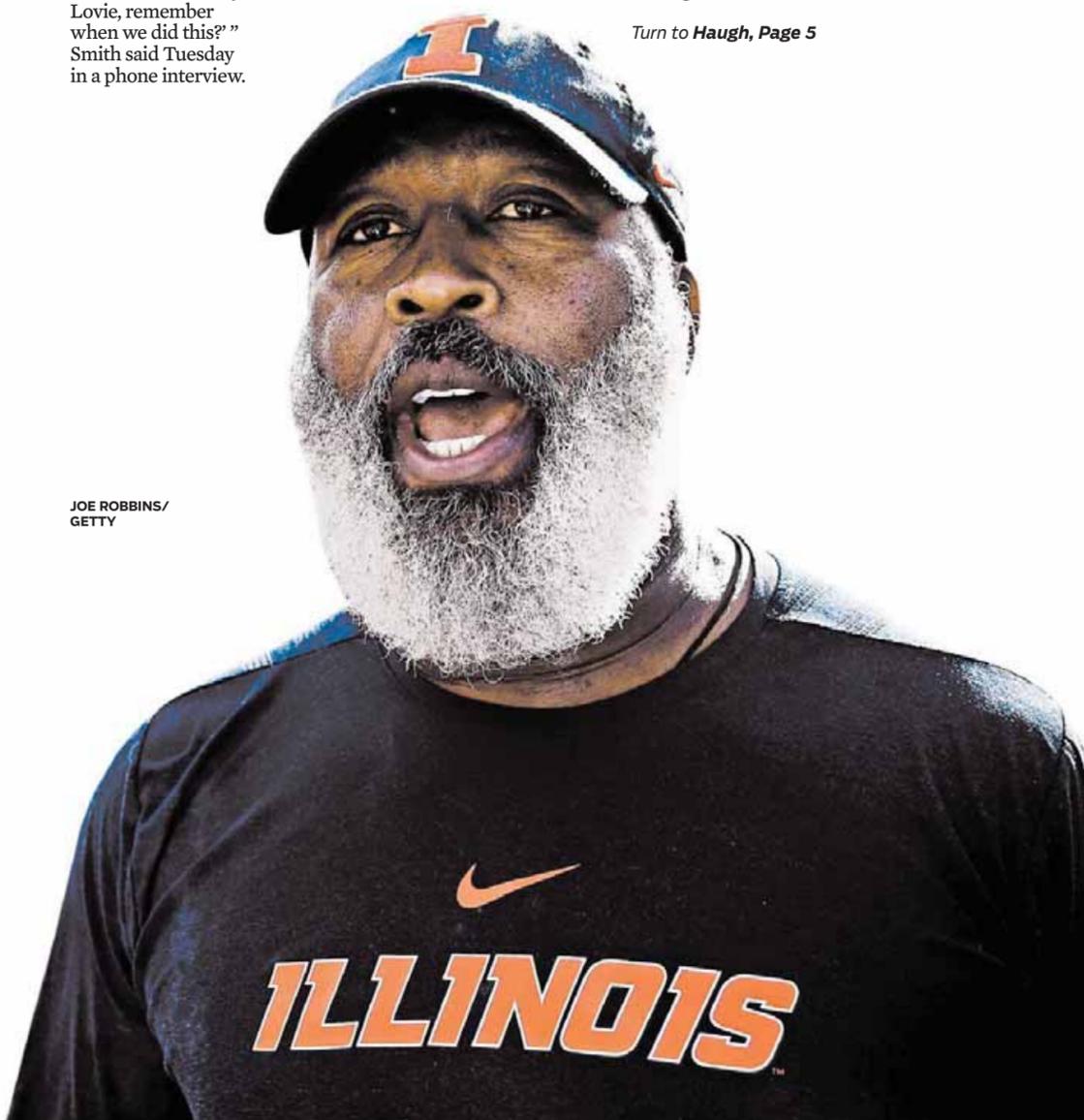
The Sox solved that thorny problem by signing Jimenez in March to a six-year, \$43 million deal with two club options worth another \$35 million that would potentially keep him in a Sox uniform through 2026. It was the biggest contract ever for a player with no major-league service time, not including Japanese free agents.

Will the Sox try to reach a similar long-term deal with Robert, allowing them to bring up the center fielder for the entire season and keep him around through his first couple of free-agent years?

General manager Rick Hahn said Tuesday at the GM meetings that it always has been a priority to get young talent under team control for as long as possible.

"Look, that's not new," Hahn said. "Eloy was new because he had no big-league time. But that goes back to (Mark) Buehrle, (Paul) Konerko, Carlos Lee, right up through (Adam) Eaton, (Chris) Sale, (Jose) Quintana.

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Bears, Rams just not same

Of course, Al Michaels remembers his first Bears-Rams game.

Like the one he'll call Sunday night for NBC, it was at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

It was November 1958 — Nov. 2, to be precise — and although Michaels was a junior-high student at the time, not quite 14, his recollection is nearly as crisp and crystalline as his prime-time play-by-play.

"It was 10 days after we moved out here from New York," Michaels said Tuesday from the backyard of his Southern California home. "My father took my brother and me to the Coliseum. Rams won the game 41-35.

"Jaguar" Jon Arnett of the Rams had a gigantic day. You had George Halas (coaching) on one side and Sid Gillman on the other side and it was wild. Billy Wade was the Rams quarterback, and then of course he goes on to play several years in Chicago. So that was my indoctrination to the Los Angeles Coliseum."

Tuesday was Michaels' 75th birthday. But save for the memories — both his and those he has been a part of for everyone else over the last 40s years or so — one might not know that's his age, which is how he prefers it.

"I'm not sure I'm acknowledging (birthdays) these days," he said. "What can I tell you? In my mind, I'm still 28, and that's the way I'm keeping it."

But he's a 28-year-old who remembers watching the Bears and Rams from 40-yard-line seats his father managed to snag 61 years ago.

"You know what the attendance was that day? In 1958, before the NFL was the NFL as we know it? It was 100,470," Michaels said. "One-zero-zero, four-seven-oh. When people say to me, L.A.'s not going to support a football team or two, I go, 'Hold on a second.' The population of Southern California then was half what it is right now and you had 100,000 people going to an NFL game."

Virtually nothing is the same as it was then, not even the Coliseum, which today reports a capacity of 78,500.

For that matter, plenty has changed just since the beginning of the season when this year's Bears-Rams game looked like a showdown of NFC elites.

The Bears are 4-5. The Rams, defending conference champs, are 5-4.



RON JENKINS/AP

NBC broadcaster Al Michaels says there's "something missing" from the Bears.

Both are looking to salvage seasons that have gone awry and need a victory Sunday.

"It's different, but the magnitude of it is still important," said Michaels, the primary play-by-play voice of NFL prime-time TV broadcasts since 1986, first on ABC's "Monday Night Football" and now NBC's "Sunday Night Football." "This is a pivotal game for both teams.

"The Bears are trying to get back to .500, the Rams trying to avoid going to .500. They're both in dicey positions. I don't think either team can look seriously at a division title right now, but the wild-card thing is still up for grabs."

It was less than three months ago that Michaels, NBC analyst Cris Collinsworth and "SNF" reporter Michele Tafoya were, like so many, dismissive of Sports Illustrated's prediction — the Bears would finish 7-9 this season.

But, at the very least, that's now plausible.

"I thought that was kind of ridiculous," Michaels said. The Bears were "coming off a 12-4 season. You figure (quarterback Mitch) Trubisky's going to be better than he was last year. But you don't know how it's going to play out.

"The Rams in a way are in the same category right now. They'd been to the Super Bowl. They had everybody back, they've got the brilliant young coach.

"There are a lot of similarities between the two teams, but here they are, fighting

for their wild-card lives right now. This is why we love sports. Because you don't know."

Many people think they know how and why. Michaels isn't necessarily among them. There simply are too many variables for him to be sure what's gone wrong.

"I've watched a number of Bears games," Michaels said. "They just don't seem to be in sync offensively for whatever reason. Nothing seems to have really jelled to this point.

"The defense, which was going to be completely suffocating, has been a little bit less than that. But it's always been a combination of factors that create this sort of situation."

Similarly, the Rams had a remarkably high-powered offense last season. Yet in Sunday's 17-12 loss to the Steelers, their defense accounted for their only touchdown, which Michaels said is "crazy" too.

"People like to simplify it and take complex situations and say, 'This is the reason,'" he said. "You know in sports, when you've got 22 men on the field, 11 on 11, and you've got 70 or 80 plays in a game, there are a number of things that happen in a game that create what transpires.

"Just looking at the Bears, there's something missing. To me it's a combination of factors, but that doesn't mean you don't get it back. There's still plenty of time to get it back, and we'll see if they can."

It would be the stuff of memories.

### LET'S PLAY 2

	<b>Sunday</b> @Rams 7:20 p.m. NBC-5	<b>Nov. 24</b> Giants Noon FOX-32
	<b>Wednesday</b> @G. Knights 9 p.m. NBCSN	<b>Saturday</b> @Predators 7 p.m. NBCSCH+
	<b>Thursday</b> @Bucks 7 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Saturday</b> Nets 5 p.m. NBCSCH

### WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Clippers at Rockets	ESPN
9 p.m.	Warriors at Lakers	ESPN

<b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>		
5 p.m.	LSU at VCU	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Villanova at Ohio State	FS1
6 p.m.	McNeese State at Wisconsin	BTN
6 p.m.	Saint Joseph's at UConn	CBSSN
8 p.m.	Providence at Northwestern	BTN
		WMVP-AM 1000
8 p.m.	Purdue at Marquette	FS1
8 p.m.	Okla. St. at C. of Charleston	CBSSN

<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>		
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BRAD BIGGS

Will the Bears make the playoffs? @mtully05

They kept slim chances alive with the win over the Lions, but the Bears have the 10th most difficult remaining schedule. The Bears are 3½ games behind the Packers in the NFC North, and there are four teams ahead of them in the race for two wild-card spots. According to playoffstatus.com, the Bears have a 4% chance of reaching the postseason.

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## BEARS



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Bears safety Eddie Jackson, right, defends Lions tight end T.J. Hockenson on Sunday.

## WHAT WE LEARNED

# Jackson getting antsy for big play

BY DAN WIEDERER

With Sunday's 20-13 win over the Lions providing a boost of energy, the Bears are turning their attention to Sunday's prime-time game against the Rams in Los Angeles. The team will be back on the practice field at Halas Hall on Wednesday working to get back to .500.

With that in mind, here are three things we have learned this week.

## 1. The big-play drought is gnawing at Eddie Jackson.

Bears safety Eddie Jackson acknowledged his frustration Tuesday.

"This is the longest I've ever gone in my life, since I've been playing football, without an interception, without a touchdown," Jackson said. "Ever. So it's getting stressful."

Jackson's last interception? That came off Aaron Rodgers in Week 15 last season.

His last touchdown? Three weeks earlier when he returned an interception off Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford for a game-winning score on Thanksgiving.

Still, Jackson knows he has to keep his patience and avoid the trap of pressing to make something happen.

"It's hard doing that," he said. "Especially having the type of secondary we have back there. And even the confidence I have in myself as the type of player I am, you want to jump in. But you've got to say, 'OK, I'm going to just take care of this.'"

"I feel like they're going to come. ... It's going to come. That's all I keep telling myself."

Jackson remains pleased with the way he is performing even if his statistical production has lagged behind his All-Pro season of 2018. Against the Lions on Sunday, Jackson felt he was close to getting his first pick of the season on multiple occasions. In the second quarter, he broke on a pass to tight end T.J. Hockenson and was initially called for pass interference. But officials picked up the flag after determining Jackson made a legal break on the ball. On the game's final drive, Jackson almost made a diving pick on a deep shot to Hockenson down the middle of the field.

"I feel like I'm still playing well," Jackson said. "But I'm one of my biggest critics. Just trying to get in more positions to make plays, if that makes any sense. But it's a different system with different things (involved). So you've just got to buy in and control what you can control. Just dominate my square and my man. Whatever I'm in, I've just got to dominate that."

## 2. Quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone was ecstatic with Mitch Trubisky's TD pass to Taylor Gabriel.

Mitch Trubisky's 24-yard touchdown pass to Taylor Gabriel in the third quarter against the Lions gave the Bears a 20-6 lead. It came on a third-and-9 and allowed the Bears to convert a takeaway into a touchdown for the first time since Week 5. The quarterback's anticipation on the pass impressed Ragone.

"With that play in particular," Ragone said, "we had repped it all week in practice. And when he let it go, when you watch it on the coaches copy, (Gabriel) has just come out of the break. It wasn't like he was wide open. And the touch with which he threw it? We always talk in our quarterbacks room about, 'Hey, be a passer not just a thrower.' What that means is you have to sometimes be able to take something off it. That club selection-type thing."

Ragone highlighted that throw along with Trubisky's 18-yard touchdown pass to Ben Braunecker and a 33-yard completion to Allen Robinson on a deep ball as encouraging signs within Trubisky's winning performance Sunday.

"Those are some of the better throws I've seen since I've been with him," Ragone said.

## 3. Nick Kwiatkoski's emergency contributions have been clutch but nothing new.

When Danny Trevathan suffered a gruesome elbow injury in Sunday's win over the Lions, Kwiatkoski was ready to go. The fourth-year linebacker ended up playing 65 snaps on defense and contributed nine tackles, a sack and an interception. Kwiatkoski's pick of Lions quarterback Jeff Driskel set up the Bears offense for a short-field touchdown drive that increased their lead to 20-6.

The reaction among Kwiatkoski's teammates and coaches? Same 'ol Kwit.

Linebackers coach Mark DeLeone found Kwiatkoski after the game and again Monday morning.

"I just told him that I was really proud of him," DeLeone said. "What he's done this year when he's gotten his opportunities, that's what we always talk about."

In Week 4, the veteran linebacker started when Roquan Smith was a surprising scratch because of what the team identified as personal reasons. In that day's win over the Vikings, Kwiatkoski contributed nine tackles, a sack and a forced fumble.

Said DeLeone: "Nick is a guy who prepares like a pro, plays like a pro, is ready for anything."

## ZEKE BRATKOWSKI 1931-2019

# Ex-Bear QB backed up Starr with Pack

Associated Press



Bratkowski

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Zeke Bratkowski, the quarterback who backed up Bart Starr during the Green Bay Packers' 1960s dynasty, has died at his Florida home. He was 88.

The team announced his death late Monday but did not disclose further details.

The Packers Hall of Famer was a quarterback in Green Bay from 1963-1968 and again in 1971.

Bratkowski, who grew up in Danville, Ill., was a star at the University of Georgia before the Bears picked him 17th overall in the second round of the 1953 draft. He played five seasons in Chicago, appearing in 59 games and starting 16.

He played for the Rams in 1960 after his military service as an Air Force pilot in 1958 and 1959, then joined the Packers in 1961.

One of Bratkowski's most notable per-

formances in relief of an injured Starr came in 1965, a 13-10 overtime playoff win over the Baltimore Colts that sent the Packers to the title game against Cleveland.

They beat the Browns for what would be the first of three straight championship seasons.

He won 10 of his 14 starts for the Packers, completing 265 passes in 498 attempts for 3,576 passing yards and 24 touchdowns.

His death comes six months after Starr died at 85. Under coach Vince Lombardi, Starr led Green Bay to six division titles, five NFL championships and wins in the first two Super Bowls.

"I've tried to pattern myself after Bart," Bratkowski said in 1967, according to the Packers. "We study the movies together and go over the game plan together. I try to think as much like he does as I can so the team will not have to make a big adjustment if I'm needed."

## NFL POWER RANKINGS

# Ravens' rise continues

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



**1. Ravens 7-2 (Last week: 3):** Lamar Jackson is on pace to pass for 3,620 yards and 27 TDs and rush for 1,248 yards and 11 scores — mind-boggling projections.



**2. Patriots 8-1 (4):** The Patriots, who were off last week, had a schedule crammed with cream puffs before a loss to the Ravens. Things are about to get tougher.



**3. Packers 8-2 (7):** LB Preston Smith became the first player on the Packers to reach double-digit sacks after getting two in a win over the Panthers.



**4. Seahawks 8-2 (8):** The Seahawks answered questions about their defense in a gritty OT victory over the 49ers. Jadeveon Clowney dominated off the edge.



**5. 49ers 8-1 (2):** A potential storybook ending for rookie Chase McLaughlin turned into a nightmare as he shanked a 47-yard FG try wide left in OT.



**6. Saints 7-2 (1):** The Saints dropped from the No. 1 spot after just a one-week stay in the wake of their upset loss at home to the struggling Falcons.



**7. Texans 6-3 (6):** The Texans come out of their open date having won four of their last five games and sitting a game ahead of the Colts in the AFC South.



**8. Vikings 7-3 (12):** If Christian McCaffrey wasn't putting together such a monstrous season for the Panthers, Vikings RB Dalvin Cook might be getting MVP hype.



**9. Chiefs 6-4 (5):** The return of Patrick Mahomes wasn't enough to lift the Chiefs over the Titans. Like a lot of teams, the Chiefs have an imperfect roster.



**10. Steelers 5-4 (17):** Mike Tomlin is working magic with a Steelers team that was left for dead after an 0-3 start and the season-ending injury to Big Ben.



**11. Cowboys 5-4 (11):** Bad run defense and tackling, inept red-zone offense and poor game management near the end spelled doom for the Cowboys against the Vikings.



**12. Eagles 5-4 (13):** How desperate are the Eagles as wide receiver? They've brought back journeyman Jordan Matthews for a third tour with the team.



**13. Colts 5-4 (9):** The Colts now trail the Texans in the AFC South. The hope is QB Jacoby Brissett will be cleared to face the Jaguars this week.



**14. Rams 5-4 (10):** QB Jared Goff has been shaky. He's averaging 70 yards per attempt with 17 TD passes, 16 picks and a 79.2 passer rating over his last 16 games.



**15. Titans 5-5 (21):** QB Ryan Tannehill came up big in the upset of the Chiefs. He has six games remaining to improve his resume when looking ahead to free agency.



**16. Raiders 5-4 (18):** The Raiders' revival under Jon Gruden promises to be a big storyline in Las Vegas next season if the team can continue to play well.



**17. Panthers 5-4 (16):** The Panthers claimed veteran RB Mike Davis off waivers. They want a fresh back to take a little of the load off Christian McCaffrey.



**18. Bills 6-3 (14):** The Bills haven't been beating the good teams on their schedule, and then they lost to a bad one, falling 19-16 to the lowly Browns in Cleveland.



**19. Bears 4-5 (22):** A four-game losing streak ended after the Bears scored TDs on three consecutive possessions in the middle of a 20-13 win over the Lions.



**20. Jaguars 4-5 (20):** WR DJ Chark really took off playing with Gardner Minshew. Will Chark keep it up now that Nick Foles is back under center?



**21. Chargers 4-6 (15):** The Chargers traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo., for a week of practice before a Monday night meeting with the Chiefs in Mexico City.



**22. Lions 3-5-1 (19):** It's hard to make sense of what happened with Matthew Stafford, whose consecutive-starts streak ended at 136 when he didn't face the Bears.



**23. Browns 3-6 (26):** The Browns ended a four-game skid by edging the Bills at home. Nick Chubb has been one of the few bright spots for an inconsistent offense.



**24. Buccaneers 3-6 (27):** Maybe there's a future for Jameis Winston with the Bucs after all. The offense is producing. It ranks fourth in the NFL at 28.9 points per game.



**25. Cardinals 3-6-1 (23):** David Johnson was benched in the loss to the Bucs after losing a fumble. They made the change to keep newly acquired Kenyan Drake rolling.



**26. Broncos 3-6 (24):** Nickel CB Bryce Callahan, a key free-agent signing, missed the preseason with a foot injury. There's a 50/50 chance he plays later this season.



**27. Falcons 2-7 (29):** Where was this team in the first eight games? The Falcons went into New Orleans and demolished the Saints, sacking Drew Brees six times.



**28. Dolphins 2-7 (28):** The Dolphins' shot at the No. 1 pick is really fizzling. They have won two straight games, most recently beating the Colts in Indianapolis.



**29. Jets 2-7 (31):** The Jets managed to stop the bleeding as they held off the Giants, but G Brian Winters and TE Chris Herndon suffered season-ending injuries.



**30. Giants 2-8 (25):** The Giants have lost six straight games. Rookie QB Daniel Jones continues to be a turnover machine with eight INTs and nine lost fumbles.



**31. Redskins 1-8 (30):** The Redskins emerged from their week off with first-round draft pick Dwayne Haskins set to start at QB the rest of the season.



**32. Bengals 0-9 (32):** The Bengals' chances of running the table and going 0-16 seems remote. There are some real duds on their remaining schedule.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Colin Kaepernick will host a workout Saturday that will be open to all 32 teams.

## NFL

# Kaepernick set to hold workout

News services

The NFL has arranged for quarterback Colin Kaepernick, a free agent, to work out for teams at the Falcons facility in Flowery Branch, Ga., on Saturday.

A memo about the workout went out to all 32 teams Tuesday.

Kaepernick, who guided the 49ers to the Super Bowl in the 2012 season, started a league-wide movement to kneel during the national anthem to protest social and racial injustices and police brutality and hasn't played since opting out of his contract March 3, 2017.

All 32 teams were invited to the private workout which will include an interview, measurements and other QB drills. It will be recorded and provided to all league teams.

Kaepernick filed a grievance through the NFLPA against NFL on Oct. 16, 2017. The grievance between Kaepernick and Panthers safety Eric Reid was settled in February. Terms weren't released.

**NFC West race tightens:** Coach Kyle Shanahan easily could have played for a tie at the end of overtime and protected the 49ers' safe lead in their division.

Instead, his decision to put the ball in Jimmy Garoppolo's hands backfired, giving the Seahawks plenty of time to rally for a game-winning field goal that tightened the NFC West race significantly.

With a chance to drive to the winning score or burn precious time off the clock, Garoppolo threw three straight incomplete passes late in OT, setting the stage for Russell Wilson to put the Seahawks in position for Jason Myers' 42-yard kick that handed the 49ers a 27-24 home loss for their first defeat of the season Monday night.

"It's a little gut check taking this L tonight," defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said. "But we're going to bounce back."

The 49ers (8-1) had their chance to win in OT after Dre Greenlaw intercepted a pass from Wilson at the 4 on the opening drive of the extra session and returned it to the Seahawks 49.

The 49ers then drove down to the 29 before fill-in kicker Chase McLaughlin, signed last week when Robbie Gould injured his quadriceps in practice, missed badly to the left.

**Extra points:** ESPN reported that RB Saquon Barkley underwent X-rays after suffering a shoulder injury during the Giants' loss to the Jets, but that the injury doesn't appear serious. The Giants are off this week. ... ESPN reported that WR Tyler Lockett suffered a serious bruise to his shin during the Seahawks' win over the 49ers and was hospitalized, but it's possible he won't miss any games. The Seahawks are off this week. ... The Buccaneers waived CB Vernon Hargreaves. The No. 11 overall pick in the 2016 draft started 33 of 35 games he appeared in over four seasons. ... The Bengals cut LB Preston Brown. The sixth-year player signed a three-year, \$16.5 million deal with \$4.8 million guaranteed in March but was replaced in the starting lineup for Sunday's loss to the Ravens.



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## BEARS

### Trubisky

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Sure, the Lions entered the game ranked 31st in total defense, but the Bears offense features some equally unflattering rankings. Let's look closely at each touchdown:

**The 18-yard corner route to tight end Ben Braunecker:** On second-and-5, the Bears had an empty backfield with three eligible receivers to the right and two to the left. The Lions played man-to-man (as they did for much of the game) with a single safety and a spy on Trubisky.

That left the Lions with a four-man pass rush, which the Bears' five-man line handled with no problem. Tackles Charles Leno and Bobby Massie won one-on-one edge blocks, while center Cody Whitehair helped guards James Daniels and Rashaad Coward with the two interior linemen. Trubisky's pocket was as good as any quarterback could ask for.

Braunecker, the closest receiver to the formation on the right, ran a corner route he and Trubisky had repeatedly practiced.

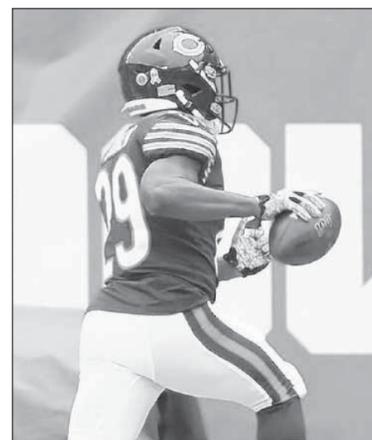
"It was something I had been visualizing for the whole week," Braunecker said. "That was my play."

Knowing his role would be elevated with Adam Shaheen inactive, Braunecker detailed his route during practice and took it to the game. Not only did he get safety Will Harris to open his hips with a hard left-footed step at 8 yards, he fought through Harris' contact with a strong swim move.

That got Braunecker enough separation for Trubisky to be confident in the decision to throw. Trubisky hitched as he made sure Braunecker cleared the safety and gauged Braunecker's angle to the corner, but it didn't wreck the play's timing because the pocket was clean and because Trubisky is athletic enough to reset.

"I love that he was able to do that (one perfect hitch) but still throw the ball," quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone said. "Like we always talk about — club selection. I thought that was a great one. He put just enough air on it, and obviously Ben made a tremendous catch, and it was a great route. Those type of plays (in the red zone), that's the consistency — those are the throws that you'd love to see and build on and hopefully move forward with."

**The 9-yard swing pass to running back Tarik Cohen:** The three receivers to the left of the formation each ran some type of pick or obstruction toward the formation. Taylor Gabriel, Allen Robinson and Cordarrelle Patterson misdirected their defenders in man-to-man coverage and/or got in the way of other defenders trying to chase Cohen into the left flat.



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Bears running back Tarik Cohen scores on a reception against the Lions on Sunday.

In other words, the play was well-designed to exploit Cohen's speed and beat man coverage — a theme in this game.

Nagy highlighted the three receivers for being unselfish on the play. Linebacker Christian "Cheese" Jones got caught in traffic and ended up trailing Cohen. Meanwhile, Trubisky had to throw the swing pass in front of Cohen so he wouldn't have to break stride and so he could outrun the defense to the end zone. He did exactly that.

**The 24-yard seam-corner to receiver Taylor Gabriel:** Gabriel's well-defined route against cornerback Mike Ford, who was playing man-to-man, enabled him to separate toward the right corner of the end zone. With Ford trailing him straight up the field, Gabriel broke deliberately to the outside, which allowed him to use his speed to out-leverage the safety in the deep middle and Ford.

Trubisky's throw was, once again, in front of Gabriel where he could run under it and where only he could catch it. Great throw with perfect touch. And the offensive line deserves a lot of credit for allowing the long-developing play to unfold.

With a four-man rush, the Lions looped right defensive end Trey Flowers underneath the two interior linemen, similarly to how the Eagles got to Trubisky a couple of times the previous game. It tests communication among the offensive linemen. The two linemen to Whitehair's left passed Flowers off to him, and Whitehair was well-positioned to make the block. Trubisky's pocket was clean.

You see the commonalities among all three touchdowns: great protection, detailed routes, advantageous play design against specific coverage and accurate throws. Now let's see the Bears take that to the road Sunday night against the Rams.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Tide should roll down rankings



LSU wide receiver Justin Jefferson celebrates during the Tigers' 46-41 victory over Alabama on Saturday.

VASHA HUNT/AP

With loss, weak schedule, Alabama deserves less



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
On college football

Minnesota rose. Alabama fell. We knew this would happen after Saturday's results; we just didn't know by how much. The Gophers climbed all the way from No. 17 to No. 8 in the College Football

Playoff rankings released Tuesday night. That's fair.

The Crimson Tide slid from 3 to 5. That's not enough.

This needs to be the year, finally, when the committee follows through on its goal of rewarding and penalizing teams for how they schedule. Alabama chose to schedule three scrimmages — home dates with New Mexico State, Southern Miss and Western Carolina — plus a barely challenging affair with Duke, a team Notre Dame undressed Saturday in Durham, N.C.

That's four soft games, combined with the SEC's insistence on playing just eight conference games.

Alabama not only lost at home to LSU, the Crimson Tide yielded 46 points and 559 yards. If Alabama doesn't get penalized for the defeat, why bother to play the games? Just take the Crimson Tide's recent run of dominance and its top-5 annual recruiting class ranking and put them in the playoff every year.

No, that's not how it works. Or not how it should work.

Best team is largely subjective. Most deserving is based on facts. And that's the basis on which the four playoff teams should be selected.

Alabama's most impressive victory came against Texas A&M. The Aggies' 6-3 record looks good until you consider that they've benefited from more joke-a-thon scheduling — Texas State, Lamar and UTSA.

LSU rose to No. 1 after beating Alabama, followed by Ohio State and Clemson.

I have no problem with Georgia at No. 4 because the Bulldogs played, and beat, quality teams in Notre Dame and Florida.

We're in mid-November, and Alabama has played two road games.

If you're that good, prove it.

The Gophers took forever to show they're worthy of being in the top 10. But did they ever in blasting Penn State 31-26 to take out what had been the fourth-ranked team.

At No. 8 with three potential games left against ranked teams, the Gophers are in no danger of finishing 13-0 and not getting a playoff bid.

"We've got a lot of work left to do," coach P.J. Fleck said on ESPN. "We've got a big rivalry game against Iowa (on Saturday). We haven't won at Kinnick Stadium in 20 years."

It's true. The Gophers beat Iowa on the road in 1999. Since then they've lost eight times. That helps explain why Iowa, at 6-3, is favored (by 2½ points) over 9-0 Minnesota.

Perceptions change slowly, sometimes too slowly.

Just look at those, including ESPN pundit Paul Finebaum, who think Alabama should have remained in the top four. Why? Because it's Alabama.

## Haugh

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But perhaps an even greater revival, harder to quantify, involved Smith, whose unshakable faith was rewarded with the program's first bowl eligibility since 2014.

Midway through his fourth year at Illinois, Smith's career had become as sleepy as his east Texas drawl. An ignominious ending loomed for a proud coach who has spent 36 years in the profession viewing the glass half-full. Even the most eternal optimists would have struggled envisioning the 61-year-old reversing the direction of his tenure after Illinois trailed Michigan 28-0 in the second quarter Oct. 12 on its way to Smith's 31st loss in 42 games.

Then something inexplicable happened: The Illini scored 25 consecutive points, still losing 42-25 but winning valuable confidence.

"Sometimes when you get pushed up against the wall, you don't have any option but to come out swinging," Smith said.

That approach carried over the next week against then-sixth-ranked Wisconsin, Smith's 24-23 signature victory marked in indelible ink. Three more impressive victories followed for the impressionable Illini, capped by the improbable 25-point rally in East Lansing, Mich., that created as much exuberance as you ever will see from the stoic coach.

Smith embraced athletic director Josh Whitman after Whitman's hug lifted him off the ground — returning the favor after Smith swept Whitman off his feet when interviewing in March 2016. He smiled while sitting on the shoulders of Illini players. He laughed after getting doused with two buckets of Gatorade, soaking his distinctive Santa Claus beard. He grabbed the microphone at the postgame news conference, grinned wryly and said, "We're going bowling, it's as simple as that."

Anybody who knows Smith knows the simpler the better.

I have known Smith since the day he arrived at Halas Hall on Jan. 15, 2004, to coach the Bears. I remember the joy on Smith's face the first time he beat the Packers. I saw Smith savor the NFC



WARREN SKALSKI/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lovie Smith's fortunes have changed dramatically as Illinois has won four in a row.

championship victory Jan. 21, 2007, as snow fell at Soldier Field. I never have sensed more satisfaction from Smith than seeing him celebrate the Illini becoming bowl-eligible.

"I would say Saturday is about as rewarding a time as I've had coaching, for so many reasons," Smith said. "To see what this team has done in coming back. This group has done everything we've asked. The players deserve this."

And Smith has earned his share of credit. Around the conference, Minnesota's P.J. Fleck has the Gophers 9-0 for the first time since 1904. Indiana's Tom Allen has the Hoosiers ranked for the first time in 25 years. Ohio State's Ryan Day has seamlessly succeeded a coaching legend in Urban Meyer. But Smith's credentials in coaching the most out of the Illini qualify him as a legitimate Big Ten Coach of the Year candidate.

At halftime of the Michigan game, down 28-7, many of us started speculating about Smith's exit strategy. Yet he never doubted and his players never quit, outscoring opponents 141-87 in the 18 quarters since. Winning at Illinois no longer was a concept

## WR Smalling to miss rest of season after undergoing knee surgery

BY SHANNON RYAN

Illinois wide receiver Ricky Smalling underwent season-ending knee surgery, coach Lovie Smith said in a statement Tuesday.

Smalling, a junior who played at Brother Rice, suffered the injury during the Oct. 19 victory against Wisconsin. Despite missing the last three games, he is second on the team with 24 receptions and third with 225 receiving yards. He had started 28 straight games before being sidelined.

Smalling is the second receiver the Illini have lost for the season. Trevon Sidney underwent surgery on his injured hamstring after the Minnesota game Oct. 5. And receiver Dominic Stampley sat out

that required a good imagination or memory. Here, finally, was the success Smith promised at his opening news conference, and sustaining it seems more realistic after last summer's opening of the \$79.2 million Henry Dale and Betty Smith Football Center.

"Our coaches have done a super job when we had one of the worst facilities in college football," Smith said. "We always knew there were two things we had to do before taking the next step: One, have a state-of-the-art facility — and we're so grateful to so many people who had faith in us to give money before they saw product on the field — and two, we had to put a better product on the field to show recruits we're close."

Resourceful quarterback Brandon Peters, a graduate transfer from Michigan, immediately brought them closer. Peters, who threw for 369 yards and three touchdowns against Michigan State, keeps beating defenses that dare him to throw the ball in offensive coordinator Rod Smith's ideal system. Wide receiver Josh Imatorbhehe, one of three graduate transfers from USC, caught four of Peters' passes Saturday for 178 yards and two

Saturday's win over Michigan State with an undisclosed injury.

The Illini (6-4, 4-3 Big Ten) — who have won four straight games to become bowl-eligible for the first time in five years — are idle this week and hope to get some other injured players back for the Oct. 23 game at Iowa.

Linebacker Jake Hansen, who's second on the team in tackles (72) and sacks (3 ½), did not travel to the Michigan State game because of an unspecified injury. And defensive end Oluwole Betiku Jr., the team leader with eight sacks and 11 ½ tackles for a loss, has missed the last three games with an ankle injury he suffered during the Wisconsin game.

Smith has not specified a timetable for Hansen or Betiku to return.

touchdowns, which earned him Big Ten co-offensive player of the week honors.

Safety Sydney Brown, who returned one of his two interceptions 76 yards for a touchdown, was the conference's co-defensive player of the week. Illinois leads the nation with six defensive touchdowns and 26 takeaways, exactly what Smith had in mind when he took over defensive play-calling duties this year.

"We don't pay lip service to it," Smith said of the takeaways. "It's a systematic way that we go about teaching it. I don't think it's just by chance it happens."

What happens now that Smith has fulfilled his promise? More history awaits.

"I've said all along our best team is next year's team, not this one," Smith said. "I love what I do."

"How many coaches in a state get a chance to coach the professional football team and flagship university? We're just getting started."

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CUBS & WHITE SOX

# Cubs still respected by rivals

Brewers, Cardinals don't think Epstein will downsize

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Congratulations were in order to Brewers general manager David Stearns for causing the Cubs to get rid of their manager, make wholesale changes in the front office and coaching staff, threaten to deal some of their stars and concede the division race in 2020.

That may not all be true, but in back-to-back seasons the upstart Brewers have blown past the Cubs in September, beating them in Game 163 in 2018 and knocking them out of the second wild-card spot this year to force wholesale changes in the organization.

Does Stearns take any joy in battering the Cubs into submission?

"Stop, just stop," Stearns said. "That's a really good franchise with really good leadership."

But there's little doubt the Brewers played a major role in forcing the Cubs into massive upheaval this offseason. The embarrassment of having their small-market rival outdo them in consecutive seasons is partly responsible for the Cubs' attempt at a rebuild-on-the-fly.

"And they deserve credit to be ambitious enough to explore whatever they're exploring," Stearns said. "I think that's what good leadership and good front offices do."

Stearns declined to gloat, and for good reason. The Cubs still have a strong nucleus and the resources to add if they see fit, even if that seems like a pipe dream this winter. According to rosterresource.co, the Cubs rank fourth in the majors with a \$198 million payroll, while the Brewers are 21st at \$98 million.

Perhaps it's time for Brewers owner Mark Atanasio to give Stearns enough money to add an elite free-agent starter to the rotation to help offset the loss of catcher Yasmani Grandal, who opted out of his option year to become a free agent. Certainly Brewers fans who have supported the team so well deserve to see Christian Yelich surrounded by a few more stars.

"Sure," Stearns said of the fan support. "And we had a record payroll in 2019. We've had the ownership support that we need to compete in a really challenging division, and I certainly envision we'll continue to have that support."

Stearns declined to say whether he could sign a nine-figure starter, such as Stephen Strasburg, but insisted he can spend if needed to get the right free agent.



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Dexter Fowler, center right, celebrates with Marcell Ozuna (23) as the Cardinals surged past the Cubs late last season.

"When we have baseball operations recommendations that we think make sense for the organization, our ownership has been supportive," he said.

Meanwhile, the Cubs' archrivals from St. Louis should be set for the immediate future with dependable, young pitching. In an analysis by the website fivethirtyeight.com at the end of the 2019 season, the Cardinals led the majors with a combined 29.2 WAR from 117 pitchers they had drafted and signed since Theo Epstein was hired as Cubs president after 2011. The Cubs ranked 25th with a combined 2.2 WAR from 105 pitchers Epstein drafted and

signed over that same period.

The Cardinals also made one of the biggest deals of the offseason last year, acquiring Paul Goldschmidt for three prospects. It was a risky move, especially since the Cardinals didn't know if Goldschmidt would test free agency. He ultimately signed a five-year, \$130 million extension and helped lead the Cardinals to the division title.

Cardinals President John Mozeliak said Tuesday that moving two or three home-grown prospects in trades "can sometimes be a hefty blow to us. Because unlike some of our competitors, we're not in the largest of markets. So being prudent and smart

with the handling of the pipeline is really critical for our success."

Will the Cubs offseason maneuvering affect what the Cardinals will do?

"They're an organization that of course affects us," Mozeliak said. "They have resources no one else does in our position. Understanding what they're doing and why doesn't necessarily change how we make decisions, but it can certainly make us worry."

So, are you worried?

"I'm always worried," he said with a grin. Mozeliak was informed he didn't look at all worried.

"A little bit," he replied.

## Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Carp
  - 4 Regions
  - 9 Crusty wound covering
  - 13 Part of the ear
  - 14 "Beauty and the ..."
  - 15 Sheltered inlet
  - 16 Evict
  - 17 Abnormal heartbeat
  - 19 Tres minus dos
  - 20 No longer fresh
  - 21 Takes notice of
  - 22 Approach midnight
  - 24 Carrey or Belushi
  - 25 Gravies
  - 27 Break in a kid's school day
  - 30 Weasel's cousin
  - 31 Smooth and shiny
  - 33 Can top
  - 35 Passed away
  - 36 Slumber
  - 37 Alpha's follower
  - 38 \_\_\_ at once; suddenly
  - 39 Courted
  - 40 Panama or Suez
  - 41 Oppressive ruler
  - 43 Cheap & gaudy
  - 44 D's followers
  - 45 Furniture wood
  - 46 Skier's surface
  - 49 Glowed
- DOWN**
- 1 Person, place or thing
  - 2 Without a doubt
  - 3 Acquire
  - 4 Diminishes
  - 5 Aired again
  - 6 James \_\_\_ Jones
  - 7 Arthur with a racket
  - 8 Pig's abode
  - 9 Wily plot
  - 10 Arrive
  - 11 Enthusiastic
  - 12 Arthur & others
  - 13 Baseball's Gehrig
  - 18 \_\_\_-skinned; able to take criticism
  - 20 Ending for mob or dump
  - 23 \_\_\_ a test; passed easily
  - 24 Military vehicle
  - 25 Word before jerk or pop

**Solutions**

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26 Leaning  
27 Film critic Rex  
28 Thinnest  
29 Ravi Shankar's strings  
31 Opening for mail  
32 Gen. Robert E. \_\_\_  
34 Actor Tim \_\_\_  
36 Melody  
37 Cry hard  
39 Thin cookie  
40 \_\_\_ of Good Hope  
42 Regret one's sins  
43 Sunbathed  
45 Actress Mary Tyler \_\_\_

46 Close angrily  
47 Peru's largest city  
48 Sad news, for short  
49 Nighttime twinkler  
50 Stay out of sight  
52 Become dog-eared  
53 Extra bedroom, perhaps  
55 Isn't \_\_\_ to; probably won't  
56 \_\_\_ tai; rum cocktail



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White Sox GM Rick Hahn with Luis Robert after his signing on May 27, 2017.

## Sullivan

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"It's always been something we've been interested in doing and providing ourselves with some cost certainty and added control.

"That hasn't changed. We certainly see other teams doing it. It's getting more expensive, you may have noticed."

Hahn said the Sox try to determine if a player is "still going to be as hungry to win" with that security to start his career.

Does Robert fit that category?

"Sure," he replied. "I don't want to talk about specific guys we may or may not engage that on because inevitably they'll get to somebody and (fans will say), 'Nah, not him.' But sure, he certainly fits that category of a guy we project to be a really good player for a really long time, and we want that guy to be in a Sox uniform."

Robert's agent, Barry Praver, was seen talking with Sox executive vice president Ken Williams on Monday night at the Omni Scottsdale Resort and Spa during some downtime at the meetings. Whether Robert's future came up in the informal gathering of reporters, agents and executives was unknown.

The difference between Jimenez's situation this year and Robert's in 2020 is that Robert already has enjoyed a big payday. In May 2017 he received a \$26 million signing bonus when he signed with the Sox out of Cuba at age 19. Because he already has financial security, Robert might be more willing to wait for free agency instead of signing a team-friendly deal now.

Praver declined to comment on Robert's future Monday night.

When he signed, Robert said manager Rick Renteria told him "they are bringing me here to win several championships." The Sox aren't close to championship material yet, but we'll find out this offseason if they're serious about trying to contend in 2020.

If Robert is the real deal, which most believe, and the Sox think they can compete for the American League Central title next year with a few key additions, it would make sense to have him on the opening roster instead of keeping him at Triple-A Charlotte for 15 games.

Robert, 22, hit .328 at three minor-league stops in 2019 with 32 home runs, 92 RBIs and a 1.001 OPS. He played only 47 games for Charlotte and had 16 homers and five triples in 202 at-bats, but the Sox didn't call him up in September.

Hahn said the decision had nothing to do with Robert's service time and everything to do with the fact he played a career-high 122 games this year.

Hahn said Tuesday that Robert could make the team out of spring training.

"This will be, knock on wood, hopefully his first full healthy extended camp with something on the line in terms of making the club," he said. "And we'll go from there."

This is a key year for the rebuild. Hahn said at the outset in 2017 it would probably take five years. The Sox are now entering Year 4, and Hahn said he'll be as aggressive as last year trying to fill holes via trades or free agency.

"It all comes down to pricing in the end," Hahn said, declining to get into specifics.

"We're in a good spot purposely when we started this rebuild. We wanted to put ourselves in position where we had some economic flexibility when it came time to augment this core that we assembled. As we sit here, we enjoy that flexibility."

Missing out on Machado last year was a well-publicized failure, and Hahn said he'll keep his lips sealed while rumors surround the Sox to "be more focused on the baby as opposed to the labor in the end."

In other words, the lesson learned from last year was not to declare they're going for it.

"If last year we announced that (interest) perhaps a little too loudly, it was in response to the general narrative we weren't legitimate players for such talent," Hahn said.

Machado's interest, he said, proved the Sox could be players for big-name free agents.

"The message has already been delivered that we are a true destination for such talent," he said. "Now it's incumbent on us to convert on some along the way."

■ The Sox have named Scott Coolbaugh their assistant hitting coach. Coolbaugh, 53, was hitting coach for Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Dodgers organization last season and is a former hitting coach for the Rangers and Orioles.

## SCOREBOARD

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	11	3	4	26	64	48
Montreal	10	5	3	23	64	56
Florida	9	4	5	23	67	67
Toronto	9	6	4	22	64	62
Buffalo	9	6	2	20	50	48
Tampa Bay	8	5	2	18	52	52
Detroit	7	12	1	15	46	75
Ottawa	6	10	1	13	47	59

## METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	13	2	4	30	77	59
N.Y. Islanders	12	2	1	25	49	35
Philadelphia	10	5	2	22	56	52
Pittsburgh	10	6	2	22	60	47
Carolina	10	7	1	21	61	52
N.Y. Rangers	8	6	7	18	41	53
Columbus	6	8	4	16	42	61
New Jersey	5	7	4	14	42	62

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## CENTRAL

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	12	3	4	28	59	54
Colorado	11	5	2	24	66	49
Nashville	9	6	3	21	68	59
Winnipeg	10	8	1	21	51	58
Dallas	8	9	2	18	43	45
Chicago	6	7	4	16	45	53
Minnesota	6	11	1	13	47	63

## PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	12	6	2	26	61	54
Arizona	11	6	2	24	56	46
Vancouver	10	6	3	23	63	50
Calgary	10	7	3	23	59	58
Vegas	9	7	3	21	56	56
Anaheim	9	8	2	20	50	53
San Jose	8	10	1	17	54	67
Los Angeles	6	11	1	13	46	67

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

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 5, Boston 4 (SO)  
Montreal 3, Columbus 2 (SO)  
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2 (OT)  
Colorado 4, Winnipeg 0  
Arizona 3, St. Louis 2 (SO)  
Vancouver 5, Nashville 2  
Detroit 4, Anaheim 3 (OT)  
Los Angeles 3, Minnesota 1  
San Jose 6, Edmonton 1  
**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6 p.m.  
Ottawa vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Coliseum, 6 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Vegas, 9 p.m.

## PANTHERS 5, BRUINS 4 (SO)

Florida	0	4	0	0	5
Boston	0	4	0	0	4

**FIRST** : Penalties: McAvo, BOS, (high sticking), 19:47. **SECOND** : 1, Boston, Pastirnak, 16 (Bergerson), 11:55. **THIRD** : 2, Boston, Nordstrom 2 (Coyle), 14:02. **3**, Boston, Bjork 3 (Marchand, Krejci), 17:16 (pp.). **4**, Boston, Chara 3 (Krejci, Heinen), 19:31. **Penalties**: Bergerson, BOS, (holding), 4:21; Hunt, Fla. (holding), 15:33. **THIRD** : 5, Florida, Eklblad 2 (Yandle, Barkov), 0:50. **6**, Florida, Vatrano 6 (Huberdeau), 5:26 (pp.). **7**, Florida, Hoffman 7 (Huberdeau, Yandle), 9:43 (pp.). **8**, Florida, Yandle 2 (Huberdeau, Barkov), 18:21. **Penalties**: Trocheck, Fla. (elbowing), 1:08; Marchand, BOS, (roughing), 1:08; Trocheck, Fla. (roughing), 1:08; Marchand, BOS, (roughing), 1:08; Wagner, BOS, (slashing), 3:49; Kuraly, BOS, (hooking), 8:32; Acciari, Fla. (tripping), 13:32.  
Shootout—Florida 2 ( Vatrano NG, Trocheck G, Huberdeau NG, Hoffman G), Boston 1 (Wagner NG, Marchand NG, Coyle G, McAvo NG). **SHOTS**: Fla 5-7-12-5-29. Bos 7-16-9-6-38. **POWER PLAYS**: Fla 2 of 4; Bos 1 of 2. **GOALIES**: Fla, Montembeault 3-1-1 (15 shots-15 saves), Bobrovsky 6-3-4 (23-19). Bos, Rask 7-2-2 (29-25). A—17,850 (17,565).

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	8	1	.889	—
Philadelphia	7	3	.700	1½
Toronto	7	3	.700	1½
Brooklyn	4	6	.400	4½
New York	2	9	.182	7

## SOUTHEAST

Atlanta	7	3	.700	—
Charlotte	4	6	.400	3
Orlando	3	7	.300	4
Washington	2	6	.250	4

## CENTRAL

Milwaukee	7	3	.700	—
Indiana	7	4	.636	½
Cleveland	4	6	.400	3
Chicago	4	7	.364	3½
Detroit	4	8	.333	4

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	7	3	.700	—
Dallas	6	4	.600	1
San Antonio	5	5	.500	2
Memphis	3	7	.300	4
New Orleans	2	8	.200	5

## NORTHWEST

Utah	8	3	.727	—
Denver	7	3	.700	½
Minnesota	6	4	.600	1½
Portland	4	7	.364	4
Oklahoma City	4	7	.364	4

## PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	8	2	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	7	3	.700	1
Phoenix	6	4	.600	2
Sacramento	4	6	.400	4
Golden State	2	9	.182	6½

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana 111, Oklahoma City 85  
Philadelphia 98, Cleveland 97  
Miami 117, Detroit 108  
Chicago 120, New York 102  
Atlanta 125, Denver 121  
L.A. Lakers 123, Phoenix 115  
Utah 119, Brooklyn 114 (OT)  
Sacramento 107, Portland 99  
**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
Memphis at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 6:30 p.m.  
Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.  
Toronto at Portland, 9 p.m.

## BULLS 120, KNICKS 102

**NEW YORK**: Morris Sr. 6-17 7-9 22, Randle 5-15 6-9 17, Gibson 8-10-11-17, Miklikina 1-4-1-2-3, Barrett 8-16 3-21, Knox II 3-7 2-4-10, Brazdelkis 0-10-0-0, Portis 3-9 0-7, Smith Jr. 0-3-0-0, Dotson 2-5-0-0-5, Trier 0-1-0-0-0. Totals 36-88-20-31-102.  
**CHICAGO**: Hutchison 2-4 2-4 7, Markkanen 4-10 4-4 13, Carter Jr. 7-11 3-6 17, Satoransky 2-3-0-0-5, LaVine 9-19 4-5-25, Young 3-9-2-8, Gafford 0-0-0-0-0, Arcedi-acano 1-3 3-4 5, Dunn 5-6 2-2 13, White 8-14 4-4 27, Valentine 0-1-0-0-0, Harrison 0-1-0-0-0. Totals 41-81-24-31-120.  
**New York** 22 32 31 17 — 102  
**Chicago** 30 30 25 35 — 120  
**3-Point Goals**—New York 10-32 (Morris Sr. 3-9, Knox II 2-4, Barrett 2-4, Dotson 1-3, Portis 1-3), Chicago 14-33 (White 7-11, LaVine 3-8, Hutchison 1-1, Satoransky 1-1, Dunn 1-2). **Fouled Out**—Dunn. **Rebounds**—New York 38 (Morris Sr. 9), Chicago 46 (Carter Jr. 12). **Assists**—New York 27 (Barrett 9), Chicago 22 (Arcidi-acano 8). **Total Fouls**—New York 28, Chicago 25. **Technical**—Portis, New York coach Knicks (Defensive three second), Carter Jr. A—18,668 (20,917).

## TENNIS

## NITTO ATP FINALS

**RR at the O2: London-hard**  
**GROUP BJORN BORG**  
#5 Dominic Thiem d. #2 Novak Djokovic, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (5)  
#3 Roger Federer d. #8 Matteo Berrettini, 7-6 (2), 6-3  
**GROUP AGASSI** W-L SETS GAME  
Alexander Zverev 1-0 2-0 12-6  
Stefanos Tsitsipas 1-0 2-0 13-10  
Daniil Medvedev 0-1 0-2 10-13  
Rafael Nadal 0-1 0-2 6-12  
**GROUP BORG** W-L SETS GAME  
Dominic Thiem 2-0 4-1 33-26  
Novak Djokovic 1-1 3-2 28-22  
Roger Federer 1-1 2-2 23-23  
Matteo Berrettini 0-2 0-4 12-26  
**Wednesday: Nadal vs. Medvedev, Tsitsipas vs. Zverev**

## NFL

## AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
New England	8	1	0	.889	270	98	4-0	4-1	6-1	2-0	4-0
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	174	150	3-2	0-1	4-2	1-0	2-1
Miami	2	7	0	.222	119	268	1-4	1-3	2-5	0-2	1-2
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	130	238	2-3	0-4	0-6	2-1	0-4

## SOUTH

Houston	6	3	0	.667	238	191	3-1	3-2	5-1	1-2	0-1
Indianapolis	5	4	0	.556	194	193	3-2	2-2	4-4	1-0	2-0
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	197	3-2	2-3	3-4	2-1	0-2
Jacksonville	4	5	0	.444	176	189	2-3	2-2	4-3	0-2	1-2

## NORTH

Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	300	189	3-1	4-1	5-2	2-0	3-1
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	.556	193	181	4-2	1-2	4-2	1-2	1-1
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	171	221	1-3	2-3	3-3	0-3	1-0
Cincinnati	0	9	0	.000	137	259	0-4	0-5	0-5	0-4	0-3

## WEST

Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	284	239	2-3	4-1	4-3	2-0	2-0
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	240	4-1	1-3	3-2	2-0	2-1
L.A. Chargers	4	6	0	.400	207	194	2-3	2-3	2-5	2-1	0-2
Denver	3	6	0	.333	149	170	2-3	1-3	3-4	0-2	1-2

## NFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	251	170	3-2	2-2	4-3	1-1	4-0
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556	224	213	3-1	2-3	3-4	2-0	1-1
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	203	289	1-4	1-4	2-5	0-3	0-2
Washington	1	8	0	.111	108	219	0-4	1-4	0-6	1-2	0-3

## SOUTH

New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	204	182	4-1	3-1	5-2	2-0	1-1
Carolina	5	4	0	.556	225	228	2-2	3-2	4-4	0-3	1-1
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	260	279	1-3	2-3	3-5	0-1	1-2
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	191	259	1-3	1-4	2-4	0-3	0-0

## NORTH

Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	250	205	5-1	3-1	5-1	3-1	3-0
Minnesota	7	3	0	.700	262	182	4-0	3-3	6-2	1-1	1-2
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	162	157	2-3	2-2	3-3	1-2	2-1
Detroit	3	5	1	.389	217	237	2-2	1-3	2-3	1-2	0-3

## WEST

San Francisco	8	1	0	.889	259	129	3-1	5-0	5-1	3-0	2-1
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	275	254	3-2	5-0	5-1	3-1	3-0
L.A. Rams	5	4	0	.556	226	191	2-2	3-2	3-3	2-1	0-2
Arizona	3	6	1	.350	222	281	1-3	2-3	2-5	1-1	0-2

## THURSDAY'S GAME

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:20 p.m.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 17

Dallas at Detroit, noon  
N.Y. Jets at Washington, noon  
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, noon  
Denver at Baltimore, noon  
Houston at Baltimore, noon  
Buffalo at Miami, noon  
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noon  
Atlanta at Carolina, noon  
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.  
New England at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.  
Chicago at L.A. Rams, 7:20 p.m.

## MONDAY, NOV. 18

Kansas City vs. L.A. Chargers in Mexico City, 7:15 p.m.

## OFF: N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Ten., Green Bay

## THURSDAY, NOV. 21

Indianapolis at Houston, 7:20 p.m.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 24

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, noon  
Denver at Buffalo, noon  
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, noon  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon  
Miami at Cleveland, noon  
Carolina at New Orleans, noon  
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, noon  
Seattle at Philadelphia, noon  
Detroit at Washington, noon  
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m.  
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## BULLS



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## BULLS RECAP

Rookie Coby White, above, made a franchise-record 7 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and led all scorers with 27 points as the Bulls pulled away for a 120-102 victory against the Knicks on Tuesday night at the United Center. After White hit his sixth 3 with just under 6 minutes left, the crowd of 18,668 began chanting his name. What's even sweeter, White's college coach, North Carolina's Roy Williams, was in attendance. During an on-court interview after the game, White said, "Coach, can you come to more games?" Zach LaVine had 25 points and six assists, and Wendell Carter Jr. posted his seventh double-double of the season with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Marcus Morris led the Knicks with 22 points. Former Bull Bobby Portis, who burned the Bulls on Oct. 28 in New York, was limited to seven points and three rebounds. For more coverage, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## BULLS 120, KNICKS 102

# Markkanen playing through the pain

Forward struggles with sore oblique for last 2 weeks

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Bulls forward Lauri Markkanen has been playing with a sore oblique muscle for two weeks, coach Jim Boylen said Tuesday.

"If you've ever had one of those, it's just a weird injury," Boylen told reporters at the Advocate Center hours before the Bulls played host to the Knicks. "It's not enough to keep you out; it's not enough to stop your momentum. But it's enough to maybe influence how you do things and how you play, and he's fought through it and I'm really proud of him."

Meanwhile, the Bulls said center Cristiano Felicio broke his wrist in practice Monday and is expected to miss up to two months.

"He fell and he didn't think anything of it," Boylen said. "He said, 'Coach, I've played through stuff like this before. He got home and overnight it started throbbing.'"

Markkanen was withheld from contact during Monday's practice.

"He did not want us to sit him out of contact," Boylen said during his evening pregame update with reporters. "You want guys to not make excuses and to own their poor play or own when they think can play better and compete. And he's trying to do that. I think we should credit him for that."

Markkanen was not listed on the injury report, however, and when asked for an explanation, Boylen said he's "not sure."

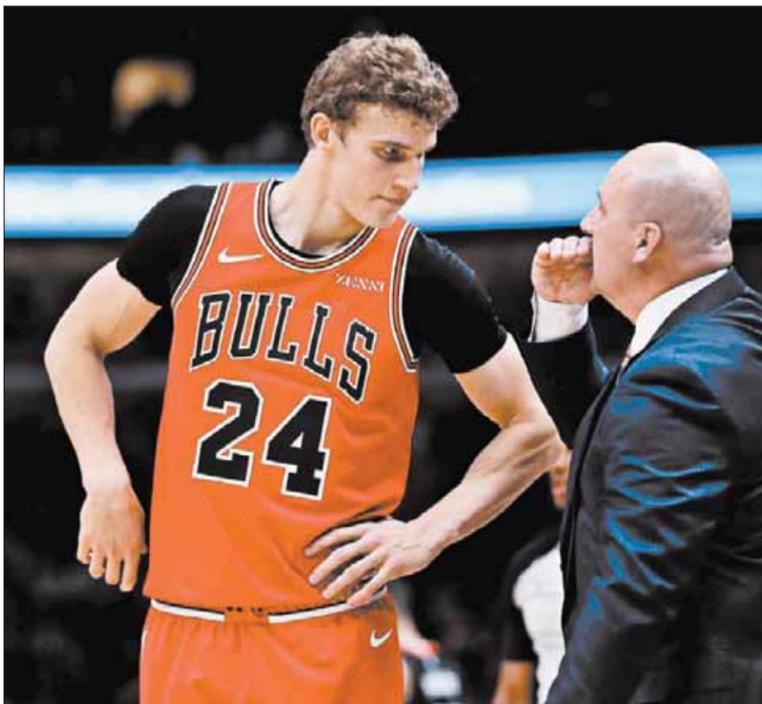
"I had to be honest about him not being in contact (Monday), so I just want to tell the truth," he said. "He wasn't in contact (Monday) because of a sore oblique. I think that's what I'm supposed to do, I think that's fair. Whether that's on the injury report or not, you can discuss that."

Markkanen has been shooting below his typical averages, particularly from behind the 3-point arc. His 3-point (27.9%), field-goal (38.5%) and free-throw (80.9%) percentages are all down from last season, when he shot 36.1% from long distance, 43% from the field and 87.2% at the line.

Boylen said he didn't know how much the injury was to blame for Markkanen's shooting woes.

"He's a good shooter. He's always been a good shooter," Boylen said. "Shooters go through slumps. Hitters go through slumps. It happens."

Markkanen spoke to reporters before



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Bulls coach Jim Boylen revealed that Lauri Markkanen has played through an injury.

Boylen did, and he didn't mention being hurt. He did acknowledge he needs to shoulder more of the offensive load.

"I can play a lot better than I've been playing," said Markkanen, who's averaging 14.9 points, almost four fewer than last season's 18.7 average. "First of all, I've got to look at myself in the mirror: What can I do better? We've got a lot of guys this year that can score the ball, so it might be a different guy every night."

As one of the Bulls' top three scorers last season with Zach LaVine and Otto Porter Jr., Markkanen is essential to the offense. He had several wayward shooting nights in the first 10 games, particularly from long range.

His 35-point outburst against the Hornets in the season opener masked a 1-for-7 performance from behind the arc. There was no disguising his 1-for-10 night from 3-point range against the Grizzlies in the next game.

In Saturday's loss to the Rockets, he shot

3-for-10 for 13 points, missing all five 3-point attempts.

Scrutiny about Markkanen's shooting is what prompted Boylen during the morning session to lay some of the blame on Markkanen playing hurt.

"I'll stick up for him a little bit. He's fighting through an injury," Boylen said. "He hasn't stopped practicing, he hasn't stopped working out. He's fought through, which is growth for him to fight through some of that. He's never complained, he's never whined, he's never (said), 'I don't know if I can do this.'"

"It's, 'Coach, I'm going to do the best I can, I'm going to give you everything I have.' When you have a mentality like that, good things happen for you. When? I don't have a crystal ball."

Markkanen said he has to make better decisions between taking 3s and driving to the basket.

"Just got to read the defense better," he said.

## BLACKHAWKS

# Headed in right direction

Colliton's adjustment may have saved Hawks' season

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

A little over a month after Jeremy Colliton took over as Blackhawks coach last season, the chaos that had enveloped the team during the coaching change was still showing itself on the ice with one of their worst stretches in over a decade.

The Hawks were 4-13-3 in the first 20 games of Colliton's tenure, which included an effort to install a new defensive zone scheme that was hard to grasp and seemed to stifle offensive opportunities.

Overall, the Hawks were 10-19-6 when Colliton and the coaching staff made an important adjustment. They allowed the weak-side forward — the weak side refers to whichever side the puck is not on — to anticipate offensive transition and move higher in the zone while playing defense.

That adjustment, along with a revitalized power play, turned the Hawks season around. They played at a 100-point pace from mid-December on, going 26-15-6 and making a serious push for a playoff spot.

But it was too late. The 2½ months of mediocrity caused the Hawks to miss the postseason for a second straight season.

They're not about to let the season get away from them again.

Colliton's intention was never to stay with last season's system. He felt it wasn't conducive to playoff success, which requires a much more defensive-oriented approach. With a stronger defense, more depth among the bottom six forwards and superior goaltending, when training camp arrived he switched from last season's approach that worked so well to one he felt would be better defensively and still able to produce goals.

That didn't happen. The Hawks scored only 33 goals in their first 14 games and — despite getting great goaltending from Robin Lehner and sometimes Corey Crawford — were porous defensively while getting off to a 4-7-3 start.

Instead of waiting until mid-December, Colliton and the coaching staff already have returned to the adjustment from last season that led to Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat having career years and resulted in the Hawks being in a playoff spot for a brief period before faltering over the last month.

The changes have had an immediate impact. The Hawks have scored 12 goals in their last three games while compiling a 2-0-1 record, easily their best stretch of the season. Each of the games has come against teams well above .500, and with nine of their next 11 against contending teams it was now or probably never.

"I think the adjustment (was) we pushed our wingers higher in mid-December (last season) and I think that helped," Colliton said. "And then January it was a little bit more about matchups, I would say. But how we're playing in our own end (now) is very similar to mid-December on."

Kane said the coaches listened to what the players were sharing about having a hard time finding rhythm offensively, but the changes were ultimately made by a proactive coaching staff.

"They had good communication with us as far as kind of what we're seeing and talk through some things," Kane said. "But I think a lot of us probably stressed that it was a different game. There wasn't as much flow to it and for whatever reason that was, and then they made a change and all of a sudden it seems like we have more options coming out of our end. We have more motion, more speed coming out of our end, which is always a good thing."

If the Hawks can pick up points at the same pace over the final 65 games of this season that they did last season after instituting their changes, they'll finish with 96 points, which matches the pace of the current wild-card leaders in the Western Conference.

But last season the Hawks had to scratch and claw back with goalies who had an .898 save percentage over the course of the season. This season, Lehner and Crawford have combined for a .918 save percentage. If the Hawks offense can get back close to last season's level and the goaltending remains outstanding, there's plenty of time to get back into the playoff picture.

"It's very nice to have that goaltending," Colliton said. "They've played very well. But going back to last year in the second half five-on-five defensively (we were) pretty good. The penalty kill was the issue in the end. The penalty kill has been better, we've got to continue to improve five-on-five defensively and we'll score enough goals."

The penalty kill had allowed just two goals in 26 opportunities before giving up a pair of goals in Sunday's 5-4 win over the Maple Leafs. So there's less of a concern there than there is for the defense to start limiting shots on a regular basis.

The 57 shots the Leafs had against them was just the 10th time in the last 10 years that any NHL team had put up that many shots on goal. But they had only four high-danger scoring chances, 10 of their shots came on power plays and the Leafs — a very good offensive team — were in desperation mode throughout the third period trying to tie the game.

Still, the defense needs to be better. On Tuesday, Connor Murphy participated in his first full practice since suffering a groin injury last month and is traveling with the Hawks on their road trip. He will be eligible to come off long-term injured reserve Saturday.

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## GOLF NOTES



JON SUPER/AP

A strong finish in the final two events of the European Tour season might put South Africa's Erik van Rooyen in the top 50 of the world rankings. That might qualify him in three majors.

# Van Rooyen faces critical stretch at end of season

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

Erik Van Rooyen's travels in golf have taken him places he wasn't expecting without ever losing sight of the big picture.

He wants to be among the elite in golf, and the next month could be a big step.

Even with a poor tee at the wrong time — the first hole of a six-man playoff — Van Rooyen's tie for second in Turkey moved him to No. 8 in the Race to Dubai standings and No. 51 in the world with two events left in the European Tour season. The first one is this week in his native South Africa at the Nedbank Golf Challenge.

Along with being in the hunt for the Race to Dubai, a strong finish might be enough for him to end the year in the top 50. That would get him in at least three majors, including the Masters, and most likely two World Golf Championships in the spring.

"It's important," Van Rooyen said. "I would love to finish the year top 50 in the world. It's been a goal from the start."

The 29-year-old started the year at No. 141 and cracked the top 100 for the first time with his tie for eighth in the PGA Championship at Bethpage Black. He took another step with a 64-64 weekend to win the Scandinavian Masters.

He would love nothing more than a return to America, where he would surely face more questions about going to college.

How does a guy who grew up across the Outeniqua Mountains from the Indian Ocean wind up at the University of Minnesota?

"The first question everybody asks me," he said with a laugh. "At the time, they were top 30 in the country and I wanted to play for a really competitive school. I enjoyed my four years there. I'd go back. I met my wife — she's from there. I loved it."

Van Rooyen spent three years on the Sunshine Tour. A playoff victory over Dylan Frittelli in the Eye of Africa PGA Championship gave him enough money to pay for his year on the Challenge Tour in Europe, where he won late in the season to earn a trip to the European Tour.

He made it to the season finale in Dubai as a rookie last year. He made the cut in all three majors he played this year (minus the Masters). His seven top-10 finishes, including his victory in Sweden,



NG HAN GUAN/AP

Victor Perez of France joined van Rooyen in a six-man playoff last weekend in Turkey. Neither won, but both are well-positioned to challenge for a spot in the top 50 of the world rankings with two European events left.

have at least given him a chance in the Race to Dubai.

He also did well enough to merit a phone call from Ernie Els, albeit with bad news that he would not be a captain's pick for the Presidents Cup.

"I don't think I'm close to reaching my full potential," Van Rooyen said. "I know guys are younger than me playing good golf. That's OK. I'm on my road. I just want to get as good as I possibly can."

The playoff loss in Turkey helped more than Van Rooyen.

Right behind him — in the Race to Dubai and the world ranking — was Victor Perez of France, who was part of the playoff. Perez won the Dunhill Links Championship a month ago. Perez also has experience in the U.S. He played his college golf at the University of New Mexico.

### Spieth's chance

Graeme McDowell was the alternate who replaced tournament host Tiger Woods at the Chevron World Challenge in 2009, and it paid dividends.

Jordan Spieth might get a similar opportunity.

McDowell was just inside the top 50 at the deadline to qualify for the tournament, so he was eligible as an alternate when it was played in early December, even

though his world ranking was No. 55.

The field must be among the top 50 for the event to get world ranking points.

McDowell was runner-up to Jim Furyk, which moved him to No. 38 in the world. He was just inside the top 50 at the deadline for an exemption to the U.S. Open, which he won a month later. His first major got him on the Ryder Cup team, and he delivered the winning point for Europe.

Spieth fell to No. 43 this week and is in danger of falling out of the top 50 for the first time in six years. But he is getting one of two sponsor exemptions for the Hero World Challenge in three weeks.

His situation is not that dire. He already is set for the four majors. But the Bahamas will provide a great chance to pick up valuable ranking points before he resumes competition in January.

### Money marks

The Asia Swing allowed four players to cross milestones on the PGA Tour's career money list.

It starts with Tiger Woods, whose victory in the ZoZo Championship in Japan pushed him over \$120 million. That comes out to an average of \$95,603 for every round he has played as a pro.

Rory McIlroy won the HSBC Champions in China to become the 10th player to surpass the \$50 million mark. Sergio Garcia be-

came the ninth player to top \$50 million, but only because he finished the final round before McIlroy.

Paul Casey with his tie for 17th in Japan became the 38th player to surpass \$30 million in career earnings.

Jack Nicklaus, who played his final PGA Tour event at St. Andrews in the 2005 British Open, remains at \$5.7 million.

### Xander's advice

Five young players from the HSBC junior golf program got quite the surprise last week when in the middle of a competition on the range at Sheshan International, they were suddenly joined by Rory McIlroy, Justin Rose, Ian Poulter, Xander Schauffele and Li Haotong. All took turns coaching a junior and offering some tips.

Schauffele's advice caught the attention even of the pros.

He told his junior to find someone to play against and keep playing until he regularly beats him, even if it's someone he doesn't like.

"I was always the youngest to play, whether it be at my home golf club or in competitions," McIlroy said. "I was always playing with people that were better than me. Even my caddie now, Harry (Diamond), he's basically five years older than me and he was a very good player, and I always played with him. But that

made me a better player because I saw what level I needed to get to."

### Korn Ferry

Akshay Bhatia chose to skip college and turn pro out of high school at age 17, right after playing in the Walker Cup.

He's already getting an education.

Bhatia, who missed the cut in the four PGA Tour events that gave him sponsor exemptions, failed to advance out of the second stage of Korn Ferry Tour qualifying and will have no status for next year. He can receive exemptions or go through Monday qualifying.

Also failing to get out of the second stage was Dru Love, the son of former PGA champion Davis Love III. He has made three cuts in his 15 appearances following his pro debut in the 2017 U.S. Open at Erin Hills.

Among those advancing was Stanford grad Brandon Wu, a co-medalist at his qualifier.

The final stage is Dec. 12-15.

### Divots

The last two winners of the Mayakoba Golf Classic, Matt Kuchar and Patton Kizzire, won the Sony Open in Honolulu two months later. ... Houston Open winner Lanto Griffin has finished in the top 20 in all six of his PGA Tour events this fall. ... Rory McIlroy now has spent 500 weeks inside the top 10 in the world, making him at 30 years, 6 months the youngest player to do that. Tiger Woods was 30 years, 10 months when he reached 500 weeks among the top 10. Woods turned pro at age 20, McIlroy at 18. ... Kevin Kisner and Corey Conners, who didn't get captain's picks for the Presidents Cup, are playing the QBE Shootout hosted by Greg Norman the same week.

### Stat of the week

The distance from Liberty National to Medinah to East Lake for the FedEx Cup is 1,301 miles. The distance from Turkey to South Africa to Dubai for the Race to Dubai is 8,071 miles.

### Final word

"Are you kidding me?" — Scott McCarron's reaction when Jeff Maggert holed out from 123 yards for eagle in a playoff, a victory that gave McCarron the Charles Schwab Cup.

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NFL AT 100

A 'special' win  
for Philly

JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles catches a touchdown pass during the first half of the NFL Super Bowl LII football game against the New England Patriots, in Minneapolis. Rookie running back Corey Clement took the snap out of shotgun formation, rolled to his left and pitched the ball to third-string tight end Trey Burton, who caught it coming off the end, ran a few steps and floated a pass to Foles in the end zone for a touchdown. Facing the mighty New England Patriots on the NFL's biggest stage, Philadelphia Eagles coach Doug Pederson's decision to try a trick play on a fourth down late in the first half of Super Bowl LII will be remembered as one of the gutsiest calls in sports history.

## Foles, Eagles upset Pats in Super Bowl LII

BY RON MAADI  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Rookie running back Corey Clement took the snap out of shotgun formation, rolled to his left and pitched the ball to third-string tight end Trey Burton, who caught it coming off the end, ran a few steps and floated a pass to backup quarterback Nick Foles in the end zone for a touchdown.

Facing the mighty New England Patriots on the NFL's biggest stage, Philadelphia Eagles coach Doug Pederson made a decision to try a trick play — the “Philly Special” — on a fourth down late in the first half of Super Bowl LII that will be remembered as one of the gutsiest calls in sports history.

Moreover, it helped the Eagles upset the Patriots 41-33 on Feb. 4, 2018, to capture the franchise's first Super Bowl title in one of the wildest games ever played.

Pederson had already earned a reputation in just two seasons as head coach for being aggressive and he had a knack for going for it on fourth down. He knew he had to stay true to form to have a chance against Bill Belichick, Tom Brady and the Patriots.

“Everybody except the Philadelphia Eagles thought I finally came to my senses and was going to kick a field goal in that spot,” Pederson recalled. “It was the right moment, right time, perfect situation.”

The Eagles were leading 15-12 and had the ball at the Patriots 1 with 34 seconds remaining in the second quarter when Foles walked over to Pederson during a timeout.

“You want Philly, Philly?” Foles asked. Pederson looked at his chart, took a second to collect his thoughts and replied: “Yeah, let's do it.”

The players executed it perfectly. Foles faked calling audible and moved up to act like he was alerting the offensive linemen of a new play. Clement, who had four catches for 100 yards in the game, was in position to take the direct snap from center Jason Kelce. Burton, a quarterback in high school who hadn't thrown a pass since his college days at Florida, took the pitch from Clement and softly threw it right to a wide-open Foles to give Philadelphia a 22-12 halftime lead.

One of Philadelphia's assistant coaches saw the Chicago Bears use the play a year earlier and the Eagles worked on it for weeks. Pederson planned to use it in the playoffs but didn't get a chance the first two games. It was supposed to be called on second or third down so the offense would



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles celebrates after winning Super Bowl LII against the New England Patriots.

get another chance to convert in case the pass fell incomplete. But Pederson couldn't resist when Foles suggested it.

“Plays like that just don't happen if you don't work them in practice, but you've got to have belief first that they're going to work,” Pederson said. “You've got to believe it's going to work before it happens.”

That signature moment between Foles and Pederson standing on the sideline discussing the play was turned into a 9-foot, bronze statue that sits outside the team's stadium as a reminder of the greatest play in franchise history. Generations of Eagles fans had waited 58 years to celebrate a championship.

The Eagles hadn't won an NFL title since 1960. They lost to Oakland in January 1981 and New England in February 2005 in their only two previous Super Bowl appearances. Meanwhile, Belichick and Brady had won five championships since 2001 and were going for consecutive titles.

Few gave Philly a chance after franchise quarterback Carson Wentz tore two knee ligaments in Week 14. Foles stepped in and helped the team finish 13-3. But the Eagles were the first No. 1 seed to start the playoffs as an underdog. Players used that oddsmakers' slight as motivation and wore dog masks throughout their playoff run. The defense stood out in a victory over the Falcons and Foles was spectacular in a rout over the

Vikings in the NFC championship game.

The Eagles were 4½-point underdogs against the Patriots in frigid Minnesota where the temperature was 2 degrees at kickoff, but it was beautiful inside the dome.

Philadelphia jumped ahead 9-3 when Alshon Jeffery made an excellent grab on Foles' 34-yard TD pass. LeGarrette Blount's 21-yard TD run against his former team made it 15-3 midway through the second quarter. Then came Burton to Foles.

Down 10 to start the second half, the Patriots rallied. Everyone knew they would. A year earlier, they overcame a 28-3 deficit with 18 minutes left and beat the Falcons 34-38 in overtime to win their fifth Super Bowl.

Brady's 5-yard TD pass to Rob Gronkowski cut it to 22-19. After Clement caught a 22-yard TD pass in the back of the end zone to extend Philadelphia's lead to 29-19, Brady connected with Chris Hogan on a 26-yard TD pass to get New England within a field goal.

Brady's 4-yard TD pass to Gronkowski with 9:22 left in the game gave the Patriots their first lead, 33-32.

But Philadelphia answered after Pederson made another aggressive decision. He went for fourth-and-1 from the Eagles 45 with 5:39 remaining and three timeouts in hand. Foles found Zach Ertz for a 2-yard gain to keep the drive going. Then on third-and-7, Ertz made a juggling 11-yard TD catch for a 38-33 lead. The celebration had to wait for a video review, which upheld that Ertz had already established possession of the ball before he bobbled it on the ground.

Brady and the Patriots had a little over two minutes to force overtime, but Brandon Graham's strip-sack was the defensive stop Philadelphia desperately needed. After a field goal increased the lead to 41-33, Brady drove New England to midfield before his desperation heave at the end fell incomplete.

The Eagles were finally Super Bowl champions.

Philly fans who flooded Minnesota throughout the week sang “Fly! Eagles! Fly!” as tears of joy streamed down their faces.

The Eagles and Patriots set or tied 29 Super Bowl records in a thrilling contest. The teams combined for 1,151 yards, most in any game. The Patriots didn't punt. Brady threw for 505 yards and the Patriots racked up 631 total yards. The teams combined to miss four point-after conversions. New England's 33 points were the most by a losing team.

Here's a look at how Philadelphia's

victory over the Patriots 21 months ago affected each team the following season as the teams prepare for a rematch Sunday:

**Patriots**

The dynasty didn't end with the loss to the Eagles. The Patriots took a different, tougher road to get there again, but they came out on top after the 2018 season.

Brady was clutch on the road in Kansas City in the AFC championship game and the Patriots beat the Chiefs and the dynamic Patrick Mahomes 37-31 in overtime.

The defense held the high-powered Los Angeles Rams to a field goal and the Patriots captured their sixth Super Bowl title with a 13-3 victory.

And they are still going strong.

The Patriots (8-1) and their 42-year-old quarterback are heading toward another AFC East title. They have a one-game lead over Baltimore (7-2) for the top spot in the conference, so they can't afford a letdown against the Eagles.

**Eagles**

The Eagles fell short in their bid to win consecutive Super Bowl titles, losing 20-14 at New Orleans in the divisional round of the playoffs after Foles led them to a wild-card win at Chicago helped by Cody Parkey's “double doink” kick at the end.

Foles stepped in again after Wentz suffered a season-ending back injury and led the team to a 5-2 record, including playoffs. The Eagles were 5-6 with Wentz, but there was no quarterback controversy.

Foles signed with Jacksonville in free agency and Wentz got a lucrative contract extension. This season, the Eagles (5-4) have been plagued by injuries and inconsistency but have won two in a row and are battling Dallas (5-4) in the NFC East.

**History**

The Eagles lead the series 8-6, including a Super Bowl win for each team.

**Memorable games**

**2005:** Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, played on Feb. 6, 2005. Terrell Owens dominated the headlines, returning from ankle surgery against the medical staff's advice. T.O. caught nine passes for 122 yards, but New England's Deion Branch had 11 receptions for 133 yards, earning Super Bowl MVP honors in a 24-21 win. Brady tossed a pair of TD passes. Donovan McNabb had three TD passes and three interceptions for Philadelphia.

**MY WORST MOMENT**

# Candy ad audition no sweet memory



Zach Woods has played Jared for six seasons on HBO's "Silicon Valley."

Zach Woods recalls having to be shirtless, others' odd reactions

BY NINA METZ

For six seasons, Zach Woods has helped to create one of the most distinctive characters on television as Jared on the HBO comedy "Silicon Valley."

Irony isn't part of Jared's worldview and cynicism isn't in his language. His qualities — "mothering, fiercely loyal, repressive," as Woods describes him — are always a disarmingly wonderful source of comedy on a show loaded with characters who can barely suppress their rage and frustration.

"My first movie role was 'In the Loop,' and I played this terrified, backbiting snarker," said Woods. "And then I was on 'The Office,' and that was also a very ego-driven character. And I loved

playing those guys, as alienating as they were.

"But with Jared, I wanted to play the opposite — where the comedy came from an absence of ego. It would never occur to Jared to have any kind of self-regard or entitlement, to a pathological degree. Jared wouldn't know an ego if it clubbed him in a dark alley."

The show's approach to Jared is in sync with Woods' own interests: "The art that I love — comedy or otherwise — is art that has an affirmative view of the world.

"That's not to say that it's air-brushing out the horrible things, but that it has some humanism under it. Many of the things I love are quite sad, or depressing even, because they're depicting difficult or disappointing occurrences. But I think what's important is that they feel very pro-human being ultimately."

When asked to share a worst moment, he talked about a mem-

ory from early in his career when he was relying on commercials to make ends meet.

**My worst moment ...**

"I had a commercial audition that was at, like, 10 a.m. on a Wednesday. And back then I was probably in a depressive, sleep-till-1 p.m.-schedule, so this was very early for me. I was 20 or 21 and living in this basement apartment in New York. There were no windows, so this was also altitudinally my lowest moment.

"The light bulbs in my apartment would burn out and I was so lazy that I wouldn't replace them. And I would drink bottled water and just throw the plastic bottles on the ground because I had so little regard for my living environment. So ... we're already starting from a pretty bleak place. It's like that Dostoevsky story, but with-

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**IN PERFORMANCE**

'P.Y.G. or The Mis-Education of Dorian Belle' ★★★

## Bieber the model for misguided rapper

Chisholm play presents a funny, mashed-up satire of racial identity

BY CHRIS JONES

Alas for him, the Canadian songbird Justin Bieber long ago became a poster child for a loathsome white pop star: boy-band shallow and preternaturally inclined toward brand extension and cultural appropriation.

Many is the work of art now with a character you might reasonably call "Bieber-like," "Bieber-y" or even "Bieberesque."

Whether Bieber deserves such a high percentage of this shade is debatable. But, especially as played by Garrett Young, Bieber is clearly the model for Dorian Belle in the very lively Tearrance Arvelle Chisholm play "P.Y.G. or The Mis-Education of Dorian Belle," a funny mashed-up satire of racial identity now at the Jackalope Theatre.

This play is almost as merciless in its condemnation of a couple of ambitious but easily manipulated Chicago rappers whose brand includes various manifestations of urban credibility, even though one of them grew up in Naperville. Penned by the author of "Hooded," a big hit in Washington, D.C., "P.Y.G." is a roaring take-down of MTV-style reality shows such as "The Real World" or "MTV Cribs," which are not the hardest targets in the world.

In the piece, which also draws from the rationale of "Queer Eye" (think "African-American eyes for the washed-up white guy") the Bieberesque Belle basically hires the two rappers, Blacky Blackerson and Alexan Da Great, known collectively as "Pretty Young Goons," to toughen up, so to speak, his own image.

The trio find themselves ensconced in a mansion filled with cameras, including the trademark box where reality contestants can go to unburden themselves of their innermost feelings to the viewers. Even as you watch this absurdity, you also get some fake commercials poking fun at so-called "white wokeness."

Another ad sells the idea of a white-decoy friend, a safety mechanism lest the police show up at your backyard celebration, and another fake ad that goes after white people's shoes, a.k.a., privilege for the feet.

I had a good laugh, partly because all three of the actors in Lili-Anne Brown's all-in production (Tevion Devin Lanier, Eric Gerard and Young) are smart, funny performers but mostly because Chisholm is a fearless

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TODD ROSENBERG

Christoph Eschenbach conducts Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 2018. His 80th birthday will be celebrated in August.



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Violinist Itzhak Perlman's 75th birthday will be among several anniversaries the CSO will celebrate at Ravinia next summer. Conductor Marin Alsop, left, will also appear at Ravinia in the summer of 2020.

# Ravinia has a lot to celebrate in '20

## CSO residency lineup to highlight birthdays, special anniversaries

BY HOWARD REICH

Violinist Itzhak Perlman's 75th birthday, conductor Christoph Eschenbach's 80th and Beethoven's 250th will be stage center when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra plays the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park next summer.

Also prominent during the CSO residency, running July 10 through

Aug. 16: A focus on women to honor the centennial of the Constitution's 19th Amendment, which secured women's right to vote; and a continuation of Ravinia's exploration of composer-conductor-pianist Leonard Bernstein's enormous oeuvre.

The idea is to emphasize "these big anniversary moments," says Ravinia President and CEO Welz Kauffman, who will be stepping down after next season (completing his 20th year at the helm).

"There are those who find the concept of celebrating milestones to be hackneyed, trite. I don't. I think they're really important in a world where

loyalty and time-honored tradition has been tossed out the window."

Did Kauffman's upcoming departure influence his programming?

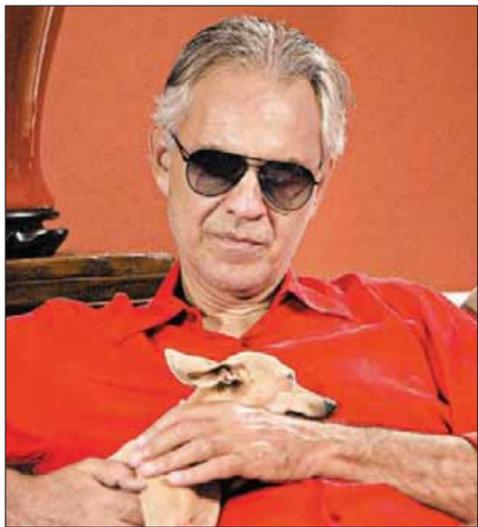
"There isn't a single part of the CSO residency that wasn't at least 80% along before I made my decision — in fact, even more than that," says Kauffman. "The bones of the season had been in place."

Kauffman, 58, announced his decision last month, saying in a statement: "After much reflection, I've decided that this milestone anniversary would be the right time to make way for

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# CELEBRITIES

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Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli with his dog last week at his home in Florida.

## Bocelli: It's 'absurd' to shun Domingo

MIAMI — Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli is staunchly defending opera legend Placido Domingo, calling it “absurd” that opera houses have canceled the star’s performances over sexual harassment allegations before they are fully investigated.

“I am still appalled at what happened to this incredible artist,” Bocelli said. “I don’t understand this. Tomorrow a lady can just come up and say Andrea Bocelli molested me 10 years ago, and from that day on, no one wants to sing with me anymore; the opera houses won’t call me anymore. This is absurd.”

Bocelli spoke to The Associated Press through an Italian translator during an interview at his Miami-area home.

Three U.S. music companies canceled Domingo appearances following allegations of sexual harassment made by multiple women in two AP stories earlier this year and he withdrew from a slate of performances at New York’s Metropolitan Opera.

Domingo has disputed the allegations, calling them “in many ways, simply incorrect.”

Bocelli is the most prominent artist to speak out on the Spanish opera star’s behalf, taking issue with the “call-out culture” and arguing that people should differentiate between public figures’ morality and their artistry and skills.

“There have been in the past many artists who have dubious morality,” Bocelli said, adding that there are two aspects to judging an artist. “One is the moral one, which must be dealt with in courts and here on Earth and by our good Lord up in the skies. Then there is an artistic judgment, which is subjective, and up to each one of us.”

— Associated Press



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**Golden touch:** Look out Hollywood, Ricky Gervais is returning to host the Golden Globe Awards on Jan. 5. Gervais memorably hosted the Globes from 2010 to 2012 and in 2016, skewering many of the attendees with irreverent jokes. He said in a news release that organizers made him an offer he couldn’t refuse.

**Show must go on:** Marie Osmond says she’s ready to perform the final week of an 11-year run with her brother, Donny, at the Flamingo Las Vegas, after telling the audience on “The Talk” that she chipped her knee late last week. Osmond, 60, was forced to back out of a performance last Saturday night, but is promising audiences she will be back for this week’s final shows. Front-row seats for the last concert Saturday were going for \$4,000 or more, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported.

**Spicer out, ratings up:** Sean Spicer waved goodbye to “Dancing With the Stars,” but ABC waved hello to a big bump in the show’s ratings. The former White House press secretary’s elimination helped lift the dancing competition show to its highest rating and total viewership since its season premiere in September. Monday night’s episode scored a 1.0 rating and 7.2 million total viewers, up roughly 25% from last week.

**Nov. 13 birthdays:** Actor Joe Mantegna is 72. Actor Chris Noth is 65. Actress Whoopi Goldberg is 64. Actor Rex Linn is 63. Actor Neil Flynn is 59. Late-night host Jimmy Kimmel is 52. Actor Steve Zahn is 52. Actor Gerard Butler is 50. Actress Aisha Hinds is 44. Actor Devon Bostick is 28.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Should we keep rescuing friend?

**Dear Amy:** My friend is an alcoholic. Sometimes she tries to stop drinking. In addition to alcohol, she seems to be addicted to an abusive relationship.

When she is with the man, he verbally and physically abuses her, and she calls friends and parents for help, apparently truly frightened for her life. He has threatened her family, too. He is a scary guy.

If someone steps up to rescue her, she plays with getting sober, may or may not find work, etc. Then he calls her, threatens to have her arrested on ridiculous charges, and “forces” her to return to him. This cycle repeats itself. When she is sober and away from him, she appears to see how destructive the relationship is. But he always sucks her back in.

How can I (and her other family) help, other than prayer? Do we continue to “rescue”? Do we leave her with him, knowing she could end up dead?

— Longtime, Worried Friend

**Dear Worried Friend:** You cannot remove your friend from this abusive relationship, so your task is to love her as much and as well as you can — patiently and without judgment.

Enabling can feel like rescue, and you should learn the difference. When she reaches out for “rescue,” tell her you are worried about her. Tell her you are there for her. Tell her this doesn’t change the way you feel about her. Ask if she is ready to get professional help, and have contact info for the Domestic Violence Hotline on hand: thehotline.org (or 800-799-7233).

**Dear Amy:** My daughter is 32. She and my son-in-law tied the knot recently after six years together.

He was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer last year. They lived 700 miles away from us but recently moved back home. He is doing well with his treatments and is progressing better than expected.

I am sure my daughter being present and supportive is a huge part of his medical success. She didn’t work before he was diagnosed and still doesn’t.

He has been able to keep working throughout, so they are solid financially. People often ask me what she “does.” Does she work outside the home? No. She works in her home; she’s a housewife. She takes care of the house, her husband, their animals, etc. I find myself dumbfounded by the responses I get when I tell people that.

Where is it written that a woman has to work outside the home to be valuable? I am becoming defensive.

How can I answer this question differently in order to get a different reaction? It really irritates me. What’s wrong with being a housewife or a stay-at-home mom?

I would have loved to be able to do what she’s doing.

— Stumped in Alabama

**Dear Stumped:** Many moons ago, (pre-child), I interrupted my career for a period when I spent my time taking care of myself, husband, hearth and home.

When asked what I did for a living, I would respond that I was a “housewife,” which seemed to annoy people, who tended to respond with a version

of: “Oh, I’m sure you’re not just a housewife.”

I think “housewife” is loaded for some people because it describes someone who is defining herself through an inanimate object (house) and another person (wife). But I liked the term, partly because I liked the life. When my descriptor bugged people, I would correct it and say, “Sorry, I mean ‘domestic engineer.’”

It is NOT written anywhere that a person must define their value only outside the home. I was raised by a hardworking and professionally successful single mother, who said her favorite and most rewarding job was during those years when she was exclusively tending to home and family.

You cannot change the way people react to the way you describe your daughter’s life. No one who likes her honest, productive, fulfilling life should feel the need to apologize for it. Nor should you.

**Dear Amy:** A woman signing her letter “Protected Secret” wondered how to disclose her long-ago rape to her fiancé.

Thank you so much for your compassionate answer. I had a similar dark secret and chose to disclose it through writing a letter, which I asked my boyfriend to read. He is now my husband.

— Been There

**Been There:** I like your approach.

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## Login problems, long waits dog Disney Plus launch day

By TODD SPANGLER  
Variety

Disney Plus opened its doors Tuesday, but some fans immediately faced problems trying to access the streaming service.

Multiple users on social media said they had trouble signing in to Disney Plus when it first went live, while others said they had problems accessing specific content or using features (such as setting up a watch list). One of the error messages, appropriately enough, showed characters from Disney’s “Wreck-It Ralph” and “Ralph Breaks the Internet” movies.

One user complained that they were unable to access “The Mandalorian,” the live-action Star Wars series from Jon Favreau.

“Anyone else having problems watching The Mandalorian? Currently is the only thing I can’t

watch,” the user tweeted. Another said they weren’t able to watch the live-action “Lady and the Tramp” movie.

Others said they had very long wait times of an hour or more in trying to call Disney Plus customer service after being frustrated at not being able to log in.

“It’s been over an hour and I’m still on hold,” user Alex Ball said on Twitter. “I try to sign in and it says call customer service. Waiting over an hour is ridiculous. You should have anticipated these problems and had enough customer support staff to not have to wait OVER AN HOUR!”

Disney Plus tweeted a response to the massive delays saying, “The consumer demand for Disney+ has exceeded our high expectations. We are working to quickly resolve the current user issue. We

appreciate your patience.”

Disney Plus, after months of fanfare, launched early Tuesday (Nov. 12) in the U.S., Canada and the Netherlands. It’s priced at \$6.99 per month in the U.S.

At launch, Disney Plus includes nearly 500 movies and 7,500 TV episodes from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars, National Geographic and other brands. Movies include the “Star Wars” and “Avengers” pictures as well as 18 Pixar films and Walt Disney Animation Studios classics, such as “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” and “Beauty and the Beast.”

Disney Plus is slated to launch Nov. 19 in Australia, New Zealand, and Puerto Rico, and on March 31, 2020, it will debut in markets across Western Europe, including the U.K., France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

## Singer Karen Mason’s Metropolis show postponed

By HOWARD REICH

Singer Karen Mason’s Nov. 14 show at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights has been postponed.

Doctors told Mason not to fly for at least a week due to very low blood pressure that required being monitored, said Mason.

“Karen Mason Sings Kander & Ebb & All That Jazz” has been rescheduled for March 3.

For more information, phone 847-577-2121 or visit www.metropolisarts.com.

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MICHAEL LEE STEVER

Karen Mason has postponed her Thursday show at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights on doctor’s orders.

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# 'DWTS' reads the room, sends Spicer home



**CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI**

Our long national nightmare is over.

Welcome to Week 9 of "Dancing With the Stars." Season 28 began two long months ago, and though Sean Spicer was averaging around 18 out of 30 points a week (his fellow dancers were closer to 25), there were real reasons to believe Spicer, statistically the worst dancer on a TV dance show, would make it into the finals. So before I explain what happened this week — spoiler alert, Spicer WILL NOT be sticking around for Week 10 — some context:

How did we get here? We got here because "Dancing With the Stars" revamped its vote system after a dispiriting season in which a country DJ, Bobby



**KELSEY MCNEAL/ABC**

Sean Spicer and professional dancer Jenna Johnson have been eliminated from "Dancing With the Stars." The former White House press secretary and Johnson's final dance was a foxtrot to the 2012 pop hit "Bills, Bills, Bills."

Bones, received low scores; then, because of supplementary audience voting, won it all. The new system shifts more power to judges, who pick their favorite each week of the two couples receiving the lowest combined (audience and judge) scores. The problem — and last week, that problem showed in the

frustration of the judges and on the normally plastered-smiles of the dancers — was that Spicer had never been in the bottom two. If he had, he would have been gone. Instead, a large-enough voting block — we don't know how large, or exactly who — had been voting for Spicer, at the urging of President Trump,

former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, the American First PAC and other Trump administration loyalists, presumably out of a mix of fondness for the former White House press secretary and a chance to troll outraged liberal viewers.

Besides, as much of the email I received says, it's a popularity contest, not a dance competition, and anyone who sees it differently is naive. Which is not entirely wrong: If this were only about talent, why would you be able to vote throughout most of its two hours and not only after a dance routine? Never mind that, since voting is allowed only from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Central time, a chunk of the country is voting blind, dancing unseen. And so, according to oddsmakers, James Van Der Beek was the one to beat, but the betting aggregator US-Bookies.com also gave Spicer 15/1 odds to win; he had started at 52/1.

"If you're looking for the best," Spicer told Fox News

last week, "this is not the show."

Even if you set aside how that must read to any dancer on this show actually trying, what was the point of ensuring that Spicer landed within striking distance of an upset? To point out the flimsiness of a reality television institution? If you truly believe this is a meaningless show run by thin-skinned liberals, revealing nothing but the popularity of C-List celebrities, why the investment in placing a soiled crown on the head of a joke?

That said, what happened on Week 9?

Heading into the quarterfinals, dancers are told they can't afford the slightest mistake, and no one offered many surprises: Van Der Beek kept making it look easy, dancing a seamless jive to "I'm So Excited" from the Pointer Sisters, then hitting a 10 from 'N Sync's Joey Fatone on an 'N Sync song. Ally Brooke looked increasingly

effortless. And Kel Mitchell, the South Side native who made his name as Kenan Thompson's partner on Nickelodeon, seeming slightly less inspired at first, landed his second dance with grace and flair, receiving a perfect 40.

But the story was the end of Spicer.

He danced a tango with more fluidity than usual, though the best part, said judge Len Goodman, was "it wasn't very long." Later Spicer thanked U.S. service members, then said again he couldn't believe he made it so far. Nevertheless, he was sent packing. He smiled flatly, and now he can enter the news-pundit class. The president deleted a tweet urging people to vote for Spicer and added a tweet calling his run "a good try."

"Dancing With the Stars" airs 7 p.m. Mondays on WLS-Ch. 7.

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## Former Hollywood assistants are fighting back

Light is being shed on system rife with poor pay and abuse

**BY STACY PERMAN**  
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LOS ANGELES — Four years ago, Christina Mondy arrived in Hollywood, like many, with big dreams. At 23, hers was to become a showbiz writer. And like many, the Connecticut native was told she had to pay her dues as an assistant to get her foot in the door.

After an unpaid internship at a boutique management and production firm, Mondy landed a job as a full-time assistant at a major talent agency. But instead of pushing her that much closer to realizing her writing ambitions, Mondy says, "It all came crashing down on me."

Over the course of nearly a year, Mondy worked 50-plus-hour weeks, she said, making \$11.25 an hour. Barely getting by, she had to defer her student loans. She said she was subjected to constant verbal abuse by a boss, and that an agent had her stake out a comedy club for weeks to see if a comic he'd noticed on Twitter showed up.

She said she wasn't reimbursed for gas and was discouraged from seeking overtime pay. When she complained to HR about her treatment, Mondy said, she was told, "Maybe this industry isn't right for you." After making a scheduling error, she said, she was fired.

Being an assistant in Hollywood has long ranked among the most thankless jobs in the industry. Subjected to grueling hours, low pay, few benefits or protections and the vagaries of monomaniacal bosses, assistants have largely toiled in silence because it was considered a golden ticket to advancement — but no longer.

Now, emboldened by the #MeToo movement and new labor laws protecting gig workers, and galvanized by social media, they are in open revolt, taking the industry to task over its questionable labor practices. More than making noise, they are agitating for serious change during a period of digital upheaval



**FRANCINE ORR/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

TV writers Deirdre Mangan, left, and Liz Alper are working to bring attention and change to low wages and grueling hours of Hollywood assistants. They were both former assistants.

and cost-cutting.

The plight of Hollywood assistants gained currency last month after "Chernobyl" screenwriter Craig Mazin and John August, writer of "Aladdin," devoted a portion of their podcast "Scriptnotes" to the subject. The screenwriters, former assistants themselves, were deluged with stories after they asked assistants to write to them about their own experiences.

Across the board, writer's assistants, production assistants, agency assistants, studio assistants and temps told of operating within an immutable system that enabled financial inequity — viewing it as part of the job.

Liz Alper, a TV writer and Writers Guild of America West board member, recently launched the #PayUpHollywood hashtag on Twitter, tackling head-on the rationales given for maintaining the status quo, then created a link where assistants could share their stories anonymously. Within 24 hours, she had received 74 replies.

"I wasn't surprised by the scope of the reaction," said Alper, whose career trajectory began as an assistant. "People have been speaking about and telling these stories for a long time. Now, for the first time, the public started listening and people inside and outside of Hollywood have started paying attention."

The Times spoke to a dozen current and former assistants across the indus-

try. They all described a world where they are made to feel at once disposable and grateful, where the expense of living in Los Angeles eclipses their wages, where they have few benefits, little actual mentorship and face the specter of retaliation if they complain.

Deirdre Mangan, a writer on the CW's "Roswell, New Mexico," who is working with Alper to improve conditions for assistants, recalled having \$100,000 in student debt and being able to take her first job as a writer's assistant 10 years ago only because she lived with her rich boyfriend and didn't have to pay rent.

She said not much has changed in 10 years. "There is no one speaking up for assistants," Mangan said. "It's easy to keep wages the same. If one person can't take the job, there are hundreds who will take \$400 a week behind them."

Hannah Davis, now a script coordinator for the HBO limited series "Perry Mason," recalled how during her first job three years ago as a writer's assistant at a television network, she received a letter from the network's accountant telling her she had gone over the allotted lunch budget and the overage would be deducted from her paycheck. Davis made \$600 a week, and one of her tasks was ordering lunch for the writers' room.

"I was a baby PA and it wasn't cool to tell a writer, 'Sorry you want extra salmon; we can't afford it,'" she

said. She was lucky: The writers offered to pool together \$50 a month to cover any future lunch budget overruns.

The Hollywood assistant pool has long been considered the proving ground for would-be agents, writers, producers and directors. In something of a Faustian bargain, assistants pay their dues, fetching coffee, answering phones, handling mail, maintaining schedules and dealing with mercurial bosses. In exchange, they get to learn the business and make valuable connections up close in real time with the promise of getting their foot in the door. A number of prominent executives, including Endeavor chief and uber-agent Ari Emanuel, Dreamworks co-founder David Geffen and Amazon Studios head Jennifer Salke, got their starts as assistants.

But the path to advancement for assistants has been narrowed by industry shifts. While there is more content being produced than ever, thanks largely to a growing streaming universe, studios and agencies are contending with economic pressures caused by shrinking DVD sales, box office returns and TV syndication revenues. Shorter seasons, longer hiatuses and the increase in limited series have greatly affected residuals and opportunities, while introducing more financial insecurity.

"The main thing to keep in mind is the fact that being an assistant in Hollywood has been viewed as a

mechanism to get access to and basically be a producer, an agent, or become something with a higher-paid, significant profile," said Kevin Klownen, executive director of the Milken Institute's Center for Regional Economics and California Center. "The catch is that it's gotten more expensive to live and work in Hollywood, and with short-form shows and quicker productions there is greater disruption without a guarantee of advancement."

At the same time, assistants' wages have largely remained flat. Although there is no independent data on salaries, wages generally have not been adjusted for inflation and have increased largely because of mandatory minimum-wage laws.

And in an industry that has placed a premium on diversity, assistants' low wages serve as yet another barrier to other voices seeking entree into the business.

The private Facebook group Awesome Assistants (now shuttered) collected salary and pay information from over 400 assistants across the industry in 2017. It found that the average monthly salary was \$3,759, with 25.3% of those supplying numbers saying they worked 50 hours a week, 12.6% working 60-plus hours and only 9.4% working a 40-hour week. The survey also found that 50.7% of the assistants received financial assistance from their parents.

Taylor Brogan, 27, a writer's assistant currently on hiatus from a show on a prominent streaming platform, says assistants used to work for one or two years before advancing to a higher level. Now, they typically work five or even 10 years, going from show to show.

"The sense is that you should be grateful to have a job when you have literally hundreds of people in line to take the job you have," said Brogan, who has worked as an assistant since 2014. "It's definitely hard not to feel that pressure. I was that person with an advanced degree begging to pick up people's lunches for \$12 an hour. The hope is, eventually this

will all pay off for my dream of writing TV and showrunning and I'll make enough to pay off debt. I'm banking on my future."

Assistants at several talent agencies described an overall ethos where they were discouraged from putting in for overtime, and that the practice has accelerated at some agencies in recent months as a way to cut costs. In April, the Writers Guild of America instructed members to "fire" their agents in a dispute over industry practices.

A former WME assistant described how the agency's assistants were expected to get their work done between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., but it was nearly impossible to do so.

"There was an onerous process in place to submit overtime," said the former assistant, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals. "The mentality was don't use (it), and no one told you how to apply for it. Within the company it looked bad if you did, like you weren't dedicated to the job."

By one estimate, more than 4,000 assistants are working in Hollywood. The vast majority of them aren't unionized, but last year script coordinators and writer's assistants banded together to join Local 871 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

The move extended employment protections and such benefits as pensions and healthcare. It also established the minimum scale for writer's assistants at \$14.57 an hour, and \$16.63 an hour for script coordinators. Those rates will increase 3% in January.

Many, like Alper and Mangan, are working to translate the current noise into action. They are collecting data on salaries and working conditions for assistants and examining whether existing state law needs to be updated.

Last year, after slogging through a few more assistantships, Mondy walked away from the industry. "I'm not done with writing," she said. "But I'll never be an assistant again."

Times TV editor Matt Brennan contributed to this report.

## Rapper

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writer with a way of cutting to the chase while others sashay around the stuff he just comes out and articulates.

Chisholm is, of course, a moralistic satirist, who not only wants to take down the systems of power in the old-school way but simultaneously teach us some stuff about better behavior along the way, an approach that means a 100-minute show has to accomplish probably

**When:** Through Dec. 21

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**Running time:** 1 hour, 40 minutes

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more than it's fully able.

The big weakness of the piece, and the production, is that it tends to all remain on the same level: Tension never really builds, partly because we know from the start roughly where we're

all going. The production would be much better if the play's crises intensified and could be sustained; that is always tough in the live theater when you also have to cut to filmed commercials, especially when they come with long pauses. But the show could use more reality, bizarrely enough.

Still, this is a refreshingly honest and dynamic bit of writing that also manages to be edgy fun.

The embrace of rappers (and their language) by privileged white kids and their Lolla this and their Pitchfork that is, of course,

a very complex and paradox-choked thing. Chisholm pulls no punches here in this trip through the atrophied world of celebrity music, fake-woke bonafides and relentless rebranding.

I wish it could reach a few high-schoolers of my acquaintance. Chisholm's thinking is a useful antidote to much of the junk in their feeds.

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**JOEL MAISONET PHOTO**

Tevion Devin Lanier, Eric Gerard and Garrett Young in "P.Y.G. or The Mis-Education of Dorian Belle" at the Jackalope Theatre.

# Yes, Elsa, Anna wear pants in 'Frozen 2'

And yes, it's a big deal as the princess image transforms

By **CHRISTI CARRAS**  
Los Angeles Times

Queen Elsa and Princess Anna accomplish several impressive feats in "Frozen 2" — outrunning giant rock monsters, freezing the sea, uncovering mysterious family history. But, perhaps most impressive of all, they do it while wearing pants.

What might seem like an insignificant quick change actually marks a major shift in the Disney princess canon, which almost never lets its heroines swap skirts for pants — with the exceptions of Jasmine's billowy turquoise bottoms and Mulan's army uniform.

At Thursday night's premiere of the highly anticipated sequel, the film's cast and creative team discussed the cultural impact of the sister duo's new looks and how they transform the traditional Disney princess image.

"The princesses are all things; they're all times; they're all outfits," said co-director Jennifer Lee on the red carpet at Hollywood's Dolby Theatre.

"Everyone sort of represents when the film was made and what the film's trying to show. These two women I'm proud of, they are carrying the weight of the kingdom on their shoulders ... so they're going to wear what's right

for that, and I love that you can wear anything."

"Frozen 2" follows Elsa (voiced by Idina Menzel) as she sets off on a journey to discover how she came to possess her icy powers, accompanied by her fearless sister Anna (Kristen Bell), ice vendor Kristoff (Jonathan Groff) and their trusty sidekicks Olaf the snowman (Josh Gad) and Sven the reindeer. Along the way, the gang must depend on one another as they encounter dark forces at play in the enchanted forests and seas beyond Arendelle.

"This time, they didn't have to flee their kingdom in the wrong dress very fast," said Lee, who's also chief creative officer of Walt Disney Animation Studios. "They had a chance to choose, and, of course, you're going to wear pants when you hear the words 'enchanted forest.'"

"They're going on a big adventure," added producer Peter Del Veche. "It's going to be very physical, so it makes sense."

Evan Rachel Wood, who voices the sisters' mother, Queen Iduna, in flashbacks and has been known to defy red carpet expectations with pant ensembles of her own, sees the updated costumes as a natural evolution informed by changing societal norms.

"They've done a really amazing job of still keeping the Disney feeling that we love, but just with a more



DISNEY

Princess Anna (voiced by Kristen Bell) and Queen Elsa (Idina Menzel) prepare to enter an enchanted forest in "Frozen 2," which skates into theaters Nov. 22.

modern feel," Wood said. "The girls are still beautiful and still women, but they're just able to do a lot more now that they're in pants."

Their modernized outfits are part of a growing trend for Disney, which has also dressed Elsa in pants on Broadway and recently debuted a new and improved Bo Peep, no longer encumbered by a stiff crinoline skirt, in "Toy Story 4."

According to Clark Spencer, president of Walt Disney Animation Studios, keeping up with the times continues to be a key goal for the company, whether that means turning a kids movie about talking animals into a commentary on race relations ("Zootopia") or putting its heroines in pants.

"We always have to think

to ourselves, whatever we're putting into our films is representing the world today, as much as it may be set in different times," Spencer said on the red carpet. "So I think for (co-directors Lee and Chris Buck), it was the exciting thing of saying there is more than one way to be a princess."

Another timely topic featured in the fairy tale is the role of the environment, which practically plays its own character by helping the friends on their adventure when it feels respected — and hurting them when threatened or trespassed.

The ecosystem and its crucial purpose was a theme that came up often when plotting the narrative beats of the film, according

to songwriter Kristen Anderson-Lopez. The "Let It Go" hitmaker returned to write the sequel's tunes — including Elsa's new power ballad, "Into the Unknown" — along with her husband, Robert Lopez.

"It's something that the filmmakers and the storytellers all really talked about, that climate change in particular is a big serious issue," Anderson-Lopez said. "Climate change and nature out of balance is something that might give Elsa real purpose. Could that be why she has this power? That was something that we talk about, and it could be maybe something else we talk about in the future, I hope."

Nature has always been vital to Groff's Kristoff, who works in the ice busi-

ness and depends on seasonal changes to make a living. But this time around, the Broadway and "Mindhunter" star said the Earth and its precious resources affect everyone.

"A huge theme of the movie is that water has memory, and the idea of not trying to force the environment into your world, but try to respect the environment around you, which we have the ability to do every day," he said. "Every sort of character ... is connected to this idea of taking care of the world around you and not taking things for granted, and also respecting the power of the environment."

Also among the premiere's attendees were "Lose You to Love Me" singer Selena Gomez and additional cast members Sterling K. Brown, Martha Plimpton, Jason Ritter, Rachel Matthews, Jeremy Sisto, Hadley Gannawa and Mattea Conforti. Plus, appearances from Panic! at the Disco's Brendon Urie and Weezer's Brian Bell and Rivers Cuomo, who all contributed to the sequel's soundtrack.

The night was a festive affair, complete with lots of autumn leaves, snowman cupcakes, snowflake chandeliers and photo ops with Anna, Elsa and Olaf — which Urie and his wife took advantage of at the after party, as did many little Elsas and Annas who got the chance to meet their heroes in pants.

## Ravinia

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someone new to shape the festival's future.

"My goals were to give our board ample time to find that right person, and to oversee the inaugural season of the RaviniaMusicBox experience (a multimedia theater and exhibition space) next summer. It seems like the past two decades occurred in just a minute, and I have other interests I'd like to pursue — maybe even a summer vacation."

Following is a look at highlights of the CSO's upcoming Ravinia season. The complete Ravinia schedule will be announced March 12. Donor ticketing starts March 17; public ticket sales start April 28 for June and July concerts, and April 29 for August and September concerts. For more information, visit [www.ravinia.org](http://www.ravinia.org).

### 19th Amendment celebration

"**Legendary Women's Voices,**" July 12. Singer-actor Cynthia Erivo, star of the Harriet Tubman biopic "Harriet," will make her Ravinia and CSO debuts during a Ravinia gala benefit concert.

"**Voices of Light,**" July 16. The 1994 oratorio by Richard Einhorn was inspired by Carl Theodor Dreyer's silent film "The Passion of Joan of Arc." Marin Alsop will conduct the orchestra, while the film plays on screens in the pavilion and on the lawn.

"**Hindsight,**" July 25. Pianist Lara Downes will make her CSO debut performing Paola Prestini's Piano Concerto, which was written for her and co-commissioned by Ravinia. The program also will feature the Piano Concerto of Florence Price, a ground-breaking African-American composer who lived in Chicago starting in the late 1920s. Louisville Orchestra music director Teddy Abrams will conduct the CSO on a program that also will include "The Order of Nature," a suite of songs composed and arranged by Abrams with vocalist Jim James of the band My Morning Jacket; James will sing.

### Bernstein and Beyond

"**A White House Cantata,**" July 30. "It's kind of hard to avoid a major American election any year, and especially this



BRIAN JACKSON/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pianist Daniil Trifonov plays Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Oct. 15, 2016. Trifonov is scheduled to play at Ravinia on July 29.

one," says Kauffman. "Doing 'A White House Cantata' is simply logical, but also because it's a piece that never gets done." Gary Griffin will direct; Wayne Marshall will conduct the orchestra, Apollo Chorus and vocal soloists.

"**Shostakovich and Slava!**" July 10. Marin Alsop, who has curated Ravinia's Bernstein programming for the past two seasons, returns to conduct Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7, "Leningrad," plus Bernstein's "Slava! A Political Overture." Midori will play Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1.

"**All-Rachmaninoff Evening,**" July 11. Alsop will conduct Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances, Piano Concerto No. 3 with Lukas Vondracek in his CSO debut as soloist, and Vocalise for orchestra.

"**An Evening of Variations,**" July 17. Pianist Jorge Federico Osorio will perform Rachmaninoff's Variations on a Theme of Paganini on a program that includes Elgar's "Enigma" Variations and Brahms' Variations on a Theme by Haydn; Alsop will conduct.

### Eschenbach at 80

Christoph Eschenbach, Ravinia's music director from 1994 through 2003 and now chief conductor of the Konzerthausorchester Berlin, returns to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Aug. 7: He'll lead the CSO in Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique" and Khachaturian's Flute Concerto (a transcription of the composer's Violin Concerto), with flutist Stathis Karapanos making his CSO debut as soloist.

Aug. 8: Eschenbach will



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Cynthia Erivo attends SAG-AFTRA Foundation's 2019 Patron of the Artists Awards in Beverly Hills, California. She will appear at Ravinia next summer on July 12.

conduct the orchestra in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with mezzo-soprano Michelle DeYoung, tenor Paul Appleby and baritone Matthias Goerne.

Aug. 9: Eschenbach will conduct Mahler's Symphony No. 1 on a program that also will feature William Hagen making his CSO debut in Korngold's Violin Concerto.

### Itzhak Perlman

The revered violinist will celebrate his 75th birthday and his 50th Ravinia concert as violinist with three performances:

"**An Evening with Itzhak Perlman,**" Aug. 13. The violinist "shares his life stories and musical achievements in a multimedia celebration," according to Ravinia.

"**Perlman's 50th Ravinia Concert,**" Aug. 15. Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Dvorak's Seventh Symphony and John Adams' "The Chairman Dances" will be conducted by Edo de Waart.

"**Tchaikovsky Spectacular,**" Aug. 16. Perlman picks up the baton to lead

the CSO in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," Symphony No. 5 and Piano Concerto No. 1, with Garrick Ohlsson as soloist.

### Beethoven 250

"**Piano Concerto No. 3,**" July 29. Daniil Trifonov will be soloist, with Louis Langree making his CSO debut as conductor on a program that also will include Brahms' Symphony No. 4.

"**Triple Concerto,**" Aug. 1. Pianist Jeremy Denk, violinist Joshua Bell and cellist Steven Isserlis will perform Beethoven's Concerto for Piano, Violin and Cello, with Michael Stern (violinist Isaac Stern's son) conducting.

### Movie with Orchestra

"**The Lion King,**" July 22. The CSO accompanies Disney's 2019 live-action film.

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## Moment

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out any of the literal significance.

"So I went to this audition and it was for Starburst, and they said, 'Listen, here's what you're going to do: You're going to take off your shirt and put on this Rastafarian wig, and a woman's going to come in who is also auditioning and you're going to unwrap a Starburst and feed it to her.'"

"And I'm thinking: OK, this sounds like a nightmare — definitely for the poor woman who has to come in and be fed a Starburst by this cave-dwelling, pale praying mantis. But that was the deal.

"I have something called 'pectus excavatum,' which is like this indentation or a concave area of my chest. And so I took off my shirt and I saw the casting agent's eyes go down to this indentation in my chest and register a completely undisguised look of horror. And (laughs) I was like, OK, I'm not getting this part.

"And then I put on this Rastafarian wig — it was like a Bob Marley wig, dreadlocks underneath a Jamaican beanie. I guess the joke was like, some ghostly white-skinned guy wearing a Rastafarian wig? I don't remember. I'm sure it was a very brilliant premise that eludes me at the moment.

"So this woman comes in and like a champ she's like, OK, I'll eat the Starburst from this strange-chested boy. And then she left and the casting director was like, 'You know, actually, there's not enough guys here. So would you mind just sticking around and doing that again?' And I was like, 'Um, OK.'"

"So I was probably there for a half-hour in this fluorescent-lit room just feeding resigned women Starbursts. They would open their mouths and I would do my best to touch as little of the Starburst and as little of their mouths as possible to just minimize trauma for all parties involved."

**It sounds as if they wanted Woods to the feed actresses candy as if he were giving communion.**

"Right, with the body of capitalism.

"I knew I didn't get the part because the second I took off my shirt the casting director looked at me like the Elephant Man. I've seen the commercial; Kristen Schaal is in it. (Googles) Oh, here it is on YouTube: 'Starburst Tropical Com-

mercial.' Oh my God.

"I don't know if I had clearly articulated thoughts in my head while this was happening. I think it was more just a white noise of panic in my ears. It was the Try Not To Be Creepy Olympics. I knew this was going to be horrifying — like, when the plane is going down? This was like an emotional plane crash.

"Ultimately I did do other Starburst commercials — I'm more of a Take 5 man, or a classic Reese's — but I totally relied on those commercials for money. I was teaching improv, but aside from that I had no source of income. When I got my first TV job (on 'The Office'), I was two months behind on my rent. It was really touch-and-go there for a little bit.

"And when I got my first movie, 'In the Loop,' I remember this moment where they sent a black car to take me to the premiere. So I came up out of my underground crunch lair and got in the black car and was like, is there any way I can just take the subway and use the money they spent on this car to buy a cheese sandwich? It's such a weird thing to ride in the back of a Lincoln and be like, 'How many PB&Js can this be converted into?'"

### The takeaway ...

"Those were the glory days, and as much as I've loved playing Jared, it's a pale substitute for the artistic satisfaction that came from that audition (laughs).

"No, I don't know. It's kind of good in a way because it's such a weird job. I was shooting this other show called 'Avenue Five' (for HBO) this year — it's from Armando Iannucci, who made 'Veep' and 'In the Loop' — and yeah, I guess I've become detached from my self-respect because I was actually improvising in a scene and I took my shirt off. So I guess I'm not squeamish about it anymore.

"You're trying to be vulnerable in some way, and to have such an excruciating, debasing version of that early on — I feel like I could do a nude scene now, no problem. Like, if I had to be one of those guys who showed their penis in the locker room scene in 'Euphoria,' that would be nothing (laughs) compared to the Starburst Rastafarian wig audition.

"When you're an actor, you're asked to sort of curb stomp your own dignity so frequently that you have to build a tolerance for it."

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## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Carrie Underwood

**“The 53rd Annual CMA Awards”** (7 p.m., ABC): Her longtime co-host Brad Paisley won't be present for this year's edition of the annual ceremony from Nashville's Bridgestone Arena, but returning host Carrie Underwood won't be feeling lonely: Reba McEntire and Dolly Parton will join Underwood as special guest hosts for the festivities, which are billed as “celebrating the legendary women of country music.”

**“The Real Housewives of New Jersey”** (7 p.m., 11 p.m., Bravo): The Giudice family faces another struggle as Joe is released from prison but almost immediately transferred to ICE in the new episode “On Lock Down.” Dolores plans what she hopes will be a fun event to take Teresa's mind off her multiple problems, but when the latter invites Danielle, the occasion suddenly is fraught with high drama.

**“The Preppy Murder: Death in Central Park”** (8 p.m., AMC, SUN): This five-part true-crime docuseries, airing nightly through Friday and simulcast on SundanceTV, revisits a lurid episode in New York history, the 1986 killing of Jennifer Levin at the hands of Robert Chambers in Central Park. The pair had dated occasionally, and Chambers later told police he accidentally killed Levin during rough sex that she initiated after they ran into each other in a bar.

**“Guy's Grocery Games”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Host Guy Fieri assembles favorite members of his DDD family at Flavortown Market for some old-fashioned holiday fun in the new “DDD Thanksgiving” episode. First, the chefs are tasked with assembling an ultimate Thanksgiving sandwich without shopping in one aisle that would seem to be crucial.

**“Forged in Fire”** (8 p.m., 11:03 p.m., History): Veterans Day gets a belated salute with a “Military Tribute,” in which bladesmiths forge their blades from the biggest salvage yet: a Panzer tank. After all four create their strongest knives from the metal, the two best smiths return to their home forges to recreate the Scottish backsword, a weapon wielded by Captain Mad Jack Churchill during World War II.

**“Chicago P.D.”** (9 p.m., NBC): Burgess (Marina Squerciati) reports for a medical exam, where she receives a diagnosis that leaves her shocked in the new episode “No Regrets.” Meanwhile, a homicide investigation turns into a missing-persons case, with a markedly sinister twist, and Voight (Jason Beghe) must decide between getting justice and following the letter of the law.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress/comic Jenny Slate.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Political commentator Rachel Maddow; actor Tony Hale; Dominic Fike performs.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Tim Robbins; political analyst Nicolle Wallace.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Ray Romano (“The Irishman”); actor Don Johnson (“Knives Out”); singer Maren Morris; Zac Brown Band performs.\*

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	Survivor: “We Made It to the Merge!” (N) ©			S.W.A.T.: “Track.” (N) ©		News (N) ▶		
	<b>NBC</b>	5	Chicago Med: “Too Close to the Sun.” (N) ©	Chicago Fire: “Seeing Is Believing.” (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: “No Regrets.” (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ▶		
	<b>ABC</b>	7	The 53rd Annual CMA Awards (N) (Live) ©						News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	<b>WGN</b>	9	black-ish ©	black-ish: “Pilot.” ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) ▶	
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.	
	<b>Court</b>	9.3	Closing Arguments (N)							
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: “Nature's Biggest Beasts.” (N) ©		NOVA: “Decoding da Vinci.” (N) ©		Life From Above (Series Finale) (N) ▶	
	<b>CW</b>	26.1	Riverdale (N) ©		Nancy Drew (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>The U</b>	26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Cops ©	
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶		
<b>Bounce</b>	26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Last Call	Cradle 2 the Grave (R,'03)		Jet Li. ▶		
<b>FOX</b>	32	The Masked Singer: “Triumph Over Masks.” (N)		(8:01) Almost Family: “Fake AF.” (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family		
<b>Ion</b>	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: “Identity.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ▶		
<b>TeleM</b>	44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)		
<b>MNT</b>	50	Chicago P.D.: “Promise.”		Dateline ©		Dateline ©		Chicago ▶		
<b>UniMas</b>	60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero	Apocalipsis			
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CABLE	<b>AE</b>	The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©		(9:01) The First 48 ©		First 48 ▶		
	<b>AMC</b>	★ (5) Forrest Gump ★★ ★		The Preppy Murder: Death in Central Park (Series Premiere) (N) ©				Forrest ▶		
	<b>ANIM</b>	Extinct or Alive (N)		Extinct or Alive (N)		(9:01) Killer Whales: The Mega Hunt ▶				
	<b>BBCA</b>	Gladiator (R,'00) ★★ ★ Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. ©								
	<b>BET</b>	★ Madea's Family Reunion		Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)		Tyler Perry's Sistas (N)		Copwatch		
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	★ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Providence at Northwestern. (N)				Big Show		
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NJ (N)		Real House. (N)		Housewives/NJ (N)		Watch (N)		
	<b>CLTV</b>	Larry Potash News (N)		News at 8 News (N)		SportsFeed ©		Politics		
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ▶		
	<b>COM</b>	South Park		South Park	South Park	South Pk (N)	Yankers (N)	Daily (N) ▶		
	<b>DISC</b>	Expedition Unknown ©								
	<b>DISN</b>	Raven		Roll With It	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven	
	<b>E!</b>	Pretty Woman (R,'90) ★★ ★		Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. ©				(9:45) Pretty Woman ▶		
	<b>ESPN</b>	★ NBA Basketball: Clippers at Rockets (N)						NBA Basketball: Warriors at Lakers (N) ▶		
	<b>ESPN2</b>	College Football: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)								
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News		
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ▶		
	<b>FREE</b>	★ Home 2		(7:20) Pitch Perfect (PG-13,'12) ★★ ★ Anna Kendrick. ©				700 Club ▶		
	<b>FX</b>	★ (6:30) Girls Trip (R,'17) ★★ ★ Regina Hall. ©				American Horror Story (Season Finale) (N)		1984 ▶		
	<b>HALL</b>	Snow Bride (NR,'13) Katrina Law, Jordan Belfi. ©				(9:03) Mingle All the Way (NR,'18) ▶				
	<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		Hunters (N)		Hunt Intl (N)		
	<b>HIST</b>	Forged in Fire (N)								
	<b>HLN</b>	Real Life Nightmare ©		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		
	<b>IFC</b>	★ (6:15) Tropic Thunder (R,'08) ★★ ★ ©		(8:45) Tommy Boy (PG-13,'95) ★★ Chris Farley. © ▶						
	<b>LIFE</b>	Christmas Reservations (NR,'19) Melissa Joan Hart. ©								
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)		
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		The Challenge (N) ©		Ridiculous.		
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	Beer Money		Headstrong		Pregame (N)		Heartland Poker Tour (N)		
	<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends ©		Friends ©		
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<b>OWN</b>	Ambitions: “Giving Up.”		Ambitions: “Ex-Factor.”		Ambitions ©		Ambitions ▶			
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: “Kathleen Wise.”		Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped ▶			
<b>PARMT</b>	Next Friday (R,'00) ★★ Ice Cube, Mike Epps. ©						Friday After Next '02) ★★			
<b>SYFY</b>	★ Underworld: Awakening		Resident Evil: Afterlife (R,'10) ★ Milla Jovovich. ©				Res Evil ▶			
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)			
<b>TCM</b>	The Red Shoes (NR,'48) ★★ ★★ Moira Shearer, Anton Walbrook. ©									
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: “Destinee's Story.” ©				Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding ▶			
<b>TLN</b>	Baptist		King	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted			
<b>TNT</b>	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©									
<b>TOON</b>	We Bare		We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers			
<b>TRAV</b>	Mountain Monsters: “Creatures of Fire and Ash.” (N)									
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men			
<b>USA</b>	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				Chrisley		Chrisley			
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	<b>HBO2</b>	Catherine the Great ©		Room 104		Fletcher		Very Ralph © ▶		
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	<b>SHO</b>	Jarhead (R,'05) ★★ ★ Jake Gyllenhaal. ©				(9:05) Frank Miller's Sin City (R) ★★ ★				
	<b>STARZ</b>	★ (5:49) McFarland, USA		Killer Elite (R,'11) ★★ Jason Statham. ©				Sicario ▶		
<b>STZNC</b>	★ (5:52) Scarface (R,'83) ★★ ★ Al Pacino.		(8:44) Superfly (R,'18) ★★ Trevor Jackson. ▶							

## What makes a franchise live or die?

‘Terminator,’ ‘Joker’ see very different results at box office

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER  
Los Angeles Times

On the surface, “Terminator: Dark Fate” and “Joker” share basic similarities: Both are R-rated movies based on well-known characters that appeal to predominantly male audiences. Further, the films got virtually identical Rotten Tomatoes scores.

But the box office results could not be more different.

The Warner Bros.-DC film “Joker” made for \$60 million, became a global phenomenon, grossing nearly \$940 million worldwide. The latest “Terminator” movie, which cost at least \$185 million to produce, landed with a thud, grossing \$29 million domestically, well below studio expectations. It did little better internationally, collecting a modest \$28 million in China.

Major movie studios have been under pressure to mine their film libraries for franchises that will help them compete at the box office. But “Terminator: Dark Fate,” produced by David Ellison's Skydance Media and co-financed by Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures and Walt Disney Co.-owned 20th Century Fox, shows what can happen when a studio bets big on a piece of intellectual property that has lost its cachet with audiences, analysts said.

James Cameron's 1984 hit “The Terminator” and its early '90s sequel “Terminator 2: Judgment Day” are landmarks of sci-fi action cinema. But like many other long-running studio properties, “Terminator” faced a key test this year: Is it a true franchise that audiences want to revisit, or did it run its course decades ago? Beyond that,



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Linda Hamilton is back as Sarah Connor in “Terminator: Dark Fate,” which hasn't lit up the box office.

could its producers make something old seem new and relevant for younger audiences? The answer to both, it appears, was a resounding no.

“In the case of ‘Terminator,’ its heyday was 1991, and that was a long time ago,” said Jeff Bock, a box office analyst at Exhibitor Relations. “Unfortunately this is everything we have seen before, they're not bringing anything new to the table.”

Skydance, Paramount and Disney declined to comment.

It's a challenge that every studio is facing as the audience's bar for quality and newness rises amid a growing number of entertainment options. In the last several months, audiences rejected sequels and reboots, including Lionsgate and Millennium's “Rambo: Last Blood,” Disney's “Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” and Sony Pictures' “Men In Black: International.” But they've turned out in droves for the latest installments in franchises such as “John Wick” and “Toy Story.”

None surprised the

industry more than “Joker.” Ahead of “Joker's” release, even Warner Bros. executives were unsure that the movie would succeed, given its pitch-black tone. But the movie's depiction of the Batman villain's origin resonated with audiences so much that protesters in Hong Kong have donned clown makeup similar to that worn by Joaquin Phoenix in the movie.

“Joker” managed to be sold in a way that made it feel original,” said one producer not connected to either film. “‘Terminator’ did not clear the audience threshold.”

The “Terminator” flop is the latest blow for Skydance Media, the studio Ellison launched in 2006. Ellison, the son of Oracle Corp. billionaire Larry Ellison and the brother of Annapurna Pictures founder Megan Ellison, specializes in big-budget science fiction action movies meant to attract global audiences. David Ellison, 36, is known for having more commercial tastes than his sister, whose prestige-focused studio has struggled. Skydance's best-known hits

include the recent “Star Trek” and “Mission: Impossible” movies as well as “World War Z.”

But the company has also produced some high-profile misfires. In October, Skydance released “Gemini Man,” a \$138 million film starring Will Smith playing an aging hitman who faces off with his younger self. The Ang Lee-directed movie is expected to lose tens of millions of dollars after its disappointing box office run. Skydance has also produced lackluster offerings including “Geostorm” and “Life.”

The studio's decision-making was questioned earlier this year when it hired ex-Pixar executive John Lasseter to head its animation division after he left Disney following allegations of inappropriate treatment of employees. Emma Thompson exited the Skydance animated movie “Luck” in protest. Skydance defended the decision, saying Lasseter had apologized for his behavior.

Still, analysts said Skydance and Paramount should catch a break when

they release “Top Gun: Maverick” next summer. Sky-high hopes for the Tom Cruise movie soared after the movie's trailer debuted online in June to a rousing reception on social media.

Plus, insiders say the company is in better financial shape than the box office returns would suggest because it has diversified in businesses including television production and video games. But the failure of “Terminator” stings.

“It's a tough road for Skydance and Paramount,” Bock said. “‘Top Gun’ can't get here fast enough.”

“Terminator: Dark Fate” suffered from a series of problems, even before it got off the ground. After the massive success of “Terminator 2,” a spate of subpar sequels turned many people off the franchise, analysts said, and it ultimately may have been too difficult to win back fans. Ellison, who bought the rights from his sister Megan Ellison after she paid \$20 million for them in 2011, tried to start a trilogy with “Terminator: Genisys” in 2015, only to scrap sequel plans when that movie failed

amid dismal reviews.

The studio tried to salvage the series. Cameron and Skydance made “Dark Fate” a direct sequel to “T2,” eschewing the time-lines of the other films. They also brought back Linda Hamilton, 63, to play Sarah Connor alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger, 72. Yet Cameron, who produced the movie but did not direct, reportedly clashed with director Tim Miller and made significant changes in the editing process. Asked by movie website Cinemablend if there were disagreements during editing, Cameron said there were many.

“And the blood is still being scrubbed off the walls from those creative battles,” Cameron told the publication. “This is a film that was forged in fire.”

The deadliest blow, perhaps, was saddling the movie with a \$185 million production budget. Even though financing was split among four companies (Skydance, Paramount and Fox each put in 30%, while China's Tencent contributed the remainder), the costs mean the movie will have to do blockbuster business to break even, said Eric Handler, an entertainment industry analyst at MKM Partners.

In contrast, the lower budget for “Joker” took some of the pressure off. Even so, Warner Bros. was nervous enough to enlist co-financiers Bron Studios and Village Roadshow Pictures to co-finance the movie. Did Warner Bros. leave profits on the table by bringing on financial partners? Maybe, but it could have easily gone the other way.

“I think the (Terminator) producers green-lit a movie with a budget that was way out of whack for what a movie like this was going to do,” Handler said. “You've got a case of an aging franchise with aging actors that are far less relevant than they used to be.”

### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Nov. 13): Harvest abundant profits this year. Communicate faithfully with your growing networks. Your winter muses feed your creativity, which could motivate a shift in your educational itinerary. Budget for an income change next summer before you make an amazing, beneficial discovery. Weave connections for shared prosperity.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Express a heartfelt dream and align your actions to your words. Long-term gain is possible today. Creativity and communication flower.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Compute expenses and monitor the budget. A profitable prize can be won. Launch a lucrative initiative. Align your words and action. Invite participation.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Get energized by inspiring words. Everything is lining up in your favor. Share a possibility with long-term personal benefit and then go for it.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Settle into a cozy, peaceful spot for creative thinking and envisioning. Plans laid today have long-lasting benefit. Consider options and possibilities.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Teamwork and collaboration flowers with a powerful long-term vision. Throw your skills and talents behind a compelling possibility.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. A professional dream is within reach. Articulate what you want and share the possibilities you envision. You can surge ahead. Push for your heart's desire.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. An educational adventure reveals fabulous treasure. What do you want to learn? Align your heart, words and actions for long-lasting gain. Take big ground.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Collaborate to take advantage of profitable opportunities. Coordinate and aim for an inspiring mission with lucrative reward. Invest for long-term gain.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Partnership blossoms. Work together for a common love. Express your heart and commit energy to take powerful action. Advance by leaps and bounds.

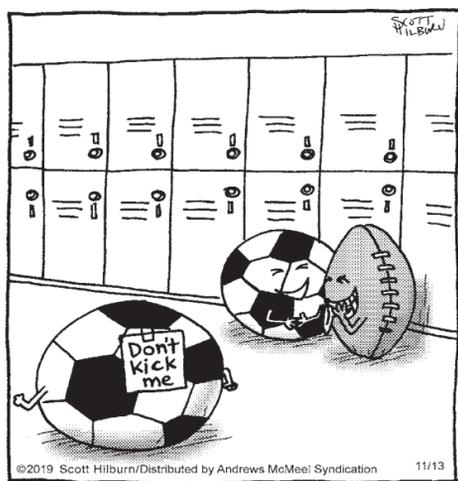
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. A motivating vision energizes you. What do you want to achieve? Huge gains are possible. Make physical improvements for long-term benefits to your work and health.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Love inspires action. Widen your circle of family and friends. Articulate your vision and passion and others will get inspired, too. Make bold declarations and advance together.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Conditions favor making big domestic improvements. Align your hearts, words and actions for long-lasting family benefit. Express visions and realize them for satisfying results.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



"I vow to never again bat around someone else's fuzzy mouse."

### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ A Q 7 2	♥ K 5 4 3	♠ K J 10 9 5	♥ A 9 6
♦ A 6 3 2	♣ 3	♦ J 10 8 5	♣ Q
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ 3	♥ Q J 10 7 2	♠ 8 6 4	♥ 8
♦ 9 4	♣ K Q 7	♦ 9 4	♥ 8
♠ A J 9 8 7 5 4	♣ K 10 6 2	♦ A J 9 8 7 5 4	♥ 8

Today's deal is from the recent World Championships held in China. South was young Michal Klukowski, of Poland, en route to his sixth World Championship. He is, we believe, 23 years old.

Klukowski won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and led the singleton club. He allowed East's queen to hold the trick and won the low diamond shift with his king. Klukowski led the queen of hearts, which was ducked, and then the jack of hearts, won by East with the ace. West discarded a club

**The bidding:**

<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
1♦	1♠	2♥	2♣
3♥	Pass	3♠	4♣
4♥	All pass		

**Opening lead: Four of ♠**

on this and then another club when East continued with a third heart to dummy's king.

Klukowski now played like he could see through the backs of the cards. He ruffed a spade, led a low diamond to dummy's ace, and ruffed another spade. This was the position:

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ Q	♥ 5	♠ K J	♥ Void
♦ 6 3	♣ Void	♦ J 10	♣ Void
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ Void	♥ Void	♠ Void	♥ Void
♦ Q	♣ K 10 6	♦ A J 9 8	♥ Void

Klukowski led the king of clubs and discarded a diamond from dummy when West played the ace! West was end-played and had to give South the 10 of clubs for his tenth trick. A beauty!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



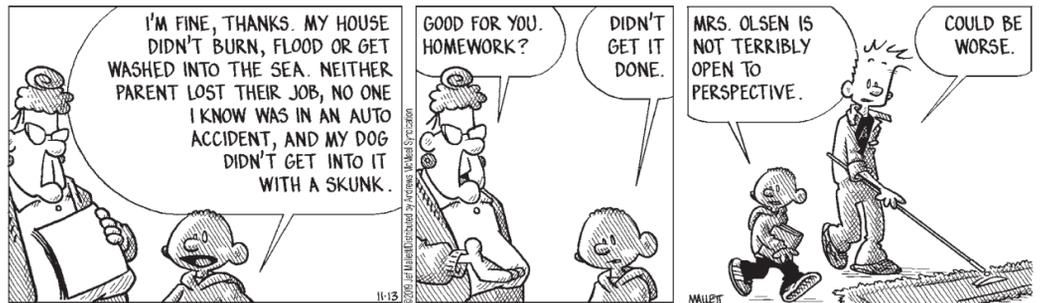
### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



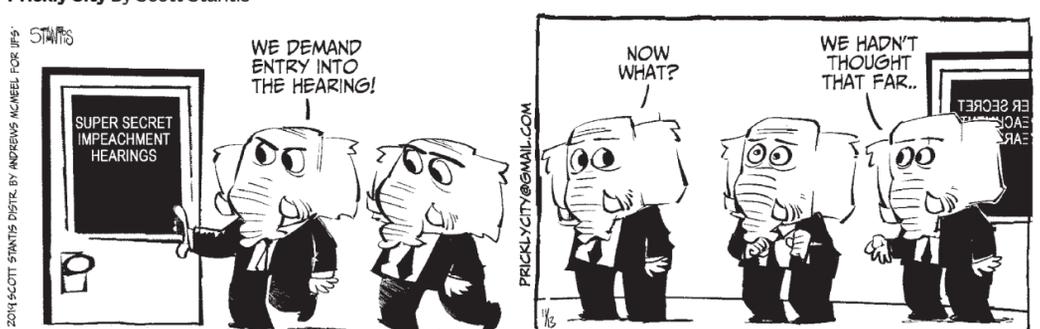
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13 NORMAL HIGH: 50° NORMAL LOW: 34° RECORD HIGH: 73° (1989) RECORD LOW: 6° (1986)

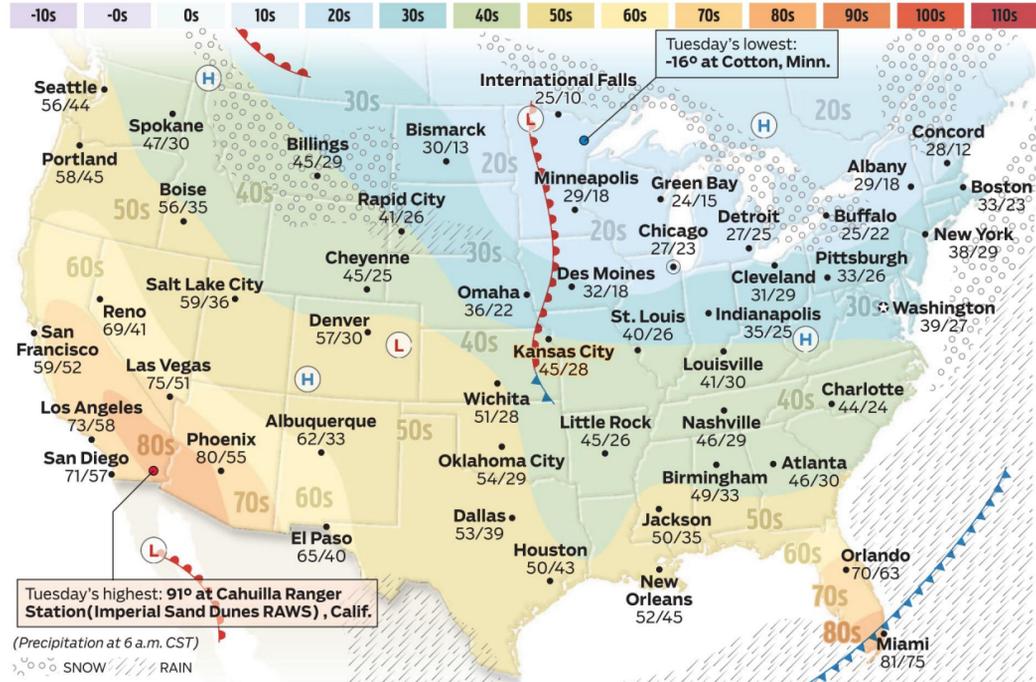
## Light snow, slow warmup after record cold

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 27 **LOW** 23

- Mostly cloudy, cold and windy. Warmer after a record breaking cold day Tuesday but still more than 20° below normal.
- Clouds thicken as the day progresses with an Alberta clipper approaching. Snow begins by late afternoon with a dusting to 0.50" of snow possible.
- A small craft advisory through the afternoon as gusty south winds turn SSW 12-26 mph.
- Light snow showers or flurries for the overnight hours with little or no additional accumulation. Snow ends before sunrise.
- Nighttime winds turn WSW/diminish to 5-12 mph.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



The coldest temperatures ever recorded in Chicago this early in the season will be followed by a very slow warmup over the next week, with temperatures reaching the low 40s by early next week. The record-breaking maximum and minimum temperatures Tuesday were 33 and 27 degrees below normal respectively. Chicago has never recorded temps as cold as the 7 degrees recorded Tuesday morning this early in the season. In addition to the cold, northerly winds brought heavy lake effect snow to portions of the Michigan and north-west Indiana lake effect snow belts. An Alberta clipper will bring snow late this afternoon and overnight but accumulations should be light with a dusting to half an inch of snow in most places. Some areas, especially north, may see close to an inch of snow.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 14

**HIGH** 33 **LOW** 19

Lingering early morning clouds from overnight snow, then clearing skies. Becoming mostly sunny by afternoon with light northwest winds. High in the low 30s. Clear skies overnight with light west winds and a low near 20.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 15

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 23

Mostly sunny, a few degrees warmer, but still well below normal for mid November. High in the mid 30s with light N winds. Clouds begin to increase in the evening, becoming partly cloudy overnight. N winds turning SE.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 16

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 26

Mostly sunny, chilly. High in the mid 30s, more than 10° below normal. SE winds increase to 6-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph. Becoming mostly cloudy overnight with light south winds and a low in the mid 20s.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 17

**HIGH** 40 **LOW** 31

Becoming mostly cloudy and a few degrees warmer with a high near 40. SSW winds 4-8 mph. Mostly cloudy and a little warmer overnight with a low near 20. A slight chance of a few scattered nighttime flurries.

### MONDAY, NOV. 18

**HIGH** 42 **LOW** 32

The very slow warmup continues. High in the low 40s. Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of scattered rain showers in the afternoon. West winds 4-8 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with a slight chance of a rain/snow mix.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 19

**HIGH** 44 **LOW** 34

Partly sunny. The slow but steady temperature rise progresses as the high rises to the mid 40s with light S winds. Partly cloudy overnight. Nighttime temps are also on the rise with a low in the mid 30s.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
What are Chicago's November snowfall statistics?  
James Bettelford

Dear James,  
Chicago's snowfall records began in 1884 and through 2018, two Novembers recorded no snow at all. Only traces of snow (less than 0.1 inch) were recorded in 28 of those years; the remaining 105 Novembers registered at least 0.1 inch of snow. Nov. of 1940 recorded the greatest amount of snow: 14.8 inches. Nov. of 1895 came in second, with 14.5 inches. Nov. of 1951 was the city's third snowiest, with 14.3 inches; fourth snowiest: 2018 with 12.7 inches. The heaviest snowstorm ever to occur in November measured 12.0 inches on Nov. 25-26, 1895, with 5.0 inches on the 25th and 7.0 inches on the 26th. In 2015, Nov. 20-21 brought 11.2 inches, and in Nov. of 1975, a three-day period of snow brought 10.0 inches, beginning on the 25th.

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Chicago, IL 60618  
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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Record November cold; more seasonable temps next week

### RECORD SNOWFALL

Daily Chicago record snowfall (O'Hare and Midway)

DATE	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Oct. 30, 2019	1.2"	1.4"
Oct. 31, 2019	3.4"	1.9"
Nov. 11, 2019	3.4"	2.9"

### RECORD TEMPERATURES

Temperature records set since Oct. 30, 2019

DATE	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Nov. 11, 2019	13°	14°
Nov. 12, 2019	7°	9°
Nov. 12, 2019	17°	19°

### A COLD START TO NOVEMBER 2019

This has been the 2nd-coldest start to November in Chicago since 1872

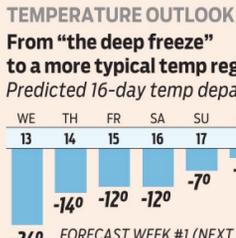
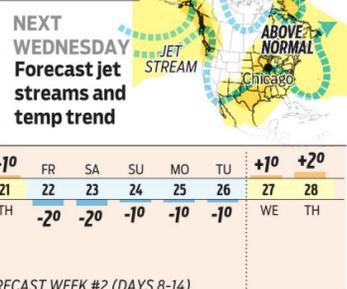
YEAR	AVERAGE TEMP
1. 1991	27.5°
2. 2019	29.8°
3. 1951	34.45°

### MONDAY-TUESDAY LAKE-EFFECT SNOW

Michigan and Indiana snow belt hit hard

MICHIGAN	INDIANA
Empire 24.0"	Keeler 18.3"
Beulah 24.0"	Grand Jct. 17.0"
Bangor 24.0"	Leland 16.0"
Glenn 22.0"	Holland 15.0"
Northport 19.4"	Suttons Bay 12.0"

### MONDAY/TUESDAY LAKE EFFECT TOTALS THROUGH 8 P.M. TUESDAY



### MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	39	25	pc	43	22
Carbondale	pc	31	22	pc	36	17
Champaign	pc	31	22	pc	36	17
Decatur	cl	32	23	pc	36	17
Moline	sh	34	24	pc	35	18
Peoria	sh	32	23	pc	36	17
Quincy	cl	40	26	pc	37	19
Rockford	ss	29	19	pc	32	15
Springfield	cl	33	23	pc	37	16
Sterling	sh	30	20	pc	32	14
Indiana	pc	38	26	pc	43	22
Bloomington	pc	40	26	pc	43	22
Evansville	pc	35	23	pc	39	19
Fort Wayne	sh	28	24	pc	35	19
Indianapolis	pc	35	25	pc	42	21
Lafayette	cl	33	23	pc	37	19
South Bend	sh	28	23	cl	34	20
Wisconsin	ss	24	15	su	32	23
Green Bay	ss	24	15	su	32	23
Kenosha	ss	27	21	pc	32	19
La Crosse	ss	29	22	pc	33	23
Madison	ss	25	18	pc	31	19
Milwaukee	ss	26	19	pc	31	20
Wausau	ss	20	13	su	30	21
Michigan	sh	27	25	cl	32	24
Detroit	sh	27	25	cl	32	24
Grand Rapids	sh	26	23	ss	34	28
Marquette	sh	23	19	pc	34	24
St. Ste. Marie	ss	27	17	pc	33	25
Traverse City	ss	24	17	pc	32	25
Iowa	ss	30	17	su	28	14
Ames	ss	30	17	su	28	14
Cedar Rapids	ss	30	17	su	28	14
Des Moines	ss	32	18	su	29	16
Dubuque	ss	28	21	pc	32	17
El Paso	pc	65	40	pc	63	37

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	59	35	su	56	31
Albuquerque	su	29	18	sh	39	27
Albany	su	62	33	su	58	34
Amarillo	su	65	28	su	54	31
Anchorage	sh	34	31	rs	35	32
Asheville	su	44	20	sh	48	33
Aspen	su	50	23	su	52	28
Atlanta	su	46	30	sh	46	38
Atlantic City	su	38	26	cl	50	38
Austin	sh	46	39	sh	57	36
Baltimore	pc	39	30	pc	48	37
Billings	pc	45	29	pc	48	36
Birmingham	pc	49	33	sh	47	34
Bismarck	pc	30	13	pc	42	23
Boise	pc	56	35	cl	57	38
Boston	pc	33	23	sh	41	38
Brownsville	sh	51	44	sh	57	48
Buffalo	cl	25	22	rs	36	31
Burlington	pc	23	12	sh	34	31
Charlottesville	su	50	40	sh	61	50
Charlottesville	pc	39	23	pc	48	24
Chattanooga	su	49	29	cl	48	33
Cheyenne	pc	45	25	pc	49	32
Cincinnati	pc	36	25	pc	45	20
Cleveland	cl	31	29	pc	38	28
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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY



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A KHN investigation found manufacturers, hospitals and doctors have put their multimillion-dollar marketing muscle behind 3D mammograms.

# 3D mammograms get upsell

## Industry cash is shaping policy and patient care

By LIZ SZABO  
Kaiser Health

When Dr. Wortia McCaskill-Stevens made an appointment for a mammogram last year, she expected a simple breast cancer screening — not a heavy-handed sales pitch.

A receptionist asked if she wanted a free upgrade to a “3D mammogram,” or tomosynthesis.

“She said there’s a new approach and it’s much better, and it finds all cancer,” said McCaskill-Stevens, who declined the offer.

A short time later, a technician asked again: Was the patient sure she didn’t want 3D?

Upselling customers on high-tech breast cancer screenings is just one way the 3D mammography industry aggressively promotes its product.

A Kaiser Health News investigation found that manufacturers, hospitals, doctors and some patient advocates have put their marketing muscle behind 3D mammograms. The juggernaut has left many women feeling pressured to undergo screenings, which,

according to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, haven’t been shown to be more effective than traditional mammograms.

“There’s a lot of money to be made,” said Dr. Steven Woloshin, director of the Center for Medicine and Media at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, who published a study in January showing that the health care industry spends \$30 billion a year on marketing.

KHN’s investigation shows that industry money has shaped policy, public opinion and patient care around 3D by:

■ **Paying influential doctors.** In the past six years, 3D equipment manufacturers — including Hologic, GE Healthcare, Siemens Medical Solutions USA and Fujifilm Medical Systems USA — have paid doctors and teaching hospitals more than \$240 million, including more than \$9.2 million related to 3D mammograms, according to a KHN analysis of the Medicare Open Payments database. Just over half of that money was related to research; other payments covered speaking fees, con-

sulting, travel, meals or drinks. The database shows that influential journal articles — those cited hundreds of times by other researchers — were written by doctors with financial ties to the 3D industry.

■ **Marketing directly to consumers.** Manufacturers have urged women to demand “the better mammogram,” using celebrity spokeswomen such as breast cancer survivor Sheryl Crow. Manufacturers spent \$14 million to market 3D screening over the past four years, not including spending on social media, according to Kantar Media, which tracks the advertising industry.

■ **Lobbying state lawmakers.** Private insurers in 16 states are now legally required to cover 3D screenings, along with Medicaid programs in 36 states and Washington, D.C. Officials at Hologic, the leading manufacturer, told KHN that about 95% of insured women have coverage for tomosynthesis.

■ **Funding experts and advocates.** Hologic has given educational grants to the American Society of Breast Surgeons, a medical association that recently recom-

mended 3D mammograms as its preferred screening method, according to the group’s website. Hologic declined to reveal amounts. Hologic also has funded patient advocates such as the Black Women’s Health Imperative, which lobbies for access to 3D mammograms.

Enthusiasm for 3D has sparked a medical technology arms race, with hospitals and radiology practices competing to offer the newest equipment.

Patients have caught the fever, too. When rural hospitals can’t afford 3D machines, foundations often pitch in to raise money. More than 63% of mammography facilities offer 3D screenings, first approved for sale in 2011.

Taxpayers write the check for many 3D screenings, which add about \$50 to the cost of a typical mammogram. Medicare, which began paying for 3D exams in 2015, spent an additional \$230 million on breast cancer screenings within the first three years of coverage.

By 2017, nearly half the mammograms paid for by the program were 3D, according

to a KHN analysis of federal data.

Hologic’s Peter Valenti said the company’s marketing is educational. His company is a “for-profit organization, but our premise is to try to improve the health care for women globally,” said Valenti, president of Hologic’s breast and skeletal health solutions division.

The debate illustrates the tension in the medical community over how much research companies should do before commercializing new products. In a statement, officials at Hologic said it would be “irresponsible and unethical” to withhold technology that detects more breast cancers, given that definitive clinical trials can take many years.

On average, 3D screenings may slightly increase cancer detection rates, finding about one extra breast tumor for every 1,000 U.S. women screened, according to a 2018 analysis in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Most studies also show that 3D screenings cause fewer

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# A misguided insistence on daughter’s pelvic test



HEIDI STEVENS  
*Balancing Act*

In addition to exhibiting serious boundary and control issues, rapper T.I. displayed a woeful (though common) misunderstanding of anatomy when he told a couple of podcast hosts that he escorts his daughter to the gynecologist every year to make sure

her hymen, and therefore her virginity, are still intact.

“Not only have we had the (sex) conversation,” T.I. told “Ladies Like Us” podcasters Nazanin Mandi and Nadia Moham, “we have yearly trips to the gynecologist to check her hymen. Yes, I go with her.”

“I will say, as of her 18th birthday,” he added, “her hymen is still intact.”

That’s ... not how the hymen works.

“Even if you do an exam of the hymen,” said Lauren Streicher, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Northwestern’s Fein-

berg School of Medicine, “that in no way ensures virginity.”

T.I. acknowledged that doctors have told him the hymen can be broken in ways other than sexual intercourse, but he’s not swayed. “Just check the hymen, please, and give me

back my results expeditiously,” he said he replies.

The hymen is a thin membrane that partially covers the opening of the vagina.

“They come in all different shapes and sizes,” Strei-

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# Study seeks cost-effective depression treatment

Drugs offer best value in first year, therapy in long run

BY AMY NORTON  
HealthDay

“Talk therapy” for depression may cost more than medication initially, but in the long run, both may have a similar payoff, a new study finds.

The study estimated the cost-effectiveness of the two treatments. It found that over one year, antidepressants offered more value for the money. But when the researchers looked at the five-year picture, talk therapy seemed to provide more benefit for the cost.

The findings support guidelines saying that antidepressants and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) are both “reasonable” choices as an initial therapy, said study leader Dr. Eric Ross.

What’s important for patients is that they know there is more than one effective option, according to Ross, a psychiatrist with McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts, and Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston.

Dr. Mark Sinyor, a psychiatrist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, agreed that there is no one-size-fits-all approach. A patient’s personal preferences are a critical piece, said Sinyor, who wrote an editorial published with the findings in late October in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

“If someone doesn’t want CBT,” he said, “it’s unlikely to help, since you have to engage with it.”

There’s also the matter of depression severity: CBT and antidepressants are, on average, equally effective for milder to moderate depression, Sinyor explained, but people with severe symptoms typically need medication.

“Depression can make



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Research has found that most people with depression would prefer to try talk therapy first. Yet less than one-quarter of U.S. patients get it.

you feel hopeless,” he said. “But we do have effective treatments, and if one doesn’t help you, we can try another.”

CBT is not the only form of psychotherapy for depression, but it is well-studied and recommended in guidelines. It involves individual or group sessions with a therapist. Simply put, the goal is to identify and reshape the negative thought patterns that may be driving depression symptoms, and develop healthier ways of coping.

Up front, CBT costs a lot more than medications, which are often available as a generic. A single session

can cost upwards of \$100, versus \$100 a year for many antidepressants, Ross and his team pointed out.

But people usually have a limited number of CBT sessions, and over time, the cost-effectiveness shifts, the new analysis suggests. In the first year, medication generally provided a greater “net monetary benefit” — a measure that considers how much money has to be spent to gain a year of life in good health, the researchers noted.

But at year five, CBT generally offered a greater benefit for the money. The researchers projected that at that point, health care costs could be up to \$1,800

lower for every patient treated with CBT; the finding was not significant in statistical terms, however, which indicates some uncertainty, the study authors said.

A caveat is that the projections are based on statistical modeling. The researchers used data from past studies and real-world cost figures to make estimates on cost-effectiveness. They had to make certain assumptions — that CBT, for instance, would involve four individual sessions and eight group sessions over three months, and then individual sessions once a month.

Using study data, they

projected that about 40% of first-time antidepressant patients would see their symptoms go away, and about 63% would show an improvement. Those success rates would be similar among CBT patients, but at a greater initial cost.

However, when the researchers weighed other evidence — patients on medication being more likely to relapse, for example — antidepressants were not more cost-effective in the long run.

According to Ross, research has found that most people with depression would prefer to try talk therapy first. Yet less than one-quarter of U.S. patients

get it.

There can be big obstacles, Ross said. People may live far from a CBT provider, or be unable to manage the time commitment.

So the mental health system may need to get creative. Sinyor pointed to one potential solution: training non-psychologists, such as social workers, to deliver CBT.

Technology could also help, he and Ross said, by, for instance, allowing patients in rural areas to receive CBT by video chat. However, Sinyor added, while that might work for some people, there will always be those who need face-to-face counseling.

## Stevens

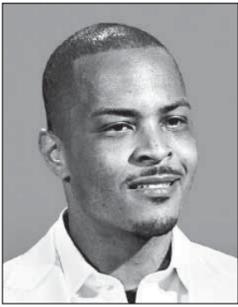
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cher said. “You can have a hymen that’s barely there and it’s totally normal. You can also have a hymen that’s thick and that’s totally normal. If you have a hymen that’s thin and very elastic and pushes to the side, it’s not even going to break during intercourse.”

No less than the World Health Organization concurs.

“There is no examination that can prove a girl or woman has had sex,” the global body declares. “And the appearance of a girl’s or woman’s hymen cannot prove whether they have had sexual intercourse, or are sexually active or not.”

Streichler, who serves as medical director for the Northwestern Medicine Center for Sexual Medicine and Menopause, also said it would also be highly unusual for a teenage girl to be seen by a gynecolo-



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Rapper T.I. said he takes his daughter to the gynecologist every year to ensure her hymen is still intact.

gist for a pelvic exam if she’s not sexually active or experiencing some sort of health complication.

“We don’t do exams routinely on 16- to 18-year-old girls,” she said. “Unless a young woman is having a problem beyond what a pediatrician can handle, we would not do a pelvic exam. We don’t do pap tests on teenagers. So this sounds like a girl having a pelvic exam that is medi-

cally unnecessary just to make her father happy.”

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists recommends female patients have their first pap test at age 21.

“Everything about this is objectionable,” Streicher said. “It’s medically unnecessary and inappropriate, and as far as I’m concerned, it’s abusive. Aside from the fact that it’s gross, to make her have a medical exam that’s unnecessary and invasive is abuse.”

Or, as my friend Dawn put it: “He somehow found a way to make purity rings seem less gross.”

**Editor’s note:** *TMZ reported last week that the “Ladies Like Us” podcast has deleted the episode.*

*Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.*

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## PARENTING Q&A

# Mother’s past pain affecting behavior toward 2-year-old

BY MEGHAN LEAHY  
Special to The Washington Post

**Q:** Growing up, I had an older sister who loved to push boundaries. Tell her no, and she would take pleasure in doing the thing you told her not to. Her complete disregard for boundaries would cause me to blow up at her. She would become surprised and hurt, and my parents would make me apologize.

**A:** Although she doesn’t do it as much, my sister still has this tendency. My parents still write off her behavior as typical older-sibling shenanigans. In college, I had a good therapist who told me to stop apologizing. Every time I apologized, I implied that I acted wrongly, and therefore, my sister would take the opportunity to believe that she was the offended party.

**Q:** Now I have a 2-year-old son, and my husband and I are trying to draw boundaries with him. His latest habit is to pull at my clothes. I’ve told him in a variety of different tones to stop this behavior, and he will do so only in the short term. The other day, we were out in public, and my son started to pull my pants down, and, much like my sister, giggled with glee when I told him to stop. I grabbed him, left the store, and got very upset with him in the car. He cried. My husband wants me to apologize for my outburst, but I don’t want to. Perhaps I didn’t act the best, but I’m not sorry for standing up for myself and my personal boundaries, especially when I’m raising a son in the #MeToo era. My son needs to understand that he cannot touch whom-

ever he wants, whenever he wants and take joy in other’s discomfort. Being 2 years old doesn’t excuse his behavior.

**Q:** Is it wrong to have my son hurt a little bit over this? If I don’t do something, I worry he’s going to turn out like my sister.

**A:** Thank you for writing. While your particular issue is quite specific, parents feeling triggered into remembering their own painful pasts by their children’s behavior is extraordinarily common. In some ways, you are fortunate: You know exactly why you had such an outsize reaction to your son. You know that you felt bullied by your sister, and your parents didn’t do enough to protect you (and maybe they still don’t).

But while you know this, there is a huge disconnect between feeling bullied by your child and jumping to some of the conclusions you reached.

First, while we all want to be sensitive to unwanted touches and teach our children about them, it is inappropriate to bring #MeToo or your crossed boundaries into what your son did. Pulling on your clothes probably began as a practical way to get your attention: Parents’ eyes are really far up there, and your pants are right in front of him. Because a 2-year-old is impulsive, he grabbed your pants to get your attention. He didn’t plan it, and he isn’t trying to assault you or disrespect your boundaries. Your pants were just there.

The reason he keeps pulling your pants is because it works. He gets a reaction from you. As soon as you speak to him about not pulling, all that registers for him is, “My parent is looking at me!” Does it matter that this attention is

negative? Not really. For a young child, attention is attention; that’s how basic the need is. So, when you say, “Being 2 years old doesn’t excuse his behavior,” you are incorrect. It completely explains and excuses his behavior.

Do I think you are a bad person or a subpar parent? No. That you are doubling down in blaming your son for your reactions shows me how much pain you are in and that your past is very much with you right now. Feeling victimized by your 2-year-old means you have some emotional work to do, and guess what? Join the parenting club. All of us are facing some uncomfortable truths and stories, but passing on our neuroses to our children is not the way forward.

If I sound like I am being tough on you, it’s because I need you to see how you have played the victim role in your life. Your sister has victimized you, your parents have turned their backs on you, and now you are treating your 2-year-old as if he is a latent abuser, also victimizing you. You have the power to stop this, to put your past into context, and to move toward understanding that your son is simply a small boy who wants his mother’s attention. No more, no less.

I recommend you return to therapy. I see therapy as something that people can go in and out of, as needed. And as a new mother, your son is provoking feelings in you that need to be unpacked.

As for your son, as soon as he pulls on your pants, either drop directly to eye level or pick him up and bring him to yours. As he and his language matures, he will be able to verbalize his needs. But this is years off, so you need more tools in your toolbox.

## Upsell

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“false alarms,” in which women are called back for procedures they don’t need, said Dr. Susan Harvey, a Hologic vice president.

Yet newer tech isn’t necessarily better, said Dr. Otis Brawley, a professor at John Hopkins University. “It’s unethical to push a product before you know it helps people,” he said.

As a senior researcher at the National Cancer Institute, McCaskill-Stevens didn’t need a glossy brochure to learn about 3D mammograms. She helped design a \$100 million federally funded study of 165,000 women, which will measure whether women are helped or hurt by 3D testing. The study, now recruiting patients, will follow the women for five years.

“Can we say that 3D is better?” asked McCaskill-

Stevens. “We don’t know.”

The American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force also say there isn’t yet enough evidence to advise women on 3D mammograms.

When the Food and Drug Administration approved the first 3D mammography system, made by Hologic, the agency required the technology to be safe and effective at finding breast cancer — not at improving survival.

“The companies do the minimal research needed to get FDA approval, and that usually means no meaningful evidence of how it helps patients,” said Diana Zuckerman, president of the National Center for Health Research.

Valenti said Hologic presented strong evidence to the FDA. “The data was overwhelming that 3D was a superior mammogram,” Valenti said.

Describing a breast exam as 3D may conjure

up images of holograms or virtual reality. In fact, tomosynthesis is closer to a mini-CT scan.

Although all mammograms use X-rays, conventional 2D screenings provide two views of each breast, one from top to bottom and one from the side. 3D screenings take pictures from multiple angles, producing dozens or hundreds of images, and take only a few seconds longer.

Yet some studies suggest that 3D mammograms are less accurate than 2D.

A 2016 study in *The Lancet Oncology* found that women screened with 3D mammograms had more false alarms. A randomized trial of 29,000 women published in *The Lancet* in June showed that 3D detected no more breast tumors than 2D mammograms did.

*Kaiser Health News data editor Elizabeth Lucas contributed.*

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Your great-granddaddy may have been right about the weather worsening his arthritis.

People with chronic pain conditions are more likely to suffer pain on humid and windy days, according to a study that used smartphones to assess pain-weather connections.

"The results of this study could be important for patients in the future for two reasons," said study leader Will Dixon, from the Center for Epidemiology Versus Arthritis, University of Manchester, in England.

"Given we can forecast the weather, it may be possible to develop a pain

forecast knowing the relationship between weather and pain. This would allow people who suffer from chronic pain to plan their activities, completing harder tasks on days predicted to have lower levels of pain," Dixon said in a university news release.

"The dataset will also provide information to scientists interested in understanding the mechanisms of pain, which could ultimately open the door to new treatments," Dixon added.

The study included more than 2,600 people across the United Kingdom with conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, migraine and neuropathic pain.

The investigators used a smartphone app to record daily pain symptoms.

The participants were more likely to have pain on humid days than on dry days. Low pressure and higher wind speed were also associated with painful days, but to a lesser degree than humidity, the findings showed. However, the researchers could not prove a cause-and-effect relationship.

Overall, temperature did not appear to affect pain, but cold days that were also damp and windy could be more painful. There was no link between rain and pain.

The findings were published online in the journal NPJ Digital Medicine.

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# Drinking can trigger brain link to alcohol, researchers find

By **BETHANY AO**  
Philadelphia Inquirer

Running into a former drinking buddy or passing a once-favorite bar can cause recovering alcoholics to relapse. But the biology behind why those setbacks happen was a mystery to scientists until recently, when researchers from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania found that alcohol directly affects the brain's learning and memory system through a test on mice.

Drinking actually helps people's brains "learn" alcohol — the bar they're drinking in, the street they're on and the people they're with — said Shelley Berger, a cell and developmental biology professor who is the study's senior author.

This learning can make people want to drink more when they're in certain environments or with groups of people. And unraveling how the learning happens opens the possibility someday of treatments to block the action.

Berger's research is the latest addition to a growing body of research that alcohol and drugs can cause genetic changes that may reinforce addiction and affect future generations.

Earlier this year, researchers from Rutgers University found that binge drinking can trigger genetic changes that make people crave alcohol even more.

In the new study, published recently in the journal *Nature*, researchers found that when alcohol is consumed, it goes to the liver, where it's processed into acetate, a byproduct. Acetate then travels to the brain, where it turns certain genes on and off in a cell by attaching to histones, the proteins that package DNA in a cell's nucleus, said Berger.



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Researchers have found that alcohol and drugs can cause genetic changes that may reinforce addiction.

"DNA is about two feet long in every cell and it's all folded up into the nucleus," she said. "There's a packaging material that organizes it in a really orderly way, and it turns the right genes on and off through these little chemical groups. Acetate is one of those chemical groups."

It turns out that the enzyme responsible for depositing acetate into cells, called ACSS2, activates key memory genes important for learning.

To test this, researchers exposed mice to two differently patterned chambers — one with alcohol and one without. After a "learning period," the mice were allowed to roam freely between the two. They preferred the chamber that was paired with alcohol. But after lowering the levels of ACSS2 in the mice's brains, researchers found that they spent an equal amount of time in both chambers.

Researchers also found that when a pregnant mouse consumed alcohol, acetate was delivered through the placenta and into the fetus' developing brain. This finding could lead to better understanding of fetal alcohol syndrome, said Berger.

Berger said that this was the first empirical evidence showing that alcohol consumption affects how genes are expressed in the brain. She's now interested in using the information to make a drug that could be used to stop people from "learning" alcohol.

"When we learn something, there's a process called reconsolidation," Berger said. "That's when something is really solidified, and we feel that we really understand it now. We want to disrupt that, after someone has been exposed to alcohol but before they reconsolidate the information."

Henry Kranzler, director of Penn's Center for Studies on Addiction, said Berger's research is "intriguing" because it offers the potential of "filling in a missing piece in our understanding of the development and maintenance of heavy drinking."

"Her research is consistent with the idea that addiction is a learned process," he said. "Importantly, it opens up the potential to identify specific targets in the brain to be modified therapeutically with medications and perhaps also genetically, at some point."

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Alleviate toenail fungus by applying vitamin E oil

By **JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON**  
King Features Syndicate

**Q:** I'd like to recommend a cure for toenail fungus: vitamin E oil. When I first read about it, I thought it would never work. But after using many other things, I tried it, and within two weeks I could see healing.

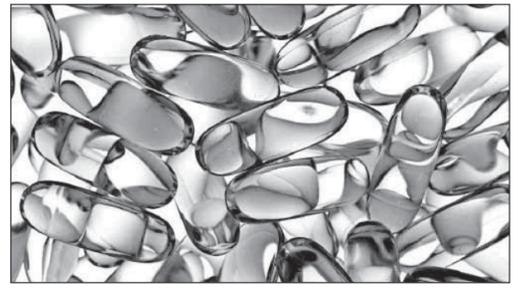
**Here's what I did:** I bought a big bottle of generic vitamin E oil capsules and heated one up with a hair dryer so the oil would flow easily. I used a safety pin to pierce the capsule and squeezed oil onto the base and the top of affected nails morning and evening. After they healed, I kept it up once daily. My nails are perfectly clear now.

**A:** We first heard about topical vitamin E oil for nail fungus in 1991. A nurse scolded us for not knowing about this home remedy:

"My doctor noticed my ugly, brown, thickened toenails during a routine physical several years ago. She told me to buy vitamin E capsules. I broke them with a pin and squirted the liquid on the toenail and between the toe and the nail."

"I could feel some kind of reaction happening. My toenails cleared up, and the condition has not returned. I am a registered nurse and thought this treatment was worth trying even though it sounded weird."

Since then, other readers have reported success with topical vitamin E oil for toenail fungus. One dermatologist wrote about a case in which topical application of a 400 IU capsule of vitamin E oil nightly had a rapid, dramatic effect on established toenail fungus (*Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, June 1983). He concluded:



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Vitamin E oil is a popular home remedy for toenail fungus.

"Daily topical application of the contents of a vitamin E capsule appears to have resolved a severe, chronic dermatophytosis of the toenails."

**Q:** I developed early-stage macular degeneration some 20 years ago, and completely turned it around by taking bilberry. My ophthalmologist confirmed that it was the onset of macular degeneration and that it's completely gone now.

**A:** Not all readers have had the same success with bilberry extract. However, a clinical trial suggests there might be benefits from a dietary supplement containing bilberry along with lutein, vitamins and other antioxidants (*Advances in Therapy*, September 2019).

There are effective medical treatments for macular degeneration. Everyone with this serious eye condition should be under an ophthalmologist's care.

**Q:** I took Chantix for about three months. I was excited that it almost completely diminished any nicotine cravings. I had smoked and chewed tobacco for 25 years, and had tried many different quitting methods.

**After a while, though, I started noticing reckless behavior: driving extremely fast, drinking too much and not being safe**

**at work. One night I got into a street fight because a guy flipped me off. I haven't been in a fight in over 20 years. I couldn't stop hitting him even after he gave up. Everything was totally out of character for me.**

**These reactions ended shortly after I stopped Chantix. I caution anyone thinking about this medication to be aware of personality changes.**

**A:** The Chantix TV commercial states clearly: "Stop Chantix and get help right away if you have changes in behavior or thinking, aggression, hostility, depressed mood, suicidal thoughts or actions, seizures, new or worse heart or blood vessel problems, sleep walking or life-threatening allergic and skin reactions. Decrease alcohol use. Use caution driving or operating machinery."

We have heard from other readers that varenicline (Chantix) can trigger uncharacteristic violent thoughts or actions. The Food and Drug Administration has also received reports of traffic accidents and other accidental injuries linked to this stop-smoking drug.

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# Teens say it's hard to kick vaping addiction

Youths' use of e-cigarettes has doubled since 2017

By ELLY YU  
WAMU, NPR and Kaiser Health

WASHINGTON — When Will tried his first vape during his sophomore year, he didn't know what to expect. It was just something he had vaguely heard about at his high school.

"I just sort of remember using it a bunch of times, like in a row," he said. "And there's this huge buzz-sensation-like head rush. And I just ... didn't really stop."

Will kept vaping nicotine addictively for the next year and a half. He was part of a trend. Teens' use of e-cigarettes has doubled since 2017, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, with 1 in 4 high school seniors reporting use of a vape in the previous month.

He's now a senior at a high school in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. (NPR and Kaiser Health News are using Will's first name only so he could speak freely about his use without fear of repercussions at school or home.)

Will overcame his addiction to nicotine before the outbreak this summer of severe lung illness and deaths linked to vaping. But he still occasionally vapes THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. He said the illnesses haven't made him or his friends quit, partly because vaping is a big part of teen culture — and also because they think nothing bad will happen to them.

"I feel like, for a lot of people, that's just a chance they're willing to take," he said. "I don't think a lot of kids are thinking about the future."

Last spring, three students at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Maryland, were taken via ambulance to emergency rooms in two separate



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One in 4 high school seniors reported use of a vape in the previous month, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

incidents after vaping THC.

All three had lost consciousness; however, the cases are not among those being investigated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Mary Anderson, spokeswoman for Montgomery County Health and Human Services. The students hadn't shown any respiratory symptoms, Anderson explained, and the incidents happened before the CDC issued guidance on reporting severe lung illnesses.

Churchill High School Principal Brandi Heckert said she's seen vaping explode in popularity over the past year. "All of a sudden, it went from zero to 60 — in, like, no time," she said.

Teachers and staff have come a long way in being

able to recognize the different kinds of vapes, Heckert said. Vapes can look like a flash drive or other digital device.

"I think what's scary for us a lot of times is that, unless they have some cartridge on them or package on them, we don't know what's in there," Heckert said.

School officials last spring didn't know exactly what the three students treated in the ER for serious vaping-related symptoms had ingested, she said.

For teens who vape, an addiction to nicotine ramped up fast too. Will recalled his out-of-control use.

"I just kept doing it," he said. "I remember, especially when I got home, I

just kept using my own — for, like, the entire night — until I sort of felt sick in my stomach."

At first, Will and his friends got someone to buy the pods containing nicotine-infused liquid for them from a store. But eventually, Will said, he was able to buy his own pods online on eBay and other sites.

After a while, he no longer got the head rush that had made vaping satisfying in the beginning. But he still kept buying nicotine.

Toward the end, the teen said, "it just seemed sort of meaningless, like just buying these \$20 packets of, like, nicotine juice. It didn't really seem like I was gaining much from it, and then over time, my lungs started

to hurt."

Will stopped vaping last spring almost by accident. A friend had jumped into a pool with Will's Juul device, rendering it useless. He spent hours trying to fix it, but his efforts didn't work. Another Juul device to replace it would have cost him about \$50.

"It didn't really seem like it was something that was really worth it to me. And I knew I was trying to definitely be more proactive and healthy," he said.

So he stopped vaping — cold turkey — and felt a severe craving for three weeks straight.

"I can see why it would be so hard for other people to stop," he said.

Will believes that for some people, including

him, vaping is a phase. But others are truly addicted, he said.

Phoebe Chambers, a junior at Churchill, said the hospitalizations that have been in the news have scared some of her classmates.

"It's not just something that's limited to one social group," Chambers said. "It's not just like the group of kids who, like, are stoners. It's the athletes. It's the nerds. It's everybody. It's infiltrated every social clique. Every type of person knows someone — or maybe they are that person — who is vaping."

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# Chicago Tribune FOOD & DINING

## FRESH REORDER

**PHIL'S 50** 8 new restaurants join Phil's 50 list of Chicago's best, and 1 jumps back on it after a remake

BY PHIL VETTEL

Time for another Phil's 50, my semi-regular list of the most interesting and important restaurants in Chicago.

Befitting a city with a dynamic dining scene, this list contains quite a few changes. I've added nine new names to the list, eight of them appearing for the first time.

George Trois, which was dropped off the May list because it had closed for a three-month remodel, is back at No. 7. The

newbies are the Kumiko/Kikko duo (debuting at No. 14), Galit (No. 15), Mako (No. 16), Cabra (No. 21), Tzucu (No. 25), Rooh (No. 28), Wherewithall (No. 39) and Cafe Cancale (No. 43).

But because the list is called "Phil's 50," not "Phil's 55" or "Phil's Whole Bunch of Restaurants He Admires," every addition means a subtraction. Two restaurants on the May list closed (Twain and Jade Court, the latter due to the tragic death of owner Eddy Cheung), but the other 48 are still with us, requiring some

tough choices.

In lateral moves, Proxi and Parachute were dropped to make room for their sister properties, Sepia and Wherewithall. Chef changes kept me from adding Pizzeria Portofino to the list. Other restaurants were victims of my number limit and my need to keep the list varied.

Because, although readers understandably view it otherwise, Phil's 50 isn't intended as a "very best" list of Chicago restaurants. I

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Chef de cuisine Mariya Russell of Kumiko and Kikko is a rising star. The restaurant duo debuts at No. 14.



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Cauliflower is roasted, then chopped into small pieces to act like couscous. It makes a base for this salad bolstered by olives, chickpeas, bell pepper and pickled apricots.

## Vegetables for the win



Waffles can go savory, featuring vegetables and spices. These highlight carrots, grated into the batter, along with garlic, shallots, ginger and garam masala.

### Offbeat side dishes are perfect for your Thanksgiving table

BY LISA FUTTERMAN

In this moment, when plant-based meat substitutes are a huge thing, a trio of recently published cookbooks celebrate actual vegetables and the techniques to cook them to express their individual glory.

"Vegetables Unleashed," by unstoppable chef Jose Andres, presents exciting recipes using vegetables in offbeat ways — cauliflower poses as couscous in tabbouleh, and oven-dried tomatoes stand in for beef in a tartare. He teaches how to maximize umami at every turn of a recipe, true to his restaurant style.

In "Ruffage," by Abra Berens, each vegetable gets a chapter all its

own, and Berens, a chef and farmer, offers a balance of practical know-how (plus thoughts of sweet pea toasts or kale braised with jowl bacon) with romantic odes to kohlrabi and roasted carrots.

Sean Brock's book "South," while not specifically a vegetable book, teaches vegetable cookery and preservation from a grandmother's garden perspective. The vegetables and sides chapter, packed with traditional recipes, makes me want to run straight to the kitchen and make limp'n' Susan (hoppin' John's more "delicate" girlfriend, a dish of rice and okra), and a big pot of field peas.

The best cabbage I ever ate was

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A double-baked potato with ricotta (\$16) is a popular side at Gibsons Italia.

**CRAVING:** Side dishes

# Where sides take a stand

Invisible at trendy restaurants, these dishes still going strong at Chicago's steakhouses

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

I don't know exactly why, but side dishes are currently deeply uncool. Scan the menus of most new restaurants, and you'll notice a conspicuous lack of them.

It doesn't matter if you're interested in Israeli food in Lincoln Park (Galit), Mexican in River North (Tzucu) or new American meets Mediterranean in Logan Square (Good Fortune), side dishes have seemingly vanished. You could blame the surging popularity of small plates, though those seem more composed than the more humble side dish. (I'd love to hear other theories.)

But there is one place where sides have stubbornly clung to their rightful place at the dinner table. No place treats sides with the same kind of respect as the steakhouse. And if you're looking for the ultimate bastion, it's hard to do much better than Lawry's The Prime Rib (100 E. Ontario St.).

You'll find the proudly old-school restaurant steps from the Magnificent Mile in an old mansion covered in an imposing stone facade. While this location of Lawry's opened in 1974 (the original opened in Beverly Hills back in 1938), inside it feels as if dinner has proceeded in much the same way for centuries.

Nightly, Lawry's houses hordes of locals and tourists seeking slow-roasted prime rib wheeled elegantly around in shiny stainless-steel carts. According to Shannon Tauschman, the restaurant's sales and marketing manager, each cart weighs over 600 pounds and costs in excess of \$30,000. While an august way to showcase towering portions of beef, when the cart comes rumbling toward your table, most of the sides also come with it.

Each order of the Lawry cut (\$49) automatically comes with a hefty scoop of mashed potatoes that the menu says are "whipped with milk and lots of butter," along with brown and puffy Yorkshire pudding.

Want some more vegetables? That cart also carries bright green creamed spinach and shockingly yellow creamed corn, which the master carver will happily scoop onto your plate.

But Lawry's certainly isn't the only steakhouse serving these sides. Glance at the menus at Chicago's many steakhouses (or create an Excel sheet to document them, as I did), and it can feel like serious side déjà vu. Nearly all have creamed spinach, mac and cheese, sautéed mushrooms and, of course, multiple kinds of potato dishes (mashed, baked and fried are the most popular).

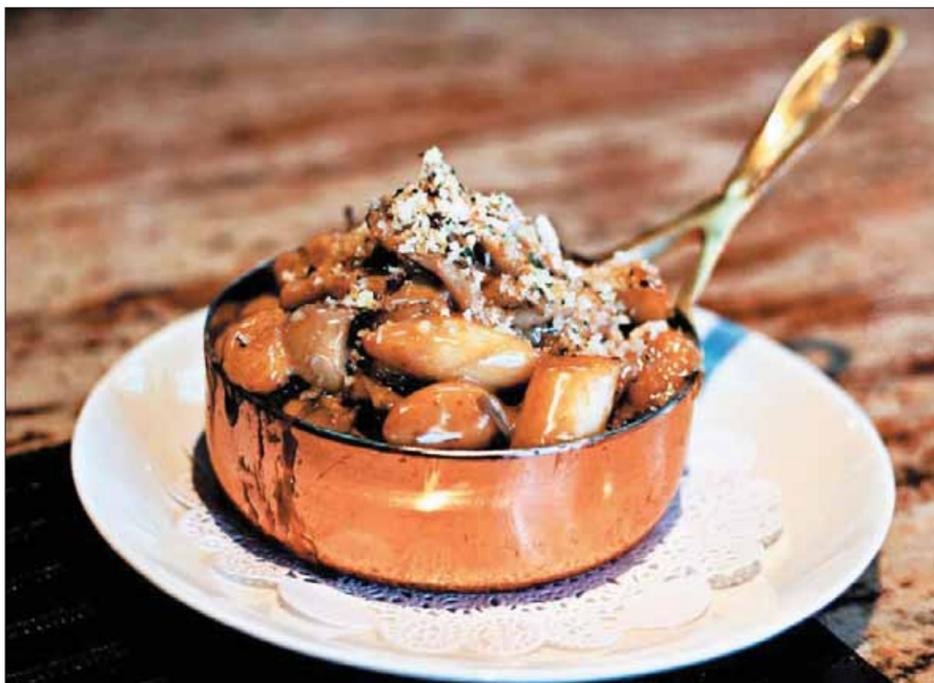
Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse (33 W. Kinzie St.) has all of those standards covered, even if it offers slight tweaks. Instead of regular mashed potatoes, you'll find roasted garlic mashed potatoes (\$9.95), and the kitchen



Sweet corn brulee at Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse (\$9.95).



Decadent macaroni and cheese at Prime and Provisions (\$12).



House-made gnocchi at Benny's Chop House (\$9.99).

passes on creamed corn for a sweet corn brulee (\$9.95), where the creamy corn is torched to produce a crackly topping.

Even new steakhouses play along, though their offerings tend to ratchet up the absurdity even more. Prime & Provisions (222 N. LaSalle St.) in the Loop doesn't just have mac and cheese, it serves decadent macaroni and cheese (\$12) made with imported pasta and three kinds of cheese. According to executive chef Joseph Rizza, the restaurant forms the sauce by warming Gruyere, fontina and Hook's cheddar and then aggressively whisking until they form a satiny sauce packed with a whirlwind of salt, nuttiness and creamy cheesiness.

Other steakhouses twist the classic to fit their concept. While you can get a plain whole baked potato at the original Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse in the Gold Coast, Gibsons Italia (233 N. Canal St.) wanted to serve something to fit its Italian theme. But it didn't want to stretch too far.

"Whenever people go out to a steakhouse, they want a steak and a potato," says executive chef José Sosa. "It's kind of hard to create something new."

Instead of getting rid of the potato entirely, the kitchen serves a double-baked potato packed with ricotta, Parmigiano Reggiano and a hearty shower of Umbrian truffle. Each bite is creamy and slightly funky, thanks to the truffles. It's also hilariously over-the-top — just like a steakhouse side should be.

While steakhouses always cover the staples, occasionally some truly oddball sides slip onto the list. I couldn't help but chuckle when I read the menu at Gene & Georgetti (500 N. Franklin St.), which is currently closed due to a fire, and saw that I could order a side of Italian sausage (\$7). The venerable restaurant, along with numerous steakhouses, also thinks bacon is a credible side dish.

At Benny's Chop House (444 N. Wabash Ave.) you can find

homemade gnocchi (\$9.99) listed as a side dish. According to the general manager, Mitchell Schmieding, the gnocchi made the menu because owner Benny Siddu is Italian. (He also owns Volare, the popular Italian restaurant in Streeterville.)

Schmieding thinks it is "definitely unique" to have gnocchi listed as a side dish, "but it's unique in a good way." I was stunned by just how well it's done. The pillow-soft gnocchi mixed with tender and earthy woodland mushrooms could be a stellar main dish at any restaurant. Does it pair well with steak? That's a different question.

Think too hard, and you can wonder whether any of the classic steakhouse sides make sense. Are really heavy, fatty and soft side dishes the best match for an enormous portion of beef? Wouldn't something light, acidic and crisp be a better complement?

The Lawry's in Beverly Hills tried that. In an attempt to lighten

up its side dishes a few years ago, it brought in chefs to create updated versions of the classics.

"People tried the new version once," says Tauschman, "but they always went back to the originals."

While she admits the recipes themselves might be "relatively simple," it's a lot harder to make sure they always taste the same.

"To recreate them consistently for 80 years, that's pretty incredible," says Tauschman.

Like almost everything related to a steakhouse, familiarity has a powerful allure. This helps explain why I ran into two of the most imaginative restaurateurs in Chicago at Lawry's on a random Monday night.

Jennifer Tran and Dave Park co-own Jeong (1460 W. Chicago Ave.), the acclaimed and wildly creative Korean restaurant that opened this year in West Town. On paper their restaurant seems the polar opposite of Lawry's. But with a Monday night off, the two sneaked away for an early dinner and wanted the classics. (The fact they were randomly placed next to a food critic probably wasn't what they wanted, but they laughed about it.)

"The first time when we went there was during my 30th birthday week," says Tran later on the phone. "It's one of those old-school places in Chicago that we had to try."

On that visit, they sat next to a couple who hadn't visited the restaurant since the 1970s and wanted to see if it held up.

"They said it tasted exactly the same," says Tran.

For her, a visit to Lawry's means a dirty martini and thick cut of prime rib, which she splits with Park. (It costs \$17 to share.) As is always the case at the restaurant, each plate comes mounded with extra-buttery mashed potatoes, drenched in thick potato gravy.

"You know what you're getting there," says Tran, "and sometimes that's better than trying a new place."

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# Use mandoline without losing a finger

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In the kitchen, I think tools generally fall into two categories: must-haves and nice-to-haves. Must-haves possess wide appeal across the board. They're things it would be hard to do much cooking without — a chef's knife, skillet, saucepan and a variety of other utilitarian pieces. Nice-to-haves begin edging into that gray area where they're essential for some people but not others. Or maybe they do a job that you can accomplish another way but a lot faster or easier.

To me, a mandoline is a nice-to-have. I don't own one, although I've often seen its advantages.

A mandoline is a tool that's designed to give you very thin, even slices of vegetables and fruits. It consists of a stationary blade that attaches to a platform or other framework that lets you move the produce over it.

"I think they definitely have their place," says Kate Merker, chief food director of Good Housekeeping and several of its sister publications at Hearst. "I would like to think I have pretty incredible knife skills," but not as fast as what a mandoline can do."

If you're considering whether to buy one, or just want to know how to safely use the mandoline you already have, read on.

**What to look for:** Be sure you find something durable. Good Housekeeping recently tested a bunch and probably held about 20, Merker says. Some were just "not hefty enough," she says. Wobbly, unstable mandolines are not only inefficient but also potentially dangerous. They should also be able to hold up to firm pressure and, of course, firm vegetables. And if they don't slice cleanly, there's absolutely no point.

Some models include a



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A cut-resistant glove can protect your fingers, but the guard that comes with the mandoline is the safest option.

foot that lets you stand the mandoline on the counter. Others, such as the no-frills Benriner that Merker likes, are shaped like a paddle with only a handle. That makes it easier to slice directly into a bowl. Think about the cuts you're most likely to use. Blades that do julienne and waffle cuts are available on certain brands. If you're mostly in it for the thin slices, Merker recommends something like the Kyocera. Being able to adjust the thickness of the slices is a major plus. Good Housekeeping gave props to brands that have rubberized handles for no-slip gripping and textured surfaces that keep the food from sliding around.

America's Test Kitchen offers several other features worth considering. Look for a mandoline with a long enough platform that you can slice long vegetables, such as zucchini. Be sure the surface and hand guard



A mandoline is a tool that's designed to give you very thin, even slices of vegetables and fruits. It's best used with hard produce (not soft ones that will just be crushed).

can accommodate large items, such as potatoes. You should be able to slice the vegetables and swap out the blades without your fingers getting too close to the sharp edges. Good mandolines are easy to clean and can be stored safely and compactly.

**Safety:** It's easy to be

intimidated by a mandoline, but "if used the right way, it can be safe," Merker says. She suspects a lot of people ditch the hand guard as soon as they get the mandoline. Not a good idea. "It's not worth losing your fingertips," she says. Hand guards do just that: Protect your paws from the blades. They securely hold

the food so you can focus on your slicing motion. If you've lost your guard or don't feel it is effective — ATK dinged some models that did not hold the food securely or mangled it — at the very least, use a cut-resistant glove. There's also no reason you can't use a glove in conjunction with the hand guard. If you insist on no protection whatsoever, know when to stop slicing so your fingers don't get too close to the blade. A little chunk of leftover vegetable (snack on it! throw it in broth!) is more desirable than a trip to the ER.

**How to use it:** The best motion for slicing on a mandoline is to have the mandoline handle facing you, Merker says. That way you can push the vegetables away from you and take advantage of your natural momentum. Don't slice side to side. If you want

uniform slices, which is pretty much the whole point, be sure you apply even pressure to the vegetable. Especially with firm or lumpy vegetables, it can help to start by creating a flat surface, so don't hesitate to use a knife to slice off one edge. ATK suggests halving large items if necessary and says it's safer and sturdier to put the food on a cutting board and then press the guard onto it, rather than pointing the prongs up and pushing the food onto them.

**What to use it for:** "I really want to use the mandoline for harder vegetables that feel like they're a strain," Merker says. Potatoes are an obvious choice, as are radishes, fennel, beets and winter squash. It's helpful for softer foods that you still might want a thin slice on, including pears, zucchini, cucumber, onions and even citrus.

Stay away from softer foods that are more likely to be crushed than sliced, such as tomatoes. Mandolines are not always the most efficient tool for slicing, either. For heads of cabbage or a bunch of Brussels sprouts, Merker prefers the slicing disc of a food processor.

**Dishes that benefit from one:** Gratins or dishes with scalloped vegetables will make the most use of a mandoline. Chips — apple, beet, potato — also help the tool earn its keep. Thinly sliced fruit atop a tart is another way to go. Julienne vegetables for slaw, salad or, yep, fries. If you're a fan of quick or regular pickles, the mandoline is your friend. Merker likes to slice cucumbers so thinly that when tossed with rice vinegar, they're ready to go immediately on top of a rice bowl. "I think mandolines are really great for ribbons," she adds, such as zucchini that can be used in lasagna and roll-ups or marinated.

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# Don't underestimate frozen vegetables

They're so easy to cook with — and much better than you think

BY BECKY KRystal  
The Washington Post

If you're anything like me, you probably have a bag — or three — of old frozen vegetables sitting in your freezer. Forgotten, unloved, possibly freezer-burned. But these grocery staples definitely deserve more appreciation, especially as winter creeps ever closer, diminishing access to the fresh, local produce many of us rely on.

"A lot of people pooh-poo them," says Bruce Weinstein, who has written 32 cookbooks with his husband, Mark Scarbrough. "The convenience factor is ridiculous."

The quality is not something to dismiss either, Weinstein says, as what you can find in the freezer section during the offseason is often better than what's in the fresh produce section. Food meant to be frozen is picked at optimal ripeness and processed, often within hours of coming out of the field. That means it can beat out items trucked in from far away in terms of both taste and carbon footprint, especially for vegetables brought up in winter from the Southern Hemisphere.

Here's what you need to know about putting nutritious frozen vegetables to good use.

## Picking

Water expands as it's frozen, and that process affects vegetables. Those ice crystals break the cellular structure of the produce. "Some people say that ruins the vegetables," Weinstein says. It's true if you eat the vegetables uncooked, when you may get mushy food that ends up releasing a lot of water. But as cooking is intended to drive off moisture anyway, using frozen vegetables means you're already a step ahead in eliminating some of the water you'd be burning off by roasting, sauteing, etc. "It can save a lot of time on both ends of cooking," Weinstein says.

That initial breakdown is why some frozen vegetables hold up better than others. Look for options that are lower-moisture and sturdy enough to not be rendered into pulp by ice. Some of Weinstein's favorites include corn, artichokes and cauliflower. Cook's Illustrated adds peas, lima beans, pearl onions and spinach to its recommended list, with broccoli, carrots and green beans on its acceptable roster, especially if you're incorporating them into dishes where a crisp texture is not crucial. The magazine is less keen on high-moisture vegetables, such as bell peppers, snow peas,



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Bruce Weinstein, a co-writer of 32 cookbooks, prefers using frozen vegetables as an ingredient in dishes rather than on their own as a side.

snap peas, asparagus and mushrooms.

Also think about the types of frozen vegetables that can save you time — peeled pearl onions, prepped artichoke hearts, shelled edamame and cubed butternut squash.

## Storing

Unlike meat, which is sold airtight or can be frozen airtight when you wrap or vacuum seal it yourself, frozen vegetables in bags include air, and therefore moisture, in the packaging. "I think they have a more limited shelf life than meat," Weinstein says. More moisture, coupled with the cycles a self-defrosting freezer goes through, can cause freezer burn and wreak havoc on the texture of food. For those reasons, he prefers to use frozen vegetables within a few months. Aim for a colder part of your freezer, if you can, away from the door. If you open and use part of a package, try to cook the rest within a week.

## Prepping

First, a necessary word about food safety. "Most frozen foods are intended to be cooked, and the safest way to consume any product is to carefully follow the package cooking or preparation

instructions," Alison Bodor, president and CEO of the American Frozen Food Institute, said. Don't assume that the washing and blanching process kills pathogens, as frozen produce, just as fresh, has at times been linked to outbreaks of food-borne illness here and abroad. Yes, you may have eaten uncooked frozen vegetables and been fine, but know that there is some risk.

The first step to cooking may involve thawing, especially if the moisture released by frozen vegetables will be a problem. For Weinstein, those situations include stir-fries and curries. He likes to thaw vegetables before adding to a pot of soup or stew, as straight-from-the-freezer food can drop the temperature and cause you to overcook the food when you're forced to cook it longer to bring the temperature back up. Thawing and wringing water out of frozen spinach is almost always necessary, unless you enjoy soggy lasagna. Extra moisture can prove problematic in dips and frittatas too.

Weinstein says you can let your frozen vegetables thaw overnight in the refrigerator. If you're using a small amount of smaller-size vegetables, as with the corn and peas in a fried rice recipe, a brief stint on the counter while you prep your other ingredients is

sufficient.

Thawing is not always necessary. The Kitchen likes roasting vegetables straight from the freezer, in a hot oven on a preheated baking sheet, with plenty of oil. They can work in soups or stews, with a few caveats. Weinstein is OK chucking them into the pot for a soup that's going to be pureed, for example, since overcooked vegetables won't matter. Other recipes may suggest adding frozen vegetables in the last few minutes to just heat them through, which will prevent them from turning to mush and changing how the rest of the dish cooks.

If you're using frozen vegetables in a multicooker or pressure cooker, it may take longer to come up to pressure. That's one reason Weinstein and Scarbrough place frozen vegetables on top of the noodles, away from the liquid, in a lo mein recipe they included in their "From Freezer to Instant Pot" cookbook. In a chop suey recipe, they add still-frozen vegetables to the cooked dish, where they are cooked by the residual heat and a quick boil.

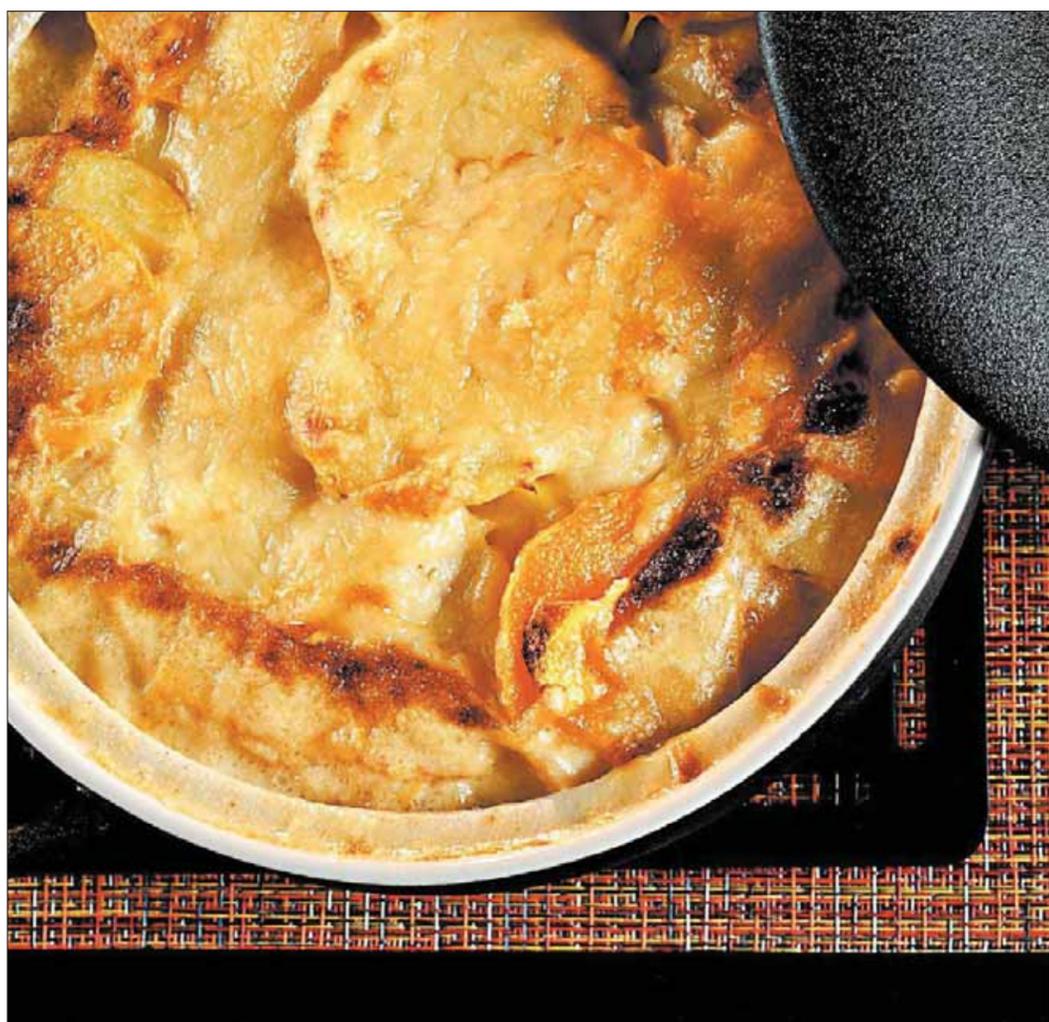
## Cooking

Weinstein says he prefers using frozen vegetables as an ingredient in dishes rather than on their own as a side. Even if you're not eating

the vegetable straight up, you may want them cooked through if you're, say, adding them to a grain salad or burrito.

A good first step is to read the instructions on the side of the bag, which often include microwave or stove-top options. I tend to overcook frozen vegetables in the microwave, especially if I'm using only part of a bag, but I still prefer it to boiling, which can lead to mushy, waterlogged vegetables that also lose some of their nutrients. Steaming is a nice middle-of-the-road option, with a moist but not too moist environment that doesn't take very long, either.

So what dishes are prime candidates for frozen vegetables? We've already touched on soups, stews and stir-fries. Try stirring peas and/or carrots into mac and cheese (maybe my/your kid won't mind?). Frozen vegetables can shine in risotto, too, according to Taste magazine. Food 52 recommends adding them to the mix when you're making veggie burgers (corn), dumplings (edamame) and gnocchi (spinach). The site says greens can be swirled into yogurt or sour cream for a dip, or mushy and mashed vegetables (carrots, squash) or spread on toast. Try making your own flavored hummus with cooked, pureed frozen vegetables.



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Kohlrabi and squash gratin

## Vegetables

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served at a Nashville cafeteria, and Brock's fried cabbage recipe looks both as simple and as complex as that Southern-style dish.

These cookbooks are decidedly not vegetarian. (That cabbage recipe uses lard and bacon fat for flavor and heat transfer, and Berens frequently pairs meat proteins with her vegetables and splashes anchovy vinaigrette and tuna mayo around liberally.) Instead, they are books that teach technique through thoughtful, imaginative recipes that move vegetables to their well-deserved star status. Inspired, I created some autumnal recipes that will be perfect for the Thanksgiving table, which at my house explodes with vegetable dishes to the point where the turkey is practically an afterthought.

A long time ago I learned that most any batter can be cooked in the waffle iron to create a sweet or savory treat with lots of hills and dales to get crispy and trap sauce. Andres reminded me of the joy of waffling, saying, "There is amazing potential in that machine and I want to tap into it."

In the book he offers waffled hash browns and waffled spaghetti squash pastry. I chose to go South Asian with a dinner-worthy chickpea flour waffle packed with carrots and spice. I like it dolloped with yogurt, green onions and cilantro sprigs, but it would also be delicious served with an herby chickpea salad on top.

Gratins are a decadent way to celebrate vegetables, especially in autumn. As Berens says, "Gratins are beautiful in their simplicity and the magic of a dish being more than the sum of its parts." Most any vegetable comes out a winner when you drench it in cream and butter and crust it with cheese or breadcrumbs. Inspired by Berens, who layers sliced kohlrabi rounds into her potato gratin to lighten it up a bit, I made a kohlrabi and squash gratin.

Many gratins call for feats of engineering that this lazy cook does not always enjoy executing — wafer-thin slices in precise stacks look and taste gorgeous but call for incredible patience and knife skills. A casual gratin that starts on the stovetop before being sloshed in a baking dish creates a bubbly, satisfying thing that can definitely be called dinner. Squash and sweet or baking potatoes, paired with kohlrabi or turnip slices for good health, make for an easy autumn vegetable.

Cauliflower's popularity is due in no small part to its versatility — cooks use it to mimic rice and other small grains in all kinds of salads and stir-fries. In his book, Andres includes a whole roasted head with barbecue sauce, and cauliflower "steaks" grilled up alongside portobello mushrooms, thickly sliced rutabagas and celery root, and served with a homemade steak sauce.

Brock shares a version that's roasted whole in a skillet with brown butter. Andres remembers making cauliflower couscous at Ferran Adria's El Bulli, an example of "playing with your food in order to tease out a new experience."

I roasted my cauliflower before whizzing it up in the food processor to prep for a roasted cauliflower couscous salad with chickpeas for protein and quick-pickled apricots for a fun tang, or Brock's pickled peaches. The dressing retrieves the carrot tops from our waffle recipe to make a bright salsa verde, a sauce that can dress myriad hearty salads but also can top pastas or grilled meats and fish.

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### Kohlrabi and squash gratin

**Prep:** 30 minutes

**Cook:** 45 minutes

**Makes:** 10 servings

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium shallot, diced
- 1 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne or other hot ground chile
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 medium kohlrabi or turnips, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 large or 2 medium baking potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 medium winter squash, peeled, seeded, sliced 1/4-inch thick (butternut, kabocha and unpeeled delicata are favorites)
- 1/4 cup grated cheese (Parmesan, Romano, Gruyere or a combination)

**1. Heat** the butter in a large skillet over medium high heat; add the shallot. Cook until soft but not brown. Add the cream and seasonings; heat to a simmer. Add the kohlrabi, potatoes and squash; bring back to a simmer. Cook until the slices are slightly tender, about 3 minutes.

**2. Taste** the liquid for seasoning, then transfer the entire contents of the pan to a 3-quart baking dish. Press down lightly and top with the cheese. At this point you can hold the dish at room temp for 1 hour or refrigerate overnight. When you are ready, bake in a 350 degree oven until bubbly, brown and the vegetables are tender when poked with a knife, 35-45 minutes. Allow to sit 5-10 minutes before serving.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 219 calories, 16 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 49 mg cholesterol, 18 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 3 g protein, 261 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

### Carrot waffles

**Prep:** 20 minutes

**Cook:** 20 minutes

**Makes:** 5 waffles

- Waffles:**
- 8 medium carrots, grated (about 1 generous cup grated carrots)
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup chickpea flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- To serve:**
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup cilantro sprigs
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions.

For the waffles, combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl. Cook in a greased, preheated waffle iron. Serve hot with yogurt, cilantro, green onions.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 81 calories, 3 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 74 mg cholesterol, 9 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 5 g protein, 490 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

### Roasted cauliflower 'couscous' salad with pickled apricots and carrot top salsa verde

**Prep:** 40 minutes

**Cook:** 10-15 minutes

**Makes:** 8 servings

- 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into florets
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1 cup cooked (or canned) chickpeas, drained
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup pickled apricots, diced, see recipe
- 1 cup olives, pitted and chopped

Carrot top salsa verde, see recipe

**1. Toss** the cauliflower florets with the olive oil and spread on a baking sheet or roasting pan. Season lightly with salt and pepper, then roast in a 450 oven until brown but still firm, 10-15 minutes. Allow to cool, then pulse in the food processor with the chopping blade (you can use the same bowl you made the carrot top salsa verde in) until crumbly. Do not overprocess.

**2. Toss** the cauliflower couscous with the chickpeas, bell pepper, apricots and olives. Drizzle with the salsa verde; toss to coat evenly. Taste for seasoning. Serve at once or refrigerate and serve within 24 hours. Bring to room temperature before serving.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 252 calories, 18 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 22 g carbohydrates, 12 g sugar, 4 g protein, 339 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

### Carrot top salsa verde

Set up a food processor with the chopping blade. With the motor running, drop 1 large shallot, peeled, and 1 clove garlic, peeled, into the feed tube and whiz. Remove the lid; scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add 2 cups carrot leaves from 1 bunch carrots, no stems, and 1/2 cup fresh herb leaves (parsley, oregano, basil, tarragon, mint or a combination); chop finely. With the machine running, 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar and 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil to achieve a smooth salsa. Season to taste with salt and pepper. **Makes:** 1 cup

### Pickled apricots

Place 1/2 cup cider vinegar, 1/4 cup water, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon brown sugar in a small saucepan; heat to a boil. Add 4 ounces dried apricots; bring back to a boil. Turn off heat and allow to cool. Store in a jar in the refrigerator. **Makes:** 1 cup

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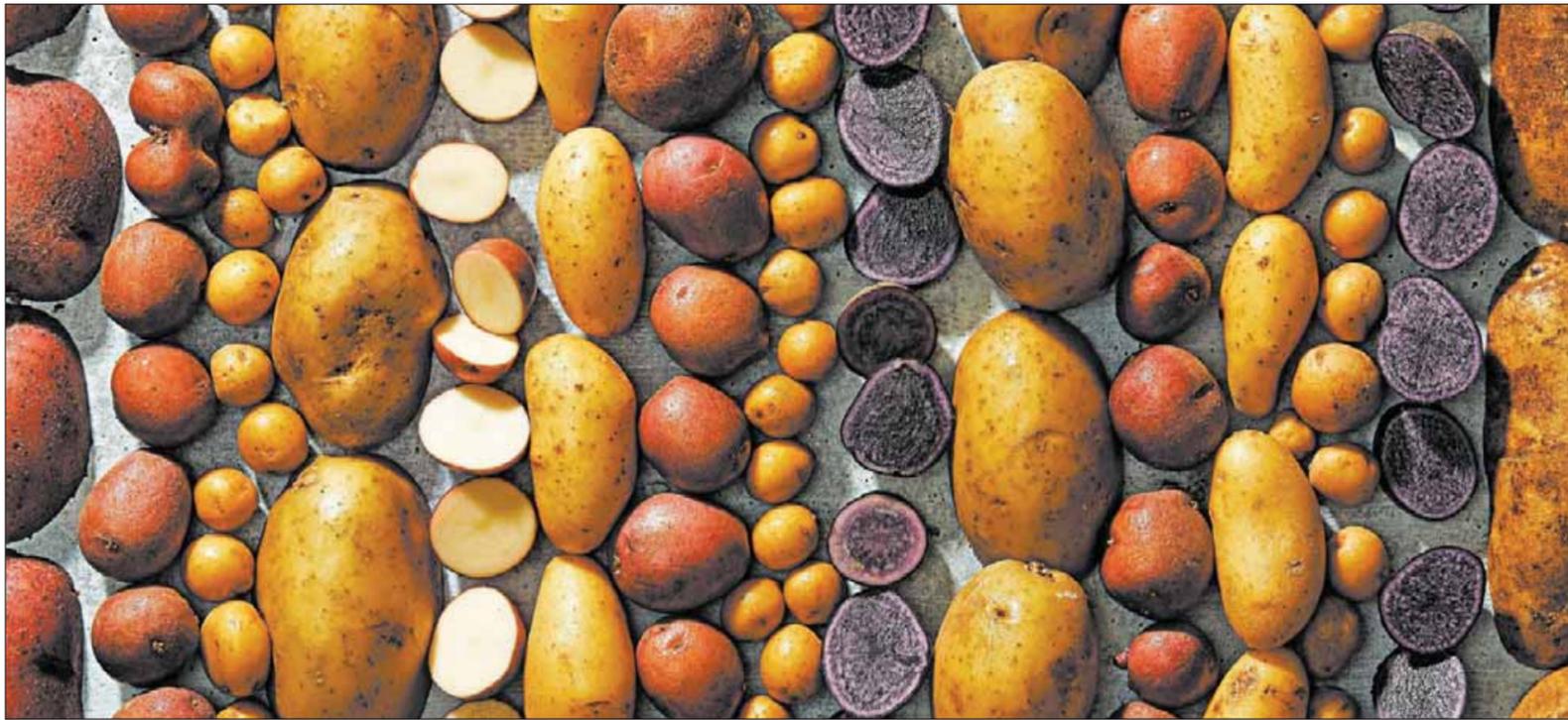
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BY BECKY KRystal  
The Washington Post

# This spud's for you

You can't go wrong with potatoes, but here's how to pick the right ones

It seems impossible to think of an ingredient that shows up in more places around the world in more variations than the potato. In terms of universal adoration, the potato might be as good as it gets.

"The New Food Lover's Companion" by Sharon Tyler Herbst and Ron Herbst proclaims: "Potatoes are probably the most versatile vegetable in the world and can be cooked in any way imaginable."

The problem is, the sheer volume can feel almost paralyzing as you browse the varieties at the grocery store — and then you still have to decide what you're going to make with them. I'll dig into all their individual characteristics and uses soon enough, but first a few general potato tips.

**Buying.** A little dirt on your potatoes? That's nothing a little scrubbing can't take care of. Otherwise, potatoes you buy should be in pretty good shape: No cracks, blemishes, wrinkles, sprouts and green tinge, "Food Lover's Companion" says. Avoid potatoes with bald spots, although new

potatoes (potatoes of all types when they're dug up young) might have spots where their thinner skins have been rubbed off.

**Storing.** Potatoes do best at cool room temperature, in dark and well-ventilated spots, for up to two weeks, according to the Herbsts. New potatoes should be used within three days of purchase. Environments that are too warm can cause potatoes to sprout and shrivel, and too much light can turn them green. But don't run the opposite direction and go for the fridge. Cold temps prompt the starches in most potatoes to turn into sugar, which can result in overly sweet and dark results when cooked. New potatoes can be refrigerated.

**Prep.** Invest in a sturdy brush for scrubbing the potatoes, which you should do under cool running water. Pat dry with a clean

towel. If there are any sprouts or areas of slight green tinge (in large amounts, the chemical that causes the greening, solanine, is bitter and can make you sick), cut them off. Cut potatoes can oxidize and turn brown or pink when exposed to air, which won't affect the flavor or appearance when cooked. If the discoloring bothers you, drop the pieces in a bowl of cold water.

## Varieties

Now let's get into specifics. Potatoes come in a large variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Ultimately, all those things are less important than the amount of starch. In "The Food Lab: Better Home Cooking Through Science," J. Kenji Lopez-Alt breaks potatoes down into three categories: high-, medium- and low-starch. High-starch potatoes (often described as mealy) will generally give you fluffy,

tender results and are more prone to breaking down while cooking. They can get very crispy. Low-starch, or waxy, varieties hold their shape much better and cook up denser and creamier, but not as crispy.

**Russets.** The standard-bearer high-starch, low-moisture potato, you know these from your typical baked potato. Russets are great for light and fluffy mashed potatoes. They crisp well in french fries, roasted pieces, hash and latkes. Lopez-Alt likes them for a creamy potato salad, as they absorb dressing well.

**Yellow.** Most famous are the Yukon golds, although you could also come across Yellow Finns and Bintje. "Basically all-purpose potatoes," says Deborah Madison in "The New Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone." These medium-starch specimens give you creamy mashed potatoes, and I like

how they break down a little bit in potato salad but still hold their shape. Potatoes USA recommends grilling them too.

**White.** Specific varieties of this medium-starch potato include White Rose, Kennebec and Cascade. Treat them similarly to yellow potatoes. Potatoes USA suggests using them mashed, noting that their thin skins can add texture to the dish. The group also recommends grilling and frying them.

**Blue and purple.** They're pretty easy to pick out, of course, though you might see specifics such as Purple Peruvian, Purple Majesty and Adirondack Blue. Potatoes USA describes them as "earthy and nutty," made for pairing with salad greens or folding into potato salad. The group says microwaving purple or blue potatoes best preserves the color. They generally fall

into the medium-starch class. In "One Potato Two Potatoes," Roy Finamore and Molly Stevens recommend taking advantage of the moist, waxy flesh in roasting, boiling and for particularly eye-catching mashing.

**Red.** You've probably heard of Red Bliss. Other types include Chieftain and Norland. These low-starch options are extraordinarily difficult to break down, so stay away from mashing them. That very characteristic means red potatoes are perfect for using in situations where you need them to retain their shape, including in soups, stews or potato salad. They can be boiled or steamed too.

**Fingerling.** They can come in a variety of sizes and colors, but treat them as you would other low-starch, waxy potatoes. Madison likes them in salads, gratins and stews. They're an attractive side dish when roasted or grilled.

**Petite.** These are smaller versions of some of the varieties above. Tiny gold potatoes are easy to find, and they're great roasted and eaten whole.



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## Almond biscotti (cantucci di Prato)

**Active:** 30 minutes **Total:** 1 hour, 25 minutes **Makes:** 40 to 42 pieces

Adapted from "Ciao Biscotti: Sweet and Savory Recipes Celebrating Italy's Favorite Cookie," by Domenica Marchetti. Chronicle, 2015.

Toast the nuts on a rimmed baking sheet in a preheated 350-degree oven for 7 to 10 minutes or until just fragrant. Cool completely before using.

2 cups flour, plus more for the work surface  
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
¼ teaspoon fine sea salt  
Scant 1 cup blanched whole almonds, lightly toasted  
3 large eggs  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

**1. Preheat** the oven to 350 degrees. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

**2. Combine** the flour, 1 cup of the sugar, the baking powder and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer or handheld electric mixer. Add the almonds and beat on low speed to blend well, then add 2 whole eggs and the yolk of 1 egg and the extracts; increase the speed to medium and beat just until a sticky dough forms.

**3. Lightly flour** a work surface. Turn the dough out onto it, patting it into a disk. Divide the disk into four equal sections.

**4. Lightly moisten** your hands; use them to gently roll one section of the dough into an oval shape. Place it on the baking sheet, then shape it into a log that's about 1½ inches wide by 9 inches long. Repeat with the

remaining three sections of dough; the shaped logs should be spaced at least 2 inches apart. Press them gently to make sure their tops are all even.

**5. Lightly beat** the remaining egg white; brush it on the tops of the logs, then sprinkle them evenly with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the logs are lightly browned and just set; there will be cracks on the surface. Transfer the baking sheet to a wire cooling rack; let the logs rest for 5 minutes, then carefully peel them off the parchment and place them directly on the rack to cool slightly for 10 minutes. Discard the parchment.

**6. Reduce** the oven temperature to 300 degrees.

**7. Working with one log at a time,** use a sharp knife or bench scraper to cut it on the diagonal into about 10 equal slices (press straight down rather than sawing, to keep the pieces intact); lay the slices flat on the baking sheet, with a cut side facing up. Repeat with the remaining logs. Bake for 10 minutes, then turn each slice over; bake for an additional 10 minutes or until the slices are totally crisp.

**8. Transfer** the slices to the rack to cool completely before serving or storing.

**Nutrition information:** 70 calories; 3 g total fat; 0 g saturated fat; 15 mg cholesterol; 25 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrates; 0 g dietary fiber; 6 g sugars; 2 g protein.

# Your coffee has met its match

BY BECKY KRystal  
The Washington Post

I get enormous satisfaction out of putting a lot of time into a recipe — especially a baking project — and having it turn out beautifully. But sometimes the amount of enjoyment I get is inversely proportional to the amount of effort expended.

Take, for example, these almond biscotti, also known as

cantucci di Prato, from Italian culinary expert Domenica Marchetti.

The recipe is an oldie but a goody that is made almost entirely with pantry ingredients you likely already have on hand, save the whole-skinned almonds — easier to order online than find in store, but once you do, you'll be set for many batches. This version of the classic oblong cookie

comes together in a single bowl and barely takes a half-hour of hands-on work. Most of the time they're in progress is during baking and cooling.

That small amount of buy-in yields dividends: almost four dozen biscotti to accompany any and every cup of tea and coffee you linger over for the next few weeks, whether you decide to dip them into your mug or not.

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confess to a certain inconsistency in that regard. The list's first 10 truly are my picks for the best of the best. After that, I start including restaurants that are important to me.

I impose a little balance to the mix, embracing multiple cuisines, different price ranges and some geographic range. I definitely look to the new and exciting; in addition to the eight first-timers on this list, there are 10 restau-

rants that were first-timers on the previous list.

Which, doing the math, means that 18 restaurants on the Phil's 50 list in 2018 aren't here now. That's a lot of turnover, but change, I think, is what keeps the list interesting.

I spend a great deal of time second-guessing my picks, but why should I have all the fun? Suggestions, objections and what-the-hell-were-you-thinking comments are welcome.

Following is the new lineup of Phil's 50. For more on how they made it to the list, go to [chicagotribune.com/phils50](http://chicagotribune.com/phils50).

50. Funkenhausen  
49. Yugen  
48. Passerotto  
47. El Che Steakhouse & Bar  
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24. Entente

23. Kyoten  
22. Fat Rice  
21. Cabra  
20. Jeong  
19. Bar Biscay  
18. Avec  
17. Monteverde  
16. Mako  
15. Galit  
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13. Elske  
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11. Pacific Standard Time

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## Pumpkin goes savory in this soufflélike spoon bread

BY ELLIE KRIEGER

Special to The Washington Post

I'm not quite sure why pumpkin has been mostly relegated to the sweets category in the United States, but like its winter squash cousins, it happily goes savory, too. Pumpkin is delicious simply roasted, just as you would a butter-nut or kabocha squash: halved and seeded, brushed with a little oil, drizzled with honey or maple syrup, sprinkled with salt and oven-roasted until fork tender. Just be sure to buy

the smaller "sugar" pumpkins for cooking, which are creamier than their watery, fibrous carving cousins.

Canned pumpkin, which, ironically, is often made with a variety of different winter squashes, goes beyond pie as well, conveniently bringing orange seasonal essence to savory dishes. This soufflé-like spoon bread showcases that quality beautifully. In it, pumpkin puree is stirred into a creamy cornmeal porridge along with familiar pumpkin spices — cinnamon, ginger

and nutmeg. But it takes a turn toward savory with the addition of chopped fresh thyme leaves and has just enough maple syrup to give it a hint of sweetness.

Once enriched with egg yolk and folded with fluffy beaten egg whites, the mixture is poured into a soufflé dish and baked. It emerges from the oven resplendent with autumnal aroma, elegantly puffed yet still homey, ready to grace your table as a vegetarian main course along soup or salad, or as a side for roasted meat or poultry.

### Pumpkin spoon bread

**Prep time:** 45 minutes

**Cook time:** 1 hour

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for the pan

2 cups low-fat milk

¾ cup yellow cornmeal

1 cup canned pumpkin puree

3 tablespoons maple syrup

2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves

¾ teaspoon kosher salt

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

¼ teaspoon ground ginger

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

3 large eggs, separated

**1. Preheat** the oven to 375 degrees with the rack in the middle. Lightly coat a 2-quart high-sided baking dish, such as a soufflé dish, with butter.

**2. In a medium saucepan** over medium-high heat, combine the milk and butter. Bring to a simmer, then reduce the heat to medium and, stirring all the while, gradually whisk in the cornmeal. Simmer, stirring frequently with a whisk, until the mixture thickens, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the pumpkin puree, maple syrup, thyme, salt, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. Let the mixture cool for 15 minutes. Whisk the egg yolks into the cornmeal mixture until incorporated.

**3. In a stand mixer**, or using a handheld electric mixer, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, 1 to 2 minutes. Fold the egg whites into the pumpkin mixture until just incorporated, then pour the mixture into the prepared dish. Bake until golden brown on top and set in the middle, 40 to 45 minutes. Let rest for 5 minutes before serving.

**Nutrition information:** 220 calories; 8 g total fat; 5 g saturated fat; 125 mg cholesterol; 220 mg sodium; 29 g carbohydrates; 2 g dietary fiber; 10 g sugars; 8 g protein.

## DRINK

# Why raki, the anise-flavored spirit of Turkey, becomes a party

BY DAVID HAMMOND

Raki, the Turkish national drink, is a clear brandy made of distilled grapes, flavored with anise. It has the licorice-y taste of ouzo and sambuca, and as with the Greek and Italian spirits, it's usually consumed simply with water and ice.

Traditionally, raki goes into the glass first (the better to gauge the amount of alcohol to be imbibed), followed by an equal amount of water, and finally an ice cube or two. Raki turns cloudy when water is added, so it's sometimes referred to as "lion's milk."

"In Turkey, when someone calls and asks if you want to go out to drink raki, you know they probably want to talk about something important," says Ozkan Yilmaz of Turkitch, a recently opened Turkish restaurant in Chicago. "Maybe it's about some love affair or perhaps a promotion at work."

It's traditional to consume raki with meals, starting with mezes, tapaslíke plates of appetizers. The word "meze" covers a range of different foods,

including melon, cheese, red pepper paste and kofte (meatballs). Traditional mezes offer a lot of varied tastes, and what's most amazing is that the water and ice dial down the intensity of the raki so that it works well with even big flavors. The light spiciness of the raki helps it stand up to a wide range of foods.

As you might suspect, there are traditional practices — rituals, if you will — that have grown up around raki.

"For raki, you always use long, thin glasses, and you click the glasses at the bottom rather than the top," says Yilmaz. "The youngest person at the table pours the raki and the oldest person takes the first sip. Very traditional."

Raki — like ouzo, sambuca, Pernod and absinthe — can be challenging to use as the base spirit in cocktails. That's probably why, as Yilmaz told us, raki is rarely used in cocktails back home in Istanbul. For a slight variation on tradition, however, mix equal amounts of raki and seltzer for a refreshing, effervescent raki highball. Raki is usually not

consumed by oneself, says Hazan Aydin, brand manager at Diageo, the company that owns the Yeni Raki brand. "Raki is not a solo act," and drinking raki, she says, is all about "lively conversations with friends and family."

When raki starts flowing, typical Turkish diners become very sociable and move from table to table to engage with total strangers. At a recent dinner at Turkitch, about midway through the mezes, several people came up, grabbed chairs and started chatting with us as if we were old friends. Then we danced. Sociability is the most enjoyable raki-related custom.

Raki is available nationwide at Binny's, which offers several brands of raki, including Yeni and Efe.

We plan to serve raki highballs on Thanksgiving. Considering how well raki pairs with meze, it should work with the many flavors of the Thanksgiving table. At the very least, it will make for a very sociable gathering.

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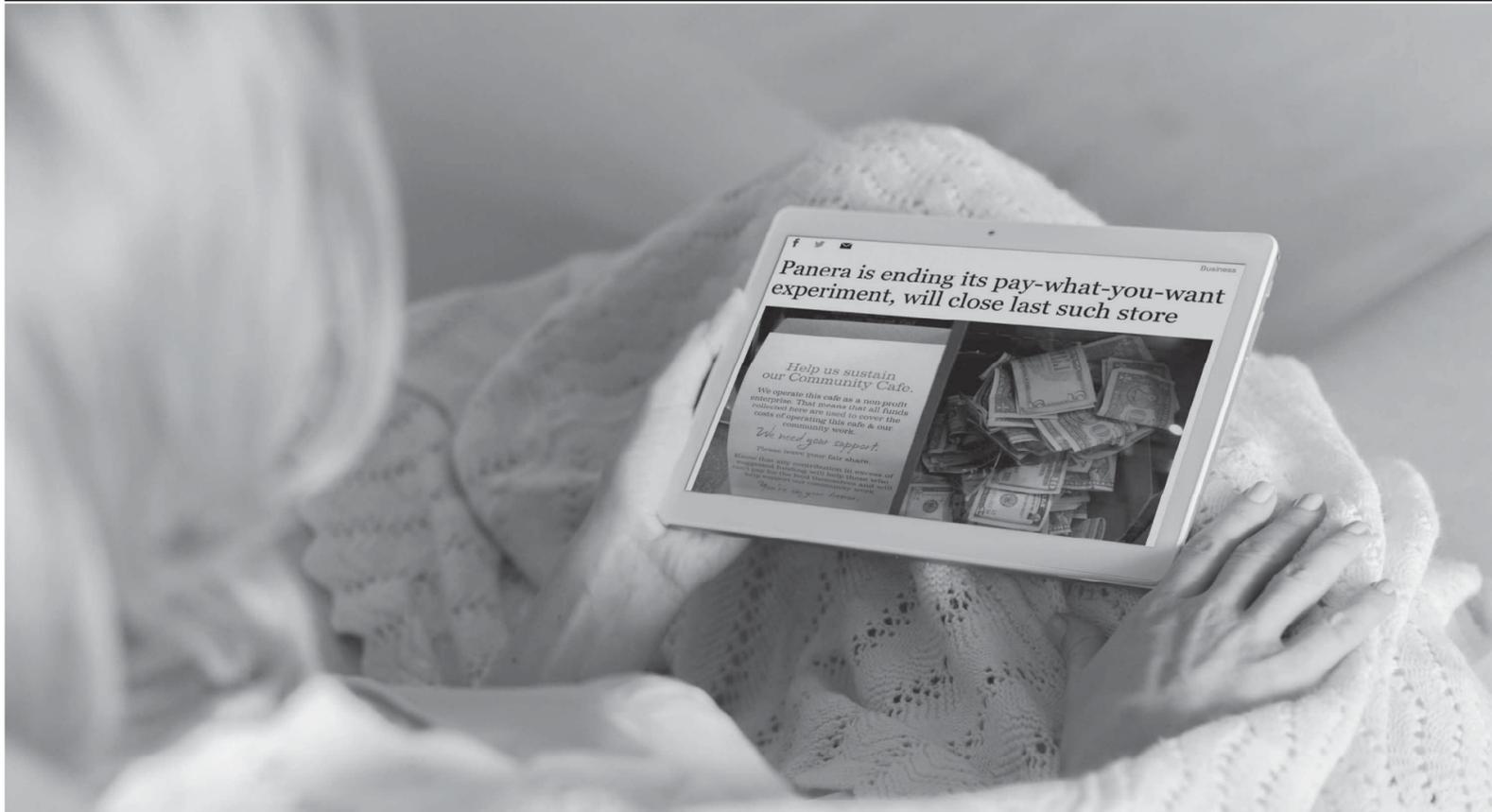
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