



## TRUMP IMPEACHMENT HEARING



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Top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine William Taylor testifies Wednesday at the House Intelligence Committee's impeachment hearing.

# DIPLOMAT REVEALS NEW CALL EVIDENCE

Trump denies asking for updates on 'the investigations' in chat with ambassador to EU

BY LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top U.S. diplomat revealed new evidence Wednesday of President Donald Trump's efforts to press Ukraine to investigate political rivals as House investigators launched public impeachment hearings for just the fourth time in the nation's history.

William Taylor, the highest-ranking U.S. official in Ukraine, said for the first time that

Trump was overheard asking another ambassador about "the investigations" he'd urged Ukraine's leader to conduct one day earlier. Taylor said he learned of Trump's phone call with the ambassador in recent days.

It was all part of what Taylor called the "irregular channel," a shadow foreign policy orchestrated by the president's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, outside traditional oversight that raised alarms in diplomatic and national security circles.

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Republicans retorted that the Democrats still have no more than second- and third-hand knowledge of allegations that Trump held up millions of dollars in military aid for the Eastern European nation facing Russian aggression in return for Ukrainian investigations into former Vice President Joe Biden

and the Democratic National Committee.

The hearing, the first on television for the nation to see, provided hours of partisan back-and-forth but so far no singular moment etched in the public consciousness as grounds for

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## City plan would cut penalties for pot

Lower fines, no impounding of vehicles in proposal

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

With less than two months before recreational marijuana is deemed legal in Illinois, Mayor Lori Lightfoot introduced an ordinance on Wednesday that will lower the penalties and fines for people caught carrying pot in their car or using it in public in Chicago.

The new law also would stop police from impounding vehicles in which they find what are considered small amounts of cannabis — up to 30 grams, or just more than an ounce.

"This is the next stage in the work that we're doing to get ready for recreational cannabis being legal on Jan. 1, 2020," Lightfoot said at a City Hall news conference after Wednesday's City Council meeting. "This ordinance reduces fines for minor unlawful possession. It replaces the zero-exception rule, and updates and enhances (Chicago Police Department) enforcement protocols so that we ensure that those who are victims of the current system are treated fairly under the new system that starts on Jan. 1."

Illinois lawmakers voted earlier this year to legalize recreational use of marijuana beginning Jan. 1.

While at-home cannabis use will be legal beginning next year, it will still be against the law to use it in public or in a motor vehicle. It's off-limits for people under 21 and can't be used or carried near a school building, public park, daycare facility or near any correctional facilities.

Under the mayor's proposal, people caught in the off-limit spaces in Chicago with less than 30 grams of marijuana would be issued a \$50 ticket for the first offense — which is less than a red-light ticket violation. If someone is caught improperly carrying marijuana a second time, within 30 days, the fine will

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## New Chicago FBI boss is right at home

Buie brings background in public corruption

BY JASON MEISNER

Going after public corruption has long been a calling for the new boss of the Chicago FBI.

A decade and a half ago, Emmerson Buie Jr. led a squad of federal agents that descended on the municipal building in East St. Louis as part of a vote-buying probe that ultimately ensnared 10 people, including the city's code enforcement chief who'd plotted to kill a government witness.

A photo from the 2005 raid — showing Buie standing in City Hall in the unmistakable FBI outfit of a dark suit and fedora — now hangs in his ninth-floor office at the FBI headquarters on the Near West Side.

"I take corruption very seri-



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"I take corruption very seriously," says Emmerson Buie Jr., the new special agent in charge of the FBI office in Chicago.

ously," Buie, a Chicago native, said in an interview Wednesday with the Chicago Tribune. "The FBI as well as myself are very aggressive when it comes to pursuing corruption. ... My stance is the American public has a right to be ensured that their public officials and law enforcement officials are working for them, not against them."

Now, as the leader of the agency's fourth-largest field office in his hometown, Buie will get his chance to make a mark on what's fast becoming one of the biggest public corruption investigations in Chicago's history.

Just days into his tenure, Buie,

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## Tipping point: Hike not to full \$15 an hour

Lightfoot proposes minimum wage boost for tipped workers' pay

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ AND JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot unveiled a plan Wednesday to raise Chicago's minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2021 and raise — but not eliminate — the subminimum wage earned by restaurant servers and other tipped workers.

Workers who receive tips currently may be paid as little as \$6.40 an hour so long as their tips bring them up to the city's minimum, which now stands at \$13 an hour. Lightfoot proposed raising the subminimum wage for tipped workers to \$8.40 next year and will revisit the issue as her administration studies the economic impact of tipped wages.

Lightfoot's plan also would eliminate exemptions to the minimum wage for many workers, including people with disabilities, youth under 18, agricultural workers and people in transitional employment programs.

Her proposal, introduced Wednesday as part of the 2020 budget, drew opposition from



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The Illinois Restaurant Association hailed the mayor's plan.

the City Council's Progressive Reform Caucus, which supported another proposed ordinance, introduced this summer by Ald. Sophia King, 4th, that would have eliminated the tip credit and required tipped workers be paid at least the regular minimum wage by 2023.

Restaurant industry groups pushed back hard against that proposal, saying it would be fatal to restaurants' business models. King's proposal also would have raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2021, four years ahead of when the state will get to that

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■ A story Wednesday about the new Starbucks Reserve Roastery Chicago misstated the location of the nearest regular Starbucks store. It is at the Hyatt hotel, 633 N. St. Clair St., east of Michigan Avenue. The Tribune regrets the error.

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Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan walks through the Illinois State Capitol on Tuesday.



## JOHN KASS

# Michael Madigan, federal wiretaps and that big fed bus

All politics is local, and in historically corrupt Illinois the politics are white-hot, now that the Chicago Tribune broke the story that federal investigators tapped the phone of Boss Madigan's top political confidant, longtime ComEd lobbyist Michael McClain.

The Page 1 account by Ray Long and Jason Meisner involves just one aspect of the sprawling FBI investigation. This part involves Commonwealth Edison — aka Madigan Electric.

I figure that eventually, I'll be spending time under those harsh fluorescent lights in the federal courthouse in Chicago, learning all about Madigan Electric lobbyists close to Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan.

Madigan has not been charged with any crime. And the other day he told reporters, "I'm not the target of anything."

But notice that the FBI hasn't issued a statement saying, "Oh, Boss Madigan, you're right! You're not the target of anything."

The FBI just investigates. And I expect investigators are going over what happened in 2016 in the state legislature that Boss Madigan controls.

Then, lawmakers gave a bailout to two of the power company's nuclear plants — one near the Quad Cities and the other in downstate Clinton. It wasn't free. It cost consumers hundreds of millions of dollars in increased rates.

And ComEd lobbyists were busy. Before this is over, I expect we'll find out why former Exelon Utilities CEO Anne Pramaggiore, who worked with McClain and his lobbying crew, felt compelled to resign that post and her chairmanship of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

Pramaggiore has not been charged with any crime, and neither has McClain, who is now retired and I assume has a new phone.

We're not talking low-hanging aldermanic fruit here. Pramaggiore wasn't a two-bit alderman. She was one of the top executives in the country.

Exelon is the parent company of

Madigan Electric, aka ComEd. And it has its own lobbying crew.

Before we continue peeling this onion, please read the next few paragraphs carefully because I won't chew my cabbage twice. The feds read carefully, as do the politicians who are panicking that they, too, may have been picked up on federal wires. Why shouldn't readers be let in on what the insiders are worrying about? Here are my questions:

1.) Did anyone at Exelon or ComEd throw Pramaggiore under the federal bus to save themselves?

2.) And how does this relate to another piece of the investigation, that of state Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Whispering Vic, who reportedly used his influence to help red light camera company SafeSpeed LLC win contracts with suburban towns in Sandoval's district?

SafeSpeed was founded in 2007 by Nikki Zollar, a lawyer and politico who served as chair of the Chicago Board of Elections and in the state administration of former Combine Republican Gov. Jim Edgar.

A 2017 Tribune investigation on SafeSpeed showed it had red light camera contracts in 21 Chicago-area suburbs. The company's cameras issued more than \$45 million in tickets in a one-year period. SafeSpeed investors and others close to the company kicked into Sandoval's campaign.

Zollar wouldn't respond to questions by Tribune reporters, but she did run into the arms of the Sun-Times to say that "we don't pay people off."

OK, Nikki. What I haven't read is that Zollar is married to Exelon honcho William A. "Bill" Von Hoene Jr.

He's a senior executive president who worked with Pramaggiore and, I'm told, was deeply involved in overseeing the lobbying efforts.

Neither Zollar nor Von Hoene has been accused of any crime. And I'm not aware of their names showing up on any federal paper.

Von Hoene was a top company general counsel, and before that he was at the law firm of Jenner & Block. Years ago, he represented the Chicago Outfit's top bookie, Don "The Wizard

of Odds" Angelini, who died of cancer in 2000 at the age of 74.

Von Hoene remembered him in a 2000 Tribune story this way.

"He was one of the finest, most wonderful men I've ever met," Von Hoene told reporter Cam Simpson. "He was generous, kind, loving, devoted to his family and an extraordinary friend to many, many people."

And Angelini was also extraordinarily devoted to his art, which is why he was the top bookie in Outfit history.

Leave the football bets and take the cannoli.

There are so many moving parts to this federal investigation that it's difficult to keep track. First it was former Ald. Danny "Happy Endings" Solis cooperating on federal tape, and then Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, was indicted on extortion, and his phone was tapped too.

And so many others wrapped in this federal net, including state representatives and state senators, the Teamsters boss John Coli and others.

And now McClain's phone was tapped. How many more federal wires were there? Who knows?

When a Madigan minion like Mike McClain is wiretapped and the Tribune plasters the news on Page 1, above the fold, there is panic across Madiganistan.

And that big federal bus rolls up to find people on the other end of those recorded calls. It's that bus driven by a guy named Rico (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act).

One by one, those who've been recorded are invited to take a seat on the bus. No snacks are offered, but the feds play select portions of the tapes, and usually these include the juicy parts.

Then a federal prosecutor asks: Are you on the bus or off the bus? Stay tuned, Illinois.

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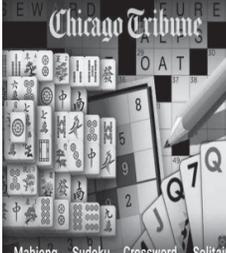
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# Trump impeachment hearing may need a Fox-News-conspiracy-to-English translator



REX W. HUPPKE

Your reaction to the first public hearing in the congressional impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump likely depends on whether you speak traditional, fact-based English or are more versed in Fox-News-fever-swamp speak.

Wednesday's televised hearing featured Bill Taylor, acting U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, and George Kent, deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. State Department. Both men are lifelong public servants who have served under Republican and Democratic presidents. Taylor is a veteran and a West Point graduate.

Their expertise and sober, cautious testimony fit the moment and stood in stark contrast to the sweaty and conspiratorial garble-flarble that made up Republican Rep. Devin Nunes' opening statement. The top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee — who, it's worth noting, is suing a Twitter parody account that pretends to be a Nunes-hating cow — offered no real defense of the president. He just decried the proceedings as "a carefully orchestrated media smear campaign" and tossed out some right-wing conspiracy red meat that was one Benghazi reference shy of a Sean Hannity opening monologue.

Democrats stuck to evidence from previous closed-door testimony and to the transcript of Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in which the president appears to leverage congressionally-approved military aid to get Zelenskyy to dig up dirt on a political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden. They largely avoided any cutesy moments or dramatic oversteps.

Republicans relied on Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan talking loud and fast while pushing a "NOTHING EVER HAPPENED!" narrative and on an array of questions intended to push conspiracy theo-



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The House impeachment hearing plays on a television Wednesday at Beatrix restaurant in Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood.

ries, deflect to other people, such as former President Barack Obama or the dreaded "whistle-blower," and generally muddy the waters.

How effective that was depends, again, on what language you speak.

Native fact-based-English speakers likely heard Kent and Taylor discuss their deep concerns about U.S. foreign policy being conducted on the sly by Rudy Giuliani, Trump's unhinged personal attorney, and Gordon Sondland, the ambassador to the European Union who earned his title by donating \$1 million to Trump's inaugural committee.

And they saw moments like this, when Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell described military aid to a country under attack from Russia being held up for political purposes and asked Taylor: "Can we also agree that it's just wrong?" Taylor paused a few tense moments and then responded, simply: "Yes."

If you spend your days sweating out common sense in the Trump-never-wrong steam rooms of Fox News and Breitbart, all those pesky details were part of a Deep

State coup meant to override the 2016 election and bring down your hero-god president.

From Nunes' opening statement, and sprinkled throughout Republican questioning, we heard: Russia hoax; corrupt media; "nude pictures of Trump"; secret depositions; "a cultlike atmosphere in the basement of the Capitol"; the Democrats' Star Chamber; and the name Alexandra Chalupa.

Rational Americans who have better things to do than buy testosterone supplements on InfoWars (Google it) won't know what half those references mean. Take Chalupa, for example, a person Republicans are calling to testify in the impeachment hearings.

She's a Democratic consultant and Ukrainian-American activist who right-wing polymaths believe was at the center of alleged Democratic collusion with Ukrainian officials aimed at damaging Trump's presidential campaign. The problem with that theory is that facts don't support it and Chalupa is champing at the bit to testify in the impeachment inquiry so she can show that Republicans are full of bunk.

Chalupa told Politico on Tuesday: "It's clear Republicans are gaslighting the public by putting me on their list of witnesses. It's a bluff meant to smear and distract from Donald Trump's impeachable offenses. I'm the last person Republicans want to testify publicly. My testimony would be especially damaging to Donald Trump, Paul Manafort and Vladimir Putin. The GOP knows this."

So why would they want to call her? Because the facts don't matter to people who don't speak fact-based English.

What matters is that Fox News viewers hear the appropriate conspiracy buzzwords they've been programmed to respond to with a snarl. If she testifies and the swath of American viewers who aren't steeped in right-wing mythology roll their eyes and ask, "How the heck did that help the Republicans' case?" it doesn't matter. They aren't the intended audience.

For the GOP, it's all about pleasing the base.

As far as an actual defense of the president's actions, the best Republicans did Wednesday was effectively say, "Hey, he did wind

up releasing the money, and there was no investigation. So, you know, big whup!" (Make sure you mention this to anyone presently convicted of attempted robbery.)

That clever-if-you-listen-only-to-Rush-Limbaugh defense overlooks the fact that the military aid was only released AFTER a whistleblower report had been filed and it was clear the whole scheme was going to become public.

But hey, facts are for liberal America-haters.

The best hope Democrats have for convincing whatever sliver of the populace hasn't already made up its mind between "HE SHOULD BE IMPEACHED!" and "HE COULDN'T BE MORE INNOCENT!" is to get out of the way while studied patriots such as Taylor and Kent calmly testify.

Hopefully some will see the difference between love of country and love of getting retweeted by the president.

And hopefully those folks will remember, and long for, a better version of America than what we have now.

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## Chicago teachers to begin vote on contract

Should members OK it, strike officially will end

BY HANNAH LEONE

Chicago's 25,000 public school teachers and support staff in the teachers' union start voting Thursday on the tentative contract agreement reached two weeks ago with Chicago Public Schools.

Educators will vote in the schools where they work or at the CTU headquarters in West Town on whether to accept or reject the contract. Voting could carry into Friday, with results expected late Thursday or Friday.

To become final, the contract must be ratified by union members and adopted by the Chicago Board of Education, which meets next

Wednesday. The Board is also expected to consider a tentative contract already ratified by the 7,500 CPS support staff unionized under Service Employees International Union Local 73.

The CTU's House of Delegates voted 364-242 in favor of the tentative agreement but held off on suspending the strike until leaders reached an agreement with Mayor Lori Lightfoot to make up five of the 11 school days missed due to the strike. Classes resumed Nov. 1.

If members accept the deal, the strike is officially over. If they reject it, the House of Delegates has to have a special meeting within five days of the vote to set a date to resume the strike.

Though educators and union leaders have been vocal about its

shortcomings, both sides have touted the agreement as a historic measure to improve the lives of the city's children.

Some of the changes set out in the contract would kick in right away, while others would be phased in. By the end of the five years, teachers would see 16% raises in addition to regular pay increases for experience and education, and every school would have its own social worker and nurse. Classes over certain limits could get funding to split into two classes with another teacher or to add a teacher assistant. The agreement fell short on some union demands including more teacher prep time and protections against school closings.

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The Chicago Teachers Union prepares materials Tuesday for a House of Delegates meeting at its headquarters.



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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot leaves after talking to the media Tuesday following a House Democratic caucus at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

## Senate bill would cut Chicago casino taxes

Support from House Dems uncertain

BY JAMIE MUNKS  
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SPRINGFIELD — Legislation that would reduce both city and state taxes on a Chicago casino was introduced in the state Senate on Wednesday, but it remained unclear whether lawmakers will come through this week on Mayor Lori Lightfoot's request for a tax structure that would be more appealing to potential investors.

Senate President John Cullerton put forth a compromise proposal Wednesday, but Lightfoot still needs to win more support from House Democrats if a bill is going to make it out of the General Assembly before its scheduled adjournment Thursday.

Democratic Rep. Bob Rita of Blue Island, the lead negotiator on gambling issues in the House, said he's still working to see whether there are enough votes to move

forward before lawmakers leave town.

While most House Democrats want the Chicago casino to succeed, Rita said, there are concerns that it could steal business from both proposed and existing casinos in surrounding suburbs. And some Democrats have raised questions about how revenue from the casino would be allocated to building projects under Gov. J.B. Pritzker's \$45 billion "Rebuild Illinois" infrastructure plan.

Cullerton said during a committee meeting on Wednesday that it was important for the Senate to advance the new bill, which encapsulates a compromise that was negotiated by the city and Pritzker's office.

The House was slated to take up the bill first, but Cullerton said "that seemed to have slowed down," so he decided to move the measure in the Senate first, he said after the Senate Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday.

"They could take a Senate bill over there, look at my roll call, see

that it can pass the Senate, the state reps could see that their senator voted for it, and they could call it and we could pass it in one day," Cullerton said after the Senate Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Cullerton thinks the tax rates in his proposal "definitely should" see support from Downstate lawmakers, he said.

"It helps the whole state get a lot of money from the Chicago casino to pay for the capital bill," Cullerton said.

The full Senate was poised to take up the bill late Wednesday but adjourned without taking action as the city continued to negotiate.

Lightfoot is pushing to reduce proposed state and city taxes on the Chicago casino after a consultant's report this summer said the tax structure approved by legislators this spring was "very onerous" and could deter developers.

Cullerton's proposal would do away with the city's 33.3% tax on post-payout revenue from the

casino in favor of graduated rates on post-payout revenue from slot machines and table games. A similar structure is in place for state taxes at the 10 existing casinos and the six new ones lawmakers approved in a large-scale gambling expansion this summer. But the new plan would reduce the state's cut.

For example, while any other casino in the state would pay a 15% state tax on slot machine revenue up to \$25 million, the Chicago casino would pay 12% to the state and 10.5% to the city. Other towns with casinos get a 5% cut of post-payout revenue, and some have to share that with neighboring communities.

Republican Sen. Dave Syverson of Rockford decried the proposal as a special deal for Chicago that would deprive the state of \$140 million in annual revenue for building projects across Illinois.

"How do we tell all these other communities that have gaming in economically depressed areas that are struggling that Chicago's going

to get a better deal with paying the state than everyone else?" said Syverson, a longtime proponent of the Rockford casino authorized in the gambling expansion law.

Supporters of overhauling the tax structure argue that without the change, there might not be a Chicago casino at all, and in turn significantly less revenue for building projects.

Without a Chicago casino, the buildings portion of the infrastructure plan would be "destitute, in my mind," said state Sen. Terry Link, the Vernon Hills Democrat who was a longtime advocate for the gambling expansion and one of the primary architects of the gambling expansion bill the Illinois General Assembly approved in the spring.

"The most important part is to get these casinos in operation, get them moving," which would benefit the whole state, Link said.

Chicago Tribune's Gregory Pratt contributed.

## Pritzker plan to consolidate pensions into 2 statewide funds OK'd

BY DAN PETRELLA

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois House voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to approve Gov. J.B. Pritzker's plan to consolidate nearly 650 local pension funds for suburban and downstate police officers and firefighters.

The measure, which was approved on a bipartisan vote of 96-14, now goes to the Senate. If that chamber approves the bill before adjourning Thursday, it would hand another victory to

Pritzker after he accomplished nearly all of his legislative priorities in the spring.

"The House has taken a huge bipartisan step toward a commonsense solution for alleviating the enormous property tax burden in downstate and suburban communities that are struggling to meet their pension obligations," Pritzker said in a statement following the vote.

Pritzker has pitched the plan as a way to help the pension funds, which collectively have

\$11.5 billion in unfunded liabilities, and to ease the property tax burden on homeowners.

Under the plan, the local funds would pool their money into two statewide funds — one for police and one for firefighters — for investment purposes but would maintain separate accounts within the funds.

Assets and liabilities would not be shifted from one municipality's plan to another, but pooling the funds would theoretically increase investment returns.

Over the past decade, the annual investment returns earned by the suburban and downstate police and fire funds, on average, have been about 2 percentage points lower than those of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, the state's best-funded public pension fund and a model for the proposed consolidation.

The version passed by the House differs from Pritzker's original proposal by giving active and retired police firefighters

majority representation on the board that will oversee the funds. That change was key to winning the support of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, which had opposed the initial proposal.

The bill that the House approved also did away with wording in an amendment that led the Illinois Municipal League to withdraw its support earlier this week.

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# Lightfoot: Uber paying off black ministers

With no proof, she says \$54M offered to kill her ride-share fee hike plan

BY JOHN BYRNE, GREGORY PRATT AND MARY WISNIEWSKI

Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Wednesday threw down the gauntlet in her fight with Uber, accusing the ride-share giant of offering to pay black ministers in Chicago \$54 million to help the company defeat her plan to hike taxes on single-passenger rides offered by the service.

Uber quickly denied Lightfoot's claims. Company spokeswoman Kelley Quinn said in a statement, "The mayor is entitled to her own opinion, but not her own facts. Weeks ago, we shared a proposal that would have raised \$54 million more for the city — she is confusing this figure. For months, we worked on a proposal that would have raised more money for the city in a more equitable way."

Lightfoot was at the lectern for a City Hall news conference following Wednesday's City Council meeting when she made the incendiary claim without offering evidence.

Asked about a different tax structure for ride-share companies that Uber is publicizing as an alternative to her own proposal, the mayor responded: "Is this the one where they're paying off black ministers by offering them \$54 million, or is this a new one?"

The mayor later doubled down on her allegation. "They offered up black ministers \$54 million, a one-time deal, if they would convince the mayor to do away with any other kind of regulation," she

said. Lightfoot said Uber's alleged attempted payoff didn't work, but she predicted the company would continue trying to find ways to stop her new ride-share fee structure from getting enacted as part of the 2020 city budget.

"As we walked these ministers through the realities of what's actually at stake here, I think they realized that, frankly, they've been hoodwinked," Lightfoot said of the alleged attempted payoff. "I'm sure we'll see another Hail Mary until the council votes on Nov. 26, but we must get a handle on congestion and there's no question whatsoever when you look at the explosion of new cars that are in the downtown area, (and) that's driven largely if not exclusively by ride-share."

Asked for proof of her allegations about Uber, Lightfoot said she's had "a number of ministers who have met with us and said Uber promised us \$54 million basically if you back off."

"We'll get those names to you," Lightfoot told reporters. Lightfoot's office later said in a statement that she met with pastors last Thursday afternoon, but declined to release their names "out of deference to them."

Uber later released an email exchange from Tuesday and Wednesday between Uber spokesman Josh Gold and Dan Lurie, Lightfoot's policy director. In the exchange, Gold said the company was disappointed "the mayor chose to attack us and make false claims" and sought to "clear up any confusion."

"We were disappointed to see the Mayor make a completely unsubstantiated claim while we tried to offer substantial policy

proposals, and we hope that your office will correct the record," Gold said in the email.

Lightfoot is counting on \$40 million next year from additional ride-share taxes that would hit hardest on single-passenger rides in the downtown area, but also increases fees on solo trips in outlying neighborhoods while reducing the tax on shared rides outside the Loop.

Uber and Lyft on Wednesday released a plan they said would raise more money than Lightfoot's and be fairer. It would create three zones — high, low and medium tax areas — with different tax rates. It would impose \$1.72 fees for solo trips between transit-rich areas, such as Lakeview and Logan Square. The ride-share companies say this proposal would raise \$10 million more in revenue than Lightfoot's plan — or \$21 million if the fee structure also applied to cabs.

One version of the ride-share companies' plan shared with aldermen over the past week estimates the city would make \$14 million more per year in fees, totaling \$54 million in revenue, the amount Lightfoot said Uber tried to pay the ministers.

Lightfoot took a dim view of the idea. "We've actually looked at the numbers, and I don't think it holds any water," she said of the ride-share companies' fee plan.

Late Wednesday, Lightfoot spokeswoman Anel Ruiz said a proposal Uber has offered would generate \$54 million but would not solve the city's congestion issues and "would only increase their profits." The mayor's looking to cut traffic congestion downtown and provide alternatives through incentivized shared rides

and "eco-friendly mobility alternatives," Ruiz said.

"While the Mayor has significant concerns around the ways Uber is engaging the community in pushing information, her priority has always been creating smart, data-driven policy and she encourages a fair debate on the merits," Ruiz said in the statement.

The Rev. Walter Turner of New Spiritual Light Missionary Baptist Church in the South Shore neighborhood, who had appeared at a news conference at City Hall last week to protest the effect of the proposed ride-share tax on South and West Side neighborhoods, said he was angry about the mayor's comments and denied that pastors were offered money.

"I am very offended and hurt to the core. No one has ever offered the pastors anything like this," Turner said in a Wednesday phone interview. "... They did not offer us one dime to do this. We're not working for Uber. We're not working for Lyft. We're working for the community."

Also Wednesday, Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, introduced an ordinance aimed at curbing the number of out-of-state Uber drivers operating in the city by requiring they have an Illinois driver's license. Waguespack said ride-share was pitched as a boon for local jobs, but that there are currently "thousands" of Illinois ride-share drivers with licenses from other states.

Waguespack's proposal could generate more pushback from ride-share companies, which already have been in conflict with the city over the mayor's proposed tax hikes for the industry.

Lightfoot acknowledged trying

to curb that kind of interstate travel to work as a driver-for-hire will be tricky. "There's obviously some constitutionality issues that we have to address, but that is something we're looking at," she said.

Meanwhile, downtown Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, introduced an ordinance on Wednesday to try to deter people from impersonating ride-share drivers, which he said is a serious problem because criminals lure people into their cars outside bars and clubs, then rob or attack them.

Reilly's measure would institute a \$10,000 fine and up to six months in jail for those caught trying to pass themselves off as drivers for Uber or Lyft.

"Over the last year we've seen a rash of incidents that involve fake Uber or Lyft drivers preying upon intoxicated individuals coming out of bars and restaurants," Reilly said. "Typically it's a young woman. The phone is out looking for a car. Car pulls up, 'Hey, I'm your ride, jump in the back.' Before the person knows it they're being mugged or, worse, sexually assaulted in an alley."

Meanwhile, Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, and Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, introduced a proposal that would ban aldermen from being paid lobbyists and prohibit elected officials from outside the city from lobbying in Chicago.

"The devil's in the details," Lightfoot said. "Obviously there's a concern in light of recent circumstances about that. I think where we need to start is around disclosure."

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Max Schachter, whose son Alex was among those killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, is hugged Wednesday by Cathy Milhoan, director of communications for the Secret Service.

## Stopping shooters may rest on spotting youths at risk

Rosemont conference eyes threat assessment

BY PETER NICKEAS

A study of school violence by the Secret Service determined there is no definitive profile of the typical student attacker or of a school that is being targeted.

But officials, at a conference Wednesday in Rosemont said that school shootings could be preventable with the use of a threat-assessment model the Secret Service has developed.

The goal of the threat assessments is to get help for youths showing risk factors, speakers at the forum said. Many of those risk factors were common among those who committed the acts of violence analyzed in the study.

The study, presented to 800 education, health care and law enforcement professionals, was the second of four such presentations to be held in the U.S.

"Threat assessment is a proactive prevention aimed at assessment, care and intervention so someone does not resort to violence and harming members of the community as a way to solve their problems," said Lina Alathari, chief of the National Threat Assessment Center, a branch of the Secret Service.

The Secret Service model for schools was released in 2018, and earlier this year, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a bill requiring schools to establish threat assessment procedures.

The study looked at 41 incidents of violence in schools between 2008 and 2017. None of the attacks were ended by law enforcement agencies and 10 of the attacks involved harm to three or more people, not includ-

ing the attacker.

Researchers counted incidents in which a current or recently former student used a weapon to injure or kill at least one student or school employee at or near school while targeting one or more student or employee.

It didn't include the massacre of students at Sandy Hook Elementary School because the shooter there wasn't a student or recently separated student. The study excluded incidents where the person who committed violence was never identified, or incidents that involved gang violence, drug violence or were connected to other criminal behavior.

The goal of the threat assessments is to get youths showing risk factors help, the researchers said.

"We want to make sure we're looking at a constellation of behaviors and home life factors... it's not punitive, it's not about discipline, it's not about arresting students. It's about identifying students and deviating them off that path," Alathari said.

Among the study's key findings was that there is no "profile" of a typical student attacker or targeted school. "Attackers varied in age, gender, race, grade level, academic performance, and social characteristics," the study stated.

The most common motive involved "a grievance with classmates." Eighty percent of attackers were bullied.

"They had grievances with peers at the school, with staff members at the school," Alathari said. "In half of the attacks, this grievance was specifically related to the attacker being bullied. A lot of times this bullying had been a persistent pattern that

had lasted for at least months, sometimes even years."

Another finding was that every attacker experienced social stress with peers or romantic partners.

"Nearly every attacker in this study experienced at least one significant stressful home life factor, including family financial difficulty, parents or siblings arrested or incarcerated, parents or siblings experiencing substance abuse, or the attacker experiencing abuse or neglect in the home," said Steven Driscoll, the lead social science research specialist for this study.

Most attacks involved guns taken from home. "Students can be very resourceful in accessing firearms stored in the home," the study noted.

And most attackers had "psychological, behavioral, or developmental symptoms," according to the report. A separate study cited in this report noted that, in a survey of 16,000 students from 10th to 12th grades, close to 40% said greater access to mental health care would increase feelings of safety at school.

Ryan Petty and two other fathers of children killed in Parkland, Florida, in 2018 voiced their support Wednesday for this study and its recommendations.

"I can't emphasize enough, to those with responsibility for safety and security of our nation's schools, embrace the findings and recommendations found in the ... report," said Petty, whose daughter, Alaina, was shot to death at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. "It will improve the climate and culture of our nation's schools, it will mean one less father has to turn to Google for answers, and it will save lives."

## As man claims a frame, prosecutors eye retrial

They've declined to drop murder charges

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Long after Demetrius Johnson completed his sentence for a 1991 killing, his attorneys sought in September to have that conviction thrown out, alleging he was framed by a notorious ex-Chicago police detective while citing newly uncovered documentary evidence as proof.

Cook County prosecutors on Tuesday said they agreed — but only to a point. Johnson's first-degree murder conviction should be tossed out, they conceded, but they were unwilling to drop the charges against him altogether.

That means that 15 years after his parole from prison, Johnson faces the prospect of a new trial on the same murder charge that put him behind bars decades ago.

Even LeRoy Martin Jr., the Criminal Division's presiding judge, seemed perplexed at the prosecutors' decision.

"You're going to retry this case, why?" he asked Assistant State's Attorney Carol Rogala. "I'm just curious."

Rogala conceded that Johnson's trial years ago may not have been fair, but she said, "There are witnesses who ID'd Mr. Johnson."

Yet Johnson's attorney, Joshua Tepfer, said double-jeopardy protections meant that Johnson couldn't serve any more time in prison even if he was convicted again.

"He would be sentenced to time served in the entirety, which would mean he'd walk free on any sentence," Tepfer said.

Martin allowed Johnson to remain free on a recognizance bond while instructing him to return Friday to the Leighton Criminal Court Building to be arraigned before a trial judge.

In response to an inquiry from the Tribune for clarification on its position, State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office issued a brief statement noting it agreed to throwing out the conviction because of "the recent discovery of an additional police report that neither the prosecution nor defense had at the time of trial."

The statement went on to say the office is "currently reviewing the matter to determine any next appropriate legal steps."

Tepfer has said that the petition filed in September was the first documentary evidence that ex-Detective Reynaldo Guevara framed suspects — though dozens of men have accused him of planting evidence, manipulating witnesses and falsely incriminating suspects while with the department.

Convictions tainted by alleged Guevara wrongdoing have been tossed out against a dozen men in

Cook County since mid-2016.

Johnson was 15 when he was charged in the 1991 killing of Edwin Fred, who was shot in a drive-by attack in the Humboldt Park neighborhood. Convicted the next year, he was sentenced to 25 years in prison but released on parole in 2004, records show.

Fred's killing took place on the night the Chicago Bulls won the first of six NBA championships in June 1991.

Shortly after the shooting, police arrested a suspect near the scene who was getting out of a van with a loaded gun, according to Tepfer's petition.

Guevara, who was assigned as the lead detective, wrote a report on the day of the shooting that witnesses failed to identify the suspect as the gunman. Guevara also testified at Johnson's trial that the initial lineup was "negative."

Johnson was arrested weeks later after Guevara claimed to have new information that he acted as the gunman, according to the petition. Three witnesses then allegedly picked Johnson out of a lineup — even though none of them had given police any descriptions of the shooter at the time of the incident, the petition alleged.

A police report uncovered last year, however, revealed that a second police lineup had been conducted on the night of the shooting in which a witness did, in fact, identify the man arrested near the scene. The petition alleged Guevara buried the second report in a secret "street file" that was never turned over to prosecutors or Johnson's attorneys.

Johnson, who denied involvement in the killing, told police he was with two friends watching the Bulls game at the time.

Trial testimony showed Johnson's assistant public defender tried to raise the issue of an alternate suspect, but without the evidence of the second lineup, Judge Thomas Cawley believed Guevara's testimony and convicted Johnson of first-degree murder, according to the petition.

The lineup report identifying an alternate suspect was uncovered in a civil lawsuit filed by Jacques Rivera, who was awarded \$17 million last year by a federal jury that found Guevara had framed him for a 1988 killing on Chicago's West Side.

Guevara has repeatedly refused to testify when asked under oath about allegations of wrongdoing. Testifying in the Rivera trial, Guevara invoked his Fifth Amendment right more than 200 times in a little more than an hour, including when asked directly whether he had ever framed anyone.

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# Second Cook death tied to record cold snap

Man found in garage in West Garfield Park

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

A West Side man found lying unresponsive on the ground in his garage Monday was determined to be the second cold-related death of the season in Cook County, according to the medical examiner's office.

Police and paramedics were called to the 4700 block of West

Superior Street about 12:30 p.m. Monday after a 56-year-old man reported finding an 80-year-old man in the West Garfield Park neighborhood garage, officials said.

"An 80-year-old male was discovered in the garage on the floor and was pronounced on scene," police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli wrote in an email.

The man was identified as Curtis Matthews, of the same block on West Superior Street where he was found, according to the Cook County medical examin-

er's office. Public records show he lived at the address where he died. The agency determined his was an accidental death and he died as a result of heart disease, with cold exposure as a contributing factor.

Monday night the temperature was down to 14 degrees, breaking a record for the coldest low temperature on Nov. 11, meteorologists said.

It was the second cold-related death of the 2019 fall and winter season so far, according to the medical examiner's office. The first came Nov. 1 when a man was

found in the 3600 block of West Belmont Avenue, said Natalia Derevyanny, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office.

The medical examiner tracks the number of deaths from cold-related causes each winter season, instead of each calendar year. In the fall and winter of 2018 to spring 2019, there were 59 cold-related deaths between Oct. 1, 2018, and May 2019, Derevyanny said.

The first cold-related death was earlier last season, on Oct. 16, she said. Before Nov. 1, the most recent

cold-related death in the county was May 26, according to Derevyanny.

Illinois is consistently in the top five states nationwide for cold-related deaths per year, according to data covering 1999 until 2016 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Illinois ranks 15th nationally on average during the same time period for cold deaths per 100,000 people, according to a Tribune report.

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## Pot

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double to \$100. Currently, people accused of illegal pot possession in Chicago face fines of up to \$500 and could have their vehicles impounded, if it's found in their car.

Thirty grams of marijuana is about an ounce, which is essentially enough pot for 60 joints, or spliffs, and about half as many blunts, depending on how much of the substance is rolled into the tobacco paper.

The city's ordinance mirrors the state law, except it has a provision that stops the police from seizing the cars of residents caught smoking in them unless they are caught with more than 30 grams of the substance. Police can still search vehicles and take possession of them for investigations — but the owners won't face the same stiff fines and penalties they once did simply for having some cannabis.

Minors caught with marijuana could be fined, required to do community service or participate in an educational program, under the measure.

In addition, the ordinance requires Chicago police to be trained on the new rules and protocols, and it calls for a public information campaign so that once marijuana is legal, residents understand how they can buy it and where they can use it, officials said.

"We want to make sure we are aligned with the state and the legislative intent of the state act," Paul Stewart, a Lightfoot administration policy adviser, said. "We are hoping that the City Council will take action very soon."

Lightfoot's proposal comes just a month after the City Council approved zoning rules regulating where recreational cannabis sales will and won't be allowed in Chicago.

In June, Illinois became the 11th state to approve marijuana for recreational use.

Starting in January, there will be seven zones across the city where marijuana will be sold legally. Each zone will be capped at having only seven dispensaries, but that number eventually will increase.

Recreational smoking and consumption of marijuana will be allowed by law. But that doesn't mean residents can light up anywhere. For example, residents who live in public housing won't have the luxury. And renters on the private market will have to defer to their landlords if they want to smoke in their units.

Lightfoot simply introduced her ordinance on Wednesday, so it



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot introduced an ordinance that will lower penalties for people caught carrying pot in their car or using it in public in Chicago.

was not discussed or debated on the City Council floor.

Still, it is likely to breeze through the council easily since it doesn't reach much further than state law.

"It's proper for us to align our ordinance with the state's law," said Ald. Jason C. Irvin, 28th, who was supportive of the measure. "The fact that you won't lose your car over a joint does provide some relief for those within the law."

Ald. Maria Hadden, 49th, said she was pleased that the new law would relax penalties for young people and that the penalty for most violators would result in a ticket, not an arrest.

"Folks at most will go to an administrative hearing. It really disincentivizes overpolicing because this is not about locking people up," she said. "This really changes the game. It's like cigarette smoking in a public park — that's not allowed either. I feel positive about this."

Still, while the law will decriminalize carrying weed, a broader conversation remains about how recreational marijuana and taxing will play out, Ald. Walter Burnett Jr., 27th, said. He said he worries about rising addiction and that an underground market could flourish as the legal market grows.

"Now (recreational) marijuana is legal ... this law is good because

most folks aren't going to be walking around with a pound of weed to get high with," he said. "We will probably have to reevaluate it later."

"The legal weed is probably going to cost a lot more than illegal weed," he said. "That will enhance the street sales."

Even as the new law sets guidelines for marijuana users, Ald. Michael Scott, 24th, said he can't help but think of the people who carried the burden of felony records and legal troubles before legalization was even being considered.

"There are so many people in communities like the one I serve that were prosecuted for the sale of marijuana," Scott said. "I'm looking for ways ... how do we make sure the people who were criminalized are (rectified). I'd like to see us go a little further."

"It's now a billion-dollar industry," he said. "When there were black and brown folks trying to make a living in communities that were underserved for decades ... I'd like for our law to go further."

While legalizing marijuana has been touted as a way to raise tax revenue for the city and state, it also has led to efforts to reform how marijuana has been policed, since African Americans and Latinos historically have been jailed and fined at disproportionate

rates. According to the American Civil Liberties Union, African Americans make up about 15% of Illinois' population, yet historically have accounted for about 60% of the cannabis-possession arrests.

Convictions for marijuana possession have made it difficult for African American and Latino residents to obtain access to educational programs, housing and jobs.

There are currently efforts to review and expunge the records of residents who had been convicted of possessing small amounts of marijuana.

The proposed new law is, in part, another effort to ensure fairness, Lightfoot said in a prepared statement.

"For far too long, unjust and outdated cannabis enforcement laws have adversely and disproportionately affected Chicago's black and brown neighborhoods," she said in the statement. "The legalization of cannabis in Illinois presents a powerful opportunity to reform our policies and right these generation-old wrongs of the past as we work to ensure a safe, fair and responsible implementation in Chicago."

But while Lightfoot boasted that her ordinance will unburden pot users, some critics said the

law actually favors those with resources.

"The question still remains: 'Is this equitable?'" asked Patrice James, the director of community justice at the Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. "The answer is this is not as equitable because of the lack of public consumption spaces. If you cannot use marijuana in your vehicle or if you don't own your home and you can't smoke in your (subsidized apartment), where can you smoke then? Until we address those questions, it's not equitable."

Residents who can afford to purchase the legally taxed pot, transport it home safely and consume it without hassle will be protected by the new law, James said. But the majority of lower-income, struggling residents will continue to risk getting into legal trouble.

"For lower-income people that experience housing instability, this is a concern because smoking inside could cause them to lose their apartments and be evicted," she said. "If they can't smoke on the street or in a car, there's no place for them to use it."

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## Wage

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threshold.

Dan Lurie, Lightfoot's chief of policy, said raising the floor on tipped wages to \$8.40 an hour was what the mayor thought was the best way to handle the issue.

"We didn't do this under duress. This wasn't an attempt to split the difference between two sides," Lurie said.

Lightfoot decided that gradually ramping up the tipped minimum wage to \$15 would be "too dramatic" a change, particularly for small restaurants. "It's a capacity problem. We want small restaurants to budget and plan for this," Lurie said.

The mayor's proposal directs the city's Department of Business

Affairs and Consumer Protection to study how tipped wages are enforced in Chicago next year.

"She wants to get (to \$15)," Lurie said. "This is not something she's walking away from."

Lightfoot's announcement disappointed advocacy groups that have pushed to eliminate the subminimum wage for tipped workers, a system they say keeps people in poverty, makes it difficult for workers to push back against sexual advances and disproportionately affects black women.

"So far it seems that the mayor is siding with the Illinois Restaurant Association," said Nataki Rhodes, lead organizer with the nonprofit Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago. She added, "We thought that the mayor was going to be a progressive mayor."

While servers at higher-end

restaurants can make a lucrative living on gratuities, many tipped workers at small or inexpensive restaurants or in poorer neighborhoods face financial challenges.

Employers are legally required to make up the difference if an employee's tips don't add up to the regular minimum wage, but worker advocates say that doesn't always happen because of exploitative practices or shoddy record keeping.

The Illinois Restaurant Association applauded the mayor's plan.

"We must have balance between the needs of hard-working Chicagoans and the neighborhood businesses that drive our economy," Sam Toia, president and CEO of the industry group, said in a statement. "This ordinance takes a pragmatic approach to a \$15 minimum wage by maintaining the tip credit for

employers, which will protect jobs while keeping costs reasonable for both restaurants and diners."

But Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, a member of the Progressive Reform Caucus pushing to increase the tipped wage to \$15, said the proposal "might actually hurt small restaurants more than the gradual increase we've been calling for."

Ramirez-Rosa said community groups are studying Lightfoot's proposal. They may introduce an amendment in coming weeks to the part of the 2020 budget package that will include the minimum wage ordinance, he said.

Rhodes said her group plans to ratchet up pressure on the mayor and aldermen and may introduce a proposal to eliminate the tip credit at the county level.

Meanwhile, Lightfoot's plan

proposes increasing the city's minimum wage to \$14 an hour next year and \$15 the year after. Smaller employers with fewer than 20 workers will have until 2023 to get to \$15. Business with fewer than four employees are exempt.

The plan would require the city's minimum wage be applied to several groups of people who are currently exempt.

People with disabilities, for whom there is currently no wage floor, would have to be paid the city's minimum wage by 2024. Youths under 18, including those in publicly subsidized programs, who currently can be paid as little as \$7.75 an hour, would have to be paid \$10 by next year and the full minimum wage by 2025.

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# One primary challenger to Lipinski drops out, then supports another

BY RICK PEARSON

Attorney Abe Matthew dropped his primary challenge to Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski in the Southwest Side and suburban 3rd Congressional District on Tuesday and threw his support behind Marie Newman.

"I am endorsing Marie Newman because I trust her to fight for the mothers and fathers who are struggling to get by," Matthew, a

Bridgeport resident, said in a statement. "I trust her to work to stem the tide of gun violence afflicting our sons and daughters. I trust her to fight for universal health care so our sisters and brothers can get the care they need. Marie will be our advocate in Congress."

The move leaves Lipinski, Newman and Rush Darwish as the three announced contenders in the March 2020 Democratic con-

gressional primary. Newman is seeking a rematch against the socially conservative Lipinski, an eight-term lawmaker who beat her last year by 2.2 percentage points.

Matthew had raised \$83,137 and had only \$57,724 in cash available at the end of September, far behind the cash on hand of Lipinski with \$693,088, Newman with \$514,237 and Darwish with \$318,113.

Newman leads among major endorsements in the contest, including presidential contenders Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Cory Booker of New Jersey as well as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the first-term New York congresswoman who has become a symbol of the far progressive wing among Democrats.

Darwish's campaign said it was

"happy to have the field winnowed to the three candidates capable of spreading their message to the voters."

Lipinski's campaign has routinely criticized the endorsements Newman has received, saying they show she is an "extreme candidate" whose beliefs are "out of step with the voters" of the district.

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## Neighbors not shoveling their sidewalks?

Answer in Chicago: Give the city a call

By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Forget the grass being greener on your neighbor's side of the fence. In winter, the question is whether the sidewalk in front of your neighbor's house has been shoveled.

Shoveling isn't just about being a good neighbor — it's the law in Chicago.

Snow should begin to melt Thursday as temperatures rise, a relief for those who've followed the letter of that law: toiling to shovel before work, only to be delayed walking to the "L" stop because others ignored Chicago's shoveling ordinance. And property owners and landlords who have violated the law will have a temporary reprieve from fines of as much as \$500, said Susan Hofer, a spokeswoman for Chicago's Department of Transportation.

"Obviously, our goal is not

enforcement, our goal is compliance. It's so much better to be safe and shoveled than to slip and fall because there's ice on the ground," Hofer said.

But when the next snow comes, what can you do if you run into sidewalks that aren't shoveled? And what's your responsibility as a tenant, property owner or manager?

Here's your guide to Chicago's shoveling law:

### What's the law?

"Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person in charge of any building or lot of ground in the city," that touches a sidewalk or public way is responsible for removing snow and ice from a 5-foot-wide portion of the sidewalk, Hofer said in an email.

Tenants renting a house or living in small buildings, such as two-flats, may find a clause in their lease stating they are responsible for shoveling. If renting this type of property, it's best to discuss with the owner or landlord who is responsible for shoveling. And the law

applies to owners of vacant lots, too.

The shoveling law was amended in 2015, and now is in effect seven days a week, Hofer said.

"It's not like, 'Oh, but it's the weekend.' That's very nice but people still need to be able to walk down the sidewalk on the weekends. It significantly raised the fine options."

The ordinance also requires the responsible party to keep wheelchair ramps cleared, and puts a timeline on how quickly one must shovel.

"Snow which falls or accumulates between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. shall be removed as soon as practicable, but no later than 10 p.m. of the same day. Snow which falls or accumulates overnight between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. shall be removed as soon as practicable, but no later than 10 a.m. of the same day," the law states.

"It's best to ensure snow will be removed before rush hour," Hofer said.

### Who can expect an inspector?

The city doesn't focus its attention as much on smaller, residential properties, Hofer said.

"For the most part, it would be someone on an arterial street, or it presents a danger to the community, or if it's a multifamily building in violation," Hofer said.

The main issues are with owners of vacant lots and larger residential buildings, she said.

"Multifamily buildings with superintendents and managers, those buildings are responsible for shoveling the public way where it exists," Hofer said.

### What if a sidewalk isn't shoveled?

Those who encounter ice- or snow-covered sidewalks can call 311 or use the city app to report a violation and prompt an inspector's visit, Hofer said. When people call their alderman's office, those messages are forwarded to the Transportation Department.

"It's important for a 311 call to be accurate in terms of where we're supposed to go look for problems."

The Department of Transportation has inspectors who can go out and determine if someone is in violation of the law. They can receive a ticket with a fine of anywhere between \$50 and \$500, Hofer said. The inspector determines how much the fine should be on a case-by-case basis.

The department issued 204 snow citations during the snow season of 2018 to 2019, according to records.

### What if you can't shovel?

"A lot of wards have volunteers who are willing to go out and shovel. Or, alternately, you can reach out to your ward office and say, 'Look, I'm capable of shoveling, I can help,'" Hofer said. "You can be the person who can't get out and shovel, or the person who volunteers to shovel."

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## Buie

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who most recently headed up the bureau's field office in El Paso, Texas, oversaw the arrest of state Rep. Luis Arroyo on bribery charges connected to the sweepstakes gaming industry. A state senator wore a wire for the FBI as part of the investigation.

Meanwhile, longtime Ald. Edward Burke is awaiting trial on racketeering charges alleging he treated city government like a criminal enterprise. FBI agents recently raided state Sen. Martin Sandoval's office in Springfield and village halls in the west suburbs and also seized computers and files from the office of Ald. Carrie Austin.

As the Tribune reported Wednesday, the FBI tapped the cellphone of a top confidant of House Speaker Michael Madigan as part of a burgeoning investigation into lobbying practices by utility giant ComEd.

"I am aware it's a topic on people's minds," the soft-spoken Buie said when asked about the climate of political corruption that has hung over the state for decades. "Being from Chicago, seeing several governors go down ... all that knowledge and credibility and understanding comes into play."

A Western Illinois University graduate and U.S. Army veteran, Buie is the first African American to become special agent in charge of the Chicago FBI — a special

point of pride for the native of Chicago's Englewood neighborhood.

He also is the first Chicago-raised FBI boss here in at least the past two decades. He took over from Jeffrey Sallet, a native Bostonian who was reassigned to an executive post in the FBI's Washington headquarters earlier this year. Before Sallet, the FBI's top Chicago position was occupied by appointees hailing from Minnesota, Indiana, Virginia, Michigan and Washington state.

In addition to public corruption, Buie is known as an expert in counterterrorism and cyber crime. His appointment last month marks the pinnacle of a three-decade career with the agency, one that's taken him from Colorado to downstate Illinois, Washington and even London, where he served as a legal attache for the FBI in several international counterterrorism and anti-organized crime agencies.

But even with all his travels, Buie said he's always come back to Chicago — so even though he recently moved from Texas, this week's early cold snap didn't catch him off guard.

"I never threw away a coat or a boot," Buie joked.

Buie was born in 1965 at the old Cook County Hospital — a stone's throw from the FBI offices on West Roosevelt Road. His family originally lived on the West Side but moved to Englewood when Buie was 7.

Buie's mother, a nurse, stressed the importance of education, and he says he excelled at math at at

**"My stance is the American public has a right to be ensured that their public officials and law enforcement officials are working for them, not against them."**

— Emmerson Buie Jr., the new boss of the Chicago FBI

Lindblom Technical High School. Though small for his age — Buie said he was only 4-foot-8 as a high school freshman — he played varsity football at both Lindblom and later at Western Illinois, where he was a standout safety and team captain.

Buie got the thrill of a lifetime in 1981 when, as a junior, his team unexpectedly won a triple-over-time thriller and advanced to face powerhouse Robeson High at Soldier Field in the Public League championship. Though they lost that game, Buie said "it was the pinnacle" of his playing career.

Buie recalled his time growing up in Chicago in the 1960s and 1970s as "fun," with days filled with sports, outdoor play and bike rides through the relatively violence-free neighborhoods.

"The fads and the fashions, the bell bottoms you know, you got ready for picture day by wearing the maxi coat over your shoulder with the big bow tie," he said. "You played with the kids in the neighborhood. You rode your bicycle. When you weren't doing sports you would make a slingshot or a pop gun."

By the early 1980s, Buie said, the street gangs had become "more prevalent" — in his neigh-

borhood the Gangster Disciples dominated — and things began to change. With violence escalating, Buie remembered having to "be aware at all times of your surroundings."

"You needed to know where you were at and what you might encounter," he said.

Buie said being an FBI agent was never even on his radar as a young man. After graduating from Western Illinois with a business degree, he entered the Army, training at Fort Hood before being deployed to Iraq in Operation Desert Storm. He was awarded a Bronze Star, a Combat Infantry Badge and received numerous other commendations and awards, according to the FBI.

It was during his time in the Army that Buie was first pitched a career in the FBI by some of his fellow soldiers. After coming home from overseas in 1992, Buie took the bureau's entrance exam and entered training later that year, he said.

In his first stint as an agent, Buie investigated criminal cases out of the Colorado Springs satellite of the Denver field office. In 1999, he was promoted to supervisory special agent, working out of the Counterterrorism Division at FBI

headquarters in Washington, assigned to the weapons of mass destruction operations unit.

In 2002, Buie returned to Illinois, working as a senior supervisory resident agent in Fairview Heights — a satellite of the Springfield field office. It was there that Buie helped lead the investigation into corruption in East St. Louis that led to the raid on City Hall.

"That one had a number of different tentacles," Buie said. "One of them dealt with buying votes in elections, corrupt activity in law enforcement. The chief of police was arrested."

Several years earlier, Buie was a case agent on a corruption investigation in Colorado that brought down a local undersheriff and a deputy under his command for trafficking narcotics.

In 2017, Buie was named head of the FBI field office in El Paso, put in charge of 250 agents, analysts and support staff. The Chicago office, by comparison, has a total personnel count of more than 1,100, he said.

Buie said he has embraced his new role as a supervisor, even though it's different from being a working agent in the field.

Pulling out a reference to his football-playing days, Buie likened it to going "from a player to a coach."

"You can still have the same passion. You can still have the same aggressive style in which you pursue certain things. You just influence it in different ways," he said.

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## Aging dams pose risk to thousands

Data: At least 1,688 structures are in poor or unsatisfactory condition

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Associated Press

On a cold morning last March, Kenny Angel got a frantic knock on his door. Two workers from a utility company in northern Nebraska had come with a stark warning: Get out of your house.

Water was coming over the top of a nearby hydroelectric dam, they told him before fleeing in their truck.

Minutes later, the swollen Niobrara River crashed through Spencer Dam, unleashing a wave of water carrying ice chunks the size of cars. Angel's home was wiped away; his body was never found.

"He had about a 5-minute notice, with no prior warning the day before," Scott Angel, one of Kenny's brothers, said.

State inspectors had given the dam a "fair" rating less than a year earlier. Until it failed, it looked little different from thousands of others across the U.S., and that could portend a problem.

A more than two-year investigation by The Associated Press has found scores of dams nationwide in even worse condition, and in dangerous locations.

The review of federal data and reports obtained under state open records laws identified 1,688 high-hazard dams rated in poor or unsatisfactory condition as of last year in 44 states and Puerto Rico. The actual number is almost certainly higher, because some states

declined to provide condition ratings for their dams.

Deaths from dam failures have declined since a series of catastrophic collapses in the 1970s prompted the federal and state governments to step up their safety efforts. Yet about 1,000 dams have failed over the past four decades, killing 34 people, according to Stanford University's National Performance of Dams Program.

The nation's dams are over a half-century old on average. Some are no longer adequate to handle the intense rainfall and floods of a changing climate. Yet they are being relied upon to protect more and more people as housing developments spring up nearby.

"There are thousands of people in this country that are living downstream from dams that are probably considered deficient given current safety standards," said Mark Ogden, a former Ohio dam safety official who is now a technical specialist with the Association of State Dam Safety Officials.

Dams are categorized as high, significant or low hazard in the National Inventory of Dams database. High hazard means loss of human life is likely if a dam were to fail. A significant rating means no deaths are likely, although economic and environmental damage are possible.

Dam conditions are supposed to be rated by inspectors as unsatisfactory, poor, fair or satisfactory.

But the ratings are subjective — varying by state and the interpretations of



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The 2017 scare at Oroville, the tallest U.S. dam, above, led to evacuation orders for nearly 200,000 people, though no one was hurt and the dam held. Below, water flows down the Oroville spillway. The state of California boosted its dam safety budget after the scare.



individual inspectors — and are not always publicly disclosed.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, the U.S. government has cited national security grounds in refusing to include the condition of dams in its inventory, which was updated most recently in 2018. But the AP was able to determine both condition and hazard ratings for more than 25,000 dams across the country through public records requests.

The AP then examined inspection reports for hundreds of high-hazard dams in poor or unsatisfactory

condition. Those reports cited a variety of problems: leaks that can indicate a dam is failing internally; unrepaired erosion from past instances of overtopping; holes from burrowing animals; tree growth that can destabilize earthen dams; and spillways too small to handle a large flood.

Georgia led the nation with nearly 200 high-hazard dams in unsatisfactory or poor condition, according to the AP's analysis.

Among them is Reservoir No. 1 in Atlanta, a 180 million-gallon water supply

dating to the late 1800s that has been out of service much of the past few decades. The city made repairs and brought it back online in 2017, only to shut it down again after leaks were noticed.

Were the dam to catastrophically fail, the water could inundate more than 1,000 homes, dozens of businesses, a railroad and a portion of Interstate 75, according to an emergency action plan.

Joel Iverson has previously noticed water trickling out of the dam near the brewery he co-founded, Monday Night Brewing.

"If that one goes, it's going to wash away us and a lot of beer," Iverson said.

The Atlanta Watershed Management Department refused the AP's request for an interview about the reservoir and instead asked for questions in writing. When those were submitted, it declined to answer them.

Every state but Alabama has a dam safety program.

But the Great Recession a decade ago forced many states to make widespread budget and personnel cuts.

Since a low point in 2011, states' total spending on dam safety has grown by about one-third to nearly \$59 million in the 2019 fiscal year while staffing levels have risen by about one-fifth, according to data collected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

California, which runs the nation's largest dam safety program, accounts for much of that gain. It boosted its budget from \$13 million to \$20 million and the number of full-time staff from 63 to 77 following the failure of the Oroville dam spillway in 2017.

But some states have continued to pare back their dam safety programs. Thirteen states and Puerto Rico were spending less in 2019 on dam safety programs than they did in 2011, and 11 states had fewer full-time positions in their programs, according to the Corps data.

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials estimates it would take more than \$70 billion to repair and modernize the nation's more than 90,000 dams. But unlike much other infrastructure, most U.S. dams are privately owned. That makes it difficult for regulators to require improvements from operators who are unable or unwilling to pay the steep costs.

"Most people have no clue about the vulnerabilities when they live downstream from these private dams," said Craig Fugate, a former administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "When they fail, they don't fail with warning. They just fail."

## Latin America looks neither left nor right

Practical issues, not political ideology, drive protests

By JOSHUA GOODMAN  
Associated Press

The sudden resignation of Bolivia's Evo Morales sent shock waves throughout Latin America, where the indigenous leader had been the last survivor among a wave of leftist leaders swept to power two decades ago as commodity prices soared.

But the upheaval that has recently rocked the region, threatening President Donald Trump's allies and anti-imperialist governments alike, defies easy categorization.

From Honduras to Chile, popular frustration with anemic economic growth, entrenched corruption and gaping inequality is driving the region's middle classes to rebel against incumbents of all ideological bents in what has been dubbed the Latin American Spring.

"Latin America has been the frog in the boiling pot for a long time," said Marie Arana, the Peruvian American author of a new book,



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Ex-Bolivian President Evo Morales waves upon landing in Mexico City.

"Silver, Sword & Stone," exploring five centuries of abuse and economic exploitation of the region's masses. "It's gotten to the point where it's less about ideology and more about practical matters as people for themselves see the rampant physical evidence that things are going wrong."

The angst is greatest among the region's newly empowered middle class and the traditionally disenfranchised groups that made great strides when the left came to power at the end of the 1990s with the election of Hugo Chávez in Venezuela and Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Brazil.

Around 90 million people entered the middle class in Latin America from 2000

to 2012, according to the United Nations, a feat that tracked with a boom in prices for the region's copper, soy and oil exports.

But as commodity prices have fallen, and leftist leaders once lionized for crusading against corruption are engulfed in scandals themselves, families earning enough for the first time in generations to pay taxes and send their kids to college are demanding higher-quality public services.

"The left had a very long stretch, but it's unlikely to be repeated," said Michael Shifter, president of the Inter-American Dialogue. "Going forward, political cycles will be shorter, because governing is so much harder and expectations greater than ever."

Before Morales' resignation, the left had been hoping for a comeback following the 2017 election last year of far-right populist Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil.

In the past month alone, it has been re-energized by an uprising against fuel hikes in Ecuador, mass protests against right-wing leaders in Honduras and Chile, the release from prison of Lula in Brazil, a



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Anti-government demonstrators commandeered an armored vehicle during a nationwide strike against President Lenin Moreno and his economic policies in Quito, Ecuador.

first-round win of the governing leftist coalition in Uruguay, and the resurgence of the Peronist party in October elections in Argentina following the spectacular failure of free market reforms there.

Even embattled Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro has managed to outmaneuver his rivals to stay in power.

The left's resilience has been cheered on by Mexican President Manuel Lopez Obrador, who gave Morales asylum and whose pivotal win 16 months ago was seen as a bulwark against a rise of conservative, pro-U.S. leadership in the region, including Presi-

dent Ivan Duque in Colombia and Bolsonaro in Brazil.

Still, many expect the turbulence to continue, with attention now turning to the leftist governments in Nicaragua and Venezuela, which have been rocked by major upheaval of their own in the past year.

Even some on the left acknowledge that, as expectations have risen in recent years, leaders haven't done enough to strengthen institutions and meet demands for better health care, schooling and wages.

In many ways Morales makes for an odd victim, however. Unlike his fellow anti-U.S. allies, he has governed since 2006 as a prag-

matist, delivering some of the fastest economic growth in the world by cutting deals with major international energy firms and ushering in a period of economic stability unseen in generations.

"The left was attractive for a very long time and justifiably so because it spoke for the people when nobody else did," said Arana. "But hopefully we've reached the point, with so much corruption and turmoil, that people realize the concept of a democratically elected dictator isn't working, just like the right-wing military dictatorships that preceded them didn't work."

## US budget deficit surges to \$134.5 billion in October

Red ink rises 33.8%; shortfall in 2020 forecast to be \$1T

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government, which ended the 2019 budget year with its largest deficit in seven years, began the new budget year with a deficit in October that was 33.8% bigger than a year ago as spending hit a record.

The Treasury Department said Wednesday that the deficit last month totaled \$134.5 billion, up from a shortfall in October 2018 of \$100.5 billion.

The government ran up a deficit of \$984.4 billion for the 2019 budget year that ended Sept. 30, 26% larger than in 2018.

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the deficit for 2020 will hit \$1 trillion and will remain over \$1 trillion for the next decade. The country

has not experienced \$1 trillion annual deficits since 2009 through 2012 following the 2008 financial crisis.

The projections of trillion-dollar deficits are in contrast to President Donald Trump's campaign promises in 2016 that even with his proposed tax cuts he would be able to eliminate future deficits with cuts in spending and growth in revenue from a stronger economy.

The previous period of surging deficits spawned a

political backlash that put Republicans back in power in the House, but the current surge in deficits has not sparked a similar uproar.

Republicans are considering another round of tax cuts and Democrats running for president are putting forth big new spending proposals such as "Medicare for All."

The government's budget year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. For October, the big jump in the deficit reflected a 7.8% rise

in spending from a year ago that pushed outlays for the month of October to a record \$380 billion.

Revenue in October fell 2.8% to \$245.2 billion from the same month a year ago. One revenue category that showed a big increase was tariffs on imports, which totaled \$8 billion, up 39% from a year ago.

The Trump administration imposed a new round of tariffs on Chinese goods in September after negotiations between the two na-

tions failed to reach a trade agreement to address American concerns about protection of intellectual property and other issues.

Negotiations with China are ongoing, and Trump said Tuesday that the two countries were close to a partial agreement that would roll back some of the tariffs the two sides have imposed.

But the president said, "If we don't make a deal, we will substantially raise those tariffs."

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# Americans tune it in or out amid daily lives

As hearings stream or air live, some are riveted, others yawn

BY NICHOLAS RICCARDI AND STEPHEN GROVES  
Associated Press

DENVER — Cattle rancher Jeffery Gatzke in South Dakota was listening in as he worked on his tractor in his workshop. The first public hearings on impeaching President Donald Trump are political show, he thinks, but he wanted to follow along anyway.

Tech manager Adam Cutler arranged to work from his Denver home so he could witness live the moment he hopes will expedite the end of the Trump presidency.

Mary Tabor, 20, a math major at the University of Cincinnati, studied at the library rather than watching live, figuring she'd get the summary from comedian Seth Myers' late-night show.

"I know some people are really into it and others just don't pay much attention," said Tabor, a supporter of Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Elizabeth Warren. "It's hard to understand if you're not in that world."

Across the country, the first public airing of the impeachment drama had millions of Americans tuning in — and, in some cases, deliberately tuning out. Although only the third time impeachment hearings were aired live on television, the proceedings in Washington were landing on a jaded and weary public, with little certainty that the event would change minds.

In many cases, "watch" isn't quite the right verb.



SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

Live testimony from the House impeachment hearings against President Donald Trump airs in the background Wednesday at the Billy Goat Tavern in downtown Chicago.

Americans were consuming these hearings in ways unimaginable during the last impeachment hearings more than 20 years ago. They were scanning headlines on Twitter and reading posts on social media and would click on snippets of video pushed out online in real time.

For many, the historic event was simply background noise.

"Oh, is that today?" said Randy Johnson, 63, a semiretired Tennessee man, as he cast a fishing line into the gulf in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

Like in previous nationally televised hearings in the Trump era — including special counsel Robert Mueller's testimony about his investigation into Rus-

sian interference in the 2016 election, or the confirmation hearing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh — Wednesday's hearing marks Democrats' latest hope in breaking the partisan stalemate that has dominated politics this decade.

Democrats were hoping, if not for a national epiphany, then at least a day that would stand out from the partisan acrimony and circuslike atmosphere of Trump-era Washington.

"I don't want to say it will be the tipping point, but I think it will be the beginning of a week or two where it will be very difficult for the president to change the subject," said Cutler, the Denver Democrat who watched from home.

Cutler supports Democrats' push to impeach the president for soliciting a political favor from the president of Ukraine and, they claim, threatening to hold up millions in aid as leverage. Polls show he's joined by nearly half of Americans, although the partisan divide on the question is striking and consistent in the weeks leading up to the hearings.

For Gatzke, 50, a farmer and rancher from Hitchcock, South Dakota, the Ukraine affair was just the Washington establishment's latest attempt to thwart an outsider president.

"He is not one of them, and they don't like it," he said, just before the hearings began. Gatzke caught

as much as he could during his morning chores on the farm. He had to break to load up cattle for the processing plant.

Christian Jacobs, 50, sat in a bar on the beach in St. Petersburg, Florida, reluctantly watching the drama on television.

"I did not want this," he said, glancing at the TV with and sipping in a breath from his marijuana vape pen. A Democrat, he had initially balked at impeachment but has come around to it as details trickled out about Trump's behavior with Ukraine.

"I'm so afraid, left to his own devices, what else he may do," Jacobs said of Trump.

While Democrats control the House of Representa-

tives and likely have the votes to impeach Trump, they would need about 20 Republican senators to vote to convict him of high crimes and misdemeanors before he would be removed from office.

The U.S. diplomats who testified Wednesday weren't expected to offer new blockbuster evidence that would change the dynamic. Their statements had already been offered to the committee and many of the details were public already.

That took some of the air out of the event, noted Pilar Esperon, as she waited for a train in Boston's South Station. A nearby television was turned to the hearing, but few patrons watched it closely.

Esperon, who works in real estate in New York City, was scrolling through the news coverage on her phone. She said she already believes Trump committed an impeachable offense.

At the Holmes II barber shop in Savannah, Georgia, the live impeachment broadcast was showing Wednesday on three TVs. Barbers and their customers barely seemed to look up as they talked about NFL football and the best phone apps for paying bills.

Anthony Harris, who has cut hair at the shop since it opened in 1994 and bought the place four years ago, said the impeachment drama has only worsened his sense of Trump fatigue. He's not surprised others are tuning it out.

"He's on the news every day, all day, for all kinds of things," said Harris, a 56-year-old independent who leans Democratic. "It's gotten to the point now where people are even tired of listening."

## Hearing

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removing the 45th president from office. Trump, who was meeting at the White House with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, declared he was "too busy" to watch.

The long day of testimony unfolded partly the way Democrats leading the inquiry wanted: in the somber tones of two career foreign service officers who described confusion both within the U.S. government and in Ukraine about what Trump wanted from Kyiv. Taylor testified alongside George Kent, a deputy assistant secretary at the State Department.

Taylor said his staff recently told him they overheard Trump's phone call with another diplomat, Ambassador Gordon Sondland at a restaurant the day after Trump's July 25 phone call with the new leader of Ukraine that sparked the impeachment investigation. The staffer explained that Sondland had called the president and Trump could be heard asking about "the investigations." Sondland told the president the Ukrainians were ready to move forward, Taylor testified.

Trump denied knowledge of the call later Wednesday, saying, "I know nothing about that." He added, "First time I've heard it."

An official familiar with the matter said the staffer Taylor referred to is David Holmes, the political counselor at the embassy in Kyiv. Holmes is invited to testify Friday before Congress.

Wednesday's session unspooled in a formal, columned room on Capitol Hill, detailing the striking



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House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and ranking member Devin Nunes, R-Calif., talk during the impeachment hearing.

yet complicated allegation of a president using foreign policy for personal political gain.

Both sides tried to distill it into sound bites.

Democrats said Trump was engaged in "bribery" and "extortion." Republicans said nothing really happened: the military aid Trump was withholding from Ukraine while he pushed for the investigations was ultimately released.

The GOP lawmakers demanded anew that they hear in closed session from the whistleblower whose complaint about Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukraine's leader led to the inquiry.

Democrats said the per-

son's identity must be protected but agreed to consider the request again later.

A vote to impeach could come before year-end in the Democratic House. Even if approved, however, conviction in the Republican Senate is considered unlikely.

Some Republican senators and their advisers are privately discussing whether to pressure GOP leaders to stage a lengthy impeachment trial beginning in January to scramble the Democratic presidential race — potentially keeping a half-dozen candidates in Washington until the eve of the Iowa caucuses or longer.

Conversations about the timing and framework for a trial remain closely held, according to more than a

dozen participants in the discussions.

But the deliberations come as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., faces pressure from conservative activists to swat back at Democrats.

At the start of Wednesday's session, Rep. Adam Schiff, the Democratic chairman of the Intelligence Committee, outlined the question at the core of the impeachment inquiry — whether the president abused his office for political gain.

"The matter is as simple and as terrible as that," said Schiff, D-Calif. "Our answer to these questions will affect not only the future of this presidency but the future of the presidency itself."

Trump engaged in counterprogramming from the White House, with rapid-fire tweets, a video from the Rose Garden and a dismissive retort from the Oval Office.

The witnesses defied White House instructions not to appear. Both Taylor and Kent were subpoenaed.

Both also had told their stories before. They are among a dozen current and former officials who testified behind closed doors. Wednesday signaled the start of at least two weeks of public hearings as the proceedings spill into the open.

A key Trump ally on the panel, Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, mockingly called Taylor the Democrats' "star witness" and said he'd "seen

church prayer chains that are easier to understand than this."

Taylor, a West Point graduate and former Army infantry officer in Vietnam, responded: "I don't consider myself a star witness for anything."

The top Republican on the panel, Rep. Devin Nunes of California, said Trump had a "perfectly good reason" for wanting to investigate the role of Democrats in 2016 election interference, giving airtime to a theory that runs counter to mainstream U.S. intelligence, which found that Russia intervened and favored Trump.

*The Washington Post contributed.*



MARK WEBER/AP

Attorney General William Barr announces the launch of Project Guardian on Wednesday in Memphis, Tennessee.

## Barr rolls out new anti-gun-violence project

BY ADRIAN SAINZ AND MICHAEL BALSAMO  
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Attorney General William Barr announced a new initiative Wednesday that would better enforce the U.S. gun background check system, coordinate state and federal gun cases and ensure prosecutors quickly update databases to show when a defendant can't possess a firearm because of mental health issues.

The push, known as Proj-

ect Guardian, was unveiled at a news conference in Memphis, alongside officials from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Explosives, on the same day public impeachment hearings against President Donald Trump began in Washington.

As part of the program, U.S. prosecutors will coordinate with state and local law enforcement officials to consider potential federal charges when a suspect is arrested for weapons possession, is believed to have

used a gun to commit a violent crime or drug-trafficking offense or is suspected of being a violent gang member.

"Gun crime remains a pervasive problem in too many communities across America," Barr said in a statement.

The program "will strengthen our efforts to reduce gun violence by allowing the federal government and our state and local partners to better target offenders who use guns in crimes and those who try to

buy guns illegally," Barr said.

During the news conference, Barr said discussions about any new legislation tied to the project have been sidetracked due to the impeachment process on Capitol Hill. He said Congress has been asked for more resources, including more ATF agents and U.S. marshals.

"We are going forward with all the operational steps that we can take that do not require legislative action," Barr said.

# Impeachment used as a rallying cry

Trump's reelection camp sees a push to mobilize voters

BY MICHELLE L. PRICE AND ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Gregory Hafen II looked out at a small group of fellow Republicans and tried to hammer home just how wronged he thinks President Donald Trump has been. The impeachment investigation in Washington is a mere political attack, he argued.

"It's witch hunt after witch hunt," he said, glancing occasionally at his notes.

Hafen, a Republican state lawmaker and the rural Nevada chairman of Trump's reelection campaign, had gathered with a small group of volunteers in a suburban Las Vegas public library to teach them to spread the word: "That's why we're here today, to encourage everyone to volunteer."

At doorsteps and protests, in phone calls and social media posts, Trump's campaign is marshaling its army of devoted followers to defend the president against the threat of impeachment. Certain the war in Washington only fires up Trump fans, the campaign is training volunteers how to stoke that frustration and channel it against Democrats. In battleground states such as Nevada, the effort — dubbed Stop the Madness — has quickly merged with a canvassing campaign already making regular contact with voters ahead of next year's election.

"It didn't seem possible to get President Trump's supporters more fired up than they already were," said Tim Murtaugh, the Trump campaign's spokesman. "Democrats have done it with their sham impeachment proceedings."



Chris Haskins, a regional field director for President Trump's reelection campaign, leads a training session in Las Vegas.

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The effort reflects the Trump campaign's confidence that the impeachment fight will not only energize his diehard supporters, but also turn off voters weary of the fighting in Washington and willing to blame Democrats for the latest battle.

Trump's campaign isn't just waiting for voters to bring up impeachment — it's "owning it," raising it on phone calls and door-knocks across the country, said Rick Gorka, a spokesman for Trump's campaign and the Republican National Committee. The campaign and the RNC have spent more than \$10

million in impeachment-related TV ads already, with more expected in the coming weeks as Democrats begin their open hearings.

The RNC says more than 75,000 new people have signed up to volunteer through its anti-impeachment website, and more than 100,000 new donors have given money to Trump since House Democrats announced the beginning of the impeachment proceedings in September.

Volunteers and staffers are regularly trained and provided with the party's current messaging. That's been a moving target, as Trump and the White

House have shifted explanations for why he asked a foreign leader to investigate a political rival and whether it was an abuse of power.

When talking to Trump backers, canvassers have been echoing Trump's claim that he's a victim of another partisan attack, fueled not by facts but by Democrats' yearslong push to oust him from office. Trump's campaign believes this messaging is effective even for voters lukewarm on Trump, since many say they wish Washington would focus more on the issues important to them and less on investigations.

"We're turning this into a real rallying cry for the president's supporters," Gorka said. He added that they're also using it to win over some who are less supportive of the president, "but see this process for what it is, a political hit job." More Americans ap-

prove than disapprove of the impeachment inquiry into the president, according to late-October poll by The Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. But opinions on the investigation are sharply polarized, with 68% of Democrats strongly approving of the inquiry and 67% of Republicans strongly disapproving.

Despite this support for the investigation, many Americans do consider the process to be politically motivated.

The poll found 53% of Americans think the House is acting mainly on a political motivation to challenge Trump's presidency, while 43% think the House is acting mainly in good faith on its responsibility to investigate the executive branch. More than 8 in 10 Republicans and about a quarter of Democrats say the probe is motivated

more by politics than oversight responsibility.

Democrats say the Trump campaign's galvanizing tactic will fall short and pointed to Republican setbacks in elections this week, where Republicans, including those who highlighted the impeachment fight, lost ground in suburbs.

"Banking on a strategy to highlight credible impeachment efforts against Trump didn't work in Kentucky or Virginia and won't work in Nevada," said Alana Mounce, Nevada State Democratic Party executive director. She said Nevada voters are focused on Republican policies on health care and taxes, and "that's why they rejected Trump in 2016 and will do so again in 2020."

In Nevada, a state Trump lost in 2016 but is aiming to win over next year, about 20 people gathered to watch a slideshow outlining the campaign's counter-impeachment push, including instructing supporters to contact Democratic lawmakers, Susie Lee and Steven Horsford, to express opposition to their votes in favor of the impeachment inquiry. The campaign then taught canvassers how to go out and knock doors for the president.

Trump volunteer Thomas Sobol, who showed up at the Las Vegas training wearing a MAGA hat and a T-shirt that said, "America: Love it or Leave it," said he's "more motivated now than ever" to go door-to-door talking to voters about the president.

But when he knocks on someone's door and talks about impeachment, the reactions are polarized, Sobol said.

"You get people that are frustrated with what's going on in Washington and the impeachment push. You get other people that don't want to talk to me and you know, they'll close the door," he said. "That's not going to change."

## Trump unfit to lead, author warns in book

White House calls unknown writer a coward, details lies

BY PHILIP RUCKER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senior Trump administration officials considered resigning en masse last year in a "midnight self-massacre" to sound a public alarm about President Donald Trump's conduct, but rejected the idea because they believed it would further destabilize an already teetering government, according to a new book by an unnamed author.

In "A Warning" by Anonymous, obtained by The Washington Post ahead of its release, a writer described only as "a senior official in the Trump administration" paints a chilling portrait of the president as cruel, inept and a danger to the nation.

The author, who first captured attention in 2018 as the unidentified author of a New York Times opinion column, describes Trump careening from one self-inflicted crisis to the next, "like a twelve-year-old in an air traffic control tower, pushing the buttons of government indiscriminately, indifferent to the

planes skidding across the runway and the flights frantically diverting away from the airport."

The 259-page book, which was published by Twelve, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing/Hachette Book Group, and goes on sale Nov. 19, does not recreate many specific episodes in vivid detail, which the author writes was intentional to protect his or her identity.

At a moment when a stream of political appointees and career public servants have testified before Congress about Trump's conduct as part of the House impeachment inquiry, the book's author defends his or her decision to remain anonymous.

"I have decided to publish this anonymously because this debate is not about me," the author writes. "It is about us. It is about how we want the presidency to reflect our country, and that is where the discussion should center. Some will call this 'cowardice.' My feelings are not hurt by the accusation. Nor am I unprepared to attach my name to criticism of President Trump. I may do so, in due course."

White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham derided the book and its

anonymous author.

"The coward who wrote this book didn't put their name on it because it is nothing but lies," Grisham wrote in an email. "Real authors reach out to their subjects to get things fact checked — but this person is in hiding. ... Reporters who choose to write about this farce should have the journalistic integrity to cover the book as what it is — a work of fiction."

The author describes senior officials waking up in the morning "in a full-blown panic" over the wild pronouncements the president had made on Twitter.

"It's like showing up at the nursing home at daybreak to find your elderly uncle running pantsless across the courtyard and cursing loudly about the cafeteria food, as worried attendants tried to catch him," the author writes.

The author argues that Trump is incapable of leading the United States through a monumental international crisis, describing how he tunes out intelligence and national security briefings and theorizes that foreign adversaries see him as "a simplistic pushover" who is susceptible to flattery and easily manipulated.

After the 2018 killing of Washington Post columnist



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

A writer described as "a senior official in the Trump administration" portrays President Donald Trump in "A Warning," a 259-page book, as cruel, inept and a danger to the nation.

Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents, the author writes, Trump vented to advisers and said he would be foolish to stand up to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

"Do you know how stupid it would be to pick this fight?" Trump said, according to the book. "Oil would go up to one hundred fifty dollars a barrel."

One theme laced throughout the book is Trump's indifference to the boundaries of the law. The author writes that Trump considered presidential

pardons as "unlimited 'Get Out of Jail Free' cards on a Monopoly board," referring to news reports that he had offered pardons to aides.

As he ranted about federal courts ruling against some of his policies, including the 2017 travel ban, the author writes, Trump once asked White House lawyers to draft a bill to send to Congress reducing the number of federal judges.

"Can we just get rid of the judges?" the president said, according to the book. "There shouldn't be any at all, really."

The author also ruminates about Trump's fitness for office.

"I am not qualified to diagnose the president's mental acuity," the author writes. "All I can tell you is that normal people who spend any time with Donald Trump are uncomfortable by what they witness. He stumbles, slurs, gets confused, is easily irritated, and has trouble synthesizing information, not occasionally but with regularity. Those who would claim otherwise are lying to themselves or to the country."

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Shiite Houthi tribesmen raise their weapons and chant slogans in September in Sanaa, Yemen, during a tribal gathering showing support for their rebel movement.

## Saudi Arabia, Yemen's Houthi rebels in indirect peace talks

BY AHMED AL-HAJ  
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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Saudi Arabia and Yemen's Iran-backed rebels are holding indirect, behind-the-scenes talks to end the devastating five-year war in Yemen, officials from both sides have told The Associated Press.

The negotiations are taking place with Oman, a Gulf Arab country that borders both Yemen and Saudi Arabia, as mediator. Oman has positioned itself as a quiet mediator in the past, and in a possible sign the back-channel talks could be stepping up, Saudi Deputy Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman arrived this week in the capital, Muscat.

The two sides have communicated via video conference over the past two months, according to Gamal Amer, a negotiator for the Yemeni rebels known as Houthis. They have also talked through European intermediaries, according to three Houthi officials.

Yemen remains a divided country. The Iran-backed Houthis have controlled the capital, Sanaa,

and much of the north since 2014. The Saudi-led military coalition, which entered the war in 2015, is fighting on behalf of Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and his internationally recognized government.

The Oman-mediated talks began in September, after a Houthi-claimed drone struck a key crude processing plant in Saudi Arabia — the world's largest — and dramatically cut into global oil supplies. The United States blamed Iran, which denied involvement.

The attack laid bare the vulnerability of Saudi Arabia's oil installations and appears to have propelled Riyadh toward negotiating an end to the increasingly costly war. The kingdom has also faced a growing backlash against its role in the Yemen war, including from the U.S. Congress.

The current talks focus on interim goals, such as reopening Yemen's main international airport in Sanaa, shut down by the Saudi-led coalition in 2016. Also under discussion is a buffer zone along the Yemen-Saudi border in areas under Houthi control.

Abu Bakr al-Qirbi, a for-

mer Yemeni foreign minister, told the AP from Oman that the Saudis' main concerns include dismantling the Houthis ballistic and drone capabilities and the kingdom's border security.

The Saudis are looking for assurances the Houthis will distance themselves from Shiite power Iran, the Sunni kingdom's archrival. Riyadh has long feared the Houthis could establish an Iranian presence along the Saudi-Yemen border.

These talks could pave the way for more high-profile negotiations early next year, said one of the Houthi officials.

All officials, with the exception of Amer and al-Qirbi, spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters on back-channel negotiations.

The recent rapprochement, if materialized, could put an end to a war that has killed over 100,000 people, destroyed Yemen's infrastructure, displaced millions and pushed the country's 30 million people into one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. It remains to be seen how future talks could shape a deeply fragmented Yemen.

## Trump, Erdogan fail to resolve dispute on Russian air system

BY DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says he and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan are “very good friends,” but their meeting Wednesday at the White House failed to resolve an issue that has badly strained relations between the two NATO allies.

Trump and Erdogan concluded a visit without achieving an agreement on Turkey's decision earlier this year to accept delivery of a Russian air defense system that poses such a threat to NATO security that the U.S. suspended Turkish participation in the multinational F-35 fighter jet program.

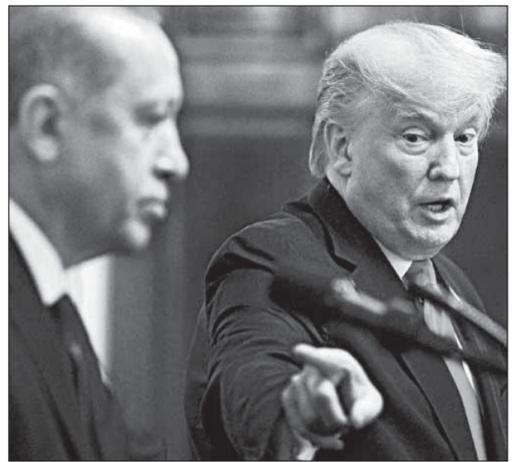
The Turkish president told reporters he might be persuaded to use the U.S.-made Patriot system “as well” as the Russian S-400. Trump said they would agree to keep working on the issue.

“The acquisition of the S-400 creates some very serious challenges for us,” Trump said. “Hopefully we'll be able to resolve that situation.”

The dispute over the competing air defense systems is a major component of the tension between the two countries. Turkey has also come under fire on Capitol Hill for its incursion into Syria last month to attack the Kurdish forces who fought with the U.S. against the Islamic State. And Turkey has been criticized for repression of political opponents, journalists and others.

Turkey, meanwhile, is angered at the U.S. for supporting the Kurdish forces it views as a threat and for refusing to extradite a Muslim cleric it accuses of fomenting a 2016 coup attempt against Erdogan.

Despite the differences, Trump said he believes the two sides can substantially increase trade, which amounted to about \$24



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Presidents Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Donald Trump speak Wednesday in the East Room of the White House.

billion in 2017.

“We think we can bring trade up very quickly to about \$100 billion between our countries,” Trump said.

Erdogan used the meeting as a chance to defend his military offensive against U.S.-backed Kurdish forces in northeastern Syria, some of whom have links to the separatists who have waged a violent campaign in Turkey for decades.

“We're just fighting terrorists, period,” he said. “If you don't fight back, you will have to pay a very hefty price.”

His words failed to placate members of Congress and others who accuse Turkish-backed forces of killing Kurdish civilians and causing a humanitarian crisis in the incursion, which prompted the U.S. last month to hurriedly evacuate a small number of American troops from near the Syria-Turkey border.

“There has been a callous disregard for civilian lives, including attacks on residential areas,” said Margaret Huang, executive director of Amnesty International USA.

The leaders' scheduled afternoon news conference, following a meeting with Republican lawmakers at the White House,

gave Trump a stage to counter the first public hearings in the House impeachment inquiry. Trump said he was busy and didn't watch a minute of the televised hearings, which he called a “hoax.”

Republicans and Democrats in Congress didn't think Trump should meet with Erdogan at all.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said it was “mind-boggling” and “appalling” for Trump to roll out a red carpet for Erdogan after the invasion of Syria.

“Erdogan suppresses free speech, arrests opponents and does so many other terribly things to his country, which was once a much more shining example of democracy,” Schumer said.

In the Senate, two Democrats have introduced legislation denouncing Turkey's targeting of journalists, political opponents, dissidents, minorities and others. They said the Turkish government had imprisoned more than 80,000 Turkish citizens, closed more than 1,500 nongovernmental organizations on terrorism-related grounds and dismissed or suspended more than 130,000 civil servants from their jobs.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Justices could return cable TV race bias lawsuit to lower court

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seems likely to overturn a lower-court ruling in favor of an African American media mogul and comedian who's suing cable giant Comcast for racial discrimination.

The justices appeared to be in broad agreement Wednesday that an appeals court applied the wrong legal standard in allowing business owner Byron Allen's \$20 billion suit against Comcast to go

forward. Allen has a separate \$10 billion lawsuit against Charter Communications.

Allen says the cable companies refuse to carry his television channels because he's black. The companies say his programming isn't good.

A ruling for Comcast probably would not be the final word. Several justices indicated they think the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco should take another look.

### Prosecutors to jurors: Stone 'undermined' Russia inquiry

WASHINGTON — Roger Stone undermined the effectiveness of the congressional investigation into Russian tampering in the 2016 election by repeatedly lying under oath, prosecutors told jurors in closing arguments Wednesday.

A Republican political operative and confidant of President Donald Trump, Stone is accused of lying to lawmakers about his attempts to communicate

with the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks, tampering with witnesses and obstructing a House Intelligence Committee investigation into whether the Trump presidential campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election. He has denied wrongdoing.

Stone was indicted in January as part of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian electoral tampering.

### Former Gov. Patrick reportedly tells allies of presidential run

WASHINGTON — Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick is telling allies that he will join the 2020 presidential race, according to two people familiar with his plans. An official announcement is expected before Friday, the filing deadline for the New Hampshire primary.

His move injects a new layer of uncertainty into the contest less than three months before the first votes.

Patrick, a popular two-term Democratic governor with a moderate bearing and close ties to former President Barack Obama, is starting late.

Patrick's candidacy faces hurdles to raise money quickly and to build an organization in early voting states. He'll also have to pivot to the Super Tuesday contests, when voters in more than a dozen states and territories head to the polls.



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Locals and tourists alike had to make their way through flooded streets Wednesday in Venice. More than 85% of the Italian city flooded, including St. Mark's Square, above.

## Venice 'is on its knees' after the worst flooding in 53 years

VENICE, Italy — The worst flooding in Venice in more than 50 years prompted calls Wednesday to better protect the historic city from rising sea levels as officials calculated hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

The water reached 6.14 feet above average sea level Tuesday, the second-highest level ever recorded in the city and just 2 1/2 inches lower than the historic 1966 flood. Another wave of exceptionally high water followed Wednesday.

“Venice is on its knees,” Mayor Luigi Brugnaro said on Twitter. “St. Mark's Basilica has sustained serious damage, like the entire city and its islands.”

A man in his 70s was apparently electrocuted on the barrier island of Pellestrina when he tried to start a pump in his dwelling, said Danny Carrella, an official on the island of 3,500 inhabitants.

In Venice, the crypt beneath St. Mark's Basilica was inundated for only the second time in its history. Damage was also reported at the Ca' Pesaro modern art gallery, where a short circuit set off a fire, and at La Fenice theater, where authorities turned off electricity as a precaution after the control room was flooded.

Italy's culture minister, Dario Franceschini, said no damage had been reported

to art collections in museums throughout the city. Many sites remained closed to tourists.

“I have often seen St. Mark's Square covered with water,” Venice's patriarch, Monsignor Francesco Moraglia, told reporters. “Yesterday there were waves that seemed to be the seashore.”

Brugnaro called on Rome to declare a state of emergency.

The flooding was caused by southerly winds that pushed a high tide, exacerbated a full moon, into the city.

The sea level in Venice is 4 inches higher than it was 50 years ago, according to the city's tide office.

### Officials: Suicide blast kills 12, injures 20 in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — At least 12 people were killed, three of them children, and 20 others were wounded when a car bomb exploded near the Kabul airport early Wednesday, Afghan officials said, the first major attack on the Afghan capital after about a month of relative calm.

The suicide bombing came the day after President Ashraf Ghani said he would release three Taliban-affiliated insurgent commanders from prison. It was a major concession that Ghani said he hoped would jump-start talks and lead to the release of hostages, including two for-

eigners — one American and one Australian — who were kidnapped by the insurgents in 2016.

No group has publicly claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack. It was unclear whether the prisoners Ghani said would be released were still in custody Wednesday.

### Top court in Australia to hear final Pell appeal

CANBERRA, Australia — Australia's highest court agreed Wednesday to hear an appeal from the most senior Catholic to be found guilty of sexually abusing children, giving Cardinal George Pell his last chance at getting his convictions overturned.

The decision by the High Court of Australia comes nearly a year after a unanimous jury found Pope Francis' former finance minister guilty of molesting two 13-year-old choirboys in Melbourne's St. Patrick's Cathedral in the late 1990s, shortly after Pell became archbishop of Australia's second-largest city.

Pell, 78, was sentenced to six years in prison in March and is no longer a member of Francis' Council of Cardinals or a Vatican official. The Victoria state Court of Appeal rejected his appeal in August. Pell is in a Melbourne prison.

**In Bolivia:** Renewed clashes rocked La Paz on Wednesday as the country's self-declared interim president, a second-tier lawmaker thrust into the post because of a power vacuum, faced challenges to her leadership claim from supporters of ousted Evo Morales.

A day after Jeanine Anez claimed the presidency, clashes broke out between rock-throwing Morales' supporters and police in riot gear, who fired volleys of tear gas to disperse the large crowd of protesters.

Opposition was also building in Congress, where lawmakers loyal to Morales were mounting a challenge to Anez's legitimacy by trying to hold new sessions that would undermine the basis of her claim to the presidency.

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# 26 Palestinians dead as Israel, Islamic Jihad exchange strikes

BY FARES AKRAM AND JOSEF FEDERMAN  
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli aircraft struck Islamic Jihad targets throughout the Gaza Strip on Wednesday while the militant group rained scores of rockets into Israel for a second consecutive day as the heaviest round of fighting in months showed no signs of ending.

The death toll rose to 26 Palestinians.

The U.N.'s Mideast envoy, Nickolay Mladenov, rushed to Cairo to work with Egyptian mediators on arranging a truce. An Islamic Jihad delegation was also expected in Egypt "very soon," said Egyptian intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

"I am very concerned about the ongoing and serious escalation between Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Israel," Mladenov said. "The U.N. is working to urgently de-escalate the situation."

The fighting erupted early Tuesday after Israel killed a senior commander in the Islamic Jihad militant group, along with his wife, as they slept in their Gaza home. Israeli officials say Bahaa Abu el-Atta was responsible for numerous rocket attacks and was plotting a large-scale border infiltration.

Islamic Jihad, an Iranian-backed militant group sworn to Israel's destruction, responded by launching dozens of rockets toward Israel, some reaching as far as Tel Aviv, prompting Israel to carry out scores of airstrikes.

The rocket fire brought much of Israel to a standstill.

Schools closed throughout southern Israel, people stayed home from work and large public gatherings were banned. Air raid



An Israeli soldier climbs onto an armored vehicle near the border with the Gaza Strip on Wednesday.

sirens wailed during the day and into the evening. By Wednesday night, the army said 360 rockets had been fired at Israel.

In Gaza, schools and public institutions also were closed for a second day, and there were few cars on the streets, with people mostly staying indoors. After nightfall, Gaza City resembled a ghost town, with streets empty and the whooshing sounds of outgoing rockets and explosions of Israeli airstrikes heard. Virtually the only vehicles on the roads were wailing ambulances.

Convening Israel's top security officials, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he hoped the fighting would end quickly.

"We are not bent on escalation but we will do whatever is necessary to restore the quiet and security to the residents of Israel, including the residents of the south," he said.

Hamas, the larger and more powerful militant group that controls Gaza, has so far avoided entering the fray — a possible sign the violence could be brief.

Hamas, which has fought three wars with

Israel, has a much more lethal arsenal than Islamic Jihad. But as the governing authority in the territory, it also is more pragmatic and appears to have little desire for more fighting at a time when Gaza's economy is in tatters.

That could change if the fighting drags on and the death toll continues to climb. Palestinian health officials reported 24 dead from Israeli airstrikes, including at least 16 militants. Five civilians, including a woman and boys ages 17, 16 and 7, were among the dead.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conrucus, an Israeli military spokesman, said the army was limiting its strikes to Islamic Jihad targets and avoiding conflict with Hamas to prevent an escalation.

"However, it's very clear that if there will be Israeli casualties, the situation would change drastically and we would be forced to respond in a different manner," he said.

No Israeli deaths were reported, in part because of Israel's Iron Dome defense system, which the military said has a 90% success rate when deployed.

# Esper: US could alter military drills to boost N. Korea talks

BY ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Wednesday that he is open to the possibility of altering U.S. military activities in South Korea if it would help advance a diplomatic deal with North Korea to eliminate its nuclear program.

Esper, in an interview with reporters flying with him to Seoul, said any changes in military exercises or training would be done in ways that did not jeopardize troops' combat preparedness. And he said they would be done in consultation with the South Korean government.

He would not say what specific adjustments might be contemplated. The U.S. and South Korea already scaled back their 2018 and 2019 military exercises in the hope that it would help move North Korea toward agreement to give up its nuclear weapons.

So far that has not worked.

"We will adjust our exercise posture, either more or less, depending on what diplomacy may require," Esper said, adding, "We have to be open to all those things that empower and enable our diplomats" in the nuclear talks.

North Korea has long objected strongly to large-scale American and South Korean military exercises, which it calls preparations for an invasion of the North. President Donald Trump also has criticized the exercises as too costly and provocative, but U.S. military commanders consider them crucial to deterring North Korea and ensuring that any invasion by the North would fail.

"As we consider adjusting — either dialing up or dialing down — exercises, training, stuff like that, we want to do that in close collaboration with our



CLIFF OWEN/AP

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said he is hopeful that diplomacy will prevail in the U.S.-North Korea standoff.

(South) Korean partners, not as a concession to North Korea but, again, as a means to keep the door open to diplomacy," he said.

Esper said he takes seriously North Korea's statement that the end of this year is a deadline for the U.S. to change its approach to the nuclear negotiations.

He said he is hopeful that diplomacy will prevail, given the history of tensions on the Korean Peninsula since the North Koreans began launching intercontinental-range ballistic missiles that could eventually be nuclear-armed.

Meanwhile, North Korea's supreme decision-making body lashed out Wednesday at the planned drills and warned that the United States will face a greater threat and harsh suffering if it ignores North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's end-of-year deadline.

In a statement carried by state media, a spokesman for the North's State Affairs Commission said the drills would violate agreements between Kim and Trump on improving bilateral relations and compel North Korea to raise its war readiness.

Kim is chairman of the commission, which he established in 2016 following years of efforts to consolidate his power and centralize governance.

The statement is North Korea's latest expression of displeasure over the military drills and slow pace of nuclear negotiations with Washington. The talks have stalled over disagreements on disarmament steps and the removal of sanctions imposed on the North.

North Korea has also ramped up its missile tests in recent months, and experts say it is likely to continue weapons displays to pressure Washington as Kim's deadline nears for the Trump administration to offer mutually acceptable terms for a deal.

Cheong Seong-chang, a North Korea expert at South Korea's private Sejong Institute, said the North's decision to release a statement through its highest government institution indicates that it could be preparing more provocative military demonstrations, such as ballistic tests from a new launch-capable submarine it has been developing.

The North Korean spokesman said annual U.S.-South Korea military drills are continuing to cause a "vicious cycle" in relations between the U.S. and North Korea.

The U.S. has about 28,000 troops in South Korea, and Esper said they must be ready to fight the North at a moment's notice.

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## EDITORIALS

# House runs inquiry, but folks at home will judge Trump

The day's news brims with reports on the thrusts and parries of Wednesday's U.S. House hearing, a possible prelude to the first removal from office of a sitting U.S. president. Weeks, perhaps months of public drama and decision-making have commenced. Our mission here is to frame this great debate — and to explain why whatever now happens across America will determine Congress' verdict on President Donald Trump. To that end:

Donald Trump's behavior led him directly — inevitably — to this start of public impeachment testimony. That statement is as close to bipartisan gospel as one is likely to find in Washington, D.C., these days.

To many Democrats, guided by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the impeachment inquiry is both an examination of Trump's corrupt treatment of Ukraine and the culmination of their longstanding efforts to prove he was unfit from the start to govern the nation.

To many Republicans, and to Trump, impeachment is a high-profile setup orchestrated by frustrated Democrats who expected former special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russia would rid the country of a president they dislike.

**In other words, impeachment for both sides** is as much about Trump's being president as it is about his conduct. He is impetuous and unorthodox, sometimes careless and uncivil. Critics see a reckless defier of laws and norms who must be held to account. Supporters see a feisty outsider who defies establishment elitists and incurs their wrath. House Democrats seem certain to file articles of impeachment. Senate Republicans seem just as certain to acquit, barring surprise disclosures of



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Top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine William Taylor, left, and career foreign service officer George Kent are sworn in prior to testifying before the House Intelligence panel on Wednesday.

wrongdoing committed by the president.

Yet focusing on this abyss between Trump's friends and foes in high places diminishes something more important: the interests of the American public. Either Americans will be drawn in to these historic proceedings and demand that a presidential election be overturned, or they will write them off as another episode of Trumpian theater and Democratic overreach. Public opinion will drive members of Congress to abandon or support Trump as the impeachment inquiry moves forward.

Everyone's judgment on impeachment and removal should be reached according

to the facts of the Ukraine incident and the words of the Constitution.

**On July 25, one day after Mueller gave desultory testimony** to Congress that ended previous talk of Trump's impeachment, the president pressured Ukraine's leader to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden. Trump meandered in his phone call with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy but left the strong impression he wanted Ukraine to take actions that would benefit Trump's political standing. House Democrats later fleshed out their accusations that Trump intended to withhold military aid to Ukraine in exchange for a Zelenskyy

promise to launch corruption investigations, including a probe of businessman Hunter Biden's activities in the country.

We said in September, when a rough transcript of the phone call was released, that Trump unarguably, and indefensibly, urged Zelenskyy to undercut Biden. If proven that Trump withheld military aid to an ally to emphasize his request, that's a serious transgression. But can Americans be convinced any of Trump's actions related to his dealings with Ukraine rise to the level of an abuse of power that warrants his expulsion from office? Or was this Trump being Trump in a realm the Constitution entrusts to him: diplomacy, with or without bullying.

As members of Congress wrestle with those questions, Americans by the millions will reach their own verdicts. In Washington, impeachment is a grave exercise in political oversight that requires, paradoxically, elected officials to put aside tribal allegiances for the good of the country. Across that country, the stakes are different but every bit as dramatic as whether Trump committed high crimes and misdemeanors: whether to override the results of the 2016 election, less than a year before the 2020 election.

**Like so often in his presidency**, Trump's rash behavior is central to the story. Detractors have an easy time ascribing nefarious motives to Trump's actions toward Ukraine. Supporters have an easy time overlooking any offense because they knew they elected a bull to run the china shop.

On which side will public opinion now coalesce? Answer that question and you've declared whether Trump stays or goes.

# A wiretap, a scoop — and another panic attack for Illinois pols and their pals

The news flashed from Chicago, where the Tribune had posted its scoop online, to Springfield, where Illinois lawmakers were immersed in their autumn veto session: Federal authorities have recorded phone calls of one of House Speaker Michael Madigan's closest confidants as part of the burgeoning investigation into ComEd's lobbying practices.

**If you're an Illinois politician** or the close crony of one, the report told you two larger truths:

■ The feds' wiretapping of phone calls has been broader than earlier news stories about Chicago Ald. Edward Burke and a former alderman, Daniel Solis, suggested. Now nobody knows how many pols and their pals have been recorded as they spoke with one another. Coupled with the recent allegation that a state senator re-

corded a state representative offering bribes, the thought — the threat — of more wiretap disclosures is cause for a communal panic attack.

■ Even more alarming, the wiretappers evidently have convinced federal judges that they're learning about crimes — although perhaps crimes committed by people other than the targets of the wiretaps. From the Tribune's Ray Long and Jason Meisner: Wiretaps 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 metic-



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

Defense attorneys balk whenever we say this, but sustained wiretaps aren't fishing expeditions. Federal judges tend to be scrupulous about enforcing that demanding every-10-days requirement. The flip side of that reassurance to law-abiding citizens concerned about privacy: Imagine how many people a prominent Illinois official or political operator speaks with over the space of 10 long days.

What all have the feds discovered? We're eager to learn. In the meantime, a footnote about the leading roles that cell-

phones are playing in this expansive investigation:

**With each disclosure of a wiretap, we're reminded** of the visually cluttered seal of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Like the seal of its parent agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Bureau of Prisons seal depicts an eagle atop a red, white and blue shield. In one talon the eagle holds an olive branch with 13 leaves; in the other it holds 13 arrows. The Latin motto translates to the grammatically unfriendly "Who prosecutes on behalf of justice." Like we said, cluttered.

So how about a simpler seal, if only for one wing of a federal prison with vacancies: a cellphone in the shape of Illinois, a pair of headphones and the unofficial motto of Illinois politics: "Will the defendant please rise?"

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Is the Democratic coalition too big to win the presidency in 2020?

It sounds like a joke — a political version of the old Yogi Berra one-liner about a local restaurant: "Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded." Yet however paradoxical, the statement about the Democrats may nonetheless be true. The party could well be too capacious to coalesce around any single candidate with sufficient intensity to take down President Trump. ...

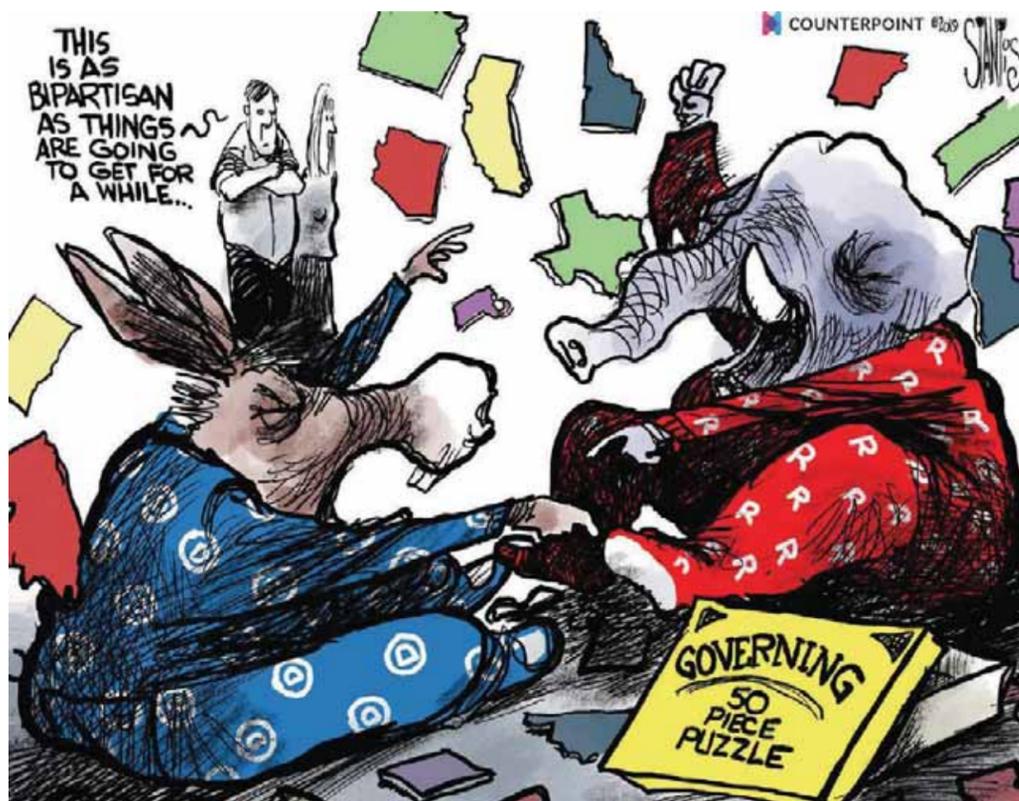
During the last presidential cycle, a lifelong socialist independent who joined the Democrats only to compete for the party's nomination managed to come in a strong second place to a center-left candidate fully supported by the Democratic establishment. Four years later, a billionaire who's most accurately described as a liberal Republican is attracting modest but significant support among a very different kind of Democrat before he's even officially joined the race.

The distance separating Bernie Sanders from Michael Bloomberg is impossibly vast. Yet those are the ideological boundaries of the Democratic Party in 2019. ...

If (coalescing rival Democratic factions) sounds impossible, that's because it may well be — at least without a once-in-a-lifetime political talent like Barack Obama at the helm, willing and able to bring this fractious, wildly diverse, quite possibly incoherent party together. ... The Democrats will find it more difficult to prevail than one might be led to suspect from looking solely at the persistent and deep unpopularity of the man they will be facing next November.

Damon Linker, *The Week*

### SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Donald Trump, as a candidate for president, presents a check to Support Siouxland Soldiers from the Donald J. Trump Foundation during an event in Iowa in 2016.

## The Trump Foundation is a big scandal, but a forgotten one



STEVE CHAPMAN

The U.S. House investigation of Donald Trump's nefarious dealings with the government of Ukraine, leading to an official impeachment inquiry, cannot be counted among his happiest experiences as president. But he can be grateful for one thing: It has obliterated a scandal that might bury any other politician.

Last week, the Donald J. Trump Foundation entered into a settlement with the attorney general of New York that required him to pay a \$2 million fine, close down the foundation and admit to illegal misuse of money. His charity was riddled with graft. To settle the case, he had to agree to never start another foundation without meeting strict conditions to block him from committing the misappropriation of more funds.

When then-New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood filed a lawsuit against the Trump Foundation last year, Trump called it "ridiculous" and tweeted, "I won't settle this case!"

After last week's settlement, he lamely depicted his abuses as "small technical violations." But the admissions he made in the settlement leave no doubt that he was responsible for what Underwood described as "a shocking pattern of illegality."

He might have escaped this withering notice if he had not run for president and put his foundation in service of his campaign. Shortly before the 2016 Iowa caucuses, he withdrew from a Fox News Republican debate because he objected to Megyn Kelly's inclusion as a panelist. Instead, he hosted an event to raise money for veterans and claimed to have raised more than \$6 million — including his personal donation of \$1 million.

It was a good way to justify ducking the debate, and it ensured him some favorable publicity. But it also earned him some unfavorable publicity. His foundation seemed to be in no rush to send much of the money to the groups that needed it. Several got nothing till April, after The Wall Street Journal began asking his campaign about the delay.

Other groups didn't get their grants until May, after additional media scrutiny. He had to admit getting some \$400,000 less than the \$6 million he had claimed. And that \$1 million Trump had pledged? He didn't write the check until a Washington Post

reporter went on Twitter to ask veterans groups if any had received personal donations from him.

This behavior makes perfect sense if you keep in mind that the Iowa fundraiser was to boost his candidacy on the eve of a major contest. Helping veterans was the pretext, not the priority. They were mostly props in his campaign.

As Trump was forced to admit in the settlement, his campaign "planned, organized and paid for the Iowa Fundraiser" and decided which organizations would get grants. Under federal law, though, charities are not allowed to participate in political campaigns.

Trump was not straitjacketed by the laws and customs governing foundations, or by the most basic ethical norms. He used money raised for charity to purchase a portrait of himself to hang at his Doral golf resort in Miami, to buy a football helmet signed by Tim Tebow and to pay off debts incurred by his businesses.

The foundation even made a \$25,000 campaign contribution to Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, who soon after announced she would not pursue allegations of fraud against ... Trump University. In the settlement, remember, Trump admitted all these facts. He took money that donors had intended for charitable causes and

used it to help himself as he saw fit.

How could any foundation, even one started by Trump, conduct itself with such brazen disregard of the law? Easy: It was entirely under his avaricious, self-serving control. The board of directors included sons Don Jr. and Eric and daughter Ivanka.

It also included Trump Organization executive Allen Weisselberg — who, it came to light, didn't even know he was on the board. Not that the membership mattered; the board managed to avoid meeting a single time in 19 years.

You can easily run afoul of the law if you don't pay lawyers to guide you. Between 2001 and 2016, the Trump Foundation spent a grand total of \$163 on legal fees. How much of a Manhattan attorney's time do you think you can get for \$163?

For years, Trump ran a foundation that relied mostly on contributions from others, which he used both to help win an election and to enrich himself. In any other president, that would be a shocking and possibly fatal scandal. For Trump? It's just another day.

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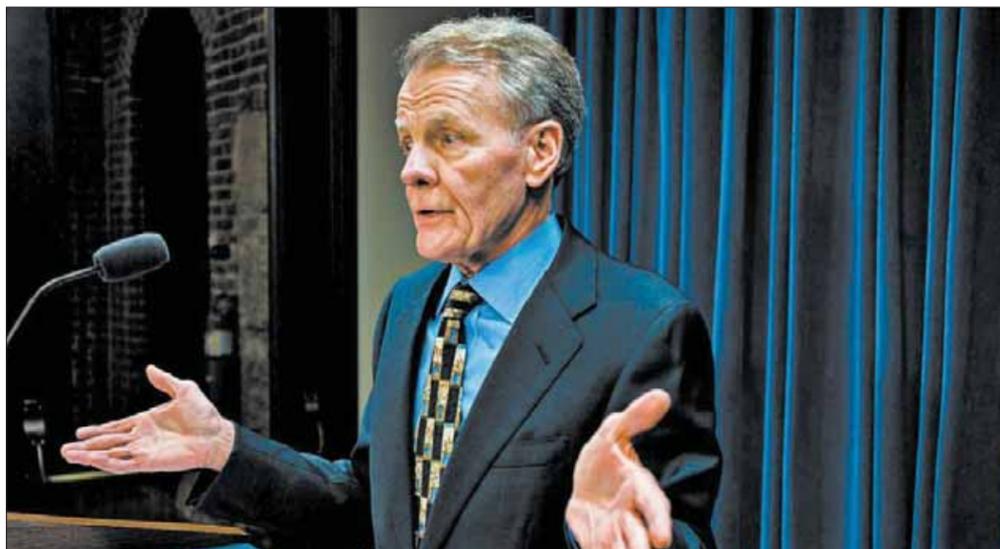
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Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, shown in 2015 in Springfield, pushed a rate increase for ComEd through the House the following year.

One 'dirty' day shows how ...

## ComEd played the game in Springfield — then feds took notice



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

For insight into the federal corruption investigation snaking through Illinois' political complex, look back to Dec. 1, 2016.

On that final day of the legislature's fall session, a team of lobbyists representing powerhouse utility company ComEd frantically pieced together a roll call of lawmakers willing to vote for an electricity rate hike on consumers. That's no easy sell. The hike would cost up to \$4.54 extra per month for ComEd customers, and bail out two nuclear power plants the company was threatening to shut down.

The attorney general at the time, Lisa Madigan, whose father was muscling the measure through the House, had warned legislators against the bailout.

"It's outrageous that Exelon and ComEd are again requesting a bailout when they are both profitable companies," she wrote during the lead-up to the vote. "This proposal would force consumers to pay more only to boost the companies' profits further. The legislature has more important matters to address than padding ComEd and Exelon's profits."

But ComEd was not deterred. It had the ear of the other Madigan. The one who mattered.

ComEd's lobbyists also had wined and dined lawmakers, often in groups of five or six, at Springfield's upscale restaurants. They had sprinkled campaign donations to key legislators, attended their golf outings and made lists of their grandchildren's names to be sure to ask how they

were doing.

ComEd provided lawmakers with talking points about preserving jobs at the threatened nuclear plants in the Quad Cities and Clinton. And of course, the company had hired a team of consultants whom lawmakers trusted: former colleagues, retired politicians and their friends and family members. That is how the game is played.

The company's public relations spin had morphed a controversial rate hike into a pro-environment, pro-union, pro-business measure. ComEd had the AFL-CIO on its side, green energy groups, retailers and even African American ministers who could sway the Legislative Black Caucus. And of course as we now know, ComEd had one of House Speaker Michael Madigan's confidants, Mike McClain, whispering in his ear.

Keep in mind that Illinois on Dec. 1, 2016, had no annual budget in place. Yet during that fall veto session, legislative leaders spent almost no time trying to resolve a standoff that was forcing social service agencies to close, starving state universities, freezing tuition payments for low-income college students and causing the state's unpaid bills to climb toward \$8.5 billion.

That didn't get leaders' heads to turn. But ComEd did.

"The whole day was bad. It was dirty, and I felt like I needed a shower driving home. I was literally crying at how ridiculous the process was," said Rep. Mark Batinick, R-Plainfield, on Wednesday. He broke down in tears on the ride back home. The state was utterly, completely broken.

Batinick and Rep. Tom Morrison, R-Palatine, had tried to slow down the bill as it wound through the amendment and committee process. But in the end, ComEd was able to entice even self-proclaimed progressives — the ones who

moan and groan about corporate subsidies and multimillion-dollar profits — to support the bill. Yes, I'm looking at you, Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago.

Guzzardi was a "yes" vote along with Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, who later went to work for ComEd. So was Rep. Michael Zalewski, D-Riverside, whose father has been linked to the wide-ranging federal probe and whose wife, Carrie Zalewski, now chairs the Illinois Commerce Commission, which oversees ComEd.

Sen. Martin Sandoval, D-Chicago, also linked to the federal investigation, voted for the bill, along with a crisscross of Republicans and Democrats.

See how this works?

Some lawmakers weren't impressed. "What are we doing, you guys? What are we doing listening to this bill?" asked Rep. Sam Yingling, D-Grayslake, on the day of the House vote. "We don't have a budget and our so-called stopgap budget is just weeks away from expiring. Instead, we are talking about a multibillion-dollar corporate bailout for one of the most profitable energy companies in the state. And how are we going to finance this? This is going to be financed on the back of the rate payers."

Still, no one could stop the ComEd gravy train that day. You could almost hear the pop of Champagne corks in back offices of the Capitol as the legislation roared through both chambers. The feds heard it too — the clink of crystal flutes, the congratulatory slaps on backs and shoulder blades, the scratch of pencils to paper as lawyers totaled up their billable hours.

Indeed. The feds heard a lot.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Northwestern editors were cowardly

It is appalling that the student-run Daily Northwestern newspaper, has, in the spirit of Russian newspapers Pravda and Izvestia, suppressed its own coverage of disorderly student protests at a recent on-campus speech by former Attorney General Jeff Sessions. The attempts by a certain intolerant, First Amendment-challenged student element, marauding at Illinois' second-greatest private university, to deprive Sessions of his right to speak and listeners of their right to hear him, is indisputably newsworthy. The incident at Northwestern deserved unstinting, not stunted, news coverage by the newspaper that was closest to the story.

Shame on the callow Northwestern editors for their journalistic cowardice. Double shame on journalism school Dean Charles Whitaker for throwing more inanities on the fire to rationalize and perpetuate that journalistic cowardice, instead of exercising moral leadership and fostering journalistic integrity, qualities that are essential to a free press and a well-informed citizenry.

— Mark A. Stang, Highland Park

#### Food insecurity affects many

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's sobering statistic quoted in the Tribune ("This is a seismic shift," Nov. 12) bears repeating: There is an "annual unmet need of about 10 million home-delivered meals" — predicted to grow — for Cook County's low-income seniors and people with disabilities. It is vitally important that the public be made aware of this crisis.

The nonprofit organization I direct, Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.), interacts with hundreds of these poor seniors in the city of Chicago every year, seniors whose independence is compromised by lack of adequate food.

We are fortunate to partner with the Food Depository to provide communal meals in our intergenerational buildings that primarily house "elder orphans." But for too many of the homeowners we serve on the South and West sides of the city with home repairs, the very real problem of racial and economic segregation means they suffer from layer upon layer of roadblocks to decent food, from lack of grocery stores to unsafe and dilapidated streets in which to walk.

— Gail Schechter, Chicago

#### Preteens shouldn't be jailed

A state appellate court recently overturned a 2018 Cook County ordinance that raised the minimum-allowable age of detention from 10 to 13. It is shocking to think some members of our judiciary support locking up children as young as 10 years old. It is also troubling that the majority opinion ignored language in the current state law that I sponsored that was designed to keep younger children out of detention.

Current state law makes clear that detention before trial for a young child under age 13 should only be a last resort after efforts to try to locate less restrictive alternatives. State law also says that no child younger than 13 can be sentenced to juvenile prison after trial. It's imperative that the state legislature act to bring consistency between pre- and post-trial detention/prison for children.

For the past several years, I have sponsored legislation that would raise the minimum-allowable age of detention from 10 to 13 years old, and I have been working with providers and state agencies to ensure an adequate range of alternatives to detention for children. I will introduce similar legislation again next year. What children and families in these crisis situations need are social services and access to care, not detention. Young children who find themselves in these situations are already dealing with trauma, and research tells us that detention merely causes additional trauma and life-altering harm. The racial disparities are also deeply troubling. In Chicago, the children in detention are almost entirely African American and Latino from a handful of ZIP codes. Studies have shown that even one night in detention can do serious psychological damage to children, significantly lowering their odds of graduating high school and increasing the children's odds of having contact with the adult corrections system after they turn 18.

For this decision to come out shortly after the release of a report from a global study on deprivation of liberty of children was a special irony. While some judges in Illinois were justifying detaining a 12-year-old boy, the global study recommended that the minimum-allowable age of prosecution, along with detention, be set at 14.

It's past time to end this harmful practice of detaining young children.

— State Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston

## Protect the Clean Water Act to keep our drinking glasses full and our beaches open, safe

BY TAMMY DUCKWORTH

Imagine it's the first day of summer. You decide to take your young family to cool off at Lake Michigan. You pack a lunch, get the beach towels out, load up your kids with sunblock and send them out to play in the lake. After a great day of summer fun, you arrive home and see that your daughter has a rash on her arm and your son is suddenly ill.

This could be the reality for families across Illinois and the entire country if we allow the rollback of the Clean Water Act, a landmark law that is our nation's first line of defense in ensuring the integrity of the Great Lakes as well as the rivers, streams and tributaries that feed them. In fact, in 2018, every beach in Illinois that was tested by the Environmental Protection Agency had to close for at least one day, and South Shore Beach in southern Chicago was closed for nearly 40 days because of contamination.

Under the Trump administration, the EPA is gutting protections for vast bodies of water that used to be covered under the Clean Water Act, effectively jeopardizing the safety of families and communities across the country. The EPA is even attempting to stop states from doing more to safeguard water supplies. Apparently, this administration only cares about state rights when it wants to allow polluters to destroy streams and pave over wetlands.

For nearly 50 years, the Clean Water Act has set out to reduce or eliminate pollution in our nation's waterways. These are the bodies of water that we use for recreation — like swimming or fishing — and that often feed into our drinking water supplies.

Keeping our waters clean is an economic concern as well. For example, according to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, the Great Lakes commercial, recreational and tribal fisheries are valued at

more than \$7 billion annually and support more than 75,000 jobs.

When a bipartisan majority in Congress passed the Clean Water Act and a Republican president signed it into law, our nation's leaders understood that we could no longer ignore dangerously polluted waters. Decades of unchecked dumping of untreated sewage, industrial waste and agricultural runoff had led to two-thirds of the country's lakes, rivers and coastal waters becoming unsafe.

Today, our country takes for granted a United States that boasts far cleaner waterways than decades prior. We must never forget that this bipartisan law was an incredible success and that today, the Clean Water Act's industry-specific regulations prevent more than 700 billion pounds of toxic pollutants every year from being dumped into our nation's waters. The rate of wetlands loss has dramatically decreased compared to the pre-Clean Water Act era.

We've made great progress but there's more work to be done. Now more than ever, we must remain vigilant in protecting our clean water and do all we can to support and strengthen this law.

The threats to our clean water span more than just this environmentally bankrupt administration. The rapid pace of the climate crisis is causing dire flooding, accelerated sea level rise and damaging droughts. These natural disasters threaten people's homes, lives and the ecosystems they rely upon. Millions of Americans live in communities that do not have access to reliable safe drinking water. Many live in areas where the cost of water is unaffordable. Children are attending schools where their drinking water is contaminated with lead. All of these threats are related to the quality of our waterways. And instead of tearing down the guardrails — like the Clean Water Act — that can keep our water

safe for millions, we should be building up more support to ensure clean water everywhere.

The Clean Water Act provides a strong foundation that should be strengthened. Yet the Trump administration is relentless in its zeal to do the exact opposite: weaken and damage this seminal law so that polluters can profit, while Americans suffer the consequences of unsafe water.

As co-founder of the Environmental Justice Caucus and ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water and Wildlife, which has jurisdiction over the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, I am seeking to make dramatic and historic investments right here at home to protect public health and achieve even cleaner water.

The time has come for Congress to make dramatic investments in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, a program that helps states with infrastructure projects that are key to managing wastewater treatment. I am also working across the aisle to provide more resources for rural, tribal and front line communities so that they can better manage their wastewater and drinking water utilities. These resources include access to federal grants, loans and technical assistance.

No parents should fear that when they take their son or daughter for a swim in the lake that their child will get ill. No one should fear that the fish brought home for Sunday dinner might sicken their entire family. Our nation's commitment to clean water began with the Clean Water Act, but more we've got a long way to go to truly deliver on the legacy started 47 years ago. Healthy water means healthier families, communities and economies.

*Tammy Duckworth is a U.S. senator from Illinois.*

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The TSA said Wednesday that it expects to screen more than 2.7 million travelers the day before Thanksgiving.

## Holiday to bring record crowds

BY DAVID KOENIG  
Associated Press

Record throngs of travelers are expected to jam into airports over the Thanksgiving break and airlines are adding hundreds of flights a day in response.

The Transportation Security Administration said Wednesday that it expects to screen more than 26.8 million passengers and airline crew members between Nov. 22 and Dec. 2. That would be a 4% increase over last year.

The busiest days figure to be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day — about 2.7 million people — and the Sunday after the holiday, when TSA expects to screen more than 2.8 million people.

The lightest day is expected to be the holiday itself.

U.S. airlines are adding about 850 flights and 108,000 seats per day compared with the same period last year, according to their trade group, Airlines for America.

There were nearly 25,000 flights a day over the Thanksgiving stretch last year.

Here are some tips for dealing with the crowds:

- Get to the airport early. TSA says it will use overtime and move screeners around to make sure checkpoints are adequately staffed, and that mostly worked over the summer.

- Check TSA's website to make sure you're not carrying prohibited items. "You wouldn't believe some of the things that we see at our checkpoints each and every day, and the No. 1 thing we hear from passengers is, 'I forgot it was there,'" said Patricia Cogswell, TSA's acting deputy administrator.

- Sign up for a trusted-traveler programs like Precheck. It might not always save you that much time — Precheck lines can get long too — but at least you won't have to take off shoes, belts and light jackets, and you can leave that tablet or laptop in your bag.

- Be patient, and get used to it. Travel demand is booming, so "passengers will continue to experience holiday-level travel volumes throughout the year, but this is our busiest time of the year," said Kevin

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## Rep. Lipinski calls for Metra to take over Union Station from Amtrak

Service outage, falling concrete cited during congressional hearing

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

After a "disastrous" service outage that delayed tens of thousands of passengers earlier this year and problems with falling concrete, Rep. Dan Lipinski wants Metra to take over control of train operations at Chicago Union Station from Amtrak.

Lipinski, a Chicago Democrat who serves on the Transportation Committee, asked for the turnover of operations during a committee hearing in Congress on Wednesday.

He referred to a massive service outage in February when a worker fell off a ladder and hit a circuit board, which turned off computers and led to delays that



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Hundreds of Metra passengers caught up in massive delay on Feb. 28 head for a BNSF line train out of Union Station in Chicago.

affected more than 60,000 Chicago-area commuters. Amtrak admitted to a series of errors, including trying to upgrade its servers during peak hours in-

stead of in the middle of the night, when there are fewer trains.

"Amtrak has had some major issues this year at CUS (Chicago

Union Station), including falling concrete at the station that hit a Metra train and a disastrous service outage in February that lasted through multiple rush hours and was solely Amtrak's fault," Lipinski said in his prepared remarks, a copy of which the Tribune received.

Lipinski said improvements still must be made at the iconic 94-year-old station. "I believe the best way to do this would be for Amtrak to give up operational control of the station to Metra to ensure that its operations improve to the level that passengers deserve," Lipinski said.

He noted that 90% of the people who go through Union Station are using Metra, not Amtrak.

There have been other falling concrete incidents at the station — in one, a woman was hit on the

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Xbox Adaptive Controllers have been distributed to 22 veteran rehab centers as part of a collaborative effort between Microsoft and the VA.

## Playing a role in rehab

Microsoft adapts controllers for vets at VA centers

BY ALEX ANDREJEV  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella crashed his car into a sand trap in the Xbox One video game Forza, he wondered aloud if it was time to give up. His competitor, Roger Brannon, thought differently.

"Never give up," Brannon said.

"That's a Marine," Nadella replied.

Brannon, who served in the armed forces for more than half

his life, was playing against Nadella using Microsoft's Adaptive Controller, a video game controller designed for individuals with limited mobility. Brannon, who has Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS, a neuromuscular disease, demonstrated the device's benefits to Microsoft leadership last month at the VA Medical Center in Washington.

The controllers, which were released to the market in September, were distributed to 22 veteran rehabilitation centers nationwide earlier this month as part of a collaborative effort between the Department of Veterans Affairs and Microsoft to enhance socializing, therapeutic and rehabilitative practices for veterans through gaming.

"Right now I can't last 15

minutes with the joystick in my hand," said Brannon, 48. "With the adaptives, I should be able to play a lot longer."

The controller is a specific aid to help a broader thinking that gaming can help soldiers when they leave the service. Research suggests that video games can help improve motor skills, cognitive processing and decision-making. For veterans specifically, video games have been linked to helping people overcome post-traumatic stress and substance abuse disorders.

The adaptive controllers are a step toward making this form of mental health care more accessible. Larry Connell, chief of staff of the VA, said the connectivity of gaming is one of the "intangibles" that could be an

effective tool to lowering suicides, a serious issue for the VA in the past year.

"What we're seeing as one of the indicators of why veterans commit suicide is that isolation and loss of belonging, that loss of camaraderie," Connell said. "But if you're able to use your Xbox and still stay connected with your fellow Navy sailors, I mean, that's huge."

The Xbox Adaptive Controller is a board with two large buttons and roughly a dozen customizable outlets. It serves as a central console for users to connect their own inputs, such as fingertip switches, inputs gamers can move with their mouth or chin, or foot pedals,

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## Developers unveil plan for Chicago's second-tallest skyscraper



GOLUB &amp; CO. AND CIM GROUP RENDERING

Tribune Tower's owners plan to convert the Michigan Avenue landmark, at left center, into condominiums and retail space.

Retooled building set to rise behind Tribune Tower addresses neighbors' complaints



RYAN ORI  
On Real Estate

A proposal to build Chicago's second-tallest skyscraper next to Tribune Tower takes a key step Tuesday, when the developers unveil a revised plan that addresses neighbors' complaints.

One thing that's not expected to change is the 1,422-foot height that would make the tower, designed by Chicago-based supertall building specialists Adrian Smith

and Gordon Gill, just 29 feet shorter than Willis Tower. The design features a flared top that resembles the ears of Batman's mask.

For developers Golub & Co. and CIM Group, Tuesday's meeting could go a long way toward winning the backing of 42nd Ward Ald. Brendan Reilly, on the way to zoning approval from the city.

If the 96-story skyscraper is approved and built, three of the city's four tallest buildings would be clustered near the point where North Michigan Avenue crosses the Chicago River.

Chicago's second-tallest building, the 1,389-foot-tall Trump International Hotel & Tower, is just west of the Tribune Tower

site at 435 N. Michigan Ave. East of Michigan Avenue along Wacker Drive and the river, the 1,191-foot-tall Vista Tower condo and hotel building will become the city's third-tallest when it opens next year.

Reilly declined to say whether he backs the revised Tribune Tower site plan yet, saying in an email that he awaits community feedback. But changes made by Chicago-based Golub and Los Angeles-based CIM are significant enough to hold a second community meeting, more than 1½ years after the first one in April 2018.

Reilly doesn't oppose the supertall height, and said few neighbors expressed concerns about it.

The developers were asked to make changes to address traffic flow; street loading; the design of

the building's base, which would be below Michigan Avenue street level; and "open space solutions for Pioneer Court," alongside Tribune Tower, Reilly said by email.

The meeting, hosted by Reilly and the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Sheraton Grand Chicago, 301 E. North Water St.

Golub and CIM already are redeveloping the Chicago Tribune's former home into condominiums and retail space. Residents will begin moving into the Tribune Tower Residences in the first quarter of 2021, Golub Executive Vice President Lee Golub said in an email. Retail shops will open by late 2020.

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# Aurora approves \$128.5M Copley Hospital redevelopment plan

BY STEVE LORD

The Aurora City Council this week unanimously approved a development agreement with Fox Valley Developers LLC to turn the former Copley Hospital campus on the near East Side into a mix of senior living, independent apartments, education, neighborhood health care and parks.

The \$128.5 million development will include \$9 million in incentives from the city that could be as high as \$15 million, depending on interest costs.

Mayor Richard Irvin called it the biggest investment on the East Side “in generations, maybe the largest ever.”

“Isn’t Aurora worth it?” Irvin said. “The cost of doing nothing, or even waiting another year, is a cost I’m not willing to pay. Between this public and private partnership, we can succeed where others have failed, or didn’t even try. Let’s be thinking about the future.”

For Irvin, approval of the development is a key campaign promise kept, a project he was working on since almost the first day he took office. Irvin and some aldermen said they thought between the negotiation of the deal by city staff, and vetting at the City Council level, the city is well-protected for its part in the major development.

They also said Fox Valley Developers has demonstrated good faith and the ability to get things done by completion of the first phase of the project, a \$12 million remediation of toxic materials such as asbestos and lead from the 341,000-square-foot, seven-building, nine-acre campus. The city contributed \$3 million to that part of the project.

“This deal has been through the wringer more times than I can count,” Irvin said. “No deal is a guarantee, but this deal is as close as you can get.”

“I know this is a big ask, but this is a big project with a very big return for the neighborhood,” said Ald.



The North entrance to the 1932 building at the former Copley Hospital site as it is today. STEVE LORD/THE BEACON-NEWS

William Donnell, 4th, whose ward includes the campus.

One of the things that made the approval unanimous were some late adjustments to the deal by Fox Valley Developers. While approval was not really in doubt, the adjustments impressed Ald. Judd Lofchie, 10th, who indicated at last week’s Committee of the Whole meeting he would vote against the project.

He was concerned that because the medical aspects of the project - an urgent care center and a surgical center - would require a certificate of need from the state, it could endanger some of the ability of the project to sustain itself. He said he would prefer more residential in the development, and the developers said this week they would be willing to be flexible on that point, if they are unable to get the certificate.

But Michael Poulakidas, a Fox Valley Developers partner, urged city and local state officials to “fight together to make sure this certificate of need happens.”

He pointed out that the developers have done third-party feasibility studies and built in contingencies to protect the city’s investment. He pointed out that

much of the incentive for the developers is “tied to completion of construction benchmarks.” In the first phase of the project, the city made developers prove the buildings were remediated before awarding the \$3 million incentive.

The developers also offered personal guarantees to back the money the city was contributing.

“I came into this with an open mind, and what the developers lacked in experience they made up with good consultants,” Lofchie said.

The \$128.5 million project at the former hospital campus would include 102 units of senior housing, 53 units for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, a pharmacy, a neighborhood health care facility that would include urgent care, a surgery center and a counseling center, a 1.4-acre Fox Valley Park District neighborhood park, a new administration center for the East Aurora School District and open space throughout the campus for the public, as well as children at Bardwell Elementary School.

While much of the discussion of the project focused on the financial aspects, Ald. Patty Smith, 8th,

pointed out that the 53 units for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities was a key part of the project for her. The mother of a special needs child, Smith has spent 28 years advocating for people with special needs. She said that between the Indian Prairie School District, and the Aurora East and West school districts, they educate about 8,000 special needs children a year. Many of them, after they are cut off by the state for care at age 22, are seeking independent residences.

“And there is nowhere for our children to live,” she said. “This is a good opportunity for some of our people. It’s a start.”

The site on South Lincoln Avenue on the near East Side has been vacant since Copley Hospital left for its new campus in 1994. While there were several plans for its redevelopment, they all fell apart. Through several owners, the property has been vacant for 25 years, deteriorating and a site for unsafe break-ins.

“This is a neighborhood with historic homes, good neighbors,” said Donnell. “But they had this giant thing in their backyard.”

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Abbott Laboratories CEO Miles D. White, right, will be replaced by Robert B. Ford, left, current president and chief executive officer of the company. ABBOTT

## Abbott CEO White to step down in March

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Abbott Laboratories CEO Miles White, who has been at the helm of the north suburban-based health care company for 21 years, plans to step down March 31, the company announced Wednesday.

Succeeding him as CEO will be Robert Ford, a 23-year veteran of the company who is its president and chief operating officer. Ford has also been elected to Abbott’s board.

White will remain executive chairman of the board.

The change at the top of Abbott, one of the Chicago area’s largest publicly traded companies, will make Ford only the 13th CEO in the company’s 131-year history, with all of its leaders having been promoted from within its ranks. White presided over significant change at Abbott, including two spinoffs and several major acquisitions.

White was named chairman and CEO in 1998 after leading Abbott’s diagnostics division, beating out two other internal candidates. He was pegged at the time by analysts as an aggressive manager who would pursue a robust acquisition strategy, his hallmark at the helm of the diagnostics division.

During his tenure, White dramatically and successfully reshaped Abbott, shedding name-brand pharmaceuticals and hospital products to focus on health care products such as coronary stents, diabetes testing equipment and infant formula.

In 2004, Abbott spun off Hospira, its hospital prod-

ucts unit, which was subsequently acquired by Pfizer. The pharmaceutical division, bolstered by White’s purchase of BASF’s Knoll and its industry-leading drug, Humira, spun off as AbbVie in 2013, which became a Fortune 100 company on its own.

Abbott had worldwide sales of \$30.6 billion in 2018, up 11.6% year over year.

“One of the primary goals in my career has been to leave the company well positioned for the people who count on us,” White said in a news release. “Today, the company is the strongest it has been during my tenure, and I am confident that Robert will lead Abbott successfully into the future.”

White, 64, has been an influential Chicago-area business leader, and serves on a number of corporate boards including Caterpillar and McDonald’s. He served on the board of Tribune Co., the former parent company of Chicago Tribune owner Tribune Publishing, from 2005 to 2007.

Ford, 46, who has an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley, joined Abbott in the diabetes care division in 1996, and was appointed president and chief operating officer last year. His resume includes overseeing Abbott’s \$25 billion acquisition of medical device-maker St. Jude Medical in 2017 and the launch that same year of the FreeStyle Libre, a diabetes monitor that doesn’t require a needle.

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## Google partners with health system to modernize data, provide tools for doctors

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google announced a partnership with a large U.S. health care system aimed at modernizing its information system and providing new tools for doctors, in the tech giant’s latest foray into the health industry.

Announcement of its arrangement with the Catholic health care system Ascension followed a Wall Street Journal report Monday that Google had access to thousands of patient health records without doctors’ knowledge.

Both companies stressed that their deal is compliant with federal health privacy law. Unlike most of the data Google collects on individuals, health data is strictly

regulated by the federal government.

Google is providing cloud computing services to Ascension, which operates health centers in 21 states, mostly across the South and Midwest. It is also testing the use of artificial intelligence to examine health records and find patterns that Google says might help doctors and other providers.

Health care providers are increasingly interested in using data to help manage care and keep patients healthy. That might mean relatively simple things like tracking whether someone refills a prescription or something more complex like spotting a worsening medical condition and addressing it before the patient winds up in the hospital.

Health care systems are allowed to share patient information with business partners so long as the partners agree to safeguard the information and use it only in the way it was intended.

“To be clear: under this arrangement, Ascension’s data cannot be used for any other purpose than for providing these services we’re offering under the agreement, and patient data cannot and will not be combined with any Google consumer data,” Google cloud executive Tariq Shaikat wrote in a blog post.

Still, some people are wary of the big tech company having access to sensitive personal information. Google, along with counterparts including Facebook

and Apple, have been under the microscope in the last couple years about how they use — and sometimes misuse — the vast collections of customer data they collect.

This concern was kicked into mainstream view after Facebook’s Cambridge Analytica scandal.

Google has been pressing into the health care space in recent months, including an announced deal to buy wearable company Fitbit. The company has also hired several health care executives, hinting at larger health data strategies to come.

Ascension and Google both acknowledged privacy concerns, but say the agreement is compliant with federal law and that health data will be kept secure.

## Metra

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head by concrete in 2016, resulting in Amtrak closing Metra tracks to reinforce overhead protections. At the time, Amtrak fixed blame on third-party property owners, which are responsible for maintaining property

above the platform and the tracks.

Metra has asked for control of the station’s “transportation assets,” which would include things like tracks and ticketing areas, but not commercial space, said spokesman Michael Gillis.

“We appreciate Congressman Lipinski’s support for our position,”

Gillis said in an email.

Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said that the railroad has “no plans” to transfer ownership or operations of the station.

During the hearing, Amtrak President and CEO Richard Anderson said Amtrak dispatches Metra’s trains on-time 99% of the time. He also commented on improvements that have

been made to the station’s Great Hall, including a restoration of its roof.

“The Great Hall looks really nice now but most people don’t even see that,” Lipinski said. “What they’re concerned about is their train arriving and leaving on time.”

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tower is scheduled to begin in mid-2022, and would include apartments, condos and a hotel, Golub said.

Chicago is already a decade into a construction boom, and there’s no guarantee the economy will support a massive project by then. But office and residential developments have fared well during this

construction cycle, boosted by the emergence of the Chicago Riverwalk as an attraction.

The CIM and Golub venture bought the Tribune Tower property for \$240 million in 2016. It was sold by broadcast company Tribune Media.

The Chicago Tribune moved its offices south of the river to One Prudential Plaza in June 2018, ending a 93-year run in the neo-Gothic tower that the newspaper completed in 1925.

As the Tribune Tower redevelopment moves along, a high-profile site nearby — the former Chicago Spire site — is headed for a second public meeting as soon as the first quarter of next year, Reilly said.

Related Midwest in May 2018 unveiled plans for a two-tower residential and hotel development on the site at 400 N. Lake Shore Drive, designed by One World Trade Center architect David Childs of Skidmore, Owings & Mer-

rill.

A few months later, Reilly announced his opposition to the plan, citing concerns from neighbors about traffic, the height of a podium on which the towers would be built, security along the river and the inclusion of a hotel in the plan.

Earlier this year, the city granted Related Midwest another year to begin construction on the project, allowing more time for the developer to redraw its

plans.

Related has until May 2020 to begin work on the 2.2-acre site, which has remained a 76-foot-deep foundation hole for more than a decade.

Developers typically have six years to start construction on an approved planned development. In this case, the site was given two previous extensions since a different version of the project was approved when it was owned by a separate developer.

Irish developer Garrett Kelleher began work on the planned 2,000-foot-tall Chicago Spire without construction financing in hand. Work halted when global lending markets virtually shut down in late 2008.

The skyscraper, designed by Santiago Calatrava, would have been the tallest in the Western Hemisphere.

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# Amazon seeks the green in groceries

Retail giant to open new type of store in LA next year

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Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Amazon.com Inc. said this week that it planned to open a new type of grocery store next year, another step in the e-commerce giant's multipronged effort to capture a larger piece of the massive U.S. grocery business.

The company said the store, which will be in Los Angeles, would be distinct from Whole Foods Market Inc., the higher-end chain Amazon bought in 2017 that specializes in natural and organic groceries.

But Amazon declined to say how the new store would be different or what it would be called. It did say the store would have a traditional checkout system rather than the high-tech, cashier-less system used at Amazon Go, its 16-location chain of smaller convenience stores.

Amazon already has listed four job openings in Los Angeles for food and grocery associates and a "zone leader," a type of manager.

The planned store is the latest example of the measured, patient, steady march into the grocery world that the Seattle company has taken since its \$13.7 billion purchase of Whole Foods, which now has 506 stores.

When Amazon made that deal, it sent shock waves through the industry. After all, Amazon had revolutionized the sale of books, electronics and countless other consumer goods with low prices, easy ordering and fast delivery, and now it was taking aim at the grocery business.

Amazon, the thinking went, was about to bring radical change to Americans' food-buying habits using Whole Foods as a



DREAMSTIME

Amazon plans to open a new grocery store in Los Angeles next year, but is so far mum on what the concept will be.

springboard.

That hasn't happened. Whole Foods remains a relatively small player in the grocery market.

But that doesn't mean Amazon isn't working on eventually becoming a major influence in the industry.

Although the Whole Foods stores appear little different from they did two years ago, there have been three rounds of price cuts on selected items. Whole Foods deals particularly target Amazon Prime members — who for \$119 a year get fast shipping of products they buy on Amazon's main website, as well as access to streaming video and other benefits.

Meanwhile, Amazon is "mining data, experience and knowledge about the grocery business" through Whole Foods and its other projects, said Juozas Kazianka, founder of the re-

search firm Marketplace Pulse. "They're trying to understand what you need to run a grocery supply chain and how to take that supply chain and, in particular, apply it to online grocery delivery."

Amazon also has expanded online grocery ordering and delivery. Last month, it began offering Prime members two-hour grocery delivery for free in 2,000 U.S. cities. Whole Foods stores also serve as part of Amazon's "locker" system where items ordered on Amazon.com can be picked up.

Amazon Go — with stores in San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Amazon's hometown of Seattle — is another part of the effort. In those stores, the company uses cameras, sensors and other technology tied to Amazon's phone app, enabling customers to pick

up ready-to-eat food and beverages and leave without waiting in line to pay a cashier.

Analysts said that although Amazon, as usual, was keeping it strategic aims close to the vest, the company undoubtedly is learning how it can bring innovation to grocery shopping just as it did with other consumer goods.

"Grocery spending is one of the major parts of consumer spending," Kaziukenas said, "and as it moves online, Amazon doesn't want to be left out of the transformation."

This new store could be a game changer, or it could be just a small experiment. Amazon has shown a willingness to tinker with formats and innovations that don't always keep growing.

Early this year, for instance, Whole Foods quietly decided to no longer ex-

pand its chain of Whole Foods 365 stores, which are smaller, more affordable versions of the chain's conventional outlets. There are just a dozen 365 stores nationwide.

Amazon has a few other brick-and-mortar efforts, including Amazon Books bookstores; Amazon 4-Star stores, which carry highly rated or new products; and Presented by Amazon stores, which offer a themed selection of top brands. Each of those has fewer than 20 locations.

Amazon's sales last year were \$232.9 billion. Its physical stores, mostly Whole Foods, accounted for \$17.2 billion, or 7.4%, of the total.

Although it's not entirely clear to the public how Amazon sees its future role in groceries, the company long has said that it has no intention of simply imitat-

ing the way retail is run by others and that it's willing to spend years finding an innovative new format that works.

Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos said as much several years ago in a television interview with Charlie Rose.

"We like to pioneer, we like to explore," he said. "Every new business that we have ever invested in has taken years."

Bezos also said that "if you're going to invent new things ... you've got to be willing to endure a lot of criticism."

That was evident again Monday, when the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which represents workers at major supermarkets, blasted Amazon's plan for a new type of store.

"Launching this grocery chain is an aggressive expansion of Amazon's market power as it seeks to fundamentally change our country's food retail and service economy while eliminating as many retail workers as possible," UFCW President Marc Perrone said in a statement. Amazon workers are largely not unionized.

John Rossman, a former Amazon executive and author of the book "Think Like Amazon," said he expects the company to combine what it's learning from its various grocery formats — including the high-tech Amazon Go stores — into a significantly different grocery store of the future.

"Once they get the technology and operations really pressure-tested and proven, then they'll figure out how to roll it over" into Whole Foods or a chain of another name, said Rossman, who managed the Amazon Marketplace where third parties sell on Amazon.com.

"It will take a long time and it will feel like Amazon is crawling," Rossman said. "It won't be like a light switch flipped on and off."

## Saudi Aramco IPO still a mystery to some investors

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Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's state-owned oil giant Aramco has released a lengthy document that lays the ground for investors to buy into the world's most profitable company, but it remains unknown how much is on offer.

In its preliminary prospectus, Aramco recently revealed it will sell up to 0.5% of its shares to individual retail investors. It did not indicate how much will be made available to institutional investors.

Still, the highly-anticipated sale of even less than 2% of the company has been generating global buzz because even a sliver would make this the world's biggest initial public offering.

Saudi Aramco is the kingdom's oil and gas producer, pumping more than 10 million barrels of crude oil a day, or about 10% of global demand.

Despite questions over Aramco's valuation and how much of the company will ultimately be for sale on Saudi Arabia's Tadawul stock exchange, the company's size and profitability has made it undeniably attractive to potential investors.

The oil and gas company netted profits of \$111 billion last year, more than Apple, Royal Dutch Shell and



Analysts estimate Saudi Aramco, the Saudis' state-owned oil giant, is worth \$1.5 trillion.

Exxon Mobil combined.

Trading on Saudi Arabia's domestic exchange could begin as soon as Dec. 11, according to state-linked media.

Aramco does not appear to have any immediate plans to list more of the company on an international exchange, although there have been talks with major exchanges in recent years.

Aramco said the offering period for investors will begin Sunday. It will close for individual investors Nov. 28 and for institutional investors on Dec. 4. Aramco will price its shares on Dec. 5, according to a 650-page prospectus.

The company stated its plans to pay out an annual dividend of at least \$75 billion starting in 2020, but questions linger over how much Aramco is worth.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman priced the company's value at \$2 trillion, but analysts estimate

the value is closer to \$1.5 trillion.

The kingdom's plan to sell part of the company is part of a wider economic overhaul aimed at raising new streams of revenue for the oil-dependent country, particularly as oil prices struggle to reach the \$75 to \$80 price range per barrel analysts say is needed to balance Saudi Arabia's budget.

Prince Mohammed said listing Aramco is one way for the kingdom to raise capital for the country's sovereign wealth fund, which would then use that revenue to develop new cities and lucrative projects across Saudi Arabia.

The crown prince has stated that ownership of Aramco will ultimately be moved to the Public Investment Fund, meaning that the Saudi government will remain the largest shareholder.

Aramco's low-cost oil production and its enormous reserves have helped transform the kingdom into one of the world's top 20 economies, but the state's control of the company carries a number of risks for investors.

An attack on two key Aramco processing sites in September, which Saudi Arabia has blamed on its regional foe Iran, highlighted how the company's stability and security is directly linked to that of its owners — the Saudi government and its ruling family.

## Rehab

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based on the user's need and disability.

The Washington VA Medical Center said it will host weekly outpatient clinics where veterans can play video games together using the adaptives. During the sessions, the VA will collect data on pain management and socialization to monitor the efficacy of therapeutic gaming.

For Matthew Wade, who served in the Navy and was rendered quadriplegic after falling 40 feet from a broken flagpole, the benefit of gaming is twofold: It provides a distraction from his physical pain and engages him socially.

"I primarily use it as a distraction from chronic pain because I have neuropathic pain in the lower part of my body, and it feels like my limbs are on fire," said Wade, 31. "The more

that I'm totally distracted or immersed in a game, the more that pain tends to go away."

Wade said he mainly likes to play action role-playing games and first-person shooters with his two older brothers, who encouraged him to get back into gaming to help his mood after his fall. "It's just a good getaway," said Wade.

There is a business component as well. With its controller, Microsoft has tapped into a particular market. According to research by the Accessibility Foundation, 92% of individuals with a motor or cognitive disability say they play video games regularly. Gaming is also "huge" in military culture, according to Colleen Virzi, a recreational therapist at the VA in Washington.

"Things like the adaptive controller are specialized," said Nadella. "But inclusive design is much broader than that. I think there's a cultural change in where the center of design

is."

In addition to the rollout of Xbox Adaptive Controllers at the medical centers this year, the VA also recently announced that esports will be added to the July 2020 National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which will provide another competitive outlet for disabled veterans, thanks to increasingly accessible technology.

Even as Microsoft and VA leadership continue to grapple with issues tied to online communities, such as providing safe gaming spaces and reducing toxic communications between users, they remain convinced that the benefits of growing the gaming community outweigh its risks.

"Whether it's veterans (gaming) or service members using (video games) while they're on deployment, during their leisure time, back home with their families or to keep in touch with their fellow comrades, it's something that we really want to be on board with," Virzi said.

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|
|                |                 |                | CD    | CD    | CD    | CD    | CD    | CD    |       |                                       |
| Synchrony Bank | NA              | 1.20           | 0.75  | 1.00  | 2.10  | 2.10  | 2.20  | 2.25  | 2.30  | 800-869-3813<br>www.synchronybank.com |
|                | NA              | 0              | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |                                       |

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### Savings Update

#### Student loan debt delaying home ownership by 7 years

With so much student loan debt on their shoulders, it's not surprising that younger Americans are postponing buying their first home. But a couple of recent surveys have quantified exactly how long student loans are delaying homeownership.

According to data from the Federal Reserve, even a \$1,000 student loan debt can lower the homeownership rate by about 1.5 percent. That equates to putting off buying a house by 2.5 months.

But of course most Americans with student loans owe much more than \$1,000. In fact, as of July, the average student loan balance per debtor was \$37,172. That's more than three times the average balance than in 2006, according to the Fed.

As a result, the average U.S. adult carrying student loans is delaying homeownership by 7.7 years.

Another recent survey, by Clever Real Estate, found that almost a full half (48 percent) of current undergraduates with student debt already expect to put off buying a house because of their loans.

The survey also found that, on average, Americans believe 28 is the ideal age to buy a home. However, the median college graduate with student debt doesn't expect to be able to afford a home until age 35. In contrast, students with no student debt said they plan to buy a home by age 30.

A generational shift is also visible in the Fed data. In 2015, only 37% of millennials were able to become homeowners, which is approximately 8 percentage points lower than the homeownership rate of Generation X adults and baby boomers when they were the same age.

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## Travel

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Burke, CEO of Airports Council International-North America, an airport trade group.

Next Thanksgiving could be much worse because many travelers aren't prepared for new rules covering identification documents.

Beginning next October, the government plans to require that identification to

board a plane comply with so-called Real ID standards.

However, the U.S. Travel Association estimates that 99 million Americans don't have an ID that meets the requirements, meaning people could be turned away at airport security checkpoints.

Congress required more secure IDs in a law way back in 2005, but the deadline for enforcing it has been pushed back many times in the face of opposition by privacy advocates and slow adop-

tion by many states.

Older driver licenses might not comply with the law.

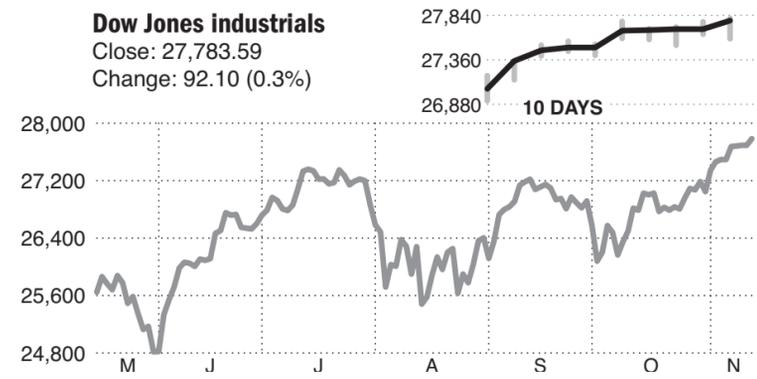
You are OK if yours has a gold star logo.

The government and travel groups have been conducting a public-relations campaign to make people aware that they might need a new driver's license to fly.

The groups must make sure the campaign works, "because if it doesn't, we're going to have a mess on our hands," Burke said.

MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 27,806.40 Low: 27,587.20 Previous: 27,691.49



| Nasdaq  | S&P 500   | Russell 2000  |
|---|---|---|
| Close: <b>8,482.10</b><br>High: 8,496.90<br>Low: 8,451.34<br>Previous: 8,486.09 | Close: <b>3,094.04</b><br>High: 3,098.06<br>Low: 3,078.80<br>Previous: 3,091.84 | Close: <b>1,589.18</b><br>High: 1,591.85<br>Low: 1,581.06<br>Previous: 1,595.12 |

| 10-yr T-note                    | Gold futures                         | Yen                                  | Euro                                  | Crude Oil                         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Close: <b>-0.04</b><br>to 1.87% | Close: <b>+9.60</b><br>to \$1,461.70 | Close: <b>-0.15</b><br>to 108.79/\$1 | Close: <b>+0.0009</b><br>to .9090/\$1 | Close: <b>+0.32</b><br>to \$57.12 |

Major market growth and decline

| 5-day % change |           |          | 30-day % change |            |           | 1-year % change |             |            |
|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| DOW +1.06      | NASD +.85 | S&P +.56 | DOW +2.89       | NASD +4.41 | S&P +3.49 | DOW +10.78      | NASD +18.86 | S&P +14.53 |

| COMMODITY                  | AMOUNT-PRICE                       | MO.    | OPEN   | HIGH   | LOW    | SETTLE | CHG.   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| WHEAT (CBOT)               | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Dec 19 | 516.50 | 516.75 | 506.50 | 509    | -8     |
| CORN (CBOT)                | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Dec 19 | 377    | 377.75 | 375    | 375.25 | -2.50  |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT)            | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Nov 19 | 906.50 | 909.25 | 902    | 902.50 | -3.25  |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)         | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb           | Dec 19 | 31.02  | 31.22  | 30.51  | 30.53  | -.50   |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)        | 100 tons- dollars per ton          | Dec 19 | 302.10 | 306.40 | 301.70 | 304.10 | +1.80  |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)   | 1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.       | Dec 19 | 56.79  | 57.53  | 56.20  | 57.12  | +32    |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX)         | 10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu     | Dec 19 | 2.622  | 2.676  | 2.570  | 2.600  | -.021  |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Dec 19 | 1.6160 | 1.6467 | 1.6001 | 1.6365 | +0.021 |

LOCAL STOCKS

| STOCK               | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK               | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK                 | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abbott Labs         | N     | 84.22  | -12   | Envestnet Inc       | N     | 64.27  | -29   | McDonalds Corp        | N     | 195.00 | +17.2 |
| AbbVie Inc          | N     | 86.66  | +22   | Equity Commonwith   | N     | 31.96  | +27   | Middleby Corp         | O     | 119.05 | +0.5  |
| Allstate Corp       | N     | 110.57 | +44   | Equity Lifesty Prop | N     | 68.06  | +79   | Morningstar Intl      | O     | 52.70  | +6.3  |
| Aptargroup Inc      | N     | 109.62 | +1.42 | Equity Residential  | O     | 84.87  | +1.46 | Morningstar Inc       | O     | 156.27 | +4.8  |
| Arch Dan Mid        | N     | 42.82  | -42   | Exelon Corp         | O     | 44.50  | +18   | Motorola Solutions    | N     | 161.60 | +31   |
| Baxter Intl         | N     | 80.88  | +78   | First Indl RT       | N     | 41.65  | +37   | NISource Inc          | N     | 26.40  | +48   |
| Boeing Co           | N     | 362.50 | -38   | Fortune Brds Hm&Sec | N     | 62.68  | +30   | Nthn Trust Cp         | O     | 105.59 | -31   |
| Brunswick Corp      | N     | 59.28  | -62   | Gallagher AJ        | N     | 92.12  | +63   | Old Republic          | N     | 22.65  | -15   |
| CB&E Global Markets | N     | 117.40 | +1.52 | Grainger WW         | N     | 322.52 | -292  | Packaging Corp Am     | N     | 112.77 | -94   |
| CDK Global Inc      | O     | 51.96  | +16   | GrubHub Inc         | N     | 36.63  | -68   | Payloadcity Hldg      | O     | 109.40 | +1.29 |
| CDW Corp            | O     | 135.48 | +1.66 | Hill-Rom Hldgs      | N     | 103.87 | -75   | RLI Corp              | N     | 97.46  | +69   |
| CF Industries       | N     | 46.84  | -1.07 | IAA Inc             | N     | 42.12  | -98   | Stericycle Inc        | O     | 61.41  | -19   |
| CME Group           | O     | 204.62 | +3.13 | IDEX Corp           | N     | 161.68 | +18   | TransUnion            | N     | 83.87  | +90   |
| CNA Financial       | N     | 44.45  | -14   | ITW                 | N     | 173.38 | -139  | US Foods Holding      | N     | 39.59  | +56   |
| Cabot Microelect    | O     | 156.84 | +45   | Ingredion Inc       | N     | 83.07  | -1.83 | Ultra Salon Cosmetics | O     | 244.04 | +0.7  |
| Caterpillar Inc     | N     | 144.49 | -1.85 | Jones Lang LaSalle  | N     | 161.76 | +1.90 | United Airlines Hldg  | O     | 92.42  | -30   |
| ConAgra Brands Inc  | N     | 28.31  | +73   | Kemper Corp         | N     | 74.19  | -61   | Ventas Inc            | N     | 58.77  | +17   |
| Deere Co            | N     | 175.67 | -72   | Kraft Heinz Co      | O     | 33.30  | +32   | Walgreen Boots Alli   | O     | 62.25  | -47   |
| Discover Fin Svcs   | N     | 84.31  | -14   | LKQ Corporation     | O     | 35.21  | -97   | Wentrust Financial    | O     | 66.39  | -63   |
| Dover Corp          | N     | 109.14 | -87   | Littelfuse Inc      | O     | 176.90 | -3.92 | Zebra Tech            | O     | 242.54 | -1.84 |

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

| STOCK              | CLOSE  | CHG.   |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Chesapck Engy      | .70    | +0.03  |
| Energy Transfer LP | 11.16  | -0.50  |
| Gen Electric       | 11.29  | -1.13  |
| Bank of America    | 32.79  | -3.0   |
| Disney             | 148.72 | +10.14 |
| Ford Motor         | 8.81   | -2.3   |
| Uber Technologies  | 26.71  | +0.1   |
| Intelsat SA        | 14.43  | -5.96  |
| Teva Pharm         | 9.78   | +1.7   |
| Pfizer Inc         | 36.60  | -3.7   |
| Yamana Gold Inc    | 3.41   | +0.07  |
| Nokia Corp         | 3.47   | -0.4   |
| Freepport McMoran  | 10.84  | -2.0   |
| Party City Holdco  | 1.68   | -4.8   |
| Petrobras          | 15.40  | -24    |
| Fitbit Inc         | 6.86   | -1.0   |
| Canada Goose Holdg | 34.81  | -4.23  |
| Antero Resources   | 2.37   | -1.6   |
| PG&E Corp          | 6.92   | -1.4   |
| Kinder Morgan Inc  | 20.35  | +2.8   |
| Sthwstn Energy     | 2.14   | +0.1   |
| Transocean Ltd     | 4.85   | -1.0   |
| Itau Unibanco Hldg | 8.46   | -0.8   |
| ENCanva Corp       | 4.42   | -0.9   |

LARGEST COMPANIES

| STOCK              | CLOSE   | CHG.   |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| AT&T Inc           | 39.16   | -0.1   |
| Alibaba Group Hldg | 182.48  | -4.49  |
| Alphabet Inc C     | 1298.00 | -8.0   |
| Alphabet Inc A     | 1296.18 | -1.03  |
| Amazon.com Inc     | 1753.11 | -24.89 |
| Apple Inc          | 264.47  | +2.51  |
| Bank of America    | 32.79   | -3.0   |
| Berkshire Hath B   | 219.77  | -1.12  |
| Exxon Mobil Corp   | 68.80   | -5.7   |
| Facebook Inc       | 193.19  | -1.28  |
| HSBC Holdings prA  | 26.48   | -0.1   |
| JPMorgan Chase     | 128.48  | -6.8   |
| Johnson & Johnson  | 131.27  | -0.8   |
| MasterCard Inc     | 278.07  | +9.3   |
| Microsoft Corp     | 147.31  | +2.4   |
| Procter & Gamble   | 120.65  | +1.38  |
| Taiwan Semicon     | 52.88   | +7.3   |
| Visa Inc           | 179.41  | -3.3   |
| WalMart Strs       | 120.98  | +1.86  |

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

| FUND                         | NAV    | CHG   | 1-YR %RTN |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| American Funds AMCPA m       | 32.92  | -0.4  | +12.0     |
| American Funds AmcnBAlA m    | 28.37  | +0.2  | +11.9     |
| American Funds CptWldGrncA m | 50.29  | -1.6  | +14.0     |
| American Funds CptIncBldrA m | 62.51  | -0.5  | +14.8     |
| American Funds FdmTlnvSA m   | 62.33  | -0.7  | +14.2     |
| American Funds GrfAmrcA m    | 51.72  | -1.4  | +13.7     |
| American Funds InvCAMrcA m   | 23.23  | ...   | +11.0     |
| American Funds InvCAMrcA m   | 39.46  | -0.6  | +10.8     |
| American Funds NwPrspctvA m  | 46.48  | -0.5  | +17.8     |
| American Funds WAMTlnvSA m   | 48.06  | -0.1  | +13.9     |
| DFA IntlCorEqInS             | 13.38  | -0.5  | +9.6      |
| Dodge & Cox Inc              | 14.10  | +0.1  | +9.9      |
| Dodge & Cox IntlStk          | 43.20  | -4.3  | +9.2      |
| Dodge & Cox Stk              | 195.48 | -1.18 | +7.7      |
| DoubleLine TlRetBdl          | 10.67  | ...   | +7.8      |
| Fidelity 500ldXlnsPrm        | 107.72 | +0.8  | +16.0     |
| Fidelity Contrafund          | 13.43  | ...   | +15.4     |
| Fidelity InvMGradeBd         | 11.54  | +0.2  | +10.9     |
| Fidelity TlMktldXlnsPrm      | 87.85  | +0.4  | +15.2     |
| Fidelity US3ldXlnsPrm        | 11.89  | +0.2  | +10.5     |
| Franklin Templeton IncA1 m   | 2.29   | ...   | +7.3      |
| Metropolitan West TlRetBdl   | 10.99  | ...   | +10.8     |
| PIMCO IncI2                  | 11.97  | -0.2  | +7.1      |
| PIMCO IncInstl               | 11.97  | -0.2  | +7.2      |
| PIMCO TlRetIns               | 10.41  | +0.1  | +9.6      |
| Schwab SP500ldX              | 48.09  | +0.3  | +16.0     |
| T. Rowe Price BCGR           | 117.88 | -1.8  | +15.9     |
| T. Rowe Price GrStk          | 70.73  | -0.5  | +16.5     |
| Vanguard 500ldAdmrl          | 286.11 | +2.1  | +16.7     |
| Vanguard BalldAdmrl          | 38.36  | +0.4  | +13.7     |
| Vanguard DivGrInv            | 30.54  | +1.4  | +18.0     |
| Vanguard EqInAdmrl           | 78.63  | ...   | +12.9     |
| Vanguard GrldAdmrl           | 89.21  | +2.1  | +10.6     |
| Vanguard HCAmrl              | 87.39  | +1.3  | +6.9      |
| Vanguard INTTEAdmrl          | 14.40  | +0.2  | +8.3      |
| Vanguard InsdXlns            | 280.56 | +2.1  | +16.0     |
| Vanguard InsdXlnsPlus        | 66.48  | +0.3  | +15.2     |
| Vanguard InstTSMInPls        | 212.48 | +2.6  | +14.7     |
| Vanguard MDCpldAdmrl         | 146.82 | -6.2  | +12.2     |
| Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl          | 10.72  | +0.1  | +6.3      |
| Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl      | 36.48  | -1.6  | +10.3     |
| Vanguard SmCpldAdmrl         | 72.84  | ...   | +11.9     |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv      | 19.77  | -0.1  | +12.6     |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv      | 36.15  | -0.1  | +12.9     |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv      | 22.25  | -0.2  | +13.1     |
| Vanguard TtBMDXAdmrl         | 11.03  | +0.2  | +10.6     |
| Vanguard TtBMDXlns           | 11.03  | +0.2  | +10.6     |
| Vanguard TtInBldAdmrl        | 23.18  | +0.4  | +9.6      |
| Vanguard TtInBldXlns         | 34.78  | +0.6  | +9.6      |
| Vanguard TtInSldAdmrl        | 28.94  | -1.2  | +11.9     |
| Vanguard TtInSldXlns         | 115.72 | -4.8  | +11.9     |
| Vanguard TtInSldXlnsPlus     | 115.74 | -4.9  | +11.9     |
| Vanguard TtInSldXlnv         | 17.30  | -0.7  | +11.8     |
| Vanguard TtSMldAdmrl         | 76.51  | +0.4  | +15.1     |
| Vanguard TtSMldXlns          | 76.52  | +0.3  | +15.1     |
| Vanguard TtSMldXlnv          | 76.47  | +0.3  | +15.0     |
| Vanguard WngtAdmrl           | 74.83  | +0.7  | +14.6     |
| Vanguard WlslyAdmrl          | 66.15  | -1.1  | +12.9     |
| Vanguard WndrllAdmrl         | 67.98  | -1.7  | +13.9     |

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

| STOCK               | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| FuelCell Energy     | .81    | +2.6  |
| Adv Micro Dev       | 37.52  | +8.1  |
| Clovis Oncology Inc | 6.55   | +1.09 |
| Cisco Syst          | 48.46  | +0.9  |
| SmileDirectClub Inc | 8.83   | -2.25 |
| Apple Inc           | 264.47 | +2.51 |
| Amarin Corp         | 21.49  | +5.5  |
| Sirius XM Hldgs Inc | 6.88   | -0.5  |
| Roku Inc            | 142.37 | +0.72 |
| Impixon Corp        | 3.38   | -0.1  |
| Plug Power Inc      | 3.38   | +3.1  |
| Microsoft Corp      | 147.31 | +2.4  |
| Nortech Sys         | 4.10   | +1.35 |
| Luckin Coffee Inc   | 21.46  | +2.48 |
| Micron Tech         | 46.30  | -6.0  |
| Intel Corp          | 57.89  | -3.1  |
| Nuvectra Corp       | .23    | -1.17 |
| Groupon Inc         | 2.93   | +0.1  |
| Activision Blizzard | 52.33  | +3.8  |
| Comcast Corp A      | 45.20  | -0.3  |
| Cronos Group Inc    | 7.26   | -5.7  |
| Facebook Inc        | 193.19 | -1.28 |
| ChaSerg Tech Acq    | 10.39  | +2.0  |
| Datadog Inc         | 40.19  | +5.79 |

FOREIGN MARKETS

| INDEX     | CLOSE     | CHG./%    |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Shanghai  | 2905.24   | -9.6/-3   |
| Stoxx600  | 405.86    | -1.0/-3   |
| Nikkei    | 23319.87  | -200.1/-9 |
| MSCI-EAFE | 1980.07   | +3.6/+2   |
| Bovespa   | 106059.90 | -691.2/-7 |
| FTSE 100  | 7351.21   | -14.2/-2  |
| CAC-40    | 5907.09   | -12.7/-2  |

TREASURY YIELDS

| DURATION     | CLOSE | PREV. |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 3-month disc | 1.53  | 1.565 |
| 6-month disc | 1.53  | 1.55  |
| 2-year       | 1.61  | 1.63  |
| 10-year      | 1.87  | 1.91  |
| 30-year      | 2.35  | 2.38  |

SPOT METALS

|          | CLOSE     | PREV.     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gold     | \$1461.70 | \$1452.10 |
| Silver   | \$16.898  | \$16.677  |
| Platinum | \$874.80  | \$869.90  |

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)      | 59.6570 |
| Australia (Dollar)    | 1.4640  |
| Brazil (Real)         | 4.1866  |
| Britain (Pound)       | .7789   |
| Canada (Dollar)       | 1.3254  |
| China (Yuan)          | 7.0236  |
| Euro                  | .9090   |
| India (Rupee)         | 72.205  |
| Israel (Shekel)       | 3.4930  |
| Japan (Yen)           | 108.79  |
| Mexico (Peso)         | 19.4180 |
| Poland (Zloty)        | 3.90    |
| So. Korea (Won)       | 1173.36 |
| Taiwan (Dollar)       | 30.53   |
| Thailand (Baht)       | 30.23   |

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## OBITUARIES

**JOHN MCGUIRE** 1942-2019

# Attorney oversaw cable TV introduction in Chicago

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Attorney John McGuire's early involvement with independent political reform efforts in Illinois led him to posts in the administrations of Illinois Gov. Dan Walker and Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne.

With Byrne, he shepherded the process of awarding cable television franchises in the city. Under Walker in 1976, he was for a time director of what was then the Illinois Department of Conservation.

From 1978 to 1981, under President Jimmy Carter, he was appointed Midwest administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

McGuire, 77, died of natural causes Nov. 8 in Evanston Hospital, according to his daughter Jessica. He lived in Evanston for more than 40 years.

He was born in Chicago in 1942 and grew up on the North Side. After attending the since-closed DePaul Academy, he went to Northern Illinois University for an undergraduate degree. He went from there to what is now UIC John Marshall Law School.

His daughter said his interest in the law grew out of an interest in politics, especially Chicago politics. McGuire was a supporter of independent Democrats in the 1960s.

"He was one of the instrumental leaders in that (reform) effort," said James Houlihan, the former Cook County assessor who met McGuire in 1968. "But he also had the capability of working within the system as he later did for the city administration on cable."

In 1968, he volunteered to help canvass in northern Indiana for the presidential campaign of Robert F. Kennedy. The Indiana effort was run out of the Chicago office of the Kennedy campaign, headed by Bill Singer, who later got help from McGuire in his successful runs for Chicago alderman, first in the 44th Ward and, after ward maps were redrawn, in the 43rd Ward.

"He was very integral in



FAMILY PHOTO

John McGuire

my aldermanic campaign," Singer said. "He helped do the initial organizing. He was there from the beginning."

McGuire next served as an attorney for the Walker Commission which reported on what was called "a police riot" during the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1971 McGuire moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked as co-director of the Cable-TV Information Center, a resource center for municipalities funded by the Ford Foundation and headquartered at the Urban Institute, according to his friend John Twohey.

In 1973, he came back to Illinois, spending time in Springfield as part of the administration of then-Gov. Walker. In 1976, he became director of the state's Department of Conservation, now the Department of Natural Resources.

"He quickly jumped into that and did a great job," said Houlihan, adding that McGuire had some background in environmental law.

In 1978, McGuire took on the Environmental Protection Agency post, managing federal programs in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

In the early 1980s, he became what some called Chicago's cable czar, threading his way through the cable companies competing for Chicago franchises and some local politicians pushing favorites. Singer was part of that

process as head of the Chicago Cable Television Study Commission set up by Byrne. The commission made recommendations and, Singer said, did three things.

"We set up the franchise ordinances, we did the maps of the (franchise) districts and we had an ethics ordinance."

McGuire became executive director of the Chicago's cable implementation effort, charged with making sure the process was fair and open.

"John was a good choice, given his integrity," Twohey said.

"John was sort of the enforcer," Singer said, "and he was good at it. Everybody praised Chicago's handling of cable and John was a great part of that."

After leaving his city post, McGuire worked with some cable companies, helping to negotiate franchise agreements, his daughter said.

In 1984, McGuire became corporate attorney for Independent Mechanical Industries, a Chicago-based mechanical contractor. He later joined the company's board.

Jessica McGuire, who followed her father into the law and is now with the Cook County state's attorney's office, said her father retired completely earlier this year.

"I think he had a strong sense of what was just and what was right," she said. "And he had a unique ability to help people see that and to encourage them to do the right thing."

After his son Timothy took his own life in 2001, McGuire led support groups for Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide, a program of Catholic Charities in Chicago.

"He was a big believer that being of service was the best way to move forward," his daughter said.

McGuire is also survived by his wife, Judith; a brother Daniel; and two grandsons.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON NOVEMBER 14 ...

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick" was first published.

In 1881, Charles Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President James Garfield. (Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.)

In 1889, inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.)

In 1922, the British Broadcasting Corp. began its domestic radio service.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a free commonwealth.

In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

In 1943, an American tor-

pedo was mistakenly fired at the U.S. battleship Iowa, which was carrying President Franklin Roosevelt and his joint chiefs to the Tehran conference; the torpedo exploded harmlessly in the Iowa's wake.

In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and Orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

In 1968, Yale University announced it was going co-educational.

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1972, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a record \$100 million penalty against insider-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

In 1993, Puerto Rico residents voted in a plebiscite to

maintain the island's existing U.S. commonwealth status, derailing the efforts of those favoring statehood.

In 1995, the U.S. government instituted a partial shutdown, closing national parks and museums while government offices operated with skeleton crews.

In 1998, Iraq said it would resume cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors as it appeared to back down in the face of a threatened U.S. attack.

In 2000, Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris certified George W. Bush's fragile 300-vote lead over Al Gore, hours after a judge refused to lift a 5 p.m. deadline; however, the judge gave Harris the authority to accept or reject follow-up manual recount totals.

In 2004, Mahmoud Abbas, the temporary successor to Yasser Arafat, escaped unharmed when militants firing assault rifles burst into a mourning tent for the deceased Palestinian leader in Gaza, killing two security guards.

In 2012, former GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney blamed his election loss to "the gifts" that President Barack Obama had given to blacks, Hispanics and young voters during his first term.

In 2017, a gunman, shooting at random, killed 5 people including his wife and wounded 10 others after he opened fire at an elementary school and six other locations in the California community of Rancho Tehama Reserve, about 130 miles north of Sacramento.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

| ILLINOIS                |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Nov. 13                 |                     |
| Powerball               | 23 26 27 28 66 / 11 |
| Powerball jackpot:      | \$60M               |
| Lotto jackpot:          | \$11M               |
| Pick 3 midday           | 566 / 1             |
| Pick 4 midday           | 3103 / 5            |
| Lucky Day Lotto midday  | 04 19 23 32 36      |
| Pick 3 evening          | 245 / 8             |
| Pick 4 evening          | 6859 / 3            |
| Lucky Day Lotto evening | 11 16 28 35 38      |
| Nov. 15 Mega Millions:  | \$178M              |
| WISCONSIN               |                     |
| Nov. 13                 |                     |
| Megabucks               | 09 11 22 25 35 48   |
| Pick 3                  | 663                 |
| Pick 4                  | 3263                |
| Badger 5                | 10 19 20 27 31      |
| SuperCash               | 06 11 15 27 29 30   |

| INDIANA         |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Nov. 13         |                         |
| Lotto           | 01 07 09 18 42 45       |
| Daily 3 midday  | 442 / 6                 |
| Daily 4 midday  | 5590 / 6                |
| Daily 3 evening | 185 / 9                 |
| Daily 4 evening | 5066 / 9                |
| Cash 5          | 04 08 11 36 45          |
| MICHIGAN        |                         |
| Nov. 13         |                         |
| Lotto           | 02 09 17 38 41 42       |
| Daily 3 midday  | 267                     |
| Daily 4 midday  | 1585                    |
| Daily 3 evening | 223                     |
| Daily 4 evening | 6868                    |
| Fantasy 5       | 28 29 36 37 39          |
| Keno            | 04 05 12 14 16 18       |
|                 | 33 35 41 45 49 54 55 58 |
|                 | 59 64 65 68 74 77 79 80 |

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### In Memoriam

**Walter S. Pilat**  
December 10, 1917 - November 14, 1996

Beloved husband, Pops and Grandpa:

In remembrance of the wonderful memories we shared, and the laughter and love of our years together. We treasure your presence in our lives, and keep you close in our hearts every day of the year.

All our love,  
Your devoted wife Dorie, and family  
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**Boardman, James 'Jimmy' B'**

Jim Boardman, age 60, of LaGrange, IL passed away peacefully at home on November 6, 2019. Loving husband of Marguerite Kelly; loving & devoted father to Claire and Eleanor; dear brother of Cindy Schiestel and Deborah Davis; beloved uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, November 16 from 10am until time of Mass, 11am at St. Francis Xavier Church, LaGrange. Interment at Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Misericordia or the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance "In memory of Jim Boardman". Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Full obituary posted at [hfunerals.com](http://hfunerals.com). Funeral home phone: 708-352-6500.

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**Boggins, Annie "Kathleen"**

Annie "Kathleen" Boggins nee Ruane, native of Co. Mayo, Ireland; beloved wife of the late Michael "Mick"; loving mother of Joan, Mary (Gordon) Magill, and Michael (Eileen); cherished grandmother of Sean Magill, Colleen and Kelly Boggins; Visitation Saturday 10:00 AM until time of Mass at 11 AM at Immaculate Conception Church (Harlem & Talcott). Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Poor Clare Sisters. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**. For info 773-777-3944 or [www.GFFH.com](http://www.GFFH.com)

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**Brennan, Mary Jo**

(nee Gannon) 60, found peace early Tuesday, November 12th. She was a loving wife to Jim Brennan for 37 phenomenal years. Together they raised Danielle (Andy) Oehme and Patrick Brennan. Cherished grandmother of Jackson Oehme and Bobbi Butkus-Brennan. Forever remembered as a best friend to her four siblings, Deborah (Dan) Klahn, Dennis (Diane) Gannon, Thomas (late Tracey) Gannon, and Patty (Tom) Meyer. Caring aunt to many nieces and nephews. Beloved daughter of the late Patsy and Tom Gannon. Her wonderful spirit, strength, joy and life will be celebrated with a visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home** to Queen of Martyrs Church, 10233 Central Park Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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**Cobb, Whitney Leigh**

Whitney Leigh Cobb, nee Keer, age 36, of Lake Bluff, formerly of Modesto, CA; beloved wife of Jonathan Cobb; loving mother of Cameron; devoted daughter of Richard and Judy Keer; cherished daughter-in-law of Dave and Sue Cobb; dear sister-in-law of the late Jeff Cobb; treasured niece of Karen (Barry) Rosenthal; special cousin of Jason (Julie) Rosenthal and Todd (Stacy) Rosenthal and their children. Memorial Service Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glenview, IL. Immediately following the memorial service, the family will be receiving condolences in the Crown Room at Am Shalom until 3:30 p.m. Interment at Randhill Cemetery is private. Whitney was an amazing mother to Cameron and an avid equestrian. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Lake Bluff Park District, [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org) or the Lake Bluff Library, [www.lakeblufflibrary.org](http://www.lakeblufflibrary.org). Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

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**Corless, Barbara J.**

Barbara J. Corless nee Chmelar, beloved wife of the late John J., Retired Deputy Chief, Area 3 C.P.D.; loving mother of Donald E. (Nancy Joy), John P. (Diane), and the late Sharon; fond grandmother of Kathleen Corless (Sam Krasnik) and John W. (Jessica) Corless; proud great-grandmother of Isidore and August Krasnik; best friend of Pat Townsend. Visitation at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 3 to 9 p.m. with a prayer service at 8:00 p.m. Interment Private (708)425-0500

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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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**Davis, Edward J.**

Edward J. Davis, 75, retired Illinois State Trooper. Memorial services at Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 W. 95th Street, Chicago, IL 60628. Friday, November 15th, 2019. Wake 5:00pm - 6:00pm, funeral 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

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**Duda, Paraskewa**

Paraskewa Duda, nee Konoba, passed away November 11, 2019; Beloved wife of the late Wasyk; loving and caring mother of George and Dr. Zenon; dearest and proud grandmother of Marika, Hania, Georgie, and Joby; cherished great grandmother

of Tess, Lucy, Molly, Tommy, Brayden, and Mary; dear aunt of Marika and Anna in Ukraine, Visitation Friday, November 15, 2019 at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Panachyda (Wake Service) 7 p.m. Chapel Service Saturday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church, 5000 N. Cumberland Ave., Chicago. Interment St. Nicholas Ukrainian Cemetery. For more information, (773) 545-3800 or visit Paraskewa's memorial at [www.MuzykaFuneralHome.com](http://www.MuzykaFuneralHome.com).

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**DUDACEK, MARILYN JAYNE**

Marilyn Jayne Dudacek, 76, of the LaGrange Highlands. Beloved wife of Wayne. Loving mother of Karen May, Robert Dudacek, Susan Henson and Laurie Farr. Devoted grandmother of 6. Dear sister of Roberta (late Tom) Culhane. Celebration of Life 11am Tues., Dec. 17, 2019 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. A luncheon will follow at a local restaurant. Details will be provided after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Brookfield Zoo appreciated. Marilyn was a volunteer Guest Guide at Brookfield Zoo and portrayed Mrs. Claus there for many years. Funeral info: 708/352-6500 or [HJfunerals.com](http://HJfunerals.com)

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**Dudek, Josephine A. 'Jay'**

(nee Dailio) Beloved wife of the late Henry "Hank"; loving mother of Michael (Natalie) Dudek; beloved daughter of the late Felice and Mary Dailio; fond nana of Lindsey and Lauren; dear sister of the late Rose and Fran; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Member of the Senior Setons, Leisure Plotters, and the Orland Township Seniors. Visitation Friday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 10 a.m. from Thornridge Funeral Home 14318 S. Lagrange Rd., (Northbound traffic, U-turn permitted at 143rd St.), Orland Park to St. Michael's Catholic Church Mass at 10:45 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For Service info (708)460-2300 or [thornridgefuneralhome.com](http://thornridgefuneralhome.com)

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**Dulian, Anne C.**

Anne C. Dulian, age 100. Beloved wife of the late Walter; loving mother of Walter (Sandra), Arleen (Ronald) Murar, Delphine Thun, and Diane (Bill) McDermott; devoted grandmother of 9; great-grandmother of 8; great-great-grandmother of 1; preceded in death by 1 sister and 3 brothers. Visitation Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 from 9:30 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 am at St. Thomas Becket Church, 1321 Burning Bush Lane, Mt. Prospect. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For information please contact **Matz Funeral Home**, Mt. Prospect (847) 394-2336 or [www.matzfuneralhome.com](http://www.matzfuneralhome.com)

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**Engel, James D**

James D. Engel, age 83, of Neshkoro, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 at his home. He was born July 25, 36 in Chicago the son of Alex and Clara (Shamanski) Engel. He married Janice Huth on June 10, 2006. James served his country in the United States Army. Survived by his wife, Janice Huth-Engel; his two sons, James (Jeff) Claudia Engel and Steven (Renata) Engel; grandchildren, Jeanette, Michael, Mathew, Andrew and Alex; his great granddaughter, Mia. Mass of Christian Burial Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, Neshkoro, WI. Visitation will be held from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday at the Stahl Celebration and Remembrance Center, Wautoma, WI and from 10:00 a.m. Friday until time of services at the church. [www.stahlfuneralhome.com](http://www.stahlfuneralhome.com)

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**Giuffre, Mary R.**

Mary R. Giuffre nee Reilly, age 96, formerly of Elmwood Park; beloved wife of the late Francis J.; loving mother of Mary (Jerry) Ball, Fran (Kathy), William (Sharon) and Joseph (Lisa) Giuffre; cherished grandmother of Melissa (Larry) Graves, Daniel and Emily Ball, Michelle and Matthew Giuffre, Jessica and Allison (fiancé Cesar Ramirez) Giuffre, and Jade 'Mei' Giuffre; great-grandmother of Aidan Graves; dear sister of the late Catherine Oigbesee and William and Dennis (Lois) Reilly; fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Visitation 9 a.m. until time of Mass 10 a.m., Monday November 18 at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, 1530 Jackson Ave., River Forest. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Pius V. Church, 1919 S. Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60608 are appreciated. Funeral info: [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com) or 708-383-3191

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**Higgins Jr, Joseph F**

Joseph F Higgins Jr. of Jupiter, FL, passed away peacefully on November 9, 2019 at the age of 67. Joe grew up in Oak Park, IL, where he attended Fenwick High School. An avid hockey player, he was inducted into the Fenwick Hall of Fame. He went on to play at St. Mary's College in Winona, MN and graduated with a degree in business. Joe's career in outdoor sports media spanned more than 40 years and included time in sales with Field and Stream, World Fishing Network and B.A.S.S. He worked as publisher of Western Outdoors Publications and as founder and publisher of Florida Fishing Weekly. Joe had boundless energy and a bigger than life personality. He enjoyed golfing, biking, watching sports and spending time with his family. Joe will be lovingly remembered by his wife Tammy, his son Aidan and his daughter Madison. Four siblings: Tom Higgins, Pat Glenday, Barbara Connaughty and Maureen Lantero. Joe will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Joe's Life will be held December 7, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Oak Park Country Club 2001 North Thatcher Ave River Grove, IL 60171.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made for his children, Aidan and Madison. <https://www.gofundme.com/joe-higgins-memorial-for-madisonandaidan>

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## Hope, Richard V. "Dick"

Richard V. "Dick" Hope, age 87, US Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Hazel Hope; Loving father of Nola (Ron) Palmer, the late Gayle (late Tom) Shimko, and the late Diane Santoro; Proud grandpa of Lindsay (Chris) Van Sickle, Tom (Nikki) Shimko, Earl (Kathy) Santoro, Laura (Ben) Geck, Matt (Nicole) Palmer and Christopher (Stephanie) Santoro; Cherished great-grandpa of 8; Devoted best friend of Wes Stermm. Visitation Saturday morning at the **Brady-Gill Funeral Home**, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, 8:30am until time of Services at 10:30am; Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Dick was a past member of the Tinley Park Lions Club. (708) 614-9900 or [www.bradygill.com](http://www.bradygill.com)

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## Lauer, Harvey L.

Harvey L. Lauer beloved husband of the late Lueth; loving father of Kathleen (John) Gibson and LuAnne (Israel) Rivera; dear grandfather of Silvia (Brent), Christopher (fiance Stacy), Victoria (Ray), Teresa (Ryan), Israel Jr., Carl (Gianna), Crystal (Roger) and Matthew; great grandfather of 9; fond brother of the late: Ronald Messarich, Yvonne Grossert and Claudine Lauer; uncle of Richard Jr., Jay and Robert. Retired Blind Rehab Specialist for Hines VA Hospital for over 30 years. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Lying In-State 11:00 a.m. until time of service 11:45a.m. at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 63 Fernwood Rd, Montgomery, IL 60538. Memorials to St. Luke's Lutheran Church suggested. Info 800-562-0082 or [www.hursen.com](http://www.hursen.com)

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## Maloney, James P.

James P. Maloney, 89 of Chicago, IL. Corporal US Army Veteran, passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Devoted son of the late Henry and the late Mayme Maloney; beloved brother of the late Harry Maloney; dear "Uncle Jim" and friend to many. Dr. Maloney retired from a lifelong career with the Chicago Public Schools. He served as Executive Deputy Superintendent of Schools, District Superintendent, High Schools and Elementary Schools principal and teacher. Visitation and funeral will be Monday, November 18, 2019. Family and friends are gathering from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral 730 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Thursday-Friday Suppers (meals for the needy), please forward donations to the attention of Thursday-Friday Suppers, c/o Holy Name Cathedral 730 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. For more information 708-425-4500 or visit [www.kennybrothersfuneral.com](http://www.kennybrothersfuneral.com)

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## Mill, LaVern C.

LaVern C. Mill, 95. Dear son of the late Clifford & the late Mary Jane nee Boycott Mill; devoted husband of Rita nee Panozzo Mill of Kankakee; loving father of Stanley (Glenda) Mill of McHenry, Steven (Linda) Mill of Kankakee, Cynthia Mill (Bob Chambers) of Vergennes, Barbara (John) Dailey of New London, WI, and the late Daniel Mill; proud grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 9. Visitation 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 15, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home; 1480 W. Court St, Kankakee. Funeral 12:00 Noon Saturday, November 16, 2019 also at the funeral home. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or St. Rose Chapel. Info. 815.932.1214 [www.clancygernon.com](http://www.clancygernon.com)

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## O'Connor, Eileen Ann

Eileen Ann O'Connor, nee Monaghan, of Lake Forest, November 9, 2019, beloved wife of the late John Patrick; mother of Erin (James) O'Connor Burns and John Patrick (Leslie) O'Connor III; grandmother of John Patrick O'Connor IV, Brogan Michael O'Connor, Kean Ferrel O'Connor, and Kiera Elizabeth Burns; sister of Rita Ronayne, and the late: Nancy (the late Robert) Martin, Sally (the late Thomas) Birkenmeyer, Mary (the late James), Martin, Michael (Helen). Visitation Saturday, Nov.16, 2019 from 9:30 am to 11:00 a.m. at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave., Lake Forest, IL followed by 11:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Info at [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com) or 847/234-0022

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## Overend Jr., Robert B.

Robert B. Overend, Jr. age 76 beloved son of the late Leah (O'Leary) and Robert B. Overend, Sr., loving father of Katherine (James Flores) and grandfather of Jennifer and James. Visitation Saturday Nov 16, at St. Margaret Mary's Church, 2324 W Chase Ave, Chicago, from 10 am until time of Mass at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Smithsonian Institution, [giving.si.edu/donate-now](http://giving.si.edu/donate-now), PO Box 98096, WashingtonDC 20090, 202-633-4300. Entombment All Saints Cemetery

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## Powers

See Mary Ann 'Polly' Sinisgalli notice.

## Ridolfi, Silvia

Silvia Ridolfi, age 82 of Wilmette. Born in Montorio, Italy February 1, 1937, passed away November 12, 2019 at Maryhaven Nursing Home.



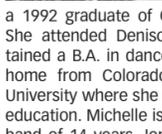
The beloved wife of the late Adolfo Ridolfi; dear daughter of the late Giorgio Nallira and the late Candelora (Savocchi); loving sister of Sergio (Roselee) Nallira, the late Antoinette (Antonio) De Domenicis and the late Gianni Nallira; sister in law to the late Andy (Lucy) Ridolfi, the late Beny (Domenica) Evangelista and the late Ettore (Emma) Cecci. A most treasured aunt to many nieces, nephews and godchildren that will miss Silvia dearly. Visitation Saturday, November 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Entombment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Donation Processing, The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014. Info: 847-675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com).

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## Rowley, Michelle Marie

Michelle Marie Rowley (nee Miller), age 45, of Barrington, Illinois passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 with her loving family by her side after a very courageous battle with Colorectal cancer. Michelle was born on April, 17th, 1974 in Arlington Heights, Illinois. She grew up in Libertyville, IL and was a 1992 graduate of Carmel Catholic High School. She attended Denison University where she obtained a B.A. in dance and English. After returning home from Colorado, Michelle attended DePaul University where she received a Master's Degree in education. Michelle is survived by her beloved husband of 14 years, Jon Rowley; her loving children, Cashlin, Callum, and Mac Rowley; parents, Thomas and Barbara Miller; brother, Brad Miller; sister, Amy Miller; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 15th, 2019, from 4PM until 9PM at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 941 S. Old Rand Rd, Lake Zurich, IL. A second visitation will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Community, 120 Ela St, Barrington, IL 60010 on Saturday, November 16th, 2019 from 9:30AM until the time of Mass at 10:30AM. Burial will follow at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery in Palatine, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Second City Canine Rescue. For information, please contact Davenport Family Funeral Home, Barrington, 847-381-3411. For online condolences please visit, [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com).



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## Rubenstein, Elizabeth Susan

Elizabeth "Susie" Rubenstein, of Lincolnshire, Illinois passed away peacefully on November 12, 2019 with family surrounding. She is survived by her son, David, grandchildren, Sara and Andrew, and her 7 siblings. She was preceded in death by her husband Philip, parents and 1 sibling. A visitation will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035. A visitation will also be held on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 9:00 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. For more info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or [www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com)

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## Saltzer, Edythe

Edythe Seltzer, Age 96. Beloved wife of Saul for 75 years. Loving mother of Julie Seltzer and David Seltzer. Proud grandmother of Gabriella, Ryan, and Tess. Service Friday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Waldheim. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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## Sanchez, Mary H.

Mary H. Sanchez (nee Sheppard), beloved wife of the late Jorge A.; loving mother of Marisela Ramos, Diana (Martin) Cisneros and Erica Sanchez; dear grandmother of Martin, Brandon, Mia, David, Jonathan, Ariana, Sofia and Freddy. Visitation Saturday 3 to 9 P.M. at Lawn Funeral Home 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459 Interment Private. Funeral info. (708) 636-2320

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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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## Slutsky, Madeline 'Mitzie'

Madeline "Mitzie" Slutsky, nee Apter age 84. Cherished wife for 60 years to the late Gerald. Loving mother of Mark Slutsky (Julie Paskind-Kollada), Scott Slutsky (Jamie) Slutsky and Michelle (Dr. Edward) Segal. Dear former mother-in-law of Karen Weiss-Slutsky. Devoted Nonnie of Sarah Slutsky, Andrew Slutsky, Joshua Segal and Noah Segal. Sister of the late Rosalyn (Harold) Gillman. Funeral services Friday 11/15/2019, 11 am at Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court (Northeast corner of Willow and Landwehr) Northbrook. Interment Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Madeline's name to the Alzheimer's Association [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or [www.mitzvahfunerals.com](http://www.mitzvahfunerals.com).

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## Tinerella, Russell

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## Valentyne, Ritter H.

Valentyne H. Ritter, nee Majewski, 69; beloved daughter of the late Josephine and the late John Majewski; wife of Richard; loving sister of Christine (Ralph) Kliman, Lilian (John) Miller and the late Angela Palmer; fond niece of Regina (late Carl) Ludwig and Albert (Kathy) Jablonski; cherished aunt and great-aunt of many. Valentyne will be missed by all that knew her. Memorial Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 8025 W. Golf Rd., Niles. In lieu of flowers donations to Breast Cancer Research are appreciated. For info 847-581-0536 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)

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## Yundt, Frances Mary

Frances Mary Rausa Yundt January 25, 1941 - November 8, 2019.



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Also survived by sisters Lorraine "Rainy" and Lucille Ann "Sean" with their husbands Robert and George. Born in Chicago, IL, "Fran" lived the majority of her life in Carol Stream, IL. Mom passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. She cherished the company of her family and very dear friends throughout her life. Fran will be sorely missed.

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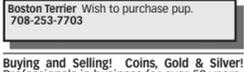
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**IN THE INTEREST OF Coreanna Stovall**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tytiana Brumley (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01180**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Marqure Jones (Father), Unknown (Father),** respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **October 18, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **12/06/2019**, 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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**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 30, 2019 6511392**

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**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01180**

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**IN THE INTEREST OF Estrella Heredia**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Angelica Heredia (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01143**

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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 Coreanna Stovall**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tytiana Brumley (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01180**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Barrett Williams (Father), Unknown (Father),** respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **October 18, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **12/06/2019**, 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.

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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**October 30, 2019 6511433**

**LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION**

**IN THE INTEREST OF Estrella Heredia**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Angelica Heredia (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01143**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Valeriano Heredia, Sr. (Father),** respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **October 09, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** 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 **12/06/2019**, at **10:00 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 6511439**

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**October 17, 2019 6511439**

**FORECLOSURES**

**NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD (Firm ID: 38245) Attorneys 105 West Adams Street, Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60603 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF Cook, ss - IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, PROBATION SERVICES, ILCA Plaintiff, vs. EVELYN ALONSO AKA EVELYN AVALOS; PATRICIA NAVARRO; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; et. al., Defendants, Case No. 2019 CH 11841. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1345 in J.E. Merrion and Company's Hometown Unit No. 5, a subdivision of that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 37 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. PIN: 24-03-129-004-0000. Commonly known as: 4654 W. 89th Place, Hometown, IL 60456, and which said Mortgage was made by EVELYN ALONSO, PATRICIA NAVARRO, as Mortgage(s) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for OCMB, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 1500935058, and the present owner(s) of the property being EVELYN ALONSO, PATRICIA NAVARRO, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Room 802, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before December 2, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated, Chicago, Illinois, Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Last known addresses: 4654 W. 89th Place, Hometown, IL 60456 Defendant Address: 4654 W. 89th Place Hometown, IL 60456 10/31, 11/7, 14/2019 6495205**

**MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TOWNSHIP POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-FRE2, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE., Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOYCE A. HARRIS, AKA JOYCE HARRIS, AKA JOYCE ANN HARRIS, DECEASED; ERNESTINE GRIFFIN; PHILIP HARRIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MAURICE HARRIS, DECEASED; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Defendants. Case No. 2019CH12410 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joyce A. Harris, AKA Joyce Ann Harris, deceased, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Maurice Harris, deceased, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 17 in Block 6 in Cottage Grove Heights, being a subdivision of part of the North 1/2 of Sections 10 and 11, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded June 26, 1925 as Document Number 8957229, in Cook County, Illinois, 9754 South Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628 25-11-111-013-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joyce A. Harris, AKA Joyce Ann Harris, deceased, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Maurice Harris, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before December 16, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY, DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 11/14, 21, 28/2019 6510618**

**TAKE NOTICES**

**TO: Kimberly N. Morgan; Fonda P. Karim; Trudy M. Weiner, Occupant of 14529 Jefferson St.; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS), as nominee for Paragon Home Lending, LLC, c/o Genpect Registered Agent, Inc.; BSI Financial Services; Residential Funding Company, LLC; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, if Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 003914 FILED: October 17, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 17, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0003467 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 14529 Jefferson St., Harvey, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-08-220-050-0000 Vol. 200 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 11, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 11, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on March 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made any time on or before March 11, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk, Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 CLIFF EAGLETON purchaser or assignee Dated: October 31, 2019 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbgllobal.net 11/12, 13, 14/2019 6503270**

COMING SUNDAY THE INSIDE STORY ON WHAT LED TO THE BEARS DRAFTING MITCH TRUBISKY

Chicago Tribune

# CHICAGO SPORTS



## Must do it.

To say they're truly trying their hardest to improve, the Bears have to give **Colin Kaepernick** a look



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

The Bears will be guilty of quarterback negligence if they don't send someone to Atlanta for Colin Kaepernick's free-agent workout Saturday.

The team, with starter Mitch Trubisky and veteran backup Chase Daniel combined, ranks 30th in the NFL in passing yards per game at 181.7 and tied for 30th in yards per attempt at 5.0.

At this point, anything short of due diligence for a position that has largely been filled by boogymen since Sid Luckman's retirement in 1950 would be reprehensible. Of course, history has proven that when there are two choices to make at the position, or

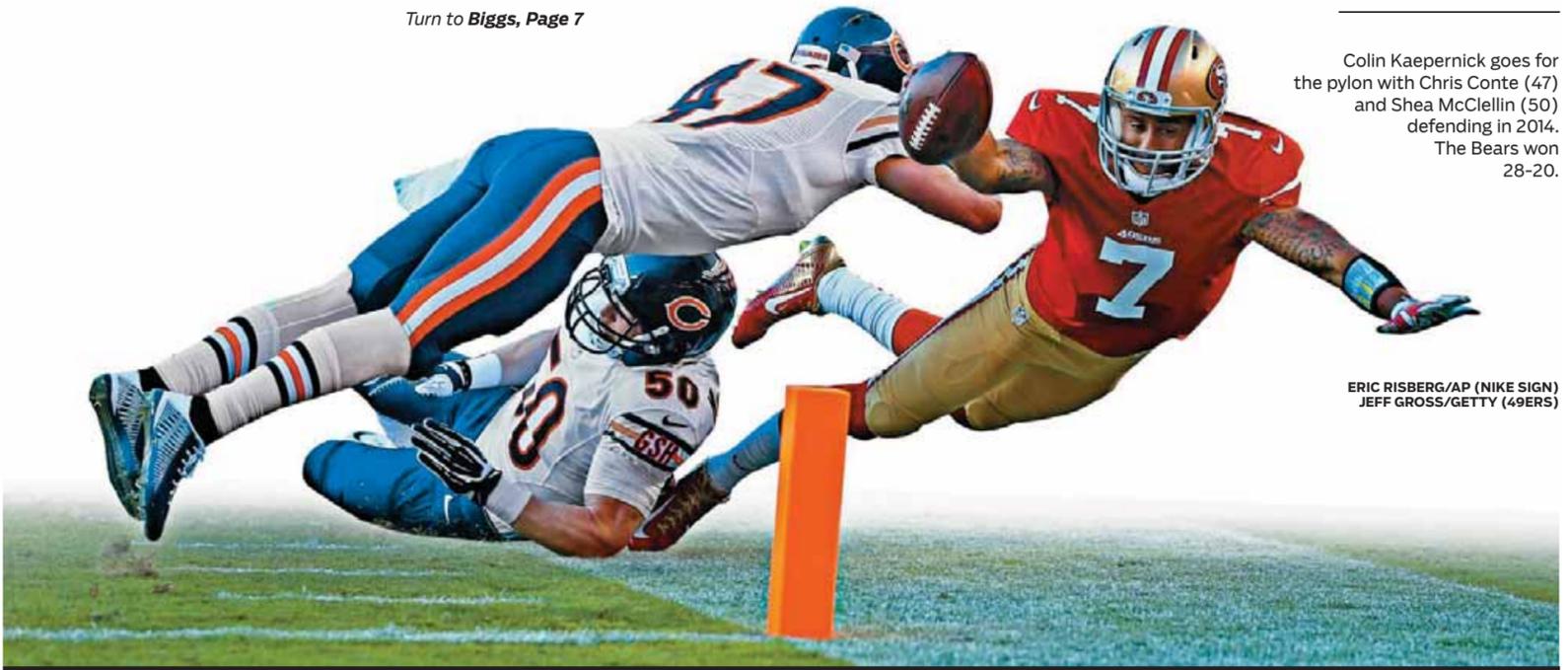
even three, the Bears most often make the wrong one.

"I honestly have no idea right now," Bears coach Matt Nagy said Wednesday morning before practice at Halas Hall when asked if the team would attend the event. "I'm just kind of focused in on where we're at. I will leave that up to (general manager) Ryan (Pace) and those guys and see, and I know that they will have a handle on that."

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**UP NEXT**  
**Bears at Rams**  
7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5  
■ More Bears, **Back Page**

Colin Kaepernick goes for the pylon with Chris Conte (47) and Shea McClellin (50) defending in 2014. The Bears won 28-20.



ERIC RISBERG/AP (NIKE SIGN)  
JEFF GROSS/GETTY (49ERS)

## White Sox, Cubs could be heading in opposite directions

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The perception that the White Sox are a team on the rise and that the Cubs are heading in the opposite direction was perhaps inevitable.

Whether that perception is based in reality is debatable.

It's true the Sox have several young players whose stock appears to be climbing, including Yoan Moncada, Tim Anderson, Lucas Giolito, Eloy Jimenez and Luis Robert.

And it's also accurate to say the Cubs are contemplating shaking up their core,



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On baseball

with players such as Kris Bryant, Willson Contreras and Kyle Schwarber reportedly available for the right price this offseason.

This could be a turning point for both organizations, which is why this offseason is so important for Chicago's teams. The Sox must take

a big step forward in 2020, while the Cubs have to prove they're not sliding backward.

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## Fire fires Paunovic, staff after 4 seasons, 1 playoff berth

BY JEREMY MIKULA

Veljko Paunovic has been fired as the Chicago Fire's head coach after four seasons in charge.

"Four years ago, Pauno and the staff accepted a challenge to help establish a football culture at the Fire," team President and general manager Nelson Rodriguez said Wednesday in a statement.

"Their efforts helped revitalize the club with a competitive spirit and a dedication to always putting football first. Pauno and his staff were relentless in their devotion to the club and for that we

are immeasurably thankful."

The Fire also parted ways with assistant coaches Marko Mitrovic and Eric Gehrig and goalkeeper coach Aleksandar Saric.

Other members of Paunovic's staff — including strength and conditioning coach Raphael Fevre and head athletic trainer Reade Whitney — had their contracts terminated, but the Fire said they could be retained by the next coach.

Paunovic, 42, went 41-58-37 in four Major League Soccer seasons.

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BARRY SVRLUGA

## Prepared to counter sign-stealing

WASHINGTON — Prepare yourselves, pitching staffs of the future, not just for the Houston Astros, but for everyone. It's possible, maybe even probable, the Astros used technology to steal signs illegally en route to the 2017 World Series title. Given the result there, they didn't likely stop in the two years between then and the 2019 postseason, when they again won the American League pennant and faced the Washington Nationals for the championship.

The Nationals, though, were ready. If they were going to win their first World Series, they were going to do it with pitching. And their pitchers had to be prepared — for everything.

"It's the worst feeling in the world stepping on that mound and having an idea that that hitter knows what's coming," said Paul Menhart, the Nationals pitching coach. "It's one of the most unnerving feelings. You feel helpless. You just get ticked off to the point where you lose total focus and confidence. So we had to make sure our pitchers didn't think about it. We had to eliminate the possibility."

This is news now, in the middle of November, because on Tuesday an explosive report in the Athletic alleged, in terrific detail, how the Astros used a camera in center field to read what pitch a catcher was calling for, showed that feed on a screen in the tunnel between the dugout and clubhouse and then clanged on a trash can to send an audible signal to the hitter. Clang, and an offspeed pitch was on the way. Silence, and here came the fastball.

"I'm not here to talk about illegal stuff with technology," Menhart said by phone Wednesday. "If they were doing such things, they're going to have to answer to a higher power than winning a baseball game. That's the way I look at it."

But a higher power wasn't going to help the Nationals win the World Series — or, for that matter, advance in the playoffs. So according to Menhart, the Nationals decided before the postseason began that they would cleanse any stray thoughts from the minds of their pitchers.

This was about modern baseball. "It was mainly because we thought we had heard some whistling," Menhart said. "Did we really hear it? Whether you do or you don't, just to put those thoughts in our minds is dangerous. So we just said, 'Let's nip this now.'"



WILL NEWTON/GETTY

The Nationals had a plan to combat potential sign-stealing — before the playoffs began.

Stealing signs, with a runner on second, is considered fair game. The burden is on the defensive team to make sure it's properly coding its intentions.

The problem: With a camera in center field, a team doesn't need a runner on second base. Players, coaches or other staff members could watch the video feed and figure out signs.

There is some circumstantial evidence that something was up with the Astros. In 2016, their hitters struck out 23.4% of the time, the fourth-highest rate in the game. In 2017, the year the Athletic report said the camera was installed, that rate dropped to 17.3%, the lowest in baseball.

Menhart said the Nationals' video staff worked with the coaches and front office, and eventually with the players, to combat subterfuge regardless of its origins.

"It was a major adjustment," Menhart said. "And when we brought it to the pitchers, they were all on board."

There were some layers to the Nationals' plan. First, each pitcher had to have a set of signs, and catchers Yan Gomes and Kurt Suzuki had to be familiar with each one. So the staff printed cards with the codes and had them laminated. The catchers could have them in their wristbands, a la an NFL quarterback with play calls strapped to his forearm.

The Nationals also decided that they would use multiple signs regardless of whether there was a runner on second base or not. No one on? Runner on first? Let's make sure the catcher runs through a series of signs anyway, just in case.

"It was our best way to counteract anything that might have been going on," Menhart said.

Next came the way the Nationals employed their signs, which was nontraditional. Rather than just use, say, the second sign the catcher put down, they might "chase the two." That meant the pitcher would watch for the catcher to put two fingers down, and then throw the pitch that corresponded to the following sign. Or they could play "outs plus one." So if there was one out, the pitch would be the second sign the catcher put down. If there were no outs, it would be the first sign. "Strikes plus one" worked the same way.

That's a lot of thought, right? But it's a small cost in preparation if it frees the mind of the pitcher in competition.

"This is the way the game's going to go now," Menhart said. "You're going to have to have this. Sign-stealing has become quite an art."

Barry Svrluga writes for *The Washington Post*.

### LET'S PLAY 2

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|  | <b>Sunday</b><br>@Rams<br>7:20 p.m.<br>NBC-5       | <b>Nov. 24</b><br>Giants<br>Noon<br>FOX-32  |
|  | <b>Saturday</b><br>@Predators<br>7 p.m.<br>NBCSCH+ | <b>Sunday</b><br>Sabres<br>6 p.m.<br>NBCSCH |
|  | <b>Thursday</b><br>@Bucks<br>7 p.m.<br>NBCSCH      | <b>Saturday</b><br>Nets<br>5 p.m.<br>NBCSCH |

### THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

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| <b>NBA</b>                 |                       |
| 7 p.m. Bulls at Bucks      | NBCSCH<br>WSCR-AM 670 |
| 7 p.m. Mavericks at Knicks | TNT                   |
| 9:30 p.m. Nets at Nuggets  | TNT                   |

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| <b>COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>            |       |
| 5:30 p.m. Penn State at Georgetown   | FS1   |
| 6 p.m. Towson at Florida             | ESPN2 |
| 7:30 p.m. Michigan St. at Seton Hall | FS1   |

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| <b>NFL</b>                   |             |
| 7:20 p.m. Steelers at Browns | FOX-32, NFL |

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| <b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>             |       |
| 6 p.m. Buffalo at Kent State        | CBSSN |
| 7 p.m. North Carolina at Pittsburgh | ESPN  |

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| <b>GOLF</b>                           |      |
| Noon PGA: Mayakoba Classic            | Golf |
| 2 a.m. (Fri.) Euro: Nedbank Challenge | Golf |

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| <b>HOCKEY</b>                      |     |
| 5:30 p.m. Michigan St. at Michigan | BTN |

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| <b>SOCCER</b>              |       |
| 11 a.m. Turkey vs. Iceland | ESPN2 |

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| <b>TENNIS</b>                |        |
| 2 p.m. ATP Finals            | ESPN2  |
| 2 p.m. Pro Circuit Champaign | Tennis |

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| <b>WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL</b>     |     |
| 8 p.m. Wisconsin at Minnesota | BTN |

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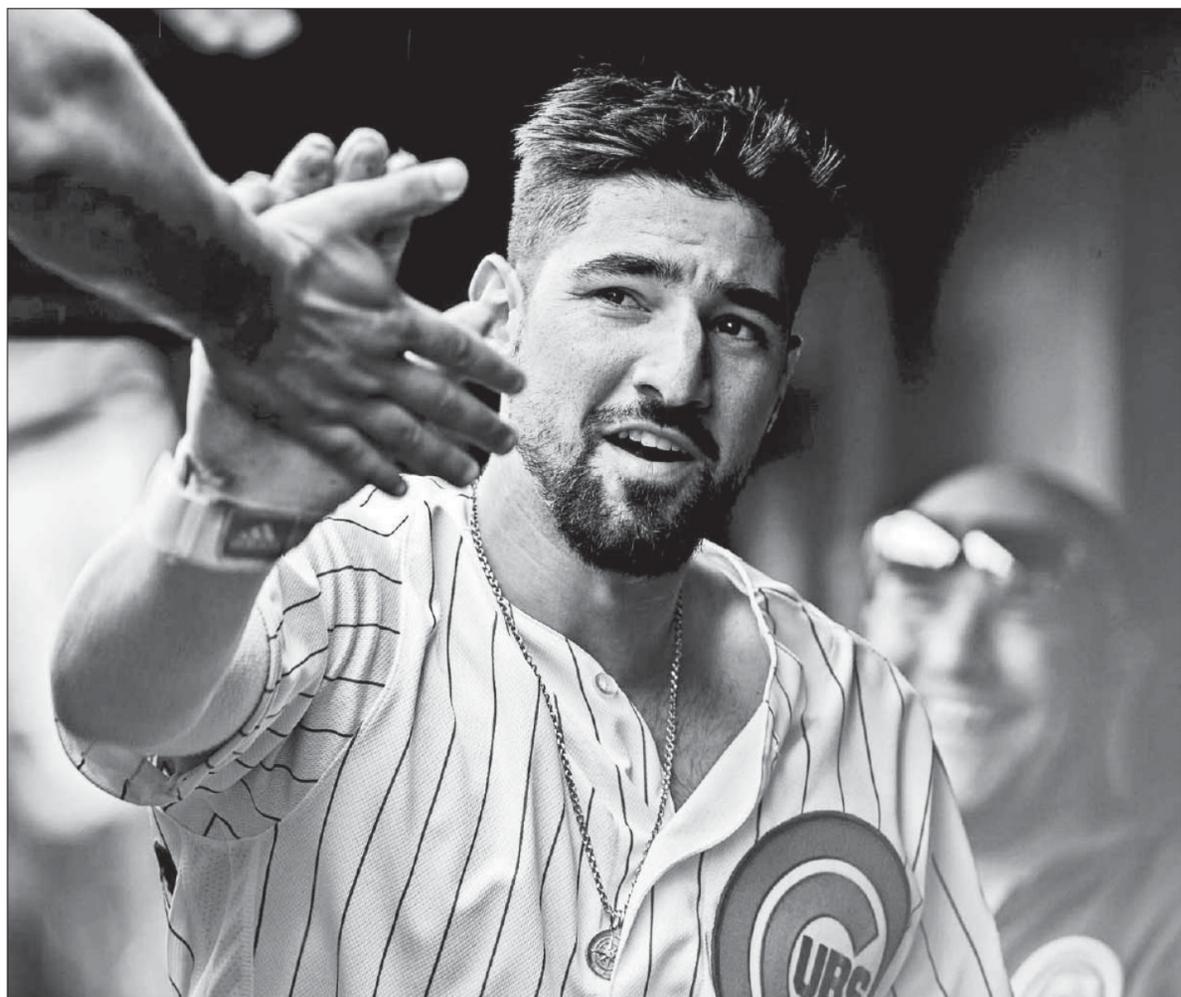
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## WHITE SOX &amp; CUBS



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Cubs outfielder Nicholas Castellanos might fit into the White Sox's plans, according to agent Scott Boras.

## Power prospects in sight

Boras sees potential talent that can level up White Sox

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Scott Boras arrived at the general managers meetings Wednesday ready to spread tidings of comfort and joy, along with reasons why teams need to spend big on his free-agent clients, including Cubs outfielder Nicholas Castellanos.

“Old St. Nick delivers once a year,” Boras said. “Young St. Nick delivers all season.”

Whether the Cubs will try to retain young St. Nick or the White Sox will enter the bidding for Castellanos to fill their right-field void are questions Cubs President Theo Epstein and Sox general manager Rick Hahn won't address.

Both have vowed to remain silent on their offseason plans as have many other executives at the GM meetings.

Boras arguably has the three biggest free agents on the market in pitchers Gerrit Cole and Stephen Strasburg and third baseman Anthony Rendon. He also has several others who may be more affordable to the Cubs or Sox, such as Castellanos and Dallas Keuchel.

Boras suggested the Sox could use some veteran players to add to their “great young” core.

“And we try to create that mix all the time,” he said. “So I readily see there's a lot of fits that could go in there and really advance what they've built to date.”

Boras, who has had a sometimes contentious relationship with Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and executive vice president Ken Williams, seemed to be alluding to the White Sox as nouveau spenders when referring to four or five clubs “that are coming out of hibernation” and willing to bid for top free agents.

“They've been in the backdrop of competition and they've now decided to jump into that three- to four-year window,” he said, not naming names.

In his annual press briefing, which dominates the meetings, Boras again warned of



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Scott Boras isn't talking about Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant's union grievance.

the dangers of tanking teams, saying the game is insulting its fans with so many clubs rebuilding instead of trying to compete.

“In the big world when you go to the zoo and half of the bears are asleep, you are not able to enjoy the zoo as it should be,” he said.

Boras blamed baseball's overall attendance drop on tanking.

“Fans want competition,” he said. “The Red Sox in '18 won the world championship, and their attendance dropped. And you go ‘Why?’”

“Because they have tanking teams coming to play them a great deal. The fans want to see baseball played as baseball should be played, and they don't want a predictive tone, (with teams) saying, ‘Well, be a good fan and we'll compete three years from now.’”

On another topic, Boras declined to talk about the possibility of one of his clients, Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant, being dealt this offseason.

“All I know is Kris Bryant is performing well and doing well and is highly thought of throughout the league,” he said, adding it's the Cubs' decision.

He also declined to discuss the union grievance over Bryant's delayed call-up in 2015, allegedly to manipulate his service time, suggesting it's a question for the union.

Epstein, meanwhile, said the grievance against the Cubs hasn't affected his relationship with Bryant.

“(We) spent some time talking on the break during the grievance (hearing) and afterwards,” he said. “I think the relationship we have personally is great. And between him and the organization it's just as great. He's certainly a Cub in good standing and we think really highly of him and we like working together to get the most out of him and the team. (I have) zero issue with him whatsoever.”

## Cubs have big calls to make

Bullpen a major priority as another reliever vacates

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With the loss of Cole Hamels to free agency, Tyler Chatwood is likely to get a second chance to move into the Cubs rotation in 2020, the final year of his three-year, \$38 million contract.

That would add another vacancy in the bullpen that's already in a state of flux with the departures of free agents Brandon Kintzler, Pedro Strop, Steve Cishek and David Phelps.

“The bullpen is a priority either way,” Cubs President Theo Epstein said Wednesday on Day 3 of the general managers meetings. “We're going to need to hit on a number of relievers this winter and rebuild a good portion of that bullpen whether Chatwood is in it or not.”

Rowan Wick could be the next setup man after his impressive rookie season, and Craig Kimbrel is back as closer after bombing in the first year of his three-year, \$43 million deal.

Otherwise anything goes. Epstein even plans to look at Brandon Morrow on a minor-league deal. Morrow missed the last 1½ seasons with various arm injuries after signing a two-year, \$21 million deal to be the closer. The Cubs chose to buy out his \$12 million option for \$3 million.

“When healthy he certainly can be a big part of the solution,” Epstein said. “And we appreciate his sentiments about he's going to sign a minor-league deal and feels the responsibility (is) it should be here.”

Why the Cubs would go down this path again is puzzling, unless it's part of reducing the payroll. Morrow would make next to nothing if he makes the team. Epstein has declined to discuss the Cubs payroll plans after the team exceeded the luxury tax in 2019.

The Cubs believe Kimbrel will rebound with a full spring training behind him after his injuries and ineffectiveness contributed to the team's end-of-season collapse.

“Hopefully a really good spring training and he can really get back on track,” general manager Jed Hoyer said. “He can really stabilize our bullpen and allow us to build a bullpen without having to worry about the last three outs.”

New manager David Ross will be involved in the decision-making process this offseason and in spring training.

“He's going to be the one trying to manage these players and make sure the whole is greater than some of the parts,” Epstein said. “He should have a lot of say-so on the parts.”

One player whose immediate future will be debated is rookie second baseman Nico Hoerner, who was rushed to the big leagues in September because of injuries but turned out to be a key performer down the stretch. Addison Russell may be non-tendered, Ben Zobrist may retire and Tony Kemp is seen as a utility player.

Does Hoerner have to make the team out of spring training or does he have a spot reserved?

Epstein said they'll be open-minded. “We haven't figured that out yet,” he said. “You can make strong arguments on both sides, whether he should be part of the club on opening day or needs a little bit more seasoning. I think a lot will depend on all we do, and sure, what type of spring training might be a factor as well.”

Epstein also filled another front-office vacancy, naming A's assistant general manager Dan Kantrovitz as vice president of scouting. With Will Venable returning, the Cubs have one base coach position left to fill at either first or third.

## Sullivan

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“Every empire must end,” one Cubs player said during spring training in 2017, when the team was coming off a championship season.

Little did he know the Cubs “empire” would be in jeopardy before it got started. Whether the Cubs and Sox are competing for middle-ground fans in the same marketplace, neither front office will admit to feeling any pressure from the other side of town.

“To be perfectly honest, we have an organization to run, they have an organization to run,” Cubs general manager Jed Hoyer said Tuesday at the GM meetings. “We have a challenging offseason and we have to operate at a high level. And thinking about a team in the American League across town isn't exactly the right way to do that. So, no.”

“They've got a lot of young talent. It sort of reminds me of us around the '15 time. It should be an exciting time for them. But I don't think about them at all.”

The Cubs turned the corner in 2015, which was Year 4 of their rebuild. One of the big reasons was they splurged in the 2014-15 offseason, signing ace Jon Lester to a six-year, \$155 million contract. The Sox are entering Year 4 of their rebuild in 2020, but whether they'll pay the market rate for a starter of Lester's caliber this offseason remains to be seen.

Sox GM Rick Hahn said Wednesday the

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— White Sox general manager Rick Hahn

success of the Cubs rebuild, like those of the Astros, Nationals and Royals, might have helped get some Sox fans on board with their rebuild starting in 2017.

“Our local fans, being able to see it bear fruit eight miles away, it may have made it easier for them to understand what we were doing and to embrace what we have been doing,” Hahn said. “But in terms of our decision to do it or how we've executed it, (that) really hasn't affected it.”

No matter what the Sox do, they will likely operate in the shadow of the Cubs, who get more media exposure due to their popularity and the fact they've been a contender the last five years. The Cubs will move to their own TV network in 2020 after helping boost NBC Sports Chicago's ratings once their rebuild produced success.

Many Sox fans complain about the disparity in media coverage, including in the Tribune. Hahn hedged when I asked if he thinks the Sox get a fair shake in this town.

“In Phoenix? Absolutely,” he cracked. “In Chicago? A fair shake? It's really not something I concern myself with. I concern myself more with trying to build something that wins championships and makes White Sox fans proud. And if there

is any potential slighting by the media, once we start winning championships, that's going to take care of itself.

“Maybe we'll be happily covered by all outlets when we're winning championships. On a day-to-day basis, it's not something I think about.”

And does the rest of the Sox organization feel the same way as Hahn?

“Maybe someone in our PR department (doesn't),” he said. “That's their job. Hopefully they're concerned with such things. But it's not on our radar in our baseball department.”

Hahn said the Cubs are the Sox's competition only six times a year, when they meet in the City Series.

“Certainly I get our fans feeling perhaps some sort of rivalry with them and what they're doing influencing potentially their view of us,” he said. “I get all that. But frankly, what the Minnesota Twins do has a lot bigger impact on our likelihood for success than what the Cubs do.”

The Cubs and Sox made a rare significant deal in the summer of 2017, when the Cubs acquired starting pitcher Jose Quintana for prospects Jimenez and Dylan Cease. Quintana has an impressive .589 winning percentage (33-23) as a Cub

but struggled down the stretch this past season, compiling an 11.02 ERA in only 18⅓ innings over his final five starts.

Jimenez hit 31 home runs this year and finished fourth in American League Rookie of the Year voting. Cease struggled early on after getting called up in July but went 3-1 with a 3.00 ERA in his final four starts with 28 strikeouts in 21 innings while limiting hitters to a .211 average.

While the left-handed-hitting Schwarber might look good wearing a Sox uniform, the Cubs seemingly would want to avoid dealing with the Sox after the early results from the 2017 trade.

Hoyer, though, said he has no regrets about dealing Jimenez and Cease.

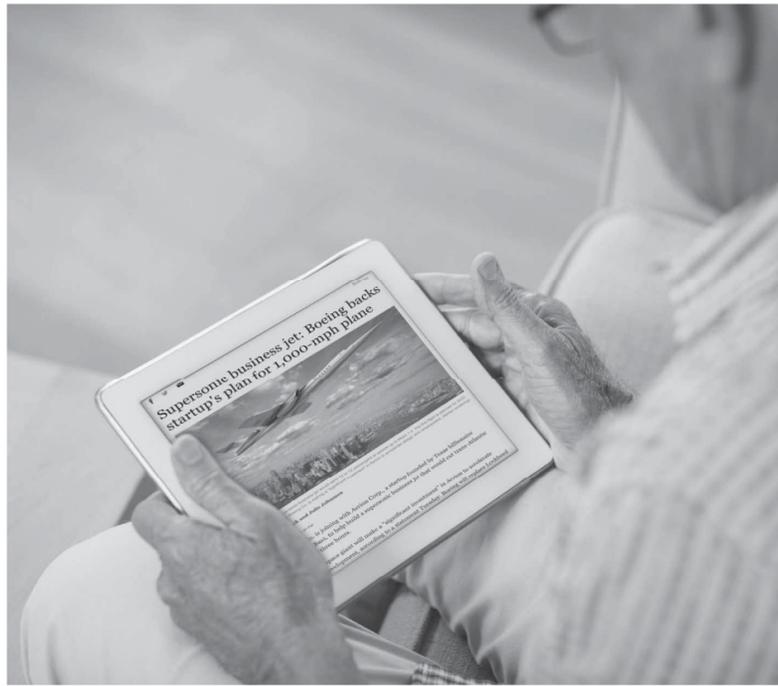
“Those guys are going to be a big part of their future,” he said. “But I look at where we were in our window and the stability that ‘Q’ brings us. He's been a big part of our rotation in a period that we've been really successful.”

So the Cubs wouldn't rule out another crosstown trade?

“There are only so many teams in baseball,” Hoyer said. “You can't just eliminate team after team after team. You have to be open-minded about dealing with anyone.”

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## SOCCER

# After record season, Kerr signs with Chelsea FC

By **ROB HARRIS**  
Associated Press

LONDON — Former Chicago Red Stars striker Sam Kerr will play for a European club for the first time after Women's Super League leader Chelsea signed one of the game's most prolific scorers.

The 26-year-old Kerr joins the London club after winning three straight Golden Boot awards and setting a National Women's Soccer League record with 18 goals this past season for the Red Stars.

She was also named MVP of the NWSL and helped the Red Stars reach their first NWSL final, which they lost to the North Carolina Courage.

Kerr is the all-time leading scorer not only in the United States, but also in her native Australia, where she recently played for the Perth Glory after splitting her year between two clubs on two continents.

But she is joining Chelsea on a 2½-year contract and is due to start playing in the second half of the WSL season in January, when the midseason transfer window opens.

"The WSL is the best league in Europe," Kerr said. "I want team success and I don't want it to come easy. I feel Chelsea have been building something special over the years, and I want to be a part of that. I want to lift some trophies."

Chelsea has a one-point lead over defending champion Arsenal going into Sunday's sixth game of the WSL season against Manchester United.

Kerr is not set to link up with her new teammates until late December. Competi-



KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/AP

Red Stars forward Sam Kerr scores against Thorns FC in a semifinal match Oct. 20.

tion for a starting place up front includes Bethany England, Fran Kirby and Ramona Bachmann.

"The fact she chose Chelsea when she could have gone to any club in the world is a testament to the players and the staff here because she saw this is the best place for her to grow and take the next step in her career," Chelsea manager Emma Hayes said. "That's a wonderful compliment to us all."

Kerr has scored 38 times for Australia since making her debut at age 15. That includes five goals in her third World Cup in June, when she captained Australia in its run to the round of 16.

## Fire

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The Fire made the playoffs just once during his tenure and were eliminated in the first round with a 4-0 home defeat to the New York Red Bulls in 2017.

The Fire fared better in the U.S. Open Cup, reaching the semifinals in 2016 and 2018, but made an early exit last season at the hands of second-division St. Louis FC.

The news broke Wednesday morning in a report by The Athletic's Paul Tenorio and Sam Stejskal and later was confirmed by the Tribune.

As recently as last month, Rodriguez indicated Paunovic — who signed a two-year extension last offseason — would return.

In September, owner Joe Mansueto stated his belief in Rodriguez and Paunovic.

"After the season ends, like any off-season, we'll take stock," Mansueto told the Tribune. "I've gotten to know both Nelson and Pauno over the past year, they're terrific people. I believe in both of them. But we'll look at the whole organization. The message is we want to invest in the club and make sure we've got the best people in every role. The goal is to win. ... As part of that you need world-class people in every role."

Paunovic came to the Fire after leading Serbia to the FIFA U-20 World Cup title. He was on hand in October as the Fire announced their return to Soldier Field, saying he hoped to come back for 2020.

"I would love to come back," Paunovic said at the time. "I would love to take over here because I feel this is a new beginning."

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  - 60 Brazilian soccer great
  - 61 Comedian Kovacs
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## COLLEGES

BASKETBALL  
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College basketball's early signing period for the Class of 2020 opened Wednesday and runs through Nov. 20.

We're tracking the recruits for Northwestern, Illinois, Notre Dame, DePaul, Loyola and others.

## Illinois

Illinois got its potential point guard of the future Wednesday when four-star recruit Andre Curbelo signed his national letter of intent on the first day of the early signing period.

The 6-foot, 170-pound Curbelo chose the Illini over Miami two weeks ago. He's the nation's No. 55 player in the Class of 2020, according to the 247Sports.com composite rankings.

Three-star forward Coleman Hawkins of Prolific Prep in Napa, Calif., is expected to sign during a ceremony this weekend after committing to Illinois in September.

Curbelo is expected to fill a void in the backcourt with Andres Feliz out of eligibility after this season and sophomore Ayo Dosunmu possibly headed to the NBA.

Curbelo averaged 15.5 points, nine assists, eight rebounds and four steals as a junior while helping lead Long Island Lutheran to the New York Federation Class AA title. A native of Puerto Rico, he has played for his national team in the FIBA Under-17 and Under-19 World Cups.

"We feel that we have signed the best high school guard in the country in ball-screen action with the addition of Andre Curbelo," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said in a statement. "He is truly one of the best passing guards I have seen in recent years on the recruiting trail. Andre has a great understanding of the game and makes his teammates better with his outstanding vision and basketball IQ."

Underwood hopes to pair Curbelo in the backcourt with four-star Morgan Park guard Adam Miller, the nation's No. 31 recruit. Miller plans to announce a commitment Nov. 21 but won't sign until the spring period. Illinois, Arizona and Louisville are his finalists.

## Northwestern

The Wildcats announced the signing of two three-star players: guard Ty Berry and center Matt Nicholson.

The 6-foot-2 Berry is ranked 143rd nationally in the 247Sports.com composite. The Wichita, Kan., native also had offers from Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado and Oklahoma State.

"Ty is a talented guard that will bring a dynamic skill set to our program," Northwestern coach Chris Collins said in a release. "He is an elite shooter and playmaker. Combining that with his great work ethic, character and leadership will make Ty an immediate contributor from day one."

Northwestern got a commitment from Berry after getting spurned by guard Joe Bamisile, who switched to Virginia Tech. Bamisile, 65th in the composite rankings, was to be the centerpiece of the Wildcats' 2020 class.

Northwestern also signed the 6-10 Nicholson, whom Collins described as "an athletic big man with a great upside. Watching his improvement over the past year shows his tremendous work ethic and exciting potential."

Nicholson plays at Michigan's Clarkston High School. Creighton and Ball State were among those also offering Nicholson, who has a composite ranking of 205th.

## Notre Dame

The Irish signed a pair of three-star big men in 6-8 Elijah Taylor of Philadelphia and 6-9 Matt Zona from Bergen Catholic in New Jersey. And coach Mike Brey hopes he isn't done in the frontcourt.

Hunter Dickinson, a 7-2 center from DeMatha Catholic in Maryland and the No. 34 player nationally, is a major target for Notre Dame. Michigan and Florida State are the Irish's main competition for Dickinson, who hasn't said if he plans to sign in the early period.

Taylor, ranked 218th nationally and fifth in Pennsylvania in the composite, committed to Notre Dame in September over Seton Hall, Pittsburgh, Florida and VCU.

Zona committed 11 days later. The No. 272 prospect in the nation and sixth in New Jersey, he had offers from Vanderbilt, Penn State, Rutgers and several Ivy League schools.

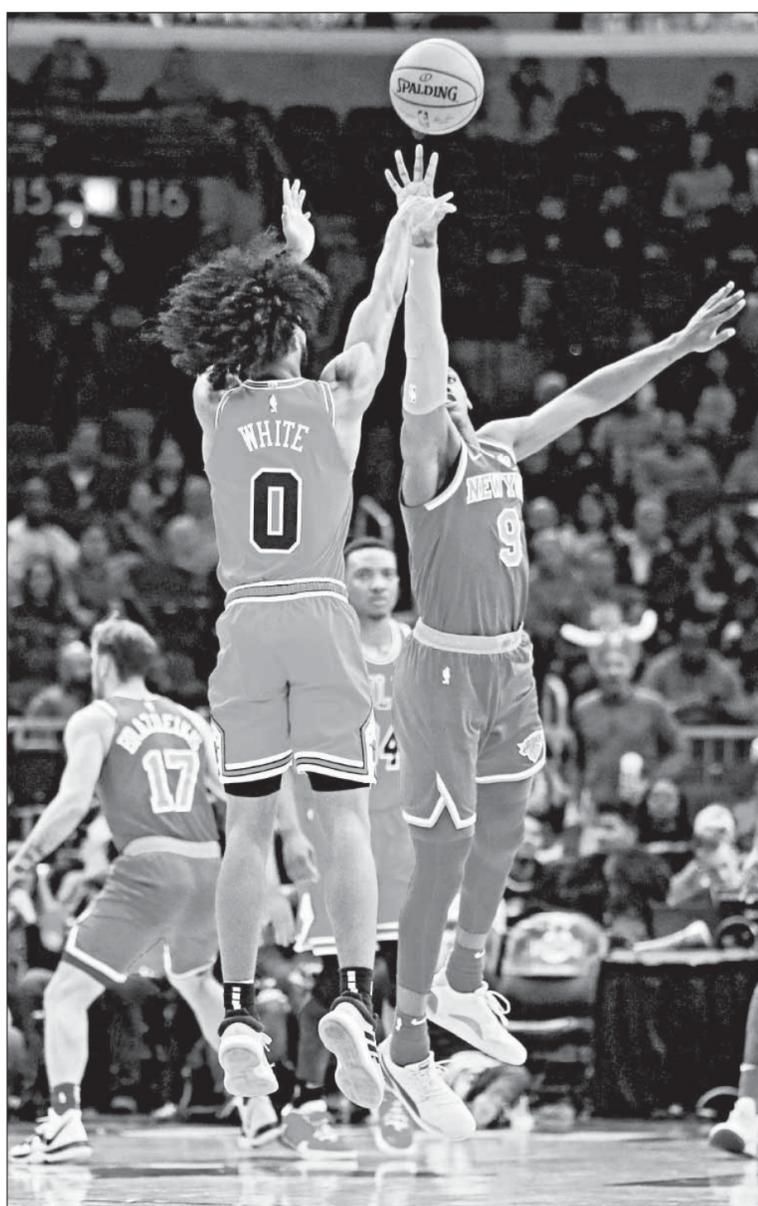
## Loyola

Baylor Hebb, a 6-2 shooting guard from Colleyville, Texas, signed with the Ramblers. Loyola coach Porter Moser called Hebb "a winner."

"Baylor is a dynamic guard who can do so many different things," Moser said in a statement. "He is very creative off the dribble and combines that with a shooter's touch. But his competitive spirit and winning mentality, coupled with his high character, is why he is a perfect fit for our program."

The three-star recruit averaged 21.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.2 assists while shooting 46 percent on 3-pointers as a junior for Heritage High School.

## BULLS



## BULLS TAKEAWAYS

White relieved  
to receive help

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Overshadowed in the hoopla of Coby White's 3-point fireworks display Tuesday night was the fact Zach LaVine rolled his ankle during the fourth quarter of the Bulls' 120-102 win against the Knicks at the United Center.

LaVine said after the game that it hurt but he kept playing.

"I'm going to look at it. I already iced it," he told reporters. "It's a turned ankle. I can play through it."

LaVine was more focused on getting payback for an Oct. 28 upset loss to the Knicks.

"We really needed this one," he said. "I felt like we owed them."

Coach Jim Boylen said Wednesday that LaVine is expected to play against the Bucks on Thursday in Milwaukee.

Here are three observations about the Bulls' victory Tuesday.

## 1. Coby White got some help from his college coach.

Zach LaVine has had explosive quarters and witnessed some from teammates, and he has shot seven 3-pointers in a game — twice with the Timberwolves.

"But I've never seen somebody hit seven 3s in a quarter," LaVine said about Coby White's historic 27-point night. "I've been telling you guys from the get-go, Coby's special."

White became the youngest player in NBA history to make seven 3-pointers in a quarter, according to NBA.com Stats. Afterward, Wendell Carter Jr. poured water from Gatorade cups on White's bushy mane.

"Wendell don't know how long it takes my hair to dry," White said later during a TV interview.

What makes the rookie's performance all the more incredible is that he was coming off an 0-for-6 game from behind the arc against the Rockets on Saturday. In fact, since shooting 4 of 8 against the Grizzlies in the season's second game, White had made of just six 3-point attempts over the next eight games, shooting 15%.

Then, boom, he goes 7 of 11, a 63.6% clip.

To make the night even more special for White, his college coach, North Carolina's Roy Williams, flew up to watch him in person. He was well aware of White's recent struggles.

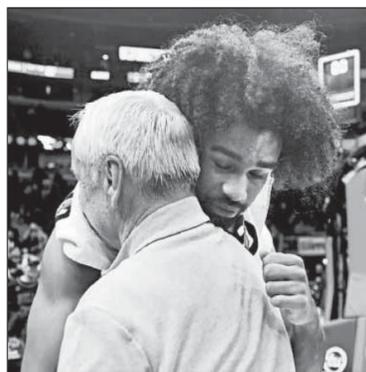
"He knows, he watches me play. He notices it," White said. During a pregame chat, Williams gave him some advice that White found helpful.

"He just told me don't get in my own head," White said. "He said it's almost like when you miss that first one, it's like, 'Here we go again.'"

White emphasized how important making that first 3-pointer was.

He missed his first three attempts, passed a minute into the fourth, Kris Dunn patted upcourt to White, who took one bounce and chucked up a quick 3 to beat ex-Bull Taj Gibson's closeout. Cameras showed Williams in the stands in a Tar Heel blue pullover, clapping his approval.

"I felt relief," White said. "Once I hit that first one I felt a sense of relief."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Bulls guard Coby White receives a hug from Roy Williams, his former coach at North Carolina, after Tuesday's victory.

## 2. Coby White worked well in a three-guard lineup.

At the 5-minute, 31-second mark in the third, Kris Dunn came in for Tomas Satoransky, and Coby White subbed for Chandler Hutchison seconds later with the Bulls clinging to a three-point lead after holding a 10-point edge earlier in the quarter. Ryan Arcidiacono joined them with 3:13 left, relieving LaVine.

Coach Jim Boylen stuck with that group, along with Wendell Carter Jr. and Thad Young, to start the fourth.

"I thought it was a good group," he said. "I thought they had a good feel for each other. I can't remember if we subbed or not, but I trust that second group and they played well."

Three of White's treys came on Arcidiacono assists, two came from Dunn and one from LaVine. The last was a step-back 3 White created.

"I thought the beauty in Coby's game was he let it come to him," Boylen said. "But also we found him."

"And we honored what he was doing by (the fact) we kept feeding him and kept finding him, and I thought that group did a hell of a job. Obviously, he was terrific, and we helped him be that way, which is what good teams do."

## 3. When Wendell Carter Jr. said he 'ain't having it,' Bobby Portis apparently was listening.

Wendell Carter Jr. told NBC Sports Chicago on Monday that he wasn't going to sit by and watch his ex-Bulls teammate put on another "revenge-game" like he did when he double-doubled the Bulls on Oct. 28 at Madison Square Garden.

"I hope he's watching this," Carter said at the time. "I ain't having it."

Well, Bobby Portis did, according to a report, and he wasn't having it either.

After making his first shot — a floater over Carter, no less — Portis gave his buddy a mouthful on the trip up court, drawing a technical.

"He was doing some friendly smack talk, like, 'Oh, yeah, you can't guard me.' It was something like that," Carter laughed, adding that Portis "talked the whole game."

Portis, however, finished with just seven points. Carter had his seventh double-double with 17 points and 12 boards.

## BLACKHAWKS

HAWKS AT  
GOLDEN KNIGHTSIs Corsi  
a bunch  
of 'bull'?

Hawks defenseman de Haan wades into 'sensitive subject'

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

LAS VEGAS — Calvin de Haan didn't mean to cause waves.

The Blackhawks defenseman is a no-nonsense player who says what he thinks. And after a shootout loss to the Penguins last week, de Haan referred to the advanced analytic tool Corsi as "bull(expletive)."

As the quote made its way around Twitter, it was applauded by some and met with derision by others. The response on social media reinforced the notion that many fans accept analytics while some still view them with skepticism.

Consider de Haan, 28, one of the skeptics.

"It's always a sensitive subject," de Haan said this week, a few days after his original comment. "You can't win a game with a calculator. You can look at that stuff sometimes, but look at the (Islanders), what they did. They're not the best analytical team right now, and they just rattled off 10 wins. So it's like there's an exception to every rule."

"At the same time, some of it does make sense. But no one in here really cares about it."

De Haan's original quote was in response to a question about the Hawks allowing only 26 shots on goal in regulation against the Penguins and showing improvement on defense. Here's what he said:

"Everyone's just getting a little bit more comfortable with everything. I've been through it before with other organizations, new coaches coming in, trying to get accustomed to everything. I think everyone's starting to buy in a little bit more. You can look at all the Corsi bull(expletive), there's not many grade-A (chances) we're giving up — that's how I feel when I'm on the ice anyways."

Corsi is just one of many advanced analytics used to quantify the success of a player or team during a shift, game, period or season. Corsi measures the total shots at the net for and against while teams are at even strength. For example, a team with 55 shots for and 45 against would have a Corsi For of 55%, considered excellent.

The Hurricanes led the NHL through Tuesday with a 56.6 Corsi For percentage, while the Rangers had a league-worst 43.1. The Hawks were 28th at 47.3, and the Islanders — who, as de Haan pointed out, recently won 10 in a row and are 12-3-1 this season — were 30th at 45.2.

Every team, including the Hawks, uses analytics to some extent. De Haan said Corsi and other analytics came up with the Hurricanes during negotiations on the four-year, \$18.2 million contract he signed in 2018.

"I get it," de Haan said. "It's a big part of the game now. I totally get that. There are some things that are (more) valuable, and it does show how the game goes sometimes."

But he doesn't view Corsi to be as valuable as baseball analytics, which rely far more on individual failures and successes.

"There are so many variables in a hockey game," de Haan said. "There's 10 guys on the ice, two goalies, four refs. It's not like baseball, where it's pitcher versus batter. That's the analytical part of that sport. One on one. There's so many variables on the ice that I think there's not really an algorithm or formula to show how the game goes sometimes."

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton uses analytics and believes in them. To him they're neither perfect nor "bull."

"It's a big conversation," Colliton said. "There's reasons why it's valuable. There's reasons why it's noise. Just like all the other stats, you've got to dig deeper into it. There are multiple things that we track and try to create a full picture of how we're playing."

The main thing de Haan tracks? The standings.

"It's about wins and losses at the end of the day," he said. "And we've been playing some pretty good hockey."

■ Penn State forward Evan Barratt, one of the nation's leading scorers last season, already had the attention of college hockey. After scoring an unbelievable goal over the weekend, the Blackhawks' 2017 third-round pick had the attention of the sporting world. The goal Barratt scored when he flicked the puck from behind the net to himself, then batted it out of midair and into the net, was featured on ESPN's "Sports-Center" and shared on the NHL's main Twitter account. "I can't really put it into words," Barratt told the Tribune in a phone interview. "I just reacted to a play and it ended up working, luckily."

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## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC     | W | L | PCT  | GB |
|--------------|---|---|------|----|
| Boston       | 9 | 1 | .900 | —  |
| Toronto      | 8 | 3 | .727 | 1½ |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 4 | .636 | 2½ |
| Brooklyn     | 4 | 6 | .400 | 5  |
| New York     | 2 | 9 | .182 | 7½ |

| SOUTHEAST  | W | L | PCT  | GB |
|------------|---|---|------|----|
| Miami      | 7 | 3 | .700 | —  |
| Atlanta    | 4 | 6 | .400 | 3  |
| Charlotte  | 4 | 7 | .364 | 3½ |
| Orlando    | 4 | 7 | .364 | 3½ |
| Washington | 2 | 7 | .222 | 4½ |

| CENTRAL   | W | L | PCT  | GB |
|-----------|---|---|------|----|
| 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 | W | L | PCT  | GB |
|--------------------|---|---|------|----|
| Houston            | 8 | 3 | .727 | —  |
| Dallas             | 6 | 4 | .600 | 1½ |
| San Antonio        | 5 | 6 | .455 | 3  |
| Memphis            | 4 | 7 | .364 | 4  |
| New Orleans        | 2 | 8 | .200 | 5½ |

| NORTHWEST     | W | L | PCT  | GB |
|---------------|---|---|------|----|
| Utah          | 8 | 3 | .727 | —  |
| Denver        | 7 | 3 | .700 | ½  |
| Minnesota     | 7 | 4 | .636 | 1  |
| Oklahoma City | 4 | 7 | .364 | 4  |
| Portland      | 4 | 8 | .333 | 4½ |

| PACIFIC       | W | L  | PCT  | GB |
|---------------|---|----|------|----|
| L.A. Lakers   | 9 | 2  | .818 | —  |
| L.A. Clippers | 7 | 4  | .636 | 2  |
| Phoenix       | 6 | 4  | .600 | 2½ |
| Sacramento    | 4 | 6  | .400 | 4½ |
| Golden State  | 2 | 10 | .167 | 7½ |

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Memphis 119, Charlotte 117  
Orlando 112, Philadelphia 97  
Boston 140, Washington 133  
Houston 102, L.A. Clippers 93  
Minnesota 129, San Antonio 114  
L.A. Lakers 120, Golden State 94  
Toronto 114, Portland 106

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Cleveland, 5 p.m.  
Miami at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.  
Dallas at New York, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

## MAGIC 112, 76ERS 97

**PHILADELPHIA:** Korkmaz 4-11-0-9, Harris 4-13-0-8, Horford 5-18-2-14, Simmons 9-12-0-18, Richardson 7-14-5-19, Ennis III 4-6-1-10, Thybulle 1-1-0-2, Scott 1-3-0-3, O'Quinn 2-5-0-5, Neto 2-3-2-6, Milton 1-5-1-3. Totals 40-91-9-13-97.  
**ORLANDO:** Isaac 5-9-2-12, Gordon 4-12-7-9-18, Vucevic 11-18-1-25, Fultz 2-6-4-6-8, Fournier 5-10-2-3-13, Aminu 0-1-0-0-0, Bamba 0-1-0-0-0, Augustin 4-13-3-3-12, Carter-Williams 3-5-7-11, Ross 4-11-2-13. Totals 38-86-26-34-112.

## PHILADELPHIA 31 22 27 32 — 112

## ORLANDO 31 22 27 32 — 112

**3-Point Goals**—Philadelphia 8-30 (Richardson 2-4, Horford 2-8, Scott 1-2, Ennis III 1-2, O'Quinn 1-2, Korkmaz 1-6, Harris 0-3, Milton 0-3), Orlando 10-32 (Gordon 3-5, Ross 3-8, Vucevic 2-4, Augustin 1-4, Fournier 1-5, Bamba 0-1, Aminu 0-1, Fultz 0-2, Isaac 0-2). **Rebounds**—Philadelphia 47 (Harris 10), Orlando 48 (Gordon 13). **Assists**—Philadelphia 25 (Harris 6), Orlando 27 (Augustin 8). **Total Fouls**—Philadelphia 27, Orlando 22. **Technical**—Simmons, Richardson, A.—15,113 (18,846).

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC  | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Boston    | 11 | 3  | 4  | 26  | 64 | 48 |
| Montreal  | 10 | 5  | 2  | 23  | 64 | 56 |
| Florida   | 9  | 4  | 5  | 23  | 67 | 67 |
| Toronto   | 9  | 7  | 4  | 22  | 68 | 67 |
| Buffalo   | 9  | 6  | 2  | 20  | 50 | 48 |
| Tampa Bay | 8  | 5  | 2  | 18  | 52 | 52 |
| Ottawa    | 7  | 10 | 1  | 15  | 51 | 61 |
| Detroit   | 7  | 12 | 1  | 15  | 46 | 75 |

## METRO. W L OT Pts GF GA

|                |    |   |   |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| Washington     | 14 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 79 | 60 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 13 | 3 | 1 | 27 | 54 | 39 |
| Philadelphia   | 10 | 5 | 3 | 23 | 57 | 54 |
| Pittsburgh     | 10 | 6 | 2 | 22 | 60 | 61 |
| Carolina       | 10 | 7 | 1 | 21 | 61 | 52 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 8  | 6 | 2 | 18 | 54 | 53 |
| Columbus       | 6  | 8 | 4 | 16 | 42 | 61 |
| New Jersey     | 5  | 8 | 4 | 14 | 44 | 65 |

## 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    | 9  | 8  | 2 | 20 | 46 | 46 |
| Chicago   | 7  | 7  | 4 | 18 | 50 | 56 |
| 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 | 8  | 3 | 23 | 60 | 61 |
| Vegas       | 9  | 8  | 3 | 21 | 59 | 61 |
| 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

## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 4, New Jersey 2  
N.Y. Islanders 5, Toronto 4  
Washington 2, Philadelphia 1, SO  
Dallas 3, Calgary 1  
Chicago 5, Vegas 3

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

Winnipeg at Florida, 6 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.  
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.  
Arizona at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Colorado at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
San Jose at Anaheim, 9 p.m.  
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
Detroit at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m.  
Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
St. Louis at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
Montreal at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

## BLACKHAWKS 5, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 3

|         |   |   |   |   |
|---------|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Vegas   | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |

**FIRST PERIOD:** 1, Vegas, Carrier 3 (Roy, Hague), 2:58. 2, Vegas, Karlsson 5 (Tuch, Marchessault), 6:29 (pp), 3, Chicago, Kane 9 (Strome, DeBrincat), 6:45.

**Penalties:** Hague, VGK, Penalty Shot (interference on breakout penalty shot), 0:44; Shaw, CHI, (hooking), 5:31. **SECOND PERIOD:** 4, Chicago, de Haan 1 (Dach, Z. Smith), 4:09. 5, Chicago, Gustafsson 1 (Strome, Kane), 4:54.

**Penalties:** DeBrincat, CHI, (cross checking), 9:22; McNabb, VGK, (slashing), 9:22; Crawford, CHI, Penalty Shot (interference - throwing object (penalty shot)), 10:45; Roy, VGK, (slashing), 13:42. **THIRD PERIOD:** 6, Chicago, Dach 3 (Z. Smith, Carpenter), 3:57. 7, Chicago, Strome 4 (DeBrincat, Kane), 16:39. 8, Vegas, Schmidt 2 (Karlsson, McNabb), 19:00.

**Penalty:** Boqvist, CHI, (interference), 11:20.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Chicago 8-9-9=26. Vegas 16-15-11=42.

**POWER PLAYS:** Chi 0 of 1; Vgs 1 of 2.

**GOALIES:** Chicago, Crawford 3-4-2 (42 shots-39 saves). Vegas, Fleury 9-5-1 (26-21). A: 18,324 (17,367).

## TENNIS

## NITTO ATP FINALS

## RR at the O2: Lendl: London-hard

## #1 Rafael Nadal AGASSI

#1 Rafael Nadal d. #4 Daniil Medvedev, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (4)

#6 Stefanos Tsitsipas d.

#7 Alexander Zverev, 6-3, 6-2

## GROUP AGASSI W-L SETS GAME

|                    |     |     |       |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Stefanos Tsitsipas | 2-0 | 4-0 | 25-15 |
| Alexander Zverev   | 1-1 | 2-2 | 17-18 |
| Rafael Nadal       | 1-1 | 2-3 | 25-28 |
| Daniil Medvedev    | 0-2 | 1-4 | 26-32 |

## GROUP BORG W-L SETS GAME

|                   |     |     |       |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Dominic Thiem     | 2-0 | 4-1 | 33-22 |
| Novak Djokovic    | 1-1 | 3-2 | 28-26 |
| Roger Federer     | 1-1 | 2-2 | 23-23 |
| Matteo Berrettini | 0-2 | 0-4 | 12-26 |

**Thursday:** Djokovic vs. Federer  
Thiem vs. Berrettini

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Kentucky** (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Utah Valley, Monday.  
2. **Duke** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia State, Friday.  
3. **Michigan State** (1-1) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Seton Hall, Thursday.  
4. **Louisville** (3-0) beat Indiana State 91-62. Next: vs. N.C. Central, Sunday.  
5. **Kansas** (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Monmouth, Friday.  
6. **North Carolina** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Gardner-Webb, Friday.  
7. **Maryland** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Saturday.  
8. **Gonzaga** (3-0) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Friday.  
9. **Virginia** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Columbia, Saturday.  
10. **Villanova** (1-1) lost to No. 16 Ohio State 76-51. Next: vs. Ohio, Saturday.  
11. **Texas Tech** (3-0) beat Houston Baptist 103-74. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Thursday, Nov. 21.  
12. **Seton Hall** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Michigan State, Thursday.  
13. **Memphis** (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Alcorn State, Saturday.  
14. **Oregon** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. UT Arlington, Sunday.  
15. **Florida** (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Towson, Thursday.  
16. **Ohio State** (3-0) beat No. 10 Villanova 76-51. Next: vs. Stetson, Monday.  
17. **Utah State** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. A&T, Friday.  
18. **Saint Mary's** (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Thursday.  
19. **Arizona** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose State, Thursday.  
20. **Washington** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.  
21. **Xavier** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri State, Friday.  
22. **Auburn** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal State Northridge, Friday.  
23. **LSU** (1-1) lost to VCU 84-82. Next: vs. Nicholls, Saturday.  
24. **Baylor** (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas State, Friday.  
25. **Colorado** (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Saturday.

## HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Oregon** (2-0) beat Utah State 109-52. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Saturday.  
2. **Baylor** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Houston Baptist, Thursday.  
3. **Stanford** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Colorado, Thursday.  
4. **UConn** (2-0) beat Vanderbilt 64-51. Next: at Temple, Sunday.  
5. **Texas A&M** (2-0) did not play. Next: at Rice, Sunday.  
6. **South Carolina** (3-0) beat Dayton 75-49. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Sunday.  
7. **Oregon State** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 DePaul, Thursday.  
8. **Maryland** (2-1) beat James Madison 70-68. Next: vs. Delaware, Sunday.  
9. **Louisville** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Thursday.  
10. **Mississippi State** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Murray State, Friday.  
11. **UCLA** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Thursday.  
12. **Florida State** (3-0) beat Jacksonville 75-41. Next: vs. Samford, Sunday.  
13. **Kentucky** (3-0) beat Stetson 67-48. Next: at Virginia, Saturday.  
14. **N.C. State** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lamar, Thursday.  
15. **Notre Dame** (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Michigan State, Thursday.  
16. **Michigan State** (2-0) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Notre Dame, Thursday.  
17. **Miami** (2-0) beat North Florida 78-55. Next: vs. IUPUI, Sunday.  
18. **DePaul** (2-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Oregon State, Thursday.  
19. **Arizona State** (2-0) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.  
20. **Syracuse** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Albany, Saturday.  
21. **Indiana** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Jackson State, Sunday.  
22. **Texas** (0-1) did not play. Next: vs. UTSA, Thursday.  
23. **Arkansas** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Thursday.  
24. **Michigan** (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Kent State, Friday.  
25. **South Florida** (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. VCU, Friday.

## MLB

## CYOUNG AWARDS

## Total points on a 7-4-3-2-1 basis

## AMERICAN LEAGUE 1 2 3 4 5 VT

|                        |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Justin Verlander, Hou  | 17 | 13 | -  | -  | -  | 171 |
| Gerrit Cole, Hou       | 13 | 17 | -  | -  | -  | 159 |
| Charlie Morton, TB     | -  | -  | 18 | 10 | 1  | 75  |
| Shane Bieber, Cle      | -  | -  | 11 | 13 | 5  | 64  |
| Lance Lynn, Tex        | -  | -  | -  | 3  | 12 | 18  |
| Eduardo Rodriguez, Bos | -  | -  | -  | 3  | 2  | 8   |
| Lucas Giolito, Chi     | -  | -  | -  | 8  | 8  | 8   |
| Mike Minor, Tex        | -  | -  | -  | 1  | 2  | 7   |

## PITCHER IP W-L BB SO ERA

|           |       |       |    |     |      |
|-----------|-------|-------|----|-----|------|
| Verlander | 223.0 | 21-6  | 42 | 300 | 2.58 |
| Cole      | 212.1 | 20-5  | 48 | 326 | 2.50 |
| Morton    | 194.2 | 16-6  | 57 | 240 | 3.05 |
| Bieber    | 214.1 | 15-8  | 40 | 259 | 2.87 |
| Lynn      | 179.0 | 12-10 | 66 | 190 | 3.17 |
| Rodriguez | 203.1 | 19-6  | 75 | 213 | 3.81 |
| Giolito   | 176.2 | 14-9  | 57 | 228 | 3.41 |
| Minor     | 208.1 | 14-10 | 88 | 200 | 3.59 |

## RECENT AL CY YOUNG WINNERS

2018: Blake Snell, Tampa Bay  
2017: Corey Kluber, Cleveland  
2016: Rick Porcello, Boston  
2015: Dallas Keuchel, Houston  
2014: Corey Kluber, Cleveland  
2013: Max Scherzer, Detroit  
2012: David Price, Tampa Bay  
2011: x-Justin Verlander, Detroit  
2010: Felix Hernandez, Seattle  
2009: Zack Greinke, Kansas City  
2008: Cliff Lee, Cleveland  
2007: CC Sabathia, Cleveland  
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## BEARS

## Biggs

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"It will be interesting. (Kaepernick) has been out of the game a little bit, but when he was doing well and playing, he definitely was a weapon. I will be curious to see how he does. I wish him the best, and you always root good for people, but ... we're so focused in on the Rams."

How many key decision-makers attend the event remains to be seen. Head coaches will be with their teams preparing for games on Sunday, and only four teams have an open date. General managers are often on the road scouting college games at this time of year.

According to ESPN, Kaepernick's representatives asked that the workout be held on a Tuesday, a day that would make it easier for more top personnel men to attend, and the NFL declined.

The Bears will travel to Los Angeles on Saturday for Sunday night's game against the Rams, and it would not be surprising if Pace is planning to attend a college game on the West Coast.

The franchise is in a delicate position with Trubisky, whose regression this season has been well-documented.

The Bears remain publicly committed to the 2017 first-round draft pick, clinging to hope that all quarterbacks develop at a different rate and that he eventually will turn the corner. It would be surprising if the Bears don't remain devoted to starting Trubisky for the remainder of this season, regardless of what results the final seven games produce.

With that in mind, it seems highly unlikely Pace will attend the Kaepernick workout before catching a cross-country evening flight. His presence at the workout would spark an avalanche of speculation that the team is preparing for a future without Trubisky.

But the Bears absolutely must begin considering options for 2020, at the minimum a veteran with more experience than Daniel, the league's second-highest-paid backup this season. That means evaluating film of potentially available veterans such as Andy Dalton, Cam Newton, Ryan Tannehill and others.

It also means getting a look at Kaepernick, whom the Bears last saw in Week 13 of the 2016 season when he was benched during a snowy 26-6 Bears win at Soldier Field. Kaepernick completed only 1 of 5 passes for 4 yards that afternoon for a terrible 49ers team that went 2-14 in coach Chip Kelly's only season at the helm.

News Tuesday that Kaepernick will work out for teams late Saturday afternoon at the Falcons' facility in Flowery Branch, Ga., was interesting. It's an event set up by the NFL, which in February reached a

settlement with Kaepernick and Panthers safety Eric Reid on their grievance claims of collusion. Kaepernick and Reid reportedly split less than \$10 million. Surely, the league would like the event to be well-attended, and it has told teams that video of the workout and an interview will be made available.

Kaepernick and Reid, who was signed by the Panthers midway through last season and re-upped with the team in the offseason, signing a three-year, \$22 million contract, claimed owners colluded to keep them out of the league. It all began when Kaepernick chose to kneel during the national anthem at the start of the 2016 preseason in order to bring attention to racial inequality and police brutality.

"He's been terrific, he really has," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said of Reid last month on a conference call with San Francisco media. "Eric is a very good young man. He's got a high sense of moral fiber. I really do appreciate who he is as a young man. Just glad we have a guy like that as one of our leaders."

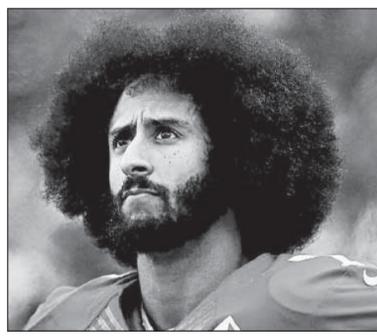
While Reid found employment, Kaepernick has remained out of the league for more than 2½ seasons, since the end of 2016. Sixteen teams have used at least two starting quarterbacks this season — matching the number from all of 2018 as we enter Week 11 — with the Jets, Redskins and Steelers up to three starters at the position.

Despite the turnover and relative unknowns, such as Kyle Allen (Panthers), Gardner Minshew (Jaguars), Devlin Hodges (Steelers), Jeff Driskel (Lions) and Brandon Allen (Broncos) getting opportunities, Kaepernick hasn't gotten so much as a call for a tryout before now.

That the league is orchestrating the event creates an interesting dynamic. Teams that have been curious about where the 32-year-old Kaepernick is physically can show up and get answers to those questions without creating the kind of spotlight that would be generated by bringing him to their facility. Anyone evaluating Kaepernick will want to know what kind of shape he is in and how the ball is coming out of his hand. The interview he conducts with teams may answer some questions they have.

Kaepernick burst onto the scene during his second season in 2012, making his first career start seven years ago this week against the Bears on "Monday Night Football" at Candlestick Park. He completed 16 of 23 passes for 243 yards and two touchdowns in the 49ers' 32-10 rout of the Bears, who started Jason Campbell at quarterback.

During six seasons in San Francisco, Kaepernick helped lead the 49ers to one Super Bowl and another appearance in an NFC championship game. He has a 28-30 record as a starter in the regular season with 12,271 passing yards, 72 touchdowns,



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick stands on the sideline on Dec. 11, 2016.

30 interceptions and another 2,300 rushing yards with 13 touchdowns.

Nagy would have to be open to changes to his offense if the Bears were to employ Kaepernick. But the Ravens are having tremendous success with quarterback Lamar Jackson under offensive coordinator Greg Roman, who also directed the offense during Kaepernick's most successful seasons with the 49ers.

Since opting out of his contract in March 2017 — the 49ers made it clear they would cut him if he did not — Kaepernick has represented Nike and has said repeatedly that he works out five days per week in order to prepare for his next opportunity in the league.

The Bears, and any team considering Kaepernick, would have to prepare for an intense spotlight that adding him would bring to the organization. How would his social-justice causes fit at Halas Hall? The team donated \$500,000 to fund a social-justice program for Chicago's most vulnerable youth before the 2018 season. The Bears were the first team in the NFL to raise money for the social-justice program the NFL launched. The team has a social-justice committee that was most recently publicized earlier this season when the Bears wore throwback uniforms from 1936, a period when African-Americans were not in the league.

On Tuesday night, Kaepernick tweeted: "I'm just getting word from my representatives that the NFL league office reached out to them about a workout in Atlanta on Saturday. I've been in shape and ready for this for 3 years, can't wait to see the head coaches and GMs on Saturday."

With so many teams scrambling to build a competent depth chart at the position, surely there is a spot for Kaepernick somewhere. Whether four-day notice for what amounts to a one-man pro day constitutes a legitimate effort to create an opportunity is debatable.

What can't be denied is the Bears need to consider all avenues, even one that leads to Atlanta on Saturday.

## NFL

## Jets CEO: Gase safe for 2020

News services

Adam Gase is staying put as the Jets coach.

Team chairman and CEO Christopher Johnson announced Wednesday that Gase's job is safe and he will remain the coach in 2020 despite the team's 2-7 record. Johnson cited Gase's positive work with QB Sam Darnold and collaborative efforts with GM Joe Douglas to try to improve the struggling franchise.

"I want to assure you, there will be no changes in coaches," Johnson said during a brief meeting with reporters during practice. "Adam has the trust of this team, he has the trust of Sam, he has Joe's trust, he has my trust. He's a good man, a good coach. I brought in Joe earlier this year — he hasn't been here very long — to help build the team with Adam."

Johnson told the team of his decision on Nov. 6, and it was met with a positive response from players and coaches.

**Extra points:** Lions QB Matthew Stafford didn't practice with teammates a few days after hip and back injuries stopped his streak of 139 consecutive starts counting the playoffs. Jeff Driskel started in place of Stafford in a 20-13 loss to the Bears, giving the Lions their fifth loss in six games. The Lions host the Cowboys on Sunday. ... Saints G Andrus Peat underwent surgery for a broken arm and likely will be out six weeks, The AP reported. ... The Texans claimed former Buccaneers CB Vernon Hargreaves off waivers, ESPN reported. Hargreaves, 24, was released by the Bucs on Tuesday after he was benched last weekend for what coach Bruce Arians deemed a lack of hustle. ... Seahawks WR Tyler Lockett returned to Seattle after spending the last two days at Stanford Hospital. Lockett suffered a severe leg contusion during the Seahawks' OT win over the 49ers on Monday night. The Seahawks expect that Lockett will be ready to play against the Eagles in Week 12. The Seahawks are off this week.

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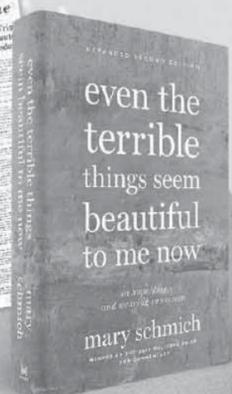
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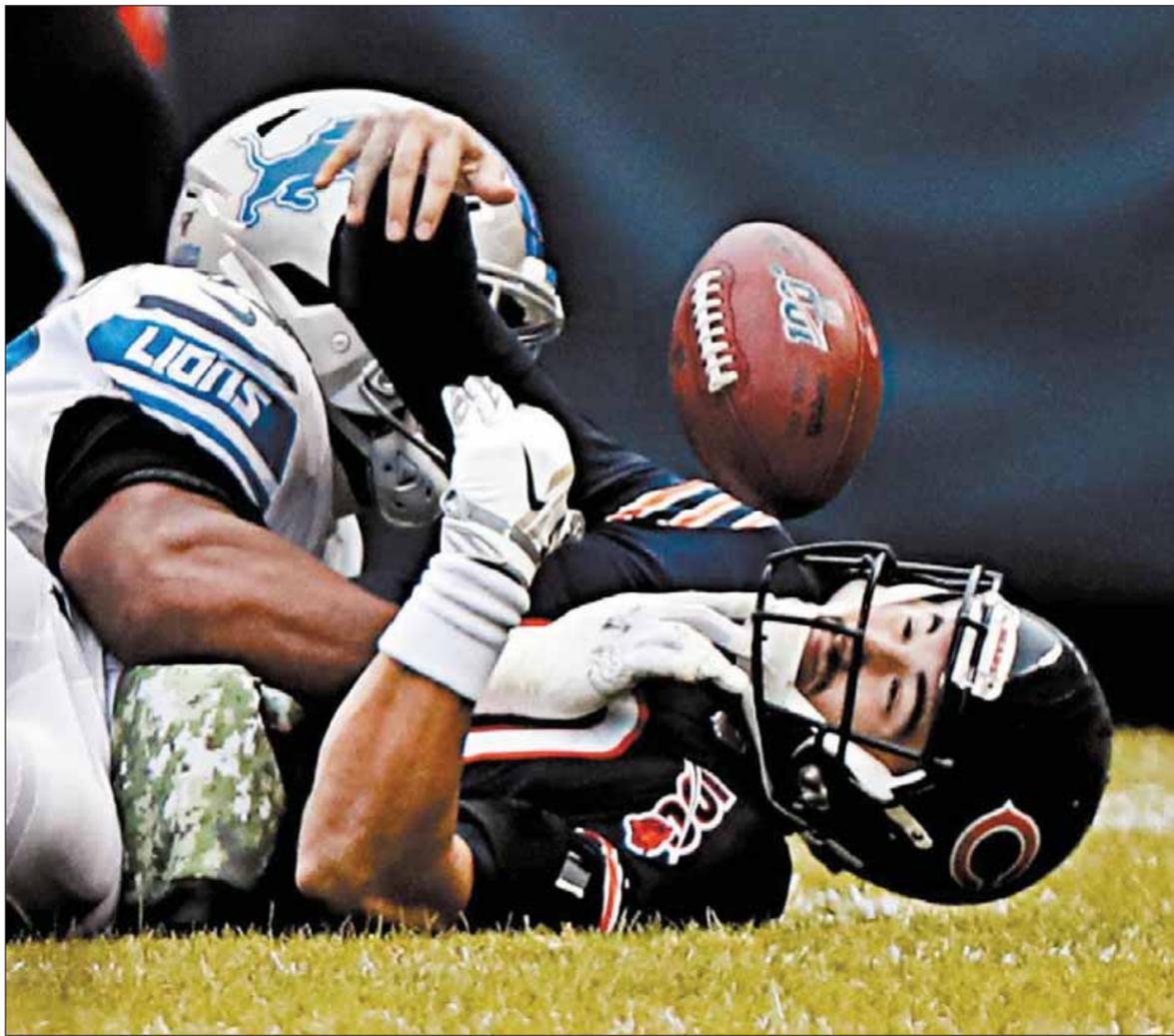
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## BEARS



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Lions outside linebacker Devon Kennard forces a fumble in the first quarter Sunday but Mitch Trubisky is able to recover.

# Mitch's rough reality: 3 TDs, but 5 sacks

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears ended their four-game losing streak Sunday with a 20-13 win over the Lions.

Here are four more observations from rewatching the CBS telecast and coaches' film via the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

## 1. As positive as the three touchdowns were, the Lions' five sacks were equally troubling.

The Bears were 2-for-12 on third down, tying their worst conversion rate of the season. This prevented them from pulling away from a bad, short-handed Lions team. It also prevented the win from feeling like a substantial step forward offensively.

Four of the five sacks occurred on third down. It's worth noting the Lions had only 14 sacks on the season and ranked 28th in the NFL in sacks per pass attempt. They entered the game with the 30th-ranked third-down defense.

The one sack that wasn't on third down occurred on second-and-6 from the Bears 25-yard line late in the first quarter.

Mitch Trubisky took a seven-step drop from under center, and it included play action. The play appeared to be designed as a deep shot for Anthony Miller on an over route, which is noteworthy because the Bears have had such limited production down the field.

Better yet, Miller looked like he got a favorable matchup against safety Tavon Wilson in zone coverage. Looking at it again, I wonder if Trubisky wishes he had put the ball up for Miller to make a play. The safety had his back turned to Trubisky and would've had to find the ball and stay with Miller.

Trubisky, though, ended up holding on to it instead of checking down or throwing it away. The Lions got home with a four-man rush, turning second-and-6 into third-and-9.

"You want to stay away from sacks on second-and-6," coach Matt Nagy said, "because you want to stay third-and-manageable."

In other words: Take the downfield shot, but, at the very least, get the ball out.

Let's look at the four third-down sacks.

**■ Third-and-10 from the Bears 11, second quarter:** Snap-to-sack was only 2.6 seconds. That's not enough time to develop a route that will convert third-and-10. Center Cody Whitehair bounced the shotgun snap to Trubisky, an unforced error to start the play. The Lions ran a three-man game through right guard Rashaad Coward and right tackle Bobby Massie. The Lions were in zone, and Taylor Gabriel actually came open over the middle of the field. But the protection had broken down. The play was busted.

**■ Third-and-8 from the Lions 40, fourth quarter:** A lot went wrong here. Another shin-high shotgun snap, first of all. Allen Robinson ran into Miller at the line to gain. It wasn't that Robinson ran the wrong route; credit cornerback Justin Coleman for rerouting Robinson to the inside on his release. That was unfortunate for the Bears because Miller appeared to be a good option for Trubisky over the middle as he sat in the zone. I also wonder if Nagy looked at that play and thought Trubisky could've climbed the pocket slightly to the left and created time for himself instead of backing up and taking the sack.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky was sacked five times Sunday.

## ■ Third-and-1 from the Bears 38, fourth quarter:

This one wasn't straightforward. Nagy was asked about it Monday and declined to comment, other than alluding to "some aggressiveness in some areas." For starters, Nagy called a play-action pass on third-and-1. That's aggressive relative to running the ball. Second, Miller and Gabriel ran a switched release on the left side, with Miller running deep down the left sideline. Trubisky appeared to look at Miller first but didn't throw it. Miller didn't separate, so it would've been a jump ball or back-shoulder throw. Meanwhile, it looked as if Gabriel tried to run a pivot route, giving Trubisky a shorter throw within his line of sight to Miller. But Gabriel's right foot slipped out from under him when he planted to cut back toward the sideline. The only other receiver was tight end J.P. Holtz. Nagy on Monday mentioned instances in which someone ran the wrong route. He wouldn't elaborate, but let's just say this play was confusing. Trubisky ultimately tried to run for the first down, but he didn't get the impromptu blocking he needed. How disappointing not to convert third-and-1 with a 14-point lead and less than 9 minutes to go.

**■ Third-and-11 from the Bears 29, fourth quarter:** The Lions brought eight defenders (or seven and a spy) against a six-man protection. That left tight end Ben Braunecker uncovered on a drag route. Completely uncovered. If Trubisky had dumped the ball off to him, Braunecker had room to run for the first down.

## 2. David Montgomery's strength and determination after contact saved the Bears from defeat.

The game turned on the Bears' successful fourth-and-1 from their 29 with 3 minutes, 30 seconds left in the second quarter. The Bears were trailing 6-0 and had punted on all four of their possessions. They had no juice, and Matt Nagy sensed it. "We needed a spark," Nagy said Sunday after the game. "I think it sends a message to our players: Listen, here you go. We're backed up, and it's time for us to be in control of this."

Nose tackle Damon "Snacks" Harrison — all 350 pounds of him — came off the ball low and knocked center Cody Whitehair back. He quickly shed the block to wrap up Montgomery 1 yard behind the line of scrimmage. Montgomery's left foot even gave out, leaving him standing only on his right foot. But while he was in Harrison's arms, he regained his footing, kept churning his legs, and got 2 yards after contact to gain the first down.

The Bears scored a touchdown seven plays later and never trailed after that. "He refuses to be tackled by one guy," running backs coach Charles London said of Montgomery. "It's pretty impressive. We knew he broke a lot of tackles coming out of college, and you hope that translates to the NFL and it has."

Montgomery carried 17 times for only 60 yards. He had 32 yards after contact.

Nine of his 17 carries gained 2 yards or fewer. Five carries gained 5 yards or more.

## WHAT WE HEARD

## Victory over Lions a good start

Trubisky: Job got done, but more improvements remain

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky spoke to reporters Wednesday at Halas Hall before he began preparing to face the Rams on Sunday night in Los Angeles.

Here are three things we heard.

### 1. After reviewing the victory over the Lions, Mitch Trubisky felt good that he 'did my job across the board.'

Trubisky and coach Matt Nagy have been measured in their assessment of the offense in Sunday's 20-13 win over the Lions. They have acknowledged good moments but also room for improvement.

"I felt like I made good decisions, stayed in the pocket, moved around a little bit when I needed to," Trubisky said. "I'd like to be better on third down, but it's always nice when you score points, throw a couple touchdowns. ... It was nice to go out there and do my job, but we've still got some stuff we've got to clean up, and I'd like to see the offense continue to evolve this week. But I felt like I put my team in a good spot, and I feel pretty good about that."

Trubisky completed 16 of 23 passes for 173 yards and led three straight touchdown drives from the end of the second quarter to the beginning of the third. There were positives from which to draw, such as touchdown passes to Ben Braunecker and Taylor Gabriel and a 33-yard completion to Allen Robinson while getting hit that Nagy called Trubisky's best throw.

But the Bears were 2-for-12 on third-down conversions and went three-and-out on seven drives. They didn't get beyond their 30-yard line until less than 3 minutes remained in the first half.

At least Trubisky can draw from finding a spark midgame after such a rough start.

"I would say it's just staying calm, communication on the sideline and continuing to believe in my guys and my guys believing in me," Trubisky said. "(Getting) on the same page and fixing mistakes on the sideline and then going out there, correcting it and making plays."

### 2. The Rams haven't met high expectations, but Mitch Trubisky expects a tough test from their defense.

The Rams (5-4) have allowed 331 yards per game, which ranks 11th in the NFL, including just 90.8 rushing yards per game and 5 yards per play. Last year's 15-6 Bears victory turned into a defensive battle, and Trubisky is ready for another big challenge from a group that has added linebacker Clay Matthews, safety Eric Weddle and cornerback Jalen Ramsey.

"It starts up front for them," Trubisky said. "They've got really talented players in (Aaron) Donald, and they do a lot of stuff up front with twists and getting pressure. Last year they kind of zoned us out and tried to keep everything in front and take away our big plays, so for us it's going to be being good on first and second down, trying to establish drives, stay on the field and we've got to find ways to score more points."

"They did a good job of keeping us out of the end zone and made us settle for some field goals last year, so we'd like to find ways to punch it in and when we get into the red zone, finish drives. So that's going to be the focus."

Donald, the reigning defensive player of the year, has 5½ sacks this year, while Matthews has 7½ and Dante Fowler 6½. Trubisky acknowledged he has to be aware of where Donald is — but also not let the threat of Donald affect his play.

"At some point you need to block that out and be able to focus on what you need to do each play," Trubisky said. "But in the beginning, when you're setting up and going through your pre-snap preparation, you have to ID where he's at and we'll account for him in protection and give him the respect he deserves. So wherever he's at, just know where he's at, but I've still got to block that out and be able to do my job on the field."

### 3. The end of the four-game losing streak lifted a weight off Mitch Trubisky — and the rest of the Bears players and coaches.

That's how Matt Nagy said it felt Wednesday, even though the win over the Lions wasn't the sharpest.

"It feels good to get that win," Nagy said. "Do we want to be better? Do we know that we have a lot higher grades and values for how we play? Yes. But all of us, including Mitch, feel a lot better. And the confidence definitely, certainly gets higher."

Trubisky said the win "just confirms to me that as long as we stick together and work hard, we can overcome anything." Allen Robinson called it "a start."

"You've got to start somewhere," Robinson said. "We can build off of it. We played well at times last week. We didn't play a perfect game. It's definitely a building block."

# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



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After surgeries on both shoulders and a trade from the Thunder to the Clippers, All-Star forward Paul George appears ready to make his debut for the Clippers on Thursday night.

## No more waiting

Clippers' Paul George finally joining Kawhi Leonard on court, and pressure on

BY BEN GOLLIVER  
The Washington Post

**L**OS ANGELES — Both of the Los Angeles Clippers' superstar newcomers have kept the world waiting.

In the case of Kawhi Leonard, his marathon medical treatment sessions have consistently held up his postgame media interviews for more than an hour after the final buzzer. While Leonard's delays likely don't concern most fans, the wait for Paul George is a different matter. The all-NBA forward who was traded to the Clippers by the Oklahoma City Thunder, has missed the first 10 games of the season while completing an extensive rehabilitation program prompted by two shoulder surgeries. George's acclimation process, which is slated to begin with his season debut against the Pelicans in New Orleans on Thursday, looms as a defining challenge for an organization that entered the regular season as a leading title favorite.

Coach Doc Rivers indulged in a little melodrama on Monday when he landed on "survival" as the major theme of the Clippers' first 10 games. In truth, L.A. has led a mostly charmed existence, racking up a 7-3 record and a strong plus-five point differential despite playing the West's toughest schedule. Leonard has been sensational to start the season, prevailing over Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James in an opening night showdown and delighting his new fan base with signature late-game takeovers and an unexpectedly nuanced passing game.

"Kawhi has been easy to integrate," Rivers quipped after a late-October win over the Charlotte Hornets. "You just give him the ball. I'm no fool."

Whether George will also prove to be a plug-and-play addition

remains to be seen. The Clippers have exercised extreme caution with the 29-year-old forward, who hasn't played in an NBA game since an April 23 playoff loss to the Portland Trail Blazers. George exited the court that night in disbelief after Damian Lillard drained a buzzer-beater in his face, famously telling reporters later that it had been a "bad shot" because it originated from so far behind the arc.

The six months since that painful exit were eventful, even if George has been largely invisible. In May, he underwent surgery on his right shoulder to repair a partially torn tendon. In June, he underwent surgery on his left shoulder to repair a labrum tear in his left shoulder. In July, the Clippers traded Danilo Gallinari, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, five first-round picks and additional considerations for George so that they could pair Leonard with his handpicked sidekick. In September and October, George missed training camp, the entire pre-season and the first three weeks of the regular season as the Clippers targeted a mid-November return.

"I haven't played five-on-five organized (basketball) since May," George said, after his first full practice on Saturday. "I was finding my rhythm with the full 10 guys on the floor. From a health standpoint, I feel great. (It's all about my) rhythm, especially where these guys are at right now in the season. They're flowing right now. I want to come in with an easy transition."

George has remained a regular presence around the team, partaking in shooting contests with assistant coach Sam Cassell before games, watching games from the bench, and chatting with his new teammates in the locker room after games. His locker is adjacent to Leonard's at the center of the room, setting up the two Southern California natives as an imposing



EZRA SHAW/GETTY

Kawhi Leonard and George give the Clippers a pair of elite players who can help the team take the next step.

united front.

Both Leonard and George began their careers in small markets, both are in their respective primes, both are on their third NBA franchises and both have extolled the virtues of their dual homecomings. George described the pair as kindred spirits during their introductory news conference, and Leonard has sounded eager to get their on-court relationship started.

"(George) is going to be a big piece and he's going to cause a lot of attention," Leonard said. "I'm happy for him (that he's healthy). I hung out with him previous times before even being on (the same team), but now it's about translating it on the court. The only thing you can do is just play. It's hard to do it any other way. Make mistakes, argue, have great communication and move forward."

The move to Los Angeles has hardly altered Leonard's demeanor, as the NBA's lowest-profile all-star remains consumed by winning and little else. When he was asked recently whether winning his first MVP award might serve as motivation, he replied with a flat "no." As frustration mounted over his load management program, Leonard stated simply that his goal was to remain mobile enough so that he could one day play basketball with his young son. He didn't bother to feign sympathy for ESPN, which has twice aired games in which the Clippers rested Leonard as part of his treatment for an

ongoing patella tendon injury.

Just as George needed to adapt to playing with Russell Westbrook in Oklahoma City, the onus will be on him to fit in around Leonard. After all, Leonard is one of the NBA's purest alphas, ranking second in usage, fifth in shot attempts and sixth in scoring this season. George might be more charismatic and marketable, but he hasn't advanced out of the first round in four years and has never made the Finals. Leonard, of course, boasts two rings and two Finals MVPs.

Rivers conceded Monday that his two superstars "don't have a chemistry together on the floor" yet, and that his own rapport with George remains a work in progress. Nevertheless, he predicted smooth sailing in the coming weeks.

"(Bonding with George) is going to be easy," the coach said. "He's like us: tough and really serious about the game. He knows everything about every team. His (high basketball) IQ is something I didn't know about him (before this season)."

The Clippers will eventually face a playing time crunch once they are fully healthy. For now, George will be eased back into the lineup as he works his way into game shape. A serious ankle injury to Landry Shamet, a starting guard, will also relieve the logjam in the short term. Even so, George's arrival will force Rivers to rework his starting lineup and his closing lineup, and to decide how

and when to stagger his two stars' minutes.

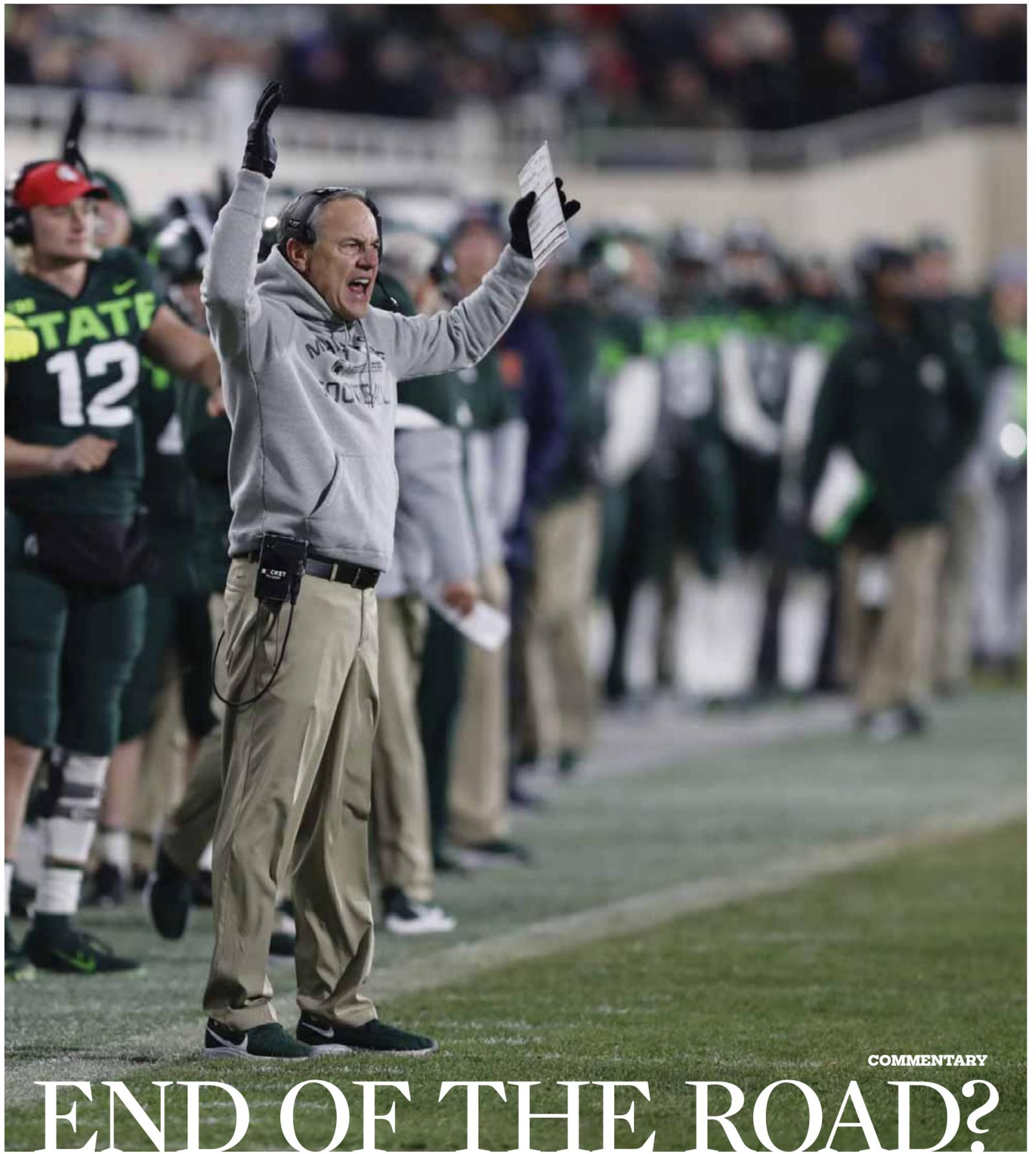
At the heart of those coaching decisions is the question that will define the Clippers' season: Will Leonard and George prove to be as overwhelming together in reality as they appear to be on paper? Their shared size, physicality, shot-creating ability, shooting skills and commitment to defense has the potential to make them the NBA's most lethal duo.

"What you see is what you get," George said, delivering his first impression of Leonard. "You understand how good he is on the court. He works on his game. He takes care of his diet. He does all the things that you want your (franchise) guy to do. Everything (they say) about his makeup is true. He works hard, he's a great teammate and a great locker room guy. He actually does talk. He's a fun guy. The legend is true."

But this is a new marriage, and neither has experience playing with a comparable wing talent. George, in particular, has plenty of a far more natural scapegoat than Leonard. His resume is the one with the holes.

This is some life: returning from six months of forced exile, only to find a pressure cooker waiting.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



COMMENTARY

## END OF THE ROAD?

### Signs suggest Mark Dantonio's run at Michigan State just about over

BY BOB WOJNOWSKI | The Detroit News

EAST LANSING, Mich. — More and more, it appears to be over, although with Mark Dantonio, you can't ever be sure. He once famously declared the Michigan-Michigan State combativeness "isn't over, it'll never be over," and the words had bite and bitterness at the height of his reign.

Dantonio won't say it, but in his demeanor and in his record, he seems to know it's ending. There are signs in the silence. The Spartans are 4-5 after one of the worst losses in Dantonio's 13 seasons, a 37-34 collapse against Illinois, and the Wolverines (7-2) are up next, as two-touchdown favorites.

It's not disrespectful to suggest it's time for Dantonio to retire, or for Michigan State to move on. It's realistic, a function of time and changing times (and changing offenses). It doesn't have to be acrimonious, but something has to happen.

Since reaching the college football playoff in 2015, in the midst of an incredible 36-5 run and two Big Ten championships, the Spartans are 24-24. They've lost four straight. They've lost players to the transfer portal and their recruiting class ranks in the lower half of the Big Ten. I doubt anybody at Michigan State — from the new president to the place-holding athletic director — has the strength to fire Dantonio, but it shouldn't be necessary.

Why would Dantonio, 63, want to push on and further risk scarring his legacy? The Spartans lose their senior quarterback, Brian Lewerke, and the bulk of their defense. Their depth has been ravaged by injury. There's a chance their record will be worse next season, and no indication Dantonio has a burning desire to rebuild.

Could the Spartans rise up as they often do against their rival and win for the ninth time in the last 12 meetings? I suppose they could. People long ago stopped underestimating them, and nothing defines Dantonio like this game. He took control of the state years ago and then fatefully reached for more. He has another chance Saturday in Ann Arbor to make a resounding statement, although a belated one. It feels like a last chance.

He had a chance after last season's 7-6 mark and stubbornly declined, sticking with his entire offensive staff, while shifting duties. The offense isn't much better, and the once-staunch defense has been rocked.

#### 'Raise your right hand'

Beyond all that, Dantonio still must give a deposition after the season in a lawsuit filed by former staff member Curtis Blackwell, who accused him of wrongful termination. That happened after a spate of ugly off-field issues, low-lighted by the case of Auston Robertson, a controversial recruit who subsequently was convicted of sexual assault.

Who knows what nastiness may yet arise from the lawsuit? But in many ways — recruiting, perception, fan support — the damage already is done. For all his notable strengths, Dantonio doesn't often answer for his weaknesses, and in some cases, they're the same.

Loyalty. Conviction. Faith. He sticks with people — assistants, players — through good and bad, and the bad has outweighed the good for several years. I asked Dantonio on Tuesday if a rocky stretch like this makes him contemplate his future.

"No, I get ready for the next game," he said. "I live in the present."

It's his standard response, and if the goal is to avoid the noise, it's adequate. But it does nothing to quell concerns about the future of the program.

When Dantonio shuffled his staff, the offensive assistants had their contacts reduced from two-year rollovers to one year. That gave Dantonio flexibility, but also gave the school flexibility in case it wanted a regime change.

And money could be a factor, with all the lawsuits that have hit the school. Dantonio is due a \$4.3 million bonus if he's still Michigan State's coach on Jan. 15, so any decision likely would be made before then. Would it be Dantonio's decision, one way or another? I think so,



AP PHOTOS

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio is coming off one of the worst losses in his 13 seasons, blowing a big lead against Illinois in a 37-34 loss. Rival Michigan is up next Saturday.

unless other damning details emerge. AD Bill Beekman said he hasn't even considered firing Dantonio.

Again, what does Dantonio have to gain by staying? The leadership vacuum at Michigan State has been disastrous, and perhaps he'd like to be the athletic director for his final act. I'm not sure that'd suit him, and I doubt he'd be allowed to name his successor — defensive coordinator Mike Tressel? If he stayed as coach, he'd have to commit to a rebuild because a one-year reprieve accomplishes nothing.

There's no sure-fire, affordable replacement available, although Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi, former Michigan State defensive coordinator, would be a possibility. It's important to say, this doesn't have to be a bitter ending. Images can be overblown, but Dantonio looks and sounds weary of it all. He suffered a mild heart attack in 2010 but hasn't had a known issue since.

#### Classy but sassy

To his credit, he doesn't rail against the mounting criticism, other than the occasional snippy response after a tough loss. He was pleasant and measured Tuesday, and actually magnanimous talking about Michigan. He called Jim Harbaugh a "Hall of Fame coach," one day after Harbaugh praised Dantonio for being a "master motivator." Neither coach was interested in revisiting the pregame dustup last year, when Michigan linebacker Devin Bush Jr. dug up the Spartan Stadium turf in response to the Spartans'

arm-linked march through warmups.

Asked what he would tell people about the direction of the program, Dantonio offered no passionate defense.

"What people need to understand is, I have as much information as I can to do the job that I'm doing," Dantonio said. "And I'm going to try and do it with our players in mind, and we're going to work hard and we're going to always stay positive and rise above it."

Fair enough, for now. If there's any fiery response left in the Spartans, this is the week we'll see it. Their comments were mostly muted Tuesday, although linebacker Antjuan Simmons did offer a confident retort when asked about being a big underdog: "I wouldn't bet a single dime against us, no matter what."

All those years of success, all those beatings of Michigan — six wins in seven meetings before Harbaugh arrived — built up massive equity. Dantonio is the program's all-time winningest coach, but the equity is dwindling.

He's 2-2 against Harbaugh and the Spartans are 15-18 in the Big Ten the last three-plus seasons. While their recent schedule against top-10 teams Ohio State, Wisconsin and Penn State was brutal, the 27.6-point average margin of defeat was troubling.

There's no doubt the program is in better shape than when Dantonio arrived. It's in better shape because he unlocked untold and untapped potential, and built something few thought was possible. It isn't over yet, at least not in the rivalry. But it seems just about over for Dantonio, down to his last good fight.



DISNEY

Walt Disney in "The Imagineering Story's" first episode, "The Happiest Place on Earth," on Disney Plus.

# A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Four reasons Disney Plus is the future by embracing its past

Disney Plus, the new streaming service that launched Tuesday, along with the new Apple TV Plus service that began Nov. 1, heralds the Age of Bespoke TV, the dawn of TV programming blocks tailored for you. Or someone just like you. Their pitches are simple: Network TV is antiquated and cable TV is in decline, tangible home media has become a niche (good luck keeping your aging DVD player operating into 2020), and though streaming services like Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime may look bottomless, you're paying for a lot of randomness you will probably never get around to watching.

So now, not unlike the way liberals have MSNBC and conservatives have Fox — or how everyone has an Instagram, Twitter and Facebook account that plays algorithmically and granularly to their whims — horror fans can stream Shudder, cinephiles have the Criterion Channel and anime devotees can watch all anime all the time on Funimation.



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And those are just a few minor players. Next year, fans of HBO can soak inside HBO (and a vast library of Warner Bros holdings, like DC Comics-inspired movies and TV) using HBO Max (beginning in May); Peacock will mine the content of NBCUniversal (starting in April); while Apple TV Plus, which is already humming (and underwhelming), intends to be topical, extravagantly expensive, cautiously provocative and largely adult.

Basically, HBO — it wants to be HBO. Disney Plus, like many of those services, plays hard to its base. But it's different. Its strength is in its ubiquity, its familiarity, its Christmas morning-like ability to overwhelm you with coziness, cocooning fans of Disney (and its corporate properties) in exactly what they already love. Actually, generations and decades worth of what they already love. As

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This painting by the Japanese cult artist Tetsuya Ishida is called "Derelict Building Department Head's Chair" and can be seen at the gallery Wrightwood 659.

## Ishida's vision was 'ahead of its time'

Late Japanese painter depicted personal isolation within a mechanized society

BY STEVE JOHNSON

When the largest western exhibition of Tetsuya Ishida's paintings went on display at Madrid's Museo Reina Sofia, it was "extremely popular, especially with young people," said Teresa Velazquez, the exhibition's curator.

Looking at that same exhibition, installed now at Chicago's Wrightwood 659, it's easy to see why — and why the Japanese painter, who died at 31 when he was hit by a train, has been labeled a "cult artist."

Ishida's paintings, at once fantastical and documentary, depict personal isolation within a mechanized society. A shopper has conveyor-belt arms. Student heads become microscopes. Workers at a lunch counter are fed — or retooled perhaps — with industrial machinery.

"His vision is so ahead of its time in many respects," said Gina Pollara, the chief operating officer of the Lincoln Park exhibition space.

The Japan he depicts in these paintings from years around the turn of the millennium is crushingly efficient, relentlessly conformist. People are packaged like factory products, labeled with brand names and churned out on an assembly line.

Through all of them there is this central character, a mostly expressionless young man said to look like the artist but not meant to be, in Ishida's view, a self-portrait. The character seems adrift in these scenarios, a little numb, aware of being acted upon but taking little action himself.

"Self-Portrait of Other" is the show's title.

There are elements of manga and anime throughout the work, and of Ben Shahn, but they also summon Dali and Kafka and every other artist who has ever wondered where humanity fits in a world made efficient by technology.

At a panel discussion of Ishida's work earlier this month, E. Taylor Atkins, a specialist in modern Japan and assistant chair of Northern Illinois University's history department, said it was important to place Ishida in the context of modern Japan. Following the post-war economic boom and then crash, young workers were in a state of "precarity," Atkins said, and were described as a "lost generation."

"A lot of young people could not count on the kind of stability that their parents or grandparents had experienced," he said. "One of the things that I see in common with Ishida's work and the popular culture, particularly manga comics and anime animated films, is a sort of cautionary, sometimes very pessimistic vision of where Japan's technophilia of the post-war era had gotten them."

One manifestation of this: the cyborg figure, a human body "that melds with or is invaded by, violated by or mutated by technology," Atkins said.

The alienation, pessimism and hopelessness that Ishida tapped into before his death in 2005 were only amplified after March 2011, when an earthquake, tidal wave and nuclear meltdown in northeastern Japan eroded trust in business, technology and government, the historian noted.

And, indeed, Ishida has become

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## Letts comes up aces in role as the 'Deuce' in 'Ford v Ferrari'

Member of Steppenwolf Theatre dominates his scenes while playing Henry Ford II

BY JULIE HINDS  
 Detroit Free Press

"Ford v Ferrari" stars a couple of Oscar winners named Matt Damon and Christian Bale, who are exceptionally good as two racing rebels fighting the corporate mindset in the midst of Ford Motor Co.'s quest to win the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans race.

That's why it's even more impressive that Tracy Letts — who has a supporting role as Henry Ford II, the ultimate 1960s CEO — dominates every scene he's in.

Imposing, inflexible and blunt, Letts is mesmerizing as Ford rails about "getting it in the tailpipe from Chevy Impala" and orders Carroll Shelby (Damon) to "go to war" against Ferrari. When rising young executive Lee Iacocca (Jon Bernthal) initially urges Ford to take on European racing, Iacocca says, "James Bond does not drive a Ford, sir."

"That's because he's a degenerate," retorts the man nicknamed in the press as "Hank the Deuce."

Don't be surprised if Letts becomes a favorite on Oscar prediction lists. The Gold Derby awards has praised his performance in "Ford v Ferrari," noting, "It's the kind of supporting role Oscars were made for: a transformative, scene-stealing portrait of a real historical figure."

The 54-year-old Letts already has nabbed some top honors.

The Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble



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Tracy Letts appears as Henry Ford II in the film "Ford v Ferrari."

member, actor and playwright has won a Pulitzer for writing "August: Osage County" and a Tony for his performance in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" He's probably best known to moviegoers for his roles as the dad in "Lady Bird" and a newspaper executive in "The Post."

Letts currently has "The Play on Broadway, the midlife-crisis comedy/drama "Linda Vista," and another opening March 15, the politically themed "The Minutes," in which he'll play the mayor of a divided city.

During a phone interview, he admits that he gets "asked to play a lot of hard-

asses, guys in suits and stuff like that."

He credits the strength of the screenplay of "Ford v Ferrari" (co-written by another acclaimed playwright, Jez Butterworth) — and, in particular, moments such as Ford's weeping meltdown after riding in the GT40 race car — as the reason he wanted to do the movie.

Letts appreciated "the fact that that scene gave an opportunity to show the vulnerability of this guy, to show a human side."

In real life, Henry Ford II was a titan of

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JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

John Legend has won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony.

## First an EGOT, now Sexiest Man Alive

LOS ANGELES — R&B crooner John Legend has been named the Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine. The singer was revealed as this year's winner Tuesday night on NBC's "The Voice." He serves as a coach on the singing competition series with Gwen Stefani, Kelly Clarkson and Blake Shelton.

Shelton, who was named Sexiest Man Alive in 2017, announced Legend's honor on "The Voice." The country singer then handed Legend some short shorts with bedazzled letters "EGOTSMA" to signify the singer's many honors: an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony and now, Sexiest Man Alive.

Legend told the magazine the honor comes with some pressure after following last year's winner Idris Elba. He joked it "is not fair and is not nice to me!"

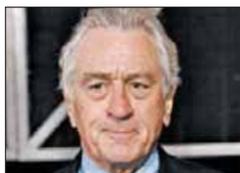
The 40-year-old Legend is a 10-time Grammy winner. He scored an Oscar in 2015 for co-writing the song "Glory" from the film "Selma." He won a Tony Award for his co-producer work on "Jitney" and took home an Emmy as a producer on NBC's live version of "Jesus Christ Superstar," a project in which he also played the role of Jesus.

Legend has two children with wife Chrissy Teigen. "I want to thank Blake Shelton," Legend said. "I observed every move he made, every utterance that came from his mouth and I think some of it rubbed off on me."

Legend said his wife is proud of him: "I've finally impressed her," he said.

The couple's children? Not so much. Teigen posted a video of the reveal of their daughter asking to turn off "The Voice" and go back to a movie. Teigen titled the post "The kids do not care."

— Associated Press



R. SHOTWELL/INVISION

**SAG honor:** Robert De Niro will receive the Screen Actors Guild's life achievement award at the Jan. 19 awards show. SAG cited De Niro's extraordinary accomplishments in film and television. It also noted his co-founding and championing of New York City's Tribeca Film Festival. The actor says in a statement that he's honored to receive the award from a union that he's been a part of for more than 50 years.

**Fargo fun:** Kris Kristofferson surprised customers Saturday night when he performed with an acoustic guitar at a North Dakota bar after a band taped a note to the singer-songwriter's tour bus, saying they "would be absolutely stoked" if he came into the bar and let them buy him a beer. So Kristofferson stopped at Dempsey's Public House in downtown Fargo and performed "Me and Bobby McGee" with the band 32 Below.

**Sentenced:** Rapper Kodak Black was sentenced Wednesday to more than three years in federal prison after pleading guilty to weapons charges stemming from his arrest just before a scheduled concert performance in May. The 22-year-old Black admitted in August that he falsified information on federal forms to buy four firearms. Black also faces drug, weapons and sexual assault charges in other states that remain pending.

**Nov. 14 birthdays:** Jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis is 85. Writer P.J. O'Rourke is 72. Actress Laura San Giacomo is 58. Rapper Reverend Run is 55. Actor Patrick Warburton is 55. Drummer Travis Barker is 44. Actor Brian Dietzen is 42. Comedian Vanessa Bayer is 38.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Eccentric in-law is invited to shut up

**Dear Amy:** My 77-year-old father-in-law is an eccentric man — he always has been and probably always will be. He's a former librarian, so he's chatty about odd topics. He has quirky hobbies and can be a bit argumentative when the topic of conversation turns to certain subjects. His wife died over a decade ago. I find him endearing, but my own family does not.

My parents and my older brother absolutely hate to be near him. They find him irritating and occasionally rude. They keep contact with him to the bare minimum but are always polite to him.

My brother is hosting the holidays this year, and to my surprise, he extended an invite for my father-in-law to join us. He asked me to invite him and also told me to ask him to "be seen, and not heard" (in so many words). He said he didn't want to get dragged into "philosophical arguments about nothing" and didn't want him being "weird." I didn't know what to say.

I haven't invited my father-in-law yet. I don't know how to say, "Don't be weird" and "Keep your mouth shut." I don't want him spending the holidays alone. What do you think?  
— Concerned

**Dear Concerned:** I think your brother is a bit of a jerk, or at least he is acting like one. No, I don't think you should ask your father-in-law to keep his mouth shut in order for your family to be able to tolerate him for a few hours.

You don't mention your spouse or partner, but if your partner is on the

scene, they may be able to gently and respectfully influence their father to modulate his behavior when he is around your family. Also — because you are so fond of him, if he attends, make sure he is seated near you. You might be able to steer him closer to the dynamic at the family table.

I think you should say to your brother, "I don't want to tell my father-in-law to keep his mouth shut and stop being weird, so if you don't want to invite him, you should tell me now."

Fellowship surrounding the holiday season should involve a level of patience toward the quirky, the eccentric, and the misbegotten. It is not enough to merely issue an invitation — both hosts and guests should work extra hard to be inclusive, well-behaved, and kind to one another.

**Dear Amy:** My younger sister passed away last year, and it hit both my mother and me by surprise. I have accepted the loss, even though I've learned that she lied to both of us multiple times, was hanging out with disturbing people and was not taking care of herself.

My mother, on the other hand, is still having the hardest time getting over her. I am sure it is a different feeling losing a sibling, as compared to a mother losing a daughter, but I was wondering if there is any way I can console my mother into moving on.  
— Troubled

**Dear Troubled:** People respond to loss across a wide spectrum, and each person grieves in their own way. Surely, no loss is as

great as the one experienced by a parent losing a child. The very structure of this loss seems to upend the natural order.

I'm not sure you can console your mother into "moving on." Learning about the challenges and mistakes your sister made might plunge your mother into rethinking or regretting some of her own choices as a parent. Every competent and caring parent takes on the responsibility of caring for and protecting their child. Your mother might be wrestling with a sense of failure, layered on top of her grief.

Let her talk. Project an attitude of openness, even if you are frustrated.

Introduce her to a circle of her peers who have experienced similar loss. The organization Compassionate Friends offers this sort of support. Check its website ([compassionatefriends.org](http://compassionatefriends.org)), read through the online material and find a local meeting for your mother. If you contact the organization directly, it will provide a packet of materials to send to you.

**Dear Amy:** How dare you insist that people suppress their constitutionally protected right to free speech at the dinner table just because their opinion is unpopular?  
— Disappointed

**Dear Disappointed:** People have the right to speak, but sometimes it is wiser to keep the peace while they pass the peas.

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## Letts

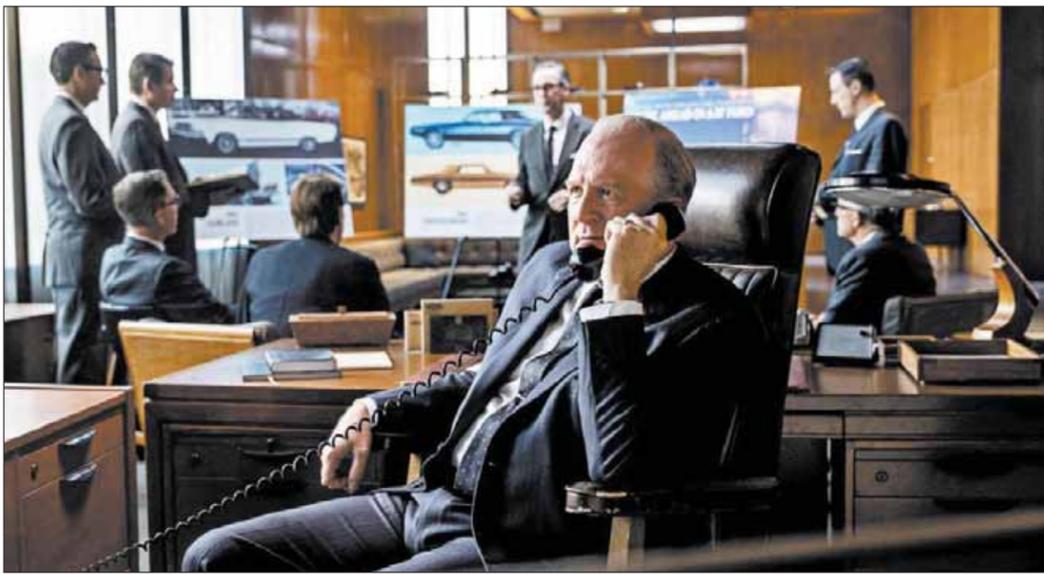
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industry and a familiar icon for Detroiters, who knew him as a businessman, philanthropist and celebrity who moved in jet-set circles.

When Ford died in 1987 at 70, the New York Times noted that he would settle arguments by saying, "My name is on the building." During his career, he presided over great successes for the company and notable failures, including the flop of the Edsel car.

Beyond his corporate legacy, Ford also played a big role in Detroit civic life, supporting social reform and striving to help revive Detroit's downtown after the 1967 rebellion with the massive Renaissance Center on the riverfront.

Ford also was a society figure in gossip columns known for hearty partying. After a drunk driving arrest



MERRICK MORTON/AP

Tracy Letts in a scene from "Ford v Ferrari," where he plays former Ford Motor Co. CEO Henry Ford II.

in the 1970s, he famously commented, "Never complain, never explain."

Letts recalls a recent fancy gala dinner where he

and his wife, actress Carrie Coons, chatted about "Ford v Ferrari" with a woman at his table.

"I mentioned Henry

Ford (II) and she said, 'Oh, well, we know the Fords!' " Letts says. "We said, 'Oh wow, you do?' And she said, as a way of explanation, 'Well, we're from Michigan.' "

Not everyone here is friends with the Fords, but it sometimes feels as if we are. And Detroiters are likely to appreciate Letts as Ford and the complexities he brings to the part.

"I tried to give it an essence of a guy who is certainly a titan of industry," Letts says. "By all accounts, Henry Ford II was a larger-than-life figure but also a guy who feels the weight of his legacy, the idea that his name is Henry Ford, of all things. It's his name on the car.

"He deals with pressures that the rest of us can only imagine."

Letts admits he was able to do a limited amount of research. He read some books, watched old clips of Ford at news conferences and saw a documentary commissioned by Ford.

"The truth is the script was really well-written, and so much of what I needed to know in order to play the part was on the page," Letts says. "Jim Mangold, the director, and I talked about it. We didn't see the need to try to do a

passenger vehicles and trucks and would continue to be.

"We call our GT cars 'laboratories on wheels,' " he bragged.

Yet it was a long, hard road to victory with some devastating setbacks. Letts captures that wonderfully in a scene where the Deuce sits silent and immobile opposite an empty chair, waiting to hear a disappointing update from Damon's Shelby, the iconic race car designer who joined the GT40 project.

Shelby sits down next to Ford instead of choosing the hot seat, but Ford keeps staring unflinchingly ahead. Letts said he and Damon just happened to choose those spots in the first rehearsal.

"Jim told me later (that) he said, 'I looked at it and said 'Jesus, is this going to work, these two guys not looking at each other?'" But the more he looked at it, the more he realized, 'Oh, it is going to work and I want to shoot it like that.' It seemed like an interesting way to play it"

Letts didn't spend time in Detroit or visit Ford's sprawling Dearborn campus before the movie. Filming was done in California. The scene where he's driven to tears after experiencing the GT40's speed was done at an airport in the city of Ontario.

Does Letts think the automotive company would invite him inside its headquarters?

"I would hope so," he says.

At Monday's Hollywood premiere, Letts got an indication that he might be let in the door. He met a few descendants of the Deuce before the screening in what he describes as a pleasant encounter. Among those attending the event was William Clay Ford Jr., executive chairman of Ford.

"A couple of members of the Ford family came up and spoke to me, and I have to say they were very good sports about all of it," says Letts, who mischievously clarifies that he didn't talk to them after the screening.

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CBS news anchor Eric Severeid said in his 1966 obituary of Walt Disney — a clip of which is seen in “The Imagineering Story,” a smart six-part documentary included as a Disney Plus original show — Walt may have done more to soothe humanity than psychology. But there can be a thin line between soothing and hypnotizing. Once you download the Disney Plus app to your computer or TV or phone — I installed it on an iPhone and an Xbox One once it blinks to life, your very first reaction is, *Call in sick.*

You’re going to need a day.

As with any empire, staring down what Disney Plus has to offer brings a lot of mixed reactions, but the predominant emotion is somewhere between awe and intimidation. The service offers decades of Pixar, nearly every “Star Wars” movie and series, most of the Marvel movies, 30 seasons of “The Simpsons”; Kurt Russell as a teenager in “The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes” and Kurt Russell as a leathery senior in “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2”; a lifetime of National Geographic documentaries and as close to a complete collection of Disney cartoons you’ll get this side of the Disney Vault. It’s a game-changing archive that will force media to re-evaluate the ways that years of films and TV are presented — not unlike how Spotify remade record stores in its image.

So, naturally, there are issues, good and bad. You’re wondering: Should I get Disney Plus if I already have Netflix? Does Disney Plus work as well as promised? Does it really offer all that stuff that it says it offers? I test-drove Disney Plus for its first 24 hours of existence, and all of those questions require some nuance and context. Considering that the early Mickey Mouse short “Steamboat Willie” was trending in the wee-hours of Disney Plus’ launch, it’s a safe assumption many subscribers began their dives at the very dawn of Disney. I have a 3-year-old daughter, so we started with Episode 3 of Season 1 of “Doc McStuffins” — you know, the one where Doc is concerned Susie Sunshine is being a jerk. But after watching that, it got complicated.

That said, four thoughts on Disney Plus:

## 1. It’s worth it.

Last summer, to underline how deeply the Disney-owned catalog runs these days, the company released a highlight montage composed from short clips of every movie and TV series included on Disney Plus. That reel, placed on YouTube, ran three-plus hours. So at \$7 a month, a subscription looked like a



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Episode 1 of “Encore!”, featuring “Annie,” is available on Disney Plus.

no-brainer. As suspected, the reality is arguably even better than promised: I wasn’t expecting a lineup of vintage Disney shorts stretching back to the 1920s, or the directors’ commentaries and deleted scenes of blockbusters like “The Avengers: Endgame.” And yet all of it depends on your threshold for ye ole Disney magic. If a service like Netflix or Hulu appeals to a broad audience, Disney Plus, vast as it seems, is much more tailored.

Basically, there’s not a ton of “adult” programming here yet. If you’re excited for a library of Marvel movies and TV shows — and the inclusion of ABC’s terrific, neglected “Agent Carter” series is a treat — know that it sits alongside a library of every Disney Channel series ever created; if you’re here for the “Star Wars” archive, understand that it plays alongside what is seemingly every square foot of disposable live-action Disney film ever shot. What’s here, in other words, is overwhelmingly the universe of movies and TV you think of as Disney-esque — inspirational sports films, “Hannah Montana” and Don Knotts, etc.

It’s not a balanced diet, or meant to be.

Disney Plus is best taken as a supplement to a Netflix or Amazon Prime. Having said that, original programming is how big streaming services are distinguishing themselves, and the first originals here are smartly of a piece with the Disney legacy. About a dozen new series and documentaries were available at launch and if nothing’s entirely unmissable yet, there are no duds, either. “The Mandalorian,” the first live-action “Star Wars” series, is great fun (and a flat out Western, to boot); “The World According to Jeff Goldblum” relies overly the actor’s dithery charm — a little of him goes a long way, and there’s a lot of him here — its histories of everyday objects like ice cream and sneakers are compelling. Likewise, “Encore!” should not work

— it’s a reality series, asking the cast of high school plays to reunite, years later — yet it comes incisively close to lives full of disappointment.

Each suggests a promise and future for Disney Plus as a vibrant home of richly told side tales of sorts, especially considering that many upcoming Marvel and Lucasfilm series — following She-Hulk, Obi-Wan Kenobi, the cult comic “What If?,” Thor’s brother Loki, etc. — intend to link narratives on the big screen to the stories here, told on the small screen.

As for the interface: It’s a Netflix clone, with fewer annoyances (like automatic playback), and considering that so many of the offerings are decades old, the picture (even for nearly century-old Mickey Mouse shorts) is often surprisingly crisp and bright. The original “Star Wars” movies, for instance, haven’t looked this good on a TV in years.

## 2. The Disney Vault is a treasure chest. Or a trap.

Offering 24/7 access to a sizable chunk of the holdings of arguably the most dominant studio in Hollywood history places Disney Plus in a unique position among streaming services. Even if its original shows don’t work out (and that seems unlikely), the simple replay value and cultural benefit of a service offering the complete “Simpsons,” “Star Wars,” Marvel Universe, Pixar, ad infinitum, makes it valuable — even anthropological. At the least, it’s a virtual hangout, where you find comfort and never feel challenged.

Which is a decidedly siloed experience.

Picking around the “Star Wars” offerings, I was happy to find the “Forces of Destiny” animated shorts (focusing on female characters, and previously only available online) and stay awhile; then I bounced to Pixar’s funny “Forky Asks a Question” shorts; from there I watched a 1953



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Pedro Pascal performs in “The Mandalorian” on Disney Plus.

Disney nature film about the vibrancy of desert life; then watched some of “The Apple Dumpling Gang,” the first movie I ever saw in a theater. What I didn’t do was find anything new or bold or divisive. Even “High School Musical: The Musical: The Series,” a so-self-aware-it-hurts meta-take on the popular Disney Channel franchise, relies so heavily on memories of the original you sort of forget exactly you’re watching.

Worse, constant access has a way of breeding neglect — so say the massive Spotify lists and Netflix queues I once assembled enthusiastically now barely touch. Even Bob Iger, CEO of Disney, has concluded that less “Star Wars” is actually more “Star Wars.” As a way of getting you to buy DVDs, the company once warned famously that the Disney Vault would close for several years on select classics. But now that the Disney Vault is open for \$7 a month, we need to ask ourselves: Do we want that Vault to be just another room? Disney has positioned itself for so long as the home of cultural events that when the evidence of those events never goes away, nothing is an event anymore.

One additional note on that Vault: You’re not going to find *everything* it holds here. Not right away. Much of what was on its wonderful (now out of print) Walt Disney Treasures DVD series — science shorts, war films, decades of Walt-

hosted TV specials — isn’t here yet. Neither are many outwardly racist works — “Song of the South,” most infamously. And because of previous licensing deals, there’s the awkwardness of placeholders for certain Marvel and “Star Wars” titles, until the rights revert back to Disney (mostly in the next year). There are zero Spider-Man movies; those are owned by Sony. And if you’re excited about the Muppets — what’s available are mostly lesser films and ABC’s reboot.

## 3. Nostalgia is the dominant theme.

Nostalgia, as Goldblum reminds during the episode on ice cream, was once considered a malady, a treatable sickness. It’s a curious note to strike at the launch of Disney Plus, a service that probably has the first film that you ever saw, regardless of your age. The search function even includes a way to flip through movies by decade, offering you a chance not to wander too far from your peak years, or at least, serve as a reminder that very little under the Disney sun looks new, or really ever was. Which is hardly a revelation. The company made its name rebooting the world’s most durable folk tales. But finally seeing that century-long legacy stretched out before you is startling. Blockbusters like “Sound of Music” double takes of “Pete’s Dragon” and “Freaky Friday.” Every age

of Disney compressed into a single ageless digital amber nugget. Collectively, it reads a bit like Walt’s plan all along, to create a timeless refuge. Even “Encore,” often subtly, surprisingly painful, plays like a casual chat on time.

I felt the same flood of warmth many of you will feel when you first flip through Disney Plus. But even a few hours later, for good and bad, it’s an echo chamber. Among the original programming is an unnecessary live-action redo of “Lady and the Tramp,” not unlike Disney’s recent live-action remakes of “Aladdin” and “Lion King.” Some of it is a shot-by-shot clone. And it’s always competent, but was Walt going for “competent”?

## 4. WWWDD: What Would Walt Disney Do?

The best of the originals is “The Imagineering Story,” which began as a theatrical documentary on the history of Disney theme parks but was extended into a six-part series. As corporate-approved products go, it’s refreshingly self-flagellating, sprinkled with the ugliness and discomfort you’d expect when people are taking large risks. Its subject is the difficulty and drive required to create genuine innovation. Indeed, poke around Disney Plus long enough and a great irony crystallizes: Innovation is the quiet subject of many of the new shows on Disney Plus, a streaming service going out of its way to avoid doing anything new. “Marvel’s Hero Project,” which profiles kids making a difference, begins with 13-year-old Jordan Reeves of Missouri, who was born with one hand; she becomes an inventor and activist for limb differences (part of her episode is shot in Chicago at the Museum of Science and Industry, which included one of her arm devices in its “Wired to Wear” exhibit). The new Pixar shorts spring from a kind of incubator for fresh ideas and new voices percolating within the famed animation house.

But even those come pre-sold.

“The Imagineering Story” begins with Walt Disney looking to move beyond movie theaters and pointedly instructing his workers not to rest on their laurels. One Imagineer says that Walt Disney never wanted to know what you did yesterday. Disney Plus is the result of a gargantuan company looking beyond DVD and cable TV. As it stands, the biggest problem with Disney Plus, coming from the world’s dominant entertainment conglomerate, is its betrayal of innovation, its lack of risk. Which actually risks something more than a streaming service — it risks Disney looking forgettable.

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# Ishida

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famous in Japan post-humously, the panelists said, as people have found lasting resonance in the work.

It was also, it must be said, augmented by the life story.

Ishida was apparently from a well-off family but had no interest in pursuing the kind of safe career his parents envisioned for him. He was devoted to his art, friends and curators say in the exhibition catalog, and his art was particularly detailed and handmade, labor intensive, figurative — an anachronism amid the contemporary art of his time.

“Ishida detested Takashi Murakami,” writes his art school friend Isamu Hirabayashi, referring to the Japanese pop artist who was a contemporary and has gone on to global acclaim.

“Where’s the art in Murakami’s work?” Ishida would ask. “His art is all just a marketing ploy.”

Also in the catalog, Kuniichi Uno, analyzing Ishida’s art, calls him “an enfant terrible of his time and



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“Cargo” is a painting by the Japanese cult artist Tetsuya Ishida that is featured in a solo exhibition of his work called “Self-Portrait of Other” at the gallery Wrightwood 659.

place, even if he (his person and his art) seems rather subdued, with nothing terrible about him. His caricatures of the society that surrounded him were done with a black humor that goes beyond irony, attacking a perversity and cruelty that can’t be ignored.”

What seem like minimal happenings, Uno writes, are in reality “tragedies and catastrophes. Every painting is an event.”

His friend Hirabayashi says Ishida was drawn to suicide in the artists and art he admired. Yet nobody seems to officially say that his own death was a suicide, though it seems to be assumed between the lines.

Is that part of Ishida’s allure, the means of death causing people to read even more into the paintings? “Of course it draws attention,” said Velazquez. “But I think people get involved in the work be-

cause it’s powerful, because it really depicts things people can relate to.”

Still, it’s hard not to notice a shift in Ishida’s work after about 2000, at least in the paintings on display at Wrightwood 659.

The earlier work has a kind of bravado in the merging of human and mechanized forms, or human and insect. The artist is showing off his vivid, always fresh visual imagination, even as some



A painting called “Prisoner” by the Japanese cult artist Tetsuya Ishida, part of a solo exhibition of his work called “Self-Portrait of Other” at the gallery Wrightwood 659.

of his themes are not wholly surprising: An artist critiques the conformist culture around him.

But in the later art, the criticism seems to turn inward and the emotions deepen. The paintings take on a haunted quality and a sense of personal isolation pervades.

In “Hothouse,” his figure melds with a radiator, its arm draped around a sleeping child who also looks like him amid a tableau of smoked cigarettes and empty beer cans.

In “Return Journey,” his face stares at the viewer except all the features have been replaced by a black hole, and in it a small child

sits, looking blankly over a shoulder at the viewer.

Ishida said he wasn’t making self-portraits, but these final-years paintings feel so personal it’s hard to know what else they could be.

“Tetsuya Ishida: Self-Portrait of Other” runs through Dec. 14 at Wrightwood 659, 659 W. Wrightwood, Chicago. Standard tickets are \$16, although the institution does release some free tickets on Mondays. Wrightwood659.Org or 773-437-6601.

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# 'Soul' searching

Michael Stipe looking back on R.E.M. while forging ahead with solo pursuits

BY DAVID BAUDER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After Michael Stipe opens a gate to the abandoned Manhattan storefront that serves as his studio, you find a man easily traversing his past, present and future creative lives.

He's promoting a 25th anniversary package of the R.E.M. album "Monster" while excited by the response to the first single he's released since the band's 2011 retirement. Surrounding him are examples of the photography and visual art that has occupied much of his time since then.

He made the single, "Your Capricious Soul," available first on his website last month with proceeds going to the environmental group Extinction Rebellion. He held it back from streaming services for a month, a quiet protest against monopolistic behavior, but it's there now.

The song's throbbing electronic pulse and percussion mark a clean musical break from the guitar-based rock of R.E.M.

Stipe would generally write lyrics to R.E.M. songs with music composed by bandmates Peter Buck, Mike Mills and, until he left the band in 1997, Bill Berry. With "Your Capricious Soul," it was all on him.

"It's terrifying," he said. "That's why I'm doing it."

Pleased by the reaction, Stipe said he expects more new music soon. He has no record company, so he's free to release it whenever and however he wants.

"It sounds great," said

Rita Houston, program director at WFUV-FM in New York. "It sounds fantastic to hear Michael's voice on the radio in this new incarnation. The song sounds nothing like an R.E.M. song, but it sounds completely like Michael Stipe. It's very 2019."

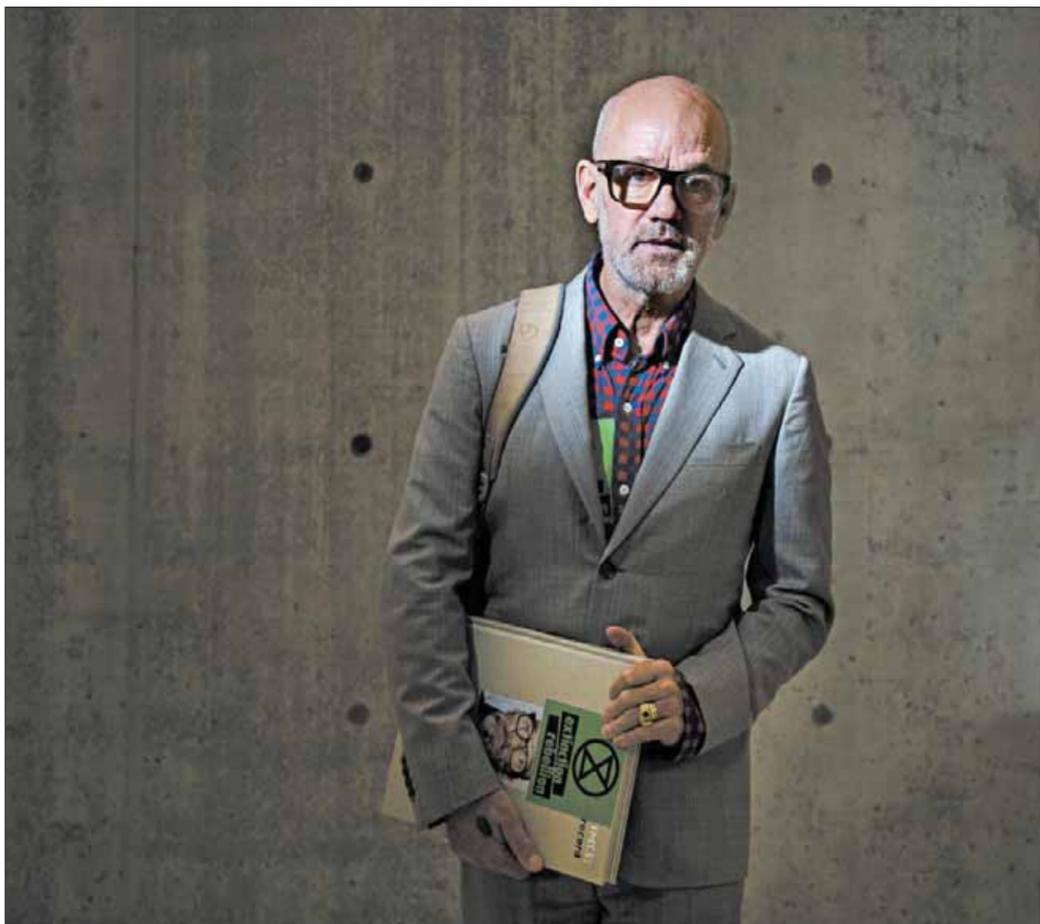
Now 59, Stipe easily rewinds the clock to 1994 when R.E.M. was at the height of its popularity. After two relatively quiet and commercial records, "Out of Time" and "Automatic for the People," R.E.M. wanted to crank the volume with songs that would contrast on a concert stage to hits like "Man on the Moon." They were touring for the first time in five years, with millions of new fans.

On "Monster," they embraced glam rock, influenced by forebears like T. Rex and the New York Dolls, as well as contemporaries like "Achtung Baby"-era U2. The signature track was "What's the Frequency, Kenneth," its title inspired by an odd phrase someone once shouted at newsman Dan Rather.

"I can't believe looking back that we had the audacity and the courage to jump off a cliff together, not literally but figuratively, to create something sounding so different from the records before," he said.

The new "Monster" has the requisite outtakes that illustrate how the songs took shape in the studio. Stipe recognizes that fans like hearing the progression, but he finds it excruciating. He listened to the outtakes once.

"To pull the curtain back



DOMENICO STINELLIS/AP

Former R.E.M. frontman Michael Stipe was promoting his photography book last month in Rome.



R.E.M. in 1994 featured Peter Buck, from left, Bill Berry, Stipe and Mike Mills. The band broke up in 2011.

that far is a bit humiliating, frankly," he said. "I want people to think of me as this perfect genius who emerged completely into the world. Of course, that's not the case."

Stipe exhibits a vulnerability, a sensitive side that he takes pride in. In R.E.M.'s early years, he'd often sing from the shadows, his back to the audience. His shyness never

left, but he developed into a confident rock frontman.

He came out as gay at the time of the album's release, feeling some pressure because rumors spread that he was HIV-positive when the band didn't tour for two albums and he didn't give interviews for a lengthy period.

"I was never closeted," he said. "That's the thing that's beautiful about it and I'm so proud of. You can never find a single picture of me pretending to have a girlfriend or being somebody that I'm not. I was never that guy. Any long-standing R.E.M. fan who had not figured out I was queer before that point wasn't looking very hard."

R.E.M.'s retirement in 2011 was a model. There was no farewell tour, and they released a valedictory

song — "We All Go Back to Where We Belong" — that is among the most beautiful in the band's catalog. Stipe, Buck and Mills haven't regretted the decision, and Stipe suggests it salvaged their friendship.

Buck and Mills both remain active musically as Stipe, until recently, stuck to visual art. The business of R.E.M. forges on as the band has methodically marked key points in their career with new projects.

"Encapsulating the creative work of the band by disbanding allowed us, and I think the rest of the world, to take a step back and look at it for what it was," Stipe said.

"We were not the guys who were going to always be there, and I think that did us a huge favor, honestly."

## BOOK REVIEW

# Dale Peck stirs the pot again with debut story collection

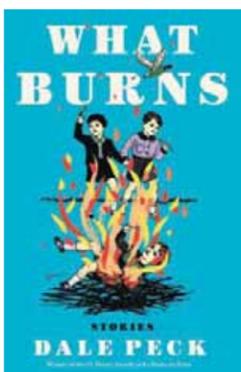
BY MARK ATHITAKIS  
The Washington Post

Dale Peck isn't a writer who courts sympathy. His 2004 essay collection was titled "Hatchet Jobs," and it sometimes reads like an exercise in cultivating enemies. But pity the hard-working veteran writer who labors for decades only to have his career boiled down to a handful of sentences. Peck's 1993 debut novel, "Martin and John," established him as a leading gay novelist, but for many years he was best known not for his style or broad themes but for the first line of a 2002 New Republic book review: "Rick Moody is the worst writer of his generation."

The review — though, really just that sentence — became Peck's calling card and albatross.

In July, again in the New Republic, Peck contemplated the rising star of Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg. The article mainly scrutinized Mayor Pete's progressive bona fides, but stoked accusations of homophobia for passages where Peck openly speculated on the sexual maturity of the candidate he called "Mary Pete": "He's a fifteen-year-old boy in a Chicago bus station wondering if it's a good idea to go home with a fifty-year-old man so that he'll finally understand what he is," he wrote. Within hours, the New Republic had pulled and apologized for the piece, calling it "inappropriate and invasive."

Anybody familiar with Peck's writing — which presumably included the staff of the New Republic — would have known that Peck was just putting in another day at the office. Few writers so heartily embrace the notion that good art ought to be transgressive; the Buttigieg



## 'What Burns'

By Dale Peck, Soho, 216 pages, \$16

essay just happened to be unusually high-profile. Peck's most recent novel, "Night Soil" (2018), is a bleak tale that's engineered to repulse, working scatological metaphors around art, education and slavery. But we're long past the time when a novel's provocative premise could cause a stir. We didn't have Twitter then.

All of which is to say that Peck's debut story collection, "What Burns," is a fine but (caveat emptor) on-brand collection. In "Not Even Camping Is Like Camping Anymore," a teenage narrator is pestered by a 5-year-old boy who behaves as if possessed by the spirit of a stereotypical '50s housewife, who then makes more sexual demands. Peck's satire of domesticity is meant to be both campy and nauseating.

Peck doubles down on his urge to unsettle in "Summer Beam," a two-part story in which an intellectual divorcee retreats to her parents' beach house. When she's sexually assaulted by a group of young men, Peck's cynicism morphs from abstract to the horrifyingly con-

crete.

And yet. Shocking the reader isn't the same thing as going for shock value, and Peck is operating with a purpose. AIDS has long been an animating subject for Peck, and a prevailing theme in his work is the error of refusing to see betrayal and devastation plainly. He's exhausted many pages exploring the dark side of Kansas, where he was raised. In the high-concept story "Sky Writing," a wealthy man on a mission to stay airborne as much as possible intentionally savages the psyche of his seatmate, a young woman he dismisses as "Miss Pretty Prairie."

Peck's oeuvre is a theater of cruelty and deliberate overstatement informed by the cultural loss the AIDS crisis delivered. For that, he has often been slotted as a descendant of post-Stonewall writers like Edmund White, Larry Kramer and Andrew Holleran. But Peck is just as much keeper of the flame of postmodernists like William H. Gass, another Midwesterner who had a way with metaphor and a burning fury against politesse. Many lines in "What Burns" embody sweet-and-sour imagery: "the tubes of flesh inside the boy's wet suit made him look like a rubber chew toy." If he's determined to unsettle, he's also determined to find the most precise verbiage with which to do it.

The mean-spirited guy in the airplane in "Sky Writing," between his barbs, takes a moment to explain his unusual avocation, which echoes Peck's. "To be strange," he explains. "To be new. To be singular." Mission, for better or for worse, accomplished.

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# Crime thriller leaves space for redemption

BY CHRIS BARTON  
Los Angeles Times

In Rene Denfeld's "The Butterfly Girl," trauma is everywhere. There's Naomi, "The Child Finder" of Denfeld's 2017 novel of the same name, a private investigator still trying to find her own missing sister. And there's Celia, a 12-year-old living on the streets after escaping an abusive father.

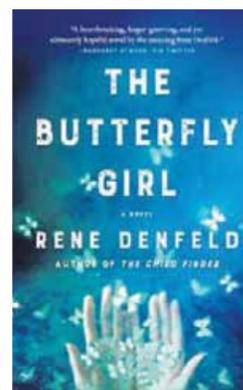
And yet, in the hands of Denfeld, "The Butterfly Girl" is a crime thriller built upon redemption. A survivor of trauma who was herself homeless as a young girl in Portland, Oregon, Denfeld knows the harsh truths of her book's world. She's been a death penalty investigator at a public defenders' office as well as a journalist, foster-adoptive parent and social-justice advocate. As a result, amid a steady supply of darkness, "The Butterfly Girl" still has room for light.

"I'm very much of the mindset that I think we need to acknowledge our trauma, we need to in some sense heal ourselves and heal each other," Denfeld says.

In a recent phone interview, Denfeld speaks more about the ways her story informed and helped uplift her third novel.

**Q: I was struck by how Naomi and Celia in many ways feel like two sides of your life experience. Is that what it felt like to write?**

A: So Celia is ... living on the streets of Portland, Oregon, because frankly, the streets are probably safer than her home, which is true for a lot of homeless children. She was very much inspired by my own history. I have a very difficult background myself, which I'm



## 'The Butterfly Girl'

By Rene Denfeld, Harper, 272 pages, \$26.99

pretty open about now. I come from a family of a lot of poverty and abuse. The man I considered my father is actually a registered predatory sex offender. So by the time I was a young teen, I was homeless as well.

At the time that this happened to me, it was in the early 1980s, and there was a serial killer called the Green River Killer who was operating, and he murdered at least 50 girls and women — girls like me. I had a friend who was murdered by him. So those experiences of living in this terror informed the novel.

**Q: There is a lot of violence and trauma in this story, but in viewing the characters through that lens, there's something hopeful too.**

A: After I was finished with the book, I felt that. It was kind of the grown-up version of myself telling the younger version of myself — and telling all people, not just the homeless street kids that are out there. I know from my

own life experience that we have the capability of saving each other.

**Q: That path isn't something that comes easy for your characters. There's a real push and pull as they decide how much to trust one another.**

A: That was a really important part of the story. Too often in our culture, we have these rescue narratives, and they're very simplistic and they're very hierarchical, where one person is kind of the supplicant and the other person rides in on the white horse and then there's a happily ever after.

What we really don't talk about is it's a lot more complicated than that. People need to maintain their dignity and their autonomy, even when they need help.

**Q: Was it difficult to draw on your experience?**

A: Writing this book was actually the first time I've ever publicly written or talked about that period of my life. I was honestly really embarrassed and ashamed that I was homeless, so I kind of hid it for a long time. ... I actually think it was my own activism and advocacy work that helped me get over my own shame and to be able to have the strength to revisit those memories.

What was really interesting to me was even as all these traumatic memories came back, all these positive memories came back too.

I spent a lot of time at the public library. The library is one place you can go if you're homeless. They welcome you, and the books welcome you, so I felt this sense of sanctuary and peace every day that I was in the library.

## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Kelli Giddish

**“Law & Order: Special Victims Unit”** (9 p.m., NBC): Rollins (Kelli Giddish) goes undercover in a bid to find and apprehend a suspect who is wreaking havoc by plying tourists with powerful hallucinogenic drugs and assaulting them in the new episode “We Dream of Machine Elves.” Meanwhile, Benson (Mariska Hargitay) focuses on trying to help the victims sort out their lucid memories of the attack from their wild hallucinations.

**“Grey’s Anatomy”** (7 p.m., ABC): Meredith’s (Ellen Pompeo) future as a doctor is still uncertain as she appears before the medical board, a meeting that forces her to reckon with her past in some challenging ways, in the new episode “My Shot.” Meanwhile, in the absence of several of the attendings, the interns engage in a heated rivalry to be the most successful on their respective cases. Jaicy Elliot, Alex Blue Davis and Alex Landi guest star.

**“Floribama Shore”** (7 p.m., MTV): After spending last season in Panama City Beach, this reality series relocates southward to St. Petersburg, Fla., for Season 3, with a new roommate in the mix: Mattie Lynn Breaux from “Party Down South.” Several relationships come to a crossroads as the gang comes together for their third summer, with even the most solid friendships feeling a strain. Gus has a new girlfriend to whom he intends to stay faithful.

**“Thanksgiving Pie Fight”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Reflecting the hot new foodie trend of “food art,” in this new special host Sunny Anderson challenges four bakers to push the envelope with Thanksgiving pies, with the winner scoring a \$10,000 shopping spree. In the first challenge, the bakers eschew the traditional flat pie form in favor of a vertical pie that’s more than 8 inches tall.

**“A Christmas Miracle”** (8 p.m., HMM): Tamera Mowry-Housley stars in this feel-good 2019 holiday drama as optimistic single mom Emma Sanderson, who’s hoping to turn her temp job at a lifestyle magazine into a permanent gig, if she can find a compelling Christmas miracle to write about for an assignment. While following a lead for the piece, Emma stumbles into an unexpected romance.

**“Beat Bobby Flay”** (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): A Thanksgiving-themed episode called “Gobble Till You Wobble” features Iron Chef Alex Guarnaschelli and comic Jay Pharoah seeking someone to knock the stuffing out of Bobby Flay. Contenders Jason Bissell and Tirzah Love compete in a cook-off to determine which of them will get a shot at giving Iron Chef Flay an unforgettable dressing down.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor/comic Zach Woods.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Former professional baseball player Alex Rodriguez; actress Lili Reinhart; comic Ian Lara.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Mark Ruffalo; TV host Andy Cohen.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Jeff Goldblum (“The World According to Jeff Goldblum”); Camila Morrone (“Mickey and the Bear”); Jeff Goldblum and the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra, feat. Sharon Van Etten perform.\*

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## BOOK REVIEW

## Kevin Wilson sets family novel ablaze

BY RON CHARLES  
The Washington Post

Children are weird. Of course, they’re also curious, sweet, creative and lots of other delightful things, but it’s their uncanniness that makes them so hard to get right in novels. The slightest false element in the portrayal of a child repels.

Kevin Wilson scrapes away all the cloying sentimentality that so often sticks to young characters. The 10-year-old twins at the center of his new novel, “Nothing to See Here,” burst into actual flames whenever they get agitated. Such pyrotechnics sound like something from the macabre world of Stephen King, but that’s the most wonderful aspect of Wilson’s story: It’s entirely true to life ... except that now and then, the kids spontaneously combust.

If you’re a parent, you may not think that’s much of a metaphor. We’ve all endured a few meltdowns: the flushed cheeks, the spiking fury, the sudden explosion of rage that can be contained but not extinguished until the fuel is spent. To love a child is to get burned from time to time.

I’ve enjoyed Wilson’s work since 2011 when he published his first novel, a quirky domestic comedy called “The Family Fang” about the adult children of a pair of avant-garde performance artists. Wilson understands the mixture of affection and embarrassment that runs through all loving families. His satire is always marbled with tenderness.

“Nothing to See Here” raises the temperature on themes Wilson has explored before. The result is his most perfect novel. Paradoxically light and melancholy, it hews to the border of fantasy but stays

in the land of realism.

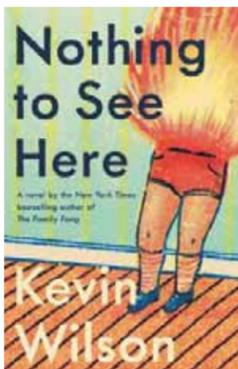
The narrator is Lillian, a depressed young woman approaching 30 without romantic or professional prospects. She works two dead-end jobs at grocery stores. In her teens, she briefly attended a fancy girls’ school where she befriended a wealthy student named Madison. That education might have led to a radically better future, but when Madison broke the school rules, Lillian took the fall and returned home.

When the novel opens, Lillian receives a mysterious letter from Madison. Still impossibly beautiful, Madison is now the mother of a small boy, and she’s married to a U.S. senator in Tennessee. The only problem is the senator’s 10-year-old twins, Roland and Bessie, left motherless after the death of his former wife. With all the trips to Washington and the prospect of loftier political power, who has the time to take care of them? Would Lillian mind coming to their vast estate and working as the twins’ nanny?

The setup sounds like a modern-day twist on “The Turn of the Screw,” but Wilson flips that story on its head. Once Lillian arrives at the mansion but before she sees the children, Madison says, “They have a unique — I don’t know what to call it — kind of affliction. ... They get really overheated.” By the time Lillian understands what that means, she’s already committed to the job.

The first incident is, literally, incandescent. Lillian meets Roland and Bessie in the pool. The boy runs off; the girl bites her:

“Her shirt started smoking, the fabric singeing along the neckline, but it was soaking wet and couldn’t really catch fire. I



## ‘Nothing to See Here’

By Kevin Wilson, Ecco, 272 pages, \$26.99

realized there were delicate waves of yellow flame moving up and down Bessie’s little arms. And then, like a crack of lightning, she burst fully into flames, her body a kind of firework, the fire white and blue and red all at once. It was beautiful, no lie, to watch a person burn.”

With this bizarre setup, Wilson’s challenge is to keep the novel from, well, flaming out. His solution to that problem is to keep the story focused on its smoldering emotional issues, particularly the feelings that develop between this reluctant nanny and these two odd children. Soon, she finds she has a connection with the twins. “They were me, unloved,” she says, “and I was going to make sure that they got what they needed. They would scratch and kick me, and I was going to scratch and kick anyone who tried to touch them.”

“Nothing to See Here” offers a brutal critique of American aristocrats and especially the distortion field around them that makes their selfishness look like duty to a higher cause. Wilson directs his most merciless satire at the self-serving maneuvers of wealthy parents who offload their children’s emotional needs to preserve an artificial image of the perfect family.

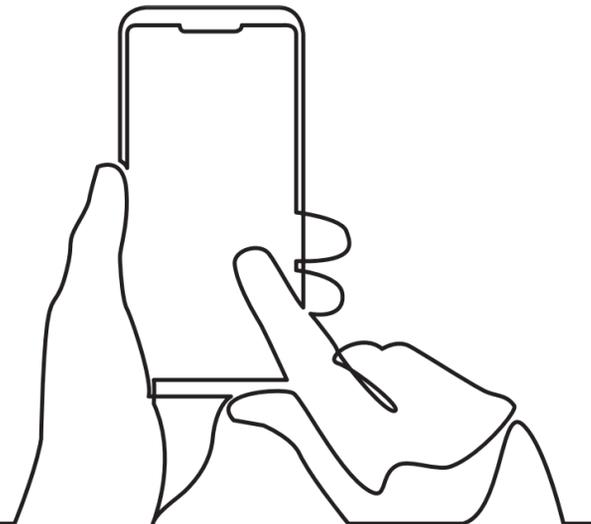
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|                    | <b>PBS</b> 11           | Chicago Tonight (N)                |  | Secrets of the Royal Servants (N) ©   |  | Frank Lloyd Wright’s Emil Bach House (N) | Rwanda (N) ♣                   |                                      |
|                    | <b>CW</b> 26.1          | Supernatural (N) ©                 |  | Legacies (N) © 卐  |  | Broke Girl   Broke Girl                  | Seinfeld ©                     |                                      |
|                    | <b>The U</b> 26.2       | Dr. Phil © 卐                       |  | 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: “Miri.” ©               |  | Star Trek: Next   |  | Star Trek: Deep Space 9                  | Star Trek ♣                    |                                      |
|                    | <b>Bounce</b> 26.5      | The Game                           | The Game   | The Call (R,13) ★★  | Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin. ©            |  | Catwoman ♣                     |                                      |
|                    | <b>FOX</b> 32           |                                    |  | NFL Football: Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns. (N) (Live) © 卐               |  |  |                                |                                      |
|                    | <b>Ion</b> 38           | Chicago P.D. ©                     |  | Chicago P.D.: “Pain Killer.”  |  | Chicago P.D. ©                           | Chicago ♣                      |                                      |
| <b>TeleM</b> 44    | ♣ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)   |                                    | El final del paraíso (N) ©                                     |   | El señor de los cielos (N)                 | Chicago (N)                              |                                |                                      |
| <b>MNT</b> 50      | Chicago P.D.: “Snitch.” |                                    | Law Order: CI  |   | Law Order: CI                              | Chicago ♣                                |                                |                                      |
| <b>UniMas</b> 60   | ♣ CONC (N)              | Hancock (NR,08) ★★                 | Will Smith, Charlize Theron.                                   |   | Apocalipsis                                |  |                                |                                      |
| <b>WJYS</b> 62     | Paid Prog.              | Paid Prog.                         | Joyce Meyer   Robison  |   | Christian                                  | Dn. Carson                               | Monument                       |                                      |
| <b>Univ</b> 66     |                         |                                    | Latin Grammy Awards  |   |  |  | Noticias (N)                   |                                      |
| CABLE              | <b>AE</b>               | PD Cam                             | PD Cam   | PD Cam (N)  | PD Cam (N)                                 | Live PD: Wanted (N) ©                    | PD Cam                         |                                      |
|                    | <b>AMC</b>              | ♣ (5) Cast Away (‘00) ★★★          |  | The Preppy Murder: Death in Central Park (N) ©                                      |  |  | Cast Away ♣                    |                                      |
|                    | <b>ANIM</b>             |                                    |  | Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition ©   |  | Tanked ©                                 | Tanked ♣                       |                                      |
|                    | <b>BBCA</b>             |                                    |  | The Last Samurai (R,03) ★★★   | Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. ©                |  |                                |                                      |
|                    | <b>BET</b>              |                                    |  | The Players Club (R,98) ★★  | LisaRaye, Bernie Mac.                      |  | Martin ©                       | Martin ©                             |
|                    | <b>BIGTEN</b>           |                                    |  | College Hockey (N)  |  | Women’s College Volleyball (N)           |                                | BIG Show                             |
|                    | <b>BRAVO</b>            |                                    |  | Below Deck ©  |  | Below Deck (N) ©                         |                                | Watch (N)                            |
|                    | <b>CLTV</b>             |                                    |  | News at 7   | News (N)                                   | News at 8                                | News (N)                       | SportsFeed ©                         |
|                    | <b>CNN</b>              |                                    |  | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)   |  | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)                  |                                | CNN Tonight (N)                      |
|                    | <b>COM</b>              |                                    |  | The Office  | The Office                                 | The Office                               | The Office                     | The Office                           |
|                    | <b>DISC</b>             |                                    |  | Naked and Afraid ©  |  | Naked and Afraid: “What the Duck?” © ♣   |                                |                                      |
|                    | <b>DISN</b>             |                                    |  | Raven   | Roll With It                               | Jessie ©                                 | Jessie ©                       | Coop                                 |
|                    | <b>SI</b>               |                                    |  | The Wedding Planner (PG-13,‘01) ★★  | Jennifer Lopez. ©                          |  |                                | Bride Wars (PG,‘09) ★ ♣              |
|                    | <b>ESPN</b>             |                                    |  | College Football: North Carolina at Pittsburgh. From Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. (N) |  |  |                                | SportCtr (N)                         |
|                    | <b>ESPN2</b>            |                                    |  | College Basketball (N)  |  | World/Poker                              |                                | World/Poker                          |
|                    | <b>FNC</b>              |                                    |  | Tucker Carlson (N)  |  | Hannity (N) ©                            |                                | The Ingraham Angle (N)               |
|                    | <b>FOOD</b>             |                                    |  | Thanksgiving Challenge  |  | Thanksgiving Pie Fight (N)               |                                | Beat Flay (N)   Beat Bobby           |
|                    | <b>FREE</b>             |                                    |  | ♣ Pitch Perfect   Grown Ups (PG-13,‘10) ★   | Adam Sandler, Kevin James. © (SAP)         |  |                                | 700 Club ♣                           |
|                    | <b>FX</b>               |                                    |  | ♣ (6) The Fate of the Furious (PG-13,‘17) ★★ ©                                      |  |  | Inbetween                      | Inbetween                            |
|                    | <b>HALL</b>             |                                    |  | Picture a Perfect Christmas (NR,‘19) Jon Cor ©                                      |  |  |                                | Most Wonderful Time of Year ♣        |
|                    | <b>HGTV</b>             |                                    |  | Flip or Flop  | Flip (N)                                   | Flip (N)                                 | Flip or Flop                   | Hunters (N)   Hunt Intl (N)          |
|                    | <b>HIST</b>             |                                    |  | American Pickers  |  | American Pickers (N) ©                   |                                | (9:03) American Pickers              |
|                    | <b>HLN</b>              |                                    |  | Forensic  | Forensic                                   | Forensic                                 | Forensic                       | Forensic                             |
|                    | <b>IFC</b>              |                                    |  | ♣ (6) X-Men Origins: Wolverine (‘09) ★★   | X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13,‘06) ★★ © ♣   |  |                                |                                      |
|                    | <b>LIFE</b>             |                                    |  | The Christmas Contract (NR,‘18) Hilarie Burton. ©                                   |  |  |                                | Always and Forever Christmas (‘19) ♣ |
|                    | <b>MSNBC</b>            |                                    |  | All In With (N)   |  | Rachel Maddow Show (N)                   |                                | The Last Word (N)                    |
| <b>MTV</b>         |                         |                                    | Floribama Shore (Season Premiere) (N) ©                        |   | Floribama Shore ©                          |  | Floribama ♣                    |                                      |
| <b>NBCSCH</b>      |                         |                                    | NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee Bucks. (N) (Live) © |   |  |  | Postgame                       |                                      |
| <b>NICK</b>        |                         |                                    | SpongeBob  | SpongeBob   | Free Birds (PG,‘13) ★                      | Voices of Owen Wilson. ©                 | Friends ©                      |                                      |
| <b>OVATION</b>     |                         |                                    | No Reservation   |   | No Reservation                             |  | Bourdain ♣                     |                                      |
| <b>OWN</b>         |                         |                                    | 20/20 on OWN   |   | 20/20 on OWN (N)                           |  | 20/20 ♣                        |                                      |
| <b>OXY</b>         |                         |                                    | Killer Couples (Season Finale) (N) ©                           | Wed & Murder (N)  |  |  | Snapped: “Vegas Bray.”         |                                      |
| <b>PARMT</b>       |                         |                                    | Friday After Next (R,‘02) ★                                    | Ice Cube, Mike Epps. ©  |  |  | Trading Places (R,‘83) ★★★ © ♣ |                                      |
| <b>SYFY</b>        |                         |                                    | Se7en (R,‘95) ★★★  | Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. ©  |  |  | Arrival ★★★                    |                                      |
| <b>TBS</b>         |                         |                                    | Big Bang   | Big Bang  | Big Bang                                   | Big Bang                                 | Big Bang                       |                                      |
| <b>TCM</b>         |                         |                                    | To Kill a Mockingbird (NR,‘62) ★★★★★                           | Gregory Peck. ©   |  |  | Who’s Afraid of Virginia ♣     |                                      |
| <b>TLC</b>         |                         |                                    | Addiction  | Addiction   | Addiction                                  | Addiction                                | Addiction                      |                                      |
| <b>TLN</b>         |                         |                                    | Wealth   | Wretched  | Reap What You Sew                          |  | Life Today                     |                                      |
| <b>TNT</b>         |                         |                                    | NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Knicks (N Subject to Blackout)    |   |  |  | Basketball (N Subject to       |                                      |
| <b>TOON</b>        |                         |                                    | We Bare  | We Bare   | Amer. Dad                                  | Amer. Dad                                | Burgers                        |                                      |
| <b>TRAV</b>        |                         |                                    | Ghost Adventures: “Evil Remains.” (N) ©                        |   |  |  | The Holzer Files (N) ©         |                                      |
| <b>TVL</b>         |                         |                                    | Raymond  | Raymond   | Raymond                                    | Raymond                                  | Two Men                        |                                      |
| <b>USA</b>         |                         |                                    | Chrisley   | Chrisley  | Chrisley (N)                               | Chrisley (N)                             | Chrisley ♣                     |                                      |
| <b>VH1</b>         |                         |                                    | Hitch (PG-13,‘05) ★★★  | Will Smith, Eva Mendes. ©   |  |  | Wild ‘n Out                    |                                      |
| <b>WE</b>          |                         |                                    | Growing Up Hip Hop: N.Y.                                       |   | Growing Up (N)                             |  | Growing Up Hip Hop: N.Y.       |                                      |
| <b>WGN America</b> |                         |                                    | Last Man   | Last Man  | Last Man                                   | Last Man                                 | Last Man                       |                                      |
| PREMIUM            | <b>HBO</b>              |                                    | Watchmen ©   |   | Widows (R,‘18) ★★★                         | Viola Davis. ©                           |                                | Catherine ♣                          |
|                    | <b>HBO2</b>             |                                    | Daniel Sloss: X ©  |   |  | Fletcher                                 | Watchmen ©                     | Driving (Sub                         |
|                    | <b>MAX</b>              |                                    | Knock Knock (R,‘15) Keanu Reeves. ©                            |   | (8:40) The First Purge (R,‘18) ★★          | Y’lan Noel.                              |                                |                                      |
|                    | <b>SHO</b>              |                                    | The Hummingbird Project (R,‘18) ★★                             | Jesse Eisenberg.  |  | Shameless ©                              |                                | Desus (N)                            |
|                    | <b>STARZ</b>            |                                    | Leavenworth ©  |   | (7:57) Friends With Benefits (R,‘11) ★★★ © |  |                                | Holmes ♣                             |
| <b>STZNC</b>       |                         |                                    | ♣ Quigley Down Under ★★  |   | The ‘Burbs (PG,‘89) ★★                     | Tom Hanks. ©                             | (9:44) Slender Man ★ ♣         |                                      |

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Nov. 14): Take advantage of your golden touch this year. Discipline with communication pays fine rewards. Express, communicate and connect this winter for booming results, shifting your journey to another destination. Financial changes next summer motivate a breakthrough that expands your boundaries. Savor precious moments and experiences together.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Double-check the data. Don't take on more than you can do by the deadline or risk burnout. Stick to practical priorities and avoid stirring up controversy.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. A financial obstacle may block the road. Avoid arguments about money. Focus on short-term objectives and practical details.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Take care of yourself. You may feel temporarily overwhelmed. Postpone what you can. Prioritize basics like good food, hot water and ample rest. Travel later.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 6. Slow down and sidestep a conflict of interest. Find a quiet place to hide away from crowds or chaos. Clean up messes, meditate and rest.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Support your team. Someone's going through a challenge. Strengthen basic infrastructure. Harness resources and allocate them where needed.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. A short-term barrier inserts itself between you and a professional objective. Avoid hassle or fuss. Reinforce structural weakness.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Stick to short-term objectives and local trips. Travel barriers become apparent. Most pitfalls are obvious, but some hide. Slow down and smell the roses.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Compromise on a cash-flow challenge. Postpone buying unnecessary stuff. Hunt for efficiencies. Adjust the budget to suit an unexpected expense.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Wait for a better time for important talks. Communication barriers present themselves. Disagreements over priorities could slow the action. Instead, listen and consider.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Slow down to avoid accidents or injury. Physical obstacles line the path. Moderate your pace to suit the terrain. Prioritize basics: health, wellness and work.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Don't take risks, especially regarding family, love and romance. Consider someone who needs you. Distractions abound. Keep showing up despite obstacles or barriers.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Better safe than sorry with a domestic matter. Don't put money down until you're sure about the purchase. Research and plan upgrades carefully.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, East deals

|              |            |              |                 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>North</b> |            | <b>East</b>  |                 |
| ♠ A J 7 6    | ♥ A 10 8 6 | ♠ Void       | ♥ 9 5           |
| ♦ Q 10 5     | ♣ 8 3      | ♦ A J 3 2    | ♣ K J 9 7 5 4 2 |
| <b>West</b>  |            | <b>South</b> |                 |
| ♠ K 10 9 4 2 | ♥ K J 2    | ♠ Q 8 5 3    | ♥ Q 7 4 3       |
| ♦ 9 7 4      | ♣ 10 6     | ♦ K 8 6      | ♣ A Q           |

Today's deal is from an Under-21 Youth competition held in The Netherlands earlier this year. South was a young Dutchman known to us only as Nijssen. West could have defeated the contract with an opening spade lead, but he cannot be faulted for leading his partner's suit.

The opening club lead went to East's king and South's ace. Nijssen got off to a good start by leading a heart to dummy's 10! He continued with the ace of hearts, pleased to see that the suit split 3-2. Nijssen led a club to his queen and a spade to dummy's jack, winning the trick.

**The bidding:**

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>East</b> | <b>South</b> | <b>West</b> | <b>North</b> |
| 3♣          | Db1          | Pass        | 4♣           |
| Pass        | 4♥           | All pass    |              |

**Opening lead: 10 of ♣**

Then he led a diamond to his king and a diamond back to dummy's 10, disappointed that he had to lose two diamond tricks to the pre-emptor.

East won his jack of diamonds and cashed the ace, but then he had to lead a club or a diamond and give declarer a ruff-suff. Nijssen ruffed in his hand and shed a spade from dummy. West could have over-ruffed, but he discarded a spade instead. West was just postponing the inevitable. Nijssen exited with his last heart to West's king and West had to lead a spade away from his king to give Nijssen his tenth trick. Nicely played!

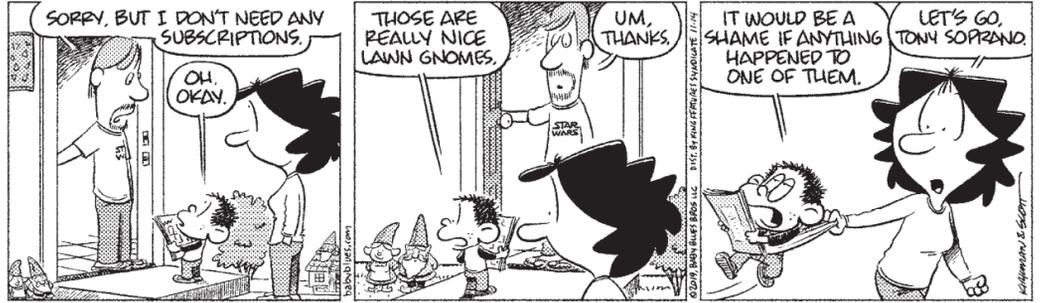
There are excellent youth bridge programs in several parts of the world — notably The Netherlands, Poland, and China. We hope the US will find a way to do the same. Debbie and Michael Rosenberg, from California, are trying hard, but this is a big country and we need others.

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



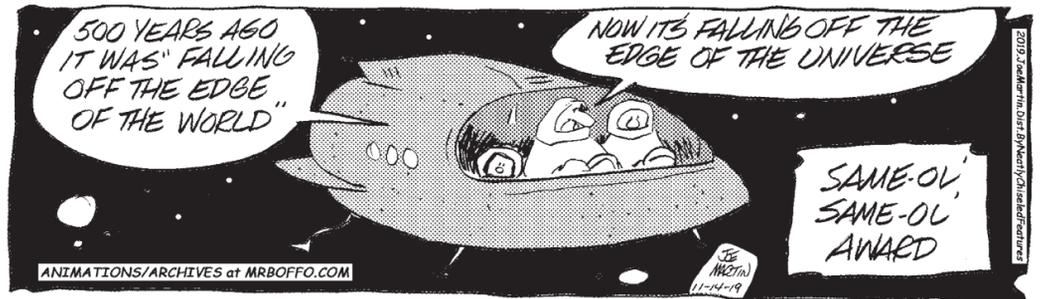
### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



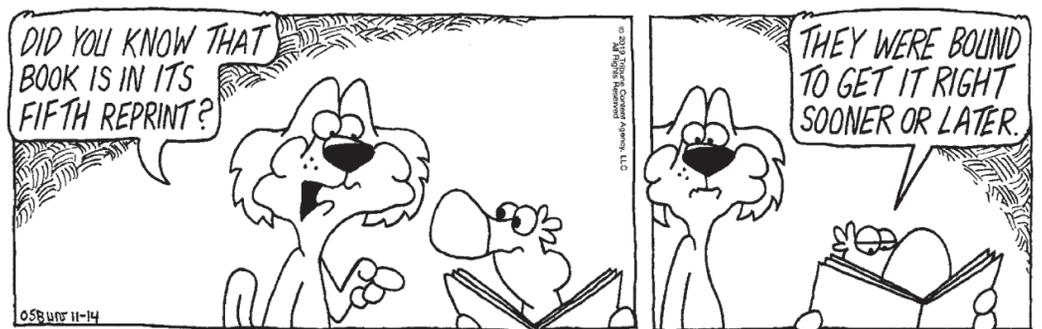
### Pickles



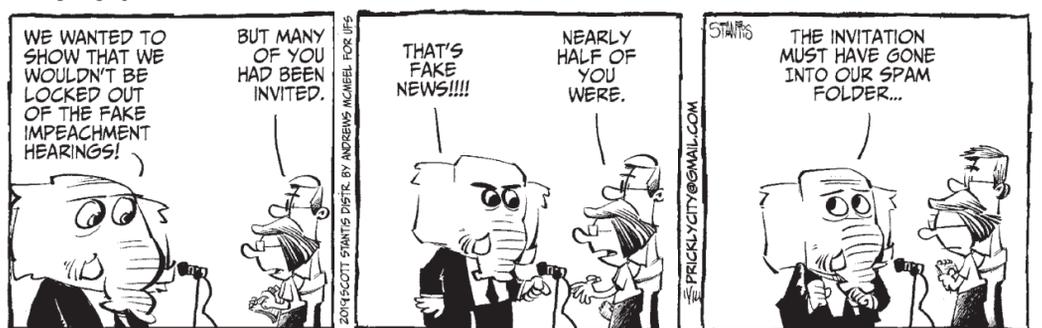
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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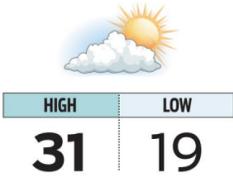
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THURSDAY, NOV. 14 NORMAL HIGH: 49° NORMAL LOW: 33° RECORD HIGH: 78° (1971) RECORD LOW: 14° (1916)

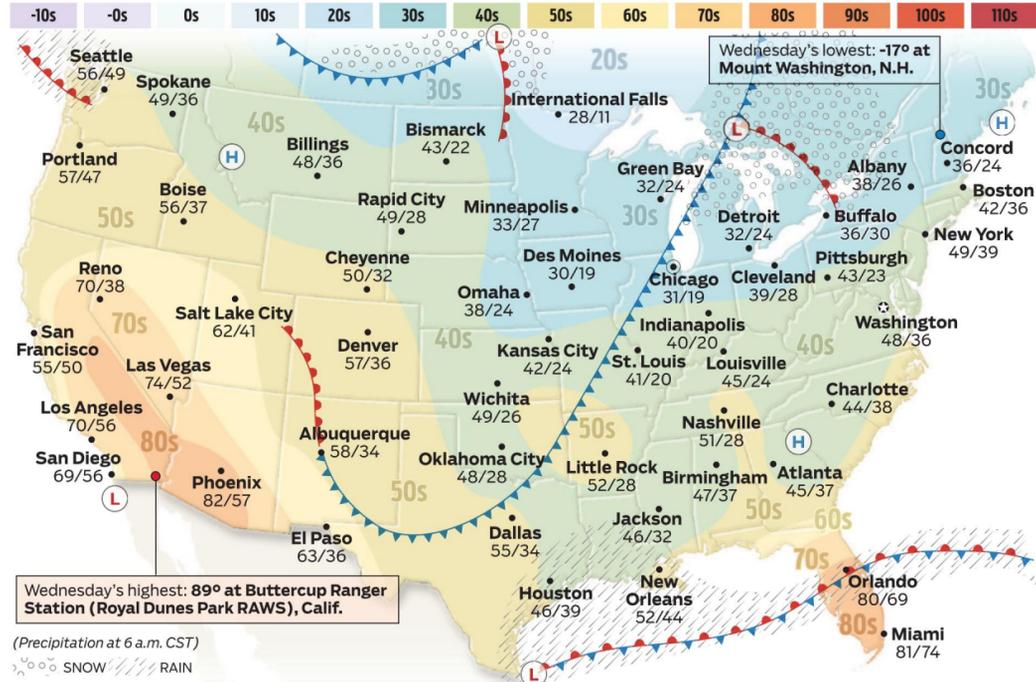
## Expect to be cold, but just not as cold as before

### LOCAL FORECAST



■ A weak cold front moves east of our area and moderating high pressure follows.  
 ■ Lingering early morning clouds from overnight dusting of light snow, then the sun breaks through late morning with mostly sunny conditions during the afternoon.  
 ■ High temps 30-35.  
 ■ Clear skies overnight with temps dropping into the upper teens—lower 20s in the city.  
 ■ West to northwest winds 7-15 mph.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



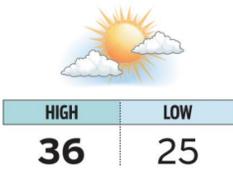
Temperatures are moderating ever so slowly, but with a high in the lower 30s. Thursday's readings are expected to be about 18 degrees below normal for Nov. 14.

So far this has been an extremely cold month. In fact it is the second-coldest Nov. 1-13 in Chicago weather records dating to 1871. Our average temperature during this period has been 31.5 degrees; only the 28.8 degree average back on Nov. 1-13, 1991, was colder.

Looking ahead, a very slow moderation in temps will continue with highs reaching the mid- to upper 30s over the weekend and then climbing into the 40s next week.

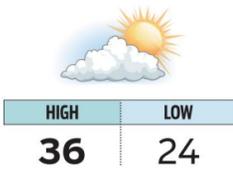
In precipitation we may experience a few light showers Sunday and Monday, but it looks pretty sparse for the next seven days.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 15



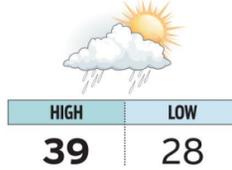
Mostly sunny, a few degrees warmer, but still well below normal for mid November. High in the mid to upper 30s with light westerly winds during the day. Partly cloudy overnight, winds shift to the east.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 16



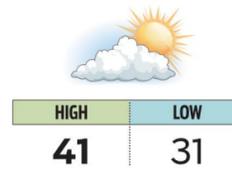
Partly sunny, chilly. Highs again in the mid to upper 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. East to south-east winds 8-18 mph.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 17



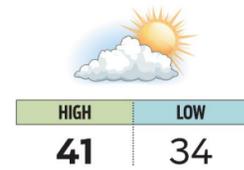
Mostly cloudy and not quite as cold with a few light rain showers possible. Becoming partly cloudy overnight. Southerly winds.

### MONDAY, NOV. 18



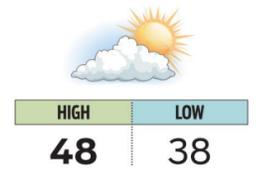
Continued mostly cloudy with a high in the low 40s. Mostly cloudy overnight. Southerly winds 4-8 mph.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 19



Mostly cloudy highs again in the lower 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. Southwest to west winds.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20



Partly sunny with temps moderating toward the 50 degree mark in some areas. Clouding up overnight. Southwest winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 What are the odds that the record low temperatures of Nov. 11-12 (Tuesday) will turn out to be the coldest temperatures for the entire winter?

Dan Anderson

Dear Dan,

The odds are very slim that the Nov. 12 high of 17 and low of 7 will be this cold season's lowest. In Chicago weather records dating to 1871, only six cold seasons have failed to produce a lower maximum. The extremes were in the winter 1982-83 when the lowest maximum was 20 and most recently in the winter of 2011-12's when the coldest day had a high of 19. In terms of the low temperature, no cold season has ever recorded a minimum temperature higher than 6 degrees and that low occurred in the winter of 1905-06 on Feb. 2. The lowest readings in the cold season of 2011-12 was 5 degrees, and 3 degrees in 1982-83.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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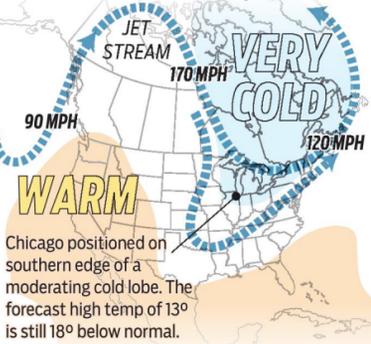
## Near record cold start to November should ease in coming days

WEDNESDAY'S RECORD LOW TEMPS

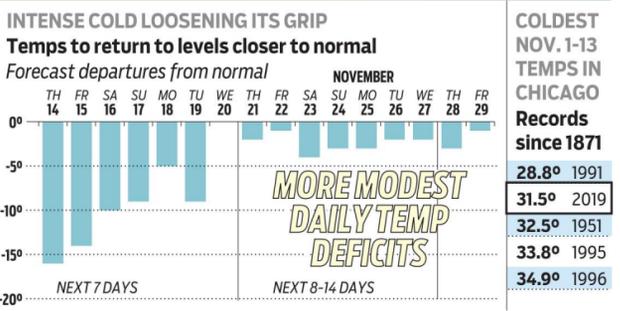
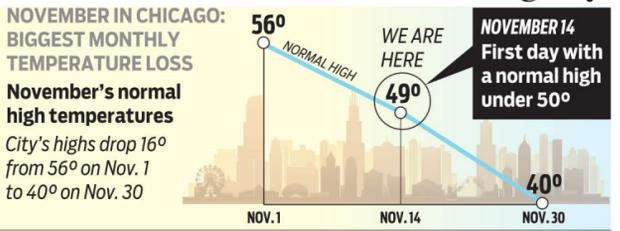
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| 6° Ft. Wayne, Ind.    | 13° Cleveland, Ohio    |
| 8° Toledo, Ohio       | 17° Memphis, Tenn.     |
| 9° Indianapolis, Ind. | 18° Birmingham, Ala.   |
| 12° Lexington, Ky.    | 22° Jackson Hole, Wyo. |

### THURSDAY'S FORECAST

Upper-level 30,000 ft. jet stream flow and low-level/surface temp distribution



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives



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### CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

| LOCATION  | HI | LO | LOCATION   | HI | LO |
|-----------|----|----|------------|----|----|
| Aurora    | 25 | 6  | Midway     | 26 | 13 |
| Gary      | 28 | 14 | O'Hare     | 26 | 14 |
| Kankakee  | 26 | 6  | Romeoville | 26 | 10 |
| Lakefront | 26 | 14 | Valparaiso | 26 | 7  |
| Lansing   | 25 | 9  | Waukegan   | 25 | 10 |

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

| PERIOD                | 2019   | NORMAL |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Wed. (through 4 p.m.) | 0.00"  | 0.11"  |
| November to date      | 0.31"  | 1.33"  |
| Year to date          | 46.43" | 32.82" |

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

| PERIOD                | O'HARE | MIDWAY |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Wed. (through 4 p.m.) | 0.0"   | 0.0"   |
| Season to date        | 8.1"   | 6.2"   |
| Normal to date        | 0.4"   | 0.3"   |

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

| THURSDAY                       | FRIDAY      |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wind                           | W 7-18 kts. | W 6-16 kts. |
| Waves                          | 1-2 feet    | 1-2 feet    |
| Wed. shore/creeper water temps | 41°/38°     |             |

U.S. SNOW COVER

| DEC. 13              | 2018  | 2019  |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Area covered by snow | 29.6% | 29.4% |
| Average snow depth   | 0.7"  | 0.9"  |

TRACKING THE COLD

| SINCE OCT. 15 | O'HARE | MIDWAY |
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SUNRISE/SET TIMES

| SUN  | 6:38 a.m. | 4:30 p.m. |
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| Moon | 6:15 p.m. | 8:35 a.m. |

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

| PLANET  | RISE       | SET       |
|---------|------------|-----------|
| Mercury | 6:04 a.m.  | 4:14 p.m. |
| Venus   | 8:43 a.m.  | 5:47 p.m. |
| Mars    | 4:30 a.m.  | 3:25 p.m. |
| Jupiter | 9:27 a.m.  | 6:32 p.m. |
| Saturn  | 10:51 a.m. | 8:04 p.m. |

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

| Mercury | Not visible |           |
|---------|-------------|-----------|
| Venus   | 5:15 a.m.   | 4.5° SW   |
| Mars    | 5:15 a.m.   | 7.5° ESE  |
| Jupiter | 5:30 p.m.   | 9° SW     |
| Saturn  | 5:45 p.m.   | 18.5° SSW |

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# TILE RETOOLED

Traditional mosaics take a modern turn — adding colors, new designs and even words PAGE 4

## HOME REMEDIES

# Now, interior design help is only a click away

BY KATHRYN WEBER  
Tribune Content Agency

For many homeowners, hiring an interior designer can be a daunting task, from finding someone who understands your style, to finding one who'll work within your time frame and budget. Today, though, almost anything can be gotten on the internet, including interior design and decorating through today's e-designers. Best of all, with the introduction of e-Design, hiring a designer or decorator can now be accomplished with the click of a mouse and more affordably.

## Options

The old adage that you can't see the forest for the trees is often true in home design. It's not always easy to pull together a cohesive decorating plan for our own homes. That's what

makes working with an e-designer so convenient. Interior designers can now be hired to work virtually and help you with everything from purchasing furniture, developing a design board for you to follow, or even calling you when it's time to install the drapes.

## Ideas, please

For homeowners who have an idea of what they want, working with an e-designer can be a snap. Online retailer Wayfair.com now offers e-designer services that range from helping you select a new sofa and rug (\$29) to helping you create a design, shopping list and online communication (\$79) to assisting you all the way from concept, an hour of telephone consulting, unlimited messaging and a 3-D room design, shopping list and inspiration board



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(\$149). Once you've selected the service you want, you'll see a variety of designers to select from and you can peruse their past projects and read details about them.

Online decorating source Decorilla.com also has a listing of e-designers who can help you create a new look for your home. They quote prices that range

from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand, depending on size and complexity. The designers listed will help you pull a concept board together, source your project materials and items, and create a floor plan as part of their offerings. The website has a variety of designers and services to choose from that start when you take their design

questionnaire. Once completed, you state your budget, add photos of the space you want to decorate and their cadre of designers will create a style board for you and make a proposal for your job. It's a great way to get a variety of ideas — and all within your budget.

Have a simple question to ask? If you need to know what color to paint your

bedroom or what style of headboard would look best, submit your question to e-designer Pfunerdesign.com and for \$175 you'll get your question answered. If you need something more in-depth, they can help you with that too. A quick search online for e-designers will provide you with plenty of options and price ranges to match.

## GADGETS

# Portable projector tiny, powerful and easy to set up

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

It wasn't that long ago that you needed a big, clunky projector with a complex setup to project a movie outdoors. But now, there's Nebula's Capsule Max, about the size of an oversize soda can and simple to set up. The small, portable projector can be a mainstay at your own home or dropped into your backpack to take to a friend's

house for movie night.

The high-quality 200 ANSI lumen portable will project up to a rectangular 100-inch picture with what is described on the product website as projecting "vividly detailed HD images with a 1280 x 720p resolution in a 16:9 aspect ratio."

Using a big sheet of white background paper as my screen, I was impressed with the quality and how quickly right out

of the box I had the Capsule Max working.

The projector has 1-second autofocus and keystone technology, which in nutshell gives you a sharp picture from any angle instantly. The keystone correction is listed as auto vertical and manual plus/minus 40 degrees, and it worked great. However, it's always a good idea to be on as level a surface as possible when setting up a projector.

It's recommended you keep the distance between Nebula Capsule Max and the projection surface between 23 inches and 121 inches to get a projection image between 20 and 100 inches.

Android 8.1 is the operating system, which enables you to have access to streaming services such as Hulu, Netflix or YouTube. The instructions point out that copyrighted content from Hulu, Netflix,

and similar services can't be mirrored or screencast. Instead, download and use the apps directly.

Also, you can connect devices with digital content through USB or HDMI. With Wi-Fi (802.11b/g/n/ac) and Bluetooth 4.2 built-in, Airplay and other wireless connections and screen mirroring can be used.

The bottom has a tripod thread.

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# Tiny tiles are back, with modern twist

## Homeowners drawn to vintage feel

BY MICHELLE BRUNNER  
The Washington Post

Beloved for their old-fashioned charm, small mosaic tiles are resonating with homeowners who want floors that are uniquely patterned and boldly expressive. From itty-bitty hexagons to miniature squares, tiny tiles are back in a big way.

“Mosaics are appealing because they can adapt to different period styles and can be used in so many applications; they’re both timeless and versatile,” says Keith Bieneman, owner of Heritage Tile in Oak Park, Illinois. “They’re also wildly photogenic.”

He’s not kidding: Intricately tiled floors have been on the upswing in recent years, thanks in large part to the Instagram account @ihavethisthingwithfloors. Started by three Dutch friends who share a fondness for taking pictures of their footwear against striking floor patterns, the feed curates images of marzipan-hued mosaics from all over the world. For over 812,000 followers, the timeworn entries of old hotels and hat shops from Lisbon to Los Angeles serve as a reminder to look down and appreciate the history beneath your feet.

Unsurprisingly, homeowners want to bring the bespoke, vintage feel of the eye-catching tile they see on social media into their own homes. That some of these mosaics look as if they require an advanced degree in mathematics and an abundance of time to lay out only adds to their allure.

“There’s definitely an appreciation for the way things used to be made,” says Erin Oliver, vice president of Little Rock, Arkan-



SPACECRAFTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Designer Bria Hammel used hex tile to spell out “Hello” in an entryway. A custom border extends to the adjacent powder room.

sas-based American Restoration Tile. “Mosaics aren’t fast and they don’t look like everything else on the market.”

According to Bieneman, mosaic tile first became popular in the United States in the late 1800s, when plumbing came indoors and the need for a sanitary surface became paramount for germ-obsessed Victorians. Porcelain flooring was imported from England, but as demand for indoor restrooms grew, American manufacturers started to produce smaller unglazed porcelain tiles. Soon basket weave, penny-round and hex designs became ubiquitous in homes. In commercial buildings, such as taverns and pharmacies, the mosaics grew more decorative, as the country transitioned from the Victorian era to the arts and crafts, art nouveau and art deco periods.

Most of the tile work Oliver is seeing today could be classified as traditional with a twist. “People are trying a newer look using the old materials,” she says. “For instance, they want flat hex tiles, but instead of black and white, we’ll see more modern color combos

like blues and grays.”

To bring an authentic Old World feel to a home in Brooklyn’s Park Slope neighborhood, designer Jessica Helgerson used hex tiles in an array of poppy hues. “The client was a young family with a real love for color, and the idea of small mosaics felt historically appropriate for the house,” she says.

Designer Allison Tick took a similar approach for the attic bath of a Stanford White house in Tuxedo Park, New York, where she used mosaic tile to pay homage to the home’s stately architecture. “The custom pattern is intended to enhance the rounded shape of the room and invoke the historical nature of the house,” she says.

But not all tile installations make a statement through color and pattern choice; some spell it out — literally. The typography trend, which started with hotels and restaurants trying to emulate old-timey signage, has crossed over into residential design, with homeowners using tile as a form of self-expression.

In a foyer, designer Bria Hammel used gray and white hex tile to craft a



AMERICAN RESTORATION TILE

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CHRISTOPHER STURMAN

The intricate tile pattern for this master bath was created by Chelsie Lee of Jessica Helgerson Interior Design.

playful greeting. “Writing ‘hello’ was a way to add some whimsy to a classic entry,” she says. Hammel admits getting the type right was a challenge. “We had limited options on the font style since the script needed to look fluid and be easily readable,” she says.

Oliver says she’s observed an increase in front entries that feature mono-

grams and salutations, which is especially surprising in housing markets with frequent turnover. “If you embed your initials in the front entryway of your home, you’re definitely making a commitment to staying there,” she says.

If you happen to be a lucky homeowner with a vintage porcelain mosaic still intact, don’t fret if you

spy a crack. Because tile production was standardized for many years in the United States, it’s likely you’ll be able to find replacements in the right size and color to restore the floor. “Our historical palette has matches for everything that was available from 1885 to 1940,” Oliver says.

Outside repairing the occasional crack, there isn’t a ton of maintenance involved in preserving an unglazed porcelain mosaic floor. Because porcelain is impervious to water, stains and temperature changes, it’s a durable and practical choice for high-traffic areas. “If you look at any 100-year-old tile floor, you’ll see a natural patina that comes from wear, and that patina becomes a protective coat,” Oliver says. “That’s why all these beautiful tiles have been around for over a century; they’ve stood the test of time.”

There's no need to cut back ornamental grasses in the fall. Wait until late winter or early spring, just before new growth starts.



MORTON ARBORETUM

## Time to tidy up garden, but don't do too much

BY BETH BOTTS

It's time to do a little tidying up in the garden. Just a little.

"There's no need to vacuum up every leaf and cut back every stalk," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "Those stalks may have seeds for the birds, or they may harbor butterfly eggs or chrysalises. And the leaves and other plant matter that fall to the soil are actually working as mulch."

She likes to spend a short time every weekend selectively cutting back browned foliage while leaving those that still are green. "It keeps my garden looking attractive well into the fall," she said. "Every week, as more plants go dormant, I'll cut back a little more."

Here are her tips for fall cleanup:

**Let ornamental grasses stand.** They are attractive in the winter garden. Plan to cut them back in February or March, before the new growth starts.

**Fallen leaves are free mulch.** Shred them with the lawnmower, so they won't blow around, and spread them in perennial

beds or around trees and shrubs.

**Keep the extras.** If you have more leaves than you need for mulch, find a way to stow them for later use. For example, you might keep them in a chicken-wire enclosure so you will have leaves to add to the compost pile next season.

**Prune dormant trees and shrubs.** Once they drop their leaves, you know these plants have entered their winter resting state, and you can safely prune them. However, wait to prune evergreens until spring.

**Leave what looks good.** Many dried plants have an attractive form, such as the dried seed heads of cone-flowers or astilbe or the dried flower heads of hydrangeas. "Leave them as long as you like their looks," she said. "If they get beaten down later in the winter, you can always cut them back then."

**Do clean up problem plants.** If you had a serious disease problem, such as apple scab on crab apple trees, or an insect infestation, such as viburnum leaf beetles, make sure to get the affected plant parts out of your garden. "Put the leaves and twigs in the landscape waste," Yiesla

said. "You don't want disease spores or the eggs of pest insects to overwinter on your plants, in the leaf litter or in your compost pile. They could re-infect the plants next year."

**Weed as much as you can.** Many weeds stay green and continue sprouting long into the fall. If you remove as many as possible, you'll reduce your weed problem next year.

**Improve the soil.** Plant matter that falls on the soil will be broken down by soil organisms to improve conditions for your plants' roots. In the vegetable garden, you can till in debris from this year's crops as well as new-fallen leaves. In raised beds, spread compost and leaves to break down over the winter.

**Take it easy.** "You don't need to get all of this done at once," Yiesla said. "You can keep working in the garden until the snow flies, or later."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum ([mortonarb.org/plantadvice](http://mortonarb.org/plantadvice), 630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)).*

*Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.*

## Irrigation systems need attention before winter

BY TIM JOHNSON

A friend who is an avid gardener told me that I may need to water some of my new plantings this fall, and I'm worried about the cold weather and my irrigation systems. Any advice on the best way to water late in the season would be appreciated.

— Beth Gunderson, Highwood

Your sprinkler system needs to be winterized in the fall before freezing weather settles in to prevent water freezing in the system and causing damage. I neglected to do so one year, and after returning home from a Thanksgiving trip, I found that the irrigation system backflow preventer had split apart from the water freezing in it.

You should not be using your sprinkler system any longer this year, and it is best to get it serviced as soon as possible. Compressed air is used to blow excess water out of the system, since just shutting the water off to the irrigation system and letting it drain is generally not enough to rid the system of water and prevent winter damage. Any water left in the sprinkler heads or piping freezes and expands and may potentially damage piping, valves and sprinkler heads.

You can do spot watering with a garden hose as needed in late fall. Some Novembers can be dry and warm, and new plantings benefit from supplemental water, so your friend gave you good advice. Conditions are currently moist in most gardens in our area, and cold weather is predicted over the next couple of weeks, so it appears unlikely that supplemental water will be needed this month.

It is a good practice to disconnect garden hoses



ROBIN CARLSON/CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

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from outdoor spigots and faucets when night temperatures begin to drop to freezing. Connect the hoses as needed to water new plants or plants in containers during any warm spells, and then get in the habit of disconnecting them when finished. If you leave a garden hose attached, a small amount of water can stay lodged in the pipe by the spigot and quickly freeze. This ice can damage your faucet and pipe.

Once you have finished watering for the season, turn off the water supply inside your house, disconnect hoses and tighten all the faucets after opening them to drain out any remaining water. It is important to keep water out of exterior pipe systems that will not be used in the winter because trapped water can freeze and expand, causing cracks in pipes.

Some homes have a frost-free faucet on the side of the house. This is a standard hose spigot with a long pipe on the back end that extends through the side of the house. It looks the same as a regular spig-

ot from outside the house, but the connection and valve that controls the water supply are inside, where it's warmer and protected from freezing. A properly installed frost-free faucet has a slight downward pitch toward the spigot, so that water will drain out of the pipe when it is turned off, leaving no water to freeze in the pipe. If you are unsure whether your faucets are frost-free and installed properly, have your plumber inspect them. This helps you avoid a broken water line and water damage in the house.

Be sure to move any liquids such as herbicides into the basement if they are stored in an unheated garage. Sprayers should also be stored indoors, as any water in the valves can freeze and ruin the sprayer. It's easy to forget these items in the garage until spring when it is too late.

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## ASK THE BUILDER

## Getting rust out of granite countertop

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: We just moved into an existing home that's got granite countertops. When we looked at the house, there were cleverly placed trivets in certain places. I've come to discover they were hiding what appears to be rust stains deep in the granite, but I really can't say for certain. Is this natural? Can anything be done to remove them or lessen their appearance? Would you accept granite that looks like this?**

**A:** While I'm not a full-time hard rock geologist, my house happens to rest upon the Meredith porphyritic granite, thought by many to be the most gorgeous rock in all of New England. I did major in geology in college and am attracted to granite for a host of reasons. It's not only a gorgeous rock, but it's also one of the most durable natural stones you can buy.

Random discoloration in some granite is normal. There are many reasons why it happens. Many people think the discoloration adds character and makes their countertops one of a kind.

It's important to realize that giant formations of granite can have cracks throughout the rock. As the granite was working its way to the surface over a million years or so, hot, mineral-rich groundwater might have been forced at high



TIM CARTER

You can do a small test to see if you can remove a rust stain from your granite countertop using oxalic acid.

pressure into the tiniest cracks in the rock. This may explain how the discoloration occurred.

Another key point is the rust stains may be just a surface imperfection created by a happy accident attributed to the previous homeowner. Something

made from iron may have gotten wet, and the legs or bottom of the object then left behind the rust as it sat on the granite.

You can do a small test to see if you can remove the rust stain. I'd start with oxalic acid. This product comes in crystals and is

readily available online. Mix it according to the package instructions and pay close attention to all the warnings on the label. Apply just one drop with a cotton swab to the stain. Allow the acid to work for 10 or 15 minutes. If the droplet soaks in, add another drop on top until you

have a tiny standing pool of solution on the granite no bigger than the eraser on a pencil.

At the end of the waiting period, take a clean cotton swab and try to suck up the droplet of acid you put on the counter. If the tip of the new cotton swab goes from white to brown, then you know you're removing the rust and it might have been a surface deposit.

Rinse the spot with clear water at least two times. Use a clean rag and dry the granite. It's now time to check for surface damage.

You want to use a flashlight or smartphone light and check to see if the acid harmed the gloss finish of the granite. The odds are there will be no damage, but check to make certain. I'd then wait for a week to see if there's any change in color to the spot where you placed the drop of acid.

If there's no change in color, then you can begin to do the same process to try to remove the surface rust stain. Take your time and don't go crazy with the acid solution.

**Q: I'm having a robust debate with my painter. I have a room with all new drywall and it hasn't been skim coated, so the white joint compound stands out next to the paper face of the drywall. In my old house, you could see at night where each taped seam was, as well as the joint compound covering the fasteners. What's odd**

**is the wall was perfectly smooth. My painter says this is not going to happen this time. Should I trust him?**

**A:** Ah, the mystery of drywall joint banding! Look closely at the paper facing of drywall and the sanded joint compound and you should be able to understand exactly why your wall in the old house was not one texture when the low-angle light hits it from indoor light fixtures.

Your painter may be trustworthy if he intends to apply a primer and/or paint-primer mixture that has two mission-critical ingredients. The paint or primer must have a sealer that takes care of the porosity issue between the joint compound and the drywall paper. Another key point is the primer or paint-primer mixture must have some heavy-body pigments to even out the texture between the smooth joint compound and the coarser paper facing.

There are special drywall primers made that have these ingredients. I've also seen a finish paint product that claims it can do everything you want to be done with just one coat not requiring a primer. I've not yet tested this product on new drywall, but it's entirely possible a paint manufacturer has developed a product that eliminates the need for the special drywall primer. You can get one quart of this and paint one wall as a test.

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## SAVINGS UPDATE

## Student loan debt delaying home ownership by 7 years

With so much student loan debt on their shoulders, it's not surprising that younger Americans are postponing buying their first home. But a couple of recent surveys have quantified exactly how long student loans are delaying homeownership.

According to data from the Federal Reserve, even a \$1,000 student loan debt can lower the homeownership rate by about 1.5 percent. That equates to putting off buying a house by 2.5 months.

But of course most Americans with student loans owe much more than \$1,000. In fact, as of July, the average student loan balance per debtor was \$37,172. That's more than three times the average balance than in 2006, according to the Fed.

Add to the increased debt load that household incomes have remained mostly stagnant for bachelor's degree holders, while rents have mostly increased, and it has been incredibly difficult for many graduates to pay down their debt.

As a result, the average U.S. adult carrying student loans is delaying homeownership by 7.7 years.

Another recent survey, by Clever Real Estate, found that almost a full half (48 percent) of current undergraduates with student debt already expect to put off buying a house because of their loans.

The survey also found that, on average, Americans believe 28 is the ideal age to buy a home. However, the median college graduate with student debt doesn't expect to be able to afford a home until age 35. In contrast, students with no student debt said they plan to buy a home by age 30.

A generational shift is also visible in the Fed data. In 2015, only 37% of millennials were able to become homeowners, which is approximately 8 percentage points lower than the homeownership rate of Generation X adults and baby boomers when they were the same age.

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## HOUSE PASSES SOLUTION OVER

### Trump says U.S. does not endorse incursion

WASHINGTON — While Turkey began attack with severe airstrikes, President Trump downplayed

who fought against ISIS.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Syria where they had been serving to ward off attacks.

voiced over the decision. it was a betrayal of American allies.

policy-makers claim the protecting their own land in an age-old conflict. He added that the U.S. had tremendous amounts of ammunition, money and aid.

### A PROMINENT SENATOR MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE

resident has the European Union opening the gates

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## Secretary of State admits

Once it became public knowledge about Donald Secretary of State sat down on Sept. 22 to discuss

In fact, pretended he didn't know relevant details. about a report,

that the Secretary of State was actually on the phone

Secretary of State confirmed the controversial phone call

he told the reporters Mr. Pompeo has asked Zelensky

this mind.

on Monday night, Pompeo rather strange.

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## White House refusing to cooperate

White House actions violate the Constitution, and past precedent



Impeachment Probe continues on Capitol Hill. White House calling the investigation "valid" and "legitimate."

the White House reinforced its decision to cooperate with investigation the inquiry amounts to constitutional efforts the process of democracy."

"Furthermore, your investigation fair and constitutional in an eight-page letter to House Speaker House Intelligence Chairman Oversight Chairman and Foreign Affairs Chairman

"Apparently, a fair and free election

additionally accused the leaders of using a strategy to the election' in 2020.

announced a "full halt" on the impeachment probe.

House Speaker made many false claims. S we have seen a growing body of that President fewer than 10 of the other Democratic house members have come out in support

Meanwhile, president's private legal team has been exploring even more

## Whistle-blower

A second whistle-blower has no direct knowledge of the president's call

A new impeachment inquiry demands document White House office. Meanwhile, a second whistle-blower

claiming to have first-hand knowledge of the now famous-phone call between the U.S. and Ukraine would clarify more there was nothing new the second whistle-blower could add since the White House had already released Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

Attorney now represents both whistle-blowers, has said that both were officials, first

impressed, "They're now a Big Deal."

"We've released the transcript, but some other board the conversation



## Redacted Report available to the public



fault releasing Report

Attorney General has released a version of special counsel report on 2016 election to Congress

Tried To Stop Investigation nearly two years into attacks coordinated with the Russians responsible for matters that arose from the investigation."

Justice Department to immediately release the entire report — with redactions —

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## ASSOCIATES ARRESTED ON CAMPAIGN

two men called before witnesses

WASHINGTON — person arrested to help investigate longtime opponents, charged with violating campaign finance laws trying to board a Frankfurt-bound flight with one-way ticket.

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## Mass blackouts raise

high fire danger of Californians

California proclaimed, clearly has done enough its safe. Mr. Pompeo has asked Zelensky

With residents still recovering from hot temperatures last year in Paradise California is high.



## ISIS IS DESTROYED

CIA officials say the U.S. liberated all ISIS-controlled territory

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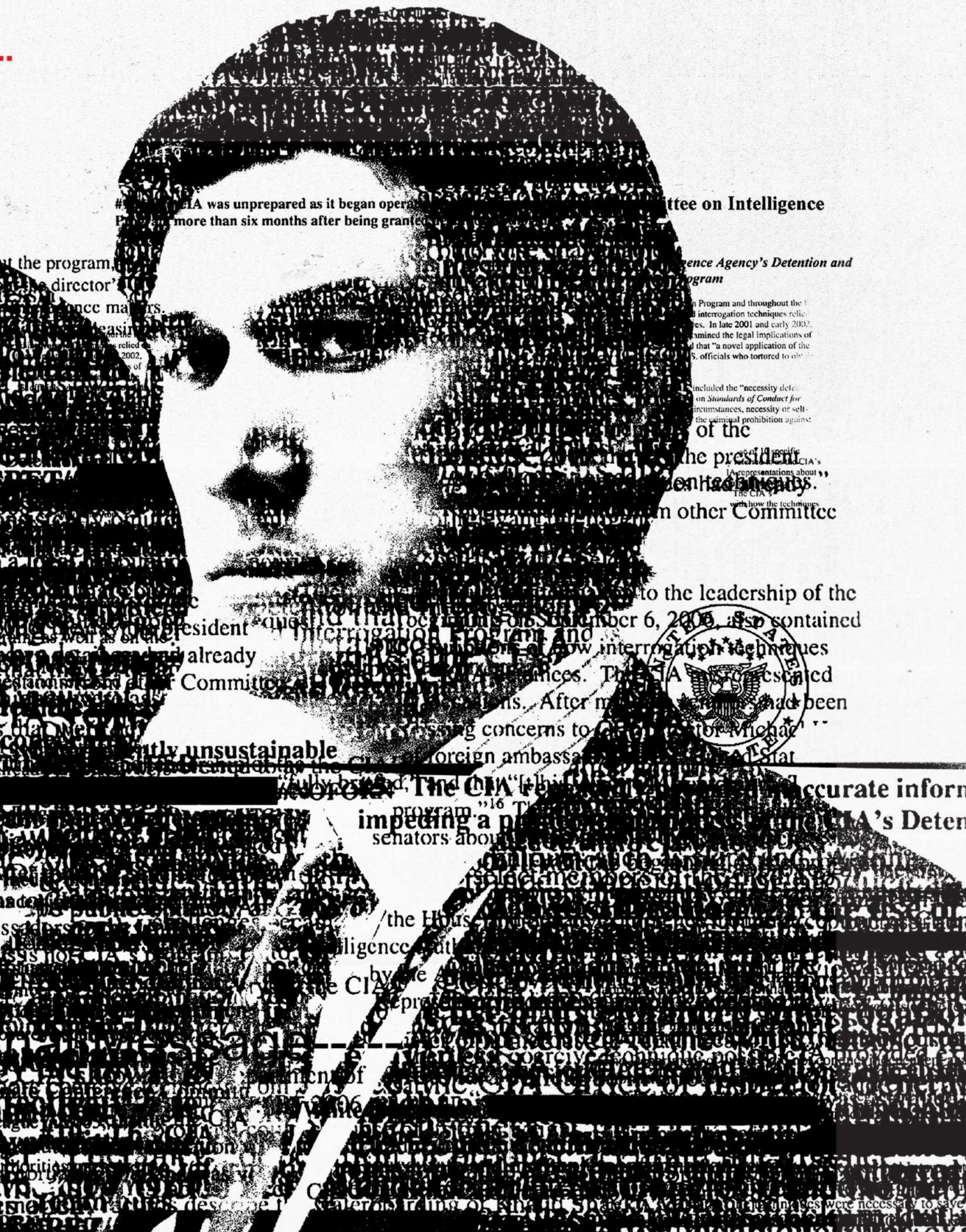
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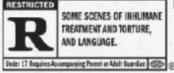
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