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# Illinois farmers face thankless harvest

## Soggy corn and hay shortages pile up after a wet spring and cold fall

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

An exceptionally rainy spring and a cold autumn have made farming particularly challenging in Illinois this year, keeping tractors and combines busy throughout November and delaying the harvest for corn and soybeans. Despite the obstacles, however, farmers have recovered

enough to harvest most of their crops, with 88% of the state's corn and 95% of soybeans harvested on the eve of Thanksgiving, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It's not as bad as we thought it might be," said Krista Lissner, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Agriculture. "Still, the weather has not been kind

to farmers this year. It's been blow after blow after blow."

Historic spring rains and continual precipitation through the fall delayed the corn harvest significantly. At this time a year ago, 100% of the state's corn had been harvested. The five-year average for the final week of November is 99%. The soybean harvest is about 5% behind average, according to USDA statistics.

"Let's just say, it hasn't exactly been fun this year," said Brandon Walter, a farmer from Harvard in

McHenry County. "It's just like anything, though, we'll make the best of it."

Indiana and Iowa have experienced similar corn and soybean harvest delays this year. In Indiana, 89% of corn and 94% of soybeans have been harvested, while in Iowa the numbers are 86% and 97%, respectively.

Wet fields and soggy crops have meant farmers and grain elevator operators have needed to dry the corn so it is usable for processing



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# Community dinner

Jada Ross, a junior at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, talks with Cecile McCarthy while serving senior citizens at the school's early Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday. It is part of the school's yearslong tradition for the students-turned-chefs, bringing together community members who otherwise would not get a home-cooked holiday meal. **Chicagoland, Page 7**

# Budget victory may be fleeting

Lightfoot faces bleak outlook for 2021 finances

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's 2020 budget passed with little drama this week, buoyed by Chicago aldermen who were delighted she wasn't leaning on them to approve a massive city-wide property tax increase.

In her first budget cycle as mayor, Lightfoot successfully shepherded through a city spending plan that closes an \$838 million deficit. As a reward, she gets to do it again next year — except she'll be facing a potentially uglier financial forecast for 2021 and much less ability to blame her predecessor for the city's financial woes.

Within minutes of the \$11.65 billion budget passing 39-11 on Tuesday, a reporter pressed the mayor on whether growing public employee pension pressures — requiring nearly \$1 billion more in annual revenue within a few years — will have her soon resorting to the dreaded property tax hike she somehow avoided this time.

Lightfoot demurred, saying she wanted to kick back and savor the most significant legislative win of her

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# Giuliani sought Ukraine business

At the same time, he pushed officials to find Biden dirt

BY ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN, TOM HAMBURGER AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY  
 The Washington Post

President Donald Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, negotiated earlier this year to represent Ukraine's top prosecutor for at least \$200,000 during the same months that Giuliani was working with the prosecutor to dig up dirt on former Vice President Joe Biden, according to people familiar with the discussions.

The people said that Giuliani began negotiations with Ukraine's top prosecutor, Yuri Lutsenko, about a possible agreement in February. In the agreement, Giuliani's company would receive payment to represent Lutsenko as the Ukrainian



Giuliani

sought to recover assets he believed had been stolen from the government in Kyiv, those familiar with the discussions said.

The talks occurred as Giuliani met with Lutsenko in New York in January and then in Warsaw in February while he was also gathering information from Lutsenko on two topics Giuliani believed could prove useful to Trump: the involvement of Biden, and his son, Hunter, in Ukraine and allegations that Ukraine, not Russia, had interfered in the 2016 election.

Trump ultimately pressed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to open investigations into the two issues during a July 25 phone call between the two leaders, a call that sparked a whistleblower complaint and the congressional impeachment inquiry.

A person familiar with

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HEIDI ZEIGER/EXODUS WORLD SERVICE

Exodus World Service volunteers Katie Schnizlein, left, and Theresa Stiven, center, spend time with Syrian refugees living in the urban settlements in Beirut in September.

# Volunteers move their work overseas to help refugees

Number of displaced people allowed into US drastically cut

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

For decades, John Schoff has opened up his home, bought groceries and collected linens for refugees resettling in the Chicago area. But as the country continues to cut back drastically on the number of refugees allowed into the United

States, he and other volunteers have started rethinking their efforts.

Schoff, 64, of Barrington, has volunteered since the late 1980s with Exodus World Service, an organization that brings Christians together to support the resettlement of refugees in the Chicago area. This year, Exodus started

mobilizing volunteers to travel abroad, meeting refugees where they are to continue supporting them.

"Quite frankly, we apologized that we couldn't agree with our country and with our current stand on refugees," Schoff said about the ref-

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# Sandoval resigns amid corruption investigation

State Sen. Martin Sandoval, whose statehouse offices were raided by federal agents in September, is resigning his legislative seat effective with the new year. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

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President Donald Trump, with first lady Melania Trump, pardons Butter in the Rose Garden on Tuesday

# How to prevent disagreements with Trump-loving family this holiday



REX W. HUPPKE

Looking to avoid political conflict over Thanksgiving or any of the upcoming holiday celebrations? It's simple: Just carry an empty brown paper lunch bag.

But Rex, you ask politely, how will an empty brown paper bag keep me from wanting to drown myself in a bowl of mashed potatoes to avoid hearing my Trump-loving cousins parrot the latest nonsense they heard on Fox News?

Good question, theoretical sensible person. Allow me to explain.

We are living not just in a divided America but in an America made up of two wholly separate realities.

One is inhabited by those of us who have managed to keep at least one foot in the world where provable facts exist and good and bad mean what we've always believed them to mean.

The other is populated by those who have joined President Donald Trump's cult of lack-of-personality and had the left hemisphere of their cerebral cortex replaced with a Sean Hannity bobblehead that, every five minutes, shouts, "BENGHAZI!"

This duality leads to potential holiday family interactions like this:

"Hey, Grandpa! We just got here. How are you doing?"

"Fine, except for that stupid fake impeachment hoax you and your DEMONcrap buddies are wasting America's time on instead of focusing on what really matters like how a Ukrainian cousin of George Soros swiped the secret server Hillary Clinton stored all her murder pictures on and hid it in a vat of acid in Barack HUSSEIN Obama's madrassa!"

"OK, cool, we're going to leave now because you're scaring the kids."

Or this:

"Hey sis, does your T-shirt say, 'Rope. Tree. Journalist. SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED?'"

"Yeah, isn't it great? Drives libs like you crazy!"

"Don't you think that's a bit extrem ..."

"GOD SENT TRUMP TO LEAD US! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO WAKE UP?!"

Attempting to reason your way out of conversations like these is like trying to cook a turkey with a single match. You'll burn your finger and the turkey will still be frozen.

That's why you need to carry with you, at all times, an empty brown paper lunch bag.

Before you arrive for a holiday celebration, or before your relatives or friends arrive at your home, take the paper bag and use a marker to write the following in big, bold letters: Trump-Fan Word Catcher (as seen on The Internet).

When your MAGA-hat-wearing uncle begins to talk about how well the nonexistent border wall is going, hand him the bag and politely say: "Uncle George, before you go on, you're going to want to use this Trump-Fan Word Catcher. You've heard of it, right? It was on The Internet."

(Trump supporters embrace anything they find on "The Internet" as long as it's pro-Trump.)

Continue: "All you have to do is say whatever it was you were going to say about the border wall, but say it into the bag. It's probably best if you go to the guest room or the backyard, just so no other noise leaks into the bag while you're talking. Once you're done, fold up the top of the Trump-Fan Word Catcher and hand it back to me. Tomorrow we'll put the sealed bag in a box and mail it to the White House so President Trump can hear all the supportive things you had to say!"

At this point, Uncle George will probably be eyeing you suspiciously, both because you don't support President Trump and because you are asking him to talk into what otherwise looks like an empty brown paper lunch bag.

To counter that suspicion, you'll need to reiterate that this device (bag) came from The Internet and also point out that you were chosen by God to tell him about the Trump-Fan Word Catcher.

"Come on, Uncle George, don't you remember the other day when Energy Secretary Rick Perry said President Trump was the 'chosen one' sent by God to accomplish His plan? And he pointed out that God has used imper-

fect people all through history? Well, why isn't it just as sensible that God sent me — a very imperfect person — to deliver to you the Trump-Fan Word Catcher, which came from The Internet?"

Before you know it, Uncle George will be in the backyard regaling the inside of your paper bag with his thoughts on how all the public servants who testified at the recent televised impeachment hearings were Deep State plants.

If your mom breaks out in a "Well, at least we don't have to deal with that Hillary person!" rant while the stuffing is being passed around, just hand her the bag and tell her the pantry has the best acoustics in the house.

If dad turns on Fox News at full volume and starts screaming along with Tucker Carlson, slide the Trump-Fan Word Catcher his way and say, "Dad, you need to put those sensible thoughts in here so the president can hear and appreciate them!" Then point him toward the basement until the bag is full and he cools down.

Handled properly, the empty brown paper lunch bag can save your holidays.

Because the only thing your Trump-loving relatives and friends like better than hearing themselves bluster about "the greatest president ever" is believing that a con man president actually cares what they have to say.

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# Reasons I swoon for Thanksgiving



**DONNA VICKROY**

I love bottle rockets bursting to a John Philip Sousa soundtrack.

I love a festive Sunday brunch topped off with Cadbury chocolate eggs.

I love the way children positively glow in anticipation of Christmas.

But, this year, I'm swooning for Thanksgiving, even though our family dinner won't look much like those Norman Rockwell paintings.

We tried for years to fit that "traditional" holiday food model, only to end up with lots of leftovers and then lots of trash. Lately, we've opted to be more realistic.

Few in my family care for traditional roasted turkey or canned sweet potatoes sprinkled with marshmallows or even pumpkin pie (except my husband, who loves it buried in whipped cream).

So our holiday dinner will reflect our personal harvests and our food preferences. There will be beef tenderloin, pasta topped with sauce made from my garden and assorted salads. I will, however, make a turkey breast for my "tradition-loving" dad. And for dessert, most of us will indulge with cake because the holiday falls on my daughter's birthday, the same daughter who hates mashed potatoes, green beans and all manner of pie.

Despite food allergies and aversions, many people, myself included, have come to call Thanksgiving our favorite holiday. Just not because of the stuffing.

I like Thanksgiving best for many other reasons:

- We need it. In a year filled with anger, hostility and divisiveness, we all can use a time-out. This isn't the first Thanksgiving at which Americans find themselves divided over politics. Nor will it be the last. And yet, Thanksgiving has endured. Let's keep it that way. Let's bring our best selves to the table and enjoy what is good. And for those who insist on starting a feud, quick someone pass



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that sweet potato-marshmallow concoction.

- It is an equal opportunity celebration. There's no nod to religion, lifestyle or income. You don't need a high tolerance for noise or a flair for decorating or a big bank book to indulge. At the root, it is about recognizing how good we have it. And, as troubling as these times may seem, we still have it much better than a lot of people around the world.

- It makes us pause in the middle of the busy workweek during a somewhat gloomy month to do something so many of us have forgotten how to do: gather round a table and talk.

- It is a lesson in adapting. People travel far and wide simply to reconnect with loved ones. They sleep on sofas and sometimes in airports for the opportunity to break bread, or taco chips or whatever.

- There is no dress code. No costumes, no fancy bonnets, no

ugly sweaters (well, not intentionally). Just Bears jerseys, if you must. But feel free to bring your slippers.

- Although you might see an occasional inflatable turkey, there's no need to go gaga over Thanksgiving decorations. The only thing getting pulled out of storage is the china. But we might actually light the decorative candles.

- Other than re-engineering the fridge and oven to accommodate an influx of casseroles, Thanksgiving can be relatively low-stress. If you're worried your guests will judge your scene, forget about it. Martha Stewart is not on your guest list. People will only remember your graciousness and your attentiveness — oh, and your willingness to share the Wi-Fi password.

- It is a holiday that is relatively low on trash, not counting the butter boxes, and low on noise, unless the Bears do something

remarkable. Afterward, the garbage cans aren't bursting with wrapping paper, we don't have to vacuum under sofas and inside closets to get rid of any annoying plastic "grass" and our meal-induced slumber isn't blasted to kingdom come by errant M-80s.

- And, while there are plenty of gifts to be celebrated on this day, material goods are not among them. Forget the boxes, the ribbons, the gift receipts. Instead, we'll cherish what really matters — time with each other.

Thanksgiving has been celebrated in various forms since 1621, when Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest, according to history.com. It became a national holiday in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared it as "a kind of thank you for the Civil War victories in Vicksburg, Miss., and Gettysburg, Pa.," according to The New York Times.

The holiday can give us a big

return on a relatively small investment, starting with the emotional boost we need to get through the dark days of winter and ending with a plan for doing it all again in a few weeks.

In summation, Thanksgiving is not about what you eat; it's about with whom you eat it.

One tradition I will uphold, even though it sometimes leads to grumbling among the diners, is the one in which we all pause before we dig in to name something we are grateful for this year.

My personal list is long. It includes a baby brother for our cherished granddaughter, as well as family, friends, good health and lots of plans. It also includes you, dear reader, for whom I am so thankful.

I hope the mac and cheese can hold on.

*Donna Vickroy is a columnist for the Daily Southtown.*

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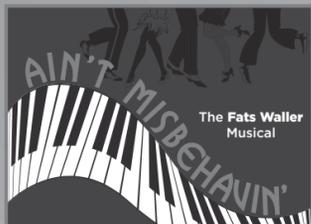
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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## Sandoval resigns amid US probe

State senator, being investigated on corruption charges, out Jan. 1

BY RICK PEARSON

State Sen. Martin Sandoval, the Southwest Side Democrat whose state-house offices were raided by federal agents in September, is resigning his legislative seat effective with the new year, State Board of Elections officials said Wednesday.

Sandoval, in his 16th year as a state lawmaker, had previously resigned his chairmanship of the powerful Senate Transportation Committee. He has been a member of the leadership team of Senate President John Cullerton, who is retiring in January.

"It is with a heavy heart, I, Martin A. Sandoval, do hereby resign the office of state senator" effective Jan. 1 at 12:01 p.m., Sandoval,

who has not responded to requests for comments since the raids, said in a letter to the office of the secretary of the Illinois Senate.

"Respect for my constituents and the Senate convinced me that this action is necessary in order to proceed without distraction to the important work that needs to be accomplished for working families throughout the state of Illinois in the future," Sandoval wrote.

Federal agents raided Sandoval's Springfield office on Sept. 24 with a search warrant seeking a vast array of information involving construction, transportation and power company officials, lobbyists, gambling interests, a red-light camera company and

at least three suburban mayors. Agents also were at his Cicero office and his home. The Sandoval raid was quickly followed by federal law enforcement actions in McCook, Lyons and Summit — all towns in the senator's district.

Records show the FBI also has been investigating Cook County Commissioner and McCook Mayor Jeff Tobolski and Lyons Mayor Chris Getty.

The Tribune previously reported that agents visited Bluff City Materials, a Bartlett sand and gravel operation owned by a major Sandoval donor, and that his connections to Commonwealth Edison — where his daughter, Angie, has worked as a senior account representative — have also been probed.

Sandoval has not been charged with any wrongdoing as a result of the investigation. The scope of



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State Sen. Martin Sandoval has not been charged with any wrongdoing as a result of the investigation.

information being sought in the search warrant indicates a widespread probe involving areas that have long been ripe for corruption, such as road building and gambling.

The raid also was the latest action by federal agents investigating corruption nearly a year ago when FBI agents descended upon

the City Hall offices of Ald. Edward Burke, Chicago's longest-serving City Council member and the then-powerful chairman of its Finance Committee.

While there has been no indication that the raid on Burke was connected to the later Sandoval raid, the action of federal investigators has unnerved many Democrats.

In addition to Burke, who has pleaded not guilty to corruption charges, federal agents have separately indicted state Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, over an allegedly no-show union job, and former state Rep. Luis Arroyo, D-Chicago, over allegedly attempting to bribe a state senator to support gambling-related legislation. Arroyo resigned after his indictment.

State Sen. Terry Link, D-Vernon Hills, has been identified by a Tribune

source as a cooperating witness against Arroyo, but he has adamantly denied it.

Democratic ward and township committeemen in Sandoval's Senate district have 30 days to name a replacement to fill his seat after his resignation takes effect. The rest of his term, which runs through January 2023, will be filled by the winner of an election to be held concurrent with the state primary and November general election.

The State Board of Elections will hold a special filing period Dec. 3 through Dec. 9 for candidates wishing to run in the March 17 primary for Sandoval's 11th District. The winners in the primary go on to run in the Nov. 3 general election. The winner of that contest would take office Dec. 7, when the election results are certified.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Javi Rodriguez and Crystal Cuevas exchange vows during their wedding Wednesday.

## Dying man marries his high school sweetheart

With just days left, 23-year-old heart transplant patient says 'I do'

BY ELAINE CHEN

A little past noon Wednesday, around 50 friends, family members and hospital staff at the University of Chicago Medical Center squeezed into a chapel in a corner of the hospital's seventh floor to celebrate the wedding of a 23-year-old patient expected to be discharged on Thanksgiving to go into hospice care.

A makeshift aisle made of white tissue paper ran down the center of the chapel, bordered with electric candles. Perched between the foldable chairs facing the front of the room — too few for the wedding-goers to sit on — were small tissue boxes.

Javier Rodriguez, known to his friends and family as Javi, has familial dilated cardiomyopathy, a genetic disease that predisposes victims to develop heart failure at a young age. He's had two heart transplants, one when he was 14 and another when he was 18.

He has several days, possibly weeks, left to live, his current physician, Dr. Bryan Smith, said. The day before the wedding, Rodriguez told him "he wanted his tombstone to say 'husband,'" Smith said.

Hospital staff began preparing Tuesday afternoon for the wedding between Rodriguez and his girlfriend since high school, Crystal Cuevas.

Rodriguez asked for a strawberry wedding cake, but no bakeries could make one on such short notice

while handling Thanksgiving orders. So hospital staff baked a three-layer strawberry cake. They also decorated the chapel with silver ornaments and white balloons.

Nurses and doctors who have cared for Rodriguez arrived early and stood at the back of the room. Family and friends filed in to the front, and Rodriguez and Cuevas' 3-month-old daughter, Leia, dressed in a white fluffy sweater and silver headband, was placed in a car seat at the front of the room.

Cuevas said she met Rodriguez through mutual

then, she's accumulated "hundreds of (hospital) passes."

Dr. Valluvan Jeevanandam, who carried out Rodriguez's second heart transplant, said that before the second procedure, Rodriguez had developed antibodies against 98% of all donors. Eventually, Jeevanandam said, Rodriguez was able to get the second heart "against all odds."

As time passed, however, Rodriguez developed new antibodies.

Smith, who is Rodriguez's current physician, said Rodriguez's condition is not strong enough for a

GoFundMe to help pay for "Javi's end of life celebration."

"Now that it's come to this point, we're trying to fit in as many pictures and videos and all of that as possible, so that she'll never think that she didn't have a dad," Cuevas said.

As the wedding began Wednesday, Rodriguez's mother and father pushed the wheelchair Rodriguez was sitting in down the aisle. His father wore a T-shirt with "Team Javi" printed on the front. Cuevas walked in afterward, her arms linked with her stepfather's.

When she arrived at the front, she saw Rodriguez dressed up for the first time that day.

"You look so good!" she said.

As the chaplain began speaking, he mouthed to her, "I love you."

After putting their rings on, they looked at each other and repeated after the chaplain, "From this day forward, you shall not walk alone."

"My heart will be your shelter, and my arms will be your home."

At the end of the vows, Cuevas leaned down to kiss Rodriguez, and the room erupted into claps and cheers.

"I'm happy that we were able to do this," Cuevas said after the wedding. But, "I'm heartbroken."

"There are moments where it feels like a dream and moments where it feels real, and this is when it feels real."

**"I'm happy that we were able to do this" But, "I'm heartbroken."**

— Crystal Cuevas

friends. Both were juniors in high school at the time; she went to North-Grand High School in the Humboldt Park neighborhood, and he went to Campos High School in the West Town neighborhood.

"He had this aura to him," Cuevas said. "He walked into a room and you smelled confidence."

"He had confidence, smarts, his smile. His ears! If you see Javi, he has these little ears, and that's everything."

When she first met Rodriguez, he had already had his first heart transplant and was healthy, she said. About six months later, he fell sick again, and since

third transplant because he's acquired infections and has kidney dysfunction.

On Saturday, Rodriguez called Cuevas while she was at work, telling her they needed to make "a family decision," she said. After making it through the last two hours of work, she rushed to the hospital, and he explained to her his decision to go into hospice care.

"I always try to keep it together in front of him, but that day I couldn't," she said. "I didn't grow up with a dad, and that's the one thing I always wanted to give my baby girl and that's what he wanted."

Tuesday, Cuevas created

## Filing says aide's lies allowed Brown to avoid charges

Court clerk was being eyed by feds, court records state

BY JASON MEISNER

Federal prosecutors were unable to bring criminal charges against Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown in part because of lies told by a top aide to a federal grand jury investigating a bribes-for-jobs scheme, according to details contained in a court filing made public Wednesday.

The revelation came in a defense memo seeking leniency for Beena Patel, a former deputy clerk under Brown who was convicted earlier this year on three counts of perjury for lying to a grand jury to protect her boss.

According to the memo, federal prosecutors wrote in a post-trial report to the probation department that Patel's testimony was "so misleading and had contradicted herself in so many respects that it was difficult for the grand jury to credit anything she said."

In recommending an enhanced sentence for Patel, the probation department wrote in a report to the judge that her conduct "affected the government's ability to file charges against Dorothy Brown," according to Patel's sentencing memo.

Prosecutors have asked U.S. District Judge Sara Ellis to sentence Patel to 2 1/2 years in prison because of the impact of her obstruction on the investigation.

In their own sentencing memo filed earlier this month, however, prosecutors were careful not to specifically mention Brown, saying only that Patel's lies impacted the government's ability to charge "those most culpable in the illegal activity."

The new details came to light Wednesday after the Chicago Tribune objected to the defense memo being filed under seal. Ellis had granted the move after Patel's lawyer, Donald Angelini Jr., claimed the document contained "sensitive and personal information."

But after the Tribune wrote a letter asking Ellis to reconsider, the judge determined that the only information that warranted remaining blacked out was a paragraph about Patel's son.

In the 16-page filing, Angelini sought a sentence of probation, saying that Patel's misstatements had little effect on the overall investigation. In fact, he said, prosecutors had plenty of evidence to charge Brown with bribery

— including a statement from another employee who paid Brown \$15,000 in exchange for a clerk's office position.

He also said Patel was "fearful" that prosecutors intended to turn her sentencing hearing into a larger "comment on public corruption."

Patel, 58, is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 12.

Her sentencing will likely mark the end of what at one time seemed to be a mushrooming investigation of widespread corruption in the sprawling and patronage-rich clerk's office.

Investigators seemed to be closing in on Brown herself several years ago when the FBI confronted her outside her South Side home and seized her cellphone.

At the time, prosecutors had taken a statement from another clerk's office employee, Sivasubramani Rajaram, who said he paid \$15,000 to Brown — including \$5,000 in cash handed over at a Corner Bakery across from the Daley Center — to secure a job.

Like Patel, Rajaram was later convicted of lying to the grand jury about the scheme. He was sentenced in 2016 to probation.

But no one was ever charged in any bribery scheme. In fact, Brown easily won reelection to a fifth term in 2016 despite the cloud over her head and even launched an unsuccessful bid for mayor. Earlier this year, Brown announced she would step down next year after 20 years in office.

Patel, who at one point supervised more than 500 workers, was convicted by a federal jury in April of lying under oath when she told the grand jury that she had never sold tickets to Brown's fundraisers and didn't know whether a colleague targeted in the investigation had spoken to law enforcement.

The jury also found that Patel committed perjury by falsely denying in her grand jury statements that she knew about a promotion given to another clerk's office employee whose brother had donated to Brown's campaign.

Prosecutors argued in their sentencing filing that Patel's lies "threw a wrench in the wheels of justice and ground them to a halt." Patel, meanwhile, had her pension taken away by the county earlier this month because of the felony conviction that related to her job duties, her lawyer said in his sentencing memo.

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# 4 more staff members have been removed from Steinmetz

BY HANNAH LEONE

“Dear Steinmetz Parents and Families,” began the latest email telling of another staff member removed from their post at the school amid an investigation of alleged misconduct. “The safety of your children is always our top priority, which is why I must inform you of a situation that has recently come to light.”

At least six staff members have been removed from Chicago’s Steinmetz Col-

lege Prep since February 2018, including four this calendar year, most recently last week, according to information obtained by the Tribune. None has been reinstated. They include security and teaching staff who stand accused of improper conduct ranging from having a relationship with a former CPS student to inappropriate communication with students on social media.

Over a recent yearlong period, 96 adults were tem-

porarily pulled or blocked from Chicago Public Schools buildings amid sexual misconduct allegations, according to a recent report from CPS Inspector General Nick Schuler. That’s fewer than one for every six CPS schools. Of the 96, at least 22 have been reinstated and 57 fired or quit, according to Schuler’s office.

Over the past year, CPS has stepped up efforts to root out and prevent misconduct affecting students, including hiring an outside

expert to review relevant practices and policies. The district launched the Office of Student Protections and Title IX, along with a task force and a hotline. CPS also gave the inspector general responsibility for investigating sexual misconduct involving CPS-affiliated adults and has been overhauling mandatory training, while working on Title IX training for all students and parents. The district’s handling of such cases is also now being overseen by the

U.S. Department of Education.

The inspector general has said that spikes in opened sexual misconduct cases could be related to the district’s efforts to encourage victims to report alleged misconduct, though it’s not clear if such efforts are correlated with the relatively high number of recent staff removals as Steinmetz. And staff members can be removed for a variety of reasons.

According to a statement

from CPS, Steinmetz employees have been given all of the required Office of Student Protections training, including “intensive training” for a school representative for Title IX, the federal education law prohibiting discrimination based on sex. But the school in the Belmont Central neighborhood on the Northwest Side will also get extra training now.

“Since the establishment of OSP, Steinmetz staff have reported incidents using proper protocol in a timely manner,” according to the statement. “As part of its commitment to provide targeted support, the Office of Student Protections will provide additional training to the Steinmetz school community.”

The letter that went out last week to Steinmetz parents was about a security supervisor, though it didn’t include his name or job title. It stated that a staff member had “engaged inappropriately with a student” and had been removed from the school while the Office of the Inspector General had opened an investigation.

Without elaborating, CPS officials said the security supervisor faced “allegations of inappropriate conduct involving a student” and was removed without pay. The impacted student’s parents were notified, and the Office of Student Protections and Title IX was connecting with the student.

“Please know that we are taking this situation seriously, and we remain committed to providing our students with a safe, positive learning environment where they can reach their full potential,” wrote the school’s principal, Jaime Jaramillo. “While I am unable to discuss details regarding the investigation, I am always available to discuss steps the district takes to keep students safe and matters related to your child.”

In June, another security staff member was removed with pay amid allegations of inappropriate comments to students, officials confirmed. A letter obtained by the Tribune informs him he’s expected to attend a hearing “based on an allegation that, while working as a school security officer at Steinmetz College Preparatory High School, you have had inappropriate contact with and have made inappropriate comments to students.”

In May, a teacher was removed with pay and accused of “a relationship with a former CPS student,” officials said. A May 22 letter to the teacher indicated the teacher was to remain out of the classroom while the investigation continued into a report that while working as a “probationary assigned teacher, you engaged in conduct unbecoming a CPS employee.”

That teacher, Kirsten Gassman, also faces a separate misdemeanor battery charge, according to police and Cook County court records.

The misdemeanor charge is still pending, records show. Gassman’s lawyer could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

That case followed the removal of a special education classroom assistant in April after the assistant was accused of inappropriate social media communication with students while on an overnight field trip, according to a letter from the district to the assistant. The assistant remains out of the classroom and continues to be paid as the inspector general investigates, according to CPS.

Another Steinmetz teacher was pulled in June 2018 for allegations of sexually harassing students. CPS filed dismissal charges and the teacher is currently suspended without pay pending a dismissal hearing, according to district officials.

In February 2018, a different teacher was removed from the school and accused of “improper conduct and suspected corporal punishment,” according to CPS. After the district filed dismissal charges against the teacher, who stopped receiving pay, a hearing was held, and the district is now waiting for a decision from the hearing officer.

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Students Natalia Arevalo and Lilliana Romero serve dinner to seniors in the line for Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

# Chicago students prepare Thanksgiving for seniors

Farm-to-table meal a holiday tradition on Far South Side

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

With a steady hand, 17-year-old Darius Kenerson whipped the batter with the deftness of a trained chef.

Then he delicately turned the wooden spoon over and over again until it was just right.

It was a simple batter of cream, butter and flour paste. But it was a key ingredient in the green bean casserole that would be served later that evening for hundreds of people.

"We want to have everything just right when we serve the food," Kenerson said.

Kenerson, a senior at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, was part of a team of students at the Far South Side school who spent Tuesday preparing an early Thanksgiving meal for more than 400 senior citizens from the Beverly, Morgan Park and Mount Greenwood neighborhoods. It is part of a yearslong tradition for the students-turned-chefs, bringing together community members who otherwise would not get a home-cooked holiday meal.

"This is a time where our students can take what they learn and give back to our community," school Principal Bill Hook said.

Hook first pitched the large-scale community Thanksgiving dinner to Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, in 2013, serving the school's first meal later that year. Attendance has grown each year, Hook said.

Almost everything was prepared with food from the school, which has the city's only working farm, according to school officials. The turkeys were raised on the school's 70-acre farm, where students also raise cows, turkeys, pigs, goats, chickens and two alpacas. Vegetables, including the pumpkins in the pie, also were grown at the school.

Included on Tuesday's menu: turkey, green bean casserole with the flawless batter, cornbread, pumpkin pie, apple crisps, cranberry-orange relish and pull-apart herb biscuits.

Some students were at the school as early as 4 a.m. to begin a grueling day of food preparation, aiming to have dishes ready by late afternoon. But it's a task many of the students embraced.

"It's a pleasure for us to be able to serve and contribute," said Caroline Winters, a 17-year-old senior.

This year the students had some expert help. Celebrity chefs Dan Smith and



Cicely Bryar, center in a turkey hat, and other seniors collect their dinners in the buffet line Tuesday.

Gale Gand, known for their shows on the Food Network, stepped in to help students master minute details to ensure each dish was cooked to perfection.

Clad in green hairnets and aprons, students surrounded a table with a cutting board in front of them, studying intently as Gand demonstrated rocking the knife back and forth to properly chop rosemary into tiny pieces.

"It's refreshing for me to see these motivated students and to share with them what I've learned," Smith said.

Everyone in attendance praised the students for the work they put into the event.

"This doesn't happen without them," O'Shea said.

By Tuesday afternoon, the high school gymnasium where the meal was served filled up quickly. Hundreds of people in line were waiting when the doors opened shortly after 4:30 p.m.

Russ and Joyce Schultz, husband and wife, were one of the first people inside to grab a seat.

"I look forward to this every year," said Joyce Schultz, 75.

The already spirited crowd perked up as the aroma of the food permeated the air.

"It's time to eat," a woman shouted, as people around her laughed.

"I'm ready for the turkey," Joyce Schultz said.

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# Judge gives OK to demolish home where AJ Freund lived

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO

The dilapidated, mold-ridden home in Crystal Lake where 5-year-old Andrew "AJ" Freund was allegedly beaten to death by his parents in April can be demolished, a McHenry County judge ruled Wednesday.

McHenry County Judge Kevin Costello said that no parties named in a complaint by the city of Crystal Lake came forth to object to the demolition.

Among those parties was AJ's father, Andrew Freund, who had owned the house. Freund and JoAnn Cunningham, the child's mother, are charged with first-degree murder and other crimes in the child's death.

In court Wednesday, Freund, clad in orange jail garb, said he did not object to the demolition. Cunningham was not in court. The two are being held in the McHenry County jail on \$5 million bail.

Costello said he saw "no legal basis to deny" the request for demolition. He said the demolition could take place on Dec. 12 or later.

David Pardys, attorney for Crystal Lake, said he will discuss the judge's ruling with city officials, and the issue could be taken up by the City Council as soon as Tuesday.

The city would pay for the demolition, and the cost would then be placed as a lien against the mortgage holder. Unpaid taxes from 2016, 2017 and 2018 on the property, totaling just over \$23,371, also would be paid by the mortgage holder, who is William Progar, according to Colette Kennedy, McHenry County assistant state's attorney.

Last week, a foreclosure auction was held at which Progar opened the bidding at \$49,900. However, there were no other bidders, so ownership of the property went to Progar. Costello has to approve the foreclosure sale within 30 days, and then Progar would legally possess the property.

However, Pardys said, the demolition could take place before that 30 days is up.

Jonathan Kaman, Progar's attorney, said prior to the hearing that Progar would prefer to keep the house, currently valued at \$116,000, and restore it. According to the complaint filed by the city, it would cost more than \$100,000 to bring the house within code.

"It has more value as a structure there than tearing it down," Kaman said.

After the house is leveled, the property would be valued at \$28,000, according to Frank Harrison, owner of Harrison & Associates, who evaluated the property.

Cunningham and Freund are accused of beating their child and making him stand in an ice-cold shower before putting him to bed "wet, cold and naked" on April 15. Authorities say he later died.

After Andrew Freund made a 911 call, residents, the FBI, Crystal Lake police and officers from several agencies across the state scoured the community for about a week. The child's body was found wrapped in plastic and buried in a shallow grave in Woodstock.

Throughout his short life, AJ was the subject of many police and child welfare contacts.

Amanda Marrazzo is a freelance reporter.

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# Parolee charged in death of missing woman

Murder suspect lived at woman's Avalon Park home

BY JEREMY GORNER AND ANNIE SWEENEY

The family of Chaunti Bryla had little doubt about who was responsible when the mother disappeared seemingly without a trace.

Their suspicions were confirmed Wednesday — eight months after her disappearance — when Cook County prosecutors charged 34-year-old Marvin Bailey, a parolee who knew Bryla through his father and had been living at her residence since his release from prison.

The news, coming the day before Thanksgiving, could not have been better timed, said Eileen Sterling-Ross, Bryla's aunt.

"My feeling was he did not deserve to enjoy the holidays," she said in a telephone interview.

The charge marks a rare prosecution for first-degree murder when the victim's body has not been found. Relatives last saw Bryla, 43, the mother of a 12-year-old boy, alive on the morning of March 14.

At a bond hearing Wednesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, prosecutors said Bryla had demanded that Bailey move out of her residence in Chicago's Avalon Park neighborhood about two weeks earlier after she fought with Bailey's girlfriend. Judge Charles Beach II denied bail for Bailey.

An assistant public defender appointed to represent Bailey told the judge that his client, the father of three children, worked side jobs.

In a front-page article in August, the Chicago Tribune, citing court records, detailed the suspicious circumstances surrounding Bryla's disappearance.

Though the Tribune didn't name Bailey because he hadn't been charged at that point, the court records alleged that he was cap-



Eileen Sterling-Ross, left, and her sister Kathy Kelly display a large poster in their home of their niece Chaunti Bryla, who went missing in March. ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

tured on video surveillance cameras removing a large blue bin from Bryla's apartment complex.

A few days after Bryla's disappearance, a Lyft driver picked up Bailey and an undisclosed witness from Chicago's South Shore community. With the witness' help, Bailey packed the blue bin into the SUV, explaining to the driver that he had been evicted and had to take all of his belongings, "including his meats," prosecutors said. The driver guessed the container weighed more than 100 pounds.

The Lyft driver drove them to a hotel in south suburban Calumet Park, according to prosecutors. Surveillance cameras captured Bailey and the witness un-

loading the bin from the SUV. With the elevator out of order, another witness watched Bailey and his helper struggle to drag the bin up three flights of stairs, prosecutors said.

Additional footage showed Bailey leaving the blue bin near a dumpster outside the hotel, police said.



Bailey

Police said they recovered the blue bin and found DNA inside the bin that matched Bryla's. A police cadaver dog also reacted to the presence of the odor of human remains at the location where investigators located the bin, according to prosecutors.

But authorities were unable to find Bryla's remains during a search of an Indiana landfill — the site where

garbage from the dumpster at the hotel would have been discarded.

Prosecutors said Bailey made no admissions about Bryla's disappearance following his arrest Tuesday, and he offered no explanation when investigators repeatedly confronted him about the video showing him struggle — despite the help of a second individual — to carry the heavy blue bin.

Bryla's family told the Tribune in August that she had allowed Bailey to live with her after he was released from prison in November 2018. At the time of Bryla's disappearance, Bailey was still on parole. He had been sentenced to eight years in prison for hitting a girlfriend with a pipe and hammer, pouring a caustic substance on her and setting her on fire, court records showed.

The Tribune has learned that a key break for Area South detectives came with the discovery that Bryla's debit card had been used multiple times after she disappeared.

Police said they pulled video from various locations that showed Bailey using the card to withdraw hundreds of dollars at ATMs, make purchases at local stores and gamble. Days after the disappearance, Bailey had drained the debit card of cash, according to prosecutors.

Detectives also analyzed cell tower data that captured Bailey's phone near Bryla's apartment at the time she went missing, police said.

Sterling-Ross, Bryla's aunt, said her niece was the center of her family's Thanksgiving celebration, an avid chef who prepped

"the whole spread." "Turkey, dressing, mac and cheese, potato salad," she said. "We would have been smelling ham all day. She served it at my house. She would be up half the night?"

This will be the first Thanksgiving without her, but the family is planning a feast to celebrate the holiday — despite the horrors of what they heard in court on Wednesday.

"It was kinda rough because the state's attorneys just went through the details, details, details," she said. "It was hard to hear about Chaunti being hurt. It was just so hard to see (Bailey) standing there healthy and alive."

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# Strong wind gusts cause hazards, outages

Conditions also complicate one of busiest travel days

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Wind gusts in excess of 65 mph Wednesday caused road hazards as tree limbs snapped, led to widespread power outages because of downed power lines, and untethered a barge, slamming it into a Far South bridge, closing it for the next two weeks.

Forecasters had been warning of the windstorm well in advance of Wednesday — one of the busiest air and road travel days of the year — but the intensity of the wind picked up earlier than expected, according to the National Weather Service.

Forecasters warned motorists against driving unless absolutely necessary and bumped up the start time of the 9 a.m. wind warning with an urgent weather message at 7:30 a.m. Wind speeds reached 45 mph before 6 a.m., a 61 mph gust was reported at O'Hare International Airport just after 7 a.m., and a gust of 66 mph was recorded in Valparaiso, Indiana, before 9 a.m., said Gino Izzi, a meteorologist with the weather service.

A barge moored to the shore of the Calumet River

“became unmoored due to high winds in the early morning hours,” and hit the underside of the 100th Street Bridge, the Chicago Department of Transportation said in a news release.

The barge was empty at the time, “and it was driven by the wind” into the southwest leaf of the movable bridge, transportation spokesman Michael Claffey said.

“I think it became lodged there and damaged the underside of the bridge,” Claffey wrote in an email. “This is (a) movable bridge that opens in the middle to allow river traffic through — like the downtown bridges, but the Calumet River bridges are opened and closed frequently to accommodate the barge traffic.”

The bridge will be closed for repairs for about two weeks, he said.

The wind also caused tree branches to fall on power lines, and elsewhere power poles broke in the windstorm, leading to widespread power outages, particularly south of Interstate 88, a Commonwealth Edison spokesman said. By about 2:45 p.m., about 86,000 customers had lost power during the windstorms, with about 18,000 still without power, according to ComEd spokeswoman Micaeh Johnson.

Just before 1:10 p.m., three lanes of southbound



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Pedestrians battle the wind in Chicago's Loop on Wednesday morning.

Lake Shore Drive were closed a little north of the Michigan Avenue exit when a light pole fell, said police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli. No injuries were reported and police were at the scene for traffic control, she said. The road was reopened about 3 p.m.

In Lake County, the sheriff's office said it received many reports of trees falling onto roads throughout the county.

Forecasters said they expected more damage during the height of the windstorm, likely until about 4 p.m.

Because of the high

winds, the popular Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza announced it would be closed Wednesday, both at Daley Plaza and near Wrigley Field, reopening on Thanksgiving.

Izzi, from the weather service, said with winds from the west and southwest, road travel could be most difficult along north-south oriented roads. As a result, motorists were bound to face more obstacles than those flying in or out of area airports, he said.

“Basically, the way O'Hare is set up ... the majority of the runways run east and west. If the winds

are blowing in the same direction as the runways are oriented, it tends to not cause a whole lot of problems,” Izzi said.

“And the way the winds are blowing today, it's pretty much parallel with the runways,” Izzi said. “So O'Hare seems to be running perfectly fine right now. Midway's the same boat. Weatherwise, we're not seeing anything that should impact the airports adversely.”

As of 3:15 p.m., 25 flights had been canceled at O'Hare International Airport and five flights had been canceled at Midway Airport, one of the locations

that saw early morning wind gusts in excess of 50 mph, according to the weather service. More than 434 flights had been delayed at O'Hare, more than 240 of them arrivals, and 65 flights were delayed at Midway, 42 of them departures.

“On any road that runs perpendicular to the direction of the wind, obviously we have concerns about high-profile vehicles getting blown over,” he said. “Generally, the lighter it is and the higher profile it is, the more susceptible it'd be to be blown over.”

Temperatures throughout northern Illinois remained on par with typical or average for late November, but were expected to drop further in the afternoon, according to the weather service. But because Thanksgiving does not fall on the same day each year, the weather service said records for a “normal temperature” do not exist.

Another thing to be grateful for this Thanksgiving, Izzi said: The temperature should rebound by Thursday.

“Everything's back to normal (Thursday),” he said. “Mostly cloudy, temperatures around 40. No snow, no rain, no wind of significance.”

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## Refugees

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ugees he met on two trips earlier this year. “We apologized for that. But we said we wanted to know their stories. We wanted to bring their stories back here to tell to our friends and the people in our church, the people that we work with, so that the awareness is increasing and to assure these people they were in fact not forgotten.”

Exodus World Service is among the organizations that are seeking new ways to continue supporting displaced people at a time when the United States is allowing fewer and fewer refugees into the country. During the final year of the Obama administration, the U.S. set the cap on refugee admissions at 110,000. By fiscal 2018, that number had dropped to 45,000. Then this fall, President Donald Trump set the limit on refugees who will be allowed into the country through next September at 18,000.

In Illinois, the number of refugees has fluctuated but has also seen a sharp decrease. During fiscal 2017, 3,045 refugees were resettled across the state, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services. The following year, the number dropped to 744 and then rose slightly the next year to 885.

Exodus, based out of Park Ridge, started examining how it needed to evolve if fewer refugees were going to be admitted into the country, said Susan Odom, executive director of the organization. This year, the group went on three trips to Lebanon, partnering with a local organization working with Syrian refugees there.

Exodus has two trips to Lebanon planned for next year and aims eventually to expand such visits to other countries.

“It's important to know that we are fully committed to engaging churches to welcome every refugee who's coming in our local communities,” Odom said. “We are committed to that 100%. But this is the first year in our 31-year history that we've added a new program connecting church volunteers here in Chicago to overseas refugees.”

Exodus isn't the only refugee-focused nonprofit that has in recent years changed how it operates. Another organization, RefugeeOne, is adjusting how it raises and spends its funding, said Jims Porter, manager of advocacy and communications. The Chicago-based resettling agency used to rely on government funds for a large chunk of its budget.

In response to the declining number of refugees entering the U.S., the organiza-



HEIDI ZEIGER/EXODUS WORLD SERVICE

Exodus World Service volunteer Tiffany Wood interacts with Syrian refugees in a tent camp in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon in September.



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John Schoff, 64, of Barrington, is a volunteer with Exodus World Service who traveled to Lebanon to help Syrian refugees.

tion's budget now heavily relies on private donations because it receives less government funding, Porter said.

RefugeeOne is also expanding services where it can because of the smaller number of immigrants it's working with, Porter said. For example, the organization is working with refugees who have been in the country longer, helping them not only attain their first job but also with advancing in their work or moving on to a job with better benefits, Porter said.

Across the country, similar organizations are investing more in advocating for policy changes on the federal and state level that benefit refugees, Porter said.

“Historically, we've see bipartisan support for this program,” Porter said, referring to refugee resettlement across the country. “We don't see it as partisan politics but rather an issue that's specific to this administration attacking immigration including legal (immigration). Eventually, this administration will come to an end and there will be an opportunity to work with either side of the aisle, to work with someone who finds value in refugee resettlement.”

As Schoff saw fewer refugee families coming into the Chicago area, he said he felt like he had a responsibility to do something. But he also didn't feel like he could do much from his

suburban home.

“So if there are fewer refugees arriving here ... my wife and I said, what can we do as individuals to go where the refugees are?” Schoff said.

He was among eight volunteers from Exodus who went on the first trip to Lebanon last February. The group was about 20 miles from the Syrian border and worked mostly with people who had fled that country. He went back on a second trip in June.

The American volunteers worked with Lebanese volunteers to set up food and activities for refugee children, ranging from making crafts to teaching them how to play games like Seven Up.

“The bottom line, we just wanted these kids to be kids,” Schoff said. “They've come from war-torn countries. They have seen buildings, sometimes even their own, ruined in the war. They saw violence, they saw people being injured and killed, and we thought, the least we could do is let them be kids for a day and focus on having fun.”

Joining Schoff on the first trip was Liz Shuman, of Chicago's Northwest Side, who has volunteered with Exodus for a few years. She likes the group's philosophy of being present in the lives of refugees.

“There has been a growing movement of Christians wanting to bear witness and acknowledging that even if we want to meet needs, we can't meet all the needs, but we want to have the strength to not look away,” Shuman said.

The trip also focused on meeting Syrian refugee families. Shuman found it surprising that these families weren't necessarily living in settlements specifically for displaced people. Instead, they met families living in makeshift homes from chicken coops, under tarps and from other materials cobbled together.

Heidi Zeiger, another Exodus volunteer who went on a trip to Lebanon in September, said meeting the refugee families left her with the feeling that an entire generation was being left behind and lost. Zeiger is a professional photographer who, separate from her volunteer efforts, works for Chicago Mayor Lori

Lightfoot's administration.

One of the people she photographed was a 14-year-old girl who tried to learn as many English words as she could from volunteers, Zeiger said.

Like Zeiger, Shuman left Lebanon thinking of how much potential is being lost while families linger, not knowing when they will have a permanent home again. During the recent Chicago Teachers Union strike, she worried about what her elementary-age children were missing when classes were canceled, but some of the children she met in Lebanon don't have access to any education.

“So these families are standing at the precipice,” Shuman said. “Many of them have been educated in the past, but looking forward, they are losing an entire generation of education. And how many years will that take for them to regain that? They value it but they don't have access to it.”

Many of the volunteers returned home and debriefed friends, their churches and colleagues about how Syrian refugees are living.

“I share (their stories) with people here in America,” said Katie Schnizlein, 23, of West Chicago, who went on the same September trip as Zeiger. “I'm thankful to be able to amplify the voices of the refugees that I met in order to advocate for their cause.”

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# Charges dropped against teachers arrested in protest

Group arrested for trespassing during strike last month

BY PAIGE FRY AND HANNAH LEONE

Trespassing charges were dropped Wednesday against nine members of the Chicago Teachers Union who were arrested at a protest during the teachers strike last month.

The so-called CTU 9 stood briefly Wednesday afternoon before a Cook County judge, who swiftly told them all charges of misdemeanor criminal trespass to property were dismissed, apparently because the complaining witness was not present for the court hearing.

The union members were arrested Oct. 29 at the headquarters of Lincoln Yards developer Sterling Bay. The massive, controversial development was a flashpoint during the strike because the union said schools were being underfunded while Lincoln Yards stands to receive as much as \$1.3 billion in taxpayer subsidies. The union members were arrested without incident and released later the same day.

Speaking to the media after the hearing, one of the teachers, Hilario Dominguez, called the outcome a "victory."

"We won today, and we're going to keep showing up," he said.

CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates also spoke, calling those who were charged "brave educators (who) were arrested to get a nurse in every school." That was one of the union's main goals when teachers walked off the job Oct. 17.

Wednesday also happened to be the first of five attendance days added to

the Chicago Public Schools calendar to make up for the 11 school days lost to the strike. Others were added during winter break and at the end of the school year in June.

Dominguez, a special education teacher and case manager at Cooper Dual Language Academy, previously told the Tribune that his principal was understanding about him having

to miss the makeup day to appear in court.

On social media, some CPS parents complained about the makeup day being added, in some cases blaming the union, or said they weren't aware until this week that Wednesday was an attendance day, though CPS officials announced the makeup day schedule during the first week of November.



Chicago Teachers Union members, including Hilario Dominguez, center, previously arrested on misdemeanor charges, gather together and greet each other Wednesday.

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## Wood from scaffold blown onto cab, 1 hurt

BY LIAM FORD

One man was injured Wednesday morning when wood from a construction scaffold was blown onto his cab near the Willis Tower, authorities said.

Emergency crews were called to near Adams Street and Wacker Drive just before 7:40 a.m. when the wood debris fell onto two vehicles, according to Chicago police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli. A piece of plywood from a scaffold was loosened and blown off the scaffold by high winds, according to a city spokesman.

One driver's arm was injured when his windshield was smashed by debris, Bartoli said. Photos from the scene showed the damaged car was a cab. The man was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in good condition, Bartoli said.

Willis Tower management released a statement regarding the accident.

"We learned of an incident that took place earlier this morning outside of the tower," the building management said in the statement. "Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, and we are continuing to work with safety officials and ensure that the construction site is secure during periods of high wind."

City transportation officials inspected the scaffold after the accident and found it to be secure, the city spokesman said. The Department of Transportation issued a permit for the canopy from 301 to 321 W. Adams St., outside Willis Tower, on Aug. 6; it's scheduled to be in place until Dec. 31, according to the permit.

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Brandon Walter loads a truck with corn from his family's harvest to take to a local elevator in Harvard on Wednesday.

## Farmers

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or feed, leading to a shortage of propane needed to power the high-powered fans and drying systems. After corn is harvested from fields, it is usually stored in grain elevators and silos. Wet corn can spoil after several days.

For Evan Hultine, a farmer in Bureau County near Interstate 80 about two hours southwest of Chicago, the delayed planting season meant late-growing corn has not had the chance to dry out this fall, especially since there have been few rain-free stretches. Hultine uses a drying system, powered by liquid propane, to reduce the moisture of the corn kernels he stores in giant grain bins.

"Starting so late really sets everything back," said Hultine, who decided to grow only corn this year because of concerns about how tariffs and the international trade wars would affect the soybean market. "It's been a struggle all year."

Hultine is about 85% done with his corn harvest. Normally, he said, the work is done weeks before Thanksgiving. But he was not able to start planting until May 31, finishing unusually late on June 11. He's hoping for one more stretch of dry weather so he can finish up in the next week or 10 days.

"My dad always said, 'If you're going to farm, you



Brandon Walter, left, chats with his father, Kerry Walter, as they load a truck with corn on Wednesday. The younger Walter says November snow made harvesting soybeans hard.

gotta love it. Because Mother Nature's going to be tough sometimes," Hultine said.

Walter, who farms 1,000 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and hay, has harvested most of his crops but continues to work in the field. The early November snow made harvesting soybeans difficult, he said, because any amount of snow prevents the combine from cutting the crops close to the ground.

"We're lucky we got most of the beans out," Walter said.

While most farmers have recovered throughout November to harvest their crops, some farmers may still be out in the fields throughout December, said

Dan Volkers, manager of the McHenry County Farm Bureau. Volkers said "a good percentage" of farmers in the area still have crops yet to be harvested.

"Ideally, you want to be finished by the time the snow starts falling, or when it sticks, anyway," Volkers said. Some farmers may be trying to harvest crops until New Year's, he said, and he urged area motorists to be on the lookout for tractors and combines throughout the holiday season.

Most counties in Illinois, the nation's top soybean-producing state and No. 2 for corn production, have received significantly more rainfall this year than normal, according to the state climatologist office. The

soggy spring weather damaged crops and left entire fields submerged for weeks, leaving 1.5 million acres unable to be planted.

For those who did plant, many fields of corn and soybeans were not planted until June, in turn pushing back the timeline for the fall harvest. At the beginning of October, only 13% of corn and 11% of soybeans had been harvested, according to the USDA.

The propane shortage has led the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to issue, and then extend, a regional emergency declaration that relaxes time-limit regulations on drivers who ship propane to farmers throughout the Midwest.

**"It's not as bad as we thought it might be. Still, the weather has not been kind to farmers this year. It's been blow after blow after blow."**

— Krista Lisser, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Agriculture

The temporary rules are in place until Jan. 10, Lisser said.

Farmers are also reporting a shortage of hay because wet weather has made it difficult to dry and bale. Hay usually needs several days to dry out, which has been a challenge during the autumn because of snow and rain.

Walter, who usually sells hay to area horse farms and beef producers, said he has produced only a fraction of the usual amount this year. The demand for dry hay has pushed prices for small bales that usually fetch between \$3 and \$5 closer to \$15, he said.

"This is just going to be a year to remember, but you don't really want to remember. You'd rather forget," Walter said. "It seems like this is becoming more of the norm. You hope it's not, though."

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young administration.

"What I'm going to do today is enjoy this victory," Lightfoot said. "I'm going to, later, smoke this cigar, probably have a little scotch and welcome my mother home for Thanksgiving. The out years will take care of themselves. Obviously, we think about it. But this is a day to celebrate, and I'm going to do that."

The mayor's reluctance to dive right into budget 2021 is understandable, because the outlook is bleak.

Pension contribution increases for the city during the next four years will pose a huge challenge for Lightfoot. She'll have to come up with an additional \$989 million a year for pensions by 2023, according to her administration. Any economic downturn affecting pension investments would likely send the figure even higher.

Among other things, the 2020 budget doubles spending on mental health services, though many progressives said she didn't go far enough with that because she won't reopen city-run clinics. It includes an \$18 million property tax increase to pay for opening neighborhood libraries on Sundays, and also increases spending on affordable housing and anti-violence initiatives.

It also includes sweeteners for all 50 aldermen in the form of \$25,000 increases to their ward budgets, from \$97,000 to \$122,000.

Lightfoot repeatedly touted the fact she closed the "historic" 2020 shortfall with 60% of the money coming from "structural changes" like cutting government costs through so-called zero-based budgeting and eliminating vacant positions.

But there are also one-time fixes including a huge tax increment financing surplus and \$215 million from debt refinancing. It also includes new fees such as \$40 million from ride-share passengers and \$3.5 million from legalized recreational cannabis sales.

And critics on the City Council loudly questioned the foundations of the mayor's spending plan. They wondered whether departmental savings will really amount to \$150 million as the Lightfoot administration says, and raised concerns about the additional \$163 million she's counting on from federal Medicare officials to reimburse the city for the cost of Chicago Fire Department ambulance trips.

"This is not a balanced budget," said Far South Side Ald. Anthony Beale, 9th. "This is a budget with a bunch of holes that are going to have to be filled at a later date."



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot leaves following the City Council meeting at City Hall on Tuesday after the council approved her \$11.65 billion budget plan despite opposition.

Against that backdrop, some aldermen wondered privately why the mayor didn't ram through the big property tax increase this year. Coming off an April election when she won more than 70% of the vote, Lightfoot is widely popular and unburdened by the political baggage of years of financial decisions.

She delivered a prime-time August speech specifically to let Chicagoans know the budget deficit she inherited from Mayor Rahm Emanuel was \$838 million, calling it "the largest in our recent history."

Lightfoot called for help from Springfield in that

speech and refused to rule out a property tax hike to close the hole.

She could have framed a subsequent tax increase many assumed was coming as "the Rahm Emanuel property tax," one alderman noted. "If she came back and said, 'We need to raise taxes by \$350 million,' lots of residents and aldermen would have been relieved it wasn't worse."

It will be harder to make Emanuel wear the jacket for a tax increase next time.

After the vote Tuesday, Lightfoot's administration noted positive feedback from Wall Street credit rating firms.

Standard and Poor's, for example, noted the city has a 7% structural imbalance — which occurs when regularly occurring expenses outpace annual revenue — in the 2020 budget but still assigned a "stable" outlook on the city's finances. S&P's analysis found that the city's use of one-time funding sources was reasonable and "not uncommon," and would buy it time to get help from Springfield in the spring.

Lightfoot's counting on lawmakers to take action on her priorities after she failed to get state lawmakers in Springfield this year to rework the casino license and pass a graduated real

## Bullet hits home of Wilco's Jeff Tweedy

By ROSEMARY SOBOL

At least one bullet struck the home of musician Jeff Tweedy after several shots were fired on the block where the founder of the band Wilco lives in the Old Irving Park neighborhood on the Northwest Side, according to Chicago police.

Tweedy and his wife were inside their house around 2 a.m. Tuesday when they heard "seven loud gunshots," police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. Responding officers found damage to an upper balcony "that appeared to be bullet holes," he said. There was one "large bullet hole" in a glass door. A wooden door behind it was also damaged.

The officers returned around 2 p.m. when someone found shell casings on the street outside the home.

"There's no indication that he (Tweedy) was targeted, but detectives are going through that," Guglielmi said.

Tweedy's publicist, Jessica Linker, said it appeared one bullet hit the home.

Neighbors reported hearing loud gunfire. "It was very, very loud. I've never heard anything so clear and distinct and loud," said a woman who lives across the street. She was sleeping on a couch on the first floor at the front of her house when she woke up unexpectedly. "I don't know what a gunshot sounds like, but it sounded like a firecracker."

She pulled the shades and peered outside but didn't see anything. She went to the back of her house and looked out another window, near the alley, and didn't see anything there, so she went back to sleep.

Later that day, she went outside to hang Christmas decorations and Tweedy's wife came over to talk to her about it. "She was very visibly upset ... crying a little," the neighbor said. The couple's two sons were not at home.

At first, they didn't know a bullet had hit the home, but several shell casings were found and one bullet had gone through a glass French door upstairs.

"Thank goodness nobody was hurt ... just shook up," the neighbor said. "I was afraid to go to bed last night. This never, never ever happens. Our neighborhood is a very safe neighborhood. It's very, very unusual."

The Tweedys are a "beautiful family" and unassuming, another neighbor said. "He's got all this, his fame and whatever, and he's out there cleaning the gutter," she said.

estate transfer tax. Such help from Springfield is uncertain, though. The mayor personally went to the state Capitol this fall looking for an assist that didn't come.

Her City Council floor leader, Ald. Gilbert Villegas, 36th, pointed during budget debate Tuesday to the need for that help. He also called on his colleagues to turn their own revenue ideas into legislation so there can be debate on it in the council. "To sit here and talk about you want this and you want that, that's not the process," he said.

"While this budget goes a long way toward identifying savings and efficiencies from within, make no mistake, this is not sustainable," Villegas said. "Chicago requires new and sustainable revenue to address our growing liabilities. That's why the city's committed to continuing discussions with state leadership and the governor on the casino, real estate transfer tax and to find ways to generate new revenues for the city without imposing another significant property tax hike on Chicago residents."

"Listen, we all want to find new revenue, and take a look and find another lever to pull, but the reality is, this is what we have right now."

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## Trump briefed about complaint; aid released

President told of whistleblower by lawyers in August

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, MARY CLARE JALONICK AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was briefed on the whistleblower complaint about his dealings with Ukraine before the White House released nearly \$400 million in military aid to Kyiv, officials say, shedding new light on events that triggered the impeachment inquiry.

Trump was told about the complaint in late August in a briefing by White House Counsel Pat Cipollone and John Eisenberg, an attorney with the White House National Security Council, according to two officials not authorized to publicly discuss the matter.

The lawyers told the president about the complaint, explaining that they were trying to determine whether they were legally required to give it to Congress, the officials said. The aid was released on Sept. 11 amid growing pressure from lawmakers.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The White House has claimed there was no link between the military aid suspension and the president's request for Ukraine to investigate his political rival Joe Biden and his family.

But it was his request to Ukraine's president in a July phone call that prompted the government whistleblower's complaint about a link. The assertion of such a link has since been corroborated by a parade of witnesses testifying on Capitol Hill.



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President Trump said he didn't know what Rudy Giuliani was working on in Ukraine.

The August briefing with Trump was first reported by The New York Times.

The revelation comes just days before the House Judiciary Committee takes over the impeachment probe, scheduling a hearing for next week as it pushes closer to a possible vote on charges of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

The Judiciary panel scheduled the hearing as the Intelligence Committee

on Tuesday released two last transcripts from its depositions, including from a White House budget official who detailed concerns among colleagues as Trump ordered them, through intermediaries, to put a hold on military aid to Ukraine.

Trump and his lawyers have been invited to attend the hearing and make a request to question witnesses, according to Democratic rules approved by the House last month.

The White House said Wednesday no decision had

been made whether to send a representative.

Trump tweeted an image of his head superimposed on the muscular body of a champion boxer. He regularly tells his supporters at campaign rallies and in videos that Democrats are "trying to stop me because I'm fighting for you and I'll never let that happen."

Multiple government witnesses testified in impeachment hearings held by the Intelligence panel this month that Trump directed his personal lawyer Rudy

Giuliani to take the lead on Ukraine policy and that Giuliani pushed an "irregular" diplomatic channel.

The Intelligence Committee is wrapping up its investigative phase of the probe and preparing its report for the next.

The initial Judiciary hearing on Dec. 4, the day after lawmakers return, will feature legal experts who will examine questions of constitutional grounds as the panel decides whether to write articles of impeachment against Trump.

Trump, meanwhile, tried to put distance between himself and Giuliani in a radio interview Tuesday. Asked by host Bill O'Reilly what Giuliani was doing on his behalf in Ukraine, Trump said, "I don't even know," adding that Giuliani had other clients as well.

Asked directly if he had directed Giuliani to go to Ukraine on his behalf, Trump said, "No." Giuliani did not respond to requests for comment Wednesday.

In a phone call to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on July 25, Trump said several times he would have Giuliani contact Zelenskyy. "Rudy very much knows what's happening and he is a very capable guy," Trump said to Zelenskyy, according to a rough transcript released under pressure by the White House.

In a transcript of closed-door testimony released Tuesday, Office of Management and Budget official Mark Sandy, a career employee, told lawmakers that his office was notified as early as July 12 by the White House chief of staff's office that Trump was withholding the military aid. That was two weeks before Trump asked Ukrainian President Zelenskyy to investigate Democrats.

Sandy testified that Trump himself requested additional information about the aid on July 19 after seeing an unidentified "media report." The office then started the official process of withholding the money on July 25, the day of the call between Trump and Zelenskyy, Sandy said.

He also testified that he knew of two people who left the agency who had voiced concerns over the handling of the Ukraine aid.

## Probe: Catholic boards meant to fix abuse failed

Findings showed complaints rejected, victims undermined

Associated Press

Facing thousands of clergy sex-abuse cases, U.S. Catholic leaders addressed their greatest crisis in the modern era with a promised reform: mandatory review boards.

These independent panels with lay people in each diocese would review allegations fairly and kindly. And they would help bishops ensure that no abusive priests stayed in ministry.

But almost two decades later, an Associated Press investigation of review boards across the country shows they have broadly failed to uphold these commitments. Instead, review boards appointed by bishops and operating in secrecy have routinely undermined sex abuse claims from victims, shielded accused priests, and helped the church avoid payouts.

The AP also found dozens of cases in which boards rejected complaints, only to have them later validated by secular authorities. In a few instances, board members were themselves clergy ac-

cused of sexual misconduct. And many abuse survivors told the AP they faced hostility and humiliation from boards.

When a man in Ohio braced to tell a panel of strangers how a priest had raped him, one of them, to his disbelief, was knitting a pink sweater. When a terrified woman in Iowa told a board her story of abuse, one member was asleep. And when David Lasher went before a room that included the church defense attorney, he was grilled until he wept.

"It's a sham. It's a cover-up," said Lasher, 56, who told the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, board about his sexual abuse in April. "It's all about protecting the church."

The board ruled against Lasher, and the diocese stopped paying for his counseling. AP does not typically name sex abuse victims, but Lasher and others opted to be identified.

Several bishops contacted by the AP, including St. Petersburg's Gregory Parkes, didn't respond to requests for comment. Some referred reporters to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which also didn't respond to interview requests.

Others, such as Baltimore Archbishop William Lori, said that while improvements are possible, review boards are living up to the promises of the reforms mandated in 2002.

"They are critical to regaining the trust and confidence of our people, who rightly believe in increased lay involvement in such matters," said Lori, who served on the conference's sex abuse committee back then.

Clergy sex abuse has cost more than \$4 billion and implicated at least 5,100 priests by the church's own count since 2002. The church has been forced to reckon with abuse again after a damning grand jury report in Pennsylvania last year.

The review board path is supposed to give victims the opportunity at validation from the church, especially for cases old enough that statutes of limitations prevent them from being tried in court. While dioceses are expected to report possible crimes to authorities, review boards are intended to advise bishops on the church's internal response and their findings are entirely separate from secular law enforcement.



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When David Lasher reported sexual abuse by a priest to an independent review board in Florida. The board ruled against him and the diocese stopped paying for his counseling.

However, at least a dozen reports by government investigators and outside consultants with access to church documents have questioned the independence of boards, their treatment of victims or their thoroughness.

In Colorado, an investigator jointly appointed by the state and church recently said Denver's board showed too much bias for the archdiocese and little understanding of sexual assault and trauma. A 2016 grand jury investigating Pennsylvania's Altoona-Johnstown diocese called the board's work a cover-up, cloaked "in the guise of advocacy," with members

focused on "fact-finding for litigation" in case the victim sued.

"It's all internal. That's the problem," said Rev. James Connell, who served nearly a decade on Milwaukee's review board. "It's not that the review board didn't do what the review board was asked to do. It's that it's the whole wrong approach."

Bishops have appointed church defense attorneys and top aides to boards, AP found. In more than half the dioceses, though, member names aren't posted on church websites or in the Official Catholic Directory, leaving victims uninformed over who will hear their

case.

Some bishops and review board members say that having diocesan attorneys and church officials involved isn't a conflict of interest. John Laun, the board chair in Louisville, Kentucky, said the church officials who serve as members there don't direct the conversation.

Bishops also choose which cases go to the review board, what evidence members see and what criteria is used to decide if an allegation is "substantiated" or "credible." And sometimes, even where boards found cases credible, bishops ignored the findings, as they are empowered to do.

## Tucson UPS workers allegedly ran massive drug trafficking scheme

By ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ  
The Washington Post

TUCSON, Ariz. — A group of United Parcel Service employees allegedly helped import and traffic massive amounts of drugs and counterfeit vaping oils from Mexico during the past decade, part of a scheme that exploited a vulnerability in the company's distribution system, according to police.

The lucrative operation at times involved moving

thousands of pounds of marijuana and narcotics each week from narco-traffickers into the United States to destinations across the country, using standard cardboard boxes that were carefully routed through the private carrier's trucking and delivery systems, authorities said.

Four UPS employees have been charged with drug trafficking in state court, and court records show that at least 11 people have been arrested in the past two weeks on a slew of

state charges stemming from the decadelong investigation by local, state and federal law enforcement.

Investigators from the Counter Narcotics Alliance said accused ringleader Mario Barcelo — a 20-year UPS employee and dispatch supervisor — used a simple method to obscure the origin and destination of drug shipments.

Authorities said Barcelo, 49, used his position as a supervisor in the Tucson distribution facility to ensure known drug shipments

were loaded onto the correct trucks and were delivered on time without any interference, bypassing security measures the employees knew well.

Tucson-area law enforcement had been tracking Barcelo since at least 2009, but Tucson Police Sgt. William Kaderly said detectives were frustrated for years that the company did not work more "proactively" with them to intercept and prevent the suspected criminal behavior.

UPS said in a statement

that the company is cooperating with law enforcement officials but that the company is "not at liberty to discuss the details of the arrests as this is an ongoing investigation."

Some of the defendants were arraigned this week, but prosecutors have withheld specific details of the investigation from public court record because more arrests are expected soon.

Charging documents obtained by The Washington Post show that progress in the case did not come until

2017, when detectives identified UPS drivers who were allegedly involved in the scheme and got UPS fraud and security investigators to help.

Along with Barcelo, UPS supervisor Gary Love, 40, and drivers Michael Castro, 34, and Thomas Mendoza, 47, face charges of money laundering, drug possession and drug distribution. Seven others are facing charges related to the shipping of the drugs and operating stash houses for the illicit materials.

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# On the table? Turkey. In the room? A political elephant.

BY DAN SEWELL  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Some people heading to Thanksgiving gatherings predict it's not just the turkey that will get roasted.

Already polarized over Republican Donald Trump's presidency, Americans are deeply split on a looming historic impeachment. Many families reflect the nation's divisions, setting up heated holiday debates in households with a taste for politics.

Bryan Wright, of Cincinnati, said "impeachment will definitely come up" as a divisive topic at his extended family's holiday meal. With a family representing a range of viewpoints including Trump supporters, he and his mother have been texting about the impeachment debate they expect.

"We would openly talk about that but we have different ways of coming at it," he said.

Wright is a longtime advocate of welcoming immigrants and helps lead Cincinnati's efforts, something that relatives who support Trump's push for a border wall with Mexico chalk up to his "liberal brainwashing," he said.

Wright — whose wife, University of Cincinnati psychology professor Farrah Jacquez, is of Mexican descent — will gather with her family and his relatives at his parents' home in Florence, Kentucky, after hosting two recent Thanksgivings.

That included 2016, right after Trump's hard-fought election, when there was family drama over whether Trump-backing relatives from Tennessee would be willing to come to his house. They did but some voiced "some pretty awful views on immigrants and immigration," he said.

Alex Triantafilou, an attorney and chairman of Hamilton County's Repub-



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Bryan Wright and Farrah Jacquez will have Thanksgiving dinner with relatives who support the president.

lican Party, also expects impeachment to be on the table at the holiday feast hosted by an older brother. While the swing state of Ohio has been trending Republican, Democrats have turned the GOP tide in his county.

Triantafilou, who is critical of the Democratic-led impeachment proceedings, said that his family backs Trump for the most part but that more viewpoints have been added as it has grown with new in-laws and friends.

"If somebody comes in and they're not on the Trump train, so to speak, they get a little bit of an airing," he said, adding that it's "usually in fun."

But sometimes it goes past fun.

Wright recalls Thanksgivings with offensive comments that strained relations. Mindy Nagel, a physical therapist with liberal views, has unfriended her conservative brother on Facebook over his political posts and said she'll be "surrounded" by people who disagree with her politically at her in-laws' Thanksgiving.

"Politics is the elephant in the room," she said.

Elaine Swann, a Los Angeles-based etiquette coach, advises hosts to have a plan to deal with polarizing discussions amid "all

this talk about impeachment" in the air, along with the aromas of oyster dressing and freshly baked pumpkin pies.

"I do think it's healthy for people to express themselves and to have those conversations," said Swann, who will host her family's Thanksgiving. "My advice is to take a route to allow some sort of platform, but with guidelines."

One tactic: sequester the debates. She'll have a room away from the dining table stocked with snacks for people who want to talk politics. She also suggests designating a calm family member as a combination moderator-peacekeeper.

Triantafilou, a former judge, said that role often falls to him, although he wouldn't mind taking a break from politics for the day.

"My preference would be to not have the conversations at Thanksgiving," he said. "I'd rather watch football and leave politics behind."

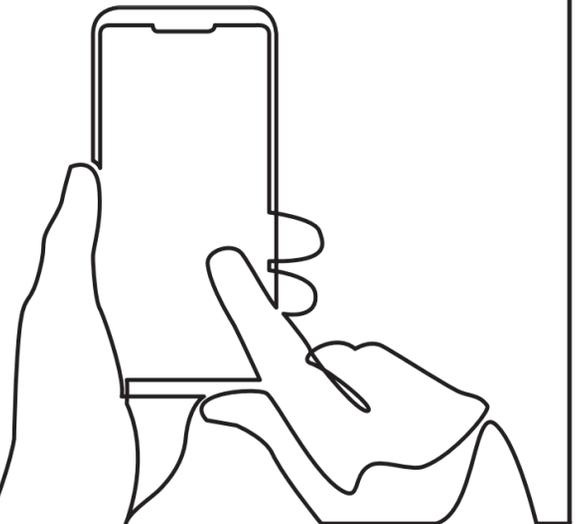
The bottom line, Swann said, is cherishing the time together.

"Although we may not agree politically, the one thing we are is family," she said. "The big takeaway that I encourage everyone to have is that love for family, because tomorrow is not promised to us."

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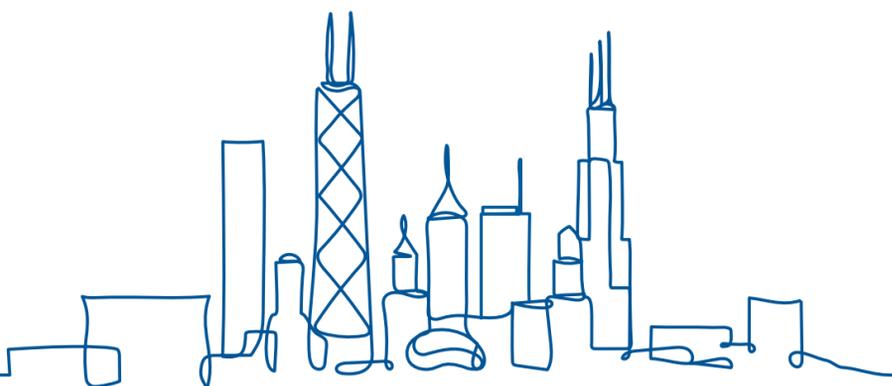
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# Could Philippine troll armies hit US?

Officials pay to null conflict and boost government online

By SHASHANK BENGALI AND EVAN HALPER  
Los Angeles Times

MANILA, Philippines — As public anger mounted last year over delayed plans to shake up the Philippines' outage-plagued telecommunications sector, angry comments and one-star ratings flooded a government-run Facebook page.

When employees suspected online trolls, President Rodrigo Duterte's digital mastermind offered a solution.

"I'll handle this," said Nic Gabunada, the architect of the social media strategy that powered Duterte's 2016 election victory, according to a government employee who managed the Facebook page.

Pro-Duterte comments soon poured onto the page, with users defending the president's handling of the situation or blaming the problems on the previous administration. Many of the new commenters had only basic profile information on their pages, which featured mostly generic posts with religious or pro-government messages.

"It was Nic," said the employee, who was interviewed on the condition her name not be used for fear of retribution. "The fact that he had a troll army was known by everyone, but not openly talked about."

In the Philippines, candidates and government officials routinely pay vast cyber-troll armies that create multiple fake social media accounts to smear opponents and prop themselves up.

It's all part of the online propaganda wars shaking politics in the country.

And it could soon be coming to the U.S., according to election officials and disinformation scholars who are watching closely. They warn that the Phil-



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Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's administration hires troll-farms to push its positions over those of opponents.

ippine epidemic probably will spread here, given Filipinos' proficiency in English, facility with social media and the lure of money from campaigns looking for a new way to get an edge over the competition.

Already, U.S. operatives in both parties have made early efforts at using trolls for political gain. Rogue progressives stealthily launched fake social media campaigns against Roy Moore, the GOP nominee for Senate in Alabama, during a 2017 special election. Their campaign aimed to confuse voters into thinking Moore supported banning alcohol and that Russian bots were working on his behalf.

The New York Times revealed the plot, along with an earlier, aborted plan developed by a firm run by former Israeli intelligence agents to engage dozens of paid trolls in swaying delegates to Donald Trump dur-

ing the 2016 GOP convention. The plan was requested by a senior Trump campaign official but was not carried out.

"The presence of a large for-hire market looking at all the disinformation online that you can buy and people are selling is quite disturbing," Camille Francois, the chief innovation officer of Graphika, a firm that helps tech companies and government investigators find and confront online disinformation, said at a Federal Election Commission symposium in September.

"What these troll farms are reporting is a growth of global business. What do we do about that?"

Manila, alone, has hundreds of active troll farms. The shadowy networks act as weapons that, for the right price, can build artificial buzz around a product, a celebrity — or a political figure.

Those troll techniques

"will be used more and more," said Malou N. Tiquia, chief executive of the Manila political strategy consultancy Publicus Asia. "When Facebook said it won't ban political ads, that was already a signal to everyone that anything goes."

U.S. regulators have barely begun to consider the mounting threat, and Silicon Valley has shown itself lacking the tools and will to effectively confront it. Tech firms are making little headway stamping out the scourge where it has emerged so far, even after Facebook in March removed from its platform 200 pages for "inauthentic" activity and took the rare step of identifying Gabunada's network as the culprit.

The Filipino digital propagandist has denied trafficking in misinformation and did not respond to texts seeking comment about his

work for the Duterte administration.

Such moves by Facebook are doing little to slow the trolls.

Filipinos spend so much time online — they average a staggering 10 hours a day, according to industry data — and disinformation has spiraled so quickly that Katie Harbath, Facebook public policy director for global elections, branded it "patient zero in the global disinformation epidemic" during a 2018 talk in Berlin.

"The propaganda looks really organic and it often doesn't trip any of the flags" that alert tech companies, said Jonathan Ong, a professor of global digital media at University of Massachusetts Amherst whose research has taken him inside Filipino troll farms.

Political campaigns contract out their digital efforts to consultants, who in turn pay up to \$1,000 per month to college students and re-

cent graduates who are charged with launching multiple fake Facebook pages designed to look like they were created by actual voters or grassroots groups.

"It is so easy to be enlisted in these jobs," Ong said. His recent study on the industry includes an interview with one paid troll who fell into the work when the chief of staff of the political campaign she was working on ordered everyone to start creating fake accounts and posting on them.

Others have fleeting loyalties politically but are attracted to the cash. Consultants running troll farms have been known to switch sides in the middle of an election.

"The alliances are very shifty," Ong said. "Strategists will switch in the middle of a campaign to join who they think will be the winner. They will betray their client. It happened in the last election."

Most often, the operations are run through contractors separate from the actual campaigns so the candidate has no fingerprints on the weapon. And the trolls often don't trigger attention from tech platforms because they know how to avoid detection. The algorithms that tech companies use to detect phony accounts tend to focus on dozens of commenters posting the same message around the same time, or users with a stock photo on their profile page. The trolls don't do these things.

"You can look like legitimate Facebook users to trick the (company's) artificial intelligence," said Ross Tapsell, a researcher at Australian National University who documented the surge of paid troll activity in the Philippine province of Cebu.

In some cases operatives contract the work out to troll farms in far-off places, including Saudi Arabia.

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# No thanks: Native Americans to hold 50th gathering of grief

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE  
Associated Press

PLYMOUTH, Mass. — Happy Thanksgiving to you in the land your forefathers stole.

That's the in-your-face message Native Americans are preparing to send as they convene their 50th annual National Day of Mourning in the seaside town where the Pilgrims settled.

United American Indians of New England has held the solemn remembrance on every Thanksgiving Day since 1970 to recall what organizers describe as "the genocide of millions of native people, the theft of native lands and the relentless assault on native culture."

But Thursday's gathering will have particular resonance — and, indigenous people say, a fresh sense of urgency.

Plymouth is putting the final touches on next year's 400th anniversary commemorations of the Pilgrims' landing in 1620. And as the 2020 events approach, descendants of the Wampanoag tribe that helped the newcomers survive are determined to ensure the world doesn't forget the disease, racism and oppression the European settlers brought.

"We talk about the history because we must," said Mahtowin Munro, a co-leader of the group.

"The focus is always on the Pilgrims. We're just going to keep telling the truth," she said. "More and more nonnative people have been listening to us. They're trying to adjust their prism."

As they have on every Thanksgiving for the past half-century, participants will assemble at noon on Cole's Hill, a windswept mound overlooking Plymouth Rock, a memorial to the colonists' arrival.

Beneath a giant bronze statue of Massasoit, the Wampanoag leader in 1620, Native Americans from



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Native Americans from tribes around New England will gather near the bronze statue of Massasoit before marching through Plymouth's historic district on Thursday.

tribes around New England will beat drums, offer prayers and read speeches before marching through Plymouth's historic district, joined by dozens of sympathetic supporters.

Organizers say they'll also call attention to the plight of missing and slain indigenous women, as well as government crackdowns on migrants from Latin America and the detentions of children. Promotional posters proclaim: "We didn't cross the border — the border crossed us!"

Past gatherings have mourned lives lost to the opioid addiction crisis, shown solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and condemned environmental degradation.

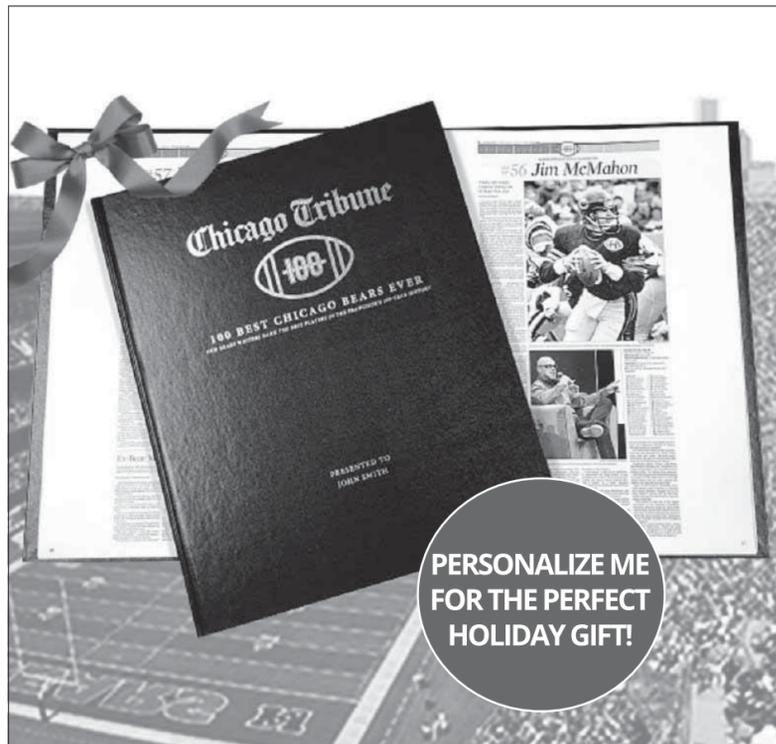
The tradition was born of Plymouth's last big birth-

day bash in 1970 — a 350th anniversary commemoration that triggered angry demonstrations by native people excluded from a decidedly Pilgrim-focused observance.

Since then, the National Day of Mourning has become a louder, prouder affair in the community nicknamed "America's Hometown."

Francis Bremer, a Pilgrim scholar and professor emeritus of history at Pennsylvania's Millersville University, thinks the nation is becoming more receptive "to a side of the story that's too often been ignored."

"Fifty years ago, for non-native people, these were uncomfortable truths they didn't want to hear. Now they're necessary truths," he said.



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# Giuliani represents client in Justice probe

## Venezuelan linked to \$1.2B money-laundering scheme

By ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN, DEVLIN BARRETT, MATT ZAPOTOSKY AND TOM HAMBURGER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Rudy Giuliani went to Madrid in August to meet with a top aide to the Ukrainian president and press for political investigations sought by President Donald Trump, he made the trip at the behest of a previously unidentified client with very different interests.

While in Spain, Giuliani stayed at a historic estate belonging to Venezuelan energy executive Alejandro Betancourt López, who had hired Trump's personal attorney to help him contend with an investigation by the Justice Department into alleged money laundering and bribery, according to people familiar with the situation.

A month later, Giuliani was one of several lawyers representing Betancourt in Washington. The lawyers met with the chief of the Justice Department's criminal division and other government attorneys to argue that the wealthy Venezuelan should not face criminal charges as part of a \$1.2 billion money-laundering case filed in Florida last year, said the people, who, like others in this report, spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the

ongoing investigation.

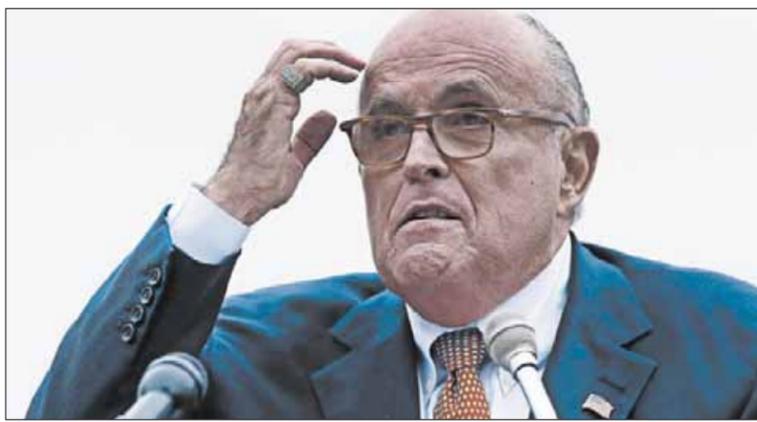
The criminal complaint alleges that top officials of the Venezuelan state-owned oil company, elite business leaders and bankers conspired to steal money from the company and then launder it through Miami real estate purchases and other investment schemes.

Betancourt is not one of the eight men charged in the case, a group that includes his cousin. But a person familiar with the matter said that he is referred to in the criminal complaint as a uncharged co-conspirator, as previously reported by the Miami Herald.

Giuliani's representation of Betancourt — which has not been previously disclosed — is a striking example of how Trump's lawyer has continued to offer his services to foreign clients with interests before the U.S. government while working on behalf of the president. And it shows how Giuliani — who says he was serving as Trump's attorney pro bono — has used his work for paying clients to help underwrite his efforts to find political ammunition in Ukraine to benefit the president.

In response to questions about Betancourt, Giuliani wrote in a text, "This is attorney client privilege so I will withstand whatever malicious lies or spin you put on it."

Eric Creizman, an attorney



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Rudy Giuliani, pro bono attorney for President Trump, represents foreign paying clients.

ney for Giuliani, declined to comment.

Jon Sale, an attorney for Betancourt, said his client denies any wrongdoing. He declined to comment on Betancourt's relationship with Giuliani.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department declined to comment on the meeting. Justice Department officials were unaware of the Madrid meeting when Giuliani came to meet them, according to a senior Justice Department official, who said the topic of Ukraine did not come up in the discussion.

Giuliani, a former top federal prosecutor in Manhattan, is now under scrutiny by the U.S. attorney's office he once led, which has filed campaign finance charges against two of his associates, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman. Investigators are examining Giuliani's consulting business as part

of a broad probe in a raft of possible crimes, including wire fraud and foreign lobbying violations, according to people familiar with the matter.

Giuliani is also a key figure in the ongoing House impeachment inquiry into Trump, in which top government officials have testified that the president's lawyer led a shadow effort to pressure Ukraine to announce investigations into Trump's rivals.

One of the main purposes of Giuliani's travel to Spain was to meet with Betancourt, who has made a fortune in work for the Venezuelan government, according to people familiar with the trip.

Betancourt, a young member of Venezuela's elite, co-founded a company that was awarded \$1.8 billion in contracts to build power plants under Venezuela's former socialist

President Hugo Chávez, leading to allegations the company bilked the government, The Wall Street Journal has reported.

The company, Derwick Associates, has denied paying bribes to win its contracts and said the contracts reflected the high cost of doing business in the socialist country.

Sale, who is Betancourt's lawyer, is a longtime friend of Giuliani's who attended law school with the former New York mayor. He also briefly represented Giuliani as he responded to congressional inquiries regarding Ukraine, sending a letter to House committees explaining that Giuliani would not comply with a subpoena for documents.

Giuliani has defended his work for foreign clients, arguing that their identities and interests are "irrelevant" to his uncompensated efforts for Trump.

## 'He picked the wrong house to break into'

Octogenarian body builder stops intruder in his tracks

By KATIE METTLER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Willie Murphy was getting ready for bed Nov. 21 when she heard a loud pounding on her door.

It was nearly 11 p.m. and dark outside her home in Rochester, New York.

The man, she would later tell ABC 13, was shouting, "Please call an ambulance." He said he had been shot. She called 911. Then Murphy, 82, said she heard a "loud noise." Suddenly, the man was inside.

In that moment, the octogenarian made moves that would eventually grant her internet notoriety within a subgenre of viral crime stories, in which women of retirement age fend off home invaders with their decades of might.

We've read about the 79-year-old great-grandmother who scared a would-be thief into a closet after shooting at him; the Philadelphia great-grandmother who chased her burglar, bloodied by her bullets, out of her home; and the Georgia grandmother who fought off two armed attackers who tried to tie her up, which she categorized as a "grannies gone wild" feat.

And now we have Willie Murphy, who unbeknownst to her intruder, is an award-winning body builder who says she can dead lift 225 pounds.

"He picked the wrong house to break into," she told ABC 13.

In her version of the story, which she recounted in great detail to her friends at the local YMCA — where she works out almost daily — the 82-year-old said she hit him so hard with a nearby table that it broke.

"And when he's down," she continued, "I'm jumping on him."

Next, she said, she poured a bottle of shampoo on his face. Then she started batting at him with a broom.

"I'm alone, and I'm old," Murphy told ABC 13. "Guess what? I'm tough."

Murphy said she "did a number on that man."

According to the Rochester Police Department, officers responded to Murphy's home at 10:53 p.m. on Nov. 21. Officials say Murphy actually struck the man in the head with a stool, not a table. She did not ask police to file any charges because the man, whom police did not identify, had been "extremely intoxicated and not aware of what was going on."

Murphy, a retired social worker, has made headlines before.

She was featured on the "Today Show" last year for her record-setting participation in the World Natural Powerlifting Federation. At the time, Murphy was 81, weighed 105 pounds and stood strong at 5 feet flat. She told the "Today Show" she began powerlifting in her mid-70s so she could stay healthy, fit and independent.

"When it snows in Rochester, guess who's doing the snow?" she said in the interview. "Me."

The powerlifting federation had to add an age division just for Murphy, the "Today Show" segment reported.

## Giuliani

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the negotiations described a series of contracts that were drafted earlier this year in which Giuliani would have worked for Lutsenko or separately, the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice.

For Lutsenko, the agreement would have provided a pipeline to Trump's lawyer and, through him, potentially to other top U.S. officials. For Giuliani, the agreements would have been a way to accrue financial benefit from a person who was also providing him politically damaging information that could help another client, the president of the United States.

Trump directed U.S. diplomats to work with Giuliani on Ukraine issues.

The agreements were never executed and there is no indication that Giuliani was ultimately paid by Lutsenko or other Ukrainian officials. But the negotiations proceeded far enough that a series of legal agreements were drafted under which Giuliani's company would have received more than \$200,000 to work for the Ukrainians, people familiar with the agreements said.

Some versions of the agreement envisioned Washington husband-and-wife lawyers Victoria Toensing and Joe diGenova also playing a role and receiving payment.

A February draft retainer agreement with Lutsenko called for the trio to help recover money allegedly stolen from Ukraine. The draft called for Lutsenko to retain Giuliani Partners, as well as diGenova and Toensing, and pay a \$200,000 retainer to Giuliani Partners.

The person said that another retainer agreement, drafted in March, called for Giuliani Partners



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Contracts were drafted in which Rudy Giuliani would have worked for Ukraine's then-top prosecutor Yuri Lutsenko.

to receive \$300,000 from the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice for help locating the supposedly stolen assets. That draft agreement also stated that Toensing and diGenova would be working on the matter. That agreement called for payments to be made to Giuliani Partners.

Yet another proposal called for the Ukrainian Justice Ministry to hire Toensing and diGenova for asset recovery, but did not mention Giuliani.

An attorney for Giuliani declined to comment on the negotiations. Lutsenko, who served as Ukraine's top prosecutor until August, could not be immediately reached for comment. But in an interview with the publication Ukrainian Truth earlier this month, Lutsenko described how he was eager for Giuliani to help him get a meeting with the U.S. attorney general to discuss evidence he

had uncovered that Ukrainian assets had been routed through U.S. bank accounts.

Speaking in Ukrainian, Lutsenko said that Giuliani at first agreed he could help make the connection but that he never did.

"For me, this is an absolute mystery. A few months later, a new United States Attorney General was selected. I called back several times with assistants or advisers to Giuliani with the question: 'Will there be or will not be a meeting?'" Lutsenko said.

He said Giuliani told him he would have to hire a lobbyist to get the meeting. "They even offered me such a company," Lutsenko said. "I said that I am the prosecutor general of Ukraine and will not pay a dime."

He said he was told it would be "impossible" for him to get the meeting without paying and he con-

tinued to refuse. "I will not pay money for any meeting," he said.

In a statement, a spokesman for Toensing and diGenova said the couple had previously said they had agreed to represent people they described as "Ukrainian whistleblowers." Spokesman Mark Corallo confirmed those discussions included possible representation of Lutsenko.

"All the other names are attorney-client privileged and it is unfortunate that some unethical person chose to violate that privilege," he said. Corallo said that all of the retainer letters under consideration included "the necessary notice of FARA registration," referring to the Foreign Agents Registration Act. That suggests the couple had planned to register as foreign lobbyists if the agreements had been executed.

However, Corallo said that no representation was ever finalized because a trip that Toensing planned to Kyiv in May was canceled after The New York Times reported that she was accompanying Giuliani, who had hoped to meet with Ukrainian officials to press them to open an investigation into Biden and his son.

"No money was ever received and no legal work was ever performed because the trip was canceled," Corallo said.

Federal prosecutors in New York have been investigating Giuliani and two associates he tapped to help him conduct investigations in Ukraine for a wide range of possible crimes, including wire fraud.

The two associates, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, were charged earlier this year in a campaign finance case.

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# Are vapes wiping out teen smoking?

Experts polarized as underage smoking plummets amid rise in e-cigarette use

BY MATTHEW PERRONE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In almost any other year it would be hailed as a public health victory: The smoking rate among U.S. high schoolers took its biggest hit ever this year, federal figures show, falling to a new low.

Instead the milestone was relegated to a lone figure at the bottom of a government press release and went unremarked by anti-tobacco groups that have spent decades working to stamp out youth smoking.

It's a new era in the tobacco wars — one in which the alarming rise of underage vaping has almost completely overshadowed a parallel drop in traditional smoking. And the pivotal question of whether electronic cigarettes are inadvertently helping to wipe out smoking among young people has become a polarizing topic: embraced by some experts, dismissed by others.

"Smoking is disappearing among young people and it's a great public health triumph that we are failing to celebrate, much less even note," says Kenneth Warner, professor emeritus at the University of Michigan's school of public health.

E-cigarettes typically heat a solution that contains nicotine, the drug that makes tobacco addictive. They are generally considered less harmful than cancer-causing traditional cigarettes. But there is little long-term research on the health effects of vaping.

With one in four teenagers now using e-cigarettes, underage vaping is universally condemned, and the federal government considers it an epidemic.

But Warner and some other researchers believe recent trends continue to



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One in four teens vape in what's considered an epidemic, but some researchers believe it's useful for smoking cessation.

show vaping's promise as a tool to steer millions of adults away from cigarette smoking, the nation's leading cause of death.

That potential makes the case for keeping e-cigarettes readily accessible for adults — even if a certain level of teen use persists.

But that approach is a nonstarter for many tobacco opponents.

"When adults make policy gains on the backs of children, that's bad, and that's what the argument boils down to here," says Dave Dobbins, an attorney with the anti-tobacco nonprofit, Truth Initiative.

Even if e-cigarettes were responsible for the smoking decline among teenagers — which Dobbins says is unlikely — allowing young people to get hooked on vaping nicotine is not a solution.

"I don't buy the argument that these things showed up and magically changed the world," says

Dobbins. Instead, he thinks the vaping industry has increasingly pursued young people as smoking has fallen out of fashion.

But no one disputes the decline.

The percentage of high schoolers who reported smoking fell to 5.8% in 2019 from the prior year, a 28% drop and the largest since the U.S. government began surveying teens, according to preliminary numbers released in September. The trend isn't limited to one year or one survey.

A similar study conducted by the University of Michigan shows smoking among 12th graders has plummeted 50% since 2015, the largest drop of its kind in the survey's 40-year history.

The smoking rate for adults is roughly 14% and has been falling slowly for decades.

The decline among teens has been seized upon by vaping proponents, who argue it undercuts the gravest

argument against the nicotine-emitting devices: that they act as a "gateway" to traditional smoking.

That's the conclusion of a number of short-term studies that followed young people and surveyed their use of tobacco and nicotine. The prestigious National Academies found "substantial evidence" for the gateway effect in a 2018 consensus paper. And the Food and Drug Administration even uses the concept as the tagline in its anti-vaping video ads: "Teens who vape are more likely to start smoking cigarettes."

For now, experts on both sides acknowledge there is no definitive evidence linking e-cigarettes to the decline in youth smoking. The question is clouded by too many long-term trends and complicating variables. Teen smoking has been decreasing since the late 1990s and is influenced by government policies, public opinion, changing products

and tobacco industry marketing.

But for researchers who believe vaping is benefiting public health, the falling numbers make one thing clear: E-cigarettes are not driving large numbers of young people to smoke. The numbers suggest the exact opposite.

"The key point here is that it seems we have seen a drastic reduction in smoking," says Dr. David Levy, a tobacco researcher at Georgetown University. "That's clearly a good thing and it's not something that we want to mess with."

The question of how to best regulate e-cigarettes remains unresolved in Washington. The Trump administration has recently backed away from an earlier plan to ban virtually all vaping flavors due to their appeal to teens. No deadline has been set for a new proposal or announcement.

Levy and others favor targeted approaches to curb

youth use, such as raising the minimum purchase age to 21 nationwide. They oppose sweeping bans and restrictions, which could impact use by adult smokers.

In a paper last year, Levy, Warner and several colleagues estimated that smoking among 12th graders has fallen three times faster since an uptick of e-cigarette use around 2014, compared with the earlier long-term trend.

However, the authors did not conclude that e-cigarettes caused the decline and noted that it could have been influenced by other factors, such as anti-tobacco campaigns.

Brian King of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also emphasized that survey data cannot prove a cause and effect between vaping and smoking rates. Therefore, it's impossible to know which teens avoided or quit smoking due to vaping, versus those who would never have picked up cigarettes anyway.

Additionally, the data suggest many of the estimated 5.3 million underage students who vape were never at risk to become smokers.

"So that reflects an on-ramp to nicotine use that we otherwise would not have had without e-cigarettes," says King, a deputy director in CDC's Office of Smoking and Health.

For decades, advocates, regulators and researchers were united in a common fight against cigarettes, which cause cancer, heart disease, stroke and many other deadly diseases.

But views have diverged since the introduction of e-cigarettes and other alternative products. Some experts believe the most realistic approach is to shift smokers away from burning tobacco toward less-risky products.

On the other side are those who say there is no safe way to use tobacco or nicotine and quitting should be the goal.

## Mexico balks as Trump talks of labeling cartels terrorists

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump put the Mexican government on the defensive when he said he "absolutely" will move ahead with plans to designate Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations.

Trump said in a radio interview this week that tens of thousands of Americans are killed every year because of drug trafficking and other activity by the cartels.

But Mexico is pushing back, worried that such a step would allow its neighbor to the north to violate its sovereignty by operating unilaterally inside Mexico.

"I've been working on that for the last 90 days," Trump said in a radio interview with Bill O'Reilly, who asked whether such a designation would be forthcoming.

O'Reilly had asked Trump if he would designate the cartels "and start hitting them with drones and things like that?"

Trump replied: "I don't want to say what I'm going to do, but they will be designated."

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Wednesday that he did not want to enter a "political confrontation" with the U.S. government on the eve of its Thanksgiving holiday.

He said he would leave it at "cooperation, yes; interventionism, no," and that he had instructed Ebrard Secretary Marcelo Ebrard to explain Mexico's position to Washington.

Ebrard later tweeted that he'd already been in contact with the U.S. government and would use diplomacy to "defend sovereignty."

Trump offered no timetable for the designation.



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Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said declaring war on drug cartels in the past "didn't work."

After the U.S. labels an individual or organization as a terrorist group, it then becomes illegal for anyone in the United States, including banks and other financial institutions, to knowingly provide them with support.

Members of terrorist groups are also denied entry into the U.S.

Authorities suspect Mexican drug cartel hit men in the shooting deaths of nine American women and children in northern Mexico earlier this month as they traveled in vehicles to visit relatives.

After the attack, Trump tweeted: "This is the time for Mexico, with the help of the United States, to wage WAR on the drug cartels and wipe them off the face of the earth."

Trump said in the radio interview that Lopez Obrador had rejected his offer to "let us go in and clean it out" but that "at some point, something has to be done."

"Look, we're losing 100,000 people a year to what's happening and what's coming through on Mexico," Trump said, speaking of American lives.

"And they have unlimited money, the people, the cartels, because they have a lot of money because it's drug money and human trafficking money," the

president said.

In rejecting Trump's approach, Lopez Obrador said previous Mexican administrations had declared war "and it didn't work."

Ebrard's office said Tuesday that he would get in touch with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to discuss the subject and seek a high-level meeting as soon as possible.

The foreign minister noted Monday that a terrorist designation carries legal implications and that American law would then allow the U.S. government to act "in a direct way" against those groups.

"That, of course, Mexico would never accept," Ebrard said.

While the U.S. and Mexico have a history of cooperation in combating the cartels, principally through sharing intelligence, Mexico's concern would be that U.S. forces would potentially move against targets independently, violating Mexico's sovereignty.

Mexico's Senate president, Ricardo Monreal, a member of the president's party, said via Twitter on Tuesday night that the designation would allow the U.S. government "to use legal and institutional means that would permit it to act unilaterally in our territory with the justification of pursuing those groups."

WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS 1932-2019

## 2-time EPA leader refused to join in Nixon's 'Massacre'

BY TIMOTHY R. SMITH  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — William Ruckelshaus, a pragmatic and resolute government official who shaped the Environmental Protection Agency in the early 1970s as its first administrator and returned to the agency a decade later to restore its shattered morale after its watchdog powers had been muzzled, died Nov. 27 at his home in Seattle. He was 87.

The death was confirmed by a friend, Philip Angell. The cause was not immediately known.

In a long career in government and private industry, Ruckelshaus was widely promoted as "Mr. Clean" as much for his uprightness as for his role with the EPA. He cemented his reputation for unshakable integrity when, in 1973, as Richard Nixon's deputy attorney general, he refused a presidential order to fire the special prosecutor investigating the Watergate break-in.

Decades later, as chief executive of Browning-Ferris Industries, the second-largest trash-disposal company in the country, he expanded the company's presence into New York and worked with law enforcement agencies to help break mob control of the city's trash removal business.

Ruckelshaus, the scion of a prominent Indianapolis legal family, was a moderate, Princeton- and Harvard-educated Republican who rose in the Nixon-era Justice Department before guiding the EPA at its birth in 1970.

Ruckelshaus shepherded several federal environmental entities into a robust regulatory agency and did as much as anyone to mold the EPA's mission.

During his three-year



AP FILE

Then-EPA chief William Ruckelshaus, left, applauds as President Richard Nixon signs legislation placing new curbs on smog from auto exhaust on Dec. 31, 1974.

tenure, he created policies that forced cities to adopt anti-pollution laws, held automakers to strict emissions standards and banned the harmful pesticide DDT.

Around the time Ruckelshaus stepped down from the EPA in April 1973, the Nixon administration was foundering amid accusations that it had obstructed justice by covering up its involvement in the June 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate complex in Washington.

Ruckelshaus, who had no connection to the scandal, was made acting FBI director and then deputy attorney general.

On Oct. 20, 1973, Archibald Cox, a Harvard law professor appointed by Attorney General Elliot Richardson to investigate the break-in, had requested complete access to Oval Office tape recordings of the time immediately after the break-in. Nixon rebuffed the request and ordered Richardson to fire Cox. Richardson refused and resigned.

Shortly afterward, Gen. Alexander Haig, Nixon's chief of staff, phoned Ruckelshaus and instructed him to fire Cox.

Ruckelshaus, who had promised the Senate during confirmation hearings that he would protect Cox, refused to carry out Nixon's order and then resigned. The duties of the attorney general were transferred to Solicitor General Robert Bork, who agreed to fire Cox.

The event became known as the "Saturday Night Massacre" and precipitated the downfall of the Nixon presidency in August 1974.

Of his role, Ruckelshaus later said, "It was not a heroic act."

Ruckelshaus was serving as vice president of legal affairs for timber giant Weyerhaeuser when President Ronald Reagan asked him to return as EPA administrator in 1983.

In 2015, President Barack Obama awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Jimmy Carter out of hospital after treatment for brain bleed

ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter has been released from Emory University Hospital in Atlanta after recovering from surgery to relieve pressure on his brain caused by bleeding from a fall.

The Carters “look forward to enjoying Thanksgiving at home in Plains, where he will continue to recover,” Carter Center spokeswoman Deanna Congileo said Wednesday in a statement.

Congileo has said there were no complications during Carter’s recent surgery at Emory for a subdural hematoma, blood trapped on the brain’s surface.

A spring fall required Carter, 95, to get hip replacement surgery.

Then on Oct. 6, he hit his head in another fall and received 14 stitches. He fractured his pelvis in another fall later that month and was briefly hospitalized.

### Officials: Iraq protesters burn down Iran Consulate in Najaf

BAGHDAD — Anti-government protesters burned down an Iranian Consulate building in southern Iraq on Wednesday, while six protesters were killed by security forces who fired live rounds amid ongoing violence in the country, Iraqi officials said Wednesday.

Protesters torched the consulate in the holy city of Najaf in the evening. One protester was killed

and at least 35 people were wounded when police fired live ammunition to prevent them from entering the building, a police official said.

Iranian staff were not harmed and escaped the building from the back door and authorities imposed a curfew in Najaf.

Two protesters in Baghdad and three in Karbala were also killed when security forces fired live ammunition.

### Officials: Hawaii man subjected Utah family to extreme stalking

HONOLULU — A Hawaii man tormented a Utah family for over a year by sending more than 500 people to their house for unwanted services including food deliveries and prostitutes, according to a U.S. prosecutor who called it “extreme cyberstalking.”

Loren Okamura was scheduled for a detention hearing Wednesday in Honolulu. He was indicted last month on charges including making inter-

state threats, court documents show.

Okamura, 44, targeted a father and his adult daughter, sending the woman threatening messages and posting her picture online, police said.

The Gilmores were granted a protective injunction from Okamura in January, but it took investigators time to charge him because his use of encryption apps made him appear anonymous.



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**Rescuers remove** debris from a collapsed building as they search for survivors in Durres, Albania, on Wednesday. Hopes of finding people alive waned a day after a deadly earthquake killed at least 30 people and injured more than 650.

### CDC reports that birthrates and abortions declined in 2018

WASHINGTON — Rates of births and abortions in the U.S. again declined in the most recent years for which data is available as women experience fewer pregnancies, according to analyses released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The birthrate reached its lowest point in more than three decades, with 3,791,712 births registered in 2018. That total is 2% lower than the number reported in 2017, marking the fourth year in a row that births have declined.

The CDC received re-

ports of 623,471 abortions in 2016, down 2% from the prior year. The figure represents the lowest number of abortions reported since the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, as well as the lowest rate.

Decreases in births and abortions over the past several years have been linked to fewer millennials having children than previous generations and a decline in teenage pregnancy, which fell 7% last year to 174 births per 1,000 people.

Birthrates have been trending downward since 2005, sparking concern about potential ramifica-

tions. Keeping the number of births within a certain range, called the “replacement level,” ensures that the population level will remain stable.

A low birthrate runs the risk that the country will not be able to replace the workforce and have enough tax revenue, while a high birthrate can cause shortages of resources.

The fertility rate in 2018 was 1,729.5 births per 1,000 women, which is below the replacement level of about 2,100 births. The country’s fertility rate has mostly been below replacement since 1971.

### Wind could ground big balloons at Macy’s parade

NEW YORK — Smokey Bear might feel like he’s battling Santa Ana winds — if he even gets a chance to fly.

New York City’s big Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade will take place Thursday amid strong winds that could potentially ground the giant character bal-

loons, which have caused mishaps and injuries in the past when gusts have blown them off course.

The New York City Police Department is monitoring wind gauges along the 2.5-mile parade route and will order the 16 helium-filled balloons to a lower altitude or have them

removed entirely if wind speeds reach dangerous levels.

The National Weather Service is projecting sustained winds of up to 24 mph with gusts to 40 mph.

The balloons will be grounded if sustained winds exceed 23 mph and gusts exceed 34 mph.

### Trump signs law in support of protesters in Hong Kong

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed legislation designed to support pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong after previously suggesting he might veto the measure — despite its near-unanimous support in the House and Senate — to pave the way for a trade deal with China.

The legislation authorizes sanctions on Chinese and Hong Kong officials involved in human rights abuses and requires the State Department to perform a new annual review of the special trade status that Washington grants Hong Kong.

China opposes the bill but it enjoys almost unanimous support in Congress.

Trump’s decision to sign the bill puts an end to what could have been a politically uncomfortable veto showdown with members of his own Republican Party.

**In Colombia:** Citizens unhappy with President Ivan Duque’s response to nearly a week of boisterous protests over everything from job losses to shark hunting took to the streets again Wednesday in a continuing tide of unrest.

The daily protests jolting the South American country proclaim a wide array of complaints but echo one refrain: an opposition to a government that many believe only looks after the most privileged citizens.

The new demonstration came a day after Duque’s attempt to quell the discontent hit a snag when a protest steering committee refused to join broader talks the president called with all social sectors, fearing its demands would be diluted.

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## EDITORIALS



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Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, returns to his Southwest Side home Nov. 29, 2018, after federal raids on his City Hall and ward offices earlier in the day.

### ILLINOIS' CORRUPTION ERUPTION

# Giving thanks for FBI agents and federal prosecutors

A year ago this Friday, Chicagoans trudged from their trains, buses and autos to their workplaces, stood in line for morning coffee and tightened their coat buttons. It was a run-of-the-mill workday.

Little did they know, federal agents at City Hall and on the far Southwest Side were storming the offices of Ald. Edward Burke, 14th. The search warrant had been signed eight days earlier, permitting the FBI to round up laptops, filing cabinets and Rolodexes. As agents did so, they taped brown, waxy butcher paper across Burke's office windows for privacy — and maybe to provoke curiosity.

Speculation came swiftly. Maybe Burke's City Hall office was being painted or decorated for the holidays. It couldn't possibly be a law enforcement raid.

Could it?

It was. The U.S. attorney's office later charged Burke with one count of attempted extortion. He allegedly had tried to coerce the owners of a Burger King franchise, who needed help obtaining city licenses, into becoming his law clients. Six months later, the feds returned a 14-count indictment alleging Burke participated in several schemes to drive business to his law firm. Burke says he is innocent.

Throughout this year, though, the feds' activity has only accelerated.



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Federal investigators carry boxes from Burke's 14th Ward office in November 2018. Burke is facing federal corruption charges.

Warrants, raids, indictments, headlines ... and people's outrage.

At this Thanksgiving, Illinois citizens can offer thanks for that law enforcement effort. Thank you, federal prosecutors. You too, agents of the FBI and sister agencies.

We don't say that lightly. This is not a just-pass-the-gravy moment. It's an embarrassment that the U.S. Department of Justice has to police Illinois and Chicago for public corruption.

**The lack of interest from state and local law enforcement** in investigating and prosecuting corruption in Illinois has reinforced a sense of entitlement for the politicians engaged in it, and reinforced numbness from an electorate accustomed to it. A campaign donation, tickets to a fundraiser, a patronage hire, a contract steered to a favored company, a bribe, all in exchange for government service — this has been business as usual.

Even after the indictment of Burke

and two of his associates, even after raids at the homes of House Speaker Michael Madigan's allies, another alleged scam emerged: Prosecutors say state Rep. Luis Arroyo, D-Chicago, brazenly tried to arrange a scheme with a state senator: \$2,500 a month in return for the senator's support of Arroyo's legislation. With the alleged dealmaking caught on an FBI recording device. This allegedly occurred in August, when elected officials across Illinois were well aware of the ongoing federal actions.

Arroyo has resigned in disgrace. And news broke late Wednesday that another Chicago Democrat under investigation, state Sen. Martin Sandoval, also is quitting.

### Will the pils ever learn?

Federal law enforcers have been as busy as most members of the Illinois political class have been unnerved. The extent of the investigations remains unknown. Sweeps and subpoenas don't automatically translate into indictments or convictions. But the U.S. attorney's office is charging forward aggressively. For people cheated out of honest chances at jobs and contracts. For taxpayers. For citizens fed up with the stench of greed and corruption that rots a basic trust in government.

For that law enforcement effort we say, thank you.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

If you survey American parents about what they want for their kids, more than 90 percent say one of their top priorities is that their children be caring. ... But when you ask *children* what their parents want for them, 81 percent say their parents value achievement and happiness over caring.

Kids learn what's important to adults not by listening to what we say, but by noticing what gets our attention. And in many developed societies, parents now pay more attention to individual achievement and happiness than anything else. ... Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised, then, that kindness appears to be in decline. ...

Telling your kids about how you regret not standing up for a child who was bullied might motivate them to step up one day. Recalling a time when you quit a team and left your teammates in the lurch might prompt your kids to think more carefully about their responsibilities to others. The point is not to badger kids into kindness, or dangle carrots for caring, but to show that these qualities are noticed and valued. Children are naturally helpful — even the smallest ones appear to show an innate understanding of others' needs.

Quite a bit of evidence suggests that children who help others end up achieving more than those who don't. Boys who are rated as helpful by their kindergarten teacher earn more money 30 years later. ... The real test of parenting is not what your children achieve, but who they become and how they treat others.

**Adam Grant and Allison Sweet Grant**,  
**The Atlantic**

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# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Cleveland's Myles Garrett hits Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph over the head with a helmet on Nov. 14 in Cleveland.

## Excusing bad behavior in any situation only encourages worse



STEVE CHAPMAN

Professional football involves systematic violence. On every play, men do things that would get them arrested in other contexts. What makes it a game — rather than a brawl, a riot or deadly combat — is that the violence is controlled.

There's a penalty for "unnecessary roughness" because roughness must be kept within certain limits. Some types of brutal contact are allowed, but others are forbidden.

Some forbidden ones were committed by Cleveland Browns defensive star Myles Garrett in a recent game against Pittsburgh. Having made a late hit on the Steelers' Mason Rudolph, which led to a scuffle with the quarterback, Garrett yanked Rudolph's helmet off and then struck him on the head with it.

Shocking incidents like this put a choice to the NFL: Deal leniently or sternly with the offender. The league could have decided that Garrett's ejection, coupled with a stiff fine and mandatory counseling, would suffice for his tantrum. Instead, it suspended

him for the final six games of the season and gave no promise about when he will be reinstated. It thus sent Garrett a message that such outrageous conduct will not be tolerated.

But it also sent a strong message to all the players who get through each game without going berserk: that their stoic fortitude is recognized, respected and rewarded. To let Garrett off with a slap on the wrist would devalue their discipline. It would excuse bad behavior and generate more of it.

Donald Trump has a different attitude about punishing wrongdoers. He recently pardoned Clint Lorange, an Army lieutenant convicted of ordering the murder of three Afghans, and Matthew Golsteyn, a Green Beret major charged with murdering an Afghan prisoner.

Navy Secretary Richard Spencer was fired after Trump elected to reverse the demotion and preserve the SEAL Trident pin of Eddie Gallagher — who was prosecuted in a military court on charges of murder and other crimes, though he was convicted only of posing for a photo with a corpse. Trump justified his decision by tweeting, "We train our boys to be killing machines, then prosecute them when they kill!"

But even in war, some killings are not allowed. Trump's intervention drew sharp criticism from military leaders, notably former Joint Chiefs

Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey and former Marine Corps commandant Gen. Charles Krulak.

Retired Army Col. Mike Jason, who led combat units in Iraq and Afghanistan, tweeted, "The decision to pardon these three men, countering the sanctity of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the decisions of commanders, the verdict of their peers, our adherence to the Laws of Warfare — WILL have long lasting battlefield consequences."

These veterans know more of war than Trump does. It was Gallagher's fellow SEALs who accused him of crimes. Nine members of Lorange's unit testified against him. "It tainted our entire service," one of them told The New York Times. "Every time a new story calling him a hero happens, I don't sleep."

The vast majority of our troops recognize that fighting a war is not a euphemism for mass slaughter or premeditated murder. They respect the rules of combat, even when it would be easier and safer not to. When the president sides with those who violate those rules, he effectively denigrates the integrity and self control of everyone else in uniform.

What leaders get is what they reward and tolerate. Trump cares nothing for laws of war. He wants our troops to be "killing machines." His indiscriminate bloodlust will make it

harder for commanders to elicit restraint from their troops.

The same logic, of course, applies to Trump's own corrupt, reckless, self-serving and destructive behavior as president — most notably in his attempt to extort the president of Ukraine and his subsequent efforts to prevent Congress from learning all the facts.

No president since Richard Nixon has shown such contempt for law and such eagerness to misuse the powers of his office for his own benefit. Nixon was forced out, and his fate was a lesson to his successors on the boundaries of acceptable behavior.

If Trump is not impeached and removed, the message will be that presidents can get away with virtually anything. If he isn't held fully accountable for his abuses, he will set a new low standard for acceptable conduct. And we can expect the same, if not worse, from future presidents.

As musician Jason Isbell sings, "The right thing's always the hardest thing to do." Honoring the virtuous by punishing the vicious is one way to make doing the right thing just a bit easier.

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LIBERAL FEMINIST DAUGHTER.  
GUN-OWNING RURAL DAD.

What happens when we stop letting Trump divide us?

BY TERI CARTER

A month after President Donald Trump's inauguration, my dad and I stopped speaking. Sure, we disagreed politically, but we were close, and we'd kept talking until February 2017, when he posted a Ku Klux Klan meme on his Facebook page. I demanded he take it down. He refused. I insisted. He unfriended me. Then he stopped calling. I stopped visiting. And that was that.

I am a feminist, a liberal, living in central Kentucky. My dad is 75, not college educated and still living in the sleepy, Southeast Missouri town where he was born. Sadly, our story is not unique. In 2016, my dad was not only a Trump supporter, he was the GOP's dream constituent: Retired from driving a potato chip delivery truck, he helped drive cars for the local dealership, which meant hours alone listening to conservative talk radio. Mornings, he would meet his buddies at the Country Mart coffee shop to rail about sissy liberals and laugh at the latest jokes about Hillary Clinton. He posted hateful memes on Facebook and watched "Hannity" every night and NASCAR on the weekends.

With the exception of exchanging pleasantries at a family wedding, we have not spoken in almost three years. Until now.

It is Saturday, Nov. 9. I've driven 300 miles for a visit. My stepmother, whom I call my second mama, has late-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease — the same sickness that killed my mother in 2002 — and I've been promising to come over. I still haven't talked to my dad, but Mama is so sick now that she no longer leaves the living room couch except for doctor's appointments. She is 72. She is on oxygen around the clock.

When I arrive at noon, Dad's in his recliner smoking a cigarette, and Mama's on the couch. Their TV is set to Lifetime Movie Network. "This is all I watch anymore," Mama says. "Besides our soaps, we watch this and 'CBS This Morning,' and that's it."

When I say except for NASCAR on the weekends, Dad says: "Can't remember the last time I watched a race. All the guys I liked retired."

An hour later, my dad and I are taking a drive around the new parts of Jackson (population 15,000) in his truck. He wants to show me street after street of new home construction. Every few minutes, an alarm goes "beep beep beep" because my dad, never a rule follower, still refuses to wear a seat belt.

"All these fancy new houses," he says, turning the radio, tuned to classic country, down to almost silent. "These lots gotta be, what, 40 grand, with a \$200,000 house? Where the hell do these people work?"

The beeping is making me nuts, but I recall a scene from



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Supporters of Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin wait for results at the governor's election night watch party on Nov. 5 in Louisville.

poet Mary Oliver's 2016 memoir: "Once my father took me ice-skating, then forgot me and went home. ... He had, he said, simply forgotten that I existed." This, I think, is what the past three years have felt like — like we forgot each other. I look over at my dad, his hand steady on the wheel, and decide to let the beeping go. I'd offered to drive, insisted even, but he'd said he couldn't remember the last time he drove his truck and something about the battery going bad. Still, I can't help but notice how happy he is to be out, to be showing me around, to be driving somewhere besides just the grocery store, the pharmacy

### How long until we all decide that neither our adoration nor our disdain for Donald Trump is worth abandoning the people we love?

or a doctor's appointment — surely a form of prison for a man who used to spend his days on the open road.

How happy I am to be with my dad after those three lost years. And lost over what? Yet I know I am not alone. How many loved ones have you stopped calling, blocked, unfollowed or unfriended? How many friends and family members do you simply avoid these days, choosing to skip your niece's wedding or make other plans for the holidays? How many of you, like me, just stopped going home?

In Kentucky, Amy McGrath, a Democrat who's hoping to defeat Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is running a political ad in which she says: "How did it come to this? That

even within our own families we can't talk to each other about the leaders of our country without anger and blame?" No matter what you think of McGrath, she makes a good point. Maybe even "the" point. How long until we all decide that neither our adoration nor our disdain for Donald Trump is worth abandoning the people we love?

My dad drives me out and around the parts of town that used to be all creeks and woods, now totally unfamiliar to me, paved over with wide, concrete streets. He cracks his window, shakes a cigarette out of a red pack labeled Exeter and lights up.

"Look at all this concrete," he says. "Not a one of these yards has a tree in it. And you got California out there burning to the ground. There's something to this man-made climate change, I don't care what anybody says."

To say I'm shocked to hear my Trump-train, it's-all-a-hoax dad say the words "climate change" is an understatement, but once that political door is cracked open, he keeps on. What do I think about Republican Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin losing? If I had to pick, which Democrat do I think will get the nod in 2020? What's the difference between the health care plans of Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren? Do I think this impeachment of Trump has any legs?

"You still like Mexican?" he

says, turning back toward town. "There's a new one where that steakhouse used to be."

It's late for lunch, so we're one of two tables in the place. Dad orders a beer, the first I've seen him drink in 20 years, and for the next hour he tells me how worried he is about Mama, about his daily routine of giving her meds, what they do for meals, that she recently didn't recognize her son but tried to play it off, and how she fell off the couch in the middle of the night last week and scared him half to death.

He's worried about the future of health care and the price of prescription medication. He's worried about whether he should keep the house he has owned for 40 years or, when Mama's gone, rent a smaller place. He tells me how Facebook is his sole means of escape during the long days trapped at home, adding: "But I don't trust anything on there anymore. Not the Republicans and not the Democrats. Trump's the biggest liar, but I think they're all a bunch of liars. The whole country's going to hell in a handbasket, and you can't tell me a one of 'em really gives a ..."

He orders a second beer and keeps talking. I mostly listen, though when he asks who I like so far for the Democrats, I tell him the truth: "Granted it's a year off, but I'm not all that excited about any of them."

After he pays the check, he says, "I can't tell you how good it is to be in a restaurant having a meal, talking to somebody with some g—d— sense."

On our way home, we stop at the Hardee's out by Country Mart and the Dollar Tree, across from Roy's Tire and Auto, to grab a

cheeseburger for Mama. We're sitting in the drive-through line when he asks me what I think about open-carry laws.

I tell him I think they're stupid. He says, "But if a guy is willing to show off and open carry, I got to think he knows how to use it."

When I roll my eyes, he puts down his cigarette and pulls a holster for him from under his seat. "I have this," he says, turning to blow smoke out his window, "but if there was a guy coming at us right now, walking toward this truck ready to shoot, what the hell would I do? Sure, it's loaded, but I can't remember the last time I shot the damn thing."

I think about how many dozens of articles I've read lately about suburban women leaving the Trump train, and I wonder how long before, if ever, the GOP catches on that it could lose its surest thing, men like my dad, too. It's not altogether likely; Washington Post-ABC News polls show Trump has maintained particularly high ratings among rural white men, who appear just as supportive of him as they were early in his presidency — 75% approval for him in combined polls in 2019, up a bit from 2018 and 2017. But if my dad can turn, anyone can.

At the drive-up window, Dad tells the boy, "You have a good one," hands me the small paper bag, tucks his gun back underneath his seat, lights a new cigarette and checks the clock. "We still have a minute. Have you seen the new high school?"

*The Washington Post*

*Teri Carter is a writer living in central Kentucky.*

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## Making peace on Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was always a family tradition, straight out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Everyone would head over to Grandma's house, where a roasted turkey with cornbread stuffing awaited, alongside cranberry sauce, a green bean casserole and pecan pie.

Even more memorable was the presence of Grandma, who always ran a very tight ship. There were no ugly political squabbles with her in the room. What few arguments arose were limited to sports or the unpredictability of the weather.

There was always plenty to go around, even with Uncle Joe shoveling mounds of mashed potatoes onto his plate with both hands. Seconds were not only allowed but encouraged; however, thirds were carefully monitored, especially the platter of candied yams.

A state of grace presided over the entire gathering, and any ill will accumulated over the past year was quickly forgotten with the first toast to our beaming matriarch. Norman would surely be proud of this

family portrait, maybe even inspired.

So here's to grandmas everywhere and to all the traditions they bring to the holidays. And here's to a feeling of goodwill in these contentious times.

— Earl Lee, Elgin

## Dreaming of a New World

Lately our Thanksgiving holiday is being swallowed up in the post-Halloween glut of Black Friday Christmas sales. More than sad, this tragically misses the real meaning of the day.

Remember, what lured the Pilgrims to these shores was a lot more than sharing turkey with Native Americans. Rather, it was about living out their dream of that "shining city on a hill" President Reagan would later talk about. The dream of leaving behind the failures of an Old World for the possibilities of a New World.

Their dream and Reagan's may not have actually flowered the way they had hoped. However, this American passion to carve out a heaven-on-earth has never really died. Taking a closer look, we can still see signs of it today. In a most unlikely place.

Washington, D.C.!

So put aside your anger about the strutting political headlines there, and consider this. Aside from the intoxication of power, most of them are actually motivated by their vision of that better America, which made that first Thanksgiving possible. In other words, my fellow Americans, let's break bread this week daring to hope there is still something important to be grateful for.

— Jack Spatafora, Park Ridge

## Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty still stun

Recently, my wife and I took a cruise from Southampton, England, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After we left Southampton, our first port of call was New York City. We docked in New York City itself, where ocean liners have been docking for decades. Both entering and leaving New York harbor, we passed by Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. As we passed these iconic landmarks, the railings were lined three-deep with passengers watching and taking pictures. Not far behind them were crew members from all over the world also watching and taking pictures with their phones or cameras.

That experience tells me that regardless of whatever troubles we may be having, the

United States of America is still the greatest country in the world, and the Statue of Liberty still awes and inspires freedom-loving people from all over the world.

God bless America, and happy Thanksgiving to all. We have a lot to be thankful for in this country.

— Steven M. Schwartz, Deer Park

## The beauty of unexplored Chicago

Chicago is a city of neighborhoods. Far too often, children from our most neglected neighborhoods do not even make it to Lake Michigan or have little experience outside of their home-base neighborhood.

Englewood has cultural bright spots, including art and neighborhood nonprofits worth your attention this holiday season. Little Village has a vibrant cultural thoroughfare on 26th Street and authentic taquerias. The Lawndale Art Center has a silent auction scheduled for Dec. 14. Humboldt Park is home to famous Puerto Rican sandwich shops, which sell plantain-based jibaritos.

While it can be comforting to stay ensconced in our corner of Chicagoland, there are meccas of culture within our city's neglected areas that deserve our support and financial investment.

— David Vognar, Oak Lawn

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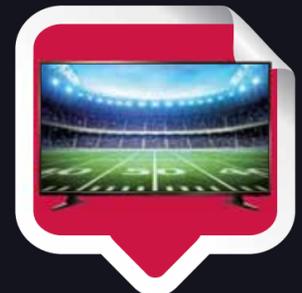
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## BLACK FRIDAY: DOORBUSTER DEALS



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Throng of shoppers search for good deals on Black Friday at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg.

# Some deals worth facing the crowds

In-store shopping might offer bigger savings on select items

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

**W**hen you can get “Black Friday” deals at home on your smartphone days before Thanksgiving, is there still a reason to leave the dinner table and brave crowds at the mall?

Unless a shopper just loves the tradition, it all depends on how desperate they are to get a specific, heavily discounted gadget, said Scott Rankin, principal at KPMG Strategy.

“If you’re in the market generally for a TV or computer or apparel, you can still get within 97 to 98% of what you’re looking for ... sitting on the couch buying on your phone or computer,” he said.

So-called doorbuster deals on hot toys and gadgets or giveaways can get customers into stores, where they might end up picking up an extra item or two. Online shoppers tend to cherry-pick deals

and move on, Rankin said.

But saving too many deals for people willing to wait in lines on Black Friday risks missing customers who increasingly shop online or those who no longer wait for Thanksgiving to start their holiday shopping. Retailers generally aren’t reserving as many deals for in-store shoppers as they used to, said Kelsey Sheehy, personal finance expert at NerdWallet.

Target has a variety of discounts on TVs, but customers must go to a store if they want to take advantage of a deal for a 50” 4K smart TV sold for \$149.99 instead of \$309.99. Bass Pro Shops offers \$10 fleece zip-ups and kids’ ride-on toy trucks for 44% off, but only for customers who come to its six-hour Black Friday sale.

Macy’s says diamond stud earrings that normally cost \$750 will be available for \$179, but only in stores. Items that are free after a mail-in rebate, like a 1.5-quart slow cooker, also can only be purchased at Macy’s stores.

Other retailers hand out coupons to customers who come to stores on Thanksgiving or Black Friday.

Best Buy, on the other hand,

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## Here’s when stores will open

BY ABHA BHATTARAI  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Black Friday began earlier than ever this year, with Walmart kicking off holiday discounts on TVs, air fryers and trampolines in October.

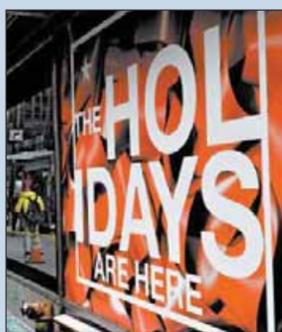
Now, after weeks of “Early Black Friday” sales and “HoliDeals,” it’s finally time for the busiest shopping weekend of the year. Roughly 165 million Americans are expected to shop during the five days between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday, according to the National Retail Federation.

And though a growing number of Americans say they’ll be buying online this holiday season, retailers are continuing their tradition of in-store doorbusters and ever-earlier openings. For those planning to shop the old-fashioned way, here’s a roundup of what’s opening when. All times Eastern Standard.

### Thanksgiving Day

6 a.m.: Kmart is among the first to open its stores, with doorbuster deals that include \$19 Nerf water guns. Stores will

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RICHARD DREW/AP

While many people plan to shop online this year, stores are offering door-busters.

# Nurses OK new 4-year contract

U. of C. union members approve deal with pay boost and staffing changes

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Nurses at the University of Chicago Medical Center voted Tuesday to ratify a new, four-year contract after concluding months of negotiations over the weekend that avoided a pre-Thanksgiving strike.

The 2,200 nurses, who are members of the union National Nurses Organizing Committee/National Nurses United, had been without a contract since April.

The hospital had said a main sticking point in negotiations was whether new hires should get incentive pay, which is a higher rate of pay for hours worked beyond a certain amount each week. The union had said it was holding out over problems with staffing.

The new contract addresses both issues. It rolls incentive pay into nurses’ base pay, including for new hires, said Pam Valentine, a nurse who works in the post-anesthesia recovery unit. Nurses will get raises of 11% to 22% over the next four years, the union said in a news release.

The contract also ensures that in 20 units,



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Registered nurses at the University of Chicago Medical Center held a one-day strike Sept. 20.

charge nurses, who supervise other nurses, will not be assigned patients, ensuring they have time to assist other nurses, the union said.

The hospital also will keep intact a 24-person team of patient care support nurses, who mentor younger nurses and help patients with complex needs. The hospital had proposed moving those nurses into other nursing positions at the hospital.

The hospital has also agreed to add “float

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## Ex-Outcome Health executive resigns from board of tech hub 1871

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Former Outcome Health executive Rishi Shah, who faces criminal charges for his alleged role in a nearly \$1 billion fraud scheme, resigned from the board of Chicago tech hub 1871 Tuesday. The resignation came one day after charges

were filed in U.S. District Court against Shah. “Rishi was thinking about the greater good of our organization and chose to resign,” 1871 CEO Betsy Ziegler said. “As with all of our board members, we thank him for his years of service.”

Shah was appointed to the board of the Chicago Entrepreneurial Center, which does business as 1871, in 2015. Located in Merchandise Mart, 1871 was co-founded by J.B. Pritzker and is the city’s marquee tech hub.

William Burck, an attorney representing Shah, de-

clined to comment on his board resignation.

Outcome Health, once a star in Chicago’s tech industry, installs screens and tablets in doctor’s offices and waiting rooms that run pharmaceutical ads and educational content.

The charges filed Monday allege Shah, 33, and

three other former executives ran a massive fraud scheme that brought in \$487.5 million in financing, a \$110 million loan and a \$375 million loan, amounting to nearly \$1 billion.

The indictment also alleges the executives lied to clients and billed them millions of dollars for ads that never ran. A criminal indictment charges the four with a combined 26 counts of fraud. Convictions on the most serious charges carry penalties of up to 30 years in prison.

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Shah

## Alderman: ‘They bought a bookstore and a pizza joint’

Barnes & Noble site sells for \$61M, despite apartment tower proposal being rejected

BY RYAN ORI

A developer whose plans to replace a Barnes & Noble bookstore with a 39-story apartment tower were rejected by a Chicago alderman bought the property anyway.

The \$61 million deal could foreshadow more rounds of zoning negotiations for the space on the Near North Side, which now contains the bookstore and a Lou Malnati’s pizzeria.

An affiliate of Chicago-based Newcastle Ltd. bought the property, at 1120 to 1130 N. State St., on Oct.

21, according to Cook County property records.

The acquisition came less than two months after 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins told the Tribune that Newcastle withdrew plans for the 368-unit apartment high-rise on part of the property. Hopkins cited overwhelming community opposition to the proposed building’s height and density and the design by architecture firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz.

Lou Malnati’s has a long-term lease and would not be displaced by a redevelopment. The bookstore, one of the last remaining Barnes &



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The property at 1120 and 1130 N. State St. — the low buildings at center — has been sold for \$61 million.

Noble stores in Chicago, can be moved on short notice for a redevelopment, according to Jones Lang LaSalle broker Tom Kirschbraun, who repre-

sented the seller — trust controlled by David Blum and his Wilmette-based firm, Lawrence Management Co.

Kirschbraun confirmed

the sale was completed without a zoning change needed for a high-rise, and Hopkins said he has not been approached by Newcastle regarding a revised development plan for the site.

“They haven’t talked to me,” Hopkins said Tuesday. “As far as I’m concerned, they bought a bookstore and a pizza joint. It’s not on my radar screen right now.”

Yet the price, which is extremely high for low-slung retail buildings, makes it likely Newcastle will make another attempt at a taller development on the site. Newcastle declined to comment.

For now, Newcastle is focused on obtaining support from Hopkins for a

smaller apartment development nearby, at 1212 N. State. On that site, Newcastle proposes a 12-story, 91-unit apartment building with ground-floor retail.

The alderman is in the process of considering community input on proposed changes, including landscaping around the building.

The Tribune first reported the Barnes & Noble site was for sale in September 2018. In April, Newcastle made its first public presentation of plans to replace the building with the apartment tower. Newcastle had hoped to begin construction by early 2020.

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# Do we need grocery-toting robots?

Delivery machines, in fleets or otherwise, working out kinks

BY MATT O'BRIEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — The first cargo-carrying robot marketed directly to consumers is on sale this holiday season. But how many people are ready to ditch their second car to buy a two-wheeled rover that can follow them around like a dog?

Corporate giants like Amazon, FedEx and Ford have already been experimenting with sending delivery robots to doorsteps. Now Piaggio, the Italian company that makes the Vespa scooter, is offering a stylish alternative to those blandly utilitarian machines — albeit one that weighs 50 pounds and costs \$3,250.

It's named the Gita after the Italian word for a short, pleasurable excursion — the kind you might take to pick up some kale and gourmet cheese at the farmers market. Its creators have such trips in mind for the “hands-free carrier” that can hold produce and other objects as it follows its owner down a sidewalk.

“We're trying to get you out into the world and connected to that neighborhood you decided to move to because it was so walkable,” said Greg Lynn, CEO of Piaggio's tech-focused subsidiary, Piaggio Fast Forward.

Tech industry analysts are already declaring the Gita as doomed to fail unless it finds a more practical application, such as lugging tools around warehouses, hospitals or factory floors.

“That's a lot of money for what is in effect just a cargo-carrying robot that's going to carry your groceries,” said Forrester technology analyst J.P. Gownder.

On a recent November morning, Lynn was



Piaggio Fast Forward's Gita carrier robot trails behind CEO Greg Lynn, center, on Nov. 11 in Boston. The machine “sees” with cameras and sensors.

hunched over in a Boston waterfront park, pushing a button that triggered a Gita to “see” him with its cameras and sensors. Then came a musical whirring sound as the device — a squarish, bright red bucket with two oversized wheels — rose up and signaled it was ready for a neighborhood stroll.

A young boy in a stroller pointed excitedly. Another pedestrian asked to try it, and playfully shouted “ah!” as it swerved around, keeping in pursuit as she switched directions.

The Gita doesn't require a phone or intrusive people-tracking technology such as facial recognition or GPS.

“It basically just locks onto you and tracks you,”

said Piaggio Fast Forward's other co-founder, Jeffrey Schnapp.

Other startups like Starship Technologies have a more conventional business plan for their own delivery robots. The company charges a delivery fee starting at \$1.99 if you order its rovers to bring you a Starbucks coffee or a lunch from Panda Express.

So far, the best habitat to find Starship's six-wheeled are relatively confined spaces such as college campuses; the University of Houston and the University of Wisconsin-Madison rolled them out this fall. The robots can carry up to 20 pounds.

“I love them. I think

they're so cute!” University of Houston freshman Sadie Garcia said as one of the machines rolled up with a bagel sandwich she'd ordered. She said she was so cold she didn't want to leave her dorm.

Starship co-founder Ahti Heinla said his San Francisco startup once looked at selling the machines directly to consumers, but dropped the idea after realizing it would have to price them at more than \$3,000.

Amazon is experimenting with a similar-looking machine that delivers retail goods in a handful of U.S. neighborhoods. FedEx is testing its own delivery rover in partnership with Pizza Hut, Walmart, Target

and Walgreens. Ford has showed off a gangly two-legged robot to carry items to homes. So far, none are as far along as Starship, which has hundreds of its machines already in service.

While Forrester's Gownder isn't impressed with the Gita, he's bullish about delivery robots of the Starship variety because their autonomy will help save labor costs. Gownder said it's more of a question of whether ground-based rovers or aerial delivery drones will prove more successful.

The wheeled cargo robots that have already made it out into the wild have significant limitations.

Starship's machines still

require plenty of manual supervision to load them with food orders. They rely on remote pilots to troubleshoot navigation problems. Customers also have to check a phone app to tell the vehicle where to go and to unlock the bin once it arrives.

The Gita, meanwhile, might still be impractical for many people. It favors paved environments that are dense enough to have stores in walking distance, but not so dense that the machines get lost in the crowd.

And anyone who is simply looking to pull home groceries without heavy lifting can find durable wagons online for less than \$100.

## Mergers add fuel to record rally in world's stock markets

BY CHRISTOPHER ANSTAY, ANGUS WHITLEY AND JINSHAN HONG  
Bloomberg News

A buyout frenzy is taking hold of boardrooms from Tokyo to San Francisco, and it's adding fuel to a record-breaking rally across the world's major stock markets.

More than \$70 billion of deals has already been announced this week, with Charles Schwab's \$26 billion buyout of discount brokerage TD Ameritrade leading the pack. Luxury goods giant LVMH, Swiss drugmaker Novartis and Japanese conglomerate Mitsubishi are among a slew of companies which have also announced multibillion-dollar transactions.

For investors, the sudden burst of activity is being seen as a vote of confidence in the outlook as recession fears ebb and the U.S. and China edge toward a trade deal. The S&P 500 Index, Dow Jones Industrial Average and Nasdaq Composite Index all closed Monday at records, and the MSCI World Index of developed-market stocks was trading at an all-time high on Tuesday.

“The recent M&A explosion reflects an undeniable economic optimism,” said Brock Silvers, managing director at Adamas Asset Management in Hong Kong. “The U.S. enjoys both low inflation and unemployment, while the Fed looks dovish, and trade talks are rumored to be nearing an initial success. Investment capital is plentiful and cheap.”

That cheap cost of funding is the common denominator across the deals, which have motives ranging from industry consolidation to diversifying into new markets.

Policy makers across the world have been cutting interest rates in a bid to shore up economic growth, and the Federal Reserve and European Central



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Some mergers indicate economic health. Charles Schwab's proposed deal for TD Ameritrade is strategic.



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Bank have even been forced to expand their balance sheets.

Given the low cost of borrowing, it's surprising there hasn't been even more merger and acquisition activity, according to Rhett Kessler, senior fund manager at Sydney-based Pengana Capital Group, which oversees about \$2 billion.

For all the optimism spurred by the flurry of dealmaking, there are reasons for caution.

Merger and acquisition activity typically tends to peak along with the business cycle, meaning some market participants will read this as a late-cycle signal.

Meanwhile deals like Schwab's purchase of TD Ameritrade are symptoms of structural industry changes, rather than the health of the economy.

Investor exuberance beyond the U.S. appears more measured. While the Stoxx Europe 600 is at about the highest since May 2015 and Japan's Topix Index touched the strongest level this year on Tuesday, both lag the performance of the S&P 500 in 2019.

There were at least 10 deal announcements

worth \$1 billion or more on Monday, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Here's a rundown:

### Industry consolidation

■ Charles Schwab, the San Francisco-based brokerage, announced it would acquire TD Ameritrade, amid a collapse in investing costs as providers embrace \$0 fees.

■ EBay is selling its ticket marketplace StubHub to European rival Viagogo for \$4.05 billion in cash.

### Branching out

■ LVMH, the luxury giant that already sells everything from Louis Vuitton bags to Dom Pérignon Champagne, is adding the 182-year-old U.S. jeweler Tiffany & Co., known for its robin's egg blue boxes.

■ Novartis agreed to buy Medicines Co. and its promising heart drug for \$9.7 billion, the latest move in the Swiss drugmaker's push to amass novel treatments for complex conditions.

### Japan goes abroad

■ Asahi Kasei is buying Veloxis Pharmaceuticals of Denmark for \$1.3 billion, the latest of a series of deals by Japanese drugmakers.

## Deals

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made many of its Black Friday deals available Monday. “Nearly all” deals are available both in stores and online, spokesman Matthew Smith said.

Sales have been creeping earlier over the past couple of years, spreading out spending that used to focus on Black Friday itself. About 56% of consumers surveyed by the National Retail Federation said they'd already started shopping by the first week of November. A decade earlier, only 48% had started spending.

Black Friday still has plenty of fans: The retail trade group estimates 39.6 million people will shop online or in stores on Thanksgiving and 114.6 million on Black Friday.

Most of that spending will take place online. When asked whether they expected to do more of their holiday shopping in stores or online this year, 54% of people said they planned to do most online, according to a survey by consultant PwC.

Deal seekers at some stores will be able to get a head start on their computers or phones. Walmart, Kohl's and J.C. Penney all start Black Friday sales online hours before stores open on Thanksgiving. Target credit card holders and loyalty program members could access some deals online the day before Thanksgiving. Nonmem-



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Black Friday shoppers fill Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg.

bers will see Black Friday sales online Thursday morning, well before stores open at 5 p.m.

Some retailers are also trying to make online orders more convenient. Electronics and appliances retailer Abt recently began testing free same-day shipping for orders placed before 2 p.m. Target is doubling the number of employees focused on fulfilling online orders from stores, and Nordstrom will offer 24-hour curbside pickup at certain stores in December, including its Oakbrook Center and Michigan Avenue locations.

Consumers placed about 50% more orders online for in-store pickup during the five days between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday last year than during the same period in 2017, according to Adobe Analytics, which tracks online sales during the holiday season.

But ordering online for same-day pickup isn't a

surefire way to shortcut Black Friday lines. Macy's typically doesn't let online shoppers place orders for pickup at a store when an item is selling out fast. If you want a Target doorbuster deal, you can't use the retailer's same-day home delivery service, and not all Black Friday deals will be available for in-store or curbside pickup. Curbside pickup will not be offered on Thanksgiving.

Whether you're buying online or heading to the store, it's worth doing some research to make sure deals are as good as they seem, Sheehy said. Some doorbuster products are created specifically for Black Friday sales, making it tougher to assess how steep the discount really is, she said.

She recommends comparing advertised discounted prices to current prices and comparison shopping using retailers' Black Friday ads. Shoppers can also check retailers' policies around matching prices and any fine print, such as whether the deal will only be available for a limited time, or whether a shopper must be in line early enough to grab a ticket entitling them to make a purchase.

“Retailers are releasing their Black Friday sales earlier and earlier, so people already know what's going to be on sale. Do your due diligence, look through the ads, and see whether there's anything that really jumps out,” Sheehy said.

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stay open until midnight.

7 a.m.: Big Lots and Dollar General open.

8 a.m.: Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's stores open.

2 p.m.: J.C. Penney opens its stores. Its “Black Friday Forever” deals will continue through Saturday.

3 p.m.: GameStop opens, as does Old Navy, which began offering 50% off its entire store on Wednesday. Its stores will stay open

through 11 p.m. on Black Friday.

5 p.m.: The frenzy heats up as Target, Best Buy, Macy's, Kohl's and DSW open their stores. Bed Bath & Beyond, which was closed last Thanksgiving, also joins in.

6 p.m.: Walmart opens, as do Sears, Dick's Sporting Goods, Five Below and Michael's.

### Black Friday

5 a.m.: Sears, Dick's Sporting Goods, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's reopen their stores.

6 a.m.: Macy's, Kmart, Bed Bath & Beyond and Big Lots begin welcoming customers again. Home Depot and Joann Fabrics and Crafts also open, as do some Gap stores.

7 a.m.: Target, GameStop, Burlington, Michael's and Staples open their stores.

8 a.m.: Best Buy is back in the game. Also opening: Apple, Office Depot, OfficeMax and Five Below.

9 a.m.: Costco, closed on Thanksgiving, opens its doors. Its Black Friday deals include \$130 off Dyson vacuum cleaners.

# Why does romaine lettuce keep getting recalled?

Best minds have failed to figure out why or how to stop contamination

BY KIMBERLY KINDY AND JOEL ACHENBACH  
The Washington Post

Once again, just in time for Thanksgiving, millions of people have been told their romaine lettuce might be contaminated with a toxic strain of *E. coli* bacteria, that it's potentially deadly, and that they should throw it away immediately and sanitize the fresh-produce drawer of their refrigerator.

No one knows why this is happening, exactly. There are inferences, speculation and intriguing clues, but the best minds of the U.S. government, the lettuce-growing states of California and Arizona, and the leafy-greens industry have failed to figure out why romaine keeps getting contaminated — or how they can stop it from happening again and again.

Last year the warning from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention came on Nov. 20, two days before Thanksgiving, and was unusually sweeping, declaring that no romaine in the U.S. could be assumed safe to eat — and all of it should be discarded. This year the warning came Nov. 22, six days in advance of the holiday. It said 40 people in 16 states had been sickened, most of them hospitalized after consuming romaine grown in or near Salinas, California, and contaminated with a Shiga-toxin-producing *E. coli* strain called O157 that can lead to kidney failure and that is potentially lethal.

"It's heartbreaking and frustrating," said Dan Sutton, a lettuce grower in San Luis Obispo, California. "We will have to change how we farm leafy greens."

The bulk of the romaine sold in the U.S. comes from just two growing areas: the Salinas Valley of California (harvested in late spring, summer, and fall) and the Yuma, Arizona, growing region that includes the Imperial and Coachella valleys of Southern California (winter and early spring).

Contaminated agricultural water is a prime suspect in these outbreaks. The Trump administration delayed implementation of new agricultural water testing rules, developed during the Obama administration, that were set to take effect last year.

The rules would require farmers to test four times per growing season for ge-



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Experts have failed to figure out why romaine keeps getting contaminated — or how they can stop it from happening.

neric *E. coli* in agricultural water. Some farmers pushed back against the new rule, calling it confusing and unwieldy. The FDA decided to delay implementation. Now, large farms will be required to meet the requirements in January 2022, with small farms following in 2023 and very small farms in 2024.

But the leafy-greens industry says the delay in the rule isn't to blame for the romaine lettuce outbreak, because the industry already performs the water tests on a monthly basis.

Still, the growers said they are frustrated that their own standards to prevent contamination — codified in the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement — have not resolved the problem.

"They are the most stringent and most scientifically-based requirements on how to grow leafy greens," said Sutton, who is also chairman of the Marketing Agreement group.

After last year's outbreak, the FDA determined that the *E. coli* strain that sickened people across the country came from surface water rather than ground water pumped from an aquifer. As a result, the coalition of leafy-green growers decided to ban the use of surface water unless it is treated with anti-bacterial chemicals 21 days before harvest.

That gives the chemicals plenty of time to kill off *E. coli* and other pathogens, said Scott Horsfall, CEO of the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement.

"The FDA believes (the bacteria) dies off after four or five days," he said. "We went to 21 days to be conservative."

The coalition created its first industry standards to prevent pathogen contamination in 2007, a year after nearly 200 people became ill after eating spinach contaminated with *E. coli* O157. Nearly half were hospitalized, 31 developed kidney failure and three people died.

With outbreaks continuing, the industry took further measures, requiring further setbacks of septic tanks from agricultural fields, and tripling the buffer between livestock, which can carry *E. coli*, and leafy greens operations, from 400 to 1,200 feet.

But whatever has been done so far has not fixed the problem — and the experts are still searching for a theory of the case.

"This has been devastating for the growers. They have investigated so many resources and made so many changes to keep this from happening," said Sonia Salas, vice president of food safety for Western Growers, a trade group for produce growers in four Western states.

The *E. coli* outbreaks have often occurred late in the growing season for a given region, when crops are being rotated. That has drawn attention of experts who are searching for some common environmental explanation for the recurring outbreaks.

Trevor Suslow, vice president of product safety for

the Produce Marketing Association, said the season for romaine lettuce ends in fall in the Salinas Valley. That's just weeks after neighboring fields are often prepped with manure or composting materials for spring crops.

The possibility of *E. coli* drifting to the lettuce fields — through water or wind or other means — is an "absolute current focus right now to determine why these seasonal outbreaks have been happening."

Suslow said the weather can exacerbate problems with the contamination. "This is all happening at a time when water temperatures and humidity is high," he said. "Those things are shown to favor survival and persistence of bacteria."

There are other seasonal factors that could be contributing to the problem. Michele Jay-Russell, a microbiologist and manager of the Western Center for Food Safety at the University of California at Davis, said cattle, deer, goats and feral pigs carry *E. coli*.

"It's just a natural bacteria for them; they pass it through their feces," she said. "In cattle we tend to see a particular seasonality to it. In the fall some can become super shedders. We aren't sure why there are these seasonal spikes."

An outbreak in spring 2018, which sickened 210 people and killed five, may have involved contaminated irrigation water from a canal that ran adjacent to a sprawling feedlot for cattle near Yuma, though investigators never definitely

ported. "Additionally, untreated water from the contaminated reservoir was used to fill tank trucks which broadly sprayed water on roads for dust abatement and these roads were traveled on by harvest equipment prior to commencing harvest operations."

"*E. coli* can live in water sediments for years," said Frederick Cohan, a microbial ecologist at Wesleyan University. "What you want to do is keep it from getting in there in the first place."

The virulent strain of *E. coli* at the center of this latest outbreak is the same pathogen that in 1993 killed four children and left 175 people with permanent injuries, including brain damage and kidney failure. The infamous outbreak was linked to undercooked Jack in the Box hamburgers.

Grilling, baking or frying meat at high temperatures typically kills the pathogens. High heat is typically not used to make salads.

"Most people don't cook lettuce," said CDC spokesman Brian Katzwowitz. "There's no kill step for that. That safety net of cooking is not there."

The FDA said consumers can still safely eat romaine from outside four Salinas-area counties — Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Benito — as well as hydroponically grown lettuce. In a statement on Friday, FDA Deputy Commissioner Frank Yiannas said improvements in labeling and tracking made it possible to trace the contamination back to a single region — in contrast to what happened last year, when the FDA told consumers to throw away any and all romaine regardless of its source.

This new investigation, Yiannas said, "reinforces our recommendations that we have made to the leafy green industry: Producers must continue to review their practices and all segments of the supply chain must improve traceability to enhance food safety."

## Pot dispensary near Pilsen OK'd

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Illinois gave The Herbal Care Center, a Near West Side medical cannabis store, approval to begin selling recreational marijuana starting Jan. 1.

The dispensary is the 30th in the state to be approved to sell to a wider customer base next year, and the seventh in Chicago. It is on Western Avenue, north of the Pilsen neighborhood and south of Interstate 290.

Illinois has 55 medical dispensaries and all were

able to apply for a license to sell recreational marijuana in those locations. They also can apply to open a second shop, but the state has not started to award those second-site licenses yet.

With five weeks to go before recreational sales start, a little more than half of the operating stores have gotten the necessary approvals to sell recreational weed. The state approved seven of the stores Tuesday.

Illinois law allows municipalities to ban recreational cannabis sales, even

if dispensaries in those locations receive a license from the state. Of the 30 stores approved by the state to sell recreational weed, at least three are in municipalities that have banned it, and there are other communities that have yet to make a decision.

In Chicago, dispensaries will not be allowed along the Magnificent Mile, the Loop or in large chunks of River North along the lakefront.

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## Nurses

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nurses" in clinics areas, the union said.

"These important staffing changes will help nurses provide the highest quality of patient care at UCMC," Terri Collins, a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit, said in a news release.

Hospital leaders sent a message to faculty, staff, students and residents Tuesday night saying the contract "reflects our collective commitment to our mission of serving patients and the community."

In September, the nurses went on a one-day strike and were locked out of their jobs four additional days when the hospital said it needed to guarantee a

certain number of hours to replacement nurses. The nurses had been set to strike again Tuesday but canceled that strike after reaching the tentative agreement.

During the September strike, the hospital asked ambulances to take new patients elsewhere and moved babies and children in its intensive care units to other hospitals. The hospital had started taking similar actions last week in preparation for the second strike, which was called off Saturday.

The agreement will likely influence future negotiations between other hospitals and nurses, said Robert Bruno, a professor of labor and employment relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

That's especially true be-

cause many parts of the agreement focus on staffing, which is a common concern for nurses across the country, he said.

"Places like Chicago are going to become bellwethers for other large metropolitan areas," Bruno said. "What gets negotiated here will become a target for other nursing unions to also reach for."

The National Nurses Organizing Committee/National Nurses United also represents nurses at UChicago Medicine Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey, Stroger Hospital, Provident Hospital, Jackson Park Hospital, the Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital in Hines.

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#### Opening savings and CD accounts for children

For parents looking to help their children financially, custodial accounts provide the child a gift for the future while parents save on taxes today.

Custodial accounts are held in the name of a minor but are legally managed by an adult, typically a parent or grandparent. Deposits can be made into the account, interest is earned, and the custodian retains control until the child reaches the age of majority.

The advantage for parents is that special tax rules apply, allowing up to \$1,000 in earnings per year to go untaxed and a second \$1,000 to be taxed at the child's rate. Only earnings above \$2,000 will find their way onto the parent's tax return.

Among the most common custodial accounts are savings and CD accounts at a bank or credit union. With these, parents can make a lump-sum gift or periodic deposits and the principal will accrue interest modestly but with almost risk-free safety.

Opening such an account is not much more difficult than opening one for yourself, and almost all banks and credit unions offer them. Just note that you'll need to provide personal information and a social security number for both the child and the custodian.

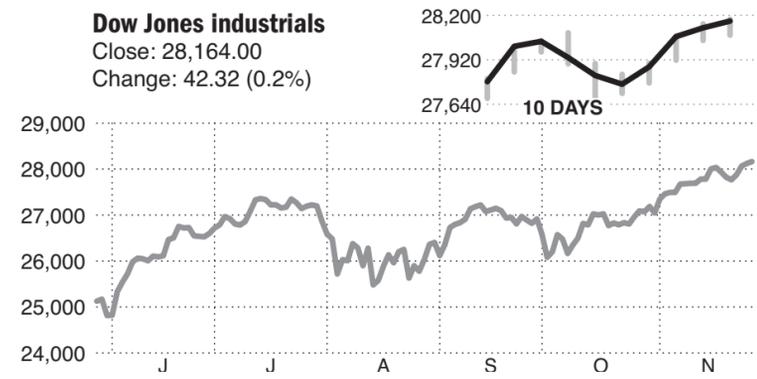
You'll also need to decide whether to open a UGMA (Uniform Gift to Minors Act) account or an UTMA (Uniform Transfer to Minors Act). UGMAs can hold deposit and brokerage assets and generally transfer to the child at age 18. UTMAs, meanwhile, can also hold assets such as real estate and typically remain custodial until age 21.

As always, shopping for a top rate is smart when opening a custodial savings or CD account. Once you've chosen a financial institution, their representatives can answer your questions on the age of majority in your state and which account will suit your child best.

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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.23	NASD +2.09	S&P +1.45	DOW +3.59	NASD +4.83	S&P +3.51	DOW +11.03	NASD +19.39	S&P +14.94

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	530	533	525.75	528.50	-1.75
		Mar 20	530.75	533.25	526	526.75	-4.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	367.25	368.75	362.25	362.75	-4.75
		Mar 20	378	379.75	373	373.25	-5
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	884.75	887.50	881.25	882	-2.25
		Mar 20	899	901.75	895.75	896.50	-2.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	30.21	30.43	30.21	30.37	+15
		Jan 20	30.40	30.60	30.38	30.50	+10
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	294.80	296.50	293.60	293.80	-90
		Jan 20	297.30	299.00	296.00	296.20	-90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	58.27	58.68	57.51	58.11	-30
		Feb 20	58.20	58.60	57.46	58.05	-27
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.529	2.558	2.488	2.501	-0.32
		Feb 20	2.497	2.521	2.458	2.470	-0.31
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 19	1.6960	1.7041	1.6619	1.6792	-0.255
		Jan 20	1.6916	1.6983	1.6594	1.6765	-0.211

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	85.42	...	Envestnet Inc	N	71.08	+2.80	McDonalds Corp	N	196.30	+2.29
AbbVie Inc	N	88.33	+6.1	Equity Commonwith	N	33.01	+1.7	Middleby Corp	O	115.54	-1.74
Allstate Corp	N	112.02	-10	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	73.81	+5.9	Mondelz Intl	O	52.73	+1.1
Aptargroup Inc	N	112.83	+2.7	Equity Residential	N	85.63	+2.6	Morningstar Inc	O	157.56	+7.8
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.94	+1.9	Exelon Corp	O	44.27	+2.6	Motorola Solutions	N	167.40	+1.04
Baxter Intl	N	82.46	+5.1	First Intl RT	N	43.07	+4.6	NiSource Inc	O	26.53	+0.7
Boeing Co	N	368.00	-5.5	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	64.38	-2.0	Nthn Trust Cp	O	107.69	+9.5
Brunswick Corp	N	59.34	+1.5	Gallagher AJ	N	93.30	+7.7	Old Republic	N	22.80	+0.8
CBOE Global Markets	N	118.44	-1.08	Grainger WW	N	319.24	-1.44	Packaging Corp Am	N	112.07	-3.9
CDK Global Inc	O	54.53	+5.6	GrubHub Inc	N	43.24	+9.0	Payload Hldg	O	120.76	+8.0
CDW Corp	N	136.45	-5.4	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	107.51	+1.42	RLI Corp	N	98.79	+4.4
CF Industries	N	45.65	-0.7	IAA Inc	N	45.19	+8.3	Stericycle Inc	O	63.76	+8.8
CME Group	O	200.98	-4.89	IDEX Corp	N	163.31	+1.43	TransUnion	N	87.00	+2.7
CNA Financial	N	44.29	-0.1	ITW	N	175.11	-2.6	US Foods Holding	N	39.97	+3.3
Cabot Microelect	O	136.86	+1.06	Ingredion Inc	N	85.18	+3.8	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	233.98	-1.99
Caterpillar Inc	N	145.69	-4.0	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	168.08	-1.80	United Airlines Hldg	O	93.05	+2.9
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.18	+1.2	Kemper Corp	N	74.57	+5.0	Ventas Inc	N	58.71	-1.7
Deere Co	N	169.06	-7.59	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.37	-1.0	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	60.11	+4.8
Discover Fin Svcs	N	85.12	+3.9	LKQ Corporation	O	35.66	+0.6	Waltrust Financial	O	67.98	+4.9
Dover Corp	N	112.10	+1.1	Littelfuse Inc	O	184.55	+2.42	Zebra Tech	O	255.21	+7.51

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.62	+0.02
Gen Electric	11.29	-0.06
Ford Motor	9.10	-0.13
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.52	+0.13
Alibaba Group Hldg	200.82	+6.12
Bank of America	33.42	+0.7
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.16	+0.05
Brist Myr Sqb	57.60	+8.7
Sthwstn Energy	1.95	+0.06
Banco Bilb Viz Arg	5.25	+0.3
Energy Transfer LP	11.87	-0.9
Veru Technologies	29.49	-0.4
Teva Pharm	10.45	+5.8
Fitbit Inc	7.07	+1.8
Pfizer Inc	38.63	+3.4
HP Inc	19.79	-2.7
AT&T Inc	37.66	+2.6
Macy's Inc	15.48	+1.1
Nokia Corp	3.46	+0.3
Wells Fargo & Co	54.34	+5.3
Ambev S.A.	4.23	+0.1
Vale SA	11.87	-1.6
Evolent Health Inc	7.76	-2.92
Petrobras	14.80	+0.4

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.66	+2.6
Alibaba Group Hldg	200.82	+6.12
Alphabet Inc C	1312.99	-5.6
Alphabet Inc A	1312.13	-8.7
Amazon.com Inc	1818.51	+21.57
Apple Inc	267.84	+3.55
Bank of America	33.42	+0.7
Berkshire Hath B	220.50	+1.60
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.70	-0.4
Facebook Inc	202.00	+3.03
HSBC Holdings prA	26.39	-0.7
JPMorgan Chase	132.06	+3.9
Johnson & Johnson	137.75	+5.8
MasterCard Inc	291.70	+2.32
Microsoft Corp	152.32	+2.9
Procter & Gamble	121.76	-5.0
Taiwan Semicon	53.89	+2.6
Visa Inc	184.37	+1.82
WalMart Strs	118.76	-4.3

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.02	+1.7	+16.4
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	28.76	+0.5	+13.8
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	51.22	+1.9	+17.2
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	63.11	+1.0	+12.1
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	63.72	+2.6	+17.8
American Funds GrfAmrca m	53.36	+2.9	+18.6
American Funds InCAmrcA m	23.49	+0.4	+12.6
American Funds InvCAMrca m	40.35	+1.8	+14.8
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	47.51	+1.6	+21.6
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	48.84	+1.1	+16.4
DFA IntlCorEqInls	13.50	+0.4	+11.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.17	...	+10.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.44	+1.1	+10.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	199.64	+6.9	+10.5
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.73	-0.1	+8.0
Fidelity 500DlxmsPrrm	109.90	+4.6	+20.0
Fidelity Contrafund	13.83	+0.7	+21.5
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.60	-0.2	+11.6
Fidelity TlMktDlxmsPrrm	89.81	+4.1	+19.3
Fidelity USBldxInvsPrrm	11.96	-0.2	+10.9
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.30	...	+8.7
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.06	-0.1	+11.4
PIMCO IncI2	11.98	...	+7.7
PIMCO IncInvtl	11.98	...	+7.8
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.46	-0.2	+10.3
Schwab SP500Dlx	49.07	+2.1	+20.0
T. Rowe Price BCGR	122.62	+7.4	+22.3
T. Rowe Price GrStk	73.31	+3.8	+22.6
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	291.92	+1.25	+20.0
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	38.98	+0.8	+16.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	31.07	+0.8	+20.9
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	79.41	+1.9	+14.2
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	91.66	+5.6	+26.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	92.06	+5.0	+12.7
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	14.46	...	+8.2
Vanguard InsdlxIns	286.26	+1.23	+20.0
Vanguard InsdlxInsPlus	286.28	+1.23	+20.0
Vanguard InstTSMInPls	67.97	+3.1	+19.3
Vanguard MdlCpldAdmrl	217.85	+8.4	+18.4
Vanguard PrrmCplAdmrl	150.47	+5.9	+15.9
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.73	-0.1	+6.4
Vanguard SmCpldAdmrl	78.65	+4.7	+14.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	33.21	+0.4	+13.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.03	+0.4	+14.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.64	+0.8	+14.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.57	+0.6	+15.3
Vanguard TtBMDlxAdmrl	11.09	-0.2	+11.0
Vanguard TtBMDlxIns	11.09	-0.2	+11.1
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	23.29	-0.1	+9.7
Vanguard TtInBldxIns	34.95	-0.2	+9.8
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	29.21	+0.9	+12.9
Vanguard TtInSldxIns	116.81	+3.6	+12.9
Vanguard TtInSldxInsPlus	116.83	+3.5	+12.9
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	17.46	+0.5	+12.8
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	78.22	+3.5	+19.3
Vanguard TtInSldxIns	78.23	+3.5	+19.3
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	78.18	+3.5	+19.1
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	75.70	+0.7	+16.3
Vanguard WlslyInCAmrl	66.74	...	+13.8
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	68.90	+2.2	+16.7

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.57	1.56
6-month disc	1.57	1.55
2-year	1.61	1.57
10-year	1.76	1.74
30-year	2.19	2.18

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1453.40	\$1459.80
Silver	\$16.910	\$16.030
Platinum	\$895.40	\$911.70

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

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Argentina (Peso)	59.9161
Australia (Dollar)	1.4756
Brazil (Real)	4.2582
Britain (Pound)	0.7744
Canada (Dollar)	1.3283
China (Yuan)	7.0290
Euro	0.9087
India (Rupee)	71.243
Israel (Shekel)	3.4696
Japan (Yen)	109.59
Mexico (Peso)	19.5414
Poland (Zloty)	3.92
So. Korea (Won)	1176.42
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.50
Thailand (Baht)	30.24

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2903.20	-3.9/-1
Stoxx600	409.81	+1.3/+3
Nikkei	23437.77	+64.5/+3
MSCI-EAFE	1985.18	+3.0/+2
Bovespa	107707.80	+648.4/+6
FTSE 100	7429.78	+26.6/+4
CAC-40	5926.84	-2.8/-1

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## OBITUARIES

JONATHAN MILLER 1934-2019

## Stage director co-created 'Beyond the Fringe' satire

BY JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — Jonathan Miller, the polymath British stage director, filmmaker and comedian who co-created groundbreaking comedy revue "Beyond the Fringe," has died at the age of 85.

Miller's family said Wednesday that he "died this morning peacefully at home with his family around him following a long battle with Alzheimer's."

"His death is a great loss to our family and to his friends and will leave a huge hole in our lives," the family said.

One of the country's most important and wide-ranging arts figures, Miller had a decades-long career that encompassed theater, television and opera.

Some of Britain's largest and most respected arts institutions, including the National Theatre, the British Film Institute and the Royal Opera, hurried to pay tribute to his long career.

Born in London in 1934, Miller studied medicine and qualified as a doctor before turning to the arts, spurred by the success of "Beyond the Fringe," a satirical revue he created in 1960 with fellow Cambridge University students Dudley Moore, Peter Cook and Alan Bennett.



AP 1980

The family of theater director and presenter Jonathan Miller says the star of the "Beyond the Fringe" comedy revue has died.

The show went from London's West End to Broadway, and helped launch a wave of irreverent, satirical comedy that included Monty Python's Flying Circus.

It diverted Miller from a planned career in neurology into the arts.

"It was kind of an accident, really," he told The Associated Press in 1981 — and a decision he sometimes said he regretted.

From the early 1960s, Miller directed plays for both stage and television, including a 1970 production of "The Merchant of Venice" starring Laurence Olivier. His TV directing work included a psychedelic 1960s adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland" for

the BBC and, later, six Shakespeare plays for the same broadcaster.

In the 1970s — and despite his inability to read music — he moved into opera, working with major companies including Glyndebourne, the Royal Opera and the English National Opera. His production of "Cosi Fan Tutte" for the Royal Opera was a staple of the company's repertoire for nearly 20 years, and at the ENO he directed 15 productions including "The Marriage of Figaro" and "The Mikado."

The company said Wednesday that "his 40-year contribution to the success of ENO was immense, and his productions are loved by audiences of all ages."

Talkative, witty, sometimes acerbic, Miller also presented television series including "The Body in Question" — a vivid journey through medical history and the human body — and "Atheism: a Rough History of Disbelief," wrote books on subjects ranging from Sigmund Freud to acting and took up sculpting and photography.

In 2002 he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for services to music and the arts.

Miller is survived by his wife, Rachel, children, Tom, William and Kate, and several grandchildren.

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ON NOVEMBER 28 ...

**On Nov. 28, 1520,** Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

**In 1806** French forces led by Joachim Murat entered Warsaw.

**In 1861** the Confederate Congress admitted Missouri as the 12th state of the Confederacy after Missouri's disputed secession from the Union.

**In 1919** American-born Lady Nancy Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

**In 1925** the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

**In 1942** nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston.

**In 1958** the African nation Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

**In 1964** the United States launched the space probe Mariner IV on a course to Mars.

**In 1975** President Gerald Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William Douglas.

**In 1979** an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.



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**In 1943** President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.

**In 1985** the Irish Senate approved the Anglo-Irish accord concerning Northern Ireland.

**In 1990** Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

**In 1995** President Bill Clinton signed a \$6 billion road bill that ended the federal 55 mph speed limit.

**In 1999** Hsing-Hsing, the popular male giant panda who had arrived at the National Zoo in Washington in 1972 as a symbol of U.S.-China detente, was euthanized at age 28 because of deteriorating health.

**In 2000** George W. Bush's lawyers asked the U.S. Supreme Court to bring "legal finality" to the presidential election by ending any further ballot recounts; Al Gore's team countered that the nation's highest court should not interfere in Florida's recount dispute.

**In 2001** Enron Corp., once

the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion deal to take it over.

**In 2004** NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol was injured, and his son Teddy among three people killed, in a plane crash outside Montrose, Colo.

**In 2005** eight-term Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham pleaded guilty to graft and tearfully resigned; the California Republican admitted he had taken \$2.4 million in bribes mostly from defense contractors in exchange for government business and other favors.

**In 2012** a Missouri couple and Arizona man split a \$587.5 million Powerball jackpot, then the second-largest lottery payout in U.S. history.

**In 2013** the start of Hanukkah coincided with Thanksgiving for the first time since 1888.

**In 2014** Nadia Eزالdein, a seasonal worker at the Nordstrom department store on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago, was shot in the store on Black Friday by an ex-boyfriend, who then shot and killed himself. Eزالdein died the next day.

**In 2015** more than 100 African-American religious leaders signed an op-ed published on Ebony's website strongly discouraging their colleagues from supporting or endorsing Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump after the real estate mogul had announced that he would receive endorsements from a group of prominent black ministers.

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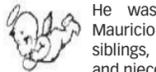
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## Death Notices

Beierwaltes, Mark G  
1958-2019

Mark Beierwaltes, 61, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2019 at his home in Scottsdale, AZ, after a brief battle with cancer. Mark was born on September 9, 1958 in Chicago, Illinois to Barbara and Andrew Beierwaltes.



He was the beloved husband of Mauricio Pereira. He is survived by his siblings, in-laws and many nephews and nieces.

Mark was a tax attorney with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for over 30 years. He was a generous soul who will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

If you would like to make a contribution in his memory, please make a donation to The Phoenix Film Festival accessing the gofund.me page gf.me/u/ww3a2w

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Birndorf, Cecile L. "Cissy"

Body Cecile L. "Cissy" Birndorf nee Lazar, 94. Beloved wife for 62 wonderful years to the late Beryl Birndorf. Loving and devoted mother of Randi (the late Richard) Young and Robert (Stacey) Birndorf. Cherished grandmother of Jeffrey (Beth) Young, Michael Young, Elizabeth Young and Stephanie Birndorf. Dear great-grandmother of Rachel and Sarah Young. Dearest daughter of the late Edythe and the late Irving Lazar; fond sister of the late Lawrence Lazar. Graveside service Friday, 9:15 am at Memorial Park Cemetery, (Section Monorah) 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, 1850 West Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608 [www.chicagolighthouse.org](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org) and North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 North Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL 60022 [www.nsci.org](http://www.nsci.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfiinfo.com](http://www.cjfiinfo.com) Copy

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Logsdon, Marie T.



Marie T. Logsdon, nee Knor, age 97, together again with her late husband Martin Logsdon (2005). Loving mother of Sandra (late Daniel) Racich. Cherished grandmother of Blake (Suzanne), Blair and the late Seith. Dearest great-grandmother of Vaughan and Bonn. Preceded in death by her seven siblings. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Marie was a member of TOPS for over 30 years. Visitation Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 2-6 p.m. Funeral Service Monday, December 2, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Inerment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400

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**ILLINOIS**  
Nov. 27  
Powerball ..... **Not available**  
Powerball jackpot: \$100M  
Lotto jackpot: \$12.5M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **439 / 0**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **1571 / 8**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
**06 10 27 28 43**  
Pick 3 evening ..... **Not available**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **Not available**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
**Not available**

Nov. 29 Mega Millions: \$243M

**WISCONSIN**  
Nov. 27  
Megabucks ..... **Not available**  
Pick 3 ..... **339**  
Pick 4 ..... **5032**  
Badger 5 ..... **Not available**  
SuperCash ..... **Not available**

**INDIANA**  
Nov. 27  
Lotto ..... **Not available**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **372 / 3**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **3003 / 3**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **Not available**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **Not available**  
Cash 5 ..... **Not available**

**MICHIGAN**  
Nov. 27  
Lotto ..... **02 06 13 28 33 43**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **633**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **2574**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **374**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **6546**  
Fantasy 5 ..... **11 17 18 37 38**  
Keno ..... **08 10 15 19 20 21**  
**23 30 33 43 45 47 52 55**  
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### Mattson, Karl 'The Alley Cat'

Karl M Mattson, Sr. passed away on November 25th, 2019 at the age of 80. Karl was husband to Sharon, and loving father to Michael ( Mary Beth ), Kevin, Kim (Dave) Bauman. He was proud, loving Grandpa to Sophia and Finnian and beloved big brother to Donna ( Tim ) Allman and brother to Nancy and (John) Kerr. He was uncle to many nieces and nephews, and best friend of Ron Henry. Karl was a South Shore native and SSH graduate. He was a Chicago Police Officer for 32yrs and retired from the 001st District, where he was affectionately known as the " Alley Cat" . During his career he received many awards and honorable mentions. After retiring, he became an avid painter and owner of The Art Exchange Gallery in Mt. Greenwood. Karl split his time between Chicago and his farm in Wisconsin. He will be missed. All services are private.

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### McCarthy, Elizabeth Betty

Elizabeth "Betty" McCarthy nee Bosshart, 95, of Mt. Prospect, formerly of Niles; at rest November 25, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Philip. Loving mother of Susan (Thomas) Lawn, John (Doryce), Joan (Robert) Casey, and Carol (William) DuBois. Proud grandmother of 16. Dear great grandmother of 7. Fond sister of Mary Lunkes, Jean Schordje, Ann Schultz, and the late Leo Bosshart, Lois Eckert, Thomas Bosshart, and Madelyn Klotter. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday November 30, 10 a.m. until time of funeral Mass 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Becket Church, 1321 Burning Bush Lane, Mt. Prospect. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, Attn: Sister Rosemary Connelly, MFA # 6226A, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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### McGovern, John P.

Jack McGovern of Indian Head Park, formerly of Western Springs, age 84. Beloved husband of Mary McGovern, nee Beahan; loving father of Mary (Tom) Ilich, Meg (Scott) Crowell, John (Joanne), Maureen (Tricia Sulita), Rita (Mark) Domeier, Tom (Christy), Katie (Tim) Selover, Lizzy (Sean) O'Brien and Tom (Tristan) O'Brien; proud grandfather of Bobby, Katie (Alex), Tricia, Tommy, Kelly (Joe), Jim, Rosie, Marc, Molly, Johnny, Megan, Mary Carole, Jack, Matt, Tim, Dan, Owen, Finn, Colin, Cavan, Elizabeth, Peter, Shannon, Luke, Ben and the late Danny McGovern; great-grandfather of Heidi; dear brother of the late Mary (late Bob) Sliwinski and the late Margaret (William) Edwards. Jack was raised in Riverside; graduate of Fenwick High School ('52) and attended Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. He was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Benedictine in 2000. At the age of 18 he took over the Oil Storage Company of Chicago which his father founded in 1932. As President he built OSCO, Inc. to be a leading petroleum distributor in Chicagoland. Jack considered his life well lived due to the strength of his faith, family and friends. Family and friends will be received at **Adolf Funeral Home**, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook on Friday, November 29, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. All are asked to meet at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Rd., Western Springs for 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Cara Chicago ([www.carachicago.org](http://www.carachicago.org)) or the Charity of Your Choice appreciated. For info 630-325-2300.

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### McNulty, Sheila M.

Sheila M. McNulty nee Mullen. Beloved wife of John for 51 years. Loving mother of John Jr. (Michelle), Dan (Colleen), and Tricia (Paul) Wisniewski. Proud grandmother of Denny, Allison, John, Jimmy, Katherine, Delia, Florence, Bud, and Olive. Dear sister of Peggy (Tom) Vicek, and Kathy Mullen. Funeral Services Saturday 9:15 am from **The Jaeger Funeral Home** 3526 N. Cicero Ave to St. Bartholomew Church 10:00 am Mass Entombment All Saints Cemetery. Sheila was a longtime parishioner and volunteer at St. Bartholomew Parish. She was also a volunteer at The Women's Center. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Women's Center 5116 N. Cicero Ave Chicago, IL 60630 would be appreciated. Visitation Friday 3-9 pm. Info: (773) 545-1320.

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### Riemer, Margaret E.

Margaret E. Riemer. Beloved daughter of the late Otto and Margaret. Loving sister of Tom (Judy) and the late Marie (the late Elvin) Krenz. Fond aunt of Jeffrey, Scott, Jennifer, Sandra, Scott, Ellen, Keith, Lisa, Glenn, Michael, Patty and Annette. Retired St. John Fisher school teacher with over 40 years of dedicated service. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. to St. John Fisher Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

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### Tourlas, Thomas Ernest

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He is also survived by his sister Mary Arnos. He was an IHSA wrestling champ, honorably served and wrestled in the US Navy, graduated from the University of Illinois, where he also wrestled NCAA. He taught PE for 39 years at The University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, coached numerous sports, and served as athletic director. He was an avid tennis player and talented potter. He is preceded in death by his parents Pagona and William, siblings Beatrice Perkins, Nick and Jane Gagomiros. He will be missed by many friends and family. "May His Memory Be Eternal". Visitation at the **Ahlgim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd, Elmhurst, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 1, 2019. Funeral Monday, December 2, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Funeral Info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgim.com](http://www.ahlgim.com)

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All complaints will be considered by the Board in Room 601 of the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the laws of Illinois, under the provisions of the Illinois Property Tax Code (formerly the Revenue Act of 1939), as amended.  
Call (312) 603-5542 for a complaint form and further information.  
Approved by the Board of Review of Cook County, Illinois in said County, this 26th day of November, 2019,  
MICHAEL M. CABONARGI, COMMISSIONER  
DAN PATLAK, COMMISSIONER  
LARRY R. ROGERS, JR., COMMISSIONER  
11/28/2019 6527345

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II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$26,566,510.  
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The location of work is the HPWRP, 1200 E. Sycamore Ave., Hanover Park, IL 60133.

The purpose of this notice is to receive public comments on the proposed project. The public has ten (10) days to comment on the proposed project. Comments can be sent to Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, MWRDGC, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611 or to Mr. Bill Jankousky, IEPA, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

Additional information and access to planning documents can be found at MWRDGC offices at 111 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Please contact Mr. Louis Storino at (312) 751-3167, or louis.storino@mwrdd.org, for an appointment.  
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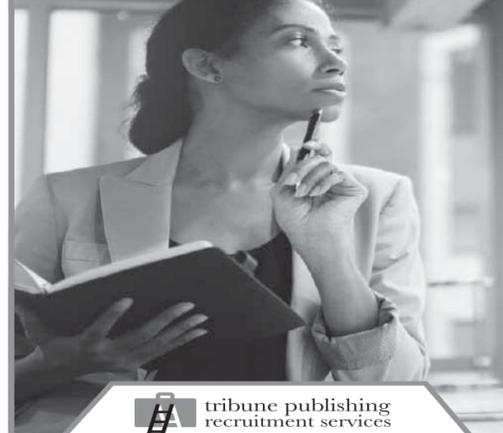
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The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joyce A. Harris, AKA Joyce Harris, AKA Joyce Ann Harris, deceased, Unknown Heirs and Legatees 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 25-111-013-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joyce A. Harris, AKA Joyce Harris, AKA Joyce Ann Harris, deceased, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Maurice Harris, deceased, 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-anetterstrom@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-anetterstrom@manleydeas.com) One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 11/14, 21, 28/2019 6510618

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## BEARS AT LIONS

11:30 A.M. THURSDAY, FOX-32

# Still some meat on that bone

It's another Thanksgiving in Detroit for the Bears — but this one will be even more difficult to get up for

BY DAN WIEDERER

When the Bears sat down to Thanksgiving dinner a year ago, they did so with a major adrenaline rush.

The early part of that afternoon had been spent at Ford Field in Detroit, a dig-deep holiday chore that resulted in a rousing 23-16 victory.

Safety Eddie Jackson provided the winning touchdown, an instinctive interception of Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford followed by a 41-yard sprint to the end zone in the fourth quarter.

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Cornerback Kyle Fuller provided the win-sealing takeaway, another interception of Stafford on an overthrown ball in the end zone toward tight end Michael Roberts with 1:07 left.

Matt Nagy provided the punctuation, a proud coach letting his players know how much their focus and effort had meant to him with one word shouted several times in the locker room.

*Boom!*

That was the day Jackson celebrated his touchdown by leading his teammates through calisthenics. That was the day Fuller took the football he picked off and handed it to Prince Amukamara as a microphone, and #BearsSing-ToAnything was born.

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Matt Nagy's team overcame a short week to defeat the Lions 23-16 in a sleepy game last Thanksgiving.

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## Sox's early moves not a reflection of rest of MLB



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the White Sox

By this time in 2006 the Cubs already had signed Alfonso Soriano to an eight-year, \$136 million deal in addition to bringing in free-agent second baseman Mark DeRosa and re-signing Aramis Ramirez and Kerry Wood.

General manager Jim Hendry had promised to be aggressive after a disastrous last-place finish that year.

"We won 66 ballgames," he said. "We damn sure better be aggressive."

Hendry's offseason splurge, which later included the signings of free-agent starters Ted Lilly and Jason Marquis, sent a message to fans the Cubs planned to contend in '07 and for years to come.

The White Sox sent a similar message last week when they signed free-agent Yasmani Grandal to a four-year, \$73 million deal and re-signed Jose Abreu to a three-year, \$50 million deal after Abreu had accepted their qualifying offer. The future is closer than you think.

But Hahn wasn't ready to make any statement about contending in 2020, leaving it to the media to "interpret messages and all that stuff" as he continues to try to improve the roster.

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## Bulls hope answers lie out west

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## BLACKHAWKS

# Goaltending duo has been dynamic in shared role

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The Blackhawks didn't exactly vanquish the Stars over their last two games, but taking three of four points from the hottest team in hockey feels pretty good.

That feeling will be tested immediately. The Hawks host the Avalanche on Friday before heading to Denver to complete their second straight home-and-home series against a tough Central Division rival.

"To get three of four points in this set is positive for us," coach Jeremy Colliton said. "And now we've got to take a couple days to get ready for another two big ones."

Here are three takeaways from Tuesday's 3-0 win over the Stars.

### 1. Rotating Corey Crawford and Robin Lehner continues to work beautifully.

Break things down however you want, Crawford and Lehner's numbers over the last few weeks have been insanely good.

Let's start with November since that's when Crawford turned the corner to join Lehner as one of the hottest goalies in the league.

Crawford has stopped 240 of 255 shots (.941 save percentage) in his seven starts, while Lehner has stopped 230 of 245 shots (.939) in his seven appearances, including six starts.

Overall, they rank second and fourth in the league in November.

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

## 'Hawk' won't lobby for award

Ken "Hawk" Harrelson long ago decided as a broadcaster to be himself, speak his mind and not worry about what others thought.

When Harrelson was calling a White Sox game, no one ever had to wonder where his loyalties were, what he felt or how deeply he felt it.

Many loved him for that. Others — just as intensely — did not, and that divide only strengthened his bond with those who embraced him.

What might have been a formula for TV success, however, perhaps has not helped him amass support for the Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick Award that thus far has proved elusive for the announcer who retired after the 2018 season.

It has been 13 years since Harrelson first was a finalist for the sport's high broadcasting honor.

Now 78, he's vying for it a fourth time in a field of eight that includes longtime Cubs radio voice Pat Hughes, with the selection committee of 15 due to announce its pick Dec. 11.

"Some of those voters I don't like, and I've told them that in the past about certain things," Hawk told the Tribune last year.

So, yeah. Harrelson's not exactly out there kissing babies (or giving interviews about the Frick award, for that matter) in the bid to join Harry Caray, Jack Brickhouse and Bob Elson as longtime Chicago voices honored in Cooperstown, N.Y.

His 42 years as an MLB broadcaster, including 33 with the White Sox as his "good guys," have been left to speak for themselves.

"I don't understand why he hasn't already got it just because of the service he's put in and his contribution to the game as a broadcaster," A.J. Pierzynski, a former Sox catcher-turned-broadcaster who's hardly a wallflower himself, said by phone. "You walk around anywhere, not just in Chicago, and if people are talking about baseball, you'll hear (Hawk catchphrases such as) 'He gone' or 'You can put it on the board.'"

Jason Benetti, who succeeded Harrelson as the White Sox TV play-by-play voice, grew up enthralled and entertained by Harrelson and Tom "Wimpy" Paciorek.

"I can't speak for the entirety of Chicagoland, but I can speak for me and my friends and all of that and say that what Hawk said became our lexicon," Benetti said. "That hits me pretty deep in the heart."



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"Hawk" Harrelson waves to fans while being honored for 25 years as a Sox broadcaster.

In the end, of course, Benetti developed his own style. There's only one Hawk. But as for Benetti's passion, he believed that grew out of his formative years watching and listening to Harrelson.

"People nationally ding Hawk for, at the end of his career, being frustrated with a call and yelling at an umpire," Benetti said. "But this was a guy who absolutely loved baseball to the core and, frankly, as an ambassador for the game and a conveyance of the game, he brought the game to life. That's what you want out of somebody who's calling games."

It wouldn't have been Hawk without the squawk.

"Hawk is Hawk," Pierzynski said. "He's true to himself. Every team will say: 'Hey, our announcer is the best' or 'Our announcer is this' or 'Our announcer is that.' And look, they're all great in their own right. But ... there's nobody that I know that did it better than Hawk did. He will not apologize for the way he acted."

Among Harrelson's calling cards are nicknames (such as "The Big Hurt" for Hall of Famer Frank Thomas) and phrases he either coined (like "Get foul" when faced with a potential extra-base hit down the line) or reclaimed from baseball lore (like "can of corn" for an easy fly ball).

But fellow finalist Jacques Doucet also can stake a claim to his own vocabulary as the pioneering French-language announcer for the Expos and later the Blue Jays.

As for the decades-long bond Harrelson enjoyed with his fan base, that too can be said of the others up for the award, such as Mike Shannon, Joe Castiglione, Tom Hamilton, Dewayne Staats, Hughes and the late Ned Martin, who for a time was Harrelson's partner on Red Sox games.

Contributing to the logjam of deserving Frick candidates has been the Hall's decision in recent years to consider contemporary local team announcers only once every three years, with reviews of national voices and historic figures rounding out the cycle.

It does not help that the Frick committee, which consists of the 11 living past winners and four journalist-historians, has named only a single winner annually since doubling up in 1978, when the award was introduced with honors for Mel Allen and Red Barber.

How Harrelson and his style has played with the voters is anyone's guess.

While some announcers reflexively flinch at being tagged a "homer," Harrelson embraced the role.

"He's just Hawk," Pierzynski said. "He's a real person."

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**3 p.m.** Battle 4 Atlantis ESPN  
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**3 p.m.** USC vs. Fairfield ESPN  
**5:30 p.m.** Davidson vs. Marquette ESPN2  
**5:30 p.m.** Battle 4 Atlantis ESPN  
**7 p.m.** Texas Tech vs. Iowa FS1  
**7:30 p.m.** UCF vs. Penn. ESPN  
**8 p.m.** Battle 4 Atlantis ESPN2  
**9:30 p.m.** San Diego St. vs. Creighton FS1  
**10 p.m.** Pepperdine vs. Arizona ESPN2

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**7:20 p.m.** Saints at Falcons NBC-5

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**6:30 p.m.** Ole Miss at Miss. State ESPN

**GOLF**  
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**NHL**  
**6:30 p.m.** Devils at Canadiens NHL

### ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

**Have any teams ever played on consecutive Thursdays like the Bears and Cowboys will be doing in the coming weeks?** — @oldmanfay12  
 Yes. In fact, the Bears and Cowboys did the same thing in 2014. The Bears played the Lions on Thanksgiving at Ford Field and then hosted the Cowboys the following week at Soldier Field.

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## NFL

# Here's to you, Mr. Robinson

The Bears' only consistent offensive performer should get a contract extension



**BRAD BIGGS**  
Bear Essentials

When NFL teams were forced to use it or lose it with their salary cap, this was the time of the season a handful of contract extensions would begin getting done.

The idea was to target players coming out of contract or worthy of an extension and use existing cap space in the current year as part of the new deal to maximize resources. Otherwise, teams lost unused cap space, and the best teams generally found a way to get the most out of their cap.

The Bears did this successfully for several years before rules were changed, allowing teams to roll over unused cap space. That means the Bears, with roughly \$16 million in available space for this season, can fold that into 2020. Or general manager Ryan Pace can consider working on a new contract for a player or two with five weeks remaining this in season.

The most obvious players to target are those coming out of contract, guys who are a little more than three months away from entering free agency. The only starters in that category are inside linebacker Danny Trevathan (injured), his replacement Nick Kwiatkoski and strong safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix. Nick Williams, who has emerged as a productive part of the defensive line rotation, has enhanced his value.

Extending players this close to free agency is difficult, in some cases impossible because risk for the player is almost eliminated. As long as they make it through the final five games without injury, they have a chance to negotiate with 32 teams, not one.

If Trevathan departed in free agency, he could potentially return a compensatory draft pick for the Bears in 2021, and if the team plans to pay Roquan Smith handsomely in the future, it probably doesn't want to sink big money into two inside linebackers. Kwiatkoski has helped himself subbing for Smith and Trevathan and likely would be best served seeing what's out there after the season.

Clinton-Dix figured he would cash in during free agency back in March, but it was a crowded market with experienced safeties so he chose a one-year, prove-it deal with the idea of having better luck the second time around.

"I know how important it is to finish the season because (last season), I started off hot," Clinton-Dix said. "I didn't finish how I wanted to finish. My main focus is on these games. I would love to be here and continue this legacy with this group of guys, but unfortunately we know how the business is. I am just going to continue doing my part as a leader, as a competitor and I'm going to leave it in their hands."

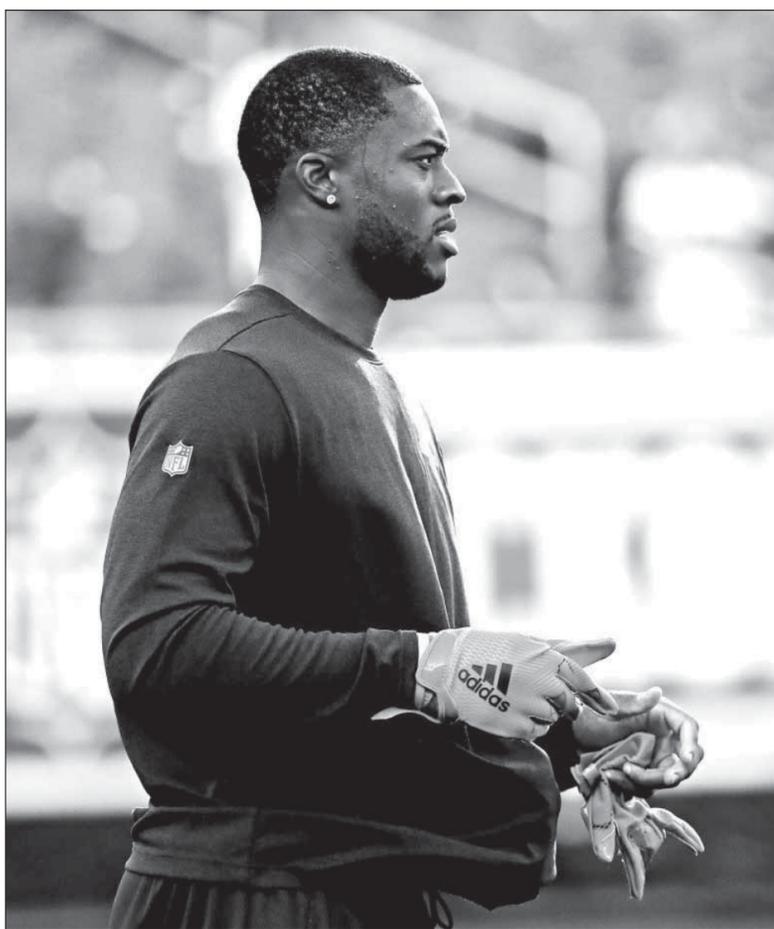
Williams, who has put money in the bank for himself for next season as he leads the team with six sacks, said he isn't thinking about a payday.

"I am worried about helping the Bears win," he said. "I'm setting myself up to do good, but I have to play well."

The one player who sticks out when it comes to an extension is wide receiver Allen Robinson. He is signed through 2020, but there is no guaranteed money left in his contract. Robinson is the Bears' only consistent offensive playmaker, and failing to extend him before the start of next season would transfer the leverage to the player and put the franchise in jeopardy of losing Pace's best free-agent signing on offense.

Consider for a moment where the Bears, 28th in scoring at 17.1 points per game, would without Robinson. Wide receiver Taylor Gabriel is sidelined with his second concussion of the season. Anthony Miller has been through the ups and downs of a rookie season in his second year. Fourth-round pick Riley Ridley has been in uniform for only one game and he didn't see the field. The tight ends have delivered next to nothing in the passing game and Tarik Cohen is averaging 5.6 yards per reception.

Robinson, 26, is coming off his second 100-yard game of the season as he caught six passes for 131 yards and a touchdown in the win over the Giants. He's on pace for 1,111 yards at a position that has been difficult for the Bears to draft and develop. It goes beyond missing on Kevin White, their first-round pick in 2015. Since 2000, only two draft picks have produced a 1,000-yard receiving season — Marty Booker (2001, 2002) and Alshon Jeffery (2013, 2014).



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (ACTION), JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (ABOVE)  
Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson (12) warms up before facing the Packers in September.

Robinson is a perfect example of the type of player the Bears want in their locker room. He's hard-working, leads by example and most importantly produces. Some might prefer to invest in a game-breaking receiver than someone like Robinson, who's more of a possession target. But the Bears don't have that luxury.

The Bears signed Robinson to a three-year, \$42 million contract last year when he was coming off a torn ACL in his left knee with the Jaguars. The deal calls for him to earn \$13 million next season and the Bears could tack on two or three seasons to the deal by rewarding one of the few offensive players who has played to expectations while taking care of a piece of business that would otherwise be on the front burner for the offseason.

Pace has generally preferred to work on contract extensions during the offseason,

but handling this now would show the Bears recognize what Robinson has meant to them and would definitely give them a positive story in the news cycle during a season that has had so many negatives.

"After going through the whole (free-agency) process before, there are a lot of different logistics that go along with it on both sides," Robinson said. "My focus is just to finish the season strong and I am sure at some point in time whether it's my agent starting it or them, it will be talked about. There is a good amount of time."

"So many different scenarios can play out. The time will come."

Robinson knows how an injury can take him out for an extended period so he'd probably be receptive to a deal sooner than later. It can't hurt for the Bears to explore the issue because, if not, they will have to put it at the top of their offseason to-do list.

## Scouting report

**Justin Coleman, Lions nickel corner**  
Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Justin Coleman, 5-foot-11, 190 pounds, is the highest-paid nickel cornerback in the NFL after the Lions supplemented their secondary by signing him to a four-year, \$36 million contract, including \$17.9 million guaranteed, in free agency.

Coleman came over from the Seahawks and has 10 passes defended as the Lions defense is tied for the most in the NFL with 32. Coleman has 39 tackles, one interception and two forced fumbles.

Since the start of the 2017 season, he is one of five defenders in the league with 100 tackles, 25 passes defended, four interceptions, two sacks and three forced fumbles.

"He plays like he should be the top-paid slot corner in the league a lot of the time," the scout said. "He's excellent at the point of attack. He can punch the ball out and he will make plays at the catch point. He's done that a lot this season. He's very physical in coverage and he's a good tackler."

"Detroit doesn't blitz a lot, but I think if he was in a system where they used more slot blitzes, he would be very productive. I don't know what his top-end speed is, and he struggled against Kansas City and Sammy Watkins on deep crossers and over routes, but a lot of guys are going to do that. I just think he has really good technique and strong hands and he understands how to play."

"He's been one of the best slot corners I've seen on tape this season. He's a good tackler versus the run, too, and the Lions are using him a ton (88.4% of the snaps). That's why the Lions went and got him and paid him. Detroit is a heavy man coverage defense. I bet they are up there with New England in terms of using the most man coverage in the league, and that is because Matt Patricia brought that with him from the Patriots. A lot of times they don't bracket the slot like so many defenses do. They let Coleman go one-on-one. They did that against the Cowboys when they used their bracket, especially on third down, against Jason Witten. They wanted to take away the stick routes and option routes, some of the easy throws for Dak Prescott. They rotated the safety over Amari Cooper or Michael Gallup outside and put Coleman one-on-one. Randall Cobb made some plays on him, but that was Dak. He played at a high level in that game."

"That's what happens when you're a slot guy and you're one-on-one. There is a lot of room to cover, and that shows you how much the Lions trust him."

## Saints set sights on rival, revenge after recent rout by Falcons

**By D. ORLANDO LEDBETTER**  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

After getting pummeled by the Falcons on Nov. 10, the Saints took their frustrations out on the Buccaneers the following Sunday.

They thrashed the Bucs 34-17 on the road and then squeaked by the Panthers 34-31 on a Wil Lutz field goal as time expired last weekend in New Orleans. With that business settled, they squarely started to point toward the Falcons, whom they meet Thanksgiving night in Atlanta.

Saints tight end Jared Cook told NFL Network that "we owe them."

Defensive end Cam Jordan, who was held without a sack by the Falcons, gave a terse response when asked about a rematch.

"We're gunning for Thursday," Jordan said Monday.

Coming off of the open week and sporting a 1-7 record, the Falcons rolled up to the Superdome and smacked the Saints around. The Falcons surprisingly dominated the Saints on their way to a 26-9 win. It marked the first time that the Saints didn't score a touchdown at home in the Sean Payton-Drew Brees era.

The Saints beat the Falcons 31-17 last year on Thanksgiving night in New Orleans.

"As I recall, it wasn't too long ago obviously, they got after us a little bit on the pass rush," Brees said Sunday. "We weren't very balanced offensively. We didn't run the ball that many times and we didn't run as effectively as I know we can."

The Saints and Falcons have spirited battles. The fact that the Saints are competing for playoff seeding and the Falcons are essentially playing only for pride won't matter much.

"That's what is fun about the division games," Falcons coach Dan Quinn said. "They are teams that are going to go battle for it and go. Offensively, everything starts with Drew and his accuracy."

The Falcons were able to build a lead in the previous meeting, which helped to make the Saints one-dimensional.

"I think anytime we take the field, regardless of who the opponent is, we want to be balanced," Brees said. "We want to be efficient. We want to convert third downs, make big plays when we have the opportu-

nity. Score points and win games."

The Saints offense flows through Brees' passes to receiver Michael Thomas. He had 13 catches for 152 yards in the last meeting.

After having a tough time with the Bucs' Chris Godwin, the Falcons will attempt to mix their coverages against Thomas.

The Saints defense ranks 10th in yards allowed at 321.3 per game, third against rush at 88.3 yards per game and 14th in passing yards allowed at 232.7 per game.

The defense wants to show the 143 yards the Falcons amassed was an aberration.

"The only thing that tilted in our favor was that we had one turnover and takeaway and still lost," Payton said. "Atlanta did so many things well in that game, and we didn't or we didn't do them well enough."

## BEARS

## Energy

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That was the day the Bears won their third division game in 12 days, the last two coming within 89 hours of each other.

"It's having that mindset of staying locked in on the next game," Jackson said. "That was the most important part of it. In that stretch, the next game for three weeks was a division opponent and we knew what we wanted to do. So you dial in completely on the team that's in front of you and how to knock them off."

So much has changed for the Bears between then and now. The 2019 season has so little to do with anything that happened during the 2018 thrill ride.

Yet as the Bears return to Detroit for another Thanksgiving gathering, they can draw on certain lessons from a year ago. First and foremost, in a season like this, the need to retain that grinder mentality remains paramount.

Nagy was asked Tuesday for his fondest memories of last Thanksgiving, and he made a point to call attention to how sluggish last year's game was and how his team fought through that.

"I just specifically remember how tired and beat down we were at that point in time," Nagy said. "It was a very lethargic game last year. You could feel the lack of energy, the low energy."

Added left tackle Charles Leno: "It was a nasty game. I think people in the stands are still yawning if I'm not mistaken."

That only added to the Bears' fulfillment in finding something extra when they had so little left in the tank. That win, by the way, came on the road with backup quarterback Chase Daniel playing the whole game. And it offered proof of a special quality that team had within itself.

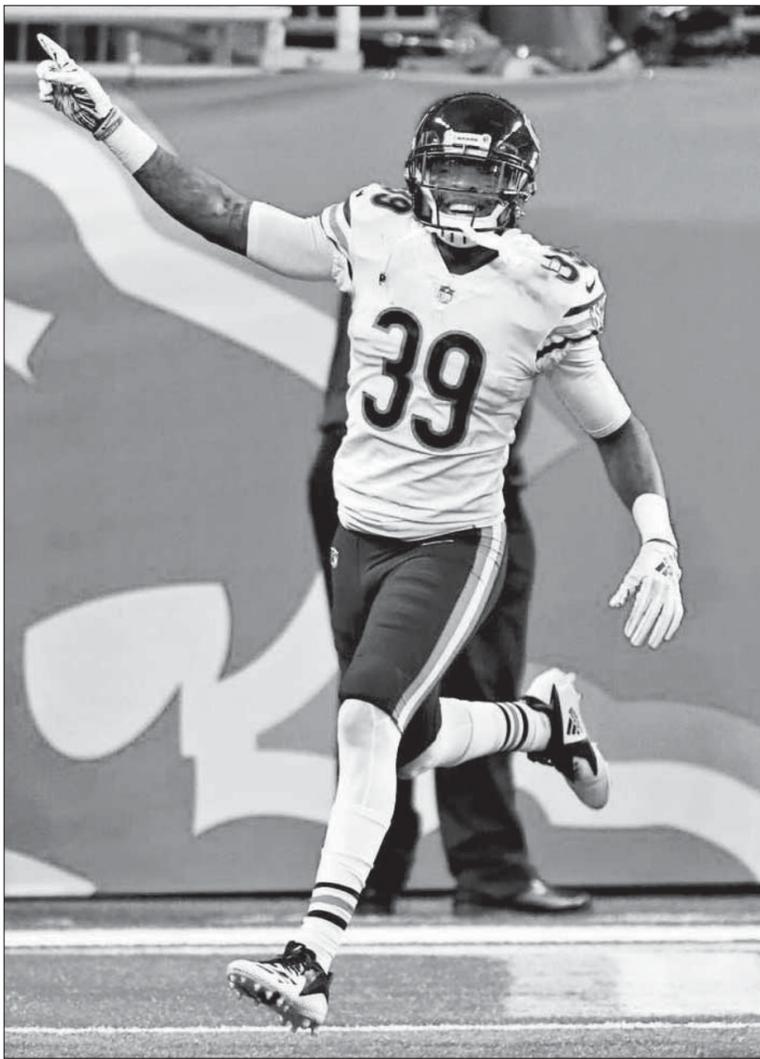
"We showed resolve," Nagy said.

"That, for us, was just confirmation of our mental toughness," Leno added. "Winning those three division games meant something, and we had that as a goal. But you also have to take care of them one at a time. And to do that, it requires a certain mental toughness."

That mental toughness will be tested again Thursday and in the four games beyond that. It's a different test this year, but it's important nonetheless.

Maybe the Bears can fool themselves into believing those playoff picture graphics that still list them "in the hunt." If so, the chance Thursday to climb back to .500 provides incentive. A victory also would offer players and coaches an opening to at least suppose December still has meaning.

But even through a realist's lens that assumes this season will end before New Year's Day, the Bears should understand the pride they must have, the extra



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears' Eddie Jackson celebrates after scoring a touchdown against the Lions a year ago.

motivation they must summon to close out a disappointing season with positive momentum and proper focus.

"The message is pretty simple," Leno said. "Do everything within your power every single day this week to take care of Thursday. And once we take care of Thursday, we can move on from there and take care of the next thing."

Added Jackson: "It's hard not to be locked in. For me, when I come in here and feel the kind of people that are here and the type of character that we've got, you're going to have to lock in. For one, if you don't, it's going to show up on film. And two, we've got guys all around here that are going to hold you accountable if you're tempted to come in and be lax and just play it cool.

"We know the adversity we faced the first half of this season with all the losses. This is a critical time for us here to continue to stack a few wins."

The Bears haven't had a stack of wins since winning three straight to close September. A victory Thursday would improve their record to 3-1 in the second half of the schedule. It's a goal within reach.

"When we win," Jackson said, "the goal is to continue to stack them. Simple as that. It's an expectation. Just continue to play for one another and give that same effort we've been giving."

Thanksgiving dinner may not carry the same buzz this year. But there are ways to make it more enjoyable.

## NFL NOTES

## Lions call on rookie QB Blough

News services

The Lions announced Wednesday night that rookie quarterback David Blough will make his NFL debut against the Bears on Thanksgiving Day in Detroit.

Blough will start because Jeff Driskel has a sore hamstring. Driskel will serve as the backup.

Matthew Stafford, the Lions' all-time passing leader, has been out since fracturing bones in his back during a loss to the Raiders on Nov. 3.

Blough, acquired in a late August trade with the Browns, was a full- or part-time starter during all four of his years at Purdue. He threw for 9,374 yards and 69 TDs with 43 interceptions in college.

In four preseason games with the Browns, Blough threw for 271 yards and two TDs while completing 58.1% of his passes.

The Lions are 3-7-1, having lost four straight games and seven out of their last eight.

**Broncos looking at Lock:** The Broncos are upping rookie quarterback Drew Lock's snaps at practice in preparation for his possible debut Sunday against the Chargers.

Coach Vic Fangio said Wednesday that the second-round pick from Missouri who has been on IR all season will take 75% of the snaps, with Brandon Allen taking the rest.

Fangio didn't say when he'd make up his mind.

The Broncos (3-8) turned to Allen when Joe Flacco (neck) went on IR at midseason. He won his first start against the Browns but has lost to the Vikings and Bills. He threw for just 84 yards in a 20-3 loss to the latter Sunday.

That poor performance ignited speculation that Lock would finally get his chance despite having practiced only seven times.

**Extra points:** The Titans placed three-time Pro Bowl TE Delanie Walker on IR for a second straight season. Walker had missed the last four games and played only five snaps Oct. 20 in a win over the Chargers after aggravating the right ankle he broke in the 2018 season opener. That injury cost him last season. Walker had 21 catches for 215 yards and two TDs in seven games this season. .... The Panthers placed starting DT Dontari Poe (quadriceps) and OLGreg Van Roten (foot) on IR, and signed DLs Woodrow Hamilton and Stacy McGee.

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## BULLS &amp; BLACKHAWKS

## BULLS AT WARRIORS

## Different look to West Coast trip

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Sometimes you just have to get away. The Bulls are 6-12 and 3-7 at home. After Monday night's 117-94 loss to the Trail Blazers, some of the players were embracing the idea of the road swing through Golden State, Portland and Sacramento.

Consider it a mental-health trip. "I think you're together, it's kind of that road-dog mentality. You against the world a little bit," coach Jim Boylen said after practice Tuesday. "I think it will be good for our team to get away and be together. We've got a few things planned as a team. We've got three big games, they're spread out pretty good. So hopefully we can have some time together but also play good basketball."

It will be a chance to bond. The Bulls will visit Nike headquarters and spend Thanksgiving together during their three days in Portland, Ore.

"It's a Christmas gift-type thing for people," Boylen said. "We'll have a Thanksgiving meal as a family, as a team."

Here are three things to know about the upcoming schedule.

## 1. The Bulls hope to get healthy.

Otto Porter Jr. is still out with a foot sprain, and Boylen revealed that Ryan Arcidiacono has been dealing with an injured elbow since Friday's game against the Heat.

"He felt pretty good about it, but it was more sore today, so we held him out," Boylen said.

Porter has missed half of the Bulls' 18 games. His absence has been felt as he's one of the team's most consistent 3-point shooters at 40%. He could've been another option to spark the offense in those moments when Lauri Markkanen, Zach LaVine or Tomas Satoransky has gone cold.

"We're disappointed that Otto's hurt; I know he's disappointed that he's hurt," Boylen said. "We can't cry about it, we've got to move on and play."

Chandler Hutchison is working his way back into shape after being sidelined by sore shins, and guard Shaq Harrison has shown his versatility in manning small forward.

"We've had some guys step up in big moments and play well off the bench: (Daniel) Gafford and Hutchison and (Denzel) Valentine," Boylen said. "That's exciting stuff. Next man up and next man be ready."

## 2. There's no quick fix for Lauri Markkanen.

Markkanen's scoring and shooting numbers are down from last season, when he showed more versatility in his game. But it's a new offensive system, and he has tried to roll with it.

However, last season he took catch-and-shoot 3-pointers less frequently and converted them more often. Last season they made up 38% of his shots and he hit 36% of them. This season catch-and-shoots have made up nearly 47% of his shots, many of them on open looks, yet he has made only 29.2%.

"I give myself a little bit (of time) after the game to either be happy about the performance or be a little down about the performance," he said. "But after that, you just have to let it go."

Markkanen has resisted blaming his struggles on changes to his role.

"Me and Coach talk all the time," he said. "We have a good relationship. I feel like I can say whatever I need to say. We've had multiple conversations, so it's not about that. It's a different role, kind of playing a different way of basketball right now. So it's just something we have to get used to and hopefully we can figure it out."

Boylen said coaches will continue to make adjustments but didn't delve into how significant the changes will be.

"We have added some things for him," he said. "Because we've added them doesn't mean that he's going to score off of them. He's going to make decisions out of them."



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Jim Boylen revealed that Ryan Arcidiacono has been dealing with an injured elbow.



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## 3. What happened to the Warriors?

A lot has changed since the Bulls' last road game against the Warriors. Wednesday night's game wasn't even in the same city.

The Warriors prevailed 146-109 on Jan. 11 at Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif., but now the Warriors play at the Chase Center in San Francisco.

The Warriors roster looks much different too.

Last season, Klay Thompson torched the Bulls for seven 3-pointers and 30 points, and Steph Curry and Kevin Durant added 28 and 22 points, respectively. This season, Thompson and Curry have been shelved by long-term injuries and Durant has moved to Brooklyn.

Boylen said he hasn't had time to do a deep analysis on the new-look Warriors, led by former Nets guard D'Angelo Russell and a cast of rookies that includes Eric Paschall, Jordan Poole and Ky Bowman.

"I've seen them on TV," Boylen said. "They play very hard, they're very physical from what I saw. They've got a young team that they're developing."

## COLLEGES

## Upset of Buckeyes? Wolverines hoping so

Fox Sports' Klatt: Ann Arbor a tough place to win

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Ohio State coach Ryan Day celebrates big victories by breaking the law.

OK, maybe that's a bit sensationalist. And perhaps not even true.

But after his team survived a scare against Penn State on Saturday, Day revealed to the masses that he planned to zoom home from Ohio Stadium with his family.

"There's no question I'll be going as fast as I can up (Route) 315 with the music as loud as I can and the windows down," he said.

What will be playing? "It's whatever my son and my two daughters want," Day replied. "I don't even know what it is sometimes. The one we play in the locker room is 'Ballin'."

"I'm not sure who sings it. That's (also) our celebratory song in the car."

The artist is Mustard, featuring Roddy Ricch, and the song is about making it big.

Ohio State's first-year coach is on his way, but there's a huge obstacle this week.

Michigan is surging, confident and at home, where the Wolverines have not lost since 2017. That's 13 wins in a row. Of course none of them came against the Buckeyes.

Jim Harbaugh is 0-4 against Ohio State, as you might have heard a few million times.

A quick review of the four games:

■ **2015:** Michigan entered 9-2. Ohio State was 10-1 but coming apart at the seams. A week earlier the Buckeyes lost at home to Michigan State, and Ezekiel Elliott slammed the play-calling after getting only 12 carries. Urban Meyer made up for it against the Wolverines. Elliott went for 214 yards on 30 carries in a 42-13 romp.

■ **2016:** Neither side can forget this one. Both entered 10-1, and the game went to two overtimes. Ohio State went for it on fourth-and-1 from the Michigan 16, and J.T. Barrett crashed into the back of a blocker. Officials ruled he got the first down. Curtis Samuel won it with a walk-off 15-yard run on the next play.

"I'm bitterly disappointed with the officiating today," Harbaugh said after the 30-27 defeat.

■ **2017:** Both teams were flawed. Barrett aggravated a knee injury when someone "wearing something gray" contacted his right leg on the sideline during warmups. Meyer was furious. Dwayne Haskins saved the day, connecting on 6 of 7 passes for 94 yards. Barrett threw for just 30 yards, but the Buckeyes prevailed 31-20.

■ **2018:** The one Harbaugh will never live down. He had the nation's top defense, having allowed no more than 21 points in a game all season. And then the Buckeyes torched the Wolverines 62-39 in a game that was over in the third quarter.

So what's in store for 2019? Can Michigan spring the upset as a 9<sup>1/2</sup>-point underdog?

"It will take an incredible effort," said Joel Klatt, who will be on the call for Fox Sports with Gus Johnson and Jenny Taft. "Ohio State is really good. Having said that, Michigan has shown a couple of things in its last four games that at least suggest they will have a better chance."

What's strange about the Wolverines, Klatt pointed out, is that they're controlling games without rushing the ball all that well. They totaled just 83 yards on the ground against Michigan State and 87 at Indiana, but they trounced both by a combined 83-24.

Not that they're incapable of having a big rushing day. On the October night they hammered Notre Dame 45-14, the difference in rushing yards was 303-47 on the wet turf in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Klatt talked to Josh Gattis about that game, and the Michigan offensive coordinator revealed something interesting.

"Normally coaches will ride with the game plan regardless of the weather forecast," Klatt said. "On Friday he got the word that there would be a torrential rainstorm. He threw the game plan out and installed a new one late Friday into Saturday morning."

Michigan got ahead and Notre Dame got desperate, trying to throw the ball. Didn't happen. Ian Book completed 8 of 25 passes.

The Wolverines are 6-0 at home this season. They went 7-0 in Ann Arbor last year.

What gives? Michigan fans are not particular rowdy, and noise tends to escape the bowl-shaped stadium.

Klatt, who played quarterback at Colorado from 2002 to '05, understands it. "This might be a little sappy," he said. "After I got released from the Lions in 2006, I said: I've got to see Michigan Stadium. I went there and there was a spiritual sense about it. It's like the mecca of college football, the heartbeat, the Colosseum."

"While it's not a noisy environment, I think it's intimidating. It's so big. And having a great defense makes for a terrific homefield advantage."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Goaltender Corey Crawford makes one of his 32 saves Tuesday night in the Blackhawks' 3-0 win over the Stars at the United Center.

## Takeaways

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Switch the breakdown to the last nine games when Crawford and Lehner began to rotate starts and they've combined to stop 325 of 344 shots for a .945 save percentage.

Wait, there's one more. And it gets even better.

Over the last two games against the Stars, a tough divisional opponent that has been shredding opponents since the middle of October, Lehner and Crawford combined for a .986 save percentage. Lehner stopped 40 of 41 shots in Saturday's 2-1 shootout loss, and Crawford stopped all 32 shots in Tuesday's 3-0 victory.

Not too shabby.

It wouldn't be fair to expect them to keep this up for the entire season, but they show no signs of slowing down. Colliton realizes how important they are to the success of the team.

"Certainly it gives us the confidence that we know they're going to make the save for us if we need one," Colliton said. "That's important. I think it helps you to play better defensively actually, just knowing that if you make a mistake, it's not necessarily going to go in. It's important for our team."

"Obviously we're still learning how to play. We've got some young players who are improving away from the puck, but it's definitely a comfort factor for us."

It had been a few days since Crawford spoke with reporters, who asked him about Lehner's struggles in shootouts. Lehner said earlier in the week that he would have no problem getting lifted for a shootout if it meant the team had a better chance to win. Crawford was having none of that.

"He's a really good goalie; he doesn't need me to do that," Crawford said. "He's fine. He played really well last game. They made some great shots in the shootout last game and there's nothing to keep talking about."

"He's a really good goalie, so I mean I got nothing for you."

## 2. Alex DeBrincat's streak without a goal hits 9 games — but he's still staying unselfish.

If somebody told you before the season that Kirby Dach, Dominik Kubalik and Alex DeBrincat would each have the same number of goals in late November, chances are you'd think they were each in double digits.

Not because Dach and Kubalik were expected to hit tremendous heights but because DeBrincat is such a great goal scorer it seemed unlikely he'd be in the same ballpark as a couple of rookies.

Yet with nearly 30% of the season over, they each have five goals. A nice pace for Dach and Kubalik, and a slump for DeBrincat.

But is DeBrincat really slumping? Well, yes and no.

The Hawks forward, who turns 22 next month, is the victim of bad puck luck. His shooting percentage as a rookie when he scored 28 goals was 15.5% and in his second season — when he scored 41 goals — was 18.6%.

Against the Stars, DeBrincat went without a goal for the ninth straight game despite a team-high seven shots on goal. That dropped DeBrincat to a 7.5% shooting percentage this season, which just isn't consistent with how he has performed his first two seasons in the league.

The goals will come. For now, he's happy to make unselfish choices in the name of winning.

Midway through the third period with the Hawks on their only power play of the game, DeBrincat's shot on net rebounded back to him.

He had the same chance he had before, but instead of trying again, he saw Patrick Kane out of the corner of his eye coming in from the point. DeBrincat sent a quick pass to Kane, who buried his 12th goal to make it 2-0 and give the Hawks a huge insurance goal.

It was DeBrincat's ninth assist during his nine-game goalless streak and a great example of a player who puts the team before himself.

## 3. Concussions are beginning to add up.

Jeremy Colliton didn't learn anything was wrong with Dylan Strome until well after Tuesday's morning skate was over. But once it was determined Strome wasn't feeling right, the decision to keep him out of Tuesday's game was easy. He's now in concussion protocol.

Losing Strome for an extended period of time could prove to have a big impact on the offense.

Meanwhile, the Hawks moved Drake Caggiula (concussion) from injured reserve to long-term injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 10.

Caggiula be eligible to come off LTIR on Dec. 5 against the Bruins.

He has resumed skating but hasn't returned to practice.

The Hawks also recalled forward Anton Wedin from Rockford. Wedin, 26, has 11 points (4 goals, 7 assists) in 17 games with the IceHogs.

He signed a one-year deal in May after playing professionally in his native Sweden for eight seasons.



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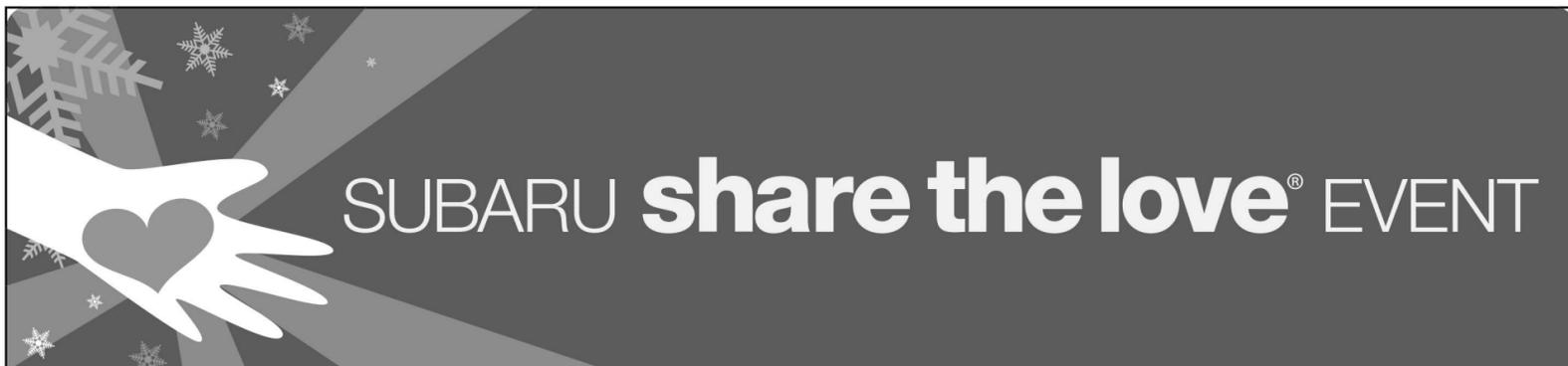
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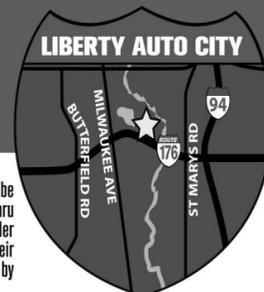
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**WHITE SOX**

# Reaching a turning point

Renteria: Sox have 'pivoted' with signings of Grandal, Abreu

BY LAMOND POPE

White Sox manager Rick Renteria and All-Star catcher Yasmani Grandal have a connection.

Renteria was the bench coach for the Padres during Grandal's first two seasons in the majors in 2012 and '13.

The two were reunited last week when Grandal signed a four-year, \$73 million deal with the Sox.

It's another sign, Renteria said Tuesday, of a team preparing to take the next step.

"The organization has pivoted," Renteria said. "We are at a turning point and a very important phase of who we are as an organization. It's time to start being on the winning end more than the losing."

"We've talked a lot about that last year during the course of the season. It hasn't changed for me since the first time I took ownership of what I'm doing here as a manager to now. The difference now is now you're having some young men that have a lot of talent. Now you're starting to go out and get some guys who have been around and have talent."

Renteria and his wife, Ilene, spent part of Tuesday serving Thanksgiving dinner at Mercy Home For Boys & Girls.

"One of the things that I came to know immediately upon joining the White Sox was their interest in giving back to the community," Renteria said. "There are a lot of needs that could be met and the organization has always imparted that to the players and to us as a staff."

Renteria also discussed the active off-season for the Sox with reporters. In addition to signing the top free-agent catcher on the market in Grandal, the Sox agreed to a three-year, \$50 million deal to keep first baseman Jose Abreu.

"Both of these men are happy to be White Sox," Renteria said. "I'm a big Jose Abreu fan. And I think what he brings to the table takes care of itself. He's had another good year out there offensively. He's going to be able to serve us well and all the young men that are going to be alongside."

Renteria also reached out to James McCann, the Sox starting catcher in 2019,



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Yasmani Grandal signed a four-year, \$73 million deal with the Sox last week.

about the Grandal signing. McCann made his first All-Star team this season, and helped with the development of the young pitching staff.

"I'm sure he sees, 'Gosh we just signed a guy, gave him a multiple-year contract, where do I fit?' " Renteria said. "I made him understand and the kind of conversation we had is he knows how I feel about him. The whole organization knows how I feel about him. I make no bones about it, I love Mac and I think that this addition does not detract from who he is and what he brings to the table for us as White Sox."

"I wanted him to know that we're going to make this work."

Grandal said his familiarity with Renteria was one reason factor when he decided to sign with the Sox.

"I loved Ricky when he was in San Diego," Grandal said last week. "I like the way that he manages. Obviously in San Diego I only got to see a little bit of that, just because he was a bench coach. Definitely a guy I like to be around, a guy who knows the game, a guy who is very smart and kind of manages almost the same way as I play the game, just by feel and I kind of like that."

And Renteria likes how this off-season is shaping up.

"We're going to continue to, I can't speak for (general manager) Rick (Hahn) and everybody, but they're working very, very hard to continue to put things together for us," Renteria said. "And it's time. It's time for us to start showing the promise that we've talked about. We started seeing little bits and pieces of it last year. We have young men that are going to get better."

"But I think that we're pushing now to where we want to be, which is trying to win a lot of ballgames and put us in a place where the people on the South Side will be happy and hopefully forcing postseason issues."

# Sullivan

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"We know we have more work to do," he said. "I can say it sends this type of (contending) message out there, and it's, frankly, going to ring hollow if we don't reinforce that with further acquisitions."

That's encouraging to Sox fans, especially if the reinforcements include a front-line starter and a power-hitting right fielder. Their next step should be even bigger and bolder, though when it will happen is anyone's guess.

The Sox are one of three teams, along with the Braves and Padres, to get an early jump on the market. More than three weeks into free agency there has been little movement, even after all the talk at the recent general managers meetings in Scottsdale, Ariz., about a faster-developing market.

Maybe everyone is waiting for the annual winter meetings, which will be held Dec. 8-12 in San Diego, or perhaps baseball's off-season will drag on into late January or early February again, as it has the last two off-seasons.

What once was a blip may now be the norm.

It's a subject that frustrates baseball fans, who want to know their teams are looking to improve, and baseball beat writers, who used to count on the post-Christmas period as a slow time to unwind before the next season.

Cubs President Theo Epstein told fans at last year's Cubs Convention that things used to pick up at or just after the winter meetings, but now "it almost seems like everything has shifted back four to six weeks," meaning the bulk of the bigger signings occur after the holidays.

"I think there are a number of factors that contribute to that," he said. "One is that it's kind of a new breed of GMs in the game now, from different backgrounds and different ways of looking at the game, a little more analytical, I think. They're placing a greater value on every dollar and every decision, and wanting to find value in every transaction, as opposed to — and I can speak firsthand (to) this — 15 years ago or so where teams were more apt to fill in holes and didn't care as much about value and there weren't as many methods to discern exactly how much impact you were getting for each dollar."

"Now you can quantify it a lot more. It's made the whole process a little more methodical, I'd say. No doubt it's tough on players."

After signing a one-year, \$4.35 million deal with the Cubs last Feb. 11, the day before spring training, free-agent reliever Brad Brach called the slow off-season "stressful."

"You hear about interest the first week and then you don't get any offers until late December/January and you're just kind of wondering what's going on," he said. "Teams say they like you, but they're not making any offers."

The analytics proved to be wrong about Brach's perceived value. He was released by the Cubs in August after posting a 6.13 ERA and eventually signed with the Mets.

The age of analytics, when every player's value can be compared with everyone else with a similar metric, is a primary reason for the slow-moving off-season, agent Scott Boras suggested at the GM meetings. Boras, who has several of the biggest free agents as clients, including Gerrit Cole, Stephen Strasburg and Anthony Rendon, said interested teams generally explore the trade market first, delaying the free-agent market, while tanking teams don't want to pay for pricey free agents anyway.

Boras said the implication is that GMs are telling themselves: "I don't endeavor into the free-agent market until I go to the trade market because in the trade market my analytics team are the smartest people in the world that can dupe these other teams into making poor trades, (and) I will win the 'WAR' battle. I just got a one-WAR advantage over them."

"In the free-agent market, that's the sucker's bet," he continued. "You're going to pay a predictive WAR value for a player that is in many ways not wanted, because I don't want to win. And the second thing is (GMs say) 'I don't really want that player to help me advance possibly to getting from 70 to 78 wins. He may do that. He may help us, (but) I want to have a team that goes from 75 wins to 90 wins or I don't want him at all.'"

The White Sox, theoretically, will attempt to jump from 72 wins in 2019 to 90 or so in '20, which would at least have them in contention in the American League Central, a division that figures to have only two other contending teams in the Twins and the Indians. More than most, they needed to make a quick move because they have several holes to fill and their fan base is tired of watching the team lose after seven straight sub-.500 seasons.

But several other teams have holes to fill and impatient fan bases, so hopefully the pace will pick up by the winter meetings.

"The off-seasons probably ran a little more smoothly 10 years ago," Epstein said during the meetings. "But with the new collective bargaining agreement (after 2021) and with a feeling-out period between players and agents and a sort of new baseball economy, I think we'll get back to more entertaining off-seasons for players, for media and for front offices too."

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- 9 Be impudent
- 13 Items on a bread tray
- 15 Hollow circular rock
- 16 Canyon sound
- 17 Sound of a horse's hoof on pavement
- 18 Talks wildly
- 19 Golfer Mickelson
- 20 Joyously enthusiastic
- 22 Clerical error
- 23 Oboe or clarinet
- 24 Costello or Dobbs
- 26 Blouses & tunics
- 29 Mississippi riverboats
- 34 Yarns
- 35 Midsection
- 36 Black Jack or Juicy Fruit
- 37 Jung-ho
- 38 Has a feast
- 39 Sort; variety
- 40 Soothing drink
- 41 Family of Clinton's VP
- 42 Ward off
- 43 Put in peril
- 45 Traveler's stop
- 46 Signal to an actor
- 47 Tush
- 48 Fashionable
- 51 Silliness
- 56 Days of \_\_\_; olden times
- 57 Speedy
- 58 Enemies
- 60 Swine supper
- 61 Make joyful
- 62 Slangy reply
- 63 Camp shelter
- 64 \_\_\_ from; talk out of
- 65 Lacking moisture

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- 5 Facial hair
- 6 \_\_\_ Scotia
- 7 Actress Barbara
- 8 Fidgety
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**ORLANDO:** Iwundu 3-7 2-2 8, Isaac 7-18 1-2 16, Birch 3-6 2-2 8, Fultz 7-12 0-0 15, Fournier 10-22 6-6 30, Aminu 0-2 0-2 0, Bamba 5-6 0-0 15, Augustin 3-8 2-8, Ross 7-12 1-16. Totals 45-93 14-17 116.  
**CLEVELAND:** Osman 3-11 6-6 14, Love 5-9 3-12 1-9, Thompson 5-7 3-4 13, Garland 5-8 2-4 16, Sexton 8-14 3-3 20, McKinnie 2-2 0-0 5, Nance Jr. 4-8 1-2 11, Clarkson 3-11 1-8, Dellavedova 1-3 0-0 2, Porter Jr. 3-8 0-0 6. Totals 37-81 19-22 104.

Orlando	27	32	28	29	—116
Cleveland	27	25	21	21	104

**3-Point Goals**—Orlando 12-33 (Bamba 5-5, Fournier 4-9, Fultz 1-1, Ross 1-5, Isaac 1-7, Aminu 0-1, Iwundu 0-1, Augustin 0-4), Cleveland 11-34 (Garland 2-4, Nance Jr. 2-5, Osman 2-6, Love 2-7, Sexton 1-1, McKinnie 1-1, Clarkson 1-6, Porter Jr. 0-2, Dellavedova 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Orlando 34 (Isaac 7), Cleveland 49 (Thompson 15). **Assists**—Orlando 23 (Augustin 10), Cleveland 21 (Sexton 7). **Total Fouls**—Orlando 22, Cleveland 15. **Technical**—Orlando coach Magic (Defensive three second). **A**—11,712 (20,562).

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	17	3	5	39	93	62
Florida	12	8	5	29	91	93
Toronto	12	10	4	28	87	85
Montreal	11	8	5	27	81	83
Tampa Bay	12	8	2	26	83	72
Buffalo	11	10	4	26	71	76
Ottawa	11	13	2	23	66	74
Detroit	7	17	3	17	59	104

### METRO

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	17	4	5	39	95	78
N.Y. Islanders	16	4	2	34	68	54
Pittsburgh	14	7	4	32	89	68
Carolina	15	9	1	31	85	71
Philadelphia	13	7	5	31	75	74
N.Y. Rangers	12	9	2	26	77	80
Columbus	10	10	4	24	61	76
New Jersey	8	11	4	20	59	82

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	15	6	3	36	78	72
Dallas	15	9	2	32	72	62
Winnipeg	14	9	1	29	68	73
Colorado	13	8	2	28	61	69
Nashville	11	9	4	26	84	82
Chicago	10	9	5	25	69	69
Minnesota	10	11	4	24	69	82

### PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	16	7	3	35	85	73
Arizona	14	8	3	31	71	58
Vancouver	12	10	4	28	85	79
Vegas	12	11	4	28	81	80
Calgary	12	12	2	28	70	85
San Jose	13	11	1	27	73	83
Anaheim	11	11	3	25	68	75
Los Angeles	9	13	2	20	63	83

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

St. Louis 4, Tampa Bay 3  
N.Y. Rangers 3, Carolina 2  
Boston 2, Ottawa 1  
Washington 4, Florida 3  
Calgary 3, Buffalo 2, OT  
Philadelphia 3, Columbus 2  
Pittsburgh 6, Vancouver 6  
Toronto 6, Detroit 0  
Vegas 4, Nashville 3 (OT)  
Anaheim at Arizona, late  
Edmonton at Colorado, late  
N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles, late  
Winnipeg at San Jose, late  
**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
New Jersey at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, noon  
Winnipeg at Anaheim, 3 p.m.  
Detroit at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.  
Ottawa at Minnesota, 3 p.m.  
Toronto at Buffalo, 3 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Jose, 3 p.m.  
Colorado at Chicago, 3 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Washington, 4 p.m.  
Arizona at Vegas, 5 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
Nashville at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

### CAPITALS 4, PANTHERS 3

Florida	0	2	1	— 3
Washington	1	1	2	— 4

**FIRST PERIOD:** 1. Washington, Ovechkin 16 (Kuznetsov), 17:57. **Penalties:** Gudus, WSH, (holding), 5:03; Carlson, WSH, (delay of game), 7:35.

**SECOND PERIOD:** 2. Florida, Connolly 12 (Trocheck, Yandle), 11:17. 3. Washington, Panik 2 (Siegenthaler), 19:00. 4. Florida, Hoffman 10 (Barkov), 19:22. **Penalties:** Huberdeau, FLA, (tripping), 0:24; Kuznetsov, WSH, (interference), 13:44.

**THIRD PERIOD:** 5. Washington, Eller 6 (Vrana), 5:18. 6. Washington, Leipsic 3 (Siegenthaler, Gudus), 11:59. 7. Florida, Trocheck 4 (Huberdeau, Yandle), 15:31. **Penalties:** Barkov, FLA, (hooking), 12:36; Kuznetsov, WSH, (unsportsmanlike conduct), 19:11.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Fla 12-13-15=40. Was 7-5-8=20.

**POWER PLAYS:** Fla 0 of 3; Was 0 of 2.

**GOALIES:** Florida, Bobrovsky 9-6-4 (20 shots-16 saves). Washington, Holtby 12-2-4 (40-37). **A:** 18,573 (18,277). **T:** 2:23.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Duke** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Winthrop, Friday.  
**2. Louisville** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Friday.  
**3. Michigan State** (5-2) beat UCLA 75-62. Next: vs. No. 1 Duke, Tuesday.  
**4. Kansas** (6-1) beat Dayton 90-84 (OT). Next: vs. No. 21 Colorado, Sat, Dec. 7.  
**5. Maryland** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Thursday.  
**6. North Carolina** (5-0) beat Alabama 76-67. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday.  
**7. Virginia** (7-0) beat Maine 46-26. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.  
**8. Gonzaga** (7-0) beat Southern Miss 94-69. Next: vs. No. 11 Oregon or No. 13 Seton Hall, Thu.  
**9. Kentucky** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. UAB, Friday.  
**10. Ohio State** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Morgan State, Friday.  
**11. Oregon** (6-0) beat No. 13 Seton Hall 71-69. Next: vs. No. 8 Gonzaga or So. Miss., Thursday.  
**12. Texas Tech** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Thursday.  
**13. Seton Hall** (4-2) lost to No. 11 Oregon 71-69. Next: vs. #8 Gonzaga/USM, Thu.  
**14. Arizona** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.  
**15. Utah State** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Friday.  
**16. Memphis** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Thursday.  
**17. Tennessee** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Friday.  
**18. Auburn** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Furman, Thursday, Dec. 5.  
**19. Baylor** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, Tuesday.  
**20. VCU** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Friday.  
**21. Colorado** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Sacramento State, Saturday.  
**22. Villanova** (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. La Salle, Sunday.  
**23. Washington** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota, Monday.  
**24. Florida** (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Marshall, Friday.  
**25. Xavier** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Saturday.

### HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Oregon** (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Thursday.  
**2. Baylor** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.  
**3. Stanford** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal Baptist, Thursday.  
**4. UConn** (6-0) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Thursday, Dec. 5.  
**5. South Carolina** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Indiana, Thursday.  
**6. Texas A&M** (5-0) beat Prairie View 80-38. Next: vs. No. 12 Florida St, Sun.  
**7. Oregon State** (5-0) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Miami, Friday.  
**8. Louisville** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. UT Arlington, Thursday.  
**9. Maryland** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Friday.  
**10. Mississippi State** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.  
**11. UCLA** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.  
**12. Florida State** (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Texas A&M, Sunday.  
**12. N.C. State** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Friday.  
**14. Kentucky** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Austin Peay, Sunday.  
**15. Michigan State** (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Friday.  
**16. DePaul** (5-1) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.  
**17. Indiana** (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 South Carolina, Thursday.  
**18. Syracuse** (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Houston, Thursday.  
**19. Miami** (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Oregon State, Friday.  
**20. Tennessee** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Air Force, Sunday.  
**21. South Florida** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Thursday.  
**22. Gonzaga** (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Dayton, Friday.  
**23. West Virginia** (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Thursday.  
**24. Arizona** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. UC Riverside, Friday.  
**25. Arkansas** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fordham, Friday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### THURSDAYS GAMES

Prairie View at Alabama St., 2 p.m.  
Mississippi at Mississippi St., 6:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Bowling Green at Buffalo, 11 a.m.  
#24 Virginia Tech at Virginia, 11 a.m.  
#19 Cincy at #8 Memphis, 2:30 p.m.  
#25 Appalachian St. at Troy, 5 p.m.  
S. Florida at UCF, 7 p.m.  
Miami (Ohio) at Ball St., 11 a.m.  
Toledo at Cent. Michigan, 11 a.m.  
Kent St. at E. Michigan, 11 a.m.  
#17 Iowa at Nebraska, 1:30 p.m.  
Texas Tech at Texas, 11 a.m.  
Missouri at Arkansas, 1:30 p.m.  
W. Virginia at TCU, 2:30 p.m.  
#20 Boise St. at Colorado St., 2:30 p.m.  
Washington St. at Washington, 3 p.m.

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

**College Football Playoff Top 25**  
#1 Ohio St. at #10 Michigan, 11 a.m.  
Texas A&M at #2 LSU, 6 p.m.  
#3 Clemson at S. Carolina, 11 a.m.  
#4 Georgia at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m.  
#5 Alabama at #16 Auburn, 2:30 p.m.  
Colorado at #6 Utah, 6:30 p.m.  
#7 Oklahoma at #21 Okla. St., 6 p.m.  
#12 Wisconsin at #8 Minn., 2:30 p.m.  
#9 Baylor at Kansas, 2:30 p.m.  
Rutgers at #11 Penn St., 2:30 p.m.  
Florida St. at #1 Florida, 6:30 p.m.  
Oregon St. at #14 Oregon, 2 p.m.  
#16 Notre Dame at Stanford, 2 p.m.  
#23 Iowa St. at Kansas St., 6 p.m.

### East

Wake Forest at Syracuse, 11:30 a.m.  
Boston College at Pittsburgh, 2:30 p.m.  
UConn at Temple, 2:30 p.m.  
**South**  
La-Monroe at La-Lafayette, 6:30 p.m.  
Texas St. at Coastal Carolina, 11 a.m.  
Tulsa at E. Carolina, 11 a.m.  
Louisville at Kentucky, 11 a.m.  
FIU at Marshall, 11 a.m.  
New Mexico St. at Liberty, 1 p.m.  
Charlotte at Old Dominion, 1 p.m.  
Middle Tenn. at W. Kentucky, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Duke, 2:30 p.m.  
S. Miss. at FAU, 2:30 p.m.  
UTSA at La. Tech, 2:30 p.m.  
Wanderbilt at Tennessee, 3 p.m.  
Arkansas St. at S. Alabama, 4 p.m.  
Grambling St. at Southern, 4 p.m.  
Georgia St. at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.  
N. Carolina at NC State, 6 p.m.

### Midwest

Northwestern at Illinois, 11 a.m.  
Indiana at Purdue, 11 a.m.  
Maryland at Michigan St., 2:30 p.m.  
**Southwest**  
Rice at UTEP, 2 p.m.  
UAB at N. Texas, 3 p.m.  
Tulane at SMU, 3 p.m.  
Navy at Houston, 6 p.m.  
**West**  
Wyoming at Air Force, 1 p.m.  
UNLV at Nevada, 2 p.m.  
Utah St. at New Mexico, 3 p.m.  
BYU at San Diego St., 8 p.m.  
Arizona at Arizona St., 9 p.m.  
Fresno St. at San Jose St., 9:30 p.m.  
California at UCLA, 9:30 p.m.

### FCS PLAYOFFS

**Saturday's First Round**  
Holy Cross (7-5) at Monmouth (NJ) (10-2), 11 a.m.  
Central Connecticut State (11-1) at Albany (NY) (8-4), noon  
Furman (8-4) at Austin Peay (9-3), noon  
Kennesaw St. (10-2) at Wofford (8-3), 12:30 p.m.  
Illinois State (8-4) at Southeast Missouri State (9-3), 1 p.m.  
San Diego (9-2) at No. Iowa (8-4), 1 p.m.  
N. Dakota (7-4) at Nicholls (8-4), 3 p.m.  
Villanova (9-3) at SE Louisiana (7-4), 3

## NFL

### AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
New England	10	1	0	.909	300	117	5-0	5-1-0	6-1-0	4-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	8	3	0	.727	231	173	4-2-0	4-1-0	6-2-0	2-1-0	3-1-0
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	198	258	3-3-0	1-4-0	1-6-0	3-1-0	0-4-0
Miami	2	9	0	.182	163	346	1-5-0	1-4-0	2-7-0	0-2-0	1-3-0

### SOUTH

W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
Houston	7	4	0	.636	265	249	4-1-0	3-3-0	6-2-0	1-2-0	3-1-0
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	244	226	4-2-0	2-3-0	5-5-0	1-0-0	3-1-0
Tennessee	6	5	0	.545	245	217	4-2-0	2-3-0	4-4-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
Jacksonville	4	7	0	.364	209	264	2-3-0	2-4-0	4-5-0	0-2-0	1-4-0

### NORTH

W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	386	202	4-1-0	5-1-0	6-2-0	3-0-0	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	259	291	3-3-0	3-3-0	5-3-0	1-2-0	2-2-0
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455	233	252	3-3-0	2-3-0	5-3-0	0-3-0	2-0-0
Cincinnati	0	11									

Sept. 5 GB Lost 10-3	Sept. 15 @DEN Won 16-14	Sept. 23 @WAS Won 31-15	Sept. 29 MIN Won 16-6	Oct. 6 OAK Lost 24-21	Oct. 13 OPEN DATE	Oct. 20 NO Lost 36-25	Oct. 27 LAC Lost 17-16	Nov. 3 @PHI Lost 22-14	Nov. 10 DET Won 20-13	Nov. 17 @LAR Lost 17-7	Nov. 24 NYG Won 19-14	Nov. 28 @DET ▼	Dec. 5 DAL 7:20 FOX-32	Dec. 15 @GB Noon FOX-32	Dec. 22 KC 7:20 NBC-5	Dec. 29 @MIN Noon FOX-32
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# Bears at Lions

11:30 A.M. THURSDAY AT FORD FIELD | FOX-32 | BEARS BY 4 (O/U 37)



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears outside linebacker Leonard Floyd (94) knocks down Giants quarterback Daniel Jones (8) at Soldier Field on Sunday.

## BIG STORYLINES

# Bears defense is in rare company

BY BRAD BIGGS AND RICH CAMPBELL

With so much attention focused on the Bears' underachieving offense, their defense is still playing at a high level.

The Bears are allowing an average of 171 points per game, putting them on pace to give up 273 for the season. Last week, NFL Network anchor and Red Zone host Andrew Siciliano tweeted out an interesting statistic.

He pointed out that going into Sunday's game against the Giants, the Bears were allowing 174 points per game, the fewest by a team with a losing record. For a full season, that would be the lowest opponents' scoring average for a team with a losing record since the 2004 Redskins.

By holding the Giants to 14 points, the Bears slightly lowered their average. We crunched the numbers a little deeper, going back to 1978 when the NFL expanded to a 16-game regular season (skipping the 1982 season when the strike reduced the regular season to nine games).

From 1978 through 2018, 201 teams allowed 279 or fewer points (174 or fewer per game). Of those teams, 182 finished with a winning record. Seven finished 8-8. Only 12 had a losing record. Here they are:

- 2004 Redskins: 6-10, 265 points allowed
- 2003 Bills: 6-10, 279
- 2003 Buccaneers: 5-11, 259
- 1993 Bears: 7-9, 230
- 1993 Cardinals: 7-9, 269
- 1992 Browns: 7-9, 275
- 1991 Seahawks: 7-9, 261
- 1980 Bears: 7-9, 264
- 1979 Bills: 7-9, 279
- 1979 Chiefs: 7-9, 262
- 1978 Bears: 7-9, 274
- 1978 Buccaneers: 5-11, 259

With five games remaining, we don't know if the Bears will join this list. After facing the Lions on Thanksgiving, they finish the season with a challenging stretch against the Cowboys, Packers, Chiefs and Vikings. It will be a challenge to remain under 174 points per game against those opponents, but this defense certainly is capable.

The Bears appear three times on the list and are in danger of making it for a fourth time.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson (12) celebrates with Javon Wims (83) on Sunday.

## Offensive oddity

Over the last five games, the Bears are 5-for-5 scoring a touchdown on their first possession of the second half. But on their other 53 possessions, they've totaled only four touchdowns. That's a mystery wrapped in a riddle.

If there were an easy explanation for how the Bears have been able to produce on the opening drive of the third quarter while struggling terribly at just about every other point, their strategy would be adjusted accordingly.

"Honestly, the adjustments," right tackle Bobby Massie said of the difference against the Giants. "We made some adjustments and came out with some more energy and we started making plays. Mitch (Trubisky) was dicing them up. We got some plays that we really liked, and we called them and it was all good."

Said wide receiver Anthony Miller: "I can't pinpoint exactly what it is, but whatever it is we need to try to start the game like that. We'll put ourselves in some better positions and have some better outcomes."

On Sunday, the Giants certainly helped the Bears have a better outcome to start the second half. First, the Bears took advantage of Aldrick Rosas' kickoff out of bounds for good starting field position at the 40-yard line. Later, cornerback Janoris Jenkins bailed the Bears out of a third-and-10 sack by holding Allen Robinson coming off the line of scrimmage.

The Bears probably would have punted on fourth-and-12 from the Giants 39 trailing 7-3. Instead, it was an automatic first down, and Trubisky hit Robinson for a 32-yard touchdown on the next play, giving the Bears a 10-7 lead. Jenkins' penalty completely changed the game.

## THREE KEYS

# Trubisky has chance to feast

BY DAN WIEDERER

For the third time in the last six years, the Bears will spend Thanksgiving in Detroit. Thursday's division game comes just 18 days after the Bears beat the Lions 20-13 at Soldier Field. Matt Nagy is 3-0 against Matt Patricia since the two became head coaches last year. So how can Nagy and his team keep their run of success against the Lions going? Here's a look at our three keys.

**1 Stay on the attack in the passing game.** Mitch Trubisky threw for a season-high 278 passing yards in last week's win over the Giants. And that was with a 60-yard completion to Allen Robinson erased by a penalty and a possible 29-yard touchdown to tight end Ben Braunecker dropped near the end zone. To be clear, no one at Halas Hall is sending last week's offensive film to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Trubisky still threw two interceptions and the Bears had only two touchdown drives with one being a three-play, 3-yard march. Still, Trubisky made several crisp downfield throws. And he should have plenty of opportunities to stay aggressive Thursday against a Lions defense that ranks 30th in passing yards allowed per game (275.5) and dead last in interceptions (four). In the NFL this season, there have been 95 300-yard passing performances. Trubisky is still aiming for his first.

**2 Get after Lions quarterback David Blough.** Wednesday's twist that Jeff Driskel's hamstring soreness would prevent him from starting at quarterback for the Lions pushes Blough onto center stage. That should provide a gift to the Bears defense, which will have ample opportunity to make the undrafted rookie out of Purdue uncomfortable. On a short week to begin with, Blough's timing with his receivers likely won't be sharp. Just a month ago, when starter Matthew Stafford was healthy, Blough was a practice squad piece. Now he'll make his NFL regular-season debut in a Thanksgiving Day showcase game.

**3 Count on the kicker to make his kicks count.** Eddy Pineiro has missed four field goals and two extra-point attempts over his last five games, a funk that included a miss on a potential game-winning 41-yard kick against the Chargers in Week 8. Pineiro's most recent miss was a 48-yard PAT try that missed wide left against the Giants. Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor let Pineiro off the hook for that miss, noting that the Bears' pregame range assessment showed that 48 yards kicking south was beyond Pineiro's number for that day. "I don't put that one on him at all," Tabor said. Consider that the latest evidence of the team's ongoing kicking woes. The Bears continue taking an ultra-patient approach with Pineiro, determined to let him grow and develop through his struggles. But ultimately they need him to become a reason they win games and not a reason why they don't.

## PREDICTIONS

# Thanksgiving winner! Then the gravy train ends

**BRAD BIGGS (6-5)**  
The Bears learned Lions backup Jeff Driskel can run pretty well when a play breaks down, and that's an important trait, but he has been ruled out with a hamstring issue. Enter David Blough, who will be making his first career start. The Lions at least have productive receivers in Kenny Golladay and Marvin Jones, but the running game is nothing to worry about and the Bears should play well defensively and run the ball well enough to remain balanced. The Lions have lost seven of their last eight, which makes you wonder how many Lions fans will choose to make the trek to Ford Field on Thanksgiving.

**RICH CAMPBELL (5-6)**  
The Bears suddenly are banged up on offense, but they still have a better injury situation than the Lions, who are down to third-string quarterback in Blough. The Bears defense will eat up an undermanned group to which they surrendered only 13 points on Nov. 10. I'm eager to see Mitch Trubisky face a defense for the second time this season. He thrives against man-to-man coverage, which the Lions predominantly played in his three-touchdown, 173-yard performance earlier this month. This should be the last time the Bears are favored this season, and they'll make it count.

**COLLEEN KANE (7-4)**  
Here's hoping the Bears defense gives Thanksgiving viewers something interesting to watch because I'm not sure that's going to come from the Bears offense or a Lions team led by a quarterback making his NFL debut. Even though their takeaway totals are down, the Bears own a top-five defense in points and yards allowed per game, and that should drive their first road win in more than two months.

**DAN WIEDERER (7-4)**  
The Lions pass defense is weak. Their quarterback has never played an NFL game. They've lost seven times in their last eight games. And the lone win was a 31-26 victory over the Giants. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

**23-13**  
Bears

**17-6**  
Bears

**20-16**  
Bears

**20-10**  
Bears

## eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



# Mood swings

Breaking down the golf shots of the year — from every club in the bag

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

Every club in the bag had a story to tell this year.

Some of them were breathtaking, such as Gary Woodland boldly going for the green on the 14th hole at Pebble Beach in the U.S. Open. Some of them were devastating, such as Francesco Molinari going into Rae's Creek at the Masters.

What follows are 14 shots from every club in the bag of those who won majors, those who didn't and some who didn't win at all.

## Driver

Jordan Spieth was in range of the lead Saturday in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am when he hit a drive so far left on the 13th hole he had no idea where it was. He looked along the edge of the adjacent ninth fairway. He even went down toward the ocean in case the ball ran through the ninth fairway and over the cliff. Finally, it was found 150 yards off the tee after striking a tree. Spieth made double bogey, and then another on the 18th with a drive off the rocks and into the ocean. It was the one club that contributed to a second straight year without a win.

## 3-wood

Gary Woodland had a one-shot lead in the final round at Pebble Beach, with Brooks Koepka one shot behind and applying enormous pressure. He had 263 yards on the par-5 14th. Miss left and there's no chance to get it close. Out-of-bounds stakes were on the right. He pulled 3-wood and narrowly cleared a cavernous bunker, leaving him a simple up-and-down for birdie that sent him to his first major.

## 2-iron

For the first time in 68 years, the British Open returned to Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, the homeland of Rory McIlroy. This is where he shot 61 to win the North of Ireland Amateur, heralding his future as a star. This is what the people came to see. And on Thursday, after a raucous ovation, McIlroy hit 2-iron left and out-of-bounds. He made quadruple-bogey 8 and wasn't around on the weekend.

## 3-hybrid

Jennifer Kupcho was two shots behind with six holes to play in the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur when she hit 3-hybrid twice that added her to the back-nine lore at the home of the Masters. With the ball above her feet, she hit her second to the par-5 13th from 211 yards to 6 feet for eagle to tie for the lead. Two holes later, she hit a hard draw with her 3-hybrid around a tree, over the water to the back edge of the green on the par-5 15th. She played the last six holes in 5 under to win.

## 4-iron

Shane Lowry had a two-shot lead over Tommy Fleetwood late Saturday at Royal Portrush when he came to the par-3 16th known as "Calamity Corner," with a 50-foot drop to the right that is daunting with a back pin. Lowry ripped a 4-iron that never left its target and rolled out to 10 feet for birdie. Another birdie on the 17th sent him to a 63, a four-shot lead, the loudest noise he'd ever heard on a golf course and his first major at the British Open.

## 5-iron

Dustin Johnson went from a six-shot deficit to one shot behind in one hour on the back nine Sunday at the PGA Championship at Bethpage Black. He was in perfect position on the 16th fairway to apply enormous pressure on Brooks Koepka. He had 194 yards into the wind on a slightly elevated green. He switched from a 4-iron to a 5-iron to be sure to stay short of the flag. He still doesn't know how that 5-iron one-hopped over the back of the green, leading to bogey to end his chances. Johnson ended another year without a major. "I don't know how it flew 200 yards into the wind like that," he said.

## 6-iron

Rory McIlroy was coming off a bogey and suddenly was one shot behind Sunday at The Players Championship when he sent his tee shot well right and into a bunker edge of the 15th fairway. It was an awkward angle. He went with 6-iron into 15 feet for a birdie and was on his way to victory.

## 7-iron

Jim Furyk wasn't even eligible for The Players Championship until a top-10 finish two weeks earlier made him one of the last into the field. He almost wound up first. Furyk hit 7-iron into the 18th so good he started walking after it before it plopped down 3 feet from the hole for birdie and a closing 67. That gave him a one-shot lead until McIlroy rallied.

## 8-iron

Francesco Molinari appeared to be in total control at the Masters. He had a two-shot lead and had made only one bogey in 54 holes. Going with a chip 8-iron, he caught enough wind on the par-3 12th that his ball landed on the bank and rolled into the water, a double bogey that enabled Tiger Woods to tie for the lead.

## 9-iron

Tiger Woods stood on the 12th tee in the final round of the Masters as the two other players in his group, Molinari and Tony Finau, went at the pin and wound up in the water. Woods chose 9-iron and played it some 60 feet away from the flag, safe in the heart of the green. He two-putted for par.

## Pitching wedge

Jeff Maggert was given new life in the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship when Retief Goosen missed a 3-foot birdie in a playoff for the win. Two holes later, with Goosen already 8 feet away for a birdie chance, Maggert hit pitching wedge into the 17th that landed in front of the cup and dropped for eagle.

## Gap wedge

Brooks Koepka already had mauled Bethpage Black into the PGA Championship record book with the lowest 36-hole score in major championship history and largest 54-hole lead (seven shots) in tournament history. While it turned tight at the end, one moment illustrated his sheer power. On the 502-yard 10th hole with a helping wind, Koepka hit gap wedge to 2 feet for birdie that gave him a six-shot lead.

## Lob wedge

Gary Woodland added his own memory to the 17th hole at Pebble Beach in the U.S. Open. With the ridge in the middle making it impossible to get it close, Woodland opted for a 64-degree wedge that came off so perfectly he nearly holed it. Instead, he tapped in for a par and had a beautiful stroll to the 18th green for his first major title.

## Putter

Suzann Pettersen was a last-minute pick for the Solheim Cup, and she had the last shot Sunday at Gleneagles. Make the 7-footer and Europe wins. Miss it and the Americans win. Pettersen thrust her arms in the air as the ball took its last turn into the cup. Still soaked in champagne, she retired an hour later.

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Gary Woodland celebrates on the 18th green after winning the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach Golf Links on June 16 in Pebble Beach, Calif.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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The Eagles' Brandon Brooks (79) has dealt with anxiety for several years but has started 50 straight games, including the playoffs. But he recently signed a four-year, \$54.2 million contract and it weighed on his mind.

## 'We're no different'

Eagles offensive guard Brooks discusses anxiety condition openly and honestly

BY DANIEL GALLEN  
The Harrisburg Patriot-News

PHILADELPHIA — Less than two weeks ago, Brandon Brooks stood at his locker surrounded by reporters after he signed a contract extension with the Philadelphia Eagles that reportedly made him one of the NFL's highest-paid offensive linemen. The two-time Pro Bowl right guard said the contract, the money and the status didn't change anything.

On Tuesday, though, Brooks was back at his locker at the NovaCare Complex surrounded by television cameras and iPhones. This time, the tone was more somber than celebratory. He acknowledged the new contract changed things.

Brooks exited the Eagles' loss to Seattle on Sunday during the first quarter with what was announced as an illness. On Monday, the 30-year-old wrote on Twitter that his anxiety condition returned and forced him from the game.

"Whatever the bar is or the outlier is, I will always try to exceed it," Brooks said Tuesday. "When I got the new contract, I tried to talk myself down about it. Hey, you're playing great, just keep doing what you're doing, like no issue. I think also by talking about it, unconsciously it started to set in my head like, hey, you got to show everybody you're worth the money and x, y and z when hey, just go out there and play. No need to change what you've been doing or anything like that."

"So that's what kind of brought it on, and that's just the person I am. That's kind of like my double-edged sword. It's something that's always driven me to try to be greater, the greatest at whatever I do."

Brooks was diagnosed with his anxiety condition during the 2016 season, and it had been nearly three years since it caused him to miss a game. But when he arrived at Lincoln Financial Field on Sunday at 9 a.m., he could not stop vomiting, and he said it continued on the sideline between the first and second drives of the game for the Eagles.

Brooks played 12 snaps on the first two drives for the Eagles, but he said he didn't feel right. He went into the locker room and attempted to go through his normal pregame routine again and get an IV in order to return. Brooks



CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP

Eagles offensive guard Brandon Brooks (79) says he's slowly learning how to cope with his anxiety.

couldn't get back into a place where he could play.

"Man," Brooks said when asked about the Eagles' first drive. "It was almost like an out-of-body experience. I've been doing it so long that the motions I can do when I'm thinking about it, but as I was doing it, it was like I wasn't doing it. It was weird."

Brooks said he's talked to his therapist about what he can do to ensure that his condition doesn't become debilitating enough that it causes him to miss a game. Sunday's game was the first significant action Brooks has missed since the start of the 2017 season, aside from when he tore his Achilles in the first half of the playoff loss to the New Orleans Saints in January.

And still, Brooks made it back for Week 1 of this season. The two starts he's missed since joining the Eagles in 2016 were the two games related to his anxiety condition that first year.

Brooks said Sunday was probably the first time his Eagles teammates had seen what his anxiety condition could do to him in person. In 2016, Brooks' condition manifested itself early

enough in the morning before games that he was deactivated for both games. Sunday was different. It was the first time he had tried to actually play through it.

"I wouldn't say I would know what he's going through, but from the looks of it, I felt so bad for Brandon, and I know how bad he wanted to be out there," defensive tackle Fletcher Cox said Tuesday. "Brandon is an important piece to this team. He's one of the guys I hang out with outside of the locker room, I text a lot, talk on the phone a lot, check on each other. I just want to be there for him."

Cox said he tried to talk to Brooks while he was on the bench and asked him if there was anything he could do. The rest of the Eagles have offered plenty of support, Brooks said, and coach Doug Pederson has spoken publicly this week about how significant the condition is for Brooks.

"Obviously in Brandon's case, listen, this is real life for him," Pederson said Monday. "This is serious, and it's something he battles with every single day and he does a great job managing that."

When he shared his diagnosis in 2016, Brooks said he thought it

could help one or two people. Instead, people from all over the world and players from different locker rooms around the NFL — "It's a lot more guys than you guys can imagine, to be honest," Brooks said — have reached out to him to offer their support.

Brooks cited a statistic where anxiety disorders affect 40 million Americans. There are plenty of athletes who deal with conditions similar to Brooks, but Brooks' willingness to be outspoken has helped elevate him to be a face for a group that doesn't normally speak out on issues that could be interpreted as weaknesses.

"We're supposed to be modern gladiators, man," Brooks said. "We're getting paid more than the rest of the public and we're playing what some people call it just a game. We're not supposed to have any emotions. We're supposed to just play, do what we're told and things like that. At the end of the day, we're people, we're human beings, we go through the same things that everybody else goes through."

"We're no different and when we have issues, the only difference is it's front page news. But there

are a lot of people that go through the same issues that we all go through, and I just encourage athletes that do go through things, whether it's something like a mental illness or really anything, speak about it. You never know who you might help, including helping yourself. Who knows, maybe if I had saw it earlier in my life or in my career, maybe I guess this wouldn't be the bar that how it starts from. Seek help, man. Speak out. Use your platform for good."

Brooks highlighted the nearly three years between episodes as a positive in how he's learning to cope with his condition. He said it's a "silver lining" that he can get back on track and adjust to the new developments in his life and condition. But it's a constant that will always be part of who he is.

"It's something that's always driven me and sometimes driven me a little too much," Brooks said. "It's a daily battle, man. I've gotten a lot better with it, and obviously not having an episode in a couple years, but stuff happens. I'll continue to fight day by day. It'll get better."

In 2016, Brooks missed two games in a three-game stretch, but his anxiety condition has never forced him to miss back-to-back games. He indicated he plans to play in this weekend's game at the Miami Dolphins.

"The show goes on, man," he said.

When Brooks returns to the lineup, the Eagles will get a two-time Pro Bowler back at right guard. But the rest of the city and the fan base and even non-football fans will get something else: A public face for mental health who has been honest and outspoken over the past few years.

And in the long run for some, that could prove to be more valuable.

"When it comes to mental health issues, I think the biggest thing is to embrace it, accept it and understand why and really to attack it," Brooks said. "It's no different than pulling a hamstring. It's the same thing mentally. I want to make sure that people understand that it's something one, you can attack and you can get better, and two, that by just hoping it gets better, that's not necessarily the best strategy. It's OK to seek help, it's OK to get help, and it will get better."



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Lynda Barry is trying to learn more about how the brain creates and responds to words and pictures.

## Taking a kid's-eye view of creativity

Barry thinks studying preschoolers will bring better understanding

BY MICHAEL CAVNA  
The Washington Post

When word came this fall that she was receiving an honor worth \$625,000, Lynda Barry knew what she would do with it: spend money on artists at their most pure — those who had only recently stopped wearing diapers.

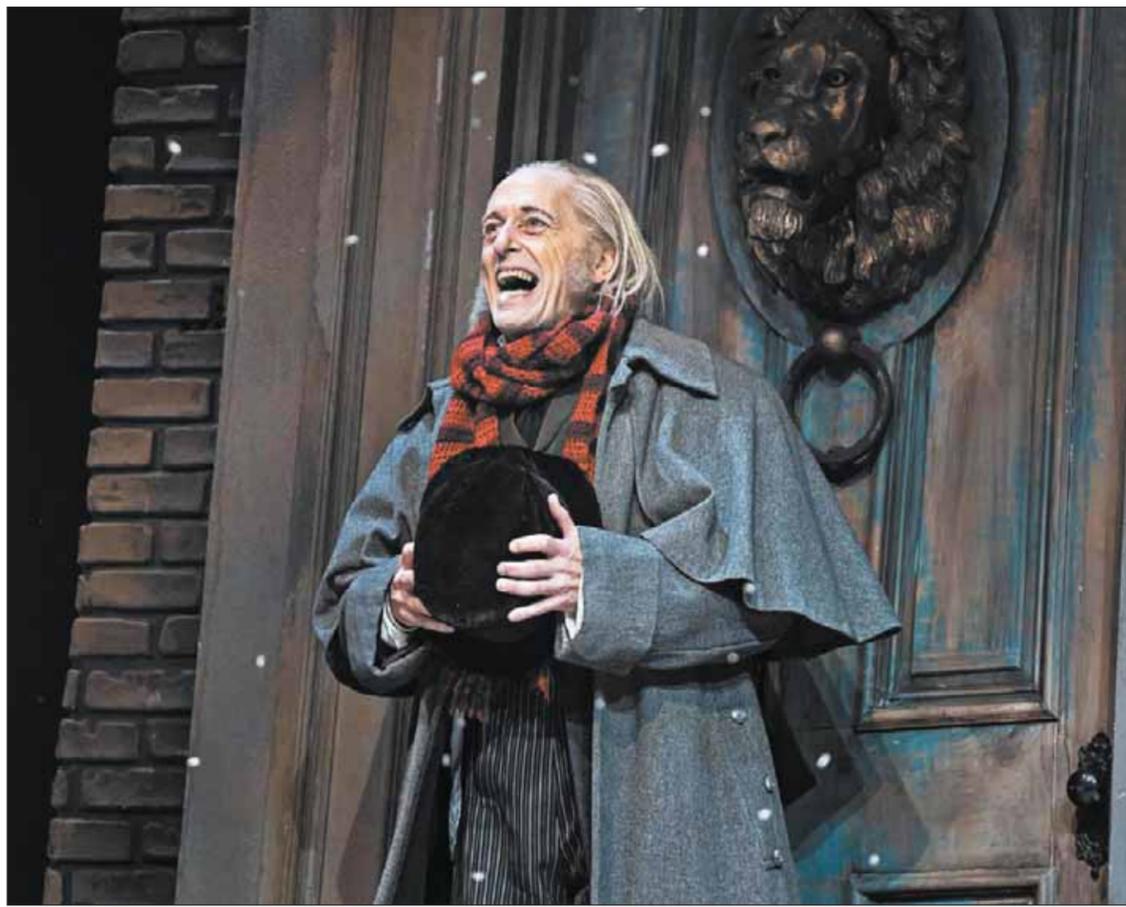
Barry, the indie comics creator-turned-cutting-edge educator, had just been given the MacArthur Fellows Program “genius grant” — only the second female graphic novelist to win the award, after Alison Bechdel. Barry was praised not only for “inspiring creative engagement through original graphic works,” but also for her “teaching practice centered on the role of image-making in communication.”

As an associate professor of interdisciplinary creativity at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Barry is pushing the envelope on understanding how the brain creates and responds to words and pictures — a scholarly envelope that, in her mind, should be positively covered with illuminating doodles.

As part of her mission, Barry thinks preschoolers hold many secrets to creativity, before education and social expectations have trained their natural artistry out of them. Now, buoyed by the MacArthur windfall, Barry can plunge into this subject area more deeply.

“That’s something I’d like to do — to get literally on the floor with these 4-year-olds and spend a year at least just figuring out: What happens before writing and drawing split, why did we split those things and what happens when

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LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Larry Yando as Ebenezer Scrooge in the 42nd production of “A Christmas Carol” at Goodman Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE ‘A Christmas Carol’ ★★★

# Scrooge still offering surprises

Familiar Dickens character isn’t an angry old man or a silly parable — under it all, he’s a fun guy

BY JERALD PIERCE

I hadn’t seen “A Christmas Carol” in more than a decade before I sat down to watch the annual production of the holiday classic at the Goodman Theatre. ■ Over the years, “A Christmas Carol” had become this boilerplate journey in my mind. An angry old man finds a way to be nice to people thanks to “the magic of Christmas spirit” — and some threatening ghosts. The central character is so ingrained in our culture that you don’t really need to know the story of “A Christmas Carol” to know what someone means when they call someone else a “Scrooge.” ■ This all results in my failure to legitimize “A Christmas Carol” as a credible story, despite the name Charles Dickens being attached to it. Instead, I’ve been merely regarding it as a silly parable we tell every Christmas to remind people to be good and kind.

No more, thanks to Larry Yando, in his 12th year portraying Ebenezer Scrooge, and director Henry Wishcamper.

It’s been almost a half-century, and some cutting of the plot could be useful. This story is so much a part of the cul-

tural lexicon that too much exposition starts to feel tedious, and elongated dance numbers leave you ready to move on to the parts of the story you already know are coming.

What kept me going, though, was the characterization of Scrooge. Yando

presents Scrooge not necessarily as a man out to dominate the world with his wealth, but as a man who has so buried the fun side of himself that everyone assumes the worst of him.

There are glimpses of a fun Scrooge throughout, whether he’s enjoying a young student making a face behind his teacher’s back or giddily watching as the Cratchit family tries to play a trick on Bob Cratchit.

Scrooge’s dialogue, though, drips with the wit and sarcasm of a man whose outlook on life has become jaded over the years, especially around Christmas. Which isn’t unreasonable, considering the holidays marked a time when younger versions of Scrooge dealt with the possibility of being stuck at boarding school away from his family, the pushing away of the one woman he loved, Christmas invites from his niece that remind him of his deceased sister, and the death of his friend and business partner, Jacob Marley.

Christmas is a pretty traumatic time for Scrooge, making him much more human than I ever gave him credit for being.

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IN PERFORMANCE ‘Waiting for Godot’ ★★ ½

## A production that leaves you waiting



CHARLES OSGOOD PHOTO

Larry Neumann Jr., from left, Steve Pickering and Michael Saad in Samuel Beckett’s “Waiting for Godot.”

Cast changes generally work well but lead to some clumsy moments

BY JERALD PIERCE

Much like longtime Chicago director Dennis Zacek did before the beginning of his self-produced production of “Waiting for Godot,” mounted as a visiting production at Zacek’s former home of Victory Gardens, let me open with a caveat: This production of “Waiting for Godot,” due to a couple of unexpected cast changes (including Joe Foust needing to leave because of a knee injury), had two actors on book for parts of the evening’s performance.

If that made you go “uh-oh,” I feel you.

However, as soon as the production began and Mike Saad and Foust replacement Larry Neumann Jr. started in on Samuel Beckett’s script, I felt surprisingly at ease.

Neumann’s Vladimir is both engaging and fully engaged with

Saad’s goofy, borderline fourth stooge, Estragon. These two were a heartbeat away from an audible “why I oughta” multiple times — reminding the audience that Beckett and clowning go hand in hand, no matter how monotonous or heavy the rest of the subject matter may be.

These two draw you in early. It’s easy to imagine what it’d be like to be there with them.

Patrick Kerwin’s set and lighting design add by giving off an otherworldly feel of not just being in the middle of nowhere, but being in the middle of nothing. A white backdrop with lights throwing odd, colorful shadows against it produces an aura of being on another plane of existence.

When you’re talking about being doomed to repeat your same mistakes day after day to the point of contemplating how much weight the nearby barren tree can hold and whether you have enough rope for two people, being stuck in a timeless void

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Lin-Manuel Miranda speaks to a crowd during a Small Business Saturday event in New York.

### Miranda encourages shopping small for the holidays

NEW YORK — With the holiday shopping season upon us, actor and “Hamilton” creator Lin-Manuel Miranda is encouraging people to take part in Small Business Saturday, an effort to shop at local, independent stores on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Growing up in the neighborhood of Washington Heights, the award-winning actor said small businesses were a staple in the neighborhood.

“I think New York City is better when it’s full of small businesses. I think the world is better. I grew up in a neighborhood that was dotted with small businesses,” Miranda said at a recent pop-up shop put on by American Express, creator of Small Business Saturday.

“That’s a part of what makes New York special and makes the world special, is those places you can’t find anywhere else in the world,” he said.

This year, he also became a small business owner by teaming up with a group that includes theater owner James Nederlander to purchase the Drama Book Shop, a century-old store in the theater district that was in danger of closing due to high rent prices.

The new location nearby will open in March.

— Associated Press



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP 2012

**Injured:** “Today” co-anchor Savannah Guthrie told viewers Wednesday that she had been sidelined by a somewhat serious eye injury, suffered after her young son hit her in the face with a toy firetruck. “It happened last week, actually, and then I lost my vision in my right eye about 24 hours later, and then it turned out to be kind of serious,” Guthrie said during a phone call she made to the show’s anchors. “They were afraid my retina would detach.” She has not appeared on air in the program’s last two broadcasts but is expected to co-anchor the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, according to NBC. “I’m not supposed to jump up and down or anything,” she said, adding that she is “very positive because I think it’s going to be OK.”

**Charged:** A former contestant on the CBS reality show “Survivor” has been indicted in Tennessee on charges of rape and aggravated assault. News outlets report 41-year-old Silas Gaither, of Germantown, was indicted Nov. 13 and arrested Monday. He has since posted bail and been released from custody. The indictment says the assault happened in May 2018. Details about the allegations that led to the charges are unclear. Gaither was on the third season of “Survivor.”

**Nov. 28 birthdays:** Motown Records founder Berry Gordy Jr. is 90. Singer Randy Newman is 76. Actor Ed Harris is 69. Actress S. Epatha Merkerson is 67. Actor Judd Nelson is 60. Director Alfonso Cuarón is 58. Comedian Jon Stewart is 57. Musician apl.de.ap is 45. Actor Daniel Henney is 40. Singer Trey Songz is 35. Actor-rapper Bryshere Gray is 26.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Not-quite-love doesn’t quite work

**Dear Amy:** I have been dating a man for two years. We are both in our early 40s, and between us we have four kids. His are teens, mine are younger.

Our kids have met and like each other, and we’ve been included in each other’s extended family events. We spend a lot of quality time together. We want a future together. He is an amazing partner. He is funny, attentive, loving and mature. He is everything I hoped for when I decided I was ready to start dating after my marriage fell apart.

A year into our relationship, I told him I loved him. For me this felt like a conservative amount of time. I wanted to be sure how I felt. He apologized and said he couldn’t reciprocate the feeling yet, but he felt that maybe that was because of his own issues and the turmoil from when his marriage ended. I said I understood (which I do). I told him I could wait and that I would rather hear the words later, as long as they were sincere.

A year later, he still isn’t able to say he loves me. I’ve stopped saying it to him because it hurts not to have it reciprocated.

I feel sometimes like he is with me because I’m a good “option,” and I am beginning to wonder if he will ever love me. I know people through history have married for less and have grown to love their partners, but is it wrong for me to want a true love story? Should I settle for good enough?

— Wondering

**Dear Wondering:** Being in a committed relationship with a man who

doesn’t love you is NOT “good enough” for you. I know this because you are now feeling not-quite-loved, and you are holding back your own honest emotions because they don’t match his.

Yes, people through history have married for reasons other than a love attachment. And yes, these marriages might succeed at roughly the same rate as love-based marriages do.

You need to ask yourself if you want your young children to be in a family with a man who almost loves their mother. You should also ask yourself how you would react if one of your children reported that they were making a similar emotional compromise.

Two years is a long time. If he doesn’t love you by now, it’s hard to imagine what circumstances might arise for him to love you later.

Watch the wonderful movie “Jerry Maguire,” which is about a couple with a similar dynamic; understand that you are not likely to have a similar happy ending.

**Dear Amy:** I come from a loud, large family of seven — mostly boys. I am the youngest, and growing up I was the easiest target for their teasing and roughhousing. As I’ve grown older, I’ve realized that being ridiculed so much that I cry is not a normal thing that should happen between siblings.

I’ve tried to talk to my parents about it, but they say it’s all in good fun. My siblings don’t respect it when I ask them to take it easy on me, either.

I feel like I can’t talk to

any of them about these issues, including the fact that I was hospitalized for mental instability brought on by their teasing.

How do I politely tell my family that they are causing me these problems, and therefore I do not want to come to family events? Or do I shut my mouth and go, letting them treat me so poorly?

— Worried

**Dear Worried:** You should not shut your mouth and let your family members bully you. You should not willingly place yourself in any environment where you are going to be belittled and abused. And you should not worry about being polite.

I hope you are seeing a therapist. Severe bullying in families has a direct impact on mental health. It might be best for you to stay away from the household entirely while you work through the issues brought on by this unhealthy dynamic.

**Dear Amy:** Recently, you declared, “I call them like I see them.” Well, I call them like I see them, too. And you sound just like the very people you call “racist.”

I suggest you confront some hard truths about your behavior. And don’t quote the Dalai Lama; it makes you sound way too intellectual.

— Michael

**Dear Michael:** Thank you for making my point for me.

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## IN PERFORMANCE

# Don’t look to Kyle Kinane to save the world

Stand-up is older, but still mixed up — just ask him

By ZACH FREEMAN

“We’re all hypocrites a little bit. We’re all villains a little bit,” comedian Kyle Kinane said in his signature grumble about mid-way through his hourlong set Monday night at Thalia Hall — the first of two nights back in the city where his comedy career started. A few moments later he reiterated the sentiment and added, “We’re all the enemy.”

Pacing a small portion of the stage while crossing his arms in consternation, wiping his face uneasily or stuffing one hand and then the other into his jacket pockets, the Addison na-

tive, in jeans, a jacket and a green knit cap, worked his cynical self- (and everyone else-) loathing style hard throughout the night while occasionally sipping from a tall beer can. “I don’t like the pressure people put on comedians,” he said, informing the audience that comedians are not here to speak the truth or make the world a better place.

Kinane insisted that anyone who thinks otherwise should take a look at the thoughts and joke ideas he’s scribbled into notebooks. “If cops find that, they’re like, ‘Yeah, he did something,’” he said, imagining his house being searched and a joke he’s composing about apples and pears being read.

The structure and imagery is pure Kinane: a silly, throwaway joke about

fruit nestled inside a bit about his own insignificance, cleanly packaged within the paranoia-tinged inevitability of a search-and-seizure at his home, which leads back to a second recitation of the original joke in a wholly new context for a second round of laughter. And all of it told with an air of slight exasperation, as if he’s a bit disappointed in us for laughing in the first place.

“I feel like I’m the last person to go to therapy,” he said later on, complaining that he knows he needs it but he’s too scared to truly find out why. And so — as in much of his previous work, including four hour-long specials and a spot on Netflix’s “The Standups” — goes much of his latest set, part of his ongoing cheekily titled “Spring Break”

tour, agonizing about the corners of his own psyche while assuring the audience that he wishes he could just let these thoughts go.

With his latest material Kinane seems especially interested in the ways we tell ourselves we’re better than we really are, painting a world where it’s all but impossible to improve. “You try your best,” he said toward the end of his set. “Negativity’s gonna exist.” For the most part he uses himself as the example, picking apart every potential way he could be conceived of as a bad guy, from buying cheat codes for video games (“That’s the most Republican (thing) you can do!”) to using a FastPass+ at Disney World to jump the line in front of families to intentionally crashing into another car out of anger.

“I want to be a good person,” he insisted. “I’m jealous of good people.” And that does seem to be the case, as he marvels at the type of person who would let another driver merge in front of them or keep themselves from speaking before thinking. He’s also got plenty of words for anyone else who thinks they’re good.

“You don’t get to call yourself woke or an ally if you insist on having your own brand-new white baby in this world,” he said at one point. “We all think we’re allies,” he said later. And he doesn’t want consensus. When he started to get even slightly political, a large cheer began that he squashed almost immediately: “It’s an old building,” he said of Thalia Hall. “If we create an echo chamber, it’ll collapse.”

Kinane’s performance style has mellowed out a bit over the years — his pauses have lengthened, and though he still has a few explosive moments here, they’re fewer and further between. I last saw



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Comedian Kyle Kinane in San Francisco in 2016. He performs in Chicago at Thalia Hall.

Kinane almost exactly four years ago at Second City’s UP Comedy Club. In that set (parts of which went on to be included in his 2016 special “Loose in Chicago”), he talked about how, at age 38, life was catching up with him. He doesn’t get as explicit about aging this time around, but his physicality makes it clear that 42 in Kinane years is a lot older than it sounds.

But contemplative Kinane has always been — and still is — the best Kinane, especially when he’s contemplating ridiculous concepts and relishing in the overly specific detail. On his 2010 album “Death of the Party,” he describes himself trying to sleep and then jumps into a deep

dive on how a person might cook food over an active volcano. Here he closes out by setting the scene with a peaceful tent with a view of a lake before segueing into imagining — at great length — how a well-endowed bat might sleep.

Like a lot of his stuff, it’s an intentional exercise in nonsense. But, he said at the end of the night creating an appropriately dark but absurd image, these words will live on, “when I’m dead and gone and my bones are dust underneath a golf course somewhere.”

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# Bruce Springsteen conquers movies

His songwriting has always had a cinematic feel

By ANN HORNADAY  
The Washington Post

COLTS NECK, N.J. — “Ahh, it’s early!” Shortly after 9:30 on a warm autumn morning, Bruce Springsteen walks into the cozy kitchen-sitting area of Thrill Hill, the recording studio nestled into a corner of his Monmouth County farm. “For the first interview of my 70s, it’s early!”

A few days after turning 70, Springsteen looks tan and fit as he settles into a leather slingback chair, stretches his arms and runs his hands through brush-cut hair the color of steel shavings. This is the same room where “Western Stars,” a movie based on his recent album of the same name, was in postproduction over the summer, with co-director Thom Zimny editing at a nearby dining table as he listened to Springsteen working on the score in the next room. The movie had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September; it opened in theaters in October.

Springsteen makes his feature directing debut with “Western Stars,” sharing a credit with Zimny and making official a fact that has been obvious to anyone who’s ever listened closely to his music: Bruce Springsteen — singer, songwriter, rock star, consummate showman, American icon — has always been a filmmaker. Whether in the form of widescreen, highly pitched epics or low-budget slices of daily life, Springsteen’s records have been less aural than immersive, unspooling with cinematic scope, drive and pictorial detail. Phil Spector might have built a wall of sound, but Springsteen used sound to build worlds.

He greets the suggestion that he’s an auteur with one of his frequent self-effacing chuckles. But Springsteen admits that a cinematic point of view came naturally to him. “Movies have always meant a lot to me,” he says in his familiar rasp. “It’s probably just a part of being a child of the ‘50s and ‘60s and ‘70s, when there was so much great filmmaking.”

He grew up in a blue-collar, Irish-Italian family at a time when the local bijou was still a vital community hub. “The Strand Theatre in Freehold, New Jersey, was dead in the center of town,” he recalls. “It was your classic old, small-town movie theater. Its main attraction was, ‘Come on in, it’s cool inside.’”

He laughs again. “It didn’t matter what they were playing, it was air-conditioned. So, on all those dead, small-town summer days, when it would get up into the 90s in Freehold, you’d drift in no matter what was playing and see what was on the screen.”

Springsteen’s first album, “Greetings From Asbury Park, N.J.,” introduced him in 1973 as an instinctively visual, character-driven storyteller. The title of his second album that year, “The Wild, the Innocent & the E. Street Shuffle,” was inspired by a 1959 movie starring the icon of postwar American Westerns, Audie Murphy. The songs evoked everything from “West Side Story” to the edgy, urban style of young Martin Scorsese.

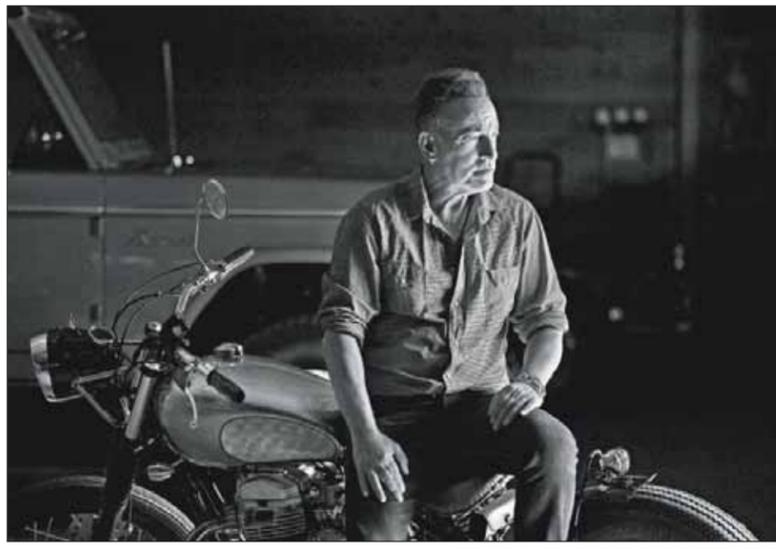
But it was 1975’s “Born to Run” that brought Springsteen’s sensibility into its fullest expression. Structured as a day in the life of young people trying to escape their own dead, small-town summer days, the record plays like a movie of the mind’s eye, with propulsive movement, linear narrative and third-act catharsis.

Zimny, who has directed several Springsteen music videos and documentaries and recently won an Emmy for “Springsteen on Broadway,” recalls listening to “Born to Run” long before the two worked together, and being particularly affected by the album’s most ambitious track: the street opera “Jungleland,” with its fugitive leading man, barefoot love interest and kids flashing guitars “just like switchblades.” The song “opened up a world of possibility for me,” he says, “because it just dealt in imagery. ‘Jungleland’ was the first time I heard a sax solo feel like a Technicolor film.”

If “Born to Run” evoked the chrome, concrete and escapist fantasies of the movies Springsteen watched at the Strand, the lexicon of “Darkness on the Edge of Town” was grainier and less mannered, but still harked back to the imaginary worlds of his youth.

“When I wrote ‘Born to Run’ and ‘Darkness,’ I saw them as B-pictures,” Springsteen says. “If they worked really well, they were good ones, and the songs I was unhappy with were bad ones.”

He wanted both records “to have the breadth of cinema,” he says, “while at the same time remaining very, very personal for me. Those were the parameters of what I was imagining at that particular moment. I was sort of using the contours and the shape of films and movies, while at the



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Bruce Springsteen at his home in Monmouth County, New Jersey, in September. Springsteen co-directed “Western Stars,” a new movie based on his album of the same name.

same time trying to find myself in my work. But the film-ness of my songs was never far from my mind.”

And it was a self-mythologizing vernacular that his audience immediately understood.

“It was just how you processed everything,” he continues. “As a teenager, you were looking for a dramatic life. Where is my dramatic life? As if things weren’t dramatic enough. And you were writing your own script in your head as you walked down the street. It was all just part of living at that time.”

Jon Landau co-produced “Born to Run” and “Darkness on the Edge of Town” (as well as several subsequent records) and would talk with Springsteen for hours about music, novels and movies, a conversation that still hasn’t ended (Landau has been Springsteen’s manager for 41 years). While they were making “Darkness,” he remembers, Springsteen told him about a movie he’d seen on TV, without catching the title. “He started to describe the film to me, and I said, ‘Oh, Bruce, that was “The Grapes of Wrath.”’ He said, “That’s about the greatest thing I’ve (ever) seen. I said, ‘What did you like about it?’ And he said, ‘Everything. The look, the intensity, the focus, the artistry, everything.’ And I said, ‘Well, you know, John Ford directed that.’ And he said, ‘Oh, I’ve heard of him.’”

That was the point, Landau says, when Springsteen “started looking at film in a whole different way. He started to make contact with great American cinema and it just grew and grew and grew.” Eventually, Springsteen formed his own canon of go-to movies, each of which has had an imprint on his records — Ford’s ambivalent

Western epic “The Searchers,” noir classics “The Night of the Hunter” and “Out of the Past,” Scorsese’s “Mean Streets” and “Taxi Driver,” “The Godfather.” All share Springsteen’s love for poetic imagery, volatile emotion and deep misgivings about the American myth.

“The Grapes of Wrath” would become the chief influence on Springsteen’s 1995 record “The Ghost of Tom Joad,” just as the desolate acoustic mood of “Nebraska” had been inspired by “The Night of the Hunter,” Terrence Malick’s “Badlands” and the 1980s crime drama “True Confessions,” with Robert De Niro and Robert Duvall. “There was something about the stillness of it that affected the way that I wrote at the time,” Springsteen says. “The violence underneath.”

Nearly every Springsteen record has its own musical signature but also its own production and lighting design, character arcs and shot structure: the high-kicking production numbers of “Rosalita” and “Out in the Street.” The gleaming close-ups and jump-cut rhythms of “Born to Run.” The “East of Eden” Oedipal rage of “Adam Raised a Cain.” The erotic-thriller charge of “Candy’s Room” and “I’m on Fire.” The lurid neon nightscape of “Tunnel of Love.” The aging actors and magic-hour tonal values of “Western Stars.”

Over the course of a nearly 50-year career, both as a solo performer and with the E Street Band, Springsteen’s music has become its own extended cinematic universe, populated by recurring characters, environments and themes: Broken heroes. Rattrap towns. Dashed ideals and dogged faith in redemption. And, always, the beckoning highway.

Along with the charac-

ters he invented, Springsteen has shaped his persona to emulate musical heroes like Elvis Presley and Woody Guthrie, as well as his favorite actors. On the cover of “Darkness on the Edge of Town” he could be Al Pacino playing Travis Bickle, while wearing Marlon Brando’s T-shirt under James Dean’s leather jacket. Springsteen says he was “tremendously” influenced by actors as he sought to forge his identity as a performer, from Dean and Brando to Pacino and De Niro.

“Italian American actors from the 1970s had a huge impact on me,” he says. “If you came and saw us onstage in the ‘70s, you saw a very theatrical performance. I was kind of channeling all of those actors from that time, and bringing them onstage with me.” Even the piratical high jinks with Miami Steve Van Zandt and the playful showdowns with saxophonist Clarence Clemons felt like they sprang directly from the screen: Sharks-vs.-Jets by way of the Bowery Boys.

It was also at that time — the first crest of his eventual superstardom — that Springsteen landed on the covers of both Time and Newsweek, prompting the inevitable calls from Hollywood. He met with Milos Forman, who considered him for “Hair.” And he laughs at a classic “Kid, I like your moxie!” moment with “King of the Gypsies” producer Dino De Laurentiis. “I was like, 25, and he was behind a big desk smoking a big cigar. It was just that entire scene, played out hilariously.”

Eric Roberts eventually got that part. But Springsteen has no regrets. “I didn’t have the confidence at the time,” he says. “I thought, I don’t really deserve to be working in this

arena right now, because I hadn’t done the homework. I hadn’t prepared myself. Whereas in music, I’d prepared myself thoroughly.”

In a rock ‘n’ roll world that prizes authenticity above all else, Springsteen has succeeded at both embodying unaffected sincerity and shrewdly deploying it as a brand: In addition to the unassuming men and women he valorized in his songs, perhaps his most brilliant character is The Boss, a Bruce-adjacent alter ego who, in hundreds of music videos, movie soundtracks and “Sopranos” needle-drops, has gone from scruffy boardwalk hustler to bandana-and-biceps teen idol to a multimillionaire in working-class drag.

In the 1992 single “Better Days,” Springsteen sang about being “a rich man in a poor man’s shirt.” Today, in addition to the sprawling horse farm in New Jersey, he owns homes in Florida and Los Angeles, but still convincingly radiates man-of-the-people modesty, a contradiction he deflects by being the first person to call it an act. (“I made everything up!” he says at one point. “It’s a fascinating magic trick.”)

Springsteen admits that he continues to find the notion of authenticity elusive, “knowing what a self-creation I was, and to some degree still am. But the strange thing of it all is that if you do it long enough, you start to become the thing that you pretended to be.”

In fact, the man and the image now feel so organically fused that Springsteen has become an emotional instrument in his own right. The latter-day meta-version of Bruce Springsteen, as seen in both “Springsteen on Broadway” and “Western Stars,” is simultaneously subject and protagonist, humble singer-songwriter and larger-than-life leading man.

In both films, the camera often pushes in for a tight shot and stays there, a strategy that Landau notes is by design. “Some of that comes instinctively from our shared love of Sergio Leone, who is the man who proved that you could never be too close,” he explains.

But it’s also the result of learning over the years that Springsteen is physically far more expressive than stylized visuals or manipulative edits. Even on huge stadium screens, Landau observes, the close-up has always been king. “The story of the song is on his face,” he says. “If you weren’t hearing the lyrics, you’d still have some idea of what he’s saying just from looking at him.”

## Barry

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we do split them?” Barry said by phone while on tour for her new educational graphical book “Making Comics.”

The book shares creativity exercises from her popular classes and workshops, which span campuses to prisons.

“The arts has a critical function for kids,” writes Barry, noting that we draw and act and sing and build things before anyone teaches us how to do so.

“Everything we have come to call ‘the arts’ seems to be in almost every 3-year-old.”

Barry, who has already spent time observing pre-K classes on her Madison campus, isn’t looking to teach toddlers. Rather, she thinks that researching their creative integration can benefit adults, who easily become too rigid, stratified and self-critical in their thinking.

And one path back to unguarded creativity is making images without judgment or fear.

“The educational system really sees these things, words and pictures, as different,” Barry said. “And then the sad part is that writing becomes typing rather than using your hand.”



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Lynda Barry was awarded a 2019 MacArthur Fellows Program “genius grant.”

In “Making Comics,” Barry shares such classroom-tested exercises as “tandem drawing,” in which two people must each simultaneously draw one half of a picture, or closed-eye drawing, in which you have one minute to draw breakfast, or perhaps a mermaid, with only visualization sparking the mind.

“They open their eyes a minute later and they’re always really happy,” Barry said. “It’s not that the drawings are always that great, but something happened there. They closed their eyes and saw something.”

Barry’s techniques — some of which she shared in a previous book, “Syllabus” — have helped non-artists and acclaimed cartoonists alike become creatively unstuck and inspired. “Most people stop draw-

ing when they reach the age of 8 or so because they couldn’t draw a nose or hands,” said Barry, 63. “The beautiful thing is that their drawing style is intact from that time.”

“Those people, if you can get them past being freaked out, have the most interesting lines and have a faster trajectory to making really original comics than people who have been drawing for a long, long time.”

Barry’s image-making exercises helped spur one of her graduate students, Ebony Flowers, to pursue art. Flowers recently published her first graphic novel, “Hot Comb.”

Together, Flowers and Barry are also working on a program called “Draw-bridge” that pairs up grad students and preschoolers as “co-researchers.” Flowers

said she is moved by Barry’s approach to teaching.

“Lynda has a knack for creating learning opportunities that push the boundaries of experimentation,” Flowers said. “This is why she participates in many different imaginative spaces and contributes valuably to what happens there. She works alongside leading scientists, facilitates lively workshops about art and literacy, and loves to draw with preschoolers.”

“I’ve collaborated with her during these and other projects, and it’s always amazing to witness her profound and authentic curiosity.”

Barry created alt-weekly comics for decades, including the long-running strip “Ernie Pook’s Comeek,” before deciding to pursue a teaching career in a formal setting. What she learned while attending the Evergreen State College in Washington in the ‘70s, especially from one teacher, Marilyn Frasca, continues to fuel her educational curiosity today about the power of image-making — a well of inspiration that never runs dry.

Barry combines such intellectual questing with an infectious spirit and lively sense of humor. One of her Evergreen classmates and longtime friends, “Simpsons” creator Matt Groening, was drawn to her unique presence from day

one.

“Lynda can take the unlikeliest situation and amp it for everyone around her,” said Groening, who did a public talk with her in Los Angeles during the current tour.

“I’ve seen her bring a stodgy outdoor wedding to life by getting the whole party, including the cranky sourpusses in the corner, to join a 50-yard-long conga line. I’ve seen her get a standing ovation in a crowded theater by singing with her mouth closed. And I’ve seen her belt out a song so sexily at a Japanese bar that they unplugged the karaoke machine.”

In Groening’s eyes, “Lynda is a joy to behold, and she makes it safe for anyone to join in her happiness — except the manager of the Japanese restaurant.”

Barry had a hard blue-collar upbringing in Seattle, and her parents, of Irish, Filipino and Norwegian descent, divorced during her middle-school years. She was drawn to warm comics that depicted family stability, such as “Family Circus,” as well as the kinetic line quality of some underground “comix” artists.

Barry herself creates comics and graphic novels, such as “One! Hundred! Demons!” that contain brutally honest autobiographical elements. And her busy lines — once criticized

as looking unschooled, she has said — now win major awards, including an Eisner Hall of Fame induction, for their idiosyncratic greatness.

And that pursuit of the most “alive” line — what she sees in the organic work of small children — infuses most everything she draws, teaches and tries to instill in others as they make their own creative discoveries.

“If you have fond memories of that one special teacher who noticed something promising about you, who encouraged you to take chances and be yourself, who took exuberant delight in your creativity, you can have that experience again with Lynda Barry,” Groening said.

And now, armed with the MacArthur money while on sabbatical, Barry is free to pursue so much educationally without any distraction.

“It is really overwhelming, just beautiful, like somebody handing you five years of life and saying: ‘Look here, what do you want to do?’” she said.

So now Barry can sit with the kids and, right beside the grad students, try to understand the brain on creativity.

“I know that there’s something big there,” Barry said with a laugh. “And to be able to have time to really research it makes me so happy.”

## BOOK REVIEW

# A poignant account of Hoffa story

1975 disappearance still mystifies

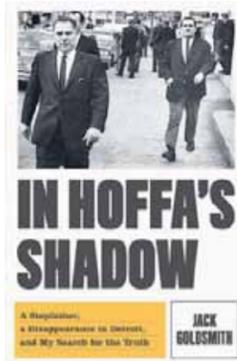
By DAVID J. GARROW  
The Washington Post

Jack O'Brien graduated from Washington and Lee in 1984 with an Oxford fellowship and an acceptance from Yale Law School in hand. A few weeks later, he changed his name back to the one he had at his birth: Jack Goldsmith.

Why? In June 1975, when Jack was 12, his mother, Brenda, married her third husband, Charles "Chuckie" O'Brien, a long-time Teamsters union factotum. Six weeks later, the former Teamsters president to whom O'Brien had dedicated most of his life, James R. "Jimmy" Hoffa, disappeared from a suburban Detroit parking lot, his body never to be found.

Almost immediately, O'Brien was fingered as the likeliest suspect in Hoffa's abduction and murder, in part because he had long served as Hoffa's intermediary to the organized-crime families whose support Hoffa had welcomed. O'Brien's mother, Sylvia Pagano, was a mob family daughter whose relationship with Detroit underboss Anthony Giacalone helped grease the ties between La Cosa Nostra and Hoffa's powerful union.

For 12-year-old Jack, O'Brien's arrival in his life was the best thing that had ever happened. Chuckie "glommed on to me with love and attention that I had never received from ... anyone else," and he became "an extraordinary father to me and my brothers." Listening to Chuckie's tales of years past, "I



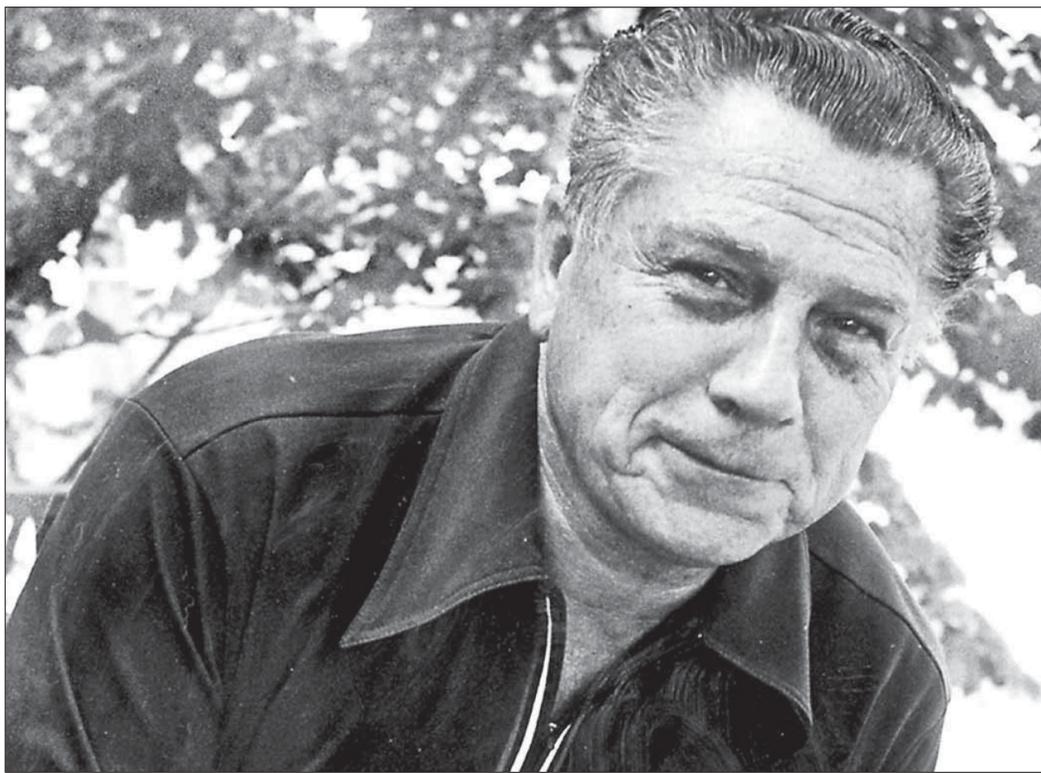
## 'In Hoffa's Shadow'

By Jack Goldsmith, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 354 pages, \$28

thought of Jimmy Hoffa as the grandfather I'd never met," and "I proudly changed my name to Jack O'Brien."

In college, however, as he recounts in his new book, "In Hoffa's Shadow," Jack began reading the stories about Chuckie's Mafia ties, and as he considered his future, "I began to worry that the association with Chuckie might jeopardize my legal career." After he finished Yale Law School, a judicial clerkship led to an FBI security clearance interview in which Goldsmith expressed "total disdain and disgust" for his stepfather, telling two agents that "he hopes he never sees or talks to 'Chuckie' O'Brien again."

Reflecting on his behavior then, Goldsmith writes that "I renounced Chuckie out of apprehension about



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Former Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa disappeared six days after this photo was taken in 1975.

his impact on my life and my career," attributing his actions to "ambition augmented by feelings of moral superiority." A Supreme Court clerkship, two law faculty posts and a George W. Bush administration appointment followed, but when Goldsmith's new wife witnessed his rudeness toward his mother's partner, she reproved him. "He loves you so much, you should be kinder to him."

In mid-2003, Bush administration heavyweights moved to promote Goldsmith to a top Justice Department job as assistant attorney general for the Office of Legal Counsel. Thanks to his documented disavowal of O'Brien, Goldsmith received a top-secret security clearance without delay but soon was enmeshed in legal controversies growing out of the administration's aggressive war on terrorism. As emotional pressures grew, Goldsmith found himself pondering "the Justice Department perch that I

had reached only because I had renounced Chuckie" in what he now viewed as "a self-serving effort to maintain my reputation and advance my career."

Goldsmith left his Justice Department post in mid-2004 to accept a professorship at Harvard, and parenting his own young children "led me to feel terrible about what I had done to the man who had been a wonderful father to me." That Christmas he apologized to Chuckie: "I was wrong and selfish to treat you as I did all these years. I hope you will forgive me." Chuckie did.

Eight years later, as a further act of atonement, Goldsmith began work on this book. Common knowledge aside, "I never believed Chuckie was involved in killing the man he so obviously revered," because years of listening to O'Brien had shown him how "Chuckie loved Jimmy Hoffa more than anyone." Yet the second father figure in Chuckie's life, "Uncle

Tony" Giacalone, whom like Hoffa he had known since age 9, had said enough to O'Brien after Hoffa's disappearance for Chuckie to know why the mob had killed him. No longer Teamsters president after a stint in federal prison, Hoffa had been speaking recklessly about mob control of the union. "People expected me to keep him quiet. But I couldn't," Chuckie confessed to Goldsmith. Two days after Hoffa's disappearance, Giacalone took O'Brien to dinner. "Life is very funny, Chuck. ... Things happen, and you don't have control over it," Uncle Tony told him, while warning, "Don't talk about (expletive) you don't know about."

Goldsmith explains that Giacalone "was telling Chuckie that he, Uncle Tony, could not have stopped it from happening," and two months later Giacalone reinforced his message by summoning O'Brien to a meeting with Genovese family capo

Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, another top mobster whom Chuckie had long known thanks to his mother. Hoffa "was going to take everybody down," Provenzano told O'Brien.

Chuckie understood that "Provenzano had a lot to do with it," as he told Goldsmith, but O'Brien also knew enough about the Mafia to appreciate that what Goldsmith calls "one of the most brilliantly executed murders in American history" had been authorized by the Mafia's high command. "New York had to approve it," he explained to Jack.

Goldsmith concludes this emotionally powerful book by explaining that Uncle Tony's brother Vito Giacalone probably lured Hoffa to his death and that the killer was a low-level Mafiosi who died this year.

David J. Garrow's books include the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Martin Luther King Jr. biography* "Bearing the Cross."

## BOOK REVIEW

# Turkish writer's prison memoir is as urgent as ever

By JAMES GRADY  
The Washington Post

The insanity of our violent political reality is still defining Ahmet Altan's brilliant, smuggled-out-of-prison memoir "I Will Never See the World Again."

Three years ago, the novelist and journalist was imprisoned for crimes that included sending "subliminal messages" opposing the government of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Erdogan's regime has purged at least 169,000 government workers for their perceived political views and jailed thousands of citizens, including more than 100 journalists and authors.

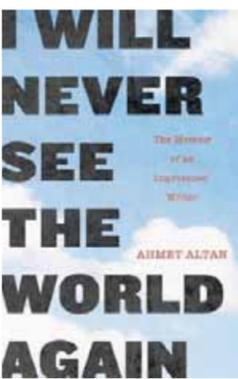
For a moment, the title of Altan's book seemed joyously wrong, after the writer was abruptly released last week. But then, just as suddenly, as Erdogan prepared for a state visit with his "friend" Donald Trump, Turkish police again imprisoned the writer. Since then, Erdogan has touched down in the land of the free and the home of the brave where, in 2017, members of his security detail beat protesters in American streets.

How to make sense of it all?

For now, we have Altan's cri de coeur, its slim 208 pages shine as a timeless testament to the art and power of writing amid Orwellian repression. Altan's admirably translated book sweeps readers into a prose river shaped by three currents, beginning with two suspenseful sentences:

"I woke up. The doorbell was ringing."

Thus do the police come for Altan. The first current carries us along through that night's grim ride to prison and the trials that followed, where bored



## 'I Will Never See the World Again'

By Ahmet Altan, translated from Turkish by Yasemin Congar, Other Press, 211 pages, \$15.99

judges evolve the "subliminal messaging" accusations into legalese of subversion and treachery with a sentence of life without parole.

Altan introduces us to the fellow human beings he meets in a prison where casual cruelty flourishes among the guards, functionaries and doctors. Altan meets jailed military colonels who were deemed loyal right up until the moment some anonymous finger doomed them. A teacher can't figure out why he's locked in a cramped cell and refuses to implicate other innocents to get out.

"We couldn't tell in which direction time flowed," writes Altan. "Sometimes it flowed toward the past, toward our memories. Sometimes it flowed toward the future and our worries. But more often it stagnated in this strange-smelling gloom."

How it feels to be locked up is the book's second current:

"Has your face ever

suddenly disappeared?"

Answering that question has Altan ruminating on various subjects, from such authors as Blaise Pascal and Virginia Woolf, to the twitter of birds and "wooden swinging doors like the bars in old Westerns."

But it is this memoir's third current, in which Altan considers what it means to be a writer — especially of fiction — that stirs the soul.

Altan, who has published nine novels, confronts the essential duality of writing and his own plight of persecution: "A writer should be admired and praised for his writing alone. He should place himself before his readers bare of all but his writing. He should never entertain or deceive his readers by putting on shows of bravery."

Yet to be a writer when the Big Brothers of history want to limit free speech requires — *forces* — bravery.

Altan recognizes that to beat back the horrors of power intent on enslaving us all, bravery needs to come from readers as well. To save their own lives, they must seek out the best, the most truthful writing whether it's journalism or fiction.

"Each eye that reads what I have written, each voice that repeats my name holds my hand like a little cloud and flies me over the lowlands," he writes.

"You can imprison me but you cannot keep me here. Because like all writers, I have magic. I can pass through your walls with ease."

Open your walls to this book, watch it light up your life — and maybe show you how to keep your freedom.

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## AUDIOBOOK REVIEWS

# From Olive Kitteridge's return to Jesse James' demise

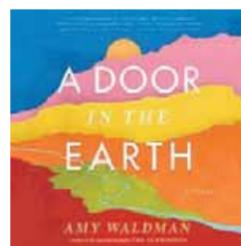
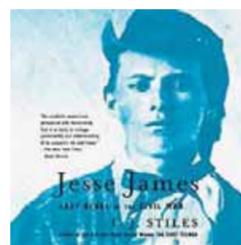
By KATHERINE A. POWERS  
The Washington Post

"Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Strout, narrated by Kimberly Farr, Random House Audio, 12 1/4 hours

Elizabeth Strout's Olive Kitteridge of Crosby, Maine, is back, once again presiding over — though not always present in — 13 linked stories. Still bossy and blunt to the point of obnoxiousness, Olive has found the ideal narrator in Kimberly Farr, who captures her peremptory manner and brutal honesty to a tee. We learn that Olive is now a widow in her 70s, but as the seasons pass, she marries again, is widowed again, and is 86 years old when we leave her, as she's going off to supper at the senior-living facility where she now lives. In the interim we are treated to revelatory episodes, some sad, some droll, including a ghastly baby shower. Strout has an extraordinary gift of emotional precision in showing loneliness, miscommunication and self-doubt in such a stark yet compassionate way. What should be depressing is refreshing. Farr's performance is perfectly in tune with the prevailing mood of these stories, a spirit summed up by Olive herself: "Well, that's life. Nothing you can do about it."

"Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War" by T. J. Stiles, narrated by Christopher Lane, Brilliance Audio, 18 1/2 hours

T. J. Stiles' award-winning biography of one of America's most notorious outlaws has at last been released as an audiobook, read clearly and at an easily comprehensible pace by Christopher Lane. More than a biography,



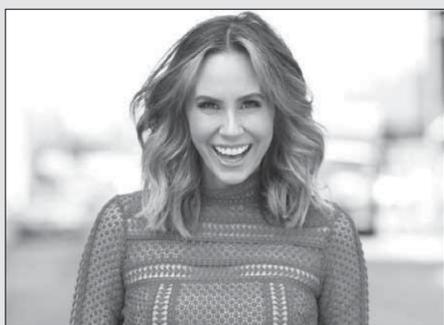
pens. James was assassinated by an infiltrator of his gang at age 34. The book, one of the great American biographies, is profound, huge in scope, and fast-paced.

"A Door in the Earth" by Amy Waldman, narrated by Roxanna Hope Radja, Hachette, 12 1/2 hours

Amy Waldman's second novel is set in a mountain village in Afghanistan in 2009. Parveen, a young Afghan American woman and nascent anthropologist, has been inspired by the writings and reputation of an American doctor (and onetime embezzler), Gideon Crane, to study and help Afghan women. Crane is responsible for the village's modern clinic, which, however, turns out to be useless for lack of female medical professionals. Soon Parveen discovers that Crane's book is a self-aggrandizing fabric of lies. Worse, it has brought the village the unwanted attention of the occupying American military force whose "kind power" has lethal consequences. She also discovers the unrecognized power of translators, the ability to communicate unwarranted good news in order to retain the job which supports their families. Roxanna Hope Radja delivers the general narration at an easy pace in a sweet young-sounding voice and gives the various characters distinguishing accents and timbre that complement the story. Clear-eyed but uncynical, this engrossing novel delves deep into political motivation, naive belief and moral confusion.

Katherine A. Powers reviews audiobooks every month for *The Washington Post*.

## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Keltie Knight

**"The Thanksgiving Day Parade on CBS"** (8 a.m., CBS): Kevin Frazier and Keltie Knight host CBS' coverage of highlights from the parade that has become a tradition for millions of Americans, whether they're lining the Big Apple streets or watching from home. Among the event's scheduled performers is country music superstar Miranda Lambert, who will sing "Bluebird" and "Settling Down" from her recent album "Wildfire."

**"The 93rd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade"** (9 a.m., 2 p.m., NBC): From their coveted perch in front of Macy's flagship store in New York's Herald Square, "Today" co-hosts Hoda Kotb and Savannah Guthrie anchor coverage of one of America's most beloved Turkey Day traditions: the 93rd edition of a parade filled with giant balloons, elaborate floats and performances by some of today's biggest stars.

**"The National Dog Show"** (12 p.m., NBC, 6 p.m., NBCSN): John O'Hurley ("Seinfeld") and American Kennel Club-licensed judge David Frei return to co-host this prestigious canine competition, which has become a beloved holiday viewing tradition for many families. NBC correspondent Mary Carillo reports from inside the show ring, and former U.S. Olympic figure skaters Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir provide backstage commentary.

**"The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration"** (7 p.m., ABC): Matthew Morrison ("Glee"), singer-songwriter Emma Bunton and TV personality Jesse Palmer co-host this two-hour special from Cinderella Castle in Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Sleeping Beauty Castle in Disneyland Resort in California.

**"Santa's Baking Blizzard"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): In this new seasonal cooking competition, host Casey Webb challenges three teams of Christmas bakers to create fantasy snow globe cakes that capture the magic and joy of the holidays. Each team uses ice sculpture to enhance the glitz and glam of their display, in a bid to impress judges Jocelyn Delk Adams, Amanda Freitag and Zac Young.

**"Outrageous Holiday Houses"** (10 p.m., 1 a.m., HGTV): Lance Bass hosts this colorful whirlwind tour of some of the most spectacular holiday displays in the United States and Toronto, Canada. The hour begins in Los Angeles with Drew Scott and his wife, Linda Phan, who transform their historic home into a whimsical gingerbread house bakery, where they welcome yuletide guests.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O'Brien travels to Ghana with actor Sam Richardson whose family hails from the African nation.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Helen Mirren; actor Ian McKellen.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (11:05 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.\*

\* Subject to change

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## Waiting

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quickly becomes terrifying.

If I were trapped amid that kind of vast nothingness, waiting for a mysterious man who may or may not show up, I wouldn't be too fond of an incredibly talkative counterpart. But if that counterpart is Neumann's Vladimir, I'd make an exception. The first act flowed smoothly, right up until Pozzo (Steve Pickering, the final actor to join this production) and Lucky (Nima Rakhshani-far) came in.

Pauses between dialogue that had originally felt intentional by Zacek to beautifully capture the doldrums of waiting and waiting were replaced by the uncomfortable pauses caused by pacing issues, presumably attributable to Pickering and later Neumann (understandably) being on book.

To the credit of the production, the times actors were carrying scripts (Pickering in the first act, Neumann in the second), it's not as if they had binders or stapled together pieces of paper. The scripts were slickly hidden within leather-bound notebooks that a



CHARLES OSGOOD PHOTO

Nima Rakhshani-far, from left, Larry Neumann Jr., Michael Saad and Steve Pickering in Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" at Victory Gardens Theater.

**When:** Through Dec. 15

**Where:** Victory Gardens, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

**Running time:** 2 hours, 30 minutes

**Tickets:** \$35-\$40 at (773) 871-3000 and [www.victorygardens.org](http://www.victorygardens.org)

Beckett creation could conceivably pull out of his pocket in order to read something pretentious aloud.

The issue became, however, that the connection and engagement that Neumann and Saad had all but vanished when the scripts came out. The top of the show proves that the production show can get to a good place and be

a solid production of the Beckett classic.

But to not acknowledge the performance I saw, the experience I had, would be to ignore the message from Beckett's play that rings the most true. We can't sit around, ignoring previous mistakes and hoping that, by magic or divine intervention, the future will hold something better.

I don't know that this production will become great. I can guess, I can hope, I can speculate. All I know for sure is that right now, Neumann and Saad are doing some incredible heavy lifting under the circumstances.

*Jerald Pierce is a freelance critic.*

**When:** Through Dec. 29

**Where:** Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn

**Running time:** 2 hour, 15 minutes

**Tickets:** \$25-\$139 at (312) 443-3800 and [www.GoodmanTheatre.org](http://www.GoodmanTheatre.org)

about Ebenezer Scrooge more than I have in ages. I can say that the play's culmination was as emotionally rich and fulfilling as I could have expected.

If you haven't seen "A Christmas Carol" in a while, maybe it's time to give it another shot.

## Scrooge

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And maybe that's a detriment. After all, this is a story about classism — the wealthy, miserable Scrooge contrasted with the poor, happy Cratchit.

Maybe Scrooge doesn't deserve that level of nuance, to be seen as someone other than the evil elite. This direction from Wishcamper and Yando does grate against the script at times, especially when dealing with the ghosts. When Scrooge seems like someone who

needs to have a number of sessions with a good therapist, it's hard to watch him tortured by spirits.

I can't say what this visually stunning production from Goodman feels like for those for whom this has become an annual tradition, but I can say that a couple jump scares and horror elements around Marley's ghosts' appearance from the combined efforts of designers Todd Rosenthal (set), Heidi McMath (costume), Keith Parham (lighting) and Richard Woodbury (sound) gave me a genuine shock. I can say that I left the production thinking

## THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 28

## MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Young Sheldon ©	(7:31) The Unicorn ©	(8:01) Mom ©	Carol's Second Act ©	Evil: "177 Minutes." ©	News (N) ▶		
	<b>NBC</b> 5	(7:15) NFL Football: New Orleans Saints at Atlanta Falcons. (N) (Live)							
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration (N) ©			The Goldbergs	Modern Family	News at 10pm (N) ▶		
	<b>WGN</b> 9	The Branson Christmas Music Show Special ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)			
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Dennis	Johnny Carson ©	Dennis		
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	Closing Arguments (N)							
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Little Women on Masterpiece ©		Little Women on Masterpiece ©		Little Women on Masterpiece ©		A Classic Christmas ▶	
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	iHeartRadio Music Festival		Night 2 ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©	Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		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: "Court Martial."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶		
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Saints & Sinners ©		Peeples (PG-13,'13) ★★		Craig Robinson. ©		Long Kiss ▶		
<b>FOX</b> 32	The Masked Singer ©		(8:01) Almost Family: "Thankful AF." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine		Modern Family		
<b>Ion</b> 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Pain Killer."		Chicago ▶		
<b>TeleM</b> 44	★ (6) Inside Out ('15) ★★★		The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13,'15) ★★		Vin Diesel. ©		Chicago (N)		
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D.: "Anthem."		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Chicago ▶		
<b>UniMas</b> 60	★ (6) The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13,'02) ★★★				Catwoman ('04) ★★				
<b>WJYS</b> 62	Paid Prog.		Joyce Meyer		Robison		Christian		
<b>Univ</b> 66	★ (6) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División						Noticias (N)		
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	PD Cam	PD Cam	Garth Brooks Yankee Stadium Concert (N) © ▶					
	<b>AMC</b>	Christmas Light Fight	Christmas Light Fight	Christmas Light Fight		Light Fight ▶			
	<b>ANIM</b>	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)		Tanked ©					
	<b>BBCA</b>	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13,'03) ★★★ Elijah Wood. © ▶							
	<b>BET</b>	★ (5:30) Baggage Claim ★		Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13,'06) ★★ Tyler Perry. ▶					
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	Ohio State		The Game					
	<b>BRAVO</b>	★ (6) Movie ©		Movie ©					
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
	<b>CNN</b>	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony Bourdain Parts	Anthony ▶		
	<b>COM</b>	★ (5:50) Bad Santa (R) ★★★		Bad Santa 2 (R,'16) ★★ Billy Bob Thornton. ©					
	<b>DISC</b>	Expedition Unknown ©							
	<b>DISN</b>	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	
	<b>E!</b>	★ Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn				The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 ('12) ★★ ▶			
	<b>ESPN</b>	★ (6:30) College Football: Ole Miss at Mississippi State. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) © ▶					
	<b>ESPN2</b>	★ Basketball		College Basketball (N)		Basketball			
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Christmas Cookie (N)		Santa's (Season Premiere) (N) Christmas Cookie					
	<b>FREE</b>	★ Home Alone/Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (PG,'92) ★★		Macaulay Culkin. ©		700 Club ▶			
	<b>FX</b>	★ (6) Minions (PG,'15) ★★		Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) ★★		Voices of Steve Carell.		Pets ▶	
	<b>HALL</b>	Christmas at the Plaza (NR,'19) Elizabeth Henstridge.		(9:03) Write Before Christmas ('19) ▶					
	<b>HGTV</b>	Hunt Intl (N)   Hunters (N)		Hunt Intl (N)   Hunters (N)		Hunt Intl (N)   Hunters (N)		Holiday (N) ▶	
	<b>HIST</b>	Forged in Fire: Bladesgiving (N) © ▶							
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	★ (4:30) The Godfather (R,'72) ★★ ★★		The Godfather, Part II (R,'74) ★★ ★★ Al Pacino. © ▶					
	<b>LIFE</b>	A Christmas Wish (NR,'19) Hilarie Burton. ©							
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	★ (4) White Sox Classic (N)		White Sox Classic From Aug. 16, 2019. (N) ▶					
	<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Free Birds (PG,'13) ★		Voices of Owen Wilson. ©	
	<b>OVATION</b>	★ (6) Lethal Weapon 2 (NR,'89) ★★		Lethal Weapon 3 (NR,'92) ★★ Mel Gibson. ▶					
<b>OWN</b>	One Fine Christmas (NR,'19) Marla Gibbs.		Carole's Christmas (NR,'19) ▶						
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped ©		Wed & Murder (Season Finale) (N)		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide ▶		
<b>PARMT</b>	★ (6:30) Jurassic Park (PG-13,'93) ★★		Sam Neill, Laura Dern. ©		Lost World ▶				
<b>SYFY</b>	★ Valerian & City		Saban's Power Rangers (PG-13,'17) ★★ Dacre Montgomery. ©						
<b>TBS</b>	(7:15) The Wizard of Oz (G,'39) ★★ ★★		Judy Garland. ©		Big Bang		Conan © ▶		
<b>TCM</b>	Sitting Pretty (NR,'48) ★★		(8:45) Yours, Mine and Ours (NR,'68) ★★						
<b>TLC</b>	600 Pound Mom		600 Pound Mom		The 685-Lb. Teen		900 Pound ▶		
<b>TLN</b>	IMPACT	Wretched	A Joy of Music		Life Today		Like You		
<b>TNT</b>	The Dark Knight (PG-13,'08) ★★ ★★ Christian Bale, Heath Ledger. ©								
<b>TOON</b>	★ (6) The LEGO Movie ★★ ★★		Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad		Burgers		
<b>TRAV</b>	Ghost Adventures: "Tormented by the Night." (N) ©								
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King		
<b>USA</b>	★ (6) Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ★★		Temptation Island (N) Mod Fam ▶						
<b>VH1</b>	Titanic (PG-13,'97) ★★ ★★ Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. ▶								
<b>WE</b>	★ (6) Forrest Gump (PG-13,'94) ★★ ★★		Tom Hanks. © Forrest Gump (PG-13,'94) ★★ ★★						
<b>WGN America</b>	★ (5:30) Ocean's Twelve		Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13,'07) ★★		George Clooney, Brad Pitt. ©				
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Love Actually (R,'03) ★★ ★★		Hugh Grant. ©		(9:15) Watchmen ©			
	<b>HBO2</b>	Succession: "DC." ©		(8:05) Watchmen ©		Fletcher			
	<b>MAX</b>	Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (PG-13,'18) ★★		©		(9:10) The Meg (PG-13,'18) ★★			
	<b>SHO</b>	★ (6:30) The Help (PG-13,'11) ★★		Viola Davis.		Shameless ©			
	<b>STARZ</b>	Disney's A Christmas Carol ('09) ★★		©		(8:37) Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time ★★			
<b>STZENC</b>	★ (6:49) Outlander ©		(7:47) Outlander ©		Outlander		(9:43) Outlander © ▶		

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Nov. 28): This year is for you. Provide steady, excellent quality in order to raise profits. Your touch is golden this winter, easing a family financial shift. Personal reflection next summer illuminates another direction through a change, energizing a collaboration to lucrative gain. Shine on, you crazy diamond.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Intuition provides the best timing with a professional project. New income is possible. Visualize perfection. Secure the ground taken.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Educational adventures develop. Make a good impression on a respected teacher. Adapt to surprising circumstances. You could make an incredible discovery.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Take advantage of a profitable loophole. An unexpected financial opportunity presents itself. Actions taken now can have serendipitous results.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Things with your partner could get unexpectedly dreamy. Good fortune reveals a secret benefit. Discover a beautiful coincidence, hidden blessing or unplanned act of serendipity.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Push for new records with your physical performance. Take new ground. Surprise yourself with a remarkable effort. Take bold action.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Feel the love. Romance saunters in the door and lingers seductively. Enjoy moments of bliss and synchronicity. Connect on a whole new level.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Creativity flourishes at your house. Connect with family for spontaneous collaborations. Fill the place with joyful celebrations, beautiful decorations, delicious fragrances and flavors.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Unusual suggestions and brilliant ideas incite a creative flurry. Your muses sing to you. Suddenly you can see a previously elusive solution. Take notes.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. A lucky break appears. Discover new income, extra silver or unexpected treasure. Accept lucrative advice or a beneficial reward for work done earlier.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Ask for what you want. You can get what's needed. Your greatest strength is love. Somehow things align for a personal dream. Share gratitude.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Listen to your intuition. You're especially sensitive and perceptive. Wondrous insights reveal themselves when least expected. Dreams can come true.

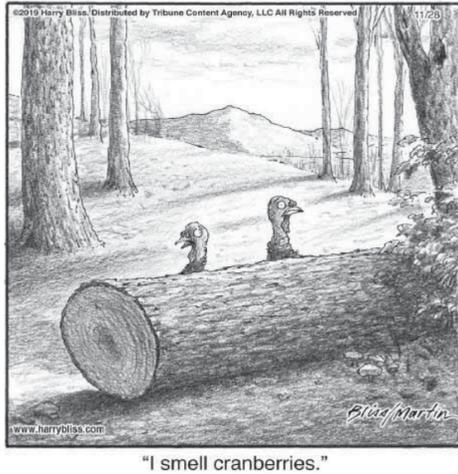
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Others believe in you. A community effort produces more than you asked for. An unexpected bonus arises from your contribution to a shared cause.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 7	♥ 10 8 7 4	♠ Q 6 2	♥ K 9 3 2
♦ A K Q 6 3	♣ 9 8 5	♦ 8	♣ K Q 10 7 2
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ A J 10 9 5 4	♥ A Q J	♠ K 8 3	♥ 6 5
♦ 4 2	♣ A 4	♦ J 10 9 7 5	♣ J 6 3

Norway's Espen Lindqvist has built a reputation as one of the world's best declarers. He was South, in today's deal.

Lindqvist won the diamond opening lead with dummy's ace and led a heart to his queen. Good start! He cashed the ace of spades and led the 10. West hopped up with his king

**The bidding:**

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

**Opening lead:** Jack ♦

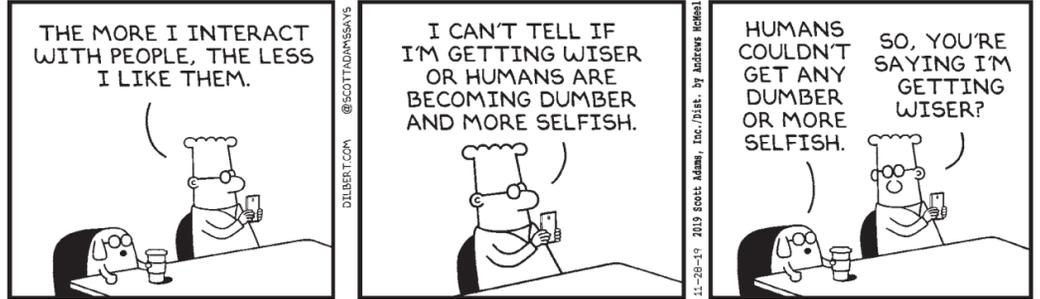
to lead another diamond, ruffed by East with the queen of spades. That ruff was with a natural trump trick, but it cut declarer off from the dummy. East shifted to the king of clubs. Lindqvist won with his ace and began to cash his trumps. This was the position with one trump yet to play:

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ Void	♥ Void	♠ Void	♥ K 9
♦ Q 6	♣ 9 8	♦ Void	♣ Q 10
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ 4	♥ A J	♠ 5	♥ 9
♦ Void	♣ 4	♦ 6	♥ J 6

With seven tricks in the bag, Lindqvist led his last spade. West discarded a heart and dummy a diamond. Should East part with the 10 of clubs, he would be thrown in with the queen to lead a heart from his king. A heart discard would make declarer's hearts both good. Discarding the queen of clubs would allow West to win the next club, but he would also be employed, forced to give dummy the last two tricks with the queen of diamonds and the high club. A beauty!

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



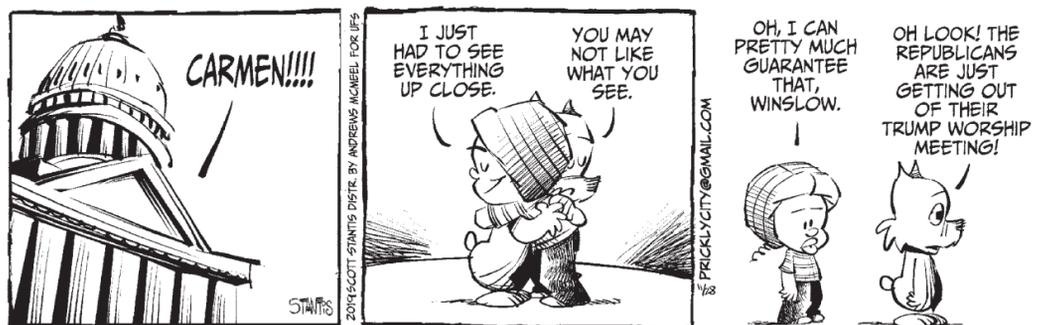
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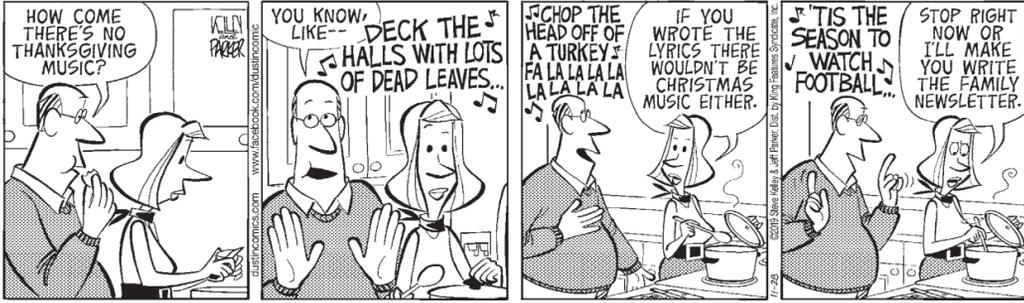
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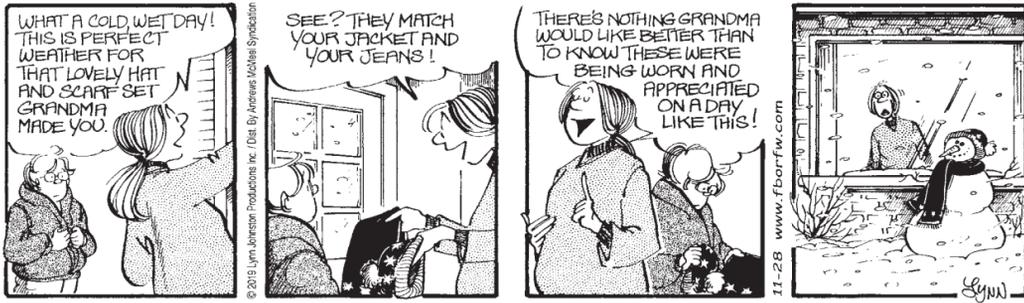
### Prickly City



**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



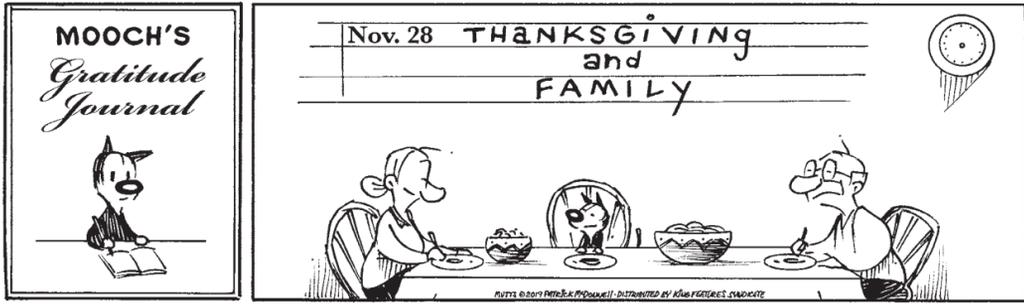
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers

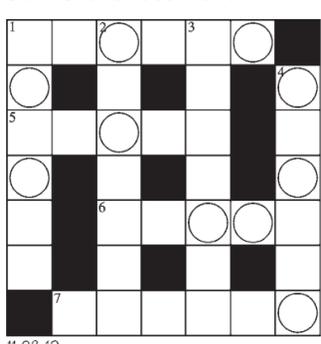


**Trivia Bits**

**Dwarf planet Ceres and asteroid Vesta are large objects in the asteroid belt between which two planets?**  
 A) Mars and Jupiter  
 B) Jupiter and Venus  
 C) Saturn and Uranus  
 D) Venus and Earth

Wednesday's answer: Robert Ludlum created the character Jason Bourne.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**

1. Top, acme  
 5. \_\_\_ act  
 6. Mary \_\_\_ Moore  
 7. \_\_\_ car

**CLUE DOWN**

1. African country  
 2. Every evening  
 3. Football player  
 4. Joint

**ANSWER**

TIZNEH  
 CAMIG  
 YRETL  
 RIHBDY

**ANSWER**

AIAMBZ  
 INTLHG  
 ACELKRT  
 AEDSHR

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

11-28-19

**CLUE:** This country was established in 1971.

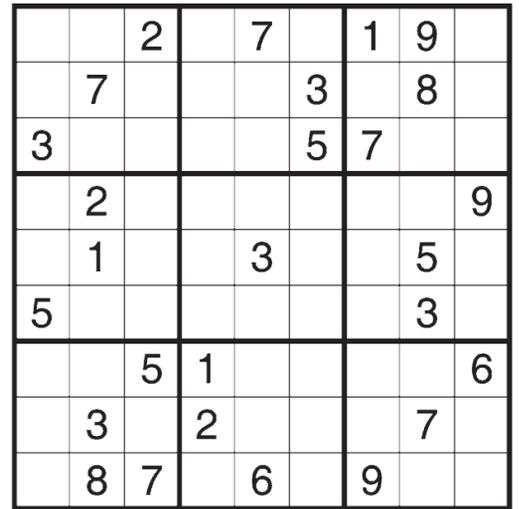
**BONUS** ○○○○○○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1-A-Zanzibar 2-Nighty 3-D-Tackler 4-B-Bangladesh 5-A-Nigeria 6-A-Tyler 7-A-Hybrid 8-A-Magic 9-A-Magic 10-Zanzibar 11-Zanzibar 12-Zanzibar 13-Zanzibar 14-Zanzibar 15-Zanzibar 16-Zanzibar 17-Zanzibar 18-Zanzibar 19-Zanzibar 20-Zanzibar 21-Zanzibar 22-Zanzibar 23-Zanzibar 24-Zanzibar 25-Zanzibar 26-Zanzibar 27-Zanzibar 28-Zanzibar 29-Zanzibar 30-Zanzibar 31-Zanzibar 32-Zanzibar 33-Zanzibar 34-Zanzibar 35-Zanzibar 36-Zanzibar 37-Zanzibar 38-Zanzibar 39-Zanzibar 40-Zanzibar 41-Zanzibar 42-Zanzibar 43-Zanzibar 44-Zanzibar 45-Zanzibar 46-Zanzibar 47-Zanzibar 48-Zanzibar 49-Zanzibar 50-Zanzibar 51-Zanzibar 52-Zanzibar 53-Zanzibar 54-Zanzibar 55-Zanzibar 56-Zanzibar 57-Zanzibar 58-Zanzibar 59-Zanzibar 60-Zanzibar 61-Zanzibar 62-Zanzibar 63-Zanzibar

By David L. Hoyt.

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

11/28



9	8	4	2	5	7	6	1	3
5	3	7	9	1	6	2	4	8
2	6	1	3	8	4	9	7	5
7	2	3	6	9	1	8	5	4
1	4	6	5	7	8	3	9	2
8	9	5	4	3	2	7	6	1
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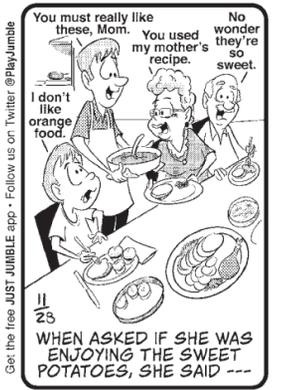
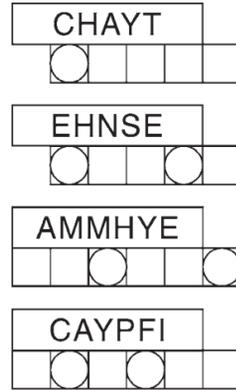
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



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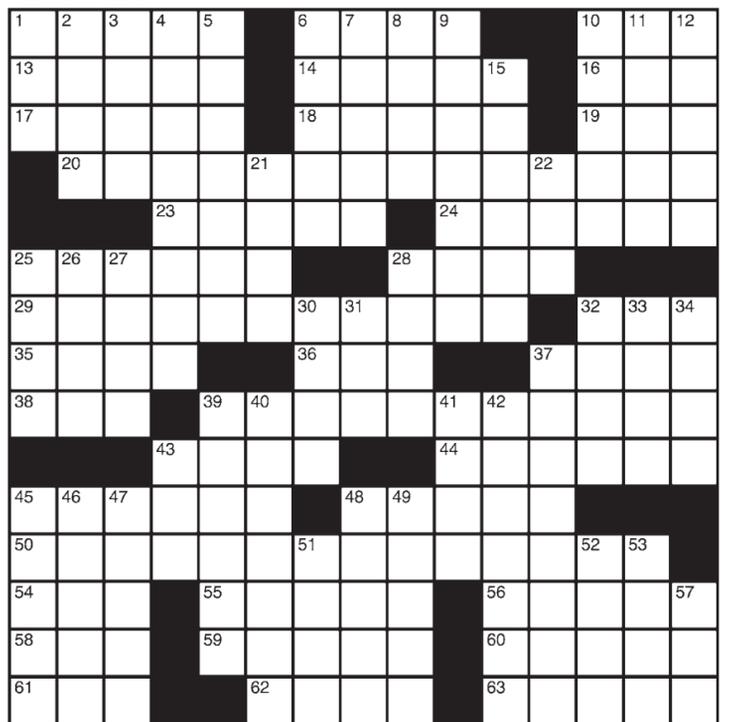
**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: REBEL VINYL STUDIO LAGOON  
 Answer: Having a baby can be a lot of work because it's - LABOR INTENSIVE

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

1 Headache feature  
 6 Report of a blowup?  
 10 More, in Madrid  
 13 Peter of Herman's Hermits  
 14 Winds in a pit  
 16 In the past  
 17 Away from the coast  
 18 "Counting Sheep" company  
 19 Celestial sphere  
 20 2015 Marvel feature, after budget cuts  
 23 Wee bits  
 24 Less stuffy  
 25 Historical capital of Bohemia  
 28 Federal IDs  
 29 1995 romantic comedy, after budget cuts  
 32 "The Shawshank Redemption" actor Robbins  
 35 Coagulate  
 36 Arthur with Emmys

**Down**

15 Lustrous fabrics  
 21 "Up and \_\_\_"  
 22 Appt. book blocks  
 25 Two dry gallons  
 26 Irk  
 27 All aflutter  
 28 Spider-Man co-creator Lee  
 30 Follow  
 31 Cultural funding org.  
 32 Pioneering DVR  
 33 Pastry bag user  
 34 Coltrane collaborator  
 37 Phrase in cosmetic dentistry marketing  
 39 Take exception  
 40 Mazola product  
 41 \_\_\_ City: Baghdad suburb  
 42 Remain in place  
 43 End of the rainbow mnemonic  
 45 Run for the first time  
 46 Dushku of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"  
 47 Take hold gradually  
 48 Inelegant laugh  
 49 Shrek and Fiona  
 51 Fish tank growth  
 52 One of Italy's trio of active volcanoes  
 53 Linguist Chomsky  
 57 Mario Bros. console

**Down**

1 Wile E. Coyote supply  
 2 Reindeer foot  
 3 Parks of Alabama  
 4 \_\_\_ only: special performance alert  
 5 Triumph over  
 6 \_\_\_ nova  
 7 Helps in a heist  
 8 Sushi seaweed  
 9 Use an ATM  
 10 One of New Zealand's official languages  
 11 Match  
 12 Not lit

**Wednesday's solution**

NAME POPS TISLOT  
 SLAG UNIT ACORN  
 FANG GER CRUET  
 WINNING TICKET  
 OBO COLA  
 HUGESSETTLEMENT  
 CAN TESH TREMOR  
 URSA CUB DOME  
 STEFFI MAJA TEX  
 PERFECT BRACKET  
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 RUDEAWAKENING  
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 HYENA EVES MARM  
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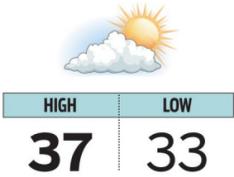
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THURSDAY, NOV. 28 NORMAL HIGH: 41° NORMAL LOW: 27° RECORD HIGH: 69° (1905) RECORD LOW: 0° (1887)

## Low pressure departs east as clouds increase

### LOCAL FORECAST



■ Although we have high pressure overhead, the upper-level jet stream will carry mid and high-level clouds into our area well in advance of low pressure developing over the Rockies.

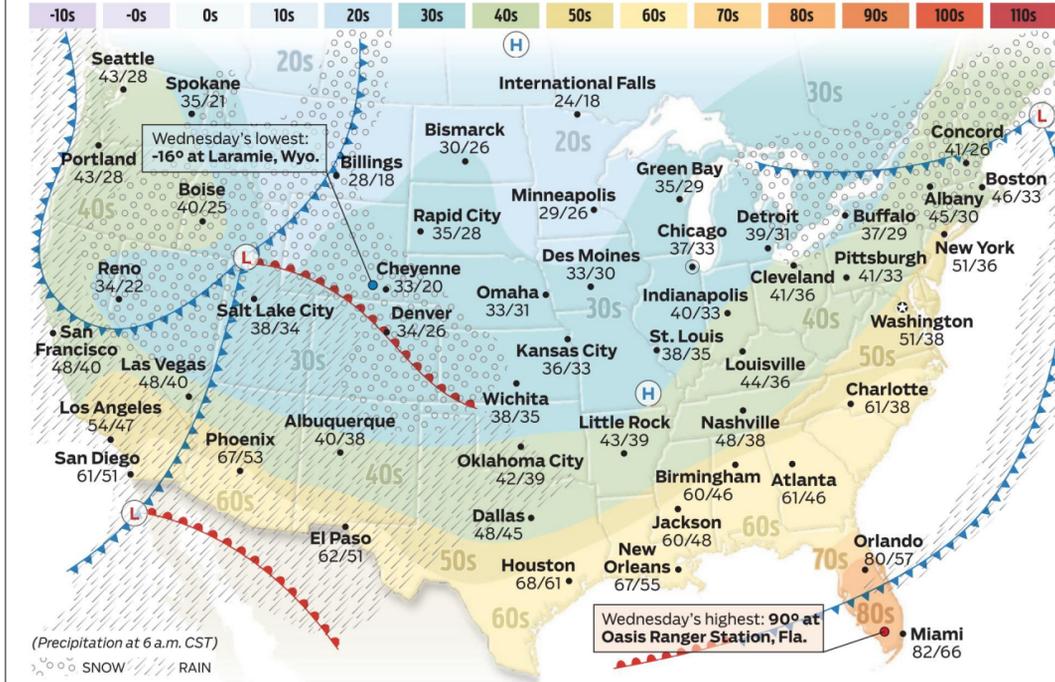
■ Thanksgiving Day – Some early morning sun but clouds thicken from the west as the day progresses.

■ High temps in the mid-upper 30s.

■ Northerly winds 8 to 15 mph.

■ Cloudy overnight with light easterly winds.

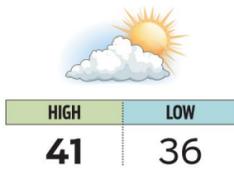
### NATIONAL FORECAST



As the intense low pressure system that bore wind gusts above 60 miles per hour Wednesday moves off to the east, high and mid-level clouds riding a strong jet stream aloft will spread over our area for the week Thursday. Thanksgiving will be tranquil and precipitation-free in stark contrast to Wednesday.

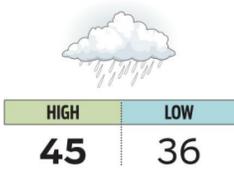
Winds gusted over 50 miles per hour at most area locations Wednesday with peak readings of 66 mph at Valparaiso, 63 mph at Peru and 61 mph recorded at Chicago's official observation site at O'Hare International Airport. Low pressure developing in the Rockies will move east into the plains Friday spreading rain over our area by that evening. Rain will likely persist through Saturday until changing over to wet snow later Sunday afternoon – ending from the west Sunday night/early Monday.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 29



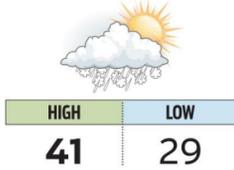
Cloudy with rain developing by evening. High near the normal of 41. Southeast winds 10 to 18 mph. Overnight rain – winds strengthening.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 30



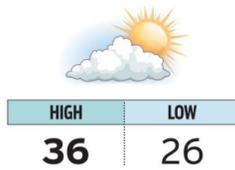
Cloudy with occasional rain and seasonably cool – High in the mid 40s. Cloudy overnight with a mix of rain/snow showers. Southeast winds diminish and turn SW, then W overnight.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 1



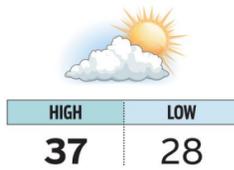
Mostly cloudy, windy, colder. Early morning rain/snow mix changes over to wet snow in the afternoon – High temp in the afternoon, falling in the afternoon. Wet snow ending from the west overnight. North winds 12-20 mph.

### MONDAY, DEC. 2



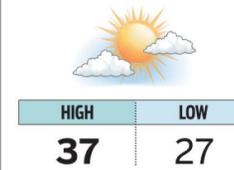
Colder – morning clouds and a few flurries possible in the city, south and east, becoming partly sunny area-wide in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. NW winds 7-10 mph. Partly cloudy overnight.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 3

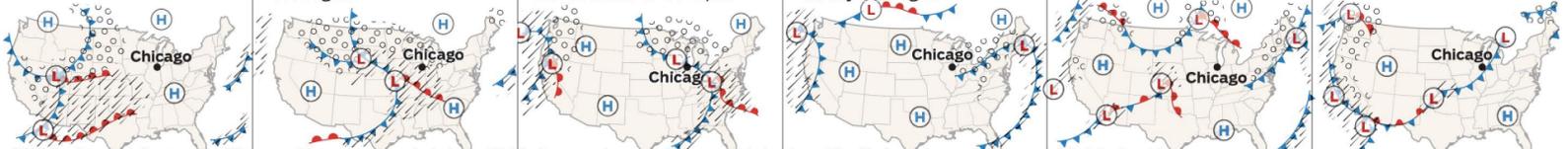


Partly cloudy with afternoon highs in the mid to upper 30s. Clouds and a chance of snow showers overnight. South winds shift to the west at night.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4



Mostly sunny with afternoon highs in the upper 30s. Clear skies overnight. Northwest 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,  
How often have we had a white Thanksgiving? What is the warmest it has been on the holiday?  
Thanks, Nick Recchia  
River Grove

Dear Nick,  
Celebrated in late November, Thanksgivings in Chicago tend to be on the cold side, though there have been some notable exceptions. While the mercury has never hit 70 degrees on the holiday, it did reach a balmy 69 on Nov. 24, 1966. The second warmest was in 1914 on Nov. 26, when the high reached 64. White Thanksgivings, defined by an inch or more of snow on the ground on the holiday have occurred in 14 years, most recently in 2004 when a Thanksgiving Eve storm brought 4.3 inches of snow. The deepest snow cover on the holiday was 8 inches in both 1895 and 1975, and the most snow to fall on Thanksgiving Day was 3.0 inches on Nov. 27, 1950.

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## Heavy snows north of storm track; more rain for Chicago

### TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY STORM SYSTEM

Heavy snow north of the storm track; rains and strongest winds south

**UPPER MIDWEST SNOW TOTALS**

- 15.0" Ishpeming, Mich.
- 13.8" Eagle River, Wis.
- 12.2" Negaunee, Mich.
- 11.0" Sands, Mich.
- 10.7" Bergland, Mich.
- 10.0" Manitowish Wts., Wis.
- 9.5" Rhinelander, Wis.
- 9.2" Minneapolis, Minn.

**HIGHEST RAIN TOTALS**

- 0.95" Harwood Heights
- 0.84" Park Ridge
- 0.83" Elmhurst
- 0.83" 0.83 Downers Grove
- 0.81" 0.81 Oak Park
- 0.75" 0.75 Riverside
- 0.75" 0.75 Rogers Park

**PEAK WIND GUSTS (MPH)**

- 66 mph Valparaiso, IN
- 63 mph Peru
- 61 mph O'Hare
- 60 mph Michigan City
- 59 mph DuPage/W. Chicago
- 59 mph Rockford
- 59 mph Bolingbrook
- 58 mph Midway
- 57 mph Aurora/Sugar Grove
- 56 mph Kankakee

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

### FRIDAY UPPER-LEVEL 30,000-FT JET STREAM AND LOW-LEVEL/SURFACE TEMP DISTRIBUTION

Upper-level trough moving east into the Rockies and surface carrying surface low pressure east out of Utah

Southern branch of the jet stream (110 mph) will carry mid/high-level clouds out in advance of the low pressure system into our area with the snow/rain advancing east into the plains—rain likely arriving here at night.

Rain/wet snow for Chicago

SATURDAY SUNDAY Rain/snow outlook

PAUL DAILEY, BILL SNYDER, CLAUDIA OLECH, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

### CHICAGO DIGEST

**WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	55	35	Midway	57	37
Gary	58	39	O'Hare	54	35
Kankakee	55	36	Romeoville	56	36
Lakefront	56	37	Valparaiso	56	39
Lansing	55	37	Waukegan	55	36

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.25"	0.11"
November to date	1.50"	2.84"
Year to date	47.62"	34.33"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	8.3"	6.2"
Normal to date	1.1"	1.1"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind N 12-22 kts.	SE 8-15 kts.
Waves 3-5 feet	2-3 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps 41°/38°	

**U.S. SNOW COVER**

NOV. 27	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	29.2%	29.7%
Average snow depth	1.3"	1.3"

**TRACKING THE COLD**

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	4 days	2 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

**CHICAGO AIR QUALITY**

Wednesday's reading **Good**  
Thursday's forecast **Moderate**  
Critical pollutant **Particulates**

**SUNDAY RISE/SET TIMES**

Sun 6:55 a.m. 4:21 p.m.  
Moon 8:56 a.m. 6:17 p.m.

**THURSDAY PLANET WATCH**

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:09 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Venus	9:10 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Mars	4:22 a.m.	2:53 p.m.
Jupiter	8:45 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Saturn	10:00 a.m.	7:15 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME** DIRECTION

Mercury	5:45 a.m.	6° ESE
Venus	5:15 p.m.	6.5° SW
Mars	5:15 a.m.	8.5° ESE
Jupiter	5:15 p.m.	5° SW
Saturn	5:30 p.m.	14.5° SW

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**HOMES**



**FRAME YOUR SPACE**

Collect what you love and fill your home with art **PAGE 4**

## HOME REMEDIES

## Create a pet-friendly house

BY DIANA CRANDALL  
Angie's List

Dogs and cats are treasured members of the family who demand more than just love and affection. Veterinarian visits, shredded toys and carpet steaming are likely as much of a part of your life as your pet is. Don't banish your best friend to the backyard or force your pet to release pent-up energy in unhealthy ways. These relatively simple renovations can improve life for Fido—and for you.

**Change your flooring:** Whether you're planning on getting a kitten, or your dog is getting up there in years, the right pet-friendly flooring can make a world of difference for your pet at any age. Lingering smells, permanent stains and ruined hardwood don't have to be inevitable. Tile and stone flooring are water- and stain-resistant, as well as simple to clean. Strand woven bamboo

flooring is also a scratch- and stain-resistant option, in addition to being sustainable. For something easier on your budget, luxury vinyl is also a durable option to fight against stains, scratches and dents. Homeowners report paying between \$787 and \$2,624 to install vinyl and linoleum, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

**Craft a play place:** Animals have a lot of energy, and sometimes we don't have it in us to play with them as much as we should. This can lead to health issues and destructive behaviors that damage your home, furniture and flooring. Instead of paying to send your dog to day care, or punishing your cat for scratching up the couch again, invest in a pet playpen designed specifically to keep them entertained. Build ramps for cats to get a bird's-eye view of their domain; buy a portable playpen for your energetic puppy who wants to

run rampant through every room in your house.

**Disguise the litter box:** No one likes to see (or smell) the litter box, especially if you have more than one cat in your home. Repurposing a bench, upcycling a cabinet and even using unused space under the stairs are all ways to mask unsavory sights and scents. Not sure where to start, or need help wrapping things up? A handyman can help. Homeowners report the price typically falls between \$77 and \$155 for a handyman to take on a small task, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

**Heat the kennel:** If it sounds over the top to install radiant heating in your dog's kennel, it's not. A heated space can ease aches in pains in older pups, dogs recovering from a surgery or sickness, or pets with short hair who live in colder environments and aren't able to naturally



DREAMSTIME

Making a few improvements for your pets can prolong the life of furniture and flooring.

protect themselves from the elements. If you have stone or tile floors, consider expanding radiant heat outside of the kennel and

throughout the house so everyone in the house reaps the benefit, no matter where they are. The cost of radiant heating

installation varies dramatically, but homeowners report paying about \$300 on the lower end of the spectrum.

## GADGETS

## iHome clock radio has alarm and so much more

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

Bedside clock radios are critical for time displays and alarms to get you going in the morning. These days they are also needed for so much more, and the new AC-powered iHome iBTW281 dual alarm clock speaker system does it all; it even cleaned up my nightstand mess of cables.

Along with a seemingly endless number of up-to-

date features incorporating today's technology, the critical features of time and dual alarms are there. The time, date and alarm settings are on a front-facing display, with adjustable brightness levels. For snoozers, the snooze duration can be adjusted.

A quick start guide runs you through the basic setup, which includes a switch inside the backup battery compartment to automatically adjust for daylight

saving time. A coin battery is also included to keep the time in the event of a loss of power.

The fun features are pairing your device with Bluetooth, enabling the sound system to play whatever tunes you choose through the built-in speaker, and you can have your smartphone's playlist used as your wake-up alarm source.

Once paired, you'll also have a speakerphone with

echo noise cancellation. The voice control allows access to Siri and Google Assistant.

I have a newer smartphone with Qi wireless charging, and charging couldn't be easier. Just lay any compatible wireless charging phone on top where wireless fast charging is built-in, and charging starts, even with a case on.

If you don't have a wireless charging smartphone (you need to get one, it



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makes life easy), there's a USB charging port on the back to connect your device. All this adds up to cleaning up a nightstand mess of cables.

Also, both sides of the iBTW281 have color-

changing ambient lights with a choice of presets, including a night mode. The ambient light display also has an off option.

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# Enhancing the value of a home

‘Without art it’s not finished,’ says gallery owner and collector

BY AUDREY HOFFER  
The Washington Post

Art helps make a sale. Everyone has an opinion about what clinched the deal.

For Christine Neptune, a collector and co-owner of Gallery Neptune & Brown, “it was the art that sold the apartment. Other than that my tiny New York studio was a small white box. The interior came alive because of the art.”

“Art creates the impression of a more valuable home. If you think about a beautifully designed home with strong architecture, you can appreciate it for what it is, but without art it’s not finished. It’s missing an important component. Art rounds out the impression of living there,” said Theo Adamstein, a sales associate with TTR Sotheby’s International Realty.

Art can enhance the value of the house but a real estate agent can’t pinpoint a number or percentage.

“Art embellishes a home, it adds to a home’s character, it adds color and rhythm and makes it more interesting than it may otherwise be, and that absolutely adds value,” Adamstein said.

Paula Amt, owner of Framesmith DC and a collector, lives in a 400-square-foot space. “My art is hung floor to ceiling. I minimize the space between works to fit in another piece because I want to see what I can see,” she said.

“It doesn’t matter if your home is large or small, if you rent or own. Don’t stop

collecting because you think you don’t have any more room. Just make the spaces between the pieces smaller,” she said.

Anthony Gyepi-Garbrah and Desirée Venn Frederic’s home in Northeast Washington’s Trinidad neighborhood is distinguished by dozens of paintings and prints hanging salon-style on the walls and doors.

“Art in our home makes a place for us and provides benefits. It enhances our design perspective, it helps bring our attention to certain parts of the apartment, it provides accents, invokes emotion and adds clarity,” Gyepi-Garbrah said.

Robert Brown, the other co-owner of Gallery Neptune & Brown and a collector, recommends collecting for joy, not investment. “Buy pieces you can’t live without. Something that gives you pleasure and a thrill every time you look at it,” he said.

You and your partner’s tastes may differ but that shouldn’t create tension, he said. Instead celebrate and broaden your assemblage with works that appeal to both of you. “Buying art isn’t a competition,” he added.

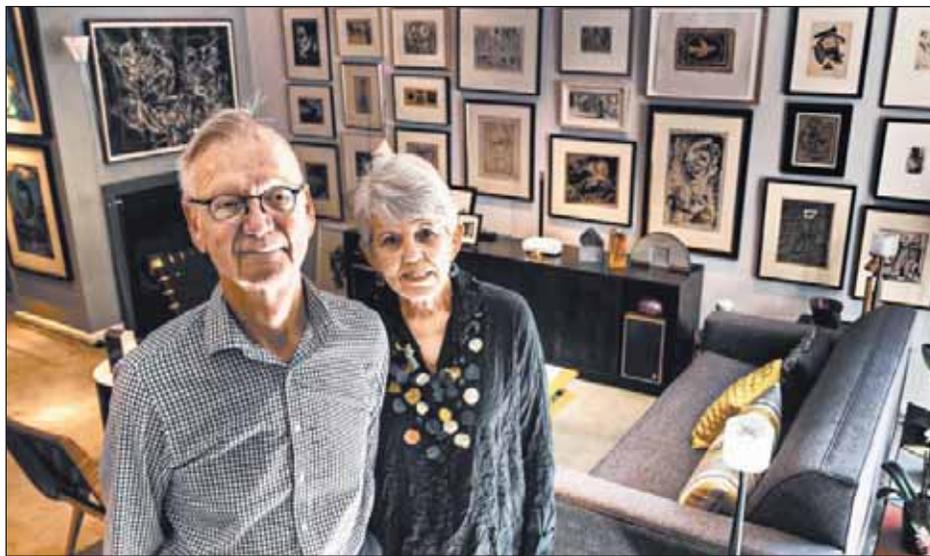
“Buy what you love. That’s the most important thing. Then the art will move around all your real estate,” Neptune said.

Go to galleries and museums around town. Ask questions and ask to see work not in view. Galleries have rooms in the back with files holding many pieces. Owners will work with your budget and show



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The dining room of Chris and Beverly With, who have filled their home with original art over a lifetime of collecting.



The Withs have packed their District of Columbia condominium with framed items. “No space goes untouched,” Beverly With said.

you art in a range of prices. You can buy on credit and often on installment. Sometimes you can take a piece home “on approval” to see how you like it.

“Don’t be embarrassed or shy. That’s why we’re here,” Brown said. “It’s our job to talk about art in a way that makes you feel comfortable and teaches you.”

“Some people approach art as decoration as opposed to collecting. That’s a

short-term solution. Collecting art is long term. It doesn’t make sense to waste your money on the short term. Take a little longer to decide what you love and to save money to buy it,” he said.

“People will come in and tell us they have a spot in mind. ‘I have a spot behind my couch,’ they say. A year later, they move or get a new couch. Instead think about what you love so that when you move you want

to take it along,” Neptune said.

No room should be omitted from your art display, but there’s no map to show where to hang. It’s intuitive and what looks right to your eye.

“Yet placement has to be attractive. It has to have a sense of proportion. You can’t put it up higgledy-piggledy,” Chris With said.

Wall color shouldn’t fade into the art. “You want the art work to stand out, not

blend into the background,” Brown said.

If it doesn’t look good, move it. “We know people who agonize. They say, ‘I could never hang art myself.’ They worry about putting a hole in the wall. It’s not a big deal to hammer a picture-hook hanger in the wall. Holes are easy to repair or you can hire a handyman,” Chris With said.

“People are especially worried about making that first hole. Get over it. Hang the piece up. It’s just a wall,” Amt said. “If you’re truly not allowed to make holes in the wall, there are ways to get around that with hanging systems that lay against the wall.”

Art is personal. “For me, it’s not just an investment in the artist or my collection. It is me being a custodian to a part of history. If everything goes well, that artifact will outlive me in perpetuity,” Gyepi-Garbrah said.

Adamstein said: “Hanging art on your walls is the most direct route to transforming a house into a home. It offers prospective buyers an immediate sense of homeyness.”



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Allowing your perennials and ornamental grasses to remain throughout the winter can provide overwintering sites for native solitary bees.

## Doing less in garden helps pollinators over the winter

BY TIM JOHNSON

**Dear Tim:** I want to attract more pollinators to my garden in the coming years, and I heard that delaying the cleanup of beds until spring is a good idea. Will this have a negative impact on the plants in my mixed shrub and perennial borders?

— Beth Anderson, *Highwood*

**Dear Beth:** I prefer to leave perennials up for the winter because I like to have more winter interest in the garden. Some perennials such as hosta will flatten out and become mushy once they are frozen, but I still wait until spring to cut them back. Most springs, I do not even bother to cut back the hosta foliage from the previous year, as the new growth covers it over later in spring.

Gardening with this style of minimal cutback and no mulching of established beds affects the appearance of the garden from late fall to early spring, giving it a more natural appearance. This approach has not had a

negative impact on the performance of plants in my garden. It also makes for a lower-maintenance garden.

Switching to a less aggressive bed cleanup in the fall can provide essential overwintering habitat for beneficial insects, including pollinators. I let enough leaves accumulate in my garden beds to more or less cover the soil in fall. However, too thick of a layer, which completely covers plants, may cause problems. These leaves provide shelter for insects such as bumblebees that overwinter in leaf litter or loose garden soil under the leaves. The leaves also give shelter to insect predators such as ground beetles and spiders.

I do not remove the leaves in spring, which maximizes the benefits to pollinators and serves as a natural mulch. Removing the leaves and all the standing perennials in early spring does diminish the benefits of this gardening practice to pollinators.

Allowing your perennials and ornamental grasses to remain throughout the winter can provide over-

wintering sites for native solitary bees. They often overwinter inside hollow stalks of standing plant material where they are protected from the weather.

Many native butterflies and moths overwinter in different stages of their life cycles (egg, larvae, pupae and adult) and can be present and very hard to see in the plant debris. An early spring garden cleanup may accidentally clear them away with the debris, so consider leaving some of the standing perennials up in the spring to provide habitat for insects.

Another option is to cut the perennials and grasses back less aggressively in spring and leave 8 to 12 inches of the plants standing. The new growth in spring covers up the dead foliage. Modifying your garden maintenance practices to benefit pollinators does not have a negative impact on your plants.

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## A perennial with wood stems wrapped in bark is ...

BY BETH BOTTS

What is a tree and what is a shrub? It's surprisingly hard to draw the line.

"Biologically, there's no clear difference between trees and shrubs," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "They're all woody plants."

A woody plant has stiff perennial stems that live for many years. Each stem has a hard core of older, dead, dried-out cells — what we usually call "wood" — surrounded by a green, moist layer of newer cells where living processes and growth take place. It's all wrapped in a protective covering we call "bark."

When most people picture a tree, they think of a single trunk that rises into a broad, high, branching canopy of leaves. "Shrub" brings to mind a short, bushy plant with multiple stems.

"But some plants we call trees have multiple stems, and some plants with a single stem are so short and bushy we think of them as shrubs," Yiesla said.

For example, Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*) often has multiple stems, although it can reach 60 feet in height. Cultivars of dwarf mugo pine (*Pinus mugo*) have a single stem, though they grow only about 3 feet tall and are often used as shrubs in yards.

Even among closely related plants, there can be a huge range of sizes and shapes. For example, Chinese juniper (*Juniperus chinensis*) is a narrow evergreen tree that grows more than 50 feet tall. Another plant in the same genus, trailing juniper (*Juniperus procumbens*), which grows sideways rather than up and is sometimes planted as a



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ground cover, rarely rises more than a foot from the ground.

We picture oaks as large trees with spreading branches, but many of the world's 450 oak species are short, bushy plants that grow less than 6 feet high. The weeping willow has a relative in the Arctic (*Salix herbacea*) that tops out at less than 2 inches.

Sometimes the difference is pruning. A homeowner with a shrub-size hedge of Japanese yews (*Taxus cuspidata*) who lets the pruning slide will eventually discover that these plants are naturally 30- to 40-foot-tall trees.

To add to the confusion, some shrubs can be pruned into a tree form, with a single stem topped by a cluster of branches. A small ornamental shrub, such as a rosebush, that has been trained this way is often called a "standard."

In landscape planning and gardening, the distinction usually comes down to

size: Any woody plant that grows 15 to 20 feet tall or more at maturity is dubbed a "tree," and anything that stays shorter is generally called a "shrub." "But there's still a lot of gray area," Yiesla said.

For practical purposes, she said, it's best to think first about the purpose you want the plant to serve, such as providing shade, screening or flowers. Measure the site and consider how much space you can allow for the plant's mature size, both vertically and horizontally. Then choose a plant that will do the job.

"It's less important to think about labels than to choose the right plant for the right place," Yiesla said.

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.*

# Done right, concrete can last decades

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: Tim, I'm about to have a new concrete driveway installed, as well as some sidewalks. I asked the bidding contractors how long I might expect the concrete to last. The range given was from 20 to 30 years. That seems like a long time, but I thought it could last much longer. How long can concrete last in your opinion? What can be done to extend the useful life of concrete no matter if it's flatwork, steps or foundation walls?**

**A:** These are good questions, especially if you've ever had problems with concrete installed by a nonprofessional. If improperly installed, new concrete can crack, spall or fail in any number of other ways.

I'd like to share some experiences with you to give you an idea of what's possible with concrete life expectancy. The first one involves railroads. I was a conductor on a local scenic train for two years, and I've always taken an interest in railroads and how they were built.

I started to notice the concrete abutments and bridge supports near my last home in Cincinnati years ago. One day I happened to see on one abutment a cast date in the concrete. It was 1919! The concrete looked to be in fantastic shape with no cracks, no spalling and nothing missing. It was dirty, of course, but other-



TIM CARTER

The concrete at the top left is brand new. The concrete sidewalk next to it could be 60 or more years old. Note it's not cracked as only the top layer has worn off.

wise looked almost new. I've since looked at other railroad bridge abutments and seen the same thing: old concrete in great shape.

I also used to take walks around the older suburb of Pleasant Ridge in Cincinnati. There were countless houses built upon slight rises from the street. Many had a set of concrete steps coated with stucco. These steps were in perfect condition and most, no doubt, were installed in the early 1900s. Stuccoing steps is almost a lost art, by the way.

Just a month ago I drove by the first house I rehabbed in Cincinnati. I did the job in fall of 1975. I had to install a set of concrete

steps from the sidewalk up to the wooden steps leading to the house. The concrete steps look as good as the day I installed them 24 years ago notwithstanding many harsh winters and all the rock salt that was cast upon the treads for safety. They'll probably last at least another 50 years.

While I was back in Cincinnati, I was walking to lunch to meet a friend in Hyde Park. I saw an old sidewalk that was crack-free next to some brand-new concrete with a broom finish. The old sidewalk had long since lost its top coating of sand and cement, and you could see many of the stones in the concrete.

While it may not have looked great, it was still solid and usable. My guess is this sidewalk was installed long before 1950.

It's important to realize that basic concrete has just four ingredients: sand, stones, Portland cement and water. The Portland cement is what holds the sand and stones together for years and years, assuming you do lots of things right when you mix, pour, finish and cure it.

The more cement you add to your mix, the stronger the concrete is going to be. The minimum strength for exterior concrete that most experts recommend is a 4,000 pounds-per-



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The more cement you add to your mix, the stronger the concrete is going to be and the longer it will last as a result.

square-inch compressive-strength blend. This is referred to as a six-bag mix per cubic yard of concrete. The standard bag of cement weighs 94 pounds, so you're talking about having 564 pounds of Portland cement in each cubic yard.

Realize this is a minimum recommendation. Nothing is stopping you from putting in seven or even eight bags per cubic yard. I just checked at my local big box store, and the retail cost for a bag of cement is \$13.75. Would you pay that small additional amount per cubic yard of your new concrete to extend its life by decades? Of course, you would.

But making good concrete is not just a matter of adding more cement. You need to keep the amount of water used to mix concrete to a minimum. You do need to add enough water to get the mix to be plastic so you can work it, but not so fluid that it sloshes around inside the forms like watery

vegetable soup.

Water is the lightest of the ingredients in the mix, and when you're finishing the concrete, clear water can appear upon the surface as you wait for the concrete to get hard enough to finish. Pros call this bleed water.

Never trowel this bleed water into the surface of the concrete. It often evaporates, or you can pull it off using a rubber hose you drag across the wet concrete. Troweling the bleed water into the concrete dilutes the amount of cement paste near the surface. You don't want to dilute the cement paste at the surface.

Corrosion-resistant reinforcing steel, concrete thickness, curing and a solid subgrade under the new concrete are all very important too. I've gone into great detail about these things in many past columns on my AsktheBuilder.com website. I urge you to read all of them.

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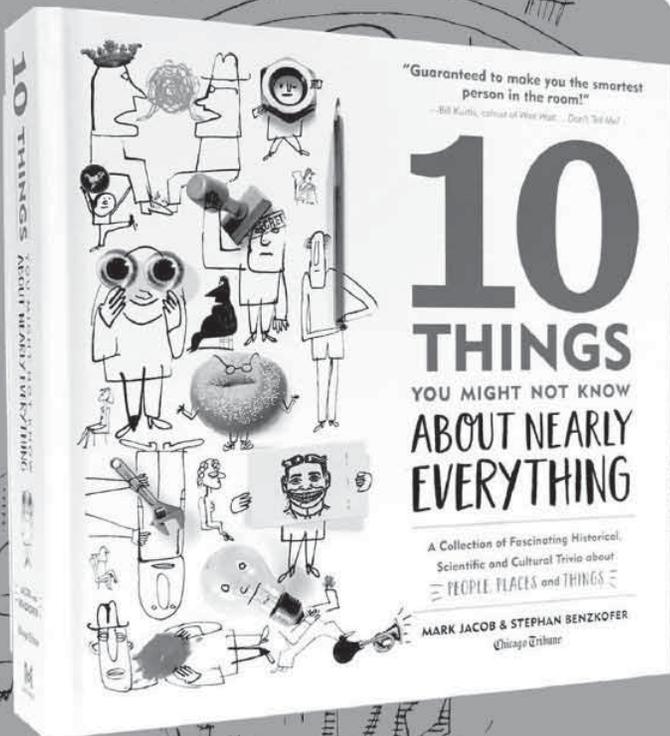


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Stagnant air and dirty filters can make it easier to catch communicable diseases.

## Home tips to keep you healthy

**BY DIANA CRANDALL**  
Home Advisor

It's that time of year again: Cold and flu season has arrived, spreading sniffles and sore throats throughout school hallways and office boardrooms. You can't keep your kid out of class, but there are ways to dispel sickness in your home. Use these upgrades to keep your space a healthy one, 365 days a year.

**1. Banish bacteria:** If you frequently cook with raw meat, eggs or other products that facilitate bacteria growth, consider installing engineered quartz countertops in your kitchen. Engineered quartz is a non-porous, man-made material that doesn't allow for mold and mildew growth and doesn't absorb bacteria. Engineered quartz also is crack-, chip- and stain-resistant, and it doesn't require the type of maintenance that other materials do. Curious about cost? Homeowners report paying an average of \$2,920 for countertop installation, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

**2. Upgrade your HVAC:** You rarely think about it,

but the air quality and temperature in your home can contribute to illness. Stagnant air, dirty filters and frigid cold spots can make it easier to catch communicable diseases — and all of these problems can be fixed with the help of a heating, ventilation and air conditioning professional. Prices range between \$164 and \$550 for HVAC work, homeowners report via HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

**3. Level up your tech:** Updated technology allows you greater control of your life and health. Self-cleaning toilets keep your bathroom spick-and-span. Smart refrigerators and ovens allow you to plan and cook healthy meals while reducing food waste. To get a good night's rest, consider a smart bed that can adjust temperature and position to make you as comfortable as possible throughout the night. Need assistance with an install? A home automation pro can sync all of your devices and systems for you, so you can spend less time troubleshooting and more time enjoying the benefits. Homeowners report paying an average range of \$381 to \$1,764 for this type

of work, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

**4. Check pipes and plumbing:** Take a peek at the damp, dark parts of your home: under sinks, through crawlspaces, inside your AC vent. These are places that can harbor mold, according to Jim Schuelke, co-founder of Twin Home Experts. Especially if there's been a leak — even a small one. Most importantly, mold can make you sick for months before you realize the cause.

“If you're not feeling well — maybe itchy eyes, respiratory issues — things of that sort are indicators and symptoms of mold toxicity in the home,” says Schuelke. And if you do spot mold, it's important to call a plumbing professional to remove it, because trying to do it yourself can make the problem worse. When you disturb mold without proper chemicals and precautions, the spores can travel to another location in your house — known as “secondary damage.” Homeowners report paying an average of \$2,224 for mold remediation, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

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And for you as the borrower, there really is nothing to worry about. The details of the loan you closed on — amount, term, interest rate, and everything else — will not change one iota. The only adjustment will be the address or ACH destination where you send your monthly payment.

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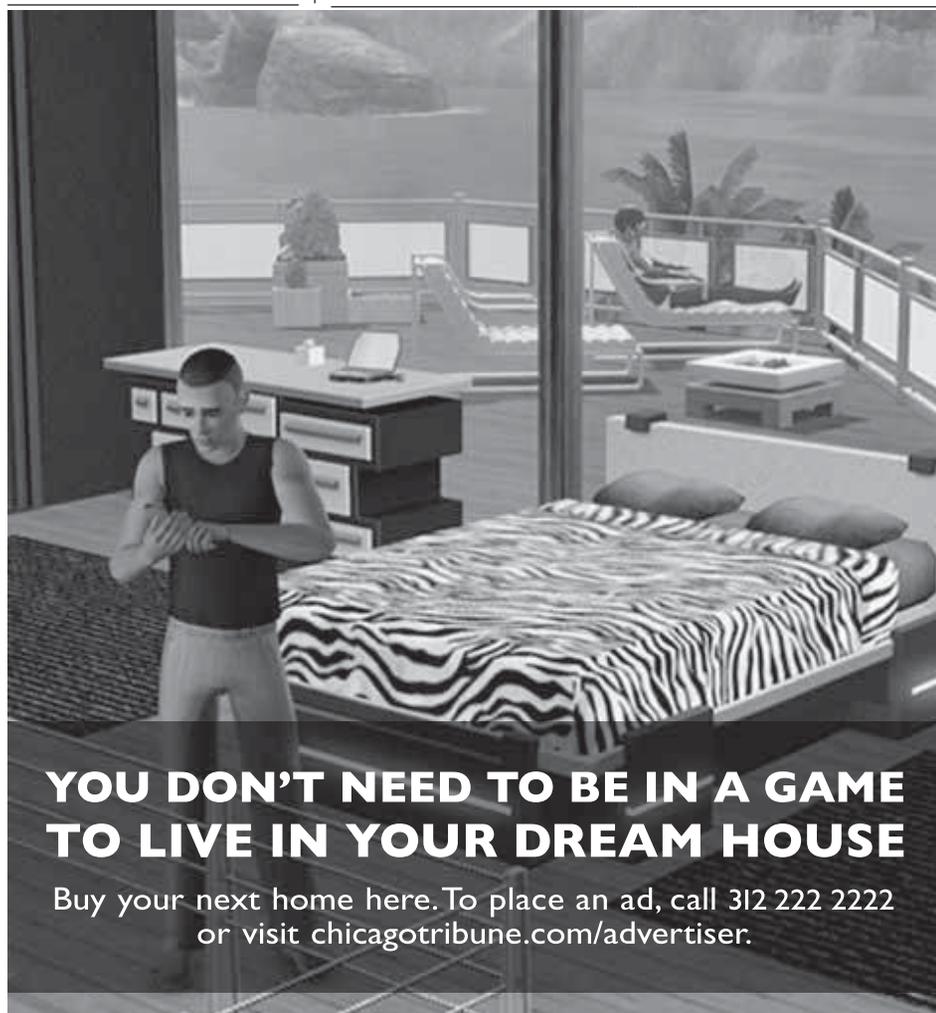
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Up to snuff? When you're planning a family trip to Nebraska and Iowa, it's important to remember that a bevy of fleet vehicles will not await your arrival. Someone offers something, and you grab it.

**2019 Toyota Sequoia:** When you need some space. **Price:** \$59,944 as tested. TRD Sport-Premium added \$3,810 for leather seats with many adjustments, Entune premium audio, and more.

**Conventional wisdom:** Consumer Reports likes the "strong, refined power train, generous accommodations, towing capability," but not its "agility, braking, stiff, unsettled ride or fuel economy."

**Play some tunes:** The Sequoia as tested offered seating for seven (seating for eight is possible in the right configurations), yet the test model had a grand total of one USB port. This is a vehicle last redesigned when George W. Bush was president.

Volume and tuning were easily handled from dials, and three buttons get you around the main portion of the system. But from there, it's the small, hard-to-read, lost-in-the-sun touchscreen.

**Friends and stuff:** Having spent a couple of hours in the generous accommodations of a Ford Expedition for a previous review, riding in the Sequoia was more of a squeeze. The cargo hold behind the three rows seemed tighter — space there is 18.9 cubic feet, so picture a large sedan standing on end. But overall cargo space tops at 120 cubic feet. It's funny that Sturgis Kids 1.0 and 4.0, Sturgis Fiance 1.0, and the much-missed Sturgis 2.0's significant other all felt more squeezed back there.

**Driver's seat:** The Sequoia's driving manners definitely won this portion of the race thus far. The long, large windows made the all-around view much nicer, and lane changes were no longer the stuff of nightmares the way the Expedition gave me.

**On the road:** Handling in the Sequoia felt more carlike. Driving the streets of Omaha and the highways to Des Moines didn't offer a whole lot of steering challenges, but the cruising was far easier.

Driving a car on a trip is never a problem when the review is positive. But this negative review gives me pause, so I'll add this caveat — maybe the roads in Nebraska and Iowa are far worse than I'm used to. But I know that these tires — 275/55/20s — are wide and designed for keeping the vehicle overtop the mud, so they probably do the same thing for the rain, when it's less welcome.

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**NEW 2019 Ram 1500 BIG HORN QUAD CAB 4x4** 6'4" Box #191598 MSRP: \$60,800\* LEASE:

**\$289 PER MO. | 42 MONTHS\***

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**New 2020 Chevrolet Malibu 1LS**  
FWD #C200096

**Sale Price: \$17,293** or Lease for: **\$125** per mo./39 mos.\*

**0% APR X 72 MONTHS**  
on 2019 SPARK, BOLT, VOLT, TRAX, MALIBU, IMPALA, EQUINOX, TRAVERSE, TAHOE & SUBURBAN!

**BLACK FRIDAY SALES EVENT**

Get 10%-20% Off MSRP! WE ARE AN OFFICIAL TOYS FOR TOTS DROP-OFF LOCATION! Lease Loyalty Available!

**New 2019 Chevrolet Blazer**  
FWD #C190965

**Sale Price: \$26,200** or Lease for: **\$199** per mo./39 mos.\*

**New 2020 Chevrolet Equinox LS**  
FWD #C200039

**Sale price: \$19,589**

**New 2020 Chevrolet Spark**  
HB LS #C200278

**Sale price: \$11,031**

**New 2020 Chevrolet Trax**  
FWD LS #C200203

**Sale price: \$15,089**

**New 2019 Chevrolet Impala**  
#C190981 MSRP: \$28,895

**Sale price: \$23,022**

**New 2020 Chevrolet Traverse**  
FWD 1LS #C200509

**Sale price: \$26,103**

**New 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe**  
4WD LT #C200139

**Sale price: \$47,915**

**New 2019 Chevrolet Silverado**  
1500 REG. CAB LONG BOX 4WD WT #C190806

**Sale Price: \$30,630** or Lease for: **\$299** per mo./39 mos.\*

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SAT 9AM-7PM

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\*Plus tax, title, license and doc fee. †Lease for 39 months w/\$3,990 down, \$0 security deposit plus tax, title and doc fee with approved credit. 10K miles per year. Extra fees may apply at lease termination. Plus tax, title, license, and doc. fee. †0% for 72 months figured at \$13.89 per \$1,000 financed w/\$0 down to qualified buyers w/approved credit on select models. †Lease loyalty available to qualified current Chevy owners on select models. MSRP may not be the price at which the vehicle is sold in the trade area. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/prices may change per manufacturer. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.



**BLACK FRIDAY WEEKEND EVENT THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY!**



**NEW 2019 FORD ESCAPE**

**0% APR X 60 MOS. PLUS \$1,000 FORD REBATE**

**- OR - LEASE FOR \$249 /MO. X 36 MOS.**

\$2,809 DUE AT SIGNING. \$0 SEC DEP.

**NEW 2019 FORD FUSION SE**



**BUY FOR \$16,985**

**NEW 2019 FORD F-150 XLT**



**\$15,500 OFF MSRP - OR - 0% APR X 72 MOS.**


**847-793-1201**
1010 South Milwaukee Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
[www.napletonfordlibertyville.com](http://www.napletonfordlibertyville.com)  
\*Plus tax title and lic. & Doc. fee. \$0 Sec. dep. See dealer for details. Savings from MSRP. MSRP may not be the actual price at which the vehicle is sold in that trade area. Exp. \$13.88 per thousand financed. 12/2/19.



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At Napleton Cadillac of Libertyville



LUXURY PACKAGE • STK#2405N • MSRP \$56,515 • MILES 3,622

**2019  
CADILLAC  
CTS AWD**

**0% APR FOR 72 MOS.**

**OR LEASE FOR \$299 PER MO. X 39 MOS.<sup>1</sup>**

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2018 - DEALER OF THE YEAR



NAPLETON CADILLAC OF LIBERTYVILLE  
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2018 - DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD

\$13.88 per thousand financed. State Sales Tax included, \$3000 down, 10k miles plus title, Lic. and Doc Fee all applicable incentives applied. Exp. 12/2/19.

**NAPLETON CADILLAC  
OF LIBERTYVILLE**

**LOCATION**  
1050 South Milwaukee Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

**SALES**  
847.807.4242  
Fax: 847.362.9506  
Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm  
Fri 9am-7pm  
Sat 9am-6pm

**SERVICE**  
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# EMPLOYEE PRICING **PLUS**

NEW 2020

**Chrysler PACIFICA**  
TOURING L PLUS #200127

0% APR  
x 60 MONTHS\*



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NEW 2019

**Jeep COMPASS LIMITED**  
FWD #192723 MSRP: \$31,440\*



LEASE  
**\$149**  
PER MO. | 36 MOS.\*

**LIVE BROADCAST**  
93.9  
LITE FM  
from 11am-3pm

**BLACK FRIDAY**  
HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING  
**KICK-OFF**

Be on hand on Black Friday for  
**FREE HOURLY GIVEAWAYS**  
TVs, iPads, Apple Watches & More!  
No purchase necessary.

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Items for ages 0-16 years.  
Gifts for babies & teens most needed!  
New, unwrapped toys, please.

Bring in a Donation &  
get a Raffle Ticket!



Adoptable  
Dogs  
On-Site!

Wish List: Paper Towels · Durable Toys  
Greenies Pill Pockets · Cosequin DS for the Seniors  
Leashes (sm & lg) · Martingale Collars (sm & lg)  
Small Collars · Fish Oil Chews · Dog Beds  
Antlers Dog Chews (6 inches or longer)



NEW 2019 **Jeep RENEGADE**  
LATITUDE FWD  
#192236 MSRP: \$28,855\* LEASE:

**\$149**  
PER MO. | 36 MONTHS\*

NEW 2019 **Jeep Grand CHEROKEE**  
LIMITED 4x4  
#192744 MSRP: \$43,090\* LEASE:

**\$279**  
PER MO. | 36 MONTHS\*

NEW 2019 **Jeep GLADIATOR**  
SPORT S 4x4  
#200030 MSRP: \$43,820\* LEASE:

**\$199**  
PER MO. | 36 MONTHS\*

NEW 2019 **Jeep CHEROKEE**  
LIMITED FWD  
#190660 MSRP: \$41,835\* LEASE:

**\$269**  
PER MO. | 39 MONTHS\*



NEW 2020 **Jeep WRANGLER**  
UNLIMITED SPORT S 4x4  
#200226 MSRP: \$40,775\* LEASE:

**\$269**  
PER MO. | 36 MONTHS\*

NEW 2019 **Dodge CHALLENGER**  
SXT #191956 MSRP: \$36,720

**\$7,100**  
Off MSRP!

NEW 2019 **Dodge JOURNEY**  
SE AWD #191883 MSRP: \$32,075

**\$8,700**  
Off MSRP!

NEW 2019 **Chrysler 300 TOURING**  
#192364 MSRP: \$41,635

**\$11,300**  
Off MSRP!



NEW 2019 **Ram 1500 REBEL**  
CREW CAB 4x4 5'7" Box  
#191364 MSRP: \$60,440\* SALE:

**\$46,338**

**\$14,102**  
Off MSRP!

NEW 2019 **Ram 1500 TRADESMAN**  
CREW CAB 4x4 6'4" Box  
#190626 MSRP: \$47,995\* SALE:

**\$35,755**

**\$12,200**  
Off MSRP!

NEW 2018 **Ram PROMASTER**  
3500 CUTAWAY 136" WB/81" CA  
#183448 MSRP: \$45,920\* SALE:

**\$36,599**

**\$9,321**  
Off MSRP!

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QUAD CAB 4x4 6'4" Box  
#191598 MSRP: \$50,800\* LEASE:

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## 2019 XT4

Premium Luxury FWD • MSRP \$45,285 • Stk. #91018

Ettleson Price **\$37,988**

Plus tax, license & registration. Must currently own or lease a 2005 or newer Cadillac. Expires 12/02/2019.

OR **\$348 / 39 / \$3,995**  
PER MONTH<sup>1</sup> MONTHS DUE AT SIGNING

Lease 39 months 10,000 miles with \$3,995 down plus tax, 1st pmnt and plates. Expires 12/02/2019.

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## 2019 XT5

Luxury FWD • MSRP \$52,220 • Stk. #91228

Ettleson Price **\$42,688**

Plus tax, license & registration. Must currently own or lease a 2005 or newer Cadillac. Expires 12/02/2019.

OR **\$359 / 39 / \$3,995**  
PER MONTH<sup>1</sup> MONTHS DUE AT SIGNING

Lease 39 months 10,000 miles with \$3,995 down plus tax, 1st pmnt and plates. Expires 12/02/2019.

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VEHICLE



## 2019 XTS

Luxury AWD • Demo • MSRP \$55,990 • Stk. #90848

Ettleson Price **\$44,988**

Plus tax, license & registration. Must currently own or lease a 2005 or newer Cadillac. Expires 12/02/2019.

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TRANSPORTATION  
VEHICLE



## 2019 ESCALADE

ESV 4WD Luxury • MSRP \$90,325 • Stk. #91146

Ettleson Price **\$74,988**

Plus tax, license & registration. Must currently own or lease a 2005 or newer GM or non-GM vehicle. Expires 12/02/2019.

2009 CADILLAC DTS 4dr Sdn w/ISC. Stock #K5086A <b>\$12,995</b>	2018 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4WD 4dr Platinum stock #91193A <b>\$67,863</b>	2019 CADILLAC CT6 4dr 3.6L Luxury AWD Stock #K4902 <b>\$47,995</b>
2019 CADILLAC CTS 4dr Sdn 3.6L Luxury. Stock #K5085 <b>\$30,975</b>	2018 CADILLAC XT5 Luxury AWD Stock #K5144 <b>\$34,995</b>	2017 CADILLAC XTS 4dr Sdn Luxury FWD. Stock #K5050A <b>\$23,995</b>
2019 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4WD 4dr Luxury Stock #K4954 <b>\$61,992</b>	2017 CADILLAC CTS 2.0L Turbo 4dr Sdn Luxury AWD. Stock #K5075 <b>\$24,995</b>	2015 CADILLAC SRX 4dr Premium Collection FWD. Stock #K5074 <b>\$23,943</b>

Cadillac Lease Pull Ahead for Leases expiring through August 1st, 2020.<sup>^</sup>

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## Sales Event

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## BEAT THE SALES TAX INCREASE!

### DID YOU KNOW...?

STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020, LOCAL SALES TAX WILL BE APPLIED TO ANY TRADE-IN VALUE OVER \$10,000!

## 2019 Buick ENCORE Preferred FWD

Demo. Stk. #90907

Lease for **\$78** /mo.\*



Plus Tax, Title & License. Must qualify for GM Lease Loyalty. Must currently lease a GM vehicle. \$3995 down. 36 month lease. Expires 12/2/19.

Call 708-215-2350 to schedule a test drive today!

## 2020 GMC TERRAIN SLE FWD

Stk. #200176

Lease for **\$159** /mo.\*



Plus Tax, Title & License. Must qualify for GM Lease Loyalty. 1st payment due at signing. Must currently lease a non-GM vehicle. \$3995 down. 36 month lease. Expires 12/2/19.

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Since 1968!

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## 2019 GMC ACADIA SLE-1 FWD

Stk. #90967

Lease for **\$178** /mo.\*



Plus Tax, Title & License. Must qualify for GM Lease Loyalty. 1st payment due at signing. Must currently lease a non-GM vehicle. \$3995 down. 36 month lease. Expires 12/2/19.

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## 2020 Buick ENCLAVE Essence FWD

Stk. #20095

Lease for **\$299** /mo.\*



Plus Tax, Title & License. Must qualify for GM Lease Loyalty. 1st payment due at signing. Must currently lease a GM vehicle. \$3995 down. 36 month lease. Expires 12/2/19.

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**708-579-5000**

Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of \$0.25/mile over contract mileage. Must currently lease either a non-GM or GM vehicle. Offers end 11/30/2019. See dealer for details. †Must be a written offer. ^We will beat any local competitive dealer on exact car with exact equipment.



# BLACK FRIDAY SAVINGS EVENT

WE ARE OPEN 9AM - 11PM ON BLACK FRIDAY

New 2020 HYUNDAI

## ELANTRA SE

STK #HY4655



LEASE FOR **\$139\*** PER MO.

OR **0% APR X 72 MOS.\***

BUY FOR **\$17,998**

\*Payments based on 36 months with 10,000 miles per year. \$3,024 due at lease signing plus tax, license, title, \$179.81 doc fee and 1st payment upfront with approved credit by HMFC.

New 2020 HYUNDAI

## KONA SE

STK #HY4497



LEASE FOR **\$169\*** PER MO.

OR **0.9% APR X 60 MOS.\***

BUY FOR **\$19,573**

\*Payments based on 36 months with 10,000 miles per year. \$3,199 due at lease signing plus tax, license, title, \$179.81 doc fee and 1st payment upfront with approved credit by HMFC.

New 2020 HYUNDAI

## SANTA FE SE AWD

STK #HY4769



LEASE FOR **\$229\*** PER MO.

OR **0% APR X 72 MOS.\***

BUY FOR **\$26,674**

\*Payments based on 36 months with 10,000 miles per year. \$4,199 due at lease signing plus tax, license, title, \$179.81 doc fee and 1st payment upfront with approved credit by HMFC.



HYUNDAI Assurance

**America's Best Warranty\***  
10-Year/100,000-Mile Powertrain Limited Warranty  
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Sales: 847-336-9855  
Service: 847-744-9177

\*All prices/ payments plus tax, title, license, and \$179.81 doc fee. All factory rebates that are available to all qualified buyers are applied to pricing. Cash back and financing varies by model. Dealer will not honor pricing errors. See dealer for details. EXP 11/30/2019

# BLACK FRIDAY SAVINGS EVENT

At Napleton Lincoln in Glenview



## NEW 2020 LINCOLN CORSAIR

Stk#2679 - VIN#5LMCJ1C96LUL04501

LEASE FOR **\$399\*** PER MO. X 36 MOS.\*

\$3200 due at delivery.

## NEW 2019 LINCOLN NAUTILUS STANDARD AWD SUV

Stk# 2454 - VIN: 2LMPJ8J96KBL48264

LEASE FOR **\$409\*** PER MO. X 36 MOS.\*

\$3250 due at delivery.



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**HOLIDAY**  
**STICKER**  
**SALES EVENT**

Bob Rohrman

# Schaumburg Kia



# BLACK FRIDAY DOORBUSTER MADNESS

DOORS OPEN AT 7AM

## 50% OFF

ON SELECT USED VEHICLES<sup>^</sup>

2012 Ford Fusion  
 MILES 139,871 KBB - \$6,405  
  
 Stk# 7254a  
 Your Black Friday Price: **\$1,702**

2004 Honda CR-V EX Sport  
 MILES 126,273 KBB - \$5,576  
  
 Stk# 7457A  
 Your Black Friday Price: **\$2,788**

2006 Chrysler Pacifica  
 MILES 100,471 KBB - \$4,137  
  
 Stk# 7369B  
 Your Black Friday Price: **\$2,068**

2007 Honda Fit  
 KBB - \$4,964  
  
 Stk# 7418a  
 Your Black Friday Price: **\$2,482**

2010 Nissan Versa  
 MILES 66,578 KBB - \$6,225  
  
 Stk# 7302a  
 Your Black Friday Price: **\$3,112**

2007 Gmc Acadia SLT  
 MILES 186,525 KBB - \$6,542  
  
 Stk# P2593a  
 Your Black Friday Price: **\$3,271**

ON BLACK FRIDAY WEEKEND SAVE AT SCHAUMBURG KIA WHEN YOU PURCHASE A SELECT QUALITY PRE-OWNED VEHICLE FOR 50% OFF THE RETAIL VALUE LISTED IN KELLY BLUE BOOK.<sup>^</sup>

# USED CARS ONLY \$99\*

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

2001 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE  
 140,433 miles  
 KBB - \$3,127  
  
 Stk# 7607a  
**Black Friday Special \$99**

SUZUKI VERONA  
 111,342 miles  
 KBB - \$2,568  
  
 Stk# 7019A  
**Black Friday Special \$99**

2007 Kia SORENTO  
 183,718 miles  
 KBB - \$4,325  
  
 Stk# P2563A  
**Black Friday Special \$99**

2001 Toyota CAMRY  
 192,448 miles  
 KBB - \$3,431  
  
 Stk# P2569A  
**Black Friday Special \$99**

Log on to [SchaumburgKia.com](http://SchaumburgKia.com) and Check out our Black Friday vehicle specials page.  
**50% OFF & \$99 VEHICLES WILL NOT LAST LONG.**

## BLACK FRIDAY RAFFLE GIVE AWAYS EVERY HOUR!

\$500 Visa Gift Card, \$250 Visa Gift Card, \$100 gift Cards, gas cards, Amazon and Best Buy gift cards, restaurant gift cards, 70" inch flat screen, 60" flat screen, iPads and other Technology products. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

# Your New Kia Is On Us!

## IF IT SNOWS ON CHRISTMAS DAY 2019

*Let it Snow!!!*

Buy ANY brand-new Kia from Bob Rohrman Schaumburg Kia, this BLACK FRIDAY WEEKEND, and if it snows on Christmas Day, WE WILL PAY OFF YOUR NEW Kia NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU OWE!!!<sup>(1)</sup>



2020 Kia Soul LX

2020 Kia Sportage EX

2020 Kia Telluride SX

**0% APR - FOR - 84 MO.**<sup>(2)</sup>  
 ON EVERY NEW Kia IN STOCK

OR

**\$3,000 - \$10,000 OFF**  
 EVERY NEW Kia IN STOCK<sup>(3)</sup>



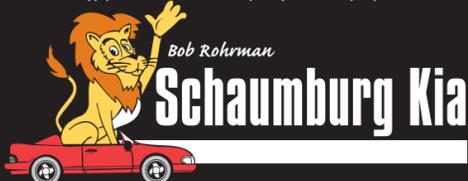
2019 Kia Sorento SX Limited

**WE WILL BEAT**  
 Any Advertised Price By A Competitive  
 Kia Dealer, Costco, True Car  
 by **\$500.00!!!**<sup>(4)</sup>

First 10 Service customers (before 10 am),  
**FREE OIL CHANGE**  
 Next 10 Service customers  
**\$9.95 OIL CHANGE**  
**\$179 REMOTE START** with installation  
**RAFFLING COMPLIMENTARY MAINTENANCE SERVICE PACKAGES ALL DAY LONG**  
See Service advisor for details. Plus tax & disposal fee. Valid only on 11/29/19



Plus tax, title, license and doc fee. All offers with approved credit. \* Offer only valid on a "select" group of pre-owned vehicles. Vehicles are in good driving condition and are not warranted. Limited to the first 7 customers and vehicles sold on Black Friday, November 29, 2019. ^The value of used vehicles varies with mileage, use and condition. Book values should be considered estimates only. (1) Offer valid with purchase or lease of brand new Kia vehicles from Schaumburg Kia on Friday, 11/29/2019 or Saturday, 11/30/2019 during advertised business hours. If it snows 6 inches or more at Schaumburg Kia, 1100 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173 on 12/25/2019 from 12:01am to 11:59 pm, the open lease or finance balance of all new Kias purchased on the promo dates will be reimbursed. You will not be refunded down payment, lease capital cost reduction, any payments already made, or your trade-in equity. This event is underwritten and insured by Hole in One USA and subject to their verification and rules. Hole in One USA is the sole judge on this event. Rules and restrictions apply. Measurement is made by independent 3rd party weather service retained by Schaumburg Kia. See us for full details. (2) 0% APR financing for 84 months on select new models, a down payment may be required. 0% is a buy down rate and may affect final purchase price. Max financed at 0% equals \$15,000. \$11.90 per \$1000 financed. Financing through PNC Bank for well qualified buyers. (3) \$5000 Cash Back from Kia Motors Finance and \$5000 in Rohrman Discounts (example 2019 Kia Sorento SX Limited V6 SUV Stock: 7316. (4) Bring in any local competitors advertised price or signed buyers order on comparable vehicle, comparably equipped in stock model at the same MSRP and Schaumburg Kia will beat it. All offers expire 11/30/19



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 On Golf Rd. Just west of Woodfield Mall.

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Viking Ski Shop offers a large variety of skis for men and women and 40 models of snowboards as well as boots, helmets and outerwear to make outdoor activities even more enjoyable.



## Viking Ski Shop has ideal gifts | Find items for novice to expert skiers, snowboarders

The surprise Halloween snowstorm that blanketed the Chicago area and much of the Midwest proved a bane for many, but for skiers and snowboarders it offered the promise of their time to partake in the winter activities they so look forward to.

And with Christmas only weeks away, there is no better time to consider the perfect gift to make their outdoor activities even more enjoyable and safer.

For more than a half century, Viking Ski Shop has catered to local skiers and snowboarders with a wide-ranging assortment of equipment, clothing and accessories for all levels of proficiency and price points, says owner Bob Olson, 77.

For those looking for the latest thing, Olson says equipment is continually improving and evolving. New materials make boots lighter, thus easier to get around in, while skis have been engi-

neered to improve turning ability and reduce vibration.

Olson says Viking sells about 60 models of skis for men and women, including such top names as Völkl, Atomic, Blizzard and Rossignol, and 40 models of snowboards, including Burton, Never Summer, Lib Tech and Gnu. Entry level for skis and binding runs around \$299, while intermediate packages range from \$499 to \$799.

Got an expert skier on your shopping list who wants the best? Olson says Viking carries skis that list at \$1,200 too.

While beginners are advised to rent skis at first, Olson suggests that they should consider buying a pair of their own fitted boots, which provide needed comfort and make skiing more pleasant.

"The skiing experience is built off the boots," he says. "You certainly can't get that out of a rental boot."

Viking staffers measure a

customer's foot in various ways, then the boots are customized to provide the proper fit, a process that can take up to three hours to complete.

Of course, it takes more than just skis or a snowboard for a pleasurable day on the slopes. Viking offers water-repellent pants and jackets that will keep wearers dry and warmer, letting them stay on the mountain longer. Quality gloves, socks and goggles, which Viking always keeps in stock in an array of styles and colors, also are a must.

Maybe the best gift from a safety perspective is a new helmet. Olson says his employees ensure a proper fit. "If it's not fit right, it's not going to protect you as it's supposed to."

Viking opened its door in Chicago in 1966, and Olson started working there part time soon after, he says. He wasn't much of a skier when he tried it at age 20 — "I was terrible," he admits —

but he fell in love with the sport, which led him to eventually becoming the owner of the store 26 years ago.

Thirteen years ago, Olson added the Barrington location. He says the two outlets carry pretty much the same merchandise, though the Barrington location carries more things for young people because of the heavier concentration of families in the suburbs, he says.

For those who like to travel out west or elsewhere for bigger mountains than found in the Midwest, a travel bag for their skis or snowboards could make an ideal gift, Olson says. The bags come in a durable fabric, some with padding, as well as hard-shell cases for extra protection during handling at airports.

Viking's attention to customer service and value has not gone unnoticed. The Snowsports Industries America named it the top shop of 2019, and Ski

magazine has recognized Viking as the top ski shop in the nation, Olson says.

In addition to its special Christmas season sales prices, Viking will match the prices for skis, snowboards and bindings, Olson says.

For someone looking for a truly special gift for a loved one, their family or, perhaps, themselves, Viking offers its annual employee and customer spring trip every April. Vail, Colorado, is a favorite location because of its reliable snow conditions at that time of the year, Olson says. The trip typically brings together about 20 employees and 60 to 100 customers for five days on the slopes.

Viking Ski Shop is located at 3422 W. Fullerton Ave., in Chicago, 773-276-1222; and 131 W. Northwest Highway, in Barrington, 847-381-1188. For more information, visit [vikingskishop.com](http://vikingskishop.com).

## Family magic show for the holidays

### Direct from London's West End: 'Champions of Magic'

This holiday season, the five world-class illusionists that make "Champions of Magic" a mind-bending theatrical production are coming to Chicago for the first time following sell out shows across the globe, rave reviews and a run in London's West End. Don't miss this incredible show that will entertain the entire family this holiday season at the Harris Theater starting Dec. 23.

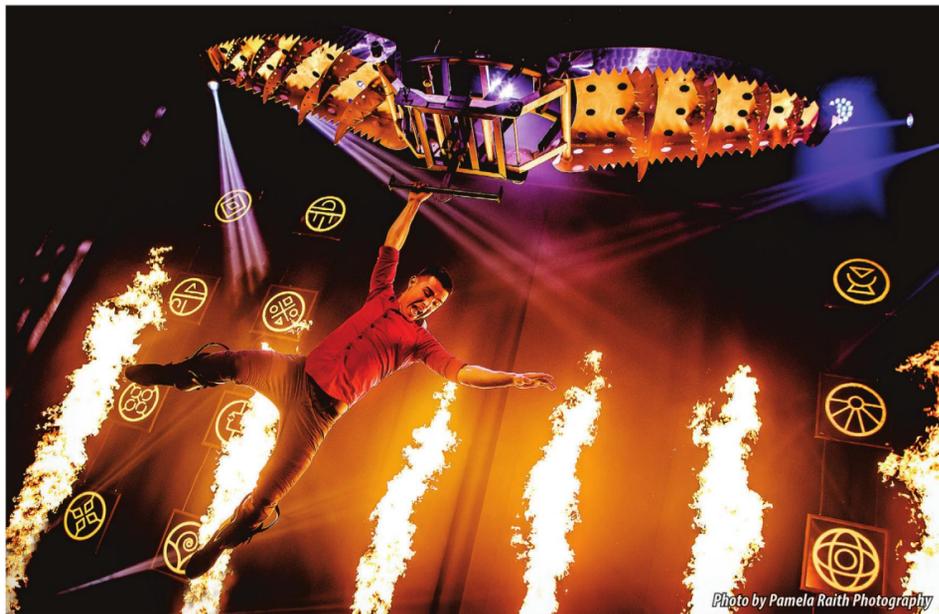
With more than 30 million online views between them, this cast of top magicians includes international award-winners presenting incredible mind reading, stunning close-up magic and daring large-scale illusions. Their skills have been seen on screen around the world with appearances on The CW's "Penn & Teller: Fool Us," NBC's "The Today Show" and "Access Hollywood Live."

The "Champions of Magic" team present incredible interactive

magic, an impossible escape from Houdini's water torture cell, a mind-blowing prediction that has to be seen to be believed, levitation high above the stage and a finale beyond explanation. The show features spectacular illusions that can't be seen anywhere else.

The award-winning Champions featured in the show present a variety of magic for audiences of all ages. The Champions are illusionist duo Richard Young and Sam Strange, mind reader Alex McAleer, close-up magician Kayla Drescher and escapologist Fernando Velasco.

Described by the British Press as "a spectacular family show" (Heart FM) and "slick, clever, funny and amazing" (Hereford Times), "Champions of Magic" has been witnessed by hundreds of thousands of fans across the UK and North America, including many fans who flock to see one of the



The award-winning "Champions of Magic" features a variety of magic for audiences of all ages at the Harris Theater.

world's biggest mind-blowing illusion shows time and again. Paper City Magazine in Houston review calls the show, "A magic show worthy of our video game and Instagram times." Now Magazine states: "Mind boggling ... crowd-pleasing family fun."

This holiday season engagement in Chicago promises to be thrilling and memorable.

Harris Theater is located at 205 E. Randolph Drive in Chicago. For ticket information, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).



The "Champions of Magic" team of magicians present incredible interactive magic and daring large-scale illusions.

## How to be comfortable when holiday shopping

Shopping can be time-consuming come the holiday season. According to a Consumer Reports Holiday Shopping Poll, during the holiday season, the average American spends roughly 42 hours buying, wrapping and returning gifts.

Holiday shopping can be both physically and mentally tiring. But there's no reason why holiday shopping excursions cannot be comfortable.

**Keep weather in mind.** The weather can affect where shoppers do their shopping. Select indoor malls or outlets and other retailers with overhead coverage

to protect against the elements.

**Choose easy-flow stores.** Stores that are easy to navigate and offer ample room for multiple people to shop simultaneously can feel more comfortable, even during the busy holiday season.

**Wear comfortable clothing.** The rise in luxury loungewear means shoppers can be comfortable and look good at the same time. Choose footwear that will not rub and cause blisters while offering ample arch support to prevent tired feet.

**Arrive well-fed.** It's difficult to make shopping decisions on



Prepare before shopping to make your excursions more enjoyable.

an empty stomach. Heading to stores satiated can improve productivity and help avoid fatigue or impulse food stops.

**Consider shopping small.** Many small business owners go out of their way to provide a comfortable shopping experience, establishing rapport and solving problems for customers.

**Shop unencumbered.** Leave unnecessary items at home so as not to be burdened down by

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## Holiday GIFT GUIDE

# Share the beauty of Asia with a gift from China Furniture

China Furniture and Arts brings the timeless quality of fine oriental furniture and arts to the Chicago area and to the world.

The 15,000-square-foot store in Westmont features more than 1,110 items on display and caters to a clientele who treasure the quality and uniqueness of handmade, traditionally crafted furniture. There's not a room in your house or office that cannot be enhanced by a selection of an item from the store's vast array of furniture, planters, wall décor, statues and figurines.

The store stands behind the products it sells by providing a lifetime guarantee on furniture. It also provides the best in value by working directly with manufacturers in China to reduce costs.

The tale of how the store was started reads like an all-American success story. The founder was James S. Chou, father of the current owner Joe Chou. The elder Chou opened his first store in Taiwan in 1959 and then expanded to the North American market by opening a showroom in Los Angeles in 1980. He debuted the current showroom in Westmont in 1982.

The store also takes pride in offering a collection of classically-

designed furniture and other pieces that are beautifully restored and which date from bygone eras, from the Ming Dynasty (1450) to the Chin Dynasty (1910).

A visit to the store during the holiday season is a must for anyone looking for a standout gift or an item to add to their own home. The beauty of China and its ancient culture is reflected throughout the store's captivating décor. The holidays can feel overwhelming, but visitors to China Furniture and Arts will feel like they're enjoying a tranquil journey to Asia.

That peaceful feeling starts with one of store's most appealing elements — a koi pond that features the flickers of orange and gold as fish flit through the water. Guests can take in the pond while listening to the gentle sound of Chinese instrumental music playing softly in the background. They also may sip a cup of tea offered to them as they meander through the elegant showroom that highlights jade, porcelain or bronze sculptures, furniture decorated with inlaid mother of pearl accents, richly hued silk accent pillows and wall hangings, and a selection of the largest traditional Chinese solid rosewood furniture in the country.



China Furniture in Westmont offers a wide selection of hand-painted wooden jewelry boxes and chests that are unlike anything else with features such as mirrored lift tops, felt lined compartments and solid brass hardware.

To show its appreciation for its customers, China Furniture and Arts is offering several not-to-be-missed shopping events. The store will celebrate the holiday season with a special sale now through the last week of December. Every item in the store will be offered at a 20% to 50% discount. In addition, the store will bestow a gift of a free tea set to any customer who spends \$100 or more.

Finding a special gift can be hard, but the store's highly trained staff will be able to help choose from an array of gifts, including ones that are priced at \$100 or lower. These gifts won't break the piggy bank even as they offer that handmade character and superior quality that a recipient will surely appreciate.

Some examples of gifts that are priced at about \$100 or under include hand-painted black or red lacquer jewelry boxes that are priced at \$108.99. These boxes feature felt interiors and are decorated with pearl inlay. Other lovely gift pieces include a collection of over 220 different handmade figurines and statues coming in various sizes, colors and prices starting at \$20. One example is a porcelain happy Buddha and is priced at \$92. It is clothed in a vividly-hued robe and, as a symbol of happiness, wealth and contentment, will bring joy to any setting.

For slightly more expensive gifts, the store offers a brilliantly colored red cloisonné vase hand-painted with an elegant motif of peonies and birds. Cloisonné is a

traditional handcrafted technique used for decorating metal work objects and has been practiced in China for centuries. The vase is \$298.

Whether you are seeking furniture to last a lifetime and longer or a special handcrafted gift for a friend or loved one, China Furniture and Arts stands ready to help you make your selection. It takes pride in offering superior customer service, with a curated range of gifts and other items that reflect its unique position as a store that focuses on sharing the beauty of Asia.

China Furniture and Arts is located at 35 S. Cass Ave. in Westmont. For more information, call 888-786-6888, 630-241-2888 or 630-241-0888 or visit [chinafurnitureonline.com](http://chinafurnitureonline.com).

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**MY ROBOTIC PET — TUMBLING HEDGEHOG** Build your own robotic pet hedgehog with this 172 building piece kit. The robot has a built-in sound sensor and is programmed to react to different sounds. After you build it, you can play with it by making different sounds and watching it tumble, roll, spin around, bristle its spines and scurry around. Item retails for \$39.99 at [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com).

**TIC TAC TOY XOXO FRIENDS SURPRISE BOX** Tic Tac Toy's XOXO Friends are packed with surprises. Follow the numbers marked on the boxes to unbox eight different surprises hidden inside. Each XOXO Friends collectible comes with colorful wings and silly accessories that are swappable with all of the other XOXO Friends. There are 12 unique Surprise Packs to collect. Item retails for \$9.99 at [target.com](http://target.com).



**PICTIONARY AIR** Mattel's Pictionary Air is a hysterical way to play the classic family drawing game. Draw in the air and see it on your device in this exciting take on the quick-draw classic. Download the Pictionary Air™ app to your smart phone or tablet to get started. Point the in-app camera at the illustrator and they will appear, along with their sketch, on the screen of your smart device. Item retails for \$19.99 at [kohls.com](http://kohls.com).

**MAKE YOUR OWN HOT SAUCE KIT** Anyone who appreciates a spicy kick to their food will love getting creative in the kitchen with this DIY hot sauce kit. Produce a piquant variety of hot sauces with this kit, offering cayenne, ancho, curry and chili spice packs. Simply follow the instructions, combining the spices with the included peppers, vinegars and brown sugar to create your own handcrafted condiments. Kit includes gloves, sterilizing solution, small funnel, bottle labels, and six 5-fluid-ounce glass containers for packaging your hot sauce. Item retails for \$35 at [uncommongoods.com](http://uncommongoods.com).



**DUMBLEDORE'S OFFICE SCENTED CANDLE** One whiff of this Harry-Potter scented candle and you will feel like you're back at Hogwarts. Turn your room into Dumbledore's office with a crackling candle that smells like a fireplace and Albus' favorite candy: lemon drops. Made with soy wax, fragrance oils and dye. Lead free. This 8-ounce candle smells just like a magical adventure through the wizarding world. Item retails for \$18 at [frostbeardstudio.com](http://frostbeardstudio.com).

**DEEP-DISH PIZZA COOKING CLASS** Learn how to create the perfect deep-dish pizza from the restaurant that invented it with a cooking class at Pizzeria Uno. Shape your dough in an UNO deep-dish pan, crush tomatoes to create the sauce, layer the cheese and add your choice of toppings. You'll get to enjoy your custom creation for lunch. Take home the recipe to make again. Classes are taught by UNO professionals with decades of deep-dish knowledge. Classes are offered at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Classes start at \$45 at Pizzeria Uno, [cookingclasses.unos.com](http://cookingclasses.unos.com).



**MOLCAJETE** You've heard of a mortar and pestle, but have you heard of a molcajete? These traditional Mexican variations on the stone-grinding tool are perfect for grinding spices and preparing guacamole or pesto and other rustic sauces. Medium Molcajete is 8-inches in diameter. Item retails for \$49.95 at [williams-sonoma.com](http://williams-sonoma.com).



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**GUINNESS HOCKEY SWEATER** The Guinness Trademark label long sleeve hockey jersey was created with the fans in mind. With the embroidered Guinness label and the breathable fabric, this is your go-to jersey as a spectator, player or pub patron. Guinness official merchandise. Item retails for \$82.50 at A Touch of Ireland, [touchofireland.co](http://touchofireland.co).



**SPICE UP GIFT GIVING** Since 1957, The Spice House has been helping home cooks and professional chefs with the way they cook. The Spice House uses the world's finest herbs, spices and salts. The Spice House's Chicago Heritage gift boxes represent the foundational flavors of Chicago's diverse culinary scene. These curated rubs and seasonings are the result of 60 years of The Spice House's existence in and around Chicago, learning from the city's home cooks, chefs and restaurateurs. Collection includes 10 jars. Item retails for \$69.99 at The Spice House, [thespicehouse.com](http://thespicehouse.com).



**THE GIFT OF PICKLEBALL** The Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Center offers pickleball lessons. This instructed course will cover the basics of pickleball rules, terminology, primary skills, coordination and more. The paddles and balls are provided. Class meets once a week for eight weeks. Lessons start at \$99 at Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Center, [hfracquetandfitness.com](http://hfracquetandfitness.com).

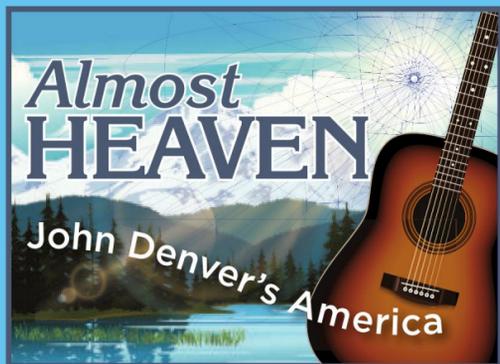


**WINE & PASTA BASKET** This seagrass container holds a bottle of Chateau St. Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon, one pasta and one sauce. It will be wrapped in a beautiful bow with your gift card message and shipped in accordance with your instructions. Item retails for \$81 at Celebratopia, [celebratopia.com](http://celebratopia.com).

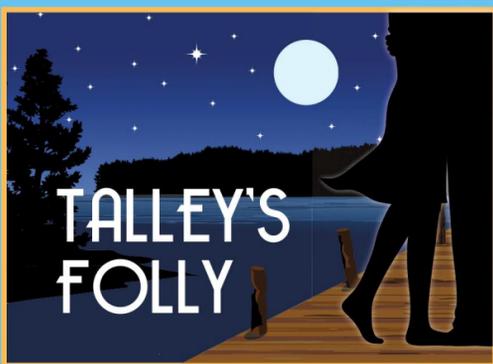
**BRITISH BAKING CLASS** This class is ideal for the baking enthusiast on your list. The class explores the English baking traditions often featured on "The Great British Baking Show." Class will start by learning how to make a classic Victoria Sponge Cake. Then you'll learn how to work with puff pastry to bake classic British sausage rolls. For the grand finale, you'll practice making a delicious date sponge cake and drizzle it with homemade caramel for the quintessential sticky toffee pudding. Must be 14 or older. Class is held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020. Class length is two to two-and-a-half hours. Class starts at \$59 at Sur La Table, [surlatable.com](http://surlatable.com).



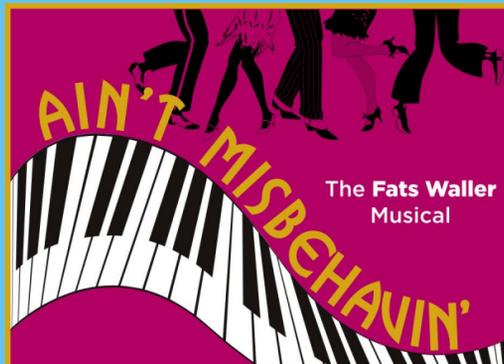
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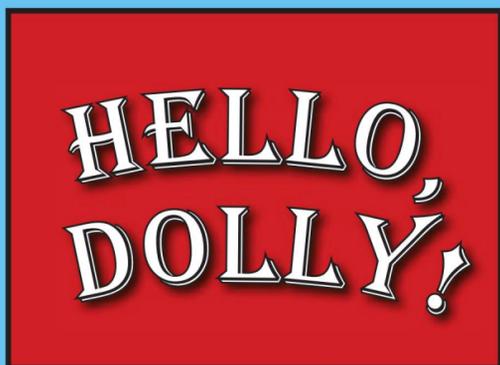
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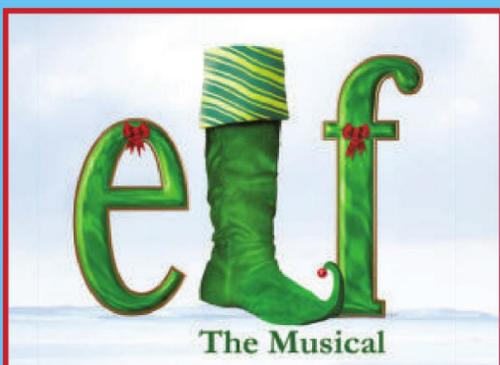
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# Give the gift of live theater this holiday season

Theater tickets are a gift that will provide memories that will last a lifetime with a subscription series to the Theatre at the Center, Northwest Indiana's only professional theater.

The Theatre at the Center is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season in 2020. This milestone season begins with a Chicago-area premiere stage journey to the mountains of Colorado in the 1970s and '80s with "Almost Heaven — John Denver's America." "Talley's Folly," the Pulitzer-Prize winning romantic comedy, is the second Mainstage production of the season. The jazz clubs of Harlem of the 1920s and '30s and the music of "Fats" Waller in "Ain't Misbehavin'" is next before it's off to Yonkers, New York, in the 1890s for audiences to once again reunite with America's famous matchmaker Dolly Levi in the iconic musical "Hello, Dolly!" The 2020 season concludes with "Elf, The Musical," a holiday family favorite based on the popular 2003 movie.

"For our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season I wanted to make sure to have something for everyone," says TATC Artistic Director Linda Fortunato. "We'll travel through many eras and styles to capture the joy of theater and celebrate the way wonderful storytelling and music bring us together."

"Almost Heaven — John Denver's America" (Feb. 13-March 22, 2020) is a musical tribute and intimate celebration of John Denver's life and career. From growing up in a military family to his emergence on the 1960s folk scene and the climb to '70s superstardom with his later



Theatre at the Center's production of the Broadway smash "Million Dollar Quartet," starring Aerial Williams and Zachary Stevenson, broke box office records at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts in early 2019.

career of the 1980s and 1990s, John Denver's story is brought to life in this Chicago-area premiere. The show is directed by Fortunato.

"Talley's Folly" (April 30-May 31, 2020), a Pulitzer Prize-winning romantic comedy by Lanford Wilson, tells the story of one night in the lives of two unlikely sweethearts. Matt — bookish, honest, and delightfully funny — tries to allay Sally's fears that her family would never approve of their marriage. This funny and sweet love story stars real-life sweethearts, Fortunato

and TATC favorite Sean Fortunato. "Talley's Folly" is directed by David New.

"Ain't Misbehavin'" (July 9-Aug. 9, 2020), by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr., is a musical revue that will transport audiences to a nightclub during the Harlem Renaissance where the music and excitement of the 1920s and 1930s are in the spotlight courtesy of the great Thomas Wright "Fats" Waller. Fun, rowdy and soulful music captures the varied moods of the era in this Tony-Award-winning Best Musical. "Ain't Misbehavin'" is

directed by Daryl Brooks.

"Hello, Dolly!" (Sept. 10-Oct. 11, 2020), music and lyrics by Jerry Herman with book by Michael Stewart and directed by Fortunato, is bursting with humor, dance and romance in one of the most enduring and best-loved musicals of all time. This Tony Award-winning classic will star E. Faye Butler, the internationally acclaimed actress and seven-time Jeff Award winner, in the title role of the irrepressible matchmaker Dolly Levi.

"Elf, The Musical" (Nov. 12-Dec. 20, 2020), with book by

Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin with music by Matthew Sklar and Lyrics by Chad Begueline, is a hilarious and charming musical based on the 2003 movie. Raised by Santa's elves, Buddy the Elf is unaware he is actually human until his enormous size and poor toy-making ability makes it impossible to ignore. He embarks on a journey to New York City to find his father and discover his true identity. "Elf, The Musical" is directed by Fortunato.

Founded in 1991, the 410-seat Theatre at the Center is a year-round professional theater at its home in The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster. Theatre at the Center is the only professional theater company in Northwest Indiana, offering Broadway style performances, special event concerts and family programming all in an elegant and accessible venue with plenty of free parking.

New season subscription sales are underway. Individual tickets for any of the five Mainstage shows are on sale beginning Dec. 10. Individual ticket prices range from \$42 to \$46. To purchase tickets and subscriptions, call the box office at 219-836-3255 or tickets.com at 800-511-1552 as authorized ticket agents to avoid fraudulent third-party ticket broker websites and outlets. Group discounts are available for groups of 11 or more. Student tickets are \$20 and gift certificates are also available.

Theatre at the Center is located at 1040 Ridge Road, in Munster. For more information, visit [theatreatthecenter.com](http://theatreatthecenter.com).

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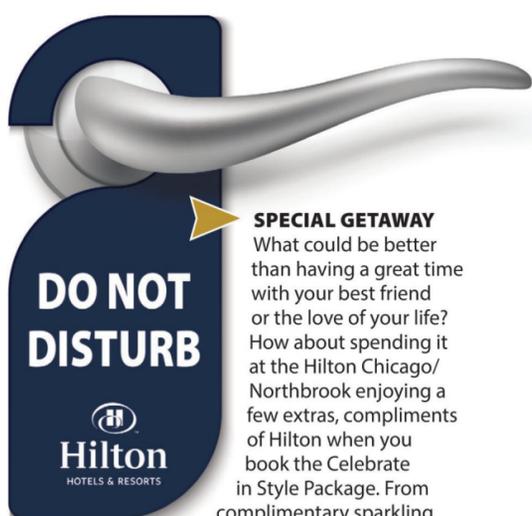
**GOLF LESSONS** Looking for a gift for someone who wants to learn golf or is struggling with his or her golf game? The Swing Evaluation class offered by GOLFTEC is a 60-minute introductory golf lesson. Your coach measures your swing, records it on video and provides a clear explanation of what needs to improve. Armed with this information, your coach recommends a golf lesson plan to meet your goals. Pricing varies by location and coach. GOLFTEC also offers a variety of golf lesson plans. Lessons start at \$125 for swing evaluation at GOLFTEC, [golftec.com](http://golftec.com).

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Oh, Olive! The Olive Oil Store offers a six-month olive oil and balsamic vinegar of the month club (pick up in store). You will receive two 375 ml bottles of fresh, natural olive oil that are only available to club clients and cannot be purchased in the store. You can choose one bottle of olive oil and the 18-year traditional balsamic. A dipping sauce packet will be included in your monthly package. Twice a year, club members are invited to a special evening event. Memberships start at \$197.70 (\$32.95 a month for six months) at Oh, Olive! The Olive Oil Store, [oholive.com](http://oholive.com).



**WINE OF THE MONTH CLUB** Spend time at the beautiful Fox River Valley Winery in Oswego and find the perfect wine for your palate. Wine club memberships make great gift ideas too. Join the dry wine or sweet wine club delivered to your home for an additional fee. Club members receive 10% off all wine purchases, member quantity discounts, a complimentary gift for your birthday and much more. Each club consists of one bottle of dry or sweet wine every month. Minimum six-month membership required. Membership fees start at \$13 to \$28, plus tax, a month at Fox Valley Winery, Inc. at [foxvalleywinery.com](http://foxvalleywinery.com).



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**HAPPINESS IS A WARM FOOT** Electric socks provide welcome warmth and comfort in frigid winter weather for skiers, ice fishermen, football fans or for those who simply want to enjoy a walk outdoors. These socks from Hotronics will stay a toasty 107 to 118 degrees for five to seven hours and come with rechargeable batteries. Item retails for \$279 at Viking Ski Shop, 3422 W. Fullerton Ave., in Chicago, 773-276-1222; 131 W Northwest Highway, in Barrington, 847-381-1188, [vikingskishop.com](http://vikingskishop.com).

**SNOW BELL CHOIR** Fill your home with the festive sounds of a holiday bell choir from these charming porcelain snowmen. Each hand-painted, sculpted bell plays a classic Christmas song while the collection of snowmen perform a synchronized light show of glowing colors. The Snow Bell Choir will be featured in the Hallmark Channel's original movie "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas" on Dec. 21. Set of five. Item retails for \$149.99 at Jane's Hallmark, 3155 Thatcher Ave., Suite 4, in River Grove, 708-453-1905; 8776 W. Dempster St., in Niles, 847-299-7191; and 9316 Skokie Blvd., in Skokie, 847-673-6190; [hallmark.com](http://hallmark.com).

**LEARN TO ICE SKATE** Rocket Ice offers skating lessons for beginner skaters. For 3 to 5 year olds who have little or no experience on the ice, Rocket Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are available. Instructors use songs, toys and games to teach the fundamentals of skating including balance, coordination and maneuverability. Rocket Basic 1 through 6 classes are available for ages 6 and up. Lessons are \$173 for 10-week course per Rocket Snowplow Sam class and \$198 for 10-week session per Rocket Basic class at Rocket Ice Skating Rink, [rocketice.com](http://rocketice.com).



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**'I KIND OF HAVE MY FIRE  
BACK,' SAYS COUNTRY  
STAR MIRANDA LAMBERT**

# **A NEW CHAPTER**

# 'I KIND OF HAVE MY FIRE BACK'

Punk-influenced 'Wildcard' mirrors Miranda Lambert's outlook on life

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Miranda Lambert is back, as bold and fun as she ever was, with a new album of rock and punk-influenced country hits that reflect a woman happily cracking jokes on her haters and stepping into a new chapter of her life and career.

"I kind of have my fire back, and I'm not so internal and broody as I was four years ago," Lambert said of "Wildcard," her seventh album.

This is her first solo record since putting out the excellent 2016 double album, "The Weight of These Wings," a highly personal and critically acclaimed record that came after her divorce from Blake Shelton and won album of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards.

"I'm 35. I went through a divorce," Lambert said. "I'm thankful that fans allowed me that time to do that. I'm just going through stuff everybody else goes through."

Now Lambert, who surprised many earlier this year by announcing her marriage to New York City police Officer Brendan McLoughlin, is returning to the rock 'n' roll sound that she displayed on her 2005 debut "Kerosene" with the help of Nashville producer Jay Joyce. Joyce had played guitar on her first three records, but this was the first time he took the lead as producer for Lambert.

"Writing for this record, I don't know, I felt like the color came back, so the imaging reflects that and

the songs reflect that," said Lambert. "Even the wardrobe is a little bit brighter."

Joyce, who has worked with Eric Church, Little Big Town and Brothers Osborne, pushed her out of her comfort zone on songs like "Locomotive," a Joan Jett-meets-Patty Griffin rocker in which Lambert barrels through fuzzed-out guitars and harmonica.

"Jay's idea to kind of cut it in a punk way was brilliant, and I wasn't sure I could pull it off, but sure enough, we did," said Lambert.

She also wrote with Luke Dick, who has written songs with Dierks Bentley and Kip Moore, and as a side gig, fronts a new wave punk band called Republican Hair. Lambert and her longtime songwriting pal Natalie Hemby would go to his East Nashville house with a cooler of booze and snacks for nighttime writing sessions, and Dick would cue up different tracks as inspiration.

He played her a bit of a slick, new wave rock song called "Mess With My Head" that he initially thought might work for his band.

"I'm a kid of the '80s and I gravitate sometimes toward things that I grew up on, whether it's the Cars or Joan Jett or whatever," Dick said. "I've always thought Miranda was the closest thing to Joan Jett country has."

Lambert's natural wit and self-effacing humor come out on songs like "White Trash" or "Pretty Bitchin'" — in which Lambert declares, "I'm pretty from the back, kinda pretty

in the face."

"My strong suit as a writer I feel like is sarcasm," Lambert said proudly. "Whether it's sad or happy or fun, I've kind of built a career on being kitschy and a little snide."

She's had to build up that thick skin after years of being hounded by tabloids, whether it was about her marriage and divorce to Shelton, her weight or her subsequent romances. Now she shrugs it off as free press.

"My guitar player who has been with me for 17 years, Scotty Wray, texted me yesterday and said, 'I just read at the Kroger that you're pregnant. Congrats again,'" Lambert said, who noted that the lies spread about her are almost always about her getting pregnant. "Guys, sometimes I just eat cheeseburgers. That's all it is."

But even as Lambert and other female stars of the genre, including Kacey Musgraves, Carrie Underwood and Maren Morris, are putting out the most lauded music of their careers, their music is mostly ignored by country radio, while the airplay charts are churning with dozens of male country artists.

Lambert has been taking out other female artists on her "Roadside Bars and Pink Guitars" tour for years, has her own female trio, the Pistol Annies, and created a college scholarship for female artists. But the Grammy winner can't wrap her head around radio's lack of support.

"I'm on the road now, and I see how much it helps when someone knows your new single," Lambert said. "But also I went through this whole period of 'Weight of These



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Wings,' and won song of the year and album of the year and I didn't have anything on the radio at all."

Lambert also enthusiastically endorsed Underwood for the Country Music Association's highest prize, entertainer of the year. Garth Brooks, Chris Stapleton, Keith Urban and Eric Church will compete with Underwood at the Nov. 13 show.

"I'm a huge fan of everyone in that category," Lambert said. "But if you

think about someone who hosted the CMAs pregnant, then started an all-female tour and then had a baby and then went right back on the road three months later she has a brand, Calia by Carrie Underwood, and it lifts up women. She does Monday Night Football. I just feel like as a whole entertainer of the year should be someone that entertains in all facets of music."

Lambert, who has more CMA Awards than other

female artist, is nominated for female vocalist of the year, a trophy she has won seven times, and will be performing her new single, "It All Comes Out in the Wash," which Lambert said kind of sums up her new album.

"The whole theme of the record is it all comes out in the wash," Lambert said. "There are really bad times in everybody's journey, but somehow you're gonna smile again, and I think this record reflects that."

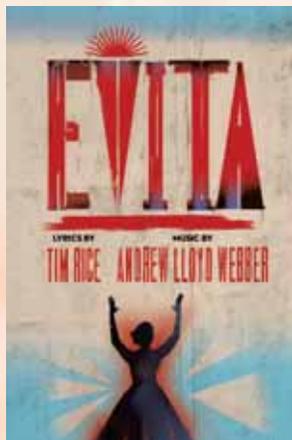


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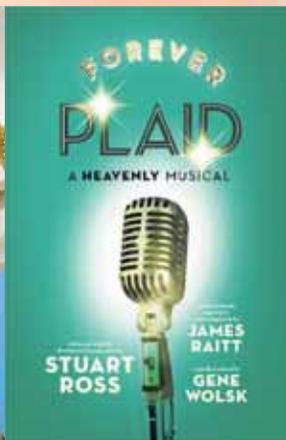
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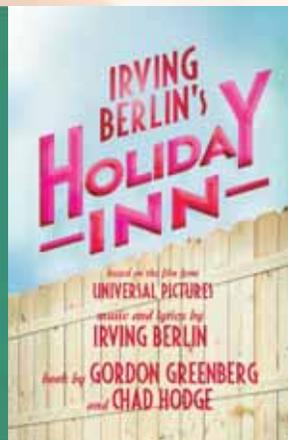
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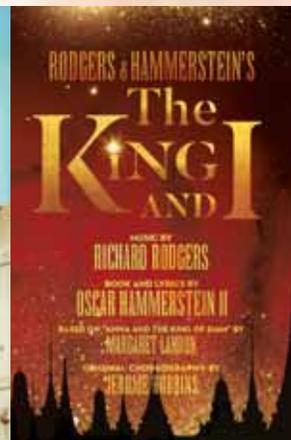
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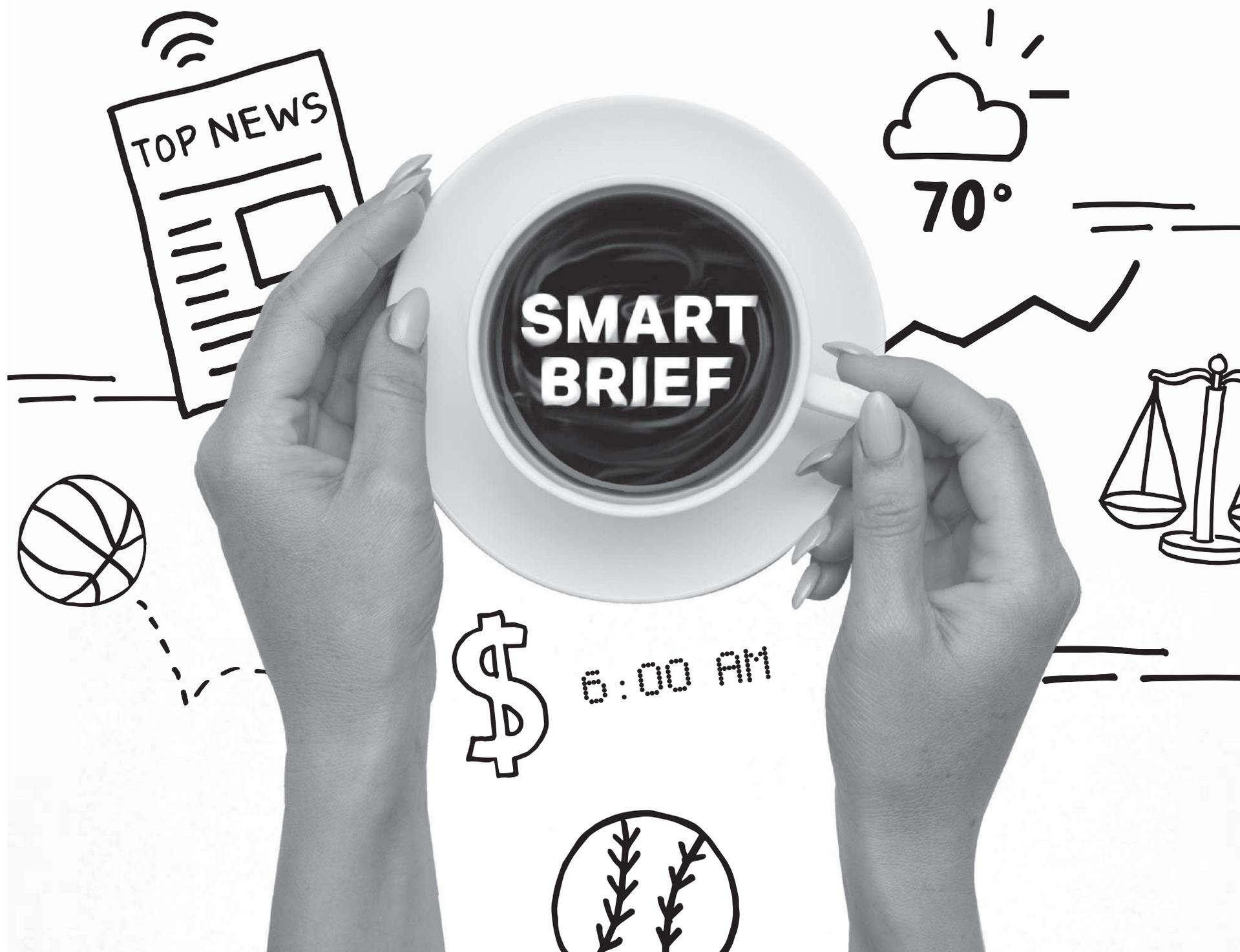
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