



Tax relief proposal deadline looms

State panel mulls consolidating governments to alleviate burden

BY JAMIE MUNKS

SPRINGFIELD — Seeking to alleviate the growing burden of property taxes for Illinois homeowners, a group of legislators is considering a host of options that include consolidating school districts and allowing voters across the state

to dissolve units of local government.

The legislative task force, created this summer by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, has a Dec. 31 deadline to deliver its recommendations. Its report is expected to lead to “very multifaceted” — and likely controversial — legislation this spring, said

Rep. Sam Yingling, the Grayslake Democrat chairing the panel.

“Introducing anything less than a substantial overhaul will not be tolerated by the public,” Yingling said. “This will be a heavy lift, and we’re going to have to make some very tough decisions.”

Assigning an issue to a task force can be a recipe for endless study and little action. But there’s an extra

impetus to do something about property taxes before November, when Illinois voters will decide whether the state should overhaul its income tax structure.

The move to a graduated-rate income tax, approved by the General Assembly this spring, is a cornerstone of Pritzker’s first-term agenda. Pritzker promised voters during his campaign that if they

approve the constitutional amendment in November 2020, he will use proceeds to help alleviate property taxes.

It’s an issue that has proven difficult to address. This spring, legislators considered a proposal that would have frozen school district property tax rates if voters approved the constitutional amendment on

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FBI probes hit on rapper

South Side’s Doles taunted gang rivals with music lyrics

BY JEREMY GORNER

Cedron Doles was a controversial South Side rapper with reputed ties to a Black P Stone gang faction called Black Mobb who earned a following in Chicago’s drill music scene by taunting gang rivals, some of them slain, with his lyrics.

“Whoever dead or alive, f--- the opps, b----!” Doles, who performed under the name Shootashellz, rapped in a music video posted to YouTube in April 2017.

Entitled “Death of 150,” the video talked of the Black Mobb’s longstanding feud with the rival Stone faction No Limit, also known as No Limit 150.

About three months later, Doles, 21, was about to get into his car in the Auburn Gresham community when three men exited a white Nissan Altima and opened fire on that July morning. Shot multiple times about the head and body, he collapsed, mortally wounded, in the street.

Police recovered 43 shell casings near his body.

Doles’ violent death drew little attention except from a few rap music websites, just one of 13 people shot in Chicago on that day in July 2017, one other fatally. His brazen slaying, though, appears to be typical of the gang violence plaguing Chicago — much of it retaliatory in nature, sometimes the result of petty disputes fueled over social media between rivals from even the same gangs but different factions, authorities say.

Records recently unsealed in federal court show

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LIGHTING WAY TO HOLIDAY

Julia Sain, left, and her daughter Connie Sain, right, join others to decorate homes with holiday lights on Sunday in the 8600 block of South King Drive. Volunteers with My Block My Hood My City gathered to reach their goal of decorating more than 250 homes and 500 light poles along Martin Luther King Drive from 35th Street to 115th Street for its second annual “Be a Part of the Light” campaign.



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Developer Dajuan Robinson works on rehabbing a house on the South Side in Chicago on Oct. 21.

500th property rehab celebrated

Land Bank creating opportunities for small developers, Cook neighborhoods

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Dajuan Robinson jokes that he came to the field of construction to “make some money and stay out of trouble.”

The 32-year-old Chatham native learned his building skills at the knee of his great-grandfather, who used to make anything that needed to be fixed around their house on 78th Street and Indiana Avenue. Fast-forward to today and Robinson is a licensed general contractor with a five-year-old business, DNA Construction. He’s looking to make \$80,000 to \$90,000 profit on his latest rehabbed Greater Grand Crossing home — a property that is the 500th rehab for the Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA).

Robinson is one of many

small business owners, developers and individuals working with the CCLBA, an independent agency of Cook County, founded by the Cook County Board of Commissioners in 2013 to help residents and communities hit hard by the 2008 mortgage crisis. The CCLBA acquires properties that sit vacant, abandoned and tax-delinquent for years and sells them at below-market rates to qualified community-based developers who then rehab the homes and sell them to homeowners. The first home was completed in 2015 and along the way, the Land Bank has helped entrepreneurs like Robinson grow their businesses as well as turn around familiar neighborhoods,

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Finding accessible transit can feel like solving puzzle with few missing pieces



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

It used to take Michele Lee three hours to get to downtown Chicago from her suburban home. The trip required a mix of buses and trains, and missing one connection would throw everything out of whack.

Lee uses a wheelchair, and regional public transit for riders with disabilities can be a confusing patchwork, with multiple obstacles to getting around, according to a new report.

The commute forced Lee, 37, to move to the West Loop for easier transit, leaving her hometown of Glenview.

“I literally couldn’t live there,” said Lee, who suffered a spinal injury in a 2003 car crash that left her



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Michele Lee rides over a broken part of sidewalk in the West Loop Gate neighborhood.

a quadriplegic. “It was kind of traumatic, but I couldn’t not have a job.”

Lee is one of hundreds of thousands of people in the Chicago area with disabilities, and their numbers are growing as the

population ages, according to a new report by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, which tracks regional transit and infrastructure matters. The report, citing U.S. Census Bureau

figures, said 7% of people between the ages of 18 and 64 and 33% of those over age 65 have disabilities, including being blind, deaf or unable to walk.

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Impeachment proceedings continue

■ Republicans have high hopes of using the House drive toward impeaching President Donald Trump to defeat Democrats from swing districts loaded with moderate voters. It’s unclear whether that will work.

■ A Tuesday meeting is set to approve the release of a report expected to detail findings on Trump’s dealings with Ukraine, continuing a breakneck pace for Democrats as they investigate the potential impeachment of the president.

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John Bolton, right with President Donald Trump in July, is the latest former White House official to pen a tell-all book.

Staffers keep writing books about how inept Trump is. Don't buy books from cowards.



DAHLEEN GLANTON

It seems pretty easy for just about anyone who has dropped by Donald Trump's White House to get a lucrative book deal. Any insight into the inner workings of the Trump administration is golden, even if the person providing it only lasted a few days.

By the end of his first term, at least 20 books will have been written about Trump's political dealings, several of them by former Washington insiders, including staff members, FBI officials, politicians, advisers and journalists.

The latest former official to pen a tell-all book is John Bolton, Trump's third national security adviser in three years, whom the president pushed out after just 17 months on the job. Bolton apparently has lots of juicy tidbits to reveal in the book scheduled for release next year. And you can bet that America will be all ears.

Sadly, we are all too willing to give these former Trump enablers our undivided attention. Many of them were willing to sell their souls for a chance to promote their own agenda, and when they failed, they looked to us for sympathy.

Not long ago, some were pretending in public as though Trump was a capable world leader, all the while taking notes or recording conversations for a book that would tell the true story of his inefficacy. People who once were willing to kiss the ground Trump walks on would have us believe that they experienced some sort of epiphany once they left Washington and came to realize that yeah, Trump really is as bad as his critics say he is.

We're not that dumb. Trump told them he was a snake before they took a job in his administration. They cannot convince us now that they didn't know he was a snake.

Former House Speaker Paul Ryan, whom Trump once praised for leaving "a legacy of achievement that nobody can question," gave us "The Way Forward: Renewing the Ameri-

can Idea." In it, he revealed that Trump "didn't know anything about government" and operates on ill-informed "knee-jerk reactions."

Ryan was willing to cozy up to Trump for two years while he got what he wanted from him — a presidential signature on a bill cutting taxes for the rich. Meanwhile, he indulged Trump's ridiculous demands to build a border wall and stood by as he implemented cruel policies such as eliminating protections for "Dreamers."

Omarosa Manigault Newman, Trump's former communications director for the Office of Public Liaison, gifted us with "Unhinged: An Insider's Account of the Trump White House," in which she revealed that Trump is a "racist" who has used the "N-word" repeatedly.

For months, Manigault Newman smiled for the cameras while posing with Trump at White House events geared toward African Americans, knowing that he talked about black people behind their backs and had no interest in furthering their causes.

Then we have Anthony Scaramucci, who spent 11 days as White House communications director, writing "Trump, the Blue-Collar President." In the book, published last year, he calls Trump a "genius" and said, for a "guy working in finance, who wanted to rise through the economic classes and reach for the Gold Ring, Mr. Trump was the Great Gatsby."

By the time the book came out, though, Scaramucci and his former Gatsby were feuding and he was a lot more honest, confirming what we already knew, that Trump "does intentionally lie." He also recently told The New York Times Trump is "off the rails" and that "honest people in the room know that he is crazy."

Former press secretary Sean Spicer, fired FBI Director James Comey, former White House communications director Hope Hicks, former National Security adviser H.R. McMaster and convicted presidential campaign adviser Roger Stone are among those who have profited from their association with Trump.

Most recently, we've had Anonymous, the unknown author who is giving us "A Warning." The person

still works in Trump's White House, but doesn't have the guts to identify him or herself.

Anonymous claims that the administration is in such disarray that senior members of Trump's team once considered sabotaging the president to get him to resign. According to the book, people in his inner circle fear that Trump is in the pocket of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and staffers all have "draft resignation letters in our desks or on our laptops."

We should take the expose with a grain of salt. That doesn't mean, of course, that the White House isn't in chaos. But anyone who publicly criticizes their boss while still getting a paycheck cannot be trusted.

Make no mistake. This unnamed "senior official" is no whistleblower. This isn't a Deep Throat or a concerned informant who risked his or her career, and possibly their life, by reporting alleged corruption by Trump and his associates.

If anything, this is the work of a coward. Which brings us back to Bolton.

Bolton, who was part of Trump's team during the time of the events that are now central to the impeachment hearings, has refused to testify without a court order. Though his lawyer has confirmed that Bolton has information that would be useful in the probe, Bolton has chosen to hold on to it, possibly saving the juiciest details for his book.

These are desperate times in America right now. We don't need selfish people who are only out to benefit themselves. We need folks who are willing to do the right thing while they are in the White House and when they leave.

That means putting everything on the line in exchange for dignity and self-respect. Beyond putting money in the pockets of the authors, these book deals have done little or nothing to move the conversation forward or hold Trump accountable.

If anything, they are just a rehashing of what we already know about Trump — that he is an awful president who is not fit to hold office. We should not be willing to pay for that.

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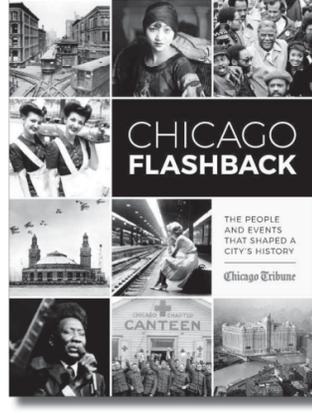



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Treatment specialists Elli Petacque Montgomery, Meghann Cherie and Derek O'Neal talk with a homeless couple on the West Side.

'I need help with everything'

Assisting hard-to-reach drug users goal of outreach program facilitated by Cook County sheriff's office

BY JOHN KEILMAN

A woman emerged from a blanket-draped tent in Chicago's Austin neighborhood on a brisk November morning to find a half-dozen people from the Cook County sheriff's office lingering on the sidewalk.

"Am I in trouble?" she asked. "I didn't do nothing."

The woman, 37, had been camping beneath a railroad overpass with her boyfriend for a year, and she had every problem in the book: drug addiction, mental issues, poor health, malnutrition and an infant lost to foster care, to say nothing of homelessness.

She had sought assistance many times, she said, but something always seemed to get in the way, whether an indifferent bureaucrat or a lack of bus fare. But there on the sidewalk, among the bulletproof vests and black windbreakers, help had arrived, albeit in an unusual form.

The sheriff's employees were detailed to a new outreach program that attempts to connect particularly hard-to-reach drug users with treatment. They go to homeless shelters, trailer parks and bus stops to make their pitch, and follow up with people who receive emergency treatment for overdoses.

The program is in keeping with a law enforcement movement to seek treatment for drug users instead of jail time, though it's more proactive than most. Since it began in June, about 160 people have been convinced to give it a try, and roughly half are still engaged with the program.

"The number of people we're getting into treatment — that, to me, has been astounding," said Sheriff Tom Dart. "That is really tricky even in the best of scenarios. I want to see where they are a year from now, but the initial numbers and reactions have been fantastic."

The leader of the outreach unit is Elli Petacque Montgomery, who has created mental health programs in the jail. She said the idea is to connect with people on street before they end up incarcerated or dead.

To that end, she and her colleagues give out naloxone, the overdose-stopping medication, in areas where drug use is common. But they also spend time tracking down people they think will be receptive to treatment.

One population is people who are hospitalized following an overdose. The 911 call center automatically notifies them when ambulances respond to an overdose, and they follow up both with the patient and the patient's family.

"We can call and say, 'This is the social service arm of our department and we have services for you and your family if you're interested,'" Petacque Montgomery said. "People say 'Sure,' or 'Tell me more.' At that point, we'll go out and meet the family, arm them with naloxone and get a better idea of how we can help the entire family unit as well as the person suffering from substance use."

Representatives of the sheriff's office also visit places where they're likely to find people in need of help. The Pacific Garden Mission on the Near West Side is one frequent stop, and it's where special assistant Derek O'Neal met a 26-year-old man who has been using heroin on-and-off for 12 years.

In a phone interview, the man, who asked that his name not be used, said he had just gotten out of jail on a possession charge when O'Neal arrived to give a talk on the outreach service.

"I was really put off and leery of talking to him," he said. "But over the course of his presentation, he made it clear he was just there to help anyone who is experiencing substance abuse issues or psychological issues. He made it clear he was there to



A homeless woman thanks members of Cook County Sheriff's Community Treatment Resource Specialists, seated in back, after they had stopped to offer her assistance.



Special assistant O'Neal, right, demonstrates how to use naloxone.

help and for no other reason."

The man said O'Neal got him into treatment, and today he's in a sober living home while attending intensive outpatient meetings four days a week.

"I've been sober now since Aug. 30, and having Derek on my side has really helped," he said.

That outcome is about as good as it gets for the outreach unit, though not every encounter yields such results. Of the 161 people who have become clients, 73 are still engaged with the program, and of those, 32 have gotten into treatment with its help.

"We don't leave until someone tries to avoid us, pretty much," Petacque Montgomery said.

Dart said the program needs more time to gather data before he can make conclusions about its effectiveness. That's also true for similar programs elsewhere in the country.

Alexander Walley, director of the Grayken Addiction Medicine Fellowship at Boston Medical Center, is studying the more than 100 towns in Massachusetts where public safety agencies run opioid outreach programs. He said there are many variations, and it's not clear that one approach is better than the other.

"There hasn't been any research that shows benefit or harm, for that matter," he said. "We have an analysis embedded in our project to look at that."

On the street, though, some benefits seem clear enough. The sheriff's team, which also includes treatment specialist Meghann Cherie and police investigator Efrain Mata, recently handed out naloxone and did quick trainings at a bus stop and "L" station in the Austin neighbor-

hood, where the sheriff's office supplements Chicago Police Department patrols.

"I appreciate it," said a woman waiting for a bus on Chicago Avenue. "I think it's a good thing. They're trying to help us, and this community needs the help."

Then they approached the tent beneath the railroad overpass. While uniformed sheriff's officers hung back to keep an eye out for trouble, Petacque Montgomery, Cherie and O'Neal listened as the woman described her struggles, which included a lack of food, psychiatric meds that had run out and an empty asthma inhaler.

"I need help with everything," she said. "God must have heard me crying me last night."

They took her parents' phone number, gave her a business card and made plans for her to visit Catholic Charities the next day, where she could be ushered to medical help and drug treatment. One of the officers slipped her a \$20 bill for food.

Two days later, she still hadn't taken the first step, a vaccination that's not uncommon among the program's clients. Back at the sheriff's substation, Petacque Montgomery said she still saw the encounter as a victory.

"I'm hopeful," she said. "I think there's so much despair in this work, and the people we work with feel helpless. We're catching them at a very dark time in their lives ... Now we have all these different areas of (the woman's) life we're aware of, and we'll be able to pull pieces together."

"I think we walk away feeling, 'Yeah, high-five. We got someone today who wants help.'"

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Prosecutors: Body-slam 'emergency takedown'

Activists counter interaction with black Chicagoan another example of police brutality

BY KIM GEIGER

The body-slaming of a 29-year-old man by a Chicago police officer on Thursday was an "emergency takedown maneuver" prompted by the man licking the officer's face and spitting in his eye, prosecutors said Sunday.

Bernard Kersh, of the South Chicago neighborhood, was previously convicted in 2018 for spitting on a police officer and in 2011 for punching an officer. He was charged Sunday with aggravated battery to a police officer.

The incident has raised tensions between police and the African American community as video showing the officer hurling Kersh to the ground was circulated widely online. Activists at the hearing said the incident was part of a continued pattern of police brutality against African Americans, while a police union representative complained that concern for the safety of police officers was being overlooked.

The officer was relieved of his police powers shortly after the incident, which is being investigated by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. Mayor Lori Lightfoot called the video of the incident "very disturbing."

The encounter began as a routine patrol stop when two officers in plainclothes and driving an unmarked squad car observed Kersh drinking vodka at a bus stop in the Chatham neighborhood, prosecutors said. The body-slam occurred after the police officer had taken Kersh's bottle of vodka away while preparing to write Kersh a ticket for drinking on the public way, and Kersh spit in the officer's face.

"There was a substantial amount of spit, in liquid form, that landed in the eye of (the officer)," Cook County Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy said, adding that the spit dripped into the officer's mouth. Murphy said that surveillance video recovered from a store on Cottage Grove Avenue shows the entire incident, including Kersh licking the police officer's face and spitting at him, as well as the "emergency takedown."

Kersh refused medical treatment from the ambulance that arrived on the scene. He was transported to University of Chicago hospital, where he had to be sedated in order to be treated, Murphy said.

Lawyers for Kersh told Judge Arthur Willis that he was suffering from mental illness, for which he had sought treatment in October. They also said that Kersh denies spitting on the officer.

While prosecutors say the only evidence of injury to Kersh was a "small scratch the size of a fingernail," Kersh's lawyers said it was possible he'd suffered a brain injury from the blow.

Willis, the judge, said that despite it being clear that Kersh was "going through a mental health issue," "this court does consider spitting in someone's face such that it dribbles into their eye and mouth a form of violence." Willis granted Kersh bail of \$5,000 and put him on a 24-hour curfew.

Civil rights activist the Rev. Jesse Jackson attended Kersh's arraignment and complained after the hearing that the police officer had employed "martial arts" on Kersh. Eric Russell, an activist with Tree of Life Justice League, said the incident was part of "this continual pattern of brutality being inflicted upon the black community."

"This was, for all practical purposes, attempted murder," Russell said. "We are of the opinion that these bogus criminal cover charges are just that — bogus criminal cover charges to cover up a police crime."

Kersh's mother, Keshia Johnson, said she watched the video of the incident and didn't see her son being a threat to the officer.

"I wasn't there, but the footage that I've seen, I didn't see him as being a threat for him to slam him on his head," Johnson said. "I mean, how about handcuff a person?"

Fraternal Order of Police Vice President Martin Preib said that the body-slam was "perfectly within the guidelines of use of force" and that the city should reinstate the officer immediately.

"It's sending another message to all the police officers that they will not back you up, that they will not support you, that they will not allow you to go out and protect the public," Preib said.

Preib noted that Kersh had already been convicted once before for spitting on an officer, and he questioned the leniency of the bond that was set.

"If he needs mental health services, he can get that in custody," Preib said. "What's he going to go out and do now when he's out on the street? Every year is he going to spit on a cop, and is it going to escalate and get worse and worse?"

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Prosecutors: Dog seller shot at girl in self-defense

But gun charges filed because woman lacked valid concealed carry license

By KIM GEIGER

A 21-year-old woman who was attacked Friday has been charged with a gun crime because she shot the attacker with a gun she wasn't licensed to carry.

Araceli Diaz, of Maywood, was attempting to sell a dog to a juvenile girl she had communicated with over Facebook when she met the girl and another person in the 2300 block of South Drake Avenue, prosecutors said.

After Diaz handed the dog over and communicated that the price for the dog was \$800, the girl ordered her to the ground, pulled out a metal object from her pocket and struck Diaz twice on her head and face, prosecutors said. Diaz is accused of pulling out a gun and firing twice at the girl, hitting her in the chest and in the abdomen, and then fleeing the scene in a white Cadillac.

Police tracked Diaz to her home after locating the Cadillac, which was caught on surveillance video fleeing the scene. They recovered a loaded Glock handgun and a magazine on the passenger seat of the car.

Diaz has a valid firearm owner's identification card but does not have a valid concealed carry license. She was charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon but was not charged in the shooting because it was determined that she was acting in self-defense, prosecutors said.

The judge set bond for Diaz at \$5,000.

The 14-year-old was cited in a juvenile petition with attempted robbery with a firearm and was expected to appear in Juvenile Court on Dec. 9, police said.

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Toys for Tots staff members place donations on a truck in Lakeview on Sunday. Motorcyclists participated in the 42nd annual Toys for Tots parade. Volunteers and riders began at Dan Ryan Woods in Chicago at 83rd Street and Western Avenue and ended near West Belmont Avenue and North Western Avenue in Lakeview.

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block by block, one property at a time.

"The way I see it, we had 500 blocks that used to have a vacant house sitting there and now they don't," said Cook County Commissioner and CCLBA founder Bridget Gainer. "What we really want people to do is rehab vacant housing and get these homes back in active use and on the tax rolls. But what was happening was, in order to get to rehab a house, you had to go through this gauntlet of a year in court and hiring a lawyer because you had fines and fees from the city that had accumulated. We have the ability to remove barriers like back taxes, code violations, old mortgages — things that encumber title. Once you take away these barriers, all these people walk through the door."

Those people are 400-plus small developers, the majority of whom are black and Latino, said Gainer, current CCLBA chairwoman. They are people like former nurse turned "rapping" real estate broker Trinette Lindsey, of Lansing, who renovated a 2,200-square-foot property in South Chicago and secured a contract with a first-time homebuyer within 15 days of listing it. She's now looking for CCLBA properties in Morgan Park, Washington Heights and Englewood. Or Bridgette Washington, a medical device salesperson who renovated a four-bedroom, one bath bungalow at 6638 S. Artesian Ave. into a four bedroom, 2.5 bath home with new masonry work, plumbing, electrical and HVAC. She said she tried her hand at rehabbing to use her creativity to add to her retirement.

To work with the CCLBA in redeveloping homes, one has to have a plan for a property, says executive director Rob Rose. The rehab has to begin within six months of buying it and typically must be completed within a year (although extensions are available). Developers also have to show the nonprofit they have the ability to execute their plan, finances to build it, and explain how they're going to attract buyers and at what price range, Rose said. Properties don't go to the highest bidder. Instead, properties are awarded through evaluation, in which acquisition specialists look at a developer's plan, prior work if there is any, and references. You don't have to be a licensed or certified professional to rehab a property.

"We try to find as many ways to make it friendly for you to work with us; you don't have to be 'perfect' in order to do business with the Land Bank, and that's



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A house in the 7400 block of Calumet Avenue underwent renovations by Dajuan Robinson, who owns DNA Construction.



ABOVE: Robinson, a Chatham native, stands in the kitchen of the house he renovated. BELOW: A bathroom in the home.

part of what we take pride in," Rose said. "We have this shingle out that says: 'If you're new and starting out, but you have plans and an ability to execute, we want to work with you.' Everyone has a level playing field in terms of the price, and what we're looking at is the strength of the proposal."

So far, the organization has acquired 1,406 properties (including single family homes, multifamily homes, vacant lots and commercial buildings); sold 879 properties to developers and saved 147 homes from demolition through Sept. 30. About \$75 million has been returned to the Cook County tax rolls and over \$66 million in community wealth (defined as the difference in CCLBA's acquisition price and what the community developer sold the property for) has been generated throughout Cook County, according to 2018-19 CCLBA data.



CCLBA is currently reviewing an independent report after a building once owned by Chester Wilson Jr., a top aide for embattled Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, was picked up by CCLBA in 2017.

According to Sun-Times reports, Wilson donated the

building to the agency wiping out more than \$200,000 in property taxes and interest that Wilson owed on the structure.

"With 2,200 new homes coming online in the next year and continued growth toward our mission, we welcome the review and

the opportunity to show the potential of redevelopment to transform all neighborhoods through homeownership, job creation and small business growth," Rose said in a statement.

"When you work with the Land Bank, it's a call to action. If you buy a house to rehab it, we don't want you to sit on it for a year without doing anything to it, nor do we want you to play a game of hot potato, where you buy from the Land Bank and then resell it to another group and do nothing with it. That type of speculation is what kills neighborhoods, so we hold you accountable to get the work done," Rose said.

Robinson, a Calumet Heights resident, just completed his second CCLBA property in the 7400 block of Calumet Avenue. Purchased for \$14,000, he spent approximately \$150,000 to renovate and expand a three bedroom,

1.5 bath property that sat vacant for more than four years into a four bedroom, 3.5 baths residence that he's looking to sell for \$275,000. Robinson has focused his rehab efforts in his South Side community.

"I know the history of Chatham; it's where I'm from. It's the mecca of the South Side as far as I'm concerned. It just needs a little bit of work, and that's why I'm here," he said.

Gainer said CCLBA developers are often people who were never able to do business with the city or able to get into the flipping market because barriers were so high.

The Land Bank levels the playing field for small developers like Lindsey and Washington by providing them an opportunity to get in the rehab game when competing with cash-ready, bigger developers. Many rehab in Cook County areas that have seen disinvestment for years.

"There's not a lot of properties that come on the MLS, and when there are, investors like me get outbid because I'm not using cash. So the properties that are great for rehabbing and developing, they go very quickly and they're typically going 10 or 20 grand over the list price," Lindsey said.

When the co-owners of "mom and pop" developer Ultimate Real Estate Group LLC/Ultimate Home Chicago decided to expand their operations in 2014, they thought the Land Bank's premise was a good one.

As a Realtor and Ultimate's co-owner, Esther Williams said she knows the trickle down effect that abandoned homes and board ups have in discouraging other developers from coming in and doing improvements.

But with the CCLBA, Williams and her firm are making an impact with rehabs in neighborhoods like Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Gage Park, South Shore, Bronzeville and Woodlawn.

"It feels good to go into neighborhoods that I grew up in or may have known a family or had a friend who lived there and say: 'I changed the way this block looks.' A board-up or a home that was set for demolition, now has a family there creating memories," Williams said. "Everyone eats and gets to benefit from this model."

"I think there's a certain amount of optimism out there with guys like Dajuan," Rose said. "Being able to take long-term vacant houses and bring them back online and the power that that has? It's immeasurable because when we think about the effects, it has a multiplier effect across the region."

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"We're all aging, and everybody is going to experience disability ourselves, or as a caregiver to a family member. You get knee surgery, you break your foot," said Audrey Wennink, transportation director for the Metropolitan Planning Council. "Everybody is going to face this. We need a kinder, gentler transportation system in a lot of ways."

The Chicago region has a fragmented system when it comes to the needs of disabled passengers, with rider eligibility rules, hours of service and trip purpose requirements often varying from town to town or county to county, the report found. For instance, a dial-a-ride service may be available in one town and then not go into another.

"The bottom line is that the experience of getting around using these systems ranges from fairly reliable and affordable to maddeningly frustrating and expensive," the report found.

While Pace provides ADA paratransit or "demand-response" service for those who have trouble using fixed-route public transit, it has limits. "Demand-response" means a rider calls to be picked up and taken somewhere, and plans often must be made well in advance. Trips are only provided at the same times and within the same geographic areas as fixed routes, and dispatching software issues can lead to late arrivals and rides that are longer than necessary, according to the report.

To improve accessibility for the region's transit system, the report makes a number of recommendations, including



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Michele Lee, who is quadriplegic, runs into difficulties navigating the city's sidewalks and riding on transit.

establishing a regional mobility coordinator, as well as county-level mobility managers. Other recommendations include the following.

- Providing consistent demand-response services in counties.
- Centralizing information on available services.
- Improving outreach and travel training programs.
- Modernizing routing and dispatch software.
- Enacting housing policies that encourage accessible housing near fixed-route transit, like buses and trains.

Sometimes the obstacle may simply be a lack of sidewalks, the

report said. Someone may be able to easily use a regular Pace bus to get around but can't get to the stop because there is no sidewalk and wheelchairs don't run well on grass, Wennink said. "Sidewalks are a big deal," Wennink said.

A study by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning found that just 10% of Pace stops have complete sidewalks on both sides of the street within a quarter mile of the stop.

The report recommends the state eliminate the requirement that towns provide 20% matching funds for each sidewalk project on an Illinois Department of

Transportation route, since this has become a barrier to having good pedestrian infrastructure.

Even where there are sidewalks, they can be blocked. During warm weather, Lee runs into problems getting around the West Loop because of sprawling outdoor cafes and carelessly parked electric scooters. Winter brings snow, and property owners who don't shovel.

"It's a minefield, basically," Lee said. "I love eating outside like everyone else, but businesses can be more considerate about it."

Another issue is the lack of accessible stations. Lee said that sometimes she'll plan an "L" trip

Transportation song quiz

■ Last week's song told about having another cup of coffee before getting back in the rig. The answer was "Truck Drivin' Man" by Terry Fell. But many readers guessed "Drivin' My Life Away" by Eddie Rabbitt, which also fits. Jim Canzona, of Chicago Lawn, and Dave Mesich, of Streamwood, were the winners.

■ This week's song teaches an important lesson — if you want to buy your sweetheart an expensive gift, a stock car race is a bad way to earn cash. Name the song, who wrote it and someone who had a hit with it. The first person with the answers gets a Tribune pen, and glory. I'll tweet the answer Monday afternoon from @marywizchicago.

to a station with an elevator, only to get there and find it out of order.

The CTA said it is planning to put money into making more "L" stations accessible for disabled riders, and wants all stations to be accessible in the next 19 years. The plan will cost about \$2.1 billion.

Lee, who serves on the CTA's Americans with Disabilities Act advisory committee and the Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council, said she hopes that the more people know about the obstacles faced by disabled riders, the faster fixes will come.

"It's not just for people in wheelchairs, it's for people with crutches and with strollers," Lee said. "It's better for everyone to have elevators, and access."

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income taxes and if the state took on more of the overall education funding share for education in Illinois.

That measure didn't advance out of the House, and instead, the task force was created to find solutions for reducing the property tax burden on Illinois homeowners.

Yingling and fellow Democratic Rep. Jonathan Carroll, of Northbrook, who both represent affluent suburban districts, said during the spring session they were concerned about advancing the graduated-rate income tax to voters without measures tied to alleviating property taxes.

"What I hear repeatedly from my constituents is that they're willing to pay a little more in income tax to have a substantial decrease in property taxes," Yingling said. "If they lose a job, become ill and are not able to work, their tax liability ceases. Under the current model, that property tax bill is still coming, without one's ability to pay for it. This creates a massive insecurity within households."

Pritzker this summer signed into law a measure that gives McHenry County voters the ability to decide if township governments should be dissolved. A tax force subcommittee headed by Carroll is considering whether a similar measure should be instituted statewide.

"The question of how much government is needed should be left up to the voters," Carroll said at a task force meeting in October. "In fairness, we think the voters should have as much info as possible to make an educated decision. ... Not everything is created equal, and we have to recognize that. What's good for Cook County, what's good for Lake County may not be good for some of the southern counties in our state. So we have to be cognizant of that."

Funding for public schools in Illinois is heavily reliant on property tax revenue, and another possibility under discussion within the tax force has been school district consolidation and finding other revenue sources for education.

Also on the table: Reducing the 23-year limit on tax increment financing projects and

overhauling the state's property tax extension limitation law, which places a limit on tax increases that governments can enact. The collar counties became subject to that law in 1991, while Cook County was added in 1994.

One measure that could provide some property tax relief has already been passed. The General Assembly this fall approved a plan to consolidate hundreds of downstate and suburban police and fire pension funds into two statewide funds, a measure advocates say will result in better investment returns and cut down on administrative costs.

After a decade of tax increases, the last couple of years have provided a bit of a break for Chicago-area property owners. An annual Civic Federation property tax study issued in October found that in Cook County, seven of 12 municipalities that were studied saw an effective property tax rate decrease on residential properties in the 2017 tax year, from the previous year.

In the collar counties, the effective property tax rate for the municipalities included in the study largely decreased between the 2016 and 2017 tax years, with a few exceptions, including Lake Forest, Romeoville and Buffalo Grove, which saw increases during that time.

But the effective tax rate for those Cook and collar county municipalities over the prior decade increased across the board, with the exception of industrial properties in Chicago.

The effective residential tax rates for Chicago was 1.74% during the 2017 tax year, the lowest of the 12 Cook County municipalities that were studied.

Of the 19 collar county municipalities that were studied, Waukegan had the highest effective tax rate of 3.73% in 2017. That rate was a nearly 4% decrease from 2016, but is more than 13% higher than the residential rate from a decade earlier. Oak Brook had the lowest effective property tax rate in 2017, at 1.03%, according to the study.

Rep. Will Davis, a south suburban Democrat, acknowledged at the task force meeting in October the difficulty of large-scale property tax reform.

"There is no silver bullet," he said. "There is no one-size-fits-all for all of this."

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Police investigate the shooting death of Cedron Doles in July 2017 in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood.

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that two months before Doles' slaying, the FBI had joined forces with Chicago police to investigate the yearslong, back-and-forth violence between Black Mobb and No Limit.

The filing sought court permission about a year after Doles' killing to search the contents of an iPhone 7 Plus recovered from his pants pocket.

In the year and a half since, no charges have been brought in connection with Doles' slaying. The investigation remains ongoing, police said.

Meanwhile, federal authorities have brought separate indictments since last year against members of the Milwaukee Kings gang and the Goonie Boss faction of the Gangster Disciples for more than a dozen killings combined.

According to the court record unsealed last month, witnesses reported seeing Doles leave a residence in the 8100 block of South Paulina Street with another individual about 9:30 a.m. on July 10, 2017.

As Doles was about to enter his car down the block toward 82nd Street, the three assailants approached — it was unclear from the filing if they happened by in the Altima or were lying in wait — and fired off 43 shots.

The three sped off at a high rate of speed southbound on Paulina, the FBI said.

"Based upon my training and experience, and the training and experience of other law enforcement officers that I have discussed this with, I believe that the Doles murder was a targeted effort," FBI Special Agent Ian Hallenius wrote in the affidavit seeking a search warrant for Doles' cellphone.

An autopsy report laid out the grim details. Doles was shot in the head, chest, right arm, right thigh, right foot, right calf and buttocks. He also suffered graze wounds to his left forearm and right wrist.

For several months leading up to his death, Doles could be heard



Records show that two months before Doles' slaying, the FBI joined forces with CPD to investigate violence between Black Mobb and No Limit.

online in the "Death of 150" music video holding what the FBI said appeared to be a handgun.

In the court filing, the FBI said Doles and others directed "numerous menacing threats" in the song toward No Limit, including three slain members of the gang.

"Tell Roc, Kobe, Fazo, you gonna see them soon," Doles rapped.

The FBI believes the song referred to the following people.

■ Jamal Harris, 19, was killed in a shooting in February 2012 outside a liquor store in the South Shore community that also left another man dead and five teenage boys wounded.

■ Jacobi Herring, 21, was fatally shot in August 2013 at East 79th Street and South Yates Boulevard, an area known to residents as "Terror Town" because of its incessant gun violence and gang activity. The Tribune had featured Herring in a story earlier

that same year about a Police Department strategy to try to intervene with mostly gang members identified through a computerized formula as most prone to gun violence. He was on that list at the time of his killing.

■ Fazon Robinson, 18, was gunned down along 79th Street in 2010.

Less than a month before Doles was fatally shot, he told a hip-hop video blogger about the violence in his South Side neighborhood and how retaliatory shootings won't stop until enemies make an effort to put their differences aside.

"As long as mother----- still shoot, this s--- ain't gonna never end," Doles said in the video interview posted on YouTube.

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A legislative task force's report is expected to lead to "very multifaceted" legislation this spring, said Rep. Sam Yingling, the panel chair.

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GOP wields impeachment weapon

Ads take aim at vulnerable Dems in 2020 House races

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans aim to use the House drive toward impeaching President Donald Trump to whittle down Democrats' majority by dislodging vulnerable incumbents from swing districts loaded with moderate voters.

It could work, especially in Democratic-held districts Trump carried in 2016 with throngs of independent voters who polls shows are closely divided over his removal. Or it could flop, in an era when news zooms by so swiftly that today's concerns may be eclipsed in 11 months and many people are more focused on pocketbook issues such as health care costs.

"It will be part of the mosaic, but hardly the overriding issue," GOP pollster Whit Ayres predicted about impeachment's effect next November.

What's clear is that for now, Republicans are wielding impeachment mostly as an offensive weapon and Democrats are generally playing defense or changing the subject as 2020 congressional races rev up. House Democrats will be defending their 233-197 majority, with four vacancies. Republicans will try preserving their 53-47 Senate control.

Since late September, Republicans and their allies have spent \$8 million on impeachment-related TV ads aimed at House members, according to Advertising Analytics, a nonpartisan



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Republicans look to use the House's drive toward impeaching President Trump to defeat Democrats from swing districts.

firm that examines political spending. That's triple the sum spent by Democrats and their supporters.

The American Action Network, closely aligned with House GOP leaders, has produced TV and digital ads attacking 30 Democrats, mostly freshmen. Spots also "thank" seven Republicans for opposing impeachment, a tactic often used to pressure lawmakers to stand firm.

In one, the announcer accuses Rep. Joe Cunningham, D-S.C., of abandoning health care and other issues to back impeachment and says, "Tell Congressman Cunningham, 'Let the voters decide elections.'" The

announcer speaks amid images of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., liberal Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who's led the impeachment inquiry.

GOP groups regularly blast impeachment-themed fundraising emails. Relatively obscure Republicans such as Rep. Elise Stefanik of upstate New York have reaped campaign contribution bonanzas by taking high-profile roles defending Trump.

"This process they're embarking on is going to cost them their majority next fall," said Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., who

heads his party's House campaign committee.

Pro-impeachment groups have run ads attacking GOP lawmakers for supporting Trump. That included liberal groups MoveOn and Need to Impeach, which put billboard trucks in eight House Republicans' districts from Nevada to New York that carried signs saying, "Defend democracy. Impeach Trump."

Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Ill., who leads House Democrats' campaign committee, said Emmer is "precisely wrong" about her party.

"When we are not out in Washington, we are home, in our districts and we are

listening to people every day, and we are hyper-focused on local issues," she said.

After an initial uptick in support for ousting Trump over his efforts to pressure Ukraine to seek dirt on his Democratic political rivals, voters' views have jelled.

About 9 in 10 Democrats support removing Trump and similar shares of Republicans back him, while independents are roughly evenly divided. Trump seems certain to be impeached, or found worthy of removal, by the Democratic-led House but likely acquitted by the GOP-majority Senate and kept in office.

Last fall's elections left

Democrats in control of 31 seats in districts Trump carried in 2016. GOP lawmakers hold just three seats in districts Democrat Hillary Clinton won. Democrats also outnumber Republicans 62-30 among freshmen, who are often more vulnerable targets.

Many competitive Democratic seats are in suburbs, where centrist voters have abandoned the GOP in recent elections over Trump's coarse behavior and conservative policies. Republicans will have to guard against impeachment accelerating those defections, while Democrats must watch for signs suburban voters think they're overreacting.

For moderate Democrats, "the smart response is to keep doing their job, be in the district, meet with constituents, listen to what they're saying," said centrist Rep. Suzan DelBene, D-Wash., a leader of Democrats' efforts to defend endangered incumbents.

Democratic pollster John Anzalone said his party's candidates should focus on issues that helped clinch their 2018 House takeover.

"I will take any day being able to talk about health care and education and the environment and wages if they're talking about impeachment," Anzalone said.

The reverse dynamic is true in the Senate, where perhaps two Democrats and five Republicans face competitive reelections. Those in the trickiest spots on impeachment include Democratic Sen. Doug Jones of staunchly pro-Trump Alabama and GOP Sen. Cory Gardner in Democratic-leaning Colorado.

Schiff schedules meeting to OK release of Ukraine report

By MIKE DEBONIS AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., set a Tuesday meeting to approve the release of a report expected to detail the panel's findings on President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine.

In keeping with committee rules, panel members are expected to be able to review the report starting at 6 p.m. Monday, 24 hours before the scheduled meeting. It comes after closed-door depositions with 17 government witnesses and a series of televised public hearings with several of those officials.

The report is expected to be forwarded to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration of articles of impeachment against Trump. The Judiciary panel has scheduled a Wednesday hearing to consider the historical and constitutional standards for impeach-

ment.

The expected release of the report, coming 11 days after the last public hearing conducted by the Intelligence Committee, continues a breakneck pace for House Democrats as they investigate the potential impeachment of the president. While Schiff and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., have not committed to any firm timeline, Tuesday's meeting keeps the House on a trajectory to possibly approve articles of impeachment on the House floor before Christmas — setting up a Senate trial on Trump's removal early in the new year.

Democratic staffers on the Intelligence Committee worked through the Thanksgiving recess completing their report, while lawmakers spent the week at home in their districts. Their exact findings are not publicly known, but the report is expected to lay out a case for Trump's abuse of his presidential powers — that he used the promise of a White House meeting and

the withholding of military aid approved by Congress to compel Ukraine's government to launch politically motivated investigations into his political enemies.

Schiff wrote in a letter to colleagues last week that "the evidence of wrongdoing and misconduct by the President that we have gathered to date is clear and hardly in dispute."

"The President has accepted or enlisted foreign nations to interfere in our upcoming elections, including the next one; this is an urgent matter that cannot wait if we are to protect the nation's security and the integrity of our elections," he wrote. "What is left to us now is to decide whether this behavior is compatible with the office of the presidency, and whether the Constitutional process of impeachment is warranted."

It is unclear whether Republicans on the committee, led by Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., will release a report of their own. But



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Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, left, talks with Rep. Devin Nunes, on Nov. 13.

they have put forth numerous arguments against impeachment during the two weeks of public hearings — noting that the aid was ultimately delivered, for instance, and that Trump had good reason to question rampant corruption in Ukraine and put strings on any U.S. aid.

While Schiff has not ruled out calling additional witnesses should circumstances warrant, the completion of the Intelligence Committee report marks a new phase of the impeach-

ment inquiry — one where the investigatory baton is being handed from Schiff to Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y. The Judiciary Committee is expected to use the Intelligence report, along with its own findings, as well as those of other investigating panels, to fashion articles of impeachment.

Nadler on Friday gave Trump a Dec. 6 deadline to decide whether he would take advantage of due process protections afforded to him under House rules

adopted in October.

It's unlikely that the president would attend Wednesday, as Trump is scheduled to be at a summit with NATO allies outside London. The Judiciary Committee gave the White House until Sunday evening to decide whether Trump or his attorneys would attend, but the White House responded ahead of the deadline that it didn't plan to participate.

Associated Press contributed.

At least 20 dead after Mexico gang attack near US border

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican security forces on Sunday killed seven more members of a presumed cartel assault force that rolled into a town near the Texas border and staged an hour-long attack, officials said, putting the overall death toll at 20.

The Coahuila state government said in a statement that lawmen aided by helicopters were still chasing remnants of the force that arrived in a convoy of pickups and attacked the city hall of Villa Union on Saturday.

Gov. Miguel Angel Riquelme said Sunday afternoon that authorities had determined the casualty



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The city hall of Villa Union, Mexico, is seen after a gun battle between security forces and a suspected gang.

count from the gunbattles stood at 14 gunmen dead and four police officers killed. He said two civilians also were slain by gunmen

after being abducted. The governor said six more officers were wounded as were four young people who had been

taken by the attackers. The reason for the military-style attack remained unclear. Cartels have been contending for control of smuggling routes in northern Mexico, but there was no immediate evidence that a rival cartel had been targeted in Villa Union.

Earlier Sunday, the state government had issued a statement saying seven attackers were killed Sunday in addition to seven who died Saturday. It had said three other bodies had not been identified, but its later statement lowered the total deaths to 20.

The governor said the armed group — at least some in military style garb — stormed the town of 3,000 residents in a convoy

of trucks, attacking local government offices and prompting state and federal forces to intervene. Bullet-riddled trucks left abandoned in the streets were marked C.D.N. — Spanish initials of the Cartel of the Northeast gang.

Several of the gunmen stole vehicles as they fled and kidnapped locals to help guide them on dirt tracks out of town, the governor said. At least one of the stolen vehicles was a hearse headed for a funeral, according to the newspaper Zocalo de Saltillo.

The town is about 35 miles from Eagle Pass, Texas, and 12 miles from the town of Allende — site of a 2011 massacre involving the Zetas cartel in which offi-

cials say 70 died.

Rapid gunfire could be heard in videos posted to social media along with frantic people telling friends to stay indoors. Images of the aftermath of the shootout showed burned out vehicles, while the facade of Villa Union's city hall was riddled with bullets.

The governor said security forces would remain in the town for several days.

Mexico's murder rate has increased to historically high levels, inching up by 2% in the first 10 months of Obrador's presidency. Federal officials said recently that there have been 29,414 homicides so far in 2019, compared to 28,869 in the same period of 2018.

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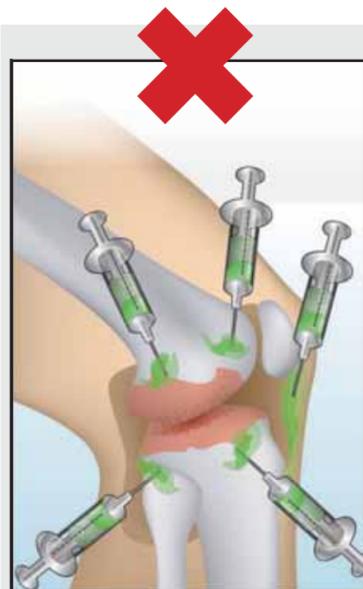
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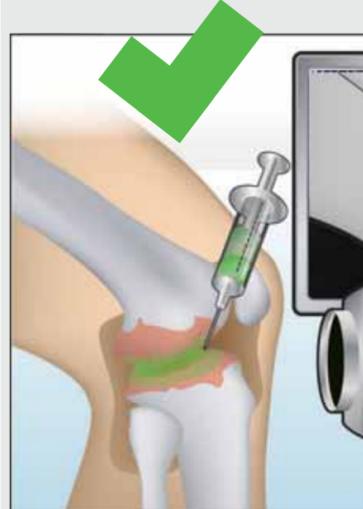
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Fla. officials now take climate seriously

Growing shift signals a new pragmatism in Republican ranks

By BOBCAINA CALVAN
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Since taking office in January, Florida's Republican governor has appointed a science officer, established a climate change czar and pledged to spend billions of dollars to restore the Everglades and combat the pollutants that spawn blue-green algae and red tides.

A top Republican lawmaker in the state, meanwhile, recently stood on the House floor and implored his party "to stop being afraid of words like 'climate change' and 'sea level rise.'"

While President Donald Trump and his administration reject the urgency of the threat, leading Republicans in Florida and other states find themselves under political pressure to address the immediate effects of climate change. As a result, these leaders are changing their message, and in some cases their policies, to acknowledge climate science and discuss mitigation, even as the Trump administration dismisses both.

In the Southeast, where Republicans in South Carolina and Georgia control the legislature or occupy the governor's mansion, the GOP is acknowledging, even if begrudgingly, sea level rise and the growing threat from intensifying hurricanes.

Nowhere is the break from Trump clearer than in Florida, his adopted home state, where Gov. Ron DeSantis is a close ally and where Republicans are sounding the alarm about the harm rising oceans pose to coastal communities.

With its 1,350 miles of coastline, Florida faces some of the starkest risks from rising oceans. Higher global temperatures bring extreme weather condi-



Then-GOP candidate for Florida governor Ron DeSantis gets off an airboat after touring the Everglades in 2018.

tions, including more intense and destructive hurricanes. Miami and other cities could find themselves submerged as glaciers melt into the oceans.

While it's hardly the dramatic call to action that environmentalists and scientist say is needed, the shift signals a new pragmatism among Republicans, especially in states where constituents are grappling with the consequences of a warming planet.

"This isn't about the next election. This is about the next several decades and what our environment is going to look like for our children and grandchildren," said GOP state Rep. Chris Sprowls. At 35, he is poised to lead Florida's House of Representatives next fall. His district northwest of Tampa lies along the Gulf Coast.

"We shouldn't fall into the same trap on the envi-

ronment, where we allow the national conversation to dictate and hamstring us from accomplishing practical goals that truly protect our water and make our state beautiful for decades to come," Sprowls said in an interview. "We're playing the long game here."

Still, there is political motivation. The new messaging comes as Democrats saw success in 2018 running on a promise to combat climate change and hammering Republicans as the party of deniers.

The White House declined to comment.

Forty-six percent of Florida midterm voters said they were very concerned about climate change, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 3,700 midterm voters in Florida. Among Florida independents, 51% expressed great concern, slightly higher than independents nation-

ally.

The state's rising population is pushing development and asphalt deeper into once-rural areas. Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals are flowing into creeks, rivers, lakes and eventually into the waters that surround the Florida Peninsula, further damaging coral reefs and putting sensitive ocean life at risk.

One sign of Republicans' shift is former Gov. Rick Scott, now a U.S. senator. Many environmental groups accuse him of mostly ignoring the issue during his eight years in Tallahassee. In February, Scott acknowledged in an opinion piece that climate change "is real and requires real solutions."

More recently, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., joined the Senate Climate Solutions Caucus, a bipartisan group launched in October. Even Republican fire-

brand U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, a fierce ally of the president, has espoused cleaner energy.

"I think that more of my colleagues need to realize that the science of global warming is irrefutable," Gaetz said last spring while offering his "Green Real Deal," a counterpoint to the "Green New Deal" backed by some Democrats.

While Trump has discouraged federal agencies from prioritizing preparation for changes, DeSantis has cast himself as Florida's environmentalist-in-chief.

Two days after taking office, the new governor pledged to invest \$2.5 billion during his four-year term — a billion dollar increase from his predecessor's final four years in office — to protect water resources and help restore the Everglades, the largest ecosystem restoration project in the United States. He

issued an executive order mobilizing action against algae blooms and the pollutants that taint the state's lakes, waterways and coastlines.

Florida's environment — its beaches, swamps, woods and abundant sunshine — is a fundamental pillar of the state economy, generating billions in tourism and agriculture dollars, said Noah Valenstein, the secretary of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection.

"What you see in Florida is an independent streak, a belief that the environment is important," Valenstein said. "We as a state have determined that this is a top issue, and we're going to take that on."

The conversation in Florida may be shifting, but action isn't moving fast enough, and policy discussions are not broad enough for critics.

Land conservation groups note that while DeSantis talks about conservation, he also supports 340 miles of new toll roads that could permanently alter some of the state's most pristine landscapes. These groups want DeSantis to boost funding for Florida Forever, the state's land preservation program, which is projected to get \$100 million instead of the \$300 million that had been historically allocated.

"Even though he has now talked about climate change for the first time, it's all about mitigation," said Sierra Club Florida director Frank Jackalone. He wants the governor to emphatically say "climate change is caused by all the pollution we have in the atmosphere and that we need to do something about it."

Mitigation projects, including sea walls, only address the symptoms of climate change, Jackalone said, but do little to combat the causes — the continued reliance on fossil fuels that produce greenhouse gases and the escalating deforestation of the planet.

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Ahead of an international climate summit that begins Monday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres cited a lack of "political will" needed to combat climate change.

UN chief warns of 'point of no return' on climate change

By ARITZ PARRA
AND FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

MADRID — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Sunday that the world's efforts to stop climate change have been "utterly inadequate" so far and there is a danger global warming could pass the "point of no return."

Speaking before the start Monday of a two-week international climate conference in Madrid, Guterres said the effect of rising temperatures — including more extreme weather — is already being felt around the world, with dramatic consequences for humans and other species.

He noted that the world has the scientific knowledge and the technical means to limit global warming, but "what is lacking is political will."

"The point of no return is no longer over the horizon," Guterres told reporters. "It is in sight and hurtling toward us."

Delegates from almost 200 countries will try to put the finishing touches on the rules governing the 2015 Paris climate accord at this meeting, including how to create functioning international emissions trading systems and compensate poor countries for losses they suffer from rising sea levels and other

consequences of climate change.

Guterres cited mounting scientific evidence for the impact that man-made emissions of greenhouse gases are already having on the planet, including record temperatures and melting polar ice.

But he insisted that his message was "one of hope, not of despair. Our war against nature must stop and we know that that is possible."

Countries agreed in Paris four years ago to limit global warming to well below 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, ideally 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit, by the end of the century compared with preindustrial times.

Guterres said growing demands from citizens, particularly young people, have shown there is widespread desire for climate action.

"What is still lacking is political will," he said. "Political will to put a price on carbon. Political will to stop subsidies on fossil fuels. Political will to stop building coal power plants from 2020 onwards. Political will to shift taxation from income to carbon. Taxing pollution instead of people."

Guterres noted that some 70 countries — many among the most vulnerable to climate change — have pledged to stop emitting

more greenhouse gases by 2050.

"But we also see clearly that the world's largest emitters are not pulling their weight. And without them, our goal is unreachable," he said.

The U.N. chief said he hoped the meeting in Madrid would see governments make more ambitious pledges ahead of a deadline to do so next year.

He also said that creating a worldwide market for emissions, which is a key element of the sixth article of the Paris accord, remained one of the most contentious issues for negotiators.

"We are here to find answers for Article 6, not to find excuses," Guterres said.

Some of the world's largest carbon emitters — the United States, China and India — will be represented by ministers or lower-level officials.

The U.S. administration of President Donald Trump, which has announced the intention to withdraw from the Paris agreement, is represented by Marcia Bernicat, principal deputy assistant secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is leading a delegation of Democratic lawmakers to the talks.

Biden seeks bounce back with extended Iowa tour

'20 hopeful looks to show appeal, strengthen support

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE AND BILL BARROW
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Joe Biden's eight-day bus tour across Iowa comes with a message: Reports of his demise in the nation's first presidential caucus state have been greatly exaggerated.

Biden's aides acknowledge he must sharpen his pitch before the Feb. 3 caucuses that launch Democrats' 2020 voting. Yet the former vice president's advisers reject any characterization of the 18-county swing that ends Saturday as a campaign reset, even with polls showing that Biden's standing in Iowa has slipped in recent months.

They frame the trip as an effort to demonstrate wide appeal and harden support across a Democratic electorate whose top priority is defeating President Donald Trump. Conversations with advisers and supporters reveal a quiet confidence that the 77-year-old candidate retains broad support and is well-situated to recover lost

ground.

"As people get closer and closer to February, they become more and more practical about this," said former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, who recently gave Biden his most high-profile Iowa endorsement yet. "He can make the strongest case, among all the candidates, that he is in a position to get things done, and he is in a position to win."

Iowa polls suggest that Biden, while a front-runner nationally, is in a jumble near the top. South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg appears to hold a narrow edge over Biden and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, 70, and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, 78. The senators have animated the party's left flank, while the 37-year-old Buttigieg joins Biden in Democrats' moderate wing but is calling for generational change.

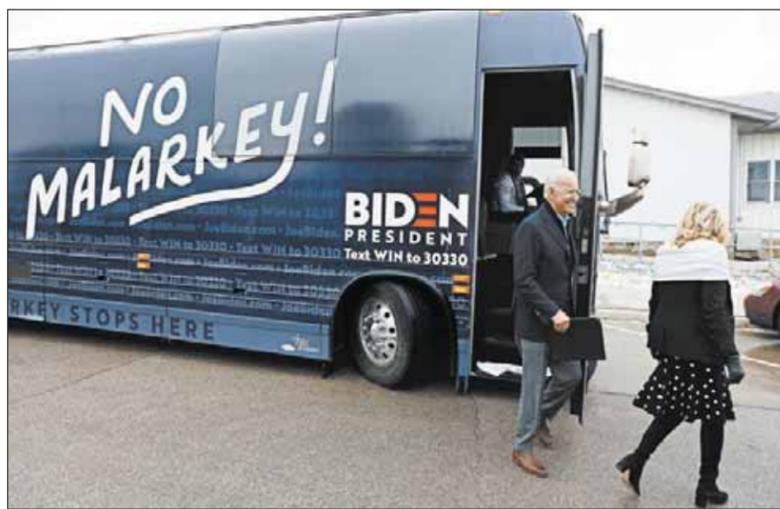
In southeast Iowa, the state party's Rural Caucus vice chairman says Biden's footprint isn't visible. "I know the names of the people who are supporting various other candidates," Glenn Hurst said. "But in terms of people out there knocking on doors, who attend other campaign events, district events, I can't

name a member of the southeast Iowa Democrats who's supporting Joe Biden."

Biden's national staff has fueled skeptical assessments with pronouncements that he doesn't have to win Iowa to win the nomination. Iowa is overwhelmingly white; Biden's national advantage leans heavily on nonwhite voters who help determine outcomes in Nevada, South Carolina and many March 3 Super Tuesday states.

Yet all the hand-wringing misses key variables in Iowa, according to Vilsack and other Biden supporters.

They contend that, public enthusiasm aside, Biden has the broadest range of support both demographically and geographically, especially in rural and small-town Iowa and among the growing minority population that, while small, could prove important with so many candidates dividing the overall caucus vote. Those Biden organizers that get so much criticism, the campaign says, spend their days not with local party officials, but with volunteers knocking on doors and making calls. Their focus: reliable caucus participants, plus disaffected Republicans and independents.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his wife, Jill Biden, arrive at a meeting Sunday, in Carroll, Iowa. The former vice president is on an eight-day bus tour of the state.

"The media seems to have picked up this narrative that the Biden campaign is not doing well or not as well as it should," said longtime party activist and Biden supporter Phyllis Hughes Ewing. "I'm on the phones with voters two nights a week for several hours at a pop. I'm a boot on the ground, and that's not what I'm seeing."

Collectively, it's a wide-net strategy the campaign predicts will yield a surprising delegate haul from Iowa's complex caucus process.

The bullishness starts with the viability threshold requiring candidates to get 15% support in a given precinct to have votes

counted toward delegates. Biden's team believes he'll be viable in every one of the 1,679 precincts on caucus night, a reach even other leading candidates may not match. Then, they believe Biden will be a top beneficiary of "realignment" votes — subsequent ballots that allow voters who supported a nonviable candidate to choose another who's still standing.

Two other key Democratic constituencies also are in play in Iowa: organized labor and minority voters.

Biden has won the endorsement of the International Association of Fire

Fighters, and the organization already has tapped its locals across the state to canvass. "We understand what needs to be done to get people out to caucus," said Harold Schaitberger, the union's national president, adding that he already has representatives on the ground and will have organizers in precincts across the state on caucus night.

For minority outreach, the campaign recently hired state Rep. Ras Smith, a member of the Legislature's Black Caucus. The campaign also is making an aggressive play for Latino voters, with more than a dozen bilingual organizers.



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Anti-government demonstrators stage a sit-in on Rasheed Street during protests on Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq.

Iraq's PM steps down amid reform protests

BY ERIN CUNNINGHAM AND MUSTAFA SALIM
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Iraq's parliament on Sunday approved the resignation of embattled Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi amid sustained protests for sweeping reform, setting the stage for a new political crisis as the ruling class scrambled to address demonstrators' grievances.

The looming showdown in parliament comes as protesters have clashed

with security forces in Baghdad and other cities as part of an effort to topple a system they say favors the elite. The demonstrators, thousands of whom are camped out in Baghdad's Tahrir Square, have called for a new election law and an end to the power-sharing arrangement that divides government spoils among Iraq's political heavyweights.



Mahdi

The nascent grassroots movement has posed the most serious challenge to Iraq's political order since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. More than 430 demonstrators have been killed in the unrest, a human rights official said Sunday. He spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The departure of Abdul Mahdi, appointed last year after months of political

wrangling, offers authorities a chance to begin enacting change, lawmakers and analysts said. Iraqis are fed up with high unemployment, widespread graft and a lack of government services. They point to Iraq's vast oil reserves as evidence the country's wealth is being wasted.

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Montgomery unveils statue of civil rights icon Rosa Parks

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A new statue of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks was dedicated in Alabama's capital city Sunday, the 64th anniversary of her historic refusal to give up her seat on a public bus.

Montgomery Mayor Steven Reed and Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey pulled back a cloth to unveil the statue before a crowd of about 400 spectators.

The ceremony coincided with the anniversary of Parks' Dec. 1, 1955 arrest

that sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"This depiction will inspire future generations to make the pilgrimage to our city, to push toward the path of righteousness, strength," said Reed, who recently became the first African American mayor of Montgomery.

Four granite markers honor plaintiffs in *Browder v. Gayle*, the court case that determined segregation on city buses was unconstitutional.

Weather hampers probe of SD plane crash that killed 9

CHAMBERLAIN, S.D. — Harsh weather Sunday prevented federal investigators from reaching the site where a single-engine plane crashed a day earlier, killing nine people and injuring three others.

Peter Knudson with the National Transportation Safety Board said three investigators were stuck in Sioux Falls, about 140 miles east of the crash site in Chamberlain, in south-central South Dakota.

Twelve people were aboard the Pilatus PC-12 bound for Idaho Falls, Idaho, when it crashed a mile after takeoff about 12:30 p.m. Saturday, he said.

Authorities have not released the names of the victims. A Brule County official told the Sioux Falls Argus Leader that passengers ranged in age from 7 to 81. The three survivors were men ages 28, 27 and 17.

Malta leader to resign amid protests over reporter's death

VALLETTA, Malta — Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat told the nation Sunday night that he would resign in January, following pressure from angry citizens for the truth about the 2017 car bombing that killed an anti-corruption journalist.

In a televised message, Muscat said he had informed Malta's president that he will quit as leader of the governing Labor Party on Jan. 12.

"As prime minister, I promised two years ago that justice would be done in the case of the murder of Daphne Caruana Galizia," Muscat said, beginning his speech, adding that "today I am here to tell you that I kept my word."

But the slain reporter's family contended Muscat's departure won't satisfy those in the nation who are determined that corruption be rooted out.



MAX BECHERER/THE ADVOCATE

New Orleans police investigate the scene of a shooting Sunday on the edge of the French Quarter. Ten people were shot and wounded at about 3:20 a.m. Sunday.

10 wounded in shooting near New Orleans' French Quarter

NEW ORLEANS — Ten people were shot and wounded early Sunday near the French Quarter in New Orleans, a popular spot for tourists. Hours later in another part of town, another shooting killed two men and wounded two others.

Police said both shootings remain under investigation, and authorities did not immediately draw any connection between them.

Two of the 10 people shot on Canal Street near the French Quarter were in critical condition in local hospitals, Police Superintendent Shaun Ferguson

said. No arrests were announced by midday Sunday, and police did not immediately release information about any of the victims.

"What happened in our city overnight was a cowardly and senseless act that we cannot and will not tolerate," Ferguson said in a statement.

He said New Orleans has seen a significant reduction in violent crime over the past four years.

Ferguson told The New Orleans Advocate/The Times-Picayune that a person of interest has been detained.

The first shootings happened about 3:20 a.m. on a busy commercial block of Canal Street that has streetcar tracks and is near many hotels.

Ferguson said police quickly responded to the scene as patrols were heightened for this weekend's Bayou Classic, the annual Thanksgiving weekend rivalry football game between Grambling State and Southern University at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell also pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Arrests made in killings of US family in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Mexican authorities on Sunday arrested several people suspected of involvement in the killing of nine members of the LeBaron family, the extended clan of Americans whose deaths in November drew international attention to rising violence in the country.

The federal attorney general's office said in a communiqué that soldiers, Marines, National Guard and other security forces launched a joint operation early Sunday and detained "various individuals believed to be involved" in the killings outside the town of La Mora in the northern

state of Sonora.

Officials didn't provide details, and the attorney general's office didn't respond to a request for comment.

The newspaper El Universal cited sources as saying three people were arrested in Bavispe, not far from La Mora.

Hong Kong democracy rally cut short by tear gas

HONG KONG — Thousands of people took to Hong Kong's streets Sunday in a new wave of pro-democracy protests, but police fired tear gas after some demonstrators hurled bricks and smoke bombs, breaking a rare pause in violence that has persisted during the six-month-long movement.

In the largest of three rallies, a key thoroughfare along the waterfront on the Kowloon side of Victoria Harbour was packed with demonstrators, from hardened masked protesters in all-black outfits to families and the elderly. They chanted "Five demands, not one less" and "Disband the police force" as they marched.

That rally followed two others earlier Sunday as protesters sought to keep the pressure on city leader Carrie Lam.

Police estimated that 16,000 people attended the Kowloon rally.

In Maine: A man was killed on Thanksgiving night by a booby trap he had apparently rigged in his home, officials say.

The deceased, identified by police as Ronald Cyr, 65, of Van Buren, Maine, called 911 after he was shot by his self-made home security device and was taken to a hospital, police said in a Friday news release.

Police later determined that the shooting was the result of Cyr unintentionally triggering the device.

Investigators at the scene discovered that Cyr's front door was rigged with a device "designed to fire a handgun should anyone attempt to enter the door," according to the police statement. Police reportedly found other "unknown devices" in Cyr's home.



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EDITORIALS

Get your Real ID license: October 2020 is coming

Blame the tight deadline here on Illinois' tribal politics. In more functional states ...

... October 1, 2020, may sound as distant as Jupiter, but do not be fooled or you may miss your flight. No, not to Jupiter. To Cleveland, or Phoenix, or any domestic destination.

Next October is the deadline to obtain a new form of driver's license known as Real ID. Unless you visit the DMV before that date to apply for and receive a Real ID license, then starting Oct. 1, you will risk being barred from boarding an airplane or entering a federal facility such as a courthouse.

Why the relatively tight deadline? Tribal politics. Illinois officials of the Democratic persuasion didn't like being told to obey a national security mandate — no jobs for precinct captains there — with roots in the President George W. Bush years.

So the Illinois officials whined and whimpered and dragged their feet — and got deadline extensions until the federal government finally had enough. Many

other, more functional states have been issuing Real ID for several years. So their residents haven't been jammed the way Illinoisans now are.

May we repeat for emphasis? Anyone who uses an Illinois driver's license as identification must go to a secretary of state's office before next October to obtain a Real ID. Regular licenses will no longer be valid as federal ID. Certain other forms of ID, such as a passport or military ID, will still get you past security at the airport or into a federal courthouse. But *effective Oct. 1, 2020, your current driver's license won't get you past Transportation Security Administration checkpoints at the airport to board a domestic air flight.*

Consider this a friendly nudge, especially to procrastinators, because come October 2020, we don't want to hear about ruined honeymoons or stranded college students.

We recognize the temptation to put off this bureaucratic hassle. We ventured to a

secretary of state's office on a recent Saturday morning with our collection of documents to join the line for Real ID. The process took three hours. We didn't love the experience. No matter. The task is now complete. Score one for planning and sticktoitiveness. (Mom, thank you for that.)

Real ID's origin dates to the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001. Some of the hijackers used driver's licenses and other ordinary identifications to board aircraft.

The 9/11 Commission report identified airport security as a vulnerability and a crucial backstop — “the last opportunity to ensure that people are who they say they are and to check whether they are terrorists.” The report recommended that the federal government tighten the standards for obtaining a driver's license.

It took years to implement the Real ID program, but it's here now. Residents can still use and obtain a regular license, but (Alert! Alert!) in order to fly or enter a secure federal building starting Oct. 1, 2020,

the new version (or one of those few other IDs that qualify as a substitute) will be required.

Real ID looks similar to a traditional Illinois driver's license but includes a star logo in the upper right corner. To get a license with the telltale star, an applicant must show several documents: proof of identity (a passport or birth certificate); proof of Social Security number (Social Security card or W-2 form); two current residency documents with address (examples: utility bill and bank statement); proof of signature. Consult the state secretary of state's website for details.

Getting this new form of ID is an inconvenience. So is the alternative of carrying a passport to fly domestically. But tightened security is a necessary reality.

Real ID is coming. Time flies. Get to a secretary of state's office at the earliest opportunity.

And come October, don't say nobody warned you.

How to fix this trade-off of Illinois hospitals' property tax breaks in return for charity care

Want to ruin someone's day? Send her a property tax bill. It's a mood killer because it's big, and the next one promises to be even bigger.

Nonprofit hospitals, however, don't have to worry about that. Illinois law allows a nonprofit hospital to get a break from property taxes, as long as the value of its charitable services is equal to or greater than its hypothetical tax liability.

Illinois has more than 200 hospitals. More than 150 are nonprofits, such as the biggest players in health care in the Chicago region — Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush University Medical Center and Advocate Health Care.

The trade-off here — a property tax break in return for charity care — sounds straightforward. But there's a catch. To determine the amount of charity care a hospital must provide in order to get the exemption, it's important to know how much that hospital would have to pay in property taxes if the exemption didn't exist.

An easy and transparent way to determine a hospital's hypothetical tax bill is hiding in plain sight. It's the same way other types of property are valued as part of the property tax calculation process: The local county assessor sizes up the assessed value of those other properties, and those valuations help determine the tax bills.

Illinois law, however, allows nonprofit hospitals to take a different approach. As Crain's Chicago Business columnist Joe



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Rush University Medical Center is among nonprofit hospitals that get a break on property taxes.

Cahill recently wrote, “The statute leaves it to hospitals to estimate the value of their real estate and the tax liability it would generate.” That is, hospitals are permitted to come up with the number themselves. And they're not required to publicly release their estimated tax liability, so most don't.

The upshot: Lower tax liability estimates mean lower requirements for providing charity care to the poor and underinsured. According to the Illinois Health Facilities

and Services Review Board, hospitals in Chicago and the rest of Cook County that brought in the most revenue in 2018 spent less than 2% of that revenue on charity care. The lone exception was Stroger Hospital, a public hospital, which spent more than half of its net revenue on charity care.

Last year, the Illinois Supreme Court rejected a challenge to the Illinois law that exempts nonprofit hospitals from property taxes. But across the state, perennial public policy debates about the

exemption continue.

Recently there's been renewed pressure to have nonprofit hospitals pay a share of local services they receive. Earlier this fall, Ald. Jeanette Taylor, 20th, proposed that Chicago's City Hall sit down with nonprofit hospitals and work out a payment program to offset the cost of those services.

We've argued that there's merit to the exemption, as long as the rules are clear on how much charity care nonprofit hospitals must provide. But the terms of the offset aren't clear, largely because the public doesn't necessarily get an accurate valuation of a hospital's real estate and its hypothetical tax liability. Heck, whatever estimated tax liability a hospital determines for itself generally doesn't even get publicly disclosed.

Lawmakers can fix this by amending the law to require independent calculations of nonprofit hospitals' property values and hypothetical taxes. We aren't big on unfunded mandates, but this task logically would fall to local assessors. Maybe the hospitals could pay a fee for the work, given that they'd no longer have to do the job themselves.

That would produce a much more transparent, and perhaps accurate, application of the exemption law. That, in turn, would benefit hospitals that get tax breaks, patients who receive charity care, and taxpayers who are asked to subsidize the taxes and sometimes the care.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In the original 1960s TV show “Star Trek,” the voyagers on the starship Enterprise could chat with the computer from any room on the ship. The computer, voiced by the late actress Majel Barrett, sadly had no name, but responded to voice commands seeking information or to control the vessel.

It was a vision of the future that would go on to influence some of today's biggest tech luminaries. Google's voice-controlled digital assistant was codenamed Majel. And the “Star Trek” computer was also the inspiration for Alexa, as Jeff Bezos has explained to many. ...

There's another famous 1960s sci-fi model for voice-controlled computers, but it's not one the tech industry cites much. HAL, the crazed starship computer from the movie “2001: A Space Odyssey.” Sometimes, when my phone is taking terrible dictation, or when Alexa can't find what I'm asking for, it's Hal that comes to mind.

Someone at Amazon was on the ball, though. Ask Alexa to “open the pod bay doors,” quoting the classic request made to Hal in “2001,” and it will respond with the proper dialogue. “I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that.” Then Alexa adds, “I'm not Hal and we're not in space.”

Aaron Pressman, Fortune



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Then-state Rep. Luis Arroyo chats on the House floor at the State Capitol in 2013. Despite a recent bribery charge, Arroyo still serves as ward committeeperson.

Dem corruption has base in unpaid but powerful post of committeeperson

BY AARON GOLDSTEIN
AND HALLE QUEZADA

The Democratic Party is supposed to be “fighting for a better, fairer and brighter future for every American,” according to its national website. So in Illinois, why is the party instead notorious for corruption?

Let’s start at the ground level. Indicted Ald. Ed Burke just submitted paperwork to run for reelection for committeeperson, a role he has held since 1968. (Owing to a change in state law, gender-neutral nomenclature has replaced “committeemen” and “committeewomen.”) State Rep. Luis Arroyo, recently charged with bribery, still serves as a ward committeeperson. House Speaker Michael Madigan is one, too.

Interest in this unpaid position doesn’t stem from a philanthropic belief in promoting democracy; it’s about power. Committeepersons perpetuate machine politics, and if we care about the integrity of our democracy, we have to be more careful about whom we elect to these influential seats.

Committeeperson positions are an easy target for politicians looking to consolidate their power, as many

potential challengers cannot afford to run for a role that is not compensated. What’s more, every ward committee is run differently, so it is hard to hold committeepersons accountable.

A committeeperson has three main tasks: getting out the vote, slating judicial candidates and making appointments to vacant seats. And while the method of using these responsibilities to maintain power and political control has changed over the years, the grip of committeepersons has not loosened.

If the committeeperson is also an incumbent in another elected office, it serves him or her to be inactive in terms of getting out the primary election vote. Then he or she can coast toward reelection on name recognition alone, rather than using the platform to engage or register new voters who are not guaranteed to vote for the name they know.

Of course, committeepersons also host fundraisers, which are largely attended by judicial candidates hoping to be slated on the Democratic ticket. The way the Cook County Democratic Party selects judges whom committeepersons deem qualified to hold the office often focuses on political factors of money, party loyalty and quotas.

Finally, the complete control committeepersons have over appointments creates gamesmanship when elected officials retire, often stepping down in a way that gives an advantage to the individuals they want to replace them. This is especially important if they are stepping down to become lobbyists and get paid big bucks to influence their former colleagues — and their chosen replacement.

After his indictment, Arroyo initially refused to resign from his post as 36th Ward committeeperson, a role that gave him a place in selecting his own replacement as state representative. Toni Preckwinkle, as chair of the county Democratic Party, responded that she was “compelled to exercise the ... purely perfunctory act of appointing” Arroyo, who is charged with bribery, to chair the committee to appoint his replacement. Arroyo did not attend the meeting. Instead, he handed his proxy votes to Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, who then had enough weighted votes to control the selection while giving an illusion of distance from Arroyo.

While Madigan has said he would challenge the qualifications of any appointment made with Arroyo’s votes, what’s missing is a call to regu-

late appointments with uniform processes and procedures that preserve transparency and constituents’ voices.

What’s missing is a call for special elections and eliminating the anti-democratic practice, written into the law in Illinois, of allowing a group of committeepersons to select a replacement for a state senator or representative who doesn’t serve out his or her full term. What’s missing is a look at who is profiting from the current organization of Cook County Democrats, because while Arroyo’s name is in the spotlight now, he’s not the first and won’t be the last in this situation.

So what can the average voter do? Pay attention to the committee race in your ward and township this election season, and then run for office in the next. Until the law on appointing replacements is changed by putting the power in the people’s hands, these important decisions will continue to be made by committeepersons. Don’t let these positions be held by politicians who put their own interests ahead of the people’s.

Aaron Goldstein is Democratic committeeperson of the 33rd Ward. Halle Quezada is a candidate for Democratic committeeperson for the 50th Ward.

NRA appeal to US Supreme Court puts gun safety laws at risk

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

The National Rifle Association’s latest effort to abolish gun safety laws has reached a new level of absurdity — and danger. The group’s New York affiliate is challenging a law that doesn’t even exist, in hopes of wiping out lots of common sense laws around the country that do exist. And Monday, the group’s extreme position is getting a hearing in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The stakes couldn’t be higher. And if ever there were a case that the Supreme Court should flatly reject, this is it.

At issue is a New York City regulation that is no longer on the books. The regulation (enacted by the Police Department before I served as mayor) restricted gun owners from transporting their guns to shooting ranges outside the city. It imposed an unnecessary restriction on gun owners’ ability to visit ranges — and it was rightly rescinded. In fact, the state adopted a law prohibiting any locality from adopting a similar rule. And that should’ve closed the case. But the NRA wouldn’t take “yes” for an answer.

Although the case is clearly moot, lawyers for the NRA will try to convince the

Supreme Court on Monday that it should proceed. Why? It’s simple: They hope the court will use it as an opening to wipe out basic gun safety laws around the country.

If the Supreme Court agrees to hear the case, the NRA will undoubtedly argue that state regulations requiring a permit to carry a concealed firearm are unconstitutional. While all 50 states allow concealed carry, many have carefully considered laws designed to protect the public and ensure an argument at the mall or movie theater doesn’t turn into a shootout. In Illinois, for instance, local police may object to the issuance of a permit if they know the applicant is a danger to themselves or others. And permit applicants must be 21 years of age or older, possess a valid firearm owner’s identification, take a course involving gun range instruction and pass a marksmanship test.

In other words, in Illinois and other states, if you want to carry a concealed gun in public, you must demonstrate that you can competently and safely handle that gun. But the NRA desires rights without responsibilities or restrictions — and not just on concealed carry.

The NRA wants the court to use the (already resolved) New York issue to deal a

death blow to even more basic public safety protections, such as barring domestic abusers from possessing guns, a step that many states have taken, thanks in large part to groups like Everytown for Gun Safety (which I helped found) and its 6 million supporters. Other lifesaving laws could also be vulnerable if the court issues a sweeping ruling that overturns recent precedent.

The last major gun safety ruling by the Supreme Court, in 2008, affirmed that reasonable restrictions on gun possession are constitutional. But the NRA has not given up on its absolutist vision of the Second Amendment, which is inconsistent with American history, oblivious to public safety and out of step with the American people. The NRA opposes much-needed fixes to the gun-sale background check system — which are supported by 90% of Americans — as well as restrictions on gun possession for domestic abusers and stalkers.

Despite the NRA’s obstruction, America’s gun safety movement has successfully put hundreds of strong laws on the books in recent years. Last year alone, 20 states passed significant gun laws, thanks in large part to the grassroots army of Americans we have mobilized to stand up for the right

to safety. And we have made progress not only in rallying Democrats, but in winning support from more Republicans. Last year, Illinois’ Bruce Rauner was one of five Republican governors who signed a “red flag” law that helps keep guns out of the hands of people who pose a threat to themselves or others. Those laws would be at risk if the Supreme Court issues a far-reaching opinion in the New York case.

As president, I will appoint judges who understand that the Second Amendment allows for common sense limits on gun ownership. I’ve spent 15 years working to build a national coalition that is capable of taking on the NRA and winning — and I’m glad to say that we now have the NRA on the ropes. That may be one reason why the NRA is hoping the court will save it.

The NRA is rolling a Trojan horse through the doors of the Supreme Court. The justices should send it packing, so that reasonable regulations and vital responsibilities can continue to coexist with Second Amendment rights.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Economists who collaborated on a study at UCLA noticed that higher-income employees were spending more time working.

Highly educated, workaholics are fueling America's income inequality

BY ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

To the question of who created today's economic inequality, there is now a new and intriguing answer: the internet. It has apparently turned millions among us into workaholics, lugging around our laptops, ready at a moment's notice to tackle the latest digital chore. The trouble is that all this extra work — and the income it generates — is heavily skewed toward the economy's upper strata. Hence, the leap in inequality.

This change in lifestyles is something most of us have witnessed.

The barriers between work and family are collapsing before the relentless demands of algorithms. Work has become a constant companion and an indestructible nag.

Just whether this is good for the national psyche is an open question worthy of scholarly study. What's less debatable is that this digital imperative is more than a curiosity. It's not just a reflection of growing economic inequality. It's also a contributor, says a new study by economists Edward Leamer and J. Rodrigo Fuentes. (The study has been published as a working paper by the National Bureau of Economic Research.)

Leamer and Fuentes, who collaborated on the study at UCLA, noticed that higher-income employees were spending more time working, whether "at the office," home or somewhere else. The biggest increases were largely confined to workers with bachelor's or advanced degrees (professional or doctoral degrees).

Here are some numbers. Between 1980 and 2016, the annual average number of working hours for employees with advanced degrees rose from 1,930

to 2,109, an increase of 9%. The gain for those with just bachelor's degrees was 7%, from 1,872 hours (1980) to 2,009 hours (2016). For other workers, ranked by education, the changes in hours were negligible. The gain in hours for workers with a high school diploma was less than 1%.

This factor — working hours — Leamer and Fuentes call "effort." They say it has been underrecognized in explaining inequality. From 1980 to 2016, the average increase in wages for those with advanced degrees was 41%, from \$67,000 to \$95,000. The gain for college graduates was 17%, from \$56,000 to \$66,000. For everyone else, inflation-adjusted incomes over the period were negative. Prices increased faster than wages. The loss for high school graduates was 12%.

Hours worked — or not — compounded other effects on inequality, say Leamer and Fuentes. Take the erosion of manufacturing jobs. Since its post-World War II peak of 32% in 1953, the manufacturing sector's share of total jobs has dropped steadily. It is now about 8%, as automation has eliminated traditional factory jobs.

Many of these jobs once commanded high wages stemming from workers' role in sustaining expensive production systems. Globalization and outsourcing amplified the adverse impact on factory workers. As these jobs vanished, workers migrated into lower-wage jobs in retail, health care, and leisure and hospitality.

Meanwhile, the opposite was happening at the top of the economic spectrum. Incomes were rising. Workaholics were multiplying.

Write Leamer and Fuentes: "The innovations in personal

computing and internet-based communications have allowed individual workers the freedom to choose weekly work hours well in excess of the usual 40 (hours a week) ... The benefits ... accrue primarily to the few who can use the new technology to create value during the long hours. This requires both natural talent and high levels of education."

To repeat: The opportunities were strongest among a minority of workers who could take advantage of digital technologies. About 75% of Americans use the internet, report Leamer and Fuentes. But only about 16% of full-time workers older than 25 have advanced degrees, while 26% have bachelor's degrees, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There are many studies on inequality: what caused it, what the consequences are or might be (political as well as economic) and what should or could be done about it. The Leamer-Fuentes study adds to our understanding by illuminating how these trends are already changing the way labor markets function.

The present trends, if continued, do not bode well for the future. If the labor force splits between well-paid workaholics and everyone else, there is bound to be a backlash — there already is — among people who feel they're working hard but can't find the results in their paychecks.

But remember: There is a conflict between the flexibility and freedom that we want and the greater inequality that we don't.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The Drive needs dedicated bus lanes

Although the Tribune Editorial Board has some fine ideas for Lake Shore Drive ("North Side, South Side: Fixing Chicago's Lake Shore Drive," Nov. 29), not adding dedicated bus lanes would be a huge mistake. Buses carry more people than cars do, buses are greener than the typically single-occupied commuter vehicle, and extra-rapid bus lines to parts of the downtown area that have bad "L" connections can be created. The editorial mentions how the Drive should "reflect evolving transportation needs," and this is one of those needs. The automobile is terrible for the environment and does not have nearly the passenger capacity of a bus. Adding lanes for cars only creates more traffic; adding lanes for buses gets more people downtown quicker, in a more environmentally friendly way.

— Conor McNamara, Chicago

Fix the snarl at Roosevelt Road

It astounds me that the editorial board points out and offers a solution to the Lake Shore Drive chokepoint at Chicago Avenue without doing the same for the equally nasty chokepoint at Roosevelt Road. That entire intersection was ill-conceived when the Museum Campus was created. It cries out for a bypass exactly like the one the board proposes for Chicago Avenue. Couple this with better timing of traffic signals through downtown, and the South Side commute will be greatly improved. The Illinois and Chicago departments of transportation should find a way to make that happen.

— Bill Norswether Jr., Chicago

Private insurance is overrated

The Nov. 20 article "Democratic presidential debate: Candidates agree Trump should be impeached, revive clashes over 'Medicare for All'" reports on various Democratic primary candidates' health care reform plans. Some candidates are in favor of a "Medicare for All" plan that would abolish private insurance, while other candidates are hesitant, citing that a lot of people are happy with the insurance they have through their jobs.

But are people really happy with their private insurance? I know I'm not. I pay \$280 every two weeks for health insurance for my children and me through my employer. (This doesn't include what my husband pays for his.) Fortunately, we are a young, healthy family that rarely needs to use it. However, when I gave birth this past summer, I still got billed nearly \$6,000 (thanks to a high-deductible plan). I pay a decent amount of money each pay period for health insurance, and then when I need it — even for an uncomplicated birth — the out-of-pocket costs are through the roof.

My guess is that people think their private insurance is better than it really is. If candidates Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren want to raise my taxes to pay for a system with no premiums, deductibles or copays, sign me up. It's better than what I have now.

— Brittany Woolf, pharmacist, Newport, Kentucky

Provide relief for drug costs

As an older American, I want Congress to address skyrocketing prescription drug prices. Many seniors cannot afford to keep paying higher and higher prices for the medications they need. No one should have to choose between putting food on the table and filling lifesaving prescriptions.

There are bipartisan proposals in Congress to fix this problem — so this is the moment to finally enact legislation, such as H.R. 3 (Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019).

I'm urging Congress to support improving H.R. 3 by negotiating prices on more drugs, and protecting patients from high launch prices and price spikes.

H.R. 3 is a good start, but there are key gaps that need to be filled before the House votes on it. Members of Congress should support amendments that would lower prices for people without insurance coverage, increase the number of drugs that are eligible for negotiation and increase the number of drugs that are negotiated each year. They should also improve the bill by protecting all patients from high launch prices and price spikes — two problems that aren't fixed by negotiating the price of existing drugs alone.

Please contact your representative and ask him or her to improve H.R. 3.

— Bob Chimis, Elmwood Park

Shovel your sidewalks, Chicago. Solve a mobility problem and avoid this note on your door

BY LAURA VANPUYMBROUCK

Sooner or later, winter brings snow to Chicago. Businesses and homeowners that fail to shovel and maintain their sidewalks and pathways can cause frustration for anyone trying to navigate down a block. But for a person with mobility issues, this barrier can be life-altering. It leads to increased isolation and an inability to participate in daily activities, including health-related ones.

The Americans With Disabilities Act requires businesses to maintain their public walkways. In Chicago, most do a good job. However, residential neighborhoods often seem unaware of how vital it is for seniors and people with disabilities to have a widely shoveled path for safe travel down the block. Every winter, I see my block become checkered with cleared pathways at one house followed by mounds of snow at the next, leaving a person with mobility concerns to either stay trapped inside their home or use the dangerous center of the street.

Unshoveled walkways occur despite the fact that the city's municipal code passed in 2015 states that homeowners "must clear a path at least 5 feet wide on all of the sidewalks adjacent to your prop-

erty, including any crosswalk ramps."

While the law was needed, it's only helpful if it's enforced.

Although it calls for homeowners to be fined up to \$500 and businesses up to \$1,000 for failure to clear their sidewalks of snow, few citations are typically issued. With this lack of enforcement, many end up neglecting their walkways throughout the winter.

As a result, people with mobility limitations end up canceling doctor visits and missing meetings, work or school. In my own experience as an occupational therapist, I have often received anxious phone calls from clients unable to make their therapy appointment because of unpassable routes caused by accumulated snow. For anyone who uses ADA paratransit services, drivers will only wait five minutes for a pickup and will charge the person a "no-show" fee. Unexpected obstacles encountered trying to get through inches of ice and snow create undue and unjust barriers.

Many Chicago homeowners will offer a helping hand to a neighbor who needs assistance with shoveling.

Unfortunately, while the city of Chicago's website still promotes a program called Chicago Shovels that matched

volunteers to those in need of shoveling, it was canceled last winter because of a lack of volunteers. Some suburbs, including Oak Lawn and Evanston, offer some form of a volunteer shoveling program. Chicago provides an online service request through 311 that can be made 15 hours after a snowfall if snow has not been removed.

All of this makes it even more important to embrace the idea that shoveling should be a shared responsibility of neighbors. It is the easiest solution, and might even promote health. Studies have shown that bonding with neighbors and increasing social networks can work to lower stress and improve self-rated health.

This year, I plan to distribute the city of Chicago door hanger that informs homeowners of their responsibility to keep their sidewalks clear of snow. I'm hopeful this might improve the walkability of my block for everyone, but I'm especially sure it could make a life-changing difference for the many Chicagoans with mobility issues.

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Money moves to close out the year

It's the most wonderful time of the year — time to make money-saving and headache-preventing moves before we roll into 2020.

Think about April now: Use the IRS's withholding estimator to see if you have enough money set aside to pay your tax bill in April. If you need to increase your withholding, contact your payroll department immediately. If you are self-employed and no organization is withholding taxes, you should be making quarterly tax estimates to avoid the dreaded April surprise. If you have not done so, now is the time to figure out what is due so you can address it.

Determine whether you can itemize: Although 90% of taxpayers claim the standard deduction, it's worth checking to see if that will be the case for 2019. If you purchased a house in an area with high local taxes, have assumed a mortgage or were especially charitable this year, you may benefit from itemizing. Given the higher standard deduction threshold, consider bundling or bunching charitable gifts, whereby you give larger, lump-sum gifts. Doing so may allow you to itemize and capture the tax benefit associated with giving.

Slash your tax bill with Uncle Sam's help: The best way to reduce your tax liability is to maximize your retirement plan contributions. If your cash flow allows, try to increase your contributions before the end of the year. If you are self-employed or have made extra money from a gig, consider establishing your own retirement plan. Most plans, with the exception of a SEP-IRA, must be established (though not funded) by Dec. 31.

Rebalance thoughtfully: If you itemize and have a taxable investment account, you need to spend time on your rebalancing. Start by identifying highly appreciated securities that you can gift to qualified charities, which allows you to write off the current market value (not just what you paid) and escape taxes on the accumulated gains. You can also sell investments with losses to offset gains during the year. If you have more losses than gains, you can deduct up to \$3,000 against ordinary income; and if you have more than \$3,000, you can carry over that amount to future years.

Take required minimum distributions: You must withdraw money from retirement accounts after you turn 70 1/2, unless you are still working. Failure to do so results in a 50% penalty on the amount you should have taken. If you have multiple IRAs, you only need to take one RMD based on your age and the total value of the accounts. If you have a 401(k) or 403(b), you need to take the RMD from each account individually.

Consider a Roth conversion: If your income was lower in 2019, if you believe that tax rates are likely to rise in the future, or you want to limit the impact of RMDs in the future because it could negatively impact future taxation of Social Security benefits or increase Medicare costs, consider converting a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. Check out IRS tax brackets, because the amount you convert will add to your taxable income. Once you pay the tax due, the converted money will grow tax-free in a Roth.

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Your productivity secret weapon

Find the style in which you work best and capitalize on it

By **STEPHANIE VOZZA** | Fast Company

Getting things done in less time can serve two purposes: You can fit more into a day or you can free up more downtime. Whichever goal is yours, tapping into your personal productivity style can be your secret weapon. We all have a way in which we work best, says Paula Rizzo, author of "Listful Living: A List-Making Journey to a Less Stressed You."

A former senior health producer for Fox News, Rizzo learned this lesson the hard way. After ignoring the physical warning signs, a burst appendix put her into the hospital, forcing her to take six weeks off from work.

"I had to be intentional about what I allowed back in," Rizzo recalls. "My big priority was getting better, and every decision had to go through that lens."

She recommends that you figure out your personal workflow to improve your output while reducing your stress.

"One of the biggest hurdles people face when they're trying to be more organized is figuring out what style works for them," she says. "People often think you'll be more productive if you're a morning person, but that's not true for everybody. If you're not a morning person, trying to become one will make you cranky and resentful."

Rizzo suggests asking yourself these five questions:

When do I work best?

There are morning and evening people, and those who fall somewhere in between. Which category you fall into will determine the types of tasks you should do at certain times of the day, says Rizzo.

"I like to have a slow morning, read the newspaper, drink tea and see what's going on in the world," she says. "I'm more creative in the afternoon."

To determine your productive times, Rizzo suggests paying attention and tracking yourself for a few days.

"When you're doing so many things, it's easy to not notice how you feel in the moment," she says. "Then doing too many things becomes the norm. When you stop and look at what you're doing, you can do an audit and figure out where you want to go."

Matching your tasks to the right time of day will help you work within your productivity style. For example, you may find that you do your best, most focused work in the morning and that certain tasks take twice as long for you to do in the afternoon. Block off time to do tough or complex work at your best time, and set boundaries around it.

Do I need deadlines?

For some people, setting a deadline can help them be more productive.

"If I know I'm working on this project from 11:30 to 12:30, for example, I can focus enough to say 'I'm only doing this now,'" says Rizzo. "Put it on your schedule. Preplanning with deadlines can help you be more productive."

Working with deadlines requires that you know how long tasks take, which takes some tracking.

"Taking time to figure out how long something takes will help you dictate where to put it on your schedule. Not knowing how long it takes to do tasks is what gets people stopped up."

What is my most productive environment?

Pay attention to the environment when you're doing your work to see if it takes longer or if it facilitates faster work. While you may not be able to control your environment, you might be able to take steps to make it better, such as wearing headphones or moving to another spot in the office, such as by a window.

"Look around where you are when

you're feeling charged up," says Rizzo, which may be a coffee shop or a quiet room in your home.

Do I need external accountability?

Some people are disciplined enough to get work done on their own, while others may need a push from others.

"Know yourself," says Rizzo. "Are you going to get something done without someone else checking on you? If you need an external push, build in systems to help make yourself more productive, such as having a peer, co-worker, or a buddy."

There's no shame in needing external accountability, especially when you partner with someone else who needs that push, too.

What does success look like for me?

The answer to this question could be more money, clients, speaking engagements, sales — only you can define it. Once you know what moves the needle, look at what you're putting on your plate.

"Does it serve a purpose?" Rizzo asks. "If you choose to do something because you like it, that's good. But sometimes we feel obligated to do something."

Rizzo suggests writing down your feelings right before, during and after a task.

"You might not always love what you're doing, but if you hate it, remind yourself not to do it again," she says. "In the moment you might say 'yes,' to a request, but if you know in your heart it makes you anxious, it's better to say 'no.'"

At the end of the year, audit all your work and decide what felt good and what didn't. Then set priorities going forward.

"Once you understand your productivity style, you can cater your work schedule around your needs," says Rizzo. "The best part is that you'll be less stressed."

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Vulnerable to financial abuse

Even younger, well-educated retirees are victimized



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Elder financial abuse is shocking and a serious problem in the United States. According to The True Link Report on Elder Finance Abuse 2015, more than \$36 billion is stolen each year from elders.

The National Adult Protective Services Association reports that one in 20 seniors has indicated some form of financial mistreatment. Financial abuse can take many forms, including soliciting for fake charities, telemarketing scams and identity theft.

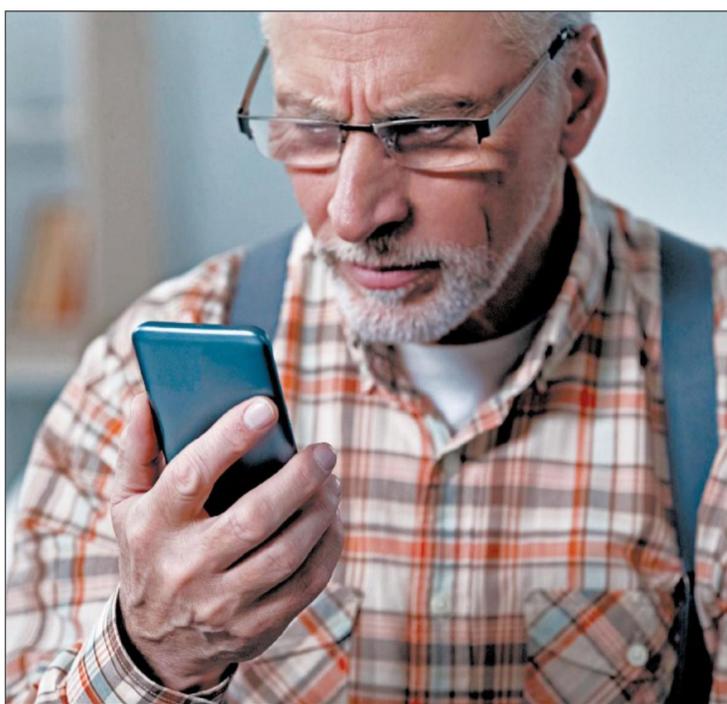
Research shows that seniors from all walks of life are susceptible to financial manipulation, regardless of education or financial experience. The True Link study found that a significant number of victims were younger seniors who were college-educated and not living in isolation. Moreover, they lost more to abuse than those who were older, isolated and less educated.

Who are the abusers? Unfortunately, family members and close friends are the most frequent abusers of seniors. NAPSA reports that 90% of abusers are family members or trusted others, Forbes reports

In my own family, a relative lost thousands as a result of financial abuse by a family member.

An older person might not be as astute as he or she once was and might not see what is happening. It could be a widow or widower who has assets, and a relative asks for a “loan” to tide him over, or to make a “surefire” investment, or to start a new business. Frequently the loan is never repaid, the business fails or the investment is a scam. The elder often has no recourse to recoup the losses.

In some states, the misuse of a position of trust with an older person that harms the senior financially is known as “undue influence” and is prohibited by law. However, an elderly person in these circumstances may not want to take any legal action against a relative. The emotional results can be devastating and the victim can be embarrassed. Relationships are destroyed, and depression or even suicide can



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result.

However, there are safeguards. Estate plans, for instance, can protect elders. It is important that every elderly person with assets designate, as part of the estate plan, a trusted individual as durable power of attorney for finances. The DPOA should be accountable to others, such as the estate planner, financial adviser, insurance representative and other family members, on a regular basis to ensure that transparency is maintained regarding the spending of assets.

Long-range planning should include a backup plan for the successor of the POA, when necessary. The use of an experienced estate planning attorney is important to establish this hierarchy. It may be necessary to use corporate trustees if there are family conflicts.

Statistics show that one in three people ages 85 or older has Alzheimer's disease. Unfortunately, many people who develop Alzheimer's do not realize they are slipping at the onset of the disease. Many are in denial, fearing that if they give up control over their money, it will cause them to be put into a nursing home.

There is no way to predict the way we will age, so it is necessary to take action to protect yourself (and your elder relatives) in the event of incapacity for financial matters. Accordingly, it is essential that you have designated

power of attorney to a trusted individual (or corporate entity) for finances to prevent any financial abuse.

Here is a partial checklist of recommendations from Larry Swedroe and Kevin Grogan in their comprehensive book “Your Complete Guide to a Successful & Secure Retirement” to avoid potential financial abuse.

- Have a signed notarized durable power of attorney for finances.
- Have a signed advance health-care directive.
- Make a list of all bank accounts, passwords, investment records, financial records and contacts. Provide written permission to your loved ones to talk to your lawyer, accountant and financial planner.
- Make a list of all insurance policies.
- Make a copy of your mortgage statement and any other loans, financial statements and bank accounts.
- List your physicians, care providers and medications. Give written permission for your loved ones to speak with your doctors.
- Put in writing your wishes for burial or disposition of your remains.
- Have a family meeting and provide these items to your loved ones and explain them.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.



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How to give smartly this year — and all year

No matter how much you shop on Black Friday or Small Business Saturday or Cyber Monday, be sure to save some of your money for Giving Tuesday.

Surely there is more to philanthropy than a tax deduction. In fact, at www.GivingTuesday.org, you can learn how to connect with nonprofits in your community and around the world. Whether it's a gift of money or your time, you'll find suggestions on how to help others. And that applies not only on Giving Tuesday but every day of the year.

It's worth taking some time to make sure that your money is going to the best, and most efficient, cause. More than 40% of individual donations to charities are made during the last few weeks of the year.

Eileen Heisman, CEO of the National Philanthropic Trust, points out that most people spend more time researching a new restaurant than they do researching the charities they give to.

So, if you're going to give, be sure to do your homework. Here are ways to be smart and also generous.

At CharityNavigator.org, you can see ratings of thousands of charities, based on their required Form 990 that must be filed with the IRS. If a charity devotes too much money to fund raising or has other warning signals such as excess compensation to the CEO, it will have a lower rating. You can also use this website to search out the best-run charities by cause or category.

You don't have to be a billionaire to create your own private foundation.

Just open an account in a donor-advised fund, offered by financial services firms like Fidelity, Schwab and Vanguard. Or search for a community-based donor-advised fund. You make a one-time gift to your donor fund account and then distribute the money to recognized charities in future years. In the meantime, the money in the account grows tax free until it is distributed. If you make a large enough gift to your fund in one year, you can itemize and take a charitable deduction that year.

Typically, when you withdraw money from a traditional or rollover IRA, you will be required to pay ordinary income taxes. But you can make a direct gift to a qualified charity with absolutely no tax consequence — and it will count toward your required minimum distribution for that year.

It's called a QCD — qualified charitable distribution. You must be 70 1/2 or older to use this provision, and the maximum you can give in any one year is \$100,000. The funds must come out of your IRA by Dec. 31.

After 10 years of a bull market, you might have some highly appreciated stock. If you sell your shares, you will have to pay a capital gains tax. However, if you gift specific shares to a recognized public charity, you will owe no taxes on the gains and get social credit for a huge gift. The charity benefits because it can sell the stock and use the cash proceeds for its own purposes, also without tax liability.

One reminder: If you are going to itemize your deductions, a receipt from the charity is required if your donation is worth \$250 or more. If you are giving goods worth more than \$5,000, you'll need a written appraisal.

Whether it's a bit of cash to your grandchildren, a donation to an animal shelter or a contribution to a GoFundMe account, your help will surely be appreciated — even if it doesn't give you a tax deduction. And that's The Savage Truth.

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If you're going to give, be sure to do your homework.

Taming inflation fears

Taking a look at forecasts, expectations

BY JOHN WAGGONER
Kiplinger

One of the most common fears among retirees is inflation. After all, rising prices can eat away the value of your savings. Today's retirees likely remember the soaring inflation of the 1970s, which averaged 7.7% annually and peaked in 1980 at 13.5%.

But instead of worrying, it's always best to face your fears.

In the past 20 years or so, inflation has been tamer than a 12-year-old basset hound. The consumer price index, the government's main inflation gauge, rose 1.7% in the 12 months ended September. That's a whisper of its pace from the 1970s. It's also low in comparison with the long-term inflation rate: The CPI has gained an average 2.88% a year since 1926, according to Morningstar Direct.

Inflation forecasts are also benign. A recent survey by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank shows economists expect inflation to rise to 2.2% annually by the third quarter of 2021 and to average the same rate from 2019 through 2028.

For another gauge of expectations, peer into the Treasury market. Consider



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30-year Treasury Inflation Protected Securities, or TIPS. The government adds principal to the note's value as the CPI rises. The yield represents its return after inflation. The 30-year TIPS yield is 0.61%, meaning you get 0.61% above inflation for 30 years if you buy at current levels. (Data are as of Nov. 12.)

Subtract the 30-year TIPS yield from the 2.39% rate on 30-year Treasuries, and you get 1.78%. In effect, that's Wall Street's inflation forecast. To make a 30-year TIPS purchase worthwhile, you'd need to have an inflation rate of 1.78% or higher.

While relatively few investors buy and hold 30-year Treasuries, short-term bond traders seem to be betting that inflation will be muted for the foresee-

able future.

Even with low inflation expectations, it's still reasonable to have some inflation protection in your portfolio. For one thing, inflation is cumulative. A 2% inflation rate means that something that costs \$10,000 now will cost \$12,190 in a decade and \$14,859 in two decades.

Kiplinger's expects the overall inflation rate to hit 2.1% by the end of the year and the core rate — minus food and energy — to reach 2.5%. The two biggest culprits: higher costs for shelter and medical care.

Over the long term, stocks have provided more effective inflation protection than most bond funds. But to hedge against inflation, consider putting some of your bond allocation in TIPS funds. Like most bond funds, they are sensitive to changing interest rates (bond prices rise when interest rates fall, and vice versa), but they do benefit from the increase in principal value when inflation rears its ugly head.

Thanks to falling rates, TIPS funds have gained 6.8% this year, according to Morningstar.

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What keeps Jane Goodall motivated

The famed conservationist, 85, is passionate about the planet and the damage that's been done to it. Here's what she says keeps her going, as told to Fast Company.

“Gradually, awareness about the harm we have inflicted on the planet has been growing. But while a few take action, most people do nothing. Why? Because they feel hopeless and helpless. ‘What can I do about it?’ they say to themselves. So they do nothing and sink into apathy. The most important message I have for



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these people is to help them understand that every single day, each of us makes some impact on the planet — and we can choose what sort of impact we make. It is the cumulative effect of millions — or billions — of ethical choices regarding what we buy that will move us toward a better world.

“I am motivated to carry on because I care passionately about the natural world, animals, future generations. I know that my talks, meetings and so on make a difference — otherwise I would stop right now. I hate the traveling. But after almost every lecture, someone, usually many, will tell me that ... they promise to do their bit. ... I am 85 — closer to the end. ... I must make use of that precious time. ... Also, of course, I'm obstinate and will fight to the end.”

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How to make unlimited PTO work

Set expectations, trust your employees

BY DAVID TOMÁS
Inc.

What do you think of when you hear “unlimited vacation policy”? Do images of employees lounging on the beach, blissfully ignoring their deadlines pop into your head? Or perhaps it’s the opposite: overworked employees unsure when they can take time off and afraid of taking more than a couple of weeks off.

Lately, there’s been a lot of chatter about the benefits of unlimited paid time off, but few practical guides to how to really make this policy work.

I’ve offered an unlimited vacation policy in my company since 2012. Over the years, I’ve learned how to make this policy work for my employees and my business. Here are my top tips for successfully implementing an open vacation policy.

Establish a culture of company happiness

The success of unlimited PTO depends mostly on the existing culture within your company. After all, a happy office is a functioning office, and because we spend the majority of our waking hours at work, we should strive to make them as enjoyable as possible.

This outlook not only makes unlimited vacation more effective, but it also helps with the day-to-day functioning of the office.

So how do you create a culture of happiness? My first recommendation is to shift the focus on time-in vs. time-out, and instead concentrate on accomplishments and objectives. Consider offering flexible work hours and more work-from-home days.

Imagine a company that offers unlimited vacation, yet is strict on ensuring employees clock in from 9 to 5 every day. Such rigid attention to time will cause those em-



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ployees to distrust their vacation policy. This could result in burn-out, employees taking fewer vacation days than they deserve or experiencing guilt when they do decide to take a vacation.

Additionally, take a look at your company’s core values, and honestly assess whether you’re functioning in a way that encourages flexibility and freedom. One of our core values is admiring people, and this policy is just one of the ways we show our employees how much we value them.

Set clear expectations

Along with being happy, your employees also want to be trusted. And it takes a lot of trust on both sides to make an open vacation policy work. Use two-way communication to establish

trust and set clear expectations.

Before implementing a new policy, have an open dialogue with your employees, and set expectations about what is and isn’t reasonable.

Let’s say your company typically hosts a big event in March. Obviously, an employee taking a two-week vacation right before the big event would not be practical.

Establish a method for communicating about work and expectations. Setting clear standards helps to reduce the chance of employees not taking any vacation or feeling guilty when they do. It also helps to ensure the policy isn’t abused.

So, you’ve had the conversation. Now what? Create an easy way for employees to request what days they want to take off.

At our company, we use a shared Google calendar. Let each team determine how they want to handle a team member’s absence. An employee’s vacation shouldn’t leave the rest of their team hanging or any pressing business unfinished.

Lead by example

Encourage C-suite members, managers and even yourself to take well-deserved vacation time. Unlimited vacation is not a “do as I say, not as I do” policy. It applies to everyone. When the leaders of your company buy into this idea, employees on all levels will feel more comfortable requesting time off themselves.

This past summer, I worked remotely in Ireland for eight weeks. During three of those

weeks, I took a vacation. I spent time with my family, disconnected for a bit and just relaxed.

When I came back to the office I was re-energized, more productive and refocused. Vacations are not a privilege; they’re essential for your employees to be successful and happy at work.

When employees feel trusted and satisfied, they work harder to contribute toward the overall success of the company. I’m happy to say our PTO policy has had positive effects on our culture and productivity, even helping us to win a great-places-to-work award two years in a row.

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Wheaton's 1st female mayor formed an ACLU chapter

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**

Marget D. Hamilton was active in Wheaton's League of Women Voters before becoming the first woman elected to Wheaton's City Council in 1961. Eight years later, she comfortably won a special election to become Wheaton's first female mayor.

Hamilton served for two years as mayor before holding several administrative jobs at the College of DuPage, including as the director of COD's Older Adult Institute. She retired from that job at age 93.

Hamilton, 104, died of natural causes on Nov. 22 at the Montgomery Place retirement community in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, said her son Dick. She had moved to Hyde Park in 2011 after many years in Wheaton.

Born Marget Seip in the South Shore neighborhood, Hamilton graduated from Bowen High School at the age of 16. She was offered scholarships for college, but she didn't have the money to pay for room and board, and she pursued a career as a dental assistant.

Hamilton met her future husband, Luther, at Mandel Hall at the University of Chicago, where he had been a doctoral student and she was a volunteer usher. They married and settled outside Barrington, where Hamilton got her first taste of politics. It was during World War II, and Barrington officials had barred Japanese American youngsters from using the local swimming pool because their parents' property had been confiscated.

"I just became infuriated at that because they were the same age as some of my kids, and they were darling children," Hamilton told the Tribune in 2015. "I protested, and much to my amazement, I won. The Barrington district had to change, and because of my action, they let the children back into the swimming pool. That is the incident



CHICAGO TRIBUNE 1971

Marget D. Hamilton died at age 104 on Nov. 22 at the Montgomery Place retirement community in Hyde Park, said her son Dick.

that started my interest in politics."

Hamilton and her husband moved to Wheaton in 1950. She founded Wheaton's chapter of the League of Women Voters in 1955, and she won election as city commissioner in 1959, becoming the first female member of the western suburb's City Council.

Both the League and Hamilton pushed for Wheaton to change its form of government to a council-manager form, in which a professional city manager would report to the mayor and City Council. In part due to Hamilton's advocacy, the city adopted that form of government in 1962.

Hamilton also worked to preserve the old Chicago, Aurora & Elgin railroad right of way for an alternative use, which turned out to be the Illinois Prairie Path.

"I was in favor of maintaining the property in a single ownership because I knew there would come a time when that was needed for many things, and that's absolutely true," Hamilton told the Tribune in 2015.

Hamilton pushed for a new public library, which was built in 1964, and for a fair housing ordinance, which the council enacted in 1967, barring discrimination in home purchases. Wheaton was the first

community in Illinois to approve such a law.

"At that time, if you bought property anyplace in the Chicago area, you were handed a deed that read that this property cannot be sold to Jews or people of color," Hamilton told the Tribune. "My husband (and I) both said that if (we) were ever in a position to change that, that's the first thing I'd do."

Hamilton was elected Wheaton's mayor in a special election in 1969 to replace a mayor who had moved out of town.

Hamilton oversaw the council's approval of the redevelopment of the old Chicago, Aurora & Elgin rail yards into the Wheaton Center apartment complex. She chose not to seek reelection in 1971 in order to spend more time traveling with her husband, who was retiring. He died in 1977.

"I... think it good that this job be filed by someone with fresh ideas every so often," Hamilton told the Tribune in 1971. "Without change, we could all stagnate."

Shortly after leaving office, Hamilton formed DuPage County's first chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and served as the chapter's first chairman.

Hamilton later had several jobs at the College of DuPage. She was assistant to an associate dean and then spent 22 years as director of the college's Older Adult Institute. She retired in 2008 at age 93.

The city of Wheaton proclaimed June 27, 2015 — her 100th birthday — to be Marget Hamilton Day. Three streets in town — Hamilton Court, Hamilton Drive and Hamilton Lane — are named after her.

She also is survived by three other sons, Tom, Jim and Fritz; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

No services are planned.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.



Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 2 ...

In 1804, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.

In 1823 President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859 militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October. **Also in 1859** painter Georges Seurat — founder of the pointillism school of Neo-Impressionism best known for his work "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" — was born in Paris.

In 1906 Peter Goldmark, father of the long-playing phonograph record, was born in Budapest, Hungary.

In 1923 legendary soprano Maria Callas was born Maria Cecilia Sophia Anna Kalogeropoulos in New York.

In 1939 New York's La Guardia Airport began operations as an airliner from Chicago landed at 1 minute past midnight.

In 1942 a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

In 1946 fashion designer Gianni Versace was born in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

In 1954 the Senate voted to condemn Wisconsin Republican Joseph McCarthy for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1961 Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would lead Cuba to communism.

In 1970 the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1980 four American churchwomen were raped, murdered and buried outside San Salvador. (Five national guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)

In 1981 singer Britney Spears was born in Kentwood, Louisiana.

In 1982 in the first operation of its kind, doctors at

the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1990 composer Aaron Copland died in North Tarrytown, N.Y.; he was 90.

In 1993 Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin.

In 1994 the government agreed not to seek a recall of allegedly fire-prone General Motors pickup trucks, striking a deal with GM under which the automaker would spend more than \$51 million on safety and research.

In 1998 Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates donated \$100 million to help immunize children in developing countries.

In 1999, in Northern Ireland, a power-sharing Cabinet of Protestants and Catholics sat down together for the first time.

In 2000 NASA launched a U.S.-European observatory on a \$1 billion mission to study the sun.

In 2001 in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.

In 2003 the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that after knocking, police do not have to wait longer than 20 seconds before breaking into the home of a drug suspect.

In 2016 36 people died when fire erupted in an illegally converted warehouse in Oakland, California, during a party.

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Pick 4 midday **9860 / 4**
Lucky Day Lotto midday
03 07 22 25 38
Pick 3 evening **965 / 6**
Pick 4 evening **1744 / 8**
Lucky Day Lotto evening
02 11 15 27 42

Dec. 2 Lotto: \$13M
Dec. 3 Mega Millions: \$266M
Dec. 4 Powerball: \$120M

WISCONSIN
Dec. 1
Pick 3 **444**
Pick 4 **1092**
Badger 5 **08 17 26 28 29**
SuperCash **02 13 15 20 21 23**

INDIANA
Dec. 1
Daily 3 midday **301 / 0**
Daily 4 midday **8336 / 0**
Daily 3 evening **991 / 4**
Daily 4 evening **4345 / 4**
Cash 5 **08 12 35 36 38**

MICHIGAN
Dec. 1
Daily 3 midday **905**
Daily 4 midday **5815**
Daily 3 evening **123**
Daily 4 evening **7989**
Fantasy 5 **04 14 16 20 31**
Keno **06 12 14 16 17**
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Dolly Hynek

Love and miss you, big sister. Sweet dreams.
Barb

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Death Notices

Aumuller, Jean Marie

Jean Marie Aumuller (nee Higgins), 89. Born in NY, lived for 50 years in Worthington, OH, and most recently at Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes. Preceded in death by her husband Richard; son Richard Jr., parents John and Emily (Walsh); and sisters Theresa and Margaret (Garcia). Survived by her children Karen and David, four grandchildren, one great grandchild and her sister Emily. Jean grew up in NYC, attended D'Youville College, and in 1964 moved to Worthington OH with family. For 30 years she taught AP classes at Dublin HS, receiving numerous teaching awards. She enjoyed gardening, reading, coffee, chocolate, and being a devoted grandmother. Services will be held at St. Michael Church, Worthington, OH on Friday, December 6th, at 10 AM, and interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Delaware, OH. Funeral arrangements by **McMurrough Funeral Chapel** 847-362-2626 & libertyvillefuneralhome.com
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Cohn, Irving M.

Irving M. Cohn, age 96, beloved husband of the late Caryl Cohn, happily married for 68 years; loving father of Dr. Ronald (Susan) Cohn, Paula (Alan) Goldberg and Stuart (Peg) Cohn; cherished Papa of Erica (Steve) Pearlman, Robert (Emily) Cohn, Brett (Emily) Goldberg, Amy (Richard) Rosenbarger and Samantha (Aaron) Cosentino; treasured great-grandfather of Ava, Ella, Charlie, Molly, Ryne, Ben, Harper and Luca; preceded in death by his brother Joseph (Bernice) Cohn, Esther (LeRoy) Foreman and Arthur Cohn; dear uncle, cousin and friend. Chapel service Tuesday, December 3, 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Journey Care Hospice, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. For information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Cullen Jr., Frank L.

Frank L. Cullen Jr. Loving father of April (the late Terry) Hanes, Frank (Candi) Cullen III, & Anthony Cullen. Cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Ember, Raven, Logan, Jonathan, & Halley. Fond great grandfather of Adelaide. Dear brother of Diana L. (Terry) Brooks. Uncle of many nieces & nephews. Resting at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn where Services will take place Wednesday at 11:00 am. Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500
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Doll, Mary C.

Mary C. Doll (nee Gula), Age 94, beloved wife of the late Franklin J. Doll; loving mother of Kenneth (Sharon) Doll, David (Mary Kaye) Doll, Glen (Kay) Doll and Greg (Jacki) Doll; devoted grandmother of Jenny (Jason) Gedraitis, Katie (Jim) Hubeny, Lisa (Gregg) Case, Jason (Christi), Franklin (Cassie), Kiara (Matt) Cox, Allison (Brian) Zankowski, Eliza, Rielle and Blake; cherished great grandmother of 19; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Saturday 11:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave Tinley Park, IL 60487 to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 11:30 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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Doyle, Sue

Sue Doyle, Age 69, At Rest on November 30, 2019. Beloved wife of Jim Swistowicz. Loving mother of Thomas Michael West. Proud grandma of Anthony Michael Radecki, Thomas Michael West, Samantha Rose West, and Alivia Nicole Parker. Beloved daughter of the late Virginia (nee Faupel) and James F. "Jeff" Doyle. Dear sister of Rich, the late Mary Anne, Kathy (John) Murphy, and Jim (Cindy) Doyle. Also loved by her Doyle and Swistowicz family members. Proud Alumna of St. Sabina Grammar School (1964) and Mercy H.S. (1968). Visitation Wednesday 2-9pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Chapel Service Thursday 9:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, 1407 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com



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Eberstein, David

David Eberstein, age 86, of West Rogers Park, beloved husband of Charlene, nee Barney; loving father of Martin Eberstein and Maxine (Ricardo Woodson) Puchowitz; adored grandpa of Kevin (Elyse Conklin) Hirn and Brandon Puchowitz; devoted son of the late Nathan and the late Sarah Eberstein; cherished brother of Ralph Eberstein and Arthur (Marion) Eberstein; dear brother-in-law of the late Helene (late Chuck) Rosenberg; treasured uncle and friend to many. Service Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, www.donate.lls.org. Info: **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Engels, Lynn

Lynn Engels nee Mercati. Beloved wife of Tom. Loving daughter of the late Frank and the late Vivian Mercati. Dear sister of Pamela Blasi. Fond Stepmother of Tony (Carol) Engels and grandchildren AJ and Kaylyn. Dear sister-in-law of Mary (Richard) Meneghello, Joanne (the late Nick) Peters and Susan (Michael) Pinkowski. Caring aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday December 4, 2019 at Christ the King Church 1501 S. Main St., Lombard from 10:00 a.m. until Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Belmont Funeral Home/Bassi Funeral Services**. Info 773.286.2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com



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Fincutter, SVD, Rev. John

Fr. John Fincutter, SVD, 96, at rest November 27, 2019 Devoted son of the late Joseph and Clara nee Folliard Fincutter. Visitation, Wednesday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, at 10:30 a.m. at Divine Word Residence, 1901 Waukegan Rd. Techny. Burial following the Mass, St. Mary Cemetery, Techny, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made in Fr. Fincutter's name for the care of retired Divine Word Missionaries at Divine Word Residence, 1901 Waukegan Rd., Techny, IL 60082. Arrangements by **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home** 847-998-1020.



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Galatzer-Levy, Benjamin Aaron

Benjamin Aaron Galatzer-Levy, age 39. Fiancee of Lucy Gomez. Beloved son of Dr. Robert and Jeanne Galatzer-Levy. Loving brother of Emma, David (Mallory), Isaac (Sara Zoeterman), and Daniel (Chantheoun). Dear uncle of Ezra, Cleo, Abebe, and Chandra. Service Wednesday 11AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 West Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, www.chicagofoodbank.org or the Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute, 122 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603, www.chicagoanalysis.org Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Hartman, Allison Cate

Allison Cate Hartman, a lifelong Chicagoan and Hyde Park fixture known in her long and varied career as a pioneering auto mechanic and later as a lawyer and outspoken community activist, passed away on November 13, her 88th birthday, due to complications after a cardiac arrest.

Born in 1931 to parents James Lea Cate, a professor of medieval history at the University of Chicago, and Frances Cohn Cate, she attended the Laboratory School, and later, from 1947 to 1951, the University of Chicago. Over the next decade, she developed an interest in automotive mechanics and sports-car racing, building a Formula Jr. race car with her first husband, George Clowes, and immersing herself in the racing community (ironically, she had an aversion to driving and didn't have a license for the last 60 years of her life). After that marriage ended, she continued racing with her second husband, James Hartman, competing on the SCCA circuit until his untimely death in 1966 in a racing accident at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. In 1964, she and Hartman opened Hyde Park Auto Service, which she continued to run on her own - one of the first women in Chicago to do so - after his death, until 1996. In the 1970's and 80's, she shifted her focus to motorcycle racing, participating in dirt-track competitions around the country with her partner John Millington. Beyond her automotive interests, she was a strong advocate for self-defense, earning a black belt in Hakkoryu Jujitsu in 1988, and was an accomplished bench-rest target rifle shooter, winning competitions well into her 80's. After closing her shop, she went back to school, earning a degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University and, eventually, a JD and a Masters at Law degree from John Marshall Law School. She passed the bar in 2006 at age 75, among the oldest in Illinois history to do so, after which she practiced elder and real-estate law until her death. During this time, she was also involved in rehabbing and restoring several buildings on Chicago's south side, along with her son, James Russell Clowes, who died in June, 2019.

An activist force in the Hyde Park community, she was a co-founder of Power for Women, a self-defense training program; the president of the board for DARE, an organization advocating for the rights of the disabled and elderly; a founding member of the Hyde Park Village; a commissioner of the S.S.A. working to enhance services for the elderly in Hyde Park; the president of OWL (the Older Women's League); a founder of the Coalition for Equitable Community Development; and a long-term board member of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference—among many other volunteer positions.

She is survived by her husband and partner of 48 years, John Millington; her son, Daniel Clowes, daughter-in-law, Erika Clowes, and grandson, Charles Clowes, of Oakland, California; and her brother, James L. Cate, Jr. of Australia; as well as by her beloved students and "adopted" children, Julie Orlinsky-Morgan of Chicago and Jesse Sensibar of Flagstaff, Arizona. A memorial service will be held in the Spring of 2020.

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Kuhrau, Harry H.

Harry H. Kuhrau age 88 of Elmhurst formerly of Niles, IL. Beloved husband of the late Bernice nee Jablonowski. Loving father of Nora Ann (Donald) Zabek, Sharon Rose (Thomas) Knudtson and Scott David (Laura) Kuhrau. Cherished grandfather of Samuel Benjamin (Katherine) Zabek, Nicole Jeanette (Scott) Hansen, Matthew Charles Frym, Arn Peter Knudtson, David Scott Kuhrau, Tiffany Claire Knudtson and Shannon Rose Kuhrau. Dearest son of the late Harry and Marie Kuhrau. Visitation on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 from 3-8 pm at **Steuere Funeral Home**, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL. Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 beginning at St. Alexander Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park from 9:30 am until time of Mass 10:15 am. Entombment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. In Lieu of flowers memorials to Mercy Home For Boys and Girls appreciated at www.mercyhome.org For further information 1-630-832-4161
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Melton, Phyllis E.

Phyllis E. Melton, nee Adler, 85, devoted wife of the late Martin P. Melton; beloved mother of Michael Melton, Robert (Michelle) Melton, and Kenny (Rinat) Melton; proud "Safta Phee" of Daniel, Mathew, Genevieve, Aiden, Liv, and Annabelle. She was very dedicated to her family. A graveside service will be held on Monday, December 2nd at 1:30 pm at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to a charity of choice. For info: call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** at 847-256-5700.



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Naiser, Helen

Beloved daughter of Joseph (Barbara) Kadlec. Devoted mother of the late Joe Naiser. Loving sister of the late Phyllis, Joe (the late Helen) Kadlec. Cherished aunt of Margaret, Thomas, Kenneth, and William. Dear great-aunt of 18. Visitation Monday, December 2, 2019 3:00 to 8:00pm with a 3:30pm chapel service at Mount Auburn Funeral Home 4101 S. Oak Park Ave Stickney, IL 60402



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Rochlin, Ethel

Ethel Rochlin, daughter of the late Sam and Lillian. Service and interment have been held. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621



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Rose, John C.

John C. Rose, age 89 of Cary passed away November 28, 2019 at his home. He was born October 2, 1930 in Chicago, the son of John and Anna Rose.



John is survived by his wife Nancy L. (Jeschke) Rose, his children: Robin Lee Rose, John D. (Suzy) Rose and Thomas J. Rose, his grandchildren: Daniel Craig, Amy Rose, Megan (Greg) Hendry, Melissa (Steven) Jensen, Abigail Rose, Jacob Rose, Jeffrey Pascoe and Ryan Rose, his great grandchildren: Syerra, Piper, Lilly and Adam, and great grandchild Harper, two sisters: Rosalie (Ralph) Burkart and Francie (Jim) Wilder as well as a sister-in-law Bonnie Rose and brother-in-law Kurt Rettke. Besides his parents John is preceded in death by his step-father Reginald E. Miller, a brother Eddie Rose and a sister Veronica Rettke.

John worked for the Jewel Tea Company in Barrington for over 35 years. He was a member of Willow Creek Church in Crystal Lake where he ushered for many years, he also took side jobs as a house painter and was an avid golfer. There will be a visitation for John on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 beginning at 10:00 AM and concluding with a Service at 12:00 Noon at the Kahle-Moore Funeral Home, 403 Silver Lake Rd., Cary and will be followed with burial at McHenry County Memorial Park. Memorials appreciated to the American Cancer Society.

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with the business located at: 5443 W. Wrightwood Ave #2 Chicago, IL 60639 The true name and residence address of the owner is: Monica Tapia 5443 W. Wrightwood Ave #2 Chicago, IL 60639 11/25, 12/2, 12/9/2019 6523298

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Aaron Rencher

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tuesday Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01123

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Tuesday Johnson (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 04, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 12/20/2019 at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices. YOU are urged to appear at this hearing including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 5, 2019 6521597

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jayden Delgado Valeria Delgado

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Maira Catalan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01086 19JA01085

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Sergio Delgado (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 27, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 12/20/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 5, 2019 6521597

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jayden Delgado Valeria Delgado

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Maira Catalan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01086 19JA01085

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Sergio Delgado (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 27, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 12/20/2019 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices. YOU are urged to appear at this hearing including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 8, 2019 6521607

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; JAMES WESTBROOK, MANOR CARE OAK LAWN (WEST) LLC, VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK, 1800 CALUMET CREDIT COMPANY LLC; EVERGREEN-HEALTHCARE CENTER, LLC; VERONICA DELOACH; SABRINA SMITH; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002855 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0000503 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 12507 S JUSTINE ST CALUMET PARK, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-29-314-003-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/09/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/09/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 03/30/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/09/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6519618

TO: OCCUPANT; M & M PROPERTY GROUP INC; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; SKOKIE CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; REHANA RAHMAN; SHAHEENA KOKAB; JANICE BURNS; RIZWAN SYED; BYLINE BANK N.A. F/K/A RBS CITIZENS, N.A. d/b/a Charter One; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002876 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-00001627 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1805 W HATHERLEIGH CT, UNIT #G-7 MOUNT PROSPECT IL 60056 Legal Description or Property Index No. 08-15-400-113-1039 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/09/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/09/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 03/30/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/09/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6519723

TO: OCCUPANT; MARATHA RUDY; 500 LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A 500 LAKE STREET CONDOMINIUM; CHARLES STARNES; PAM STARNES; AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002961 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0000915 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 500 LAKE ST, UNIT #P EVANSTON, IL 60202 Legal Description or Property Index No. 11-18-414-021-1022 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/09/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/09/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 03/30/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/09/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6519618

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TO: OCCUPANT; STEVEY PERCELLI A/K/A STEVEY PERCELLI; MARY PERCELLI; MARY LOPEZ; MARGARITA PERCELLI; TRUSTEE OF THE MAURICE SAX AND SANDRA J BARBOCK TRUST; AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED DATED 12/16/2009; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002874 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002061 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4051 PRAIRIE AVE., SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176 Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-16-415-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/09/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/09/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 03/30/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/09/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6519736

TO: OCCUPANT; NICKOLAS LEWIS; Cook County State's Attorney; COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; Village of Bellwood; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A CHASE HOME FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORP.; AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002886 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002061 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 446 RICE AVE., BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS 61014 Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-09-310-045-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/09/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/09/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 03/30/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/09/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6519869

TO: OCCUPANT; UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CARMELA LAND; TAXPAYER OF; FIELD STREET PROPERTIES LLC D/B/A MICALETTI REAL ESTATE TEAM; Village of Bellwood; CARMELA LAND; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002887 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002046 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable This PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 205 28TH AVE., BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS 61014 Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-09-207-002-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/09/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/09/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 03/30/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/09/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6519870

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TO: OCCUPANT; CHERYL COMMODORE; RIVERWOODS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002860 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0000629 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES...

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TO: OCCUPANT; H & M REALTY & MANAGEMENT CORPORATION A/K/A H & M REALTY AND MANAGEMENT CORP.; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL; Village of Riverdale; AMBER JACKSON; MARK JACKSON; JENNIFER ADAMS; ANDRE KAWKOWSKI; OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002863 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0000655 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES...

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TO: OCCUPANT; ROBERT C CRAIG AS TRUSTEE OF THE ROBERT C CRAIG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED 09/24/2014; EVERGREENS OF ORLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 1 F/K/A EVERGREENS OF ORLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002864 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0001771 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES...

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Tussle on Russell

Do Cubs want to pony up about \$5 million for enigmatic infielder, or will they part ways?

More coverage: Cubs hire Craig Driver as first-base and catching coach. Page 6

After making the controversial decision to tender a contract to infielder Addison Russell last December, the Cubs enter Monday's arbitration deadline with more questions to answer.

Does Russell have a shot at being the everyday second baseman in 2020, and if not, is it worth paying him \$5 million or more to be a part-time player?

Russell is one of seven arbitration-eligible Cubs who must be tendered a contract by Monday night, along with Kris Bryant, Javier Baez, Willson Contreras, Kyle Schwarber, Albert Almora Jr. and Kyle Ryan.



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On the Cubs

With the exception of Russell, the rest are nearly assured of being tendered a contract, even if some of them may be on the trade market this winter. Bryant is projected to make \$18.5 million in arbitration, according to MLBTradeRumors.com, while Baez should receive \$9.3 million.

Russell also was in danger of being non-tendered last year when he was serving his 40-game suspension for violating MLB's domestic-violence policy. But Cubs President Theo Epstein opted to give Russell a second chance, tendering a contract while

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Monday is the deadline for the Cubs to decide whether to offer a contract to Addison Russell or let him walk.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



'Baby Gronk' could be finished as a Bear

On IR again, injury-prone Shaheen's future at risk

Adam Shaheen was just getting going in the second half of his 2017 rookie season when he suffered a chest injury in Week 14. It came during a win against the Bengals in Cincinnati after he had posted a career-high 44 yards receiving in a homecoming of sorts as he's from the central Ohio town of Sunbury.

The former second-round pick has topped 25 yards in a game only once since, and now his future with the Bears is in doubt after he was placed on season-ending injured reserve Saturday.

Shaheen went from being a healthy scratch for the first meeting with the Lions on Nov. 10 to



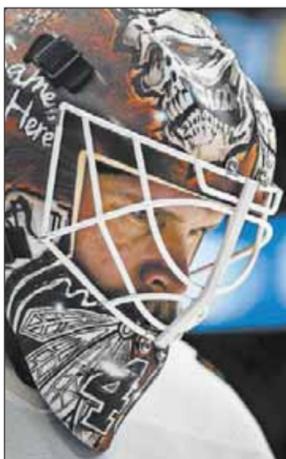
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appearing on the injury report the next week with a foot issue. He never returned to the practice field and after being in what coach Matt Nagy called a "day-to-day" situation, the Bears decided to shut him down. They re-

placed him with Eric Saubert, a Hoffman Estates product who was signed off the Raiders practice squad to become the eighth tight end to appear on the Bears' 53-man roster or practice squad since the start of the season.

"It was one of those deals that just kind of crept up ... just something over time that's been

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JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Blackhawks goaltender Robin Lehner hangs his head after an Avalanche goal in the first period Saturday night in Denver.



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BLACKHAWKS 3 TAKEAWAYS

Hawks' issues pile up; so do opponents' goals

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

DENVER — There's no doubt two brutal losses in two days to the Avalanche will leave a lasting memory on the Blackhawks. But will it leave a mark?

Shrugging off Saturday's 7-3 drubbing at the Pepsi Center a day after a 5-2 loss at the United Center might be easy for a team that's looking down on teams in the standings. But after briefly rising to the middle of the pack in November, the Hawks again are back among the NHL's bottom feeders.

So the question has to be asked: After the Avalanche toyed with the Hawks on Saturday was it you or was it them?

"Yeah they're a good team," Alex DeBrincat said. "But we're a

good team too. We didn't play well. That's the score, you can see it right there. We can compete with those guys, there's no doubt about it, but today we were not on."

The Hawks clearly believe in themselves. But they blew their immediate chance to prove they could play with the Avalanche. They'll get two more chances later this month when they play them twice in four days.

But before that, the Hawks have seven games against some of the NHL's top teams, including two against the Stanley Cup champion Blues and the runner-up Bruins.

For now, here are three takeaways from Saturday's loss:

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TOP OF THE SECOND

COMMENTARY

From opioids to social media star

BY LZ GRANDERSON
Los Angeles Times

If you're feeling down or just need a fun way to pass the time, log on to Twitter and type these words: That ain't no dadgum cat. That's a skunk.

There you will find video of four well-meaning gentlemen attempting to rescue an animal they believe is Penelope Pussycat only to discover it's actually her nemesis, Pepe Le Pew. What happens next may be predictable but it is still hilarious.

Now chances are the clip you watch is courtesy of @RexChapman, the onetime Kentucky Wildcat and former NBA shooting star, and that's a good thing.

Over the course of a year, Chapman has turned his Twitter feed into a collage of beautiful moments and uncontrollable giggles, so if you like "That's a skunk" check out his "Block or Charge" series or "Dogs, Bruh." Clip by clip Chapman has slowly morphed himself from being a retired athlete to humanity's humanity on social media, garnering the attention of nearly half a million followers, including Captain America and Luke Skywalker (Chris Evans and Mark Hamill, respectively, for the uninitiated). He said he was also shocked to see Ice-T and Chuck D appreciated his tweets as well.

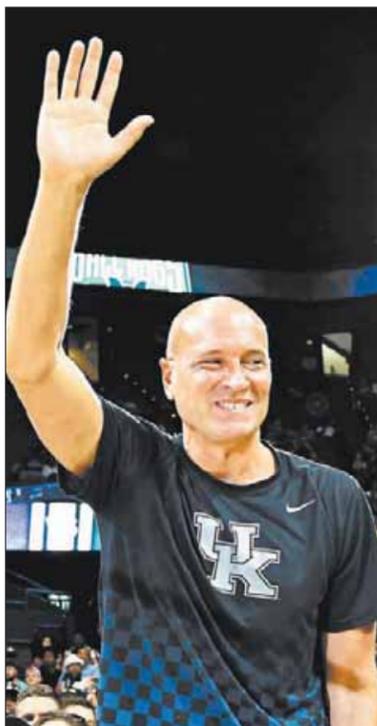
"I saw a video one day of a school of dolphins and a guy on paddle board getting hit by one and said to myself, 'That's a ... charge' and posted it," he said. "Other people saw it and laughed and that's kind of how this whole thing started.

"I was getting so down on social media because of the political climate and everything on Twitter was so toxic that I wanted off of it. But the people who employ me wanted me to have a social media presence, so this turned out to be a great compromise."

It's more than a compromise. It's a budding phenomenon.

There's a clip of a young person playing a video game who stops everything and breaks down in tears when presented with a puppy as a surprise gift that has nearly 12 million views.

Another one has a dog pushing a wheelchair-using owner down the street. One of my favorites is the clip of one dog not leaving the side of his brother after surgery.



MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY

Former Kentucky basketball star Rex Chapman, acknowledging fans in 2017 in Lexington, Ky., has found a new calling providing positive content on Twitter.

That one is approaching 6 million views.

"There are a good dozen people on the internet that I've never met, but we've developed friendships from the videos and they'll send them to me," he said. "It's really easy at this point because people just send videos, anyone that I'm following will send me videos at this point.

"So many of the young ballplayers, kids on last year's Kentucky team or at the NBA combine approach me because of the videos. They don't know me as a basketball player. They'll just walk up to me and say, 'Dogs, bruh'... it's pretty cool."

For NBA fans of a certain age, Chapman is no stranger. He was a standout at Kentucky and the first player ever signed by the

Charlotte Hornets. As his hops disappeared, Chapman became known as a 3-point shooter, spending the final four seasons of his career in Phoenix hitting 36% from downtown, which in the mid-'90s was special. Unfortunately over the course of his 12-year career, he needed multiple surgeries, which opened the door to his opioid addiction.

Despite earning millions to play ball, he had begun stealing merchandise from an Apple Store in Scottsdale, Ariz., and selling the items to pawn shops, according to authorities. The bottom fell out in 2014 when he was arrested and charged with nine counts of retail theft and five counts of trafficking stolen property. He checked into rehab soon thereafter and said he has been clean ever since.

"I swim to stay healthy and try to stay as busy as I can," he said. "I can fake my way into a bad mood like nobody's business, but I've been seeing a therapist and I feel great ... way better than I've ever felt.

"Life's weird ... life's hard. It seemed like I had this charmed ... life and I felt like I didn't deserve it and I did enough to make sure it didn't last forever. I've been recognized for much of my life, but I learned that when I was fatter I am less recognizable so I got fat, but then it almost killed me. So now I swim five to six times a week, lost weight and just learned to deal with life better. I'm in a good place and am happy to know the videos are helping other people make it each day."

In addition to covering Kentucky basketball games on radio and TV, his "Block or Charge" meme has led to a 30-minute blooper show of the same name on Adult Swim. He co-hosts the program with his buddy David Helmers out of Helmer's garage. He also does public speaking about the dangers of opioids and volunteers, recently delivering winter coats to students at Booker T. Washington Elementary in Lexington, Ky.

"There were times when I thought I would be way happier and healthier if I just stayed off of social media," he said. "Now I see it's really what you make it. You can focus on the negative and get yourself down or you can focus on the stuff that makes me and others feel good. I've had enough negative stuff. ... I'm happy I get a chance to be a small part of the good."

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ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

The McCaskeys won't make a change in 2020 with Ryan Pace or Matt Nagy, and it is unlikely Mitch Trubisky will be dropped. Given that, is it possible that Pace has a sitdown with Nagy and tells him he can devise plays but someone else needs to do the play calling during the game? Nagy's play calling has been questionable if not horrendous. Let the offensive coordinator call the plays and let Nagy be a head coach. — Steven D.

Pace can make recommendations in terms of play calling and staffing, but Nagy has control of his coaching staff and Nagy has final say on who is calling plays. As long as Nagy wants to be in charge of calling plays, that's going to be his duty. Play calling isn't just something that happens on game days. The call sheet is devised during the week. The assistants have input in that. It's a collective effort, and collectively it has not been good enough this season.

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Bears inside linebacker Roquan Smith (58) tackles Lions running back Bo Scarbrough (43) in the first quarter of Thursday's victory.

BEARS OBSERVATIONS

Smith's arrow up

Young, instinctive LB maturing into fulcrum of solid Bears defense

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears' 24-20 win over the Lions on Thursday evened their record at 6-6. Here are two observations from rewatching the Fox telecast and the coaches' film via the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

1. There's an unmistakable upward trend in Roquan Smith's play. It began six games ago against the Chargers, stood out again three games ago against the Rams and continued against the undermanned Lions offense. The personal issue that affected Smith and his play beginning in late September appears to be behind him.

Smith has been the instinctive, reliable, fast tackler the Bears thought they drafted with the No. 8 pick last year. It's not an exaggeration to say we are seeing him slowly become the defensive centerpiece the Bears absolutely need him to be.

He was credited with 10 solo tackles, five assists and two sacks against the Lions. Not all of them put the Lions in unfavorable down-and-distances; there were downfield tackles in pass coverage on plays the Lions would consider successful. But Smith was consistently around the ball, and his third-and-9 sack on the final drive was a winning play.

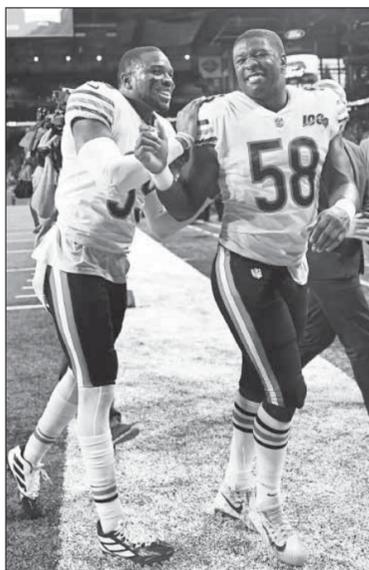
"He's flying around," coach Matt Nagy said. "His instincts are really good. You can just see that he really seems like his confidence is there, his instincts are there and he's playing fast."

His most impressive play was a run stop on first-and-10 from the Bears 49 on the Lions' second possession. The 1-yard gain by Bo Scarbrough had no impact on the outcome of the game. The Lions converted third-and-9 two plays later to extend their second touchdown drive. But Smith's instincts, toughness and skill were on full display.

The Lions used three tight ends, including Isaac Nauta as a fullback in the I-formation. The Bears were in their base 3-4 front against the Lions' heavy personnel, with Smith at inside linebacker on the weak side.

Smith came downhill the instant the ball was snapped, sprinted through his gap and collided with Nauta at full speed. As part of the collision, in one fluid sequence, he shed the blocker and tackled Scarbrough.

Smith took on the block with his right shoulder, keeping his leverage on the left side of the defense when the Bears had more defenders to the other side. By doing so, his left arm was free to wrap up Scarbrough. That's a great run fit within the team concept.



Safety Eddie Jackson, left, and linebacker Roquan Smith head to the locker room after the Bears beat the Lions 24-20.

He also had his first two sacks of the season. The first was on the final play of the second half when he beat running back Ty Johnson one on one. Smith timed his blitz right with the snap. Johnson ducked his head and leaned forward to try to block Smith, and that made it easier for Smith to sidestep the block and get home.

Smith's second sack helped seal the victory, turning third-and-9 into fourth-and-22 in the decisive sequence. Smith and inside linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski each blitzed through the A gaps (between the center and guards). They also crossed, which exposed a Lions protection scheme that was in disarray. Smith brought down quarterback David Blough almost without being touched by a blocker.

He obviously was fired up after the play because of the 15-yard late-hit penalty he incurred three plays earlier, tackling Johnson well out of bounds.

One of the more compelling December subplots for the Bears is whether Smith continues to flash against better offenses. The Cowboys, Packers, Chiefs and Vikings are ranked second, 21st, third and eighth in total offense.

For the Bears to stay alive, Smith has to continue to lead. If we get to New Year's Day and we're acknowledging how strongly Smith played over the entire second half of the season, that would be a crucial positive as the Bears set their plan for 2020.

2. Another round of procedural sloppiness reflects an undisciplined team and a coaching staff that's shoddy with details. This is the hallmark of a

losing team. Unforced penalties out of timeouts. Avoidable mental mistakes in crucial situations.

For example, on the first play of the second quarter — coming out of a long commercial break — the Bears offense got set with only 10 men. With the play clock down to 10 seconds and quarterback Mitch Trubisky looking confused as the Fox camera zoomed in on his face, rookie receiver Riley Ridley came sprinting on.

"That can't happen," Nagy said Friday. "Coming out of a timeout, that needs to be 11 guys in the huddle and then all of the communication of what personnel we are in. We can't have that. That needs to be fixed. What happened was we were short on 10, and then (Ridley) came running on late. That was not his fault; that was on us (the coaches)."

It's mystifying how these mistakes keep happening in Week 13 of this staff's second season together.

Another one: The Bears were penalized for delay of game in the fourth quarter after Anthony Miller's 32-yard, third-down catch to the Lions 2-yard line.

Miller got up from his game-changing catch and celebrated, spinning the ball and barking at the stands behind the end zone. Meanwhile, the Bears wanted to sub him out as they sent in their three-tight-end personnel.

One of the officials gummed things up even more. It appeared he told Trubisky to wait to snap the ball, presumably because of the Bears' late substitution, until the play clock was down to 2. Trubisky turned and waved him off, but they snapped it too late.

Nagy acknowledged he could've spent a timeout.

"I could've easily called a timeout there and saved it, but we didn't," Nagy said. "We felt very comfortable with our plus-five package in the red zone, so it actually — it sounds crazy — but losing some yards there doesn't really hurt you in some ways. There were some plays that we liked, and we saw that yesterday."

How about that? Nagy liked their plus-five plays so much, he didn't care much if the Bears lost yards. That's some kind of confidence. And, yes, it does sound crazy.

Another one: Miller's illegal-formation penalty on the failed fourth-and-6 after the Bears called a timeout in the second quarter.

Another one: Ha Ha Clinton-Dix being offside on third-and-5 from the 9 early in the fourth quarter of a tie game. The Bears are fortunate that didn't result in an automatic first down.

The Bears were so good at avoiding the self-inflicted quagmire last season. What happened? If they don't clean up their processes, better teams on the December schedule could make them pay more than the woeful Lions did.

BEARS WHAT WE LEARNED

Hicks' return to practice buoys Bears

Trubisky, Miller seeking encore stellar performances

BY COLLEEN KANE AND RICH CAMPBELL

As much of the NFL played Sunday, the Bears practiced at Halas Hall to prepare to host the Cowboys at Soldier Field on Thursday.

Here are three things we learned after their session indoors at the Walter Payton Center.

1. Akiem Hicks' return to practice "sparks an excitement" in the Bears defense. Defensive lineman Akiem Hicks was back on the practice field for the first time since he injured his left elbow against the Raiders on Oct. 6 and went on injured reserve.

Bears coach Matt Nagy said it was a "kick-back tempo type of practice," so Hicks didn't do a lot physically.

But defensive lineman Nick Williams said Hicks was pumped and so were his teammates. Hicks, who had six tackles, a sack and three quarterback hits over four games this season, has been around the team during his recovery, helping the players who have filled in for him. But having the presence of the Pro Bowler back on the field would be big for the Bears.

"Akiem is the big dog on the defensive line," Williams said. "He's very loud, passionate about his play, and you grow to admire it. You want to play that much more. You want to play much better in your game, so he's a good asset to our team."

Hicks can return to game action Dec. 15 against the Packers, and Nagy indicated his return wouldn't be dependent on the Bears remaining in the playoff hunt. Nagy said he feels good about Hicks, but his status will be day by day.

"If Akiem is ready to play and ready to go for the Green Bay Packers game, then regardless of anything, we want him to be able to play," Nagy said.

Hicks is expected to address the media Monday after practice.

2. Mitch Trubisky aims to duplicate the timing and decision-making that sharpened his play against the Lions.

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky's performance Thursday on first down and after his third-quarter interception was exceptional, with respective passer ratings of 140.6 and a perfect 158.3. The quality of his decisions and rhythm of his timing stood out to coach Matt Nagy.

Granted, that success came against the Lions, who entered the game with the NFL's 30th-ranked pass defense. So how does Trubisky repeat that against the Cowboys, whose pass defense ranks seventh?

Trubisky noted that he played so well against the Lions on a short week that included no full-speed practices. Instead, there were a lot of mental reps during walk-throughs.

"If we're locked in mentally, then that's how it translates to the field," he said. "Everyone knowing their jobs. Me knowing the timing of the routes, knowing the spots, seeing the defense pre-snap and just playing fast and not thinking. We get it down mentally, go out there and play."

Nagy senses Trubisky's confidence building after a month of incremental improvement. He said Trubisky is in a "good mode."

"I really like where he's at, his mentality," Nagy said. "It's been kind of a reset where we're not happy or getting complacent because of the last couple weeks being better. Let's keep growing. It's not where we want to be. We had a better day on offense (against the Lions). We still had our times where we could get better and improve, but let's not be satisfied with where we're at."

3. Mitch Trubisky said wide receiver Anthony Miller is "working his tail off" to try to make an impact on the Bears offense.

Anthony Miller had a career-high nine catches for 140 yards against the Lions and has 15 catches for 217 yards over his last two games.

Mitch Trubisky said he believed the second-year wide receiver was "locked in mentally" during the short week between victories over the Giants and Lions.

"We put a lot on his plate, and he absolutely delivered," Trubisky said. "Studying the game plan, just getting on the same page with me, communicating a lot throughout practice and figuring out that timing without actually having to go through it in practice. Hopefully we get some more reps this week and we could continue to target him and get him the football. And he's going to make plays."



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The injured Akiem Hicks has a laugh before the Bears faced the Giants on Nov. 24.

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AFC

| EAST | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | Home | Away | AFC | NFC | Div |
|---------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New England | 10 | 2 | 0 | .833 | 322 | 145 | 5-0-0 | 5-2-0 | 6-2-0 | 4-0-0 | 4-0-0 |
| Buffalo | 9 | 3 | 0 | .750 | 257 | 188 | 4-2-0 | 5-1-0 | 6-2-0 | 3-1-0 | 3-1-0 |
| N.Y. Jets | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 204 | 280 | 3-3-0 | 1-5-0 | 1-7-0 | 3-1-0 | 0-4-0 |
| Miami | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 200 | 377 | 2-5-0 | 1-4-0 | 2-7-0 | 1-2-0 | 1-3-0 |
| SOUTH | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | Home | Away | AFC | NFC | Div |
| Houston | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 293 | 271 | 5-1-0 | 3-3-0 | 7-2-0 | 1-2-0 | 3-1-0 |
| Tennessee | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 276 | 234 | 4-2-0 | 3-3-0 | 5-4-0 | 2-1-0 | 2-2-0 |
| Indianapolis | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 261 | 257 | 4-3-0 | 2-3-0 | 5-6-0 | 1-0-0 | 3-2-0 |
| Jacksonville | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 220 | 292 | 2-4-0 | 2-4-0 | 4-5-0 | 0-3-0 | 1-4-0 |
| NORTH | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | Home | Away | AFC | NFC | Div |
| Baltimore | 10 | 2 | 0 | .833 | 406 | 219 | 5-1-0 | 5-1-0 | 6-2-0 | 4-0-0 | 3-1-0 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 236 | 225 | 5-2-0 | 2-3-0 | 6-3-0 | 1-2-0 | 3-2-0 |
| Cleveland | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 246 | 272 | 3-3-0 | 2-4-0 | 5-4-0 | 0-3-0 | 2-1-0 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 11 | 0 | .083 | 179 | 298 | 1-5-0 | 0-6-0 | 1-7-0 | 0-4-0 | 0-4-0 |
| WEST | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | Home | Away | AFC | NFC | Div |
| Kansas City | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 348 | 265 | 3-3-0 | 5-1-0 | 6-3-0 | 2-1-0 | 4-0-0 |
| Oakland | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 237 | 324 | 5-1-0 | 1-5-0 | 4-4-0 | 2-2-0 | 2-2-0 |
| Denver | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 198 | 237 | 3-3-0 | 1-5-0 | 4-5-0 | 0-3-0 | 2-2-0 |
| L.A. Chargers | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 244 | 241 | 2-4-0 | 2-4-0 | 2-7-0 | 2-1-0 | 0-4-0 |

WEEK 13 RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Baltimore 20, San Francisco 17
 Green Bay 31, N.Y. Giants 13
 Tennessee 31, Indianapolis 17
 Pittsburgh 20, Cleveland 13
 Cincinnati 22, N.Y. Jets 6
 Tampa Bay 28, Jacksonville 11
 Miami 37, Philadelphia 31
 Washington 29, Carolina 21
 L.A. Rams 34, Arizona 7
 Kansas City 40, Oakland 9
 Denver 23, L.A. Chargers 20
 Houston 28, New England 22

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
 Minnesota at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Chicago 24, Detroit 20
 Buffalo 26, Dallas 15
 New Orleans 26, Atlanta 18

WEEK 14 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S GAME
 Dallas at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8
 Washington at Green Bay, noon
 Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, noon
 San Francisco at New Orleans, noon
 Carolina at Atlanta, noon
 Detroit at Minnesota, noon
 Denver at Houston, noon
 Baltimore at Buffalo, noon
 Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
 L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 3:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
 Tennessee at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
 Kansas City at New England, 3:25 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Rams, 7:20 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 9
 N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 7:15 p.m.

WEEK 13 TOP PERFORMERS

| PASSING | Player, TM | CO-ATT | YDS | TD | INT |
|---------|---------------------|--------|-----|----|-----|
| | J. Goff, LAR | 32-43 | 424 | 2 | 0 |
| | R. Fitzpatrick, MIA | 27-39 | 365 | 3 | 1 |
| | D. Prescott, DAL | 32-49 | 355 | 2 | 1 |
| | M. Trubisky, CHI | 29-38 | 338 | 3 | 1 |
| | T. Brady, NE | 24-47 | 326 | 3 | 1 |
| | J. Brissett, IND | 25-40 | 319 | 1 | 2 |
| | M. Ryan, ATL | 35-50 | 312 | 2 | 2 |

| RUSHING | Player, Team | ATT | YDS | TD |
|---------|------------------|-----|-----|----|
| | D. Henry, TEN | 26 | 149 | 1 |
| | R. Mostert, SF | 19 | 146 | 1 |
| | D. Guice, WAS | 10 | 129 | 2 |
| | J. Jacobs, OAK | 17 | 104 | 0 |
| | L. Jackson, BAL | 16 | 101 | 1 |
| | A. Peterson, WAS | 13 | 99 | 1 |

| RECEIVING | Player, Team | REC | YDS | TD |
|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|----|
| | R. Woods, LAR | 13 | 172 | 0 |
| | D. Parker, MIA | 7 | 159 | 2 |
| | K. Golladay, DET | 4 | 158 | 1 |
| | A. Miller, CHI | 9 | 140 | 0 |
| | A. Jeffery, PHI | 9 | 137 | 1 |
| | M. Williams, LAC | 5 | 117 | 0 |

| DEFENSE | Player, Team | SACK | TCK | AST |
|---------|-----------------|------|-----|-----|
| | C. Jordan, NO | 4.0 | 5 | 1 |
| | C. Dunlap, CIN | 3.0 | 6 | 1 |
| | S. Barrett, TB | 2.0 | 2 | 1 |
| | D. Leonard, IND | 2.0 | 5 | 6 |
| | J. Lewis, DAL | 2.0 | 4 | 2 |
| | R. Smith, CHI | 2.0 | 10 | 5 |

SUMMARIES

TITANS 31, COLTS 17
 Tennessee 7 3 0 14-31
 Indianapolis 7 7 0 0-17

First quarter A: 60:36.1.
 Ind: Doyle 21 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 11:03.
 Ten: Humphries 13 pass from Tannehill (Succop kick), 5:05.
Second quarter
 Ind: FG Vinatieri 28, 6:07.
Third quarter
 Ind: Hines 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 10:23.
 Ten: Henry 13 run (Succop kick), 5:52.
 Ten: FG Succop 31, 4:26.
Fourth quarter
 Ten: T. Smith 63 blocked field goal return (Succop kick), 5:02.
 Ten: Raymond 40 pass from Tannehill (Succop kick), 3:02.

TEAM STATS TEN IND
 First downs 15 22
 Total net yards 292 391
 Rushes-yards 30-154 24-82
 Passing 138 309
 Punt returns 2-8 2-32
 Kickoff returns 0-0 1-15
 Int. returns 2-37 0-0
 Comp.-att-int 17-22-0 25-40-2
 Sacked-yds lost 6-44 3-10
 Punts 5-48.8 3-49.3
 Fumbles-lost 2-2 1-1
 Penalties-yards 2-33 6-40
 Possession time 27:29 32:31

Rushing: Ten, Henry 26-149, Tannehill 4-5, Ind, Wilkins 11-47, Hines 4-22, Williams 8-14, Brissett 1-1 (minus 1).
Passing: Ten, Tannehill 17-22-0-182, Ind, Brissett 25-40-2-319.

Receiving: Ten, A. Brown 3-45, Firkser 3-22, Henry 3-17, Hollister 2-13, J. Smith 2-0, Raymond 1-40, Davis 1-23, Humphries 1-13, D. Lewis 1-9, Ind, Pascal 7-109, Doyle 6-73, M. Johnson 4-55, Travis 2-31, Wilkins 2-18, Wilkins 2-9, Dulin 1-13, Williams 1-11.
Missed field goals: Ind, Vinatieri 55

STEELERS 20, BROWNS 13
 Cleveland 3 7 0 3-13
 Pittsburgh 0 10 7 3-20

First quarter A: 62:157.
 Cle: FG Seibert 31, 7:31.
Second quarter
 Cle: Hunt 15 pass from Mayfield (Seibert kick), 7:40.
 Pit: FG Boswell 39, 2:56.
Third quarter
 Cle: Mayfield 30 pass from Hodges (Boswell kick), 1:00.
Fourth quarter
 Cle: Snell 1 run (Boswell kick), 10:36.
 Pit: FG Boswell 29, 13:48.
 Cle: FG Seibert 34, 7:30.

TEAM STATS CLE PIT
 First downs 279 323
 Total net yards 24-106 32-124
 Rushes-yards 173 199
 Passing 1-5 2-14
 Punt returns 3-36 3-72
 Kickoff returns 1-28 1-16
 Int. returns 1-21 1-16
 Comp.-att-int 18-34-1 14-21-1
 Sacked-yds lost 5-23 1-13
 Punts 4-45.3 4-43.3
 Fumbles-lost 1-1 1-0
 Penalties-yards 5-24 10-65
 Possession time 32:06 27:54

Rushing: Cle, Mayfield 16-58, Hunt 7-46, Mayfield 1-2, Pit, Snell 16-63, Samuels 7-32, D. Johnson 1-17, Whitey 3-0, Hodges 5-2.
Passing: Cle, Mayfield 18-32-1-212, Gilbert 0-2-0, Pit, Hodges 14-21-1-22.
Receiving: Cle, Landry 6-76, Hunt 5-19, Beckham 3-29, Carlson 2-26, Harris 1-23, Chubb 1-21, Pit, Washington 4-11, McDonald 3-21, Samuels 2-22, Jones 1-28, D. Johnson 1-14, Vannett 1-7, Cain 1-5, Snell 1-4.

PITTSBURGH 3, EAGLES 31
 Philadelphia 10 11 7 3-31
 Miami 7 7 12 11-37

First quarter A: 65:445.
 Phi: Sanders 15 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 13:54.
 Phi: FG Elliott 48, 10:10.
 Mia: D. Parker 43 pass from Fitzpatrick (J. Sanders kick), 3:05.
Second quarter
 Phi: Arcega-Whiteside 15 pass from Wentz (Agholor pass from Wentz), 06.
Third quarter
 Phi: Jeffery 10 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 11:44.
Fourth quarter
 Mia: D. Parker 17 pass from Fitzpatrick (kick failed), 8:45.
 Phi: Gesicki 14 pass from Fitzpatrick (pass failed), 1:10.
Fourth quarter
 Mia: Laird 4 run (Laird pass from Fitzpatrick), 11:06.
 Mia: FG J. Sanders 51, 3:37.
 Phi: FG Elliott 37, 1:51.

TEAM STATS PHI MIA
 First downs 23 26
 Total net yards 386 409
 Rushes-yards 19-92 20-58
 Passing 294 351
 Punt returns 0-0 2-0
 Kickoff returns 0-0 1-6
 Int. returns 1-16 1-0
 Comp.-att-int 28-46-1 22-37-0
 Sacked-yds lost 4-30 1-10
 Punts 6-41.5 5-47.6
 Fumbles-lost 1-0 0-0
 Penalties-yards 10-116 2-15
 Possession time 28:19 31:41

Rushing: Phi, M. Sanders 17-83, Ajayi 2-9, MIA, Wilson 2-31, Gaskin 2-20, Laird 10-5, Fitzpatrick 3-2, Ballage 3-0.
Passing: Phi, Wentz 28-46-1-310, Mia, Fitzpatrick 27-39-1-365, Haack 1-1-0-1.
Receiving: Phi, Jeffery 9-137, Goedert 6-66, M. Sanders 5-22, MIA, D. Parker 7-159, Gesicki 5-27, Wilson 5-32, Laird 4-43.
Missed field goals: Phi, Elliott 49

PACKERS 31, GIANTS 13
 Green Bay 14 3 0 14-31
 New York 7 3 3 0-13

First quarter A: 75:590.
 GB: D. Adams 8 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 8:43.
 NYG: Shepard 18 pass from D. Jones (Seibert kick), 3:16.
Second quarter
 GB: Lazard 37 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 1:15.
Third quarter
 GB: FG Crosby 47, 12:02.
 NYG: FG Rosas 27, 2:31.
Fourth quarter
 NYG: FG Rosas 45, 6:37.
Penalties-yards 7-54 4-31
Possession time 28:43 31:17

Rushing: GB, J. Williams 10-41, Rodgers 3-24, A. Jones 11-18, Boyle 2-2 (minus 4), NY, Barkley 19-83, D. Jones 5-6, Allen 1-4, Penny 2-2, 3-103, Allison 2-20, Graham 1-17, Bortles 1-1 (minus 10), Hurns 3-243, NY, D. Jones 20-37-3-240.
Receiving: GB, D. Adams 6-64, J. Williams 4-26, A. Jones 4-13, Lazard 3-103, Allison 2-20, Graham 1-17, Lewis 1-1, NY, K. Smith 6-70, Clayton 6-44, Shepard 3-40, Barkley 3-22, Latimer 1-43, D. Scott 1-11.

RAMS 34, CARDINALS 7
 L.A. Rams 3 17 14 0-34
 Arizona 0 0 0 7-13

First quarter A: 60:944.
 LAR: FG Zuerlein 27, 9:56.
Second quarter
 LAR: Higbee 2 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 14:17.
Third quarter
 LAR: Gurley 1 run (Zuerlein kick), 2:41.
Fourth quarter
 LAR: FG Zuerlein 33, :00.
Third quarter
 LAR: Kupp 10 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 8:44.
LAR: Rapp 31 interception return (Zuerlein kick), 8:28.
Fourth quarter
 Ari: K. Murray 15 run (Gonzalez kick), 8:35.

TEAM STATS LA ARI
 First downs 27 13
 Total net yards 549 198
 Rushes-yards 30-132 21-74
 Passing 417 124
 Punt returns 1-6 1-5
 Kickoff returns 1-14 0-0
 Int. returns 1-31 0-0
 Comp.-att-int 33-45-0 19-34-1
 Sacked-yds lost 1-10 6-39
 Punt returns 1-6 1-5
 Fumbles-lost 0-0 0-0
 Penalties-yards 8-81 2-7
 Possession time 34:37 25:23

Rushing: LA, Gurley 19-95, M.A. Brown 6-30, Henderson 4-17, Bortles 1-1 (minus 10), Ari, Drake 13-31, K. Murray 1-0, D. Johnson 4-15.
Passing: LA, Goff 32-43-0-424, Bortles 1-2-0-3, Ari, K. Murray 19-34-1-163.
Receiving: LA, Woods 13-172, Higbee 7-107, Kupp 6-65, Reynolds 4-39, Cooks 2-24, Gurley 2-10, Ari, Fitzgerald 6-56, Cooper 4-26, Kirk 3-23, Clay 2-29, Drake 2-20, D. Johnson 2-9.
Missed field goals: LA, Zuerlein 41

RAVENS 20, 49ERS 17
 San Francisco 7 7 3 0-17
 Baltimore 7 10 0 3-20

First quarter A: 71:029.
 SF: Samuel 33 pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 11:53.
Second quarter
 Bal: L. Jackson 1 run (Tucker kick), 11:58.
 SF: Mostert 40 run (Gould kick), 9:12.
Third quarter
 SF: FG Gould 32, 3:07.
Fourth quarter
 Bal: FG Tucker 49, :00.

TEAM STATS SF BAL
 First downs 15 21
 Total net yards 331 283
 Rushes-yards 29-174 38-178
 Passing 157 105
 Punt returns 0-0 1-18
 Kickoff returns 2-47 2-34
 Int. returns 0-0 0-0
 Comp.-att-int 15-21-0 14-23-0
 Sacked-yds lost 2-8 1-0
 Punts 2-45.0 2-51.5
 Fumbles-lost 1-1 1-1
 Penalties-yards 6-54 3-23
 Possession time 27:34 32:26

Rushing: SF, Mostert 19-146, Samuel 1-20, Coleman 5-6, Garoppolo 3-5, Kittle 1-1 (minus 3), Bal, L. Jackson 16-101, Ingram 15-59, Edwards 6-15, Hill 1-1.
Passing: SF, Garoppolo 15-21-0-165, Bal, L. Jackson 14-23-0-118.
Receiving: SF, Sanders 4-41, Bourne 3-42, Samuel 2-41, Kittle 2-17, Mostert 2-8, Coleman 1-9, Wilson 1-7, Bal, Andrews 3-50, H. Hurns 3-21, Ingram 2-3, Snead 1-12, Edwards 1-7, Roberts 1-5, Boyle 1-4, Ricard 1-2, M. Brown 1-1.

BUCCANEERS 28, JAGUARS 11
 Tampa Bay 15 10 0 3-28
 Jacksonville 0 0 3 8-11

First quarter A: 62:633.
 TB: Barber 15 run (Gay kick), 2:49.
 TB: White 14 fumble return (Barber run), 2:39.
Second quarter
 TB: Barber 1 run (Gay kick), 7:58.
 TB: FG Gay 25, :57.
Third quarter
 TB: FG Lamb 53, 5:46.
Fourth quarter
 TB: Westbrock 3 pass from Minshew (Westbrock pass from Minshew), 13:37.
TEAM STATS TB JAC
 First downs 19 14
 Total net yards 315 242
 Rushes-yards 31-74 17-49
 Passing 241 193
 Punt returns 2-18 2-48
 Kickoff returns 0-0 1-25
 Int. returns 2-9 0-0
 Comp.-att-int 21-33-0 23-41-2
 Sacked-yds lost 4-27 5-47
 Punts 4-48.3 4-45.8
 Fumbles-lost 1-1 3-2
 Penalties-yards 8-44 16-125
 Possession time 33:32 26:28

Rushing: TB, Barber 17-44, Winston 6-20, R. Jones 6-8, Logan 1-2, Ogunbowale 1-0, Jac, Fournette 14-38, Minshew 2-8, Foles 1-3.
Passing: TB, Winston 21-33-0-268, Jac, Foles 7-14-93, Minshew 16-27-1-147.
Receiving: TB, Perriman 5-87, Howard 5-61, Evans 4-53, Godwin 4-50, Ogunbowale 2-12, Brate 1-5, Jac, Fournette 9-53, Westbrock 5-60, Courtney 4-57, Chark 2-47, Cole 1-11, Walker 1-6, O'Leary 1-5.
TEAMS 40, RAIDERS 9
 Oakland 0 0 0 0-9-9
 Kansas City 7 14 10 9-40

First quarter A: 73:548.
 KC: Dar. Williams 3 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 7:26.
Second quarter
 KC: Mahomes 13 run (Butker kick), 8:28.
 KC: Thornhill 46 interception return (Butker kick), 3:42.
Third quarter
 KC: Thompson 4 run (Butker kick), 5:24.
Fourth quarter
 KC: McCoy 3 run (Butker kick), 6:51.
Fourth quarter
 Oak: FG Carlson 34, 14:56.
 KC: FG Butler 50, 12:03.
Oak: Carrier 4 pass from Carr (kick blocked), :39.

TEAM STATS OAK KC
 First downs 19 22
 Total net yards 332 259
 Rushes-yards 25-122 29-96
 Passing 210 163
 Punt returns 1-3 0-0
 Kickoff returns 5-92 1-23
 Int. returns 0-0 2-51
 Comp.-att-int 20-30-2 15-29-0
 Sacked-yds lost 2-12 1-12
 Punts 2-38.5 2-41.5
 Fumbles-lost 2-1 0-0
 Penalties-yards 12-99 0-0
 Possession time 31:41 28:19

Rushing: Oak, Jacobs 17-104, Carr 3-7, Washington 2-5, Ingold 1-4, Richard 1-2, Davis 1-0, KC, Thompson 11-44, Mahomes 3-25, Dar. Williams 6-13, McCoy 5-10, Hardman 1-9, Sherman 1-0, Moore 1-1 (minus 1), Hill 1-1 (minus 4).
Passing: Oak, Carr 20-30-2-222, KC, Mahomes 15-29-0-175.
Receiving: Oak, Waller 7-100, Washington 3-44, Z. Jones 2-14, Ingold 2-13, Carrier 2-10, Moreau 1-15, Doss 1-11, T. Williams 1-9, Richard 1-6, KC, Kelce 5-90, Hill 5-55, McCoy 3-20, Sherman 1-7, Dar. Williams 1-3.
Missed field goals: Oak, Carlson 44

REDSKINS 29, PANTHERS 21
 Washington 3 9 3 14-29
 Carolina 14 0 0 3-21

First quarter A: 71:504.
 Car: Samuel 4 pass from K. Allen (Slye kick), 10:39.
Second quarter
 Car: Moore 13 pass from K. Allen (Slye kick), 5:18.
Third quarter
 Was: FG Hopkins 42, 11:16.
Fourth quarter
 Car: McCaffrey 7-58, Moore 6-75, Samuel 4-65, I. Thomas 4-24, Wright 3-34, Olsen 3-22.

TEAM STATS WAS CAR
 First downs 20 22
 Total net yards 362 278
 Rushes-yards 30-248 20-65
 Passing 114 213
 Punt returns 5-17 3-35
 Kickoff returns 0-0 1-16
 Int. returns 1-10 0-0
 Comp.-att-int 13-25-0 17-46-1
 Sacked-yds lost 5-33 7-65
 Punts 5-58.0 8-42.3
 Fumbles-lost 2-0 2-1
 Penalties-yards 6-65 5-43
 Possession time 30:37 29:23

Rushing: Was, Guice 18-129, Peterson 13-99, C. Thompson 3-14, Haskins 4-6, Car, McCaffrey 14-44, K. Allen 4-22, Armah 1-2, Moore 1-1 (minus 3).
Passing: Was, Haskins 13-25-0-147, Car, K. Allen 27-46-1-278.
Receiving: Was, Harmon 3-51, S. Sims 3-29, Sprinkle 2-36, McLaurin 2-8, Guice 2-8, C. Thompson 1-15, Car, McCaffrey 7-58, Moore 6-75, Samuel 4-65, I. Thomas 4-24, Wright 3-34, Olsen 3-22.

TEXANS 28, PATRIOTS 22
 New England 3 0 6 13-22
 Houston 7 7 7 7-28

First quarter A: 72:025.
 NE: FG Forbath 23, 7:04.
Second quarter
 NE: D. Johnson 14 pass from D. Watson (Fairbairn kick), :38.
Third quarter
 Hou: Fells 13 pass from D. Watson (Fairbairn kick), 6:21.
Fourth quarter
 Hou: D. Watson 6 pass from Hopkins (Fairbairn kick), 9:53.
 NE: White 11 pass from Brady (pass failed), 3:42.
NE: Edelman 20 pass from Brady (Forbath kick), :50.

TEAM STATS NE HOU
 First downs 29 16
 Total net yards 448 276
 Rushes-yards 29-145 23-52
 Passing 303 224
 Punt returns 1-6 2-24
 Kickoff returns 1-15 0-0
 Int. returns 0-0 1-22
 Comp.-att-int 24-47-1 19-26-0
 Sacked-yds lost 4-44 0-0
 Punts 4-44.0 5-47.2
 Fumbles-lost 0-0 0-0
 Penalties-yards 8-60 8-79
 Possession time 34:35 25:25

Rushing: NE, White 14-78, Michel 10-45, Burkhead 3-15, Brady 1-13, Edelman (minus 7), Hou, D. Johnson 9-36, Hyde 10-17, D. Watson 4-11 (minus 1).
Passing: NE, Brady 24-47-1-326, Hou, D. Watson 19-25-0-234, Hopkins 1-1-0-6.
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REDSKINS 29,
PANTHERS 21

Panthers' skid puts Rivera's job at risk

BY STEVE REED
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Panthers owner David Pepper was up twice in the middle of the night after they lost by 26 points to the struggling Falcons two weeks ago.

Imagine how frustrated he is after his team lost 29-21 to the Redskins on Sunday, when it wasted a 14-0 lead. Washington scored 29 straight points, leaving Pepper's stadium nearly empty by the end of the fourth quarter.

Pepper told the media after that loss to the Falcons that the long-term mediocrity that has haunted the Panthers organization since its inception would not be tolerated under his watch. Now his mandate will be tested as he's forced to contemplate the future of coach Ron Rivera and his staff, as well as the team's front office.

The Panthers (5-7) are essentially out of playoff contention after losing their fourth straight game with second-year quarterback Kyle Allen under center and a defense — one which Rivera calls plays for — that can't seem to stop the run.

"I'm not worried about my future," Rivera said after the game. "I'm worried about this football team. We have a game coming up on Sunday" at Atlanta.

Pepper has not addressed Rivera's future and was not made available Sunday.

But clearly his job security looms large over the team.

Rivera, the former Bears linebacker and defensive coordinator, remains a popular figure in the Panthers locker room in his ninth season.

But since losing to the Broncos in the Super Bowl four seasons ago, the Panthers are 29-31 under the former two-time NFL Coach of the Year and have not won a division title or a playoff game during that span.

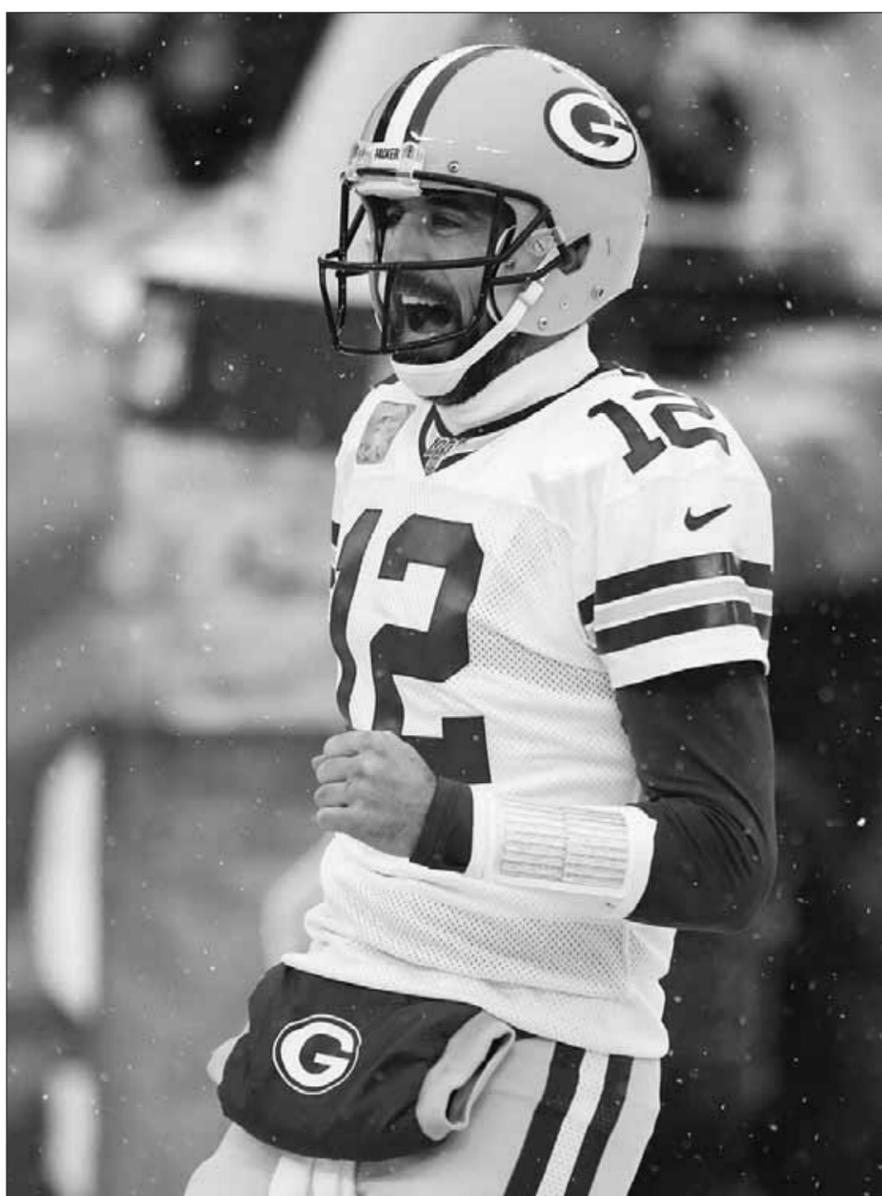
More recently, the Panthers are 6-14 in their last 20 games.

Rivera's tenure has always been directly tied to Cam Newton, with both joining the franchise in 2011.

And the biggest question may be if Pepper gives Rivera a pass because of Newton's recent injury problems. Shoulder problems plagued the 2015 league MVP in the second half of last season and the Panthers lost seven of their last eight games. This year foot problems ended his season after two games, forcing the Panthers to go with a second-year quarterback who had started just one NFL game.

Panthers longtime linebacker Luke Kuechly said Rivera is not to blame, adding that he and his assistants do a great job of preparing the players.

"Coach Rivera does such a great job of keeping us level-headed," Kuechly said. "Nobody is going to get mad at anybody. Nobody is going to get frustrated. Everybody is going to lock in and do their job."



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Aaron Rodgers gets excited after throwing a touchdown pass to Allen Lazard in a win over the Giants.

PACKERS 31, GIANTS 13

Rodgers throws 4 TD passes in rout

BY TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Green Bay Packers had everything they needed to bounce back from a dismal West Coast performance: Lambeau Field weather on the road, a struggling young opponent and, of course, Aaron Rodgers.

Rodgers threw four touchdown passes in the snow and the Packers (9-3) rebounded from an embarrassing 29-point loss to the San Francisco 49ers and beat the New York Giants 31-13 on Sunday.

"I loved the conditions," said Rodgers, who was 21 of 33 for 243 yards and no interceptions on a slippery, snowy day at MetLife Stadium. "I admit I was a little worried that it might be more rain than snow. When those big flakes were falling down, I felt pretty good about our chances."

Rodgers hit Davante Adams on touchdown passes of 8 and 17

yards, found a wide-open Allen Lazard for 37 yards and capped the performance with a 1-yarder to Mercedes Lewis. The Packers also intercepted rookie Daniel Jones three times, with the picks setting up 10 points.

The loss sent the Giants (2-10) to their eighth straight loss, their worst skid since 2004.

"It's tough to lose and no one likes to lose," said Jones, who was 20 of 37 for 240 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Shepard. "Through it we have been able to stick together and keep working each week. We have to maintain that focus."

Aldrick Rosas added field goals of 27 and 45 yards for the Giants, who have a 7-21 mark since Pat Shurmur took over last season.

A light snow started falling before game time and it quickly covered the field, forcing work crews to shovel the yardage lines during breaks. It also made it look like Wisconsin, and the

Packers had no problem in beating the Giants for the third straight time.

"We feel like we should win a game like that against that opponent," Rodgers said. "They've been struggling this season. You still have to go out and execute. They get paid too. There's a lot of pride on that football team and a lot of good players. It was important for us to get a good road victory in a game that you all expect us to win, and that we expect to win."

The last time was in the NFC wild-card game in January 2017. Rodgers also threw four touchdown passes in that one, a game that started the Giants on a three-year run that has seen it win 10 games and change coaches and general managers.

The Packers scored the first three times they had the ball, with the first two drives ending on touchdown passes by Rodgers. The first covered 8 yards to Adams and the second was the strike to Lazard.

BLACKHAWKS

Hawks

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1. Robin Lehner had words for his teammates when he got pulled from the game.

As Robin Lehner skated off the ice after getting pulled from the game after allowing five goals on 14 shots, TV cameras clearly showed him saying — no, screaming — something to the Blackhawks bench.

Lehner said he doesn't recall those words exactly. But they weren't spoken out of anger and, he told reporters after Saturday's loss, they weren't directed at anyone in particular.

"I probably did (say something)," Lehner said. "And it's probably rightfully so. It's nothing personal. We really like each other in here. I think all the guys care about each other, it's a good group. It's 5-1 five minutes into the second. And we're not playing good enough."

"I don't know exactly what I said. I probably said, 'We have to wake up.' I think my track record speaks for itself — it's not directed toward any person or anyone or not toward myself. It's embarrassing. We have to turn it around. We have to wake up."

None of the goals Lehner allowed was one he should have stopped. Nazem Kadri scored his first goal on a power play and his second when J.T. Compher had Lehner completely screened.

Nathan MacKinnon scored the Avs' third goal after setting up alone in the slot. He raised his stick for a second waiting for a pass without attracting any defenders before Mikko Rantanen found him for a one-timer. Joonas Donskoi then beat Lehner on a breakaway.

After Rantanen banged home a rebound to make it 5-1 not even six minutes into the second period, Lehner's night was over.

But he wasn't really done until after sharing his final thoughts with his teammates.

"I hate losing," Lehner said. "I think a lot of us don't like losing, and (there's) nothing wrong to hold each other accountable."

2. Alex DeBrincat's goal-scoring drought is starting to weigh on him.

Alex DeBrincat and Samuel Girard are two of the unlikeliest players in hockey to get into a fight. Each finished in the top 20 for the Lady Byng Trophy.

Yet there they were near the end of the first period with their gloves off and haymakers being thrown wildly.

Girard's side of the story wasn't told, but it sure sounds like DeBrincat was responsible for making it happen.

"I was frustrated," DeBrincat said. "Just missed an empty net a few seconds before. (Girard) went in the corner and gave me a little hit, and I was just frustrated. Just kind of happened."

DeBrincat's shot into an empty net hit the post, as did another shot later in the game, as he went without a goal for the 11th straight game. The longest goal-scoring drought of his career came two years ago as a rookie when he failed to score in 13 straight.

DeBrincat hasn't scored on his last 33 shots, including five Saturday that saw his season shooting percentage drop to 6.7. He has five goals in 26 games after scoring 41 in 82 games last season.

"(Hit) two posts tonight," DeBrincat said. "(Phillip Grubaier) made a good save, glove save on the cross ice. Getting closer, I guess that's a positive, but hopefully I can put one in here soon."

3. Life without Duncan Keith has begun. And it went poorly.

It's still unknown how long Duncan Keith will be out with a groin injury suffered during Friday's loss to the Avalanche. But one game was too many.

Slater Koekkoek took Keith's spot in the lineup and played 15 minutes, 34 seconds — about 10 minutes fewer than Keith's average this season.

"It showed tonight how much we miss him," Kane said. "Clogs up a lot of minutes, takes care of his own end and can make clean plays out of his end to get us going the other way. But look at (the Avalanche) lineup, too. They've got some injuries, a lot of injuries just like we're kind of going through right now. There's really no excuse."

The Avs have been without Gabriel Landeskog and Mikko Rantanen for long stretches, and recently lost Andre Burakovsky as well. But Rantanen returned Saturday and had a goal and three assists in his return.

"Of course, (Keith) is a big part of our team," Colliton said. "But teams across the league play with guys short-handed. Colorado is a perfect example. They've had multiple guys out for a long time and they continue to find ways to win and get points and that's what we need to do as well."

Biggs

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wearing on him," Nagy said when asked how Shaheen was injured. "It wasn't really progressing. So we just decided that was the route we wanted to go."

It's impossible to say what the future holds for Shaheen, who has one year and \$1.27 million (none of it guaranteed) remaining on his rookie contract.

The Bears could cut bait by determining Shaheen is an oft-injured player who isn't an ideal fit for the offense and has fallen short of expectations. Or they could bring him back to compete for a roster spot in training camp with nothing to lose in the hopes he can finally be healthy and provide some value on the investment. But that's a conversation for another day, one that will test general manager Ryan Pace when he talks about honestly evaluating his roster.

What's particularly irksome about Shaheen's failure to make an impact this season (nine receptions, 74 yards) before the injury is that the Bears pinned high hopes on him entering Year 3, talking about the success he had on the field during the off-season. Either those evaluations were skewed or Shaheen somehow couldn't transfer what he did in practice to the games. Maybe it was a combination.

"I don't know," Nagy said



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Bears tight end Adam Shaheen drops a pass as he is hit by Packers cornerback Jaire Alexander in the season opener.

when asked where Shaheen's career goes from here. "We'll see. I think Adam is as frustrated as anybody in the injuries and the durability. It's something that we wanted to make sure we took care of as much as we could at the start and got him to the beginning of the season. And we did that. But there's been these issues that he's had. He's frustrated. He's not happy about it. We're not either. We've got to see how it goes here with trying to get healthy."

Nagy was referring to back issues that sidelined Shaheen for parts of training camp. It's fair to wonder how much Shaheen's various injuries, including a foot injury suffered during the 2018

preseason that cost him more than half a season, have stunted his growth.

But more troubling is that he never has been a consistent athletic target in the middle of the field for quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

Shaheen was labeled "Baby Gronk" by some after the Bears drafted him because his frame — he was measured at 6-foot-6, 278 pounds at the NFL scouting combine — was similar to former Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski. That was never fair or accurate. The difference was Shaheen, whom the Bears now list at 257 pounds, has never possessed the high level of body control and athleticism that made

Gronkowski an offensive force, a lesson that like-size packages are not necessarily the same.

Shaheen struggled too often to keep his feet, another sign of a lack of athletic ability that while not an issue at Division II Ashland, has been problematic in the NFL. How often in 27 career games has he made a play downfield like Jesper Horsted did in Thursday's win over the Lions, pinning the football with his right hand to his right shoulder to secure an 18-yard touchdown catch? The answer is rarely, and with fellow tight end Trey Burton injured this entire season, that became more problematic for a struggling offense.

It's premature to say if Horsted can be a legitimate playmaking option for the Bears moving forward. He has logged only 11 offensive snaps in two games. But a brief recent glimpse of him along with some athletic catches made in the preseason are enough to tell you the ceiling, if not the floor, for the undrafted free agent from Princeton is higher.

Horsted and Shaheen don't play the same tight end role, so Shaheen's presence wouldn't necessarily reduce opportunities for the newcomer.

The problem is that since that Bengals game late in Shaheen's rookie season, he simply hasn't flashed. That's going to make it difficult for the Bears to justify waiting to see if he can finally break through in 2020.

CUBS

Sullivan

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Russell underwent counseling and treatment, prompting criticism from some fans and media.

Russell eventually signed a one-year, \$3.4 million deal with \$600,000 in bonus incentives and met Epstein's criteria to return to the Cubs after his suspension ended in early May. Russell reported to the Cubs on May 8, just as Ben Zobrist took a leave of absence to deal with family issues. Russell was inserted at second base, with Baez having taken over as the full-time shortstop.

But Russell struggled at the plate, particularly with his power numbers, and was demoted to Triple-A Iowa on July 24, shortly after making several mental mistakes in a game against the Padres, including being thrown out twice on the basepaths. Russell also hurt his cause by admitting to ESPN that he needed to become "more familiar with the signs," an inexcusable mental error for someone with his experience.

The Cubs brought Russell back up in mid-August, optioning Almora to Iowa. But he played sparingly because of Zobrist's return and tepid offensive numbers, hitting .217 with seven RBIs in 69 at-bats through Sept. 8, when he was hit in the head by a 94-mph fastball from the Brewers' Adrian Houser. Russell stayed in the game and even stole second but was removed the next half-inning and eventually placed in the concussion protocol.

But he didn't play the rest of the season and wound up hitting .237 with a .699 OPS in 82 games. The Cubs were satisfied with the way Russell handled himself after the suspension, but the weak offensive production, combined with the focus issue, make his return questionable.

Russell's concussion, which occurred after Baez's season-ending broken thumb, prompted the Cubs to make an emergency call to Double-A infielder Nico Hoerner, who performed well enough down the stretch to make the Cubs think about bringing him back in 2020.

Epstein said last month at the general managers meetings no decision has been made on Hoerner, a first-round pick in 2018.

If the Cubs non-tender Russell, they could make Hoerner or David Bote the primary second baseman or find one via trade or free agency. The Cubs reportedly have interest in the Royals' Whit Merrifield, who would also solve their leadoff problem. They'd have to pay hefty price in any deal, as they did three years ago when they acquired closer Wade Davis from the Royals for outfielder Jorge Soler, now one of the game's elite sluggers.

After all the speculation about massive

Ex-Phils coach to direct Cubs' catching group

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

The Cubs rounded out new manager David Ross' staff by hiring former Phillies coach Craig Driver as first-base and catching coach.

Driver is the second former Phillies coach brought in this off-season, following former pitching coach Chris Young, who replaced Lester Strode as bullpen coach.

Driver served as the bullpen catcher/receiving coach in Philadelphia the last two seasons under former manager Gabe Kapler, who interviewed for the Cubs' managerial opening and eventually became Giants manager. Driver previously held the catchers coaching position at Yale University.

Current first-base coach Will Venable, who was told by the Cubs he will return, is expected to move to third base.

The Cubs have yet to formally announce the coaching staff, but they also have hired Mike Napoli as quality assurance coach. Napoli and Ross were Red Sox teammates in 2013 and '14.

Cubs President Theo Epstein said at the general managers meetings Ross would have "final say" on the coaching staff.

"And we encourage him to get at least one guy, if not more that he's got a real history with, can trust implicitly and be himself around him away from the field if he needs to get stuff off his chest," Epstein said.

changes ahead, the Cubs haven't made any significant moves to date. But only the White Sox, Braves, Padres and Brewers have made any headline-making moves thus far. The annual winter meetings begin next Sunday in San Diego, so the hot stove league figures to heat up.

The White Sox faced a decision on whether to non-tender Gold Glove winning second baseman Yolmer Sanchez. But they released him last week to open up room on the 40-man roster. They're expected to tender contracts to their remaining arbitration-eligible players: Carlos Rodon, James McCann, Alex Colome, Leury Garcia and Evan Marshall. Colome is projected by MLBTradeRumors.com to get a one-year, \$10.3 million deal.

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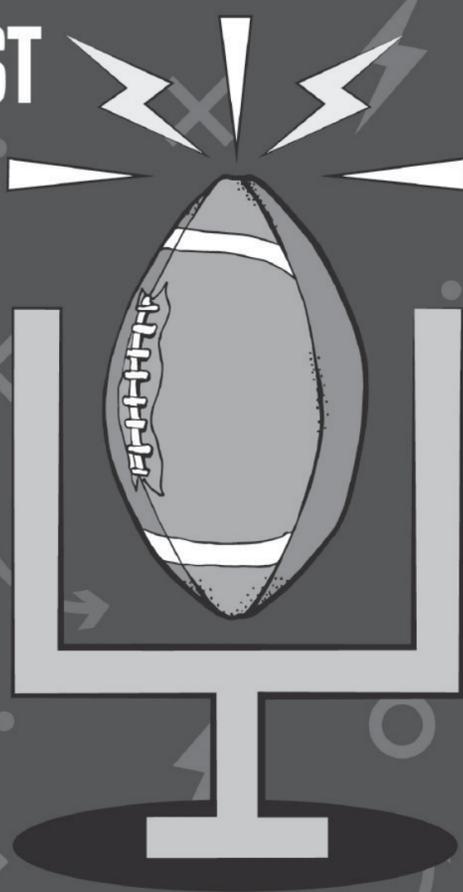
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC | W | L | PCT | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Toronto | 15 | 4 | .789 | — |
| Boston | 14 | 5 | .737 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 14 | 6 | .700 | 1½ |
| Brooklyn | 10 | 10 | .500 | 5½ |
| New York | 4 | 16 | .200 | 11½ |

| SOUTHEAST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Miami | 14 | 5 | .737 | — |
| Orlando | 8 | 11 | .421 | 6 |
| Charlotte | 8 | 13 | .381 | 7 |
| Washington | 6 | 12 | .333 | 7½ |
| Atlanta | 4 | 16 | .200 | 10½ |

| CENTRAL | W | L | PCT | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Milwaukee | 17 | 3 | .850 | — |
| Indiana | 12 | 7 | .632 | 4½ |
| Detroit | 7 | 13 | .350 | 11 |
| Chicago | 6 | 14 | .300 | 11 |
| Cleveland | 5 | 14 | .263 | 11½ |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | PCT | GB |
|--------------------|----|----|------|----|
| Dallas | 13 | 6 | .684 | — |
| Houston | 13 | 6 | .684 | — |
| San Antonio | 7 | 14 | .333 | 7 |
| Memphis | 6 | 13 | .316 | 7 |
| New Orleans | 6 | 14 | .300 | 7½ |

| NORTHWEST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Denver | 13 | 4 | .765 | — |
| Utah | 12 | 8 | .600 | 2½ |
| Minnesota | 10 | 9 | .526 | 4 |
| Oklahoma City | 8 | 11 | .421 | 6 |
| Portland | 8 | 12 | .400 | 6½ |

| PACIFIC | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| L.A. Lakers | 17 | 3 | .850 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 15 | 6 | .714 | 2½ |
| Phoenix | 8 | 10 | .444 | 8 |
| Sacramento | 8 | 10 | .444 | 8 |
| Golden State | 4 | 17 | .190 | 13½ |

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Miami 109, Brooklyn 106
 Boston 113, New York 104
 Memphis 115, Minnesota 107
 Dallas 114, L.A. Lakers 100
 Memphis 100, Golden State 96
 Orlando 100, Utah 110
 L.A. Clippers 150, Washington 125
MONDAY'S GAMES
 Phoenix at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
 Utah at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Golden State at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 New York at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Orlando at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.
 Miami at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
 Houston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Golden State at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Detroit, 6 p.m.
 Phoenix at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
 Miami at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
 Memphis at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.

MAVERICKS 114, LAKERS 100

DALLAS: Finney-Smith 2-7 0-0 6, Porzingis 5-11 2-4 15, Powell 6-11 3-5 15, Doncic 10-23 3-3 27, Hardaway Jr. 3-10 2-2 8, Jackson 6-10 0-0 15, Kleber 1-4 3-4 6, Marjanovic 1-10-0 2, Brunson 0-3-0-0, Wright 1-2 0-0 17, Curry 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 42-97 13-18 114.
LA LAKERS: James 11-20 3-3 25, Davis 10-21 6-6 27, McGee 2-5 0-0 4, Caldwell-Pope 3-7 0-0 7, Green 3-10 0-0 8, Dudley 0-0-0-0, Kuzma 1-8-2-3, Howard 2-3-0-2 4, Cook 0-1-2-2, Rondo 2-3 0-0 4, Caruso 4-5 0-0 10, Daniels 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 40-87 13-16 100.

| Dallas | 25 | 34 | 35 | 20 | —114 |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| L.A. Lakers | 30 | 32 | 17 | 21 | —100 |

3-Point Goals—Dallas 17-49 (Doncic 4-10, Jackson 3-5, Wright 3-6, Porzingis 3-8, Finney-Smith 2-5, Kleber 1-2, Curry 1-4, Brunson 0-1, Powell 0-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-7), L.A. Lakers 7-27 (Caruso 2-2, Green 2-8, Davis 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-2, Daniels 1-2, Cook 0-1, Kuzma 0-5, James 0-5). **Rebounds**—Dallas 51 (Doncic, Kleber, Powell 9), L.A. Lakers 45 (Davis, McGee 10). **Assists**—Dallas 24 (Doncic 10), L.A. Lakers 25 (James 8). **Total Fouls**—Dallas 20, L.A. Lakers 14. **Technical**—L.A. Lakers coach Frank Vogel, Caldwell-Pope. **A**—18,997 (18,997).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| Boston | 19 | 3 | 5 | 43 | 99 | 65 |
| Florida | 13 | 8 | 2 | 31 | 94 | 93 |
| Toronto | 13 | 11 | 4 | 30 | 93 | 92 |
| Buffalo | 12 | 10 | 5 | 29 | 78 | 82 |
| Montreal | 11 | 10 | 6 | 28 | 89 | 96 |
| Tampa Bay | 12 | 9 | 3 | 27 | 88 | 79 |
| Ottawa | 11 | 15 | 1 | 23 | 69 | 84 |
| Detroit | 7 | 19 | 3 | 17 | 62 | 115 |

| METRO. | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Washington | 19 | 4 | 5 | 43 | 104 | 83 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 17 | 5 | 2 | 36 | 71 | 58 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 7 | 5 | 35 | 85 | 78 |
| Carolina | 16 | 10 | 1 | 33 | 88 | 76 |
| Pittsburgh | 14 | 9 | 4 | 32 | 93 | 78 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 13 | 9 | 3 | 29 | 83 | 83 |
| Columbus | 11 | 11 | 4 | 26 | 66 | 80 |
| New Jersey | 9 | 12 | 4 | 22 | 65 | 90 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| CENTRAL | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| St. Louis | 17 | 5 | 6 | 40 | 86 | 75 |
| Colorado | 16 | 8 | 2 | 34 | 97 | 75 |
| Winnipeg | 16 | 10 | 1 | 33 | 77 | 76 |
| Dallas | 15 | 10 | 3 | 33 | 75 | 68 |
| Nashville | 12 | 10 | 4 | 28 | 87 | 85 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 11 | 4 | 28 | 79 | 86 |
| Chicago | 10 | 11 | 5 | 25 | 74 | 81 |

| PACIFIC | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Edmonton | 17 | 9 | 3 | 37 | 91 | 84 |
| Arizona | 15 | 9 | 4 | 34 | 78 | 67 |
| San Jose | 15 | 12 | 1 | 31 | 82 | 91 |
| Vegas | 13 | 11 | 4 | 30 | 83 | 81 |
| Vancouver | 13 | 11 | 4 | 30 | 92 | 84 |
| Calgary | 13 | 12 | 4 | 30 | 73 | 86 |
| Anaheim | 11 | 12 | 4 | 26 | 71 | 82 |
| Los Angeles | 11 | 14 | 2 | 24 | 70 | 89 |

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Minnesota 3, Dallas 2, SO
 Boston 3, Montreal 1
 Edmonton 3, Vancouver 2
MONDAY'S GAMES
 Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
 New Jersey at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6 p.m.
 Carolina at Boston, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Arizona at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Vegas at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Nashville, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
 Washington at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Colorado at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
 Washington at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

BRUINS 3, CANADIENS 1

| Montreal | 1 | 0 | 0 | —1 |
|----------|---|---|---|----|
| Boston | 0 | 0 | 3 | —3 |

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Montreal, (Armia 11:58. Penalty: McAvoy, BOS, (high sticking), 14:38.

SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.

Penalties: Weber, MTL, (interference), 17:13; Gallagher, MTL, (roughing), 17:13; DeBrusk, BOS, (roughing), 17:13.

THIRD PERIOD: 2, Boston, (Pastnak 26 (Carlo, Bjork), 6:16. 3, Boston, Backes 2 (Grzelcyk, Krejci), 10:29 (pp), 4, Boston, DeBrusk 7 (Coyle), 13:27.

Penalties: Cousins, MTL, (holding), 8:38; Montreal bench, served by Cousins (too many men on the ice), 18:09.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Montreal 11-8-10—29. Boston 10-10-14—34.

POWER PLAYS: Montreal 0 of 1; Boston 1 of 3.

GOALIES: Montreal, Price 10-2-3 (24 shots-31 saves). Boston, Rask 14-10-2 (29-28). A: 17,850 (17,565). T: 2:31.

Referees: Dean Morton, Justin St Pierre. **Linesmen:** Darren Gibbs, Brian Murphy.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Michigan State, Tuesday.
2. Louisville (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Tuesday.
3. Michigan State (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Duke, Tuesday.
4. Kansas (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Colorado, Saturday.
5. Maryland (8-0) beat Marquette 84-63. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Wed.
6. North Carolina (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Ohio State, Wed.
7. Virginia (7-0) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.
8. Gonzaga (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Wednesday.
9. Kentucky (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, Saturday.
10. Ohio State (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 6 North Carolina, Wednesday.
11. Oregon (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Saturday.
12. Texas Tech (5-2) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.
13. Seton Hall (6-2) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Sunday.
14. Arizona (9-0) beat Wake Forest 73-66. Next: at No. 19 Baylor, Saturday.
15. Utah State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose State, Wednesday.
16. Memphis (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Bradley, Tuesday.
17. Tennessee (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Wednesday.
18. Auburn (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Furman, Thursday.
19. Baylor (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, Tuesday.
20. VCU (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Old Dominion, Saturday.
21. Colorado (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Wednesday.
22. Villanova (5-2) beat La Salle 83-72. Next: vs. Pennsylvania, Wednesday.
23. Washington (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota, Monday.
24. Florida (6-2) did not play. Next: at Butler, Saturday.
25. Xavier (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Green Bay, Wednesday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Adelphi 82, Concordia (N.Y.) 62
 Albertus Magnus 76, Williams 63
 Alvernia at Immaculata, ppd.
 Babson 76, Bowdoin 66
 Bentley 72, American International 58
 Brockport 75, Salisbury 69
 California (Pa.) 83, Glenville St. 72
 Canisius 76, Mercer 66
 Colby 106, Kean 102
 Cornell at Towson, ccd.
 E. Connecticut 81, Connecticut Coll. 66
 Emmanuel (Mass.) 97, Wentworth 96, OT
 Fairfield 67, Texas A&M 62
 Fordham 66, Mid-Eastern Shore 45
 Gettysburg 73, Juniata 54
 Goldey Beacom 72, NYIT 54
 Hofstra 91, Holy Cross 69
 Johns Hopkins 92, Moravian 62
 King's (Pa.) at Maryland, ppd.
 Lake Erie 100, Edinboro 71
 Loyola (Md.), 77, Binghamton 65
 Lycoming 79, Susquehanna 70
 Manhattanville 76, W. Connecticut 69
 Mass.-Lowell 73, CCSU 71
 Middlebury 98, Endicott 78
 NYU 88, Rosemont 73
 Neumann 72, Keuka 68
 Nichols 66, Trinity (Conn.) 58
 Pace 69, Molloy 61
 Penn 95, Long Beach St. 79
 Rhode Island Coll. 97, Regis (Mass.) 77
 Rochester 89, Utica 88
 S. New Hampshire 86, Post (Conn.) 74
 Sacred Heart 101, Pine Manor 57
 Salem International 86, Seton Hill 71
 Salve Regina 99, Dean 68
 Sarah Lawrence 87, Stevenson 82
 Slippery Rock 78, Dist. of Columbia 67
 Stevens Tech 62, Rutgers-Camden 58
 Stonehill 82, Assumption 76
 Swarthmore 89, Arcadia 72
 UConn 64, Maine 40
 WVU Tech 81, Milligan 62
 Wells at Ithaca, ppd.
 Wesleyan (Conn.) at Union (N.Y.), ppd.
 West Virginia 86, Rhode Island 81
 Yale 65, Vermont 52
 York (Pa.) 78, Franklin & Marshall 58

SOUTH

Averett 60, Roanoke 55
 Campbell 58, N. Dakota 56
 Emory 95, Maryville (Tenn.) 82
 FAU 71, UIC 70
 Georgia S. 72, Florida Gulf Coast 57
 Georgia Tech 68, Bethune-Cookman 65
 Greensboro 95, Warren Wilson 80
 Johnson 89, Oglethorpe 87
 LSU-Alexandria 102, Voorhees 81
 Lynchburg 81, Bridgewater (Va.) 68
 Mt. Olive 74, UNC Pembroke 72
 Niagara 65, Norfolk St. 61
 Randolph-Macon 81, Randolph 40
 Shenandoah 74, Gallaudet 60
 S. Carolina 74, George Washington 65
 Temple 66, Davidson 53
 Tougaloo 87, Paul Quinn 67
 Tulane 82, S. U. 65
 UCF 77, Coll. of Charleston 56
 Union (Ky.) 81, Robert Morris-Chicago 76
 Va. Wesleyan 60, Ferrum 56
 Wash. & Lee 81, Hampden-Sydney 60
 Wis.-Stevens Pt. 61, Chris. Newport 58

MIDWEST

Albion 69, Rose-Hulman 64
 Edgewood 86, Concordia (Ill.) 70
 John Carroll 87, Olivet 72
 Kenyon 69, DePaul 65
 Lourdes 59, Rio Grande 53
 Minn. Duluth at St. Cloud St., ppd.
 N. Cent. (Ill.) 75, Kalamazoo 60
 Saginaw Vall. St. 101, Wis.-Stout 78
 Saint Louis 69, S. Illinois 60
 Washington (Mo.) 73, Augustana (Ill.) 70
 Wis.-Oshkosh 92, Lawrence 66
 Wis.-Platteville 74, Cardinal Stritch 67

WEST

Air Force 76, Jackson St. 52
 Colorado St. 92, Utah Valley 61
 Hawaii 58, Hawaii Pacific 41
 Loyola Marymount 61, S. Utah 51
 New Mexico 72, Montana 63
 Oregon St. 81, Portland St. 76
 Providence 80, Pepperdine 77
 Southern Cal 77, Harvard 62
 Stanford 72, UNC Wilmington 54

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Oregon (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Sunday.
2. Baylor (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Wednesday.
3. Stanford (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Sunday, Dec. 15.
4. UConn (6-0) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Thursday.
5. South Carolina (8-1) did not play. Next: at Temple, Saturday.
6. Texas A&M (5-1) lost to No. 12 Florida St. 80-58. Next: vs. Cent. Arkansas, Wed.
7. Oregon State (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Friday.
8. Louisville (8-0) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.
9. Maryland (7-1) did not play. Next: at No. 12 N.C. State, Thursday.
10. Mississippi State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 West Virginia, Sunday.
11. UCLA (7-0) beat Virginia 73-62. Next: at Cal State Northridge, Sat.
12. Florida State (7-0) beat 6 Texas A&M 80-58. Next: vs. No. 15 Michigan State, Thursday.
12. N.C. State (8-0) beat N. Texas 76-65. Next: vs. No. 9 Maryland, Thursday.
14. Kentucky (7-0) beat Austin Peay 81-52. Next: vs. Charlotte, Wednesday.
15. Michigan State (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Florida State, Thursday.
16. DePaul (6-1) beat Northwestern 70-68. Next: at Green Bay, Saturday.
17. Indiana (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Miami, Wednesday.
18. Syracuse (4-3) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
19. Miami (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Indiana, Wednesday.
20. Tennessee (7-0) beat Air Force 81-54. Next: vs. Texas, Sunday.
21. South Florida (5-4) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama State, Friday.
22. Gonzaga (6-1) beat Purdue 63-50. Next: at Montana State, Thursday.
23. West Virginia (5-1) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Mississippi State, Sun.
24. Arizona (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Monmouth, Monday.
25. Arkansas (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25

| RK. TEAM | CF | W-L | PTS | W/L |
|--------------------|----|------|------|-----|
| 1. LSU (40) | 2 | 12-0 | 1528 | 1 |
| 2. Ohio State (19) | 1 | 12-0 | 1498 | 2 |
| 3. Clemson (3) | 3 | 12-0 | 1437 | 3 |
| 4. Georgia | 4 | 11-1 | 1356 | 4 |
| 5. Utah | 6 | 11-1 | 1275 | 6 |
| 6. Oklahoma | 7 | 11-1 | 1257 | 7 |
| 7. Florida | 11 | 10-2 | 1135 | 8 |
| 8. Baylor | 9 | 11-1 | 1074 | 11 |
| 9. Alabama | 5 | 10-2 | 995 | 5 |
| 10. Wisconsin | 12 | 10-2 | 971 | 13 |
| 11. Auburn | 15 | 9-3 | 957 | 16 |
| 12. Penn State | 10 | 10-2 | 890 | 12 |
| 13. Oregon | 14 | 10-2 | 799 | 14 |
| 14. Notre Dame | 16 | 10-2 | 734 | 15 |
| 15. Minnesota | 8 | 10-2 | 683 | 9 |
| 16. Memphis | 18 | 11-1 | 615 | 17 |
| 17. Michigan | 13 | 9-3 | 603 | 10 |
| 18. Iowa | 17 | 9-3 | 537 | 19 |
| 19. Boise State | 20 | 11-1 | 463 | 20 |
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Little at stake in title game

OSU locked into playoff, Wisconsin will have no shot



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the Big Ten

What's cool about the Wisconsin-Minnesota series is that the border rivals play for a giant ax that does not come with a user manual. The fake chopping of the other team's goal post is deemed OK, but Wisconsin linebacker Chris Orr thought it "disrespectful" that the Gophers treated it like the Stanley Cup last year, letting random fans touch it.

So after Wisconsin exacted revenge Saturday, Orr decided to disrespect P.J. Fleck and his "row the boat" mantra by pretending Paul Bunyan's Axe was an oar.

Juicy!
What's cool about the Ohio State-Michigan series is that there's no official trophy awarded to the winner — just 364 days of basking in glory.

"It means everything," first-year OSU coach Ryan Day said.

The cream rose to the top Saturday. Here are five other things we learned about the Big Ten after its final week:

1. The Buckeyes and Badgers will be playing for pride, not a playoff spot. The Buckeyes must have already clinched a spot, given their No. 1 College Football Playoff ranking before obliterating No. 13 Michigan on the road. No way a toe stub in Indianapolis drops them below one-loss Utah or one-loss Oklahoma.

The Badgers would be in position to snag a playoff spot had James McCourt's 39-yard field goal for Illinois sailed wide Oct. 19. They'd be 11-1 with quality victories over Michigan and Minnesota and a road loss to Ohio State — with a chance to exact revenge at Lucas Oil Stadium.

But losses count. McCourt's field goal split the uprights. And as it turned out, Illinois needed that victory to qualify for its first bowl since 2014.

Was there a more impactful Big Ten play this season? Nope.

2. Wisconsin needs a new formula — or a miracle — to beat the Buckeyes. Jack Coan posted a season-best passer rating of 205.1 against Minnesota by completing 15 of 22 throws for 280 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. That's 12.7 yards per attempt. The FBS season high in that stat is 11.7 by Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts.

Is Coan capable of such a performance against the Buckeyes in Indy? That's somewhere between unlikely and impossible. Coan threw for just 108 yards (10-for-17) when the teams met in October for Ohio State's 38-7 home shellacking.

Granted, it was a wet day and Lucas Oil Stadium is domed. But Ohio State has the nation's No. 2-rated pass defense after Clemson.

Big Ten Network analyst Gerry DiNardo said Sunday he believes Coan's gaudy stats were mainly a result of Minnesota's determination to stop the run. Which the Gophers did, given that Jonathan Taylor gained just 76 yards on 18 carries.

"Wisconsin has a matchup advantage with (receiver) Quintez Cephus," DiNardo said. "And with Taylor. But there are not



Ohio State cornerback Amir Riep (10) celebrates his interception with safety Marcus Hooker against Michigan in Saturday's 56-27 victory.



Wisconsin quarterback Jack Coan hands off to running back Jonathan Taylor against Minnesota.

many favorable matchups for Wisconsin. There are not many for any teams that play Ohio State. (The Buckeyes) are in that zone. As long as they keep their heads on straight and don't think they invented the game, they will be tough to beat."

3. Ohio State is better, smarter and might care more than Michigan. One coach bared his soul after Ohio State trounced Michigan. The other took no accountability.

"I'm overcome with emotion right now," Day said. "There's so much that goes into this game. We live it year-round. For our guys to play the way they did, it means everything to our program, to my family. You have no idea."

Day said he was so moved during stretches of the game, he'd ask offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson: "What just happened on that drive? It's such a blur. To say there's not stress coming into a game like this would be a lie."

Contrast that with Jim Harbaugh, who became the first Michigan coach to start 0-5 against Ohio State and who shrinks after losses. Harbaugh either blames the refs — the controversial J.T. Barrett spot in 2016 — or tries to melt into his chair, giving four-word answers like: "They played really good."

So how did Harbaugh react to a question about why there's such a gap between the two programs? Is it talent, preparation, coaching? "I'll answer your questions, not

your insults," he replied.

That would be a clever response to an insult, not a legitimate question. Which this was.

The irony here is that Harbaugh gives bland answers after losses in hopes that he will not draw attention to himself. But that's exactly what he did.

Harbaugh must realize the gap is largely due to talent and development. The Buckeyes have had 12 players taken in the first round of the NFL draft in the last five years; Michigan has had four. The Buckeyes had more than twice as many five-star recruits on the field Saturday and they have two in their 2020 class to Michigan's zero.

Is there also a coaching issue at play here?

Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields was ice cold after throwing for 302 yards and four touchdowns, saying: "We take it more serious than they do, I think. We prepare for it all year. We're preparing for next year right now. I think it means more at Ohio State."

Asked why he thinks that, Fields did not back down: "I know a few players on the team and I know the things we do in terms of workouts. Talking to those guys and getting their perspective, I definitely see we take it way more serious."

Receiver Chris Olave added this gem: "We'll celebrate this game and then we've got 364 days till the next game."

It's hard to believe anyone cares about the rivalry more than Harbaugh, who lived it through his father, Jack, and as Michigan's quarterback. (He went 2-0 as the starter.)

What's clear is that Fields' in-your-face quote should provide almost 24-7 motivation for a Michigan program that has beaten its rival one time since 2004. But will that extra juice make a difference?

4. The run for the Roses will be interesting. The highest-ranked team after Ohio State will head to Pasadena. Who will that be? Jerry Palm of CBS Sports projects Wis-

consin, which would be 10-3 with a loss to Ohio State. The Badgers last went to the Rose Bowl after the 2012 season.

Minnesota (10-2) also is possible, but you'd hate to see the Big Ten West champion Badgers essentially get penalized for having to face Ohio State a second time.

Penn State (10-2) is lurking. The Nittany Lions were ranked 11th last week but didn't exactly play like a team trying to impress the committee by sleep-walking through a 27-6 win over Rutgers.

Nine Big Ten teams hit the six-win plateau. Here are the other seven bowl projections, via Palm:

Penn State: Dec. 30 Orange Bowl vs. Virginia

Minnesota: Jan. 1 Outback Bowl vs. Florida

Michigan: Jan. 2 Gator Bowl vs. Auburn

Iowa: Dec. 27 Holiday Bowl vs. Arizona State

Indiana: Dec. 27 Pinstripe Bowl vs. Pitt

Illinois: Dec. 30 Redbox Bowl vs. Washington

Michigan State: Dec. 26 Quick Lane Bowl vs. Florida State

5. Rutgers matters again. Some clowns point to Greg Schiano's 68-67 record at Rutgers and ask: What's the big deal? Why were so many alumni hell-bent on bringing him back?

Because the Scarlet Knights were pitiful before he arrived — 11-44 (.200) under Terry Shea — and cratered after his recruits were done playing. Rutgers has been to nine bowl games. Schiano coached for six of them and successor Kyle Flood was at the helm for the next three.

Schiano is a New Jersey native who knows the terrain and the sometimes salty high school coaches. His return with an eight-year contract represents a Hail Mary for Rutgers, which was outscored 355-51 in its nine Big Ten games (all losses) this season. And it represents a victory for Rutgers fans, alumni and former players, who pushed the administration to make it happen.

WEEK 14 POWER RANKINGS

Here are the Tribune's latest Big Ten power rankings, with last week's ranking in parentheses:

1. Ohio State (1): Ryan Day, asked to select his best Heisman Trophy candidate among Chase Young, Justin Fields and J.K. Dobbins: "All three of them deserve to be in New York."

2. Wisconsin (3): The road team has won three straight battles for Paul Bunyan's Axe. Weird.

3. Minnesota (2): Best "College GameDay" sign in Minneapolis: "NEVER BEEN THIS GOOD DON'T KNOW WHAT TO WRITE."

4. Penn State (4): Got out-gained 383-333 by Rutgers.

What were the odds of that?

5. Michigan (5): How many Wolverines will sit out the bowl game this year?

6. Iowa (6): A.J. Epenesa made himself some serious coin Friday against Nebraska (four tackles for a loss, two sacks). #NFL

7. Indiana (7): The Hoosiers won eight games for the first time since 1993.

8. Illinois (8): Quarterback Brandon Peters won the team's MVP award Saturday by not playing.

9. Michigan State (10): If the Spartans are really the ninth-best team in the Big Ten, the bottom half of the Big Ten stinks.

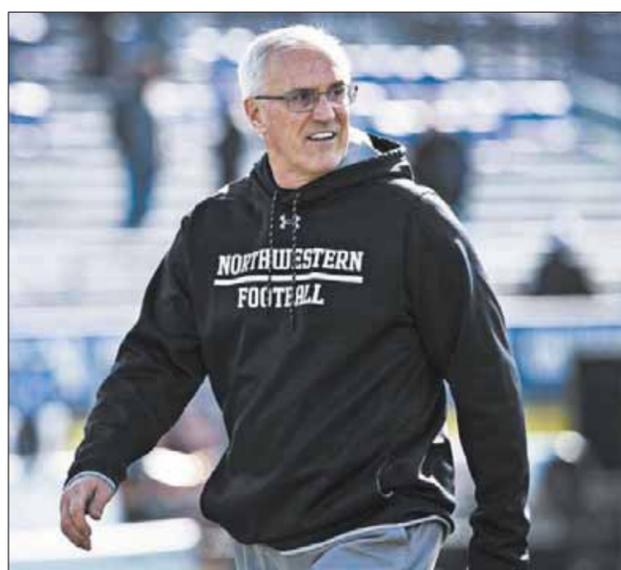
10. Purdue (9): Refused to fold after the injury epidemic struck. But in the end, 4-8 is 4-8.

11. Nebraska (11): Scott Frost on the decision to kick to Iowa's dangerous Ihmir Smith-Marsette: "I have to find that out ... I'm just being honest."

12. Northwestern (12): What would the Wildcats' record be if they'd played the right quarterback (Andrew Marty) all along?

13. Maryland (13): The Terrapins' 19-16 loss to Michigan State satisfied no one.

14. Rutgers (14): Relevance, thy name is Greg Schiano.



JOHN KONSTANTARAS/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mick McCall, walking on the field before Northwestern's game against Purdue on Nov. 9, was fired Sunday as offensive coordinator.

NORTHWESTERN

NU begins shaking it up

Offensive coordinator McCall fired after Cats ranked 126th in scoring

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Mick McCall is out as Northwestern's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach after 12 seasons, the school announced Sunday.

The move was expected after Northwestern finished 126th in scoring among the 130 teams in the FBS and coach Pat Fitzgerald was highly critical of how poorly the quarterbacks prepared for the season.

Some around the program still were skeptical that McCall would be ousted given Fitzgerald's loyalty to his assistants. McCall is the

first assistant to be fired since after the 2007 season.

"Mick was one of the first hires I made when given the honor of leading this program, and has been a trusted colleague and loyal friend for almost my entire tenure," Fitzgerald said in a statement. "He's guided our offense through unquestionably one of the most successful periods in Wildcats history, with four bowl championships and nine postseason appearances. Mick recruited and coached great student-athletes and exceptional young men who have made the Northwestern community proud in so many ways after graduation."

Former Wisconsin offensive coordinator Matt Canada and Notre Dame quarterbacks coach Tom Rees are viewed as potential

candidates to replace McCall.

McCall tutored standout quarterbacks such as Dan Persa and Clayton Thorson.

"I'm proud of what we accomplished at Northwestern, and the success I've contributed to throughout my career," McCall said in a statement. "It's been a privilege to represent this university, and work alongside some of the best student-athletes, coaches and staff I've encountered in my career. I'll forever be indebted to Pat Fitzgerald and Jim Phillips for giving me this opportunity. A piece of my family and me will always belong to Evanston and Chicago."

More staff changes could be coming. The Wildcats have not finished in the top 50 in scoring or yards per play since 2012.

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COMMENTARY

The Game. Over.



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

Ohio State's J.K. Dobbins dives for a fourth-quarter touchdown past Michigan's Josh Metellus on Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Buckeyes won 56-27 to improve to 12-0.

Michigan football's sickening reality: Ohio State is simply better

By MITCH ALBOM
Detroit Free Press

This is the hardest column to read if you are a Michigan fan and the hardest to write if you like to be the bearer of good news. But we all saw it. And to deny it is folly.

The Buckeyes are better. Say it and get it over with. Say it and spit the bad taste out of your mouth. It's not a shame to admit, not when it's true, and it doesn't have to be true forever, but it's undeniably true now. On a day when Michigan put up a darn good offensive effort, a day when it completed big passes and escaped big pressure and held off Chase Young, maybe the best player in college football, on a day when it had every motivation in the world and a home-field sellout crowd, on a day like that, Michigan still lost 56-27.

That's right. 56-27. Worse than last year. At home.

Say it. Get it out of your system. The Buckeyes are better, and they have been for a while. Deeper. Faster. More tightly coached talent. They made critical plays when they had to. Their offensive line pushed the Wolverines halfway to Ypsilanti. They ran J.K. Dobbins like a tank down the Michigan windpipe, and even when the Wolverines tried to make adjustments, Dobbins ran through the adjustments, ran for the Buckeyes' first touchdown, their last touchdown and two more in between, ran for 211 yards.

Ohio State's quarterback, Justin Fields, who wasn't even with the team last November, threw four touchdown passes — including one on his first play with a newly attached knee brace on his left leg.

A knee brace?

Enough. When the other team can't be stopped when you most need to stop it, when the other team stops you when it most needs to stop you, when the other team makes fewer mistakes and more killer plays — the other team is better.

That's not selling out. That's sports. "I thought it was a good football fight," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "It got away from us today."

He's kind of right. It was a fight. For the first quarter, which ended 14-13. But mistakes led to a 12-point halftime deficit. And bad execution led to a second-half rout.

Whether it "got away" or was taken away doesn't change the inevitable. You put these two teams on a scale of talent, execution and depth, it's tipping red.

The Buckeyes are better.
And the better team won.

This one hurts

Now, there's no shame in any team losing to the best team in the nation. There's only bitterness because this is Michigan losing to Ohio State, and the last game in November is what we hang our hats on in this state, as does the state south of us that gives out speeding tickets to our drivers.

But the history of this rivalry is a lot more



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

The Buckeyes celebrate a 56-27 win over Michigan on Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

storic than the last two decades have been. Michigan has now lost eight in a row and 15 of 16 to Ohio State. You'd have to have been born in the last century to be alive the last time Michigan won two straight.

That's not a rivalry, that's a chase. And Michigan lost the chase again. Say it and puke.

"How frustrating was this?" Shea Patterson was asked at the postgame news conference.

"It's very, very frustrating," he said, his voice barely more than a mumble. "What we do all year leading (up) to this game is for them."

Patterson, in his final game at Michigan Stadium, looked terrific early, but he finished with less than a 50% completion rate and had a critical fumble when the Wolverines had reached the OSU 12 in the second quarter.

"You can't fumble the ball down there," Patterson lamented.

Well, you can, if you're playing another team. But given the talent gap right now, a Michigan win Saturday would have required a mistake-free game. And the Wolverines could not deliver that.

Here were the plays that haunted:
A missed extra point on the Wolverines' first touchdown drive.
Patterson's fumble.

An offside penalty on a punt during the ensuing OSU drive that gave the ball back to the Buckeyes, who scored a touchdown two plays later.

A personal foul penalty for a late hit on Justin Fields on the first drive of the third quarter, which helped speed up yet another OSU score.

A fourth-and-1 attempt when the Wolverines had closed the gap to 15 points. They ran a wildcat play for running back Hassan Haskins that Ohio State saw coming all the way.

"I just didn't make the play," Haskins later said.

Four or five dropped passes at key times, including those by star players Donovan Peoples-Jones and Ronnie Bell.

Those were plays you could circle.

Circling a tide is not as easy. But the tide of this showdown turned inexorably with each mishap, with each first down converted by Ohio State, with each jailbreak run that Dobbins laid on this defense, none worse than the first play of the third quarter, when he took the ball and escaped outside for 41 yards.

That summed it up. The Wolverines had all of halftime to make adjustments for a guy who was killing them on the run. And on the very first play, he burns them for 41 yards. The Michigan defense was ranked No. 4 in the country coming in, allowing an average of 267 yards a game. It gave up more than twice that Saturday — perhaps because Michigan was playing the nation's No. 5-ranked offense and No. 1-ranked defense. The Buckeyes are just ...

Well, you know.

Changes coming?

It has become maddening. A November masochism. It's worse than Charlie Brown falling for Lucy's phony snap. It's starting to become Wile E. Coyote getting sucked in by the Road Runner. Ohio State is the dragon waiting outside the castle, and year after year, it blows crimson fire and leaves the Wolverines a charcoaled army.

How long does this go on?
Which brings us to the elephant in the column. Jim Harbaugh. No doubt there will be calls for his dismissal. "Enough!" critics will say. "Five tries. Five losses." Never mind the 10-win seasons Harbaugh has hung on the walls, they'll insist. There are only a handful of games that the zealots in Michigan's fan base care about: Michigan State, the Big Ten title, a national championship and Ohio State.

In reverse order.
Someone during the postgame news conference asked about the gap between Michigan and Ohio State's programs. Harbaugh responded, "I'll answer your questions, not your insults." When the questioner persisted, saying it wasn't an insult, Harbaugh said: "They played really good. They played good."

That won't score points with his critics. But to those who say Harbaugh should go, I would simply ask: Who's better? Who's going to come in here and guarantee dominance over Ohio State? It's not just the Wolverines who are trying to bring them down. It's every other team in the country. It's all but certain the Buckeyes will be in the College Football Playoff and quite likely they will play for the national championship. A lot of teams would love a coach who can promise to take down that kind of powerhouse.

Show me one.
The argument that makes more sense is about the moves Harbaugh must make to the Michigan program — the recruiting, the coaching staff and such. Because undeniable in this loss is the fact that a guy nobody heard of last year, Ryan Day, is now coaching the Buckeyes, and at 40 years of age, he just crushed Harbaugh's team at the Big House.

You could argue he's still working with the benefit of Urban Meyer's players and infrastructure. His coaches will be hired away. Players will graduate. Eventually Day will be doing it all on his own, and while I'd imagine the excellence to continue, one never knows if it will stay at this level.

Harbaugh can't leave things alone. He can't say this will never happen again, because the Wolverines kind of said that last year — and this year, statistically, was actually worse. They lost last year by 23. This year by 29. They gave up 567 yards last year, and 577 this time.

But this was in Ann Arbor. Which changes the lighting on how you view that.

But change will be decided another day. For now, we should not end the Wolverines' story without acknowledging the rest of the season. They could have come into this game limping on failure, after a blowout loss to Wisconsin and a heartbreaker against Penn State left them out of the running for any titles.

The fact that Michigan rallied and smoked rivals like Notre Dame and Michigan State, the fact that it came into Saturday 9-2, must count for something. So must the moist eyes of players like Haskins and Patterson, who, when asked to sum up his feelings having just finished his career at Michigan Stadium, said this:

"It's been, from Day 1, a dream come true to come play football for the University of Michigan. And I wouldn't really change anything — obviously the outcome of this game — but I wouldn't want to go to war with anybody else."

You realize, after the helmets and pads and gobs of tape come off, they're still just kids, really. And your instinct is to shield kids when reality gets too harsh.

The problem is this reality is too glaring to block out anymore. The Buckeyes are better.

They have been.
They are.

Whether they will be depends on what happens next. Because nobody wants this to keep happening.

Except, you know, the Buckeyes.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Immigrant runners realize American dream

BY JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A no-name entrant at this month's New York City Marathon — literally, he didn't even qualify to have his name printed on his bib — Girma Bekele Gebre crashed the elite field and finished third in the largest 26.2-mile race in the world.

A week later, the Ethiopian runner sat in Bill Staab's Upper West Side apartment, smiling and nodding while Staab recounted details from his stunning podium finish.

"It's a life-changer," Staab said. Staab, the 80-year-old president of the West Side Runners' Club, has helped numerous careers during his 42-year term, making the American dream possible for immigrants from all over. A longtime running enthusiast who is retired from his career in steel sales and administration, Staab has become an indispensable organizer for runners from South America and Africa. He's written hundreds of letters to support visa-seeking athletes, and he says he's spent nearly \$1 million of his own money on entry fees and memberships for West Side runners like Girma.

He doesn't pocket the winnings — like the \$61,000 earned by Girma, or the \$10,000 that countryman Diriba Degefa Yigezu got for winning last weekend's Philadelphia Marathon. Staab helps the athletes cash those checks and use the money to fund their travels or support others back home.

"When I came here, I didn't have any family," Diriba said. "This person helped me. That's why I run for him."

Girma's success is a new level for West Side Runners. Prior to his breakthrough, he was "just another one of our runners," Staab said — one of his "basically minor league racers." Girma came to the U.S. for three to four months at a time, and Staab would arrange near-weekly races for him across the country. He'd make \$500 here, \$1,000 there — his biggest payday was \$8,000 — and he would send some of that back to his family, which is helping raise his 4-year-old daughter on their farm.

The routine was interrupted this year when one of Girma's six brothers died. He cut short his spring U.S. trip and returned to Ethiopia. Instead of grinding through half-marathons and 10Ks, he trained at altitude in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

New York was Girma's first race



Bill Staab, right, has spent four decades helping immigrant runners acquire visas and gain entry to U.S. races. Staab has used nearly \$1 million of his own money to cover fees.

back in the U.S., and he posted a stunning time of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 38 seconds — more than five minutes faster than his previous personal best.

"If he had said, 'I'm going to run 2:08,' I would have said, 'That's crazy,'" Staab said.

Girma is thinking about putting the prize money into a house in Ethiopia. He's been contacted by agents and sponsors about potential deals, and Staab is hopeful Girma will be approved for a green card — an important step up from his P1 athlete visa that will make living and competing in the U.S. easier. He's eyeing the Boston Marathon for his next race, although it's uncertain if he'll crack the smaller field there. For now, he plans to spend time back home weighing his options. Among his goals: he wants to shave another few minutes off his personal best marathon time.

"Maybe 2:03," he said. Staab hardly envisioned a success story like that when he took over West Side Runners. Originally a small club of local athletes from the West Side YMCA, the team first went international in 1980 when Staab helped three Colombian runners enter the NYC Marathon. Word spread that Staab could connect international runners to U.S. races, and athletes from Ecuador, Brazil, Mexico and other Latin American countries



Diriba Degefa Yigezu, center, greets other Ethiopian runners after a short workout at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx last month.

followed. West Side Runners became a powerhouse at local competitions — and a strikingly diverse one racing against mostly white teams stocked with post-collegiate runners.

"The other teams laughed at us," Staab said. "And then we began to beat them. Then they didn't laugh quite so much."

Staab, a former Peace Corps volunteer, turned managing West Side Runners into a full-time endeavor after retiring a decade ago. His commitment and capability struck some Ethiopian runners seeking a new team around that time, and now Ethiopians

make up roughly a third of the club's roughly 350 members. Some come to the U.S. for a few months at a time, and some longer. Staab used to let runners stay in his apartment, but his co-op board recently outlawed that. Many runners have friends to stay with elsewhere in the city, and some share small apartments in the Bronx.

They're almost all full-time runners, with athlete visas that preclude them from taking on other jobs. Although they aren't world-renowned, they can earn enough to cover expenses and send money home, mostly be-

cause Staab can get them into nearly any mid-tier race in the country.

It's not a luxurious lifestyle. Diriba will end up running about 20 races this season — he might have completed more if not for an injury over the summer — and estimates he'll make about \$26,000. Barely enough to make rent in his shared Bronx apartment, but in Ethiopia, he says, "it's a lot of money."

Staab also uses the club to help runners get visas, estimating he writes about 100 letters per year to immigration vouching for potential racers.

One of those runners is Nuhamin Bogale Ashame. Formerly a junior world champion at 1,500 meters, Nuhamin fell off the international competitive scene due to injury but is trying to make her way back at longer distances. With Staab's help, she's raced everything from one mile to half-marathons in her first year in the U.S. The 26-year-old heard good things from other athletes about West Side Runners while she was in Ethiopia, and she hasn't been disappointed by Staab.

"For Ethiopian runners, he's like a father," she said. "We love him."

That much became clear to Staab last year, when 15 Ethiopian runners accompanied him to the hospital when he had to have a tumor removed from his bladder. Staab doesn't have any family in New York, so his runners remained with him overnight.

"When I went back for another operation, the nurses didn't remember me, but they remembered the Ethiopians," he said.

Staab bemoans that the immigration process has become more difficult since Donald Trump's election. He's stopped trying to get visas for Mexican runners "because you're not going to get them." Even for the Ethiopians, Staab has had a harder time since Girma got his P1 visa in 2013.

"They're from a shithole country, you know?" he said, wryly referencing Trump's reported comments from last year about some African nations.

Still, most of Staab's team members are immigrants. Their success is on display at his apartment, where dozens of trophies sit on a table in the entry. Runners often leave those prizes for him — they'd rather save room in their luggage for clothes, shoes and souvenirs, anyway.

"We've done well, but it's a lot of work," Staab said. "I'm kind of obsessed with it."



A group of Ethiopian runners works out at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx borough of New York last month.

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Josh O'Connor portrays Prince Charles, left, and Erin Doherty stars as Princess Anne in the third season of "The Crown" on Netflix. They are now filming Season 4.

'Crown' scene-stealers

By **MEREDITH BLAKE**
 Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — If you're wondering how much Josh O'Connor and Erin Doherty knew about Prince Charles and Princess Anne before signing on to play them in "The Crown," the answers, respectively, are "not much" and "virtually nothing."

"I got off the phone with my agent and I was like, 'I know "The Crown," but who is this woman?"' said Doherty, joined by O'Connor for lunch in Manhattan. He's not exactly a monarchist, either.

"If pressed, I would probably say I was a republican," he says. "I'm just not that bothered, basically."

Despite their ambivalence about the institution, Doherty and O'Connor have embraced their roles as the

You've never seen Charles and Anne like this — actors embrace their roles as the young royals

young royals, whose personal lives are a focal point of the third season of the Netflix drama. During a period of declining international influence and economic hardship for the U.K., Princess Anne and especially Prince Charles face rocky transitions to adulthood and life in the public eye.

Charles begins to prepare for his future role as king, including a lonely stint studying the Welsh language. But the heir to the throne resents the way he has to suppress his feelings because of a job he won't inherit for decades — especially when it comes to his love interest, Camilla Shand (Emerald Fennell). For viewers accustomed to

seeing Charles cast as an aloof tabloid villain during his later marriage to Princess Diana, his vulnerability and likability come as a surprise.

Nearly as unexpected is the way his feisty younger sister, Anne — much less familiar to American audiences — becomes this season's scene-stealer, thanks to her disarming candor, lethal eye roll and taste for David Bowie. Unburdened by being next-in-line, she's free to tell it like it is, and she does so — frequently. During a pivotal showdown, she tells her horrified mother, Queen Elizabeth II (Olivia Colman), that all she wanted from a hookup with Camilla's on-again, off-

again boyfriend, Andrew Parker Bowles, was "a bit of fun."

"There's something that happens to you when you know your mum has something that will always be more important," Doherty says. "Ultimately, it makes me feel so sorry for them. I wouldn't want to be them."

"I think it would be rubbish," O'Connor adds.

Doherty and O'Connor will head back to London later in the day, where they will resume filming Season 4 of "The Crown" — aka the One with Diana. The actors followed similar trajectories to "The Crown" and share a sibling-like dynamic. Both are former soccer players; at one point in the conversation, they challenge each other to a "keepie-uppie" contest. Like Colman, they studied drama at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. And they both recently appeared, opposite

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STEVE JENNINGS/GETTY

FKA Twigs, seen Nov. 6 in Oakland, California, has released her second album, "Magdalene."

RECORDINGS

FKA Twigs' 'Magdalene' subverts pop and patriarchy

By **GREG KOT**

Tahliah Barnett, aka FKA Twigs, happens to be an accomplished dancer, performance artist and multimedia creative who has now made two albums. Like "LP1," FKA Twigs' 2014 debut, "Magdalene" (Young Turks) contains elements of pop music while sounding like nothing else currently dominating the charts in the singer's native England or North America.

On "Holy Terrain," the rapper Future does Future things, with his bad-boy-trying-to-make-good declarations, but Twigs remains skeptical, if intrigued.

Her airy voice contrasts with Future's insistent pleas. Their call-and-response — his "I cry, I cry," her "I try, I try, I try for you" — is all the more arresting because it doesn't close the distance between the would-be lovers. The track has all the signifiers of a pop-crossover: a featured rapper on a melodic vocal track, complete with Auto-tune and rhythms tweaked by Skrillex. But it traffics in ambiguity, the murkiness of doubt. It's catchy, even beautiful, but also gripped by uneasiness.

That complexity pervades

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'Magdalene'

FKA Twigs
 ★★★ (out of 4)

Get in the holiday mood with Ne-Yo, Lea Michele and Chicago

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Here's a collection of holiday albums reviewed by The Associated Press.

Ne-Yo, "Another Kind of Christmas"
 Motown/Compound Entertainment

When it comes to holiday albums, Ne-Yo's got two great things going for himself: a beautiful voice, plus a merry and bright charisma that makes him a shoe-in for anybody's holiday TV special. For that reason, the singer's latest release, "Another Kind of Christmas," comes as no surprise, though it is a bit of a shocker that this is Ne-Yo's first Christmas album.

The set includes a handful of yuletide classics, which Ne-Yo manages to modernize without messing up. He combines beautiful harmonies with a bit of beatboxing on "The Christmas Song"; plays his own backup on a slightly slowed down and swagged-up version of Donny Hathaway's "This Christmas"; and he is moving on his cover of Marvin Gaye's "I Want to Come Home for Christmas" — a song delivered from the perspective of a prisoner of war.

Ne-Yo also introduces his own original holiday tunes, including the fun, reggae-influenced "Christmas Vibe," featuring Satori and Dre Island. Naughty jam "Open Mine



Tonight" — about a little Christmas night nooky — is another standout. And then there's "Talk About It," where Ne-Yo paints a spirited picture of holidays at home, complete with aunts in the kitchen, mama's spiked eggnog and squabbles that get squashed just in time for dinner.

"Another Kind of Christmas" is just the kind of Christmas gift Ne-Yo fans deserve.

— *Melanie J. Sims*

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DISNEY

Sven, left, and Olaf, voiced by Josh Gad, in "Frozen 2."

'Frozen 2' again ices competition

"Frozen 2" kept a wintry wind at its back in its second week, setting a Thanksgiving record with a whopping box office bounty.

Disney's ice princess sequel brought in \$85.3 million in the U.S. and Canada over the weekend, and earned an unprecedented \$132.7 million for the holiday frame of Wednesday through Sunday. It has earned \$288 million domestically in its 10 days of release.

"Knives Out," the innovative and star-heavy whodunit from director Rian Johnson, rode strong reviews and word of mouth to a \$27 million weekend and a five-day total of \$41.7 million that easily earned back its budget.

"Ford v Ferrari" was third in its third weekend of release with \$13.2 million.

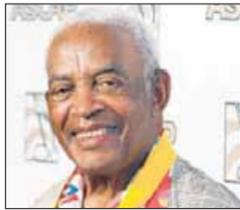
The weekend's other newcomer, "Queen & Slim," finished fifth with \$11.7 million.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "Frozen 2," \$85.3 million
2. "Knives Out," \$27 million
3. "Ford v Ferrari," \$13.2 million
4. "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," \$11.8 million
5. "Queen & Slim," \$11.7 million
6. "21 Bridges," \$5.8 million
7. "Playing with Fire," \$4.2 million
8. "Midway," \$4 million
9. "Joker," \$2 million
10. "Last Christmas," \$1.99 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



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'Day-O' songwriter dies at 95

Composer Irving Burgie, who helped popularize Caribbean music and co-wrote the enduring Harry Belafonte hit "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)," has died at the age of 95. At the Barbados Independence Day Parade on Saturday, Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley announced Burgie died Friday. "Day-O," written in 1952, has been ubiquitous, appearing in everything from the film and Broadway musical "Beetlejuice" to an E-Trade commercial. According to the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Burgie's songs have sold more than 100 million records throughout the world. Many were recorded by Belafonte, including eight songs on Belafonte's 1956 album, "Calypso," the first album to sell more than 1 million copies in the U.S. Burgie also penned songs for the Kingston Trio ("The Seine," "El Matador") and "The Wanderer" and for other groups.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Wife refuses to be 'the sick girl'

Dear Amy: My wife is quite something, if I do say so, myself. Unfortunately, she has cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. She has a professional practice with a large number of clients and desperately does not want it to get out that she is sick. She has told only a select number of very close friends, her business partner and her family.

She doesn't want to become "the sick girl" with everyone asking her about her health. She doesn't want that becoming the sole focus of her relationships. She's also concerned that clients, afraid that she might not survive, will leave her practice in droves.

I'm doing everything I can to support her and to reduce her stress. It would be easier if I could tell my boss what's going on, but I'm honoring her wishes.

Treatment is ongoing, and although she gets tired, she's hanging in there, with the help of her business partner. Every unexpected issue destroys her. She is a very ordered person who has a problem with monkey wrenches in her life. Cancer is that and much more.

I believe that people will support her. Is it better for her to let people know or to keep it a secret, hoping for a good outcome? Her odds for survival are not great. She has all my love, support and respect for her personal choices, but how can I do better?

— Loving Husband

Dear Husband: I can't say what is best for your wife, and you can't, either. Her illness, treatment and disclosure decisions must

be up to her. I can think of ways she could handle disclosure that might minimize the negative impact on her. She and her business partner might send a carefully worded email to her clients, disclosing that she is in treatment. They could add, "Due to privacy concerns, she will not communicate further about her illness but appreciates the good thoughts of our business partners and clients. She will continue to serve clients throughout her treatment."

Regardless of what your wife discloses, she should receive informed, compassionate, emotional support through an in-person or online cancer support group or (additionally) individual therapy. The American Cancer Society offers many resources (including a live "chat" function) on cancer.org. You should also look into caregiver resources.

Learning new ways to cope with her illness will have a positive impact on her emotional health. You must love her through this, and you sound ready and able to do so.

Dear Amy: Can you put the word out that listening to your electronic devices at a restaurant is the same as using them in a movie theater? I've had to hear background noise of adults AND children listening to their devices.

They should wear earphones so not to disturb the people around them. It's terrible to have to hear this, especially when it competes with the music in the restaurant.

I haven't yet asked anyone to shut it off, nor have I

asked restaurant staff to ask them to shut it off.

— Upset Patron

Dear Patron: I disagree with your analogy that listening/watching on devices in restaurants is the same as using them in a movie theater. In a theater, patrons watch/listen to one medium, en masse. At a restaurant, patrons engage in discrete activities around separate tables.

I agree with you, however, that if the volume of media at a neighbor's table rises above normal conversation level or is particularly annoying, you are within your rights to ask, "Would you mind turning the volume down — or maybe wear headphones?"

Dear Amy: As a disabled person who receives disability payments, I was highly offended that you directed "Upset Neighbor" to report her neighbor for disability fraud. How dare you suggest that a neighbor meddle in this way?!

— Offended

Dear Offended: Several readers were offended. However, in my response I challenged "Upset's" knowledge of the situation and supplied supportive reasons this neighbor, or anyone, would receive disability payments. The neutral tone of my answer, plus the fact that I supplied accurate information about how to report fraud, seems to have upset people who receive this lifesaving financial support.

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Holiday

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Lea Michele, "Christmas in New York"

Sony Masterworks

It might be hard to believe, but Lea Michele has never put out a Christmas album.

That changes this year with the 11-track "Christmas in the City," which is exactly what you'd expect when the former "Glee" star tackles holiday classics — graceful, tasteful and lushly produced (by "Glee" songwriters/producers Adam Anders and Peer Astrom.) Alongside "Silver Bells" and "Silent Night," Michele even offers a new one she co-wrote, "Christmas in New York," where she sings that "from Harlem to the Battery/Every corner's bustling."

Michele doesn't mess with the classics, she just perfects them, blessed with a crystal-clear voice and slathering them with a childlike, sugary joy. Darren Criss stops by for a lovely "White Christmas" and Jonathan Groff for a twangy "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

One rare stumble is her cover of "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" from "Frozen" that seems too lounge-y. But stick around for her sublime "O Holy Night," "Silent Night" and a knockout duet with Cynthia Erivo on "Angels We Have Heard on High." Michele has delivered a modern treasure.

— Mark Kennedy



Los Lobos, "Llegó Navidad"

Rhino

Chicano rock pioneers Los Lobos waited 47 years to record their first Christmas album and, perhaps not surprisingly, the work takes the veteran group back to its beginnings, the years when members grew up fusing rock 'n' roll with sounds they heard echoing from backyard gatherings in largely Latino East Los Angeles.

The result is "Llegó Navidad" — Spanish for "Christmas is Here" — a collection of traditional

mariachi, salsa and son jarocho songs infused with a dose of rock 'n' roll to create a holiday recording pretty much like no other.

The musicians manage to hit all the traditional themes — from the birth of Jesus to decorating the tree in "La Rama" to the sadness of being alone during the holidays in "Amarga Navidad."

All the while, they move effortlessly from traditional Mexican instruments to electric guitars as their vocals vary from Spanish to English.

They also throw in a few more recognizable tunes like the Tex-Mex rocker "It's Christmas Time in Texas," the comical '50s novelty hit "¿Dónde Está Santa Claus?" and the José Feliciano standard "Feliz Navidad."

Their best, however, is the album's only original, "Christmas and You," from Lobos songwriters Louie Perez and David Hidalgo.

For heartbreak, it puts Elvis Presley's "Blue Christmas" to shame.

— John Rogers



Chicago, "Chicago Christmas (2019)"

Rhino

If you're curling up near the fireplace and the Christmas tree in an amorous mood with a loved one, there may be no better holiday album to listen to this Christmas than "Chicago Christmas (2019)."

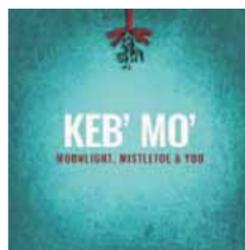
But if you're driving in your car listening to it, there may not be a more dangerous one: It could easily put you to sleep, making you drive off the road and crash.

In their latest stab at Christmas music, the '70s supergroup whose iconic horn section helped define the sound of a generation of pop music plays it slow and gentle here, one track after another of what used to be called "easy listening" music.

In an earlier Christmas album, Chicago penned an enduring holiday standard in "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," which most fans know by its chorus of "What's It Gonna Be, Santa?" That track was rocking, up-tempo, tongue-in-cheek

fun. Sadly, there's nothing like that here.

— Wayne Parry



Keb' Mo', "Moonlight, Mistletoe & You"

Concord Records

Now that he's all grown up, Keb' Mo' is fed up with Christmas. He has great holiday memories about family gatherings, caroling, sledding, Santa Claus and gifts. But the stressed-out adult in him is weighed down by maxed-out credit cards, and all he wants is to move further along the calendar.

Thankfully, it's just a charade, and Mo' even makes "Christmas Is Annoying" the shortest by far of the 10 songs on the first Christmas album of his career.

The rest of the tunes may be more serious, but only just, as Mo' keeps sentiments on the light side as he blends a variety of blues styles with pop, R&B and jazz with the guest vocals of Melissa Manchester and some oh-so-cute backing from singing children.

There are also quality guests among his songwriting partners, like Beth Nielsen Chapman and Mac Davis, while covers include tunes by Koko Taylor, Teddy Edwards and Irving Berlin.

Mo' sounds at home in all genres, but he excels here on the blues tracks, including "Santa Claus Blues," "Merry, Merry Christmas" and "Santa Claus, Santa Claus."

— Pablo Gorondi



Ana Gasteyer, "Sugar & Booze"

Henry's Girl Records

If the season is bringing you too much sweetness, turn to Ana Gasteyer. The "Saturday Night Live" alum brings a tasty tang — in one song she encourages us to "pour a nip into that nog"

— to her 15-track Christmas collection, "Sugar & Booze."

Gasteyer's album, which includes some songs she co-wrote as well as classic tunes, has a retro, 1950s feel, with big band horns and jazzy drum brushes. Her quirky humor is arch, often subversive, toward the very holiday she's celebrating. "He's Stuck in the Chimney Again" is about an overweight Kriss Kringle, "Blue Black Friday" complains about "family drama, nothing new," and she insists "Nothing Rhymes with Christmas" but finds one word — isthmus.

Fellow "SNL" cast-member Maya Rudolph joins her on the Cuban-based, hysterically rude "Secret Santa," and Gasteyer includes her Hanukkah song "In the Market for a Miracle" from the live TV version of "A Christmas Story." When it comes to classics like "Let It Snow," Gasteyer makes them all her own, somewhat maniacally.

This is the perfect soundtrack to a party filled with fun, saucy people.

— Mark Kennedy



Various artists, "Hanukkah +"

Verve Forecast

Why should all the music love go to Christians over the holidays? Music supervisor Randall Poster has come to Hanukkah's rescue by spearheading a song collection inspired by the Jewish holiday.

The 12-track "Hanukkah +" is wonderfully strange, ranging from jokey and folksy to confessional, all bookended by two traditional songs performed by Jack Black, who brings his off-kilter, disruptive energy.

His take on "Oh Hanukkah" leads off the collection, which is heavy on references to latkes, dreidels and menorahs. The trio HAIM sing Leonard Cohen's "If It Be Your Will," and Adam Green of the Moldy Peaches turns his tune, "Dreidels of Fire," into a look back at heartbreak. "She turned my festival of lights into a festival of pain," Green sings.

Alex Frankel from the electronic duo Holy Ghost! sings in a computer-altered voice about a specific holi-

day memory in "Hanukkah in '96." The Flaming Lips offer their original "Sing It Now, Sing It Somehow."

The standout is Loudon Wainwright III's "Eight Nights a Week," a hysterical tune from a gentile that references Irving Berlin, alternate-side parking and how Hanukkah "seems less fraud and more fun to me" than Christmas. It deserves a place in your rotation beside the classics.

— Mark Kennedy



Warren Haynes, "Warren Haynes Presents The Benefit Concert Vol. 16"

Evil Teen Records

Since the late 1980s, Warren Haynes has made a tradition of his Christmas Jam, an annual event in Asheville, North Carolina, benefiting the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Haynes has also made a tradition of releasing albums from the concerts, usually years after they were recorded.

Volume 16 of the series continues in that vein, presenting the 2014 show.

A who's who of jam bands and Southern rockers — from Haynes' own Gov't Mule and Bill Kreutzmann's Billy & the Kids to Jason Isbell, Hard Working Americans, Col. Bruce Hampton, Duane Trucks, Paul Riddle and many others — perform spirited renditions of songs from the Marshall Tucker Band, Neil Young, the Grateful Dead, The Band and more.

They may not have much, if anything, to do with traditional Christmas songs, but it's the thought that counts — and the millions of dollars raised so far for a great cause.

— Pablo Gorondi



Bryan Adams, "Christmas"

Polydor/UMe

It's not easy to write an

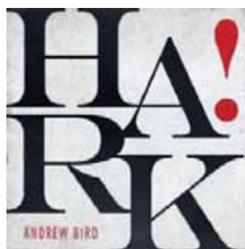
original Christmas song that will be remembered from year to year. Bryan Adams has already done it twice, penning two recurring Christmas staples with "Christmas Time" and "Reggae Christmas."

With "Joe and Mary," one of two new tracks on this 5-song EP, Adams may have done it again. The song, set to classic Chuck Berry chords and riffage, updates the nativity scene to the modern day. The young couple travel "in a beat-up Buick" to a Motel 6, hoping there will be room for Mary to have her baby. You know the rest.

The other new track is his version of the children's Christmas song "Must Be Santa," which has been a staple of countless kindergarten holiday recitals.

Together with his '80s Christmas anthems, also included here, Adams cuts like a knife through the morass of mediocre holiday music out there.

— Wayne Parry



Andrew Bird, "HARK!"

Loma Vista Recordings

Whether whistling, singing or playing the violin, Andrew Bird rarely takes the straight and narrow path, whether it's salvation or damnation at play. Or great music.

"HARK!" is capitalized, as if to grab your attention, and while there are no herald angels about, Bird bookends the record with a pair of inspired originals — the pleading "Alabaster" and the rousing, encouraging "Night's Falling."

In between are a pair of fabulous instrumental covers of compositions from Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" — the flowing, billowy "Skating" and "Christmas is Coming," which is jazzy and partly whistled. Both have guitar solos that appear to require what so many family band performances around the Christmas tree need: more practice.

Also on hand are takes on even older classics, including "White Christmas," where Bird's voice is enveloped in the 1950s style of Buddy Holly.

— Pablo Gorondi

Royals

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Colman, in a PBS "Masterpiece" adaptation of "Les Misérables."

O'Connor, 29, grew up in Gloucester, in the west of England. Fans of British television may recognize him from his role as writer Lawrence Durrell, the oldest sibling in a family of British expatriates, in the PBS "Masterpiece" series "The Durrells in Corfu." He also appeared as a sheep farmer in the 2017 indie "God's Own Country."

Doherty, 27, who was raised in Crawley, just south of London, appeared in "Call the Midwife" as a young mother whose husband is blinded in an industrial accident.

Q: So how do you feel about Charles and Anne, now that you've come to learn so much about them?

O'Connor: I have huge fondness for Charles as a person. I'm still none the wiser as to what he's actually like, of course. Obviously, this is a fictionalized version of him.

Doherty: Since spending pretty much a year in these people's shoes, I feel an immense amount of compassion just because I feel like the situation that they're in is so relentless, to be under that kind of mass scrutiny 24/7. I don't know how they do it. I would never want to trade. It's so lonely.

O'Connor: Loneliness is a huge aspect of this series, of this season in particular. Anne and Charles in Episode 6 reach out to each other. They're desperately

trying to find allies. A lot of Peter Morgan's exploration, not just in "The Crown," but generally speaking, in a lot of films, seems to be about loneliness.

Q: As you were preparing for these roles, did you learn anything about these people that was illuminating for you as performers?

Doherty: I think, for me, the moment I unearthed all this bad press that Anne received when she was really quite young. They were calling her frumpy and things like that. I was like, "My God, if someone said that to me when I was 15, I would have a nervous breakdown." And she went the other way. It makes me admire her even more. It's where my admiration for her ultimately comes from. To withstand that amount of scrutiny and be able to just build yourself an armor and go, "You know what, you're not gonna get in, and it doesn't matter what you say." That's the nugget of gold I kept going back to. You're witnessing what's got her to the point of being so anonymous. You get to see what got her psychologically to that decision. She's fascinating, but she's also just a teenager trying to live her life.

Q: Charles and Anne really do seem to share a bond.

O'Connor: One of my favorite moments in the whole series is when Anne says goodbye to Charles as he's going off to Wales. She kisses him on the cheek, and there's this weird moment of brotherly-sisterly love, and then she undercuts it with a punch

to the stomach. It's like, "I will show you warmth, but remember, we are just brother and sister." What Anne has with her armor, Charles does not have. Anne is almost better suited to be next in line.

Doherty: They're so great to play, because of that push and pull: "I want to do this, but I have to do this."

Q: I was a bit scandalized by their overlapping love lives.

O'Connor: It's a bit weird, isn't it? But they all are a bit like that in that world. Part of the problem they had with Camilla is she wasn't close enough to the family. In aristocracy terms, Camilla was New Money, essentially. Maybe a couple hundred years' worth of money, as opposed to generations and generations.

Q: Speaking of Camilla, Charles comes across as surprisingly vulnerable.

O'Connor: He's so vulnerable. It's interesting, isn't it? I'm obsessed with the assessment of masculinity or, I suppose, modern-day masculinity. Many Western men grew up with a view of what masculinity should be. I think Charles had to be a leader of men, and so what that means and the history of what that means must have been so impactful. He must have felt like he had to live up to that. He's been surrounded by Philip and Gordonstoun, this rough, tough (environment). And Charles isn't that.

Q: I am curious about doing their extremely posh, lockjaw accents, which are very different

from your own. It must have an effect on you.

Doherty: Your mouth doesn't move, and the sound just kind of comes out.

O'Connor: Erin's so funny at it. You don't move your mouth.

Doherty: I watched this YouTube video, right? And I was like, "This woman isn't moving her lips!" They just weren't moving. And I was like, "Well, I need to get that down." I try to refrain from "Well, she does this with her shoulder and ..."

but there was something about the voice and the way it comes out of them that is so informative. I find that whenever I'm practicing lines and I'm doing her voice, I just feel so frustrated and angry — because you're just suppressing things just with the pure physicality of the placement of your voice. The symbolism of not being able to move comes through their voice.

O'Connor: The way they speak says so much about them. Charles does a thing where he'll emphasize one word in a sentence, and stop at really weird moments, and it's as if he's allowing himself time to capture a thought. Also, you notice things with their mouth. Charles does this thing where it's like, "Everything's like that (casts the sides of his mouth down in a near-cringe). It's like the weight of the world. Everything's awful."

Q: Did you spend a lot of time Googling things?

Doherty: I did. And then I had to stop because I would have just kept going. There came a point where I was like, "I'm too

obsessed, I need to just get rid of it." The pressure of it being a real person can just squash you. There came a point when I said, "I'm never going to look at these videos ever again." I would literally spend hours every day just going back, seeing if I would figure anything else out about her, see if there would be any flashes that would inform a decision. But I had to just go, "No, shut the door on it."

O'Connor: You just spend so much time living and breathing these characters. Especially now, we're doing all the Diana period, so there's so much pain that you're going through with them. I worry about him. Not him as a real person, but as a character. You feel really guilty, and you don't want them to have a bad name.

Q: Has getting to know this world given you any perspective on contemporary royals currently in the headlines, like the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, or Prince Andrew?

O'Connor: My investment is in these characters and beyond that it's quite difficult to engage.

Doherty: But also I think we're a specific time period within the context of these people's lives. I found it really important to just eradicate everything else. In order to tell the story, I need to not know, because I want to know these people at this time in their lives.

O'Connor: It's not relevant to us, essentially. When I was researching Charles, there's so much footage of him and Diana. And you just have to avoid it because it doesn't help me tell the story.

Twigs

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"Magdalene," in which Twigs sets her real-life romantic travail (with actor Robert Pattinson) against a backdrop of social media intrusiveness and patriarchy. On "Mary Magdalene," the biblical figure represents all women who have ever felt misunderstood, demeaned, mischaracterized or patronized. In other words, pretty much all of them.

Turmoil defines the production, as well, with explosions of sound buffeting Twigs' soprano melancholy. Voices come at the listener from different points in the mix, a depth of field that parallels the layered lyrics. "Home With You" blends swirling classical orchestration with bomb-burst synthesizers, while Twigs' voice soars.

The album falters when the lyrics zero in on all the unwanted media attention the singer received during the Pattinson years. "If I walk out the door it wakes a thousand eyes," she protests at the album's outset. "They want to see us alone, they want to see us apart," she notes bitterly in closer "Cellophane."

Otherwise, Twigs' vulnerability takes on many shapes, each a new angle on the pieces of a broken heart. From the sharp, rhythmic speak-speak of "Fallen Alien" to "Mirrored Heart," in which rapture gives way to rapture. "Did you truly see me?" she asks, before being swallowed up by noise.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Carter Oosterhouse and Taniya Nayak

“The Great Christmas Light Fight” (7 p.m., ABC): Lifestyle expert Carter Oosterhouse and interior designer Taniya Nayak return as celebrity judges for Season 7 of this hit reality competition series, which launches tonight with a two-hour premiere. As in previous seasons, these new episodes showcase many of the most extravagant and even spectacular Christmas displays mounted by households who are filled to the brim with yuletide spirit.

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” (7 p.m., CBS): The beloved “Animagic” tale of the most famous reindeer of all offers a thoughtful lesson about discrimination. Young Rudolph is teased by the other reindeer and excluded from their games because his nose is different. His taunters sing a different tune, though, when Rudolph uses the trait to keep Christmas from being canceled. Burl Ives is the voice of Sam the Snowman.

“9-1-1” (7 p.m., FOX): Christmas is shaping up to be the most accident-prone time of the year as the first responders of the 118 rush to assist hapless victims of holiday-themed mishaps, including a shopper who has been pushed over the edge, in a new episode called “Christmas Spirit.” Elsewhere, an unlucky woman literally is having a Blue Christmas, and a luggage handler has an accident on an airport tarmac.

“Garth Brooks: The Road I’m On” (8 p.m., 10:04 p.m., 1:04 a.m., AE): This two-part, four-hour biography, concluding Tuesday night, chronicles the life and incredibly prolific career of the best-selling solo recording artist of all time. The documentary explores how country singer Garth Brooks fills the demanding roles of musician, father and husband.

“Christmas Cookie Challenge” (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): Host Eddie Jackson kicks off the new episode “Christmas Traditions” by assigning five of the best cookie makers around to craft imaginative Christmas cards out of cookies, with the results evaluated by judges Ree Drummond, Gesine Prado and Aarti Sequeira. The baker who prevails at the end of the episode takes home \$10,000.

“Making It” (9:01 p.m., NBC): Racking your brain to come up with original new holiday gift ideas? Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman have your back, as they return for the second season of their Emmy-nominated series, wherein a cast of “Makers” from across the country offer inspiration for meaningful surprises that are likely to please, ranging from office makeovers to tasty homemade edibles. Etsy trend expert Dayna Isom Johnson and Simon Doonan are the judges.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Adam Scott.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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| OCY | NCIS: “Off the Grid.” | NCIS: “Keep Going.” | NCIS: “Nonstop.” © | NCIS ♦ | | | | |
| PARMT | Cops © | Cops © | Cops © | Cops © | Cops © | Cops © | | |
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| TBS | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Conan (N) | | |
| TCM | Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ (NR,25) *** | Ramon Novarro. | (9:45) Ben-Hur **** ♦ | | | | | |
| TLC | 90 Day Fiancé: “Darcey’s Continuing Journey.” (N) | | | 90 Day ♦ | | | | |
| TLN | Supernatural | Urban | Christmas | Faithwire | Robison | Billy Graham | Humanit ♦ | |
| TNT | Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13,17) *** | Chris Pratt. © | | | | | Battleship ♦ | |
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| USA | WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) © | | | Mod Fam ♦ | | | | |
| VH1 | Love & Hip Hop | Cartel Crew © | | Love & Hip Hop | Black Ink ♦ | | | |
| WE | Law & Order: “Legacy.” | Law & Order: “Menace.” | Law & Order: “Barter.” | Law ♦ | | | | |
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| HBO | † (6:05) Little (19) ** | His Dark Materials (N) © | His Dark Materials © | Watchmen ♦ | | | | |
| HBO2 | Watchmen © | Mary Queen of Scots (R,18) ** | Saoirse Ronan. | Romantic ♦ | | | | |
| MAX | Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (PG-13,18) ** © | (8:55) Mean Girls (PG-13,04) **** ♦ | | | | | | |
| SHO | Shameless © | On Becoming a God | Shameless © | Black Mon | | | | |
| STARZ | † Dublin | (7:42) Adventureland (R,09) *** | Jesse Eisenberg. | Dublin Murders © ♦ | | | | |
| STZNC | † (5:59) The Green Hornet | In & Out (PG-13,97) ** | Kevin Kline. © | Dirty Rotten Scoundrels ♦ | | | | |

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 2): Experience a personal blossoming this year. Consistent action increases the flow of silver into your accounts. Cash flow surges this winter, prompting new directions with shared finances. Personal changes rearrange your perspective this summer before a joint venture hits gold.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Advance specific career goals as Jupiter enters Capricorn for the next year. Luck propels you to the next professional level. When opportunity knocks, open the door.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Educational discovery beckons. Follow a yearning to see new places and study new things now that Jupiter transits into Capricorn for a year. Explore.

Gemini (May 21-June 22): 8. Good fortune shines on your shared accounts this year with Jupiter entering Capricorn. For about the next year, responsible financial leadership pays rich rewards.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Step into new levels of partnership this year with Jupiter in Capricorn. Good fortune blesses your collaboration. Raise the romance factor and savor the results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Jupiter, herald of good fortune, blesses your health, fitness and labor for a year in Capricorn. Disciplined practice prepares you for a lucky break.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Family joy rises with Jupiter entering Capricorn for a year. Fall in love again. Play favorite games, sports and fun hobbies together. Expand artistic creativity.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Jupiter's benefits this year shift toward domestic expansion, renewal and beautification. Home and family flower. Nurture your garden with love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Communication is your golden key. Research, write and document your story with Jupiter in Capricorn for a year. Share your heart, network and connect.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Your financial luck takes a positive turn. Practical efforts reap cash rewards with Jupiter entering Capricorn for a year. Take advantage to squirrel nuts away.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Experience a personal renaissance for a year with Jupiter in Capricorn. Grow and develop your skills, strengths and talents. Enjoy a flowering phase.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Benefit from private introspection, planning and organization. Consider long-term goals and visions with Jupiter in Capricorn this year. Create dreams and goals for the next decade.

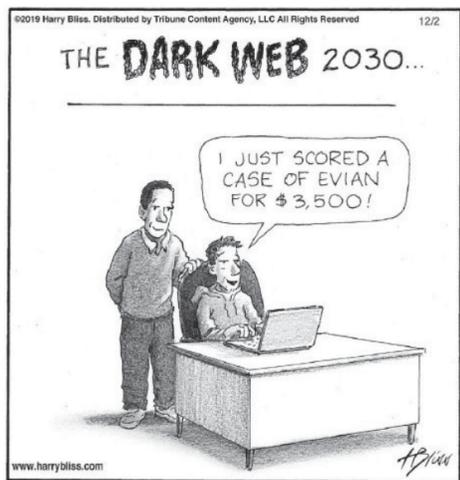
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Luck flows through friendship and personal connection. Community action gets satisfying results this year with Jupiter in Capricorn.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 10 7 2 ♣ A K J 10 5

South **West** **North** **East**

1♠ 1♥ Dbl* 2♥

?

*Negative

What call would you make?

A.1—Bidding 3D might lead to disaster if partner doesn't have four of them. Double. This denies four spades and, should partner pass, you have a great defensive hand.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q 8 6 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ 10 9 7 4 ♣ A 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.2—This is either a very strong 2S bid or a very weak 1S bid. Neither is wrong. We have a slight preference for 2S.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 6 5 2 ♥ Q 3 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ A K 6 3

West **North** **East** **South**

1♦ Pass 1♥ ?

What call would you make?

A.3—This would be a better hand if our red-suit honors were in the black suits, but it is still enough for a takeout double.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K Q J ♥ K 2 ♦ 10 7 6 ♣ 7 6 5 4

North **East** **South** **West**

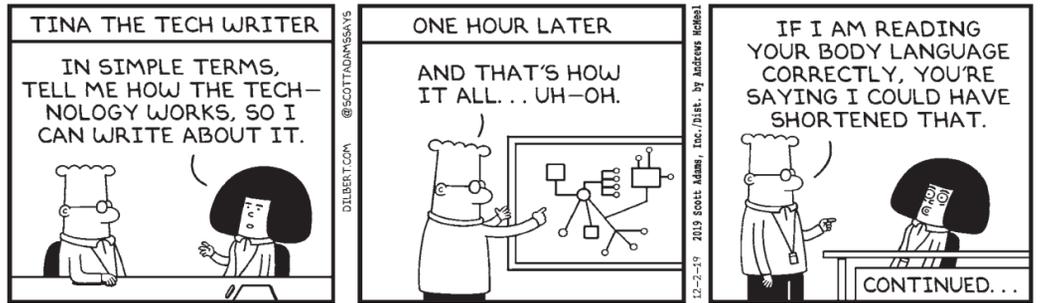
Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

A.4—Playing five-card majors, we would open 1C in first or second seat, but 1S in third or fourth. 1S shuts out both red suits at the one level and tells partner where we live.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



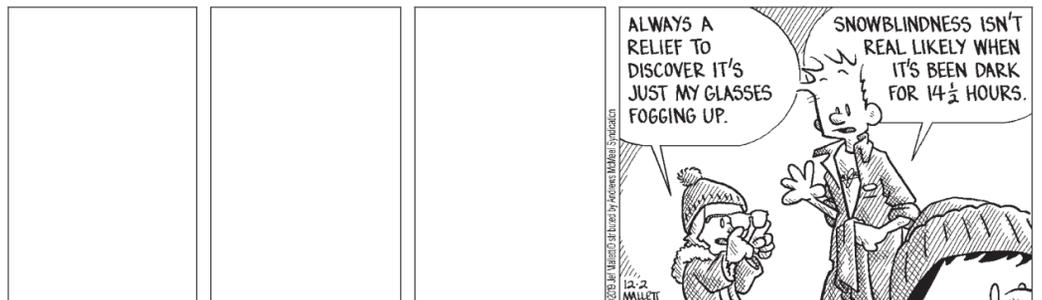
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Mr. Boffo



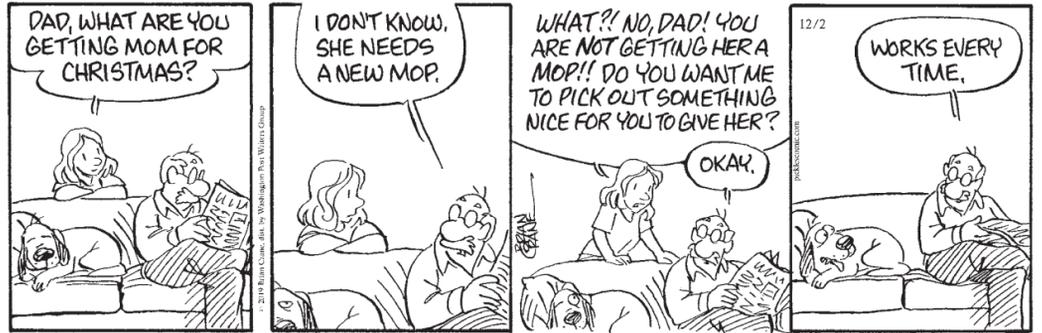
Frazz



Classic Peanuts



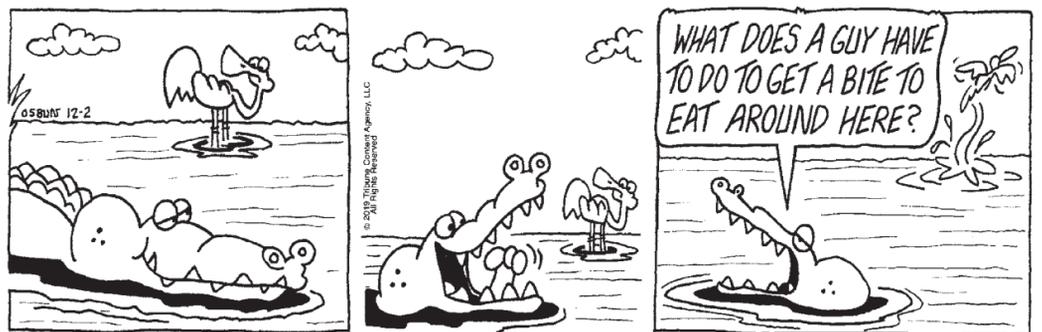
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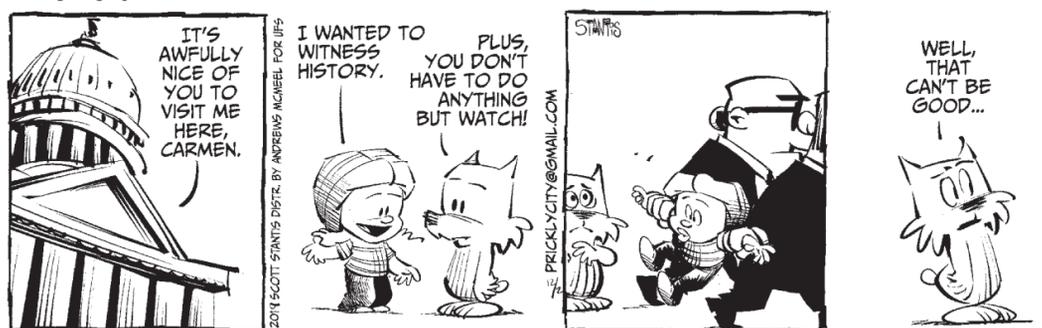
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers

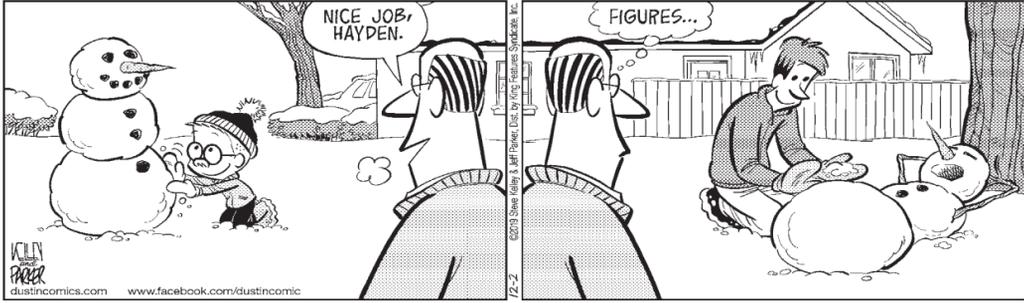


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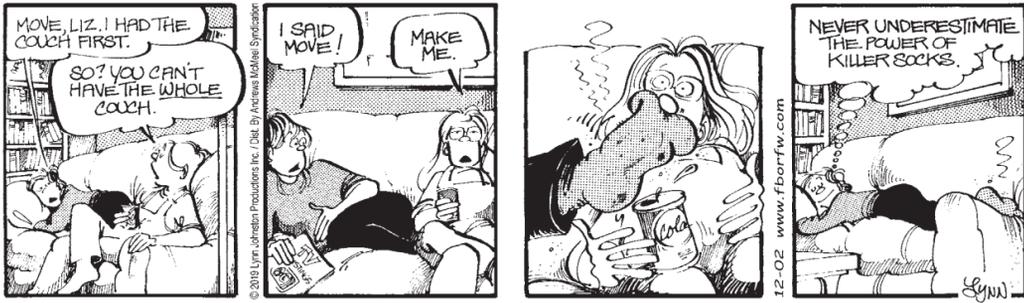


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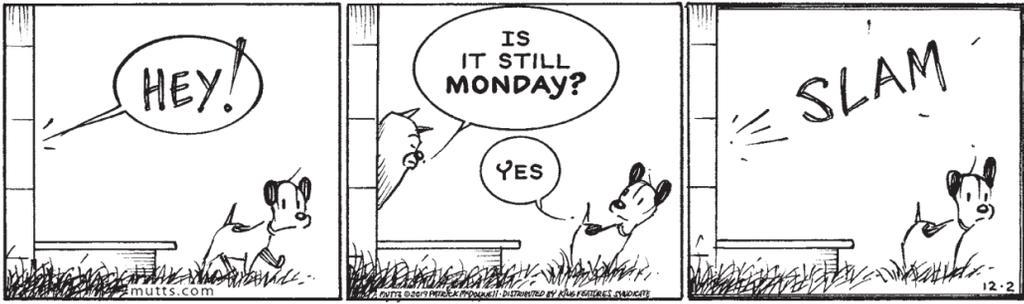
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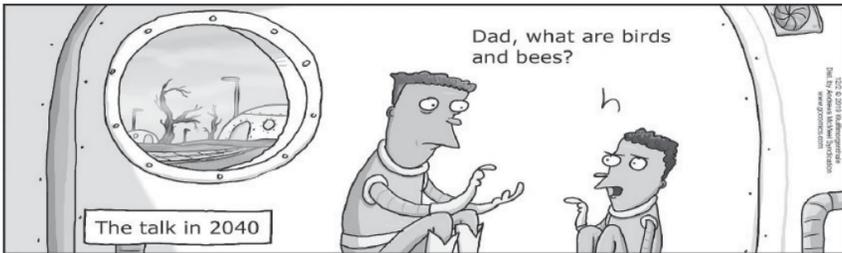
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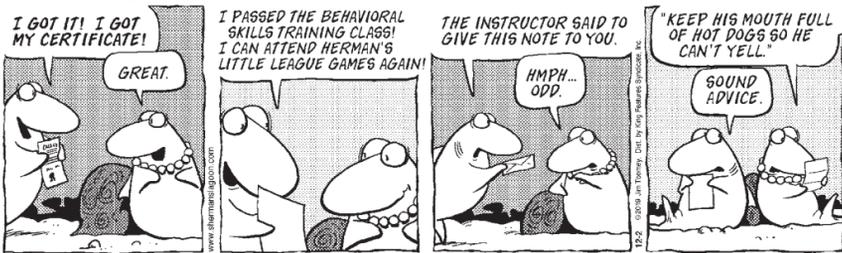
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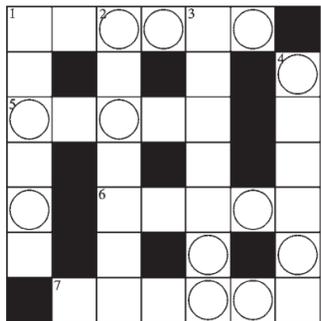
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Trivia Bits

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World included what type of structure in Alexandria, Egypt?
A) Lighthouse
B) Mausoleum
C) Palace
D) Pyramid
Saturday's answer: All acids contain the element hydrogen.

Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Characterize
 - On-and-off device
 - Wedding
 - Bankroll, entrust
- CLUE DOWN**
- Pub
 - "The ___ Brief"
 - Small discoloration
 - Day ending
- ANSWER**
- FTYIYP
VEAVL
ACESK
SEITVN
- ANSWER**
- ARNTE
PANCEIL
KLREPEC
TSSEUN

How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

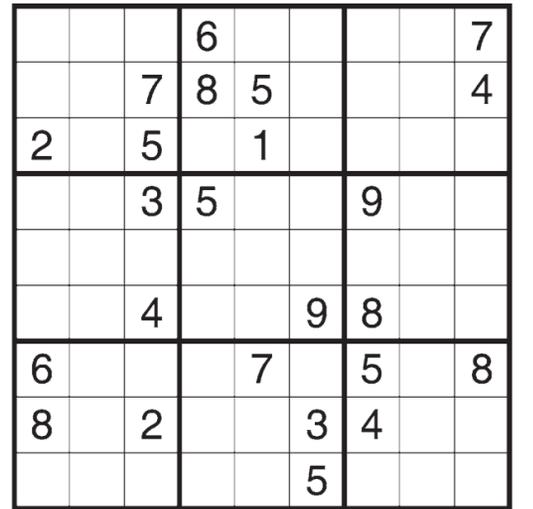
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ANSWERS: 1A-Typify 5A-Valve 6A-Cake 7A-Invest 1P-Tavern 2D-Feltan 2F-Teem 3D-Freakle 4D-Sunact 5D-Etlio Freely By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

12/2



| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| 1 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 6 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
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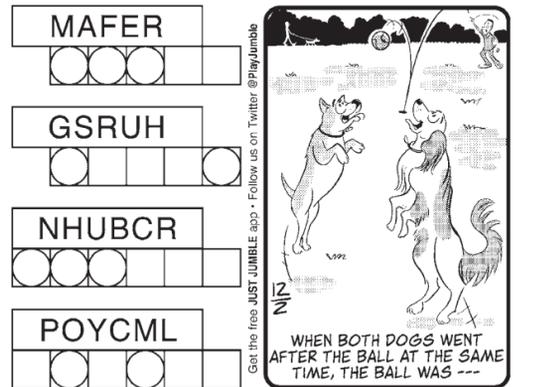
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



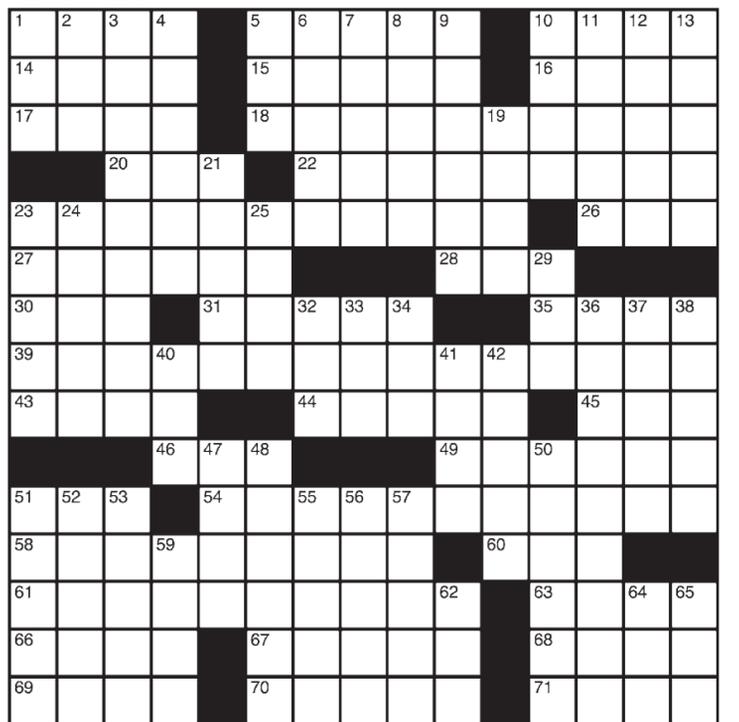
Saturday's answers

Jumbles: FOYER ABIDE STIGMA SHIFTY
Answer: Can most people correctly pronounce the name of Iceland's capital? — IT'S HARD TO SAY

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Crossword

12/2



Across

- Peruvian home
- German philosopher who wrote "The Phenomenology of Spirit"
- Chopped down
- Amazon assistant
- Italy's capital
- Imperfection
- *Lucrative business
- Mai ___ cocktail
- Hard to erase, as markers
- *Medieval entertainer
- Ave. and tpk.
- Hard to believe
- Word with York or Jersey
- In shape
- Forgetful moment
- First part of a play

- Doing as told, in the military ... or what the starts of the answers to starred clues can literally have?
- Mario Kart console, initially
- "___, but no cigar"
- Pencil eraser, e.g.
- Christen, as a knight
- Hurry up
- ISP option
- *Hostel audience?
- How chops or ribs are served
- That girl
- *Comedian's suppliers
- Modern in-flight amenity
- Earl ___ tea
- Etsy's biz, e.g.
- Supply-and-demand sci.
- Cravings
- With a long face
- Stink

- Persia, now
- Rod for stirring a fire
- Change for the better
- Pub game
- Former filly
- Prefix for Venice's country
- Perp's restraints
- Bagel flavoring
- "The Hunger Games" star, to fans
- Roll of bills
- Insta upload
- NBC late-night weekend staple, familiarly
- Freudian focus
- Heart of the rink
- More faithful
- 13-digit pub. codes
- '60s hallucinogen
- Org. providing workplace safety posters
- Attain
- Lyft competitor
- Bottle-fed tykes
- Backyard chef's stick
- Pooch, to a tyke
- Drum type
- Three-star mil. officer
- Panna ___ Italian dessert
- Work with dough
- Danger
- "I." rds., e.g.
- Crafty
- Hardly a friend
- Confident crossword solver's choice

Saturday's solution



Down

- Campus eatery, for short
- Guns N' Roses frontman Rose
- Slow-moving coastal critter
- Bothersome browser apps
- ___ and eggs
- Slip out to tie the knot
- Hereditary units
- Apply, as pressure
- Joes who aren't pros

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, DEC. 2

NORMAL HIGH: 40°

NORMAL LOW: 25°

RECORD HIGH: 71° (1982)

RECORD LOW: -1° (1942)

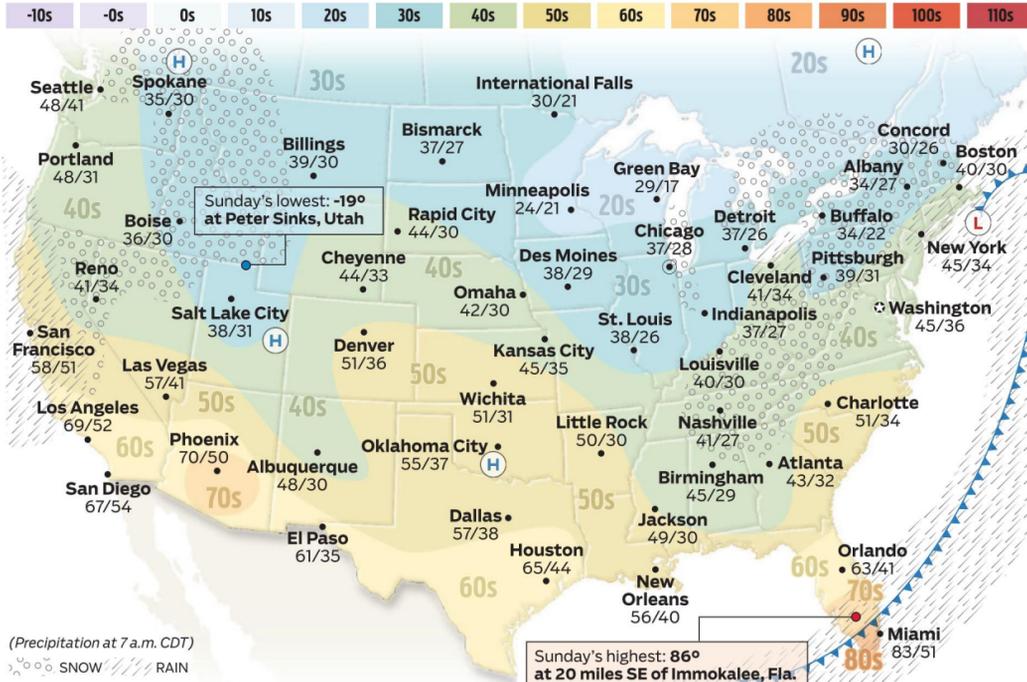
Dry week ahead, temperatures above normal

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH | **LOW**
37 | **28**

- Lakeshore flood warning until noon for Cook County and for Lake and Porter counties in Indiana until 6 p.m. Lakeshore flooding and erosion can be expected.
- Cloudy early. Decreasing clouds as day progresses. Lake effect snow possible this morning, especially in NW Indiana.
- High in mid to upper 30s.
- NNW winds 15-20 mph to 25 mph, diminishing by late afternoon.
- Evening skies begin clear. Clouds increase overnight. Light west nighttime winds.
- Lows in the mid to upper 20s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Strong north to north-west winds this morning and afternoon will generate waves that may build to 12 feet this afternoon. The forecast winds have led to lakeshore flood warnings and advisories along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Near record Lake Michigan water levels due to well above normal 2019 precipitation enhance the flooding and erosion potential.

After a cool, damp and rainy weekend, the work week will provide a dry period with slightly above normal temperatures. Dec. 2 is the month's last day with a normal high temperature as warm as 40 degrees. The best chance for precipitation this week should be during the upcoming weekend as south winds help bring Gulf moisture to the Midwest. Low temperatures should be above the normal, which is in the mid-20s for the first week of the December.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

HIGH | **LOW**
40 | **29**

Mostly cloudy, breezy. Clouds begin to break by late afternoon. High near 40. WSW winds to 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy overnight. West winds WNW 10-18 mph. An above normal low near 30.



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

HIGH | **LOW**
40 | **30**

Partly cloudy with decreasing afternoon clouds. High near 40. WNW winds 10-20 mph to 25 mph. Scattered overnight clouds. Nighttime WNW winds diminish, turn west. Above normal overnight low near 30.



THURSDAY, DEC. 5

HIGH | **LOW**
42 | **30**

Dry weather continues. Early morning sun. Increasing cloud cover through day. SW winds 8-15 mph. An above normal high in low 40s. Winds shift WNW overnight with partly cloudy skies and a low near 30.



FRIDAY, DEC. 6

HIGH | **LOW**
38 | **28**

High pressure over northern Plains brings north winds gusting to 20 mph. Cooler with a seasonable high in the upper 30s. Diminishing late afternoon clouds. Winds subside and turn S overnight. Low in upper 20s.



SATURDAY, DEC. 7

HIGH | **LOW**
40 | **34**

Morning sun then increasing cloud cover. S winds increase during afternoon, gusting to 20 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight and breezy with WSW winds 10-20 mph. Chance of rain/snow shower. Low mid 30s.



SUNDAY, DEC. 8

HIGH | **LOW**
44 | **39**

Cloudy and a little warmer with S winds 8-12 mph. Chance for some early light rain. High in the mid 40s. Rain chances increase in the afternoon and evening. Warmer overnight with steady temps. Low near 40.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is the record for cloudy days in a year in the Chicago area, and how does 2019 compare? Thanks.
Anthony Holub
Oswego

Dear Anthony,
It definitely has been a dreary 2019 in Chicago. Through November, every month has registered below normal sunshine; July being the lone exception. Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski provided the annual total of sunless days (zero sunshine) dating back to 1894, and through Dec. 1, 2019 already has logged 64 totally cloudy days, ranking fifth, even when compared to whole-year totals. The leader in cloudy days is 1894 with 77, followed by 1985 with 68 days and 1957 and 1992, each with 66 days. It will be difficult for this year to surpass 1894, but given December's penchant for cloudiness, it is likely that 2019 will end up with at least the city's second-highest total.

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Nov. 2019 climate recap—temps, precip, snowfall, sunshine

O'HARE AND MIDWAY NOVEMBER 2019

| AVERAGE TEMPS | O'HARE Average | Departure from normal | MIDWAY Average | Departure from normal |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Avg. max temp | 41.6° | -6.6° | 43.4° | -5.2° |
| Avg. min temp | 27.9° | -4.5° | 29.4° | -5.1° |
| Mean avg. temp | 34.8° | -5.5° | 36.4° | -5.1° |

O'Hare mean average Nov. temp is the 16th coldest in Chicago since 1872

NOVEMBER PRECIPITATION

| Totals and departure from normal | O'HARE | DEPARTURE | MIDWAY | DEPARTURE |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| TOTAL | 1.87" | -1.28" | 1.70" | -1.72" |

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
Jan. 1, 2019 through Nov. 30, 2019

| TOTAL | O'HARE | DEPARTURE | MIDWAY | DEPARTURE |
|-------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| TOTAL | 47.99" | +13.35" | 52.61" | +16.09" |

WETTEST YEARS THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH
In the past 149 years, 4 of the 5 wettest January through November periods have occurred since 2008

| Year | Total Precipitation |
|------|---------------------|
| 2019 | 47.99" |
| 2011 | 47.18" |
| 1983 | 46.36" |
| 2018 | 45.91" |
| 2008 | 45.09" |

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

NOVEMBER SNOWFALL (IN INCHES)

| Totals and departures from normal | O'HARE | DEPARTURE | MIDWAY | DEPARTURE |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| TOTAL | 3.7" | +2.5" | 2.9" | +1.6" |

SEASONAL SNOWFALL (IN INCHES)
Through Nov. 30, 2019

| TOTAL | O'HARE | DEPARTURE | MIDWAY | DEPARTURE |
|-------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| TOTAL | 8.3" | +6.9" | 6.2" | +4.8" |

Since 1884, this has been the snowiest start to winter season snowfall

NOVEMBER 2019 EXTREMES AT O'HARE

Highest temperature: 55° on November 6 and November 27
Lowest temperature: 7° on November 12
Wettest day: 0.51" on November 21
Snowiest day: 3.4" on November 12
Peak wind: 60 MPH on November 27

DAILY CHICAGO RECORD (O'HARE) AND MIDWAY SNOWFALL AND TEMP RECORDS SET IN NOV. 2019

| DATE | O'HARE (CHICAGO) RECORD | MIDWAY RECORD |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 11/11/2019 | Record snowfall 3.4" | Record snowfall 2.9" |
| 11/11/2019 | Record min. temp 13° | Record min. temp 14° |
| 11/12/2019 | Record min. temp 7° | Record min. temp 9° |
| 11/12/2019 | Record low max. temp 17° | Record low max. temp 19° |

■ Nov. 2019: 33% of possible sunshine
■ Nov. normal: 42% of possible sunshine

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CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

| LOCATION | HI | LO | LOCATION | HI | LO |
|-----------|----|----|------------|----|----|
| Aurora | 42 | 33 | Midway | 43 | 37 |
| Gary | 43 | 39 | O'Hare | 41 | 34 |
| Kankakee | 43 | 36 | Romeoville | 42 | 35 |
| Lakefront | 42 | 37 | Valparaiso | 43 | 38 |
| Lansing | 42 | 37 | Waukegan | 42 | 33 |

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

| PERIOD | 2019 | NORMAL |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Sun. (through 4 p.m.) | 0.09" | 0.09" |
| December to date | 0.09" | 0.09" |
| Year to date | 48.08" | 34.73" |

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

| PERIOD | O'HARE | MIDWAY |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Sun. (through 4 p.m.) | 0.0" | 0.0" |
| Season to date | 8.3" | 6.2" |
| Normal to date | 1.6" | 1.6" |

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

| MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Wind NW 25-35 kts. | SW 10-20 kts. |
| Waves 8-12 feet | 1-3 feet |
| Sun. shore/crib water temps | 41°/37° |

U.S. SNOW COVER

| DEC. 1 | 2019 | 2018 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Area covered by snow | 41.0% | 34.1% |
| Average snow depth | 2.8" | 1.8" |

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

Sunday's reading: Good
Monday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particulates

MOON RISE/SET TIMES

| Sun | 6:59 a.m. | 4:20 p.m. |
|------|------------|------------|
| Moon | 11:58 a.m. | 10:13 p.m. |

BEST VIEWING TIME

| PLANET | RISE | SET |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Mercury | 5:17 a.m. | 3:25 p.m. |
| Venus | 9:16 a.m. | 6:09 p.m. |
| Mars | 4:20 a.m. | 2:44 p.m. |
| Jupiter | 8:33 a.m. | 5:37 p.m. |
| Saturn | 9:46 a.m. | 7:01 p.m. |

BEST VIEWING TIME

| PLANET | RISE | DIRECTION |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Mercury | 6:00 a.m. | 7° ESE |
| Venus | 5:00 p.m. | 9.5° SE |
| Mars | 5:15 a.m. | 9° ESE |
| Jupiter | 5:00 p.m. | 5.5° SW |
| Saturn | 5:30 p.m. | 13° SW |

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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