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Former police Cmdr. Kenneth Johnson received probation.

## Social Security fraud falls a top officer

Ex-commander spared prison for swiping late mom's checks for years

BY JASON MEISNER

A former Chicago police commander once considered a rising star in the department was spared federal prison Tuesday for pocketing more than \$360,000 in his dead mother's Social Security payments over the course of more than 23 years.

U.S. District Judge Manish Shah sentenced Kenneth Johnson to two years of probation and ordered him to serve the first six months in community confinement, likely at a Salvation Army facility in Chicago.

The sentence capped a stunning downfall for Johnson, a 32-year veteran of the force who had earned praise for overseeing major reductions in violence in the city's Englewood community but wound up retiring abruptly before charges were filed last year.

It also was the latest embarrass-

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## President, Macron clash on sidelines of NATO

BY ZEKE MILLER AND AAMER MADHANI  
Associated Press

LONDON — Thumping his chest on the world stage as he faces an impeachment inquiry at home, President Donald Trump claimed credit Tuesday for transforming NATO as the military alliance marks its 70th anniversary. But he also clashed with America's NATO allies, especially French President Emmanuel Macron, about military spending and the alliance's very mission.

Trump began the first of two days at the NATO conference by publicly rebuking Macron, once arguably his closest European ally, for recently saying the post-World War II alliance was experiencing "brain death" as a result of diminished U.S. leadership under Trump.

"I think that's insulting to a lot of different forces," Trump said.

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# House impeachment report lays out case against Trump

White House slams 300-page account alleging abuse of power and obstruction

BY LISA MASCARO AND MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a sweeping impeachment report, the House on Tuesday outlined evidence of "significant misconduct" by President Donald Trump toward Ukraine, findings that will now underscore a de-

bate over whether the 45th president should be removed from office.

The 300-page report from Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee makes the case that Trump misused the power of his office for personal political gain and, in the course of their investigation, obstructed Congress by stonewalling the pro-

ceedings like no other president in history.

The report does not render a judgment on whether Trump's actions stemming from a July 25 phone call with Ukraine rise to the level of "high crimes and misdemeanors" warranting impeachment. That is for Congress to decide.

Debate will begin Wednesday at a landmark hearing of the House Judiciary Committee.

"We have a very difficult decision ahead of us to make," said

Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., in releasing the findings. "This kind of conduct by a president of the United States, putting his own personal political interest above the interest of the American people, is exactly why they prescribed a remedy as extraordinary as the remedy of impeachment."

In a statement, White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham said, "Chairman Schiff and

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## Students learning English succeed

A new study by the University of Chicago shows Chicago Public Schools students who aren't proficient in English when they enter kindergarten tend to have better attendance and in some cases higher test scores than their peers who are native English speakers. Above, fifth graders work on math problems in a bilingual classroom at Sandoval Elementary School in Chicago. **Chicagoland**, Page 4



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Presidential hopeful Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., toasts the birthday of a staffer during a campaign stop in Clarion, Iowa, late last month.

## Under radar, Amy Klobuchar working to win over Iowans

Can Minn. senator's momentum peak in time?

BY BILL RUTHART

CLARION, Iowa — With the smell of manure hanging outside in the cold air, Amy Klobuchar walked into Timbukbru, a bar so remote that its slogan reads, "Welcome to the other middle of nowhere."

After greeting the 20 local Democrats waiting inside, the Minnesota senator started sipping a beer, cracking open peanut shells and ticking through several top issues in her campaign for

president. After explaining she favored improving Obamacare over passing "Medicare For All," McKinley Bailey nodded in approval.

"That's why you're in my top three," Bailey, a 39-year-old former Iowa lawmaker, told the senator.

"Ohhhh, the ultimate compliment?" Klobuchar exclaimed, her voice dripping with sarcasm. "In New Hampshire, there was a guy

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Eddie Johnson answers questions as Mayor Lori Lightfoot looks on during Johnson's retirement announcement in November.



## JOHN KASS

# The Johnson soap opera, 'Days of Our Lives with Guns'

In the Chicago Police Department's Eddie Johnson soap opera — you might call it "Days of Our Lives with Guns" — you probably have some questions.

Who made the 911 call telling police that a car was stopped on the street, motor running, with (now fired) police chief Eddie Johnson passed out after a night of drinking with a woman not his wife?

Was it one of those hell hath no fury phone calls? Or was it merely some concerned Josephine Citizen worried about a man asleep at the wheel?

Earlier that night, Johnson and the woman were reportedly at the Ceres Cafe, in the Board of Trade building, a bar known for a generous pour. And Johnson has only one kidney.

So, for him to drink there with her, for hours — most of it captured on video that enraged Mayor Lori Lightfoot — seems rather Homeric.

And what happens now to the other cops, the responding officers, the watch commander and the commander, and their supervisors, since Johnson was allowed to just drive home without being administered a breathalyzer test?

All should become clear in the report of Inspector General Joe Ferguson.

And Mayor Lori Lightfoot should immediately make the Ferguson report public, in keeping with her push for much-needed transparency in the historically crooked city of Chicago.

"The old Chicago way must give way to a new reality," Lightfoot said the other day as she fired Johnson. "Ethical leadership, integrity, accountability, legitimacy and yes, honesty must be the hallmarks of city government."

The mayor lit up Johnson's private life with one sentence. It was no accident.

"While at some point the IG's report may become public and those details may be revealed, I don't feel like it's appropriate or fair to Mr. Johnson's wife or children to do so at this time," she said Monday.

Well, Johnson has now had time to talk to his wife, a Chicago police lieutenant, and his family.

Now it is time for Lightfoot to ex-

plain this to her city by releasing the report, and move on.

When she fired Johnson for, as she said, repeatedly lying to her about the incident — which he denies — the enraged mayor noted a Chicago truth: Rank-and-file cops are often held accountable while their supervisors are protected.

She obviously wants to change the police culture. But that's impossible without a thorough examination of the political bones.

As we reporters peel the onion of the Eddie Johnson soap opera, detangling this woman from that one and this friend from the other one, and figuring out who got a promotion and who didn't, and how many of the other police bosses in Johnson's command clique also promoted their own favorites, one thing is becoming clear.

If Lightfoot truly wants to change police culture, she must examine the poison pith at the center of the plum: The merit promotions mess.

And that's no soap opera.

The question we all might want to ask is how many chiefs and deputy chiefs in the Chicago Police Department ever passed the lieutenant's exam?

Is it more than one? There should be a deep data dive on this, but with four columns to write a week I don't have the time. But Lightfoot has the time and the staff.

And merit (i.e., political/racial) promotions may have as much to do with the cynicism endemic in the Police Department as anything else.

Consider: You're a cop and you can't seem to pass the sergeant's examination, even though you joined a secret study group led by friendly bosses. What do you do?

If you know somebody, and if you're of the desired demographic, if you pledge fealty to some political up-and-comer, you get a "merit" promotion and get made.

Then you spend your time protecting your clout and yourself. This has everything to do with politics and little to do with solving Chicago homicides. And those who aren't favored? They seethe.

And this goes on year after year after year, until the entire Chicago

police command structure is dominated by "merit" promotions.

The police bosses of years ago were political creatures of a political system.

But are today's bosses any different? Are they the best of the best? Or are they somebody's somebody?

Merit promotions aren't something we hear much about. But I keep telling you, that which isn't said, the silence around a thing, is often the story.

Eddie Johnson is African American. He didn't create the system. It was created by the old white Irish power structure, where racism and political tribalism reigned.

Whites were promoted. The Outfit made their cops. And black and brown patrol officers won promotion if they were connected to a Democratic ward organization with leverage at City Hall.

Standardized promotional examinations were supposed to help change those racial demographics, but they didn't. Politics demanded a quicker response. So many promotions were done by "merit" to redress old wrongs.

But who decides "merit?" The bosses, who are themselves political cats, whether they're pink cats or brown cats.

I've always liked Eddie Johnson. He was in many ways the Accidental Superintendent, promoted to the job after the Laquan McDonald fiasco.

Lightfoot seemed to want to let Johnson walk off and retire, so to make a decent living running security for some large private company.

But after Ferguson dropped his report on her, she had a choice: Either bury it like a Rahm Emanuel, and let it hang over her head, or act.

She acted. And now's the time to release the report and end the Eddie Johnson soap opera.

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# Beloved bookstore owner helped rewrite Dixon



MARY SCHMICH

Larry Dunphy always swore that he'd never retire from the bookstore he ran in the small town of Dixon, Illinois, vowing instead to work until the day he died. He came close to keeping his promise.

"Downtown Dixon lost a big chunk of its soul today," the local website saukvalley.com reported on Thanksgiving Day. "Larry Dunphy, beloved owner of Books on First and a staunch supporter of all things Dixon, died at his home this afternoon of natural causes. He was 81."

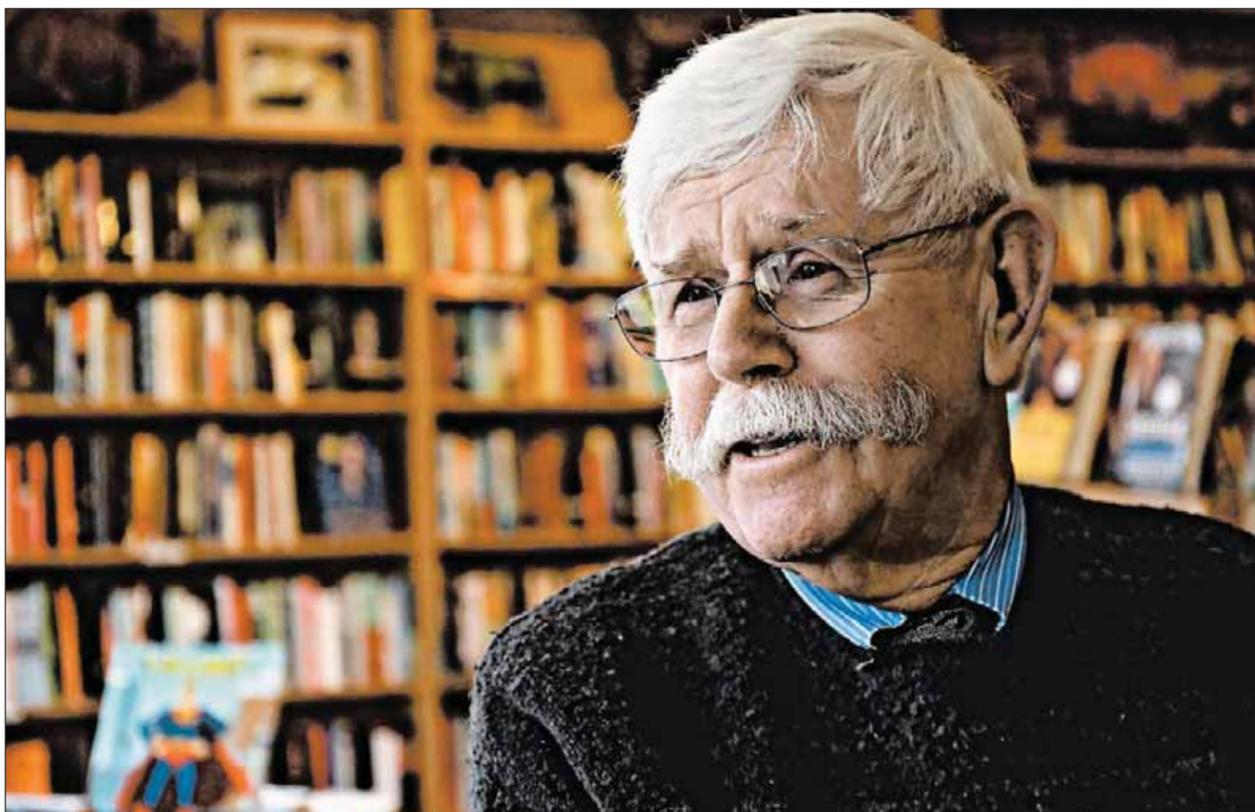
In the previous week, Dunphy, as usual, had worked 70 hours at the store, selling books, serving coffee and talking to the many customers who relied on seeing him day after day, year after year. It did not escape notice that he died on one of his rare days off.

"He was Dixon's original hipster," Mike Venier, a City Council member, said Tuesday, adding that he had conversations with Dunphy in the bookstore that he didn't have with anyone else anywhere. "He was cool in every way. It's a hole that will be really hard to fill."

Dixon, which lies 100 miles west of Chicago, may be best known as former President Ronald Reagan's boyhood home and as the town whose comptroller was imprisoned several years ago for embezzling \$54 million of municipal money. But for the past two decades Dunphy and the bookstore have incarnated the best of the town's spirit.

"He was the face, he was the ear," said his wife, Carolyn Chin, who founded the store with him but worked a different full-time job while he ran the shop. "People felt like they could tell him things."

Dunphy grew up on a farm outside Dixon, the oldest of seven siblings in a family that loved to read. Later, he spent years working in the food industry. By the time he and Chin became neighbors in a Chicago apartment building, he was semi-retired, with three grown children, Laurie, Kelly and Jimmy.



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At Books on First, customers could find the latest books and get Larry Dunphy's recommendations

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— Mike Venier, a City Council member

As their romance warmed, Chin told him her dream of opening a bookstore and cafe. He was skeptical.

"Wait, wait," she remembers him saying. "You're going to have coffee and new books and people spilling coffee on these books?"

Then one day they walked through the Barnes & Noble on Diversey Avenue. He saw shelves of books. He saw a cafe. "Now I get it," he said.

"When he said yes to a bookstore coffeehouse," she said, "I said yes to marriage."

Dunphy wanted to open their

shop in his native territory, out amid the low hills and farmlands of the Rock River Valley, a place where not everyone would have spotted a literary market.

Downtown Dixon was struggling. In those days, Chin remembers, there was a barber shop. A sewing machine repair shop. Bars. But the men's clothing store was gone. The furniture store had closed. The downtown riverfront, now a main attraction, hadn't yet been developed.

It didn't matter to Dunphy and Chin. So they restored an 1859 building on 1st Street, and held a grand opening one day in 1998. Mike Venier, whose family has run a jewelry business downtown since 1945, stopped by that day to wish Dunphy good luck.

"I walked in and welcomed him to the business community and said, 'In a small town like this, if your heart is in it and you're willing to work hard, anything can succeed,'" Venier recalls. "Within 10 minutes we were pals."

Dunphy became pals with too

many people to name, though part of his charm was that he remembered their names. Some customers stopped in almost every day.

"You might have been able to find better coffee in town, and definitely hotter coffee, but you couldn't find Larry," Venier said.

At Books on First, customers could find the latest books and get Dunphy's recommendations. He particularly liked Irish fiction. He was also fond of motorcycles (he used to ride them in all weather) and of music (especially folk, jazz and blues). His disparate interests drew a disparate clientele.

"Where else can you drive by someplace in the morning and see a doctor, a machinist and a fire chief all drinking espresso together?" he once asked his wife, happy that the store had become the kind of gathering place he'd imagined.

Dunphy opened the store seven days a week, a radical act in the beginning, and on Monday through Thursday as early as 7 a.m. On Saturday evenings, the

store hosts musical events, and if he slipped out for church beforehand, customers who arrived in his absence looked around in disappointment and said, "Where's Larry?"

Where's Larry? The question has hung over the bookstore since his death, which has stirred an outpouring on social media.

*I told my wife that except for her, I saw Larry more days in a year than anyone else. I will miss him.*

*I am a high school teacher and have so many students who found books that they loved through his donations and love of reading.*

*His kindness and constant belief in the betterment of the community has inspired me and many others.*

People who talk about Larry Dunphy often use the word "community." Though his store is a small place in a small town, his life shows the great, universal connective power of books, coffee, conversation and one dedicated person.

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## If Johnson is a liar, how can we believe anything he's said?



DAHLEEN GLANTON

If you believe the mayor, Eddie Johnson is a liar. And liars, as you know, cannot be trusted.

Liars make things up to suit their own agenda. If a liar lies about one thing, there is no reason to believe he or she wouldn't lie about another. Once someone is caught in a lie, you wonder whether anything that person has said in the past is true.

Though he denies it, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot could be right about our former police superintendent. It isn't as though Johnson hasn't caused people to raise a few eyebrows before with his comments.

The mayor was obviously livid Monday when she stepped behind that lectern and announced that she had fired him, effectively immediately.

Why? Because she said he lied to her about what happened that night in October when he was found asleep in his police-issued SUV, parked at a stop sign in Bridgeport. When responding officers approached, he rolled down the window, flashed his superintendent's badge and drove off. He didn't even have to undergo a sobriety test.

Johnson's excuse was that there was a problem with his blood pressure medication. He told the mayor he'd had a couple of drinks at dinner, but video of his activities earlier that evening proved he'd had a lot more. Sources told the Tribune that video showed Johnson drinking for a few hours at a restaurant and bar with a woman who was not his wife.

Since her election, Lightfoot had tried her best to give Johnson a chance to prove that he was up to the task of leading a big city with a major violence problem and a Police Department that lots of Chicagoans don't trust.

But Johnson wasn't up for the job. Many people knew that when then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel plucked him from the ranks of the Police Department as a peace offering to the African American community that was demanding Emanuel's head for hiding the videotape showing then-Officer Jason Van Dyke murdering Laquan McDonald.

No one is saying that Johnson didn't do some good for the city. His problem was that he was too much of a Police Department insider. He played by Police Department rules, which aren't always in sync with what's best for the rest of the city.

Plenty of questions remain about whether others in the department helped to protect Johnson's lie about what happened that night. Given what we know about police culture in Chicago, that isn't too far-fetched.

Johnson came under fire recently, not necessarily for lying outright, but for being less than forthcoming about his involvement with

the McDonald video. As a deputy chief of patrol, he had been among the top police officials who viewed the video about 10 days after the incident occurred — a fact the Tribune reported in 2016, but which got more attention recently when the inspector general report about the shooting was released publicly. Johnson chose to keep his mouth shut, never raising any questions about what clearly was an unlawful killing.

Some critics accuse Johnson of participating in a police cover-up of the shooting, saying his silence and his subsequent attempt to downplay his involvement made him complicit. He tried to defend his silence by saying he “never thought and never said the shooting of Laquan McDonald was justified.”

The superintendent has told us a lot of shaky things since he took over the Police Department 3 1/2 years ago. Here are a few examples:

“In my personal experience, I've never heard an officer talk about a code of silence.” He said this under oath last year during a deposition in lawsuits stemming from a controversial police shooting that left two people dead.

At the time of the 2015 shooting, in which a teenager with mental health issues and an innocent 55-year-old bystander were killed, Johnson responded to a report by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability that was critical of the shooting, saying the officer's actions were “reasonable” and thus, the shooting is “justified.”

In October, the Chicago Police Board fired Officer Robert Rialmo over the incident.

And in one of the most heated controversies Chicago has seen in a long time, Johnson had a lot to say about Jussie Smollett, who police said lied about being the victim of a racial and homophobic attack in January.

In announcing charges against Smollett for lying to the police, Johnson said Smollett had “attempted to gain attention” and paid \$3,500 to two brothers to carry out the staged attack, promising them an additional \$500 later because he was “dissatisfied with his salary” on the television show “Empire.”

There is no question that the brothers were the culprits, but it would be wise to question whether the attack went down exactly the way Johnson said it did. The allegations that Smollett staged it is based on the word of a man the mayor says has “ethical lapses” and lied about the October incident, even when she challenged his story.

Last month, when Johnson announced that he would step down at the end of the year, he said he had been “toying with” retirement “for some time” and insisted the decision had nothing to do with the inspector general's investigation.

Maybe that wasn't true either. Perhaps he was trying to sneak out with his reputation intact before the truth came to light. He didn't anticipate that Lightfoot would be such a stickler for honesty.



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Teaching assistant Dalia Rodriguez works with pre-K dual-language students at Sandoval Elementary School.

## CPS kids learning English succeed on par with peers

New study shows comparable achievements

BY HANNAH LEONE

Chicago Public Schools students who aren't proficient in English when they enter kindergarten tend to have better attendance and in some cases higher test scores than their peers who are native English speakers, according to a new study by the University of Chicago.

Researchers and officials in CPS, where about a third of students are identified as English learners at some point during their schooling, said the findings should help dispel misconceptions that children in English learning programs are less likely to succeed academically than their peers.

The findings are a “major milestone” for these students, said CPS CEO Janice Jackson during an announcement and panel Tuesday morning at Socorro Sandoval Elementary in the Southwest Side's Gage Park neighborhood, where district figures show more than 95% of students are Latino and nearly 60% are English learners.

Jorge Macias, CPS' chief officer of Language and Cultural Education, spoke of sharing a “new narrative” regarding bilingual education in Chicago.

“This is a story that we hope resonates not just in our district but nationwide,” Macias said.

According to the new research, more than three out of four CPS students who started kindergarten as English learners were proficient by fifth grade, but few reached proficiency in upper grades.

The study is the first to look at the long-term trajectories of English learners, following progress from kindergarten to eighth grade of 18,000 CPS students who began school without English proficiency, according to authors of the study by the Consortium on School Research. Prior studies focused on moment-in-time snapshots of students who had not yet reached English proficiency, according to the researchers.

At Sandoval, where some 60% of students are



Pre-K dual language students play with water at Socorro Sandoval Elementary School in Chicago on Tuesday.

English learners, Principal Wilma David said the school approaches all of the students as learners of academic English — and that starting school without English proficiency is no barrier to achievement.

“Our students are capable, they have the potential. They're little sponges and they're able to do it,” David said.

CPS officials said the study findings show the benefits of the district's bilingual supports and programming. Macias said Jackson has championed the expansion of bilingual education initiatives. Since 2015, more than 5,500 CPS students have graduated with a nationally recognized designation that they're proficient in English and another language, according to CPS.

New CPS students may be screened for English learner programs based on their parents' answers to surveys about languages spoken at home and by the student. Screening includes an English language proficiency test tailored to the student's grade and age. Depending on their scores, students may be placed in a transitional bilingual education program, according to CPS. Both English learners and English-proficient students can seek enrollment in a Dual Language Program.

CPS since 2016 has more than doubled the number of schools that, like Sandoval, has a dual language program, according to the district. Students in these programs learn core subjects in both their native languages and English, an immersive approach educators say helps them with literacy, fluency and cultural understanding. Now 41 schools offer dual language programs or are on the

path to having one, Jackson said, noting this year CPS allocated \$12 million to support bilingual education.

She said it's important to celebrate the rich heritage bilingual students bring to schools, nodding to families who have maintained their native language and culture at home while supporting their children's education. A theme among speakers Tuesday stressed the role parents can play in school communities.

“When there is parent presence in a school, you see progress,” Board of Education President Miguel del Valle said, pointing to decorations in the gymnasium as evidence of parent involvement at Sandoval.

Large red flowers had been affixed to a basketball hoop behind the stage, with chains of red and green paper streaming down to a platform lined with potted poinsettias and small pine trees.

Ahead of the main presentation, a group of Sandoval students in jeans, bolo ties, cowboy hats and boots performed the *calabaceado*, a dance from Baja, California. The students lined up in rows and performed the traditional kicks, stomps and turns.

Next a group of students wearing all black clothing, sneakers and red or black hats did a breakdance-heavy routine to “This Is How We Do It,” finishing by clapping in a circle and taking turns in the middle.

CPS Chief Education Officer LaTanya McDade, who moderated the panel discussion of researchers and educators, called the research “groundbreaking.”

While statistics reported publicly often suggest English learners are behind

English-proficient students, the new research indicates on average these students had similar achievement and growth through eighth grade and similar rates of ninth graders considered “on track” to graduate, according to the study.

When families look at the Illinois State Board of Education's report cards to see how CPS English learners are doing, they're likely “to come away thinking bilingual education is a failure,” said panelist Elaine Allensworth, the Lewis-Sebring director of the UChicago Consortium.

“The opposite is actually true,” Allensworth said.

Most statistics about English learning students are based on students considered “active English learners” and don't capture those who started out as English learners but became proficient, according to the study.

The 2019 ISBE report card did show English learners in CPS had a lower rate of chronic absenteeism than the student population overall. But it also recorded current English language learners having lower proficiency rates than their peers in math, science and language arts, and being less likely to meet or exceed standards on standardized testing.

Among the consortium study's other findings:

■ Students who started as English learners and were proficient by eighth grade had better attendance, math scores and grades in core classes than students who were never English learners, and had similar scores on reading tests.

■ But students who don't attain proficiency in English by the time they finish fifth grade aren't likely to do so before high school.

■ The majority of students who don't reach proficiency by eighth grade are boys, and they are more likely to have been identified as needing special education services. They also showed declining attendance, lower grade averages and lower rates of on-track freshmen.

The study suggested that future research could work toward a way of identifying those students early and finding ways to more effectively support them.

## Ill. driver's license offices expanding hours for REAL ID applicants

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Many Illinois driver's services offices will expand their hours in the new year to accommodate the increased volume of Illinois residents applying for REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards, according to Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's

office. Beginning Dec. 30, some facilities across Chicago and northern Illinois will change their current operating hours as well as add special days just for REAL ID applicants.

Starting in October 2020, Illinois residents older than 18 who plan to fly domestically or visit military bases

will need a REAL ID or passport. The identification card requires additional paperwork to be completed to prove an applicant's identity.

The process to apply for a REAL ID takes longer because multiple documents are required, according to the secretary of state's office.

The new hours take effect Dec. 30 and are scheduled to run through Dec. 31, 2020.

■ Chicago North (5401 N. Elston Ave.), Chicago South (9901 S. Martin Luther King Drive) and Chicago West (5301 W. Lexington St.) will be open Monday through Saturday. Monday hours will be 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and

will serve only REAL ID customers. Tuesday through Friday hours will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday hours will be 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Northern Illinois and Chicago-area facilities will be open Tuesday through Saturday with expanded hours on Saturday. Tuesday through Friday hours will

be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday hours will be 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

For a full list of facilities and hours, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

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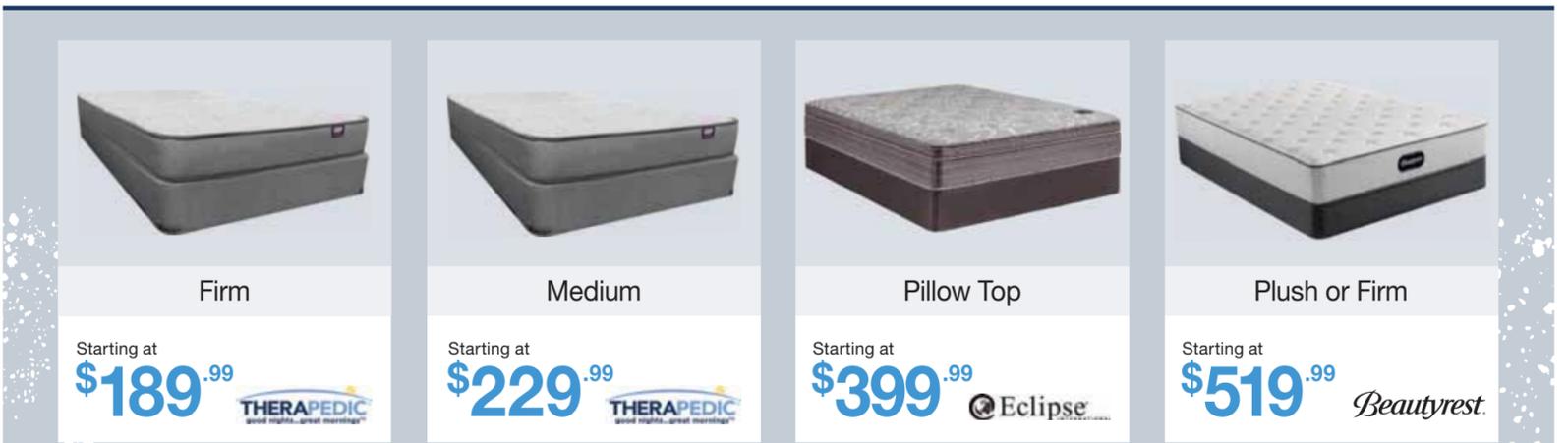


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# Johnson admits to a 'lapse,' but denies lying

Fired top cop asks to be judged on life, not on 'worst days'

BY JEREMY GORNER

In his first public comments since his firing, former Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson denied he intentionally lied to the mayor or public but admitted that he made "a poor decision and had a lapse of judgment" on the late weeknight in October when he was found asleep in his running vehicle at a stop sign.

"That was a mistake and I know that," Johnson said in a statement issued Tuesday by his attorney. "I have no interest in fighting a battle for my reputation with those that want to question it now."

"I will simply rely on the reputation for integrity that I think I have earned during my long career, with the faith that we should all be judged by the entirety of our lives and not what happened on our worst days."

On Monday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot fired Johnson weeks before his retirement after she said she learned that the city inspector general's office had uncovered evidence that Johnson had lied about what happened in October.

Lightfoot told reporters she had reviewed the inspector general's report into Johnson's conduct as well as videotaped evidence that left her with no choice but to fire Johnson.



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Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck, from left, has succeeded Eddie Johnson, fired by Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

The mayor also said that Inspector General Joseph Ferguson told her that his office's investigation into "others" was still ongoing.

On the day of the incident, Anthony Guglielmi, the department's chief spokesman, said anyone connected to the incident would be interviewed as part of the investigation.

"They're going to look at all available evidence just to make sure that this is above-board and happened as described," he said.

Thomas Needham, Johnson's lawyer, said the inspector general's office wanted to interview Johnson on the day he announced his retirement last month, but Needham said he declined because he and Johnson needed time to prepare for the interview. Needham said he offered two dates in December.

"As far as what's going to happen next, I have no idea," Needham said.

In his statement Tuesday, Johnson denied "intentionally" misleading or deceiv-

ing "the mayor or the people of Chicago."

But Johnson did not elaborate on how that could be true given his public statements in the wake of the incident on Oct. 16-17. He had blamed his falling asleep at the wheel on his failure to take his blood pressure medication, saying he felt ill as he drove home from dinner with friends. He also implied that he was tired from working a long day and that officers had no reason to check if he had been drinking.

In his own seeming concession, he said in hindsight he shouldn't have let his driver off early that night, making it appear that move was a magnanimous gesture on his part by noting the driver had a young family.

Despite all that, Johnson said he ordered the department's Bureau of Internal Affairs to look into the incident "to avoid an appearance of impropriety and just have total transparency."

"As I've said before, every officer, regardless of rank, must hold themselves to the highest of standards, and that includes me," he told reporters shortly before a meeting of the Chicago Police Board on the evening of Oct. 17.

But sources have told the Chicago Tribune that the inspector general's office, which has been investigating the incident, obtained video footage showing Johnson drinking for a few hours on the evening of Oct. 16 with a woman who was not his wife at the Ceres Cafe, a popular restaurant and bar in the Chicago Board of Trade building.

The woman, a Chicago police officer since 2006, had been on Johnson's security detail, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

Later that night, officers responding to a 911 call about 12:30 a.m. Oct. 17 near Johnson's home in the Bridgeport neighborhood rapped on the SUV's window, waking Johnson, a source said. Johnson rolled the window down partway and flashed his police identification, the source said. Officers asked if he was able to drive home, the source said, and Johnson pulled away after responding yes.

In his initial remarks on the incident, Johnson said officers responding to the scene had "checked on me and confirmed that I was able to continue on my way."

That night, Johnson struggled to explain how he

had failed to take his blood pressure medication. After reporters asked several follow-up questions, Johnson said he removed old medication from his weekly pillbox after his cardiologist had recently changed his dosage but that he had not yet obtained the new prescription.

"How can I explain it? It's just your body kind of gives you a warning with the high blood pressure thing that you may pass out, so I pulled over, stopped and I just rested myself until that feeling passed," said Johnson, who underwent a successful kidney transplant in August 2017.

He did not explain, however, why he was driving home from a dinner engagement at 12:30 a.m., particularly on a day he said he felt fatigued.

Guglielmi issued a statement that same day saying that the officers who responded to the 911 call did not notice "any signs of impairment" on the superintendent's part and that Johnson drove himself home.

The next day, though, Lightfoot said Johnson admitted to her that he had "a couple of drinks" that night.

Meanwhile, Johnson's successor, Charlie Beck, made his first public appearance Tuesday since taking over a day earlier as interim superintendent. He offered support for Johnson, saying that they remained friends "but all of us have to be accountable."

Despite the disruption of

Johnson's sudden removal, Beck, who had been scheduled to become the interim superintendent Jan. 1 after Johnson's retirement, vowed "a smooth transition" as he takes on the pivotal law enforcement post before a permanent successor can be chosen in the months ahead.

Beck, who was Los Angeles police chief for about nine years, said he still plans to talk to Johnson, adding, "We have talked." But he declined to be more specific about their discussions.

"None of us are perfect. Everybody makes mistakes. But we have to live with that, and we have to live with our errors," Beck said in answer to a reporter's question at an unrelated news conference at police headquarters. "I am still the former superintendent's friend, but all of us have to be accountable. I know that. He knows that."

Asked if big changes were ahead for the department's command staff, Beck said a number of people "in very important positions" will be "retiring."

Beck said he was still considering "structural changes" to the department but didn't want to say more because he needed "more feedback" to make sure he was "on the right path."

"This will not deter the transition," he said.

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## '2 or 3 drinks at Ceres will get anyone in trouble'

Johnson's problems allegedly began at the legendary bar

BY JOSH NOEL

For peak Chicago intrigue, there's no better backdrop than Ceres Cafe.

Though a few years removed from its seediest, smoke-filled days, Ceres Cafe remains a Chicagoan's version of Chicago, where well drinks are filled four fingers high and the bartender knows what most of his lunch crowd is drinking without anyone saying a word.

(How long has the bartender worked there? "A long time," he said Tuesday.)

It's little wonder that Ceres Cafe is said to be the origin site of a winding drama that unwound completely this week when Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot accused police Superintendent Eddie Johnson of lying about why he was found asleep at the wheel of his running police vehicle at 12:30 a.m. Oct. 17.

Johnson initially blamed his failure to take blood pressure medication. Then word emerged he'd had "a couple of drinks" on the night in question. Finally, amid news of Johnson's firing Monday, it was revealed that the city inspector general's office had ob-

tained video footage of Johnson drinking for a few hours with a woman who was not his wife at Ceres Cafe.

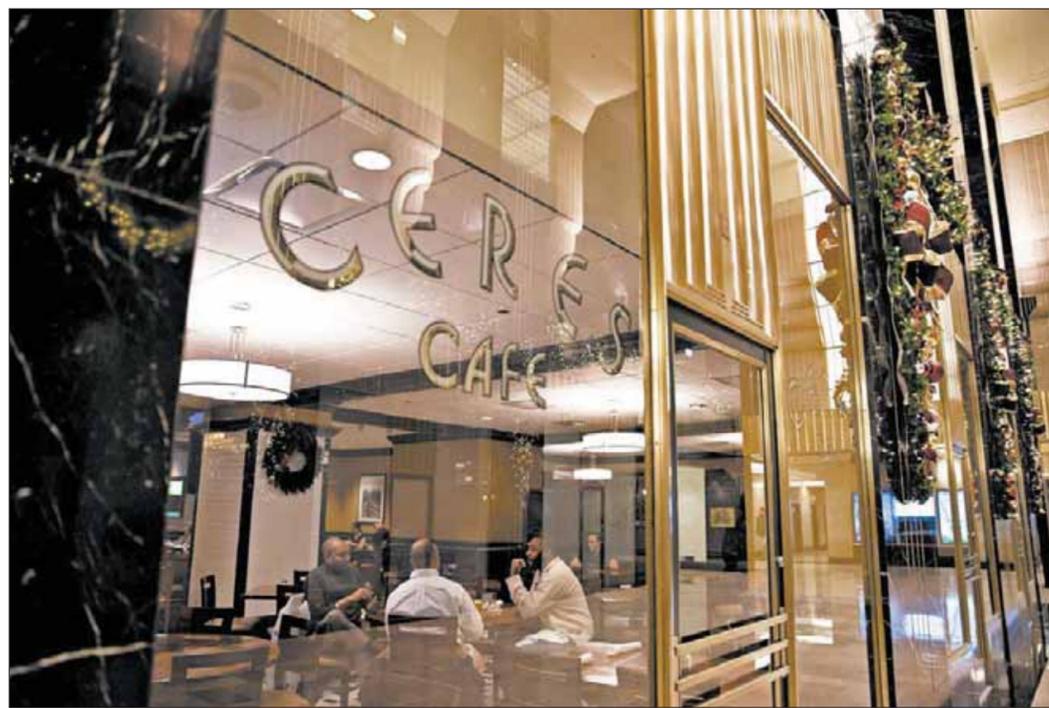
During Tuesday's lunch rush at the bar, no one was talking about Johnson's downfall; conversation was reserved for the news of the day — notably, Sen. Kamala Harris dropping out of the 2020 presidential race — and catching up on each other's Thanksgivings. But everyone knew about the role their go-to lunch spot played in the top cop's downfall. It earned a smirk or two when brought up.

"Two or three drinks at Ceres will get anyone in trouble," said a trader who didn't want to be identified after finishing his lunch at the bar.

Virtually everyone at Ceres Cafe was amenable to chat Tuesday afternoon. But no one wanted to share their name. It's that kind of place.

It's also the kind of place where no one got the memo about lunchtime drinking living in another era. By 12:30 p.m., virtually every seat in the place was full, and much of the bar nursed one of those four-finger drinks. Want a vodka tonic? You get a glass filled to the brim with vodka and a can of tonic to do with as you wish.

"If you want a stiff drink,



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Ceres Cafe is in the Chicago Board of Trade building, perched where LaSalle Street dead ends at Jackson Boulevard.

this is the place," the trader said.

Ceres Cafe has existed in some form for 52 years. It was once called Broker's Inn — the early menus are framed on the wall ("Hot U.S. prime sirloin of beef, \$2.05") — and once located across the street. These days it's housed on the ground floor of the Chicago Board of Trade building, perched where LaSalle Street dead ends at Jackson Boulevard. It's one of Chicago's most striking streetscapes and a regular in films, from "The Untouchables" to "The Dark Knight."

Traders are still a fair

portion of the clientele, showing up in their badges and trading jackets. Back in those seedier smoke-filled days, screens showed live market activity. Now they show CNN and WGN, and traders take up less and less of the room as trading migrates online.

Not long ago, Ceres was also far darker and seedier. A renovation covered the dated wood paneling with off-white paint, black and white was added to the color palette and, most jarring, windows were built behind the bar, which allows natural light to flood in.

"I liked it better before," said another trader who also didn't want to be identified. "Nice and dark. No one could find you."

But the inspector general apparently found the video that led to an abrupt end for Johnson at the Chicago Police Department, where he worked 31 years, including about 3½ as superintendent.

On Monday, Lightfoot said the inspector general's report, as well as video, led her to fire Johnson weeks after participating in what was deemed "a celebratory press conference" to announce Johnson's retire-

ment by the end of the year.

"I saw things that were inconsistent with what Mr. Johnson had told me personally and what he revealed to members of the public," Lightfoot said Monday.

Ceres' general manager, who would only identify himself as Billy, confirmed that Johnson visited Ceres on the night in question.

"The man had dinner here, and we call last call at 8 o'clock," he said. "You can take what you want from that. Everyone is entitled to eat dinner."

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## Police commander who made cops babysit his son demoted

BY JEREMY GORNER

A high-ranking Chicago police official whom the city's top watchdog once recommended for possible firing for being dishonest with investigators was demoted on Tuesday, officials said.

Grand Central District Cmdr. Anthony Escamilla, whom the city's inspector general accused of misleading investigators about directing on-duty officers under him to babysit his son with special needs, was stripped of his position.

The move by interim Superintendent Charlie Beck comes a day after Mayor Lori Lightfoot fired Superintendent Eddie Johnson for lying to her about his conduct during an October incident in which he was discovered by officers asleep at a stop sign in his running vehicle.



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Anthony Escamilla, center, was demoted by interim Superintendent Charlie Beck in one of his first staffing acts.

Escamilla was demoted to the rank of captain and will work as an inspector, a supervisor who ensures officers are wearing proper uniforms and following other department rules.

His demotion is also one of the first big staffing changes for Beck, who indicated to reporters on Tues-

day he was still considering "structural changes" to the department.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Beck "just wanted to go in a different direction" by removing Escamilla. But Guglielmi could not say whether the demotion had anything to do with an

investigation showing that Escamilla lied to investigators while accused of directing on-duty officers under him to babysit his son.

City Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office announced in January it recommended possible firing for Escamilla, but Johnson decided he instead be suspended for seven days.

Johnson has defended his controversial decision to reporters, sympathizing with Escamilla's situation as a single parent raising a child with disabilities.

But in a confidential report on Ferguson's investigation — details exclusively reported by the Tribune in February — Escamilla told the IG his actions were not about being unable to care for his son.

"It's not specifically about a situation where someone needs to take care of my family," Escamilla told

investigators, according to the 38-page report.

In an interview with the IG last year, Escamilla sought to justify having his officers chauffeur his 15-year-old son from school and supervise him at the Grand Central District station, 5555 W. Grand Ave., claiming he was conducting a secret study.

Escamilla insisted that his son, who has autism, worked as a volunteer in the district's community policing office and that he wanted to see how he interacted with officers.

He also told the inspector general's office that he didn't disclose this to his bosses because he wanted to "test" whether the arrangement truly worked.

But investigators dismissed Escamilla's explanation as disingenuous and implausible. The officers complained that they were

just watching over the boy for their boss.

"I mean, babysitting, let's just put it out, I don't know how to say it," one officer told the investigators. "I never thought about taking care of a kid from another officer on my job hours."

A community policing sergeant and other officers also indicated to investigators they felt they were under orders from Escamilla to watch his son. The sergeant told an investigator he felt uncomfortable telling Escamilla that watching his son was a waste of police resources because Escamilla outranked him.

One community policing officer said watching Escamilla's son caused her to interrupt a phone call with a domestic violence victim.

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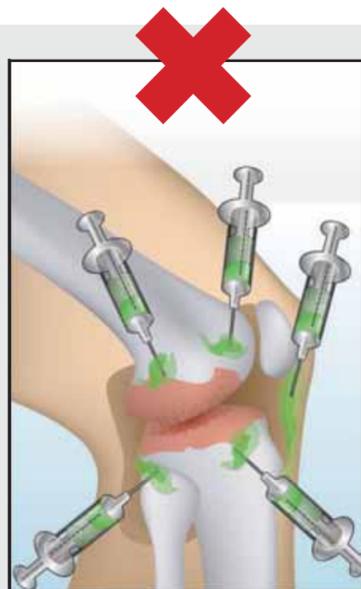
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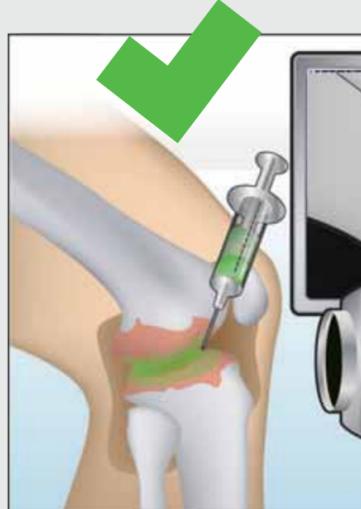
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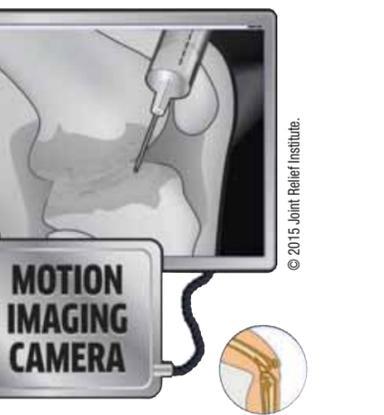
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# Cops bust groups selling guns on Facebook

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BY PAIGE FRY

Chicago police on Tuesday announced their latest arrests for illegally selling guns and drugs through private Facebook groups — and again complained that the social media platform has not been cooperating with the department's ongoing undercover investigation.

"Facebook claims to monitor these groups, but CPD detectives have labeled these private hidden sites as a version of the dark web that's more accessible for everyday users," First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio said at a news conference.

Officers infiltrated seven Facebook groups recently and made 147 undercover purchases, he said. A total of 65 people were identified in the groups, 53 of them now in custody and two being



Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck discusses arrests for illegally selling guns and drugs through Facebook.

sought in arrest warrants.

Police seized four handguns, two shotguns, a high-powered rifle and 23 types of narcotics.

The groups are not searchable or visible like public ones on Facebook. A user already in a secret group must invite another user to join.

Riccio complained that

Facebook removes undercover officers' profiles when they discover they are fake but allows people using their real profiles to participate in illegal activity, Riccio said. While Facebook did agree to remove the groups that police found, it did not block members of the groups, citing privacy concerns, Riccio said.

A representative of Facebook acknowledged that it does require law enforcement authorities, like everyone else, to use their real names.

Sarah Pollack also wrote in an email that Facebook removes any content and accounts that violate the website's policy against illicit drug and firearm sales. She said Facebook catches more than 97% of drug sale content and more than 93% of the firearm sale content before it is reported.

The website uses "proactive detection technology" to take down such content, even from private groups. The company's "law enforcement outreach and law enforcement response teams" have responded to law enforcement around the world, including engaging with the Chicago police to educate the department on Facebook's policies and best practices for investigations.

"We've had productive conversations with Mayor Lightfoot's office about pro-

moting public safety in Chicago and look forward to continuing them," Pollack said. "We remain ready to quickly respond to valid legal process from the Chicago Police Department in order to prosecute those who break the law and refer any matters involving credible threats to prevent harm."

Chicago police became aware of the secret Facebook groups in 2017, when officials announced 50 people had been arrested and 18 guns have been seized through the platform. Detectives also found that people were using Facebook's encrypted messaging service to make sales.

The latest operation included an arrest Monday of a 27-year-old man who had been arrested during that 2017 operation, Riccio said. Thomas Lucas, of the Logan Square neighborhood, pleaded guilty back then and was given probation. He went right back on Facebook to continue selling heroin — even using the

same name, Riccio said.

"Offenders are emboldened by the privacy afforded by Facebook," he said. "This has created a thriving market."

Another suspect, Joel Casarez, in Chicago on parole from Texas, allegedly sold officers an assault rifle with a 30-round magazine. He posted a video on Facebook of himself firing the gun into a bush. After selling the rifle, he fled and is believed to be back in Texas. A warrant was issued for his arrest, Riccio said.

Interim Superintendent Charlie Beck noted that the latest arrests come just as the city passed a "sobering milestone" last week: 10,000 illegal guns seized by officers and turned in by community members. That's more guns than seized so far this year in Beck's hometown of Los Angeles and in New York City.

"It very clearly illustrates the magnitude of the gun problem here in Chicago," Beck said.

## Fraud

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ment for a Police Department besieged by scandal. On Monday, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson — who often touted Kenneth Johnson's accomplishments — was fired by Mayor Lori Lightfoot for allegedly lying to her and the public about an incident in October in which he was found asleep in his running vehicle after having drinks at a downtown bar.

In handing down the sentence Tuesday, Shah said Kenneth Johnson's decision to betray the public's trust was "infuriating."

"How many times (as a police commander) did you plead with people to come forward and accept responsibility for something?" Shah said. "Yet all that while, there was a crime being committed that you knew all about, and you did nothing to stop it."

In addition to the period of probation, Johnson will have to pay back all of the money he stole, Shah said.

As the judge spoke, Johnson stood at the lectern with his arms folded, dressed in a dark suit and wearing glasses and a graying beard.

Minutes earlier, Johnson had issued a lengthy apology to the community, the Police Department and his family and friends, saying he couldn't even bring himself to ask for support at his sentencing because he was so ashamed.

"I stand alone today because I am alone in this," Johnson said in a firm voice. "I made the decision. I had no right to do that."

Johnson, 55, pleaded guilty in May to theft of government funds, admitting he failed to notify the Social Security Administration when his mother died



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"I stand alone today because I am alone in this," said former Chicago police Cmdr. Kenneth Johnson on Tuesday.

in May 1994 and instead continued to cash her monthly checks. In all, Johnson stole \$363,064 from the time of his mother's death to November 2017 when the scheme was uncovered.

"In stealing from Social Security, Johnson betrayed the public trust and let down thousands of Chicago police officers who risk their lives every day protecting the public from crime," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jared Jodrey wrote.

Essentially, Jodrey said, Johnson committed a federal crime "every single month" for most of his career.

The scheme was eventually unraveled by a watchdog arm of the Social Security Administration that red-flagged Johnson's mother's account in 2017 because she had not used Medicare, even though at that point she would have been 96, according to the prosecution filing.

After sending a letter to

the woman's last-known address and receiving no response, the payments were stopped and the matter referred to the agency's inspector general, who determined Johnson's mother had, in fact, died at age 72.

Johnson's attorney, Michael Clancy, asked for probation, noting in his own filing that Johnson quickly admitted guilt, had no prior criminal record and was not a risk for future criminal activity.

Clancy said Johnson was

wracked by guilt over taking the money but was afraid to come forward because of his status as a police officer. Those feelings only intensified as he rose quickly through the ranks, leading to two failed marriages as well as health and financial problems, Clancy said.

In the end, Johnson was almost happy to get caught, according to Clancy.

"He was a special, special police officer, and he did it all knowing that he had this skeleton in his closet,"

Clancy said. "It almost killed him."

Jodrey, however, said that Johnson's decision "wasn't that complicated," noting that if he was so concerned about being found out, he could have chosen to simply let the money accumulate in the account without spending it.

Jodrey also warned that a sentence of probation would send the wrong message to others thinking of stealing from government programs.

"That's not a deterrent. That's more like a court-approved, interest-free loan, courtesy of the American taxpayer," Jodrey said.

Johnson joined the Police Department in 1986 and took over as Englewood's commander in 2016. His twin brother, Kevin Johnson, was promoted last year to deputy chief, records show.

Since the felony conviction was not related to his duties, Johnson will keep his police pension, Clancy said. The federal government, however, will take a percentage of every check until the money stolen by Johnson has been repaid to Social Security, he said.

In a July 2018 interview just four months before he was charged, then-Cmdr. Johnson told the Tribune that some of his success in violence reduction could be credited to inroads his officers had made with outreach workers and citizens in the communities who long distrusted the police.

But he acknowledged then that fully winning over the community would take a lot more time.

"This trust, it's not an easily won thing," he said at the time. "Trust is easily broken and very difficult to win."

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## With time running out to save it, push is on to move a Wright cottage



BLAIR KAMIN  
Cityscapes

A Frank Lloyd Wright-designed cottage in Glencoe could be spared a date with a wrecking crew, but it's unclear if preservationists can put together funds to move the house to another spot in the north suburb.

The cottage, a flat-roofed, one-story frame house built in 1913 for real estate developer Sherman Booth, drew national attention last spring when its new owners filed for a permit to tear it down. A mandatory 180-day waiting period expired Saturday, leaving the house's fate uncertain.

If the demolition moves forward, the cottage would be the first Wright home to be torn down since the 2004 razing of a modest

beach house in Grand Beach, Michigan. And it would be the first demolition of a Wright structure since July, when eight buildings by the architect were named to the United Nations' list of the world's most significant cultural and natural sites.

To avoid that outcome, Glencoe officials on Monday said they are working with a local historical society, the Chicago-based Frank Lloyd Building Conservancy and the Glencoe Park District on a plan that would move the original portion of the house to another site. Additions to the structure, including a carport, would be removed.

"At this time, we are anticipating that, instead of demolition, it will be a partial removal of the original Booth cottage structure so that it could be relocated within Glencoe," said Megan Meyer, assistant to the village manager.

Barbara Gordon, executive director of the Wright conservancy, which fights to preserve the architect's

legacy, praised village officials for trying to save the structure. The Glencoe Historical Society envisions using the house for its programs, Gordon said, but moving the house and outfitting it will be expensive.

"Just to move it, it's going to be in the tens of thousands of dollars," Gordon said.

Other costs, including the construction of a concrete pad on which the house would sit, as well as utilities connections and furnishings, could drive the total cost of a move and renovation to more than \$100,000, she said.

Ed Goodale, president of the nonprofit historical society, could not be reached Tuesday.

Meyer said Glencoe won't dedicate public funds to the possible move.

Plans filed by the house's owners, Jean Jingnan Yang and Justin Jun Lu, of Riverwoods, show they want to replace it with a five-bedroom home of about 4,200 square feet, Meyer said, but



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Preservationists are hoping to put together funds to move the Booth Cottage, a modest, originally temporary one-story house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in Glencoe.

the owners don't intend to live in the house. Attempts to contact Justin Jun Lu Tuesday were unsuccessful.

Until village officials sign off on the plans for the new home, Meyer explained, the demolition can't proceed.

The couple purchased the three-bedroom, 2½-bath cottage in May for \$550,000, well below the original \$1 million asking price. The 1,755-square-foot home is west of Sheridan Road, at 239 Franklin Road, in a neighborhood of much larger homes. Removing the additions would bring the house's size down to 1,100 square

feet.

Booth lived in the house while he was developing the Wright-designed Ravine Bluffs development, a cluster of single-family homes that is the largest concentration of Wright-designed houses outside of Oak Park and River Forest, according to the conservancy.

Preservationists say the cottage is worth saving because it anticipates the so-called Usonian houses Wright designed from the 1930s to his death in 1959. The Usonian houses, aimed at middle-class buyers, influenced the low-slung

ranch houses that proliferated in post-World War II suburbia.

The cottage already has been moved once, following the completion of a larger home at Ravine Bluffs for Booth and his wife Elizabeth.

"Moving a Wright building is always a last alternative," Gordon said. The cottage "sits in a very vulnerable spot now."

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# Klobuchar

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who said I was in his top two, but he was 11 years old. That was an all-time low, but better to be in the top two, right?"

The bar erupted in laughter, but Klobuchar's joke served as only a momentary respite from an ongoing challenge for her presidential bid: converting Iowans who have her on their short lists into committed voters.

Locking in such support has proven difficult for many candidates in the extremely fluid race, with polls showing about two-thirds of Iowans still willing to change their minds before they vote in just two months. With less money and more ground to make up than the race's leading contenders, the margin of error is particularly slim for Klobuchar if she is to survive beyond Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses on Feb. 3.

Complicating matters, Klobuchar acknowledged, is that she often finds herself in the political paradox of voters liking her but unwilling to commit because they're not sure she has a chance to win. Her chances to win, of course, only improve when such voters decide to back her.

"It is so hard, because from the beginning I always knew I would not be in the top two or three, because of the fact that I wasn't running for president forever and I wasn't as well-known," Klobuchar said in an interview as she campaigned across Iowa last week. "So, here I am at No. 5 and moving up, and people are going to have to look at me in that way. We still have a lot of people who are undecided, and so that's my case to make, and I'm going to make it."

For months, the race has featured the front-running foursome of South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders followed by the rest of the jumbled field of 15 candidates.

Through much of 2019, Klobuchar slowly and steadily has made her way through that pack to a position she hopes will make it possible for her to be the latest to join the club of late-surging surprise candidates in Iowa's notoriously turbulent caucuses.

There are some signs of momentum for the Minnesota moderate.

At a time when many candidates in that group are stagnating in the polls and struggling to keep their campaigns financially afloat, Klobuchar's operation is growing. She is one of just six candidates who has qualified for the December debate and is in the midst of doubling her Iowa campaign offices to more than 20, doubling her paid staff in New Hampshire and has hired up in the other early states of Nevada and South Carolina.

She also has been on the move in the polls, with a recent survey by The Des Moines Register and CNN showing her support doubling to 6% since September. That placed her in fifth place, three percentage points ahead of the next closest candidates, but still trailing Buttigieg with 25%, Warren with 16% and Biden and Sanders each with 15%.

Klobuchar is seeking to fill a moderate lane where others also see opportunity, as Biden's poll numbers continue to slide and his fundraising lags behind the other three front-runners. That's led billionaire former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and one-time Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick both to enter the race in recent days, further crowding the picture moving forward for Klobuchar.

She has, however, outlasted candidates who began the race with larger national profiles, including former Texas U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and California Sen. Kamala Harris, who dropped out of the race Tuesday amid dwindling funds, staff cutbacks and campaign dysfunction. Nor has Klobuchar had to launch last-ditch fundraising appeals to stay in the race, like New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, another high-profile candidate who is in danger of not qualifying for the next debate.

"I don't think people thought I was going to do this," Klobuchar said when asked how she's maintained a viable campaign. "But that's what happens to me a lot. I get underestimated, and I just keep going."

## Making the case

Klobuchar is trying to cut through all the noise with a message that boils down to a blend of experience and electability. She often presents both themes as barely veiled contrasts to Buttigieg, a fellow Midwestern moderate who, along with Biden, remains the senator's top competition in winning over Iowa centrists.

The third-term senator repeat-



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Sen. Amy Klobuchar speaks to guests at La Frontera restaurant in New Hampton, Iowa. Last week, she held events in eight pro-Trump counties.



Sen. Amy Klobuchar holds a T-shirt handed to her by a guest during a campaign stop at Timbukbru brew pub in Clarion, Iowa.

edly reminds voters how she has won three statewide elections, carrying Minnesota's urban, suburban and overwhelming Republican rural congressional districts. Those are feats that Buttigieg, who got walloped in a 2010 bid for Indiana state treasurer, cannot match.

While the 37-year-old mayor has run a city of 100,000 people for eight years, the 59-year-old Klobuchar frequently mentions her eight years as prosecutor in Hennepin County, a jurisdiction of more than 1 million people that includes Minneapolis. She then notes how she moved beyond local government to serve 10 years in the Senate and passed more than 100 bills as the lead Democrat, a depth of experience Buttigieg also lacks.

"We need someone from the

major candidate who has won Republican districts, Klobuchar not only can defeat Trump by winning back Obama-era voters who backed the president, but help rack up victories in moderate areas needed for Democrats to solidify their majority in the U.S. House and regain control of the U.S. Senate. Only then, Klobuchar contends, will Democrats have the chance to actually enact their bold ideas.

She figures the best way to deliver that message is to blanket the areas of the state that are home to many of those voters, with a goal of campaigning in each of Iowa's 99 counties before the caucuses. Last week, she crossed off No. 68 on her list with a visit to the north-central Iowa town of Grundy Center, which locals said made her the first presidential

**"Iowa has always been discerning; you've looked at candidates, you've made a decision, and I have the strongest case."**

— Sen. Amy Klobuchar

candidate this cycle to visit Grundy County.

"There is no town that is small enough for me to not be there," Klobuchar said, as 60 people packed into a coffee shop laughed. "I think this is going to be a real resurgence for small-town America in this election. Donald Trump thinks he can just show up and not follow through, but I don't think he gets that the people in rural America actually are watching, and they know what they need and they know he hasn't kept his promises."

Klobuchar regularly reminds voters that Trump's trade war with China has crushed farmers saddled by low soybean prices and shrinking demand. She also highlights the renewable fuel standard waivers Trump has given to big oil companies that have hurt the market for Iowa's biofuel plants and the growers who sell crops to them.

The senator made those points during a recent lunch focused on farming in New Hampton, the 3,500-person seat of Chickasaw County in northern Iowa.

Nick Leibold, a fourth-generation farmer, took the opportunity to press Klobuchar on whether Congress is going to pass a proposed trade deal with Mexico and Canada to replace the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement.

Leibold, who farms 1,100 acres near New Hampton, said he was frustrated the deal had stalled, because it would help exports and increase the price of soybeans.

Klobuchar responded that she took it as a good sign that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi recently suggested a deal was nearing on the pact, which Trump has favored and accused Democrats of holding up amid ongoing House

impeachment hearings of the president.

Afterward, Leibold reluctantly acknowledged he voted for Trump in 2016, but said he was unlikely to do so again. He plans to caucus in February and has narrowed his choice down to Klobuchar and Buttigieg.

"She's got some good ideas, she's from the Midwest and she knows what needs to be done to get us back on track," Leibold, 60, said of Klobuchar. "I'd like to see her get up there near the top, so we can have someone who isn't so leftist get the nomination."

## Closing the deal

Over the span of two days in Iowa last week, Klobuchar held events in eight north-central Iowa counties that voted for Trump. In 2008, five of those counties voted for Obama. In 2012, three of them did.

Visiting each came with varying degrees of difficulty after a heavy snowfall fell on much of northern Iowa just before Thanksgiving, with 50 mph wind gusts frequently making it difficult to distinguish where the state highways ended and the adjacent farm fields began. Local radio stations were peppered with announcements of cancellations for church services, Meals on Wheels deliveries, factory shifts and even a church quilting club.

Despite travel advisories warning drivers to stay home, Klobuchar did not cancel any events. During one trek, the senator rode in the passenger seat of her campaign's gray Chrysler Pacifica minivan as a driver slowly navigated gravel roads covered with several inches of snow on the way to a remote cabin in St. Ansgar.

When Klobuchar finally arrived, a line of SUVs and pickup trucks was neatly parked on a patch of land that had been cleared by a giant plow.

Inside, a vaulted living room with a giant stone fireplace packed with 30 people awaited, and Klobuchar tried to convince them to make a final choice.

"I know a lot of people say, 'I have good news for you, you're in my top three,'" she said. "OK, but it's getting close now. It's time to make a decision."

After every event, field organizers wearing green "Team Amy" T-shirts circulated the room in search of items coveted by every Iowa campaign — signed caucus cards. Once a voter signs a card, it signals an end to their shopping for a candidate and a commitment to not only caucus, but in many cases, volunteer for a campaign.

Ray Hammer signed one after hearing Klobuchar speak to about two dozen people in the living room of a giant, white Victorian home in Forest City, a town of 4,100 in north-central Iowa.

"She just has so much knowledge about what's going on, and it's all in her head. It's amazing," said Hammer, 79, a retired insurance data processor who also considered supporting Buttigieg. "Pete is knowledgeable also, but she definitely has a lot more government experience, and that's important."

After speaking to about 20 people in the back room of the La Frontera restaurant in Hampton, a town of 4,400, Klobuchar exclaimed to no one in particular, "We got another caucus card! The woman over there in the red coat."

The majority of voters who come to hear Klobuchar speak, however, leave uncommitted.

In Hampton, Marie Boyd politely declined a caucus card. The 29-year-old who works for a food education nonprofit said she thought Klobuchar was "great" and "well-versed in all the issues," but was still torn between

her, Warren and Buttigieg. Boyd said she is more moderate and would like to support a woman, but ultimately will back whichever candidate has the best shot to win.

Klobuchar, she said, isn't quite there yet.

"She still has a lot to gain as far as public support. She obviously has been very successful, but I want to see if she can get up there higher," Boyd said of Klobuchar. "Although, I think Obama really proved you don't have to be the front-runner from the beginning. People can truly emerge and the caucuses can make a huge impact, so we'll see."

Barack Obama trailed for much of 2008, before catapulting to the lead in November, capturing the nomination and eventually winning the presidency. Some winners have emerged even later.

In Iowa caucuses since 2004, only three of those who led in The Des Moines Register's Iowa Poll at this point in the race went on to win the state — Obama, Republican Mike Huckabee in 2008 and Hillary Clinton, who eked out a win over Sanders in 2016. Three other candidates — John Kerry in 2004, Rick Santorum in 2012 and Ted Cruz in 2016 — all entered the race's final two months in third place or lower.

Unlike standard elections where voters cast a secret ballot in a booth, caucuses remain a public act of commitment and persuasion.

Caucusgoers gather in a large room, listen to speeches by supporters of each candidate and then cluster in groups according to the campaign they are supporting. Those who support a candidate who doesn't reach 15% support in the room must disperse and pick a second candidate instead. That's where the energy of a campaign can become crucial not only in turning out its own supporters to the caucus, but in convincing second-choice voters to join in.

Inside the bar in Clarion, where Klobuchar had joked about making the list of Bailey's top three candidates, the former Iowa lawmaker pressed the senator on her viability. He questioned whether she'd have enough organization to turn out large numbers in Iowa's 1,681 precincts across the state.

"My biggest concern is that I'll show up to caucus, and it's just gonna be me for Amy," Bailey told Klobuchar. "Can you win?"

"Seriously?" Klobuchar responded with mock outrage to a round of laughs. "That's not true. We are on the up. In the last Iowa poll, we're up to 6% in a really crowded field ... Iowa has always been discerning; you've looked at candidates, you've made a decision, and I have the strongest case."

After Klobuchar promised Bailey he wouldn't be alone and joked that she'd personally call him on caucus night, she finished her beer, led the bar in a rendition of "Happy Birthday" for a campaign staffer and departed into the snowy night.

Because of her strong appeal to moderates and disaffected Republicans, Bailey said he was convinced that Klobuchar would "just stomp Trump" if she won the nomination.

His fear of commitment, however, still lingered.

"Do I just jump in and say, 'I'm doing it, I'm for Amy?' I don't know," Bailey said. "People around the country may not understand, but we take this very seriously. Everyone in this bar has it narrowly, to five, or three, or two, but a lot of decisions aren't made until the very end. It's exciting. Anything can happen."

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## NATION & WORLD

### Another school shooting stuns Wis.

Resource officer wounds student who stabbed him

By IVAN MORENO AND GRETCHEN EHLKE  
Associated Press

OSHKOSH, Wis. — A 16-year-old student stabbed a school resource officer who then shot the teenager at a Wisconsin high school Tuesday morning, police said, in the second shooting at a school in the state in as many days.

The latest shooting happened at Oshkosh West High School just after 9 a.m. CST, Oshkosh police spokeswoman Katherine Mann said. The student and the officer were taken to hospitals, but no one else was injured, Mann said.

Oshkosh police Chief Dean Smith said at a news conference Tuesday afternoon that neither the officer nor student had suffered what were expected to be life-threatening injuries.

Smith said the teenager entered the officer's office at the school, produced a weapon and stabbed the officer, who is a police officer with the Oshkosh Police Department. Smith described the student's weapon as an edged weapon but did not elaborate.

He said the officer shot the teenager once.

"This is a big deal," Mann said. "We're not that big of a city, and we know pretty much everyone in the city, and we know this affects a lot of people in our community."

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation is handling the investigation, she said.

The school was locked



Sarah Rogstad, right, hugs Morgan Rogstad on Tuesday after being reunited at an Oshkosh middle school.

down.

Police said parents were able to reunite with their children at Perry Tipler Middle School.

An Oshkosh West student identified only as Evelyn told WLUK-TV that she was in class when she heard screaming, and her teacher walked out.

"And then, like, after two minutes she ran back into the classroom and she was like, 'Everybody needs to evacuate right now!' And then we all ran out of the class and then we saw everybody from our school running to across the street."

After reuniting with her

mother at the middle school, Evelyn said: "They told us they were going to tell us what was happening, but they never did."

A senior identified only as Josh told the Journal Sentinel that he heard gunshots.

"I was walking in the hall, and a teacher shoved me into a classroom, and we started barricading the doors, and we all huddled in the corner, and there were gunshots," he said.

The Rev. John Seelman, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church across the street from the school, said he saw one person being transported from the school

in a wheelchair who was taken away in an ambulance, and another who was carried out on a stretcher.

Stephanie Carlin, who is the mother of a sophomore and a senior at Oshkosh West and a school board member, said one of her sons texted her to say, "it was crazy," but that both of her sons were safe.

"As a parent, it's terrifying," Carlin said. It's a parent's "worst nightmare."

Just before 11 a.m., school buses were lined up outside the school and streets were blocked off. Several squad cars, many of them with lights still flashing, were parked outside, with offi-

cers manning the barricades blocking the street.

Oshkosh West has about 1,700 students in grades 9-12.

Tuesday's shooting in Oshkosh, a city of about 67,000 people, was about 80 miles north of Monday's shooting in the Milwaukee suburb of Waukesha.

A police officer responding to a situation at Waukesha South High School shot an armed male student inside a classroom. Officials say that a student pointed a handgun at officers. The 17-year-old boy was wounded and is in custody in stable condition. No officers or other students were

injured, Waukesha police Chief Russell Jack said.

Authorities said the shooting followed a confrontation between two students.

Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, a Democrat, said the shootings reinforced the need to identify troubled students and get them the mental health services they need to prevent violence before it occurs. Kaul also renewed his call for the Republican-controlled Legislature to pass a universal gun background check bill and a "red flag" law that would empower judges to take guns from people determined to be a risk to themselves or others.

The state Justice Department's office of school safety was working with the schools in Oshkosh and Waukesha to provide them with any services they may need, Kaul said. He also said if other schools have safety upgrade needs, they should contact his agency.

"These are really tragic incidents but it's also true we have seen incidents where there has been mass tragedy," Kaul said. "I feel really sorry for our kids that they have to go to school in this environment."

School shootings have occasionally shone a spotlight on the response by guards and school resource officers. Armed school resource officers have rarely prevented a school shooting.

Last year, armed guards at three high-profile school shootings — Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky; Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; and Santa Fe High School in Texas — were unable to stop rampages.

### SC teen raises over \$70K for community groups

Charity basketball games help feed his volunteer spirit

By MICHAEL SCHROEDER  
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Research shows that when children volunteer regularly, they are more likely to continue to help their communities as they mature.

Adom Appiah has gotten a jump on that.

The 15-year-old didn't have a choice about volunteering as a younger child, when he regularly tagged along with his parents, Marjorie and Kofi Appiah, who organized book drives for kids and joined backpack giveaways. They served food to the hungry and delivered Christmas presents to children with incarcerated parents.

But now that Adom, who lives in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is a teenager, he has a lot more say in what he does with his time. And he's recently taken his volunteerism to a new level.

Over the past three years, he has raised more than \$70,000 for nonprofit groups in his area, in part by

organizing annual charity basketball games involving local community leaders, as well as college and professional athletes.

"It's always been instilled in me to volunteer," said Adom, a high school sophomore who named his charity project Ball4Good and donates the money he raises to various causes, including autism, the homeless and abused children.

Adom was recently awarded a 2019 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honoring outstanding young leaders. As one of 15 top winners, he was awarded \$10,000 — he's putting half toward the charity he founded and the rest toward his college fund.

Three years running, the Ball4Good games have attracted sold-out crowds of 800-plus to the gym of Adom's school, Spartanburg Day School. This year, the men's and women's Ball4Good games have raised more than \$30,000 to support community organizations, such as Boys & Girls Clubs and other groups that mentor and tutor students.

The success of the first Ball4Good game in 2017 led to the development of Adom's nonprofit of the

same name.

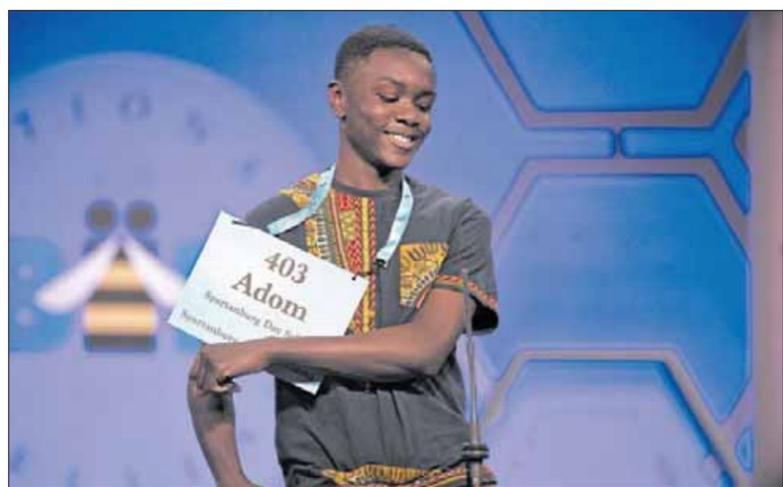
"He represents hope for the future," said Mary Thomas, Adom's mentor and chief operating officer at the Spartanburg County Foundation, a community organization that promotes philanthropy.

Among the athletes who have participated in his charity games: Zion Williamson of the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans, former NFL player Landon Cohen, retired WNBA all-star Andrea Stinson and former Michigan State University basketball player Anthony Ianni, the first athlete known to have autism to play Division I basketball.

Adom used his connections where he could to get some of the athletes to show up and help him out; a few were from Spartanburg. But he's not shy about making "cold calls" for charity as well.

And he's Gen Z, so naturally he used social media to connect with one recent Ball4Good game participant, Ianni, whom he also admired for his public speaking about autism.

"I tweeted him and somehow he responded," said Adom, who invited



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In addition to charity basketball games, Adom Appiah has also been a contestant at the National Spelling Bee in 2017, when he finished 41st, and again in 2018.

Ianni to play and speak at the Ball4Good games in April.

Ianni said he was drawn to Adom's hands-on approach to helping others.

"I couldn't say no," Ianni said. "I wanted to help be a part of his mission."

He said he was honored to speak at the event.

"I thought it was a great opportunity for not only me to spread my message of hope and inspiration to others, but to also help Adom's cause as well," Ianni said.

Ball4Good sprang from a classroom assignment when Adom was in seventh grade. He and other students were given class time

to work on service projects by U.S. history teacher Kelsey Turner.

"I see this kind of learning as a relevant part of a U.S. history class because it provides an opportunity for civic engagement," she said.

The project Adom ultimately settled on — the charity basketball game — connected two things he is passionate about: sports and community, Turner said.

"He found that sweet spot that drove him to work so hard at it," she said. "He's a deeply purposeful guy."

He's also really busy. In addition to sports, student government, jazz band and

a video game club, Adom twice participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. He finished 41st in 2017 and was eliminated before the semifinal round in 2018.

He speaks publicly at schools and community events hoping to encourage other people to become more involved in their communities, and he's also written children's books, including one titled "Bouncing Back From Failure," which he wrote in part from his experience at his second national spelling bee.

Since 2017, Adom and Ball4Good have supported 18 community organizations.

### Congressman pleads guilty to misusing campaign funds

By JULIE WATSON  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A federal prosecutor vowed Tuesday to seek jail time for California Rep. Duncan Hunter, who pleaded guilty Tuesday to misusing \$150,000 in campaign funds for his own personal expenses.

The six-term Republican, who had fought the allegations for more than a year, showed no emotion in the courtroom and only spoke in affirming his guilty plea.

Outside the federal

courthouse in San Diego, Hunter, 42, offered a brief statement, saying, "I failed to monitor and account for my campaign spending. I made mistakes and that's what today was all about." He said he would discuss his future later.

In his plea deal, Hunter said he and his wife dipped into the election funds between 2010 and 2016 more than 30 times and tried to hide it by falsely reporting the expenses — from their daughter's birthday party at the famed Hotel Del Co-

ronado to an outing with friends in Washington at a French bistro — were campaign-related.

An early supporter of President Donald Trump's 2016 election bid, Hunter is the second Republican congressman to plead guilty to federal charges this year.

The former combat Marine who served in Iraq and Afghanistan declined to say when he would leave office, where he has spent 11 years. He left the courthouse accompanied by his father, former Rep. Duncan Hunt-

er Sr.

Hunter's departure will mark the end of a political dynasty in Southern California's most Republican district. His father represented the district for 28 years before Hunter's 2008 election.

Prosecutor Phil Halpern noted Hunter's honorable service in the Marine Corps and his family's place in the 50th Congressional District. But he had a sharp rebuke for the congressman's claim that the investigation was a politically motivated "witch

hunt."

"No figure, regardless of what office they occupy, should be allowed in this country to cry witch hunt or fake news and attempt to deflect their criminal wrongdoings," Halpern said.

In October, former four-term Republican Rep. Chris Collins of New York pleaded guilty in an insider trading case, a day after he resigned from Congress. He faces a maximum sentence of about four years in prison.



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Rep. Duncan Hunter issues a statement Tuesday after pleading guilty in San Diego.

# Supreme mysteries at the high court

Critics say lack of transparency hurts respect for judiciary

By MARK SHERMAN  
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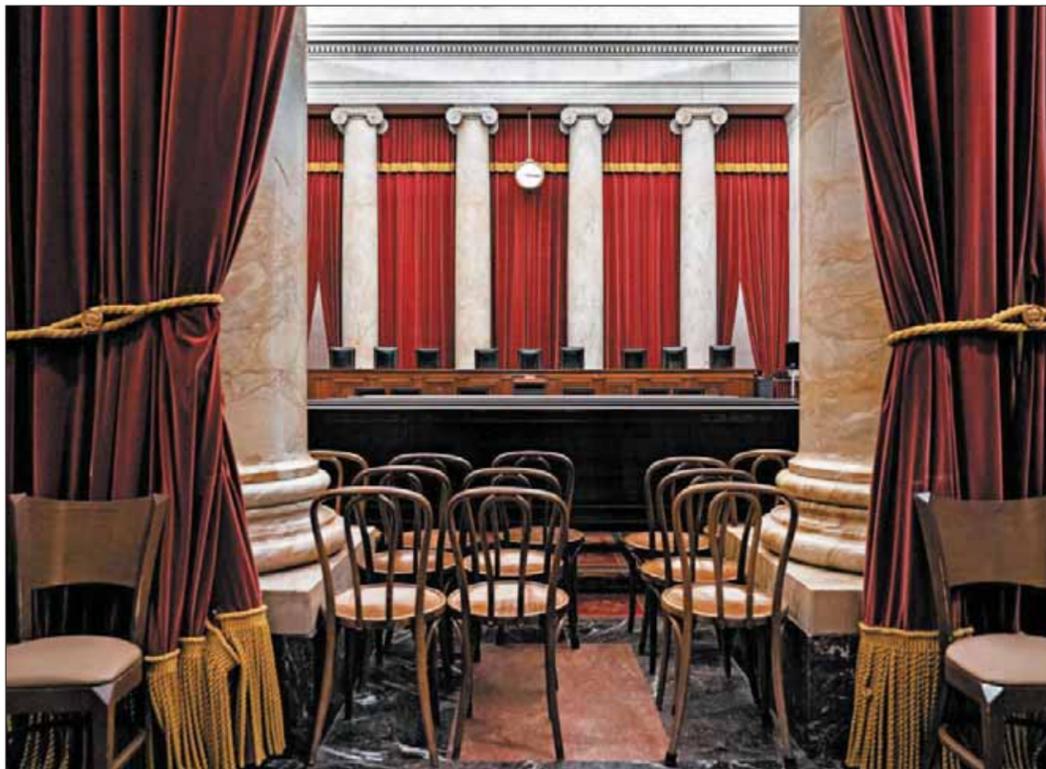
WASHINGTON — The lack of transparency at the Supreme Court begins with the heavy red drapes that frame the courtroom on all sides. The court replaced the drapes this summer, but would not reveal the name of the company that did the work.

The Supreme Court's role in a bitterly divided Washington and nation may be more important than ever, yet basic details about how the court operates remain obscured. The court is not subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act and the justices are not bound by most ethics rules that apply to all other federal judges.

Its arguments aren't televised. The justices decide for themselves how much to tell the public about travel plans, speaking engagements or health issues. They typically don't disclose their reasoning when they decide to sit out cases that may pose conflicts of interest. And beyond the secrecy surrounding the drapes are other questions about the building, including which groups have been allowed to use the taxpayer-funded structure for after-hours parties.

These developments have led to a raft of reform proposals, many with scant chance of success. There are calls for the justices to adopt an ethics code, enhance disclosure of travel and other gifts and allow broader access to proceedings.

"We're at a moment when trust in American institutions is declining across the board and the court itself has taken a hit in that trust. It's important for the court to be a leader on ethics," said Alicia Bannon, managing director of the democracy program at New York University's Brennan Center. She is co-author of a



The empty Supreme Court chamber in June with its heavy red drapes, the supplier of which has not been revealed.

report advocating for a Supreme Court code of ethics, explanations of decisions to sit out cases and enhanced travel and gift disclosures.

The justices have generally opposed the changes. Several have said over the years that the court is the most transparent branch of government because their written opinions explain the decisions they have reached and why, while dissents often point out in exacting detail where one side believes the other has gone wrong.

The majestic building at the top of Capitol Hill is first and foremost an office building, open to the public on weekdays. But it also serves as a coveted, after-hours event space, used 30 to 50 times a year by private groups, if they are sponsored by a justice.

One of those groups is the conservative Federalist So-

ciety, which held a reception in July 2018 that was attended by Justice Samuel Alito. The group posted photos from the event on its Facebook page.

The court would not provide a comprehensive list of groups, events or sponsoring justices. "The court does not maintain public records of organizations holding events," spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said. But groups that use the building typically have a connection to the court or the law, and they pay up to \$6,000 for an event, Arberg said.

The nine justices are in high demand as speakers around the country because they issue momentous rulings that touch all corners of American society. But they decide when to provide advance word of their speaking engagements and sometimes let sponsoring organizations close their talks to news coverage.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh's recent Federalist Society speech was open to reporters, but Kavanaugh did not allow video cameras at his talk to more than 2,000 people at Washington's Union Station.

The choice also is left to each justice when it comes to stepping aside from pending court cases. Recusals rarely come with explanations. The public is left to piece together the reason from the justices' yearly financial disclosures, work histories and sometimes, family trees.

When health issues arise, each justice decides what to tell the public and when.

Eighty-six-year-old Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has provided ample details of her many medical issues, but the court waited until her summer radiation treatment had ended before announcing she had a tumor on her pancreas. More re-

cently, Ginsburg was taken to a Washington hospital with fever and chills on a Friday, but the court didn't say anything for 24 hours.

But that was far quicker than with news about then-Justice Anthony Kennedy's heart procedure. The court waited 10 months to reveal that doctors had inserted a stent in one of Kennedy's arteries, saying something only when the stent had to be replaced in 2006.

The justices' annual reports list who pays for their travel but does not include the cost of transportation, hotels and meals. Legislation written by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., a frequent court critic, and Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., would require the justices and all federal judges to fill in those details within 15 days after they return home.

"To avoid conflicts of interest, the American people ought to know what hospi-

talities, travel and other emoluments justices and judges receive," said Whitehouse. Similar past efforts aimed at court transparency, including proposals to have court proceedings televised, have languished in congressional committees.

The federal judiciary says it does not post judges' financial reports online for security reasons, though media and interest organizations often do.

In July, Ginsburg and Justice Sonia Sotomayor traveled to Portugal for a New York University conference. There was no advance word of the trip, which the justices presumably will include on their 2019 financial reports that won't be made public until June 2020.

The public knows about the travel now only because Ginsburg talked about it in her eulogy for the late Justice John Paul Stevens, who died at 99 less than a week after returning from the same trip.

When the court hears cases, the courtroom is open to the public, only a couple hundred people are lucky enough to be admitted on any given day. The justices refuse to allow the broader public to watch arguments or even listen to them as they happen.

Chief Justice John Roberts has so far this term denied requests to provide streaming or same-day audio for two of the biggest cases, about protections for LGBT people from workplace discrimination and immigrants brought to the United States as children. Audio recordings are made available a few days after the arguments.

By contrast, the federal appeals court that meets in the courthouse less than one-half mile from the Supreme Court livestreams the audio of all its arguments. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco regularly provides live video of its arguments.

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# Harris ends 2020 presidential bid, citing weak fundraising

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sen. Kamala Harris told supporters Tuesday that she was ending her bid for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

"I've taken stock and looked at this from every angle, and over the last few days have come to one of the hardest decisions of my life," the California Democrat said. "My campaign for president simply doesn't have the financial resources we need to continue."

A senior campaign aide said Harris made the decision Monday after discussing the path forward with family and other top officials over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Her withdrawal marked a dramatic fall for a candidate who showed extraordinary promise.

Harris launched her campaign in front of 20,000 people on a chilly January day in Oakland, California. The first woman and first black attorney general and U.S. senator in California's history, she was widely viewed as a candidate poised to excite the multi-racial coalition of voters that sent Barack Obama to the White House.

Her departure erodes the diversity of the Democratic field, which is dominated at the moment by a top tier that is white and mostly male.

"She was an important voice in the race, out before others who raised less and were less electable. It's a loss not to have her voice in the race," said Aimee Allison, who leads She the People, a group that promotes women of color.

Harris ultimately could not craft a message that resonated with voters or secure the money to continue her run.

She raised \$12 million in the first three months of her campaign and quickly locked down major endorsements meant to show her dominance in her home state, which offers the biggest delegate haul in the Democratic primary contest.

But as the field grew, Harris's fundraising remained flat; she was unable to attract the type of attention being showered on Pete Buttigieg by traditional donors or the grassroots firepower that drove tens of millions of dollars to Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

In her note to supporters, Harris lamented the role of money in politics and, without naming them, took a shot at billionaires Tom Steyer and Michael Bloomberg, who are funding their presidential bids.

"I'm not a billionaire," she said. "I can't fund my own campaign. And as the campaign has gone on, it's become harder and harder to raise the money we need to compete."

Harris suffered from what allies and critics viewed as an inconsistent pitch to voters. Her slogan "For the People" refer-



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California Sen. Kamala Harris ended her bid Monday amid disappointing fundraising and campaign turmoil.

enced her career as a prosecutor, a record that was viewed skeptically by the party's most progressive voters.

Through the summer, she focused on pocketbook issues and her "3 a.m. agenda," a message that never seemed to resonate with voters. By the fall, she had returned to her courtroom roots with the refrain that "justice is on the ballot," both a cry for economic and social justice as well as her call that she could "prosecute the case" against a "criminal" president.

Michael Kraut, a Los Angeles defense attorney and member of Harris's finance team, said Harris suffered early on from too

many people telling her what to do.

"When she is truly being who she is, she soars," he said before Harris withdrew from the race. "When she's listening to everybody talk in her ear she doesn't so much soar."

Stumbles, often of the campaign's making, continued to dog Harris into the fall, stymieing her ability to capitalize on solid moments.

Harris and her aides believe she faced an uphill battle from the start as a woman of color. Her stump speech included a line about what Harris called the "donkey in the room," a reference to the thought that Americans wouldn't elect a woman of color.

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the Democrats utterly failed to produce any evidence of wrongdoing by President Trump.”

She said the report “reads like the ramblings of a basement blogger straining to prove something when there is evidence of nothing.”

The president, at a NATO meeting in London, called the impeachment effort by rival Democrats “unpatriotic.”

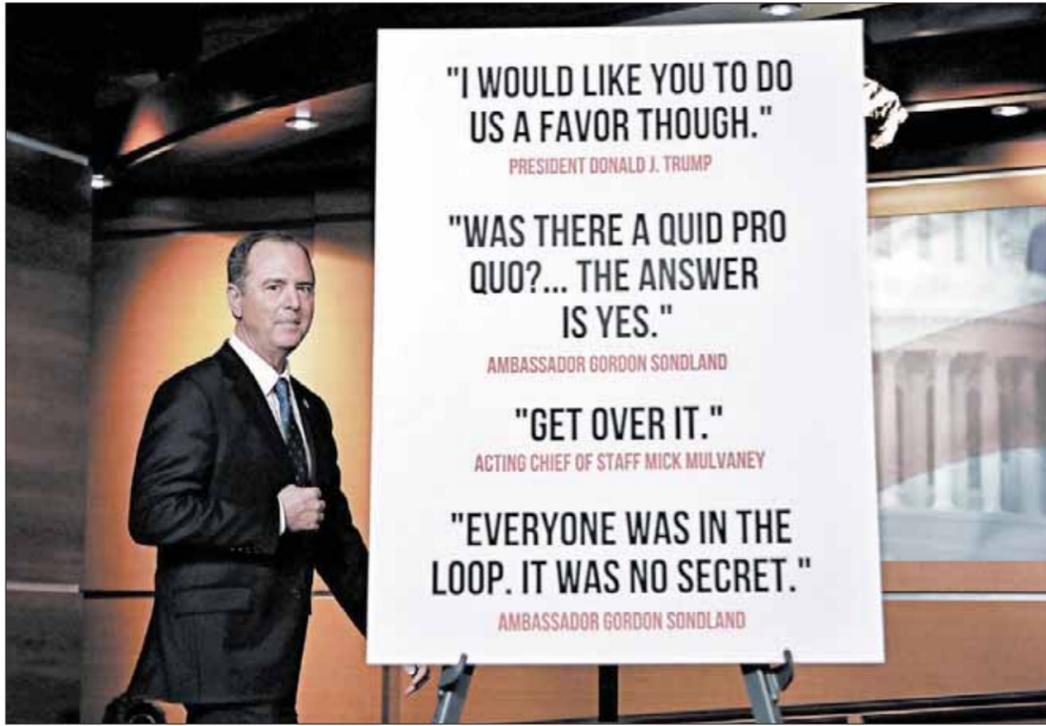
The “Trump-Ukraine Impeachment Inquiry Report” provides a detailed account of a shadow diplomacy run by Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, resulting in layers of allegations that can be distilled into specific acts, like bribery or obstruction, and the more amorphous allegation that Trump abused his power by putting his interests above the nation.

Based on two months of investigation sparked by a still-anonymous government whistleblower’s complaint, the report relies heavily on testimony from current and former U.S. officials who defied White House orders not to appear.

The inquiry found that Trump “solicited the interference of a foreign government, Ukraine, to benefit his reelection,” Schiff wrote in the report’s preface.

In doing so, the president “sought to undermine the integrity of the U.S. presidential election process, and endangered U.S. national security,” the report said.

The House intelligence



Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, touches on the case against President Trump on Tuesday.

panel voted later Tuesday, in a party-line tally, to send the document to the Judiciary Committee.

Republicans defended the president in their own 123-page rebuttal claiming Trump never intended to pressure Ukraine when he asked for a “favor” — investigations of Democrats and Joe Biden.

Republicans say the military aid the White House was withholding was not being used as leverage, as Democrats claim — and besides, the \$400 million was ultimately released, although only after a congressional outcry. Democrats,

they argue, just want to undo the 2016 election.

For Republicans falling in line behind Trump, the inquiry is simply a “hoax.”

House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy called on Democrats to end the impeachment “nightmare.” He said, “They’re concerned if they do not impeach this president they cant beat him in an election.”

The report will lay the foundation for the Judiciary Committee to assess potential articles of impeachment, presenting a history-making test of political judgment with a case that is dividing the country.

In prefacing it, Schiff drew deeply from history, citing George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and other Founding Fathers, to explain grounds for impeachment “as a remedy of last resort.”

Democrats once hoped to sway Republicans to consider Trump’s removal, but they are now facing a ever-hardening partisan split over the swift-moving proceedings on impeaching the president.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., faces a critical moment of her leadership as she steers the process ahead after initially re-

sisting the impeachment inquiry, warning it was too divisive for the country and required bipartisan support.

Possible grounds for impeachment are focused on whether Trump abused his office as he pressed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to open investigations into Trump’s political rivals. At the time, Trump was withholding \$400 million in military aid, jeopardizing key support as Ukraine faces an aggressive Russia at its border.

The report also accuses Trump of becoming the “first and only” president in

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— House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy

U.S. history to “openly and indiscriminately” defy the House’s constitutional authority to conduct the impeachment proceedings by instructing officials not to comply with subpoenas for documents and testimony.

For Democrats marching into what is now a largely partisan process, the political challenge if they proceed is to craft the impeachment articles in a way that will draw the most support from their ranks and not expose Pelosi’s majority to messy divisions, especially as Republicans stand lock-step with the president.

Trump’s campaign is spending robustly to run ads against front-line freshmen lawmakers, many from districts Trump won in 2016 but that flipped in 2018 to give Democrats the House majority. Pelosi will be protective of these lawmakers as the proceedings unfold.

Hearing from legal experts at Wednesday’s session, Democrats could begin drafting articles of impeachment against the president in days. The Judiciary Committee could vote next week and the full House could vote by Christmas. Then it moves to the Senate for a trial.

# Summit

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“It’s very disrespectful.”

But the president himself has questioned whether the alliance has become “obsolete,” and he accused NATO members anew of shirking national commitments on military spending.

Hours later, Macron and

Trump sat side by side for a media session, and Macron said he stood by his comments about the health of the NATO alliance.

He also expressed his frustration that Trump withdrew hundreds of American troops from Syria in October

Trump bantered with reporters for more than two hours Tuesday, sitting casually in a salon of Winfield

House, the manicured estate of the U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom, where he also met with fellow NATO leaders.

He slammed the ongoing Democratic-led impeachment inquiry back in the United States as a “hoax” and professed to be unconcerned about declines in the stock market spurred by his remark that a trade deal with China might not mate-

rialize until after the 2020 election.

Trump later called on Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, and attended a NATO welcome reception at Buckingham Palace, before proceeding to an event at the prime minister’s residence at No. 10 Downing St. Trump punctuated the day of diplomacy with a fundraiser for his reelection effort that his campaign said brought in \$3 million.

The gathering of NATO leaders follows Trump’s frequent criticism of alliance members as falling well short in doing their financial part through the first three years of his presidency.

After a NATO summit last year, he called for members devote at least 4% of gross domestic product to military spending and took aim at German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whom he accused of paying Russia “billions of dollars for gas and energy” while failing to meet her nation’s commitment to spend at least 2% of GDP on defense.

But at this NATO meeting, Trump — who heads toward an election year looking to showcase foreign policy wins — is offering a more optimistic outlook for the alliance’s future. To that end, he suggested he deserved much of the credit for progress.

“I don’t think frankly before us that NATO was changing at all, and NATO is really changing right now,” Trump said as he sat down for a one-on-one talk with



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President Donald Trump listens as French President Emmanuel Macron speaks during a meeting Tuesday at Winfield House during the NATO summit in London.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.

White House officials say that before Trump took office just four NATO members had reached the 2% bench mark set in 2014. Now there are nine, Eighteen of the 29 are projected to meet it by 2024.

Stoltenberg said that Trump does deserve credit for nudging members.

“The reality is that, not least because it has been so clearly conveyed from President Trump that we need fair burden sharing, allies are stepping up,” Stoltenberg said.

In his meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Trump gently ribbed the premier — whose country is spending about 1.3% of GDP on defense — as “slightly delinquent.”

“Some are major delinquent,” Trump said. He

added that he’s looking at the possibility of imposing unspecified trade penalties against NATO allies that perpetually fall below bench marks.

“Some are way below 1 percent and that’s unacceptable, and then if something happens we’re supposed to protect them, and it’s not really fair, and it never has been fair,” he said.

Trump’s talks with Macron were tense at times. Before meeting with him on the sidelines of the summit, Trump laced into the French president for what he called “very, very nasty” comments in The Economist about NATO’s health with Trump leading its most important member.

Macron didn’t back down when they appeared later in the day, and he renewed his own criticism of Trump for withdrawing U.S. forces from Syria.

## RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY HEARING

1. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the River Forest Township for 2019 will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the River Forest Civic Center Authority Building, 8020 Madison Street, River Forest, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Carla Sloan, Supervisor, at:

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2. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$604,542 for the Town Fund and \$11,300 for General Assistance. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$616,030 for the Town Fund and \$9,000 for General Assistance. This represents a 1.9 (%) percentage increase over the previous year for the Town Fund and a 20.4 (%) percentage decrease over the previous year for the General Assistance Fund.

3. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$0.00. The proposed property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$0.00. This represents no percentage increase or decrease over the previous year.

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President Trump, right, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un have not met since February, when talks broke down at their summit in Hanoi, Vietnam.

## North Korea says it's up to US to choose a 'Christmas gift'

By KIM TONG-HYUNG  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Tuesday repeated its assertions that the Trump administration is running out of time to salvage nuclear negotiations, saying it's entirely up to the United States to choose what "Christmas gift" it gets from the North.

The statement, attributed to a senior diplomat, came as North Korea continues to dial up pressure on Washington and Seoul ahead of leader Kim Jong Un's end-of-year deadline for the U.S. to offer mutually acceptable terms for a deal.

Negotiations have faltered since a February summit between Kim and President Donald Trump broke down after the U.S. rejected North Korean demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

Working-level talks held in Sweden in October broke

down over what the North Koreans described as the Americans' "old stance and attitude."

Ri Thae Song, a vice foreign minister handling U.S. affairs, accused Washington of repeating talk offers aimed at buying time without offering real solutions.

In comments reported by state media, Ri reiterated earlier North Korean statements that the country has no intention to continue the nuclear diplomacy unless it gets something substantial in return.

"The dialogue touted by the U.S. is, in essence, nothing but a foolish trick hatched to keep the DPRK bound to dialogue and use it in favor of the political situation and election in the U.S.," Ri said, referring to North Korea by its formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

"What is left to be done now is the U.S. option and it is entirely up to the U.S. what Christmas gift it will

select to get," Ri said.

Kim has said he would seek a "new path" if the United States persists with sanctions and pressure. The North has tested a series of new solid-fuel missile systems in recent months, which experts say potentially expands its ability to strike targets in South Korea and Japan. It has also threatened to lift a self-imposed moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests and resume launches over Japan.

Kim and Trump exchanged crude insults and war threats amid a provocative run in North Korean nuclear and missile tests in 2017, but both leaders have described their personal relationship as good since they began their high-stakes nuclear summitry in 2018.

After the North tested its first intercontinental ballistic missile in July 2017, Kim called the missile a "package of gifts" to the Americans for their Fourth of July holiday.

## Report: Racial divide shrinks in US criminal justice system

By DON THOMPSON  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Racial disparities have narrowed across the U.S. criminal justice system over 16 years, although black people are still significantly more likely to be behind bars than white people, new federal figures show.

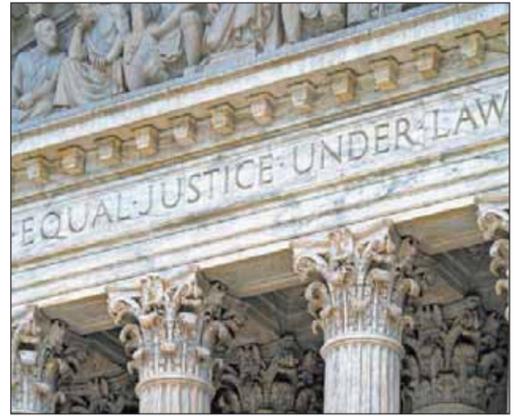
Racial gaps broadly declined in local jails, state prisons, and among people on probation and parole, according to the study released Tuesday by the non-partisan Council on Criminal Justice.

The divide in state imprisonment rates dropped for all major crimes but was most pronounced for drug offenses — a key driving factor for the racial shift. Black people were 15 times more likely than white people to be in state prisons for drug crimes in 2000, but that dropped to five times as likely by 2016, the most recent year available.

Many don't realize how much the racial gap has narrowed, not only in incarceration but in parole and probation, said Adam Gelb, president and chief executive of the politically diverse council that launched in July to seek solutions to problems in the criminal justice system.

"Most people think this is a bad problem that's getting worse," said Gelb, whose group has brought together governors of both parties, police officials and Black Lives Matter organizers. "It turns out it's a bad problem that's getting a little better, and for very complex reasons that we need to understand at a much deeper level."

Critics contend minorities' disproportionate involvement in the U.S. criminal justice system reflects systemic racial bias. Researchers have blamed prejudice by police, prosecutors, judges and juries; racial differences in crimes; and get-tough sentencing laws during the high crime



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A new report shows a narrowing of racial disparities in the criminal justice system in this century.

era of the 1980s and '90s.

While racial inequity in arrests and incarcerations narrowed, the length of prison sentences increased across all crime types for black people and partially offset the benefits, according to the report co-authored by Georgia State University professor William Sabol, former director of the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Among the other findings of the report, which is based on numbers from the bureau, the FBI and other national statistics: ■ African American men were in state prisons at nine times the rate of white inmates in 2000, which dropped to a still disparate six-to-one by 2016. The change mostly stemmed from a 30% decline in the black male imprisonment rate, largely driven by falling drug crimes.

■ Black women were imprisoned at a rate of six for every white inmate in 2000, which fell to two-to-one by 2016. Fewer black women were being incarcerated for drug crimes, while more white women were imprisoned for violent, property and drug crimes.

■ The disparities between Latinos and white people also shrank across all categories since 2000.

While falling drug crimes had a big impact on racial disparity, the shift raises questions the study's authors couldn't answer.

For instance, the start of the study period comes after the crack cocaine epidemic waned and after crime rates dropped from their peak in the early 1990s.

"Something was going on here well before (marijuana) legalization started to happen in states and also before the opioid epidemic, which is much more recent," Gelb said. "Drug enforcement patterns started to change before both of those things. It's clear that somewhere along the way, societal attitudes toward drugs and drug enforcement started to change."

The nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California reported a similar marked drop in the racial divide in arrest trends since the 1980s in the nation's most populous state but also found that black people are still far more likely to be arrested than white people.

That's partly because "there was such stark and eye-catching and disturbing disparity" in the first place, said institute researcher Magnus Lofstrom, who was not involved in the national study.



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# US schools look to diversify teachers

Research points to benefits of having minority educators

BY MICHAEL MELIA  
Associated Press

WATERBURY, Conn. — It wasn't until she became a high school senior that Kayla Ireland had another black person as a teacher in Waterbury, a former manufacturing hub where the students are mostly minorities and the educators are generally white.

The imbalance never troubled her much, except for some moments, like when a white teacher led a discussion of police brutality and racial profiling. But the absence of black teachers has been a frequent topic of discussion among Kayla's classmates at Wilby High School, which has struggled with high numbers of disciplinary issues, including a mass suspension over dress-code violations.

"Sometimes people go through bad days. But because you don't have that person that looks like you, a person that you can talk to that can relate to it, you don't really know how to explain it," said Kayla, 16. "So it feels good to have a teacher that you can go to, and you feel comfortable with, because you're not going to be deemed the girl in class who doesn't know anything."

More than half of the students in American public schools are minorities, but the teaching force is still 80% white, according to statistics from the U.S. Education Department. As mounting research highlights the benefits minority teachers can bestow on students, the gap has received renewed attention, including from Democratic presidential candidates who have endorsed strategies to promote teacher diversity.

Sen. Kamala Harris, who ended her campaign Tuesday, spoke in September about the importance of black teachers for black



Crosby High School algebra teacher Jennifer Desiderio works with Lyndon Frederic in her class in Waterbury, Conn.

students. She has proposed spending \$2.5 billion for teacher-preparation programs at historically black colleges and universities. Other leading Democrats also called for investment in those schools, as well as mentorship programs, assistance for teacher aides and new requirements to promote transparency around teacher hiring.

The Waterbury school system has taken steps to close the racial gap following complaints from the NAACP. Its limited success so far highlights some of the challenges of addressing the problem, which some see as rooted in teacher training programs and barriers that date back to the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling that led to desegregation.

An agreement reached by a state human rights commission and Waterbury's

mayor in 2017 committed the city to build a partnership with black colleges and universities for recruiting purposes, to train students interested in teaching as early as middle school and to provide cultural competency training to current educators. The 2016 national teacher of the year, Waterbury's Jahana Hayes, was hired as the top recruiter before becoming the first black woman from Connecticut elected to Congress in 2018.

Known as the Brass City for its historical brass production, Waterbury has 19,000 students in its school district. The number of black and Latino educators has been rising, but the teaching force was still 86% white as of the last school year. Among new hires, the percentage of minority teachers jumped above 30%

for two years before falling back to around 25% last year.

Despite the district's outreach efforts, teachers and administrators often pass up or leave jobs in Waterbury for nearby districts offering higher salaries.

"We're one of 169 towns in the state. And so there is stiff competition," said W. Lee Palmer, the district personnel director. "And that's one of the reasons that we have to be really aggressive about what we do."

Cicero Booker, a former NAACP Waterbury branch president, said the district is doing the necessary work and change will take time. He also raised questions about the city's financial commitment.

"What are we going to do to make it attractive for teachers from other communities? Are we going to

help them with housing? Are we going to give them six months' living expenses?" he said.

Research has found that black students who have at least one black teacher are more likely to graduate from high school and that black teachers are likely to have higher expectations for black students. Exposure to teachers of the same race has also been linked to lower rates of suspension and expulsion for black students.

Kayla remembered the police brutality discussion as an example of when a white teacher struggled to connect with black students. During a sophomore-year English course, the teacher assigned the class to read "The Hate U Give," a young adult novel about a police shooting. As students talked about how they avoid going into stores with hoodies on, the teacher

understood but could not relate, she said.

After the mass suspension of over 150 students for dress code violations at Wilby in the spring of 2017, the appointment of a black principal brought optimism that the climate would improve, Kayla said. With more minority educators, she said, there would be less antagonism.

"I just feel like if we had a more diverse staff that reflected the school population, people would feel a little more comfortable in school, a little more comfortable to open up," she said.

The low numbers of minority educators nationally results partly from disparities in teacher training programs, which have been shown to enroll disproportionately large numbers of white students. Researchers also have traced declines in the numbers of black teachers to the period of desegregation marked by school consolidations and a trend toward tighter accreditation requirements.

The issue has received attention from state leaders in Connecticut, which this year passed a law creating new flexibility in teacher certification requirements and providing mortgage assistance for teachers who graduated from colleges that traditionally serve minority students. But advocates say it will take change at each individual district.

"If there is an opening in your building, unless you say I am intentionally going to fill that opening with a person of color, we will not change," said Subira Gordon, director of the Conn-CAN education advocacy group.

Kayla's mother, LaToya Ireland, said she will never forget a black teacher she had in seventh grade.

"She took her time not just with me but with other students, and she really left a lasting impression on my life," she said. "I would like for my girls and other kids to see that."

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## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Court bolsters Congress in push for Trump's records

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court in New York handed President Donald Trump another legal defeat, ruling Tuesday that Congress can see his banking records for investigations into possible foreign influence in U.S. politics or other misdeeds.

A panel of 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judges said two banks, Deutsche Bank and Capital One, should comply with subpoenas from the

House Financial Services and Intelligence committees seeking records related to Trump's business ventures.

The court said Congress was acting within its constitutional authority to investigate a series of significant issues, including whether Trump was "vulnerable to foreign exploitation."

The ruling is likely to put several appeals over Trump's records at the high court's door at once.

## UN says half of Zimbabwe's people face severe hunger

HARARE, Zimbabwe — About half of Zimbabwe's population faces severe hunger amid a devastating drought and economic collapse, the United Nations said Tuesday, noting a "vicious cycle of skyrocketing malnutrition that's hitting women and children hardest."

A U.N. expert on the right to food said last week that Zimbabwe is on the brink of man-made starvation and the number of

people needing help is "shocking" for a country not in conflict.

With poor rains expected before the harvest in April, the scale of hunger will worsen, the World Food Program's executive director David Beasley said in a statement.

Zimbabwe's crisis includes unemployment, cash and water shortages and electricity outages of up to 19 hours a day.

## Postal service dispute sends Finnish PM into resignation

HELSINKI — Finland's prime minister resigned Tuesday after a key coalition partner withdrew its support from his five-party government following a strike at the country's postal service that spread to the national flag carrier Finnair.

Antti Rinne, who only took office in June, has faced heavy criticism in recent days over how he and fellow Social Democratic minister Sirpa

Paatero dealt with a two-week strike of the country's state-owned postal service Posti in November.

Rinne had accused Posti's senior management of misleading him over potential pay cuts.

His resignation prompted the resignation of the Cabinet, made up of Rinne's Social Democratic Party, the Center Party, the Greens, the Left Alliance and the Swedish People's Party of Finland.



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Residents push a van Tuesday in Lipa City, Batangas province, Philippines during the onslaught of Typhoon Kammuri. The powerful typhoon has forced hundreds of flights to be canceled and the Southeast Asian Games to be delayed.

## Health program offers HIV prevention drug to uninsured

WASHINGTON — The government launched a new program Tuesday to provide an HIV prevention drug for free to people who need the protection but have no insurance to pay for it.

Taking certain anti-HIV drugs every day dramatically reduces the chances that someone who is still healthy becomes infected through sex or injection drug use. But only about 18% of the 1.2 million Americans who might benefit got a prescription last year, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said. And for those

without insurance, the drugs can cost up to \$2,000 a month.

Expanding access to what's called PrEP — for pre-exposure prophylaxis — is one key to the Trump administration's ambitious goal of ending the nation's HIV epidemic by 2030.

The HHS program is for the uninsured to seek free PrEP doses. Drugmaker Gilead Sciences Inc. has agreed to donate enough of its HIV prevention medicines for up to 200,000 people a year over 10 years.

To qualify, people must have a valid prescription and a negative HIV test and

must lack prescription drug coverage. They can apply through a new website, GetYourPrEP.com. Once approved, they'll receive a card for their pharmacy to fill the prescription at no cost, officials said.

Even though most insurers cover PrEP, copays still can be obstacles, especially for people with high-deductible plans.

PrEP use has increased since 2016, when just 9% of those qualified got a prescription for HIV prevention, said Dr. Jonathan Mermin, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Sudan says at least 23 killed in fire at tile factory

CAIRO — At least 23 people have died in a huge explosion that tore through a tile factory in Sudan's capital of Khartoum on Tuesday, the government said.

The blaze also injured over 130 people, several critically, the cabinet added, suggesting the death toll

from the blaze could rise as burn victims were being treated at local hospitals.

Police official Mohamed al-Khatem Hassan said a "technical mistake" occurred while a fuel truck was unloading cargo.

Video footage on social media showed an explosion launch a ball of fire into the

sky, sending workers scrambling for cover. Firefighters cleared the area within a few hours, pulling bodies out on stretchers and leaving the factory a charred ruin.

The government expressed its "deepest condolences" and wished a "swift recovery to all wounded."

## Co-founders step down from Google parent firm

SAN FRANCISCO — The co-founders of Google are stepping down as executives of its parent company, Alphabet, ending a remarkable two decades during which Larry Page and Sergey Brin shaped a startup born in a Silicon Valley garage into one of the largest, most powerful — and, increasingly, most feared — companies in the world.

Sundar Pichai, who has been leading Google as CEO for more than four years, will take on additional duties as Alphabet's CEO, the position held by Page. The company isn't filling Brin's position as president.

Page and Brin both promised to stay active as board members and shareholders.

"Today, in 2019, if the company was a person, it would be a young adult of 21 and it would be time to leave the roost," they wrote in a blog post.

**NASA:** Boeing has delayed its first test flight of its Starliner crew capsule to the International Space Station.

The launch is now targeted for Dec. 19.

NASA said Tuesday that the two-day postponement was caused by problems with ground equipment at the Cape Canaveral pad. Both the Starliner and United Launch Alliance's Atlas V rocket are healthy, officials said.

It will be the first trip to space by a Starliner. No astronauts will be aboard. Instead, a mannequin loaded with sensors and named Rosie — after World War II's Rosie the Riveter — will occupy the commander's seat.

SpaceX conducted a similar test of its Dragon crew capsule in March.

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## EDITORIALS

# Eddie Johnson's firing: Let's see the inspector general's report

Mayor Lori Lightfoot described why she fired Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, but she skirted past the details. Because those details matter to the public, Lightfoot should release the city inspector general's report and other background material related to the Johnson investigation without delay.

Lightfoot sent Johnson packing on Monday, saying he'd lied to her about his activities the night he was found asleep in his vehicle. Her scorching characterization: Johnson spun "a narrative replete with false statements, all seemingly intended to hide the true nature of his conduct."

What we know, based in part on Tribune reporting, is that Johnson was drinking on the evening of Oct. 16 at Ceres Cafe downtown. After midnight, officers responding to a 911 call found Johnson asleep behind the wheel at a stop sign. Johnson rolled down the window of his vehicle part way, flashed his superintendent's badge and then drove off, the Trib-

une said, citing sources familiar with the episode.

A day later, Johnson began to tell his story about how a blood pressure condition caused him to think he might pass out as he drove home. "I just rested myself until that feeling passed," he explained. Officers who found him at the street corner in Bridgeport checked on him but didn't do a field sobriety test. They let him drive himself home, Johnson said on Oct. 17. "Somebody being asleep in a car doesn't mean they're impaired in any way," he said. A day later, Lightfoot said Johnson acknowledged having had "a couple of drinks."

### You can spot the inconsistencies:

What happened at the traffic stop? Was Johnson impaired? Did officers let him drive off without doing a sobriety test, or did he flash his badge and disrespect them by just taking off? What did those officers on the scene do next? What stories did Johnson tell to the mayor and why did she

know he was lying?

The answers should be in the inspector general's report because Lightfoot said she reviewed it and saw how Johnson's story didn't add up. The IG's office, which entered the case early on, collected other evidence, too, including video footage from Ceres, the Tribune reported.

The public's vital interest in this matter should focus on what happened once Johnson got behind the wheel of his vehicle, apparently after he'd consumed alcohol. He flashed his badge and avoided scrutiny at the traffic stop. Hard to imagine patrol officers acting indifferently if a private citizen were involved; did these cops report their interaction with Johnson as it had occurred? The Chicago Police Department needs to answer for all this. On Tuesday, Johnson issued a statement acknowledging a judgment lapse but saying he "did not intentionally mislead or deceive the mayor."

Lightfoot made a point of connecting

Johnson's firing to her expectation that all CPD officers act with integrity and be held accountable for their actions. That's why seeing the IG report and other materials is important. To see who acted appropriately, who didn't and who, if anyone, should face consequences.

**Public officials, including police officers**, have an obligation to follow the law. Public officials also owe the public transparency in their work and decision-making.

The mayor said the inspector general's report may become public "at some point." Granted, there are legal hurdles to cross. But Chicagoans deserve to see the official report here, including whatever information allowed the mayor to make her decision to fire Johnson.

Release the report, Mayor Lightfoot, and all ancillary materials, as soon as possible. The public has a right to know who acted appropriately, and who didn't.

## After #MeToo and Madigan, the rise of Alaina Hampton

Alaina Hampton, one of several women who came forward with sexual harassment allegations that rocked Illinois Democratic circles, has settled a lawsuit against political committees backing House Speaker Michael Madigan. Yet in some ways, Hampton is just getting started in demonstrating what change looks like.

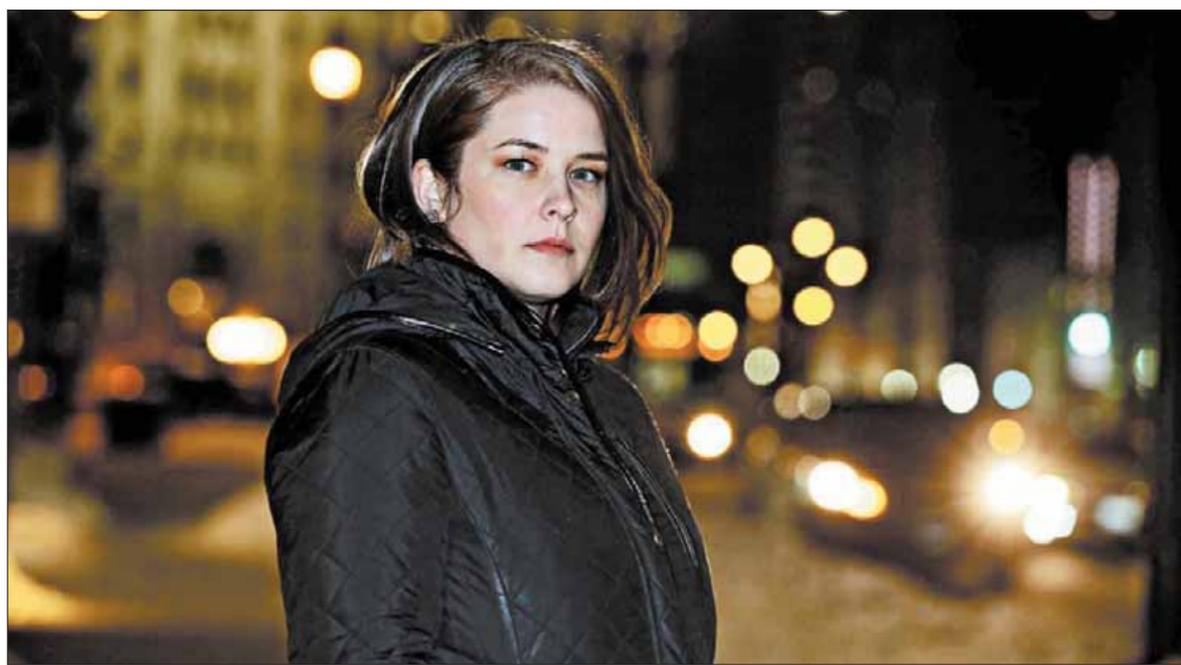
While the former campaign worker's settlement precludes her from disparaging specific individuals, including Madigan, she isn't going quiet on the broader issue. Hampton was set to host a #MeToo meetup on sexual harassment in the workplace Tuesday night in Chicago.

"Since speaking out publicly nearly two years ago, we have seen positive changes in this state," Hampton said in a statement. "The legislature has passed sweeping legislation to deal with sexual harassment, which achieves important gains — although there is still more to be done. Others have come forward as well, leading to multiple firings and resignations of abusive men. Lastly, a space has been created for an open and honest dialogue about sexism and abuse in the workplace that I'm confident will continue."

Hampton filed the federal lawsuit in 2018, accusing Madigan's political operations of retaliating against her and throttling her career after she reported inappropriate behavior by Kevin Quinn, who asked her on dates and repeatedly pressured her to accept his overtures.

"I need you to stop," she told Quinn, a Madigan aide, in one text. "I have dedicated a lot of time to this election cycle and I will continue to do so, but I need to be able to do my work without you contacting me like this. I'm not interested. I just want to do my work."

This is the unassailable response of someone whose Twitter bio would one day read, "document everything and get a lawyer." Yet Quinn pressed on, undeterred by her unequivocal responses or by the #MeToo movement's rise. Madigan failed to



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Alaina Hampton has settled a lawsuit against political committees backing House Speaker Michael Madigan.

respond to the situation until Hampton spoke with reporters. Quinn was ousted.

The settlement is relatively small — \$275,000 in total, \$200,000 of which will go to Hampton's attorneys, not an amount that will cause pain to Madigan's political treasury — and does not include admissions of wrongdoing.

But Hampton's story, along with those of Denise Rotheimer and Sherri Garrett, inspired new laws in Illinois, extending harassment protections to state contract workers and consultants, and requiring employers to train employees on sexual harassment.

While these women brought change with their bravery and openness, Madigan's friend Michael McClain was arranging for ComEd lobbyists to sign contracts with Quinn, funneling \$30,000 his way, and urging secrecy.

"I cannot tell you how important it is to keep all of this confidential," McClain warned Quinn in an email. "These men are sticking their necks out knowing full well if it goes public before you are exonerated they will get the full blast from the 'MeToo' movement. So, please honor the confidentiality."

Armed with wit and a Twitter account,

Hampton has been a study in strength and exemplar of the #MeToo era's mission. Keep silent about harassment and other dubious behavior in the corridors of power? No way, not when fighting back is an option. As Hampton tweeted recently: "Springfield doesn't respect me? Let me try to feel crushed while a significant number of them are under federal investigation."

No hiding, no shame, no feeling tainted by association for Hampton. Instead, vocal leadership and a commitment to fair, equal, respectful treatment.

"I just want to do my work" is a slogan worthy of a T-shirt.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

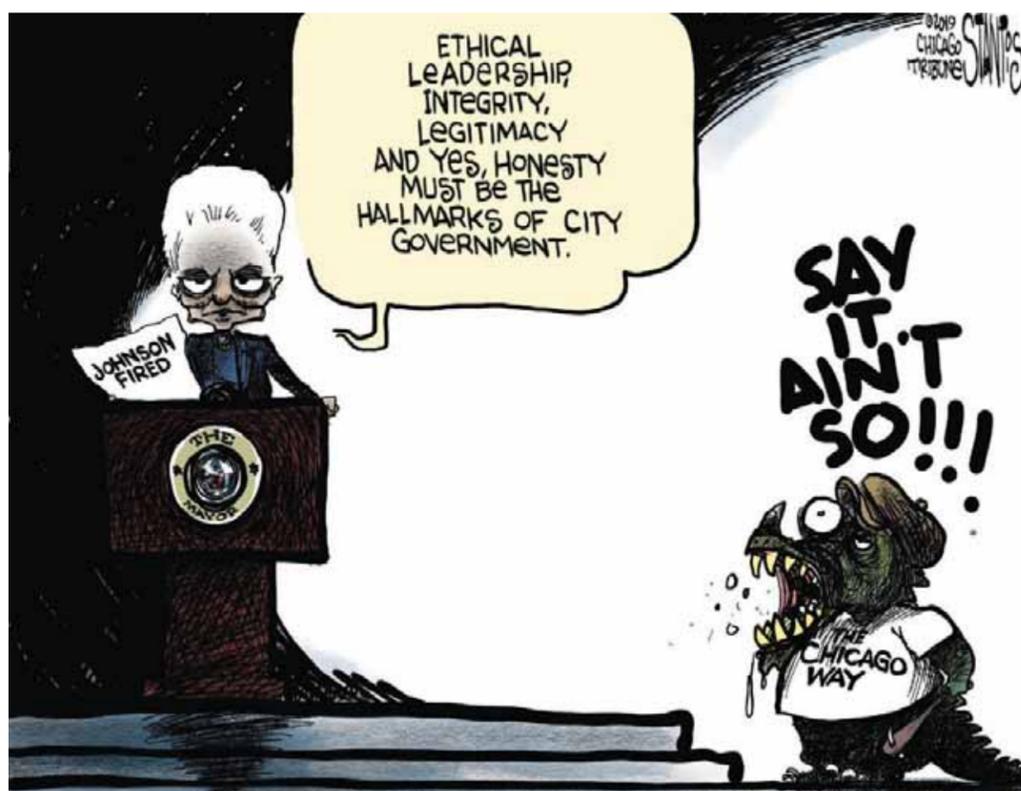
Michael Bloomberg's campaign believes he has a story to tell that will at least get liberal Democrats to give him a look. It is not just on guns, immigration and the environment, either. Despite his push for a third term, Bloomberg has made a name for himself a political reformer, pushing for nonpartisan elections outside New York as well as inside. It is easy to imagine him calling for filibuster reform, or strengthening voting rights, or even adding a Supreme Court justice.

His comments over the past several years defending Wall Street have gotten him in trouble, but his aides point out that not only did Bloomberg raise taxes in a way that no other candidate in the field has, but he also built 185,000 units of affordable housing (a figure that essentially means building another South Bend, Indiana, and still having tens of thousands of housing units to spare), lowered the racial temperature in a city reeling from 9/11 and eight years of Mayor Rudy Giuliani, defended the right of Muslims to build a mosque near ground zero, drastically raised teacher pay, reduced the city's prison population by 40%, mounted an aggressive anti-poverty campaign that recalculated the city's poverty rate to allow more people to receive federal benefits, and spent \$3.1 billion on new school construction.

"The argument is going to be, 'You can listen to what other people say they are going to do, or you can look at what Mike actually did,'" one adviser said.

**David Freedlander**, Politico

### SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune

## PERSPECTIVE



PROVIDED BY JOVONNA JAMISON

An image from a video taken by a bystander shows a police officer hurling Bernard Kersh, 29, to the ground for allegedly spitting on him during an arrest last week.

# Cop who body-slammed man got lucky. So did suspect, taxpayers



ERIC ZORN

The more I watch the video of Bernard Kersh's head bouncing off the curb, the more surprised I am that he's still alive.

You've probably seen the clip by now yourself. It begins with Kersh, 29, standing quietly at the side of a police SUV near a bus stop in the 800 block of East 79th Street last Thursday afternoon. Suddenly, the plainclothes police officer who had detained Kersh for allegedly drinking alcohol in public, bends down and, in a classic Wrestlemania move, grabs Kersh around the waist, lifts him maybe a foot in the air, pivots and slams him to the pavement where he lands skull first and goes limp and motionless.

Context is important. And this video, shot by a bystander, lacks it. Police say Kersh was belligerent, and that even though he appears to be complying with his arrest he first licked the officer's face and then spat in his eye as the officer held him against the police vehicle. Neither action is shown in the video, which quickly went viral, though it does show the officer then repeatedly wip-

ing his face on his sleeve and we do know that Kersh was convicted in 2018 for spitting on a police officer.

Spitting in someone's face is both extremely provocative and potentially dangerous. The officer had every right to be furious. You'd be furious. I'd be furious. Lashing back with violence, even extreme violence, to such an attack is a totally human response.

But context doesn't get this officer off the hook. His use of potentially deadly force in that situation appears unreasonable and extreme — a violation of the compact we have with members of law enforcement that we grant them great power with the understanding that they use that power unemotionally, employing “only the amount of force necessary to mitigate an incident, make an arrest, or protect themselves or others from harm,” as National Institute of Justice guidelines say.

We ask — we expect, we demand — that police officers show superhuman restraint in dealing with people who are often at their worst and de-escalate rather than inflame fraught encounters. A major reason we do is our knowledge that restraint, self-control and professionalism enhances the community respect that helps them do their job and maintain order.

Keeping their cool helps them keep

the peace.

So the worst part of the body-slam seen 'round the world is not what happened to Kersh, who is reportedly schizophrenic. Amazingly, he refused medical treatment when an ambulance arrived on the scene and was then treated and quickly released from the University of Chicago hospital. Prosecutors later charged him with felony aggravated battery and misdemeanor assault, resisting police and public drinking.

The worst part is that in showing an officer violently hurling an African American suspect head first onto a curb it has inflamed the already raw relations between police and communities of color.

“We've seen this before, and it must stop,” said civil rights activist the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who attended Kersh's bond hearing Sunday. “I hope that the mayor and those involved will move immediately to deal with this police officer.”

Mayor Lori Lightfoot tweeted Friday that she found the video “very disturbing” and a police spokesman said the unnamed officer has been “relieved of police powers” pending further investigation.

In speaking to reporters Sunday, Cook County Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy referred to the



Kersh

body-slam as an “emergency take-down,” a description that suggested State's Attorney Kim Foxx believes the use of force seen in the video to be proportional and justified, a belief advanced by the see-no-evil Fraternal Order of Police. But Foxx released a statement Monday that the description reflected only “statements made by the victim and witnesses to the offense” and did not signal a “legal conclusion regarding the officer's conduct, which is currently under review.”

Everyone involved here is lucky that this was not more than an ugly, further-polarizing incident. Had Kersh died, as he very well could have, we'd be in the middle of a Laquan McDonald-level controversy during the same week we're dealing with the firing of police Superintendent Eddie Johnson on unrelated matters. The inevitable street protests and wrongful death lawsuit would cost city taxpayers tens of millions of dollars and possibly cost the officer his freedom.

As it is we have an opportunity for the mayor and the state's attorney to take a stand against excessive force that both reassures a shocked community and honors the men and women in blue who do an unimaginably tough job right every day.

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## You wouldn't buy a car without knowing the price. So why are health care prices hidden?

BY SEEMA VERMA

In today's information age, the average person can empower himself or herself with knowledge like never before. But there is one notable exception: Most Americans have no idea what a health care service costs before they get it. If we expect to lower health care costs, that must change.

Companies in every other industry compete for consumers on the basis of cost and quality. Decisions made by informed consumers drive companies to deliver the products people want at prices they can afford.

Yet in health care, prices are intentionally hidden at the point of purchase. For too long, insurers and hospitals have dubiously claimed that negotiated prices are a strange variation of proprietary business secrets that they'll share with you — just after you receive the service.

Remarkably, prices are even hidden from people with high deductible plans who must pay for a substantial amount of services out of their own pocket before their insurance kicks in.

Imagine buying a car without knowing the price and then getting the bill two weeks later. Would the car dealership send you a bill with its best price?

Of course not. But that's exactly how our health care system works.

Clearly, without first knowing the price, a patient cannot actively choose more

affordable health care and, therefore, cannot put downward pressure on prices. It's not surprising then that health care costs continue to outpace inflation and now account for nearly \$1 in every \$5 in the economy.

Moreover, without patient involvement upfront, health care prices can often vary widely. That's in part why the average MRI price in the highest priced region of America is five times the average price in the lowest priced region. It also helps explain why patients get blindsided by surprise bills. You don't hear about surprise car bills because car consumers are informed and prepared for such a large expenditure upfront. The same should be true for health-care consumers.

The Trump administration is unlocking health care prices. In June, President Donald Trump signed an executive order focused on eliminating unnecessary barriers to price and quality transparency to protect patients and increase competition, innovation and value in the health care system. The federal agency I lead, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), is taking swift action to implement it.

By January 2021, under the recently finalized hospital price transparency rule, hospitals will be required to post the negotiated rates insurers actually pay for services and the cash price the hospital is willing to accept directly from a patient. To further help consumers, hospitals will be required to share price information on the

internet for common shoppable services, including more complex bundled services like joint replacements. All of this information will be posted in a common format that makes it easier for consumers to compare prices across hospitals.

CMS also has proposed new rules that would make prices more transparent for health plan members. These rules would require employer-based and individual market health plans to provide personalized access to pricing and out-of-pocket costs through a standardized web tool. Additionally, health plans would be required to make negotiated prices publicly available to consumers, researchers, employers and developers interested in developing new tools to help consumers.

Those with a vested interest in maintaining the status quo of preposterously high and unpredictable health care pricing will no longer be able to hide.

These powerful interests will complain that price information remains proprietary to their business. But their claims don't hold water. This information is already available to patients in their explanation of benefits — but only after they've received care. These rules simply require that the same information be shared upfront.

They'll complain that transparency will take away negotiating power and will increase health care prices. You'll also hear services, especially emergency services, aren't shoppable, and that patients don't use shopping tools when available. Don't

be fooled. These complaints are all about protecting profits.

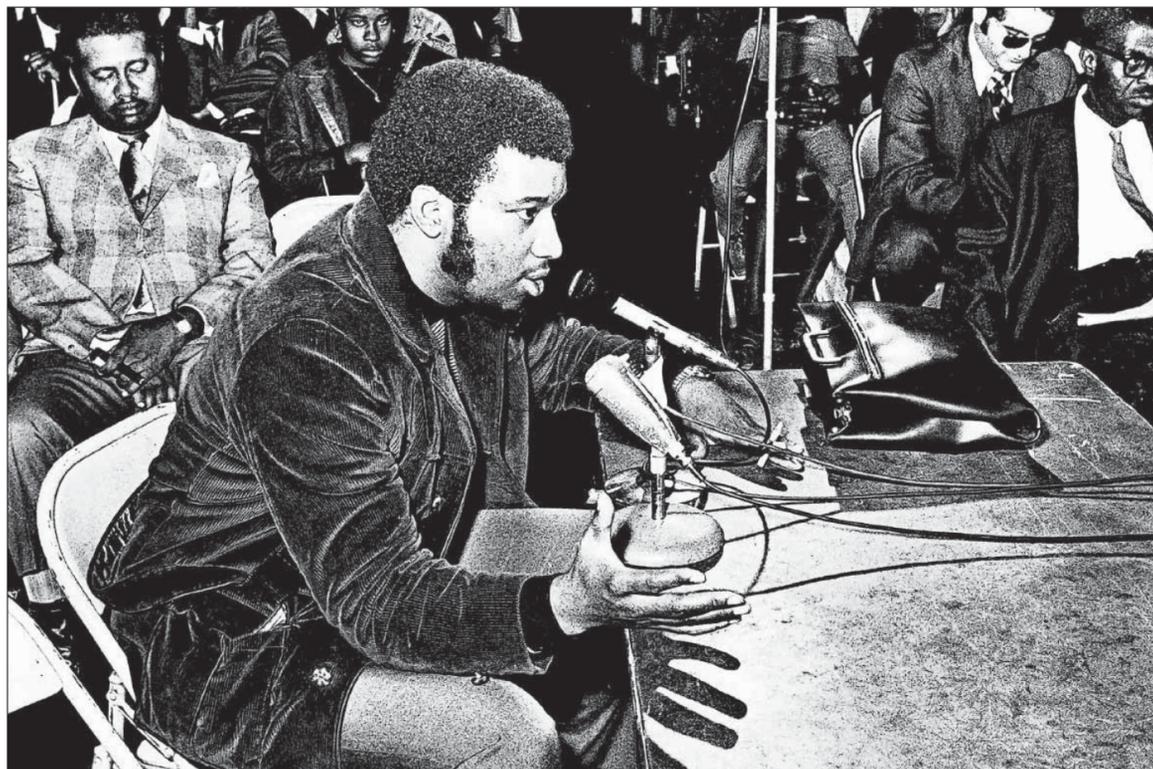
In industry after industry, upfront pricing is standard business practice — and rightly so. That's because it is essential to an efficient and effective market. It feeds the competitive market forces that drive down prices.

The same economic principles apply in health care. When New Hampshire launched a website with health care prices for everyone with private insurance, prices for imaging services dropped, saving patients millions of dollars. Kentucky recently made pricing information available to state employees and offered rewards to employees who chose lower-cost options. As result, 42% of eligible shoppers looked up information on prices and rewards, and 57% chose a more cost-effective option. This is basic economics in practice.

For too long, the health care system has catered to the demands of powerful vested interests led by hospitals and insurers. The decadeslong norm of price obscurity is just fine for those who get to set the prices with little accountability and reap the profits, but that stale and broken status quo is bleeding patients dry. The price transparency delivered by these rules will put downward pressure on prices and restore patients to their rightful place at the center of American health care.

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## PERSPECTIVE



CHICAGO TODAY

Illinois Black Panther leader Fred Hampton in October 1969. Two months later he was shot to death during a Chicago police raid.

## 50 years later, it's easier to see how the Black Panther raid changed racial politics



CLARENCE PAGE

A lot has changed in the 50 years since the predawn Chicago police raid that left two Illinois Black Panther Party leaders dead and four other members wounded.

For one, I'm a lot older now. Illinois chairman Fred Hampton, who was 21, and member Mark Clark, 22, were about the same age as I was then and were robbed of that opportunity.

I used to think that the Panthers leaders had been too paranoid when they complained that "the government" was not only tapping their phones but working actively to turn the Panthers and Chicago street gangs against each other.

After the raid and, even more, after the exposure in 1976 of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's secret COINTELPRO, counter-intelligence program, I realized that the Panthers' paranoia might not have been paranoid enough.

What I saw in the Panthers, as in the Little Rock Nine, the Freedom Riders or the anti-war movement, was a bold assertion of resistance and empowerment by members of my baby boomer generation. Hoover saw something far more sinister.

We now know that Hoover sent an urgent directive in 1967 to all FBI field offices under the file name "COINTELPRO — Black Nationalist Hate Groups" instructing "Racial Matters" agents to take aggressive and, by the way, highly illegal actions to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit or otherwise neutralize the activities of black-nationalist, hate-type organizations and groupings, their leadership, spokesmen, membership and sup-

porters."

In March 4, 1968, a month before Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, another Hoover directive instructed "Racial Matters" agents to take COINTELPRO actions to "prevent the rise of a 'messiah' who could unify and electrify the militant black nationalist movement."

If Hampton didn't fit that "messiah" description, he was on his way up. He was an eloquent speaker and an NAACP organizer in his suburban Maywood area since his early teens. Known as a unifier, he negotiated peace between gangs and built a cross-racial alliance with the Latino Young Lords Organization and the white Young Patriots.

The Illinois Panthers connected with their poor black neighbors on the South and West sides by operating a free breakfast program for children, opening a free medical clinic and by protesting police brutality, which did not please Hoover either.

Many people, like me, reacted skeptically at first to reports of the shootout, which came a few weeks after another gunbattle left two Chicago officers and one Panther member dead.

But the cover story about Panthers firing back at police fell apart as more evidence turned up to contradict it. Holes from about 90 shots by police were counted later and only one possibly came from Clark's gun, which might have gone off accidentally as he fell dead. Particularly painful for the Chicago Tribune, where I worked then and now, were the "exclusive" photos of reputed bullet holes fired by Panther members that turned out to be nail heads.

"Not only was it not a shootout, it was a shoot in," attorney Flint Taylor told me. "The ratio — more than 90 bullets from police to one — ultimately showed that."

Taylor and his longtime law partner Jeffrey Haas, both of whom have written books about the Panther case, co-founded

the People's Law Center, which represented the Hampton and Clark families through a 13-year civil lawsuit that resulted in a \$1.8 million settlement with the city.

As much as the raid brought mixed reactions in many places, it awakened a new political consciousness in Chicago's black electorate. In 1972 a record turnout of black votes unseated Cook County State's Attorney Edward Hanrahan, who was seen as the main architect of the police raid.

That same year, U.S. Rep. Ralph Metcalfe, former Olympic track star and one of the most respected politicians in town, regardless of color, turned against Mayor Richard J. Daley and the Democratic machine over the police brutality issue.

Black "anti-machine" fervor made more history in 1983 by electing another former machine pol, U.S. Rep. Harold Washington, to be the city's first African American mayor.

And, among other breakthroughs, Bobby Rush, who replaced Hampton as chairman of the organization they co-founded, went on to be elected alderman and then congressman from Chicago's South Side. He also holds the honor of being the only politician to beat a challenge from Barack Obama, now former president.

Yet, even as political offices have become more inclusive in Chicago and elsewhere, the issues that concerned Fred Hampton and the Panthers — health, nutrition, education and police conduct — are still with us. So is the importance of good leaders and conscientious voters to hold them accountable.

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## Only a wiseacre would question Biden's appeal to nostalgia



JONAH GOLDBERG

I like the word malarkey, consarn it. It's the bee's knees. Sure, the youngsters might say, "OK, boomer" on hearing Joe Biden utter the word, but if you think he's all wet for using it, you can take your phonus bolonus and tell it to Sweeney.

Biden has never really been my cup of tea. There's always seemed to be a bit of flimflam behind that gigglemug of his. And for a guy who uses the word malarkey more than any politician since the 19th century — and has now emblazoned the slogan "no malarkey" on his campaign bus — he's peddled a lot of it over the years. But he remains popular among a lot of Democrats for the same reason people like the word malarkey: nostalgia, which can be a powerful force in an election.

While I'm prone to nostalgia myself, I'm fairly immune to Biden nostalgia. So are the hep cats of Twitter and Instagram, who have an outsized role in the Democratic primary process. Most of the Twitterati weren't even twinkles in their father's eye when Biden first ran for the Senate, and it's no surprise they don't get his appeal.

But if Donald Trump taught us anything, it should be that the opinions of smarty pants don't amount to a hill of beans compared with the opinions of

voters. Trump's "Make America Great Again" campaign was soaked with balderdash. He promised to balance the budget, cut taxes, spend wildly and save money in the process. He promised to fix the economy by putting China in its place and bringing back manufacturing. For nostalgic Republican voters, though, Trump's vision evoked just the sort of mythical past they aspired to inhabit one day. And it was a plus that Trump caused the self-righteous press to huff and puff their outrage as they declared him incapable of victory.

Biden benefits from a similar dynamic. The handicappers keep fitting him for a pine overcoat, but the voters haven't gotten the memo.

As Bloomberg columnist Ramesh Ponnuru writes, "The only thing Joe Biden has had going for him in this race is Democratic primary voters." Biden has flubbed debates and failed to convince wealthy members of his party to open their wallets. But despite a barrage of negative press, he remains popular with a lot of voters, particularly older ones.

Nostalgia is Biden's trump card. For some voters, it's not nostalgia for the good old days of the 1950s or the 1920s but for the Obama years — which is why Biden mentions Obama like a verbal punctuation mark. But the former vice president also appeals to a deeper nostalgia.

For moderate voters who think things have gone haywire under Trump, Biden represents a kind of return to normalcy, to a time when partisan politics weren't quite as lethal. He may be as prone to malapropisms and misstatements as Trump, but his folksy fumbling is a known quantity, a relic

from a more predictable time.

Biden is also reassuring to Democratic voters who still think they're good liberals in the tradition of FDR, LBJ and Clinton, and who honestly think their party is veering off the rails. They're the voters who aren't interested in who's tweeting what or what's trending in search engines, and there are a lot of them. A recent pre-obituary of the Kamala Harris campaign in the New York Times noted that many of the younger members of her team thought Twitter was the best place to figure out what voters really care about.

This doesn't mean everything is copacetic for Biden. But he's doing better than the wiseacres seem to think. He's up 11 points over the field nationally, nine in Nevada and 19 in South Carolina. In New Hampshire and Iowa he's slipped considerably and is now running in fourth place. But it's still easy to imagine he could win in those states or pull off a close second. Bill Clinton came in second in New Hampshire in 1992 and, thanks to his gift for tooting his own horn, was dubbed "The Comeback Kid."

If Hoosier moppet Pete Buttigieg wins in Iowa and Sen. Elizabeth Warren wins in New Hampshire as a "favorite daughter" from neighboring Massachusetts, that wouldn't be ideal for Biden. But if he were to come in second in both places, which doesn't seem unlikely, he could still be rolling in clover, and that's no malarkey.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Lori Lightfoot's firing of Eddie Johnson 'heavy-handed'

I disagree with Mayor Lori Lightfoot's heavy-handed dismissal of Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson. True, Johnson committed a serious offense by what he did and lying about what actually had happened.

But Johnson deserved better. His is a thankless job and during his four-year tenure, he did his best. His unceremonious dismissal does not recognize the dedication he gave. It could have been done with a bit more professionalism and kindness.

Mayor Lightfoot's "schoolyard bully" attitude reminds us of someone else. Eddie Johnson deserves some respect!

— Joseph A. Murzanski, Palos Heights

### Was firing Eddie Johnson the right thing?

Firing Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, with only weeks to his retirement, raises too many unanswered questions.

One must look at his total record of 30 years of service with the department. He was a very popular officer, and the morale of the department will now be tested. One incident shouldn't negate all his years of hard work or tarnish his reputation.

After all, look at Donald Trump. He's lied over 2,000 times, and he's still president.

— Harlean Vision, Skokie

### Springfield's #MeToo mess: Madigan's the problem

In its Nov. 22 editorial, the Tribune called on lawmakers to challenge House Speaker Michael Madigan for his response to the #MeToo scandal in the statehouse. It's true that most politicians won't call out the speaker for publicly promising to end sexual harassment in politics while his friends apparently arranged a payout of \$30,000 for the harasser he formerly employed.

Madigan's spokesman says the speaker knew nothing about the payoffs. This denial strains credibility. The Tribune shouldn't scold legislators for failing to ask the speaker what he knew and when he knew it. Questions are challenges, and politicians who challenge the speaker face retribution. Political contributions might dry up, worthy legislation might not advance, and challengers might be put up to run for your seat.

The #MeToo movement has given a voice to women who may be justifiably afraid to speak up. Our legislators and leaders need encouragement, support and, most important, protection from Mike Madigan.

— State Sen. Iris Y. Martinez, D-Chicago (20th District)

### Flawed probe of lay review boards

Why would the Tribune publish an Associated Press story that claims to be the result of an "investigation" of lay review boards established by Catholic dioceses to weigh allegations of clerical abuse, when the edited version published by the Tribune provides not a single fact that would assure the reader that such an investigation actually took place?

The AP manages to botch two verifiable facts in its article, both of which were established by the church itself. The AP's story reports that "Clergy abuse has cost more than \$4 billion (true) and implicated at least 5,100 priests by the church's count since 2002." The second figure is true, but it refers to allegations going back 70 years and represents 5 percent of all the priests active during those seven decades. Indeed, the sentence could be read as meaning that at least 5,100 priests have been implicated in the last 17 years! The Catholic bishops of this country should be held accountable, but so should journalists.

— Kenneth L. Woodward, Chicago

### Do we still need NATO?

Perhaps NATO was a good idea when it was formed in response to the then powerful Soviet Union and the potential threat to the rest of Europe. However, I wonder if it isn't time to reconsider its usefulness.

The Soviet Union no longer exists and Russia doesn't appear to be an imminent threat to the majority of European nations. So, in essence we are funding a bureaucracy that is primarily concerned with esoteric matters such as climate change, social justice, etc. Not that these aren't important issues, but do we need a large bureaucracy to deal with them, or should we leave it to individual countries to handle? Too often institutions seem to last forever. Just like every business needs to challenge its purpose, we shouldn't be afraid to do the same with governmental organizations.

— Dan Schuchardt, Glen Ellyn

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## Trump: China deal can come after election

President's remark rocks markets; Dow drops 280 points

BY ZEKE MILLER AND ALEX VEIGA  
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LONDON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday downplayed the likelihood of reaching a U.S.-China trade deal before next year's elections — and then shrugged off the tailspin that his remarks caused in the stock market.

Speaking in London, where he is attending a NATO summit, Trump said he had “no deadline” to end the 16-month trade war between the world's two largest economies, which has caused economic damage for both sides. “In some ways I like the idea of



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A screen displays falling prices at the New York Stock Exchange. At one point Dow industrials fell 457 points.

waiting until after the election,” Trump added.

The president has previously suggested that China wanted to

wait until after the election to negotiate a deal.

Stocks began sinking right after Trump's latest rhetoric shot at the

Chinese leadership. His brash remarks could amount to either a short-term negotiating gambit or a sign of his willingness to run for reelection without a breakthrough in the trade war.

Tensions between the two nations flared anew last week after Trump signed legislation expressing U.S. support for pro-democracy demonstrators in Hong Kong.

“We're running out of time, and the markets are finally woken up to ‘Hey, there's a risk out there and maybe things aren't going to be all good after all,’” said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading & derivatives at Charles Schwab.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 280.23 points, or 1%, to 27,502.81. The index was briefly down 457 points. The S&P 500 index fell 20.67 points, or 0.7%, to 3,093.20. The Nasdaq dropped 47.34 points, or 0.6%, to 8,520.64. The Russell 2000 index of smaller

company stocks gave up 4.95 points, or 0.3%, to 1,602.63.

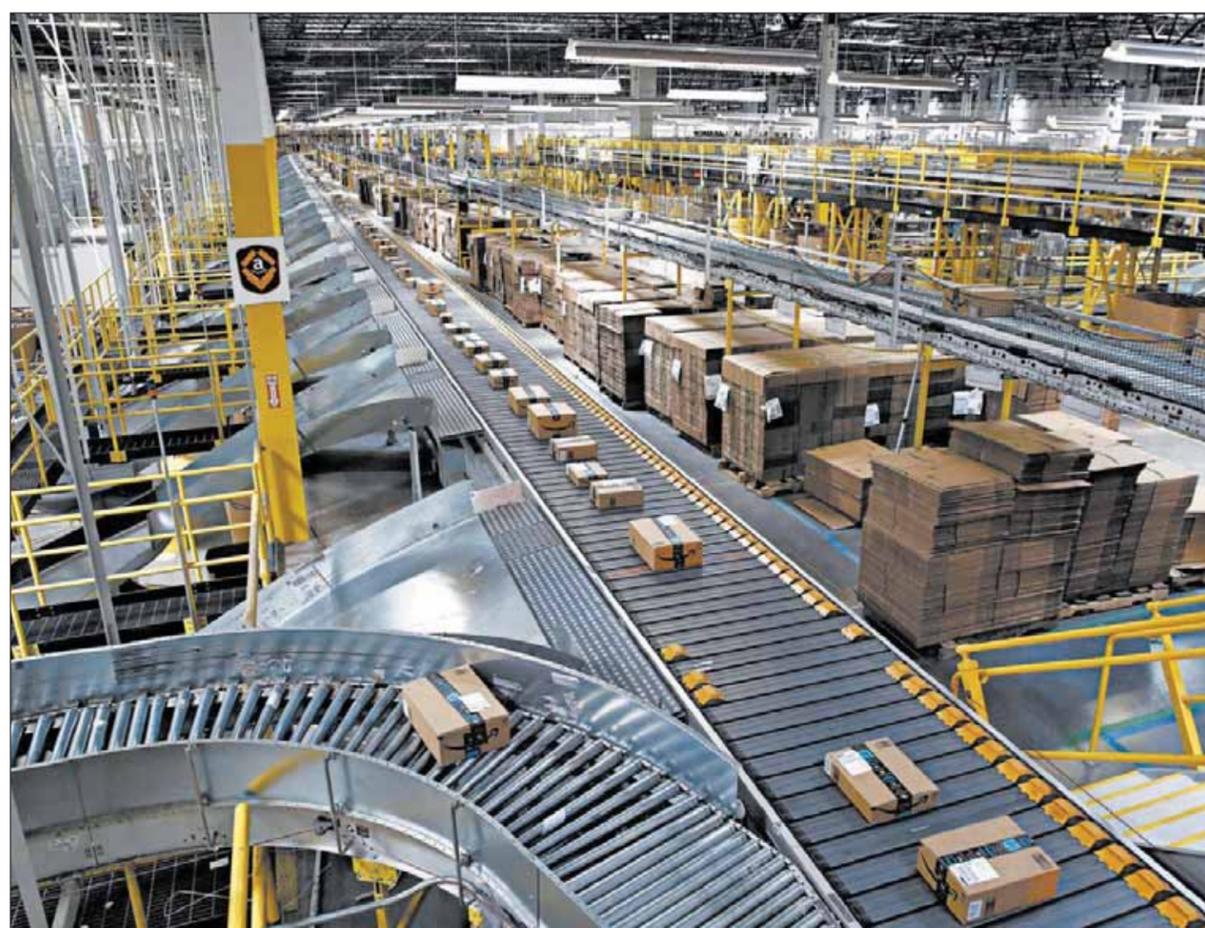
Technology stocks led the losses Tuesday.

The sector is highly sensitive to twists in the trade dispute because many of the companies rely on China for sales and supply chains. Apple slumped 1.8% and Intel fell 2.8%.

Stocks have been racking up losses this week, giving up some of the market's solid gains from a strong November rally fueled partly by investor optimism about the prospects for a trade deal between Washington and Beijing.

On Dec. 15, additional U.S. tariffs are set to kick in on many Chinese-made items, including smartphones and toys. The Trump administration is already taxing more than \$360 billion worth of Chinese imports. China

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Amazon, others promise to deliver more orders in a day and this holiday season will be the first test of whether they can make that happen.

## Report: Ill. not ready to weather a recession

One-fifth of all states have nowhere near enough money set aside

BY DAVID A. LIEB  
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — After a couple years of robust tax collection, states across the U.S. are better prepared than ever to weather a potential recession, according to a report released Monday that examines states' savings.

The good news in the report from Moody's Analytics is tempered by the reality that one-fifth of all states — including Illinois — still have nowhere near enough money set aside to survive a recession without resorting to spending cuts or tax hikes. And some states with healthy surpluses haven't specifically designated them for rainy day funds, meaning lawmakers and governors still could spend the money before a recession occurs.

Moody's Analytics does not project a recession to begin in 2020. But a survey of business economists this fall forecast a 69% chance of a recession beginning by mid-2021.

If a recession occurs, “state governments as a whole have never been more prepared for a downturn,” the Moody's Analytics report concludes.

A total of 28 states have enough cash on hand to offset a projected decline in tax revenue and rise in Medicaid spending that would stem from a moderate recession, Moody's Analytics determined. An additional 12 states are close enough — within 5 percentage points of the amount needed — that they also could likely avoid taking drastic measures to keep the state afloat.

That's an increase in the share of all states in reasonably good financial shape since a similar Moody's Analytics report last year, which found two-thirds of the states were prepared. States rich in natural resources such as oil, gas and coal were among the leaders in building reserves to guard

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## Feeling holiday stress

Amazon, Walmart and others ‘made the promise,’ must fulfill 1-day deliveries

BY JOSEPH PISANI  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — This year, holiday stress may take on a whole new meaning for online retailers.

Amazon, Walmart and others have promised to deliver more of their orders within 24 hours of customers clicking on “Buy.”

The coming weeks will be the first test of whether they can make that happen during the busy holiday shopping season, when onslaughts of orders and bad weather can lay waste to even the best delivery plans.

It's an expensive feat that requires not just additional planes and vehicles, but more workers and reams of data to help retailers

prepare and predict what shoppers may buy.

And the stakes to deliver on time are high. A late package can damage a retailer's reputation, since shoppers tend to blame them, even if the late arrival is the fault of the delivery company.

“The store made the promise,” said Suketu Gandhi, partner in the digital transformation practice at consulting firm A.T. Kearney.

Amazon learned that six years ago, when UPS and FedEx were crippled by bad weather and last-minute online shopping, causing millions of packages to be late for Christmas.

Since then, the online shopping giant has been building its own delivery network to give it more control over when and how its packages are delivered. It has leased jets, built package-sorting hubs at airports and launched a program that lets contractors start businesses delivering packages in vans.

Others are feeling the pressure to keep up with Amazon. When the company intro-

duced two-day shipping about 14 years ago, shoppers expected the same from other stores. That appears to be happening again.

“Customers love two-day delivery,” said Mark Cohen, a retail studies professor at New York's Columbia Business School. “But they like one day better.”

Smaller retailers, however, will probably be hurt trying to pay for quicker shipping, said Cohen, who used to be an executive at Sears Canada.

The push for even speedier delivery comes after Amazon announced in April that it would cut its delivery for Prime members to one day from two. Walmart and Best Buy followed with their own announcements. Many smaller retailers are also trying to deliver quicker, according to UPS, which said it will have 11 more jets flying this year to keep up.

But many eyes will be on Amazon this

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## Bureaucratic problems delay electric bike rollout



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If you have been eager to try one of the new electric Divvy bikes, you'll need to wait for spring. The city is not rolling them out until March.

Divvy to add more docking stations in addition to expansion

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

If you have been eager to try one of the new electric Divvy bikes, you'll need to wait for spring. The city is not rolling them out until March.

Lyft, the ride-share company that runs Chicago's Divvy bike-share program, said in September that it planned to expand this fall into several Far South Side neighborhoods, adding 30 new docking stations and a total of 500 pedal and 1,900 electric-assist bikes, which make it easy to pedal uphill

and against the wind.

But the city ran into bureaucratic problems that delayed the expansion, according to Chicago Department of Transportation spokesman Michael Claffey.

Federal and state funds provided more than \$30 million to launch Divvy in 2013. Earlier this year, Lyft got the exclusive right to expand it. That meant that in order to proceed, the city needed to close out federal and state involvement, Claffey said. That took time, and then it was almost winter, so the city decided to wait until spring for the launch.

The March launch will expand the Divvy program to 60 new stations, rather than 30, covering all of the South Side south of 87th

Street, which is the current limit of the program, Claffey said. The city also will distribute 3,500 new electric bikes citywide.

The city plans to build 10 miles of new bike lanes on the Far South Side starting in the spring, though their locations have yet to be determined, and is finishing a bike lane on South State Street between 103rd and 119th streets this fall. The city said it is working with community residents to figure out placement of bike lanes and Divvy stations.

South Side bike activists reacted positively to the news.

“Waiting until spring makes a lot of sense,” said Anne Alt, a

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# YouTube: Less time spent on conspiracy videos

BY GREG BENSINGER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — YouTube said Tuesday its policies and enforcement helped reduce the length of time viewers watch videos that advance conspiracies and other debunked theories, as the leading video site responded to criticism regarding its failure to police such content.

The Google-owned company said Tuesday it had pared by 70% the average time U.S. viewers spend watching videos that it deems “borderline” content, such as those peddling miracle medical cures or flat-Earth conspiracy theories. The announcement follows a change in YouTube’s algorithm announced in January seeking to limit how often its software recommended videos espousing fringe views.

But in a blog post Tuesday, the company didn’t release the underlying figures, such as how much time viewers still spend watching the videos. It didn’t say whether it had reduced the times the videos are clicked on in the first place or provide global figures.

Many viewers of such

content subscribe to channels that regularly peddle it. Ivy Choi, a Google spokeswoman, declined to comment beyond the blog post.

“There will always be content on YouTube that brushes up against our policies, but doesn’t quite cross the line,” YouTube said in the blog post. “We’ve been working to raise authoritative voices on YouTube and reduce the spread of borderline content and harmful misinformation.”

As part of those efforts, YouTube said it was pushing users toward videos from more-reliable news sources, pointing to Fox News and Brazilian radio outfit Jovem Pan as examples. The company said that for searches for ongoing news events such as Brexit, 93% of the Top 10 recommended videos are from creators YouTube deems “high-authority.” The company didn’t disclose what sample size it used for that data or how many people click on the top videos under a given search or in what order.

YouTube has historically given wide latitude to creators in the name of free speech, although it is legally permitted to prohibit whatever content it wishes. It



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CEO Susan Wojcicki told “60 Minutes” that YouTube takes down videos such as those pushing racial bias in hiring.

does not permit hate speech but defines that narrowly as content that promotes violence or hatred of vulnerable groups.

In an interview on “60 Minutes” aired Sunday, YouTube Chief Executive Susan Wojcicki used the example of videos that sug-

gest people should discriminate in hiring because of race as warranting removal, but said those that simply espouse racial superiority would be allowed.

Silicon Valley firms have been struggling with how to police their sites, particularly as the U.S. presidential

election heats up. Twitter, for example, has banned all political advertisements, while Facebook allows political content that may be false or misleading. YouTube hasn’t taken a clear position on the issue.

Congress could help untangle the thicket of varying

policies by passing laws that require transparency from YouTube and other tech firms, said Jeffrey Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy, an electronic rights organization. “You can’t put the future of democracy into the hands of companies that are dependent on advertisers for their business,” he said.

To help direct viewers to more-reliable information, YouTube said it has been showing users snippets of text from news articles that it verifies as accurate, particularly following breaking news events, or displaying “information panels” that provide additional context. That type of information will appear to viewers watching videos pushing people to eschew vaccines, according to the blog post.

YouTube said it relies on a number of factors to determine reliability, including the amount of time a given video is watched, how many times a video is clicked on, as well as likes and dislikes. It also turns to about 10,000 contract workers around the world who review content, which helps train its software to automate the process.

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Beverly resident and secretary for the Friends of the Major Taylor Trail, a South Side biking group. “Trying to do station installations now could be nightmarish because of the weather, and there probably wouldn’t be a lot of bang for the buck in initial ridership.”

Peter Taylor, a member of the Major Taylor group, said in an email it’s good news that Divvy has a plan for South Side expansion.

“However, Bikeshare goes hand in hand with bike infrastructure which continues to be disjointed and inequitable throughout the South Side,” Taylor wrote.

Deloris Lucas, a resident of the Riverdale neighborhood and founder of the We Keep You Rollin’ Bike and Wellness Group, said she looks forward to the expansion but is concerned about the lack of South Side bike lanes.

“It’s still unlinked, unconnected,” she said. She also wants Divvy to focus on safety education.

Lyft is putting \$50 million into the 6-year-old bike-sharing program, which will more than double the number of bikes and put docking stations throughout the city by 2021.

The new electric Divvy bikes will be mixed with the standard pedal bikes in the current system, and will have the ability to go into docking stations or be locked to stationary objects.

Claffey said the launch delay had nothing to do with problems with electric bikes in New York City. The e-bikes were pulled from New York’s bike sharing program, Citi Bike, last

March after a braking issue sent people flying onto the sidewalk. The company also has had trouble with e-bike batteries catching fire in California.

“There were issues with the e-bikes we rolled out,” Carl said. “The e-bikes we are bringing to Chicago are a completely different model.”

The problem New York bikes were stripped of their electric parts and shipped to Chicago as regular pedal bikes, said Kaitlyn Carl, spokeswoman for Lyft. Currently there are 125 of the retrofitted bikes on the streets, and another 385 are coming, Carl said.

Divvy ridership has slipped a bit, from about 3.8 million rides in 2017 to 3.6 million rides in 2018, according to city data provided under the Freedom of Information Act. The drop may be due to Divvy expanding the amount of time a user can ride a bike before having to switch to another one. In February 2018, the city switched from 30-minute rides to 45-minute rides for members, and also expanded time for day passes.

Divvy also has had a problem with stolen bikes in recent years, going from 85 missing bikes in 2017 to 258 this year as of Oct. 29. Claffey said the spike was due to a problem in the docking system that has been corrected.

The city made \$2.7 million from Divvy in 2018, a drop from \$3.4 million in 2017, according to city data. Under the new Lyft agreement, the program will get \$75 million a year for operations from Lyft, along with the \$50 million infrastructure investment, and the city has no operational risk, Claffey said.

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From Thanksgiving Day through Cyber Monday, shoppers spent an average of \$361.90, up 16% from a year ago.

## A record 190M people shopped over holiday

BY ABHA BHATTARAI  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A record 189.6 million Americans went shopping over the five-day Thanksgiving weekend, the National Retail Federation said Tuesday, and most of them did their spending online.

The new bar represents a 14% increase from last year, the industry lobbying group said. About 142 million consumers shopped online, 124 million flocked to stores, and roughly 76 million did

both. “Americans continue to start their holiday shopping earlier in the year, and Thanksgiving is still a critical weekend for millions,” Matthew Shay, president of NRF, said in a statement.

After weeks of hinting that a trade deal with China was on the horizon, President Donald Trump reversed course Tuesday, saying that he was willing to wait until after the 2020 presidential election to strike an agreement. Major markets tumbled more than

1% following the news. On Tuesday afternoon, hours after its optimistic update on holiday spending, the NRF cautioned that trade uncertainties are “a bad deal” for “every segment of the economy.”

Consumer spending, which makes up more than two-thirds of the U.S. economy, has remained a bright spot. But some economists say they’re watching to see whether the momentum will continue into 2020.

The shorter holiday shopping season, combined

with Trump’s trade wars and other economic and political uncertainties, have fueled fears that consumers could pull back at any point. There also are signs that consumers are taking on more debt to pay for their purchases, which economists say could spell trouble for the economy.

Consumers spent an average of \$361.90 from Thanksgiving through Cyber Monday, a 16% increase from last year, when holiday spending fell short of expectations.

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holiday season and whether it will keep its delivery promises. That’s because 42% of all online sales this holiday season are expected to go to the Seattle company, according consulting firm Bain & Co.

It says it’s up to the challenge.

“We deliver for our customers every day and are confident in our ability to serve customers this holiday season,” Amazon said in a statement.

Amazon already had a chance to test out one-day shipping during its Prime Day event in July, which has become one of the company’s busiest shopping

events. It has another advantage: lots of cash. Amazon expects to spend about \$1.5 billion during the holiday season, partly to move items closer to customers and pay for more worker shifts. It says the cost is worth it, because it’s already seeing customers spend more because of the switch to one-day delivery.

The spending starts even before a package hits the road. Retailers are using machine-learning technology to predict what shoppers might buy and then placing those items in stores and warehouses closer to them, said Anne Goodchild, the director of the Supply Chain Transportation and Logistics Center at the University of Washington.

Amazon has more than

100 warehouses around the country to store, pack and ship goods. Walmart is using warehouses and stores near customers to pack next-day orders. Best Buy has opened warehouses near the heavily populated cities of Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. Target says more than 90% of online orders are packed at stores.

While Target doesn’t promise next-day delivery, it says that half of its two-day deliveries are showing up at doorsteps the next day. It’s also offering same-day delivery from stores for an extra fee and, like other retailers, it offers an option for customers to buy online and pick up from a store.

Shippers say they are ready for the influx of packages. UPS, which says

next-day air shipments jumped 24% in the most recent quarter, has built more package sorting hubs that will help it process an additional 400,000 pieces per hour. FedEx will again be offering online retailers a way to ship next day or in two days when orders come in late afternoon or night.

And the U.S. Postal Service says it will be delivering packages in more cities on Sunday, a change it typically does during the holidays.

But cities may not be prepared for the rushed deliveries. Goodchild said places like New York and Seattle are not built to deal with the vans and cars stopping to deliver, causing traffic and congestion.

“That’s where we see pressure,” she said.

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has counterpunched by taxing \$120 billion in U.S. imports.

Pressure is building on both sides to complete what Trump has called a limited “Phase 1” deal before the deadline. Still, Trump could end up postponing the tariffs, as he did in October, to allow more time for negotia-

tions. “We’re less than two weeks away from new tariffs that will be implemented on a bunch of consumer goods that have never had tariffs on them, and I think that’s when the consumer really starts to feel the pain,” Frederick said.

Wall Street is also weighing the potential for an expanded series of trade disputes. On Tuesday, Trump proposed tariffs on \$2.4 billion in French prod-

ucts in retaliation for a tax on global tech giants including Google, Amazon and Facebook. That follows a threat Monday to raise tariffs on steel and aluminum from Argentina and Brazil.

The lack of a trade deal before the year ends could mean the market is in for a turnaround from a strong, record-setting November.

Two days of deflated hopes has already sent the S&P 500 about 1.5% lower and the tech-heavy Nasdaq

has slipped 1.7%. December is a typically solid month for the stock market, with the S&P 500 making gains regularly since the last recession ended in 2009. Last year, though, fears about a recession and rising interest rates hurt the major indexes.

Later Trump dismissed the tumult on Wall Street, choosing instead to highlight how much stock prices have risen since the start of the year.

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# Computer algorithms minus the bias

Scientists develop framework to ward off skewed results

By AMINA KHAN  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Scientists say they've developed a framework to make computer algorithms "safer" to use without creating bias based on race, gender or other factors. The trick, they say, is to make it possible for users to tell the algorithm what kinds of pitfalls to avoid — without having to know a lot about statistics or artificial intelligence.

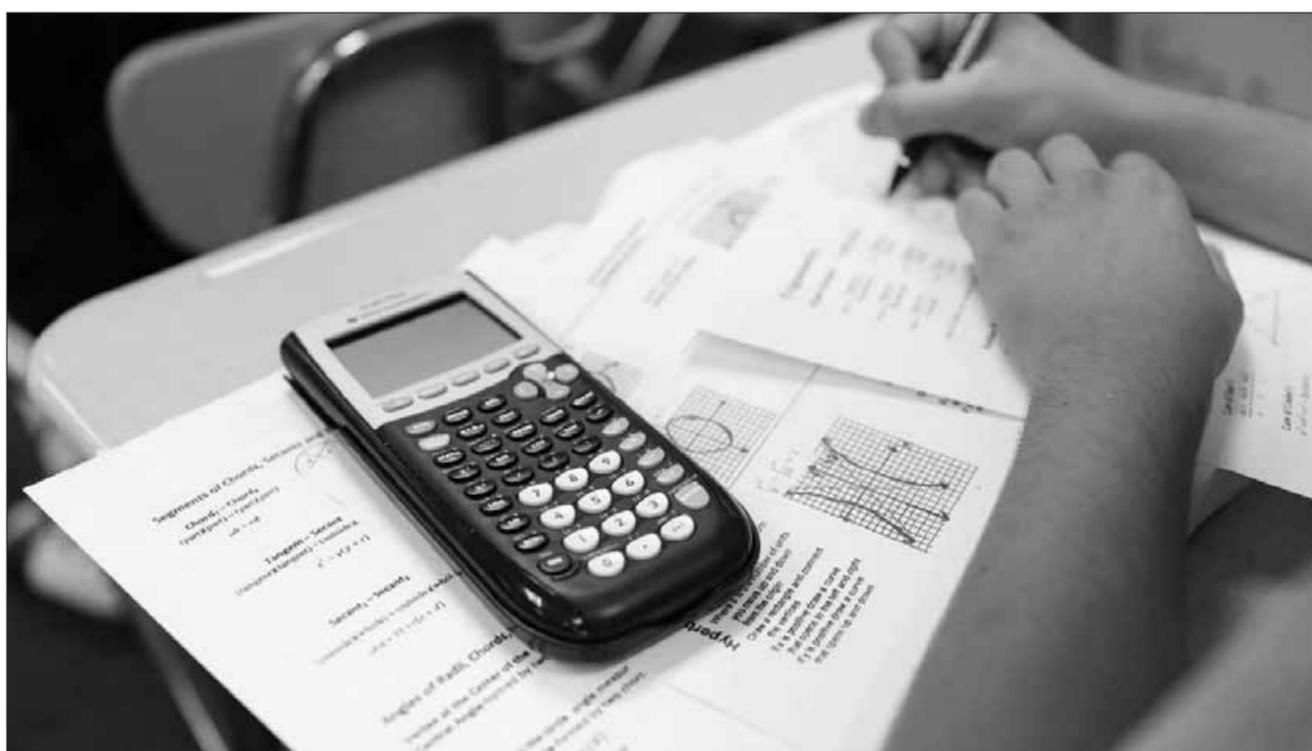
With this safeguard in place, hospitals, companies and other potential users who may be wary of putting machine learning to use could find it a more palatable tool for helping solve problems, according to a report in a recent edition of the weekly journal *Science*.

Computer algorithms are used to make decisions in a range of settings, from courtrooms to schools to online shopping sites. The programs sort through huge amounts of data in search of useful patterns that can be applied to future decisions.

But researchers have been wrestling with a problem that's become increasingly difficult to ignore: Although the programs are automated, they often provide biased results.

For example, an algorithm used to determine prison sentences predicted higher recidivism rates for black defendants found guilty of crimes and a lower risk for white ones. Those predictions turned out to be wrong, according to a ProPublica analysis.

Biases like this often originate in the real world. An algorithm used to determine which patients were eligible for a health care coordination program was under-enrolling black patients largely because the code relied on real-world health spending data — and



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Scientists report that they have developed a framework designed to prevent bias in algorithms, including those used for college admissions.

black patients had fewer dollars spent on them than whites did.

Even if the information itself is not biased, algorithms can still produce unfair or other "undesirable outcomes," said Philip Thomas, an artificial intelligence researcher at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and lead author of the recent study.

Sorting out which processes might be driving those unfair outcomes, and then fixing them, can be an overwhelming task for doctors, hospitals or other potential users who just want a tool that will help them make better decisions.

"They're the experts in their field but perhaps not in machine learning; so we shouldn't expect them to have detailed knowledge of how algorithms work in order to control the behavior of the algorithms," Thomas said. "We want to

give them a simple interface to define undesirable behavior for their application and then ensure that the algorithm will avoid that behavior with high probability."

So the computer scientists developed a different type of algorithm that allowed users to more easily define what bad behavior they wanted their program to avoid.

This, of course, makes the algorithm designers' job more difficult, Thomas said, because they have to build their algorithm without knowing what biases or other problematic behaviors the eventual user won't want in the program.

"Instead, they have to make the algorithm smart enough to understand what the user is saying is undesirable behavior, and then reason entirely on its own about what would cause this behavior, and then

avoid it with high probability," he said. "That makes the algorithm a bit more complicated, but much easier for people to use responsibly."

To test their new framework, the researchers tried it out on a data set of entrance exam scores for 43,303 Brazilian students and the grade-point averages they earned during their first three semesters at college.

Standard algorithms that tried to predict a student's GPA based on his or her entrance exam scores were biased against women: The grades they predicted for women were lower than were actually the case, and the grades they predicted for men were higher. This caused an error gap between men and women that averaged 0.3 GPA points — enough to make a major difference in a student's admissions prospects.

The new algorithm, on the other hand, shrank that error range to within 0.05 GPA points — making it a much fairer predictor of student success.

The computer scientists also tried out their framework on simulated data for diabetes patients. They found it could adjust a patient's insulin doses more effectively than a standard algorithm, resulting in far fewer unwanted episodes of hypoglycemia.

But others questioned the new approach.

Dr. Leo Anthony Celi, an intensive care physician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and research scientist at MIT, argued that the best way to avoid bias and other problems is to keep machine learning experts in the loop throughout the entire process rather than limiting their input to the initial design stages. That way they can see if an

algorithm is behaving badly and make fixes.

"There's just no way around that," said Celi, who helped develop an artificial intelligence program to improve treatment strategies for patients with sepsis.

Likewise, front-line users such as doctors, nurses and pharmacists should take a more active role in the development of the algorithms they rely upon, he said.

The authors of the new study were quick to point out that their framework was more important than the algorithms they generated by using it.

"We're not saying these are the best algorithms," said Emma Brunskill, a computer scientist at Stanford University and the paper's senior author. "We're hoping that other researchers at their own labs will continue to make better algorithms."



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The Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. The good news in the report from Moody's Analytics is tempered by the reality that one-fifth of all states — including Illinois — still have nowhere near enough money set aside to survive a recession without resorting to spending cuts or tax hikes.

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against a recession. Wyoming, Alaska, North Dakota and Texas all ranked near the top of the Moody's Analytics list.

States have been able to build surpluses largely because a robust economy has generated more tax revenue than had been budgeted. After two years of slow growth in tax collections, state general fund revenues grew by 6.9% in the 2018 fiscal year and by additional 4.2% in 2019, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers.

States directed part of that new revenue to public school funding, social welfare programs and one-time infrastructure spending. They also socked away more cash in rainy day funds, according to both Moody's Analytics and the state budget officers association.

State reserves "now are at levels greater than seen before. So states really have learned their lessons from the past in terms of the last two or three recessions,"

said John Hicks, executive director of the National Association of State Budget Officers.

Moody's Analytics found 10 states with a greater than 5 percentage point shortfall in the amount of reserves necessary to survive a moderate recession. Louisiana ranked the worst, followed by Illinois, Kentucky, Oklahoma and New Jersey. Rounding out the bottom 10 were Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Arkansas, New Hampshire and Florida.

Louisiana tapped into its budget reserve fund several years ago to cover financial problems and has been gradually replenishing the fund. It plans to transfer nearly \$134 million to the rainy day fund next year from a \$535 million surplus. That would bring the balance above where it was when Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards took office four years ago.

Moody's Analytics said that several states struggling to stockpile reserves — including Illinois, Kentucky and New Jersey — can trace their troubles to underfunded state pension plans that are now demanding more state money.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, a Democrat, is backing a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2020 ballot that would repeal the state's flat income tax in favor of a graduated one that he projects would generate an extra \$3 billion annually. Pritzker has said some of the money could help pay down billions of dollars of past budget debts and go toward reducing the state's \$134 billion funding shortfall for its pension systems.

Kentucky's need to set aside more money for potential hard times wasn't a main issue in this year's hotly contested gubernatorial election, where Democratic Attorney General Andy Beshear ousted Republican Gov. Matt Bevin. Instead, the candidates focused on pay raises for public school teachers, pensions, health care, economic development and the impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

*The AP's Melinda Deslatte in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; John O'Connor in Springfield; and Bruce Schreiner in Frankfort, Kentucky, contributed.*

## Slag stays on the shelf: Gift bags pulled after fed warning

By AMY BETH HANSON  
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Environmental regulators have put a halt to a Montana business association's sale of sandwich bags of mining waste advertised as a "Bag O'Slag."

Environmental Protection Agency officials overseeing the Superfund site cleanup of pollution from nearly a century of smelting operations in Anaconda came across the potentially toxic trinkets for sale by the city's Chamber of Commerce. The slag, a byproduct of smelting copper, contains small amounts of arsenic and lead.

Mary Johnston, the chamber's executive director, said the EPA asked the chamber to stop selling the black slag in a resealable bag and gave them some alternatives.

Anaconda's Old Works Golf Course — which has slag in its sand traps — sells souvenir slag and a golf ball in a sealed container.

Johnston says the chamber sold up to 40 bags a summer for \$2 apiece alongside Montana history books and huckleberry jam.

"It's a silly little thing, but I understand, they're concerned," Johnston said earlier this month. "It was not a big moneymaker. It was just a novelty item we could offer."

The bags had a picture of the Anaconda smokestack and part of the slag pile on the front and information about the slag on the back, including a warning against handling it because it has characteristics similar to broken glass.



MARY JOHNSTON/ANACONDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The slag for sale is a byproduct of smelting copper and contains small amounts of arsenic and lead.

a regional spokesman for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Superfund sites in southwestern Montana have created a sort of toxic tourism.

In nearby Butte, visitors can pay \$3 to view the Berkeley Pit, a former open pit copper mine filled with acidic, metal-laden water that is being treated so it can be released into a nearby creek.

The Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course was built in the mid-1990s to cap mining waste and to help boost Anaconda's economy.

Driving into Anaconda, the skyline is dominated by a 585-foot brick smokestack — the area is a state park — and the enormous slag pile that is 2,600 feet long, 2,100 feet wide and up to 275 feet tall.

Charlie Coleman, the remedial project manager for the EPA, told *The Montana Standard* in January 2016 that the slag "doesn't pose a big threat to human health or the environment."

scaping for the golf course, the agency said.

Earlier this year, the EPA proposed capping the slag with 18 inches of dirt and vegetation to prevent dust from blowing around.

People are "trespassing" onto the Anaconda Co. Smelter Superfund site to collect slag for souvenir bags, which EPA personnel told us "is not an approved (or approvable) use of the slag," acting inspector general Charles Sheehan wrote last week in a memo to the EPA's regional administrator Gregory Sopkin.

The EPA's Office of the Inspector General asked Sopkin to notify individuals or businesses known to be collecting and selling slag that those are not approved uses and to determine how many souvenir bags have been sold and what should be done to inform purchasers of potential health risks.

Sopkin has until Tuesday to distribute a fact sheet that describes the potential hazards associated with the souvenir bags, any precautions needed, especially for children.

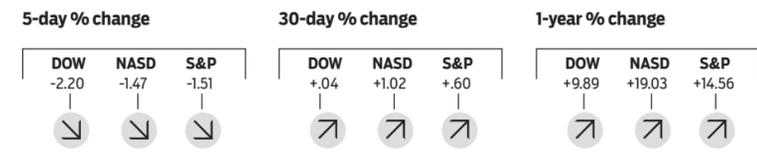
Johnston says the chamber has been selling the bags for several years.

"It was just something that years ago someone thought, 'Oh, this would be a great idea,'" Johnston said.

MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	545.75	548	530.50	530.50	-12.75
		Mar 20	538	541.25	524.25	525.25	-10
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	373.75	376	371.50	372	-1.50
		Mar 20	382	384.75	380.25	381.25	-.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	873.50	875.75	868.25	871	+50
		Mar 20	888.25	890.50	882.75	885.50	+25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	30.03	30.21	29.95	29.99	+0.3
		Jan 20	30.22	30.43	30.12	30.19	+0.3
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	292.70	293.20	291.30	292.50	+1.20
		Jan 20	294.40	295.40	293.40	294.70	+1.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	55.96	56.80	55.35	56.10	+1.4
		Feb 20	56.00	56.72	55.32	56.03	+1.2
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.345	2.510	2.340	2.441	+1.12
		Feb 20	2.322	2.468	2.318	2.405	+0.97
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.5763	1.5904	1.5550	1.5629	-0.104
		Feb 20	1.5810	1.5970	1.5622	1.5695	-0.110

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.36	-15	Envestnet Inc	N	70.39	+48	McDonalds Corp	N	193.12	-2.06
AbbVie Inc	N	85.95	-1.08	Equity Commonwith	N	32.94	+36	Middleby Corp	O	112.08	-1.80
Allstate Corp	N	109.44	-1.70	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	73.35	+14	Morningstar Intl	O	53.13	+2.9
Aptargroup Inc	N	112.71	+7.0	Equity Residential	N	83.85	+35	Morningstar Inc	O	154.70	-76
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.92	-37	Exelon Corp	O	44.26	+35	Motorola Solutions	N	164.86	-1.8
Baxter Intl	N	81.01	-85	First Intl RT	N	42.77	+52	Nisource Inc	N	26.41	+2.3
Boeing Co	N	352.08	-3.10	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	62.23	-20	Nthn Trust Cp	O	105.31	-1.21
Brunswick Corp	N	57.85	-25	Gallagher AJ	N	91.35	-88	Old Republic	N	22.23	-1.6
CBOE Global Markets	N	120.07	+7.9	Grainger WW	N	312.58	-2.45	Packaging Corp Am	N	110.74	-2.9
CDW Corp	O	53.54	-31	GrubHub Inc	N	42.91	+65	Paylocity Hldg	O	119.94	+2.26
CDW Corp	O	133.14	-94	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	106.01	+18	RLI Corp	N	90.70	-6.3
CF Industries	N	44.95	-74	IAA Inc	N	46.32	+56	Stericycle Inc	O	63.71	+3.3
CME Group	O	204.12	+80	IDEX Corp	N	157.83	-2.36	TransUnion	N	84.77	-1.10
CNA Financial	N	43.05	-1.03	ITW	N	170.71	-1.37	US Foods Holding	N	40.11	+3.6
Cabot Microelect	O	123.39	-8.79	Ingredion Inc	N	83.31	-58	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	237.10	+8.3
Caterpillar Inc	N	140.06	-2.90	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	165.73	-2.3	United Airlines Hldg	O	58.99	-2.76
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.60	-1.6	Kemper Corp	N	72.99	-6.1	Ventas Inc	N	58.10	+2.2
Deere Co	N	163.50	-1.79	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.80	-15	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	58.99	-2.8
Discover Fin Svcs	N	82.96	-1.10	LKQ Corporation	O	34.42	-90	Wintrust Financial	O	66.32	-9.3
Dover Corp	N	109.03	-1.28	Littelfuse Inc	O	177.17	-1.26	Zebra Tech	O	250.11	-3.1

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.64	+0.3
Gen Electric	10.99	-1.7
Bank of America	32.84	-5.9
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	7.51	-59
AK Steel Hold	3.01	+1.2
Ford Motor	8.89	-1.2
Freepport McMoran	10.92	-5.3
Brist Myr Sqb	57.75	+3.4
Wells Fargo & Co	52.58	-1.04
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.47	+0.3
Uber Technologies	29.02	+0.4
Nokia Corp	3.47	+0.1
AT&T Inc	37.55	+2.3
EnCana Corp	3.85	-0.3
Macy's Inc	14.87	-5.3
Vale SA	12.00	-1.4
Pfizer Inc	38.05	-2.4
Kinross Gold	4.55	+1.8
Sprint Corp	5.69	-0.5
Snap Inc A	14.92	+3.2
Alibaba Group Hldg	194.90	-1.41
Energy Transfer L.P.	11.40	-2.3
Yamana Gold Inc	3.75	+0.8
Sthwstn Energy	1.84	+0.2

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Onconova Therapeut	.34	+0.5
Adv Micro Dev	38.90	+1.7
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.78	-1.1
Apple Inc	259.45	-4.71
Audentes Therapeutics	58.93	+30.32
Roku Inc	144.63	+8.56
Intel Corp	56.07	-1.59
Cisco Syst	44.28	-1.16
Clovis Oncology Inc	11.67	-4.76
Microsoft Corp	149.31	-2.4
Sorrento Therapeut	3.73	+3.1
Comcast Corp A	43.65	+0.2
Micron Tech	45.23	-1.16
ViewRay Inc	4.44	+1.04
Plug Power Inc	3.38	-4.2
Titan Pharmaceut	.18	+0.3
FuelCell Energy	.55	-0.4
Zynqa Inc	6.15	-0.4
Advaxis Inc	.58	-0.5
Naked Brand Group	.03	-0.0
Facebook Inc	198.82	-8.8
Marvel Tech Grp	25.16	-6.5
Jd.com Inc	32.03	-2.6
Nvidia Corporation	207.66	-1.59

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2884.70	+8.9/+3
Stoxx600	398.48	-2.5/-6
Nikkei	23379.81	-149.7/-6
MSCI-EAFE	1958.32	-9.5/-1.5
Bovespa	108986.40	+58.6/+1
FTSE 100	7158.76	-127.2/-1.8
CAC-40	5727.22	-59.5/-1.0

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.55	+2.3
Alibaba Group Hldg	194.90	-1.41
Alphabet Inc C	1295.28	+5.36
Alphabet Inc A	1294.74	+5.88
Amazon.com Inc	1769.96	-11.64
Apple Inc	259.45	-4.71
Bank of America	32.84	-5.9
Berkshire Hath B	218.08	-2.25
Exxon Mobil Corp	67.88	-5.4
Facebook Inc	198.82	-8.8
HSBC Holdings prA	26.09	+0.7
JPMorgan Chase	129.78	-1.69
Johnson & Johnson	137.16	-2.0
MasterCard Inc	287.09	+6.2
Microsoft Corp	149.31	-2.4
Procter & Gamble	122.95	+2.3
Taiwan Semicon	52.78	-2.0
Visa Inc	181.90	+1.1
WalMart Strs	118.67	-6.1

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.53	1.56
6-month disc	1.53	1.565
2-year	1.52	1.60
10-year	1.71	1.83
30-year	2.16	2.28

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1478.20	\$1462.30
Silver	\$17.125	\$16.836
Platinum	\$911.60	\$899.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	59.8355
Australia (Dollar)	1.4616
Brazil (Real)	4.2053
Britain (Pound)	.7696
Canada (Dollar)	1.3301
China (Yuan)	7.0612
Euro	.9024
India (Rupee)	71.813
Israel (Shekel)	3.4843
Japan (Yen)	108.57
Canada (Dollar)	1.3301
China (Yuan)	7.0612
Euro	.9024
India (Rupee)	71.813
Israel (Shekel)	3.4843
Japan (Yen)	108.57
Mexico (Peso)	19.5781
Poland (Zloty)	3.86
So. Korea (Won)	1191.02
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.52
Thailand (Baht)	30.27

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.38	-1.7	+9.4
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	28.43	-0.7	+9.8
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	50.29	-2.9	+1.4
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	62.44	-1.6	+9.0
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	62.44	-4.4	+10.9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	52.37	-2.4	+11.4
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	23.25	-0.6	+9.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	39.57	-2.7	+8.5
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	46.69	-1.9	+14.8
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	47.86	-3.4	+10.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.19	+0.5	+10.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.57	-3.2	+6.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	194.46	-2.50	+4.8
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.72	+0.4	+7.7
Fidelity 500ldxInvPrm	107.83	-7.2	+13.1
Fidelity Contrafund	13.60	-0.5	+13.1
Fidelity InvmGrdAdmrl	11.63	+0.6	+11.4
Fidelity TlMktldxInvPrm	88.09	-5.3	+12.4
Fidelity USBldxInvPrm	12.00	+0.7	+10.9
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.28	...	+5.8
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.09	+0.7	+11.3
PIMCO IncI2	11.97	...	+7.4
PIMCO IncIstl	11.97	...	+7.5
PIMCO TlRetInv	10.49	+0.7	+10.1
Schwab SP500ldx	48.14	-3.2	+13.1
T. Rowe Price BCGr	120.02	-5.6	+12.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	71.77	-3.7	+13.3
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	286.41	-1.90	+13.1
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	38.58	-0.5	+12.2
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.54	-1.7	+15.3
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	78.09	-5.7	+9.1
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	89.74	-4.3	+17.7
Vanguard HCAAdmrl	91.36	-0.8	+7.7
Vanguard IntTEAdmrl	14.46	+0.2	+7.8
Vanguard InslldxInv	280.85	-1.87	+13.1
Vanguard InslldxInvPlus	280.87	-1.87	+13.1
Vanguard InstSMldxPls	66.67	-4.0	+12.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	97.67	-1.4	+12.4
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	213.26	-1.30	+12.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	146.73	-1.38	+8.4
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.74	+0.2	+6.5
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	76.99	-3.3	+8.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.94	-0.1	

## OBITUARIES

JOSEPH DEVLIN 1922-2019

# Trustee helped bring Lake Michigan water to DuPage County

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Joseph Devlin, a village trustee in Roselle for 32 years and mayor for eight, helped bring Lake Michigan water to DuPage County and oversaw a number of infrastructure improvements in the suburb, where a wastewater plant now bears his name.

Devlin, 97, died of natural causes Oct. 28 at his home, said his daughter, Dorothy Glitto. He had lived in Roselle since 1953.

Born Joseph Leo Devlin in Pittsburgh, Devlin served in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was captured behind enemy lines after his plane was shot down over Romania and became a prisoner of war for six months before he was rescued in September 1944.

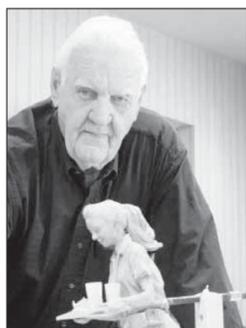
After the war, Devlin received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Carnegie Institute of Technology — now Carnegie Mellon University — in 1948.

Devlin's first job after college was in sales for E.L. Wiegand and Co. in Pittsburgh, a manufacturer of electrical heating elements. He moved to Roselle in 1953 after taking a job for the Tourtelot Co., a distributor of electrical heating elements. He rose from sales representative to executive vice president, and in 1980 he took over as president and CEO. He retired in 1994.

Devlin's interest in village affairs started because he found the town's leadership lacking.

"There were some things going on in the village, and I didn't particularly like the way they were being handled," he told the Tribune in 2009. "A friend on the board said that instead of making a fuss, I should run for trustee, so I did and got elected."

Devlin won his first term on the Village Board in 1969. Four years later, he ran for mayor, and ended up serving for two terms. In 1981, Devlin stepped down as



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Joseph Devlin, administrator for the Roselle Historical Society with a model for a bronze statue of a carhop in Roselle in 2007.

mayor but remained on as a trustee, serving until retiring from the board in 2009 at age 87.

Over his years with the Village Board the town installed sidewalks, upgraded streets and consolidated the Fire Department's two stations into a single facility.

"When I moved here, we had no curbs or gutters, and Roselle was a two-lane road," Devlin told the Tribune in 2009. "The traffic improvements we've made are significant."

Village leaders in 1988 named the Rush Street wastewater treatment plant after Devlin.

"I was kind of honored," he told the Tribune in 1990.

Roselle grew from 1,000 or so residents when Devlin moved there in 1953 to almost 23,000 when he stepped down from the Village Board in 2009.

One of Devlin's signature achievements was bringing Lake Michigan water to DuPage. Devlin served three six-year terms on the board of the DuPage Water Commission, the agency that delivers lake water to DuPage communities.

"We had to approve millions of dollars in a referendum for a pipeline in order to replace the well water here, which was terribly hard," he said in 2009.

Devlin began working to bring lake water to DuPage

in the 1970s. For several years beginning in 1984, he was chairman of the water commission's board. Devlin sought to give the agency a measure of independence from the DuPage County Board, so that control of it was shared by the County Board and its municipal customers.

Devlin's proudest civic achievement unquestionably was bringing lake water to DuPage, said his daughter Barbara Devlin Freeman.

"Water was very important to my dad," she said.

Joel Herter, a later chairman of the water commission board, said Devlin "was well prepared and I think he was a fine addition to our water commission."

Lake Michigan water began flowing to 23 DuPage communities in 1992. Devlin retired from the water board in 2002.

Devlin served on the DuPage County Stormwater Committee, which contains a mixture of County Board members and municipal officials, during the time that the county purchased the Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Quarry in Elmhurst in 1992.

Over the years, Devlin also was the financial officer for the American Legion and the administrator for the Roselle Historical Foundation, which operates the Roselle History Museum.

"Joe was always available and it wasn't just the museum," said Ray Hitzemann, president of the Roselle History Museum's board. "He always cared about Roselle, and he considered the museum to be part of Roselle. He was always looking out for what was important with the museum."

Devlin's wife, Barbara, died in 1994. Survivors also include another daughter, Kathy Long; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 4 ...

**In 1783**, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

**In 1875**, William Marcy "Boss" Tweed of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

**In 1918**, President Woodrow Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

**In 1942**, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression. **Also in 1942** U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II.

**In 1965**, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James Lovell aboard.

**In 1978**, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was named to replace the assassinated George

Moscone.

**In 1980**, the bodies of four American nuns slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. Five national guardsmen were later convicted of murder.

**In 1984**, a five-day hijacking drama began as four armed men seized a Kuwaiti airliner en route to Pakistan and forced it to land in Tehran, where the hijackers killed American passenger Charles Hegna.

**In 1991**, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

**In 1992**, President George H.W. Bush ordered American troops to lead a mercy mission to Somalia, threatening military action against warlords and gangs who were blocking food for starving millions.

**In 1993**, authorities found the body of 12-year-old kidnap victim Polly Klaas in a wooded area of Cloverdale, Calif.

**In 1994**, Bosnian Serbs released 53 out of about 400 UN peacekeepers they were holding as insurance against further NATO airstrikes.

**In 1995**, the first NATO troops landed in the Balkans to begin setting up a peace mission.

**In 1996**, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., and began speeding toward Mars on a 310 million-mile odyssey. (It arrived on Mars in July 1997.)

**In 1999**, NASA scientists continued to wait in vain for a signal from the Mars Polar Lander, raising questions about the whereabouts of NASA's \$165 million probe. (It is thought that the spacecraft was destroyed after it plunged toward the Red Planet.)

**In 2000**, a Florida state judge refused to overturn Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida, and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts.

**In 2003**, President George W. Bush scrapped import tariffs he had imposed earlier to help the battered U.S. steel industry.

**In 2005**, members of the former Sept. 11 commission said the U.S. was at great risk for more terrorist attacks because Congress and the White House had failed to enact several strong security measures.

**In 2012**, Australian disc jockeys duped a nurse at King Edward VII's Hospital in London to divulge updated information about the condition of Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, who was pregnant. (The nurse, Jacintha Saldanha, later killed herself.)

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Dec. 3	
Mega Millions	23 43 60 63 69 / 19
Mega Millions jackpot:	\$266M
Pick 3 midday	271 / 9
Pick 4 midday	8525 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday	06 12 27 32 33
Pick 3 evening	940 / 4
Pick 4 evening	6396 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto evening	03 16 21 22 24
Dec. 4 Powerball:	\$120M
Dec. 5 Lotto:	\$13.25M
WISCONSIN	
Dec. 3	
Pick 3	981
Pick 4	8968
Badger 5	04 05 09 18 29
SuperCash	07 12 23 24 32 33

INDIANA	
Dec. 3	
Daily 3 midday	097 / 0
Daily 4 midday	9999 / 0
Daily 3 evening	711 / 1
Daily 4 evening	6823 / 1
Cash 5	05 06 12 22 41
MICHIGAN	
Dec. 3	
Daily 3 midday	549
Daily 4 midday	1174
Daily 3 evening	564
Daily 4 evening	1852
Fantasy 5	01 06 10 17 32
Keno	06 07 12 18 30 31
	33 40 42 43 44 46 54 57
	60 62 64 67 69 71 78 80

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## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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### In Memoriam

**AnnMarie Blaha**

Happy 18th birthday to our Angel. We love you and miss you every day. Love always, Mom and Dad  
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### Death Notices

**Abbeduto, Patrick A.**

Patrick A. Abbeduto, age 90, Korean War Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Zofia D. Abbeduto; loving father of Catherine (Michael) Baublitz and Carolyn Beveridge; dearest grandfather of Kristina (Timothy) Pierser, Melissa Baublitz, Brittany and Olivia Beveridge; caring great grandfather of Timothy Pierser III; dear brother of Vincent Abbeduto, the late Mary (the late Walter) Pieszka and Louis (the late Maria) Abbeduto; fond brother-in-law of Tadeusz (the late Zosia) Tarabula, Basia (Stanislav) Klich, Marynia (Jurek) Chodan. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Friday 10:45 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Damian Church Mass 11:30 AM. Interment Private. Funeral info: 708-429-3200.



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**Armand, Edmund Warnecke**

Armand Edmund Warnecke, age 85. Retired Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ann Warnecke; cherished father of John (Janet) and James (Beth) Warnecke; loving grandfather of Elyse and Jonathan Warnecke. Funeral Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St. Downers Grove. Lying in State 9 a.m. to time of service at 10 a.m. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. For funeral info (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)  
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**Boyle, Thomas E.**

Thomas E. Boyle, beloved son of the late Thomas and the late Margaret; loving brother of Therese (late John) O'Brien; cherished uncle of 5 and great uncle of 14. Proud owner of Yesterday Memorabilia Store since 1976.

Visitation Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral service will be at 7:00 p.m. Cremation will be private. Info 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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**Calcagno, Rosalie T.**

Rosalie T. Calcagno, nee Tufano; Beloved wife of Carmen; Devoted mother of Patrick (Cruz) Calcagno; Visitation Friday, December 6, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, 450 W. Lake St. Roselle (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) Funeral and Interment will be held privately. For info (630) 889-1700 or [www.salerno-funeralhomes.com](http://www.salerno-funeralhomes.com)



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**Coleman, James A.**

James A. Coleman, 85, of Chicago. Beloved husband for 54 years to Barbara, nee Losinski. Devoted father of James B. (Cari) and Kevin (Lisa) Coleman. Loving Papa of Griffin, Caelyn, Gwen, and Charlie. Brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to many. Jim was a lifelong resident of Chicago and parishoner at St. Hilary Parish. He was a 25 year special agent of the IRS. He will be truly missed. Funeral services, Saturday, December 7, 12:30 PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago to St. Hilary Church for a Funeral Mass at 1 PM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rainbow Hospice. Visitation Friday 3 PM to 8 PM at the funeral home. Funeral info 773-736-3833 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)



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**Cozzone, Marylou**

Visitation Thursday December 5, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 11:00 a.m., and the interment will be private.



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**Crockett, Beth**

Beautiful, intelligent, funny Beth died far too early, after a long battle with disease. She is survived by her husband Jason Crockett and her children Emma Patricia and Logan Thomas Southworth. By her parents Tom and Pat Dugan, and their children: Denise and Tom, and twin Chris Dugan. A memorial Mass will take place on December 5, 2019 at 10 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515. For additional information [www.toonfuneralhome.com](http://www.toonfuneralhome.com) or 630-968-0408.

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**Curtin, Irene M.**

Irene M. Curtin, Jan. 21, 1939 - Nov. 30, 2019; beloved wife of James; loving mother of Linda (Tom) Digangi, Donna (Mark) Rivard, and Christine (Roger) Consdorf; cherished grandmother of James Digangi, Tina Marie Terracciano, Roger Consdorf, Jr., Amanda Stopka, Michelle Geisel, Danielle Rivard, Dakota Rivard and Colton Rivard; fond great-grandmother of Thomas Rocco, Rosario, Caydence, Aubrey, Cooper, Chloe and Charlotte; dear sister of the late Carol Jurgel; loving aunt of many. Irene was a caring, fun, loving, energetic lady who will be sorely missed. Visitation Friday, Dec 6, 2019 from 3-8 pm at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Lying in state Saturday 10 am until time of Funeral Mass 11 am at St. Raymond Church, 311 S. Ioka (Rte. 83 Elmhurst Rd. at Lincoln) Mt. Prospect. Interment Windridge Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Cancer Society appreciated. For info: (847) 394-2336 or [www.matzfuneralhome.com](http://www.matzfuneralhome.com)  
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**Denning, Randall R.**

Randall R. Denning, age 82, of Chicago, formerly of Neopit, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday, December 1, 2019 in Chicago. **Swedberg Funeral Home** of Shawano, Wisconsin is assisting the family with arrangements. [www.swedbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.swedbergfuneralhome.com)  
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**Doyle, Annabelle A.**

Annabelle Adeline Doyle, nee Hynes, passed away November 13, 2019 at the age of 93. Ann was the loving wife of the late Thomas Leo Doyle (CFD, Engine 104); the proud mother of Kathleen (the late William) Piwnicki and Maureen (the late John) Theodore; the beloved grandmother — Nanny — of Tom, Jackie, Meghan, Tim and Mike; the cherished daughter of the late Thomas and Marie (Gallagher) Hynes; the loving sister to the late Mary Agnes, Lillian (John) Spiegl, Alice (Martin) Brennan, Lucille (John) Casey and Laurentine (James Nelson and William) Murphy; a dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Ann was a member of the St. Cecilia and Little Flower parishes and a friend to many on the South Side.

Ann's wonderful long life will be celebrated with friends and family with a Mass of the Resurrection on Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary (1450 Green Trails Dr., Naperville, IL 60540).

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**Erstad, Nancy Lynn**

Nancy Lynn Erstad nee Abbott age 62 of Palatine. Beloved wife of Lyle Erstad for 38 1/2 years. Loving mother of Gretchen (Scott) Saffarski, David Erstad, Anna (Timothy) Schieck, Kirsten Eissman, and Clarissa Erstad. Dear grandmother of Adeline. Cherished daughter of Loren (the late Barbara nee Jackson) Abbott. Fond sister of Cindy (David) Nath, Stephanie Stephen, and Teresa Abbott. Aunt and cousin of many.

Visitation Thursday 3-8 pm at **Kolssak Funeral Home**, 189 S. Milwaukee Ave. (2 Blocks South of Dundee Road) Wheeling. Private Interment Willow Lawn Cemetery. Life Celebration Service Friday 1:00 pm at Our Saviour Evangelical Free Church, 300 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling, IL. 60090. In lieu of flowers donations to Park Ridge Chorale at <https://squareup.com/store/park-ridge-chorale> or her church OSEFC will be greatly appreciated. To leave a condolence or for more information visit [www.funerals.pro](http://www.funerals.pro) or call 847.537.6600.



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**Eskew, John**

John H. Eskew, age 73, of Hoffman Estates. Beloved husband of Diane Blauw; loving father of Brandy Eskew (Fiancé Jeff Terrill) and John W. (Joselyn) Eskew; devoted grandfather of Roman and Londyn, and Austen, Adrean, Adones, Alyrek, and Atteucus; fond brother of Richard (Maude) Eskew, Gary (Rosemary) Eskew, Judy Allen (Richard Starlin), the late Walter (Rebecca) Eskew, uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Friday, December 6th, 3-8 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home** 1500 S. Meyers Rd, Lombard, IL 60148 (3 blks. S. of Roosevelt). Interment private. Memorials to charity of your choice are appreciated. Funeral info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

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**Field, Julie Anne**

Julie Anne Field (nee Woltzen), age 60, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1993, formerly of South Holland, IL, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday, December 1, 2019. She was born December 10, 1958 in Sioux Falls, SD.

Arrangements by **Friedrich Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville, IL.

For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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**Frank, Paolina**

Paolina was born May 8, 1932, to Alfredo and Anna (nee Menghini) Fioretti. She passed in peace on November 28, 2019, at Sentara Hospital, Williamsburg, VA, with her husband, and two of her children at her side.

Paula was born in Chicago and raised in Montefiascone, Italy. She returned to the United States in 1950, where she met her husband and settled in the Little Italy neighborhood of Chicago. She had several passions in life besides her family; she loved to bowl, always excited to get a "200" game, enjoyed interior design and truly loved her passion in the kitchen. Never one to use a recipe, she was an amazing cook and no matter the time of day, was always ready to prepare a meal for any visitor, whether it was Milanese (breaded fried steak) or a Frittelle (fried dough) you never left her kitchen hungry.

She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Claudio, her beloved children Dario, Sergio, and Lisa, grandchildren Kim, Michael, Kelly, Meghan, Jack and Annamaria; great-grandchild Patrick, brother Paolo and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers Alphonse and Bruno.

A celebration of her life will be held on December 12, from 3:00 - 7:00 PM at Nielsen Funeral Home, 3785 Strawberry Plains Road, Williamsburg. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be shared at [www.nielsenwilliamsburg.com](http://www.nielsenwilliamsburg.com).

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**Galvin, Richard J.**

Richard "Dick" J. Galvin, age 94, of Lombard. Beloved husband of the late Eileen Galvin, nee Abeln; loving father of LuAnn Galvin, Patricia (Thomas) Giblin, Martin (Gina) Galvin, and Paul (Kim) Galvin; dear son of the late Martin and Isabelle Galvin; devoted grandfather of Michael (Beth) Giblin, Kristen (Jeremiah) Krupa, Alycia, Christopher (Andrea), and Richard Galvin, and Brennan and Katelyn Galvin; great grandfather of Ethan and Oliver Krupa, Liam and Killian Giblin, and Aiden and Aubrey Galvin; fond brother of Mary (the late Robert) Huber; uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Sunday, December 8th, 2-8 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. S. of Roosevelt Rd.) Lombard. Funeral Monday, 9:15 AM from the funeral home to St. Pius X Catholic Church, Lombard. Mass 10AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Pius X Church, 1025 E. Madison St, Lombard, IL 60148, are appreciated. Funeral Info: [www.knollcrest.net](http://www.knollcrest.net) or 630-932-1500.

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## Hendrickson, Caryl H.

(nee Knox), Beloved wife of the late Robert "Bob" Hendrickson. Loving mother of Bob, Brian (Eti), Nancy (Jim McDermott), Mary (Patrick) Wolf & Holly (John Materse) Hendrickson. Adoring grandmother of Jenny (Chris) Cagadas, Joe (Anne Elyse) Hartigan, Alanna, Kailie, Brian, Emma, Thomas & Maggie. Cherished great grandmother of Caitlin, Aubrey, Dylan, Nolan & Evelyn. Devoted daughter of the late Joseph B. & Helen (nee Kavanaugh) Knox. Dear sister of the late Barbara (late Henry) Wern. Memorial visitation Saturday, December 7th from 9:30 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 11:00 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Memorial Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Franciscan Village, 1270 Franciscan Village Drive, Lemont, IL 60439 would be appreciated.

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## Hilden, Michael I.

Michael I. Hilden (Ret. CPD, USMC), passed away Nov. 27, 2019 at the age of 85, suddenly but peacefully. Dearest husband of Victoria "Vicki" for 37 years. He leaves behind two daughters, Mary-ann and Christine, and two brothers William and Burke. Preceded in death by his parents, Ann Marie and Louis, brother Thomas Hilden (Ret. CFD), and sister Mary. Michael had many friends and was a true friend with a thoughtful and caring heart. His off beat and sometimes wicked sense of humor cracked up everyone including his doctors. His loved animals from four legged ones and even those with feathers. From running track in his early and teen years, he went on to Georgetown running and nicknamed the Chicago Flash. He went on to join the Marine Corps, then the Chicago Police Department for thirty two years. Michael chose to donate his remain to Anatomical Gift of Illinois for research, and medical use. Memorial Service Saturday Dec. 7, 2019, 1:30 p.m. at Friedrich Funeral home, 320 W. Central Rd (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral information (847)255-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com).

## Johnson, Robert R.

Robert R. Johnson, 68, of Chicago. Beloved father of Gabrielle (Andrew) Childress, Robert B., Hayley Rose, Jack and Mia Johnson. Adored brother of Linda (Robert) Torrence, Russell "Billy" Johnson, David Johnson, the late Nancy Ricciardi, Bonnie (Louis) Hersh, and Susan Behrens. Uncle, cousin, and friend to many. Bob was a dedicated father, an avid golfer, and loved the "Horses". He was the co-owner of Pallet Services Inc. in Bensenville, IL for 41 years. Bob proudly served in the US Army and on the Chicago Fire Department for 31 years. His charm and personality will truly be missed by all who knew him. Visitation Thursday, December 5, 3 PM to 8 PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Friends and family to meet at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N Sauganash Ave, Chicago, IL 60646, for a Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment private All Saints Cemetery. Funeral Info 773-736-3833 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Joyce, Daniel O'Connell

Daniel O'Connell Joyce, age 72, beloved husband of Patricia Kelly Joyce; loving father of Eileen (Chris) McCormick, Peggy (Harry) Osterman, Bridget (Nick) Hyde and Marty Joyce; devoted grandfather, maker-of-pancakes, golf cart trail explorer, story-teller, and best bud to Eddie, Liam, Erik, Jack, Harry, Grace and Katie. Cherished brother of Jeremiah (Mairsey) Joyce, Robin (Ron) Wilczynski, Jim (Maureen) Joyce, Jack (Peggy) Joyce, the late Maureen (Ed) George, and the late Patsy Gjeldun. Fond "Uncle Jun" to nephews and nieces, and comedic partner-in-crime to many (you know who you are). Visitation on Friday, December 6, 2019 6-9 PM. Curley Funeral Home, 6116 West 111 th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL. Funeral Mass 10AM Saturday, December 7, 2019 at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 South Longwood, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, please join us in our fight for hope and a cure through donations to I AM ALS. Donations accepted online at <https://iamals.org/donate/> or to I AM ALS, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW #14135, Washington, D.C. 20044.

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**Jung, Gloria J**  
Gloria J. Jung (nee Klein), 77, of Palatine, passed away November 17, 2019. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Norman J. Jung. Loving mother of David J. Jung; dear sister of Harry (Joy) D. Klein and Joseph (Maureen) R. Klein; many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass Friday, December 6, 11am at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 1201 E Anderson Dr., Palatine, IL 60074. Visitation prior to Mass beginning at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD, 21741-5014, [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org), 800-708-7644, would be appreciated. Interment private. Arrangements by **Neptune Society**, 847-963-0215.

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## Karones, Mary Lynn

Mary Lynn "Marilyn" Karones, 87 years. Beloved wife of Thomas J. Karones. Loving mother of Melissa Karones, the late James (Mary) Karones, & Steve Karones. Cherished grandmother of Angela, Tina, & Christina. Great grandmother of 9. Dear sister of the late Irene Kosiara, Bessie & Charles Koclanes, Gust & Connie Kosiara, & Elaine (George) Chakonas. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Family will greet neighbors and friends on Friday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Konczal, Nancy

Nancy Konczal, nee Ziolkowski, Age 92, passed away on December 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Robert Konczal. Loving mom of Carol (James) Trch, Jackie (the late Jim) Messlein, Cindy (the late Al) Guendling (Jerry Smith) and Bob (Mario Alonso) Konczal. Dear grandma of Jim, Joe, Jenny, Marsha and Sandy. Dearest great-grandmother of 13. Visitation, Thursday, December 5, 2019, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Friday, December 6, 2019, 10:45AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to Saint Patricia Church, 9040 S. 86th Avenue, Hickory Hills, Illinois for 11:30AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Illinois. For more information, 708-496-0200 or [www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com)

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## Ksandr, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Ksandr (nee: Hacker) of Mt Prospect passed away from this life on November 28, 2019. Loving wife of the late Joseph A. Cherished mother of Marcia (Doug) Morris, Judy (late Luke) Yurkovich, Janeen (Alan) Wagner and the late James Taugner and Joanne Morris. Grandmother of Michelle (Roger) Bates, Melinda (Ben) Chamberlain, Joshua Taugner, Brad and Kayleigh Morris, Brenden Yurkovich and Madison and Nate Wagner. Great grandmother of 5. Visitation Friday, December 6 from 4-8 pm at River Woods Funeral Chapels 205 S River Rd, Des Plaines. All will meet Saturday 11:00 am Mass St Emily Catholic Church 1400 Central Rd, Mt Prospect. Interment private

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## Langeness, Robert M.

Robert M. Langeness, 79, Geneva. Died December 1, 2019.

Arrangements are being made by **Yurs Funeral Home** Geneva 630-232-7337 or [www.yursfuneralhomes.com](http://www.yursfuneralhomes.com)

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## Lyons, William M

William M. Lyons, U.S. Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Theresa nee Delli. Loving father of Kevin (Kathy) Lyons, Barry (Diane) Lyons, Margaret (Michael) Ryan, Alan (Maria) Lyons & Joyce (John) Stuart. Cherished grandfather of 7 & great grandfather of 2. Dear brother of the late James, Cele, Helen, Jack, Rita, Mary & Barbara. Fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Friday 9:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 10:30 am. Interment private. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Member of Sheet Metal Local #73, Elks, St. Gerald Holy Name Society & fondly remembers coaching basketball at St. Gerald. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Tabor Hills Supportive Living Community, 1439 McDowell Rd. Naperville, IL 60563 [taborhills.org](http://taborhills.org) would be greatly appreciated. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Mannion, Eileen A.

Eileen A. Mannion (nee Griffin) age 80, late of Crestwood, formerly of Mt. Greenwood, passed away November 21st, surrounded by family. Devoted mother of William, Nancy (Jon) Bruce, Daniel (Shannon) and John. Loving sister of James, Jack (Roberta) and Kathleen (the late Joseph). Dearest grandmother of Nicholas, Cailey, Ashley, Ava, Casey, Anthony, Drew and Ronan. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends to gather directly at Incarnation Catholic Church 5705 W. 127th St. Palos Hts Saturday December 7th for Memorial Mass at 11:00am. Arrangements entrusted to Eric Hoffmann, Funeral Director, c/o the Maher Funeral Home 17101 S. 71st Ave., Tinley Park, IL 708-781-9212

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## Martire, Lidia

nee Gerbasi. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Loving mother of Frank and Connie (Sebastiano) Ottolino. Proud grandmother of Nino (Isela) Ottolino, Nina (Sean) Doyce, Gina and Marina. Visitation Thursday 3 to 9 pm at the Original **Rago Brothers Funeral Home** 624 N Western (at Erie). Funeral Friday 9 am to Holy Rosary Church for 10 am mass. Int. Mt. Carmel. 773-276-7800 or [ragobrothersfuneralhome.com](http://ragobrothersfuneralhome.com)

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## McGivney, Mary Pat

Mary Pat McGivney died on November 3, 2019, the way she lived each day: surrounded by family. Surviving her are her husband, James; her children, Jim (wife Jennifer), Daniel (wife Jeannine, daughter Jane), and Moira (husband Anthony, children Sydney and Henry); her siblings, Barbara Schuman and Kurt Schultz; and a large extended family. She's predeceased by her parents, Henry and Eileen Schultz, and her brother, Michael. Mary Pat lived in Cornelius, NC but she always called Chicago home. Mary Pat grew up on the northside, the daughter of Henry, a decorated World War II Marine, and Eileen, a WWII matchbook model and proud Irish colleen. When Mary Pat was 19, a night out with a fake ID became proof that sometimes, crime pays. The ID was her sister's-and her ticket into a nightclub-where she met a charming southsider named Jim McGivney. Four years later, her last name became McGivney, too. Soon, three little ones completed their family. Mary Pat raised her family amid the music of the sixties, the scent of freshly baked zucchini bread, and the ever-present sound of laughter. Above all, Mary Pat loved her husband and children, and she reminded them daily through word and action. She adored her grandchildren, and God help the person who waited for a turn to hold her grandbabies. She was never done holding them. Mary Pat requested that no one make a fuss about her death, a request her family respectfully declines. A service will be held on December 7 at St. James Church, 820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL. Visitation at the church will begin at 9:00 a.m.; Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Toys For Tots, the DEA Survivors' Benefit Fund, or the DEA Educational Foundation. You can also honor Mary Pat by hosting family and friends for dinner, telling old stories, and raising a glass to our beloved wife, mom, sister, cousin, and friend.

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## Mercurio, Michael

Michael Mercurio, from Merrimac, WI, 97, peacefully passed away Sunday, December 1, 2019. He is survived by his daughters, Karen Flood and Margie Berglund, and preceded by his wife Phyllis, and his daughter Marilyn Mercurio. Funeral services will be performed by Father Pedro at St. Mary's in Merrimac, WI. at 12:30pm on Saturday, December 7, 2019. A visitation will be held from 10:30am until the time of the mass at the church on Saturday. Burial services will be in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL at 1pm Monday. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to St. Mary Health of the Sick, Merrimac WI. [www.hooversonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hooversonfuneralhomes.com)

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## MIKEL, SR., EDWARD JAMES

EDWARD JAMES MIKEL, SR., 91, U.S. Navy Veteran, retired Fire Chief Forest View Fire Department, beloved husband of the late Florence (nee Kolnick); loving father of Richard (Gayle) and the late Edward, Jr. (Sandra) Mikel; dear grandfather of Amy (Justin), Danielle (Adam), Betsy (Jake), Ashley & Stephanie (fiancé Chris); dearest great grandfather of seven. Visitation Sunday, December 8, 2019, 1-4 p.m.; Prayer Service, 3:15 p.m. at **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.**, 8999 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs. Private Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. (708) 839.8999 [www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com](http://www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com).

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## Milazo, Frances V. Kozlowski

Frances V. Kozlowski Milazo, (nee Grabowski), age 84, of Oak Forest. Beloved wife of the late Donald J. Kozlowski and the late Marvin Milazo. Loving mother of Michael (Laura) Kozlowski, Edward Kozlowski, Kenneth (Diana) Kozlowski and the late Donald Kozlowski. Cherished grandmother of 6 and devoted great-grandmother of 4. Dear sister of Dorothy (John) Barrie, John Grabowski, Bill (Jeanne) Grabowski, the late Alexander (Joan) Grabowski, the late Victoria Guca, and the late Walter (Linda) Grabowski. Preceded in death by her parents Alexander and Victoria Grabowski. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday, December 6, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. from the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest to St. Damian Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For information: 708-687-2990.

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## Mitzman, Arnold

Arnold Mitzman, of Morton Grove, died peacefully on his 89 birthday; beloved husband for 44 years of the late Eileen, nee Zelkin; loving father of Karyn (Jay) Fishman, Jeff (Tammy Marrero) Mitzman, and Leslie (Randy) Greenberg; adored grandpa of Michael (Ali) and Daniel (Katie) Fishman; Noah and Josh Greenberg; proud great grandfather of Taylor and Lucas; devoted son of the late Alex and the late Sarah Mitzman; dear brother of Rochelle Barnett and the late Gloria Schuler; cherished companion of Darlene Flood; treasured uncle and friend to many. Service Thursday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 Blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Dancing While Cantering, [www.dancingwhilecancer.org](http://www.dancingwhilecancer.org). Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

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## Nattsas, Albert G.

Albert G. Nattsas Sr. Beloved husband of the late Peggy, nee Vainer. Dear father of Albert Jr. (Jane), Jeff (Tonya) and Jennifer (Dave) Carmichael. Loving grandfather of John, Danielle, Khalysie, Malaina and Mya. Dear brother of the late Richard. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Retired member of Sprinkler Fitters Local 281 with 40 years of dedicated service. Resting at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. where services will be held Friday 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

**Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**

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## Nolan, Patrick J.

Patrick J. Nolan, age 67; beloved son of the late James and Josephine Nolan; loving brother of Judith (the late Richard J) Pylewicz, Kathleen Sears, Mary Yeoman, Michael Nolan and the late Eileen (Craig) Cunningham; also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorial gathering Sat., Dec. 7, 2019, 9:00 AM for a memorial mass at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Church, 794 Pearson St., Des Plaines. Interment Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the charity of your choice appreciated. 847/394-2336

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## Peters, Earl H.

Earl H. Peters, 90, of Evanston. Beloved husband of the late Lillian W. Peters nee Woltman for 66 years; loving father of Cheryl (Robert) Franz, Carolyn (Michael) Wojcik, and Cynthia (Timothy) Sappington; proud grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 10; dear brother of Barbara Tarvin and Bonnie (James) Harbke. Visitation, Thursday, December 05,

2019, 3:00p.m.- 7:00p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie. Interment, Friday December 6, 2019, 3:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sepsis Alliance or Wounded Warrior Project. Funeral Info: (847) 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com)

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## Pollock, Byron

Byron Ivan Pollock, beloved husband of 56 years to Judith; loving father of Steven, Neil (Jennifer Verhuel) and Bradley; dear brother-in-law of Patricia (Alan) Rubin, Jerome (Donna) Segal, Dr. Philip (Shelly Rubinstein) Segal and Dr. Joseph (Debbie Friedman) Segal. Byron was the past President of Tripack Corp. and Vice President of Ideal Corp. He was also a long time devoted board member of Chicago International Film Festival and past President of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and 1320 Cooperative Association. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Chicago International Film Festival ([www.chicagofilmfestival.com](http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com)) or Hubbard Street Dance Chicago ([www.hubbardstreetdance.com](http://www.hubbardstreetdance.com)). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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## Sofia, Raymond Benjamin

Raymond Benjamin Sofia, beloved husband of Christine Sofia; devoted father of Frank (Jodi) Nebbia, Phyllis (Sebastian) Ottolino, Cathy (Paul) Pierce, Raymond A. (the late Roxanne) Sofia, Jeffrey Sofia, Joseph (Mary) Sofia, Michelle (John) Collins, Michael Sofia, Christopher (Jennifer) Sofia and Brian Sofia; cherished grandfather of 17, great grandfather of 9; dear brother of Frank, the late vera and the late Mary and dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday, family and friends are asked to gather 9:00 a.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or [www.salernofuneralhomes.com](http://www.salernofuneralhomes.com).

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## Stroner, Bernice Stoll

Decatur - Bernice Stoll Stroner, 92, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, December 1, 2019, at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Bernice was born on February 14, 1927, in Glenview, IL, the daughter of Elmer W. and Edna (Steil) Stoll. She was a member of the Lutheran, Missouri Synod faith and worked as a day care provider. Bernice married Frank Thomas Stroner on Sept. 21, 1956 in Glenview, IL, and he preceded her in death on Apr. 5, 2001. Also preceding her in death is her sister, Viola White.

Memorial service Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 2 pm at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home; visitation one hour before. Burial at a later date. [www.graceland-fairlawn.com](http://www.graceland-fairlawn.com)

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## Swanstrom, Barbara

Barbara Swanstrom, 88 of Bridgman, MI passed away on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

Service Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 at Woodland Shores Baptist Church, Bridgman. Memorials to the church. Online condolences [www.PikeFH.com](http://www.PikeFH.com)

Barbara was born in Chicago. Survivors children - Harold R. (Nancy) Swanstrom, Paul (Donna) Swanstrom, Susan Roseen, Jan (Steven) Doner, James (Stacey) Roseen; ten grandchildren and many eleven great grandchildren. Arrangements by Pike Funeral Home, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman, MI 49106

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## Turza, Mary Anne

Mary Anne Turza (nee Schroeder), age 82, a resident of Aurora, IL, formerly of Oak Park, Cicero, Westchester and Lisle, IL, passed away suddenly on Monday, December 2, 2019. She was born July 23, 1937 in Chicago, IL.

Visitation Friday, December 6, 2019, 3:00-8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home**, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville.

Services will begin Saturday, December 7, 9:00 AM from the funeral home and will proceed to a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Annunciation B.V.M. Catholic Church, 1820 Church Rd, Aurora, IL. Interment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. For a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

**Friedrich Jones**

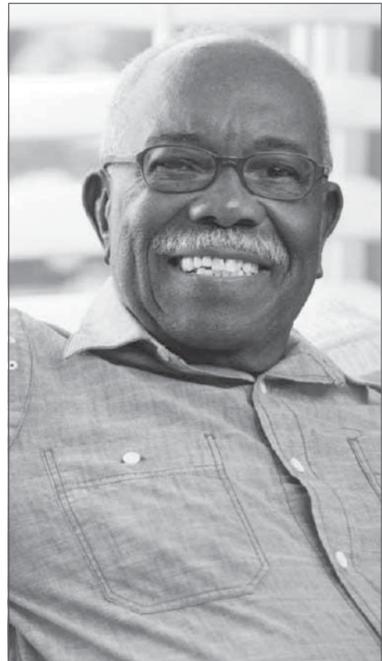
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## Weinfurter, Martha Brennan

Martha Marie Brennan Weinfurter died peacefully in the presence of her family on the morning of November 30, 2019, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, after courageously facing a sudden onset of colon cancer. Martha was 62 years old, born August 16, 1957 in Chicago, Illinois, to Mary King Brennan and Seamus Brennan. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 36 years, Daniel Joseph Weinfurter, and her children, Amy Jordan Weinfurter (Singapore) and Andrea Taylor Weinfurter (Sausalito, CA). Beloved sister of Dr. Alice (Dean) Daniele, Margaret (Michael) Lesiak, Maureen (Steven) McHugh and Martin (Megan) Brennan, and dear aunt to 18 nieces and nephews. Martha graduated from Marquette University in 1979, beginning her life's work of teaching, inspiring, and healing others, combining traditional medicine with holistic health. A private celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gilda's Club or The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

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### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE**  
Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan  
The Cook County Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development currently receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding on an annual entitlement basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County is accepting public comments regarding its Draft Substantial Amendment to its 2019 Annual Action Plan, which proposes a new CDBG-funded activity to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

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### FORECLOSURES

F19060077 SLS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for FFMIL Trust 2005-FF11, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-FF11 Plaintiff, vs. Jane Hawksley aka Jane A. Hawksley, Burnham Park Plaza Condominium Association; First Franklin Financial Corporation; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 7617 40 East 9th Street, Unit 1606 Chicago, Illinois 60605 Clery Calendar 63 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Jane Hawksley aka Jane A. Hawksley, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: PARCEL 1: UNIT 1606 AND UNIT P-116 IN THE BURNHAM PARK PLAZA CONDOMINIUMS AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PARTS OF SUB LOTS 1 AND 2 OF LOT 5 AND SUB LOTS 1 AND 2 OF LOT 8 AND LOT 9 (EXCEPT THE WEST 15 FEET THEREOF) ALL IN BLOCK 18 IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 15 ADDITION TO CHICAGO IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "E" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 00144975 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO PARK ONE VEHICLE IN A PARKING SPACE AS GRANTED IN DEED FROM WYDOE DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C. AND AS SET FORTH IN "PARKING EASEMENT RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 00144353 ON LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DOCUMENT. PARCEL 3: EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, USE AND ENJOYMENT AS GRANTED AND SET FORTH IN THE BURNHAM PARK PLAZA DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUMS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 00144974. P.L.N.: 17-15-304-052-1207 ; 17-15-304-052-1402 Said property is commonly known as 40 East 9th Street, Principal Meridian, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Jane Hawksley and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0522104299 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before December 20, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 (630-453-6960) | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 iplandings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. 11/20, 27, 12/4/2019 6516421

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By Darlene A. LoCascio  
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois  
December 4, 2019

### FORECLOSURES

F19091045 PNC IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredi Loans, Inc. Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-QS1 Plaintiff, vs. Jose Manuel Ochoa aka Jose Ochoa; Maria Dejesus Puente aka Maria Puente; Jose Manuel Ochoa, as Trustee of the JODK0074 Declaration of Trust dated December 5, 2018, under file number 2018DK0074; Unknown beneficiaries of the JODK0074 Declaration of Trust dated December 5, 2018, under file number 2018DK0074; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 12758 2619 North Springfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647 Simko Calendar 58 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown beneficiaries of the JODK0074 Declaration of Trust dated December 5, 2018, under file number 2018DK0074 and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 29 IN BLOCK 17 IN PENNOCK IN THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORD RECORDED NOVEMBER 7, 1883 IN BOOK 18 OF PLATS, PAGE 62 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 13-26-309-015-0000 Said property is commonly known as 2619 North Springfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Jose Manuel Ochoa and Maria Dejesus Puente and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 0632205435 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before December 20, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 (630-453-6960) | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 iplandings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. 11/27, 12/4, 11/2019 6525881

Applicable Public Comment Period: 30 Days - December 4, 2019- January 3, 2020

**Public Comment Opportunities**  
An important part of the process of developing a Substantial Amendment is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Draft may be reviewed at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development offices at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, or online at the Cook County website during the applicable public comment period specified above at this link: <https://www.cookcountyl.gov/service/public-notices-planning-and-development-0>

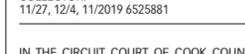
All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for the Draft Substantial Amendment are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4 p.m. on the last day of the aforementioned public comment period in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to David Washington, Compliance Specialist, Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, david.washington@cookcountyl.gov. 12/4/2019 6531199

### LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE  
Bid and Requests for Proposals Available Online

All City of Naperville solicitations will be advertised on our web site: <http://www.naperville.il.us/bidrfps.aspx>

You are invited to review all bid or proposal requests for any upcoming projects. All projects are available for download or pick-up. Please contact the Procurement Services Team office at 630.420.6064 if you have any questions.



### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TO METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO**

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 A.M. on the stated bid opening date below for:

**CONTRACT 19-717-22 FURNISH, DELIVER AND INSTALL AN UPGRADED OPERATOR FOR TARP GAGE 1 AT THE O'BRIEN WATER RECLAMATION PLANT (RE-BID)**

Estimated Cost: \$850,000.00 Bid Deposit: None  
Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through: Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 8:30 A.M. Chicago Time, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant, 3500 Howard St., Skokie, Illinois - Process Control Bldg, 4th fl Conference Rm

Mandatory Pre-Bid Technical Conference: Same location immediately following Site Walk-Through (approximately 10 A.M.)  
**Bid Opening: January 14, 2020**  
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix V and the Multi-Project Labor Agreement is required on this Contract.

**CONTRACT 20-012-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER PAINT, BRUSHES SOLVENTS AND STAINS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD**

Estimated Cost: Group A: \$10,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group A: None  
Estimated Cost: Group B: \$35,000.00 Bid Deposit: Group B: None  
Estimated Cost: \$46,000.00

**Bid Opening: December 17, 2019**

**CONTRACT 20-607-11 FURNISH AND DELIVER STATION BATTERY EQUIPMENT FOR THE STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AREA**

Estimated Cost: \$75,000.00 Bid Deposit: None  
**Bid Opening: January 7, 2020**

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website,



TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; MARCO ANTONIO VELANDIA RUIZ; FRANKY ANTONIO VELANDIA PIZA; OSCAR LOPEZ; FABIAN VELANDIA; A/K/A FABIAN VELANDIA; KATHA VELANDIA; A/K/A VELANDIA; MARTHA MUNOZ; ROQUE VELANDIA; SCARLETT VELANDIA; HECTOR LOPEZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002879 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0001338 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 7324 75TH ST BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455 Legal Description or Property Index No. 18-25-219-026-0000 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 6519820

TO: OCCUPANT; CARL SRACHTA; SILVIA SRACHTA; ZORAN NENADOVIC; SHEILA NENADOVIC; VILLAGE OF STICKNEY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002920 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002887 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 4024 S SCOVILLE AVE STICKNEY, IL 60402 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-06-212-054-0000 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 6520857

TO: OCCUPANT; BOZENA SMELKO; 4303 S HARLEMAN STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; INVALOT HOLDINGS, LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002921 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002891 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 4303 S HARLEMAN AVE., UNIT #6 STICKNEY, IL 60402 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-06-300-044-1006 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 6520862

TO: OCCUPANT; RAMPANT STORE FRONT; OCCUPANT UNIT 1; OCCUPANTS; MERVYN DUKATTI D/B/A A.W. GREEN MANAGEMENT CO.; City of Chicago; FNA DZ LLC WFO WFSF; 6511 BUVE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003019 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007017 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 6513 S KEDZIE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60629 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-24-116-036-0000 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 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6518872

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TO: OCCUPANT; ANN BUDNIK; ED BUDNIK; PAUL BUDNIK; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002922 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002920 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 7721 RUTHERFORD AVE BURBANK, IL 60459 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-30-412-012-0000 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 6520867

TO: J Wes Investments LLC | J Wes Investments LLC c/o Denise Daniel Quality Funding RPJV, LLC Quality Funding RPJV, LLC c/o Secretary of State - Business Services Quality Funding RPJV, LLC Quality Funding RPJV, LLC c/o Chris Bauer Quality Fundin EGJV, LLC c/o Secretary of State - Business Services Denise Daniel Juan Munos Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants, spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003902 FILED: October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 20, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0007037 and 175-0007038 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2010-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 332-35 W. 54th Street, Chicago, IL 60609-6152 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-09-324-013-0000 and 20-09-324-014-0000, volume 420 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 13, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 13, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on April 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before March 13, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 KALON THRONÉ LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated October 15, 2019 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6525115

To: Kyland, Inc. Kyland, Inc. c/o Niko Karvundis, R.A. Kyland, Inc. c/o Sandra J. King Occupant of Kylands Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants, spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003729 FILED: October 9, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0005070 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1509 W. Cabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-101-031-0000, Volume 253 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 13, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 13, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on April 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before March 13, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 KALON THRONÉ, Purchaser or Assignee Dated October 9, 2019 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6525114

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To: Syed J. Hasnain Washington Park Condominium Association c/o Chicago Property Services, Inc., R.A. Washington Park Condominium Association Jerry LaFric - President Washington Park Condominium Association c/o William Williams - Secretary State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue State of Illinois c/o Attorney General Wilson c/o Chicago Property Services, Inc. 5140 Bending Ln. Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEES NO. 2019COTD003817 FILED: October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0005090 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2007-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5140 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Garden Unit B, Chicago, IL 60615 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-10-306-069-1043, Volume 253 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 13, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 13, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on April 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before March 13, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 KALON THRONÉ LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated October 15, 2019 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6525145

To: Sherman Middleton Anthony Jmaes Bledsoe Duwayne A. Moss City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel City of Chicago c/o Department of Buildings City of Chicago c/o Department of Water Duwayne A. Moss Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003832 FILED: October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 20, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0007191 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 317 W. Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60641-4119 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-211-004-0000, Volume 421 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 13, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 13, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on April 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before March 13, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 KALON THRONÉ LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated October 15, 2019 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6525116

To: Premier Consultant Group, Inc. Premier Consultant Group, Inc. c/o Tiffany Webb - R.A. Sarju Nair Patrick E. Ferguson Teresa Darlow KALON THRONÉ LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated October 15, 2019 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6525160

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TO: OCCUPANT; FELICIA ERVIN; GN BANK F/K/A ILLINOIS SERVICE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION; City of Chicago; ROBERT J. ADAMS & ASSOCIATES; TAISHA'S BEAUTY SUPPLY; OWENS PARTMENTS; OCCUPANT UNIT 2; OCCUPANT UNIT 2; BARBER/BEAUTY SHOP; FIG IL 18, LLC; FELICIA OUGAR; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003029 FILED: 09/13/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-000765 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 THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7101-03 S HALSTED ST & 761 W 71ST STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-28-100-001-0000 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 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 8th day of November, 2019. 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6518874

TO: Peggy Kaplan David Miller South Shore Condominium Corporation c/o Hilton P. Clark - R.A. South Shore Condominium Corporation c/o Secretary of State - Business Services South Shore Condominium Corporation c/o Adrienne Ray - Secretary City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel City of Chicago - City Clerk South Shore Condominium Corporation c/o Secretary of State - Business Services 5307 E. 53rd Street Chicago, IL 60615-4573 Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003824 FILED: October 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0005444 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2010-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2619 E. 74th Street, Unit 1E, Chicago, IL 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-102-031-1004, Volume 274 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on March 13, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before March 13, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on April 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before March 13, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 KALON THRONÉ LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated October 15, 2019 12/2, 3, 4/2019 6525148

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TO: OCCUPANT; RTL ENTERPRISES, LLC; GREGORY MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; BRIAN BIGGS; ANTHONY LUPESCU; RANDOLPH THOMAS; MATTHEW JONES; THOMAS HARMON; OCCUPANT; OCCUPANT MCDONALD; OCCUPANT MCDONALD; SOUTH SHORE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002856 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0000527 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 2309 W 119TH ST, UNIT #2309 & BLUE ISLAND IL 60406 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-30-100-035-1006 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 6519622

TO: OCCUPANT; SUBRITA WILLIAMS; AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES A SUBSIDIARY OF AVCO FINANCIAL INC.; AND SPECIAL SERVICES MORTGAGE CORPORATION F/K/A AVCO FINANCIAL SERVICES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002857 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0000581 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 13703 S SCHOOL ST RIVERDALE, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-33-326-022-0000 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 6519627

TO: OCCUPANT; JASMINE TRICE; EBONY JONES; LAQUITA RAYCE; KEITH BRUNSEN; HONDI M. REALTY & MANAGEMENT CORPORATION A/K/A H & M REALTY & MANAGEMENT CORP.; Illinois Department of Employment Security; Illinois Attorney General; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002858 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0000594 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 13703 S NORMAL AVE, RIVERDALE, IL 60827 and 13729 S EGGLESTON AVE, RIVERDALE, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-33-331-006-0000 and 25-33-331-013-0000 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







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TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF RUTH BLACKSON; RUTH BLACKSON; COOK COUNTY LAND BANKS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002905 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002715 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 THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 248 SUGAMON ST PARK FOREST, IL 60446 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-35-413-039-0000 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 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 6519964

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TO: OCCUPANT; CIGUN CORP.; TWIN ARBOR IN PARK FOREST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; CTTIMORTGAGE, INC. D/B/A FIRST NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE CORPORATION; RENEE STONE; MICHELLE EDWARDS; HUGH RILEY JR; City of Chicago; CIGUN CORP.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002908 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002737 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 THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 10 MCGARITY RD, UNIT #85-1 PARK FOREST IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-200-028-1041 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 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 6520778

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TO: OCCUPANT; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEBT EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE D/B/A AAA COOK CONSOLIDATED City of Chicago; Village of South Holland; REGINALD HUGHES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002911 FILED: 09/11/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002746 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 312 MANITOWAC ST PARK FOREST, IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-309-046-0000 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 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 6520819

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Going old ghoul

DePaul's 8-0 start is a reminder of how the program used to look

Down 18 at halftime to Central Michigan, DePaul coach Dave Leitao never expected to discover what he found at the bottom of the hole his Blue Demons had dug.

Light.  
"I'll be honest with you, I didn't know what was going to happen, but that second half, for me personally, was a bit of an epiphany," Leitao recalled Tuesday.

DePaul stormed out of the locker room Nov. 26 and scored seven straight points on the way to a 29-10 spurt. Its defense held Central Michigan scoreless for seven minutes. Its offense exploded for 56 second-half points in an 88-75 victory.

"After that," Leitao said, "I said to my staff and myself that there's something special about this team, that if we cherish it and treat it the right way, it can develop into something really good."



**DAVID HAUGH**  
In the Wake of the News

Nobody dares to get carried away yet on the Lincoln Park campus, which hasn't experienced the NCAA Tournament since Leitao led the Blue Demons there in 2004. But DePaul's first 8-0 start in 33 years has sparked cautious optimism around a program where it has been in short supply. Inching closer to its first national ranking since the 2000-01 season, DePaul received votes in the latest AP Top 25 poll.

The last time the Blue Demons were unbeaten this late into the season, Dallas Comegys and Rod Strickland were the stars and Joey Meyer the coach. That was the 1986-87 campaign that ended in the NCAA Midwest Regional semifinals, back in the days when March meant more than spring break at DePaul.

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### THE DEMONS WE KNOW

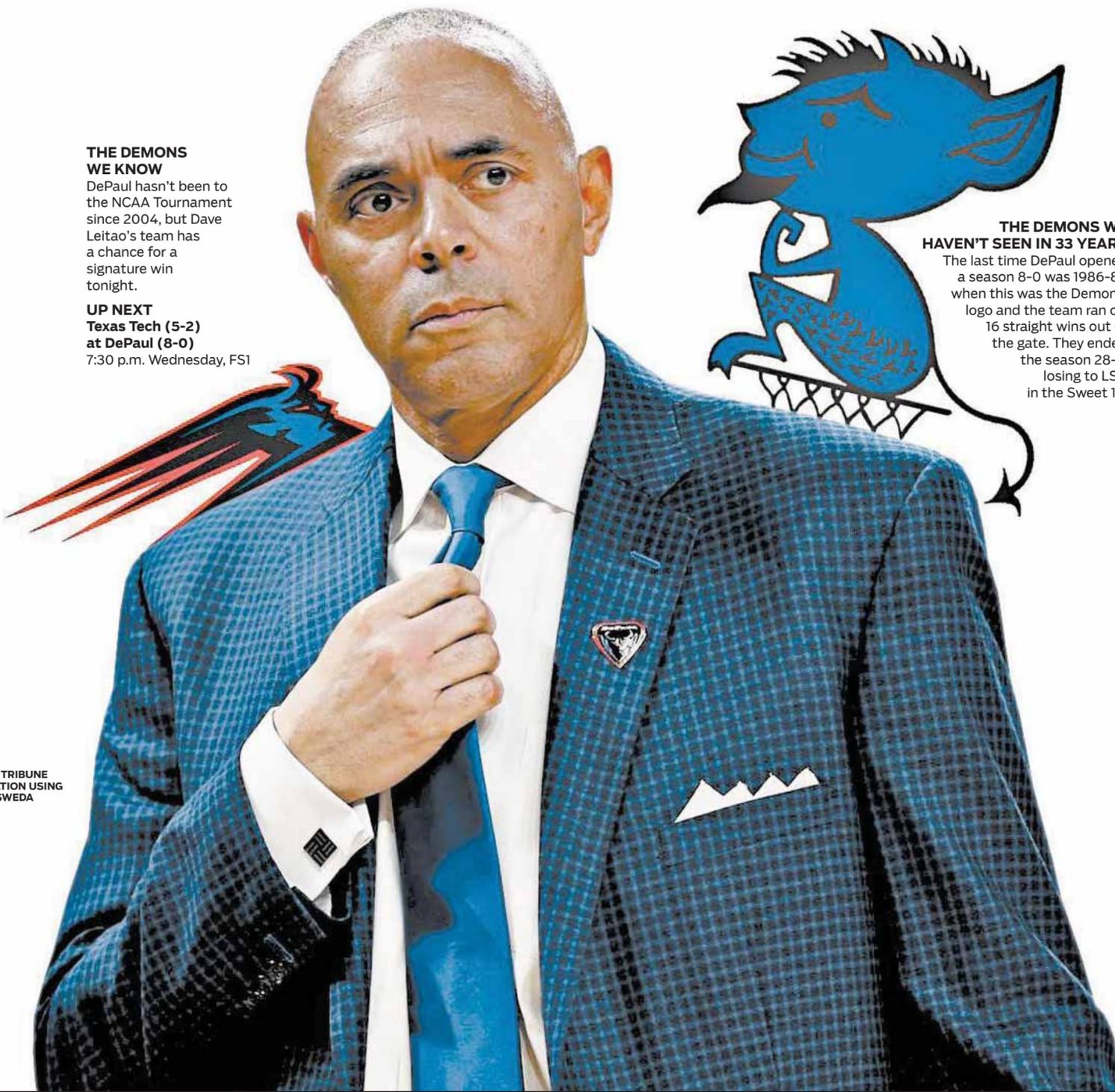
DePaul hasn't been to the NCAA Tournament since 2004, but Dave Leitao's team has a chance for a signature win tonight.

### UP NEXT

**Texas Tech (5-2)**  
**at DePaul (8-0)**  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, FS1

### THE DEMONS WE HAVEN'T SEEN IN 33 YEARS

The last time DePaul opened a season 8-0 was 1986-87, when this was the Demons' logo and the team ran off 16 straight wins out of the gate. They ended the season 28-3, losing to LSU in the Sweet 16.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING A CHRIS SWEDA PHOTO

## BLACKHAWKS

# Avery: Crawford kicked me, but 'I deserved it'

Changes direction after accusing Hawks assistant

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The Blackhawks aren't talking during their review of allegations made against assistant coach Marc Crawford claiming he was physically abusive toward former player Sean Avery while both were with the Kings.

Crawford, whom the Hawks placed on leave Monday before their game against the Blues, isn't available for interviews. But Avery is talking, and he's coming out in support of Crawford.

In a recent interview with the New York Post, Avery said Crawford kicked him so hard in the ass that it left a mark.

On Monday night, Avery shared a video on Twitter in which he said Crawford was his "second-favorite NHL coach" and that he

had "every right in the world to kick me in the ass. He should have spanked my ass a little bit more. I deserved it. I loved Crow."

Crawford won a Stanley Cup with the Avalanche in 1996 and also served as head coach of the Canucks, Kings, Stars and Senators over a coaching career that began in 1994 when he was 33.

Two other NHL players beside Avery have shared allegations that Crawford abused them physically. Avery said Crawford kicked him after taking a penalty for too many men on the ice.

"You know how I stand at the end of the bench? He came down and gave me an ass kick that left a mark," Avery said.

Ex-Hawk Brent Sopel alleged last year that Crawford "kicked me, he choked me, he grabbed the back of my jersey." Crawford coached Sopel with the Canucks.

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STACY REVERE/GETTY

## Handing out Big Ten football superlatives

Plus: The case for the four Silver Football finalists, including Wisconsin RB Jonathan Taylor, **Back Page**

## BEARS

# Nagy might soon unzip his bag of trick plays

BY DAN WIEDERER

For the first time in 100 seasons, the Bears will play three Thursday games in the same season. The third comes this week at Soldier Field against the Cowboys.

In the lead-up to the prime-time game, here's the inside slant on two notable storylines.

### 1. Are the Bears overdue for some offensive trickery?

Matt Nagy had just finished his Sunday afternoon news conference and was walking through a hallway at Halas Hall when backup quarterback Chase Daniel stopped him. Daniel had his phone out with Twitter pulled up and needed Nagy to see what had just happened in Miami.

Daniel wanted the Bears coach to see the Dolphins' wild formation on fourth-and-goal from the 1. "So cool," Daniel said. "I loved it, man."



### UP NEXT

**Cowboys at Bears**  
7:20 p.m. Thursday,  
FOX-32  
Khalil Mack steps up to the mic, **Page 5**

Field-goal unit on. Chip-shot 29-yard attempt? No chance.

Long snapper Daniel Kilgore was alone in the middle of the field with two Eagles defenders over him. Five Dolphins were spread out to the left, four more bunched to the right. Punter Matt Haack was awaiting the snap.

"I actually thought they were going to shift back in and kick the field goal," Daniel said. "I didn't think they were actually going to go for it."

But then, Haack took the shotgun snap and ran to his left. A horde of Eagles came after him.

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Bulls buck lower TV ratings

Look who's sitting out early-season NBA games.

The league's TV ratings on ESPN are down 19%.

On TNT, they're down 22%.

Talk about getting posterized. That's some serious rejection.

Like the first quarter of an NBA game, there's plenty of time to rally between now and the end of the regular season in April. But the early results, first reported by Sports Business Daily, are an eye-opener.

The NBA's national TV partners are on the hook for \$2.7 billion per year through 2024-25. They didn't invest all that for fans to stream "The Irishman" on Netflix instead.

Clippers star Kawhi Leonard availing himself of "load management," sitting out games to reduce the physical toll of the 82-game season, can't be the only reason the NBA has lost one in five viewers, on average, for its national telecasts.

But the tacit message of "load management" that it's critical to be at full strength for playoff games, when the stakes are higher, further devalues a six-month slog that eliminates only 14 of the league's 30 teams from vying for a title two months later.

No one ever pretended the regular season was all that important in the scheme of things.

Once "load management" entered the vernacular (a sore point for a league that insists it is only for players recovering from injuries), it has become much harder to ignore how little is at stake — at least until Christmas, maybe later.

Deep down, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver must know the league has a problem. Otherwise, he wouldn't be floating proposals for gimmicks such as an in-season tournament to goose interest before games actually matter.

Before panicking, however, it's worth noting fans haven't bailed on their home teams the way they've turned on the league as a whole.

Ratings for games carried in each team's market on regional sports networks have fallen 7% overall (a figure that doesn't include Toronto because it's in Canada or Denver because of a widespread carriage standoff for the Nuggets' RSN).

That's not good, but it's far better than the wholesale exodus from TNT and ESPN games.



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Fans prefer not to see Clippers Kawhi Leonard and Paul George watching from the bench.

More encouraging, half of the teams — including the erratic Bulls on NBC Sports Chicago — have seen upticks.

Bulls ratings have improved 13% year to year, averaging a 1.7 household rating to date. They've increased their streaming audience.

NBC Sports Chicago is the beneficiary of new ratings methodology that this season includes out-of-home viewing. But Bulls numbers have improved despite a dispute over carriage fees that has cut off access to Dish Network and Sling subscribers.

Imagine how NBC Sports Chicago would be doing if the Bulls actually strung together a few victories.

In the meantime, Christmas — and the NBA's annual national over-the-air broadcast debut on ABC — can't come soon enough for the league, according to Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, who has blamed cord-cutting for the national ratings woes.

"Ratings are down because all of our national broadcasts are exclusively available on cable, which is losing subs daily," Cuban tweeted.

A far bigger problem has been the absence of big-name players, for the old-fashioned reason that they've been hurt.

The decision to schedule a surfeit of Pelicans games, anticipating interest in rookie Zion Williamson, backfired badly when Williamson got injured before opening night.

Other marquee players missing because of injuries include the Warriors' Steph Curry and Klay Thompson, the Lakers' DeMarcus Cousins and the Nets' Kevin Durant.

That's a lot of absent star power, and the disastrous start of the Warriors, long a reliable TV draw, hasn't helped either.

Who will be back for the playoffs — on the court and in living rooms — remains to be seen. Or not.

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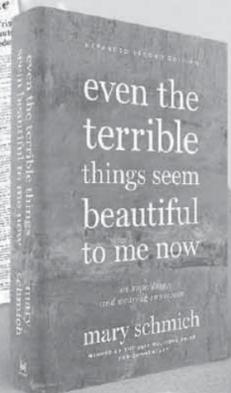
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## BLACKHAWKS &amp; BULLS

## HAWKS TAKEAWAYS

# Colliton must deal with his biggest crisis

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Brent Seabrook didn't mince words, and he didn't stop at Monday night's 4-0 loss to the Blues at the United Center.

Instead, the veteran Blackhawks defenseman lumped in the team's third straight loss with the pair of losses to the Avalanche that preceded it.

"We played three terrible games," Seabrook said. "It's definitely frustrating when you're out there. We have to work through it, we have to be better. We have to be better."

The Hawks are 1-5-1 in their last seven games and narrowly avoided falling into last place in the Western Conference thanks to the Kings' loss to the Ducks.

Still, the Hawks are just a point away from having the worst record in their conference, and a tough schedule ahead — including a game against the Bruins on Thursday in Boston — doesn't bode well.

Here are three takeaways from Monday's loss to the defending Stanley Cup champions:

## 1. Jeremy Colliton is faced with his biggest challenge yet.

The Hawks' record at this point isn't as poor as it was a year ago, but they're in a very similar situation: turn the season around immediately or forget about it.

Colliton recognizes that, even with 55 games remaining, the Hawks are giving away points they'll never get back. It doesn't matter if they're facing the Blues, Avalanche, Senators or Red Wings. Every point is precious and needs to be treated as such.

That is why it was shocking to see the Hawks play with an alarming lack of energy Monday. The United Center was dead most of the night. The most life it had, sadly enough, was when the many Blues fans in attendance began chants for their team.

"We didn't play with the energy we needed to be good, and I thought execution wasn't there either," Colliton said. "Obviously, they get the lead there early. That plays right into their hands. They're a very good defensive team and they played a smart road game. They didn't expend a ton of energy. They were just smart and made us work for our chances. I wish we'd have made them work for theirs a little harder."

It's ultimately up to the players to execute, but when the energy isn't there, that's a coaching issue. And Colliton recognizes it.

"(Not having energy) tells me that we've got to do a better job of preparing ourselves," he said. "As a coaching staff, we've got to find the right button and to get our guys to come out from the beginning and playing the way we need to. We have two days to discuss it and we'll practice and we've got to respond. Again, the time is now."

The time was actually during the loss to the Blues, not afterward during the news conference. The Hawks weren't ready to face a fierce rival on home ice. If they have any hope of turning their season around, Colliton will need to find a way to reach a team that he wasn't able to reach on Monday.

## 2. The Blackhawks' lack of depth is becoming apparent.

One of the themes Colliton and Hawks players have tried to drive home during this recent skid is that they're a good team, and the only thing standing between them and winning is effort.

That might be true if the Hawks had everyone on their roster available. But with Duncan Keith, Dylan Strome, Andrew Shaw and Drake Caggiula out with injuries against the Blues — and with Robin Lehner unavailable because of flu-like symptoms — it was no surprise the Hawks weren't competitive Monday night.

The players called up from Rockford over the last week — Ian McCoshen, Anton Wedin, Matthew Highmore and Kevin Lankinen — either haven't played or have had no discernible impact.

A glaring lack of depth that never was hard to see in the first place has exposed the Hawks as a team with almost no room for error. Two terrible games against the Avalanche — played entirely without Strome and mostly without Keith, who left midway through the first game — were followed by a generally mediocre effort against the Blues.

Three games. Three losses. The fact they're also division opponents isn't helpful, but if the Hawks somehow were to get into the playoff race, the Blues and Avalanche weren't going to be the teams they would be up against.

Colliton tried to sell the idea that the Hawks should be able to do what the Blues and Avalanche have done, which is to succeed despite losing important players. The Blues likely have lost Vladimir Tarasenko for the rest of the regular season as well as some other key players while the Avs have been down Gabriel Landeskog and Mikko Rantanen, among others.

The Blues and Avs have kept winning. The Hawks have not.

"Teams play without players," Colliton said. "No question the guys that are out are good players for us, but St. Louis is missing guys too. We just have to find a way to come through. You've got to find a way to get points. You can't go a bunch of games and not get points. It makes it too hard. The hill you've got to climb to get back into it is too much. So we're still there but we've got to put some games together."



Jeremy Colliton's Hawks have lacked energy, which could be a coaching issue.

## 3. Jeremy Colliton spoke favorably of Marc Crawford and his tenure with the Hawks.

Shortly before Monday's game, the Hawks announced that assistant coach Marc Crawford would be taking a leave of absence as they investigate reports he abused former NHL players years earlier as Kings coach.

After the game, Colliton was asked if he was involved in the decision.

"It's an organizational decision, and I know they put out a statement and I understand the decision for the review," he said.

"I can only speak for my time with Marc. He's been excellent, and I've really enjoyed that. He's added a lot to our group and our staff and our players."



Hawks assistant Marc Crawford is under review for reports of abuse.



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Zach LaVine (8) shoots over Kings forward Richaun Holmes on Monday night.

## BULLS TAKEAWAYS

# Markkanen, LaVine give some hope

BY PHIL THOMPSON

The Bulls shot 43.2% on 3-pointers and the bench outscored the Kings 35-24 during their 113-106 victory against the Kings on Monday night in Sacramento, Calif.

The bad news is the Bulls let a 19-point second-half lead dwindle to two, a familiar refrain.

The bottom line is they held off a 26-point night from the Kings' Buddy Hield and halted a three-game losing streak.

Here are three observations from watching the game.

## 1. Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen shined in the same game.

LaVine scored at least 28 points for the fourth time in his last five games, and Markkanen posted his third game of 20 points or more this season. It also represented the first time both Bulls stars reached 20 points in the same game.

Coach Jim Boylen said via NBC Sports Chicago, "What I'm encouraged about is, if you look at the box score, that's how we envisioned this group of guys to look: contributions from everybody. A real solid game from Zach, a real solid game from Lauri, a double-double from Wendell (Carter Jr.), Sato (Tomas Satoransky) gets 14 (points) and five (assists). That's what we hope it can be, and we hope it can be that more consistently."

Said LaVine of Markkanen, "When he gets on a roll, then they've got to guard the whole floor."

LaVine added that the Bulls could do more to help pull Markkanen out of recent doldrums, such as running more two-man games with Markkanen as the focus.

"Once he made his first two, it started looking like back to old Lauri. Hopefully it's wheels up from there," LaVine said in a postgame interview air on NBC Sports Chicago.

## 2. The free throws made a difference.

The Bulls have been angling for more free throws this season after ranking 26th in 2018-19 with 20.7 attempts per game. They're up to 23.4 attempts this season, good for 14th, though they've felt like they still haven't gotten the benefit of some calls (but what team doesn't, right?).

Monday night showed how getting to the line more often could add to the win column. The Bulls took 29 attempts — their third-most this season — and made their second-most free throws (25).

Markkanen's four free throws with about 2½ minutes left likely averted a fourth-quarter meltdown.

With the Bulls' lead down to 100-98, Markkanen took a pass behind the arc, then blew past Yogi Ferrell and drew a bump foul from Nemanja Bjelica. Markkanen let out a shout and smiled before making his free throws.

After Hield's jumper brought the Kings within two, Markkanen drew another foul from Bjelica and made both free throws.

The Bulls went 12-for-12 from the line in the fourth quarter. That's one way you put a stop to those third- and fourth-quarter rallies that have plagued them.

## 3. If you didn't catch it, Buddy Hield let the Bulls know what he really thought of them.

The 8-11 Kings have just one more win than the 7-14 Bulls, but it sounds as if at least one of them looked at Monday as a gimme game.

"We took them lightly," Hield said, according to the Sacramento Bee. "We didn't respect them enough. ... You can't take teams lightly. This is a game we should have won."

This is the kind of perspective the Bulls, who view themselves as a playoff contender, have taken after losses to the likes of the Warriors, Hornets and Cavaliers.

Leave it to former Bull Jalen Rose to offer a reality check.

"I'm going to say something about the underachieving Chicago Bulls. They need a new coach," the TV commentator said on ESPN's "Get Up!" after the Bulls' 117-94 home loss to the Trail Blazers last week. "They really do because they have so much young talent on that squad, and I don't think they are developing properly."

**BEARS**

**Storylines**

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And with a brilliant and well-timed flick of his right wrist, Haack shoveled the ball into the end zone to uncovered “receiver” Jason Sanders, a second-year kicker who had lined up in the slot, feigned a block and then caught his first NFL touchdown pass.

Fox announcers Kenny Albert and Ronde Barber went nuts. Soon after, social media did too. And before long Daniel was in a hallway at Bears headquarters trying to ignite a spark of creativity in his coach.

“I’m constantly pulling those things,” Daniel said. “I’m constantly sending Matt every cool trick play that I see. Anything crazy and innovative that actually works, I’ll pass along. We’re building a nice little database.”

Nagy, of course, loves a dash of ingenuity. “It looked pretty crazy,” he said of the Dolphins touchdown. “It worked, right? If it didn’t work, it would have been a terrible play, and (Chase) wouldn’t have been showing me.”

OK. So maybe there’s a little something here.

Maybe Nagy will take a few extra moments to study the Dolphins’ gadgetry — it’s called “Mountaineer Shot” and produced the first touchdown reception by a kicker in 42 years.

Maybe the Bears can spice up their game against the Cowboys with a bit of well-timed trickery.

In 2018, the Bears were well known for their unconventional offensive twists and fun touchdowns.

There was “Willy Wonka,” the play against the Buccaneers that featured Daniel and Mitch Trubisky in shotgun together followed by a quick touch pass from Trubisky to Taylor Gabriel and then a defense-freezing zone-read handoff fake.

There was “Santa’s Sleigh,” the play-action touchdown toss from Trubisky to offensive lineman Bradley Sowell.

There was “Freezer Left,” the nostalgic nod to William “Refrigerator” Perry that allowed Akiem Hicks to score on a 1-yard touchdown run. Or jog. Or plunge. Or whatever.

And then there was “Oompa Loompa,” Daniel’s favorite — of his career. That play forced overtime against the Giants last season, the final-play-of-regulation thriller that had five Bears touch the ball and ended with a 1-yard Tarik Cohen to Anthony Miller touchdown toss.

“That ball was supposed to come back to me,” Daniel said. “But they covered me. And for (Tarik) to get to his second read? That’s awesome. The quarterbacks had thought that play up and we had been practicing that for at least 12 weeks. And while it didn’t always look the best in practice, for Matt to call that on fourth-and-1 with the game on the line is awesome.”



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Will Matt Nagy reach into his bag of trick plays this week against the Cowboys?

Last year, at the height of trick-play mania in Lake Forest, Nagy emphasized the added juice that a well-executed trick play can give a team. He also stressed how dialed in players often were when it came to time to run those.

But the 2019 Bears haven’t been consistent enough on offense or successful enough as a team to unlock certain carnival-themed parts of the playbook.

Said Nagy: “We want to be able to execute with our offense before we start getting into all that other stuff.”

Eventually, though, an ideal time might come for “all that other stuff.” And there will be a chance for the Bears to join the 2019 highlight reel of trickery.

As if “Mountaineer Shot” wasn’t exciting enough this weekend, the Texans entertained the “Sunday Night Football” audience with a dizzying DeAndre Hopkins to Deshaun Watson touchdown pass against the Patriots that saw Watson hand to running back Duke Johnson, who flipped the ball to Hopkins, who launched a bit of an unorthodox option pitch to Watson.

The Texans quarterback made a nice catch, then dived from the 3-yard line for a score.

After the Texans finished off a 28-22 victory, coach Bill O’Brien voiced his approval for the play.

“I think they drew it up in the dirt over the bye week,” O’Brien told reporters. “They brought it in, had it on a piece of notebook paper and handed it to me. We’ve been working on that for a while.”

Watson took it one step further, acknowledging he lifted the idea from the 2017 Bears.

Yep, you remember the play designed by then-offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains. “Gun Tray Left Heisman.” Mitch Trubisky to Jordan Howard to Zach Miller back to Trubisky. Successful two-point conversion.

(Loggains actually borrowed the concept from the 2000 Buccaneers — Shaun King to Warrick Dunn to Mike Alstott back to King on a play called “Doughnut.”)

You never know when one team’s imaginative ways can create inspiration for another.

Daniel’s trick-play database is in his phone — mostly just a series of links, he said, to the plays and concepts he likes most. “I’m not as secretive as Matt probably is,” Daniel said.

That’s for certain. Nagy spoke in CIA-level code Monday as he described how his creativity always combines with his paranoia as he stockpiles gadget plays.

“We have libraries (of) video,” Nagy said. “But we name them crazy names so that even coaches within our building don’t know where they’re at. We’ve even gone as far as whitening-out the font.”

Really? Can’t even let colleagues on your coaching staff catch a glimpse? It needs to be that covert?

“You’d be surprised,” Nagy said. “Once one person knows, then two people know. I want nobody to know. I just want to know.”

Daniel smiled.

“I know where he keeps all that stuff,” he said. “Trust me. It’s funny. Everyone’s trying for that edge, right?”

So might Thursday night be the right time for another splash?

“We’ll see what’s next,” Daniel said. “I can’t be giving away too many secrets.”

**2. Ninety yards, no panic. The value of the Bears’ winning march in Detroit.**

The first play of the Bears’ final drive on Thanksgiving at Ford Field was out of sync. Running back David Montgomery got tangled up first with Lions defensive lineman A’Shawn Robinson and then with Trey Flowers as he made his way out of the backfield for a screen pass. Mitch Trubisky’s timing was disrupted. Linemen Cody Whitehair and Rashaad Coward already had released up the field to block.

An 11-yard completion was smothered by a yellow flag. Ineligible man downfield. Five-yard penalty.

Oh, brother. First-and-15. Backed up at their 5-yard line. Trailing 20-17. To the last-place Lions.

The way much of this season has gone, most of Chicago would have been irritated but not surprised had the Bears inadvertently aimed their gun at their feet and squeezed the trigger.

For much of the year, the Bears have been a team prone to self-inflicted wounds without the ability to fully recover.

Up to that point, almost 12 full games and 129 offensive series into the season, the Bears had 20 touchdown drives but only six that included an offensive penalty.

So maybe it was a sign of growth that the Bears didn’t allow that first mistake to rattle them. Maybe it was a positive development that the offense wasn’t ruffled when Allen Robinson flat-out dropped a pass on second down two snaps later. Maybe it was not a huge deal that, once the Bears were on the doorstep of a winning score, they committed a perplexing delay-of-game penalty before first-and-goal from the 2.

Nagy, for one, felt comfortable with the Bears’ red-zone play options from beyond the 5.

“It sounds crazy,” he said, “but losing some yards there doesn’t really hurt you in some ways.”

To be clear, such sloppy mistakes can’t continue. But the ability to shrug past them, to stay focused, to demonstrate resilience and confidence to overcome errors was a step in the right direction.

The Bears’ final drive went in the books as a nine-play, 90-yard march to the end zone. It was the first late-fourth-quarter, game-winning-touchdown drive of Trubisky’s career. And it included several completions in the clutch.

First, Trubisky hit Anthony Miller for 35 yards on third-and-4. Later, Trubisky connected with Miller for 32 on third-and-5. Finally, Trubisky threw a dart to Montgomery for a 7-yard score with the quarterback getting to his third read and calmly hitting the wide-open running back for the 24-20 win.

The Bears erased a few potentially costly mistakes with a series of big plays.

“A 90-yard drive is a statement,” offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich said this week.

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34 “Put a \_\_\_ on it!”; cry of annoyance

36 No longer youthful

38 Comforting

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41 Cheek coloring

42 Bamboo-eating critters

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45 Refuse entry to

47 Soup server’s need

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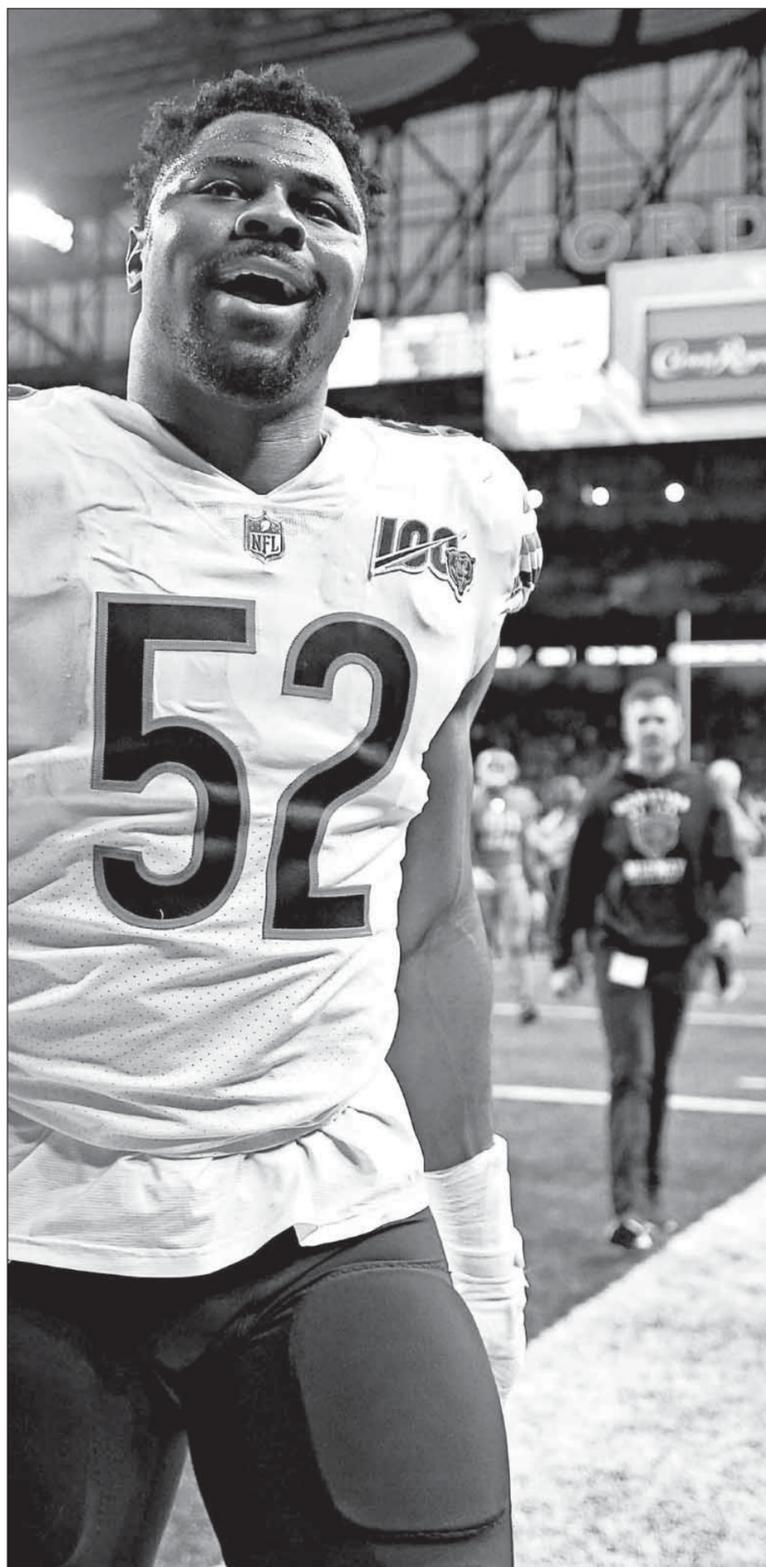
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## BEARS



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Khalil Mack heads to the locker room after the Bears beat the Lions on Thanksgiving.

# Mack: Cowboys are a handful

Realizes Bears face 4 'must' wins but says, 'We love this'

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears defense faces one of its toughest tests this season Thursday night at Soldier Field as they try to slow down a prolific Cowboys offense led by quarterback Dak Prescott, running back Ezekiel Elliott and wide receiver Amari Cooper.

Outside linebacker Khalil Mack talked Tuesday at Halas Hall about that challenge and how the Bears will approach the final four games of the season with a slim shot at the playoffs.

Here are highlights from his media session.

**On what he has seen from Prescott:** "The guy knows how to put his team in a position to win games. He's a hell of a ballplayer. He plays with a lot of heart, and you see it. You see it reflected in the film. It's going to be a big challenge for us this week."

**On how to stop Elliott:** "He's one of the most physical running backs in the league. It's going to be a huge task. He's a guy who runs the ball like he's angry. It's going to be our job to make sure he feels us."

**On his impressions of Cooper, who was his teammate with the Raiders:** "He's one of the most special receivers in the league. I remember seeing him his rookie year, doing some stuff that I've never seen before, as far as his footwork, he was one of the most impressive guys I've ever seen in my life. It's going to be a good challenge for these guys to take this week."

**On whether he still talks to Cooper:** "Not that much. Amari is kind of like me. He doesn't like to talk too much. You know what I'm saying? He's kind of a laid-back kind of dude."

**On feeling pressure to lead the team over four must-win games:** "We love this. If you play this game and you love this game, you can't wait to do the impossible, in a sense. You can't wait to go out and prove yourself."

**On how he feels physically:** "You ain't got no choice right now but to be 100%. Mentally, that's going to be huge for everybody at this point. ... It's not really making excuses about this and that. Just going out and looking to get a win."



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Dak Prescott (4) and Ezekiel Elliott give the Cowboys two dangerous weapons.

**On the play of Roquan Smith, who had 15 tackles and two sacks against the Lions:** "Ro! Yeah, man. It's huge. Like I say, when he plays well, we play well as a defense. ... He plays with a chip on his shoulder. It's a beautiful thing. I heard him talking a little bit last game, and I never heard him talk like that before, so he needs to keep doing it."

**On the strangest protection strategy he has faced this year:** "There's so many different. I feel like it had to probably be that Minnesota game, getting hit by four different people. That was unique. I felt like that was a unique approach. I feel like every game, it's kind of been the same thing. ... There's certainly things that people don't show on film until we play, so I'm just looking forward to it. Not really making excuses, just doing what I can to affect the game."

**On his My Cause, My Cleats cause, the Lupus Foundation of America:** "It's huge for me. One of my aunts, Aunt Gloria, she passed away from it. So it's huge for me, bringing awareness to it."

**On Akiem Hicks returning to practice this week:** "It's always fun when you've got the Mufas out there. I call him Mufas, man. That's my guy. Real special player. Not only that, he's a real special person. Just having him around was huge, but having him on the field was even more huge."

## NFL POWER RANKINGS

## Ravens tighten grip at top

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



**1. Ravens 10-2 (last week: 1):** With four weeks remaining in the regular season, there is no doubt the Ravens are the top team in the league after beating the 49ers.



**2. Seahawks 10-2 (4):** A run defense that has struggled at times played really well against the Vikings, and the Seahawks ran for 219 yards Monday in a 37-30 win.



**3. 49ers 10-2 (2):** The 49ers are enduring through a grueling stretch after Sunday's narrow loss in Baltimore. Next up — a trip to New Orleans on Sunday.



**4. Saints 10-2 (5):** After beating the Falcons on Thanksgiving, the Saints have some extra time to prepare for their showdown with the 49ers on Sunday.



**5. Texans 8-4 (8):** The Texans surged ahead in the AFC South after beating the Patriots on Sunday night. QB Deshaun Watson threw for 234 yards and three TDs.



**6. Patriots 10-2 (3):** Is there reason for concern in New England after the offense struggled in a 28-22 loss to the Texans? Tom Brady looked out of rhythm.



**7. Packers 9-3 (6):** The Packers rebounded by blowing open a game with the Giants in the fourth quarter. Davante Adams got going again, catching two TDs.



**8. Vikings 8-4 (7):** The Vikings looked to be in good position Monday in Seattle when they took a 17-10 lead into the third quarter. That's when everything disintegrated.



**9. Chiefs 8-4 (9):** The Chiefs may be back in the swing of things as they have won two games in a row without the best play from Patrick Mahomes.



**10. Bills 9-3 (12):** The Bills did well enough in their Thanksgiving showcase to have their Week 15 game with the Steelers flexed into the NBC prime-time spot.



**11. Titans 7-5 (15):** The Titans improved to 5-1 with Ryan Tannehill at QB and remained in the hunt in the playoff race with a victory over the Colts.



**12. Rams 7-5 (13):** We found out how to get Jared Goff right. Have him face the Cardinals defense. He completed 32 of 43 passes for 424 yards and two touchdowns.



**13. Steelers 7-5 (14):** They continue to find ways to pull out close games, winning for the sixth time in the last seven games — a 20-13 win over the Browns on Sunday.



**14. Cowboys 6-6 (11):** A loss to the Bills on Thanksgiving kept the Cowboys winless against teams with a winning record. We're nearing desperation time in Dallas.



**15. Bears 6-6 (19):** The Bears completed the easiest quarter of their schedule by winning three games, beating the Lions twice and Giants, to get back to .500.



**16. Colts 6-6 (10):** The Colts have hit a major rut after losing for the fourth time in the last five games with a 31-17 setback to the Titans on Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium.



**17. Raiders 6-6 (17):** The Raiders learned they're not ready to challenge in the AFC West. That was the result of Sunday's 40-9 thumping by the Chiefs.



**18. Buccaneers 5-7 (23):** Bruce Arians seems to have gotten a handle on things as the Bucs have won three of their last four after Sunday's win over the Jaguars.



**19. Eagles 5-7 (18):** The Eagles close out the season with four games against AFC East foes, including two against the Giants. However, this team is a mess.



**20. Browns 5-7 (16):** Freddie Kitchens didn't show fashion sense or common sense when he wore a T-shirt that read "Pittsburgh Started It" to the theater.



**21. Panthers 5-7 (20):** Coach Ron Rivera and general manager Marty Hurney already were under scrutiny even before Sunday's loss to the Redskins.



**22. Broncos 4-8 (27):** The Broncos caught a break, picking up a pass-interference penalty against the Chargers with :03 left, leading to Brandon McManus' winning kick.



**23. Jets 4-8 (22):** It's one thing for the Jets' modest three-game winning streak to come to an end. It's another for it to occur against the previously winless Bengals.



**24. Jaguars 4-8 (24):** The Jaguars reached the AFC title game in 2017, which now feels like it was a decade ago. Nick Foles was benched against the Buccaneers.



**25. Chargers 4-8 (21):** Make it eight losses now for the Chargers by seven points or fewer as they found a new path to defeat after a late pass-interference penalty.



**26. Dolphins 3-9 (29):** Remember when it looked like this team was headed to 0-16? The Dolphins started 0-7, but 6-10 is not out of the realm of possibility.



**27. Cardinals 3-8-1 (25):** The Cardinals came off their open date with a 34-7 loss to the Rams. It was the ninth game the Cardinals have allowed 27 points or more.



**28. Falcons 3-9 (26):** Hey, at least we know the Falcons have this inside kick thing down. Younghoe Koo executed three of them in Thursday's loss to the Saints.



**29. Redskins 3-9 (30):** If there is a silver lining in this season of misery, and we're talking about the thinnest sliver of linings, it's that Derrius Guice looks pretty good.



**30. Lions 3-8-1 (28):** Undrafted rookie free-agent QB David Blough was far more poised than anyone could have predicted during his NFL debut against the Bears.



**31. Bengals 1-11 (32):** Andy Dalton got a game ball Sunday after guiding the Bengals to a 22-6 victory over the Jets as he passed for 243 yards and a touchdown.



**32. Giants 2-10 (31):** It's getting increasingly more difficult to believe the Giants are going to be able to enter this offseason without making big changes.



STREETEER LECKA/GETTY-AFP

Ron Rivera was fired after nearly nine seasons as Panthers coach.

## NFL NOTES

## Panthers parting ways with Rivera

Associated Press

The Ron Rivera era has come to an abrupt end in Carolina.

The Panthers fired their all-time winningest head coach with the team on a four-game losing streak and headed to its third non-playoff season in four years.

"I believe this is the best decision for the long-term success of our team," Panthers owner David Tepper said in a statement Tuesday. "I have a great deal of respect for Ron and the contributions he has made to this franchise and to this community."

Secondary coach Perry Fewell was named interim head coach. Offensive coordinator Norv Turner will transition to special assistant to the head coach, and quarterbacks coach Scott Turner will serve as offensive coordinator.

Tepper said he will begin a search for a new coach immediately.

Rivera, 57, was hired in 2011 and was 76-63-1 in the regular season and a 3-4 postseason mark. In nine seasons, Rivera guided the team to a Super Bowl appearance, an NFC championship and three NFC South titles.

But the Panthers have fallen on hard times lately following injuries to quarterback Cam Newton the last two seasons. The Panthers are 5-7 this season and are all but eliminated from playoff contention after a 29-21 loss to the Redskins on Sunday at home.

## Duck gets another start:

Coach Mike Tomlin confirmed that quarterback Devlin "Duck" Hodges will make his second straight start on Sunday when the Steelers (7-5) visit the Cardinals (3-8-1). Tomlin named Hodges the starter over Mason Rudolph before last week's meeting with the Browns.

Hodges responded by completing 14 of 21 passes for 212 yards with a touchdown and an interception in a 20-13 victory that kept the Steelers firmly in the playoff chase with a month to go. The 23-year-old Hodges is the first undrafted rookie free agent to win his first two NFL starts since Ed Ruppert did it as a replacement player for the Redskins during the 1987 players' strike.

The Steelers are 3-1 in games Hodges has appeared. He led the Steelers to a 24-17 victory on the road at the Chargers on Oct. 13 while filling in for an injured Rudolph.

**Extra points:** The Browns released DE Chris Smith, whose girlfriend was killed in a roadside accident earlier this season. Smith spent the past two seasons with the Browns. He did not play in Sunday's loss at Pittsburgh despite the Browns being short-handed on the defensive line with Myles Garrett out due to suspension. ... The Dolphins placed RB Kalen Ballage on injured reserve after he injured his left leg in Sunday's victory over the Eagles. ... Rams KR JoJo Natson was placed on injured reserve with a hamstring injury and the team signed TE Kendall Blanton from the practice squad.

## COLLEGES

NORTHWESTERN 82, BOSTON COLLEGE 64

## Pair of 20s pace Wildcats

Kopp, Buie match each other in Big Ten-ACC challenge win

By KEN POWTAK  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Miller Kopp and Boo Buie each scored 20 points and Northwestern beat Boston College 82-64 in a Big Ten-ACC Challenge matchup Tuesday night.

Ryan Young added 12 points and Pete Nance had a pair of 3-pointers during a key 16-0 first half run for the Wildcats (4-3).

Nance finished with eight points.

The Wildcats' run over a 5:36 stretch turned a one-point deficit into a 35-20 edge. Nance had a pair of 3-pointers in the run and Kopp added a 3 in his five points.

During the spree, the Wildcats switched to zone and didn't come out of it from midway in the first half until after the midpoint of the second.

Northwestern led 37-27 at halftime and pushed its lead to 60-42 on Buie's fast-break layup with 11:13 left.

After a timeout by BC, A.J. Turner nailed two free throws, giving the Wildcats their

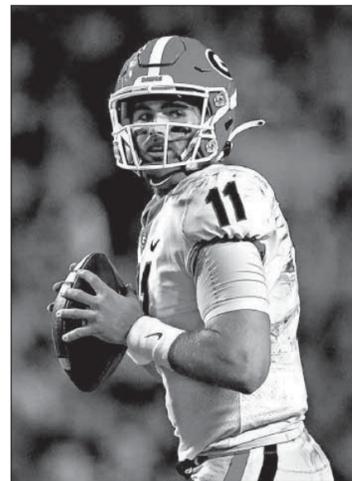
first 20-point lead of the night.

The Eagles didn't get their deficit below double digits the rest of the way.

Jairus Hamilton led BC (4-5) with 12 points, Derryck Thornton had 11 and Jay Heath 10. The Eagles lost their fourth straight game.

In a blooper moment, NU guard Pat Spencer had a steal and breakaway dunk, but the 6-foot-3 grad transfer, who was a standout four-year lacrosse player at Loyola, fell on his backside after the slam.

Up next, the Wildcats host Purdue in their Big Ten opener Sunday.



KEVIN C. COX/GETTY-AP

Jake Fromm and No. 4 Georgia will face No. 2 LSU on Saturday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Race for No. 4 spot getting tight

Georgia facing must-win situation in SEC title game

By MATT MURSCHEL  
Orlando Sentinel

The College Football Playoff picture became a little clearer with the release of the penultimate rankings Tuesday night as teams gear up for conference championship weekend.

The race for the fourth and final spot in the two semifinals narrowed thanks to Alabama's loss to Auburn this past weekend. The Crimson Tide dropped from fifth to No. 12 this week, opening the door for Utah and Oklahoma.

Utah (11-1) moved up a spot to No. 5 with the Utes preparing to take on No. 13 Oregon (10-2) in the Pac-12 Championship Game Friday night. Oklahoma (11-1), meanwhile, moved up to No. 6 with a win over Oklahoma State last week. The Sooners will face No. 7 Baylor (11-1) in the Big 12 championship Saturday.

Ohio State (12-0) remained atop the rankings for the second consecutive week, with the Buckeyes set to take on No. 8 Wisconsin (10-2) in the Big Ten championship Saturday.

LSU (12-0) was ranked No. 2, with the Tigers preparing to face No. 4 Georgia (11-1) in the SEC championship Saturday. A Bulldogs loss most likely would open the door to Utah or Oklahoma moving into the top four with wins.

For the fourth consecutive week, Clemson (12-0) was ranked No. 3, with the Tigers facing Virginia in the ACC championship Saturday.

This is the fifth of six weekly rankings released by the 13-member selection committee, with the final standings to be revealed on Dec. 8. Those rankings will determine the four semifinalists along with the teams participating in the rest of the New Year's Six bowl games.

The two semifinals, which rotate annually, will take place in Atlanta at the Peach Bowl and in Glendale, Ariz., at the Fiesta Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 28.

The remaining New Year's Six games will be hosted by the Cotton, Orange, Rose and Sugar bowls.

The top-ranked conference champion from the Group of 5 leagues automatically earns a spot in one of the access bowl games.

Memphis (11-1) remained the top ranked Group of Five team in this week's poll, coming in at No. 17. The Tigers host Cincinnati (10-2) for the American Athletic Conference Championship Saturday afternoon. A loss by Memphis would clear a path for No. 19 Boise State (11-1) to claim the New Year's Six spot with a win over Hawaii in the Mountain West Conference title game Saturday.

The College Football Playoff National Championship Game is slated to be played on Monday, Jan. 13, at Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans.

**Schiano, Rutgers reunite:** After an on-again, off-again courtship, Greg Schiano is back as Rutgers coach.

The university's Board of Governors on Tuesday approved an eight-year, \$32 million contract to bring back the former Scarlet Knights coach to lead the down-trodden program that has lost 21 straight Big Ten Conference games and won seven others over the last three seasons.

The 53-year-old Schiano will be introduced at a news conference on Wednesday.

The agreement, which was signed by Schiano and athletic director Pat Hobbs on Saturday and announced on Sunday, will give the coach a \$4 million annual salary and \$7.7 million annually to hire a staff, with the amount increasing 3% annually.

**Extra points:** Iowa State and coach Matt Campbell agreed on a one-year contract extension through 2025. Campbell has been locked up for the next six seasons, ending speculation he would be a candidate for any number of job openings. ... Dynamic Colorado WR Laviska Shenault Jr. will skip his final season and declare for the NFL draft. Shenault, despite being hampered by injuries, finished with 149 catches for 1,943 yards and 10 touchdowns.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Louisville defense dominates

Associated Press

Jordan Nwora had 22 points and 12 rebounds, and top-ranked Louisville held No. 4 Michigan to a season-low 26% shooting mark for a 58-43 victory Tuesday night in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge in its first game since returning to No. 1.

The host Cardinals (8-0) shot just 37% but their defense stifled Michigan (7-1) much of the night as they earned a signature victory one day after claiming the top spot in the AP Top 25 for the first time in six years. Though second-year coach Chris Mack has downplayed rankings, the win was significant for a program he has guided back into the national championship discussion following a sex scandal and the school's involvement in a federal corruption investigation of college basketball.

The Cardinals also kept the Wolverines and first-year coach Juwan Howard from adding another top-10 upset to the ones that helped them enter the Top 25 and match Kansas (1989) for the biggest jump from being unranked in the 70-year history of the poll.

Steven Enoch had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Dwayne Sutton had 11 boards as Louisville topped Michigan 48-41 in that category.

Jon Teske had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Wolverines, who had sought their first victory over a No. 1 team since beating Duke 81-73 at home on Dec. 13, 1997.

**Flying high:** Obi Toppin scored 17 points and had a soaring, one-hand slam off one of his 10 rebounds, and No. 19 Dayton celebrated its return to the rankings by beating visiting Houston Baptist 99-68.

The Flyers (6-1) vaulted into the Top 25 after an impressive run at the Maui Invitational that included drubbings of Georgia and Virginia Tech followed by an overtime loss to Kansas in the title game. Dayton hadn't been ranked in the Top 25 since February 2016.

Back on the mainland, Dayton struggled before pulling away from the depleted Huskies (0-6), who are in a brutal opening stretch of road games. They'd given up 100 points in each of their last three losses against Texas Tech, Michigan and Houston.

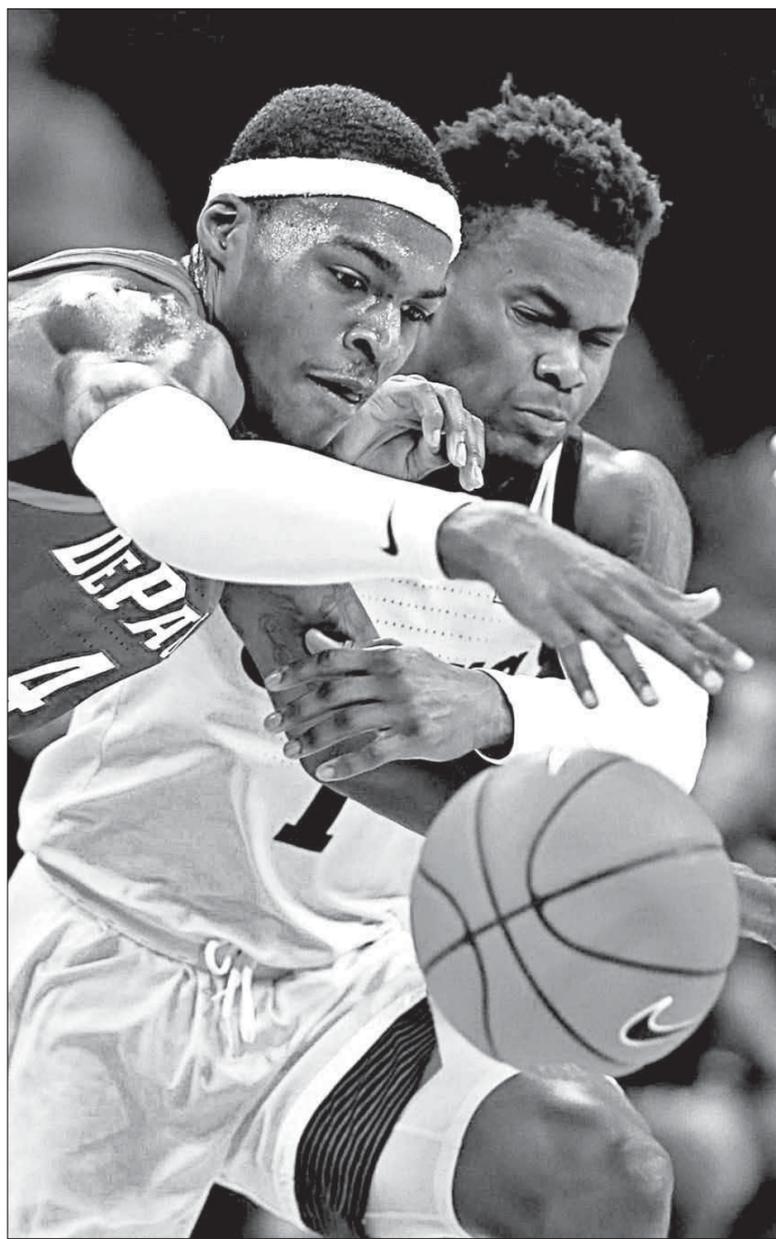
Toppin was the Atlantic 10's top freshman last season and has been the catalyst in the Flyers' breakout run, scoring at least 20 points in all but two games. The forward opened the game with a dunk on an alley-oop pass from Jalen Crutcher and went high to snare a rebound with his left hand and slam it down.

Toppin finished with his third double-double of the season in only 24 minutes. Trey Landers added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Jalon Gates led an early Huskies surge, scoring 16 points in the first eight minutes. He was the focus of Dayton's defense the rest of the way and got off only three more shots, missing them all. Ian DuBose, the All-Southland Conference guard, started despite a sore ankle and had 18 points in 32 minutes.

The Huskies threw a chill into the Flyers early as Gates made five straight shots — four from beyond the arc — for a 22-13 lead, silencing the crowd at University of Dayton Arena. The Flyers started wearing down Houston Baptist late in the first half.

**Layups:** Kamar Baldwin scored 31 points and No. 24 Butler remained unbeaten with a 67-58 win over host Mississippi. Baldwin shot 11 of 16 from the field, including 4 for 5 from 3-point range, to lead the Bulldogs (8-0). He added six rebounds and three assists. Jordan Tucker and Bryce Nze each had eight points for Butler, and Nze grabbed a team-high seven rebounds. ... Jimmy Whitt Jr. scored 17 points and Arkansas (8-0) defeated visiting Austin Peay 69-61, tying the Razorbacks' best season start since 1997-98. Isaiah Joe and Mason Jones scored 16 apiece and Arkansas scored 21 points off 21 Austin Peay turnovers. ... Michigan State retired the No. 23 of current Warriors star forward Draymond Green during halftime of the No. 11 Spartans' game against No. 10 Duke.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

DePaul forward Paul Reed (4) grabs a loose ball from Iowa guard Joe Toussaint on Nov. 11.

## Haugh

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Many a cold winter has passed in the three decades since as DePaul basketball has teetered between irrelevance and indifference, a relic of a bygone era. Wednesday's matchup at Wintrust Arena against Texas Tech, last season's NCAA runner-up, offers Chicago's Big East team its best opportunity yet to establish credibility.

With our city's professional sports teams providing ample reason to look away, DePaul also presents a welcome diversion from divvying up blame among the Bears and discussing what's wrong with the Bulls and Blackhawks.

"Whatever happens against Texas Tech, we have to keep it in the proper perspective, but I'm also not going to undersell what it means to be playing a team coming off a national championship game," said Leitao, in the fifth season of his second stint at DePaul. "If we win, a lot will come out of it positively, and if we don't, you have to move on but it can be a step."

The Blue Demons already have taken some big ones few expected, winning road games against Boston College of the ACC and Big Ten foes Minnesota and Iowa, which defeated Texas Tech last week. After the victory over Minnesota on Friday, Gophers coach Richard Pitino called DePaul's starters — guards Charlie Moore and Jalen Coleman-Lands and forwards Paul Reed, Romeo Weems and Jaylen Butz — "as good as any starting five in the country."

Ever the coach, Leitao appreciated Pitino's kind words but twisted them into a challenge.

"I'll take that compliment the way it's intended and say it's great, but anybody around me knows how I'll also say, if that's the truth, then I have to do a better job of growing our bench," Leitao said, chuckling.

The laughs come easier now than they did last summer after the NCAA placed DePaul on three years' probation and suspended Leitao for the first three games, concluding "the head coach did not stop or prevent violations from occurring in his program." DePaul's name also came up in the federal trial probing college basketball corruption, exposing assistant coach Shane Heirman to allegations of impropriety when he coached at an Indiana prep school.

The university supported Leitao in light

of the NCAA suspension, believing he had no knowledge of anything former associate head coach Rick Carter did that crossed a line. In August, the team headed to Europe for a summer trip full of bonding, which Leitao credits for creating chemistry that has contributed to DePaul's quick start.

"We developed an understanding of each other that has shown itself already," Leitao said. "And what travels well is we're in the process of developing into a pretty good defensive team."

It also helps to have Moore, a dynamic point guard and former Illinois Mr. Basketball from Morgan Park who has found stability back in his hometown after transferring from California and Kansas. The NCAA granted Moore a family medical hardship waiver, making him immediately eligible so his father, Curtis, can watch from a wheelchair as he continues to recover from a stroke.

Reed, the poster child for player development, averages a double-double. Weems, an uncommonly aware freshman, checks every box and routinely guards the opponent's most dangerous perimeter player. Coleman-Lands helps space the floor as a 3-point threat. Butz happily does the dirty work, filling a role every good team needs while scoring 10.9 points per game. All five starters have DePaul headed in the right direction — and apparently still hungry, according to Leitao's analogy.

"We're in the car on the way to a restaurant, but we haven't been able to sit down and order a meal and see how good it tastes," Leitao said. "Wait and see. For me, it's a work in progress, business as usual."

If DePaul keeps taking care of business, the attention will increase locally and nationally. As will the expectations. Northwestern ended a long NCAA Tournament drought in 2017. Loyola became the darling of the Final Four a year later. It stands to reason many Chicagoans will start to wonder whether this is DePaul's time, if they haven't already.

"We're still learning, so it's important for us to take it moment by moment, day by day, because we still have so much room to grow," Leitao said. "What Northwestern and Loyola did isn't necessarily a rallying cry for us, but, sure, we have looked at those examples. We did some time ago. And I have said, 'It's our turn, so why not us?'"

It's a fair question — and a fun one.

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# SCOREBOARD

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	15	5	.750	—
Boston	14	5	.737	½
Philadelphia	15	6	.714	¾
Brooklyn	10	10	.500	5
New York	4	17	.190	11½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	15	5	.750	—
Orlando	9	11	.450	6
Charlotte	8	14	.364	8
Washington	6	13	.316	8½
Atlanta	5	16	.238	10½

### CENTRAL

Milwaukee	18	3	.857	—
Indiana	13	7	.650	4½
Detroit	8	13	.381	10
Chicago	7	14	.333	11
Cleveland	5	15	.250	12½

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	14	6	.700	—
Houston	13	7	.650	1
San Antonio	8	14	.364	7
Memphis	6	14	.300	8
New Orleans	6	15	.286	8½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	13	5	.722	—
Utah	12	9	.571	2½
Minnesota	10	9	.526	3½
Oklahoma City	8	11	.421	5½
Portland	8	13	.381	6½

### PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	18	3	.857	—
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	2½
Phoenix	9	10	.474	8
Sacramento	8	11	.421	9
Golden State	4	18	.182	14½

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 127, Cleveland 94  
Orlando 127, Washington 120  
Dallas 118, New Orleans 97  
Miami 121, Toronto 110, OT  
San Antonio 135, Houston 133 (2OT)  
L.A. Lakers 105, Denver 96  
L.A. Clippers 117, Portland 97

**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.

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Denver at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
Houston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

### SPURS 135, ROCKETS 133 (2OT)

**HOUSTON:** McLemore 4-9 0-0 11, Tucker 4-8 0-0 10, Capela 9-9 4-6 22, Westbrook 7-30 4-4 19, Harden 11-38 24-24 50, Chandler 1-1 0-0 2, Clemons 0-6 0-0 0, Rivers 6-8 2-19. Totals 42-112 34-36 133.

**SAN ANTONIO:** DeRozan 9-25 5-6 23, Gay 4-12 6-14, Poeltl 3-6 0-1 6, White 5-9 1-12, Forbes 10-13 0-3 25, Carroll 0-0 2-4 2, Lyles 3-6 0-7, Eubanks 1-1 0-0 2, Mills 2-8 3-9, Murray 3-8 1-2 7, Walker IV 10-18 4-6 28. Totals 50-106 22-32 135.

**Houston** 25 38 34 18 11 7 — 133  
**San Antonio** 27 32 22 34 11 9 — 135

**3-Point Goals**—Houston 15-51 (Rivers 5-6, Harden 4-20, McLemore 3-8, Tucker 2-5, Westbrook 1-6, Clemons 0-3, Clark 0-3), San Antonio 13-30 (Forbes 5-6, Walker IV 4-7, Mills 2-7, Lyles 1-3, White 1-4, DeRozan 0-1, Gay 0-2). **Fouled Out**—Forbes, Westbrook, Rivers—Houston 60 (Capela 21), San Antonio 56 (Poeltl 15). **Assists**—Houston 22 (Westbrook 10), San Antonio 35 (DeRozan 9). **Total Fouls**—Houston 30, San Antonio 27. A—18,354 (18,581).

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	20	3	5	45	101	65
Florida	13	9	5	31	96	97
Buffalo	13	10	3	31	85	83
Montreal	12	10	6	30	93	98
Toronto	13	12	4	30	94	98
Tampa Bay	13	9	3	29	91	89
Ottawa	11	16	2	23	71	81
Detroit	7	20	3	17	63	119

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	20	4	5	45	109	85
N.Y. Islanders	18	6	2	38	77	63
Philadelphia	16	7	5	37	91	79
Carolina	16	11	3	33	88	78
Pittsburgh	14	9	4	32	93	78
N.Y. Rangers	13	10	3	29	84	96
Columbus	11	12	4	26	68	84
New Jersey	9	14	4	22	69	101

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	18	5	6	42	90	75
Winnipeg	17	10	1	35	82	77
Colorado	16	8	2	34	97	75
Dallas	15	11	3	33	76	83
Minnesota	13	11	4	30	83	78
Nashville	12	10	5	29	89	88
Chicago	10	12	5	25	74	85

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	17	9	3	37	91	84
Arizona	16	9	4	36	82	69
Vegas	15	11	3	34	91	85
Vancouver	15	11	4	32	97	86
San Jose	15	13	1	31	84	96
Calgary	13	12	4	30	73	86
Anaheim	12	12	4	28	75	84
Los Angeles	11	15	2	24	72	93

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 4, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Boston 2, Carolina 0  
Minnesota 4, Florida 2  
Arizona 4, Columbus 2  
Vegas 4, New Jersey 3  
Philadelphia 6, Toronto 1  
Tampa Bay 3, Nashville 3 (OT)  
Winnipeg 5, Dallas 1  
Vancouver 5, Ottawa 2

**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.

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
Arizona at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Vegas vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 6 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.  
Colorado at Montreal, 6 p.m.  
San Jose at Carolina, 6 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
Buffalo at Calgary, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
Chicago at New Jersey, 6 p.m.  
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
Washington at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

### CAPITALS 5, SHARKS 2

**Washington** 3 2 0 = 5  
**San Jose** 1 0 1 = 2

### FIRST PERIOD: 1, San Jose, M.Karlsson 3

(Ferraro, Dillon), 2:33. 2, Washington, Hathaway 3 (Dowd, Carlson), 13:31. 3, Washington, Vrana 13 (Oshie, Carlson), 14:24. 4, Washington, Carlson 9 (Kempny), 16:32.

**SECOND PERIOD: 5,** Washington, Hathaway 4 (Dowd), 2:31. 6, Washington, Vrana 14 (Orlov, Eller), 16:15. **Penalties:** Gambrell, S.J. (tripping), 6:23.

**THIRD PERIOD: 7,** San Jose, Kane 13 (M.Karlsson), 13:07. **Penalties:** Kane, S.J. (major elbowing), 14:59; Kane, S.J. (misconduct (misconduct)), 14:59.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Washington 13-10-5=28. San Jose 10-7-8=25.

**POWER PLAYS:** Washington 0 of 2; San Jose 0 of 0.

**GOALIES:** Washington, Holtby 14-2-4 (25 shots-23 saves). San Jose, Dell 3-4-0 (5-5), Jones 12-9-1 (23-18).  
A: 15,762 (17,562). T: 2:15.  
Referees: Ghislain Hebert, Marc Jorannette.

### Linesmen: David Brisebois, Ryan Daisy.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Louisville** (8-0) beat No. 4 Michigan 58-43. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Friday.  
**2. Kansas** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Colorado, Saturday.  
**3. Maryland** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Wednesday.  
**4. Michigan** (7-1) lost to No. 1 Louisville 58-43. Next: vs. Iowa, Friday.  
**5. Virginia** (7-0) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.  
**6. Ohio State** (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 North Carolina, Wednesday.  
**7. North Carolina** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Ohio State, Wednesday.  
**8. Kentucky** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, Saturday.  
**9. Gonzaga** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Wednesday.  
**10. Duke** (8-1) beat No. 11 Michigan St 87-75. Next: at Virginia Tech, Friday.  
**11. Michigan State** (5-3) lost to No. 10 Duke 87-75. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.  
**12. Arizona** (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Baylor, Saturday.  
**13. Oregon** (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Saturday.  
**14. Auburn** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Furman, Thursday.  
**15. Memphis** (7-1) beat Bradley 71-56. Next: at UAB, Saturday.  
**16. Seton Hall** (6-2) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Sunday.  
**17. Florida State** (7-2) lost to Indiana 80-64. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.  
**18. Baylor** (6-1) beat Maryland-Eastern Shore 78-46. Next: vs. No. 12 Arizona, Saturday.  
**19. Dayton** (6-1) beat Houston Baptist 99-68. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Sunday.  
**20. Colarado** (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Wednesday.  
**21. Tennessee** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Wednesday.  
**22. Washington** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Washington, Wednesday.  
**23. Villanova** (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pennsylvania, Wednesday.  
**24. Butler** (8-0) beat Mississippi 67-58. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.  
**25. Utah State** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose State, Wednesday.

### TUESDAY'S SCORES

**EAST**  
American U. 85, UMBC 61  
Fairleigh Dickinson 78, Quinnipiac 77  
Hobart 66, St. John Fisher 59  
Iowa 68, Syracuse 54  
Lafayette 94, Saint Joseph's 71  
Northwestern 82, Boston College 64  
Pittsburgh 71, Rutgers 60  
Rider 89, Bucknell 69  
St. John's 79, St. Peter's 69  
Yeshiva 85, St. Joseph's (NY) 51

**SOUTH**  
Appalachian St. 90, St. Andrews 58  
Belmont 80, Lipscomb 75  
Belmont Abbey 86, Chowan 76  
Butler 67, Mississippi 58  
Coppin St. 85, E. Carolina 75  
Gardner-Webb 73, Coker 59  
George Mason 67, Jacksonville St. 60  
Georgia St. 83, Dartmouth 80  
LSU 90, New Orleans 54  
Louisiana-Lafayette 98, SE Louisiana 81  
Louisville 58, Michigan 43  
Memphis 71, Bradley 56  
Middle Tenn. 86, Columbia Intl. 38  
Richmond 80, Hampton 63  
SC-Upstate 79, E. Kentucky 67  
Samford 89, Auburn-Montgomery 58  
Stetson 72, Bethune-Cookman 67  
UNC Asheville 83, Charlotte 75  
Vanderbilt 90, Buffalo 76  
W. Carolina 87, Chattanooga 47  
William & Mary 63, Old Dominion 46

**MIDWEST**  
Charleston Southern 68, Missouri 60  
Cincinnati 82, Vermont 73  
Creighton 72, Oral Roberts 60  
Dayton 99, Houston Baptist 65  
Drake 56, Milwaukee 53  
E. Michigan 85, Valparaiso 79  
Indiana 80, Florida St. 64  
Indiana St. 71, N. Dakota St. 60  
Kent St. 92, Detroit 57  
Loyola of Chicago 70, Ball St. 58  
Missouri St. 71, Murray St. 69  
N. Kentucky 76, Miami (Ohio) 54  
Oakland 72, W. Michigan 62  
Rio Grande 90, Sam Houston St. 86, 2OT  
Wright St. 76, W. Kentucky 74

**SOUTHWEST**  
Arkansas 69, Austin Peay 61  
Arkansas St. 78, Omaha 73  
Baylor 78, Md.-Eastern Shore 46  
SMU 77, Northwestern St. 51  
TCU 81, Illinois St. 69  
UTSA 89, Texas A&M-CC 67

**WEST**  
Denver 67, Jackson St. 58  
New Mexico St. 59, UTEP 56

**WOMEN'S COACHES POLL**

RK.	TEAM	W-L	PTS	LV
1.	Stanford (24)	8-0	787	3
2.	Louisville (5)	8-0	734	3
3.	Oregon (1)	6-1	713	1
4.	UConn (2)	6-0	712	4
5.	Oregon State	7-0	681	5
6.	Baylor	7-1	648	2
7.	South Carolina	8-1	605	6
8.	Mississippi State	8-1	547	8
9.	Maryland	7-1	534	10
10.	Florida State	7-0	519	13
11.	UCLA	7-0	465	11
12.	N.C. State	8-0	463	12
13.	Texas A&M	5-1	424	7
14.	Kentucky	7-0	370	14
15.	DePaul	6-1	303	17
16.	Indiana	6-1	293	23
17.	Gonzaga	6-1	235	21
18.	Missouri State	7-1	225	19
19.	Tennessee	7-0	187	25
19.	Arizona	8-0	187	22
21.	Michigan State	6-1	186	15
22.	Miami	5-2	138	18
23.	Arkansas	7-1	125	24
24.	South Dakota	7-1	80	—
25.	Michigan	6-1	53	—

### Others: Syracuse 49, LSU 42, Florida Gulf Coast 26, Oklahoma State 14, Arizona State 12, West Virginia 8, Minnesota 8, South Florida 6, Purdue 5, Princeton 4, Northwestern 3, Notre Dame 2, Marquette 2, Green Bay 2, New Mexico 1, Iowa State 1, Creighton 1.

### HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Stanford** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Sunday, Dec. 15.  
**2. Louisville** (8-0) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.  
**3. Oregon** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Sunday.  
**4. UConn** (6-0) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Thursday.  
**5. Oregon State** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Friday.  
**6. South Carolina** (8-1) did not play. Next: at Temple, Saturday.  
**7. Baylor** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Wednesday.  
**8. Florida State** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Michigan State, Thursday.  
**9. Maryland** (7-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 N.C. State, Thursday.  
**10. Mississippi State** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Sunday.  
**11. UCLA** (7-0) did not play. Next: at Cal State Northridge, Saturday.  
**12. Texas A&M** (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Central Arkansas, Wednesday.  
**13. N.C. State** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Maryland, Thursday.  
**14. Indiana** (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Miami, Wednesday.  
**15. Kentucky** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Charlotte, Wednesday.  
**16. DePaul** (6-1) did not play. Next: at Green Bay, Saturday.  
**17. Tennessee** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Sunday.  
**18. Gonzaga** (6-1) did not play. Next: at Montana State, Thursday.  
**19. Michigan State** (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Florida State, Thursday.  
**20. Arizona** (8-0) did not play. Next: at UTEP, Saturday.  
**21. Miami** (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Indiana, Wednesday.  
**22. Missouri State** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wichita State, Wednesday.  
**23. Arkansas** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.  
**24. Michigan** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.  
**25. LSU** (8-1) beat Nicholls 63-32. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.

## NFL

### 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	3	0	0	.750	257	187	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	4-0-0
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	0	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</			

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# The Big Ten's best, worst, weirdest, wildest in 2019

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Big Ten football gave us field stormings, weird math, shocking flameouts, Heisman Trophy candidates and the best team in the land, according to the College Football Playoff committee.

So with a tip of the hat to Marv Albert, here it is: The wild and the wacky from the 2019 season.

## Games of the year

**Penn State 28, Michigan 21:** When Jim Harbaugh said at halftime, "This will be our finest hour," it seemed he was hallucinating. But the Wolverines turned a beatdown into a thriller before a "whiteout" crowd. Michigan receiver Ronnie Bell wept after dropping the potential game-tying pass, reflecting the intensity of the night.

**Minnesota 31, Penn State 26:** The teams combined for 978 yards as the Gophers notched their first win over a top-five team since 1977. A sellout crowd at TCF Bank Stadium flooded the field afterward. Anyone got a boat?

## Lamest games of the year

**Northwestern 45, Massachusetts 6:** The Wildcats won for the first time in two months, and Pat Fitzgerald still was fuming over his quarterback play — and rightfully so.

**Michigan 10, Iowa 3:** The yawner featured this putrid stretch with the Hawkeyes on offense:

- First-and-10: Holding.
- First-and-20: Holding.
- First-and-30: 5-yard completion.
- Second-and-25: 6-yard completion.
- Third-and-19: False start.
- Third-and-24: Sack.
- Fourth-and-36: Punt.

## Best pep talk

Purdue alumnus Drew Brees fired up the Boilermakers with a speech that began: "A streak, a run ... has to start with one game. Every season is full of defining moments, and you never know when one of those defining moments will happen. So why not today? And it's going to take everybody ..." He then went position by position. For the linebackers: "Hit somebody, man!" The capper: Purdue beat Nebraska on David Bell's end-around touchdown run with 68 seconds to play.

## Best nonconference effort

Wisconsin shut out South Florida, Central Michigan and Kent State, becoming the first FBS team since Virginia Tech in 2001 to post three shutouts in its first five games. Total margin: 158-0.

## Biggest tease

Maryland shellacked Howard and Syracuse by a combined 142-20. The Terrapins went 1-9 the rest of the way, scoring only 161 points and losing 54-7 to Nebraska on senior day.

## Play of the year

When quarterback Justin Fields went down with a knee injury at Michigan, Ohio State fans feared the worst. He retreated to the medical tent, giving way to backup Chris Chugunov. The drive ended with a perfect spiral to a well-covered Garrett Wilson in the back of the end zone. Fields' return was so stunning, offensive tackle Jonah Jackson didn't realize who threw it. After the touchdown, Jackson hollered, "Chugs!" to praise the backup.

## Most painful play

Purdue lost starting quarterback Elijah Sindelar (collarbone) and All-America receiver Rondale Moore (hamstring) to injuries on the same play against Minnesota in Week 5. Neither played another snap.

## Greatest comeback

Illinois qualified for its first bowl game since the Tim Beckman era by stunning Michigan State at Spartan Stadium. The Illini trailed 28-3 in the second quarter and 31-10 entering the fourth. "I'll be watching it on BTN Classic some day," running back Dre Brown said.

## Most annoying trend

Stadium PA operators who play "Jump Around" after the home team beats Wisconsin. We're looking at you, Illinois and Ohio State. Don't mooch off the Badgers' tradition.

## Most ridiculous stats

- Ohio State's Justin Fields has 37 touchdown passes and one interception.
- Northwestern quarterbacks combined to throw six touchdown passes for the season. (Princeton's Kevin Davidson had seven in one game.)
- Penn State sacked Purdue 10 times.
- Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor rushed for 200 yards against three straight conference foes (Iowa, Nebraska and Purdue).
- Nebraska used six kickers. They combined to go 12-for-20 on field-goal tries.
- Maryland made two field goals all season.



Top, Penn State fans shout at Michigan QB Shea Patterson. Above, Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck celebrates against Penn State.

BRETT CARLSEN/GETTY (FANS)  
STACY BENGIS/AP (FLECK)

- Rutgers passed for 1 yard against Indiana. Perhaps more absurd, the Scarlet Knights' Johnny Langan completed five passes.
- Ohio State's Chase Young totaled seven sacks against Wisconsin and Penn State.
- Wisconsin's Zach Hintze went 2-for-2 on field goals. He hit from 26 yards ... and 62.
- Minnesota's Tanner Morgan completed 18 of 20 passes against Penn State. Pretty good until you consider he went 21-for-22 at Purdue.
- Northwestern outrushed Illinois 378-14. The Wildcats, using a "four-wheel drive" offense in rainy conditions, rushed 65 times and attempted 10 passes.

## Wildest upset

Illinois beat Wisconsin as a 30½-point underdog. The Badgers entered 6-0. Lovie Smith was 4-26 in Big Ten games. But the Illini forced three turnovers and kicker James McCourt piped one through the uprights from 39 yards as time expired.

## Best 'College GameDay' sign

After ESPN traveled to South Dakota State instead of the Wisconsin-Ohio State game, a week after the Badgers' loss in Champaign, a sign read: "THANKS, LOVIE."

## Best players

Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor plus Ohio State's trio of Justin Fields, Chase Young and J.K. Dobbins. How many will be Heisman Trophy finalists?

## Dumbest quote

Mark Dantonio was asked if Michigan State erred by retaining its entire offensive staff after a dreadful 2018 season. Dantonio called it a "dumbass question." Based on the Spartans finishing 12th in the Big Ten in scoring, the dumbass was not the reporter.

## SILVER FOOTBALL

### Big Ten title game includes all 4 finalists

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

The Big Ten championship game will feature the best of the best. Not only teams but players.

Each of the four finalists for the 2019 Chicago Tribune Silver Football will call Lucas Oil Stadium home Saturday night in Indianapolis:

- Ohio State running back J.K. Dobbins will try to shred Wisconsin's defense for a second time this season after his 163-yard, two-touchdown game Oct. 26 in Columbus, Ohio.
- Buckeyes quarterback Justin Fields will try to improve upon his ridiculous 37-1 touchdowns-to-interception split.
- Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor (1,761 yards) will try to overtake Oklahoma State's Chuba Hubbard (1,936) as the nation's top rusher.
- Ohio State defensive end Chase Young will try to add to his FBS-best sack total of 16½.

Those are the four finalists, in alphabetical order.

The Silver Football winner will be announced online Friday morning at [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports). The annual award, which predates the Heisman Trophy by 11 years, is bestowed upon the Big Ten's best player as voted by conference head coaches.

Here's a look at each finalist.

#### The case for Taylor

The 5-foot-11, 219-pound junior is a three-time Silver Football finalist. That makes sense considering he has been the Big Ten's most productive tailback since setting foot on campus. After chewing up 1,977 yards in 2017 and 2,194 last season, he is on pace for 2,054.

Taylor has proved his value as a receiver this season, making 22 catches for 201 yards and five touchdowns, part of his FBS-best total of 25 touchdowns.

He's also a philosophy major considering an eventual career as an astrophysicist.

"Who he is and how he goes about this is the thing you appreciate the most," Badgers coach Paul Chryst said.

#### The case for Dobbins

His rushing total (1,657) is just 104 yards shy of Taylor's, and his per-carry average is higher (6.6 to 6.3). Dobbins has been phenomenal in big games — he trucked Michigan for 211 yards Saturday — and might be the nation's most durable back.

He totaled 67 carries the last two weeks against Penn State and Michigan. Asked afterward how he's feeling, Dobbins replied: "Great!"

In an interview with the Tribune, Young said of his Buckeyes teammate: "He is — whew — everything you want in a running back. He can block, he can catch, he is fast, can run a 4.3. He is thick, durable; J.K. doesn't get hurt. He can run through you, he can juke you."

#### The case for Fields

The Georgia transfer easily lived up to the hype as the No. 1 dual-threat quarterback in the 2018 recruiting class. Not only is he the Big Ten's most efficient passer (fourth nationally), but he has rushed for 470 yards and 10 touchdowns.

And he proved his toughness against Michigan. His first play back from a knee injury, he rolled left and fired a 30-yard strike across his body to Garrett Wilson in the back of the end zone.

Said Young: "He's that perfect quarterback — good dude, good in the classroom, IQ level out the roof. The game is switching now to the Lamar Jacksons. If you want a mobile quarterback who can still launch the ball like Tom Brady, it's Justin Fields."

#### The case for Young

It's not just the gaudy sack total or the fact he racked them up in just 10 games, sitting for two because of a suspension. Young was a terror in two of Ohio State's three biggest games, with four sacks against Wisconsin and three versus Penn State.

And with Michigan throwing multiple bodies on him, Young considered his performance (two QB hurries) a victory for his victorious team.

"Oh, yeah," he said. "When that happens, the offense can't open up their playbook all the way, can't run what they want to run. So down the road, if that's what teams want to do, please, triple me every play. I'm cool with that."

#### Most inspirational moment

Minnesota's Casey O'Brien, a former high school quarterback and four-time cancer survivor, held for an extra point against Rutgers and then had a long hug with coach P.J. Fleck.

#### Weirdest math

Down 24-3 at Wisconsin, Northwestern scored a touchdown. Coach Pat Fitzgerald went for two and missed. Down 24-9, the Wildcats scored again. Fitzgerald went for two and missed. They got the ball back inside three minutes but had basically no chance to tie the game, down 24-15. Fitzgerald referenced Ravens coach John Harbaugh and analytics, saying you go for two early so you know what you need at the end. Even if your offense is bottom 10 in the country and the Badgers defense is top 10?

#### Most analytics-averse coach

Iowa's Kirk Ferentz chose to punt on fourth-and-1 inside Northwestern's 45-yard line. Twice.

#### Most accurate point spread in a superfluous game

The UMass-Northwestern line went as high as 40½ and as low as 38½. Northwestern won by 39.

#### Best move by a terrible team

Rutgers hired Greg Schiano.

#### Best move by a great team

Ohio State promoted Ryan Day.

#### Cooliest name

Indiana receiver Whop Philyor.

#### Best use of one's time

A young Northwestern fan worked on a Rubik's Cube during the Wildcats' loss to Minnesota.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## HOCKEY



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Marc-Andre Fleury of the Golden Knights takes a break during a stoppage in the first period of a game Nov. 19 against the Maple Leafs. Fleury is part of a successful goaltending tandem.

# NET GAINS

## NHL's load management is top goalies playing less

BY STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

Marc-Andre Fleury plays when he's told. How much he plays has changed.

A decade ago, Fleury started 61 of 82 games before backstopping the Penguins to the Stanley Cup. He started 58 and 34 times on the Penguins' 2016 and 2017 Cup runs, splitting time with Matt Murray, then made 46 starts for the Golden Knights and led the expansion team to the final.

"As a player, I love being in there. I love playing the game," Fleury said. "It's tough to find like the perfect amount of games. Nowadays, I feel like we're hearing more than ever how we're going to manage two goalies and stuff."

Consider it hockey's version of "load management" that's gained popularity in basketball. Don't expect NHL teams to handpick games throughout the season to rest star players — except top goaltenders who are getting more nights off while their backups share the net with an eye toward playoff success.

Each of the last five Cup-winning goalies started fewer than 60 games in the regular season, along with three of the last five runners-up. The days of Martin Brodeur starting 78 games are gone — only three goalies have 70-plus starts over the last five seasons — and teams think year-round about how to best prepare to play deep into June.

"The trend is definitely going the way that you split the net more," said Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask, who carried the his team to Game 7 of the final last year after starting 46 times in the regular season. "It's a tough thing because if your starter makes \$8-9 million, you want him to play. But then you want to win the Cup, so you've got to think of it like, well, if this guy plays 70 games, is he going to play 25 in the playoffs at the same level? Versus OK we're playing him 45, 50 really good games and then we got the other guy and the A guy's going to play 25 really good (playoff games)."

Rask and Jaroslav Halak, the Capitals' Braden Holtby and Philipp Grubauer in



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Golden Knights goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury dives to make a glove save against the Maple Leafs during the third period of their game Nov. 19 in Las Vegas.

2018 and the Penguins' Murray and Fleury the previous two years are prime examples. Jordan Binnington didn't make his first NHL start until January, but 32 games of work made him fresh to help the Blues win the Stanley Cup last season.

It's a delicate balance of having enough salary cap space to employ two capable goalies with playing time, plotting out the schedule for maximum rest benefits and collecting enough points to make the playoffs.

"It's a collaborative discussion that all teams have," Golden Knights general manager Kelly McCrimmon said. "What we're doing is trying to win hockey games during the regular season, trying to keep both of our goalies sharp and trying to have all our players at the top of their game come playoffs."

The Islanders have alternated Thomas Greiss and Semyon Varlamov for their first 24 games and allow the fourth-fewest goals in the league. The Ducks' coaching staff pencils in both John Gibson or Ryan Miller for all 82 games and revisits incrementally

to adjust for injuries and workloads.

"It has very little to do with games," Ducks coach Dallas Eakins said. "It has more to do with how much work. We had a game earlier this year where we were overwhelmed in the game against Vegas. I think they put up 50 shots, and we were in our zone the whole time. That went down as one game for John, but he really played two, so that's kind of how we look at it."

Miller previously preferred to skip a game with a couple of days off on each end for a mental break. He sees so many teams splitting back-to-backs and understands it but also thinks battling some old-school fatigue can be good for a goaltender.

"I don't think there's a strict recipe," said Miller, whose career high was 74 starts in 2007-08 with the Sabres. "I think some adversity is good to keep your mentality in the right place. It's not going to be a cakewalk and then playoffs hit and it's like (you're) dialed in. You've got to go through some stuff and work through it and battle through the harder situations, so that's just your mindset every night."

NHL goalies believe modern games are more difficult with higher shot totals than previous decades. Teams are averaging 30 shots a game in 2019-20, while the schedule has more back-to-backs.

"Nowadays there's a lot more work for a goalie: a lot less hooking and holding up for the D-men, so there's a lot more chances or a lot more in-zone time that you're actually working," said the Flyers' Brian Elliott, who's part of a successful tandem with Carter Hart.

"Even if you're maybe not getting shots, you're looking through screens, you're doing a lot of work."

Golden Knights coach Gerard Gallant appreciates Fleury wants to play all 82 games, and he's not alone in wanting to grab the net and not let go.

"I've felt a lot better every year I played a lot more games," said Holtby, who led the league with 73 games played in 2014-15. "It's a little more of a feel game instead of an analytics game just because of the speed of it. It's one of those things everyone's probably different. It probably has a lot to do with how you practice and everything."

Some goalies are going to play more than others. The Panthers' \$10 million man, Sergei Bobrovsky, or the Canadiens' Carey Price, the highest-paid goalie in the league, could start 60 or more just because his team needs an elite level of play.

"We'd love to have (Price) in every game, but it's not realistic," Canadiens coach Claude Julien said. "We give him some days off of practices because that's not quite as important as him in games."

The most important thing, of course, is the playoffs. It's tough for starters who want to play all the time and it takes an adjustment, but the proof is in the names on the Stanley Cup that splitting the net works.

"Everybody wants to play," Rask said. "The older you get, I think it becomes a little easier to realize that it's not about me. I'm resting for the team."

And resting with the hope that shouldering less of a load now makes a goalie more likely to raise a trophy over his shoulders at the end of the season.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## GOLF



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Keegan Bradley, left, watching a ball with Tiger Woods at the PGA Zozo Championship in China in October, is on the bubble in his attempts to qualify for the Masters next spring.

# A MASTER CLASS

## Field begins to grow with new winners

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

Seven tournaments from the six largest tours over the next three weeks could shape the field for the Masters, and perhaps pave the way for the largest gathering at Augusta National in more than 50 years.

Augusta National invites the top 50 from the final world ranking of the year, and then the top 50 one week before the Masters.

Among those on the bubble are former PGA champion Keegan Bradley, hanging on at No. 48, and Presidents Cup player Cameron Smith at No. 52. The Australian gets two more tries to get into the top 50.

The Masters already has 77 players who have qualified and are expected to play. From this week's world ranking, 12 players in the top 50 are not yet eligible, meaning the size of the field could swell to 89 players going into the new year. Still to come are 12 events on the PGA Tour that offer Masters invitations to the winner, along with the top 50 from the April 5 world ranking and the Latin American Amateur champion.

Tiger Woods won against a field of 87 players this year for his fifth green jacket.

The Masters is all about providing the best experience for the players, one reason it has the smallest field of the four majors. It has not had more than 100 players since 103 played in 1966.

Why the increase?

Some of it has to do with the increased fall schedule on the PGA Tour.

A year ago, seven tournaments offered full FedEx Cup points, three of them limited fields in Asia. Only two of those seven winners were outside the top 50 in the world — Kevin Tway at the Safeway Open and Charles Howell III at the RSM Classic.

This year, the PGA Tour had 10 tournaments in the fall that offered a Masters invitation. Six of the winners were outside the top 50. Five of them were not among the top 150 in the world.

The tour had two new tournaments in the summer (between the last two majors), won by Nate Lashley in Detroit and Matthew Wolff in Minnesota. With one fewer event in the FedEx Cup postseason, 11 players who reached the Tour Championship — which comes with a Masters invitation — did not win. Five of them would have made the Masters field through other categories.

The Masters had a strong emphasis on amateurs in 1966, awarding invitations to the U.S. Amateur and British Amateur champions from the previous 10 years, the top eight and ties from the last U.S. Amateur and the U.S. Walker Cup team. That meant 26 amateurs were in the field.

Now there are six.

**Mickelson in a different desert:** Phil Mickelson has reached a stage in his career when he does what he wants with less regard to how it's perceived.

One year after he skipped his hometown event at Torrey Pines after 28 consecutive years, Mick-

elson has signed up to play the Saudi International in late January. That means he will miss the Phoenix Open after 29 straight years, a tournament he won three times in a city where he graduated from college at Arizona State.

Dustin Johnson, who won the Saudi International last year, was among several players criticized for supporting a European Tour event in a country under heavy scrutiny for its human rights records.

Mickelson will be joining Johnson, Brooks Koepka, Tony Finau and Patrick Reed, along with European stars Henrik Stenson, Shane Lowry and Sergio Garcia.

"I watched Dustin win the title last year and thought the course looked like an interesting challenge," Mickelson said in a statement. "Having so many talented players on show also made it look like a much more established tournament than one in its inaugural year."

He then mentioned the opportunity to "grow the game," a popular phrase for new markets.

More telling was an exchange on Twitter when a follower criticized him by saying he was "better than taking the money grab from a corrupt regime."

"After turning down opportunities to go to the Middle East for many years, I'm excited to go play and see a place in the world I've never been. I understand those who are upset or disappointed. You'll be ok. I'm excited to experience this for the first time," Mickelson replied.

Mickelson played in Abu Dhabi in 2011 and 2014, both times returning home to play Torrey and Phoenix the following weeks.

**Thomas scare:** Justin Thomas playing a practice round in the warmth of the Bahamas revealed a scare — illustrated by a 3-inch scar just below the back of his knee — after the Tour Championship.

A visit to his dermatologist revealed melanoma that was removed.

"He said I was about eight months away from being one of his patients," Thomas said.

Thomas, who already makes regular visits to the dermatologist, says he was told to get checked once every three months for the next year.

**Eye on golf:** Former Masters champion Trevor Immelman and Michelle Wie are among additions to the CBS Sports golf team.

The network announced several moves on Tuesday as it prepares for a season that will begin at Torrey Pines the third week in January.

Frank Nobile is taking on an expanded role to become a full analyst for CBS. He'll be joining Dottie Pepper, Ian Baker-Finch, Davis Love III and Mark Immelman, who also is increasing his role at the network. Pepper, who joined CBS in 2015, has been elevated to the lead on-course reporter.

Jim Nantz and Nick Faldo return in the tower, with Andrew Catalan returning as host of PGA Tour events that Nantz doesn't work, along with other duties. Amanda Balionis returns in her role doing interviews.

The network recently decided not to renew the contracts of Peter Kostis and Gary McCord.

For Wie, it's another indication that her injury-plagued career on

the LPGA Tour is winding down. Wie, who married Golden State Warriors executive Jonnie West this year, will contribute to cable and digital platforms for CBS, including at the Masters. Wie made her television debut as a studio analyst during the Solheim Cup in September.

**Divots:** Jon Rahm has been voted European Tour golfer of the year by a panel of golf media. Rahm won three times on the European Tour, including the DP World Tour Championship to win the Race to Dubai and become the first Spaniard since Seve Ballesteros to end the year as Europe Tour's top play. ... Graeme McDowell will be host of the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open the next two years, starting at Mount Juliet in May. McDowell says he hopes the 2021 event can move to Northern Ireland. Mount Juliet was site of a World Golf Championship in 2002 and 2004. ... Players at the Hero World Challenge are donating \$500 for every birdie, \$1,000 for every eagle and \$2,500 for a hole-in-one to the ONE Bahamas Fund to help with rebuilding from Hurricane Dorian. Net proceeds from the event are going to the Bahamas Fund and the TGR Foundation.

**Stat of the week:** Ariya Jutanugarn, who began the year at No. 1 in the world, finished the LPGA season outside the top 10.

**Final word:** "I know that he does not want to go down there and not come back without the cup." — Rickie Fowler on Tiger Woods as U.S. captain of the Presidents Cup.

MY WORST MOMENT

# Being rejected in no uncertain terms



BRIAN BOWEN SMITH/FOX

Elizabeth Perkins stars in the comedy "The Moodys Christmas" on Fox.

Producer makes his opinion of Perkins a little too obvious

BY NINA METZ

Though she grew up in Massachusetts, Elizabeth Perkins finished her senior year of high school in Chicago.

"I was kicked out of boarding school and came out there to live with my dad," she said. "I actually graduated from what was at the time Robert A. Waller High School, which is now Lincoln Park High School."

It was during career day that

Perkins learned about the Goodman School of Drama, which shortly thereafter became part of DePaul University, from which she graduated in 1981. It was during her college years that she became friends with a number of actors in the burgeoning theater scene, including Steppenwolf ensemble members Jeff Perry, Gary Sinise, John Malkovich and Terry Kinney, her former husband with whom she is still close.

"It's a testament to those times that everybody is still really tight," Perkins said.

This month she can be seen in two entirely different kinds of projects. One is the Fox sitcom "The Moodys Christmas" (set in

Chicago but shot in Montreal).

"It's a realistic look at a very chaotic family, with all the tension that tends to bring," Perkins said, "which I think is more relatable than the saccharine everything is perfect, the stockings are hung by the chimney with care."

"I mean, I'm the star of the remake of 'Miracle on 34th Street' (from 1994), so we're sort of the direct opposite of that. And it's got Denis Leary and Jay Baruchel, so that sets the tone right there. I play the mom, and I'm putting a great deal of effort into the holiday and nobody's appreciating it, so I just begin drinking. And it

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KRISTIAN LIEB/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Les Begay, board president, and Heather Miller, executive director of the American Indian Center, take a break in the center's archives in Albany Park.

# It's name-dropper mania

Instead of Du Sable, why not rename Lake Shore Drive for a woman named Kitihawa?

In October when a member of the City Council, David Moore of the 17th Ward, proposed that Lake Shore Drive be renamed for Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, Heather Miller, a member of the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma and the executive director of the American Indian Center of Chicago, rolled her eyes.

"I thought, here we go again," she said, sitting in her office at the center in the Albany Park neighborhood. She has no real gripe with Moore or Du Sable but would like to see the history of this area's indigenous people, here for centuries before Du Sable, become part of any conversations about history and racial equity.

Moore got his idea on a boat ride on the Chicago



RICK KOGAN  
*Sidewalks*

River, telling a Chicago Crusader reporter, "They mentioned every architect and individual that had something to do with this city, but Jean Baptiste Point du Sable's name wasn't mentioned at all. That infuriated me."

That's thin-skinned, even for an alderman. I don't doubt Moore's sincerity, but aren't there enough inequities and troubles in this city to infuriate (and occupy the time and energies of) aldermen and the rest of us?

To remind you, Du Sable is generally regarded as this area's first non-native settler. Believed to have been of Haitian and French descent and handsome and well educated, he was here by the 1780s, establishing a trading post/home on the northern banks of the Chicago

River near what is now the glistening Apple outlet. He married a woman named Kitihawa (Christianized to Catherine), who was likely a member of the Potawatomi tribe. They were married at Cahokia, the ancient Native American settlement east of St. Louis.

Though there remains much speculation and confusion about the details of Du Sable's life, his connection to what would be Chicago (incorporated as a town in 1833 and as a city in 1837) ended in 1800 when he moved south to the town of St. Charles in what is now Missouri. There he and Kitihawa raised a son named Jean and a daughter named Susanne. It is believed that he died on Aug. 28, 1818, and was buried in an unmarked grave.

It is likely that the Du Sable marriage was more than

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ANALYSIS

# Why TV networks may be afraid of investigative stories

Financial risks from litigation a key reason news scoops get spiked

BY STEPHEN BATTAGLIO  
 Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — This has been the annals of discomfiture for investigative TV journalists.

Ronan Farrow's best-selling book "Catch and Kill" detailed his frustration with former bosses at NBC News over his failed attempt to break the story on the sexual assault and harassment allegations

against movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. A month later, leaked video showed ABC's "20/20" co-anchor Amy Robach grousing over how the network would not run a 2015 interview with a victim of pedophile Jeffrey Epstein that implicated Prince Andrew and former President Bill Clinton.

In both cases the networks said the stories never reached the editorial standard they believed was necessary to put it on the air. Robach even publicly backed up ABC's assertion, saying her private remarks on an open mic were made in "a moment of frustration."

But the dissatisfaction Farrow and Robach expressed reflects a deepening concern by some veteran journalists and producers that network TV news divisions are avoiding controversial enterprise stories that could pose financial risks from litigation and create aggravation for their corporate owners. Declining ratings, public distrust of the media and the surfeit of news from the Trump White House have added to those pressures.

"I would say that you don't go

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BRAD BARKET/AP

Ronan Farrow, attending the Peabody Awards in New York in May, said his ex-bosses at NBC News refused to run his Harvey Weinstein story.

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Gabrielle Union was fired from "America's Got Talent."

## 'America's Got Talent' in the hot seat

LOS ANGELES — NBC and the guild that represents television performers said they are investigating Gabrielle Union's allegation that she was fired as a judge on "America's Got Talent" because she complained of racism and other on-set issues.

"We take issues of workplace health and safety very seriously," The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television said in a statement. "We immediately reached out to Ms. Union's representatives when these reports came to light."

According to reports, Union, who is black, sought action to address an environment she said allowed racist jokes, comments and notes from producers along with other troubling behavior, including judge-producer Simon Cowell's smoking indoors. NBC, production company Fremantle and Cowell's company Syco issued their own statement Sunday.

"We are working with Ms. Union through her representatives to hear more about her concerns," the statement said.

In a previous statement, the three companies said "America's Got Talent" has a strong record of inclusivity, and judge turnover is common.

Union and another judge, Julianne Hough, were dropped from the show on Nov. 22 after one year, Variety reported. The judging panel has changed since the show's 2006 debut, but most judges' tenures have lasted at least several years, including that of Sharon Osbourne, Mel B and Howard Stern.

On his SiriusXM radio show Monday, Stern, who left the show after in 2015, slammed Cowell, saying he "sets it up that the men stay, no matter how ugly they are, no matter how old they are, no matter how fat they are, no matter how talentless they are," and that it's "obvious" the show consistently replaces female judges with younger and more attractive women.

— Associated Press



MATT LICARI/INVISION

**Regrets:** Forty years after a stampede left 11 people dead and 23 injured at a Who concert in Cincinnati, Pete Townshend says he's always regretted not sticking around to deal with the aftermath. Instead, the band left the Riverfront Coliseum on Dec. 3, 1979, and moved on to Buffalo, New York, the next stop on their tour. "I'm not forgiving us," Townshend said. "We should have stayed."

**Gotham Awards:** Noah Baumbach's "Marriage Story" was the resounding winner at the IFP Gotham Awards, taking four honors including best feature at the annual New York awards-season kickoff. "Marriage Story" also won best actor for Adam Driver's performance, Baumbach's screenplay, and the audience award. Best actress went to Awkwafina for her performance in "The Farewell." Netflix took more awards than any other studio, thanks to "Marriage Story" and the best documentary winner "American Factory."

**'Nutcracker' news:** The New York City Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" has cast a black dancer to play Marie for the first time. Charlotte Nebres, 11, will star in this year's rendition of the company's production, which started in 1954. Nebres is a student at the School of American Ballet.

**Dec. 4 birthdays:** Game-show host Wink Martindale is 86. Singer Southside Johnny Lyon is 71. Actor Jeff Bridges is 70. Actress Patricia Wettig is 68. Jazz singer Cassandra Wilson is 64. Actor-comedian-musician Fred Armisen is 53. Rapper Jay-Z is 50. Model Tyra Banks is 46. Country singer Lila McCann is 38. Actor Orlando Brown is 32.



Stern



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Shopper bothered by offers of help

**Dear Amy:** No matter how much I try to work through this, I am stuck.

I'm in my 60s. From an illness (polio) when I was an infant, I walk with a very noticeable limp, and I often use a cane or crutches. I have a career, lovely children and grandchildren, and good friends. I travel and live independently by myself.

However, I often receive unwelcome advice from strangers, who make assumptions regarding my physical capabilities. For instance, when shopping for groceries, I am often told about motorized carts for my use. I generally thank them, but I always turn them down, saying I prefer pushing a cart and getting some exercise. Sometimes that ends the conversation, but more often than not, there is pushback, asking me if I'm sure, etc.

I find myself getting angry. I try to be civil, when I'm raging on the inside. Then I fume all the way home and beyond. I then feel guilty about getting angry. How can I let go of my anger and accept that people's unsolicited advice is more about them than about me?

I've been dealing with this my whole life. You'd think I would have figured this out by now. I'd appreciate your advice.

— Tired and Frustrated

**Dear Tired:** You know you cannot control the behavior of strangers. I (also) cannot persuade people to leave you alone, so I'm going to suggest you try something called cognitive (or "positive") reframing.

For instance, you describe what happens as

strangers offering you unwelcome advice. To reframe this, you would choose to see this as strangers trying to be of service. Human beings, who ignore the needs of others, are making a "bid" of connection by approaching you and offering alternatives to walking. You can keep rejecting this bid and go home raging. Or you can accept their bid and return it with one of your own: "That's nice of you, but I like the exercise." Saying "That's nice of you" versus "Thank you, but..." will make these people go away faster, because you will have made a positive connection.

You are wise to note that others' behavior is most often about them. Again -- it is NOT your job to make people feel better about themselves, but it might help YOU to feel better, which is your stated goal.

When people push back, you could sharpen your edge. Say, "I hope you're not second-guessing my needs. As I said, I'm good!"

**Dear Amy:** A few weeks ago, I casually started chatting with a girl on Facebook. She is a model and actress. I told her that I am a singer-songwriter, and she asked me to send her a video of a song of mine, which I did.

She loved it and from then on, her tone became a little more intimate, with joking, teasing, heart emojis, this kind of thing. So, I suggested that we make a music video together.

She lives two hours away. I told her I would pay for all our expenses. She accepted enthusiastically! She loved my ideas, shared her ideas and even

wrote that she was considering buying a GoPro camera to make some cool stuff.

She seemed nice and easygoing, and into it. Then, when we were about to schedule the weekend to work together ... she disappeared and never wrote back. I guess she was messing with me. Anyway, it hurts a little and I'd like to hear what you think.

— Hurt

**Dear Hurt:** Yes, you were messed with. Generally speaking, "models and actresses" don't hang out on Facebook looking to connect with strangers, so there is one red flag.

You did everything right, however. You didn't engage too deeply and for too long online. In proposing an in-person meeting, you smoked out this person before being strung along for too long, and you should congratulate yourself for that.

**Dear Amy:** In your answer to "Waiting to Reunite in NJ," you introduced the concept of a "dry drunk." This describes an alcoholic who has stopped drinking but has not necessarily embraced sobriety. I'm not sure how you made that leap. Waiting's mother hadn't had a drink in years.

— Wondering

**Dear Wondering:** It was an instinct on my part. I could be wrong, but I thought it would be helpful if "Waiting" considered this possibility.

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## Networks

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to broadcast television to see investigative reporting these days," said Lowell Bergman, a veteran investigative news producer and emeritus professor at the University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. "There's much less of it because it's a bigger hassle than other kinds of reporting. And network television has always been concerned not just with ratings but with profits."

Chris Hansen, whose undercover and hidden-camera investigations were a staple of NBC News for more than a decade until he left the network in 2013, said enterprise reporting has become less attractive as newsmagazines such as NBC's "Dateline" and ABC's "20/20" are seeing higher profits with true-crime stories that can play — and be replayed — like scripted dramas.

"A lot of time network executives go, 'OK, how much can we spend for an Overseas Press Club Award or a Peabody for an investigation? Is that worth our time versus a less expensive crime narrative that people will watch and people will learn something from?'" Hansen said. "It's good stuff, but it's not traditional investigative reporting."

As networks have become part of sprawling, publicly held media conglomerates — ABC parent the Walt Disney Co. and NBC parent Comcast have grown significantly in recent years — risk management is a major element of running a news division.

"Lawyers are more careful now," said Rick Kaplan, a veteran TV producer who has worked at ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN. "Why are they careful? The finance people are telling them, 'If you lose, and we owe millions of dollars on a legal suit, you're toast.'"

Rich McHugh, who was the NBC News producer on Farrow's reporting on Weinstein, said since "Catch



CBS

CBS News President Susan Zirinsky, talking to the CBS staff at a newsroom meeting last January, said resources, not lack of corporate will, has been the challenge at her network, which has made original reporting part of its identity.

and Kill" came out, he has become a sounding board for TV journalists who have faced resistance in getting their investigative and enterprise pieces on the air.

"If you speak to any reporter who has chased down a story, whether it be for a month or two to seven months, everybody has a version of their story getting killed," McHugh told the Los Angeles Times. "I've heard from 50 reporters and producers who've said, 'Yeah, I've had my story killed, it was infuriating, they said we didn't have it.'"

Several investigative reporters and producers who spoke to The Times said the legal gantlet they go through to get a story on the air has always been arduous.

"I don't think you'll find an investigative reporter who hasn't had his bosses say a story is going to get a further review because the subject is high-profile," said one veteran network producer who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. "It would be naive not to expect that."

Chris Vlasto, senior producer of investigations at ABC News, also believed the rigorous review process stories go through has been a constant. But he said technology has heightened the level of caution.

"We're now in a world of

fake videos and easily faked documents, and I wake up every night scared about that," Vlasto said. "I think our lawyers do and I think standards (and practices) does. That's what makes it a scarier time now for every journalism organization. We have to be on our guard because people want to get us."

The price for getting an investigative story wrong can be high. A phony document that CBS News used in a 2004 report on former President George W. Bush's military service effectively ended the network TV careers of its longtime anchor Dan Rather and two of the network's producers.

The divisive political climate has added tension. For several years, viewers have been subjected to President Trump's relentless assault on what he calls the fake news media and descriptions of the press as the enemy of the people.

Editorial decisions have become fodder for right-wing critics. Robach's leaked rant has prompted conservative commentators to suggest that ABC was covering up for Epstein and Clinton, leading House Minority Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., to request a congressional hearing into the matter.

The erosion of public

trust in the media also has created more caution. ABC News parent Walt Disney Co. paid more than \$177 million in 2017 to settle a defamation lawsuit filed by Beef Products Inc. over the network's 2012 story on processed beef trimmings, known as "pink slime," which are used as low-cost filler. The network never retracted or apologized for the story and had gone to trial to defend it.

One of the considerations in settling the suit was whether ABC News could get a favorable verdict in a conservative red state such as South Dakota, where BPI is based, according to a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to discuss it publicly. Under South Dakota law, damages could have gone as high as \$5.7 billion.

Network news decision-makers insist there has been no diminution of their efforts or pushback from their corporate overlords.

"I have never felt more support from a news organization to do investigative reporting," said Richard Greenberg, executive editor for the investigative unit at NBC News since 2016. "The bar is high. But I can assure you the time has never been better, at least at NBC."

Greenberg declined to comment on Farrow's as-

sertion in "Catch and Kill" that Greenberg told him to "pause" his Weinstein reporting at the behest of NBCUniversal Chief Executive Steve Burke. NBC News called the book a "smear" and Greenberg said he "never" gets corporate interference about running tough stories.

The network says it has doubled the size of its investigative unit in recent years. While the decision to agree to let Farrow take his Pulitzer Prize-winning Weinstein story to the New Yorker turned into a major embarrassment for NBC, it has not deterred the network's ability to attract talent to its investigative team. NBC recently announced that Gretchen Morgenson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning financial journalist, is joining the unit after stints at The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times.

CBS News President Susan Zirinsky has been able to bolster her network's investigative unit since taking over in January. She said resources, not lack of corporate will, has been the challenge at her network, which has made original reporting part of its identity and still has "60 Minutes" as a prime-time platform for investigative stories.

"When I came in, a real

priority for me was building up our investigative unit, giving them the producers and correspondents," Zirinsky said. "We've always done investigative, but I felt they needed more muscle."

"There is no reluctance here and there never has been," added Len Tepper, the head of CBS' investigative unit since 2009, noting that the network uncovered corruption at Wounded Warrior Project, which led to the firing of its two top executives in 2016, even though a CBS board member was involved in the charity for military veterans.

Much of the investigative reporting efforts in recent years have been focused on Washington and the non-stop news frenzy.

In late November, CBS News broke a story on how a candidate for an ambassadorship was asked to make a substantial contribution to the Republican National Committee. NBC News revealed a falsified work record of a State Department employee who was fired after the story appeared.

But veteran investigative TV journalists and producers question whether Beltway reporting falls into the same category of work that can change lives.

News executives who spoke with The Times could cite investigative stories their networks have done on private concerns in recent years that resulted in a chief executive resigning or a government action.

Investigative stories have to compete with the firehose of news generated by the Trump presidency and the high viewer interest in it, as proven by the ratings surge that cable news outlets Fox News, CNN and MSNBC have seen since the 2016 campaign.

"It's always easier to report in depth on politicians or public officials, because legally there's less recourse for them," said Bergman, who was played by Al Pacino in the movie "The Insider." "It's always been much more difficult to report on those who control private power, the corporate elites."

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a union of convenience. The couple was together for more than three decades.

It took more than a century for Du Sable's name (and what some felt was his overlooked significance) to become part of the city's historical narrative. But since then he has been honored in many ways. The bridge that spans the river at Michigan Avenue is named for Du Sable and there is a statue and plaque at its northern end. His name is affixed to the boat harbor a bit further south and a small park just to the east. In Washington Park is the fine and interesting DuSable Museum of African American History ([dusablemuseum.org](http://dusablemuseum.org)). The DuSable Leadership Academy was a high school in Bronzeville.

I have no problem with any of that. But was Du Sable the city's "founder"?

"Calling him the city's founder ignores the hundreds of years that Indian tribes used this place as a major trading spot, a center for all manner of commerce and travel," says Les Begay, the chairman of the AIC's board and a member of the Diné Nation.

He and Miller are bullish on the AIC, which is the country's second-oldest urban-based Native American community center. It is a modest place with big ambitions, meant to serve the 65,000 Native Americans who live in the greater Chicago area, the second-largest population east of the Mississippi River. They talked of the AIC's public programs, educational efforts and proudly showed off a wonderful current exhibition of the art of Leonard Peltier. They talked of being part of the recent "Serpent Mound Celebration" held in Schiller Woods.

We talked of the differences between American Indian, Native American and Indigenous People and agreed that any were acceptable, "though some of the usage changes depending on what generation is talking." The pair mentioned some of the "unfortunate ways" that Native Americans are represented in very public ways, such as The Bowman and The Spearman statues at the entrance to Grant Park which portray naked warriors on horseback.

They are pleasantly upbeat rather than pessimistic and as talk moved back to Du Sable, we wondered what it might mean to have Lake Shore Drive renamed

for Du Sable's wife Kiti-hawa.

"There's an interesting idea," said Miller, who told of some "very thoughtful and encouraging conversations" she has been having in the wake of the LSD-Du Sable proposal with Candace Moore, the city's first chief equity officer.

As hard as it is to imagine any alderman taking up the Kiti-hawa cause, it is equally hard to think that the LSD name change proposal will get any traction.

This is not the first time an alderman has floated this idea. In 1993, then 4th Ward alderman (now Cook County Board President) Toni Preckwinkle made the same proposal. Some of her colleagues supported her, as did such citizens as Lerone Bennett Jr., then executive editor of *Ebony* magazine who argued that Du Sable was "the first person to see the commercial possibilities of the place, the first person to say, 'I Will!'"

("I Will," of course, is one of the mottoes of the city, along with such others as "Urbs in Horto" Latin for "City in a Garden" and more playfully Mike Royko's "Ubi Est Mea," Latin for "Where's mine?")

There was much debate at a meeting of the City Council's Committee on Transportation and Public Way. More than 30 witnesses testified, equally split between those for and those against. As the Tribune's Bob Davis reported, "applause and groans repeatedly sounded" as the proposal was defeated 8-2.

Moore's proposal can be read on the Office of the City Clerk website. It now sits with the transportation committee and says that it is "appalling that the founder of this great city has no major street named after him."

What is more appalling, most would agree, is the ways in which Native Americans suffered a long history of genocide, dispossession and racism.

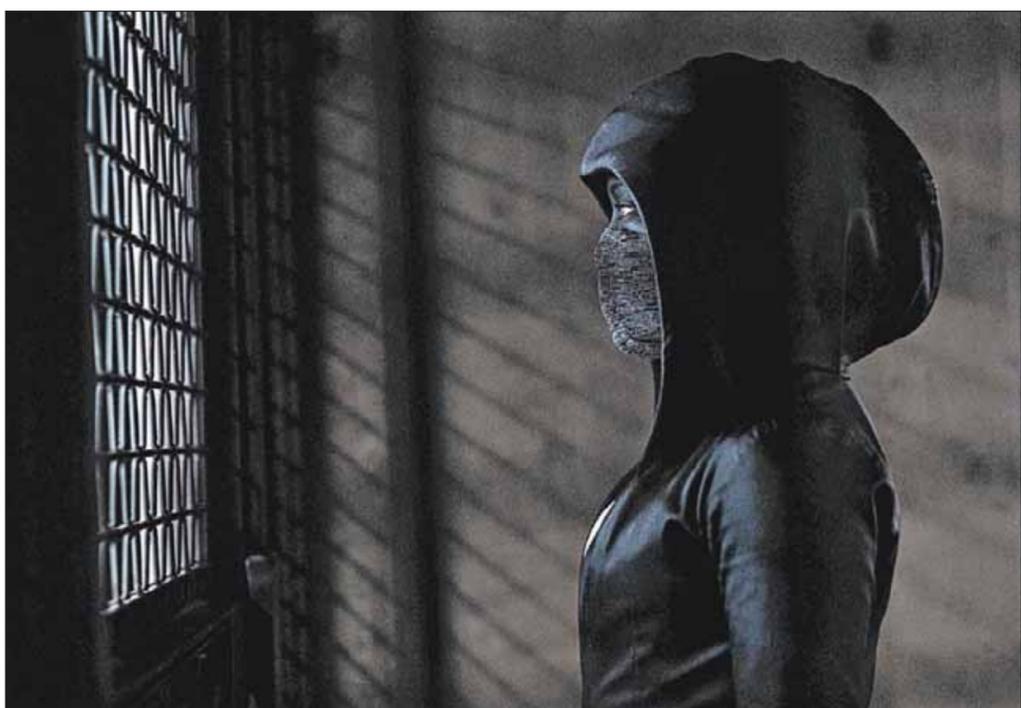
Is it enough that a few streets and avenues and neighborhoods — Menomonee, Ottawa, Mohawk, Winnebago, Blackhawk, Pontiac, Winnemac, Milwaukee Avenue, Washtenaw, Sauganash Park — echo Native American words and names?

"When school groups come here they are so curious," says Miller. "They want to know the real history of this place and get excited when they hear it."

So, what to do about Lake Shore Drive?

Actually, it's fine as it is. The lake's been here, well, forever and who knows where we'd be without it?

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HBO

Regina King plays a Tulsa police detective known as Sister Night in HBO's "Watchmen."

# 'Watchmen' saved a rocky year for superhero stories

Unlike 'Joker,' adaptation offers something to say

By ALYSSA ROSENBERG

The year 2019 has been a complicated year for superhero stories, but Damon Lindelof's outstanding adaptation of "Watchmen" for HBO is proving what can be done in the genre, and laying down a marker for all who dare to follow.

Judging by the second-buzziest bit of comic-book pop culture to be released this year, the comparison isn't likely to be flattering. Todd Phillips' "Joker," with its portrait of the DC Comics supervillain as a troubled social outcast, may have grossed \$1 billion worldwide and sparked praise for its "grittiness," a term frequently used to signal moral and sociological seriousness in art, but viewed side by side, "Watchmen" and "Joker" illustrate the difference between art that actually challenges its audience and art that simply plays at provocation while reciting well-worn ideas.

The bar for an interesting "Watchmen" adaptation is stratospheric: The source material by Dave Gibbons and Alan Moore is one of the most venerated comic books of all

time, renowned for its portrait of dysfunctional, morally compromised heroes. And while some superhero stories share the "Watchmen" comics' grim tone, few dare to dismantle heroic fantasies in the same way. In a 2016 interview, Moore condemned most superhero stories — now quite literally the most popular genre on Earth — as "still very much white supremacist dreams of the master race."

Lindelof has proved himself up to the challenge. The premiere of "Watchmen" opened with a re-creation of the 1921 massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma's prosperous black community. And in the show's most recent episode, the series revealed that the first superhero, Hooded Justice, who was long assumed to be white, is actually a black man who survived that slaughter.

The hour follows Will Reeves (played as a young man by Jovan Adepod and in old age by Louis Gossett Jr.) as he joins a big-city police force only to discover that it has been infiltrated by a Klan-like organization using mind control techniques to incite riots in black communities. His fellow police officers subject Will to a mock lynching in an effort to dissuade his investiga-

tions; the noose they leave around his neck ends up becoming part of his superhero costume. After Will starts making headlines, he inspires a team of white superheroes, whose leader, Captain Metropolis (Chris Whitley) recruits Will with a promise to fight the racists — only to break that pledge and belittle Will.

These betrayals don't make Will a saintly figure, better than his colleagues in the police or his fellow superheroes. Instead, they deform his character. In a spasm of despair, Will murders the racist conspiracists and takes their wicked technology for his own. Hooded Justice's story is a shattering reminder that we don't always rise above bigotry to become better people, and that giving a black man the same impunity as a white man can turn him into the same kind of monster.

What does "Joker" have to say that's remotely as daring? It's hardly news that men who believe themselves to be rejected by women and unrecognized at work sometimes use these failures to justify horrific acts of violence. The perpetrator of the Isla Vista, California, murders of 2014 left a lengthy manifesto to that effect, and at least two other killers have cited him as inspiration.

"Joker" is a dank and sullen movie, and its main character, Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix), resents both the social workers who have little to offer him and the talk-show host who turns him into a punchline. But aside from a throwaway line about stretched budgets, "Joker" doesn't have much insight into — or even interest in — the holes in the social safety net. Its villain is a cardboard rich guy. And while Arthur rants about the comic gatekeepers who get to decide what's funny, laments about political correctness are hardly underrepresented in contemporary conversation. "Joker" is distinguished from its slick competition in the Marvel Cinematic Universe by its unremitting ugliness and dinginess, not because it actually has more to say.

This is the real dividing line in pop culture today: not whether the characters wear spandex, or have been manipulated by CGI, or whether the actors playing them are getting their checks from Walt Disney and Warner Brothers. It's between art like "Watchmen" that actually has something to say and the guts to say it, and a project like "Joker" that just wants credit for showing its audience the illusion of courage.

# Moment

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sort of progresses to where I've polished off several bottles of wine."

The other show is a new series from Apple called "Truth Be Told," starring Octavia Spencer as a true crime podcast host and Aaron Paul as a man convicted of a crime he did not commit.

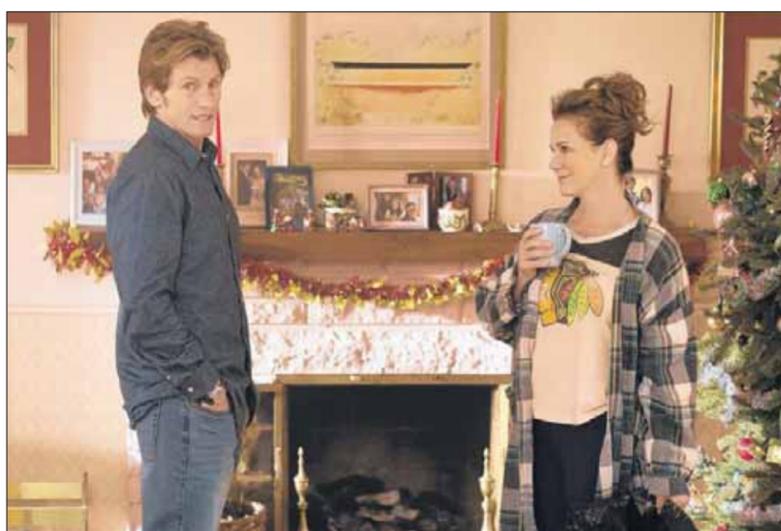
"I play his mother, who has been desperately trying to get him out of prison for the last 18 years," Perkins said.

Perkins' career on screen began just a few years after DePaul with "About Last Night..." and then kicked into high gear with a starring role opposite Tom Hanks in "Big." Not long after that she was up for another starring role in a big studio movie — a role she would ultimately not get. That's the story that came to mind when Perkins was asked to share a worst moment in her career.

"It's so funny because the minute I heard that you were going to ask me that question — boom — I was right back there," she said.

## My worst moment ...

"I was at a meeting at Warner Bros. for a movie with Mel Gibson. I don't want to say what the movie was — it must have been around 1993, so I was 31 or 32, somewhere in there. And it was like, 'Oh, they want you for the lead in this



JONATHAN WENK/FOX

Denis Leary, left, and Elizabeth Perkins in "The Moodys Christmas," airing over three nights, with back-to-back episodes, beginning Wednesday on Fox.

movie.' And I went in and I was nervous. It was Mel Gibson, the director and the producer.

"I'm talking to the director and I'm talking to Mel and it's all going really well. And the producer was sitting behind me and to my left, which was weird — he was back there instead of sitting with me and Mel and the director. And all of a sudden there was a break in the conversation and the producer whispered really loudly to the director: 'No (expletive) way!'"

"Everybody heard. The director heard it. Mel Gibson heard it. I heard it."

"So we're all sitting there like, uh ... oh. This is really bad. (Laughs) This is so awkward. And I went, 'OK then. Well, um, I guess it's a no.'"

"The director was like a deer in the headlights. Mel was like a deer in the headlights. I was like a deer in headlights. And nobody's saying anything."

"We're all in so much shock — the words are just hanging in the air. And the producer was still behind me. To this day I've never mentioned his name because I hated him so much for that moment."

"And then the director said, 'Yeah, I guess that's a no.' Mel Gibson was just frozen. ... He was so embarrassed."

"Here I am at Warner Bros. in this massive director's office and what do I do? So I said, 'Should I just leave?' And Mel goes, 'Yeah, I think you should get up and just leave.' So I did."

"I got up and didn't even

say goodbye and walked out. I got in the elevator and walked out to the parking lot, and when I got in my car I just burst into tears. I was incredibly hurt, and then that turned to anger."

"It was literally the most awkward situation I've ever been in. And it was for a major movie at a major studio with a major star. I'll just never forget that. And it was so obviously about me because there were only four of us in the room! So it was literally one of the most embarrassing moments of my life."

"And I never heard a word from any one of them again. Ever. Ultimately, I don't think it was a big loss for me."

What happens in a meet-

ing versus an audition?

"Well, they pretend that they're talking about the script and they pretend that they're talking about the character and they pretend that they know about your career, but what they're actually doing is — well, back then anyway, things have changed, thank God — but back then it was like, 'We need to see her in person to make sure we think she's cute.'"

"That's absolutely 100% used to be what it was. And obviously I didn't fit the bill."

"Actresses used to talk about this a lot because it was: 'Would you (sleep with) her?' And that's what taking a meeting was about. And as we all know now, things are really changing on that level. As someone who has been around since the mid-'80s, I've seen huge changes and I'm so grateful for it."

It's odd the producer couldn't wait until Perkins left before expressing his opinion.

"And nobody said, 'I'm so sorry,' or threw him out of the room. They just were like, 'I guess you should go.' (Laughs) No phone call to apologize later, nothing."

"As an actor, you're just sort of putting yourself out there. It's not like you have a product other than yourself that you're selling; your product is yourself. So you're laying yourself on the line. And when you're rejected so aggressively like that — right to your face somebody says, 'You're awful.' I wasn't even auditioning. It was just a meet-

ing! I was just sitting there."

## The takeaway ...

"That Hollywood's full of (jerks)! No, just kidding."

"My takeaway was that you can get through anything. I went on to have a brilliant career after that. And the movie kind of tanked and wasn't any good. And look what's happened to Mel Gibson, so there's that."

"One single event does not define you. And I think it actually made me stronger. I'm an incredibly strong person. I don't get knocked down very easily, but you always know that every time you walk through the door you're being judged. And you either have the backbone for that and the internal defense for that, or you don't."

"So I didn't let it sway me at all, obviously. I mean, I'm 59 and I'm still working and I'm grateful. I think I've always had a very clear perspective of what my industry is and I've never let it define who I am or take anything from me. I'm very grounded."

"I was angry that he felt he could do that in the middle of a meeting more than, 'Oh, I'm not good enough.' This industry is so random and filled with a lot of crap that if you take this stuff personally you can't survive. It's too soul-sucking. You can't take it personally."

"And it made my resolve even stronger. So instead of beating me down, it gave me energy."

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# Five women, five celebrated roles

A roundtable with Erivo, Lum, Lopez, Theron, Zellweger

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Sometimes even celebrities need advice. Even on how to be a celebrity.

So it was recently that Charlize Theron, Renee Zellweger, Cynthia Erivo and Nora Lum — perhaps better known as Awkwafina — recently came to hang on every word as Jennifer Lopez talked about her attitude toward her own fame and celebrity.

“I just try to stay super conscious of the fact that I have a responsibility,” Lopez said. “And it’s not that I don’t have bad days. I’m a human being.”

Zellweger in particular was equally candid about grappling with the demands of being a public person.

“I find that when I focus most of my energy on the people who are closest to me and I spend time nurturing my internal self, my curiosity, learning, growing, becoming a better person, that I do a better job of it when I keep it small,” Zellweger said. “I’m a better daughter. I’m a better friend. I’m a better actress. I think I’m a better human being.”

“Because I’ve gotten caught up trying to run a race that doesn’t belong to me,” Zellweger added. “I’ve seen what that looks like and it doesn’t suit me.”

There was an air of genuine curiosity and exchange as the five women gathered together for a roundtable conversation. The celebrated roles that brought them together — Lopez as a stripper-turned-criminal in “Hustlers,” Theron as newscaster Megyn Kelly in “Bombshell,” Zellweger as entertainer Judy Garland in “Judy,” Erivo as slave-turned-abolitionist Harriet Tubman in “Harriet” and Lum as a young woman grappling with family and cross-cultural identity in “The Farewell” — were just conversation starters as the talk veered toward telling stories without judgment, overcoming great odds and the rigors of pole-dancing.

**Q: Jennifer, your pole-dancing in “Hustlers” is astonishing. Was it just difficult athletically?**

**Lopez:** I mean, it was a lot of things. It was very challenging, physically it was very acrobatic. And that was new for me. And I think people think, “Oh, she’s a dancer, so that’ll be an easy thing to do.” It wasn’t, it was really difficult. And definitely what I love about doing movies is that you get to do these things that you would not normally do, you learn all these different skills. In the beginning, I was like, “Oh yeah, I’m going to learn how to pole dance and it’s going to be so sexy and it’s going to be amazing.” And then I was like, “This (stuff) is hard and I’m in pain. It’s not fun.”

**Q: Renee, you studied Judy Garland intensely in preparing for “Judy.” Was some of that just learning how she looked, how she moved, or what did you hope to get from that?**

**Zellweger:** Well, a better understanding about the circumstances of her life that she was grappling with and her final chapter. It didn’t make sense to me. I didn’t know a lot about what she was experiencing at that time in her life. And I felt like a lot that was written about her sort of blanketed that final chapter in tragedy in some way. And I just wanted to understand it better and more deeply. We dug in. I say “we” because it was this shared collaboration with everybody for like a year before we started to conjure her essence.

And to advocate for her in some way, because when you come to understand how she ends up, having financial hardships and some of the health issues that she was struggling with, you empathize with her but it also shifts the perspective. I don’t think



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Cynthia Erivo, from left, Nora Lum (Awkwafina), Jennifer Lopez, Charlize Theron and Renee Zellweger were brought together recently to talk about their films, their working lives and the future as it looks to them.

that she was tragic or a victim, but she was really heroic that she could carry on and continue to perform at this high level for as long as she did. She’s for the ages.

**Q: Nora, in “The Farewell” your character Billi is derived from director Lulu Wang’s real-life story. So having her right there as you’re sort of channeling her, what was that like?**

**Lum:** I knew that the character was based on Lulu, but the cool thing is she wasn’t very stuck on, “This is me.” She wanted to share the character. When you have that level of trust, it’s good because we built it together. And at the end of the day, Billi really symbolizes the specific experience rather than (being) based on one specific person.

**Q: Charlize, you’ve said that this transformation of playing Megyn Kelly was more difficult than becoming Aileen Wuornos in “Monster.” Can you talk more about that?**

**Theron:** God, context, I’ve got to watch myself. I said that in jest because there was a funny moment where somebody had brought that up at a Q&A and I was trying to be funny and now I’ve got to fix this story.

Listen, you can’t say something like that because every experience and every person or character that you play is just so different and to even say that one’s harder than the other is just completely stupid. And I’m gonna start censoring myself. But I will say this. It was harder in the sense that Megyn is incredibly well known and Aileen really wasn’t. And I feel like Aileen was a discovery for people, like they would see that movie and then they would Google search her, see the Nick Broomfield documentaries. And so it was like a later discovery, which allows you a little bit of breathing room as an actor because your audience is gonna go in not necessarily knowing so much.

With Megyn, I knew I had none of that because she’s just so known and her voice is so specific. And we all know that persona, how she carries herself. That was harder in the sense that I felt that pressure of like, “Oh, I don’t feel like there’s any wiggle room here.”

**Q: Cynthia, in many schools here in America, we only learn the bare essence of Harriet Tubman’s life, if even that much. As a British person, what did you know of her before the project came to you?**

**Erivo:** I was lucky that in my school we actually learned about her. So I knew what she did. I knew that she had taken the run for 100 miles to freedom. I knew that she had come

back again and again and again. I just didn’t know the details of her. And I think this experience was so cool because we were able to fill in the blanks. I was thinking of it like painting by numbers. You see the picture but there are no colors. But then we could fill in all the colors, giving people the detail of just small things to make her real. This gave her humanity, her womanhood back, because that’s what she was, first and foremost, a human and a woman.

**Q: Jennifer, how did you decide to do the upcoming Super Bowl halftime show with Shakira? It’s a hot-button topic, as some performers have said they wouldn’t do it. How did you come to that decision for yourself?**

**Lopez:** I think it’s super important for two Latina women to be headlining the Super Bowl, especially right now in Trump’s America. So for me, it was something that I was excited to do.

**Theron:** Do you get nervous?

**Lopez:** Sure. Absolutely. But here’s how I get nervous. And I think maybe you guys, because you’re all performers, feel this. It’s like you get that nervous energy and it’s just you’re used to it. Like I’m used to feeling a little bit of nervous energy and butterflies and everything before I’m getting ready. And a minute or two before, right when I’m about to go out and everybody’s rolling and I’m staring at the crowd and they can’t see me, it just goes real quiet. And something drops into my body where calm is your superpower. And then you’re in control. But absolutely I feel nervous and excited and butterflies and my heart beating out of my chest, all of those things. But in the fun way, not in the debilitating way.

**Q: Jennifer, you’re a producer on “Hustlers,” and Charlize, you’re a producer on “Bombshell.” Is there something about a specific project that makes you want to take that extra step and be more in control of the project?**

**Theron:** I have produced most of the stuff that I’ve done probably in the last decade. I have to love it because it’s a year, if not more, of your life where you’re needed and you have to see it through all the way. And it’s very time-consuming, so I try to do things that I know are subject matters that I want to stay engaged with for however long it’s going to take to make. And that I know I’m going to be continuously interested in and excited by and want to sit in an editing room day after day and figure it out and fight for it. I mean, we finished “Bombshell” and last week we were still trying to figure stuff out. When you are producing something and you love it and you want to see it all

the way through, it never stops.

**Q: I’m wondering if in the last couple of years you all have noticed concrete changes on sets, like there’s been discussion about intimacy coordinators and sort of a different vibe, having more women around. Have you seen practical changes in that way?**

**Zellweger:** It’s just that people are conscientious about it in a way that they hadn’t been before. Considering things, that someone uses the word “consideration,” that there’s consideration. Just things that people took for granted, that this is fine. You know, no one ever thought to question, “Oh wait, no, it’s really kind of not.”

**Lopez:** For “Hustlers,” it was an amazing thing to see all women on a set. All the producers, mostly women, and the ones that were on the set every day were women. The director was a woman. The writer was a woman. All the cast were women, the editor ... there were just women everywhere. And what you realize is like, “Wow, I’ve never been on a set where it was like that.” And I’ve done I don’t know how many movies in the past how many years.

And they didn’t want to make the movie. A lot of people passed on it, on “Hustlers.” They were like, “Oh, you know, the guys have to be really bad if the women are drugging them.” If you’re looking at “Boogie Nights” in the porn industry or if you’re looking at “Goodfellas” and the Mafia, this is a story. The day-to-day life of an underground world. And this is what went on. And that’s the thing that’s worth telling. This is a certain type of person that is in a certain type of life. And we want to tell it with no judgment and just see if you like the story.

**Erivo:** “Harriet,” this particular script has taken 20 years. It was written 20 years ago now. And then Debra Martin Chase, the producer, got her hands on it about 10 years ago and it’s taken that long to get here because people just didn’t want to make movies where there was a woman of color at the center and in a period movie. It just wasn’t being made. And so it just was one of the most refreshing things to be doing that and still have emotional agency. And with my director, Kasi Lemmons, another woman of color, that’s never happened in my life. I think I’ve been directed by one woman in theater as well. So it’s one of those amazing things to be a part of, to see yourself on the other side of the camera as well.

**Q: Nora, as someone who is still relatively fresh in your career, do you find this moment, does it feel like one that’s full of possibility? Is it**

**exciting for you to know that there’s all these opportunities working with female filmmakers, having new distribution platforms? That must make this a really exciting moment to be emerging as a performer.**

**Lum:** It does. And I’ve always been very outspoken. I’m very optimistic about the direction that we’re going. But that’s also not to say that you don’t have to acknowledge where it’s changing from. To hear that a lot of actresses haven’t worked with a lot of women. I’ve worked with equal parts men and women. I’ve worked with female DPs, I’ve worked with female writers, all female writers rooms. So yes, it does seem like there is a lot of possibility, not just for me but for everyone. It seems like people want to hear our stories and different kinds of stories are being put on. But we have to realize what we’re changing from what other people had to go through before us.

**Q: So, Jennifer, you are very good at being a celebrity. It seems like something you are naturally good at and comfortable with. Is that something you’ve learned?**

**Theron:** Tell us. Help us.

**Lopez:** I feel like there is a responsibility when you’re a public person. You can’t get around it. I know we all want to be like, “just want to be me” and I just want to do this and I just want to do that. And I don’t care what people say or think. But we have to because we care what people say. And so it’s just about being your best self. And I think that’s where I keep my mind. It’s like you think I’m a good celebrity because what I’m trying to do is put my best foot forward all the time and still be myself, still be authentic to who I am.

**Theron:** You’ve never lost that. And I want that. So when you’re tired, and it’s inappropriate. What do you do? What do you tell yourself? Because I think I’m just (a jerk).

**Lopez:** I know exactly what you mean because I’m like that too. And I just try to stay super conscious of the fact that I have a responsibility and that maybe that person is never gonna meet me again. And it’s not that I don’t have bad days. I’m a human being. So I get tired. And people are constantly judging you.

I had terrible things happen in the beginning of my career that I had to come back from. I did magazine articles where I said the wrong thing. It was a trial-and-error thing. And then you get put in a category of like you’re this person or that person and you’re a diva. But at the same time, I had to look and go, what am I doing? Because at the end of the day, it’s always, do you like what you’re doing? And for

me, it’s always about how can I get better? That’s why I do so much. How can I be better? I’m going to be a better mom, sister, daughter, friend, business partner, a better actress, better singer, better dancer, better producer. It’s always about, how can we do it better next time? Because you make mistakes.

**Q: Renee, as Jennifer’s talking, I’m thinking that everyone here is on Instagram except you. Have you always been a little bit more private in that way?**

**Zellweger:** I think about this a lot. And I think about the way that I grew up and the way that I was raised. My parents are very private people. And we didn’t talk about family things out in public. And I just feel uncomfortable with it. And I think our generation is probably the last to have some expectation of privacy. And so it’s a peculiar thing when it doesn’t occur to the younger generation that it’s not weird at all to pull out your phone and take a picture of somebody a foot from their face without saying hello, because that’s just the nature of things these days. And it’s perfectly normal. And I get that. I completely understand it. And I have no problem with it.

**Q: Cynthia, with a historical movie like “Harriet,” it’s hard not to want to connect it to the modern day and think of what are the things that we can maybe take from her story. For you, what are the things the story of Harriet Tubman has to say to a contemporary audience?**

**Erivo:** It has a few things. I’ll start at Harriet. And that she’s small. She was 5 foot. I don’t think people realize how small she was. And she was uneducated. She didn’t have any reading and writing skills, but still managed to at one point save the money that she was earning from being hired out to different farms to hire a lawyer to draw up the papers for her mother’s freedom. So I think the thing to take away from her is that if you set your mind to being able to do something, you should probably be able to do it. The capacity to change the world is more in our reach than we think it is. It was very far out of her reach, but she managed to do it over and over and over and over again.

The second is to look at these moments in time as a warning. That was a terrible time, not just for grievous bodily harm, but for family separation, which is also violence in itself. And we’re watching it now, right? And we need to take heed when things like this happen, when movies like this come out, they need to just stand as a warning. It’s not a coincidence that it took 20 years and (we) have it actually happening today.

# WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Katheryn Winnick

**“Vikings”** (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., History): Season 5 of this hit historical drama climaxed with a battle for Kattegat that ended with Ivar the Boneless (Alex Hogh Andersen) fleeing the field of combat, leaving his brother Bjorn Ironside (Alexander Ludwig) to be crowned the rightful king by his mother, Lagertha (Katheryn Winnick). As the sixth and final season opens with a two-hour premiere, Bjorn struggles to fill his late father’s royal shoes.

**“87th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center”** (7 p.m., NBC): “Today” anchors Savannah Guthrie, Hoda Kotb, Craig Melvin and Al Roker host this annual special built around the lighting of the iconic Christmas tree in Rockefeller Plaza, a tradition dating back to 1931 during the Great Depression. Before that breathtaking moment, however, the program presents festive holiday performances from Chicago, Brett Eldredge, Derek & Julianne Hough, John Legend and Idina Menzel.

**“Man vs. Bear”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): In what may be literally the wildest reality competition series ever, each episode of this new unscripted program pits three live Grizzly bears living in a Utah sanctuary in a series of challenges against three human competitors. For obvious reasons, the designated challenges will reflect the natural instincts of the bears, two males and a female named Bart, Tank and Honey Bump.

**“Ghosting: The Spirit of Christmas”** (8 p.m., FREE): Aisha Dee (“The Bold Type”) stars in this original Freeform holiday drama as Jess, who dares to hope for the best when she goes on a fantastic first date with Ben (Kendrick Sampson, “Insecure”). Alas, that happiness is short-lived when Jess literally “ghosts” Ben by perishing in a car accident.

**“The Moodys”** (8:01 p.m., FOX): Adapted from an Australian sitcom, this new Fox comedy about a dysfunctional Chicago family launches a limited six-episode run tonight with two back-to-back episodes. Denis Leary (“Rescue Me”) and Elizabeth Perkins (“Weeds”) star as Sean and Ann Moody, whose joy at having their three adult children home for the Christmas holidays is less than boundless.

**“Five Day Biz Fix”** (9 p.m., 12 a.m., CNBC): Spouses Chrissy and Erik Koplin have established themselves as experts when it comes to reimagining small businesses, with a single objective in mind: increasing revenue. In this new hour-long series, the Koplins bring years of high-end retail design experience and construction expertise to overhaul a diverse assortment of brick and mortar business.

### TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O’Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.\*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor John Lithgow; singer-songwriter Alanis Morissette; Alanis Morissette performs.\*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Eddie Redmayne; Pharrell Williams performs.\*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Tom Holland; actress Ana Gasteyer; Angel Olsen performs.\*

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	<b>NBC</b> 5		87th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center (N) (Live) © 卐			(9:01) Making It: “Best Friends.” (N) © 卐		NBC 5 News (N) ♣
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Goldbergs (N) © 卐	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown: “The Other Woman.” (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♣
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	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3’s Comp.
	<b>Court</b> 9.3		Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♣			
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	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil © 卐		Tamron Hall © 卐		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♣	
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	The Game	The Game	Family Time	Last Call	Lottery Ticket (PG-13,10) ♣		♣ ♣ ♣	
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<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: “Genetics.”		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♣	
<b>TeleM</b> 44	El sultán (N) ©		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
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CABLE	<b>AE</b>	The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©		(9:01) The First 48 ©		First 48 ♣
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	<b>ANIM</b>	Extinct or Alive (N)		Extinct or Alive (N)		Life After Chernobyl		ZombieCat ♣
	<b>BBCA</b>	Stand by Me (R,‘86) **** Wil Wheaton. ©				WarGames (PG,‘83) *** © ♣		
	<b>BET</b>	♣ Tyler Perry’s Good Deeds		Tyler Perry’s The Oval (N)		Tyler Perry’s Sistars (N)		Copwatch
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	♣ Wm. Basketball (N)		Women’s College Basketball:		Clemson at Iowa. (N)		Tonight (N) ♣
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NJ (N)		Real House. (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives/NJ (N)	
	<b>CLTV</b>	Larry Potash News (N)		News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♣
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	<b>DISC</b>	Alaskan Bush People (Season Premiere) (N)		Man vs. Bear (Series Premiere) (N) ©		(9:03) To be announced		TBA ♣
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	<b>E!</b>	T. Brady (N)	Cheaper by the Dozen (PG,‘03) ** Steve Martin. ©			Nightly (N)		Botched ♣
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	<b>ESPN2</b>	♣ College Basketball (N)		(8:15) College Basketball: Wisconsin at NC State. (N)				Basketball
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	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy’s Grocery Games		Guy’s Grocery Games (N)		Food Truck Race (N)		Grocery ♣
	<b>FREE</b>	♣ Home Alone 2		Ghosting: The Spirit of Christmas (NR,‘19) ©				700 Club ♣
	<b>FX</b>	♣ (6) The Equalizer (R,‘14) ** Denzel Washington. ©				The Equalizer (R,‘14) ** © ♣		
	<b>HALL</b>	Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy (NR,‘19) ©				(9:03) Let It Snow (NR,‘13) © ♣		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers (N)		Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)
	<b>HIST</b>	Vikings (N) ©		Vikings: “New Beginnings/The Prophet.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©				Vikings ♣
	<b>HLN</b>	Real Life Nightmare ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	♣ (6) X-Men: The Last Stand (‘06) *** ©		Trading Places (R,‘83) *** Dan Aykroyd. © ♣				
	<b>LIFE</b>	Christmas 9 to 5 (NR,‘19) Tiya Sircar. ©				(9:03) Christmas in the City (‘13) © ♣		
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculousness ©		The Challenge (N) ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish ♣
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	NBA Basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©				Postgame		Bulls (N)
	<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>	♣ XXX: State of the Union		The Negotiator (R,‘98) *** Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey. © ♣				
<b>OWN</b>	Baking Christmas (NR,‘19)		Tim Reid, Aloma Wright.		Baking Christmas (NR,‘19)		Tim Reid. ♣	
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped ©		Snapped: “Jessica Hill.”		Snapped: “Taylor Marks.”		Snapped ♣	
<b>PARMT</b>	Scrooged (PG-13,‘88) *** Bill Murray, Karen Allen. ©				Scrooged (PG-13,‘88) *** Bill Murray. ♣			
<b>SYFY</b>	♣ Harry Potter		Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG,‘12) **				Resident ♣	
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Conan (N)	
<b>TCM</b>	Lassie Come Home (G,‘43) ***		(8:45) Adventures of Rusty (‘45) **				DogFriend ♣	
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: “Annjeannette’s Story.”				My 600-Lb. Life ♣			
<b>TLN</b>	Baptist	King	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♣	
<b>TNT</b>	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Gladiator (R,‘00) *** Russell Crowe. ♣			
<b>TOON</b>	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	UFOS: The Lost Evidence (N) ©				Paranormal Ca. (N)		Mystery (N)	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				(9:08) WWE NXT (N) ©		Mod Fam ♣	
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink Crew: Chicago ©				Black Ink Crew: Chicago © ♣			
<b>WE</b>	Last Holiday (PG-13,‘06) ** Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu. ©				Last Holiday (‘06) ** © ♣			
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	The Town (R,‘10) *** Ben Affleck. ©				(9:05) His Dark Materials		Us (R) *** ♣
	<b>HBO2</b>	24/7: Kelly Slater ©		Silicon	(8:25) The Darkest Hour (PG-13,‘11) *		Nightmare ♣	
	<b>MAX</b>	The Nice Guys (R,‘16) *** Russell Crowe. ©				Deadpool 2 (R,‘18) *** © ♣		
	<b>SHO</b>	Scream (R,‘96) *** Neve Campbell. ©				Scream 2 (R,‘97) *** David Arquette. ♣		
	<b>STARZ</b>	♣ Texas Chainsaw		Hulk (PG-13,‘03) ** Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. ©				
<b>STZNC</b>	♣ (6:09) Mamma Mia! **		The Equalizer 2 (R,‘18) ** Denzel Washington.				Barbshop ♣	

# Chicago debut of ‘The Devil Wears Prada’ delayed a year

World premiere of musical postponed until summer 2021

By Chris Jones

Moving at a glacial pace, Sir Elton?

The world premiere of a new Broadway musical version of “The Devil Wears Prada,” featuring a book by Paul Rudnick, score by Elton John and lyrics by Shaina Taub, and originally scheduled for next summer in Chicago, has postponed its world premiere for a year.

“Prada,” which still is slated to be directed by Steppenwolf Theatre Company artistic director Anna D. Shapiro, is now slated to play the CIBC Theater, 18 W. Monroe St., from July 13

to Aug. 15, 2021, before moving to Broadway during the 2021-22 season.

The show’s lead producer, Kevin McCollum, cited the “ridiculous schedules” of the creative team and said that everyone involved needed more time to work on the show, which is based on both Lauren Weisberger’s novel and the 2006 film starring Meryl Streep as a character closely modeled on the real-life fashion icon Anna Wintour.

Elton John, of course, is in the final leg of his global farewell tour.

The Tuesday announcement also came with some casting news: The Tony Award-winning actress Beth Leavel will play the lead role of Miranda Priestly while Taylor Iman

Jones will play Andy, the role played in the film by Anne Hathaway.

Broadway in Chicago has been beset with schedule changes of late with its pre-Broadway tryouts.

The controversial Michael Jackson musical, now titled “MJ,” nixed its Chicago tryout all together in favor of opening directly on Broadway this summer, while a planned Britney Spears jukebox show also changed dates. Such move is not unusual, though, when it comes to massive new Broadway musicals with many moving parts and personalities.

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Dec. 4): Catch a rising star this year. Profit from persistent, dedicated actions. Winter silver flows your way, which could help with an unexpected shared expense. One personal door closes and another opens, leading to a profitable collaboration. Stash and conserve resources for later gain.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Disciplined planning and coordination leads to long-term benefits. Mysteries abound. Listen to intuition and follow a spiritual call.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Set goals high and believe it can be done. Teamwork can overcome great obstacles. Save more than you spend. You're growing stronger. Work together.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Do the work and profit. You may need to be wildly unrealistic to move to the next level. Study recent developments. Important people are watching.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Take a dreamy trip. Explore uncharted terrain and unveil a mystery. Follow your curiosity and discover incredible wonders after surpassing an unexpected twist.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Connect to make a financial determination. Pursue an interesting suggestion. Be willing to get your hands dirty. Take action to provide what's needed.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Collaborate and coordinate with your partner for dreamy results. A crazy idea may actually work. Creative inspiration and disciplined action are a winning combo.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Practice physical arts and moves. Rest is as important as activity. Listen for the beat and get into the rhythm. Intuition shows you the way.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Share a dream with someone dreamy. Speculate and fantasize about beauty, fun and relaxation. Find simple ways to realize romantic elements. Discuss passions, enthusiasms and inspiration.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Settle into your roots. Share beloved family traditions and stories. Revisit a favorite place. Keep things simple. A fantasy might be easy to realize.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Finish what you started. Edit, revise and strengthen your case. Discuss potential dreams and visions. Plant seeds of possibility and nurture them in conversation.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Capture a dream. Saving money counts the same as making it. Your past work speaks well for you. Don't spend frivolously, although it pays to advertise.

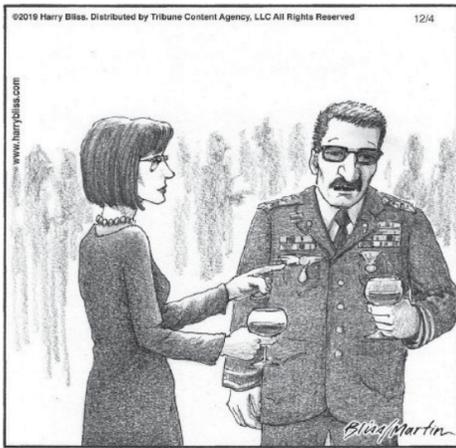
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Pursue a personal ambition. Listen to someone who loves you. Accept divine inspiration. All is not as it appears. You can overcome old fears.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

**North**  
 ♠ 52  
 ♥ AKQ83  
 ♦ K7432  
 ♣ 3

**East**  
 ♠ KQJ3  
 ♥ 975  
 ♦ A8  
 ♣ K542

**South**  
 ♠ A976  
 ♥ 42  
 ♦ J9  
 ♣ AQJ76

Today's deal features another one of the USA's great players. Chip Martel, from the San Francisco area, was South. As often happens in modern tournament bridge, two minimum hands, bidding aggressively, end up in a final contract that is too high for their combined assets. Sometimes, however, there is a way to bring it home.

**The bidding:**

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All pass

**Opening lead: Four of ♠**

Martel held up on the jack of spades at trick one, as well as the king of spades continuation. East was able to continue, intelligently, with his low spade, knowing that his partner held the 10. He knew his

partner had three spades from the lead. Had West started with the nine-eight- four of spades, he would have played the nine on the second round. When he followed with the eight, East knew that he held the 10.

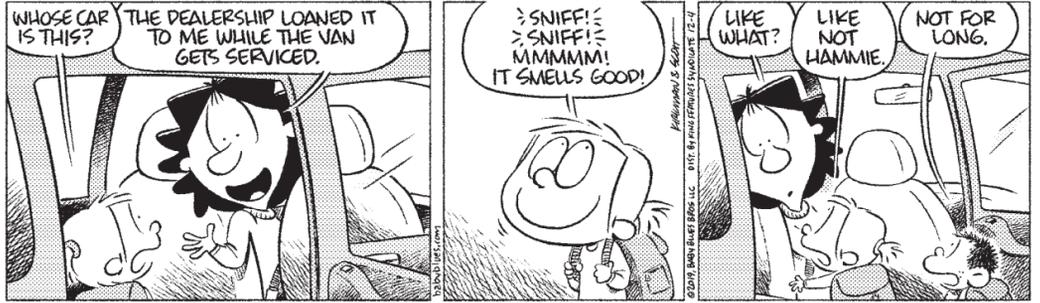
Martel won the third spade and had to decide whether to go after hearts or diamonds. He chose hearts and was rewarded when that suit split 3-3. On the run of the hearts, East could only afford one club discard, so he had to part with the eight of diamonds. After the hearts were finished, Martel led a club to his queen, winning the trick. He next led a diamond to dummy's king. This lost to East's ace, but the best East could do was to cash his queen of spades before leading a club. Martel repeated the club finesse and had nine tricks. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



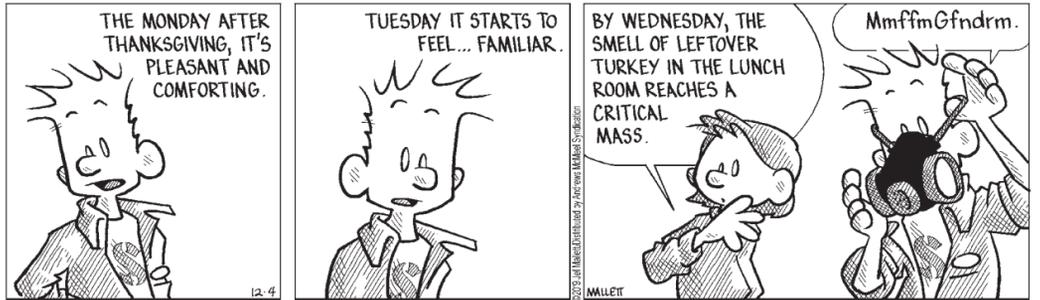
### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



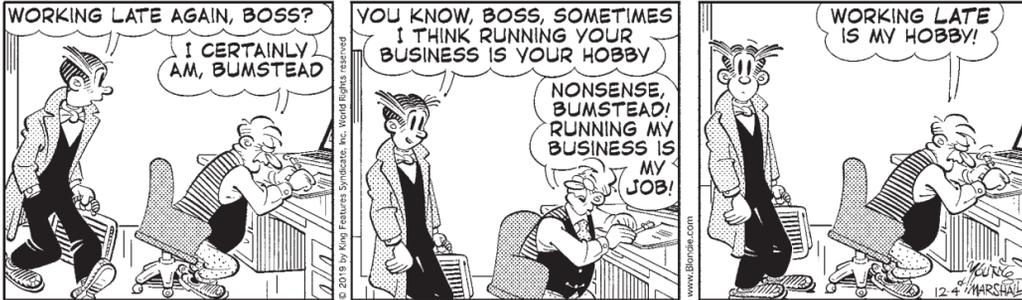
**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



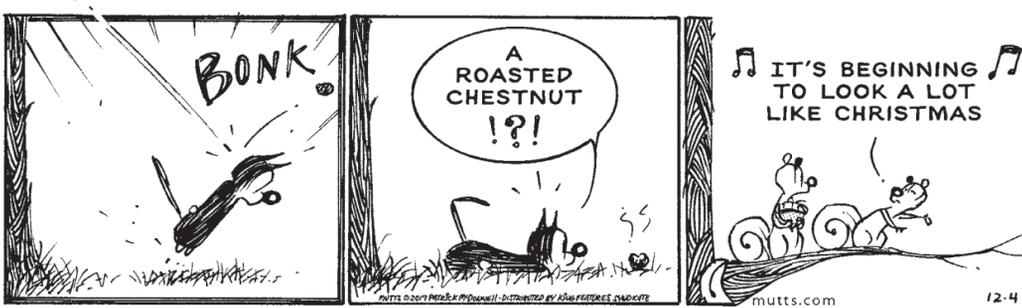
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



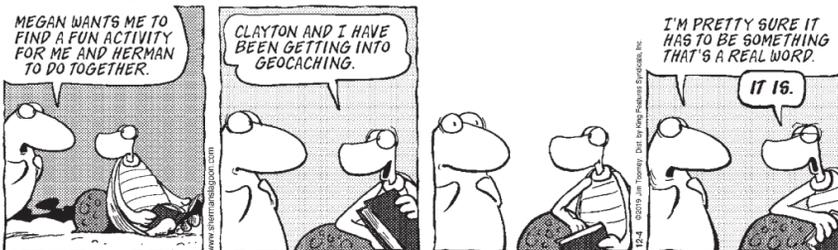
**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



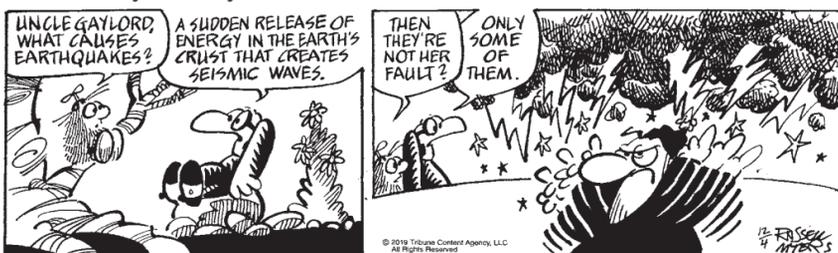
**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



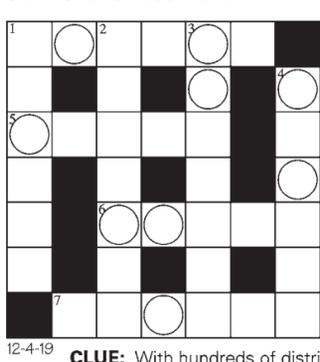
**Trivia Bits**

**Pearl Harbor is located on which Hawaiian island?**

A) Hawaii (the "Big Island")  
 B) Lanai  
 C) Molokai  
 D) Oahu

Tuesday's answer: "Miracle on 34th Street" centers on Macy's department store.

**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**

1. Urge, enforce  
 5. Shrub  
 6. Pay for  
 7. \_\_\_ Airlines

**CLUE DOWN**

1. Metallic element  
 2. Make damp  
 3. \_\_\_ money  
 4. Thaved

**ANSWER**

LEOPCM  
 AIRBR  
 AETTR  
 UETDNI

**ANSWER**

LOBACT  
 ENOISMT  
 AERESTN  
 ELEDMT

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

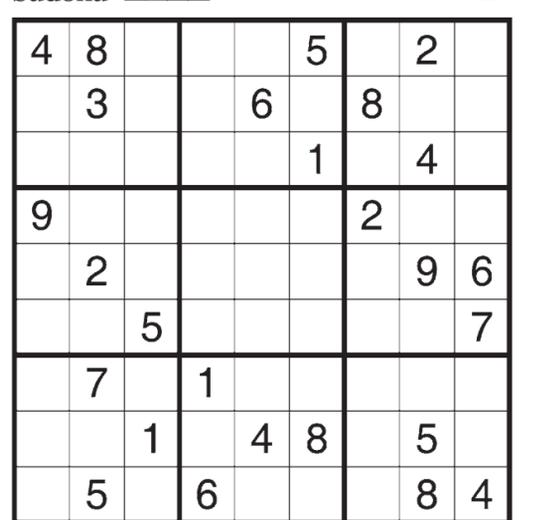
**BONUS**

With hundreds of districts, this has been dubbed "a city of neighborhoods."

ANSWERS: 1A-Compel 5A-Prhar 6A-Treat 7A-United 1D-Cobalt 2D-Molokai 3D-Farmet 4D-Melrod 5D-Baitmore

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

12/4



1	7	4	6	2	3	9	5	8
2	5	3	7	9	8	6	4	1
8	9	6	4	1	5	3	7	2
3	6	2	8	5	4	7	1	9
9	4	5	3	7	1	2	8	6
7	1	8	9	6	2	5	3	4
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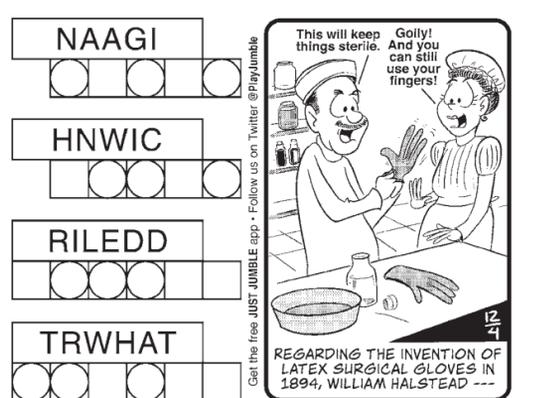
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Tuesday'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

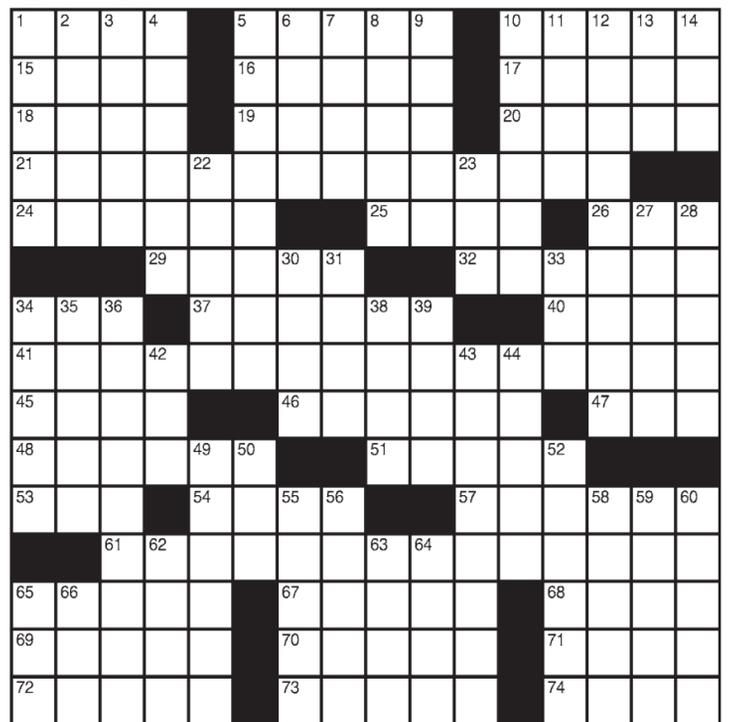
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: GLORY INEPT RELENT BORDER  
 Answer: The folklore characters wanted to cross the river but didn't want to use the — "TROLL" BRIDGE

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

1 Retina 5K computer  
 5 Pet collar clip-on  
 10 Theme park with a geodesic dome  
 15 Bite  
 16 Bête \_\_\_  
 17 Place to get clean  
 18 Medication unit  
 19 Crooner who co-wrote the "Chestnuts roasting ..." song  
 20 Swim events  
 21 Holiday song whose first line ends, "come sailing in"  
 24 Pooh's dour friend  
 25 Leader with a dot-edu address  
 26 Brief "If only I could unhear that ..."  
 29 2018 US Open winner Osaka  
 32 Inductee  
 34 Personal  
 37 Marathoner's woes

**Down**

40 One for the road?  
 41 Holiday song first recorded by Gene Autry  
 45 "The Nutcracker" skirt  
 46 Like some owls  
 47 Cottonelle layer  
 48 Jumps in  
 51 Apply to  
 53 Nonprofit aid gp.  
 54 Opera set in Egypt  
 57 Curtains  
 61 Holiday song based on a traditional German folk song  
 65 Storybook pachyderm  
 67 Pens  
 68 \_\_\_ Kong  
 69 "Home Alone" actress Catherine  
 70 Line dance  
 71 French friend  
 72 Area component  
 73 Ready to pour  
 74 What 21-, 41- or 61-Across is ... and, phonetically, a curiously apt common feature of those answers

**Tuesday's solution**

SCUD EISEN SQIN  
 OUZO SALTY AUDI  
 BRIGHTSIDE HILL  
 EASE MACES  
 LESTAT REMARK  
 EXHALED RELATES  
 NCHAR ALANA ELO  
 SUR WISEGUY MMA  
 ESP ACHOO APOP  
 SETFREE NOWHERE  
 ORDERS NEARED  
 JANIS LOSE  
 URGE SMARTPHONE  
 NOUN PANDA ONYX  
 ODED ASTOR COCO

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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

NORMAL HIGH: 39°

NORMAL LOW: 24°

RECORD HIGH: 66° (1998)

RECORD LOW: -6° (1871)

## More sun and dry weather for next few days

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 42 **LOW** 27

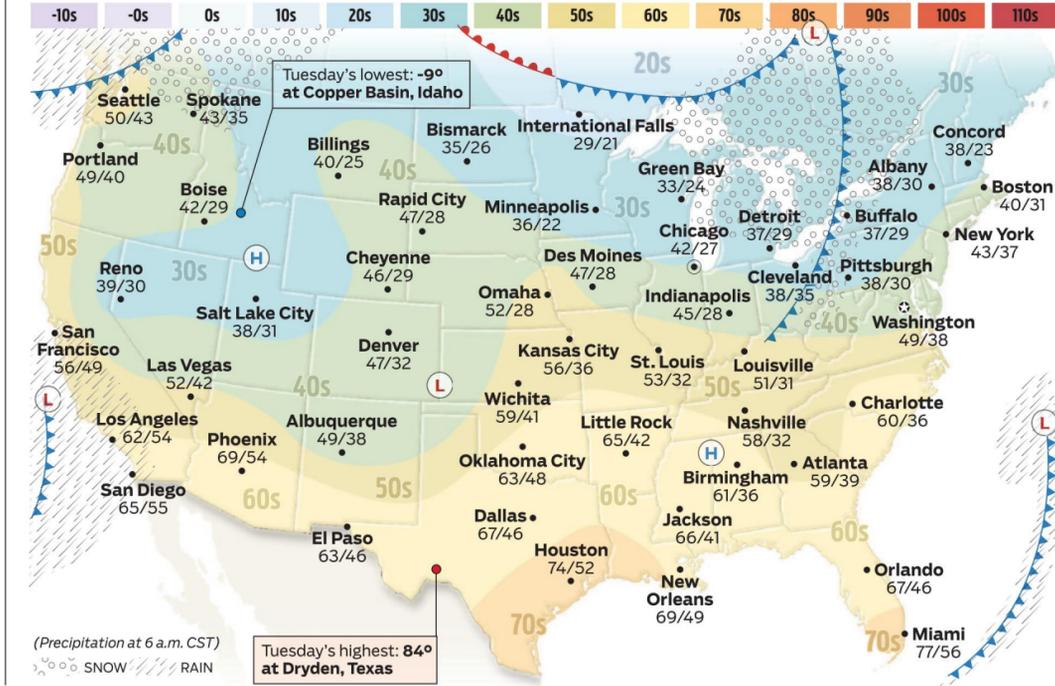
■ West to northwest winds keep Chicago in the cooler air during the daytime hours then southwesterly flow begins overnight.

■ Some passing high- and mid-level clouds, otherwise sunny.

■ Despite gusting west/northwest winds 15-25 mph, temperatures still manage to work their way into the lower 40s.

■ Fair skies overnight as winds shift southwesterly and die off – low temps dropping into the 20s.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



The normal high temperature is now in the upper 30s, so forecast highs in the lower 40s will be above normal for the next couple days. There will be plenty of sunshine in the coming days with no mention of precipitation. We will experience a brief cool-down Friday when a touch of colder air holds afternoon highs in the 30s, but winds quickly shift to the southwest bringing a warming back into the 40s Saturday and could even see temps hit 50 degrees in parts of our area Sunday.

The approach of a strong cold front will bring rain beginning Sunday night. As the cold front works its way through our area Monday, rain will change over to wet snow. Current forecast models bring very cold air into our area with snow likely Monday night into Tuesday, temperatures falling through the 20s into the teens by late in the day.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5

**HIGH** 44 **LOW** 27

SW winds ahead of an approaching weak cold front support afternoon highs in the mid-40s in many areas. An increase in clouds but still plenty of sunshine. Winds shift NW by evening, turning colder overnight.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 6

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 23

Temps in the mid 30s despite mostly sunny skies. NW-N winds 15-25 mph diminish in the afternoon. A chilly night with readings dropping to close to 20 degrees in some areas away from the city.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 7

**HIGH** 43 **LOW** 35

Frosty start to the day, then turning windy and milder. Sunshine and SW winds 20-25 mph help daytime temps recover into the lower and mid 40s. Winds stay elevated at night, keeping temps above freezing.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 8

**HIGH** 49 **LOW** 40

Sunny start to the day then high- and mid-level clouds increase and thicken during the afternoon. Gusty southwest winds boost temps close to the 50 degree mark. Rain chances increase at night.

### MONDAY, DEC. 9

**HIGH** 42 **LOW** 25

Rain, likely ongoing to start the day. As winds pick up out of the north, temperatures level off around the 40 degree mark and begin to fall during the afternoon as rain changes over to wet snow. Snow or flurries possible at night.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 10

**HIGH** 28 **LOW** 9

Cloudy, windy, much colder with occasional snow showers. Temps peak early into the upper 20s then fall into the teens by late afternoon. A chance of flurries overnight – single digit lows; sub-zero wind chills.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
I just read a book set in Florida that refers to the "Waffle House index" to gauge hurricane damage. Is this real? Thanks.  
Scott Bently Woodstock

Dear Scott,  
Absolutely! The Federal Emergency Management Agency does use information from several national chains to help determine how hard an area has been affected by a weather event. The Waffle House, a restaurant that is open 24/7, is one of them. The chain prides itself on remaining open following natural disasters, which requires a lot of planning by management, so if a Waffle House is closed, conditions in that area must be really bad. During Houston's encounter with Harvey, some Waffle Houses had to shut down, but the vast majority stayed open. The term Waffle House Index was coined by FEMA Director W. Craig Fugate in 2011.

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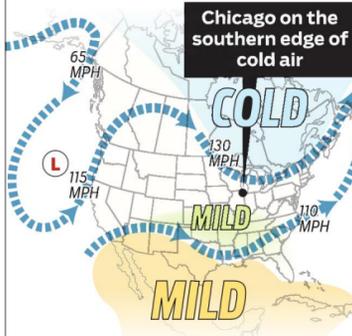
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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## Sunday forecast likely the mildest day here for the rest of 2019

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY**  
Upper-level jet stream flow and low-level surface temp distribution  
Northern branch of the jet stream sits just north of the Chicago area, keeping coldest air in Canada

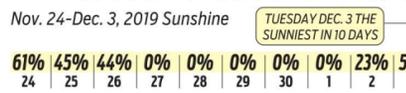
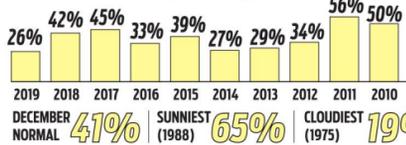


Warm air shunted far south across Mexico/Texas and the Gulf of Mexico

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

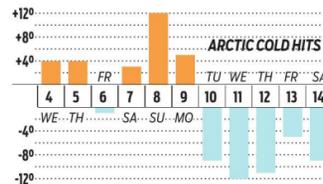
### CHICAGO SUNSHINE

Big range in percent of possible December sunshine over the past 10 years



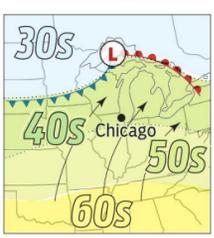
### CHICAGO TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

Predicted departure from normal



### SUNDAY SET-UP

Warm air surges toward Chicago



### DEC. 1-3, 2019 STORM

39 consecutive hours of snow hits Northeast



### MIDWEST CITIES

City	WED.	THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois								
Carbondale	su	42	27	42	27	pc	54	31
Champaign	su	47	27	47	27	pc	50	30
Decatur	su	48	28	48	28	pc	51	31
Moline	su	48	28	48	28	pc	50	28
Peoria	su	48	28	48	28	pc	50	29
Rockford	su	52	31	52	31	pc	54	30
Quincy	su	43	26	43	26	pc	47	27
Springfield	su	50	28	50	28	pc	52	32
Sterling	su	45	27	45	27	pc	46	28
Indiana								
Bloomington	su	47	29	47	29	pc	51	28
Evansville	su	51	31	51	31	pc	54	42
Fort Wayne	su	39	28	39	28	pc	45	33
Indianapolis	su	45	28	45	28	pc	49	37
Lafayette	su	45	27	45	27	pc	49	32
South Bend	su	39	29	39	29	pc	44	33
Wisconsin								
Green Bay	pc	33	24	33	24	pc	33	21
Kenosha	su	41	27	41	27	pc	42	28
La Crosse	su	38	27	38	27	pc	39	26
Madison	su	37	26	37	26	pc	39	26
Milwaukee	su	37	26	37	26	pc	39	26
Wausau	su	31	22	31	22	sh	31	17
Michigan								
Detroit	sh	37	29	37	29	pc	39	33
Grand Rapids	sh	34	30	34	30	pc	38	31
Marquette	pc	33	23	33	23	pc	31	22
St. Ste. Marie	ss	32	22	32	22	ss	29	20
Traverse City	ss	35	28	35	28	ss	34	28
Iowa								
Ames	su	46	25	46	25	pc	46	23
Cedar Rapids	su	46	25	46	25	pc	48	23
Des Moines	su	47	28	47	28	pc	48	23
Dubuque	su	44	26	44	26	pc	43	26

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

City	WED.	THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	70	51	70	51	pc	78	42
Albuquerque	sh	38	30	38	30	cl	37	26
Anchorage	sh	49	38	49	38	sh	52	30
Amarillo	sh	63	41	63	41	pc	62	30
Anchorage	pc	18	9	18	9	pc	13	11
Asheville	pc	52	33	52	33	pc	56	36
Aspen	pc	41	27	41	27	sn	37	17
Atlanta	su	59	39	59	39	pc	63	41
Atlantic City	cl	47	35	47	35	pc	45	33
Austin	su	74	50	74	50	pc	76	52
Baltimore	cl	47	38	47	38	pc	46	34
Billings	pc	40	25	40	25	cl	32	24
Birmingham	su	61	36	61	36	pc	63	44
Bismarck	pc	35	26	35	26	pc	29	11
Boise	pc	42	29	42	29	cl	41	29
Boston	sh	40	31	40	31	pc	41	27
Brownsville	su	79	60	79	60	pc	81	66
Burlington	sh	37	29	37	29	sh	34	30
Buffalo	su	37	29	37	29	sh	34	30
Burlington	sh	36	30	36	30	ss	34	21
Charlotte	su	60	36	60	36	pc	60	40
Charlottesville	su	61	42	61	42	pc	63	46
Charlottesville	su	47	32	47	32	pc	48	34
Chattanooga	su	59	34	59	34	pc	62	42
Cheyanne	su	46	29	46	29	pc	37	25
Cincinnati	su	47	29	47	29	pc	49	37
Cleveland	sn	38	35	38	35	pc	38	36
Colorado Springs	pc	52	34	52	34	pc	40	25
Columbia MO	su	53	35	53	35	pc	57	43
Columbia SC	su	63	40	63	40	pc	64	40
Columbus	sh	41	30	41	30	pc	44	35
Concord	pc	38	23	38	23	pc	38	26
Corpus Christi	su	74	56	74	56	pc	75	62
Cincinnati	su	67	46	67	46	pc	73	49
Cleveland	sn	38	35	38	35	pc	38	36
Daytona Bch.	su	66	43	66	43	pc	68	51
Denver	su	47	32	47	32	pc	46	26
Duluth	su	44	26	44	26	pc	31	12
El Paso	pc	63	46	63	46	pc	66	38

### WORLD CITIES

City	WED.	THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	70	51	70	51	pc	78	42
Albuquerque	sh	38	30	38	30	cl	37	26
Anchorage	sh	49	38	49	38	sh	52	30
Amarillo	sh	63	41	63	41	pc	62	30
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Aspen	pc	41	27	41	27	sn	37	17
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Emerging science indicates that fathers — and their health and lifestyle choices — play a more significant role in pregnancy outcomes than previously thought.

# Father's health just as vital

BY JUDITH FINLAYSON  
The Washington Post

New scientific focus revealing that paternal lifestyle choices can affect health of babies for generations

When my daughter became pregnant with my grandson last year, she stopped drinking. Had she been a smoker, she would have forsworn her Marlboros. Her husband, on the other hand, was free to lift a glass and light up if he so chose. Or was he?

The belief that a pregnant woman is responsible for the well-being of her fetus is easy to understand. A fetus is (literally) connected to its mother. Myriad factors such as a mother's physical and mental condition, exposure to toxins and whether she is well-nourished have long been recognized as determinants of newborn fitness. Yet the paternal role in producing a healthy baby is rarely considered. That's unfortunate because emerging science indicates that fathers play a more significant role in pregnancy outcomes than previously thought.

Moreover, both parents need to start thinking about what they eat and how they live their lives well before they decide to conceive.

Traditionally, the father's role in reproduction focused on the preconception period — whether his sperm was potent enough to fertilize the female egg. These days, thanks to a decadeslong decline in sperm counts, such concerns have moved to the front burner. The evidence that environmental toxins, especially endocrine disruptors (chemicals often found in common items such as personal-care products and plastic containers), may contribute to male infertility is com-

pellent. Lifestyle habits such as smoking and excessive alcohol intake as well as nutrient-deficient diets have also been linked to sperm robustness.

The question is, do low sperm counts or damaged sperm actually have an impact on pregnancy outcomes? The answer is yes. For instance, we know that sperm helps to determine how well the placenta forms — a key factor in fetal development — and that impaired sperm dramatically increases the likelihood of miscarriage, possibly because it is known to contain high levels of free radicals. Moreover, thanks to the science of epigenetics, we are learning that human sperm may carry “biological memories” of abnormalities that can be transferred to offspring. In the case of exposure to certain endocrine disruptors, for instance, rodent studies have shown that the effects are transferred by sperm to more than 90% of male descendants, through three generations.

Here's how it works. A variety of environmental impacts (stress, toxic exposure and poor nutrition are three key ones) trigger changes not in genes themselves, but in how they are expressed. These changes, known as epigenetic modifications, leave chemical marks on genes that are transferred to future generations through sperm (and egg) cells. This process is known as transgenerational epigenetic inheritance. Although epigenetic inher-

itance is still being challenged by some geneticists, the research is changing almost by the minute. While there is definitely a stage in fetal development when most epigenetic marks are erased from the zygote, it has become clear that some survive and are passed on as the fetus develops.

Some of the earliest work in the field was conducted by Lars Bygren, a Swedish epidemiologist who used historical data from his hometown of Överkalix to reveal intriguing connections between feast, famine and the long-term health of men in 2001. Bygren was able to show that men whose grandfathers had overeaten in the years just before puberty died six years sooner than those whose grandfathers experienced famine at the same age. He subsequently teamed up with a British geneticist, Marcus Pembrey, and one of their studies showed that young men who smoked just before puberty produced sons who were more likely to be overweight, beginning in adolescence.

In both studies, timing was key. The boys were at the age when their sperm cells — the vessels that would transmit their genetic material — were forming. The studies showed that overindulgence in food or exposure to toxins at this key developmental stage left a biological memory on sperm cells that could be passed on to future generations.

Thanks to technological advances, we are gaining insight

into how this happens. Take DNA methylation, for instance. It is the most studied epigenetic process, and research is linking factors such as male obesity, high-fat diets and malnutrition with methylation changes in sperm. We know that these changes have the potential to undermine the health of offspring. For instance, when male mice were fed a low-protein diet, their sperm was shown to be hypomethylated and their offspring had characteristics associated with metabolic syndrome and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. The good news is studies have shown good nutrition can improve methylation.

DNA methylation is affected by other factors, including plain old aging. When men get older, the epigenetic patterns in their sperm change. Predictably, these changes have been shown to put a dent in fertility. However, they also affect offspring health. A 2018 study of more than 40 million births published in *BMJ* found that when fathers were older than 45, their children were 14% more likely to be born prematurely and to have a low birth weight (a biological marker commonly accepted as a risk factor for chronic disease later in life). Perhaps surprisingly, it also found that conceiving a child with an older father raised the mother's risk of developing gestational diabetes by 28%. Epigenetic changes to sperm may help to explain why older fathers are

more likely to produce children with neurological disorders.

These days, most pregnant women are diligent about not drinking alcohol because medical recommendations have consistently advised against it. Meanwhile, a growing body of research is showing that when a father over-imbibes before conception, it can spark epigenetic changes in his sperm that negatively affect the fetus. These include low birth weight, impaired cognitive development, insulin hypersensitivity and immune system problems. Most of these studies have been conducted on mice, but human research has shown that when fathers-to-be drink too much, it increases the risk of miscarriage.

The idea that environmental impacts can affect fetal development, setting the stage for chronic disease to develop later in life, is the basis of a new scientific area known as the developmental origins of health and disease. Not surprisingly, research has focused on mothers. But a father's biological impact on his offspring's health is rapidly gaining ground as an equal opportunity topic.

Certainly, young men, like young women, should be made aware that their lifestyle decisions have biological implications that transcend themselves, affecting their children, grandchildren and possibly generations beyond.

Judith Finlayson is the author of “You Are What Your Grandparents Ate: What You Need to Know About Nutrition, Experience, Epigenetics & the Origins of Chronic Disease” from which this article is adapted.

## Dwyane Wade, Gabrielle Union offer class in parenting



HEIDI STEVENS  
Balancing Act

Dwyane Wade and Gabrielle Union are offering a master class in parenting for anyone interested.

There's no tuition or homework. No lectures or

exams. Just watch the way they publicly and unconditionally love and support their children in the face of lame criticism from folks attached to strict gender roles.

On Thanksgiving, Union posted a family photo on Instagram, captioned, “Grateful. Happy Thanksgiving good people. To all the friends and family that have my back and all the friends and family I've

never met who show love and support when everyone is looking and when no one is looking ... All praise, gratitude and thankfulness.”

Their son, Zion, 12, is wearing long, painted nails and a crop top.

On Saturday, Wade tweeted: “I've seen some post-thanksgiving hate on social about my family photo. Stupidity is apart of this world we live in—so i

get it. But here's the thing—I've been chosen to lead my family not y'all. So we will continue to be us and support each other with pride, love & a smile!”

Writer and radio host Miyonce tweeted, “Idk if @DwyaneWade & @its-gabrielleu know how POWERFUL & MOVING it is that they're embracing their son's individuality. (Damn it I'm crying) In our community, being given

autonomy over your body, beliefs, image, & statements as a child isn't a thing. That child is free & happy.”

To which Wade replied, “As a parent my only goal is that my kids feel that i see them, love them and support them.”

In October, Wade shared a photo of Union with their baby daughter Kaavia James and Zion and wrote “MY GIRLS” on the photo with two hearts.

In April, Union and Zion attended the Miami Beach Pride parade, which a Variety reporter asked Wade about in June.

“I don't really talk about it much because it's Zion's story to tell,” Wade said. “I think as a family, we should support each other. That's our job. And my job as a father is to facilitate their lives and to support them

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# People turn to internet for STD diagnosis

Doctors worry web spreads misinformation

By DENNIS THOMPSON  
HealthDay

The HIV test came back positive and the patient, full of fear and denial, took to the STD forum on the popular social media site Reddit.

"I'm really scared because they said my results showed 'HIV-1 Confirmation.' I have to go back and get another test but I'm wondering is the doc wrong, do you think I have HIV?" the person wrote.

People worried that they have a sexually transmitted disease are more often turning to social media to receive a diagnosis, according to a report published in November in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

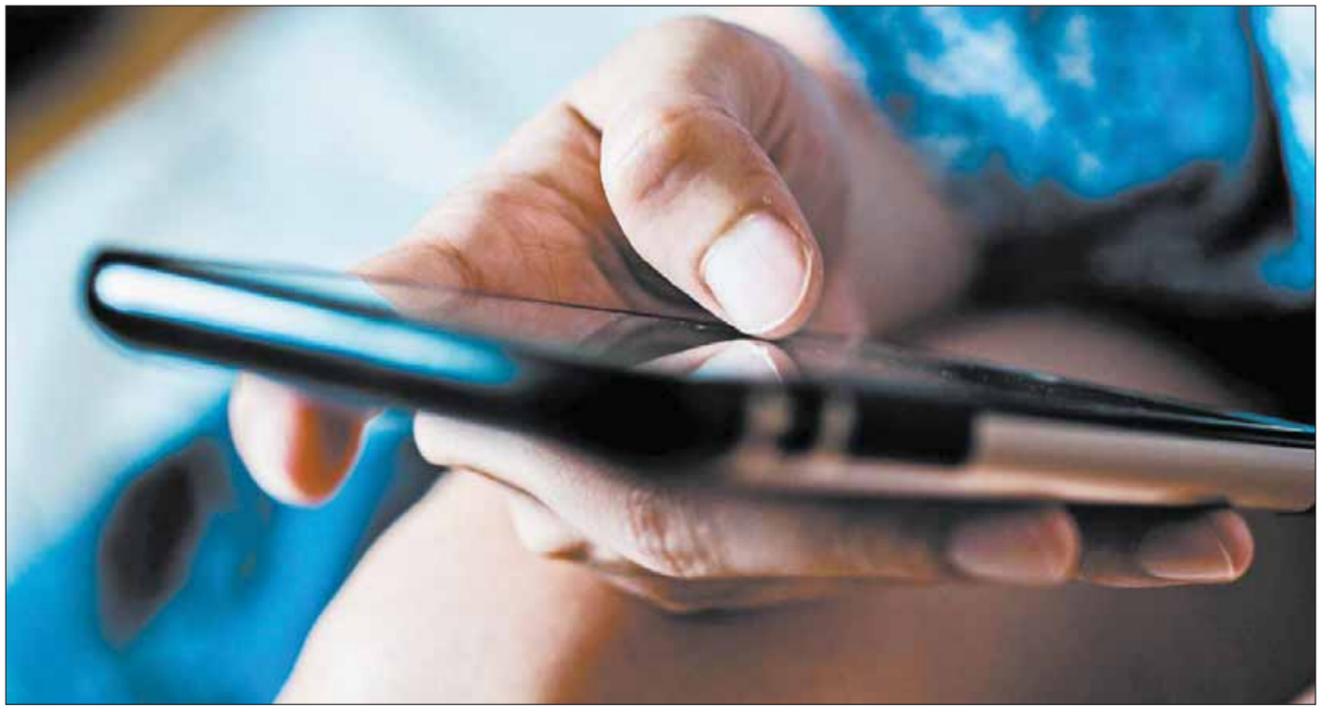
Nearly 3 of every 5 posts to Reddit's STD forum are seeking a "crowd diagnosis" of a suspected infection, often with an accompanying photo of affected genitalia, said senior researcher John Ayers. He's an associate professor with the Division of Infectious Disease and Global Public Health at the University of California at San Diego.

Worse, 20% of people requesting an STD crowd diagnosis through Reddit specifically sought a second opinion after receiving a diagnosis by a health care professional.

"One in 5 people that went on here was already told by a doctor what their condition was," Ayers said. "They go on social media to refute that diagnosis."

He said the phenomenon is disturbing, and not just because it takes the dreaded office question, "Does this look normal?" to a global scale.

There's a good chance that people are being given misleading or wrong information, which increases



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the risk of spreading the infection to others, Ayers said.

"We're undergoing an STD epidemic right now, and in part that epidemic may be fueled by people's reliance on social media for health care," he said.

Ayers cited the frightened HIV-positive patient as an example. That post received a reply within an hour, researchers found.

"They go online and they get told they don't have HIV, which means that person is going to go now and infect more people," Ayers said.

The rates of new HIV diagnoses in the U.S. have remained stable in recent years, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but infection rates for other STDs are skyrocketing:

- Chlamydia infections are up 19% since 2014, and now stand at 1.8 million.
- There's been a 63% increase in gonorrhea cases

during that time, to more than 583,400.

■ Primary and secondary syphilis are up 71%, with more than 35,000 cases.

■ Congenital syphilis passed from mother to baby has increased 185%, with more than 1,300 cases.

Ayers and his colleagues noted that people are increasingly turning to social media for information about STDs and other illnesses.

"Remote care" and "telemedicine" are concepts that have been kicking around for some time, but doctors may be surprised by the extent to which people already are participating, Ayers said.

"People are already doing remote care. They're just doing it in the wrong setting. They're doing it on social media," he said.

To gain some understanding, the researchers focused on Reddit, a social media website with 330 million active monthly

users. The site hosts more than 232 health forums, also called "subreddits," including one focused on STDs.

"None of them are dedicated to diagnosis," Ayers said. "They're all about sharing information and social support. But the reality is they all turn into a forum for crowd diagnoses."

Ayers and his team gathered posts on Reddit's STD forum from its start in November 2010 through February 2019, nearly 17,000 in all.

The monthly number of posts have been steadily increasing over the years, with 908 appearing in January and February 2019.

Researchers drew a random sample of 500 posts to see how many were seeking crowd diagnoses.

About 58% of posts requested a crowd diagnosis. Nearly one-third of those requests included a photo of the person's physical symptoms, "which basically

meant they were sexting, for want of a better word," Ayers said.

Nearly 9 out of 10 requests for a crowd diagnosis received a reply, and many received multiple replies, Ayers said. Some posts received a reply in less than a minute.

"Crowd diagnoses are becoming popular because strangers are so willing to try to help," Ayers said.

He noted that 79% of requests were answered in less than a day. "Try getting a doctor's opinion in that time," Ayers said.

Dr. Stacey Rizza is an infectious disease expert at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, who reviewed the findings. She said she's alarmed that people are turning to social media rather than doctors to deal with their STDs.

"In my opinion, I don't think that's the appropriate way to diagnose anything," Rizza said. "But in infectious diseases, it's not just

that one person. Other people will be impacted too."

While it is concerning, Dr. Amesh Adalja sees opportunity in the trend as well.

"This phenomenon should be seen as an opportunity for health care providers to engage with patients on social media to ensure accurate diagnosis and advice is being given," said Adalja, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center on Health Security in Baltimore who also reviewed the study. "Exploiting the ease of social media inquiry will likely become an increasingly important way to interact with patients."

Ayers agreed. He said public health officials and organizations should partner with social media platforms to improve the information being shared and make sure people are turning to their doctor for a proper diagnosis.



GEORGE PIMENTEL

Dwyane Wade and Gabrielle Union defended their son Zion against criticism after a photo showed him with painted nails and a crop top.

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and be behind them in whatever they want to do."

He said he's not interested in applause for loving his kids.

"This is my job as a father," Wade said. "I'm very uneasy about accolades that come from supporting my kids or the negativity that comes from it. I'm doing what every parent has to do. Once you bring kids into this world, you become unselfish. It's my job to be their role model, to be their voice in my kids' lives, to let them know you can conquer the world. So, go and be your amazing self and we're going to sit back and just love you."

Accolades or not, there's great power in what he and Union are doing: modeling to the world that childhood and parenting can look a million different ways, as long as love and inclusion are at the center.

The fact that Wade, a Chicago native and NBA All-Star who played for the Chicago Bulls, Cleveland Cavaliers and Miami Heat, and Union, an acclaimed actress, author and activist, are using their own lives and platforms to nudge people toward open hearts and open minds is a

beautiful thing.

But you don't have to be famous to wield that kind of power.

Family acceptance is the single biggest factor for reducing risks and creating positive outcomes for LGBTQ kids, according to research conducted by the Family Acceptance Project at San Francisco State University.

Young adults who identify as LGBTQ had significantly higher levels of self-esteem and overall health when they experienced strong family support, researchers found. LGBTQ youth with low levels of family acceptance were more than three times more likely to have suicidal thoughts and report suicide attempts, compared to youth with high family acceptance.

In 2018, the American Academy of Pediatrics released its first-ever policy statement for parents and clinicians caring for transgender and gender-diverse children and adolescents. The group calls for a "gender-affirming" approach.

"As a parent, even when you struggle to understand and may not see eye-to-eye, your most important role is to offer understanding, respect and unconditional love for your child," Jason Rafferty, lead author of the policy statement told me at

the time. "This builds trust and puts you in a better position to help them through difficult times. Research has shown that if a transgender teen has even just one supportive person in their life they can go to, it greatly reduces their risk of suicide."

Rafferty shrugged off any potential criticism the statement would receive.

"The messages of this policy statement are very much in line with the core principles of pediatrics, including the importance of using a nonjudgmental, family-based, developmentally appropriate approach," he told me. "It emphasizes that transgender and gender-diverse children — like all children — need support, love and care from family, school and society. When supported and loved as they grow and develop, kids mature into happy and healthy adults."

Simple as that. Props to Wade and Union for continuing to show us what that support and love looks like in action.

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## Lunch (and a selfie) with Angie Dickinson a treat



CHRIS ERSKINE  
*The Middle Ages*

For my birthday, I treat myself to lunch with Angie Dickinson, whom you think of as a Hollywood star, but I think of as a muse, a mentor and a surrogate mom.

Leave it to me to pick a mythic bombshell as a mother figure.

"Dr. Freud, cleanup on Aisle 2! Dr. Freud!"

Yep, at 88, she is still all that, though fame is a funny thing. Most of us would hate it — the loss of privacy, the fickleness of it — even as we're drawn to the people on which the sun shines brightest.

Oh, Angie. Lunch with her is the most comforting thing. Because, no matter the roles she had with John Wayne and her fling with Sinatra, she'll always still be Angie Brown from Burbank.

"I'm really from North Dakota, you know," she says as a point of pride.

But not long there. She remembers being trapped indoors by snow that filled the front doorway. Dad moved the family out here when she was 10. A good thing for her. A better thing for Burbank.

When we first started hanging out, all I could ask about were her relationships with JFK and Sinatra and her genre-busting role in "Police Woman."

Now we talk about family. She wants to know about my daughter's April wedding. Not sure Angie approves of all the usual customs and fuss. She was married twice, and neither worked out. The love of her life might've been Sinatra, but lots of folks can say that.

Most famously (there's that word again), she spent 16 years with Burt Bacharach, the most romantic songwriter of all time. Was there ever a more beautiful couple?

"It's not much," Angie says as she gifts me a silk pocket square Bacharach left behind.

It's a treasure, but so is she. She is feisty and tough and complains about forgetting things. I assure her that she is so whip-smart to begin with, she can afford a few slips.

She'll still beat you at poker. She'll still tell a better joke. What is that, star power? Charisma? No, it's Angie Brown from Burbank.

Men adore her. Up in some sports bar in heaven, my dad's looking down. Alpha actresses like her were everywhere in the '60s and '70s. She was his fave.

"Dr. Freud!!!"

I had a date with Dawn Wells of "Gilligan's Island" this summer, and my buddies like to kid that Ann-Margret must be very worried.

"Is Connie Stevens next?" they ask.

Look, I've always loved older women. Part of my shtick, at luncheons and dinner parties, is to say that women don't really peak till 75 or 80. It's probably one reason I don't get invited to many luncheons or dinner parties.

But as with any joke, there is truth to it. Resilience is such a turn-on for me, honestly.

I like it in friends, I like it in dogs, I like it in movies and books. By nature, I am sort of wistful ... sort of a Sinatra song, with occasional bursts of laughter. Mostly, that comes courtesy of the people I'm around. And it's not by accident.

I seek out Angie's company not because she was a big star with a butter-

scotch smile. It's because at lunch, she rakes her purse for her wallet, instead finds a magnifying glass, charms the waitress, offers to give me poker lessons, says that at night she waters down her Trader Joe's wine so it'll last her the week.

Trust me, she has a few bucks. Don't cry for Angie and her wine. Admire her for her honesty and her mirth. When you've weathered the Great Depression in snow-blasted North Dakota, there are some lessons you never unlearn.

You know, this isn't the city I signed up for. I expected Los Angeles to be a wash in ego and excess, riddled with veneers, brimming with phonies. There are a few, sure. At last count, four in Culver City, two dozen in Beverly Hills (mostly at the agencies).

Really, it's a city with 4 million little novels, most of them fetching.

"Karaoke sucks in L.A. because the people are really good," my daughter grumbled at dinner the other night.

Other than that, I think of it like most towns. Some dreams come true. Most don't.

So what do you do? Roll out of bed each day, steady yourself as your feet hit the floor, take a breath, get on with it. Live.

That's what Angie still does — my mother, my muse.

Outside, I can smell the ocean. We pause in the El Coyote parking lot for a birthday selfie. To fans, she is Feathers from "Rio Bravo" or Pepper from "Police Woman."

To me, she's Angie Brown from Burbank, my lunch pal, my saloon soulmate.

Hey, Dad! Are you catching this?

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# Concussion guidance is evolving

BY LINDSEY TANNER  
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New guidance on concussions shows there isn't enough solid evidence to answer some of parents' most burning questions about contact sports.

Pediatric experts in sports medicine, neurology and related fields evaluated and rated three decades of sports concussion-related research. They say recent evidence filled in some blanks. Such as: Teen girls face higher risks than boys for concussions when playing the same sport by the same rules; hockey body checking bans reduce concussions in players under 13, and limiting contact in youth tackle football results in fewer head impacts.

"Parents worry, 'Is one concussion to my child going to result in him having dementia at age 50?'" said lead author, Dr. Frederick Rivara. "And



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The long-term consequences of multiple concussions in youth sports is still unknown.

the data are pretty clear that the answer is no."

But it remains uncertain how many concussions are too many, when to call it quits, and what are the long-term consequences of multiple concussions in youth sports. Still, parents shouldn't let the unknowns and undue fears keep kids from playing sports, he said.

"The last thing we want to tell kids is not to be active," said Rivara, a pediatrician and injury prevention researcher at the University of Washington's medical school.

Among the conclusions: Kids should be taught collision techniques before beginning play in contact sports.

There is not conclusive evidence that younger children face higher risks for getting sports-related concussions. Evidence is inconclusive on whether multiple childhood concussions are linked with long-term neurological changes. Technology that measures head impact exposure, and advanced brain imaging techniques, are both experimental and not ready for use.

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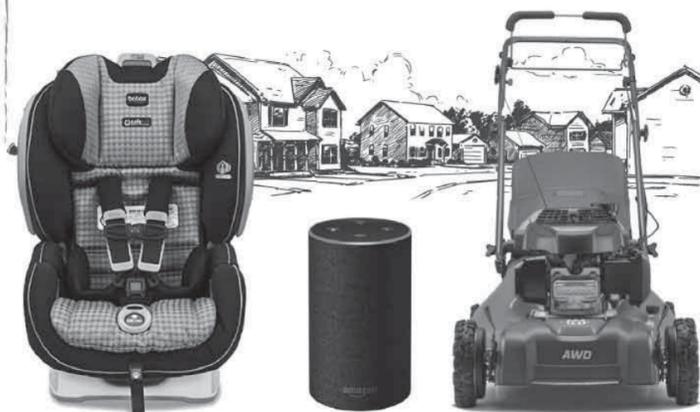
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# Regular male pot use linked to partners' miscarriages

BY DENNIS THOMPSON  
HealthDay

Men who use marijuana at least once a week are twice as likely to see their partner's pregnancy end in miscarriage, compared with those who use no pot, new research suggests.

Miscarriages related to frequent male pot use tended to occur within eight weeks of conception, which bolsters suspicions that marijuana use damages sperm in some essential way, said lead researcher Alyssa Harlow, a doctoral student at the Boston University School of Public Health.

Some previous studies have indicated that pot use can lower sperm count and reduce the active movement of sperm, Harlow noted. There's also a possibility that marijuana could cause DNA damage in sperm.

"We would expect that the sperm was healthy enough to fertilize an egg, but any damage to the sperm might result in early pregnancy loss," Harlow said.

For the study, Harlow and her colleagues gathered data from more than 1,400 couples in the U.S. and Canada who were trying to conceive.

Men were asked about their pot use — whether they used marijuana less than once a week on average, once or more a week, or never. About 8% of the men said they used pot at least weekly, compared with over 82% who said they never use it.

Nearly 19% of couples who did conceive wound up reporting a miscarriage, the Boston University researchers said.

The association between frequent pot use before conception and miscarriage persisted even after researchers restricted their analysis to couples in which the female partner



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Fertility experts recommend that men and women should abstain from pot when they are trying to conceive.

didn't use marijuana. Those couples also had a doubled risk of miscarriage if the man used pot at least once a week.

The researchers controlled for a number of factors that could influence risk of miscarriage, including smoking status, alcohol and caffeine intake, weight, amount of sleep, history of sexually transmitted infections and mood disorders.

That said, only an association was seen in this study, and Harlow noted that there may be other factors associated with either marijuana use or miscarriage that weren't taken into account.

"More research is needed," Harlow said.

Mitch Earleywine, an advisory board member of NORML, the pro-marijuana nonprofit organization, agreed that this study cannot prove a direct cause-and-effect link.

While the researchers did a "stellar job" of accounting for other factors that can increase miscarriage risk, he said, "We should keep in mind that marijuana use was not assigned at random here." Earleywine is a professor of psychology with the State University of New

York at Albany.

There are cannabinoid receptors within both sperm and male testicular tissue, indicating that the chemicals in pot do have some direct effect on male reproductive health, said Dr. Harris Nagler, a fertility expert with the Smith Institute of Urology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Great Neck, New York. Based on that, Nagler would recommend that men abstain from pot while they're trying to conceive.

Dr. Scott Krakower, assistant unit chief of psychiatry at Zucker Hillside Hospital in Glen Oaks, New York, agreed, noting that, "This study suggests a potential link, and men should be aware of the negative implications it could have. As there is a variable time it can remain in your bloodstream, both men and women should avoid use altogether when planning for a family."

The study was recently presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, in Philadelphia. Research presented at medical meetings is considered preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

## PEOPLES PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Dealing with a cold or flu? Try thyme and sage

BY JOE GRAEDON  
AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: I listen to your podcast. Since I heard Dr. Low Dog suggest thyme and sage for respiratory infections, my family, friends and livestock have not needed antibiotics, even for deep infections. Do these herbal treatments affect the gut microbiome?**

**A:** When we checked the medical literature, we were surprised to find that thyme leaves frequently carry the probiotic bifidobacteria (International Journal of Molecular Sciences, July 26, 2019). There is also evidence that both thyme and sage have antimicrobial and antiviral activity.

Dr. Low Dog's grandmother kept a sage gargle handy during cold and flu season. You can use 1 ounce of dried sage leaves, 1 ounce of dried thyme leaves and 16 ounces of apple cider vinegar. Grind the herbs and place them in a canning jar. Cover with vinegar, close the jar and shake thoroughly. Let it sit for two weeks. Strain and use as a mouthwash or gargle.

**Q: Since battling irritable bowel syndrome for years, I've had to deal with both constipation and diarrhea. For diarrhea, I make tea from raspberry leaves. You can get the leaves at health food stores or online. Don't mistake this for raspberry-flavored tea, which doesn't work.**

**A:** For constipation, I use the pumpkin bran muffins from your Guide to Digestive Disorders. It takes a few days to get results. I call them "muffins to GO!"  
Nurse's pudding



JAMIE GRILL/GETTY/TETRA RF

There's evidence in medical literature that both thyme and sage have antimicrobial and antiviral properties.

**works well too. After mixing applesauce, All-Bran and prune juice, I put it in ice-cube trays and freeze it. I pop out one or two when I need them. Of course, I call these "Poop-pops."**

**Believe me, I'm not making light of the situation. When I have a normal bowel movement, I feel like I've won a gold medal. It's a heck of a way to live, but I hope it helps someone else.**

**A:** Thank you for sharing your strategies for coping with IBS. Anyone who uses the Power Pudding recipe (nurse's pudding) should be sure to drink plenty of water at the same time to prevent intestinal blockage. The usual dose is 1-2 tablespoons a day.

Raspberry leaves have traditionally been used to treat diarrhea (Current Medicinal Chemistry, June 2004). We don't think this remedy has been tested scientifically, but we are glad it works for you.

**Q: I've taken fish oil successfully for years for lupus, osteoarthritis, dry eye and cardiovascular benefits. Three different specialists recommended it. Even if they changed their minds about it tomorrow, their**

**updated opinion wouldn't alter my opinion on the benefits of fish oil.**

**I've found that quality matters for fish oil, as it does in many things in life. The amount and ratio of EPA and DHA are also important.**

**A:** A recent review of three large randomized controlled trials concluded that marine omega-3 fats (fish oil) can reduce the risk of cardiac complications and death from cardiovascular causes (Mayo Clinic Proceedings, online, Oct. 15, 2019). One of these trials (REDUCE-IT) used a prescription pharmaceutical EPA product, Vascepa.

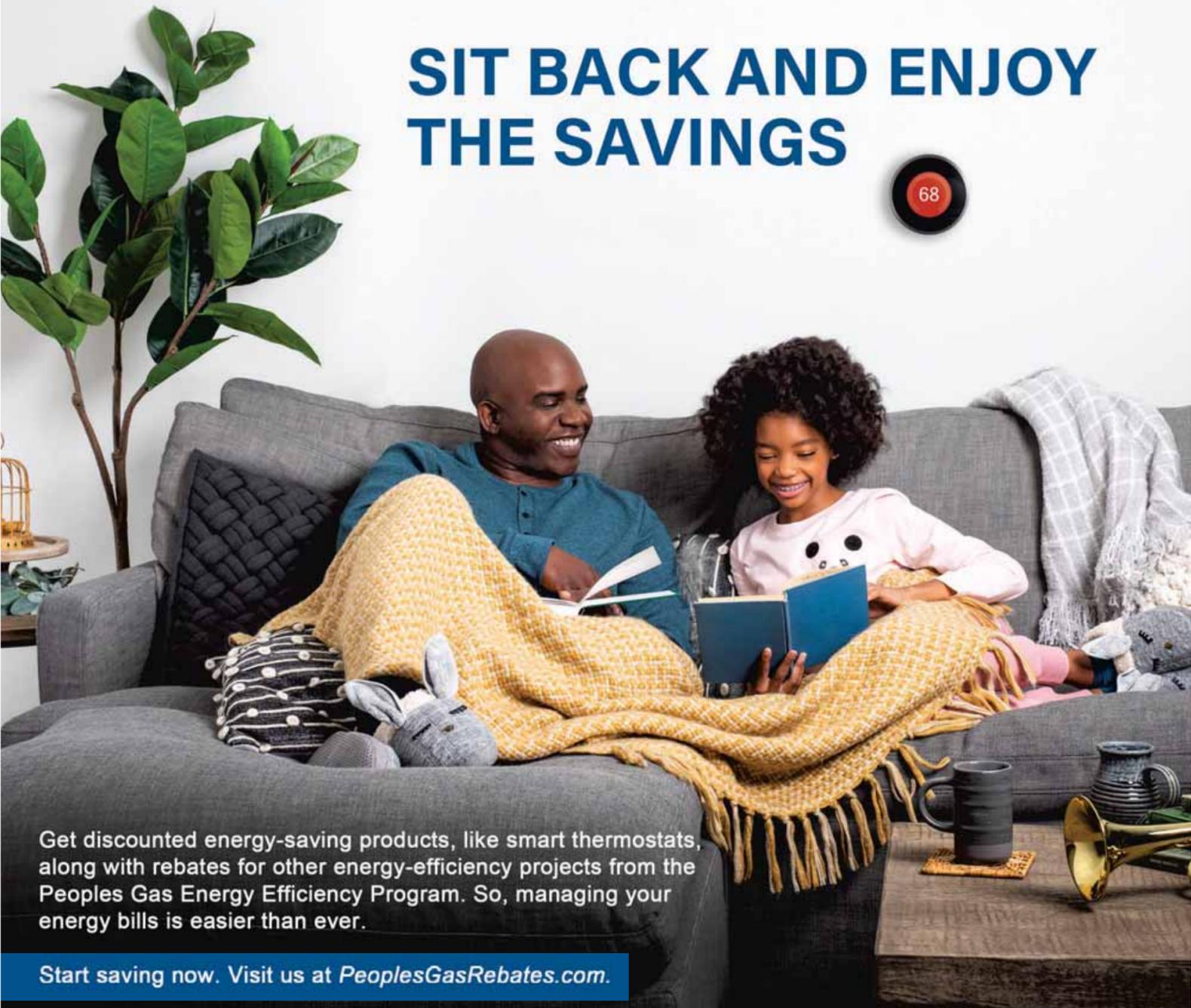
A different meta-analysis published in the Journal of the American Heart Association (Oct. 1, 2019) also concluded that fish oil supplements can reduce the risk of heart attacks and death from cardiovascular disease. In addition, there is evidence that omega-3 fats have potential in treating autoimmune diseases like yours (Frontiers in Immunology, Sept. 27, 2019).

*In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).*



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The Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest winners are, from left, third-place winner best-ever chocolate chip cookies by Marybeth Apolzan, first-place winner peppermint chocolate macarons by Marni Widen and second-place winner Oma's spitzbuben by Barbara Leschke.

**TRIBUNE HOLIDAY COOKIE CONTEST**

# Sweet victory

Macarons, German spitzbuben and chocolate chips take the prize

BY LOUISA CHU

**F**rench macarons, German spitzbuben and chocolate chip cookies spiked with Mexican and Italian liqueur triumphed in the Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest 2019, each from a first-time contender.

Peppermint chocolate macarons won first place for Marni Widen, 23, of the Old Town neighborhood in Chicago. Pink marbled puffs with hints of cool herbal mint held the dark chocolate hearts of the sweet meringue confections.

Oma's spitzbuben placed second for Barbara Leschke, 55, of Spring Grove in McHenry County. Wintry powdered sugar-dusted crisp almond shortbread sandwiching bright berry jam, harking back to the traditional German Christmas cookies.

The self-described "best ever chocolate chip cookies" took third place for Marybeth Apolzan, 61, of Oswego in Kendall County. The big, bold and beautiful golden studded American classics transcended simple milk sidekicks with liberal lashings of spirits.

This year 53 contestants submitted

their recipes by midnight on Oct. 22, before their neighbors had yet to hand out Halloween candy. Over the following weeks, snow records fell as 3,247 online votes poured in.

We publicly announced the top 12 finalists on Nov. 1 and contacted them privately. That weekend they baked.

On Nov. 4, 11 bakers and one friend of a baker braved Monday morning rush hour to bring two dozen cookies each to the Tribune, 288 treats in all. Boxes, trays and a three-tiered display evoked the buttery and sugary aromas of a bake shop.

A dozen judges assembled in the test kitchen to score on a scale from 1 to 9 on beauty, taste and originality.

Aya Fukai, our Critic's Choice Dining Awards pastry chef of the year, joined us as a guest judge. Formerly a fine dining restaurant chef, Fukai now owns Aya Pastry, making breads, breakfast pastries and sweets from scratch. Primarily a wholesale bakery, the storefront in the West Town neighborhood opens as a pop-up pastry shop on Fridays and Saturdays.

"For everyone who brought in their cookies, props to them. It's something so hard to do at home," said Fukai



**Marni Widen:** "I actually made these last year in December for my office floor's bake-off and got first place. So these have treated me well!"

minutes after judging. "Even though I own a massive bakery, I never bake at home because it's just too much work."

"The notable ones for me were more simple. I love soft-textured cookies with an additional crunch element somewhere," she said. "One of the cookies I liked so much that I

had two, even though there were 12 cookies I had to eat."

Food & Dining requires contestants to submit an original cookie. What does the pro advise for those who want to create a recipe?

"My advice for people is don't

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# Panforte perfection

Italy's medieval-era fruitcake is steeped in history — and has a peppery kick

BY AMY BIZZARRI

Christmas in Tuscany would not be complete without a slice of panforte — the peppery, dried fruit and nut-based spice cake born in the central Tuscan hill town of Siena in the Middle Ages — served with a glass of vin santo, a sweet Italian dessert wine.

Several legendary origin stories surround panforte. Some culinary historians believe it was inspired by lokum, aka Turkish delight, the ancient date- and nut-based confection popular in different forms in several Middle Eastern countries to this day, brought back to Tuscany by medieval-era crusaders. According to local lore, Siennese soldiers won the Battle of Montaperti against their rivals, the Florentines, in 1260, thanks in part to the spiced treat, which is not only packed with protein-powered energy but also travels well.

In Siena, the cake was once considered a cure for a variety of ailments and was originally prepared by spice merchants, the pharmacists of the Middle Ages. The traditional recipe calls for 17 ingredients, one for each contrada, or neighborhood, of Siena (the same contrade that compete against one another in the palio, a passionate horse race held in the heart of the city, Piazza del Campo, twice every summer since 1633, with just one pause during the two World Wars).

One ingredient — black pepper — was especially prized in medieval times: Monasteries and convents accepted pepper, which was once as precious as gold, as a tithe, in place of currency. The monks and nuns baked the surplus of pepper into panforte, which is also known in Tuscany as panpepato, pepper bread.

Though the list of ingredients is long, preparing panforte is quite simple. The secret to making exceptional panforte is to choose your ingredients wisely: Use only freshly ground spices; organic, farm fresh nuts and dried fruits; and a top-notch honey, like millefiori honey (aka wildflower honey).

Panforte keeps well — its flavors deepen over time — and can be stored at room temperature in an airtight container for up to two months. Cut with a serrated knife and serve in thin slices, accompanied by a fine vin santo.

Amy Bizzarri is a freelance writer.



Serve panforte — a cake born in the central Tuscan hill town of Siena in the Middle Ages — with a glass of vin santo, a sweet Italian dessert wine. ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

## Panforte tradizionale

**Prep:** 30 minutes

**Cook:** 45 minutes

**Makes:** 16 servings

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup all-purpose flour

$1\frac{1}{2}$  cups peeled, coarsely chopped hazelnuts, toasted

$1\frac{1}{2}$  cups peeled, coarsely chopped almonds, toasted

1 cup soft, dried apricots, coarsely chopped

1 cup soft, dried figs, coarsely chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup candied orange peel, coarsely chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup candied lemon peel, coarsely chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon cinnamon

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground coriander

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground cloves

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground black pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup honey

3 tablespoons butter

1 teaspoon vanilla



**1. Heat** your oven to 300 degrees F. You will use an 8-inch springform pan. Cut a piece of parchment paper (the same size as the bottom of the pan) and place on the inside bottom of the pan. Grease the parchment with butter.

**2. Mix** the flour, nuts, dried and candied fruit, spices and salt in a mixing bowl.

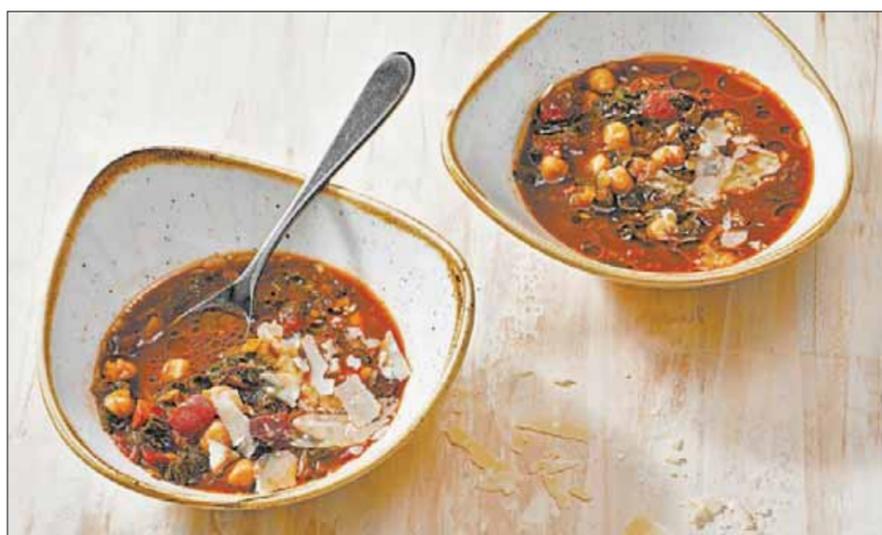
**3. In a small saucepan** over medium heat, stir the sugar, honey and butter until the mixture reaches a boil. Keep stirring until it reaches a temperature of about 230 degrees F, usually about 2 minutes after reaching the boiling point.

**4. Pour** the boiling syrup over the ingredients in the mixing bowl. Add the vanilla. Stir with a wooden spoon until combined and the ingredients are well-distributed. Pour the mixture into the prepared springform pan and press it compactly into the pan with your fingers, smoothing the top with a spatula.

**5. Bake**, 45 minutes. Let cool completely, then remove the panforte from the pan. Sprinkle heavily with powdered sugar.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 312 calories, 17 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 6 mg cholesterol, 39 g carbohydrates, 28 g sugar, 6 g protein, 82 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

The secret to making exceptional panforte is to use high-quality ingredients, including freshly ground spices; organic, farm fresh nuts and dried fruits; and a top-notch honey.



TOM MCCORKLE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

## Dried porcini is the secret to flavorful vegetarian soup

BY JOE YONAN  
The Washington Post

Dried mushrooms are a cook's friend.

They can hang out in your pantry, undisturbed, for an eternity. Then when you're ready to bring them out to play, they do so with such power and energy that the only downside is you feel guilty for not inviting them to the party earlier.

For a plant-based cook, their

appeal is even stronger because they add the kind of depth and umami to your cooking that you may have thought was possible only through the use of low-and-slow-cooked meat.

In this soup recipe, dried porcini transform a simple combination of chickpeas, Swiss chard and aromatic vegetables. You soak them in hot water, strain them (they can add grit if you don't) and use the soaking liquid as a mush-

room stock — better than anything you can buy by the carton, trust me. You chop the rehydrated mushrooms and add them too.

Then the only issue is your palate: The soup is so flavorful, you may have to remind yourself that, rather than gulping it down, you should slow your pace and savor it. When you've finished, be sure you have more dried mushrooms for the next time the craving hits.

## Chickpea, chard and porcini soup

**Active:** 15 minutes **Total:** 50 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings (6 cups)

Adapted from "River Cottage Veg" by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. Ten Speed Press, 2011.

If desired, use canned white beans, such as cannellini, instead of the chickpeas, and kale or spinach instead of the chard.

1 ounce dried porcini

3 cups hot water

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

2 tablespoons unsalted butter (may substitute vegan butter, such as Earth Balance)

1 small yellow onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

**One** (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes, plus their juices

**One** (14-ounce) can no-salt-added chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1 sprig rosemary

$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon kosher salt, or more as needed

Freshly ground black pepper

**10 ounces** (1 bunch) Swiss chard, stemmed and shredded

Parmesan, hard goat cheese or other flavorful hard cheese, shaved (optional)

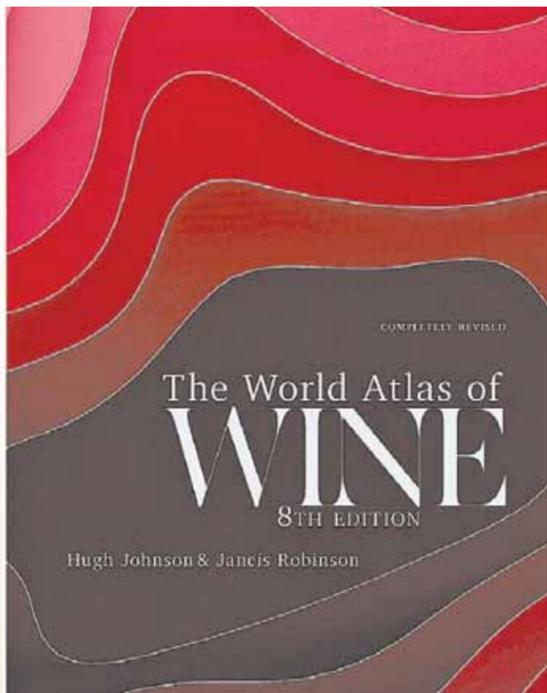
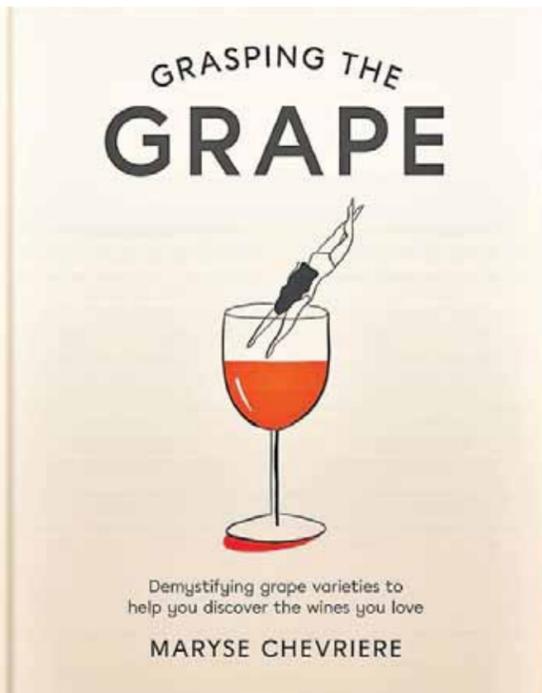
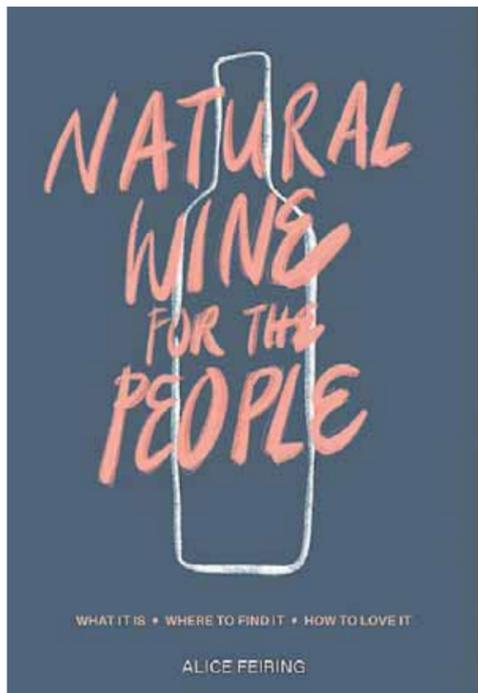
**1. Soak** the porcini in the hot water for 30 minutes. Remove the mushrooms with a slotted spoon, reserving the soaking water. Rinse the mushrooms briefly under cold water (they can be gritty), pat dry with a clean dish towel and coarsely chop. Strain the mushroom-soaking liquid through a sieve lined with cheesecloth or paper towels into a bowl.

**2. In a saucepan** over medium-low heat, melt the olive oil with the butter. When the mixture is hot, add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft and translucent, about 15 minutes. Add the garlic and stir for 1 minute, then add the mushrooms and cook, stirring, for another 2 minutes.

**3. Add** the tomatoes, chickpeas, rosemary, reserved mushroom soaking liquid, salt and a few grinds of black pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat, and simmer gently until the flavors meld, 20 to 30 minutes. Add the chard and cook until it is tender, about 5 minutes.

**4. If the soup seems too thick**, thin it out with a little water. Discard the rosemary. Taste and add salt and/or pepper. Ladle into warmed bowls, drizzle over some olive oil, and top with the cheese shavings, if using. Serve hot.

**Nutrition information:** 310 calories; 17 g total fat; 6 g saturated fat; 15 mg cholesterol; 360 mg sodium; 31 g carbohydrates; 9 g dietary fiber; 6 g sugars; 10 g protein.



# Books for wine lovers on your gift list

BY DAVE MCINTYRE

Looking for holiday gifts for the wine lover on your list, other than wine itself? Books are safer gifts than gadgets. Wine lovers' kitchen drawers are overflowing with gadgets, and we all already have signs or doormats that say, "This house serves only the best wine. Did you bring any?"

Know your target when choosing a wine book. Here are three good choices from this year's literary harvest:

## For the newbie

### "Grasping the Grape: Demystifying Grape Varieties to Help You Discover the Wines You Love"

By *Maryse Chevreire*  
Hardie Grant, \$15  
For someone just learning about wine, this is the year's best all-around primer. Chevreire is a sommelier and wine educator who has delighted social-media-savvy wine lovers by lampooning the pretentiousness of tasting notes on her humorous Instagram feed, Fresh Cut Garden Hose. In "Grasping the Grape," she cuts through the hogwash and presents the essential about grape varieties. These include pro

ncia- tion, because you don't want to say "murr-lott" instead of "mer-low" in front of a wine snob.

Each one-page (in tiny print) introduction to a grape variety includes helpful information that will help even novices navigate conversations at a wine tasting. Chevreire includes regions known for producing each grape, food-pairing suggestions, and words commonly used to describe the flavors of each grape. Even more helpful, she offers suggestions of similar wines to try.

And if we're learning about wine, why not make it a drinking game? Chevreire offers several suggestions for us to open two bottles at a time and compare, for example, a French chablis with a California chardonnay, or a dry Austrian riesling with a sweeter spätlese from Germany. Exercises like these can help wine lovers of any level hone their tasting vocabulary. Chevreire also gives us a glossary to explain some of wine's more arcane terms, as well as helpful tips on deciphering wine labels and shopping for wine in stores and restaurants.

The focus on grape varieties gives the book a decidedly New World accent. We don't learn the nuances of Old World regions, such as Bordeaux or the Rhone, where wines traditionally are blends of different varieties. There isn't much here about terroir, or regional expressions. But

this is a great book to get us to that level of wine exploration, with Chevreire's encouragement to "drink up, and remember to have fun and keep learning."

## For the adventurous

### "Natural Wine for the People: What It Is, Where to Find It, How to Love It"

By *Alice Feiring*  
Ten Speed Press, \$19  
The natural wine movement now has a manifesto: Feiring has been an outspoken champion for the category in several books and her subscription website, the Feiring Line ([alicefeiring.com](http://alicefeiring.com)). Her latest is an engagingly written, witty and fun-to-read wine primer with a definite point of view.

The most controversial aspect of natural wine is its definition. For Feiring, natural wine is wine from grapes farmed without synthetic herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers, and wines made without additives such as yeasts, tannins, enzymes, grape concentrates or even oak barrels. While some natural winemakers dogmatically avoid using sulfur as a natural preservative, Feiring tolerates "minimal sulfite" additions in a section on myths. And her section on additives and techniques commonly used to manipulate "conventional" or "industrial" wine will be eye-opening to many readers.

This is a great book for adventurous

drinkers who are unimpressed by wine's traditional norms and hierarchies, who don't mind a cloudy or fizzy wine once in a while, and who want to know how to respond to skeptics who argue that natural wines are inherently flawed.

Those skeptics should also read it, to gain a better understanding of this movement that began in Beaujolais in the 1970s as a reaction to industrial-scale viticulture and the overuse of chemicals in farming after World War II. This book is mostly free of the holier-than-thou attitude of some zealous naturalistas. I suspect even die-hard skeptics of natural wine will find themselves nodding in agreement at Feiring's advice on how to taste a wine's structure, her encouragement to "be creative" with our descriptions of wine's flavor, and her obvious love of the grape.

## For the wine fiend

### "World Atlas of Wine, 8th Edition"

By *Hugh Johnson and Jancis Robinson*  
Mitchell Beazley, \$65  
I wrote about this essential reference in detail a few weeks ago. This is for dedicated wine fiends, or even people who love wine and travel. It is certainly the wine book of the year. But at this price point, you'd better love the one you gift.

Dave McIntyre is a freelance writer.

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# Cookies take the prize

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worry at first what it's going to look like," said Fukai. "Always work on what it's going to taste like. The looks can be tweaked later. As long as it tastes good, that's what stays in people's memory the most."

The top three winners receive cash prizes (\$50 for third place, \$150 for second place, \$250 for first place) and a copy of our cookbook "Holiday Cookies: Prize-Winning Family Recipes From the Chicago Tribune for Cookies, Bars, Brownies and More." Plus they visited the Tribune test kitchen for a tour, cookie tasting party and photo shoot.

The Tribune held its first Holiday Cookie Contest in 1986. Julia Child served as a guest judge in 1996, the 10th anniversary. We skipped the contest in 1999 thinking no one cared. Popular demand brought it back in 2000. In a few weeks we'll usher in a new decade, and hopefully another dozen bakers of the best cookies ever next year.

Here are the Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie Contest 2019 top three winners.

## FIRST PLACE

### Marni Widen's peppermint chocolate macarons

"I was thinking of something that could apply not only during the holidays, but year-round as well, because mint chocolate is such a classic," said Widen.

"I actually made these last year in December for my office floor's bake-off and got first place," said Widen, an analyst at J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "So these have treated me well."

But that was not the case the first time she tried to make macarons. "I think the first time I attempted them was in high school, six or seven years ago," she said. "I felt very defeated and went on hiatus for a few years."

"Once I was in college, I revisited them, watching YouTube videos. From there my one baking goal was to make a French macaron. I knew they were really difficult, but I thought if I could do that, then I could bake anything."

"I actually attended a macaron-making class with my sister-in-law," said Widen. "She knew I was trying to make these and I hadn't really gotten it down yet."

The class at Give Me Some Sugar in Lakeview was really helpful, she said. "I took a ton of notes and adapted my recipe from there."

"Once I got down the plain basic cookie, then I started thinking of ways to make it more exciting, adapting for the holidays and different flavors," said Widen. "From there, that's where I thought about peppermint chocolate. It's such a classic holiday flavor. You can change the color of the recipe to make it look like a little peppermint. And who doesn't love chocolate ganache?"

Despite her impressive macarons, she does not normally spend her time baking during the holidays.

"I honestly usually just make Hanukkah cookies around December," said Widen. "Those are basic sugar cookies. I spend most of my time decorating as opposed to the actual flavor. I am very into decorating the cookies with different colors of frosting and using royal icing to pipe layers of designs."

"I never really dabbled into other holiday cookies until this."

"For me, it's really fun to plan out different flavors, have a final product, and give it to people," she said. "To watch them eat it and love it, that's the best part."

## SECOND PLACE

### Barbara Leschke's Oma's spitzbuben

"A very thin two-layered cookie with raspberry jam in the middle," said Leschke when asked to describe her spitzbuben, a traditional German Christmas cookie. Leschke was a holiday birthday baby who will turn 56 on Christmas Eve.

The recipe dates back 70 years or so to her maternal grandmother.

"Oma is German for grandma," she said. "My dad is still Opa and my mom will always be Oma."

"You can't even imagine how much this means. It's not even about the cookies. It's about my mom."

"She had this love for making cookies during the holidays to give to people. She would bake thousands of cookies, literally. She'd start early November; that



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## FIRST PLACE

### Peppermint chocolate macarons

**Prep:** 1 hour, 30 minutes **Bake:** 12-15 minutes **Makes:** 30 macarons

The first-place cookies come from Marni Widen of Chicago. She directs home bakers to allow the egg whites to sit in a bowl on the counter overnight. She gives measurements in grams for accuracy; we have approximated those in volume measures for those of you without a scale in the kitchen. To achieve a marbled look for the macaron shells (to mimic peppermint candies), she divides the batter in two and tints half red while leaving the rest white. Then she mixes the two together as she spoons them into a pastry bag. You may also choose to tint all of the batter red, as we did in the test kitchen.

#### Macaron shells:

- 190 grams blanched almond flour (about 1 ¾ cups)
- 205 grams powdered sugar (about 1 ¾ cups)
- 144 grams egg whites (about 4 ½ egg whites)
- ½ teaspoon peppermint extract
- 190 grams granulated sugar (1 ½ teaspoons shy of 1 cup)
- 60 milliliters water, about ¼ cup

#### Red gel food coloring

#### Chocolate ganache:

- ½ cup heavy cream
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped

**1. Sift** almond flour and powdered sugar through a sieve into a large bowl. (Throw away any remaining chunks left in the sieve.) Add half the egg whites (72 grams) to the bowl; mix with a rubber spatula until fully incorporated into a pastelike consistency. Add ½ teaspoon peppermint extract. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Set aside.

**2. For the Italian meringue:** Add the granulated sugar and water to a saucepan. Cook over high heat. The mixture will bubble, but do not stir. Insert a candy thermometer into the mixture and clip it to the side of the saucepan. Once the mixture reaches 230 degrees, start mixing the remaining egg whites in a separate bowl with a stand mixer on high until the eggs reach a foamy consistency. Once the sugar-water mixture reaches 244 degrees, take it off the heat and slowly drizzle it into the egg white mixture while mixer is running. Once the syrup is completely poured, whip meringue on high until it reaches glossy peaks, 5-6 minutes.

**3. Fold** meringue into the almond flour/sugar/egg mixture until a lavalike consistency is reached. This is an important step! Make sure

to fully incorporate the meringue without letting out all the air you created. Split mixture between two bowls adding a small amount of red gel food coloring to one of the bowls and folding it in completely. Spoon or pour some of the tinted batch and some of the plain batch into a piping bag fitted with a ½-inch round tip; pipe macaron shells about 2 inches in diameter onto a silicone mat-lined cookie sheet. Once all are piped, bang/drop the baking sheet on the counter a few times to make sure you get rid of any air bubbles in the batter. Let shells sit out for at least 30 minutes or until you can touch them without the batter sticking to your finger.

**4. Bake** shells at 320 degrees for 12-15 minutes, rotating halfway through in case your oven cooks unevenly. Note: Everyone's oven is different. You may have to adjust depending on the accuracy of your oven (better to lower than raise). Remove baking sheet from the oven. Let macaron shells sit on the sheet for 10 minutes before removing.

**5. For the chocolate ganache:** Heat cream in a saucepan over medium heat until bubbles start to form around the edge of the pan, about 4 minutes. Remove from the heat, add the chocolate, and let sit for 30 seconds. Whisk until the chocolate is melted and smooth. Let cool in the fridge until mixture is a pipe-able consistency.

**6. Assembly:** Put ganache into a piping bag with a tip of your choice. Take one macaron shell and pipe a circle of ganache, about the size of a quarter, into the center of the underside of the shell. Take another shell and gently sandwich on top, twisting until the ganache just reaches the edge of the cookie. Repeat with remaining shells.

**Tip:** Online and in some kitchen supply stores, look for macaron paper templates that help you pipe shells that are the same size.

**Nutrition information per macaron:** 122 calories, 6 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 16 g carbohydrates, 14 g sugar, 2 g protein, 12 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

way she knew everybody would have a plate of cookies.

"Growing up I made the cookies with her.

"My mom never baked cookies at any other time of the year. She made banana bread and pound cake, but never ever cookies. Cookies were a really special thing to her.

"This is the absolute favorite of pretty much everyone in the family."

Her mother, Renate Kennedy, lived until she was 79.

"She fought a long battle with cancer," said Leschke. "She passed away in April 2016.

"For her memorial service, about 250 people stayed for lunch. We made all of her Christmas cookies and a few cakes that she made. That's what we served for dessert.

"I use really high-quality ingredients. For those cookies, I use Kerrygold butter, unbleached flour, cane sugar jam. I made my own powdered sugar with organic sugar with my Vitamix.

"Because it's a special thing, you want it to be extra good.

"When my dad found out I entered these cookies, he was over the moon. That was already a win for him."

Her father, Joe Kennedy, 82, is a retired newspaper typesetter

and manager of a composing room. "Newspapers are his thing, so he voted every single day," said Leschke laughing.

## THIRD PLACE

### Marybeth Apolzan's best-ever chocolate chip cookies

"It's not just your ordinary chocolate chip cookie," said Apolzan. "It has extra ingredients such as three kinds of nuts: macadamia, walnuts and pecans. It also has some liqueur, Frangelico and Kahlua, along with vanilla. And it's larger so that kind of keeps it moist with all those ingredients in there."

"I remember the first time we made it, I told my mom these cookies are going to cost me, like, \$75," said Apolzan, a retired bank examiner who worked at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for 35 years. "I had to buy the chocolate chips, nuts and alcohol."

The first time was in 1993. "When my youngest daughter was born 26 years ago, my mom came to visit me for a week," said Apolzan. "She kept saying, 'When is she going to go down for a nap,

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Barbara Leschke: "You can't even imagine how much this means. It's not even about the cookies. It's about my mom."

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because I want to bake this new cookie I found.”

Her mother, Helen Gall, who lived until she was 95, found the original recipe in a magazine.

“We’ve been making them ever since,” said Apolzan, who’s still playing with the recipe. “I’ve added cashews. Sometimes I use all dark chocolate. Sometimes I use all milk chocolate. Sometimes I mix it, which is what I do for this recipe.”

Although this is the cookie she makes year-round, “when I have company or I’m going someplace,” Apolzan said it was the story declaring our inaugural Cookie Baking Weekend that inspired her to enter the contest. The story included the chocolate chip cookie recipe from the new cookbook, “Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking From the Heartland” by Chicago-area author Shauna Sever.

“That was kind of my challenge,” said Apolzan. “I’ve never done it before, so it was fun.”

She came back from Florida just to bake for the contest. “We stay in Florida for Christmas and our three daughters come down,” said Apolzan, who’s not the only baker in the family. “They make nut rolls and Linzer cookies with apricot or prune jelly.”

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**SECOND PLACE**

**Oma’s spitzbuben**

**Prep:** 30 minutes **Bake:** 12 minutes per batch **Makes:** 20 cookies

The second-place cookies are by Barbara Leschke of Spring Grove. She says the cookies are best when made one to two days before serving and that you should spread the jam liberally, which softens the cookies.

- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, softened
- ½ cup sugar
- 1½ cups unbleached flour
- 3 to 4 ounces finely ground almonds (1 cup to 1¼ cups)
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water
- Granulated sugar, for rolling
- Raspberry jam
- 1 to 2 cups powdered sugar for coating

**1. Heat** oven to 350 degrees. Cream the butter in the bowl of a stand mixer. Add the sugar; beat until incorporated. Mix in the flour and ground almonds until incorporated. Mix in the vanilla. Add 4 tablespoons cold water; mix thoroughly until the dough forms a ball. Add up to 1 more tablespoon cold water, if necessary. The cookie dough will have the consistency of bread dough and shouldn’t stick to your fingers.

**2. Divide** the dough in half. Roll the dough out on a silicone baking mat (or the shiny side of freezer paper

sprinkled with granulated sugar) until quite thin. Cut with your favorite cookie cutters. I use hearts and shamrocks (three-leaf clovers) because of the emotional connections to my momma. Transfer the cookies to baking pans with a metal spatula so the shapes don’t distort. Add the scraps to the second dough batch and reroll. The dough rolls better when cool so you may want to chill it first.

**3. Bake** cookies until slightly golden in color, 12-15 minutes. With a metal spatula, transfer the cookies to a rack and allow to cool.

**4. After** the cookies are completely cool, spread the undersides of two cookies with a liberal amount of jam; sandwich them together. Continue with remaining cookies and jam. Pour powdered sugar in a bowl; press both sides and the edges of the sandwiched cookies in the powdered sugar. Store in an airtight container.

**Nutrition information per cookie sandwich:** 163 calories, 7 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 12 mg cholesterol, 24 g carbohydrates, 15 g sugar, 2 g protein, 1 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

**THIRD PLACE**

**Best-ever chocolate chip cookies**

**Prep:** 15 minutes **Bake:** 15-16 minutes per batch **Makes:** 28 cookies

Third place goes to Marybeth Apolzan of Oswego, who loads up her cookie with two kinds of chocolate chips, two kinds of liqueur and three kinds of nuts.

- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¾ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon hazelnut liqueur (such as Frangelico)
- 1 tablespoon coffee liqueur
- 2 large eggs
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 bag (12 ounces) milk chocolate chips
- 1 bag (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- ½ cup chopped macadamia nuts



**1. Heat** oven to 325 degrees. Using an electric mixer, beat the first six ingredients in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well.

**2. Mix** flour, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Mix into batter. Stir in chocolate chips and all the chopped nuts.

**3. Drop** batter by ¼ cup portions onto an ungreased cookie sheets, spacing apart. Bake until cookies are golden brown, about 16 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool.

**Nutrition information per cookie:** 327 calories, 20 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 34 mg cholesterol, 36 g carbohydrates, 24 g sugar, 4 g protein, 112 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

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Beer comes in an array of glassware at The Dining Room at Moody Tongue, a collaboration between Moody Tongue brewery and chef Jared Wentworth.

# A \$155 meal at a brewery?

## Moody Tongue aims to redefine pairing of beer and food at new restaurants

By JOSH NOEL

At a typical brewpub, the pitch would be something like this: “All-you-can-drink beer!”

But Moody Tongue isn't a typical brewpub.

In fact, don't even call it a brewpub.

“It's a restaurant,” Moody Tongue co-founder Jared Rouben said.

The endless 8-ounce pours of pilsner at The Dining Room at Moody Tongue, which opened Nov. 12, therefore aren't an all-you-can-drink type of thing. The weighty footed pilsner glass remains full to refresh the palate and keep the diner satiated throughout a fine dining experience that would be anathema to virtually any other brewery: a \$155 12-course beer pairing dinner with two seatings per night.

A brewery does indeed sit on the other side of the kitchen, but fair enough: Don't call The Dining Room at Moody Tongue a brewpub. Call it a restaurant aiming not only to refine the interplay of beer and food, but also the entire dining experience beneath a brewery's roof.

The Bar at Moody Tongue, which also opened Nov. 12, is a more affordable but still plenty ambitious companion down the hall, with high-concept pub fare and 18 beer taps.

Moody Tongue's bar and dining room (2515 S. Wabash Ave.) consummate a longtime dream for Rouben, who is the rare sports jacket kind of guy in a flannel shirt industry. He's a trained chef who was early to integrate food into beer and to collaborate with restaurant industry stars (including Jared Wentworth, Rick Bayless, Stephanie Izard). In Moody Tongue's original Pilsner brewery, he and his partner (who is also his first cousin), Jeremy Cohn, opened a taproom of uncommon splendor, which included a legendary 12-layer chocolate cake (that has migrated to The Bar at Moody Tongue).

They've brought that sensibility to the bar and the dining room, housed in a Near South Side building previously occupied by Baderbrau Brewing. But it's also a clear next step: ambitious menus, sleek, comfortable dining rooms and an upscale, urban experience that includes Instagrammable views of the Green Line and Stevenson Expressway.

“As a culinary student, I didn't know how I would get here, but this was always the dream,” Rouben said. “I wanted to pair delicious food with delicious beer, and to do it in the kind of beautiful setting I've enjoyed at the best restaurants in America.”

The ace up the sleeve is chef Wentworth, who earned Michelin stars as executive chef and partner at Longman & Eagle and Dusek's Board & Beer.

After stops with Heisler Hospitality (Trench, Regards to Edith) and Folkart Restaurant Management (Mordecai), Wentworth joins Moody Tongue as a partner on its restaurant ventures. (He is not an owner in Moody Tongue's brewing business, however.)

Rouben and Wentworth have known each other since 2010, when they teamed up to brew a Belgian IPA as part of Rouben's chef collaboration series while brewmaster at Goose Island's Clybourn Avenue brewpub. (Rouben left in 2013 to launch Moody Tongue.)

Wentworth was a rising star at Longman & Eagle at the time, crafting a novel upscale pub concept in the then-upcoming Logan Square neighborhood. Longman & Eagle was awarded a Michelin star that year, the first of seven consecutive years. Wentworth repeated the effort with an even greater beer focus at Dusek's, in Pilsen, which was awarded Michelin stars from



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The Dining Room at Moody Tongue offers a 12-course beer pairing dinner with two seatings per night.



Co-founder Jared Rouben, left, and Jared Wentworth, shown together in October, have known each other since 2010, when they teamed up to brew a Belgian IPA as part of a chef collaboration series.

2015 through 2018.

“I got Michelin stars doing a beer concept at Dusek's, but here I get to make even better food without limitations,” Wentworth said. “(Rouben) was like, ‘Do your thing — make killer, awesome food that obviously pairs well with beer.’”

“Beer has been relegated to sidelines for a long time as it pertains to fine dining, so I feel zero limitations.”

The Bar at Moody Tongue is the larger space. It's drenched in black and sports a few rustic touches, including a broad skylight and a large sloping piece of bow truss ceiling running the length of a wall.

A black brick bar with a black marble top anchors the room. A long gas fireplace built into a black brick column is flanked by bookcases built into a wall of black wood. (As stated: lots of black.) When the room was Baderbrau's taproom, windows offered a view into the brewery — a classic taproom convention to remind customers they're drinking beer at a brewery. Moody Tongue covered the windows.

“I want people to focus on who they're with and to stay present in the space,” Rouben said. “We know who we are, and people know why they're here.”

Why they're there, he's betting, is for an experience that can't be had at any other brewery.

Dishes at The Bar at Moody Tongue run from pear salad (\$13) and what Wentworth calls “a big sloppy hamburger” (\$16; topped with seven-year-aged white cheddar pimento cheese spread, heirloom tomato, butter lettuce and togarashi aioli, served on a miso-glazed bun) to roasted sea bass (\$34) and strip steak (\$42).

The taps pour Moody Tongue's beer mainstays, which tend to make plain Rouben's culinary leanings — Apertif Pilsner, Peeled Grapefruit Pilsner, Steeped Emperor's Lemon Saison, Sliced Nectarine IPA, Caramelized Chocolate Churro Baltic Porter and Toasted Rice Lager, a wonderful, easy-drinking beer that's new to Chicago after being introduced in 2018 to the Chinese market.

The opening menu at the bar also includes a handful of new and limited beers, all meant to pair with food or stand on their own, including Burnt Caramel Vienna Lager, Sour Watermelon Saison and Freeze Dried Black Lime Wit. The bar program and cocktail menu are curated by Michael Simon, formerly of Graham Elliot.

But the great adventure is The

Dining Room at Moody Tongue, where seatings are at 6 and 8:30 p.m. nightly Tuesday through Saturday. Seats are bought in advance via the Resy website.

With taxes and gratuity — also paid in advance — the cost of dinner is pushed just past \$200. A wine pairing can be added for an additional \$115. (“Wine is not what we showcase here because we're a brewery, but we're happy to take care of you,” Rouben said.)

The Dining Room at Moody Tongue affords those same broad views of the passing Green Line and, upon entering, a view of Willis Tower; Moody Tongue blasted an 8-foot-by-8-foot hole in the wall to create the view.

Upscale brewery dining isn't wholly new. Breweries have generally increased the attention paid to food during the last decade — and some, such as Surly Brewing in Minneapolis, have aimed very high — as the craft beer industry has matured while gastropubs and the concept of “farm-to-table” have become mainstream.

Chicago is even home to the world's first Michelin-starred brewpub, Band of Bohemia, which, despite its decidedly high-end fare, wears its brewpub distinction with far more eagerness than Moody Tongue. (The brewery is visible from the dining

room, and its bottles proclaim “First Michelin starred brewpub.”)

The opening menu at The Dining Room segues from “snacks” (including crispy sweetbread with blue cheese and house-made hot sauce fermented in Wild Turkey barrels that previously held Moody Tongue barleywine) to five seafood courses (including Maine lobster, keluga caviar and scallop with foie gras) and then three rounds of meat (Berkshire pork belly, squab and American wagyu steak). It concludes with three desserts: lime-pineapple sherbet, brown butter Genoise cake and, finally, bitter-sweet chocolate cake. (The menu will be tweaked regularly, though overhauled quarterly, Wentworth said.)

Each course, of course, comes with beer, served in as many as 11 pieces of glassware across the two-plus-hour meal. The menu includes several beers not on tap at the bar, though they can be ordered off menu. Among them is the beer that launches the experience, the fruity and effervescent Pressed Asian Pear Saison, which is presented in a Champagne glass when guests are seated.

Also on the menu are Bruiled Banana Dunkel Weizenbock (paired with Berkshire pork belly) and Moody Tongue's polarizing Shaved Black Truffle Pilsner — introduced in 2014 at \$120 for a 22-ounce bottle — which is paired with squab. (A 5-ounce Champagne glass pour of Shaved Black Truffle Pilsner is also available at The Bar for \$20.)

The pairings go on through dessert, winding up with the booziest pours: Bourbon Barrel-Aged Chocolate Barleywine alongside brown butter Genoise and two beers beside bittersweet chocolate cake: Scotch Barrel Aged Peated Scotch Ale and Bourbon Barrel Aged 12 Layer Cake Imperial Stout. The tally comes to 13 beers, a total of about 64 ounces served in 3- to 8-ounce increments, across the 12-course meal.

It's 14 beers when counting that bottomless pour of Apertif Pilsner at your side.

“You'll always have the pilsner,” Rouben said.

“Yeah,” Wentworth said. “Why have water?”

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DRINK

# Can't find Pappy? Try another wheated bourbon

BY ZAK STAMBOR

It's natural to want what you can't get. The desire for the unattainable is a large part of Pappy Van Winkle's mystique.

Although it's been years since I last tasted Pappy, the rare, expensive bourbon that inspires rabid devotion, I remember it being remarkably balanced, smooth and complex. It was a beautiful, elegant whiskey. And I'd gladly welcome the chance to have a dram of Pappy at just about any time.

But have you visited a well-stocked bar or liquor store lately? Pappy is just one of a number of outstanding bourbons out there, and most don't cost \$50 for a dram.

Now, part of what makes Pappy special is it's a wheated bourbon. That means wheat is the secondary grain (after the primary grain corn) in the mashbill rather than rye, which makes for a smooth, sweet, fruity bourbon. But even in that respect there are plenty of other options.

Case in point: Buffalo Trace Distillery's W.L. Weller line, including the recently released W.L. Weller Full Proof, a new addition that's bottled at 114 proof and without chill-filtration (the more widely available W.L. Weller 12 Year and Special Reserve are chill filtered and bottled at 90 proof).

Both W.L. Weller Special Reserve and Full Proof come from the middle floors of Buffalo Trace's warehouses. Buffalo Trace forgoes the chill filtration process in Full Proof and bottles it at the same proof that it comes out of the barrel, leaving the whiskey residual oils that naturally occur during the production process. That gives it a richer, more robust flavor than Special Reserve. (It also appears cloudier.)

"It's unadulterated," says Kris Comstock, Buffalo Trace's senior marketing director.

It's a phenomenal whiskey, well worth grabbing if you can find it. But, like Pappy, Full Proof is difficult to find (as is the 12 Year variation).

"We only made so much," Comstock says. "But some is better than none."

Next year, Buffalo Trace will have a larger Full Proof release. But in the meantime, it's worth seeking out Special Reserve, which has the same liquid in the bottle as Full Proof.

It's smooth and sweet, with notes of caramel and butterscotch. And, best of all, you can get it; a modest hunt (or quick search on an alcohol delivery service such as Drizly.com) should enable you to find it for about \$50 a bottle.

Zak Stambor is a freelance writer.



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**"We only made so much. But some is better than none."**

— Kris Comstock, Buffalo Trace's senior marketing director

# A Thai shrimp sheet-pan dinner ready in no time

BY ELLIE KRIEGER  
Special to The Washington Post

Cooking dinner for my family at the end of a long workday can feel like a chore for me as well, despite my deep passion for homemade food and my ease in the kitchen.

But I have found that certain things get me over the hump, resetting my perspective of the task from burden to pleasure.

Turning up some music (Bob Marley does the trick for me) and pouring a glass of wine tend to shift my mood immediately. Knowing I can pull together a mouthwatering meal quickly while using few dishes seals the deal — and this recipe is exactly the kind I mean.

Boldly flavorful, here is a colorful and healthful dish of shrimp, crisp-tender green beans and red chiles in a sauce seasoned with



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Thai curry paste, fish sauce, ginger and garlic, served showered with a crunch of peanuts and a spray of fresh herbs. It feels like an exciting stir-fry, but it doesn't require rapt attention because it is cooked — in about 30 min-

utes total — in the oven on a single sheet pan.

Serve it with a side of rice if you'd like — personally, I've become a fan of frozen brown rice, which cooks up fluffy and fresh-tasting in a flash, for extra weeknight ease.

## Thai-seasoned roasted shrimp with green beans, chile, peanuts and herbs

**Active:** 20 minutes **Total:** 30 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 5 servings

Fish sauce and red curry paste can be found at well stocked supermarkets, Asian markets or online.

- 1/2 cup unsalted raw peanuts
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil, or another neutral tasting oil, such as canola or grapeseed oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons peeled and minced fresh ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Thai red curry paste
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/4 pounds large shrimp (16-20 count), cleaned, tails on
- 12 ounces haricot verts or thin green beans, trimmed
- 1 to 2 fresh, hot red chiles, such as a Red Thai, serrano or Fresno, seeded and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons torn or chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon torn or chopped fresh mint leaves

- 1. Preheat** the oven to 425 degrees with the rack in the middle.
  - 2. Place** the peanuts onto a sheet pan and place in the oven until they are toasted and fragrant, about 4 minutes. Transfer the peanuts to a plate.
  - 3. In a small bowl**, combine the oil, lime juice, fish sauce, honey, ginger, curry paste and garlic. Place the shrimp, green beans and chile peppers on the sheet pan. Drizzle with the sauce and toss to coat.
  - 4. Roast** for about 12 minutes, until the shrimp is pink and cooked through and the green beans are tender, tossing once or twice.
  - 5. Serve** sprinkled with the toasted peanuts, basil and mint.
- Nutrition information:** 290 calories; 15 g total fat; 3 g saturated fat; 170 mg cholesterol; 530 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrates; 3 g dietary fiber; 6 g sugars; 29 g protein.

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