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Constitutional scholars, from left, Noah Feldman of Harvard University, Pamela Karlan of Stanford University, Michael Gerhardt of the University of North Carolina, and Jonathan Turley of George Washington University, testify Wednesday before a House panel.

3 legal scholars outline case for impeachment

Panel told Trump conduct meets 'high crimes' standard

BY LISA MASCARO
AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three leading legal scholars testified Wednesday that President Donald Trump's attempts to have Ukraine investigate Democratic rivals are grounds for impeachment, bolstering the Democrats' case as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi made sure they're prepared for that momentous next step.

Meeting behind closed doors ahead of an initial Judiciary Committee hearing to consider potential articles of impeachment, Pelosi asked House Democrats a

simple question: "Are you ready?"

The answer was a resounding yes.

At Wednesday's session, three legal experts called by Democrats said impeachment was merited.

Noah Feldman, a Harvard Law School professor, said he considered it clear that the president's conduct met the definition of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Said Michael Gerhardt, a University of North Carolina law professor, "If what we're talking about is not impeachable then nothing is impeachable."

Pamela Karlan, a Stanford Law School professor and former Obama administration Justice Department official, drew

criticism for mentioning Trump's teenage son, Barron, in a play on words, violating an unwritten but firm Washington rule against dragging first family's children into politics. Karlan later apologized.

The only Republican witness, Jonathan Turley, a law professor at George Washington University, dissented from the other legal experts. He said the Democrats were bringing a "slipshod impeachment" case against the president, but he didn't excuse Trump's behavior.

"It is not wrong because President Trump is right," Turley said. "A case for

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Sources: FBI eyeing Madigan's operation

Probing questions said to have been asked amid feds' far-reaching inquiry

BY RAY LONG AND JASON MEISNER

Federal authorities have asked questions about Democratic Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and his political operation as part of an ongoing investigation, four people who have been interviewed told the Tribune.

The sources, all of whom requested anonymity, said FBI agents and prosecutors asked about connections between Commonwealth Edison lobbyists and Madigan, lobbyists giving contracts to people tied to the speaker, and city, state and suburban government jobs held by his associates.

They also said authorities had numerous questions about the speaker's relationship and dealings with longtime confidant Michael McClain, a former ComEd lobbyist.

"These were the people they were most focused on," according to one person interviewed by authorities.

Three of the four people interviewed by authorities said they were asked numerous Madigan-related questions, while one said there were less than a handful in an interview more focused on McClain.

The interviews provide the first glimpse into what authorities want to know about Madigan, who is chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois.

A Madigan spokeswoman had no com-



Madigan

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Illinois slashed workforce at its EPA by 38% in past decade

Cuts at environmental agency more than in any other state

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Years before President Donald Trump's industry-backed appointees began rolling back enforcement of environmental laws, Illinois had begun shedding inspectors and slowing the policing of air and water pollution.

A pair of new reports document how funding for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency steadily declined during the past decade, dropping by more than 25% in inflation-adjusted dollars as the agency's responsibilities expanded and became more complex.

Illinois also cut its environmental agency's workforce by 38% during the same period — more than any other state.

With a smaller staff and less money, the state agency has failed repeatedly to identify hazards to public health and hold polluters accountable, said Eric Schaeffer, a former top U.S. EPA enforcement official who directs the nonprofit Environmental Integrity Project and compiled one of the reports.

In several cases, federal officials have stepped in to address some of the state's biggest environmental problems. But fed-

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State temporarily allows restraints on schoolkids

Schools can restrain children in previously banned positions only in crisis situations. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

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From center, Ibtissam Ghanem serves clients at the St. Ignatius Church food pantry in the Rogers Park neighborhood Wednesday in Chicago.

Feds introduce new work rules to earn food stamps

Changes mean 688K adults could lose SNAP benefits

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

The Trump administration on Wednesday announced changes to the federal food stamp program that will make it harder for states to exempt adults from the program's work requirements, a move it expects will cause 688,000 people nationwide to lose their benefits.

The rule — intended to move people off of public assistance at a time of low national unemployment — is expected to affect residents of nearly every county in Illinois. It has much more far-reaching consequences than a separate change, announced last month, that will subject 50,000 Cook County food stamp recipients to work requirements starting Jan. 1.

Those affected by the changes announced Wednesday are able-bodied adults under age 50 without children or other dependents, a group that represents about 7% of the 36 million people nationwide using the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly called SNAP. Children, the elderly and people with disabilities — who make up the vast majority of SNAP participants — are not affected.

Effective April 1, many of those able-bodied recipients across the country will be limited to three months of food aid over a three-year period unless they are working, in job training or participating in volunteer opportunities for at least 80 hours a month. The work requirements have existed since the mid-1990s, but many states receive waivers for counties with higher unemployment rates or where jobs are scarce.

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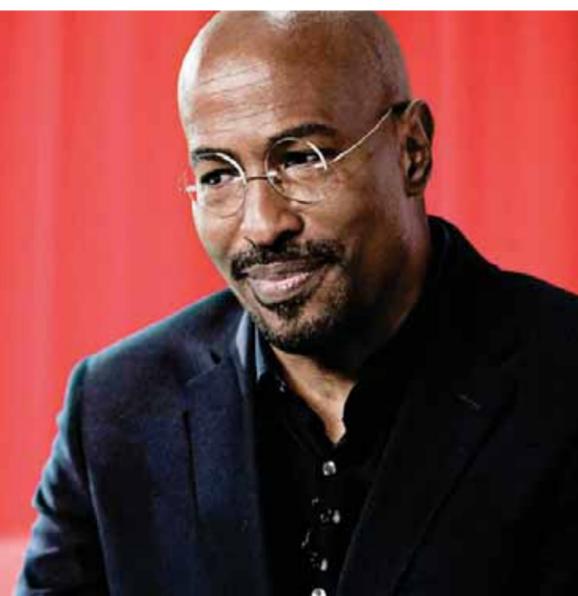
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— Van Jones



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JOHN KASS

Is this still a free country? New movie raises doubts

No matter what side you take on Trump Impeachment Theater, or just about any other topic for that matter — from the politics of chicken sandwiches to climate change — if you dare challenge the views of the reigning political priests, chances are you'll be called stupid and hateful.

And someone will want to shut you up.

The traditional, American response to such silencing has always been "This is a free country, isn't it?"

But is it now? Or are we building a new Animal Farm, where we are told what to think and how to think it?

These are the central questions in "No Safe Spaces," a profoundly important new film about free speech and thought by conservative radio host Dennis Prager and Adam Carolla, the libertarian comic and podcast superstar.

It could be the finest gift you could give a young person. All of us need to be reminded that we once believed that America was a safe space for free speech.

And we once believed that silencing speech — even if it is deemed "triggering" or hateful by some — is like removing Americans' tongues.

The film is a great gift to help prepare the young, especially any bright middle schoolers you know, for what awaits in high school, where they will be cleansed of bothersome notions, and at universities, where their place in the great herd awaits them.

Yet lest you think "No Safe Spaces" is some conservative screed, know that it highlights prominent liberals, including former President Barack Obama, who tells of how he's been appalled at what is happening to free speech at universities.

I'm certain that some conservatives, especially those who've been taught by their own thought-minders on the right to recoil in fear from threatening ideas, would be shocked to see Obama or the pundit Van Jones in this film.

But here is Jones, talking common sense:

"We're creating this environment where liberals and leftists and progressives on campuses think that they

need to get government authority or university authority to protect their ears from stuff they don't like, or stuff that's actually offensive, or stuff that is racist or is sexist or is horrible. And I just think that's a very dangerous view," Jones says.

And there is this from Obama, a man of the left, yes, who made his bones in Chicago politics, yet a man who understands the dangers of silence.

"I've heard there are some college campuses where they don't want to have a guest speaker who's too conservative," Obama says. "Anybody who comes to speak to you, and you disagree with, you should have an argument with them. But you shouldn't silence them by saying you can't come because I'm too sensitive to hear what you have to say."

The liberal comic Bill Maher understands. The liberal Dave Rubin understands. And every conservative worth talking to understands.

There has always been a distinction between conservatives and the hard right, a distinction ignored by some pundits as they pound tribal drums to gather news clicks.

But Prager and Carolla are careful to also make a distinction between liberals and the hard left. And what is depressing is that liberals are also victims.

Yes, the film depicts mobs attempting to silence conservatives like Ben Shapiro. And yes, even the idiotic alt-right provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos is allowed a say.

If you've paid even slight attention to the news, you can't have missed the silencing on campus after campus. Recently at Northwestern University, the editors of the student newspaper felt compelled to beg forgiveness for covering a student protest of a speech by former Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

There must be something exhilarating about being part of a mob and using force to shout down threatening ideas. Imagine the barbarians at the gates of Rome, or early Christian hordes destroying the great art of antiquity.

Such zeal wasn't ever remotely

American, until now.

The genius of "No Safe Spaces" is that it clinically depicts thoughtful liberals being devoured by the hard left, in the manner of some insects who lay their eggs and are devoured by their young.

Particularly chilling is what happened to Lindsay Shepherd of Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario. In a class on the use of political language, she dared show a clip from a debate on the use of gender-neutral pronouns.

She was taken before a tribunal of her colleagues, a re-education camp of sorts. Happily, she recorded it. And you can hear the terrifying passive-aggressive voices of the thought police.

And the case of Bret Weinstein, a professor of biology at the liberal Evergreen State University in the state of Washington. He became hated on campus when he dared criticize the "Day of Absence" event.

Traditionally on that day, racial minorities absented themselves from the college in protest of racism. But in 2017 they demanded that white students and faculty be barred from campus.

Weinstein, a liberal, made the mistake of saying that racism, even when practiced by minorities, was not virtue. For this he was threatened.

He and his wife, another liberal professor, resigned and said the college failed to protect them from harassment and possible physical harm.

"Evergreen is a preview of what is coming," Weinstein warns in the film. "The fact that it is happening on so many campuses means it will spread into every quadrant of society. And things are going to get worse elsewhere. Evergreen is describing a future that is rapidly approaching."

A future that is approaching? Isn't it here? Now?

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Impeachment report is TOTALLY UNFAIR to Trump!



REX W. HUPPKE

Oh, man, those Democrats are such sneaky jerks.

I suppose by now you've seen the House Intelligence Committee's 300-page impeachment inquiry report, right? That report went to the House Judiciary Committee, which held its first impeachment (hoax) hearing Wednesday and is tasked with drafting articles of (phony) impeachment.

I read the report and I can tell you it is TOTALLY unfair to President Donald Trump, and here are three reasons why:

1) Nowhere in the report does it note that Trump is the best American president since Abraham Lincoln.

2) It contains ZERO pictures of Trump's magnificent border wall.

3) It intentionally compiles ALL the evidence and sworn testimony relating to impeachable things Trump has done, painting a picture of a president who has done many impeachable things and who gleefully sold out his country for personal gain. THAT'S NOT FAIR!

Regarding item No. 3, of course the president is going to look bad if you put together all the bad things he has done and look at them as a whole. If someone put all the times I've gone to Dairy Queen into one report, it might make people conclude that I "have a problem" or "need to make better life decisions."

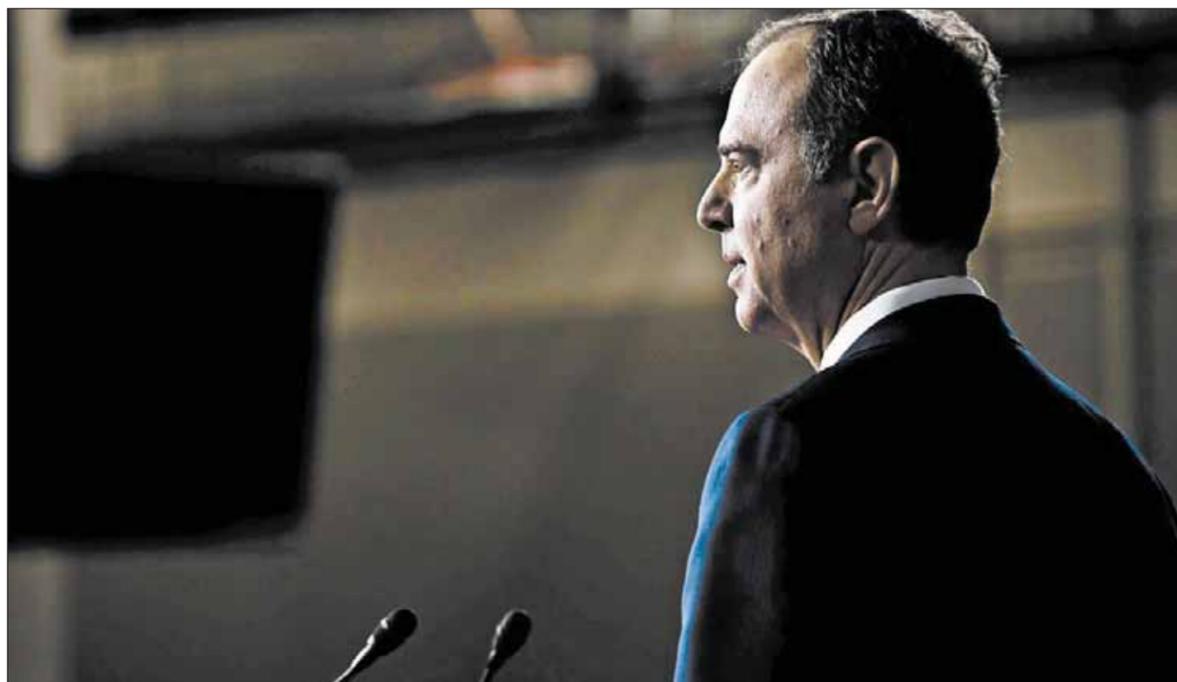
But if you look at each trip to Dairy Queen individually, it's no big deal. That's just me being me.

The same is true with our great president. Is it possible he has engaged from time to time in light bribery or a smidge of justice obstruction? Sure, but that's just Trump being Trump.

It only looks bad when you put it all together like the DEMONcrats did in their stupid report. This is a clear case of treasonous dot-connecting, and these liberal lawmakers should feel terrible for sullying Trump's good name by drawing mountains of evidence against him into a cohesive narrative that presents an almost comically transparent abuse of power.

Consider this extremely mean excerpt: "Donald Trump is the first and only President in American history to openly and indiscriminately defy all aspects of the constitutional impeachment process, ordering all federal agencies and officials categorically not to comply with voluntary requests or compulsory demands for documents or testimony."

Sure, if you put it that way, it *sounds* bad. But at least House Intelligence Committee



SUSAN WALSH/AP

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

Chairman Adam Schiff didn't list all the administration officials Trump ordered to defy congressional subpoenas.

Oh, shoot, he actually did. It starts on Page 231 and includes: acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney; assistant to the president and senior adviser to the chief of staff Robert Blair; former national security adviser John Bolton; National Security Council legal adviser John Eisenberg; National Security Council deputy legal adviser Michael Ellis; former deputy assistant to the president for national security affairs Charles Kupperman; Office of Management and Budget acting Director Russell Vought; State Department counselor T. Ulrich Brechbuhl; and Energy Secretary Rick Perry.

OK, when you roll them all out one after the other, it sounds like a lot of people the president didn't want testifying. And yeah, that may not be the most innocent sounding move. But what the committee report totally ignores is the fact that Trump has called the entire impeachment process a phony witch hunt that's bad for America.

YOU'RE BUSTED, ADAM SCHIFF, YOU DISINGENUOUS ...

Wait, hold on, the report actually doesn't overlook that fact. On Page 210 of the report it says: "President Trump's rhetorical attacks appeared intended not just to dispute public reports of his misconduct, but to persuade the public that the House lacks authority to investigate the president and

the inquiry is therefore invalid and fraudulent."

It then goes on to list ways Trump has described the impeachment inquiry: "a COUP"; "illegal, invalid, and unconstitutional"; "an unconstitutional power grab"; "Ukraine Witch Hunt"; "a continuation of the Greatest and most Destructive Witch Hunt of all time"; "a total Witch Hunt Scam by the Democrats"; "bad for the country"; "all a hoax"; "the single greatest witch hunt in American history"; "Democrat Scam"; "just another Democrat Hoax"; "a fraud against the American people"; "A Witch Hunt Scam"; "a con being perpetrated on the United States public and even the world"; "ridiculous"; "a continuation of the greatest Scam and Witch Hunt in the history of our Country"; "Ukraine Hoax"; "No Due Process Scam"; "the phony Impeachment Scam"; and "the phony Impeachment Hoax."

OK, sure, you put all those descriptions together and it sounds not good, and maybe a bit like the president is trying to convince people that House lawmakers don't have a constitutional right and duty to act as a check on the executive branch.

But I think we've already established the fundamental unfairness of taking all the things President Trump says and compiling them in one place to make it look like he's an un-American, self-serving narcissist. That's cheating, and real Americans won't stand for it!

Look at this excerpt: "By doubling down

on his misconduct and declaring that his July 25 call with President Zelenskiy was 'perfect,' President Trump has shown a continued willingness to use the power of his office to seek foreign intervention in our next election. His Acting Chief of Staff, Mick Mulvaney, in the course of admitting that the President had linked security assistance to Ukraine to the announcement of one of his desired investigations, told the American people to 'get over it.' In these statements and actions, the President became the author of his own impeachment inquiry."

By fiendishly presenting overwhelming evidence of wrongdoing — including phone records that show Devin Nunes, the Republican ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, was in regular contact with Trump's personal lawyer and a now-indicted Ukrainian operative — the Democrats have done immeasurable damage to Trump's campaign to cleanse America of facts.

And for that, they should be deeply ashamed.

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State again allows restraints on schoolkids

Some schools had objected to Illinois ban on procedures

BY JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS, JODI S. COHEN AND LAKEIDRA CHAVIS

This story is a collaboration between the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

Amending emergency rules put in place two weeks ago, the Illinois State Board of Education says it will again allow schoolchildren to be physically restrained in positions it had banned, though only in crisis situations.

The change comes after several schools said they could no longer serve some students with behavior issues because of the new restrictions, put in place after publication of a Chicago Tribune/ProPublica Illinois investigation that found overuse and misuse of “isolated timeouts” in public schools across the state.

An emergency prohibition on putting students alone in locked seclusion rooms stands.

The change, made Tuesday, temporarily allows schools to restrain children in prone (or face-down) and supine (or face-up) positions. But they can only do so in “narrow circumstances and only for severe crisis situations to protect the safety of students and staff,” the board said in a statement. School employ-

ees must try other methods to calm students before resorting to restraint, the amendment states.

The board said it still expects schools to start phasing out the use of prone and supine restraints.

“The amendment will give schools time to transition to the use of alternate interventions without causing students to be disenrolled,” ISBE said. The use of the restraints is intended to be temporary until the state board “develops further training and guidance on alternate interventions.”

The state board filed emergency rules on restraint and seclusion Nov. 20, the day after the publication of the ProPublica Illinois/Tribune investigation.

The news organizations documented more than 20,000 incidents of seclusion, called isolated timeout in Illinois, in 15 months. The reporting found that in thousands of incidents, students had been put in seclusion for disobedience, refusing to do schoolwork and other reasons not related to safety — in violation of state law. Most of the children secluded across the state have disabilities, the investigation found.

The emergency rules immediately barred schools from putting children in locked, isolated seclusion and now require schools to alert state officials within 48 hours of putting a student in seclusion with an adult. ISBE previously did not monitor schools’ use of

seclusion.

The rules also prohibited physical restraints that could inhibit a student’s breathing, including prone and supine restraints. Those restraints are sometimes called “floor restraints.”

But some parents and school officials said the quickly drafted rules on restraints had unintended consequences. Some out-of-state, private facilities that educate Illinois public school students who have higher needs because of their disabilities notified parents that the facilities would have to send their children home. The emergency rule applied to all Illinois public school students, including those whose school districts place them in private or residential schools.

ISBE spokeswoman Jackie Matthews said the state board heard concerns from at least eight schools that were considering withdrawing dozens of students, as well as from parents and their attorneys.

Cheryl Zens, whose 17-year-old son Nathan attends a residential school in Ohio for students with autism, said school officials told her that Nathan would have to leave if they didn’t have the option of using floor restraints.

“It created a really quick crisis for some families. It was so black and white,” said Zens, of Naperville. She said Nathan is restrained infrequently but when he is, it is to keep him and those

around him safe. “It was a quick decision with no replacements or suggestions of what to do instead.”

A group of parents and staff from Giant Steps, a Lisle school that serves students with autism, also protested, saying that the school used prone restraint safely and effectively and that their children needed that type of intervention.

The school’s director said that without the ability to use prone restraint, they would have to call 911 or send the students home.

At least half of U.S. states ban restraints that can restrict breathing. Children have died, often of asphyxiation, in prone restraints, including at school.

While the Illinois emergency rules no longer ban those restraints, the rules limit their use and add more review to the process. The rules require that a staff member trained in recognizing signs of distress observe the student during the entire incident. Additional review is required if a student is restrained in a prone or supine restraint two or more times within 30 school days.

If the restraints would impair a student’s ability to breathe or communicate, they still can’t be used even with the relaxed rule. And schools still cannot physically restrain students who, because of medical or psychological issues, would be at greater risk with restraint.

Advocates for people with disabilities, including Chi-

cago-based Equip for Equality, a federally appointed watchdog, helped craft the emergency amendment.

“Given the pervasive use of these practices by schools across Illinois, we understand why ISBE concluded they needed to give schools time for intensive retraining of staff and provide other supports to ensure students are treated in a nonviolent manner that does not cause trauma and risk serious physical harm, including death,” said Zena Naiditch, president and CEO of Equip for Equality.

Naiditch said she hopes that setting a higher standard for the use of floor restraints will eventually lead to similar changes in the use of all types of restraint.

The emergency rules, including Tuesday’s amendment, expire after 150 days. The state is seeking to make the restrictions on seclusion and restraint a permanent part of Illinois law. So far, two state legislators have introduced bills that would outlaw seclusion of any kind. That does not include sensory spaces for students who need to calm down.

The ProPublica Illinois/Tribune investigation revealed children were put in isolation every school day for reasons that violate the law. Reporters obtained records documenting more than 20,000 incidents of seclusion from the 2017-18 school year and through early December 2018.

Of those, about 12,000

included enough detail to determine what prompted the timeout, and in more than a third of those cases, school employees documented no safety reason for the seclusion. The Tribune and ProPublica Illinois also have been investigating restraint of children and asking officials about its use.

After the investigation published online, state Superintendent Carmen Ayala apologized to families and said the law that had been in effect “did not sufficiently regulate” isolated timeout, causing “lasting trauma.”

Gov. J.B. Pritzker ordered the state board to write the emergency rules, calling the investigation’s findings “appalling.”

Deputy Gov. Jesse Ruiz also filed complaints on behalf of children highlighted in the story, and the state promised to investigate their treatment.

ISBE investigators who believe school employees committed crimes against children will refer those individuals to law enforcement, and those who investigators believe abused or neglected students will be referred to the Department of Children and Family Services, a state board spokeswoman said.

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Vivian O'Reilly, 1, gets a gift during the annual USPS Operation Santa kickoff at the South Loop post office Wednesday.

USPS' Operation Santa turns 107 in merry fashion

Allows customers to adopt letters from those in need

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Huddled like eager super fans, a group of toddlers sang Christmas tunes Wednesday morning as they waited for the promised headliner, Santa Claus, to come to town — in this case, the Postal Service’s downtown headquarters.

Like concertgoers indulging an opening act, after a while, they’d had enough.

“We want Santa!” the children chanted.

The clanging of distinct bells rang down the hall as Santa Claus walked in the lobby of the building, dressed in his signature red and white ensemble, large belt buckle and in this case, a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier bag. The small but mighty group of children scampered toward the man in red, swarming him with hugs and smiles.

Santa was on hand to

kick off the 107th year of USPS’ Operation Santa, a program where post office customers can browse and adopt letters children write addressed to Santa Claus. Those who adopt a letter can fulfill the wishes children make to ol’ St. Nick.

Eddie Spearman, who has been playing Mr. Claus for the last six years, said he enjoys seeing the smiles on the children’s faces.

“I’m postal Santa. We bring happiness 365 days a year,” Spearman said, moving his white beard aside to speak. “We are always delivering. My reindeers never stop.”

The mission of USPS Operation Santa is to, “provide a channel where people can give back and help children and families — enabling them to have a magical holiday when they otherwise might not — one letter to Santa at a time,” according to the post office.

“To be able to deliver that joy and happiness, it’s so worth it,” said Wanda Prater, postmaster of Chicago. “The postal service

has been the only place to recognize Santa as being real. Santa lives in all of us, within our hearts.”

Children lined up to meet Mr. Claus, who handed out stuffed animals of Mickey and Minnie Mouse to all the children gathered.

Jordin Purnell, 4, who earlier sang a rendition of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” said he wrote his letter to Santa last week.

“I’m excited,” he said. “I want a toy race car.”

The program started in 1912 when the department began receiving letters addressed to Santa. At the time, Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock authorized local postal employees and customers to respond to the letters. By the 1940s, the office received an outpouring of letters, leading the post office to expand the program.

The program has since gone digital in 15 cities across the country, fielding hundreds of thousands of letters to Santa.

Customers in Chicago can adopt letters in person and online. The office proc-

essed 5,000 letters out of Chicago last year, said Randy Stines, USPS district manager in Chicago.

“The more requests we can fill the better,” Stines said. “A lot of the children aren’t requesting stuff for themselves. It’s amazing to see what these kids do when they have a chance to do something special.”

Rachell Montgomery, of Chatham, made her way to headquarters Wednesday to select letters and fulfill the wishes of two children, a girl and a boy. Montgomery said she’s been participating in Operation Santa the last 10 years. For her, adopting letters is a regular part of her holiday celebrations.

“I don’t have kids, but I love kids,” Montgomery said. “This is my way to celebrate the holiday and be a part of it. I’m ready. I got my closet filled with ‘Frozen’ (toys) and Trolls and Avengers, I just need to find a child.”

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Johnson now officially retired, days after firing

BY JAMIE MUNKS, JEREMY GORNER AND GREGORY PRATT

Former Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, fired earlier in the week for allegedly lying to Mayor Lori Lightfoot about his actions in the hours before he was found asleep behind the wheel of a running vehicle, officially retired from the department as a lieutenant on Wednesday, according to the mayor’s office.

Lightfoot on Monday had said she was sacking Johnson “effective immediately.” But on Wednesday she acknowledged he hadn’t yet been taken off the department payroll.

Lightfoot said it was her expectation Johnson would “be off the CPD payroll shortly, and certainly no later than the end of this week,” she said after giving a keynote address at Bradley University in Peoria Wednesday.

Hours later, Lightfoot’s office announced Johnson’s retirement.

As the superintendent, Johnson had served at the pleasure of the mayor. By removing Johnson from the \$260,044-a-year position, Lightfoot automatically demoted him to lieutenant, his career service rank before becoming a member of the Police Department’s command staff.

As a lieutenant, per city ordinance, Johnson could only be fired by the Chicago Police Board, the city’s nine-member police disciplinary panel. But in Johnson’s case, the city never filed administrative charges against him, said Max Caproni, the board’s executive director.

“We have been informed that effective today, Mr. Johnson retired from his career service rank and is no longer employed by the Chicago Police Department,” the mayor’s office said in a news release.

Johnson was fired from the department’s top job over his response to an October incident when police officers found him

asleep in the driver’s seat of a running vehicle near his Bridgeport home. Johnson initially blamed his behavior on a change in medication, later admitting to Lightfoot that he had a couple of drinks that night.

Sources have told the Tribune the superintendent had been drinking for a few hours with a woman who was not his wife. The woman was a Chicago police officer and a member of Johnson’s security detail, sources said.

Lightfoot cited a report by the city’s inspector general on Monday when she announced Johnson was

being axed, saying she “saw things that were inconsistent with what Mr. Johnson had told me personally and what he revealed to members of the public.”

Asked whether the full inspector general report on Johnson will be released, Lightfoot said she doesn’t “want to get ahead of ourselves.”

“We’re not going to do anything until we get the word from the IG that the investigation is complete,” Lightfoot said. “Obviously, the investigation of Eddie Johnson wasn’t just about him, it involved the conduct of other people and that investigation is ongoing. So, we’re not going to do anything that would compromise the IG’s work. That has to be independent, but he knows, I’ve expressed my desire to him to have that be concluded as expeditiously as possible.”

On Nov. 7, Johnson announced his plans to retire at the end of the year in a news conference attended by Lightfoot. The mayor’s move to dismiss Johnson, which she said was “about integrity and accountability,” moved up those plans.

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Remembering Fred Hampton

Akua Njeri, the fiancée of Black Panther Party Chairman Fred Hampton, who was killed during a police raid at the 2337 West Monroe Street house in 1969, asks everyone to raise their fists during a vigil at the site on the 50th anniversary of his death, Wednesday in Chicago.

Gov. Pritzker defends social equity measures in pot bill

Tamps down expectations for launch during bill signing

BY DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday sought to moderate expectations for the Jan. 1 launch of legal recreational marijuana sales in Illinois while defending social equity measures in the law that members of the Chicago City Council's Black Caucus said they find lacking.

"Our goal is not to immediately deliver as much access to recreational cannabis as possible as quickly as possible," Pritzker said while signing a measure that tweaks the landmark legalization bill he signed in June.

Rather, Pritzker said, the overarching aim of the legalization law is "to address the inequities that have wreaked havoc on many of our communities."

"We want the industry to be diverse," Pritzker said. "We want black and brown people, we want people who've been left out and left behind, to have a real opportunity to not only benefit from this new industry but to create new millionaires in the black community, in the Latino community, all across this state."

Assurances like those haven't been enough to convince some members of the City Council's Black Caucus that minorities will be able to gain a toehold in the marijuana business because of the way the state law is written.

The City Council on Wednesday heard a proposal from 28th Ward Ald. Jason Ervin, chairman of the Black Caucus, that would delay recreational pot sales in the city until July 1. No vote was taken, clearing the way for sales to begin.

Toi Hutchinson, a former Democratic state senator who co-sponsored the legalization bill and is now Pritzker's top adviser on marijuana policy, took umbrage

with the idea that the state isn't doing enough to create equity in the industry.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," she said. "Stating it as such is actually a slap in the face to all of the incredible work that happened with both the Black Caucus and the Latino Caucus at the state level."

The Pritzker administration's goal is to get the industry up and running while ensuring that existing marijuana businesses, which are predominantly white-owned, don't monopolize the new market.

In addition to licenses available to existing medical pot companies, the state will award up to 75 new dispensary licenses by May 1, with extra consideration given to so-called social equity applications — those with ties to communities that have been disproportionately affected by the war on drugs. Revenue generated from the existing industry will fund low-interest loans to help those new businesses get off the ground.

The application period for the new licenses begins Tuesday and closes Jan. 2.

So far, the state has licensed 30 of the 55 existing medical marijuana dispensaries for recreational sales beginning on New Year's Day, though three of those businesses are in towns that have prohibited the sale of recreational pot. The state has yet to award licenses to any of those dispensaries to open up a second shop to sell to recreational customers.

"The growth of this industry is happening in a deliberative, phased way so that we can get to the point where we work through the hiccups in the system that happen early," Hutchinson said. "We're not naive enough to think that there won't be hiccups."

In short, expect lines on New Year's Day, she said.

Pam Althoff, a former Republican state senator who now heads the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois, said the

industry also is trying to manage consumers' expectations and is treating Jan. 1 like a "soft opening" of a new restaurant.

The measure Pritzker signed Wednesday that lawmakers approved last month makes modest changes to the legislation he signed in June.

For consumers, it clarifies where they'll be able to use pot in public. Bars and restaurants won't be able to allow cannabis consumption, but dispensaries and tobacco shops may, with local government approval.

The measure also significantly cuts back on what would have amounted to a lifetime ban on financial involvement in the cannabis industry for lawmakers who held office or any state officials involved in awarding cannabis licenses prior to June 25, 2021. The ban also would have applied to spouses or immediate family members.

Instead, beginning June 25, 2021, lawmakers and those state officials — along with their spouses or live-in immediate family members — will be prohibited from having an ownership interest in state-regulated marijuana businesses while on the state payroll and for two years after leaving. The prohibition does not apply to passive owners of stock in a publicly traded company.

Any current lawmaker who has an ownership interest has until Dec. 4, 2020, to divest.

A major component of Illinois' new law is the expungement of past low-level marijuana convictions.

The changes Pritzker signed Wednesday include provisions requiring notification for people whose records are automatically expunged and making it easier for legal aid clinics to help people clear their records.

It also will now be legal to possess marijuana-related paraphernalia.

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ATF agent shot in head recounts ordeal

Testifies before reputed gang chief given lengthy sentence

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

As the plainclothes team of federal agents and Chicago police officers placed tracking devices on suspected gang members' cars on a South Side street early one morning, shots rang out from halfway down the block, and Kevin Crump of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives fell wounded.

David Lopez, also an ATF agent, choked up Wednesday as he recalled spotting Crump lying on the ground with blood pouring from his face.

Moments later, as Crump was rushed to Stroger Hospital in a police vehicle, Lopez tried to keep the 28-year-old agent talking.

"I assumed any moment I would lose consciousness and might not wake up," Crump said Wednesday.

The dramatic testimony came Wednesday in federal court as Ernesto Godinez, a reputed "chief" of the Almighty Latin Saints gang, was sentenced to nearly 17 years in prison for shooting Crump in May 2018 in the gang-infested Back of the Yards neighborhood.

Prosecutors said Crump was conducting a covert investigation with other officers in the 4300 block of South Hermitage Avenue when Godinez fired off five quick shots at a group down the block that he mistook for rivals. He was "posting up" — on the lookout for rivals, according to prosecutors.

A federal jury convicted him in June of one count each of assaulting an agent with a deadly weapon and discharging a firearm in furtherance of a crime.

On Wednesday, Crump took the witness stand, just steps from Godinez, to recount for U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber how the shooting changed his life. Godinez looked directly at the agent from the defense table. He was one of three law enforcement officers to detail the mental and physical toll about 18 months after the shooting.

Prosecutors said it was miraculous that Crump survived. The bullet struck him in the head, entering at the base of his neck and exiting between his eyes, prosecutors said.

He is now back to work at ATF after three surgeries and months of doctor visits. Surgeons were able to repair the damage to his face, but he lost the vision in his left eye.

Clutching each side of a podium as he hunched over to speak into a microphone, Crump said he believed that Godinez "would have left me for dead" if the other officers weren't there to come to his aid.

Chicago police Officer Thomas Spratte, who was part of the covert operation that night, testified Wednesday that he still has trouble sleeping and struggles with survivor's guilt.

The sentencing hearing unfolded amid beefed-up security as law enforcement officers packed the courtroom in support of Crump, sitting across the aisle from friends and family members of Godinez.

Prosecutors sought a 30-year prison term for Godinez, alleging he has a history of violence and loyalty to the Latin Saints.

"The victims of these crimes were law enforcement officers who were in that neighborhood just to do their job," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Kavitha Babu. "They were trying to slow down the violence of that neighborhood."

Godinez's attorney, Gal Pissetzky, said Godinez's father was deported when he was young and his mother worked long hours, leaving him to be "raised by the neighborhood."

"Rehabilitation ... is what's needed," Pissetzky said. "A long prison sentence is not the answer."

Godinez grew emotional as he addressed the judge.

"I just want to get home to my family," he said.

In handing down his sentence, Leinenweber pointed to Godinez's efforts as a father, including parenting classes he has taken, as an indication that he isn't "a total monster."

Leinenweber also called it "very relevant" that Godinez didn't know he was shooting a federal agent.

As deputy U.S. marshals led Godinez away following the hearing, a family member yelled, "We love you. We miss you."

The agent's shooting took place amid stepped-up efforts by ATF and Chicago police to investigate a rash of gang-related rifle shootings in the Back of the Yards. The Chicago Tribune reported that more than 140 people were shot — 50 of them fatally — from fall 2016 to the end of 2017 by gang members wielding rifles as their use spread across the South and Southwest sides.

The evidence in Godinez's trial centered on surveillance camera footage that captured his movements running to and from a narrow gangway on the Hermitage block at the time the shots rang out. The footage did not show anyone actually firing a gun, however.

Godinez was arrested on a criminal complaint three days after the shooting.

An older brother, Rodrigo Godinez, was arrested the same day and charged in a separate complaint with cocaine distribution. He was sentenced last month to 4 1/2 years in prison, court records show. His attorneys wrote in a sentencing memo that he had been wounded in four separate gang-related shootings from age 18 to 25.

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Aldermen: Put more minorities into the pot of legal pot

Overwhelmingly white firms draw fire ahead of Jan. 1 start

BY JOHN BYRNE

With Chicago weeks away from opening the weed gates to recreational cannabis use, black aldermen on Wednesday again complained white dispensary operators will get too big a head start on the lucrative business, and argued broad legalization should be stalled until midyear.

The City Council hearing on Black Caucus Chairman Ald. Jason Ervin's ordinance to push back the start date on recreational sales until July 1, 2020, did not include a vote on his proposal. That clears the way for the state law to take effect on Jan. 1.

Opponents of the upcoming rollout — which allows 11 existing Chicago medical marijuana dispensaries that are run by overwhelmingly white ownership groups to open their doors immediately to recreational users in January while other applicants spend months getting city permits — did get another opportunity Wednesday to vent about the inequity they say is built in to the plan.

"We would never, as a body, allow anything to pass through this with this magnitude of economic impact, and not have (minority) participation," Ervin said. "Every bond deal that goes through here, we're hawks on, if there's African American, Latino participation. Every other type of financial transaction that comes through this body, we have these same questions, and this same question needs to be asked about cannabis, adult-use cannabis here in the city of Chicago."



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"We would never, as a body, allow anything to pass through this with this magnitude of economic impact, and not have (minority) participation," said Ald. Jason Ervin.

Aldermen also have hammered the social equity components of the state marijuana sales law for allowing businesses that simply employ people who live in areas affected by the war on drugs to receive additional points on their applications for recreational dispensaries. Extra points should only go to groups with minorities among their owners, they say.

"I'm telling them right now, don't even talk to me unless you have African American partners," said Ald. Walter Burnett Jr., 27th, whose ward stretches from the Near North Side to the West Side. "Don't waste your time coming to see me. Because I don't even want to talk to them. Because I think you're just being racist in my face when you talk to me about this

stuff and you don't allow African Americans to be your partner. It's ridiculous, man."

In a compromise last month after black aldermen threatened to stall Mayor Lori Lightfoot's zoning rules for the dispensaries, the City Council agreed to require dispensaries opening in many types of buildings to seek a zoning change and a special use permit, meaning they would need to appear before the council for approval. That could give aldermen considerable say over whether the new businesses get approved.

Ald. Carrie Austin, 34th, who chaired Wednesday's meeting of the Committee on Contract Equity and Oversight and is the council's longest serving black member, urged her colleagues to make changes to the recreational sales rules after they start in January, rather than trying to hold up the program.

"Anything that we do here has an amendment clause. Any document is a living document," Austin said. "No matter what it is we put forth, there's always a way to say 'Stop right here.' But to stop in the beginning, I think it would be unfair to those who would want to have input throughout the whole entire process."

But Ald. Sophia King, 4th, warned against letting the marijuana sales start without getting the rules aldermen want in place beforehand. "We should not start something and hope to fix it. We've gone down that road before, and I don't think there's any example you can give where we've started off on the wrong foot and ended up on the right."

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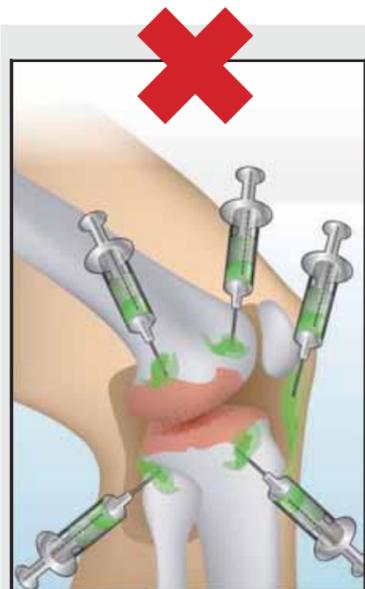
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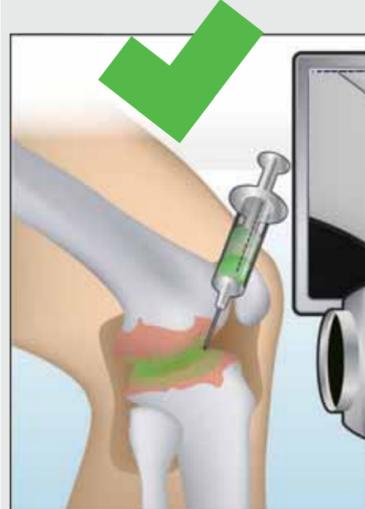
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Formerly homeless sue Chicago agency

Lawsuit claims stopped payments violate federal rules

BY ELAINE CHEN

Three people who say they are in danger of becoming homeless have filed a lawsuit against a social service agency that for years helped pay for their housing but stopped this year, a move they say violates federal housing rules.

More than 40 formerly homeless families housed with help from Human Resources Development Institute were at risk of becoming homeless again after the agency lost funding from the federal government early this year and stopped providing rental assistance to the families. The three people who filed a lawsuit

last week in Cook County Circuit Court say they don't have rent lined up after January, and two are in eviction proceedings in housing court.

The three people — Kenora Roberts, Carissa Marshall and Janice Johnson — say in the lawsuit filed by attorneys with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and Legal Aid Chicago that the agency violated federal regulations by not providing them due process when ending their rental assistance.

The lawsuit asks the court to require the agency to provide rental help until it has complied with federal regulations and secured housing solutions for them.

The lawsuit is the latest development in a protracted scramble by families served by the agency to

secure stable housing. For months, the families, many of whom have been out of homelessness for more than a decade, have had their rents paid with funds put together at the last minute by community groups, living in fear that they don't have a place to stay in the near future, they say.

"I've been in this situation before, but it was such a long time ago," said Roberts, one of the people who filed the lawsuit. She lives with her adult daughter and grandson in the Austin neighborhood, and has a court hearing for eviction proceedings scheduled in less than two weeks. "It's like it's happening for the first time all over again."

Patricia Nix-Hodes, an attorney with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless who's representing the

three people, said, "We felt that this was a step that was necessary to take to prevent their imminent homelessness."

The president of the Human Resources Development Institute, Joel Johnson, said in an earlier statement to the Tribune that the agency found out in late February that it would lose funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The lawsuit says the agency would have known about the funding decisions earlier, in late January, as the federal department announced funding decisions then.

According to the lawsuit, the agency did not communicate with program participants until the beginning of March, when it sent letters saying that the agency would no longer serve them

starting in May. Roberts did not receive the letter, the lawsuit says.

By not providing the tenants proper notice that their rental assistance would end, and also not allowing tenants to appeal the termination of their rental assistance, the agency did not provide due process to the tenants in violation of federal regulations, the lawsuit says.

Johnson said in his earlier statement that after learning of the federal funding loss, the agency transferred many families to other subsidy programs and was working to match the remaining families with others. However, the tenants who filed the lawsuit still don't have a viable housing plan.

"I was told, 'You need to pack up your belongings, 'cause you're going to have to move' four or five months

ago. My stuff is packed and everything," Roberts said. But, "you don't have anywhere for me to go."

The Human Resources Development Institute did not respond to multiple requests for comment this week.

Attorneys were able to get a hearing on the lawsuit scheduled for Dec. 12, according to Michelle Gilbert, lawyer with Legal Aid Chicago.

"It feels different, it hits different, when you placed yourself in a position to be homeless (compared to when) you get on your feet and then someone else goes and puts you back where you once were," Roberts said.

This time, "it feels even lower than what it was because you didn't do it this time. You did everything that you were supposed to."



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Javi Rodriguez and Crystal Cuevas hold their four-month-old daughter Leia as they celebrate during their wedding Nov. 27.

Transplant patient dies days after wedding

23-year-old married high school sweetheart

BY ELAINE CHEN

A heart transplant patient who married his high school sweetheart last week in the chapel at the University of Chicago Medical Center died Monday, days after leaving the hospital, his family said Wednesday.

Javier Rodriguez, known to his family and friends as Javi, was 23 years old. He had familial dilated cardio-

myopathy, a genetic disease that predisposes victims to develop heart failure at a young age. He had two heart transplants, one when he was 14 and another when he was 18.

His most recent physician, Dr. Bryan Smith, said Rodriguez was not eligible for a third heart transplant because he had acquired infections and had kidney dysfunction.

After his most recent stay in the hospital of 43 days, Rodriguez returned home and went into hospice care Friday, a day after officials originally had

thought he might go home.

Two days before he went home, he married his long-time girlfriend, Crystal Cuevas.

Cuevas said she met Rodriguez through mutual friends when they were both juniors in high school.

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

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

The weekend before their wedding, Rodriguez told Cuevas that he decided he wanted to go into hos-

pice care, she said. "I always try to keep it together in front of him, but that day I couldn't."

She thought of their 3-month-old daughter, Leia. "I didn't grow up with a dad, and that's the one thing I always wanted to give my baby girl and that's what he wanted," she said.

They tried to "fit in as many pictures and videos and all of that as possible, so that she'll never think that she didn't have a dad."

The day before the wedding, Smith said, Rodriguez talked about what he

wanted to do in his last few days and told Smith "he wanted his tombstone to say 'husband.'"

Hospital staff scrambled to make marriage arrangements, baking a three-layer strawberry cake and decorating the chapel with silver ornaments and white balloons.

Funeral arrangements for Rodriguez will be private, Cuevas said. The family is accepting flower donations through Jacqueline's Flower Shop, 4515 W. Diversey Ave., and has a GoFundMe to pay for other expenses.

For 2nd time in week, a woman sues El Hefe alleging sex assault

BY MARIE FAZIO AND ALICE YIN

When Elizabeth Capra saw video of a woman being escorted out of a River North bar in October and sexually assaulted in an alley as security guards stood by, she remembers thinking, "Was that how I was carried out? ... Is that how it happened to me?"

Capra believes she was drugged inside the same bar, El Hefe, five years ago and was also sexually assaulted. Like the woman in the October attack, she is suing the bar. Capra is using her own name, rather than the traditional Jane Doe in such cases, in hopes of encouraging other women to step forward.

"Obviously this has been going on way too long, and I have evidence," she said at a news conference. "I went through that so many years ago, and I want it to be used to bring these people to justice so that it doesn't happen to anyone else."

In her lawsuit, Capra said had gone to the bar at 15 W. Hubbard St. in the fall of 2014 to watch a Chicago

Bears game with a few friends. She ordered one drink for herself from the bar and says she didn't let it out of her sight. Her friends later told her she appeared intoxicated and refused to accompany them to the bathroom. When they returned to the bar, she had disappeared.

"After consuming the drink containing a date rape drug, (Capra) began to immediately deteriorate and exhibit strange behavior ... (that) would have been obvious by the bartender and other agents and/or employees of El Hefe," the suit said.

The next thing Capra said she remembers is running to her house, more than 4 miles from the bar, without her phone or wallet, and banging on the door. Her boyfriend at the time brought her to the hospital, where a rape kit and toxicology test were done.

The hospital found injuries consistent with a sexual assault and detected acetone, an ingredient in some date rape drugs, in her system, the lawsuit said.

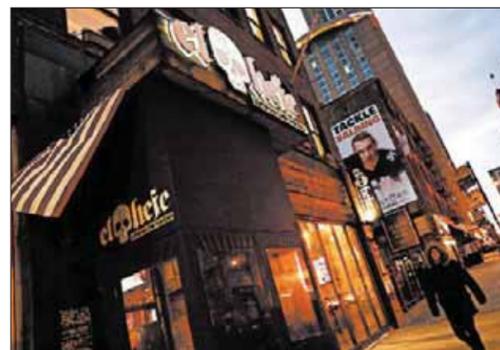
When police later contacted the bar for security footage, workers there said it was no longer available, according to the lawsuit. The bar also did not provide the names of the staff "though they should have known its employees were the only people with access to the plaintiff's drink," it states.

"There's no doubt in my mind that they were involved in this," said one of Capra's attorneys, John Chwarzynski Jr. "We've had a lot of women reach out to us with information. We've also discovered through various forms of social media that this has happened to other women — that they've been drugged at El Hefe — and it's showing that El Hefe is not only encouraging this behavior, but it's facilitating this behavior."

Police said they are investigating the October attack, but the case from 2014 has been suspended.

Brian Monico, another Capra attorney, said the statute of limitations has not run out on the charges cited in the lawsuit.

A statement issued on behalf of El Hefe on Monday afternoon did not ad-



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A person walks past El Hefe on Wednesday in River North, where two women have declared they were drugged.

dress the allegations from five years ago but said it was trying to "get to the bottom" of this fall's attack.

"Reports like these are unacceptable in any part of our city," it said. "El Hefe's ownership is currently working directly with the Chicago Police Department and the city of Chicago to get to the bottom of what occurred on October 18 (of this year) and who was involved. El Hefe has been a proud member of the Chicago business community for seven years. Any incident that tears at the reputation of the City of Chicago impacts all of us. We remain committed to the City and its residents to bring the truth to light."

Lissa Druss, a spokeswoman for the bar, said she couldn't comment on

the latest lawsuit but noted that the city requires establishments to keep security footage for just 30 days.

At the news conference Monday, Capra said she has spent years looking over her shoulder, scared that an attacker was waiting as she pulled up to her house.

"I never feel safe the same way I used to," Capra said. "I used to feel young and free, and feel like if I made the right decisions and I was with the right people and I watched my drink and I was with good people that I would be OK, but that was taken from me and I can't ever get that back."

She said she wants to be the voice for other women who may have been harmed at El Hefe.

R. Kelly's sex abuse trial set for September

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A Cook County judge on Wednesday set a tentative trial date for September for beleaguered R&B singer R. Kelly even before prosecutors have disclosed which of his four separate indictments they intend to pursue first.

Kelly, 52, who is in federal custody, did not attend the hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

In trying to speed the cases along, Judge Lawrence Flood repeated his contention that Kelly's pending bombshell federal cases won't impact on the county proceedings.

"I understand there's two other matters in federal court, New York and in Chicago," he said from the bench. "That's not really the concern of this court. These victims are entitled to their day in court just as the other people in the other cases."

Over the objections of Kelly's attorney Steven Greenberg, Flood set the initial trial for Sept. 14. Greenberg had argued it would be premature to schedule a trial at this point.

Kelly is already slated to go on trial in April on the federal charges in Chicago and the following month in Brooklyn.

If all three trials go as scheduled, the singer would face three trials in three separate jurisdictions in about six months.

Last month, though, attorney Jeffrey Steinback, who is known for negotiating guilty pleas, signed on to represent Kelly in his Chicago federal case, raising speculation that Kelly might try to work out a deal with prosecutors on all the pending charges. At the time, Greenberg denied such negotiations were in the works. At Wednesday's hearing, Flood said he expects prosecutors to announce at the next status hearing in January which case they will proceed on first. He brushed off Greenberg's concerns about it being too early to set a trial date, noting that the county cases have been pending for months.

"I'm giving you more than a year to prepare for trial," he said.

Kelly was charged in Cook County in February with four separate indictments accusing him of sexual misconduct over more than a decade. Three of the four alleged victims were underage at the time.

In a 13-count indictment unsealed in July in Chicago's federal court, Kelly was charged for allegedly conspiring with two former employees to rig his 2008 child pornography trial in Cook County by paying off witnesses and victims to change their stories. At the same time, a racketeering conspiracy indictment was unsealed in federal court in Brooklyn, alleging he identified underage girls attending his concerts and groomed them for later sexual abuse. If convicted in all three jurisdictions, he could face life in prison.

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Plan to prohibit alderman from lobbying advances

Ordinance would ban officials from lobbying council

BY JOHN BYRNE

With federal investigators probing lobbying activities at the state level, the Chicago City Council on Wednesday moved a step closer to banning aldermen from acting as lobbyists and stopping other elected officials from lobbying them.

Under the new rules proposed by Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, and Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, aldermen wouldn't be allowed to lobby the City Council, the county, the state or any other local government unit, nor would any other elected officials in the state be able to lobby the City Council or other units of city government.

O'Shea said when they introduced the ordinance last month that they wanted to make sure aldermen were looking out for the residents who elected them. "I think it's important that people in this body be representing the people of their communities and not special interests, and I don't think that people who are elected officials in other bodies should be lobbying us," he said then.

A handful of aldermen voiced concerns about the ordinance Wednesday, citing examples of registered lobbyists who might serve on low-paid suburban bodies like library boards and would need to give up those posts to keep lobbying Chicago government.

Amid the questions, O'Shea forcefully defended the measure. "This legislation

is common sense," he said. "When it's said, 'the thought of impropriety; we are surrounded by impropriety at the state level, at the county level and in this body. The feds are all around us. We need to send a message that this B.S. is over with. If we need to come back in three months or six months and alter it, then we'll work with (the Law Department).

"We need to send the message to the people that we represent in our communities that the buck stops here and the bulls— is going to stop," he added.

The change comes as a federal investigation reaches into the murky world of Springfield lobbying. State Rep. Luis Arroyo resigned last month after he was arrested on a federal bribery charge accusing him of paying a bribe to a

state senator in exchange for support of a gambling bill that would have benefited a lobbying client of Arroyo's.

The Chicago ordinance contains language designed to allow aldermen who are attorneys to keep representing clients in other cities, as long as the legal work doesn't run afoul of prior City Council rules designed to stop them from leveraging their positions in cases where their clients are opposing the city of Chicago.

Smith said if the measure passes the full council next week, the city will be "leading the state in these kinds of ethical reforms, which is a different look for Chicago."

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Madigan

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ment Wednesday. In late October, reporters asked Madigan during the fall legislative session whether he is a target of a federal investigation.

"I'm not a target of anything," Madigan replied.

Federal prosecutors have not made any public statements about the nature of their investigation, and asking questions about an individual does not mean that person is a target. A spokesman for U.S. Attorney John Lausch declined to comment Wednesday.

The Madigan-focused questions are the latest indication that federal authorities are looking at the speaker's operation as part of a wide-ranging probe that spans from the Illinois Capitol to City Hall.

Madigan's name was one of many that popped up on a subpoena and a search warrant executed by the FBI in May at the City Club of Chicago seeking records from the organization's president, Jay Doherty, a ComEd lobbyist at the time, sources have said. Since then, ComEd has separated from Doherty.

In addition, the Tribune first reported that the FBI raided the home of Madigan ally McClain and that authorities secretly recorded McClain's phone conversations. It's unclear if the famously cautious Madigan is on any of the recordings or how long authorities were listening in on McClain's calls.

McClain also was deeply involved with Madigan's political operation, including campaign fundraising for House Democrats ahead of the November 2018 elections. In an email to a group of key fundraisers he called the "Most Trusted of the Trusted," McClain referred to the speaker as "Himself."

One person interviewed by authorities said that besides McClain, officials asked about Madigan's dealings with Anne Pramaggiore, the Exelon Utilities CEO who quit abruptly in October and is a focus of the investigation. That person also said officials wanted to know if Madigan ever asked about the stance of lawmakers on ComEd legislation, but the person could not remember Madigan ever raising that issue.

The Tribune has reported that federal authorities are zeroing in on payments made through ComEd's vast network of consultants to some individuals who seemed to have done little actual work. The payments were aimed at currying favor with certain lawmakers while circumventing lobbying disclosure rules, a source has said.

Authorities suspect the payments to former Madigan political operative Kevin Quinn, which the Tribune first disclosed in July, are an example of this, a source has said.

The Tribune revealed last month that McClain sent emails describing how he arranged for current and former ComEd lobbyists to give Quinn contracts after he had been ousted amid sexual harassment allegations. Bank records the Tribune acquired showed

that McClain and the other lobbyists paid Quinn at least \$31,000. The payments came after he was forced out over his relentless string of inappropriate text messages to a campaign worker.

Two of the people interviewed by authorities said they asked about the payments Quinn received. Both McClain's emails and the money to Quinn are part of the investigation into ComEd's lobbying activities, sources have said.

A Madigan spokeswoman has said that "if a group of people were attempting to help Kevin Quinn, the speaker was not a part of it." Quinn is the brother of 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn, a top Madigan political lieutenant.

Three of the people interviewed said federal authorities asked about various Madigan staff members and former staff, some of whom are now lobbyists.

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

ComEd and parent company Exelon have acknowledged getting two federal grand jury subpoenas in recent months seeking records pertaining to its lobbying efforts. One of the subpoenas received by the company in September asked specifically about the company's "communications" with state Sen. Martin Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat whose legislative territory overlaps with the speaker's House district.

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

The Sandoval raid was quickly followed by federal law enforcement actions in McCook, Lyons and Summit — southwest suburbs where Madigan has influence and allies.

Madigan has spent heavily on legal fees this year. Last week, four Madigan-controlled campaign committees reached a \$275,000 settlement in a federal lawsuit brought by Alaina Hampton, a former campaign worker in the speaker's political operation.

Hampton, who received \$75,000 of the settlement, had complained about Kevin Quinn making unwanted advances and sending her a stream of inappropriate texts, including ones that said he thought about her "all the time" and that she is "smoking hot."

She alleged in her lawsuit that the Madigan political operation retaliated against her for calling out Quinn's actions and that Madigan allies blackballed her from working on campaigns. As part of the settlement, the Madigan political committees did not admit liability or wrongdoing.



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Hotel workers on strike

Striking hotel workers and supporters picket outside of Cambria Magnificent Mile Hotel, 166 E. Superior St. in Chicago, Wednesday. The hotel has had a long running dispute with the union representing its workers.

Tutor accused of coercing sale of Adderall

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A Bloomingdale man has been accused of pressuring a teenage girl whom he was tutoring into selling him her prescription amphetamine pills, DuPage County authorities said Tuesday.

John Mixer, 32, appeared at a Tuesday bond hearing, where Judge Jeffrey MacKay set bail at \$100,000 on a felony count of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile.

Mixer, who operates a tutoring business, bought about 30 Adderall pills over several months from a girl he was tutoring, Assistant State's Attorney Amalia

Romano told the judge at the hearing. Mixer paid the girl \$20 per pill, and reportedly was taking them in addition to his own prescription for the drug, Romano said.

Adderall is an amphetamine that is commonly prescribed for ADHD, and the stimulant is also used as a cognitive enhancer, according to internet medical sources.

In addition to private tutoring, Mixer has worked as a substitute teacher in Glenbard Township High School District 87, Romano said.

"We can confirm that he was a substitute for us, but he no longer is," District 87 spokeswoman Peg Man-

nion said Tuesday. She said she did not know how many times Mixer had taught in the district or when he had last been in a classroom there.

The prosecutor said Mixer had been tutoring the girl, now a 15-year-old sophomore, since she was a seventh grader.

The girl's mother had some concerns about Mixer, and in October, reviewed text messages he and the girl had exchanged, Romano said. The messages mostly revolved around tutoring matters, but beginning in March, Mixer began asking the girl to provide him with Adderall that she had been prescribed, the prosecutor

said.

Mixer's messages urged the girl to save up her pills in order to sell them, and the messages also contained instructions where tutor and pupil could meet to complete transactions, Romano said.

The student sold the tutor about 30 pills in total, which prosecutors said Mixer apparently used for his personal use to help him study.

He is enrolled in a nursing program, his attorney, Assistant Public Defender Jennifer Maples, told the court.

Authorities said they were not aware of Mixer soliciting drugs from other young people.

Meteor spotted in Midwest, with reports centered on Indiana

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

It's a helicopter. It's a plane. No, it's a meteor.

At least that's what about 100 people reported seeing Tuesday evening, according to an American Meteor Society database.

The fireball was spotted across eight states, with 36 of the 99 eyewitness accounts coming from Illinois, and appeared to be

centered on northern Indiana, from West Lafayette to southwest of South Bend. Motorists in Indiana reported people stopping on the road because of how large it was.

Steve Kozma, of Stickney, was fortunate enough to capture footage of the meteor.

He was driving home from work when he saw a "streak of light" in the sky. His dashcam recorded the meteor about 6:20 p.m. Tuesday in Riverside.

Kozma, an amateur astronomer, said he knew what the object was right away, and even shouted a few curse words.

"It was definitely exciting to see," he said Wednesday.

"When I looked up I saw the glowing trail until it went out of my view over the building I saw it above," reported one person who

saw the meteor on the Purdue University campus in West Lafayette and submitted a report to the meteor society. "It stayed constant over the 3 to 5 seconds I could see it."

But this wasn't just any meteor. It was a fireball, a meteor that appears brighter than the planet Venus, said Michelle Nichols, director of public observing at the Adler Planetarium.

"You're not actually seeing an object burn up, you're seeing superheated air around that object glow," Nichols said.

Meteors entering the Earth's atmosphere are not an unusual occurrence. In fact, they happen every day, Nichols said.

"A lot of time we don't see them because they happen over water or sparsely populated areas," she said.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Skokie School District 69 for 2019 will be held on December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Maier Administration Center, 5050 Madison St., Skokie, IL 60077.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Justin Attaway, Business Manager, at 5050 Madison St., Skokie, Illinois, (847) 675-7666.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$22,097,353.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$23,245,000. This represents a 5.19% increase over the previous year.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$3,441,338.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$3,076,552. This represents a 10.60% decrease over the previous year.

- IV. The total taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$25,538,691.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$26,321,552. This represents a 3.07% increase over the previous year.



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2nd cop relieved of powers after body slam

Officials confirm move after incident on Thanksgiving

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL

A second Chicago police officer who was involved in a body-slaming of 29-year-old Bernard Kersh has been relieved of his police powers after the Thanksgiving incident in the Chatham neighborhood, officials said.

"Today the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) recommended another Chicago Police Department officer involved in the incident at 79th & Cottage Grove on November 28, 2019 be relieved of police powers to which the Department has concurred," said a written statement from COPA spokesman Ephraim Eaddy.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot called the video of the incident "very disturbing" and shortly after the incident, the first officer was relieved of his police powers.

The situation has raised tensions between police and the African American community as video showing the officer hurling Kersh to the ground was circulated widely online.

The encounter began as a routine patrol stop when two officers in plainclothes and driving an unmarked squad car observed Kersh drinking vodka at a bus stop in the Chatham neighborhood, prosecutors said.

The body-slam occurred after the police officer had taken away Kersh's bottle of vodka while preparing to write Kersh a ticket for drinking on the public way, and Kersh spit in the officer's face. The second officer put Kersh in the police car after he was arrested, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Kersh was charged Sunday with aggravated battery to a police officer. "There was a substantial amount of spit, in liquid form, that landed in the eye of (the officer)," said Cook County Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy during Kersh's bond hearing Sunday.

Murphy said that surveillance video recovered from a store on Cottage Grove Avenue shows the entire incident, including Kersh licking the police officer's face and spitting at him, as well as the "emergency takedown."

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

Kersh, of the South Chicago neighborhood, was convicted in 2018 for spitting on a police officer and in 2011 for punching an officer.

Activists at the hearing said the incident was part of

a continued pattern of police brutality against African Americans, while a police union representative complained that concern for the safety of police officers was being overlooked.

Lawyers for Kersh told Judge Arthur Willis that he was suffering from mental illness, for which he had sought treatment in October.

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

The judge, said that despite it being clear that Kersh was "going through a mental health issue," "this

court does consider spitting in someone's face such that it dribbles into their eye and mouth a form of violence."

The judge set Kersh's bail at \$5,000 and put him on a 24-hour curfew, adding that the spit dripped into the officer's mouth.

Guglielmi tweeted shortly after COPA's announcement that interim Superintendent Charlie Beck had reviewed COPA's recommendation and "concurred with relieving this officer of police powers" pending the use of force investigation."

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The new rule makes those waivers harder to get.

About 140,000 of the 1.8 million individuals who receive food stamps in Illinois fit the definition of able-bodied adult. The state's Department of Human Services, which adamantly opposes the rule, is working on calculating how many of those people are not working and are at risk of losing benefits.

Social service agencies that work with the poor have braced for the change since the Trump administration initially proposed it in February. They have expressed deep concern that people who struggle to find work will go hungry, or have to decide between paying bills or rent or food. Food pantries expect their resources to be strained as more people seek help.

"Everyone should be able to have enough food to live a healthy life," said Nolan Downey, an attorney with the Chicago-based Shriver Center on Poverty Law. "Taking food away from the people that need it most does not help them get a job, it only plunges them into deeper poverty."

But U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said Wednesday that the rule "restores the system to what Congress intended" and encourages people to enter the workforce at a time when jobs are plentiful. About three-quarters of able-bodied adults without children who receive food stamps are not working, the agency said.

"Like other federal welfare programs, it was never intended to be a way of life," Perdue told reporters in a conference call. "We need to encourage people by giving them a helping hand, but not allowing it to become an infinitely giving hand."

The change is expected to save the federal government, which funds SNAP, \$5.5 billion over five years as people lose eligibility for the program, either because they found work and earned enough to move on or didn't meet the work requirements. The rule will apply to 1.1 million food-stamp recipients, 688,000 of



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Volunteer Laura Michelini serves a client at the St. Ignatius Church food pantry in the Rogers Park neighborhood Wednesday in Chicago.

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whom are expected to lose benefits.

Under the current rules, states can get waivers for areas with unemployment rates that are 20% higher than the national average, which currently stands at 3.6%.

That system allowed Illinois to exempt the entire state from work requirements for nearly a decade, until 2018 when DuPage County's unemployment rate fell so low that it no longer qualified. Last

month, the state announced that Cook County's unemployment rate was also too low and 50,000 people would be subject to work requirements starting Jan. 1.

The new federal rule will allow waivers only for areas where the unemployment rate has been higher than 6%, on average, over a 24-month period.

Nearly all Illinois counties will be ineligible for waivers as a result of the new rule, according to the state's Department of Human Services.

The final version is a slight modification of the administration's initial proposal, which sought to prohibit waivers for areas with unemployment rates of less than 7% and would have resulted in 750,000 people nationally losing food stamp benefits. The Agriculture Department, which received more than 100,000 comments on its proposal, said it adjusted the threshold in response to the feed-

back.

Advocates for welfare reform applauded the change as "smart policy in an effort to move millions off the sidelines and back into the workforce," said Kristina Rasmussen, senior fellow at the Foundation for Government Accountability.

"By closing loopholes exploited under the Clinton and Obama administrations and ensuring that work requirements hew more closely to their statutory intent, this rule should stand firm against any misguided lawsuits meant to derail the movement to reform welfare," Rasmussen said in a statement.

But state officials worry it could leave many people worse off. Many food stamp recipients who don't work face barriers that make it difficult to land or keep a job, such as little education and skills, criminal backgrounds that make it tough to get hired, transportation hurdles or an undiagnosed

disability. Others work but can't get enough hours, which has become a growing problem as more jobs become temporary or part-time.

"DHS (Department of Human Services) has been working for months to appropriately exempt any individuals with these barriers so they do not need to meet the work requirements," the agency said in a statement. "However, we also recognize that some of our customers can and want to work."

To that end, the state has established specialty teams at its local offices to connect people to work or training activities. It also has expanded supportive services that help pay for transportation and work uniforms, and has developed a referral network with the Illinois departments of Employment Security and Economic Opportunity, and the Illinois Community College Board.

The USDA said states can establish programs that would enable some people to meet the requirements by volunteering six hours a week.

The new rule is one of three proposed by the Trump administration to scale back the nation's food assistance program. Another would tighten eligibility rules, which would affect access to school lunches for 1 million children as well as elderly and working families who have saved too much money. The administration is reviewing comments on those proposals and will issue final rules in coming months.

The proposed regulations, taken together, would have decreased the number of people on food stamps by 3.7 million if they had been implemented last year, according to a report from the Urban Institute.

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eral enforcement regionally and nationally has declined sharply since Trump took office in 2017, according to records provided by the union for U.S. EPA workers.

Schaeffer and two former Illinois EPA directors urged Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Democratic-controlled General Assembly to tweak the way the state agency is funded. Since 2003, when lawmakers stopped sharing a portion of the state's general fund with the agency, it has relied largely on federal payments and permit fees that aren't adjusted to keep pace with inflation or the rising cost of employee pensions and health care.

"We're jeopardizing the health and safety of Illinois citizens and the economic well-being of its businesses that rely on the Illinois EPA for timely permits and even-handed enforcement," said Mary Gade, who led the agency under former Republican Gov. Jim Edgar and later served as the

regional U.S. EPA administrator under President George W. Bush.

Illinois ranks among the top 10 states for the amount of industrial air and water pollution released into the environment each year, according to federal records. Federal data also show that Illinoisans face some of the highest risks in the nation for cancer, lung disease and other health problems linked to toxic chemicals from industry smokestacks.

Yet inspections by state air pollution inspectors dropped 81% during the last decade, according to a report compiled by Gade, former Illinois EPA Director Doug Scott and the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago. "If you aren't looking for violations you aren't going to find any," Gade said.

Often it takes persistent citizens, lawsuits from non-profit groups and the glare of media attention to force environmental regulators into action.

For instance, the Illinois EPA refused to crack down on coal-fired power plants in Chicago and the suburbs,

despite records documenting multiple violations of clean air laws. Market forces eventually priced the coal plants out of electricity markets, and most ended up closing under legal pressure from community groups, Chicago aldermen and the U.S. EPA.

The state agency also has been largely absent from investigations of brain-damaging manganese pollution contaminating Chicago's Southeast Side and lead-tainted yards in the Pilsen neighborhood. It took a citizen lawsuit and a federal investigation to force changes in the regulation of confined hog and cattle farms downstate, but the Illinois EPA still lacks dedicated inspectors to ensure the operations aren't spilling manure into the state's creeks and rivers.

"You can have all the rules in the world, but if you don't have the staff or the expertise to implement them, it's useless," said a veteran Illinois EPA official, who requested anonymity for fear of reprisals. "Morale is horrible. Employees have no guidance or tools to do their jobs."

Pritzker has signaled that he understands the problems and plans to fix them. Among other things, his administration has posted 161 job openings at the Illinois EPA this year, compared with 276 posted between 2013 and 2017.

"The governor believes the IEPA plays an important role ... and appreciates the bipartisan agreement of leaders from years past that we need to invest in critical government services to better serve the people of Illinois," Jordan Abudayeh, a Pritzker spokeswoman, said in a statement.

Another reason enforcement is on the decline across Illinois is the agency has cut back sharply on using its most powerful tool: referring cases to the state attorney general's office for civil or criminal prosecution.

The Tribune reported last year that during former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's first year in office, the Illinois EPA referred 73 cases to the attorney general — by far the lowest number since 1991. The annual average during Rauner's first three years as

governor was 80.

By contrast, the agency sent 198 referrals a year on average during former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich's first three years in office and 144 during the same time under former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn, the Tribune analysis found.

There have been 89 referrals since Pritzker took office this year, according to records provided by the attorney general's office.

The steady erosion of money and expertise at the Illinois EPA is even more alarming when considering the Trump administration's anti-regulatory policies, Schaeffer said.

Trump promised during his campaign to eliminate the U.S. EPA. Andrew Wheeler, a former coal industry lobbyist who serves as Trump's EPA administrator, has pushed to cede more authority to states. At the same time, the Trump administration has proposed steep cuts in federal support for state environmental programs.

But one of the reasons former Republican President Richard Nixon created

the U.S. EPA in 1970 was leaders in both political parties had concluded states were incapable of holding polluters accountable — or were unwilling to do so.

The late William Ruckelshaus, an Indiana Republican who served as U.S. EPA administrator under Nixon and former President Ronald Reagan, often said the agency "represents one of the clearest examples of our political system listening and responding to the American people."

"Budget cuts that hurt programs that states now have in place to meet those duties run the risk of returning us to a time when some states offered industries a free lunch, creating havens for polluters," Ruckelshaus wrote in a 2017 opinion piece. "This could leave states with strong environmental programs supported by the public at a competitive disadvantage compared to states with weak programs. In other words, it could lead to a race to the bottom."

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NATO downplays alliance's divisions

Summit ends with commitment to mutual defense

By **LORNE COOK**
AND **JILL LAWLESS**
Associated Press

WATFORD, England — NATO leaders sought Wednesday to paper over differences like the military alliance's future priorities but insisted they would respond as one in the event of an attack on any of the 29 member countries.

Ending a summit just north of London to mark NATO's 70th anniversary, the leaders announced that they would set up a commission of experts to study political decision-making. That appears to be a direct response to French President Emmanuel Macron's recent lament about the "brain death" of the trans-Atlantic alliance.

"We stand together, all for one and one for all," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters after chairing the meeting at a luxury hotel and golf resort. "Our commitment to Article 5, the collective defense clause of our alliance, is ironclad."

Ahead of the summit, Macron had complained about a lack of U.S. leadership. President Donald Trump branded his remarks as "very disrespectful," while Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan suggested that Macron himself was "brain dead."

The infighting is mostly due to Turkey's offensive in northern Syria, which began in October.

Macron has complained that Trump pulled U.S. troops out of the region without warning his NATO allies; a move that Turkey saw as a green light to send its troops in.

Countries across the European Union are particularly concerned as to what may transpire. The worry in many EU capitals is that some extremist fighters escaped during Turkey's offensive, and that the fighting could spark a new wave of refugees.

To help ease tensions, leaders agreed to "a forward-looking reflection process" to be led by Stoltenberg.

Details were sketchy, but the commission, "drawing on relevant expertise," would study ways "to further strengthen NATO's po-



Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, left, looks on as President Trump speaks during a working lunch at NATO's summit.

Trump calls Trudeau 'two-faced' as gossiping goes viral

By **JILL LAWLESS**
Associated Press

WATFORD, England — NATO leaders professed unity Wednesday at a summit near London — but a spat over off-the-cuff chit-chat at a royal reception rattled their show of solidarity.

President Donald Trump branded the leader of America's northern neighbor "two-faced" after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appeared to gossip about Trump in comments caught on camera and microphone.

Trudeau was seen standing in a huddle with French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and Britain's Princess Anne, daughter of Queen Eliza-



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's chit-chat about President Donald Trump is caught on camera.

beth II, at Tuesday evening's Buckingham Palace reception for NATO leaders.

Trudeau could be heard saying incredulously, "he

takes a 40-minute press conference off the top." Trudeau confirmed that was a reference to Trump's long and unscheduled question-and-answer session with journalists earlier Tuesday.

Trudeau also said: "You just watched his team's jaws drop to the floor." He explained Wednesday that was in reference to Trump's decision to hold the next Group of Seven meeting at Camp David, the presidential retreat.

Footage of the palace reception was recorded by a pool camera. The clip was posted online by Canadian broadcaster CBC and has been viewed more than 5 million times.

Speaking Wednesday at the summit venue in Watford, outside London, Trump said Trudeau was

likely upset that the U.S. president had broached the fact that Canada falls short of the NATO target of spending 2% of its gross domestic product on defense.

"Well, he's two-faced," Trump told reporters. "And honestly, with Trudeau he's a nice guy, I find him to be a very nice guy, but you know the truth is that I called him out on the fact that he's not paying 2% and I guess he's not very happy about it."

Trudeau had a quiet word and a handshake with Trump as he arrived at the summit Wednesday, and later tried to shrug off the episode.

"As you all know, we have a very good and constructive relationship between me and the president," Trudeau told reporters at a news conference.

litical dimension including consultation."

Germany and France had both put forward similar schemes, although Macron riled many allies with his pre-summit remarks and NATO officials have pointedly suggested that they were more impressed by Berlin's proposal.

After three summits in consecutive years, the lead-

ers decided that they would take a year off and meet again in 2021. That means there won't be another one until after the next presidential election in the United States, which is by far NATO's most powerful and influential member country.

Summit host Prime Minister Boris Johnson — also busy with a divisive British

election campaign — was upbeat, saying "there was a mood of very great solidarity and determination and a willingness to push NATO forward, not just for the next few years but for the next 70 years."

There were a few sour notes though.

Erdogan didn't speak to waiting media. Trump arrived via a different en-

trance, away from media, and said he would leave after canceling a news conference.

Trump took off for Washington as the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearing was underway.

Though his conduct here fit his pattern of disruption at international summits, Trump did not make the

fiery threats that have punctuated previous gatherings. NATO leaders were almost giddy as they survived another encounter with Trump with their alliance intact. Trump's canceled news conference, eliminating one last chance for him to take aim at them, was to many the departure gift.

Trump's visit to the NATO summit was erratic. The president, who has long criticized the 70-year-old alliance, at times this week cast himself as its defender, while at other moments chastised allies for, in his view, taking advantage of the United States.

Inside a closed-door session, Trump read a statement to his fellow leaders listing off grievances about military spending. But he did not threaten other countries in the same way he had done in previous NATO meetings, according to five NATO diplomats and policymakers who were either inside the room or listened to the conversation from a separate chamber.

"There were no threats. It wasn't like last time," said one policymaker, who, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door meeting. Trump "always prefers to have a tough image, but he fell in with the general effort to portray what's happening as a success," the official added.

Trump also called Prime Minister Justin Trudeau "two-faced" after a video emerged showing the Canadian leader apparently gossiping about Trump.

Macron refused to apologize for his remarks, saying they had ignited a debate at NATO about important strategic issues.

"When there's ice, ice-breaker ships are needed. It makes some loud noise, but it opens the path," he said.

He said NATO "debates should be about other things than budgets and finances."

Stoltenberg noted that European allies and Canada have added \$130 billion to their military spending since 2016, even as Trump has complained that they are too slow to boost their military budgets.

"This is unprecedented, this is making us stronger," Stoltenberg said of the spending effort.

The Washington Post contributed.

Gun background checks approach record in 2019

Dems' call for tighter restrictions triggers gun purchase rush

By **LISA MARIE PANE**
Associated Press

Background checks on gun purchases in the U.S. are climbing toward a record high this year, reflecting what the industry says is a rush by people to buy weapons in reaction to the Democratic presidential candidates' calls for tighter restrictions.

By the end of November, more than 25.4 million background checks — generally seen as a strong indicator of gun sales — had been conducted by the FBI, putting 2019 on pace to break the record of 27.5 million set in 2016, the last full year President Barack Obama was in the White House.

On Black Friday, the FBI ran 202,465 checks.

Some analysts question how accurately the background check figures translate into gun sales, since some states run checks on applications for concealed-carry permits, too, and some purchases involve multiple firearms. But the numbers

remain the most reliable method of tracking the industry.

In the years since President Donald Trump took office, the industry has struggled through what has been referred to as the Trump Slump, a falloff in sales that reflected little worry among gun owners about gun control efforts.

"The Trump Slump is real, but the politics of guns has changed a little bit over the last year," said Adam Winkler, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law and an expert on gun rights and politics. "As we're coming up upon another presidential election, Donald Trump is vulnerable, and the Democratic presidential contenders are falling all over themselves to propose more aggressive gun reforms than their opponents."

Trump has been viewed as one of the most gun-friendly presidents in modern history and has boasted of strong support from the National Rifle Association. He has addressed every one of its annual conventions since the 2016 campaign, and the powerful gun lobby pumped about \$30 million

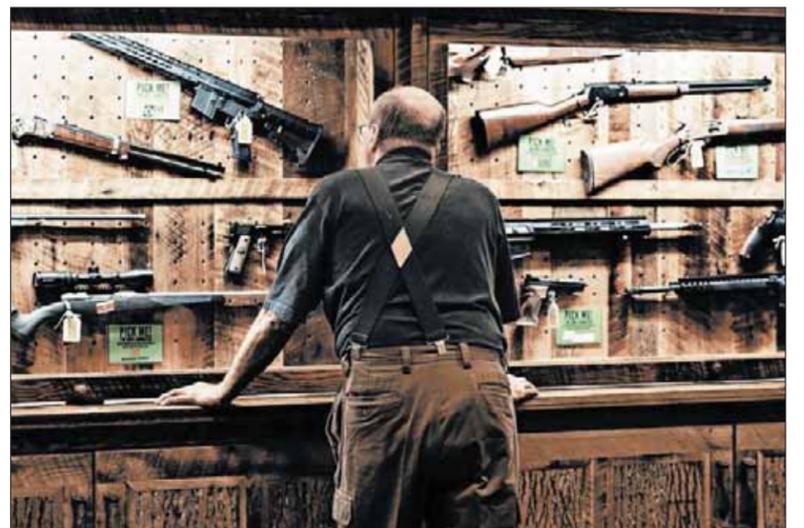
into efforts to elect him.

Still, hopes of expanded gun rights under Trump's watch haven't materialized. Legislation that would make it easier to buy silencers stalled in Congress. In addition, Trump pushed through a ban on bump stocks, which allow semi-automatic rifles to mimic automatic fire. The gunman who killed 58 people in Las Vegas in 2017 in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history used such a device.

The industry has been going through one of its toughest periods, with some gunmakers, such as Remington Arms, filing for bankruptcy. More recently, Smith & Wesson's parent company, American Outdoor Brands, announced plans to spin off its firearms unit, and Colt said it would suspend production of AR-15 rifles.

The crowded field of Democrats running for the White House has offered a variety of proposals to curtail gun rights.

Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke, whose state has seen repeated mass shootings this past year, went so far as to push for a mandatory buyback program for



A man looks at cases of firearms at the NRA's 148th Annual Meetings in Indianapolis.

AR- and AK-style rifles before dropping out of the race, stoking gun owners' fears when he declared during a debate, "Hell, yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47."

The gun industry says the figures from the National Instant Criminal Background Check System reflect the Second Amendment politics of the White House race.

"Americans are choosing to invest their hard-earned dollars in their ability to exercise their rights and buy the firearms they want before gun control politicians attempt to regulate away that ability," said Mark

Oliva, spokesman for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which represents the gun industry.

Still, some experts took issue with the figures and said it is premature to declare the Trump Slump is over.

"These numbers cannot be taken at face value," said Jurgen Brauer, a retired business professor and now chief economist at Small Arms Analytics, which consults on the firearms industry.

Brauer said the numbers are increasingly skewed by states such as Kentucky that also run background checks when they issue or renew a

permit to carry a concealed firearm. In October, for example, the state ran more than 280,000 checks through NICS for permits.

"That number has been rising over time as increasingly states check with some frequency on their existing permits," Brauer said.

The NICS system was created after passage of the Brady Bill, which mandated background checks to buy a firearm.

Felons and people who have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution are among those who cannot legally purchase a weapon.

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impeachment could be made, but it cannot be made on this record.”

Though no date has been set, the Democrats are charging toward a Christmas-time vote on removing the 45th president. It's a starkly partisan undertaking, a situation Pelosi hoped to avoid but now seems inevitable.

Trump is alleged to have abused the power of his office by putting personal political gain over national security interests, engaging in bribery by withholding nearly \$400 million in military aid Congress had approved for Ukraine; and then obstructing Congress by stonewalling the investigation.

Across the Capitol on Wednesday, the polarizing political divide over impeachment, only the fourth such inquiry in the nation's history, was on display.

At the Judiciary hearing Democrats sided with the scholars who said Trump's actions reached the Constitution's threshold of “bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors.”

Republicans pointed to the lone professor they were allowed to invite, who said impeachment was not warranted. Democrats in the House say the inquiry is a duty. Republican representatives say it's a sham. And quietly senators of both



Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., right, delivers his opening statement as committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., listens.

parties conferred on Wednesday, preparing for an eventual Trump trial.

“Never before, in the history of the republic, have we been forced to consider the conduct of a president who appears to have solicited personal, political favors from a foreign government,” said Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., as he gavelled open the landmark House hearing.

Nadler said Trump's phone call seeking a “favor” from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wasn't the first time he had sought foreign help to influence an American election, noting Russian interference in 2016. He warned against inaction with a new campaign underway.

“We cannot wait for the election,” he said. “If we do

not act to hold him in check, now, President Trump will almost certainly try again to solicit interference in the election for his personal political gain.”

Trump, attending a NATO meeting in London called the hearing a “joke” and doubted many would watch because it's “boring.”

Once an outsider to the GOP, Trump now has Re-

publicans' unwavering support. They joined in his name-calling the Judiciary proceedings a “disgrace” and unfair.

“You just don't like the guy,” said Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, the top Republican on the panel. Trump rewarded some of his allies with politically valuable presidential tweets as the daylong hearing dragged

“We cannot wait for the election.”

— Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., chairman, House Judiciary Committee

into the evening.

Despite the intent of America's Founding Fathers to create a durable system of legal checks and balances, impeachment is an admittedly political exercise. Thus Pelosi asked her still-new majority if they were willing to press onward, aware of still-uncertain electoral risks.

At the Democrats' private morning meeting, support for the impeachment effort was vigorous, though voting to remove Trump could come hard for some lawmakers in regions where the president has substantial backing.

Meanwhile, Trump's team fanned out across the Capitol with Vice President Mike Pence meeting with House Republicans and White House officials conferring with Senate Republicans to prepare for what could be the first presidential impeachment trial in a generation.

White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, who has declined for now to participate in the House proceedings, relayed Trump's hope that the impeachment effort can be stopped in the House and there will be no need for a Senate trial, which seems unlikely.



A star-shaped form of birth control can be folded into a standard capsule and ingested.

Once-a-month birth control pill shows promise in testing

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Birth control pills work great if women remember to take them every day, but missing doses can mean a surprise pregnancy. Now scientists have figured out how to pack a month's supply into one capsule.

The trick: a tiny star-shaped gadget that unfolds in the stomach and gradually releases the drug.

The experimental capsule is still years away from drugstores, but researchers reported Wednesday that it worked as designed in a key test in animals. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is investing \$13 million for further development of the once-a-month pill, in hopes of eventually improving family planning options in developing countries.

“It has a lot of potential,” said Dr. Beatrice Chen, a family planning specialist at the University of Pittsburgh, who wasn't involved in the new research. “Birth control is not one-size-fits-all,” and women need more options, she said.

Today, women who want the convenience of long-lasting contraception can choose among various devices, from a weekly patch to a monthly vaginal ring to an IUD that lasts for years.

It wasn't clear that “the Pill” — one of the most popular forms of birth control because it's cheap and

easy to use — ever could join that list. Pills of all sorts generally pass through the body in a day.

A team from the lab of Massachusetts Institute of Technology inventor Robert Langer engineered a fix to protect pills from the harsh environment of the digestive system.

“We developed this capsule system that looks like a starfish, that can stay in the stomach several days, weeks, even a month at a time,” said Dr. Giovanni Traverso of Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, a senior author of the study.

The star-shaped device has six arms, and each holds a certain medication dose. The device is folded inside an ordinary-size capsule. Swallow the capsule and stomach acid dissolves the coating, letting the star unfold. It's too big to fit through the stomach's exit but not big enough to cause an obstruction. As medication dissolves out of each of the arms, the device breaks down until it can safely pass through the digestive system.

Langer and Traverso's team first used the technology to try turning daily drugs for malaria and HIV into capsules that lasted a week or two. They also are experimental, but longer-lasting pills one day could help patients with serious diseases better stick with treatment.

A logical next attempt: a monthlong oral contraceptive.

First, they had to tweak the star-shaped device. They made it stronger and turned to long-lasting contraceptive implants for the materials to hold the hormone ingredient and let it gradually seep out.

Then they tested the contraceptive capsules in pigs, which have human-like digestive systems. The experimental capsules released the contraceptive fairly consistently for up to four weeks, and the amount in the pigs' bloodstream was similar to what daily tablets deliver, MIT lead authors Ameya Kirtane and Tiffany Hua reported in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

To be most useful, the capsule should be designed to emit three weeks of contraception and then allow for a woman's period, like a month's supply of birth control pills does, Traverso said. That would alert women when it was time to take another monthly dose.

Chen cautioned that more safety testing is required, including how well the experimental capsule breaks down and what's the proper dose of different hormones, before it can be tested in women. Other questions include whether the device dissolves in the same way in different people.

NY bishop resigns under fire for handling of abuse claims

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo resigned Wednesday, forced to step aside amid mounting calls for his ouster from his staff, priests and public over his handling of allegations of clergy sexual misconduct.

The Vatican said Pope Francis accepted the resignation and appointed Edward Scharfenberger, the bishop of Albany, New York, to run the Buffalo Diocese until a permanent replacement is found.

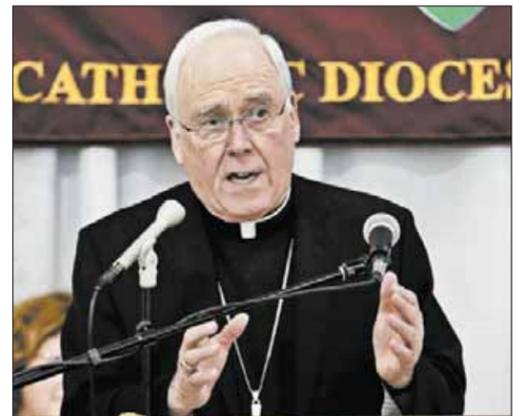
Malone insisted he had decided to retire two years before the mandatory retirement age of 75 on his own accord, after much prayer and discernment. However, the Vatican embassy to the U.S. said Malone only offered to retire after learning the results of a Vatican-mandated investigation into the western New York diocese and its handling of abuse claims.

In a statement, Malone said he had come to believe “that the spiritual welfare of the people of the Diocese of Buffalo will be better served by a new bishop who perhaps is better able to bring about the reconciliation, healing and renewal that is so needed.”

Scharfenberger told a news conference in Buffalo that he wants to be seen as a healer willing to listen and to develop trust.

“I feel a little bit like the neighbor down the block,” he said, “and I realize that this family has been suffering quite a bit in recent months and years. And my heart just goes out to you. And what I see is a need for a tremendous amount of healing honest conversation, openness.”

As the new apostolic administrator for Buffalo, Scharfenberger plans to visit the eight-county diocese weekly while keeping up with his Albany duties. The diocese has been



Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, who has resigned, has admitted to mistakes in cases involving adult victims.

named in more than 220 recent lawsuits by people who allege they were sexually abused by priests.

Many of the allegations date back decades, long before Malone's arrival in Buffalo in 2012.

But critics say there have been more recent missteps by Malone, including his decision to return to ministry a priest who had been suspended by a previous bishop for including “love you” in a Facebook message to an eighth-grade boy.

Malone later endorsed the same priest for a job as a cruise ship chaplain, even after he was also accused of making unwanted advances toward young men. Malone has admitted to making mistakes in cases involving adult victims. But he had firmly refused to resign and insisted he wanted to stay on the job to see the diocese through a process of “renewal.”

In the past year, two key members of Malone's staff have gone public with concerns about his leadership, including his former secretary, the Rev. Ryszard Biernat, who secretly recorded Malone calling a then-active priest “a sick puppy,” but taking no immediate action to remove him.

Earlier, his executive assistant, Siobhan O'Connor,

leaked internal church documents after becoming concerned that Malone had intentionally omitted dozens of names from a public list of priests with credible allegations of abuse.

A diocesan priest circulated a “no confidence” letter for signatures.

And in September, a group of lay Catholics that had been working with Malone to restore trust in the church instead joined in calls for his resignation.

The group, the Movement to Restore Trust, said it received word of Malone's exit “with a mixture of sadness and relief.”

“There is much work to be done to move our church toward this new day when sexual abuse and misconduct is unthinkable, when victims of sexual abuse achieve a measure of justice and healing from the Church that has wronged them, and when the laity are welcomed as equal participants with the clergy in the task of rebuilding the diocese,” it said.

The Vatican hasn't released the results of the inquiry into Buffalo.

Malone said he had been made aware of the “general conclusions” of the report and that they had been a factor in his decision to seek early retirement.

Zimmerman sues Trayvon Martin's family, prosecutors

Associated Press

BARTOW, Fla. — Neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who was acquitted of the 2012 killing of Trayvon Martin, is suing the teen's parents, family attorney, the attorney's book publisher and prosecutors who tried his case, claiming he was defamed when they allowed a witness to give false testimony in an attempt to incriminate him.

Zimmerman's lawsuit,

filed Wednesday, said a trial witness pretended to be the last person to talk to Martin by phone before he was killed when the witness was actually the half-sister of the caller.

According to the lawsuit, Brittany Diamond Eugene didn't want to testify that she had been talking to Martin before he was killed. So her half-sister, Rachel Jeantel, pretended that she was talking to the teen before he was fatally shot. Jeantel ended up testifying at Zimmerman's 2013 trial

in Sanford, Florida.

Martin was killed during a struggle with Zimmerman, who was a neighborhood watch volunteer.

Martin was black. Zimmerman's father is white and his mother is Hispanic. Zimmerman's trial raised questions about race and Florida's “stand your ground” self-defense law, which allows people to use force without retreating if they feel threatened.

In a statement Wednesday, Martin family attorney Benjamin Crump called the

allegations “unfounded and reckless.”

“This plaintiff continues to display a callous disregard for everyone but himself, re-victimizing individuals whose lives were shattered by his own misguided actions. He would have us believe that he is the innocent victim of a deep conspiracy, despite the complete lack of any credible evidence to support his outlandish claims,” Crump's statement said. “This tale defies all logic, and it's time to close the door on these

baseless imaginings.”

Zimmerman's lawyer in the lawsuit, Larry Klayman, was planning a news conference Thursday to discuss the complaint. The lawsuit seeks \$100 million, alleging malicious prosecution and conspiracy.

Klayman is a conservative activist who founded the watchdog group Judicial Watch. In July, an ethics committee of the bar in the District of Columbia recommended that Klayman's law license be suspended for more than two years.



George Zimmerman is a neighborhood watch volunteer who killed Trayvon Martin in 2012 in Florida.

From sugar cane comes 'black snow'

Burning of fields a health issue in poor communities

BY ELLIS RUA
Associated Press

PAHOKEE, Fla. — For residents of the Glades, a string of poor, predominantly African American rural towns dotting the southern shore of Florida's Lake Okeechobee, the beginning of the annual sugar cane harvest in October means the arrival of "black snow."

"You'd hate to come down here when it's snowing," said Kaniyah Patterson, an asthmatic 12-year-old who lives with her mother and grandmother in a housing project surrounded by several large sugar cane fields in the Palm Beach County community of Pahokee.

"That black stuff irritates me," Kaniyah said, sighing. "Sometimes I can't breathe."

The "snow" is an airborne byproduct of the disputed practice of burning sugar fields before harvests. Kaniyah says it "stuffs up" her nose and stains her clothes. At times, she says, the poor air quality makes it difficult to keep up with her friends when playing outside.

For generations, Florida's sugar cane farmers have legally set fire to their fields prior to the harvest, leaving only the cane, a practice that reduces transportation costs because they ship the cane without the surrounding vegetation.

In the Glades community alone, home to more than 40,000 people, cane growers burned more than 1.5 million acres of sugar cane between 2008 and 2018 — a land mass about the size of Delaware — according to state data.

In several major sugar-producing countries such as Brazil, the practice is being phased out due to health concerns. The fires can produce sooty plumes of smoke that hover over the sur-



Kaniyah Patterson, 12, says smoke from sugar cane burns behind her Pahokee, Fla., home trigger her asthma.



Annie Young, who is Kaniyah Patterson's grandmother, holds an inhaler to help Kaniyah fight her asthma.

rounding communities and dust the area with burnt flakes of plant matter.

Research in Florida on the potential health consequences of sugar cane burning has produced conflicting results:

A 2015 study funded by the U.S. Education Department concludes that residents of areas such as the Glades that are frequently

exposed to large burns experience a greater amount of "respiratory distress." The Environmental Protection Agency has said residents are exposed to hazardous air pollutants on par with some urban areas.

But an analysis last year by the American Lung Association and data compiled by the Florida Department of Environmental Protec-

tion both concluded that air quality in Palm Beach County was up to code.

A class-action lawsuit filed in June against nearly a dozen sugar companies in the region — which leads the nation in sugar production — claims the burns reduce property values and compromise air quality with toxic carcinogens. The two other states where sugar is grown are Texas and Louisiana. In Florida, 75% of sugar is grown in the Glades region of Palm Beach County. The rest is harvested in the adjacent counties of Hendry, Glades and Martin.

Patrick Ferguson, who is leading an anti-burn campaign for the Sierra Club, called the matter a lopsided "environmental justice issue" that disproportionately affects poor communities of color.

U.S. Sugar, one of the companies listed in the lawsuit, stands by the practice

of burning. It contends that its methods are safe, closely monitored and highly regulated, and that the overall well-being of its workers and the greater community is "vitally important" to the company.

Opponents of burning argue cleaner, safer alternatives exist. The Sierra Club and local activists are urging growers to switch to a practice known as green harvesting, a burn-free process that is already the industry standard in Brazil. They argue that instead of burning, sugar producers could repurpose plant waste into mulch, bioplastics or a clean energy source.

In Florida, the method is sometimes employed by local growers at times when they are not able to burn.

But a full switch to green harvesting could mean a massive and costly overhaul of production infrastructure for sugar producers.

U.S. Sugar, for one, has yet to find a large-scale use for the massive amounts of leaf material left over after a harvest, company spokesman Judy Sanchez said.

In the past, the company has said those who oppose sugar field burning are attacking the very industry that supports the local economy.

Activist Kina Phillips, 44, a mother of three from South Bay whose husband works for one of the local sugar companies, said that is not the case.

"We don't want the sugar mill to close down," Phillips said. "Why would I take food out of my own mouth?"

But Phillips said she believes green harvesting would be healthier while potentially bringing more jobs to the poor area.

She calls the burning season a "battle," especially for her 5-year-old grandson Jamal Tillman, whose immune system suffers and asthma worsens.

Phillips declared that it's time for locals to "step up and stop turning a blind eye" to a powerful industry that she says is poisoning her community.

Florida law requires sugar companies to take into account wind directions at the start of a burn to avoid populated areas, but residents say that because their communities are so close to the sugar crops, they get the smoke anyway.

Last month, Florida Department of Agriculture Commissioner Nicole "Nikki" Fried announced that while sugar cane burning would remain legal, she would implement a series of rule changes, including working with producers to encourage green harvesting and potentially shortening burn seasons.

In Pahokee, Kaniyah Patterson's 64-year-old grandmother Annie Young, who also has asthma, said she is doubtful anything will change.

"I got to deal with it," she said. "I don't have another place to stay."



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A protest is expected to attract "at least 100,000" Friday at UN climate talks in Madrid.

EU climate efforts in doubt as bloc set to miss 2030 goal

BY ARITZ PARRA AND FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

MADRID — The European Union said Wednesday that it will likely miss its target for reducing greenhouse gases by 2030, dealing a blow to the bloc's efforts to be a leader in the fight against climate change.

The European Environment Agency said existing measures put the EU on course to cut its emissions of carbon dioxide and other planet-warming pollutants by 30% in the next decade compared with 1990 levels.

The 28-nation bloc is aiming for a reduction of 40% by 2030, and some leaders have called for this target to be raised to 55%, with a long-term goal of ending virtually all new emissions by 2050.

"Recent trends highlight a slowing down of progress in areas such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, industrial emissions, waste generation, improving energy efficiency and the share of renewable energy," the agency said in a report. "Looking ahead, the current rate of progress will not be enough to meet 2030 and 2050 climate and energy targets."

The report was released

as officials from almost 200 countries meet in Madrid for U.N. climate talks. The EU's new executive Commission is expected to present its long-term plan for tackling global warming — dubbed the European Green Deal — next week.

Environmental campaigners said the EU should step up its efforts to ensure that the aim of the 2015 Paris climate accord of keeping global warming at 2.7 Fahrenheit by the end of the century remains possible.

"Current EU leaders are the last generation that can prevent the climate breakdown," said Wendel Trio, director of the campaign group Climate Action Network Europe.

Trio noted that the European Parliament recently declared a symbolic "climate emergency."

"Citizens want them to act now, and not in 30 years," he said.

The European Environment Agency report said that "there is still a chance to meet the longer-term goals and objectives for 2030 and 2050" if countries ratchet up their efforts, adding that this will require tackling politically sensitive issues such as fossil fuel subsidies.

A separate study pub-

lished Wednesday by a group of international scientists found that both the European Union and the United States saw emissions drop 1.7% from 2018 to 2019, but China saw a 2.6% increase and India had a 1.8% rise.

Swedish activist Greta Thunberg said the study showed that "instead of the drastic reductions desperately needed, our CO2 emissions keep increasing."

"We're still moving fast in the wrong direction," Thunberg said in a tweet.

Thunberg is expected to travel to Madrid for a mass protest on Friday outside the climate talks.

Under the slogan "The world has awakened to the climate emergency," the rally is expected to gather "at least 100,000" protesters from all over the world, including representatives of Latin America's indigenous people at the front of it, activists said on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, some 40 Extinction Rebellion activists broke into a fashion store in a major shopping thoroughfare, gluing their hands to the windows to protest the impact of the garment industry on the environment.

Police removed the protesters.

Israeli PM, meeting Pompeo, urges more pressure on Iran

BY ARON HELLER
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Israel's prime minister on Wednesday praised the tough U.S. sanctions on Iran, saying the financial pressure has sparked protests against Tehran's influence across the region and urging even stronger action.

Speaking alongside U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo before their meeting, Netanyahu said "the first subject I will raise is Iran, the second subject is Iran and so is the third."

"Iran is increasing its aggression as we speak," he added. "We are actively engaging in countering that aggression."

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest enemy, citing its military entrenchment in neighboring Syria and its support for militant groups across the region. Israel also accuses Iran of trying to develop a nuclear bomb — a charge Iran denies.

Earlier, Netanyahu said the U.S. sanctions were creating political and economic problems for Iran, and that while he has given up on European countries joining in the campaign, there is still a "wide spectrum" of options for ratcheting up the pressure.

Pompeo expressed support for recent protests in Iran, saying "these are people that are seeking freedom and a reasonable way to live, and they recognize the threat that's posed by the kleptocrats who are running the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Netanyahu last year welcomed the U.S. withdrawal from the international nuclear deal with Iran along with subsequent American sanctions. The sanctions, targeting Iran's vital oil sector, have hit the Iranian economy hard.

In recent weeks, Iranian forces have reportedly killed more than 200 people in demonstrations



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Speaking alongside U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu focused on Iran.

against rising fuel prices. Demonstrations have also rocked pro-Iran governments in Lebanon and Iraq, forcing leaders in both countries to resign.

"We're seeing the Iranian empire totter. We see demonstrations in Tehran, demonstrations in Baghdad, demonstrations in Beirut," Netanyahu said earlier.

"It's important to increase this pressure against Iranian aggression."

The Israeli leader said he would raise other issues with Pompeo, insisting the strong support shown by the Trump administration creates a rare opportunity for Israel to pursue other initiatives.

He is eager for a political boost at a time when he is facing legal and political struggles at home. Netanyahu last month was indicted on a series of corruption charges, and the country appears to be barreling toward an unprecedented third election in under 12 months.

Netanyahu's visit with Pompeo was their first since the secretary of state announced a new American doctrine last month that does not consider Israeli settlements a violation of international law. It was the latest in a string of diplomatic gifts to Netanyahu by the Trump admin-

istration.

The Israeli leader said he was "very grateful" for the statement on settlements.

Netanyahu had earlier said he would discuss his proposal to annex the Jordan Valley, a strategic part of the West Bank.

Such a move would draw condemnation from the Palestinians and much of the world and almost certainly extinguish any remaining Palestinian hopes of gaining independence.

The Palestinians seek all of the West Bank, captured by Israel in 1967, as the heartland of their hoped-for state.

Pompeo did not respond to a question about the Jordan Valley.

Meanwhile, a U.S. Navy warship seized a "significant cache" of suspected Iranian guided missile parts headed to rebels in Yemen, American officials said Wednesday, marking the first time that such sophisticated components have been taken en route to the war zone.

The seizure from a small boat by the Navy and a U.S. Coast Guard boarding team announced Nov. 27 in the northern Arabian Sea, and the weapons have been linked to Iran.

Officials said the incident illustrates the continuing illegal smuggling of weapons to Houthi rebels.



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China teaches patriotism in schools

Program helps to instill nationalist fervor in young

BY ANNA FIFIELD
The Washington Post

BELJING — The boy in the gray uniform yelled a heartfelt cry: “Although we are young, we are an unyielding Little Red Army,” he told his pint-size comrades. “I believe that as long as we are united, there is no difficulty that cannot be overcome.”

The scene was not from a 1930s-era drama on China’s equivalent of the History Channel. It was a play staged this month by pupils of Dengshikou Elementary School, at the Chinese National Theater for Children in Beijing.

Later in the show, called “Little Red Army,” the students sang: “Lifting my head, I see the Big Dipper, deep in my heart, I miss Mao Zedong ...”

Performers ranging from kindergartners to university students are acting out themes of patriotism, traditional Chinese culture and core socialist values during three weeks of performances in the capital.

The program is part of a broader effort by the ruling Communist Party, accelerated under the leadership of Xi Jinping, to instill nationalist fervor in young Chinese and grow a whole generation loyal to him.

“Patriotic education is a fundamental part of education,” said Gao Xiaomei, who had brought her 9-year-old daughter to see the performance. “Kids should learn these kinds of lessons from the bottom of their hearts while they are very little.”

Her friend Zhang Meili, whose daughter is also 9, chimed in. “If kids don’t love their country, then how can they love their parents?” she asked. “I think the country has provided really good education system. China is so advanced today.”

Such sentiments are



Children from Dengshikou Elementary in Beijing perform “Little Red Army” at the Chinese National Theatre for Children.

widespread in China.

Now, as the Communist Party struggles to respond to months of protests in Hong Kong against China’s creeping control, it has decided that the city’s young people need some of this fervor. After encountering stiff resistance to a previous attempt to introduce patriotic education in Hong Kong schools, it plans to try again.

“We will strengthen national education for Hong Kong and Macao people, especially civil servants and youth ... to boost their national consciousness and patriotic spirit,” Shen Chunyao, a top party official, said after a conclave last month, as the protests in Hong Kong raged.

That resolve is only likely to strengthen after voters in Hong Kong delivered a rebuke to Beijing at local elections last month, when pro-democracy candidates captured more than 80 per-

cent of seats.

Since the foundation of the People’s Republic in 1949, China has promoted its particular flavor of Communist ideology through public institutions.

The endeavor took on a new dimension after the Tiananmen Square uprising in 1989, when millions of Chinese took to the streets to call for greater freedoms, and the collapse of the Soviet Union. China’s leaders began promoting patriotic education to instill national pride and loyalty to the party in young generations.

These efforts have accelerated in the seven years since Xi took control of the party. He has turbocharged historical interpretations that portray China as the victim of cruel Western and Japanese enemies. Throughout the trade war with the United States, authorities have characterized the Trump administration

as hellbent on stopping the Chinese rejuvenation envisioned in Xi’s “Chinese dream.”

“Thought work” begins in kindergarten, when 5-year-olds play games such as “My Country is a Garden” to cultivate patriotic spirit and sing nationalistic anthems such as “Me and My Motherland.” Children take field trips to museums commemorating the foundation of the party and the victory over imperial Japan.

The Chinese government issued new instructions this summer for teaching elementary and middle school students “to love the party, the country, socialism and the people.” Then it announced plans in August to make Xi Jinping Thought, the authoritarian leader’s guiding philosophy, a mandatory social science course in high schools.

Special attention is paid to universities, given students’ role in spearheading

the 1989 protests. They are now subject to ideological education focused on “building loyalty to the party and passing on the heritage of socialism,” according to the official outline.

Some 30 universities, governments and ministries host research institutes dedicated to the study of Xi Jinping Thought.

Chinese authorities believe three decades of patriotic education have been remarkably successful in molding a generation of loyal citizens, analysts say.

An influential cohort of Chinese internet users are so nationalistic they will castigate an NBA manager or fashion labels into apologizing for any perceived insult to China. They have also shown disdain for their pro-democracy peers in Hong Kong.

“I think the Chinese propaganda machine is doing quite well with what we

call the ‘rioters’ in Hong Kong,” said a Chinese academic who requested anonymity to discuss the sensitive situation. “People in Guangzhou, Beijing, Shanghai, people are not sympathetic to Hong Kong.”

Encouraged by this success on the tightly controlled mainland, the party is planning another attempt to export a version of this curriculum to Hong Kong — where concerns over the erosion of free speech and relative political freedoms underpin a widening backlash against Beijing.

It is focusing more on “one country” than on “two systems.”

“What’s happened in Hong Kong in recent months has been a big surprise to leaders in China, so they’re trying to find out the reason why Hong Kong became so anti-China or so anti-Chinese-government,” said Zheng Wang, a Seton Hall University professor who specializes in identity and nationalism.

“They believe that because the people, especially the young people, in Hong Kong never received patriotic education, they lack of this kind of national identity,” Wang said. “But Hong Kong is totally different to China, so I believe they will encounter very strong resistance, just like in 2012.”

Beijing’s last attempt, seven years ago, backfired spectacularly. A quarter-century after Britain returned Hong Kong to China, Beijing tried to introduce lessons to foster greater appreciation of mainland China and promote the Communist Party as a “progressive, selfless and united ruling group.”

The plan sparked vociferous protests and Beijing was forced to back down.

Beijing has proceeded almost by stealth, encouraging study trips to the mainland and promoting Mandarin language learning in the Cantonese-speaking territory. But most analysts do not expect any new effort to be any more successful this time.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

4 NY prison guards suspended in teen inmate’s suicide attempt

NEW YORK — Four guards accused of standing by while a teenage inmate tried to hang himself on Thanksgiving at New York City’s Rikers Island jail have been suspended without pay.

Nicholas Feliciano, 18, remained unconscious in the intensive care unit of a hospital prison ward Wednesday, a week after he nearly died in his jail cell, according to the Legal Aid Society, the public defender organization

that represents him in court.

Mayor Bill de Blasio called the allegations that the four officers failed to immediately intervene in Feliciano’s suicide attempt “deeply troubling.”

“The people in our jails are human beings,” de Blasio wrote on Twitter. “Their well-being is our responsibility.”

The city’s internal watchdog said it is investigating what happened at the prison.

Military: Sailor kills 2, himself in attack at Pearl Harbor shipyard

HONOLULU — The military says a U.S. sailor shot and killed two civilian Department of Defense employees and wounded another at the Pearl Harbor shipyard before taking his own life.

The military didn’t release a motive or any identifying information about the sailor who opened fire Wednesday at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. A third victim is at a hospital. Joint Base Pearl

Harbor-Hickam has reopened following a lockdown.

Two hospitals said they were each treating a victim but didn’t have details on their conditions.

The shipyard repairs, maintains and modernizes the ships and submarines of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, which is headquartered at Pearl Harbor. The base is the home port for 10 destroyers and 15 submarines.

Pompeo: US, Sudan to improve ties as PM wraps up visit to DC

WASHINGTON — The United States and Sudan have agreed to upgrade their diplomatic ties by exchanging ambassadors for the first time in more than two decades, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Wednesday.

The announcement of a return to ambassadorial-level representation after 23 years came as Sudan’s new prime minister, Abdalla Hamdok, wrapped up his first visit to Wash-

ington. He met senior administration officials.

Hamdok was in Washington seeking support for Sudan’s transition toward democracy since the ouster of strongman Omar al-Bashir amid widespread protests against his rule. One of Hamdok’s priorities has been to win Sudan’s removal from the U.S. “state sponsor of terrorism” blacklist.

Sudan has been listed since 1993.



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First lady Melania Trump helps children wrap gifts Wednesday at a Salvation Army center in London. She also donated gifts to the charity’s holiday drive, including baseball caps, Frisbees and soccer balls. Fifth graders sang “All I Want for Christmas is You.”

Barr set for Mexican meetings as US seeks cartel crackdown

WASHINGTON — Attorney General William Barr will meet with Mexico’s president and law enforcement officials about one week after President Donald Trump suggested that the United States would seek to classify Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations.

Barr planned to be in Mexico City on Thursday for meetings with President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador as well as the foreign minister, attorney general and others in law enforcement, according to a Justice Department official. Barr also was expected

to meet with Justice Department and American federal law enforcement officials who work in Mexico.

The visit comes amid a series of massacres in Mexico, which has seen its homicide rate increase to historically high levels this year. Critics have accused the Mexican government of lacking a coherent security strategy. Last week, Trump suggested that the U.S. government could move to label the cartels as foreign terrorist organizations, a designation that would put them in the same category as the Islamic State group

and al-Qaida.

Meanwhile, U.S. immigration officials continue to send asylum-seekers back over the border to Mexico to wait while their claims are assessed under a policy designed to stop the flow of migrants into the U.S. More than 55,000 people have been stranded in Mexico in deplorable conditions, some in areas marred by cartel violence. Some U.S. officials, such as Ken Cuccinelli, the acting deputy at the Homeland Security Department, have claimed that the area is safe and suggested that criticism of Mexico is unfair.

Germany expels Russians in probe of Berlin killing

BERLIN — Germany expelled two Russian diplomats Wednesday over the brazen killing of a Georgian on the streets of Berlin in August as prosecutors said evidence suggested the slaying was ordered either by Moscow or authorities in Russia’s republic of Chechnya.

The allegation by Germany’s federal prosecutor’s office was the latest from a Western European nation accusing Russia of an attack on its soil, after Britain last year blamed Moscow for an attempt to poison a former Russian spy in the English city of Salisbury. Russia denied the allegations.

The case comes at a delicate time in relations between the two nations, as Germany pursues a hard line on sanctions against Russia for its annexation of Crimea, but at the same time is working on a joint pipeline project to bring Russian gas directly to Germany under the Baltic.

US peace envoy makes stop in Kabul to renew talks

KABUL, Afghanistan — Washington’s special peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad was in the Afghan capital Wednesday to launch an “accelerated effort” to get Afghans on both sides of the protracted conflict to the negotiation table to plot a road map to a postwar Afghanistan.

His next stop will be Doha in the Middle East where he will restart talks with the Taliban, according to a U.S. State Department statement. The talks would be the first official round since September when President Donald Trump declared an all but done deal dead after a surge in violence.

Also, an ambush killed Japanese physician Tetsu Nakamura and five Afghans, including the doctor’s bodyguards, the driver and a passenger in Nangarhar. Nakamura, 73, was believed in the war-scarred nation.

In Georgia: Former President Jimmy Carter was released from a hospital Wednesday after being treated for a urinary tract infection. Carter, 95, was discharged from Phoebe Sumter Medical Center in Americus, Carter Center spokeswoman Deanna Congileo said.

“He said he looks forward to further rest and recovery at home in Plains, Georgia,” she said.

He has overcome health challenges in recent years.

He was diagnosed with melanoma in 2015, announcing the cancer had spread to other parts of his body. After partial removal of his liver, treatment for brain lesions, radiation and immunotherapy, he said he was cancer-free. A fall last spring required hip replacement surgery.

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EDITORIALS

Why aren't adults with developmental disabilities getting community care faster? It's Illinois.

Illinois was ordered eight years ago to improve its community-care offerings for residents with developmental disabilities. Yet thousands of these individuals still wait too long for placement, languishing at home while parents and caregivers despair that the disabled are losing hard-won ground in life skills and behavior.

The state's failure to comply with a 2011 consent decree translates to people having "suffered substantially" in a situation that is "for lack of a better phrase, messed up," U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman said at a hearing in October, reports Marie Fazio in the Tribune.

Illinois began aiming to move more people out of large institutions in the 1970s, spurred on at various points by court rulings and other nudges to improve care. Beset by budgetary strains and stalemates, the state has not yet found a way to move the disabled who age out of school into appropriate ongoing services, leaving them and their families struggling if they can't afford private options. "We should walk you hand-in-hand to adult services, but what happens is we're pushing you off a cliff," said Josh Long, principal of Southside Occupational Academy.

The Illinois Department of Human Services provides funding for a variety of services for people with disabilities, including placement in community-based group homes or entry into day programs in the community, adaptive equipment and job training. Ideally, these options position people to live full and productive lives and provide reassurance that they will be cared for when Mom and Dad can't do it anymore.

A federal lawsuit 15 years ago accused the state of remaining stuck in an "antiquated" over-reliance on placing people with such disabilities in large public or private institutions that were "segregated and isolated from the rest of society." The result was the 2011 consent decree requiring the state to provide community-based programs to those who requested them, whether they were in large institutions or living at home at the time. After a six-year



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Nick Redfern, who has autism, and his mother, Susie, at their Aurora home. Nick been on a waitlist for disabilities services for years.

period of corrections, the state had to continue moving people off a statewide waiting list, known as Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services, "at a reasonable pace."

Currently there are thousands of people on the Human Services Department list. The typical wait for services is seven years. That's thousands of Illinois residents whose mental well-being and behavior may well deteriorate as they wait for services — and thousands of caregivers whose own health and productivity can be impacted by a lack of anywhere to turn.

Nick Redfern of Aurora, who has autism, learned the skills he needs for a life on his own in his school years. Now 25, Nick has

nothing to do but stay home, though his mom tries to keep him occupied with swimming lessons and trips to the mall. "The more you go without structured activities on a daily basis, the more you can have behaviors, partly out of boredom," Susie Redfern told the Tribune. "His whole mindset is different now after 3½ years" without support.

Experts agree this gap in services causes terrible setbacks. "People lose all the skills they've established over the years," Long said. "It's completely heartbreaking."

Part of the reason placements don't happen faster: a lack of funding to ensure safe staffing of group homes. The state

reimburses care providers less than the minimum wage for workers, leaving the organization to pay the difference itself or skimp on staffing. The Illinois attorney general's office said in a recent filing that staffing problems have resulted in "restrictions in community integration opportunities, overworked staff and significant overtime being paid."

Count this as yet another way taxpayers see dysfunctional Illinois failing them. Some of the parents on the seemingly endless waitlist have quit jobs to care for their child or even pulled up stakes and moved: Unsurprisingly, there are other states that manage these common needs more competently than Illinois.

How Kings & Convicts, the tiny Highwood brewery, swallowed a giant, and what that means

Consumer tastes shift constantly. Lo the company that stands still (Sears, slowly dying) or misses the big trend (Kraft Heinz, failing to keep pace with plant-based meat innovations). Those are both Chicago-area employers, by the way, so it's not just market share and profits at stake, it's jobs.

Another local reminder about the risks and rewards of competition, this one involving craft beer, hit with a thunderbolt this week. It's a tale of entrepreneurial success and failure worth considering because it's so dramatic and improbable. As one observer noted on Twitter: *This reads like an April's Fools joke.*

The story, also improbably, takes place in Highwood. If you're ever in Highwood and thirsty for a beer, we know of a tiny craft brewery and taproom next to the Metra tracks called Kings & Convicts Brewing Co. You'd never find the place unless you were looking for it. Heck, you might not find



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A bartender pours a beer at Ballast Point's West Loop taproom last year. Ballast Point is a major national craft beer brand.

Highwood, tucked inside Highland Park, unless you were looking for it. We recommend Kings & Convicts' Hougomont, a

delicious hoppy Pilsner.

That little brewery pulled off an audacious business deal this week, agreeing to acquire Ballast Point, a major national craft beer brand that's about 300 times bigger. Ballast Point is expected to produce about 200,000 barrels of beer this year. Kings & Convicts will make just 660 barrels.

Here's what happened: Around four years ago, amid frenzied craft industry growth as drinkers grew tired of basic Bud Light and the like, Chicago-based Constellation Brands paid \$1 billion for California's Ballast Point. Constellation, which has the American rights to Mexican brands like Modelo and Corona, wildly overpaid. In 2016, Ballast Point produced 360,000 barrels of beer, but there's only so much interest in pricier, fuller flavored beers. Constellation realized it had a prob-

lem to solve.

Brendan Watters, co-founder and CEO of Kings & Convicts, and his investors believe they can swallow this much larger competitor. "Let's bring it back to independence and innovation and see what happens," Watters told the Tribune's Josh Noel. Watters wouldn't say what he's paying, except that it was less than \$1 billion. Beer Marketer's Insights said Constellation accepted "a surprisingly low price."

There's one important thing Constellation noted. Having Ballast Point out of its hair would allow the company to focus on other high-growth brands and new products. A different beer or two? Nope. Coming next spring: Corona Hard Seltzer, the latest trend in fizzy alcoholic beverages.

Because like we said, consumer tastes change constantly.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Is it possible to impeach a president in a full employment economy? ...

Democrats of a certain age look back fondly on a semi-magical period summarized by the word "Watergate." ... They forget that a major factor in Richard Nixon's demise was a collapsing economy in 1973 and 1974, set off by the first Arab oil embargo, which drove his popularity down into the 20 to 30% range by the time he resigned in August of 1974. ...

The Bill Clinton impeachment took place in a completely different environment. ... During that period, in 1998 and 1999, the U.S. economy was on a roll, fueled by favorable interest rates, a balanced federal budget, divided government in Washington, and peaceful conditions abroad. ...

A quick look at the situation today should convince everyone that the conditions now resemble those of the Clinton impeachment far more than those of the Watergate era. Unemployment now stands at 3.6%, close to a low for the entire post-war era dating back to 1945. ...

Meanwhile, the stock market is soaring, up more than 50% over the three years since Donald Trump was elected and 20% in 2019 alone. Consumer confidence, a leading indicator of economic performance next year, is close to an all-time high. ... For most people around the country, things are looking pretty good. Why would they want to impeach the president?

James Piereson, *The New Criterion*

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French President Emmanuel Macron, left, and President Donald Trump had a tense exchange Tuesday in London during a NATO summit.

At NATO summit, Trump displayed his toxic trifecta of weird obsessions



STEVE CHAPMAN

Donald Trump is a volatile personality with a penchant for creating confusion and chaos. His impulsive, irascible nature often makes it appear that the only logic to his presidency is whatever event or TV clip happens to grab his attention.

But it would be a mistake to regard his presidency as a disorganized mess. It's an organized mess that follows a trio of consistent themes.

The first is protectionism. The second is racial and religious bigotry. The third is appeasement of Russia. Almost everything significant he does stems from one or more of these impulses. Mercurial though he is, he rarely deviates from them.

If you assume that Trump would like the U.S. to import nothing, regards nonwhites and non-Christians as dangerous or inferior, and desperately wants to please Vladimir Putin, you will not be puzzled by much that he does.

His abrupt decision to impose aluminum and steel tariffs on Brazil and Argentina and his threat to put stiff duties on some French products seemingly came out of nowhere. But given his deep aversion to imports, none of our trading partners can ever feel safe.

They are all potential targets, and to his mind, one is just as deserving as another. Which one "Tariff Man" decides to lash out at on any given day is impossible to guess. What matters is that someone be punished for the crime of selling goods to our people.

Hardly noticed in the impeachment furor is a revelation that would have been a major scandal in any other administration. The Southern Poverty Law Center recently obtained and released hundreds of emails from Trump's chief immigration adviser, Stephen Miller, who recommended articles from the white nationalist website VDARE and praised "The Camp of the Saints," a dystopian pot-boiler about Europe being overwhelmed by dusky foreigners.

That this president would employ someone with a voluminous record of hostility toward any immigrants who are not Christian Caucasians is a virulent symptom of Trump's deep-seated prejudices. From his vicious 1989 rant against the Central Park Five to his slander of a Mexican American judge to his Muslim travel ban, Trump has been a tireless peddler of hate.

His craven subservience to Putin also has been a central pillar of his administration. His presence at NATO's 70th anniversary meeting was a reminder that he would like to be done with the alliance, an option he has often raised with advisers.

NBC News reported that in a private speech last month, his former national security adviser John Bolton "said Trump could go full isolationist"

If you assume that Trump would like the U.S. to import nothing, regards nonwhites and non-Christians as dangerous or inferior, and desperately wants to please Vladimir Putin, you will not be puzzled by much that he does.

and "withdraw the U.S. from NATO and other international alliances."

When Trump demands that our European allies spend more on defense, his motive is not to strengthen deterrence of Russia. It's a way to undermine Americans' support for the alliance. It's a pretext for him to do less to protect Europeans from their aggressive neighbor. He resents German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron because they resist his pandering to Putin.

This week, his antics exhibited all the elements of his toxic trifecta. Shortly before the NATO summit, the White House threatened to impose tariffs as high as 100% on \$2.4 billion worth of French goods. Trump berated his allies, with a torrent of lies, over their contributions to NATO.

And when Macron stood up to him, Trump found a way to invoke the fear of brown alien hordes taking over Europe. "Would you like some nice ISIS fighters?" he sneered. "I can give them to you." Macron, let's not forget, opposed Trump's withdrawal from Syria, which was a favor to the Kremlin.

Trump invoked Muslim terrorists from the Middle East because he finds them far scarier than, say, the right-wing version. In September, acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin McAleenan gave a speech warning of the burgeoning threat of "racially based violent extremism, particularly violent white supremacy." McAleenan soon left the administration.

A possible clue to why lies in an August CNN report that "White House officials rebuffed efforts by their colleagues at the Department of Homeland Security for more than a year to make combating domestic terror threats, such as those from white supremacists, a greater priority." These dangers are not something Trump can candidly admit — or sincerely condemn.

In London, as in most places, Trump looked like the ringmaster in his own circus of confusion. But in the weird, undying obsessions that drive him, he is not at all confused.

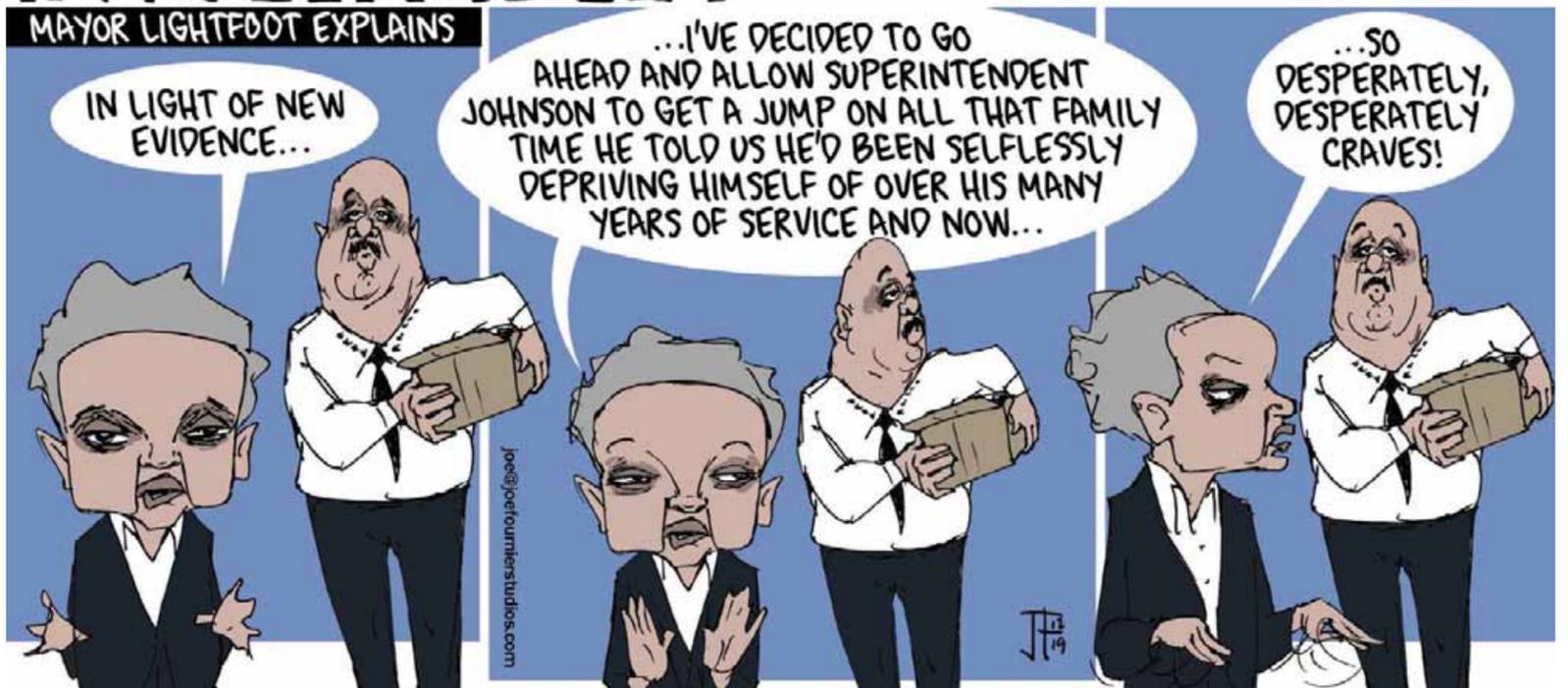
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Marines during a change of command ceremony at Task Force Southwest military field in Afghanistan on Jan. 15, 2018.

Endless wars corrupting our military, distracting from bigger US threats

BY GIL BARNOLLAR

Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer was fired last month, a consequence of President Donald Trump's foolish decision to pardon three servicemen who were either convicted of or awaiting trial for crimes committed in combat. The president has been rightly excoriated for these pardons, which dishonor the U.S. military and may degrade good order and discipline. But amid this uproar, Americans should note the bigger lesson: Endless wars, especially endless counterinsurgency or counterterrorism wars, slowly chip away at both a military's ethics and its critical war-fighting skills.

This is not to say that the men Trump pardoned in November were victims or automatons. Army 1st Lt. Clint Lorange, only three days into his deployment, chose to order his men to shoot two Afghan civilians and then lied about it. Army Maj. Mathew Golsteyn chose to kill a suspected enemy combatant and hide his body. And Navy Special Operations Chief Eddie Gallagher chose to pose with an enemy corpse — and likely did far worse — but was saved by the incompetence and malevolence of his prosecutors.

Military leaders will say their men are being shamed by “a few bad apples” in the ranks. And that is basically true — willful atrocities by American troops have been rare in the post-9/11 wars, though hundreds of thousands of civilians have been “collateral damage.” The vast majority of American troops deployed to combat overseas have “kept their honor clean,” in the stirring words of the Marines' Hymn.

However, keeping their honor clean becomes harder and harder the longer these wars drag on. Wars among the people, as all our endless wars now are, are inherently dirty. When even senior members of the foreign policy establishment concede that we are not seeking victory in

Afghanistan, it becomes harder for soldiers to make hollow mission accomplishment a higher priority than self-preservation. Treating U.S. soldiers like victims, as Trump implicitly does, also becomes more common. There is now even an attempt to get a pardon for Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who went on a rampage and murdered 16 Afghan civilians in the worst U.S. atrocity since My Lai.

American servicemen and their leaders can bend over backward to do no harm to civilians, and yet fear, proximity and accidents have killed many thousands of foreign civilians. U.S. Central Command's spokesman insists that U.S. forces “are conducting one of the most precise air campaigns in military history.” Maybe so. But the civilian death rate is perhaps 31 times what the Pentagon claims.

We will never have accurate numbers, but of the 500,000 Global War on Terrorism veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, tens of thousands are surely morally injured from what they have done, often unavoidably, to the Iraqi, Afghan and other civilians we fought among.

Even more serious for American national security is the fact that endless small wars degrade a military's ability to fight and win big wars — wars that have real consequences for our security and way of life. Yes, the post-9/11 wars have led to tactical and technological advances, primarily in small unit combat and air-delivered fire support. Our special operations forces have become expert man-hunters — though their ability to do the more tedious but essential work of training foreign forces is open to question. But better tourniquets or close-quarters battle skills pale in comparison to what we have lost by taking our eyes off the ball on Russia and China.

Russia may be a declining power, but it has made advances in electronic and

cyber warfare while America's attention was focused on the impossible and the irrelevant, fixing fractured states thousands of miles from our shores. Chinese capabilities have advanced by leaps and bounds: while America was growing its ground forces and training a generation of soldiers to learn mine detection skills and a few words of Pashto, the Chinese were developing satellites and ship-killing missiles. This is to say nothing of Chinese espionage and the 5G race that may matter far more than any ship or plane. We can say America should be able to walk and chew gum, but the reality is that even a superpower has limited bandwidth.

The Israeli example is instructive. The Israel Defense Forces, long regarded as the premier military in the Middle East, has spent decades waging a grinding counterinsurgency in its Palestinian territories. When called on in 2006 to fight Hezbollah, a well-trained and equipped militia, the IDF fought to an embarrassing stalemate. Critical competencies of real war — including armor, artillery and the command and control of large formations — had atrophied badly. The Israelis overhauled their training and are now better prepared to defeat Hezbollah and similar threats. But it took a bloody nose to get there. The consequences for the United States could be more severe.

Endless, unwinnable wars slowly degrade even the finest militaries. The United States should think about both its fighters and its future fights and end the fruitless campaigns in the Greater Middle East.

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Roads the size of the Drive fit well into the urban scale, working to meet people's needs within the design of a dense city.

— Kenneth A. Small, Chicago

Getting Real ID becomes a real headache

I dutifully responded to the Tribune Editorial Board's plea (Get your Real ID license: October 2020 is coming, Dec. 2) to sign up early for Illinois' Real ID program. I blocked time from my busy work week and arrived at the facility on an early Tuesday afternoon. I chose this time as I thought the crowds would be smaller.

To my surprise and dismay, I arrived at my local Secretary of State office to find an overwhelmingly busy and crowded establishment. Lines snaked longer than those at the most popular Disney rides. Three people were at the intake desk. After calculating my waiting time by the number of people ahead of me, multiplied by the estimated time needed per three intake staff, the initial wait would easily have been over one hour before being sent to the next area where the lines were long as well. I left.

I did my part. The State of Illinois did not do its. I will use my passport instead.

— Fritz Fredericks, Hinsdale

Financial straits remedy should include pension reform, spending cuts

Kristen McQueary's column, “Tax Hikes are Paying for Debt, Not Services,” Dec. 3, is right on target. She points out that over 50% of any new dollar in property taxes is not paying for services or anything productive. It is paying for debt, interest!

Let's be real here. Illinois is insolvent by any measure. Citizens are leaving by the tens of thousands every year. The ship needs to turn around. It is blatantly obvious to anyone that Illinois needs meaningful pension reform, reduced spending and term limits.

We all saw how Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the leaders of the House and Senate very quickly legalized recreational marijuana (by most accounts, an on-ramp to more serious drugs), promoted more casino gambling (most people losing money are the ones that can least afford to), and put a graduated income tax (obviously, this will ultimately expand to all levels of income) on the ballot. Where are pension reform, term limits and cost containment to at least start the process of turning the financial chaos in Illinois around?

Remember, politicians work for Illinois' citizens. As the Tribune is doing, we need to keep the pressure on them — at all times.

— Mike Siemann, Naperville

For Trump, impeachment is the right course

If we believe that no one is above the law, then President Donald Trump must be impeached and removed from office. We cannot have a criminal as president.

Some say impeachment and removal from office would thwart the will of the minority of those who voted for Trump. Trump's criminal behavior has betrayed the will of those who voted for him. If Trump is removed from office, he should blame his own criminality, not members of Congress who would be doing their jobs by voting for impeachment. Trump's behavior has made this one of the saddest times in American history.

— Joseph Zefran, Chicago

Holiday shopping in Chicago, a glorious time

Time to go Christmas shopping in the most beautiful and magical city in the world. I'm talking about Chicago. As long as I can remember, making that yearly trip to bright lights and smells of food rising up in the cool, crisp air gets me ready for another great holiday. No holiday would be complete without your great city.

— Rob Walker, Decatur

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Democratic candidates should spend less time courting the Twitter vote

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

Less than two months ago, it looked as though Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., was on track to win the Democratic presidential nomination. She wasn't quite as old as former Vice President Joe Biden, or nearly as prone to putting her foot in her mouth clear back to the tonsils. And she had built up her poll numbers over months rather than vaulting ahead in one dramatically telegenic debate moment, like Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., did. This made it seem more likely that she would overtake Biden and cruise to the nomination rather than quickly flaming out — as Harris did.

In fairness, Harris dropped out of the race on Tuesday afternoon. Warren, by contrast, remains very much in the hunt. But her poll numbers have nearly halved since October. If that trend continues, then soon Warren, too, will be looking for an exit.

It's tempting to linger on the superficial similarities between the two candidates — both women, both lawyers — rather than the deep differences. Warren is a fundamentally ideological candidate, while Harris is a consummate careerist whose main passion seems to be the acquisition of power. Yet, beneath the deep differences, there is one important similarity: Both candidates often appeared to be running less for president of the United States than president of Twitter.

In this they are not alone. Three months ago, New York magazine's Jonathan Chait compared modern Democratic politics to a science fiction scenario in which a virus wipes out the entire political leadership except for one old man, who is immune because of his age, but also, possibly, too old to handle the job: “The virus is Twitter,

and the old man is (duh) Joe Biden.”

This remains possibly the most perceptive analysis of the state of the race today. Even the moderates in the Democratic primary often seem to be angling for retweets rather than votes, embracing ideas that are unpopular with the general electorate, and not even necessarily appealing to Democratic primary voters, but which yield heaps of accolades from the Twitter brigades.

“Medicare for All,” which both Warren and Harris embraced very early and without much thought, is not the only example of this tendency. But it is the most striking. Both were aping Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., of course, but nationalizing the health care system isn't a passion project for either Warren or Harris, as it is for Sanders. It's something they said because they thought voters would like it, a belief that's difficult to understand, except by resorting to Twitter.

True, Medicare for All polls moderately well, but only if you don't get into details such as the cost, or the disruption to the existing system — something that eventually, they were going to have to do. Predictably, when they did have to talk specifics, it went badly, and arguably caused their subsequent decline in the polls.

Yet, that's with a friendly audience. In a general election, the policy is almost perfect political poison: near-certain to be unpopular, and impossible to pass even if you somehow win the presidency and both houses of Congress after campaigning on it. Barack Obama's much more modest reforms nevertheless triggered a fierce voter backlash that lasted throughout his presidency and cost the seats of many of the swing-district moderates who voted for it. Good luck persuading their successors to pass something much more

expensive and disruptive.

That's how things look in the real world. But on Twitter, touting Medicare for All generates an easy cascade of retweets and enthusiastic emojis. So Harris and Warren both mentioned it early and often — then stumbled catastrophically when pressed to explain what exactly they would do and how they would pay for it.

Which makes it interesting to watch Warren continue to campaign for the Twitter vote, unchastened and unbowed. Over Thanksgiving weekend, she re-upped her March promise to abolish the Electoral College, a cause that is likely to be even less popular than Medicare for All outside of Twitter, substantially less likely to help her win the presidency (since she would, definitionally, have to carry a lot of states whose electoral votes she's promising to devalue), and — given that it would require a constitutional amendment — impossible to deliver. Predictably, this earned her more retweets and media coverage than her earnestly wonky plans to reform shift work or to make college free.

The irony is that the earnest wonkery is the stuff that Warren really is passionate about: reducing the imbalance of power between workers and corporations, boosting the disadvantaged kids who want a shot at the top. And the greater irony is that many of these things would also sound pretty good to voters, if they weren't being drowned out by her never-never promises to the Twitterati.

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A Sears store at Oakbrook Center in Oak Brook is seen on Black Friday 2018. The store closed in April.

‘Dead man walking’

Sears limping into holiday season following bleak Black Friday

BY ANNE D’INNOCENZIO | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Black Friday was bleak at the Sears store in Jersey City, New Jersey, where an unplugged Christmas tree sat on top of a round table by the entrance. Few shoppers were in the store and the toy section had no Legos or Hatchimals, even though signs indicated they would be there.

Peter Doliente bought himself a Seiko watch at the store for \$200, down from \$500.

“There’s not much customers around,” the teacher from Jersey City said. “I was surprised when I went to the parking lot. Normally it would be packed at this time.”

Nearly 10 months out of bankruptcy, Sears is limping into the holiday shopping season.

Eddie Lampert, the hedge fund billionaire who promised to save 425 Sears and Kmart stores and roughly 45,000 jobs when he bought the company out of bankruptcy, has seen his \$5.2 billion lifeline wither.

While there were plans for new small stores centered on appliances, only three have opened. The chain is still shrinking. By February, the store count will be down to 182.

Many of the stores that remain have the same old problems. They’re grungy and understaffed, poorly stocked and losing vendors. At the end of the year — a crucial time for retailers — Sears’ threadbare Black Friday catalog signals

it’s going to have problems getting shoppers to its doors. And online, it can’t compete with Amazon and its traditional rivals.

“They used to be top of mind, particularly during this time of year,” said Coye Nokes, a partner at OC & C Strategy Consultants. “Now, they’ve faded into the landscape. They’ve become irrelevant.”

The ever-shrinking Sears means more job losses. Thousands of jobs are gone, although Sears’ owner through a spokesman declined to say how many since Lampert bought the company out of bankruptcy in February. There are fewer choices for shoppers and suppliers. It also puts more pres-

sure on malls, which must figure out how to fill the gaping holes left by Sears.

Lampert’s failure comes as no surprise to industry experts. He was the only buyer who offered Sears a lifeline at all — other bidders just wanted to liquidate the chain — but he had already presided over a long decline of Sears going back more than a decade.

The signs at Sears are ominous heading into the holidays, when retailers acquire new customers.

A store needs to have stuff on its shelves to attract customers, and Sears is having issues with some suppliers cutting it off. One vendor, Stolaas, has stopped selling refurbished Apple gadgets on Sears’ website because it wasn’t getting paid, said David Wander, a bankruptcy attorney at Davidoff Hatcher & Citron who represents Stolaas.

The supplier issue is showing up in Sears’ advertising. Its revised circular for Black Friday had eight pages of deals, less than a quarter of the size last year, according to Edgar Dworsky, founder and editor of Boston-based consumer advocacy website Consumer World. None were for major electronics — one of the reasons people used to

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Feds join Lisle whistleblower complaint case

Navistar accused of bilking \$1.3B in US military contract

BY ANDREW HARRIS
Bloomberg

Navistar International and its defense unit are accused of bilking almost \$1.3 billion from the U.S. government in connection with a contract for military vehicles used by American forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Filed in 2013, the whistleblower suit was made public Tuesday by the U.S. District Court in Washington. The federal government elected to join part of the suit in September, according to an earlier court filing that also was just made available.

The false-claims case “arises out of defendants’ pervasive and long-running scheme to charge the U.S. government wildly inflated prices for components of Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected vehicles, which were critical to the government’s military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan,” according to the U.S.-filed

complaint.

The companies are accused of submitting to the government misleading documents — including forged invoices and fabricated, inflated catalog prices for components — to induce the U.S. to award the company a multi-billion-dollar contract. Top Navistar Defense officials are alleged to have been aware of the scheme.

Lyndi McMillan, a Navistar spokeswoman, said the complaint wasn’t well-founded in fact or law.

“We believe our pricing was fair, reasonable and competitive, and we are disappointed the government has chosen to intervene in this matter,” McMillan said in an email. “The company intends to defend itself as necessary and appropriate.”

According to the complaint, the whistleblower was Washington resident Duquoin Burgess, who worked in the Navistar Defense contract management department first in Warrenton and later in Lisle.

With assistance from Bloomberg’s Craig Trudell.



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Bartender Justin Wilkinson pours a beer on the first day of operations at Ballast Point tap room in the West Loop.

Ballast Point sold to tiny suburban Chicago brewery

Kings & Convicts acquires legendary California business

BY JOSH NOEL

Tiny suburban Chicago brewery Kings & Convicts stunned the beer industry Tuesday afternoon by announcing the acquisition of California’s legendary Ballast Point Brewing. Terms were not disclosed.

Ballast Point was famously bought for \$1 billion four years ago by Constellation Brands, whose Chicago-based beer business owns the American rights to top Mexican brands that include Modelo, Corona and Pacifico. Ballast Point quickly became an albatross for Constellation, struggling to grow and adapt to its larger owners.

Multiple Ballast Point locations have closed and plans to open new ones have been put on hold in recent years. The deal nets six Ballast Point locations for Kings & Convicts Brewing Co. — five in California and a taproom in Chicago’s Fulton Market neighborhood.

Kings & Convicts co-founder and CEO Brendan Watters said the price was less than \$1 billion.

How did a brewery most Chicagoans have never heard of buy one of craft beer’s most iconic brands? Kings & Convicts pulled

it off thanks to the investment of wine industry magnate Richard Mahoney, Watters said Wednesday.

Mahoney, who now owns the largest stake in the company, is chairman of the board of The Wine Group, which owns wine brands that include Cupcake, flipflop and Benziger.

“He’s backed me and I’ve made him money — he’s also made a lot of money elsewhere — but he’s backed me since 2003,” Watters said.

Mahoney joined the investment team after Watters had established Constellation Brand’s interest in selling the struggling Ballast Point brand, Watters said. “It was a handshake deal and he said, ‘I’m with you again,’” Watters said.

Watters, who sold his chain of Boomerang Hotels in 2015, said Mahoney has previously invested in his ventures in the hotel and tech industries. He described Mahoney person as “a mentor for 21 years.”

The second- and third-largest shareholders in the company are Watters and his Kings & Convicts co-founder Christopher Bradley, Watters said. He said he, Bradley and Mahoney all own a similar portion of the company.

The optics of the sale are as unlikely as they are unprecedented. Kings & Con-

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Office tower next to Union Station to begin construction

50-story building to start work this month after getting \$476 million loan



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Work is set to begin this month on a 1.5 million-square-foot office tower alongside Union Station, after the developers landed a \$476 million construction loan.

BMO Tower will be under construction once demolition of a parking garage is completed on the

site at 320 S. Canal St., said John O’Donnell, CEO of Riverside Investment & Development.

The loan is from BMO Harris Bank, Bank of America and Citizens Bank, O’Donnell said Wednesday.

Riverside is developing the 50-story office tower with another Chicago-based developer, Convexity Properties, which is the real estate investment arm of trader Don Wilson’s DRW Holdings.

Another investor in the tower is AustralianSuper, a massive pension fund based in Melbourne.

The developers have not



RIVERSIDE INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT

BMO Financial will anchor a new 50-story office tower next to Union Station, called BMO Tower.

disclosed the estimated total cost for the office development, which is expected to open in 2022.

BMO Harris’ parent company, Toronto-based

BMO Financial Group, is the namesake tenant after leasing almost 500,000 square feet in a planned

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Lawsuit: CTA employee fired after reporting glitch

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

A former CTA computer programmer has sued the agency, alleging that he was forced to resign for pointing out a security flaw in the bus alert system.

Christopher George Pable, 34, of the Austin neighborhood, filed a whistleblower complaint against the CTA and technology company Clever Devices Ltd., a CTA contractor from Woodbury, New York, in federal court in Chicago this week.

Pable had worked on CTA's information technology systems, including a Clever Devices system called "BusTime" that broadcasts alerts about

buses to the public, the lawsuit says. BusTime provides estimated arrival times and alerts to riders, such as when a bus has to be rerouted. Customers get alerts through emails, on the CTA website or via electronic signs in stations.

Pable discovered a security flaw — or "skeleton key" — in BusTime that could allow unauthorized access into the system, the lawsuit alleges. Pable told his supervisor, Michael Haynes, who decided to test the skeleton key by issuing an alert on the Regional Transit Authority for Dayton, Ohio, which also had BusTime, the lawsuit alleges.

Pable told Haynes not to do the test without telling

Dayton first, but Haynes went ahead anyway, the suit alleges. Haynes was able to send an alert, repeating an already-sent message about a bridge being out of service, the suit said. Haynes also did other tests, according to the suit.

Haynes informed Dayton and Clever Devices of the test and the problem in August 2018, the lawsuit alleges. Later that month, Clever Devices alerted its customers to the BusTime "vulnerability" and said the key must be disabled, the suit said.

In October 2018, Clever Devices sent a letter to the CTA accusing both Haynes and Pable of violating a user agreement in conducting



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A former CTA computer programmer has sued the agency, alleging that he was forced to resign for pointing out a security flaw in the bus alert system.

the test, the suit said. In November of last year, the CTA told Pable he would be discharged over the incident, but he quit rather than

being fired, the suit alleges.

In his lawsuit, Pable alleges he was treated unfairly, since he did not conduct the Dayton test, and

had advised Haynes against doing it without warning Dayton first.

Pable, who had earned \$94,474 annually at the CTA, took a different job at Morningstar, making \$4,500 less and getting fewer benefits, the suit said. He said in the lawsuit that he also had to postpone a surgery, and is suing for damages under a provision of the National Transit Systems Security Act, which protects whistleblowers.

A CTA spokesman said Haynes is no longer employed by the agency. Clever Devices did not respond to an email seeking comment.

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New, deadly defect in version of Takata air bags prompt recalls

BY TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

DETROIT — A new problem that has led to at least one death has been discovered in air bags made by the now bankrupt company Takata.

The recently discovered malfunction is different from the defect that led to at least 24 deaths and hundreds of injuries worldwide, though the result, like the earlier issue, leads to air bags that can explode and hurl shrapnel, killing or injuring people.

The company is adding about 1.4 million front driver inflators to recalls in the U.S., according to government documents posted Wednesday.

BMW is warning owners of some older 3-series cars to stop driving them.

A driver in Australia was killed by an air bag malfunc-



PAUL SANCYA/AP

tion, while another Australian and a driver in Cyprus were injured, according to government documents.

Included in the recall are more than 116,000 BMW 3-Series cars from the 1999 to 2001 model years. About 8,000 definitely have faulty inflators and should be parked, BMW said. The rest can still be driven.

In addition, certain Audi,

Honda, Toyota and Mitsubishi vehicles made from 1995 to 2000 also are being recalled, but information on which models was not available Wednesday.

Unlike previous recalls, the Takata non-azide inflators do not use volatile ammonium nitrate to fill the air bags in a crash.

But the air bag propellant can still deteriorate

over time when exposed to moisture and explode too fast, blowing apart the inflator body.

They also might not fully inflate in a crash.

Takata says in government documents that it made 4.5 million of the inflators worldwide, but only a portion are in use because the vehicles are old.

Toyota and Honda said they're still figuring out which models will have to be recalled. U.S. safety regulators said they were told by Mitsubishi that the only U.S. vehicle affected is the 1998 through 2000 Montero.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it's in discussions with the automakers about the recalls. It urged owners to search for recalls by entering their vehicle identification number at nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls.



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The BMO Harris Bank sign outside the 115 S. LaSalle St. building is seen May 15, in Chicago.

BMO Harris Bank parent to cut 5% of its workforce

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The Canadian parent of BMO Harris Bank is planning to cut 5% of its workforce in a cost-savings move, potentially affecting hundreds of Chicago-area employees.

During an earnings call Tuesday, Toronto-based BMO Financial Group announced a restructuring charge of 357 million Canadian dollars (about \$270 million U.S.), which executives said was related primarily to severance. The initiatives are expected to save the company CA\$200 million next year, executives said.

"Initiatives underway are focused on digitization, organizational redesign and simplification of the way we do business," Thomas Flynn, chief financial officer of BMO Financial, said during the call.

BMO Harris has about 7,700 employees in Illinois, most of whom work in the Chicago area, bank spokeswoman Laura Micheli said Tuesday. Based on those figures, a 5% reduction in force could mean upward of 300 layoffs in Chicago.

Micheli declined to comment on the scope or timing of any potential layoffs.

During the call, Flynn said BMO was "not expecting" at the start of 2019 to take the fourth-quarter re-

structuring charge, but cited lower projected growth in the U.S. next year and "pockets of pressure" as driving the decision to cut costs.

"I would expect the savings that we've talked about to flow through each of our businesses in a fairly representative way," Flynn said. "And it's fair to think about that both by operating group and by geography."

In 2016, BMO Financial cut 4% of its total workforce in a similar cost-savings move.

BMO Harris has more than 500 branches in Illinois, Indiana, Arizona, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas, Florida and Wisconsin, with more than 13,000 employees across its U.S. footprint.

Bank of Montreal, now known as BMO Financial Group, acquired Chicago-based Harris Bank in 1984. Chicago is the largest U.S. market for the Canadian banking giant.

BMO Financial reported fourth-quarter net income of about CA\$1.2 billion, down 30% from the same period last year, in part due to the restructuring charge. For the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, BMO generated net income of nearly CA\$5.8 billion, up 6% over 2018.

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United eyes new places with purchase of new Airbus jets

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

United Airlines is purchasing 50 new Airbus A321XLR jets that can fly farther than the planes they'll replace, which could let the airline fly to new destinations.

The new jets are expected to begin flying in 2024 and will replace United's Boeing 757-200 aircraft. United did not specify the potential new destinations it could reach with the longer-range planes, but said they will handle routes between the U.S. and Europe.

A few of the new aircraft could fly out of Chicago, but they primarily will be based in United's hubs in Newark and Washington, D.C., said Andrew Nocella, United's

executive vice president and chief commercial officer. United's Airbus A321XLRs also will have larger overhead bins and Wi-Fi and are more fuel-efficient than older aircraft, United said.

Chicago-based Boeing currently doesn't make a plane that directly competes with the Airbus aircraft that United chose, Nocella said. Boeing is evaluating a potential new aircraft of similar size, but the company said its priority is getting the 737 Max — grounded after a second deadly crash in March — safely cleared to begin flying again.

Any new potential plane wouldn't begin flying until the middle of the next decade, Boeing said in a statement.

McDonald's coffee beans being used in Ford vehicle parts

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

McDonald's coffee bean remnants are getting a second purpose in life in the form of car parts.

Researchers from Ford, the Dearborn, Michigan-based automaker, are using McDonald's coffee chaff — the waste left over after the roasting process — to make headlamp housings and other auto components.

Ford started production this month using the coffee skin on new models of its Lincoln Continental.

While Chicago-based McDonald's doesn't roast its own coffee, the company will connect Ford with a variety of its suppliers in the U.S. and Canada. A Ford news release didn't give exact figures but said a "significant portion" of

McDonald's coffee chaff will be reserved for the project.

Ford will heat the chaff and mix it with plastics and other materials to form pellets that can be turned into different shapes to create interior car components. According to the automaker, the parts will be 20% lighter than before and require about 25% less energy during the heating process.

Repurposing materials is nothing new for Ford. Over the years, researchers at the company have used materials like soybean-based foam, recycled plastic bottles, agave fiber and bamboo to make a wide variety of parts inside vehicles.

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Brewery

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victs, which opened a small brewery and 400-square-foot taproom in Highwood in 2017, is a tiny brand unknown to most Chicago beer drinkers. It will make a mere 660 barrels of beer this year.

Ballast Point is one of the nation's most recognizable brands, on pace to make about 200,000 barrels of beer this year. That's down from a peak of about 370,000 barrels of production in 2016.

Watters, who was in San Diego Tuesday to announce the deal to Ballast Point staff, said he told workers there not to worry about the fact they haven't heard of Kings & Convicts.

"I said most people in Chicago don't know us, either," he said. "I think that that's what makes it quite interesting."

Brewery sales have become common since Anheuser-Busch bought Chicago's Goose Island Beer Co. in 2011, a deal that sparked an era of consolidation as

large beer companies sought to get a piece of the growing craft beer industry.

Tuesday's deal is a striking example of the opposite.

"This has been about the conglomerates buying up the independent breweries, but we're doing the opposite," Watters said. "We're saying, 'Let's bring it back to independence and innovation and see what happens.'"

Seeds of the deal were planted in July, when Watters golfed with someone he declined to name from Constellation Brands and asked about the company's plans for its foundering craft brand.

"I said, 'What are you doing with Ballast Point?'" Watters said. "They said, 'Why?' I said I wanted to buy it. It was as simple as that."

In a statement, Bill Newlands, Constellation Brands president and chief executive officer, cited trends in the U.S. craft beer market that have "shifted dramatically since our acquisition of Ballast Point" as a reason for the sale.

"Ballast Point remains one of the most iconic craft beer brands in the country

and we're pleased to transition the business to an owner that can devote the resources needed to fuel its future success," Newlands said in the statement. "At the same time, this decision allows Constellation to focus more fully on maximizing growth for our high-performing import portfolio and upcoming new product introductions, including Corona Hard Seltzer, scheduled to launch this spring."

Watters said Ballast Point was never formally shopped by Constellation so far as he knows, and that he and his partners had long admired the beer and the brand, even as it struggled in recent years. He was already familiar with the brewery's inner workings from consulting with Ballast Point during the past two years while trying to get an ambitious new brewery launched in southern Wisconsin for Kings & Convicts. The project recently broke ground, Watters said.

Ballast Point is distributed in 49 states. Watters said the brand will honor existing distribution contracts, but will focus efforts on core markets, including Califor-

nia, Illinois, Washington state and its international business. All existing Ballast Point facilities will remain open, he said, and sales, marketing and human resources staff — all gutted under Constellation — will be rebuilt, he said.

Despite its recent struggles, Watters said he believes the brand has plenty of upside. He wants to see Ballast Point "act like a small brewer again and see where it goes."

"It's really about focus," he said. "We will build up a new Ballast Point sales force and let the innovation go and get back to the roots. I think it just needs some love and focus and it'll be fine."

Watters said Ballast Point beer would eventually be made at Kings & Convicts' brewery in Wisconsin and Kings & Convicts' beer would be brewed at Ballast Point's San Diego location for export to his native Australia.

News of the sale sent baffled beer fans scrambling to the Kings & Convicts website Tuesday. The site quickly crashed.

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consolidation of downtown Chicago offices.

The Tribune in September 2018 first reported BMO's plans to anchor the project, and BMO confirmed the lease last December, saying it would move 3,600 workers there from three Loop buildings. The building will serve as the bank's U.S. headquarters, and there will be a bank branch on the ground floor.

No other leases have been announced for the building.

The tower, designed by Goettsch Partners, will include an adjacent 1.5-acre park.

"The BMO Tower is a primary example of our commitment to economic development in Chicago," David Casper, BMO Financial's U.S. CEO, said in a statement.

The 700-space Union Station Self Park garage on the site closed Sept. 30, and demolition of that structure will wrap up soon.

BMO Tower will join a wave of major development projects in the

area along the river and commuter train stations, which are expected to bring more than 22,000 new office workers to the once-quiet southwest corner of the Loop.

Next door, the redeveloped 2.8 million-square-foot Old Post Office opened to office tenants in October.

Just across the river at the city's tallest building, Willis Tower is in the late stages of a \$500 million expansion that will add retail and entertainment space to its base.

BMO Tower's imminent groundbreaking comes after the namesake tenant on Tuesday announced plans to cut 5% of BMO Harris Bank's workforce, potentially affecting hundreds of workers in the Chicago area.

The bank said it has 7,700 Illinois employees, mostly in the Chicago area.

BMO Harris in October announced a \$10 million contribution to Invest South/West, an initiative under new Mayor Lori Lightfoot to spur development in 10 neighborhoods on Chicago's South and West sides.

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Washington a wine world force

State's industry generates \$2.4B a year in revenue

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — When Craig and Vicki Leuthold opened the Maryhill Winery in 2001, there were about 100 wineries in the state of Washington.

That number has since exploded to more than 1,000 wineries this year, and the remarkable growth is likely to continue.

Maryhill Winery, just south of the remote town of Goldendale, is part of that growth.

It has recently opened tasting rooms in Spokane and Vancouver, Washington, and is in the process of opening a tasting room in the Seattle suburb of Woodinville.

"Our timing was great," said Craig Leuthold, whose winery produces 60 varieties. "Washington wine has really increased in popularity."

Washington has become a force in the wine industry. The state has the nation's second-highest number of wineries, after California. But California, which has around 3,700 wineries, remains much bigger than anyone else in the United States, selling more than \$40 billion worth of wine in this country.

Within the U.S., wines from California are the top sellers, followed by wines from Australia and Italy. Washington ranks fourth in the sources of wine sold in the U.S., said Steve Warner, president of Washington State Wine, the industry's trade group.

"More Washington wine is sold in the United States than French wine," he said.

The state's wine industry generates about \$2.4 billion a year in revenue and contributes more than \$7 billion a year to the state's economy, Warner said.



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Barrels of wine are moved into storage last month at Chateau Ste. Michelle winery in Woodinville, Wash.



Mike Roh sniffs wine before tasting it at Structure Cellars wine tasting room in Seattle, Wash.

Washington's wines are consistently top-ranked, he said.

"Washington has a higher percentage of 90-rated wines than other top wine-producing regions in the world," Warner said, referring to the 100-point

scale for rating wines. "We are competing against wine regions with 28 generations of winemakers, who were doing it before America was a country."

Most of the industry's success stems from the state's climate and soils,

Warner said. Wine grapes like long sunny days and cool nights, which the vineyards in the central and eastern part of the state enjoy.

The area also gets little rainfall compared with other grape-growing regions, which is a plus, he said.

Washington still has plenty of available land at reasonable prices in wine country, said Thomas Henick-Kling, director of the oenology and viticulture program at Washington State University in Pullman.

The acreage dedicated to grapes for wine is expanding. Twenty years ago, there were 24,000 acres of grapes. Today there are 59,000 acres of vineyards.

Washington also has skilled farmers and winemakers, graduates of wine-making programs at numerous local colleges, Henick-

Kling said.

There were about 20 wineries in 1981. That grew to 100 wineries by 2001, just over 500 by 2012 and just over 1,000 now, Warner said. Growth has been averaging more than 70 new wineries per year for the past seven years.

Washington's growth is no surprise, as the number of wineries and wine consumption continue to grow in the United States.

"The growth in wineries around the country is very exciting as wine sales continue to grow, particularly at the premium end," said Gladys Horiuchi of the Wine Institute, which represents California wineries.

Wine shipments to the United States from all foreign and domestic sources grew 1% in 2018. The Wine Institute said people are drinking more premium wine, which starts at \$8 per

bottle.

The 1,000th active license was issued to Jens Hansen, owner of Uva Furem winery in Maple Valley. Hansen retired from the Air Force, moved to the Seattle area and decided to become a winemaker.

"I feel like the Washington wine community is a lot like the Air Force in that everyone looks out for each other," Hansen said.

About 70 grape varieties are grown in Washington, with the most popular reds being cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Chardonnay and white riesling are the most common whites.

Most of Washington's wineries are fairly small. The owners "are passionate about wine and work full-time and crush grapes on weekends," Warner said.

There are a smaller number of midsize wineries that enjoy national distribution, plus a handful of industry giants like Chateau Ste. Michelle, he said.

More investors from outside the state are joining the industry, Warner said. It also helps that Washington has long had a lot of wealthy people who work for companies like Boeing, Microsoft and Amazon and have money to invest in the industry, he said.

Many of the state's best wineries are clustered around the old town of Walla Walla, which used to be known primarily for sweet onions and as home of the state penitentiary. Now it is home to world-class winemakers.

Warner expected the strong growth rate to continue.

"The line is not flattening," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if we get to 2,000."

One factor that could limit growth is climate change, but Washington also seems fortunate there.

The mighty Columbia River, which irrigates much of wine country, is predicted to be a stable water supply for many years to come, Henick-Smith said.

Sears

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go to Sears.

Lands' End, a clothing brand that was once a big draw when Sears purchased it in 2002 but was spun off in 2014, is nearing the end of its remaining leases, due to expire next month. Now, Lands' End clothing is on clearance, and Sears was even selling its mannequins at the Jersey City store for \$75, with an additional 60% Black Friday discount. Empty paint cans were marked down to \$2 each with the discount.

Sears once towered over the retail landscape but has been on a slow decline for years. Lampert combined Sears and Kmart in 2005, pledging to return Sears to greatness. That didn't happen. Sears was hit hard during the recession a decade ago and never recovered.

Selling well-known brands, like its Craftsman

tools, and spinning off stores were cash infusions that helped Sears survive. Lampert lent some money of his own, but critics say he never invested in the stores, which grew increasingly dingy.

Even after all of Sears' pain, Lampert argued during its bankruptcy that he was its best chance. Industry experts remain skeptical of his ability to revive Sears, saying he is still neglecting stores.

"I don't think this was a surprise to anyone," said Scott Stuart, CEO of the Turnaround Management Association, whose members include corporate turnaround experts and store liquidators. "It was more a surprise that (Lampert) publicly determined that this was something salvageable."

In a statement, Transform Holdco, the owner of Sears managed by Lampert, said that it "faced a difficult retail environment and other challenges" and it's working to "prune its operations." The company said in November

that it got another \$250 million in financing.

That's no solace to employees like Victor Urquidez, the assistant manager at a Sears Auto Center in Chula Vista, California, who said he will be losing his job when the store closes in late December.

"We were expecting it," said Urquidez, who has watched deliveries shrink from 100 tires at a time two years ago to nine today. "We knew it was going to happen."

What comes next for Sears? There's little optimism. While some vendors are still sending in goods, the rescue plan has barely begun and shoppers simply have far better options elsewhere.

"It's dead man walking," said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy. "It's entirely possible that next Christmas, Sears won't be around as currently structured."

The AP's Joseph Pisani in New Jersey contributed.

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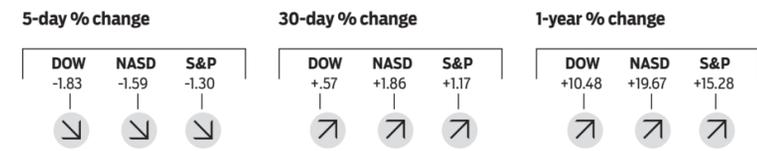
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COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	531	535.50	531	535	+4.50
		Mar 20	525.25	529.75	522.25	527.50	+2.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	371.75	373.50	367.75	368.75	-3.25
		Mar 20	380.75	383	377.25	378.50	-2.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	872.25	880	871.50	878	+7
		Mar 20	886.75	894.50	886.25	892.50	+7
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	30.00	30.32	29.99	30.27	+2.8
		Jan 20	30.27	30.53	30.15	30.47	+2.8
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	292.90	295.50	292.90	294.60	+2.10
		Jan 20	295.00	298.00	294.90	296.70	+2.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	56.43	58.66	56.28	58.43	+2.33
		Feb 20	56.33	58.56	56.21	58.34	+2.31
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.439	2.463	2.368	2.399	-.042
		Feb 20	2.417	2.427	2.340	2.374	-.031
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.5703	1.6217	1.5650	1.6042	+0.413
		Feb 20	1.5779	1.6271	1.5719	1.6111	+0.416

Source: The Associated Press

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	85.18	+82	Envestnet Inc	N	70.58	+19	McDonalds Corp	N	194.31	+1.19
AbbVie Inc	N	87.20	+1.25	Equity Commonwith	N	32.73	-21	Middleby Corp	O	110.77	-1.31
Allstate Corp	N	110.14	+70	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	73.55	+20	Morningstar Intl	O	53.34	+2.07
Aptargroup Inc	N	111.78	-93	Equity Residential	N	84.25	+40	Motorola Solutions	N	165.14	-2.28
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.93	+01	Exelon Corp	O	42.56	+28	Nisource Inc	N	26.50	+0.09
Baxter Intl	N	348.84	-3.24	First Intl RT	N	63.16	-21	Nisource Inc	N	106.34	+1.03
Boeing Co	N	348.84	-3.24	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	92.58	+1.23	Old Republic	N	22.28	+0.05
Brunswick Corp	N	58.65	+80	Gallagher AJ	N	316.87	+4.29	Packaging Corp Am	N	111.18	+4.44
CB&E Global Markets	N	120.24	+17	Grainger WW	N	42.53	-38	Payload Hldg	O	119.76	-1.8
CDK Global Inc	O	53.75	+21	GrubHub Inc	N	106.51	+50	RLI Corp	N	89.72	-98
CDW Corp	O	135.33	+2.19	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	106.51	+50	Stericycle Inc	O	64.49	+7.8
CF Industries	N	44.77	-18	IAA Inc	N	46.49	+17	TransUnion	N	85.50	+73
CME Group	O	204.78	+66	IDEX Corp	N	171.64	+93	US Foods Holding	N	40.05	-06
CNA Financial	N	43.36	+31	ITW	N	84.00	+69	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	239.43	+2.33
Cabot Microelect	O	127.01	+3.62	Ingredion Inc	N	168.28	+2.55	United Airlines Hldg	O	88.17	-70
Caterpillar Inc	N	140.12	+06	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	74.32	+1.33	Ventas Inc	N	58.03	-07
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.39	+79	Kemper Corp	O	31.03	+23	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	58.91	-08
Deere Co	N	165.27	+1.77	Kraft Heinz Co	O	35.01	+59	Waltrust Financial	O	67.57	+1.25
Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.63	+67	LKQ Corporation	O	181.20	+4.03	Zebra Tech	O	253.21	+3.10
Dover Corp	N	110.42	+1.39	Littelfuse Inc	O						

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.74	+1.11
PG&E Corp	9.47	+9.95
Bank of America	33.15	+0.09
Gen Electric	38.10	+0.59
AT&T Inc	38.10	+0.59
Energy Transfer L.P.	11.33	-0.07
SemGroup Corp	15.02	-0.04
Berkley WR	68.23	+2.1
Nokia Corp	3.45	-0.2
Ford Motor	8.95	+0.6
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.61	+2.5
AK Steel Hold	3.15	+1.4
CBS Corp B	40.77	+1.43
EnCana Corp	4.07	+2.2
Uber Technologies	29.06	+0.4
Transocean Ltd	5.36	+5.0
Brist Myr Sqb	58.90	+1.15
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.48	+0.1
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	7.94	+4.3
Wells Fargo & Co	53.24	+6.6
Petrobras	14.84	+1.6
Salesforce.com Inc	156.43	-5.14
Sthwstn Energy	1.92	+0.8
Freeport McMoRan	11.11	+1.9

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Naked Brand Group	.03	+0.0
Adv Micro Dev	39.69	+7.0
Viacom Inc B	24.22	+7.5
Marvell Tech Grp	23.92	-1.24
Roku Inc	150.58	+5.95
Onconova Therapeut	.32	-0.2
ViewRay Inc	4.08	-3.6
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.87	+0.9
Protagonist Thera	8.11	+3.42
Intel Corp	56.02	-0.5
Caesars Entertain	12.93	-0.2
FuelCell Energy	.61	+0.7
Microsoft Corp	149.85	+5.4
Cisco Syst	43.89	-3.9
Micron Tech	46.30	+1.07
Comcast Corp A	43.51	-1.4
Apple Inc	261.74	+2.29
Expedia Inc	105.56	+6.17
Clovis Oncology Inc	12.12	+4.5
Sorrento Therapeut	3.64	-0.9
GoPro Inc	3.90	+0.4
JetBlue Airways Cp	19.32	+5.7
JD.com Inc	31.56	+4.2
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INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
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Stoxx600	403.19	+4.7/+1.2
Nikkei	23135.23	-244.6/-1.1
MSCI-EAFE	1958.26	-1/-...
Bovespa	110300.90	+1344.9/+1.2
FTSE 100	7188.50	+29.7/+4
CAC-40	5799.68	+72.5/+1.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.10	+5.5
Alibaba Group Hldg	193.74	-1.16
Alphabet Inc C	1320.54	+25.26
Alphabet Inc A	1318.94	+24.20
Amazon.com Inc	1760.69	-9.27
Apple Inc	261.74	+2.29
Bank of America	33.15	+3.1
Berkshire Hath B	218.40	+3.2
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.65	+7.7
Facebook Inc	198.71	-1.1
HSBC Holdings prA	26.04	-0.5
JPMorgan Chase	132.34	+2.56
Johnson & Johnson	139.38	+2.22
MasterCard Inc	286.84	-2.5
Microsoft Corp	149.85	+5.4
Procter & Gamble	124.53	+1.58
Taiwan Semicon	53.18	+4.0
Visa Inc	180.60	-1.30
WalMart Strs	118.69	+0.2

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.51	1.53
2-year disc	1.52	1.53
5-year disc	1.57	1.52
10-year	1.78	1.71
30-year	2.23	2.16

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1474.00	\$1478.20
Silver	\$16.797	\$17.125
Platinum	\$901.80	\$911.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	59.8355
Australia (Dollar)	1.4595
Brazil (Real)	4.2020
Britain (Pound)	.7635
Canada (Dollar)	1.3201
China (Yuan)	7.0500
Euro	.9030
India (Rupee)	71.508
Israel (Shekel)	3.4716
Japan (Yen)	108.93
Mexico (Peso)	19.4562
Poland (Zloty)	3.86
So. Korea (Won)	1191.20
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.47
Thailand (Baht)	30.31

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.58	+20	+13.8
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	28.51	+0.8	+12.0
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	m50.55	+26	+14.9
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	62.68	+24	+10.9
American Funds FdmTtlInvSA m	62.80	+36	+15.2
American Funds GrfAmrca m	52.67	+30	+15.9
American Funds InvCAMrca m	23.36	+11	+11.8
American Funds InvCAMrca m	39.85	+28	+12.5
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	46.92	+23	+18.7
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	48.19	+33	+14.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.17	-0.2	+0.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.07	+5.0	+10.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	196.62	+2.16	+9.6
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.70	-0.2	+7.3
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	108.52	+6.9	+17.6
Fidelity Contrafund	13.63	+0.3	+17.6
Fidelity InvMGrdAdmrl	11.61	-0.2	+10.9
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInPrm	88.63	+5.4	+17.0
Fidelity USBldxInPrm	11.97	-0.3	+10.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.29	+0.2	+3.2
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.06	-0.3	+11.3
PIMCO IncI2	11.99	...	+7.5
PIMCO IncIstl	11.99	...	+7.6
PIMCO TlRetInls	10.46	-0.3	+9.7
Schwab SP500Idx	48.45	+3.1	+17.6
T. Rowe Price BCGr	120.13	+1.1	+17.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	71.81	+0.4	+17.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	288.25	+1.84	+17.6
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	38.68	+1.0	+14.7
Vanguard DivGrInV	30.78	+2.4	+18.9
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	70.70	+6.1	+22.8
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	98.16	+4.2	+17.7
Vanguard HCAdmrl	92.01	+6.5	+11.1
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.46	...	+7.5
Vanguard InslIdxIn	282.66	+1.81	+17.6
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	282.68	+1.81	+17.6
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	67.08	+4.1	+17.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	98.27	+6.0	+16.3
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	214.63	+1.37	+16.6
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	147.90	+1.17	+13.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.73	-0.1	+6.4
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	77.50	+5.1	+13.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	33.03	+0.9	+12.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.89	+0.6	+13.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	26.36	+1.4	+13.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.28	+1.0	+13.8
Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl	11.10	-0.2	+10.5
Vanguard TtBMDxInsl	11.10	-0.2	+10.5
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	23.20	-0.6	+9.0
Vanguard TtInBldxInsl	34.82	-0.8	+9.0
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	28.96	+2.1	+11.7
Vanguard TtInSldxInsl	115.84	+8.6	+11.8
Vanguard TtInSldxInslPlus	115.86	+8.5	+11.8
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	17.31		

OBITUARIES

CLIVE JAMES 1939-2019

Australian journalist, writer had long career as a broadcaster

By **JILL LAWLESS**
Associated Press

LONDON — Clive James, an Australian journalist, joker and intellectual who had a long career as a writer and broadcaster in the U.K., has died. He was 80.

James' representatives, United Agents, said he died Sunday at his home in Cambridge, north of London, and a private funeral was held Wednesday.

James was diagnosed with leukemia and emphysema, and he suffered kidney failure in 2010.

"I am a man who is approaching his terminus," James said in 2012. He later assured well-wishers that he intended to live a few more years — and he did, continuing to write and broadcast until almost the end.

"Clive died almost 10 years after his first terminal diagnosis, and one month after he laid down his pen for the last time," United Agents said in a statement. "He endured his ever-multiplying illnesses with patience and good humor, knowing until the last moment that he had experienced more than his fair share of this 'great, good world.'"

The poet, essayist, author and entertainer had a gift for tickling the divergent sensibilities of the readers of highbrow literary magazines and the audiences of Saturday night TV in Britain, his adopted country.

James was treasured for his comic gift, such as describing Arnold Schwarzenegger as looking like "a brown condom stuffed with walnuts."

In one of his best-remembered book reviews, James pronounced an official Soviet biography of President Leonid Brezhnev as so dull that "if you were to recite even a single page in the open air, birds would fall out of the sky and dogs drop dead."

James, in his self-deprecating way, once imagined an acquaintance describing him as "the boy from the bush who could quote (Ludwig) Wittgenstein," the philosopher.

He was born in 1939 in the Sydney suburb of Kogarah. He was an only child whose father survived a Japanese World War II prison camp

only to die on the flight home, when his son was 6.

Though James said he had no memory of his father, he looked back on his father's death and his mother's despair as the defining moment of his life.

"I understood nothing except that I could not help," he wrote in "Unreliable Memoirs," the first of five autobiographical volumes.

"Eventually in my mid-30s I got a grip on myself," he added. "But there can be no doubt that I had a tiresomely protracted adolescence, wasting a lot of other people's time, patience and love."

Christened Vivian after the Australian tennis star Vivian McGrath, James won permission from his mother to choose an unequivocally masculine name. He picked Clive from the character played by Tyrone Power in the 1942 film "This Above All."

A scholarship for war orphans paved his way to Sydney University, for which he claimed to be unprepared.

But he read hungrily, contributed to the school's literary journal and became its editor.

After a stint at the Sydney Morning Herald, he decamped to Britain and Cambridge University. He was already bridging the worlds of academia and showbiz, and served as president in 1966-67 of the Footlights, the university club which spawned stars, including Peter Cook, Jonathan Miller, Hugh Laurie, Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Germaine Greer, John Cleese, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle and Sacha Baron Cohen.

Despite academic success, he fell into depression in his 20s.

"The proof that I was getting ready to jump off a cliff or stick my head in an oven — that I was serious — was that I was giving my books away," he said in an interview with the Financial Times in 2007. "It was largely because I was lost, I had no outlets, and I wasn't expressing myself. I wasn't doing what keeps me stable now, which is having a stage and a platform."

James eventually found multiple platforms, writing poetry, contributing to the

Times Literary Supplement and London Review of Books, writing books, reviewing television for The Daily Telegraph and hosting "Saturday Night Clive," "The Clive James Show" and other TV programs.

He also formed a "fleeting friendship" with the late Princess Diana, an experience which left him with mixed feelings.

"Even before I met her, I had already guessed that she was a handful. After I met her, there was no doubt about it. Clearly on a hair-trigger, she was unstable at best, and when the squeeze was on she was a fruitcake on the rampage. But even while reaching this conclusion I was already smitten," he wrote in The New Yorker magazine in 1997.

James' best-selling book "Cultural Amnesia" celebrated 100 people whose lives he found inspirational. While the book was favorably reviewed, he disavowed any intention to reach the cultural elite.

"It is still my mission in life to write in a way so that anyone who can read will understand that I am talking about something," he said on a U.S. television show. "My enemy is elevated language."

During his long illness, James increasingly focused on writing poetry, including the poem "Japanese Maple," which was published in The New Yorker in 2014 and became a viral sensation.

He recently wrote "Play All," a book about binge-watching TV shows, and last month released "Somewhere Becoming Rain," a collection of writings about the work of poet Philip Larkin.

A final volume of poems, "The Fire Of Joy," was finished a month before his death and is due to be published next year.

In 2012, James' more than four-decade marriage to Prudence Shaw, a specialist in Dante and early Italian literature, was shaken by the revelation of his eight-year affair with a younger Australian woman — who compounded his embarrassment by ambushing the ailing James for an Australian television program.

James and Shaw had two daughters, Claerwen and Lucinda.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 5 ...

In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1848, President James Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1933, national prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1978, the American space probe Pioneer Venus 1, orbiting Venus, began beaming back its first information and picture of the planet.

In 1979, feminist Sonia Johnson was formally excommunicated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because of her outspoken support for the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

In 1992, Russian President Boris Yeltsin narrowly kept the power to appoint Cabinet ministers, defeating a constitutional amendment that would have put his team of reformers under the control of Russia's Congress.

In 1993, a Palestinian boarded a bus and opened fire with an assault rifle in the first major attack in Israel since the signing of a peace pact with the PLO; the gunman killed a reservist before being gunned down.

In 1996, President Bill Clinton announced the foreign policy team for his second term, including Madeleine Albright as the first female secretary of state; William Cohen as defense secretary; and Anthony Lake as CIA director.

In 1998, James P. Hoffa claimed the Teamsters presidency after challenger Tom Leedham conceded defeat in the union's presidential election.

In 1999, Cuban President Fidel Castro demanded that the United States return 5-year-old Elian Gonzalez, who was rescued at sea, to his father in Cuba within 72 hours.

In 2003, the two makers of flu shots in the United States, Chiron and Aventis Pasteur, announced they had run out of vaccine and would not be able to meet a surge in demand.

In 2005, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice denied the United States engaged in torture or lesser forms of cruel treatment against terror suspects.

In 2017, the International Olympic Committee banned Russia from the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, due to Russia's "systematic manipulation of the anti-doping rules."

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Death Notices

Barry, Anne Marie

Anne Marie Barry (nee O'Connor). Age 91. Native of Long Island, NY. Longtime Flossmoor resident. Mother of Walter (Therese) Barry and Ann (Charles) Davis. Devoted "Nana" to grandchildren Patrick (Lindsy), Annie (JP), Chaz (Ali), Edward (Amanda), Brian (Alexis), Matt (Tarah), and Christian. Loving and proud "Gigi" to great-grandchildren Reese, Morgan, Wes, Josie, Frances, Ty, Charlie, and Sammy. Joins beloved husband Walter J. Barry in eternal rest. Preceded in death by parents Edward and Anne O'Connor and brother Dr. Luke O'Connor. Sister to Ellen (late Walter) Stankewick and Geraldine (late James) Block. Beloved aunt and friend to many. Visitation on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 9-11 am at St. Mary Catholic Church Mokena, Mass to follow at 11 am. Interment, St. Mary Cemetery, Mokena. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Catholic Charities. www.kurtzmemorial.chapel.com or 815-806-2225 for info.

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Boese, Gregory W.

Gregory W. Boese passed away suddenly in his own home on November 30th, 2019. Beloved Husband of Amy nee Choate. Devoted Father of Tyler. Loving Son of Tom Boese and Barbara Warmbold Boese. Dear Brother of Drew Boese. Family and friends are to gather for the Memorial Visitation Saturday December 7, 2019 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162 (located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Interment private. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Gregory's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign his guestbook. In lieu of flowers, donations to Tyler's College Fund appreciated.



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Cipcich, Nedra

Nedra Cipcich (nee Hinton) 79, of Lemont, passed away November 26, 2019. Beloved wife of Tony Cipcich, loving mother of Steve (Brenda Peers) Cipcich, Kristine (John) Cremins, and Andrea (Ben) Cobbett. Grandmother to Jadelyn, Jack, Ben, and Tony. Sister to Ed (the late Dorothy) Hinton, Don (Nancy) Hinton, and Leslie (the late Paul) Torres. Born in Chicago on June 2, 1940 to the late Edwin and Adele Hinton. She graduated from Westcott Vocational High School in 1958. Nedra worked primarily in hospitals and made many friends who enjoyed talking with her because she was sure to make them laugh. Memorial Mass Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 10 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church 605 State St, Lemont. Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to Gerharz-Cappetta Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Lemont. Info 630-257-2123 or www.gerharzfuneralhome.com

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Conn, Jerome J. 'Jerry'

Jerome "Jerry" J. Conn, 82, passed away on Thurs. Nov. 28, 2019 in Libertyville, IL. He was born July 7, 1937 in Chicago, was formerly of Wheaton, living in Gurnee for the past 6 years. He was a graduate of Weber High School in Chicago and took classes from both DePaul University and Brigham Young University for accounting. Jerry was a Sgt. E-5 in the US Army from 1960 - 1962. Jerry retired as a CPA, working until he was 80. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, loved his family, was an active booster parent at Wheaton Central High School for 12 years and loved his Chicago sports, especially the Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Patricia Conn; 3 children, Jacqueline (Sheldon) Ripson, Sherri Rukes and Eric (Lynn) Conn; 4 grandchildren, Madison, Joseph, Nicholas and Joshua; and many nieces, nephews and godchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Florian and Clara, and by his brother Florian Conn.

Visitation will be from Noon to 3 pm Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Visitation will start at 8:30 am with prayers beginning at 9 am at the funeral home Monday and proceed to Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 135 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa for funeral mass at 10 am. Entombment will follow at Ascension Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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Glueckert, Jamie Lee

Jamie Lee Glueckert, age 22, of Skokie, suddenly, December 2, 2019. Beloved mother of Bennett; loving daughter of the late Richard Glueckert and Robbie Hassen; dearest sister of Erin, Collette, Terri, and Kevin; cherished granddaughter of Albert and Carol Glueckert and Barbara Sawka. Visitation, Friday, December 6, 2019, from 9 a.m. until time of Prayers, 10:30 a.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. (Due to Lincoln Av., north of Oakton St., road closure, approach funeral home from the north.) Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., at St. Lambert Catholic Church, 8148 Karlov Av., Skokie. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. Funeral information: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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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 Jeremias (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, 800-708-7644, would be appreciated. Interment private. Arrangements by **Neptune Society**, 847-963-0215.

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Kahnt, Don R.

Don R. Kahnt of La Grange Park, age 89. Beloved husband of Mary T., nee Winkler; loving brother of the late Richard V. (late Laverne) Kahnt; proud uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a 5:00 p.m. Chapel Service. Interment private. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Konkolewski, Edward F.

Edward F. Konkolewski, age 91, of Elmhurst; beloved husband of Sylvianne M., nee Gulley; loving father of Camille (Jerry) Johnson, Donna (the late Edwin) Ellefsen, Jennifer (Jeffrey) Jendryk and the late Edward Thomas (Jeanine) Konkolewski; proud grandfather of Emily, Edwin, Erika, Jessica, Jenna, Jeffrey and Michael and great-grandfather of Lowell, Thorin, Eve and Asher; dear brother of the late Thomas (Florence) Konkolewski. Visitation Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 10:15 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Lai, Shaw S. 'Jack'

Shaw S. Lai, 83, longtime resident of Elk Grove Village peacefully passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019, in his home, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Marie (Nee Palmisano) for 56 years, and the loving father of Anna (Fah Che) Leong and Jennifer (John) Bienko. Devoted grandpa to Jacqueline, Addison, Marcus, Victor, and Sophia, and dear brother of Yu Hsiang (I Mei) Lai, Ming (Nobu) Shigemitsu, Sue (Agie) Chen, and the late Francis (Shu Tuan) Lai, as well as fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. "Jack," as his friends called him, found joy and contentment in gardening, oil painting, cooking, traveling, and ballroom dancing. A memorial Mass will be held on January 18 at 11am at St. Julian Eymard Church, 601 Biesterfeld Road, Elk Grove Village, IL.

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Levin, Leonard

Leonard Levin, age 85, of Edina, MN, formerly of Chicago, passed away on December 3, 2019. Preceded in death by parents, Isaac and Libby Levin; brother, Ronald Levin. Survived by wife, Dorothy Levin; children, Faith (Steven) Rothberg, Dr. Robert M. Levin, Alan (Jill) Levin; grandchildren, Isaac, Harry and Libby Rothberg, Anjali Levin, Julia, Georgia, Isabel and Samuel Levin. Funeral service 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at Temple Israel, 2323 Fremont Ave S., Mpls, MN. Gathering of family and friends immediately following the service. Memorials preferred to Park Nicollet Struthers Parkinson's Center or donor's favorite charity. SHIVA: Monday, 7:00pm, Temple Israel; Tuesday, 7:00pm, 7141 York Ave. S., Edina, MN.

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Levine, Alfred Hillel 'Al'

During a Thanksgiving visit with family in Fort Collins CO, Al Levine passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren, on November 30, 2019 at the age of 89. A Northbrook, IL resident for more than 50 years, Al was born in Chicago on July 11, 1930. He graduated from Senn High School, received an Accounting degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. After law school, Al joined Arthur Andersen & Co., specializing in tax matters. In 1959, Al joined the CPA firm founded by his father, Levine Hahn & Co., later known as Levine Hahn Kilcoyne & Smith, where he spent the rest of his vocational life. In a career spanning 60 years, Al was a trusted tax and business advisor to many clients and friends. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Samuel and Rose Levine. Al is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 62 years, Barbara (Bobbie), daughters Linda (Mark) Rodda of San Jose CA and Sharon (Derek) Storm of Chicago, and son David (Amy) Levine of Fort Collins CO. He was the cherished grandfather of 9: Matthew, Aaron and Michael Rodda; Jeffrey, Alec and Nicholas Storm; and Daniel, Jordan and Hannah Levine. Al also leaves his dear brother Morton (Barbara) Levine of Carbondale, IL.

Al and Bobbie are long-time members of New Reform Congregation Kadima, where they received much love and support. In a life centered on his family and his work, Al will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity. The concerns of those around him became his concerns; the accomplishments and celebrations of family were his greatest joys. His kids will especially remember annual vacations on Cranberry Lake in Eagle River Wisconsin that marked the best moments of their childhood. A lifelong Cubs fan, Al spoke often about watching the North Stars lose in the 1945 World Series at Wrigley Field and was elated 71 years later to have witnessed their triumphant World Series crown. A service in memory and in celebration of Al's life will take place on Sunday, December 8th, at 11a.m. at the Patty Turner Center, 375 Elm Street, Deerfield IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the charity of your choice.

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WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Dec. 4	
Powerball	08 27 44 51 61 / 14
Powerball jackpot:	\$120M
Lotto jackpot:	\$13.25M
Pick 3 midday	285 / 9
Pick 4 midday	9506 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto midday	09 16 20 33 41
Pick 3 evening	630 / 7
Pick 4 evening	6444 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening	02 03 25 40 42
Dec. 6 Mega Millions: \$285M	
WISCONSIN	
Dec. 4	
Megabucks	03 19 30 33 43 48
Pick 3	078
Pick 4	1877
Badger 5	08 15 25 27 28
SuperCash	04 12 13 16 21 36

INDIANA	
Dec. 4	
Lotto	09 12 13 19 31 38
Daily 3 midday	297 / 9
Daily 4 midday	2675 / 9
Daily 3 evening	027 / 7
Daily 4 evening	2394 / 7
Cash 5	07 12 27 30 36
MICHIGAN	
Dec. 4	
Lotto	10 27 35 40 42 43
Daily 3 midday	509
Daily 4 midday	6760
Daily 3 evening	011
Daily 4 evening	4681
Fantasy 5	02 06 16 28 38
Keno	05 10 11 17 18 20
	24 27 32 35 38 45 47 48
	49 52 54 56 60 64 69 78

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McCarthy, Thomas 'Tom'

Thomas "Tom" McCarthy, 61, of Bartlett. Beloved husband of 16 years to Mary Lou; cherished son of the late Michael and Joyce (nee Collins); kind brother of Michael (Jean), Eileen (Donald) Luce, Daniel (Wendy) and the late Patrick; dear brother in law of Patricia McCarthy and Lila (Ken) Neuhengen; caring uncle to many. Tom was a flight attendant for over 30 years and an avid sports fan. Visitation will be at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory**, 950 South Bartlett Rd (at Stearns Rd), Bartlett from 9:00am until time of prayers 10:15am, going to St Peter Damian Church, Mass 11:00a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery, 700 N River Rd, Des Plaines. 630-289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Mohr, Jr., Rev. Dr. Frank

Rev. Dr. Frank T. Mohr, Jr. (90) of Naples, FL, formerly of Lake Forest, IL died peacefully at his home on Sunday, December 1st. He graduated from Lake Forest College in 1952 and The University of Illinois in 1954 with a Masters in Industrial Relations. He had a 21-year business career as Vice President with Culligan International. While working he began studying at McCormack Theological Seminary for his Masters in Theology in 1975. While completing his Doctorate in Divinity degree at McCormick he became the Executive Director of The Church Federation of Greater Chicago. During his tenure he helped organize an Ecumenical Celebration for Pope John Paul II in Chicago in 1979. Subsequently, President Carter honored him in the White House for his religious and community service. In 1985 he became an ordained Presbyterian Minister and began his service at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples, FL. His final calling was in 1999 with the Moorings Presbyterian Church as Visitation Pastor. Frank's additional passion was Musky fishing at his beloved cabin in Hayward, WI, where he caught more than 250 fish including the largest Musky in the state in 2010! He also had a lifelong love of baseball that included the Chicago Cubs where he tried out for the team in 1946.

Frank was predeceased by his wife Jean Whyte of 64 years. He is survived by his four children: Scott Mohr and wife Sally, Libby McKee and husband Rusty, Margaret McBane and husband Dick and Mary Stokes and husband Jim. Frank was blessed with ten loving grandchildren: Charley, McKee and wife Laura, Scotty Mohr and wife Jaclyn, William McKee and wife Catie, Parker McKee and wife Lane, Emily Winters, Betsy Winters, Molly Winters, Wes Stokes, Kate Mohr and husband Stephen Stahl and Ian Stokes and two great grandchildren: Taylor Mohr and Carter Mohr.

Frank will be deeply missed by all who knew him and read his books. A Memorial Service to honor Frank will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 700 North Sheridan, Rd. Lake Forest, IL on Saturday, December 7th at 2:00pm, with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. Info at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 847-234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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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) 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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NOVOTNY, LAURETTA D.

LAURETTA D. NOVOTNY, (nee Gabrys), beloved wife of the late Louis J. Novotny; loving mother of Sandra (Tim) Docter & Steve (Mergie) Novotny; cherished grandmother of Andrew (Laura), Greg, Joe (Kristi) & John Docter, Katie, Michael (Brittney) & Amy Novotny; predeceased by her parents Mary (nee Kaminska) & Joseph Gabrys & her siblings & their spouses Rose (Stanley) Kiltyka, Elsie (Stanley) Partynski, Joe (Bernie) Gabrys, John (Mary) Adams & Mary (Donald) Hollsten; dearest aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews; childhood & best friend of Mary Kec, special friend of Chester Bozak, Joan Johnson & a good friend to many. Visitation Friday, December 6, 2019, 2-8 p.m. at **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.**, 8999 S. Archer Ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Saturday, December 7, 2019, 9 a.m. from the funeral home to the Church of St. James at Sag Bridge. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. (708) 839.8999 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



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O'Brien, Francis W.

Francis W. O'Brien passed away on December 3, 2019. Loving Husband to the late JoAnn (nee Eheart) and loving Father to the late Michael O'Brien. Francis is survived by his wife of 20 years Virginia; Son John (Jing) O'Brien. Grandfather to Jade and Michelle. Beloved Step-Father and Step-Grandfather to many. Francis was a longtime member of the Eiche Turner Club, and proud U.S. Army Veteran. Visitation will be held Friday December 6, 2019 at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd Street, Oak Lawn. Friends and Family asked to gather Saturday December 7, 2019 for a funeral service in the chapel of St. Mary Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.



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O'Connor, Nancy

Nancy O'Connor (nee Vernola) Beloved wife of the late James O'Connor. Loving mother of Timothy (Peggy) O'Connor and Thomas (Sheila Kowalski) O'Connor. Cherished grandmother of Jack and Maggie. Dearest sister of Joseph (Bonnie) Vernola. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral prayers for Nancy will begin on Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 A.M. from **Casey Laskowski Funeral Home** 4540 West Diversey Avenue proceeding to St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church for Mass of Catholic Burial at 10:00 A.M. Interment Queen of Heaven. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 6th, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For funeral information please call 773-777-6300 or www.caseylaskowskifh.com



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Olofsson, Harold W. 'Hal'

Harold "Hal" W. Olofsson, 85, RPT. Navy Veteran. Retired Physical Therapist with Pro Physical Therapy Services. Beloved husband of Sheila (nee Michaels). Loving father of Tom (Sue) Olofsson, Christy (Ray) Ziegler, Lt. Col. Jim (Silke) Olofsson, Veronica Olofsson, Paula (Bruce) Norton, Don D.O. (Rosanna), Hal (Stacy) and Bill (Jill) Olofsson. Dear grandfather of 15, great-grandfather of 4. Predeceased by 7 brothers and sisters. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Mass at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 7th at St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Chicago. Int. Private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of Fisher Home-Illinois 1600 W. Lake St. Suite 103-B #194, Addison, IL 60101-1822. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home** (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Sachs, Michael

Michael Albert Sachs, age 67, born in St. Louis Missouri, passed away on November 29th in Palm Beach, Florida where he was a resident. Michael is survived by his beloved wife Louella; son David and his wife Diana Liu; daughter Laura Sachs and husband Jordan Fisher; stepchildren Cooper and Camryn Kanew; grandchildren Juniper, Annabelle, and Axel Sachs; Sisters Ellen (Henry) Dubinsky, Myrna (Myles) Hayutin, Sherrian (Robert) Meyers; brothers Harvey (Marlene) Sachs, Phillip (Patricia) Sachs; and many nieces and nephews. Michael was preceded in death by his parents Nellie and Ben Sachs.

Michael earned a B.A. in science and an MSPH in health management from the University of Missouri. He became an internationally renowned health care visionary. He was a serial entrepreneur, who throughout his career started and grew several companies, including Sachs Group, bSwift, Solucient /HCIA-Sachs, Sg2, and Repp Health. In the process he created thousands of jobs and launched numerous successful careers. He attracted, motivated, and advanced incredibly talented health care professionals. He was recognized as a great leader, strategist, mentor, and friend by all who worked with him. Despite his demanding schedule, Michael always found time to have a cup of coffee with anyone seeking his knowledge and wisdom.

Michael's passion for making a difference in this world led him to contribute meaningfully both financially and through his leadership skills to organizations such as: The American Jewish Committee, Ravinia Festival, Ounce of Prevention Chicago, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and the Goodman Theater, where he also established the Alice Rapoport Center for Education and Engagement. Through Michael's love for life, his other passions included the arts, boating, golf, travel and his deep commitment to the YPO and CEO organizations. Michael will be remembered by many for touching and improving their lives with his personal style and charm. Celebrations of his remarkable life will be held at the Martin Theater at Ravinia Festival 418 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, Illinois on December 10th at 11am. Reception to follow until 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Michael's honor to:

American Jewish Committee-AJC.org (in honor of Michael Sachs to AJC Israeli-Palestinian Integration Initiative) Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund-www.dmsf.org, Ravinia Festival-raviniawb.org/tribute-fund.

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Scheirich, William 'Bill'

William (Bill) Scheirich passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Nov 23, 2019 at the age of 76. Beloved son of the late John Scheirich and Rose Fagiano. Devoted husband of 54 years to Mary. Father to John (Georgeann), Tina, and Michael (Sherr). Grandfather of Christopher, Dylan, Nicole, Madison, and Samantha. Brother-in-law to Irene Vilc. Nephew, Uncle and Cousin of many. A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, December 7th from 3-9 at the **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, 450 W. Lake Street, Roselle, 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd) For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com



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Schinderle, Robert F.

Robert F. Schinderle, age 96, former CEO of St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, and executive with Mercy Hospital, Chicago, and OSF Saint Francis Hospital, Peoria, died Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Proud WWII Army veteran serving in the Battle of the Bulge with the 75th Infantry Division, and graduate of Marquette University and Northwestern University. Active member of numerous professional and community organizations including serving as an officer with the American Hospital Association, Illinois Hospital Association, Catholic Hospital Association of the United States, and Hospital Licensing Board for the State of Illinois. Beloved husband of 69 years to the late Elizabeth A. (nee Nutt) Schinderle (2018); loving father of David (Maria) Schinderle of San Juan Capistrano, CA, Mary Duchene of Crest Hill, IL, and Brian (Monica) Schinderle of Wilmette, IL; and dear grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of three. Visitation Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Roads, Joliet. Funeral Mass Monday, December 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield, IL. Interment private. To read his complete obituary or for more information, visit www.fredcdames.com



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Semkowicz, Vilma

Vilma Semkowicz, age 91, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 2, 2019. She was the beloved wife to the late Steven S. Semkowicz for 60 years; dear mother to Steven (Karen) Semkowicz, Mary Jean Drouganis, and Patricia Kramer; loving grandmother to Christopher, Melissa, Samantha, Myles, and Alexander; great-grandmother to the late Charlotte, dear sister to Roy. In lieu of funeral services, and to honor Vilma, please consider making a donation to the Greater Chicago Food Depository in her name: chicagosfoodbank.org. "The memory of a good person is a blessing." Proverb 10:7

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Severson, Lorraine

Lorraine Severson, (nee Kreft) 95, Born August 22, 1924, departed November 28, 2019. Preceded in death by her four siblings, her husband, Edward Louis, Sr. and stepson Edward Louis, Jr. Leaves behind three daughters, Debbie Hommeland (Rick), Chris Adler (Lou) and Renée Baldwin (Chris). Seven grandchildren: Erin, Sunny, Kate, Joey, Gillie, Brendan and Brede. Great grandchildren: Lula, Siggy, Xenia, Axl, Nik, Ricki, Veronica and Deborah. Memorial Mass will be held at 10am on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at Church of Saint Mary, Lake Forest, IL. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Templeton, Donald J.

Donald J. Templeton, 70 of Libertyville, died peacefully on December 2, 2019 surrounded by his family. Visitation will be on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 2-5pm with a service held at 5pm all at **DeFiore Funeral Home**-10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Donald was born April 20, 1949 the son of Joseph and Dorothy Templeton. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam war. He worked as a chauffeur in the Chicago and surrounding areas. He was dedicated to his clients and had long lasting relationships with many of them. He will be remembered for his pursuit of a deal or a bargain, his "found" treasures, gadgets, puzzles and little tricks with kids. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and his dogs and was a kid at heart. He was a loving brother, son, uncle and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his sisters, Donna M. Armstrong, Diana L. Reece(Ed), Uncle to Donna(Mark), Judy (Mike), Jeannine (Mark) and Joseph and by many great nieces and nephews. Don is also survived by Bill and D. J. who thought of him as a grandfather and by Lisa who thought of him as a father. He was preceded in death by his parents and his fiancé Kathy Schimpf

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Umeh, Bonnie Jean

Bonnie Jean Umeh, nee Hyland, aged 79 years, beloved mother and wife, passed away on November 26, 2019 in her home. She is survived by her husband, Fidelis N. Umeh and her three children Adrienne, Gavin-Keith and Kevin Umeh and three grandchildren Olivia, Oskar, and Cyrus Umeh. A Visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 10:00 AM until the time of Mass at 11:30 AM, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5472 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, IL. Donations may be made in Bonnie's name to the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services. Flowers may be sent to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5472 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, IL. Telephone number: 773-324-2626.

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Urgo, Margaret A

Margaret A. Urgo, 74, loving mother of Alexandria (George Makarov); beloved sister of the late Maude, the late Bill, the late Bob, Jack, the late Mike, Mitzi DalCerro, and the late Kenny; cherished aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, December 6, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Lawrence Funeral Home** 4800 N. Austin Ave. Chicago. Prayers Saturday, December 7, 2019 9:15 a.m. at **Lawrence Funeral Home**. Procession to St. Robert Bellermine Church for Mass of Christian Burial 10 A.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven. In lieu of flowers, donate to War Dogs Making it Home in Margaret's memory 773-742-1066 or www.wardogsmakingithome.org

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Vance Jr., William J.

William "Bill" J. Vance Jr., 86, a resident of Grayslake, passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Sedgebrook in Lincolnshire, IL. He was born January 13, 1933 in Chicago, IL to William and Ruth Vance. Bill worked as an electrical engineer for Hewlett Packard for over 25 years, was a devoted Catholic, and was a veteran of the US Army. Bill was a devoted husband of 58 years to Anne Vance, a loving father to Eileen (Joseph) Kerby, Bill (Amy) Vance, Michael Vance, Suzanne Vance, Theresa (Chris) Manley, Annemarie Vance, and Karyn (Greg) Formica, and a beloved grandfather to 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Joseph Vance, and his grandson Joseph Vance. A visitation is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2019 from 4:00pm until 8:00pm at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium 410 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. The funeral mass is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 10:00am at St. Gilbert Catholic Church 301 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. Interment will be held after the services at Ascension Catholic Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. For more information please contact (847)223-8122 or log onto www.strangfuneral.org.

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WALSH, DOROTHY

Dorothy Walsh nee Murney. Beloved wife of the late Richard P. Walsh. Loving mother of Sheila (John) Cimaglia, Daniel (Carolyn) Walsh, Patrick (Jill) Walsh, Richard Walsh, Maura (Seamus Hanley) Walsh & Eileen (Gene) Curley. Cherished grandmother of John (Kellie), Michael, Brendan C.P.D., Patrick, Joseph, Martin (fiancée Bailey Wuske), Liam & Daniel Cimaglia, Kathleen & Daniel Walsh, Elizabeth, Sarah, Patrick, Mary Claire & Richard Walsh & Maeve & Hugh Curley. Dear sister of the late Mary, Edward, Rita, Genevieve, Donald, James, Robert, John & George. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Our mother's caregiver & dear friend Mary Ann Padilla. Funeral Saturday 11 am from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 12 pm. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3 pm until 9 pm. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Wyskup, Martin L.

Martin L. Wyskup of Westchester, age 91. U.S. Army Veteran-Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of Josephine, nee DiSalvo; loving father of Cheryl (Anton) Eleazar; proud step-grandfather of Jessica and Brandon; preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers; dear uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks W. of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Zajak (Zajaczuk), Maria

Maria Zajak (Zajaczuk), nee Petrenko; beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of Walter (late Katherine), Nick and the late Dimitri; cherished grandmother of Nick (Kelly), Michael, and Andrew; great-grandmother of Noelle, and Nicholas. Visitation Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until time of prayers at 11:15 a.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago proceeding to St. John Brebeuf Church for 12:00 p.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery. Info. 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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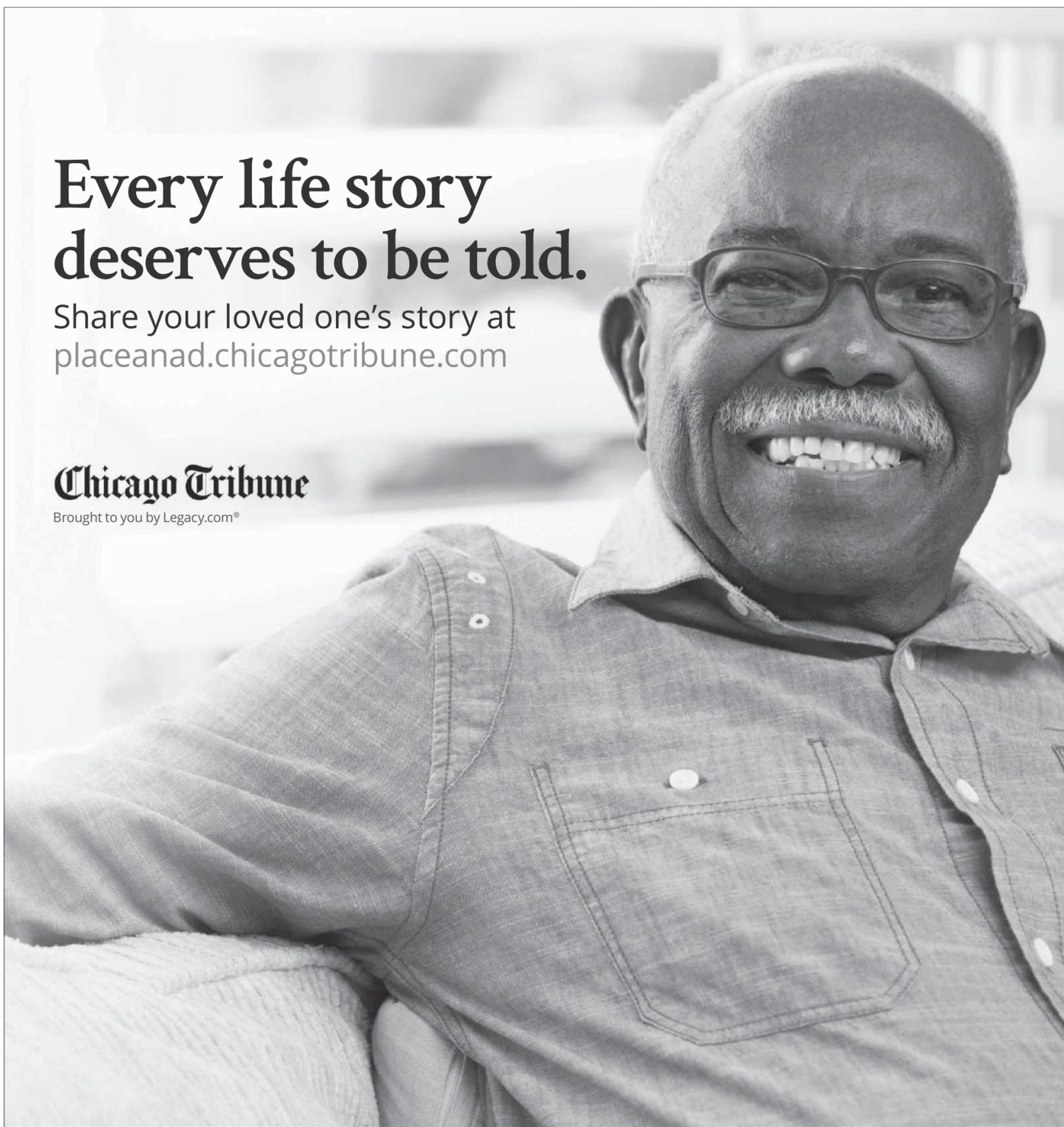
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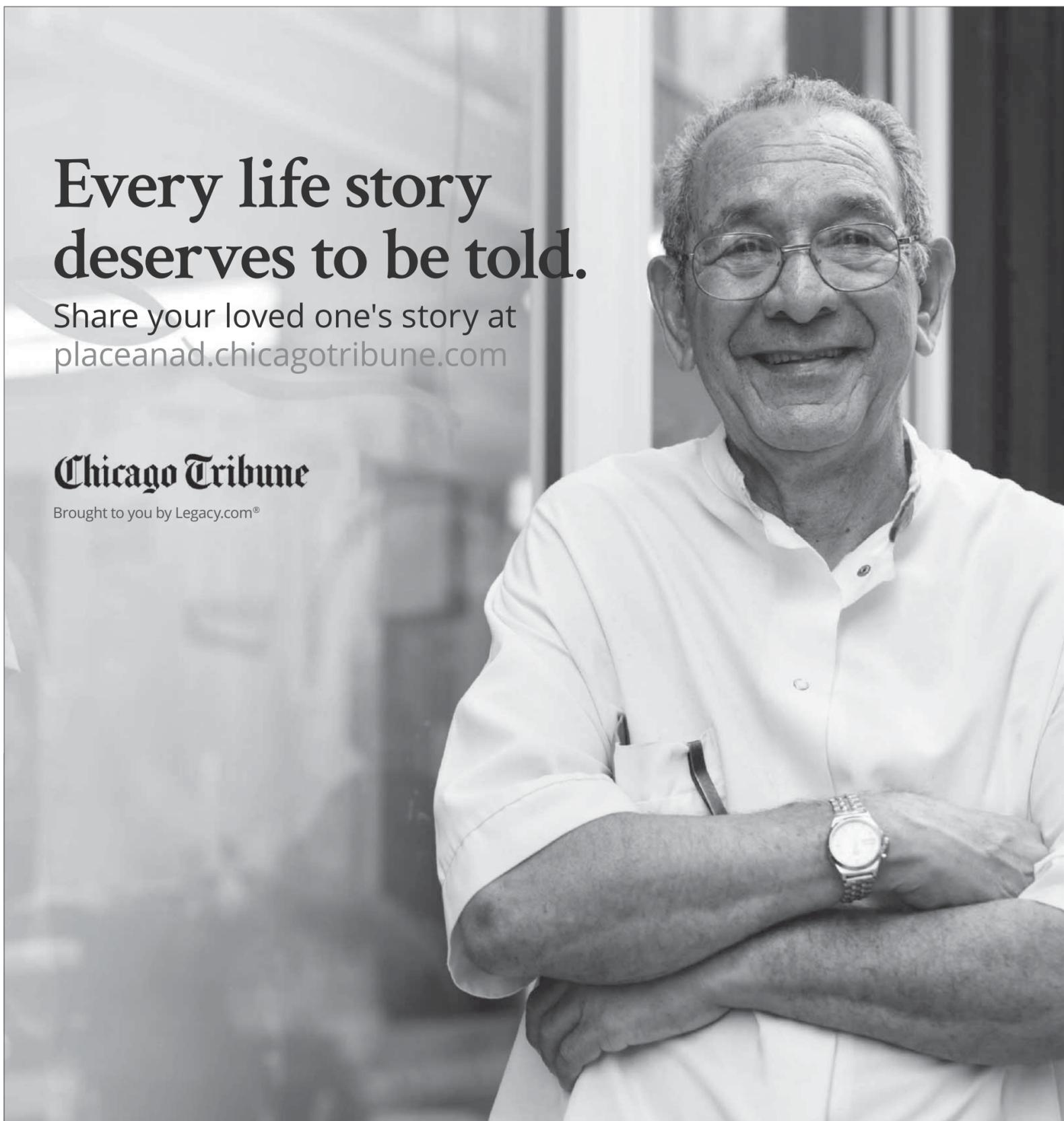


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 RFP Number: 19-45
 The City of Evanston's Water Production Bureau of the Evanston Public Works Agency is seeking proposals from experienced firms for the implementation of a Software as a Service (SaaS) Utility Billing and Customer Information System (UB/CIS) to replace the current system.
 The above item shall conform to the RFP on file in the Purchasing Office. The document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available in the Purchasing Office on December 5, 2019. Parties interested in submitting a bid should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the bid or see the City's website at: www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or Demandstar at: www.demandstar.com
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 Each Proposer shall be required to submit with his/her proposal a Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement Form in accordance with Section 1-18-1 et seq. of the City Code. Failure to submit such information may result in the disqualification of such proposal.
 Jillian Ostman
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kewanda Drake-Willis Glen Willis, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Delinda Drake (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01070 19JA01071

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Glen Willis, Sr. (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 25, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrius Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/17/2019, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 21, 2019 6533079

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Zachariah Sutton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Mariah Fondren (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01000

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Nikko LaSalle Sutton (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 09, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/20/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**DEPAUL 65,
TEXAS TECH 60 (OT)**

Phew! Demons win OT thriller

Coleman-Lands' late heroics keep DePaul undefeated

BY SHANNON RYAN

The DePaul student section was chanting, "This is our house." Fans gleefully chugged beers when they appeared on the Wintrust Arena video board.

And DePaul fans still were cheering at the end of the game, even streaming onto the court.

Something certainly felt different — make that "better" — Wednesday night in Chicago, another sign of the Blue Demons' changing fortunes.

The Blue Demons defeated Texas Tech, last season's NCAA runner-up, 65-60 in overtime and played themselves into national relevancy.

When was the last time basketball games were this fun at DePaul?

The victory extended the undefeated Blue Demons' winning streak to nine — their best start since winning 16 straight in 1986-87. It's their longest winning streak at any point in a season since 1993-94.

Jalen Coleman-Lands led the way with 20 points, hitting three 3-pointers down the stretch and making two other clutch plays in overtime.

He nailed a 3 with 8.3 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime after the Blue Demons had fought toe to toe with the Red Raiders throughout.

Coleman-Lands, who missed 27 games last season with a broken hand, took a charge and made two more critical 3-pointers in overtime, providing a 61-60 lead with 55 seconds left.

Turn to **DePaul**, Page 4

BEARS THE FINAL FOUR

The Bears (6-6) have a path to the playoffs even if they lose Thursday, but they likely need these three things to happen:

- Win their final four games.
- Vikings lose one their next three (Lions, @Chargers, Packers).
- Rams lose two of their last four (Seahawks, @Cowboys, @49ers, Cardinals).

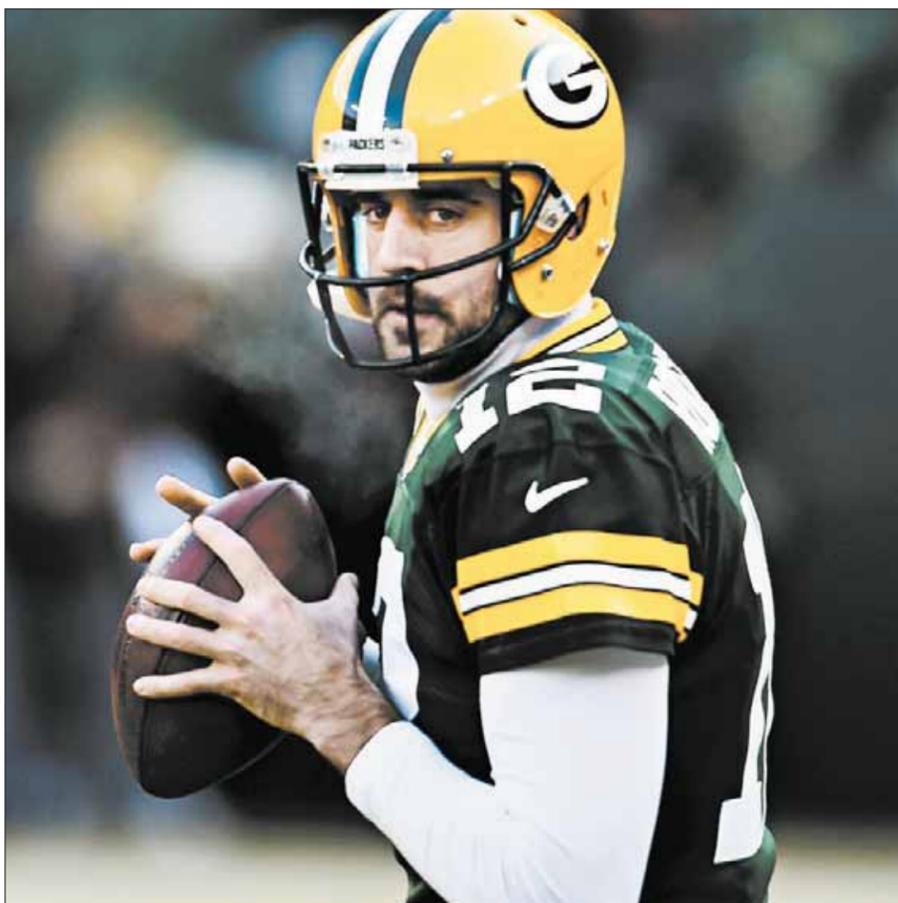


WHAT'S LEFT FOR BEARS
Dak Prescott/Cowboys
7:20 p.m. Thursday at Soldier Field, FOX-32
■ The QB: NFL-leading 3,788 passing yards.

Aaron Rodgers/Packers
Dec. 15 in Green Bay
■ The QB: 22 TDs, 2 INTs.

Patrick Mahomes/Chiefs
Dec. 22 at Soldier Field
■ The QB: 20 TDs, 2 INTs.

Kirk Cousins/Vikings
Dec. 29 in Minneapolis
■ The QB: 111.9 passer rating, second in the NFL.



WHITE SOX

Wheeler passes on Sox offer

Instead accepts 5-year, \$118M deal with Phillies

BY LAMOND POPE

The White Sox made a major push to land free-agent starting pitcher Zack Wheeler.

But the right-hander decided to stay in the National League East, signing a reported five-year, \$118 million deal with the Phillies on Wednesday.

The Sox made a higher five-year offer with all guaranteed money, but family considerations with ties to New Jersey won out, according to a source.

Wheeler, 29, has been with the Mets since 2013. He went 11-8 with a 3.96 ERA in 2019 and had a career-high 195 strikeouts, 14th in the NL. He missed the entire 2015 and 2016 seasons after Tommy John elbow surgery.

Wheeler is 44-38 in his career with a 3.77 ERA in 126 starts. He has 726 strikeouts in 749 1/3 innings. The Sox got a good look at Wheeler on Aug. 1, when he struck out seven and scattered four hits in seven overpowering innings in a 4-0 victory at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Instead of teaming up with Lucas Giolito, Wheeler will be part of a Phillies rotation that includes Aaron Nola and Jake Arrieta.

Starting pitching is an off-season priority for the Sox. They're looking to add at least one starter, possibly two.

Giolito, Dylan Cease and Reynaldo Lopez are returning to the rotation. Michael Kopech is expected back after missing all of 2019 while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Turn to **White Sox**, Page 5

ONE GAMER AT A TIME

Against a quality quartet of quarterbacks down the stretch, we'll find out how this version of the Bears defense stacks up



BRAD BIGGS
Bear Essentials

The Bears defense faces a major step up in class in opposing quarterbacks — from Jeff Driskel, Jared Goff, Daniel Jones and David Blough to Dak Prescott, Aaron Rodgers, Patrick Mahomes and Kirk Cousins — in the final quarter of a season that began with grand expectations.

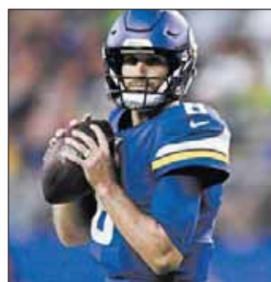
The Bears have won three of their last four games, defeating two rookie quarterbacks, a nondescript backup and the struggling Goff to climb back to .500.

At 6-6, the Bears' playoff chances are razor thin. Yet they remain alive and received a slight boost Monday night when the Seahawks defeated the Vikings. The Bears are two games behind the 8-4 Vikings for the final wild-card spot in the NFC and three back of the division-leading Packers. To have a shot of playing in January, the Bears have to get scorching hot and rely on at least one of their two rivals crashing.

Turn to **Biggs**, Page 4



GETTY PHOTOS



TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Don't want Buck, Aikman?

Bears fans, Amazon Prime wants to deliver something to you Thursday night that can't be stolen from your doorstep.

It's a live stream of the Cowboys-Bears game with a variety of announcers from which to choose, including not just Joe Buck and Troy Aikman but Hannah Storm and Andrea Kremer.

Let's see those cardboard boxes in the Amazon ads sing about that.

The Cowboys-Bears game has landed on Amazon as part and parcel of the \$130 million, two-year deal Amazon cut with the NFL last year for supplementary rights to 11 "Thursday Night Football" games per season.

For Amazon, this business arrangement is yet another chance to wedge itself deeper into its consumers' lives and potentially expand its business, assuming that's possible.

(Plus, if Amazon chief Jeff Bezos is interested in someday owning an NFL team, as reported, it can't hurt to have his company cozy up to the league, although that didn't help Disney boss Bob Iger's effort.)

For the NFL, which is in no hurry to bail on traditional TV and/or cable but not blind to shifts in media consumption that may accelerate going forward, this is both found money and a foothold.

The Cowboys-Bears game will be on Fox and NFL Network, per usual.

But, in addition, the prime-time matchup of 6-6 NFC disappointments is the e-commerce giant's penultimate NFL offering for 2019, with the Ravens set to close out Amazon's streaming season with a probable dismantling of the hapless Jets next week.

Buck and Aikman will do their thing for Fox and NFL Network, and their announcing also will be available for Amazon Prime subscribers who have enough bandwidth to keep the action from freezing, lagging or pixelating.

But, as long as they're up for experimentation, Prime Video streamers may wish to avail themselves of Amazon's other options.

Not content with the usual streaming sales pitch of being able to watch "Thursday Night Football" via mobile phone, tablet, laptop computer, desktop computer or internet-friendly smart TV, Amazon has made other "TNF" possibilities just a click away.



Hannah Storm and Andrea Kremer are available as announcers through Amazon Prime.

One alternative is running commentary from veteran sportscasters Storm and Kremer, the 2018 winner of the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award. They are back for their second season announcing "TNF" games on Amazon, working from monitors in a Connecticut studio.

"Hannah and Andrea raised the bar last year as they became the first all-woman team to call NFL games," Marie Donoghue, Amazon's vice president of global sports video, said in a statement earlier this year. "Customer feedback has been great."

Because Amazon makes its NFL games available in many countries around the world, it also offers a UK audio feed featuring Derek Rae and Tommy Smyth, who are Scottish and Irish, respectively. There's also a Spanish-language call.

It's all supplemented by Prime Video's so-called X-Ray feature, which normally offers viewers quick access to details about the movie or TV show they're watching, such as the cast in a given scene or the title and artist for a song playing in the background.

Bears fans can expect X-Ray to provide Amazon's Next Gen Stats as they become relevant, something perhaps along the lines of Tarik Cohen's yards-after-contact data.

It's all a work in progress, and from the outside it's hard to know how it's going. Just how many people are watching NFL games this season on Amazon isn't clear.

While industry estimates say more than 100 million households are springing for Amazon Prime and more than a quarter of those homes take advantage of its video offerings.

Amazon isn't talking about 2019, but it previously said that its 11 "TNF" games in 2018 reached 24.4 million total viewers between Prime Video and Twitch, its video-game channel featuring user-generated commentary.

That's 33% better than its 2017 streams fared.

The company also said more than 500,000 of its 2018 streamers watched at least 30 seconds of any given NFL game, which is a 61% year-over-year improvement. Amazon said that pool of viewers watched an average of 59 minutes each.

It did not break out a figure for how many opted specifically for, say, the Storm-Kremer feed or for how long.

But the idea of using its platform to give consumers something unique that can be customized is smart.

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5 p.m. Miss. G.C. vs. Lackawanna CBSSN

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6 p.m. Blackhawks at Bruins NBCSCH
WGN-AM 720

SOCCER
1:30 p.m. Arsenal vs. Brighton NBCSN

ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

Why isn't the stupid trade of Greg Olsen years ago brought up when discussing the lack of production at tight end? One of the worst trades in Bears history? @dsjaegerse

It certainly ranks as one of the worst, but at the time, I don't think it was that lopsided. The Bears got a third-round pick for Olsen, who had one year left on his rookie contract. What most fail to recognize is Olsen became a much better player — receiver and blocker — after joining the Panthers.

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 - 5 Indian social class
 - 10 Puncture
 - 14 ___ beans; flat legumes
 - 15 Choir members
 - 16 ___ or false test
 - 17 Acting award
 - 18 Leading the way
 - 20 As fit ___ fiddle
 - 21 Make a cup of tea
 - 22 Very funny people
 - 23 Huck Finn's creator
 - 25 11th of 12: abbr.
 - 26 Martin and Charlie
 - 28 Tightwads
 - 31 Removed an apple's center
 - 32 Prayer before meals
 - 34 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
 - 36 Ardent
 - 37 Pet ___; sore point
 - 38 Epiphany visitors
 - 39 ___ culpa
 - 40 Sunflower ___; healthy snack
 - 41 Actor Romero
 - 42 Andean pack animals
 - 44 Select
 - 45 Hitchcock or Scorsese: abbr.
 - 46 ___ away; flabbergasted
 - 47 Move over a bit
 - 50 Boom of thunder
 - 51 Author Doyle's monogram
 - 54 Atrocious
 - 57 Ending for flex or convert
 - 58 Heating chamber
 - 59 First, second, third & home
 - 60 Run-down urban area
 - 61 Cribbage board inserts
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 - 63 Pegs for Tiger
- DOWN**
- 1 ___bargain; avoid a trial
 - 2 Shoots carefully
 - 3 Of no importance
 - 4 Sunbeam
 - 5 Women's pants
 - 6 E.T., for one
 - 7 ___ away; put into storage
 - 8 "Well, that went over like a ___ of bricks!"
 - 9 Suffix for Bengal or Japan
 - 10 ___ for; work to obtain
 - 11 Musketeers or Stooges
 - 12 Mother's sister
 - 13 Asks for an alms
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- 26 Con artist's plot
- 27 Shanty
- 28 Dallas team, familiarly
- 29 Not extreme
- 30 Long stories
- 32 The Bee ___; Gubb brothers
- 33 Blushing
- 35 Become fatigued
- 37 Bosc or Bartlett
- 38 Cat's cry
- 40 Whack
- 41 Use an ax
- 43 Gussies up
- 44 Tasteful; dignified
- 46 Bessie Smith's music
- 47 ___ around; bargain-hunt
- 48 Small bay
- 49 Neighbor of Idaho: abbr.
- 50 Price to acquire
- 52 Crossword definition
- 53 Clinton & Obama: abbr.
- 55 Org. for Spurs and Suns
- 56 Quayle or Rather
- 57 Suffix for violin or tour

BEARS

Biggs

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The Bears are savvy enough to not talk about their postseason chances. They are keeping the focus on the task at hand, which is the Cowboys on Thursday night at Soldier Field.

The Cowboys are scuffling, having lost three of their last four games, leading owner Jerry Jones to give weekly updates on the status of embattled coach Jason Garrett. But in the down-and-out NFC East, the Cowboys remain in the driver's seat, making the game more significant for them from a playoff perspective.

Mitch Trubisky is coming off his best game of the season, throwing for 338 yards and three touchdowns in Detroit as the Bears held off the Lions and Blough, an undrafted rookie playing in his first NFL game.

Any way you look at it, the Bears will face four consecutive opponents that are significantly more potent offensively. They will see a quartet of quarterbacks who rank among the best in the league. That means if the organization is going to change the direction and tenor of this season, the defense is going to have to play better than it has all year.

Twelve games in, it's interesting to see how Chuck Pagano's defense stacks up against what the unit accomplished under Vic Fangio a year ago. The Bears rank fourth in points allowed at 17.3 per game. That's just ahead of where they finished last year at 17.7, tops in the league. Opponents are averaging 3.74 yards per carry, just ahead of last year's 3.78. Opponents are converting 34.6% of third downs, just behind 2018's 34.2%.

The defense has done a nice job weathering injuries to inside linebacker Danny Trevathan and defensive lineman Akiem Hicks, a credit to the play of linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski and the rotation of linemen Roy Robertson-Harris, Nick Williams and Bilal Nichols.

"They've never let (losing Trevathan and Hicks) affect them, you know, so it doesn't really matter," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "Whoever the next guy is, that person is ready to get up and play. Chuck has done a really good job at coming in this first year and teaching his system to these guys, and they've done a great job, in turn, of adapting to it."

The numbers reinforce what most understand: The shortcomings of a team that finished 12-4 a year ago and returned almost all of its key contributors is due to a struggling offense. That offense has been marginally better recently, but that improvement has come against the Lions and Giants, two of the worst defenses in the league.

The Bears have fallen off in interceptions. They have only eight a year after grabbing a league-high 27. That's the primary reason why their opponents' passer rating is 86.4 as opposed to last year's league-low 72.9. The pass rush has produced 28 sacks, 2.3 per game, slightly behind where it was a year ago. That's a combination of several factors, one of which is that they haven't consistently been playing with a lead in the fourth quarter, when they can pin their ears back and chase the quarterback.

The question is, how much can a defense led by outside linebacker Khalil Mack, nose tackle Eddie Goldman, inside linebacker Roquan Smith, cornerback Kyle Fuller and free safety Eddie Jackson play with the season hanging in the balance? If the Bears want to make the final month interesting and challenge the Vikings or even the Packers, they need to play some of the best defense they ever have to have a shot against four teams that rank in the top 11 in scoring.

"That's the goal, stack these wins because we know what is at stake," Jackson said.

If the defense cannot rise up, by the time the season ends it might seem like a long time ago when it played well against guys named Blough, Jones, Goff and Driskel.

Scouting report

Michael Gallup, Cowboys WR

Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Michael Gallup, 6-foot-1, 205 pounds, is in his second season after the Cowboys made him a third-round pick out of Colorado State, where he had 2,690 and 21 touchdowns in two seasons. Gallup had 33 receptions for 502 yards (15.4 average) and two touchdowns as a rookie and has expanded his role this season with 49 catches for 796 yards (16.2) and three scores.

Gallup has emerged as a reliable threat opposite top receiver Amari Cooper. Gallup has three 100-yard games this season with 11 receptions of 20 yards or more.

"When you take Cooper and Gallup together with Randall Cobb, outside of Kansas City, it might be the most dangerous wide receiver group in the NFL because they all have explosive traits to them," the scout said. "Obviously, Cobb is a slot guy, and Cooper is more of a graceful route runner with deep-ball ability, and Gallup can really stretch the field. You saw that on his Colorado State tape.

"He doesn't have a huge frame, and his upper body isn't totally developed. I don't think it ever is going to be. He's not a super-physical receiver, and he's not going to run over guys after the catch, but he can get down the field in an instant. He can run those deep in cuts and skinny posts, and he's getting better at running the underneath routes in that offense. He fits an ideal role for them as a No. 2 opposite Cooper, and now you have Cobb in the slot, so they're very successful when they can get those three receivers on the field.

"It's going to present some challenges for the Bears, especially if Prince Amukamara is out. They've got a quarterback that can get those guys the ball. Dak Prescott has had a pretty good year."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DePaul guard Jalen Coleman-Lands (5) is lifted up in celebration after an overtime victory over Texas Tech on Wednesday.

DePaul

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Jaylen Butz missed two free throws, but DePaul wrangled the rebound.

After Charlie Moore lost the ball, Coleman-Lands raced down the court after the loose ball and was fouled, making both with 13 seconds left. Moore added two more to end the game and sparked a downtown party.

Terrence Shannon Jr., a freshman from Lincoln Park who was committed to DePaul at one time, led Texas Tech with 24 points. The Red Raiders were without leading scorer Jahmi'us Ramsey.

Paul Reed had 18 points and seven rebounds for DePaul, and Butz added 17 and seven. Moore, the Blue Demons' leading scorer entering the game, suffered through a 2-for-15 shooting night and finished with only six points, but he had 10 assists and five steals.

After posting three road wins against power-conference opponents (Iowa, Boston College and Minnesota), Wednesday's game in the inaugural Big East-Big 12 Battle was a chance to further legitimize the Blue Demons, who received votes in this week's Associated Press poll.

While the Red Raiders were coming off consecutive losses in the Las Vegas Invitational that knocked them out of the AP Top 25, coach Chris Beard's team won 58 games over the last two seasons and reached the NCAA championship game last spring.

"This is an important one because it's at home," DePaul coach Dave Leitao said Tuesday. "It's an important one because Texas Tech has a pretty high RPI. It's important because they played in the national championship game last year.

"Win, lose or draw, we have to wake up Thursday and have to continue on. How good can we finish in the nonleague portion of the season? What's our record going to be? It's one important game. We want to be in really good shape going into the Big East season."

Leitao said he had noticed how quiet DePaul's bus rides had become over the years. Players put on headphones and stared at their phones, and the rides were "silent," Leitao said.

So when he heard chatter on the team bus, starting in the summer during a European exhibition tour, he had a good feeling about this season's potential.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

DePaul forward Romeo Weems (1) celebrates after getting possession late in overtime.

"We were doing a lot of touring and eating in France and Italy," Leitao recalled. "They're laughing and they're joking. They're kind of teasing each other. I saw that this summer and it's carried on. When I walk in the gym or I'm around a group of them, that's the mood and atmosphere. There's synergy that can be built upon."

The improvement isn't only about camaraderie, of course. Leitao's mix of well-regarded recruits and transfers appears to be melding.

DePaul has improved its length, athleticism and speed, allowing the Blue Demons to be more aggressive on defense. Entering Wednesday, they were holding opponents to 35.6% shooting, including 29.5% on 3-pointers.

Reed, a 6-foot-9 junior forward, ranked seventh nationally with 3.5 blocked shots per game, and the team average of 6.3 ranked 13th in the country.

"Last year we were more pragmatic on both ends," Leitao said. "We weren't in position to challenge as much as we can challenge now."

Moore, a Kansas transfer who played at Morgan Park, was averaging 17.1 points and 6.6 assists entering Wednesday. He and Reed were named to the Big East's weekly honor roll for their roles in victories against Central Michigan and Minnesota last week.

"It's pretty great," Moore said of DePaul's hot start. "But we have to stay humble. We have a long season to go."

Leitao, in his second stint with DePaul after coaching the Blue Demons in 2002-05, said he isn't reveling in the early success. The gym, he said, should be a businesslike atmosphere.

"It's to keep doing what we've been doing," he said. "This hasn't been all rose petals for four years. I've been more frowning and in bad moods than in good moods. I don't think a lot of that has changed."

"That's how I keep them grounded, by staying in the moment. The moment is, we have to get better. It's early December. Champions are not made in December. They're formulated but they're not made."

Purdue smothers No. 5 Virginia in Challenge

Associated Press

Sasha Stefanovic scored a career-high 20 points, Jahaad Proctor also had 20 and host Purdue routed No. 5 Virginia 69-40 on Wednesday night in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

It's the first time the Boilermakers have beaten a top-five foe from another conference in Mackey Arena's 52-year history. The Boilermakers (5-3) have won four of five overall.

Jay Huff had 11 points and Mamadi Diakite finished with 10 for the defending national champions. But the Cavaliers (7-1) had their 13-game winning streak snapped in a rematch of last year's Elite Eight game. They lost for the first time in eight road games dating to last season and produced their lowest point total since March 2017.

The game was billed as a showdown between two of the nation's stingiest defenses, but Purdue dominated from start to finish.

After the teams opened the game with four straight baskets, Purdue dug in, locked down and seized control by using a 12-0 run over nearly seven minutes to take a 26-9 lead late in the first half.

Virginia never recovered. It got as close as 12 with a little more than a minute left in the half before things got worse.

Purdue opened the second half on an 11-3 spurt to make it 43-22.

And just when it appeared Virginia might make one last charge after it cut the deficit to 51-36 with 7:37 to go, the Boilermakers scored 16 in a row to run away.

There's no doubt the Cavaliers can play defense, but they need to find answers on offense. Virginia shot 37.2% from the field, was 4 of 24 on 3-pointers and had 16 turnovers. That's not how coach Tony Bennett's teams typically win games.

Terps keep rolling: Jalen Smith had 15 points and a career-high 16 rebounds as No. 3 Maryland cruised to a 72-51 victory over visiting Notre Dame in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Eric Ayala scored 14 points and Aaron Wiggins added 11 for the Terrapins (9-0), who are off to their best start since winning 10 in a row to open the 1998-99 season.

John Mooney had 17 points and 12 rebounds for Notre Dame (6-2), which had won six in a row since opening the season with a loss at North Carolina.

It took some time for the Terps' offense to get going, but their defense was sharp for nearly the entire first half. After falling behind 9-4, Maryland allowed just four points over the next 12:31.

Ayala scored seven points in a row to turn a one-point game into a 21-13 lead, and later delivered a tomahawk slam a minute before the break. Aaron Wiggins capped the half by getting the carom from his missed 3-pointer and slamming it home for a 32-20 lead.

Notre Dame never cut the deficit to less than 10 in the second half as Maryland snapped a six-game skid in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, a streak that began when the Terps were still in the ACC.

Villanova beats local rival: Saddiq Bey kept another surprise defeat at bay for Villanova, and again made the Wildcats the top contender for another city championship.

Bey scored a career-high 27 points and Jeremiah Robinson-Earl had 13 points and 12 rebounds to lead No. 23 Villanova to an 80-69 victory over Penn.

The Wildcats (6-2) finally pulled away from the Quakers over the final 2 minutes to avoid a second straight loss to their Philadelphia basketball rivals. Justin Moore converted a three-point play to give Villanova the breathing room it needed to hold off pesky Penn (5-4).

"The reason those games are like that and always have been is because we all know each other," coach Jay Wright said.

BLACKHAWKS

Caggiula 'had that conversation'

Forward, 25, says another concussion could end career

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Jeremy Colliton didn't have a choice about whether to retire from the NHL after suffering multiple concussions. The decision was made for him.

"I had one where I had to sit out for almost a full year, and then I came back and got hit again," the Blackhawks coach said. "And then I was out again for several months, and that told the tale for me. It was time."

It's not time yet for Drake Caggiula. But after suffering his second concussion in less than a year, the Hawks forward is well aware his next concussion could mean the end of his career.

"I've had that conversation with my girlfriend, my family, my agent, myself," Caggiula, 25, said. "Right now I'm not at that point. At least I don't think I am. But it is something that you think about and you want to make sure you're protecting yourself short term and long term and protecting your family short term and long term."

"Health is the most important thing, and hockey's not always forever. No matter what, at (some) point it comes to an end — and hopefully, it's not any time soon — but it is something you want to be careful about and take a lot of precautions."

The Hawks have been hit hard by concussions in recent years, as have most NHL teams. In the last few weeks, several Hawks have missed time with head injuries. On Tuesday, the Hawks said Andrew Shaw entered the concussion protocol. He joined Caggiula and Dylan Strome, who both have returned to skating.

On Wednesday, Strome said he could play Thursday against the Bruins in Boston, but Caggiula still has symptoms and won't play until Friday against the Devils at the earliest.

A week ago, Caggiula thought he was ready to play. Then he started to feel pressure in the back of his head and realized he needed more time.

Every concussion is different. Strome dealt with headaches and other symptoms for just a few days before feeling comfortable returning to practice. Caggiula missed more than a month last season, and if he returns Friday, his absence this season will be just shy of a month — he hasn't played since Nov. 10 against the Maple Leafs.

Corey Crawford missed nearly 10 months because of a concussion before returning in October 2018. He suffered another one last December and was out for two months.

It can take a few games to get your timing and rhythm back after any long-term injury, let alone a concussion. It also requires being smart. Last season, the 5-foot-10, 176-pound Caggiula got into a fight with the 6-5-inch, 265-pound Dustin Byfuglien in his second game back from his concussion.

"Everything was fine from that (fight), but (it was) still a scary moment, especially because I wasn't really trying to fight," Caggiula said. "I more or less got jumped in that situation. But it's part of the game, especially with the way I play. Being 5-foot-9, you're bound to take some shots in the head. You've just got to make sure you're protecting yourself and making sure you're aware of what's going on around you."

Colliton is aware of how concussions can end playing careers, just as it ended his when he was only 28.

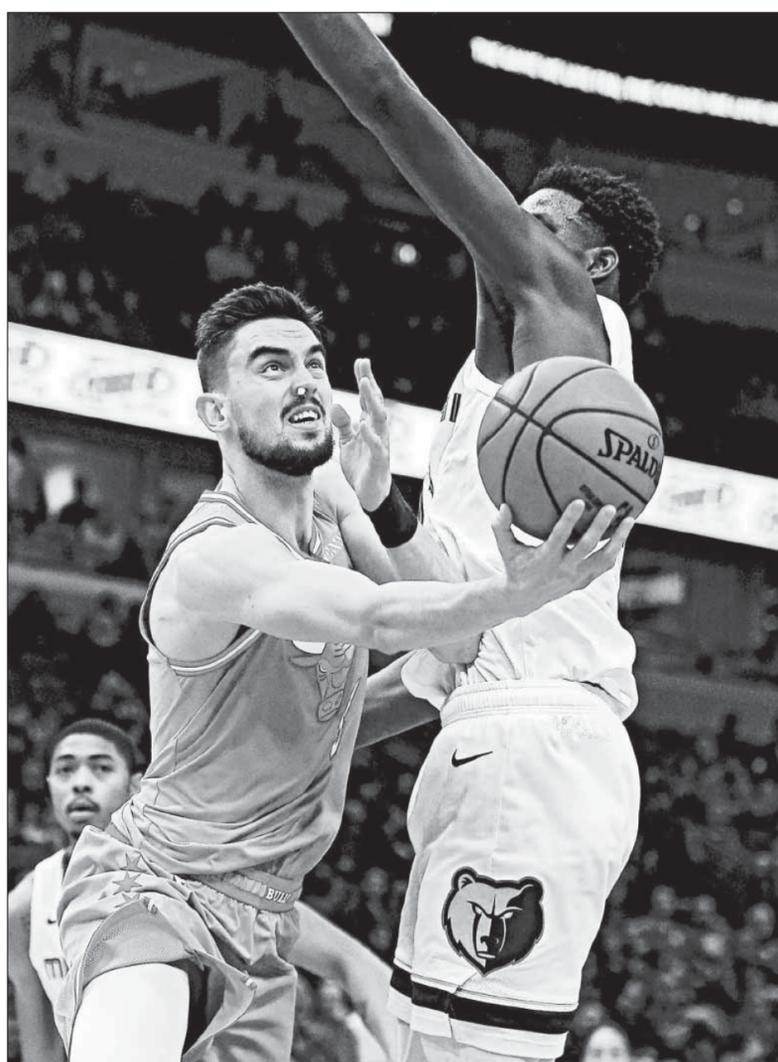
"I care about the guys," he said. "I want them to have the opportunity to play as long as they can. They're really important players for us but more so just for their own well being that they're going to play as many games as they can in the league."

"And after they're done, I want them to be healthy and enjoy time with their family. (It's) something I'm keenly aware of."

Caggiula would love to have a long career. He knows that might not be possible, however, and has spent more than a few minutes considering how he would know it's time to move on and not risk his health.

"Yeah, I have a plan in my head," Caggiula said. "But at the same time, I'm trying not to think about it. Just trying to worry about getting healthy and returning to the lineup and feeling good. It's never a fun time being injured, especially with a head injury, and I'm looking forward to getting back and trying not to think of the alternative side."

BULLS



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BULLS 106, GRIZZLIES 99

Thin, but a win

The Bulls watched a 22-point lead shrink to one but pulled away late for a 106-99 win over the Grizzlies on Wednesday night at the United Center. The Bulls (8-14) earned consecutive wins for the first time this season. Zach LaVine led the Bulls with 25 points and made a 3-pointer and a jumper to put the Bulls back up by five points after the Grizzlies pulled within 88-87 with 4:29 to play. Wendell Carter Jr. had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Bulls, Lauri Markkanen scored 15, and Tomas Satoransky, above, added 13 points and eight assists. Jonas Valanciunas had 32 points and 13 rebounds for the Grizzlies. For more on Wednesday's game go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Bulls becoming vocal

LaVine and Co. 'constructively criticizing each other' more

BY PHIL THOMPSON

When Bulls players selected Otto Porter Jr. and Thaddeus Young as their team captains in October, the omissions of Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen were noticeable.

LaVine and Markkanen were the unquestioned stars who bore the weight of management's mandate to lift the team into playoff contention.

At best it could be seen as Porter and Young, the two most senior members of the roster, carrying the voice of wisdom in the locker room. At worst, it could be interpreted as neither LaVine nor Markkanen being ready or equipped to be outspoken leaders.

Not so, according to at least one teammate, especially with LaVine.

"He's become more vocal," Wendell Carter Jr. said. "I feel like that was a big step for him. I definitely noticed that during training camp and our first couple practices — him being more vocal, telling people where to be on the offensive end, being more vocal on the defensive end, which is surprising."

LaVine has been criticized in the past as seeing defense as optional, so it's a sign of growth for teammates and coaches to say he's not only more engaged as a defender, but also communicating with others on that end of the floor.

"I definitely can see him being that franchise player for the Chicago Bulls, and any way I can help him in growing as that player, I try to," Carter said Wednesday morning ahead of a home game against the Grizzlies.

Coach Jim Boylen has noticed a marked difference in LaVine, too, but added that Carter and others have spoken up more this season as well.

"Tomas (Satoransky) is finding his voice," Boylen said. "Arch (Ryan Arcidiacono) and KD (Kris Dunn) always do it."

Boylen has expressed his desire to field a "player-coached" team, and he said he saw examples of it during the team's three-game West Coast trip.

"On a timeout I walk out and I meet with

my coaches for a second," Boylen said. "But from what I've heard (from assistant coaches is) that these guys are talking and meeting in that huddle. They're talking about the last play; they're talking about what they can do better. They're constructively criticizing each other in a positive, teaching-type way."

"Hey, we can't make that same mistake. Hey, we've got to do this better. Hey, we've got to talk on that back pick. That's what we're kind of building. ... When they take ownership of that, you've got a better group. You have growth."

It's one thing when a message comes from the coaching staff, but players speak to each other in their own language.

"It's almost like your father says something to you, that's great," Boylen said. "But if your older brother grabs you and says something to you, it kind of hits you a little differently."

Carter added that players might hear the same words from different sources and internalize them differently.

"Some people might get in their feelings about something, but when you hear from your teammate and it's coming from a good spot, it's almost ignorant not to listen to them," he said. "We're all grown men and I feel like we're all competitive, so when someone says to someone else, 'Yo, we need you to do this, this and this,' they usually respond to it very well."

"Just to be honest, some of the games that we've lost late in the game, we became very selfish as a team. So coming out of huddles, we talk about making the extra pass, going from good to great. That's one thing I did a lot these last couple games. That's me being brutally honest with them and telling them like, 'Yo, just swing the ball (and) the ball will probably come back to you.'"

Carter said that while he's part of a core group that consistently leads the charge, the opinions of those who rarely speak up can be just as impactful, if not more so.

"When we hear stuff from people that usually don't talk as much, you know that they're really fed up and they really need something to get off their chest," Carter said. "That's always a good thing, but for the most part it's usually the same people saying what needs to be said in the locker room."

BASEBALL

Be Brave: Hamels off to Atlanta

Former Cub signs 1-year deal to join NL East champs

BY MARK GONZALES

Two months after stating his case to stay with the Cubs, pitcher Cole Hamels is headed to the Braves, the team announced Wednesday.

Hamels, 35, signed a one-year, \$18 million contract, according to ESPN's Jeff Passan.

Hamels had an All-Star-caliber first half with the Cubs in 2019 — a 2.98 ERA in 13 starts — before suffering a left oblique strain against the Reds on June 30. He was sidelined for nearly five weeks and never regained his first-half form.

He struggled with his mechanics and control in the final two months, posting a 5.79 ERA with 21 walks in 42 innings.

Hamels, however, pitched one of his best games in his final start Sept. 28, when he struck out eight and allowed two hits and no walks in four innings of an 8-6 win over the Cardinals.

"I love to be able to pitch (at Wrigley)," Hamels said before his final start with the Cubs. "For some reason, it's just the energy. It's baseball to me, and that's what I really feed off of. Hopefully, that's what (the Cubs) are thinking about. Otherwise, I know the other teams are going to think about it in the division."

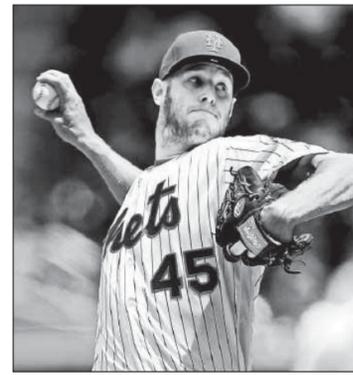
Agreeing to play for the NL East champion Braves gives Hamels a chance to pursue a World Series title that has eluded him since he won one in 2008 with the Phillies.

Hamels and the Braves are scheduled to visit Wrigley on Aug. 3-6.

The Cubs acquired Hamels and cash from the Rangers on July 24, 2018, in exchange for pitchers Eddie Butler and Rollie Lacy and outfielder/first baseman Alexander O'Connell. The Cubs, however, did not make a qualifying offer to Hamels after he became a free agent. They are looking at younger, thrifter options.

Hamels made at least 28 starts each season from 2007 to 2016 before suffering oblique injuries in two of the last three years.

He said several times this year that he plans to pitch into his 40s.



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The White Sox offered starter Zack Wheeler more money than the Phillies.

White Sox

Continued from Page 1

He indicated in September that he's in line to return for spring training. Carlos Rodon also is recovering from Tommy John surgery.

It will be interesting to see where the Sox pivot. Their active offseason has included signing free-agent catcher Yasmani Grandal to a four-year, \$73 million contract, the largest deal in franchise history.

Early speculation has placed top free-agent pitchers Gerrit Cole with the Angels, Dodgers or Yankees and Stephen Strasburg returning to the Nationals.

Where would that leave the Sox? Other top free-agent options include left-handers Dallas Keuchel, Madison Bumgarner and Hyun-Jin Ryu.

Keuchel, who will be 32 on Jan. 1, went 8-8 with a 3.75 in 19 starts with the Braves in 2019. He won the American League Cy Young Award in 2015 with the Astros.

Bumgarner, 30, was 9-9 with a 3.90 in 34 starts with the Giants. He has been a fantastic postseason pitcher, including earning MVP honors for the 2014 World Series.

Ryu, 32, went 14-5 with a 2.32 ERA with the Dodgers in 2019.



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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	15	5	.750	—
Toronto	15	5	.750	—
Philadelphia	15	6	.714	½
Brooklyn	11	10	.524	4½
New York	4	17	.190	11½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	15	6	.714	—
Orlando	10	11	.476	5
Charlotte	9	14	.391	7
Washington	6	13	.316	8
Atlanta	5	17	.227	10½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	19	3	.864	—
Indiana	14	7	.667	4½
Detroit	8	14	.364	11
Chicago	8	14	.364	11
Cleveland	5	15	.250	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	15	6	.714	—
Houston	13	7	.650	1½
San Antonio	8	14	.364	7½
Memphis	6	15	.286	9
New Orleans	6	15	.286	9

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	13	5	.722	—
Utah	12	10	.545	3
Minnesota	10	10	.500	4
Portland	9	13	.409	6
Oklahoma City	8	12	.400	6

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	19	3	.863	—
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	3
Phoenix	9	11	.450	9
Sacramento	8	12	.400	10
Golden State	4	19	.174	15½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte 106, Golden State 91
Milwaukee 127, Detroit 103
Orlando 128, Phoenix 114
Boston 112, Miami 93
Brooklyn 130, Atlanta 118
Chicago 106, Memphis 99
Indiana 107, Oklahoma City 100
Dallas 121, Minnesota 114
L.A. Lakers 121, Utah 96
Portland 127, Sacramento 116
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.

BULLS 106, GRIZZLIES 99

MEMPHIS: Jackson Jr. 6-201-215, Crowder 5-13 2-2 15, Valanciunas 12-17 8-10 32, Jones 2-7 2-2 6, Brooks 2-11 1-1 5, Caboclo 1-3 0-0 2, Hill 1-8 0-0 2, Melton 3-8 2-2 8, Guducir 0-1 2-2 2, Watanabe 0-1 0-0 0, Allen 5-7 0-0 12. Totals 37-96 18-21 99.
CHICAGO: Dunn 4-7 0-0 10, Markkanen 5-9 1-2 15, Carter Jr. 5-8 6-8 16, Satoransky 3-10 7-9 13, LaVine 7-13 9-11 25, Gafford 1-2 4-4, Young 3-10 2-2 9, White 1-8 0-1 3, Arcidiacono 1-4 0-0 3, Valentine 3-7 0-0 8. Totals 33-77 27-37 106.

Memphis	20	15	29	35	- 99
Chicago	27	23	28	28	- 106

3-Point Goals—Memphis 7-30 (Crowder 3-10, Allen 2-3, Jackson Jr. 2-5, Caboclo 0-1, Guducir 0-1, Jones 0-1, Melton 0-1, Brooks 0-4, Hill 0-4), Chicago 13-33 (Markkanen 4-8, Dunn 2-4, Valentine 2-5, LaVine 2-5, Young 1-2, White 1-3, Arcidiacono 1-3, Carter Jr. 0-1, Satoransky 0-2). **Fouled Out**—Dunn. **Rebounds**—Memphis 46 (Valanciunas 13), Chicago 50 (Carter Jr. 13). **Assists**—Memphis 24 (Melton 7), Chicago 22 (Satoransky 8). **Total Fouls**—Memphis 28, Chicago 22. **Technical**—Memphis coach Grizzlies (Defensive three second). **A**—15,017 (20,917).

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	5	31	85	83
Montreal	12	10	6	30	93	98
Toronto	13	9	3	30	95	101
Tampa Bay	13	9	3	29	91	81
Ottawa	12	16	1	25	76	91
Detroit	7	20	3	17	63	119

METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	21	4	5	47	112	86
N.Y. Islanders	18	6	2	38	77	63
Philadelphia	16	7	5	37	91	79
Pittsburgh	15	9	4	34	96	78
Carolina	16	11	1	33	88	78
N.Y. Rangers	13	10	3	29	84	87
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	6	2	42	90	78
Colorado	17	8	2	36	100	76
Winnipeg	17	10	1	35	82	77
Dallas	15	11	3	33	76	73
Minnesota	13	11	4	30	83	88
Nashville	12	10	5	29	89	88
Chicago	10	12	5	25	74	85

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	17	10	3	37	93	89
Vegas	16	9	4	36	82	69
Vegas	15	11	4	34	91	85
Vancouver	14	11	4	32	91	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	16	2	24	73	96

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Colorado 3, Toronto 1
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 0
Ottawa 5, Edmonton 2
Washington 3, Los Angeles 1
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.

CAPITALS 3, KINGS 1

Washington	3	0	1	- 3
Los Angeles	0	0	1	- 1

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Washington, Carlson 10, 4:36. 2, Washington, Carlson 11 (Oshie, Eller), 13:27.
Penalties: Kempny, WSH, (closing hand on the puck), 19:21.
SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.
Penalties: Kuznetsov, WSH, (slashing), 10:59; Oshie, WSH, (slashing), 18:42.
THIRD PERIOD: 3, Los Angeles, Lizotte 3, 3:20. 4, Washington, Wilson 11, 18:41.
Penalties: Kopitar, LA, (hooking), 7:32; Toffoli, LA, (illegal check to head), 15:17.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Washington 8-4-10-23. Los Angeles 8-10-5-23.
POWER PLAYS: Washington 0 of 2; Los Angeles 0 of 3.
GOALIES: Washington, Samsonov 7-2-1 (23 shots-22 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 7-11-1 (21-19).
A: 16,102 (18,230). T: 2:27.
Referees: Jean Hebert, Graham Skillerter.
Linesmen: Ryan Daisy, Bevan Mills.

BOXING

2020 INTERNATIONAL HALL CLASS

MODERN (last bout no earlier than 1989)
Bernard Hopkins, middleweight, light heavyweight
Juan Manuel Marquez, featherweight, welterweight
Shane Mosley, lightweight, welterweight, light middleweight
Christy Martin, women's light middleweight
Lucia Rijker, Dutch women's boxer
TRAILBLAZER (no later than 1988)
Barbara Buttrick, British women's boxer
PIONEER (last bout in prior to 1892)
Paddy Ryan, bare-knuckle heavyweight
OLD-TIMER (last bout no earlier than 1893, no later than 1942)
Frank Erne, Swiss lightweight
OBSERVER
Bernard Fernandez, sportswriter
Thomas Hauser, journalist
NON-PARTICIPANT
Lou DiBella, former HBO exec
Kathy Duva, publicist
Dan Goossen, Promoter

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Louisville** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Friday.
2. **Kansas** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Colorado, Saturday.
3. **Maryland** (9-0) beat Notre Dame 72-51. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
4. **Michigan** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Friday.
5. **Virginia** (7-1) lost to Purdue 69-40. Next: vs. No. 7 North Carolina, Sunday.
6. **Ohio State** (8-0) beat No. 7 N. Carolina 74-49. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
7. **North Carolina** (6-2) lost to No. 6 Ohio State 74-49. Next: at No. 5 Virginia, Sun.
8. **Kentucky** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, Saturday.
9. **Gonzaga** (9-1) beat Texas Southern 101-62. Next: at No. 22 Washington, Sun.
10. **Duke** (8-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Friday.
11. **Michigan State** (5-3) did not play. 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) did not play. Next: at UAB, Saturday.
16. **Seton Hall** (6-2) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Sunday.
17. **Florida State** (2-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
18. **Baylor** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Arizona, Saturday.
19. **Dayton** (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Sunday.
20. **Colorado** (7-0) beat Loyola Marymount 76-64. Next: at No. 2 Kansas, Sat.
21. **Tennessee** (7-1) beat Florida A&M 72-43. Next: vs. No. 15 Memphis, Dec. 14.
22. **Washington** (7-1) beat Eastern Washington 90-80. Next: vs. No. 9 Gonzaga, Sunday.
23. **Villanova** (6-2) beat Pennsylvania 80-69. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Saturday.
24. **Butler** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
25. **Utah State** (8-1) beat San Jose State 71-59. Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Akron 85, Marshall 73
Army 75, NJIT 65
Brown 82, Merrimack 55
Colgate 82, Binghamton 74
Drexel 82, Princeton 76
Duquesne 71, VMI 58
George Washington 64, Boston U. 63
Loyola (Md.) 84, Delaware St. 76
Maryland 72, Notre Dame 51
Northeastern 78, Maine Maritime 63
Penn St. 76, Wake Forest 54
Sacred Heart 89, Mass.-Lowell 86
S. Carolina 84, UMass 80
St. Francis (Pa.) 77, Lehigh 69
UConn 80, Iona 62
Villanova 80, Penn 69
Yale 61, Albany (NY) 52
SOUTH
Coastal Carolina 114, Greensboro 79
ETSU 96, The Citadel 84
FSU 62, Canisius 59
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CONFERENCE	AVG RPI	AVG SOS	SOS RK
Big 12	0.6079	0.5405	4
Pacific-12	0.5920	0.5518	2
Atlantic Coast	0.5875	0.5530	1
Big Ten	0.5785	0.5497	3
Big East	0.5711	0.5254	9
Southeastern	0.5677	0.5354	5
Atlantic 10	0.5347	0.5032	13
American Ath	0.5283	0.4761	24
Mid-American	0.5260	0.4924	20
West Coast	0.5196	0.4863	21
Mountain West	0.5195	0.5218	10
Ivy League	0.5161	0.5312	7
Missouri Valley	0.5087	0.5012	15
Big Sky	0.5070	0.5335	6
Colonial Ath	0.4988	0.4971	19
Summit	0.4850	0.4982	17
Big West	0.4843	0.5291	18
Conference USA	0.4702	0.5050	12
Horizon League	0.4680	0.4850	22
Sun Belt	0.4676	0.4582	30
America East	0.4672	0.4650	27

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** (8-1) beat Georgia 72-38. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Wednesday, Dec. 18.
8. **Florida State** (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. North 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** (6-1) beat Central Arkansas 76-46. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
13. **N.C. State** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Maryland, Thursday.
14. **Indiana** (7-1) beat No. 21 Miami 58-45. Next: vs. North Florida, Saturday.
15. **Kentucky** (8-0) beat Charlotte 86-39. Next: vs. Samford, Sunday.
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** (5-3) lost to No. 21 Indiana 58-45. Next: vs. Binghamton, Dec. 17.
22. **Missouri State** (8-1) beat Wichita State 68-55. Next: vs. Missouri, Dec. 15.
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) did not play. 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	9	3	0	.750	257	188	4-2-0	5-1-0	6-2-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
N.Y. Jets	4	8	0	.333	204	280	3-3-0	1-5-0	1-7-0	3-1-0	0-4-0
Miami	3	9	0	.250	200	377	2-5-0	1-4-0	2-7-0	1-2-0	1-3-0

SOUTH

W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV	
Houston	8	4	0	.667	293	271	5-1-0	3-3-0	7-2-0	1-2-0	3-1-0
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	276	234	4-2-0	3-3-0	5-4-0	2-1-0	2-2-0
Indianapolis	6	6									



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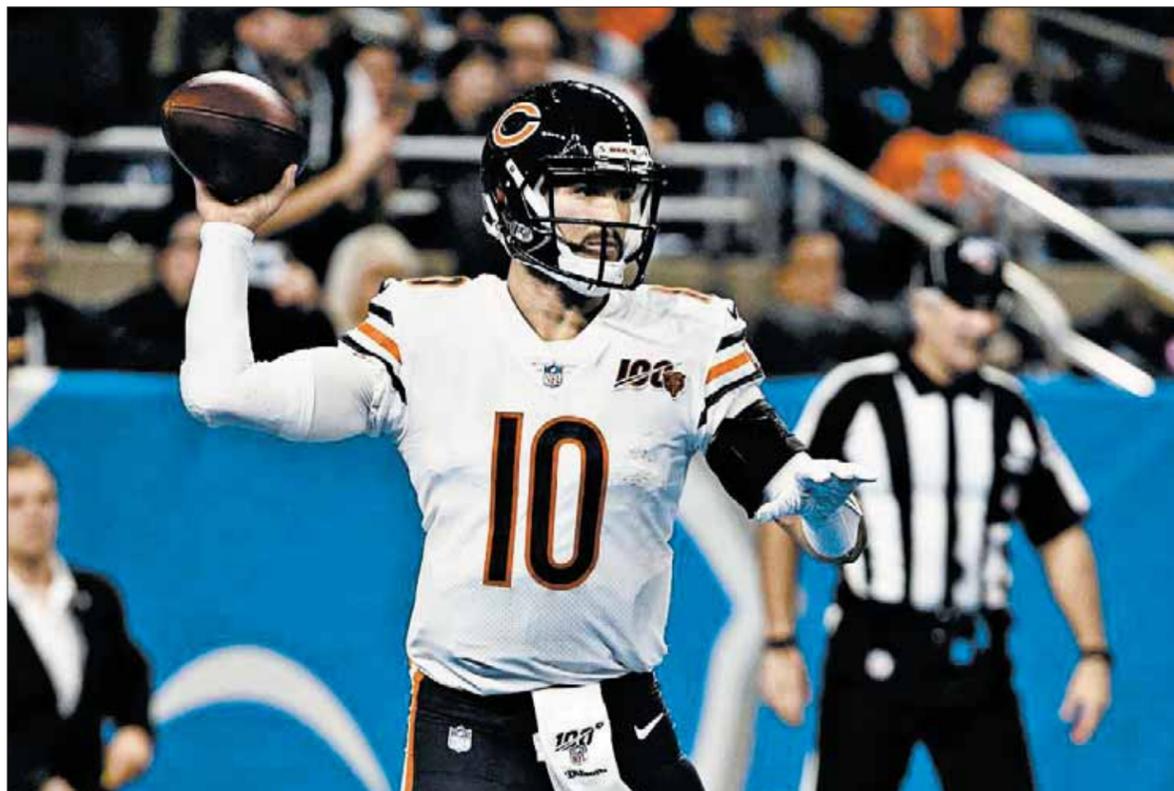


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Entering a difficult December schedule, Mitch Trubisky's performance against the Lions _____.

BRAD BIGGS

Was encouraging

Coach Matt Nagy had maintained Mitch Trubisky was better in the previous two games, even if his statistical production against the Rams and Giants was marginal at best. The best thing you can say about Trubisky's effort at Ford Field, which included 338 yards and three touchdown passes, was that he was outstanding with the game on the line. He directed a 90-yard scoring drive, overcoming an early penalty and a drop and hitting two deep shots on third down to Anthony Miller. There's still reason to be seriously concerned about Trubisky's future as nine of his 13 touchdown passes have come in three games against the Lions and Redskins, two of the worst defenses in the league. The Bears have been shifting the target for measuring Trubisky's success going back to before the season, when they talked about seeing incremental progress. When you select a player with the No. 2 draft pick, you're expecting a superstar. The Bears' next four opponents — the Cowboys, Packers, Chiefs and Vikings — will enter with a better quarterback, and that puts the Bears in a tough spot to end 2019.

RICH CAMPBELL

Should give him a good feel for commanding the offense

Trubisky emerged from his best game feeling justifiably confident. But can he replicate his timing and decision-making against better pass defenses than the Lions' 30th-ranked unit? Trubisky and his supporting cast must be better than they've been all season to keep up with three top-10 offenses in December — the Cowboys (first), Chiefs (fourth) and Vikings (sixth) — plus the Packers. Against the Lions, Trubisky demonstrated command of Nagy's system by getting to his second or third reads in the progression on his last two touchdown passes. He hasn't consistently done that, so that represented progress. Of course, a quarterback must have time to go through his progression, and pass protection will be much more challenging Thursday against a Cowboys rush that ranks 14th in sacks per pass attempt.

COLLEEN KANE

Was a positive for a quarterback in need of them down the stretch

Yes, since the beginning of October, Trubisky and the Bears have beaten only the 3-8-1 Lions and the 2-10 Giants. We can acknowledge bad teams helped the offense look better while also appreciating what went right. On Thanksgiving, Trubisky led both an opening and a winning touchdown drive. He made several clutch second-half throws that should only help his confidence. Perhaps the performance will mean nothing in the grand scheme of his career trajectory, or perhaps it really is a step forward in what has been a tough season. We will find out over the next month.

DAN WIEDERER

Sets the stage for an intriguing month

The 2019 season has been a well-documented disappointment for Trubisky and the offense. The Bears have struggled to get to 300 total yards, reaching that milestone just once in their first 10 games. The offense has also had extreme difficulty scoring 20 points, accomplishing that feat only four times. The Bears checked both boxes for the first time Thursday in Detroit and snatched a needed road win with a nine-play, 90-yard, touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter. Trubisky was poised throughout, productive on first down and sharp with his timing. He gave his playmakers legitimate chances to make plays. The degree of difficulty was low in carving up a feeble Lions defense that struggles to rush the passer or take the ball away. Now Trubisky must show he can have consistent success against better opponents, and he will get a four-game test that could improve the mood in the final chapter of his 2019 story. Even a perfect December might not be enough to erase the frustration that defined September, October and most of November. But for the coaching staff and front office, gathering evidence that Trubisky can be at least a reliable, middle-tier starter would calm some of the anxiety at Halas Hall.

THREE KEYS

Tick, block: Give Trubisky time

BY DAN WIEDERER

The Bears have a chance to extend their winning streak to three when the Cowboys visit Soldier Field. It won't be easy. The Cowboys come to town holding an identical 6-6 record. But they also have the chess pieces on both sides of the ball to make this an uncomfortable matchup for Matt Nagy's team. Here are three keys to the game.

1 Handle the pressure. If the Bears offense has any prayer of replicating the success it had on Thanksgiving, it starts with controlling the Cowboys defensive line. Under coordinator Rod Marinelli, the Cowboys have found ways to consistently create pressure with a four-man rush. Robert Quinn leads the team with 9½ sacks. Fellow defensive end Demarcus Lawrence has 30 sacks over the last three seasons. Bears offensive coordinator Mark Helrich has labeled the Cowboys' front four as "elite, elite, elite." "Every O-line gets beat by these guys," Helrich said. "Every quarterback gets sacked by these guys and gets hit by these guys. You have to weather that storm." The Bears will have to be sound in pass protection all night. Quarterback Mitch Trubisky will have to be poised under duress, climbing the pocket to make throws downfield and taking off to run when necessary. It will be a much greater challenge this week for Trubisky to stay sharp with his timing and rhythm. Can he handle all that comes at him?

2 Stay dialed in on third down. No team in the NFL has been as successful on third down this season as the Cowboys. Under coordinator Kellen Moore, the Cowboys convert a league-high 49% of their third-down chances. A big part has been an ability to stay in third-and-manageable, with 41% of their third downs coming with 4 yards or fewer to go. Defensively, meanwhile, Marinelli's unit ranks No. 3 on third down with opponents converting only 32.5% of their chances. Said Nagy: "They definitely put pressure on you." The Bears were 5-for-10 on third down last week against the Lions, with two huge gains on third down on their game-winning 90-yard touchdown drive. For the season, though, the Bears' 31.4% third-down-conversion rate on offense ranks in the bottom five.

3 Disrupt Dak Prescott. Make the big plays count. Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott is having a solid season and comes to Chicago as the NFL leader in passing yardage with 3,788. Prescott's 23 touchdown passes rank tied for third behind Russell Wilson (26) and Lamar Jackson (25). And he has been sacked only 16 times. He has the Bears' respect. "He's great in the pocket," defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano said. "He's great outside the pocket. He can make all the throws. So it's going to take all 11 (defenders) hitting on all cylinders." Still, Prescott can be forced into mistakes. He has turned the ball over at least once in nine of 12 games. The Bears defense needs to get itself a takeaway or two, and the offense then needs to capitalize.

PREDICTIONS

Pokes a hole in Bears' playoff plans

BRAD BIGGS (7-5)

Imagine Bears fans and Cowboys fans trying to explain to each other which team has been more exasperating as they prepare for a prime-time battle between 6-6 teams. Bears fans would bemoan the shortcomings of an offense that, while slightly better lately, has been maddeningly underwhelming. Cowboys fans would bemoan the team's struggles against teams with winning records and inconsistent efforts such as a road loss to the Jets and a home loss to the Bills on Thanksgiving. On Thursday night, Mitch Trubisky likely will be under pressure. The Cowboys have a far more explosive offense, so they rate the edge.

RICH CAMPBELL (6-6)

This matchup sours for the Bears in the trenches when they have the ball. Offensive coordinator Mark Helrich described the Cowboys front as "elite, elite, elite." Meanwhile, the Bears offensive line hasn't demonstrated it can consistently open running lanes or preserve a pocket against formidable defenses. If the Bears can't get David Montgomery going like they did against the Lions (4.7 yards per carry), then Trubisky won't replicate his quality rhythm and decision-making from his best game. Prince Amukamara's hamstring injury is an additional concern against Dak Prescott.

COLLEEN KANE (8-4)

Squeaking out victories over the two-win Giants and the Lions' third-string quarterback doesn't give me confidence the Bears have turned things around. Yes, the 6-6 Cowboys have beaten mostly bad teams. But they bring the NFL's top offense, averaging 432.8 yards, to Soldier Field. A Bears win would be the first meaningful one since they beat the Vikings on Sept. 29, but I don't see them coming up with enough offense.

DAN WIEDERER (8-4)

This is far from an ideal matchup for the offense and will be a major test for Mitch Trubisky to stay poised. The Bears may be up to the task, especially against a Cowboys team that's swimming in drama. But with this offense this season, it's still a see-it-to-believe-it deal.

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Wisconsin WR Quintez Cephus kneels in the end zone prior to the Badgers' 24-22 win over Iowa on Nov. 9 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis. AARON GASH/AP

FAITH, FAMILY DO NOT FAIL

Wisconsin WR Quintez Cephus needed both while fighting to maintain his innocence

BY KEITH JENKINS | Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Faith and family mean everything to Quintez Cephus, and for 16 months, the Wisconsin wide receiver needed every bit of his faith and every member of his family more than ever.

Cephus and 10th-ranked Wisconsin (10-2, 7-2 Big Ten, No. 8 College Football Playoff) are one win away from capturing their first Big Ten championship since 2012. The Badgers will face No. 2 Ohio State (12-0, 9-0, No. 1 CFP) in a rematch for the conference title Saturday in Indianapolis.

But four months ago, football was gone, and Cephus' fate rested in the hands of a jury in Dane County, Wisconsin.

"It was many times, many nights, every night, when I go to bed by myself and I don't have people around me, you're wondering what's going to happen," Cephus said. "You know you're innocent, but you don't know. Because of the place you're in, the situation you're in, the optics, you always get nervous about the 'what ifs.'"

On the night of April 21 and early morning of April 22, 2018, the 21-year-old Cephus engaged in sexual acts in his Madison apartment with two 18-year-old women who were also University of Wisconsin students. The women later alleged Cephus raped them, saying they were too drunk to consent. Cephus maintained the sex was consensual and was arranged by one of his accusers.

Cephus was charged with second- and third-degree sexual assault, both felonies. The second-degree charge carried a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison.

Cephus was suspended from the Badgers football team in August 2018 and was expelled from the university for violating its nonacademic misconduct code.

Suddenly, Cephus found himself off the team, out of school and back home in Macon, Georgia, the place he worked so hard to get out of.

"When you grow up in Macon, man, it's crazy how much stuff happens," Cephus said. "You kind of get numb to people passing away. My dad always told me he could be here today and gone tomorrow because of some of the stuff that he had to do to make sure we were good."

Cephus' mother, Lakesha, raised him, his brother and sister in the central Georgia city of about 150,000. His father, Andre Taylor,

did not live with the family but was a part of his children's lives. Cephus even visited his father in state prison when Taylor spent four years there in the early 2000s for aggravated assault and cocaine trafficking.

Taylor, who was also known as "Gangsta Dre," was a high-ranking member of the Westside Gangster Crips street gang, according to authorities. But Cephus said Taylor always made sure his son didn't fall into the same lifestyle.

"He always showed me the other route," he said. "He told me his stories and that's what interested me, the stuff he went through. You have two options: You're going to either live in that life or you're going to try to make a way and be different than everybody."

While Cephus was a standout athlete in basketball and football at Stratford Academy, a private school in Macon, Taylor sent an email to Wisconsin wide receivers coach Ted Gilmore, who was recruiting soon-to-be Badgers receiver A.J. Taylor.

"I come off the road — spring recruiting — and I saw an email that said, 'AJ,'" Gilmore said. "I assumed it had to do with A.J. Taylor. But it was Q's (Quintez's) dad. They called him A.J. I opened up the email and read it. It was about Quintez Cephus. So I pulled up the information and there was enough that intrigued me."

Attracted by Cephus' raw athletic ability, Gilmore reached out to Jamie Dickey, Stratford Academy's head basketball coach, the offensive coordinator on the football team and Cephus' ride to school every morning. After further examination, Gilmore and Wisconsin extended Cephus a scholarship offer.

"I grew up around a lot of family," Cephus said. "My family is the reason why I push and do some of things that I do in trying to be great and trying to set an example for my family. So when I came up here, that's the type of vibe that I got. And Coach Gilmore, he was a guy that I really looked up to from Day 1 when I met him. It's been a blessing to have the coaches and the teammates that I really saw in the guys when I came on my visit because I've obviously been through a lot and I needed good people around me. People that look more into the person than just the athlete."

On April 3, 2017, during the



JOHN HART/AP

"I can't just depend on these little substitute things to make me feel better. And so, when football was taken from me, my dad was taken from me, school was taken from me and I had nothing else, it was God that helped me through it."

—Wisconsin WR Quintez Cephus after being acquitted of 2 felony sexual assault charges

spring of Cephus' first year in Madison, his father was fatally shot in the head. He was 39.

"That was tough on me because that was my guy," Cephus said. "That was my guy. He was the one that helped me to get to where I am."

Cephus left practice and went home to Macon to be with his family. Gilmore went with him.

Gilmore, while recruiting Cephus, attended several of his high school basketball games. The first game he attended, he met Taylor. He made a promise to Taylor that he would take care of his son.

When Cephus was arrested on sexual assault charges, the first person he called was Gilmore.

"I called him as soon as I got a phone call," Cephus said. "I told him everything that happened and he stuck with me because he believed that I was innocent and he knows who I am. Just having somebody like that that will support you, not just turn you loose."

Gilmore said he never doubted Cephus for a second.

"I've never lied to him and he's never lied to me," Gilmore said. "That's why when all of this came about, I said, 'Q, tell me everything.' And he told me everything. I said, 'If that's how it happened and if this is what's going on, you tell the truth to everybody.' And he never wavered. In my heart, I believe everything the kid said. Never doubted it. Never wavered from it. It may have been unpopu-

lar for others to see me support him in that way, but, hey, I wasn't going to turn my back on him."

Cephus was ordered to stand trial. The 6-foot-1, 207-pound black man sat in a Madison courtroom July 30 in front of a white judge, an all-white jury, an all-white prosecution team, an all-white defense and his two accusers, a white woman and a white and Hispanic biracial woman, according to his attorney, Stephen Meyer.

"We were walking through the courthouse and I was upset about something and he goes, 'Mr. Steve, I've chosen not to hate because if I did, it would consume me,'" Meyer said.

Meyer argued during court hearings that the second-degree sexual assault charge should be dismissed because the woman linked to that count wasn't drunk and parted with Cephus on good terms. Meyer said surveillance camera footage shows the woman walking down stairs in the apartment building without any difficulty after the alleged assaults supposedly took place. The footage also shows the second woman talking with Cephus at the apartment door in what appears to be normal conversation, Meyer said.

He also pointed to a text message one of the women sent to Cephus hours after the alleged assault asking him to look for a vaping device she left at the

apartment. She closed the text with a heart and a kiss emoji, signaling she was interested in seeing Cephus again, Meyer argued in court filings.

After a weeklong trial, the jury came to its decision after deliberating for 41 minutes. Cephus was acquitted of both charges.

"I can't just depend on these little substitute things to make me feel better," Cephus said. "And so, when football was taken from me, my dad was taken from me, school was taken from me and I had nothing else, it was God that helped me through it."

Cephus was reinstated by school officials and was ruled academically eligible in time for the season opener at South Florida.

After missing the final five games of Wisconsin's 2017 campaign because of a broken right leg, Cephus took the field for the first time in nearly two years. Twelve games later, Cephus leads the Badgers with a career-high 720 yards on 45 catches and has six touchdowns.

On Saturday, Cephus will have a one-on-one battle with Buckeyes cornerback Jeff Okudah, who is widely regarded as the top defensive back in the country.

"It's what you want. It's the reason why I worked to get where I am today," Cephus said. "It's the reason why our team has worked and bled and cried and persevered."

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New-age viewing experience

NFL Red Zone caters to millennials' short attention span, changing how fans watch

By SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

For devout NFL fans, heaven glows a burning red.

It comes to life every fall Sunday inside a broadcast center in Marina del Rey, where Andrew Siciliano hosts DirecTV's Red Zone, simultaneously monitoring every football game during the day and narrating the most exciting and interesting moments.

Flanked by two on-stage researchers in headsets, Siciliano never stops pacing the studio's glossy black floor — a place about the size of half a tennis court — and his eyes seldom stray from a wall of 10 high-definition screens showing the games. Red stage lights bathe everything in a ruby hue.

It's Week 13 of the regular season, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and the playoff picture is coming into focus. There are eight games in the morning — none bigger than San Francisco at Baltimore — and three in the afternoon, virtually all with post-season implications.

Red Zone shows two, three, even four screens at once, ideal for fantasy football, and catering to an audience with an ever-dwindling attention span.

"We've raised a generation of young fans that has a hard time sitting still for one game at a time," said Siciliano, 45. "We didn't create America's short attention span, but we came along at the right time."

Siciliano works with Bill Wagner, the producer in his ear, to direct the show on the fly and choose which games to cut to at a given moment. Siciliano seldom trips over names or statistics. When he does, he jokes about it as if he's sharing the living-room couch with the viewers.

At times, he speaks as quickly as an auctioneer, relaying information with the urgency of a quarterback running a two-minute offense. Frequently, his glib irreverence shows through.

Fueled by an endless supply of coffee and chocolate chip cookies, he doesn't sit for seven hours, until the final game of the day finishes. He wraps up before the Sunday night game begins on NBC. On this Sunday, he has a plate of chicken and rice but checks with Wagner each time he's about to take a bite to make sure there's sufficient time to chew. The job is truly nonstop.

"If someone's going to be talking about the moment in the game, whether it's a wow play, a pivotal

down, a key challenge, a coaching blunder, someone in a wacky costume in the stands, we want to show that," Siciliano said. "We want to show it as quickly as possible without missing anything else in the game."

"It's impossible, honestly, with eight games. You're going to see things on tape. But the one thing we will never do is show you something and act as if it's live."

There are actually two such channels, one launched by DirecTV in 2005 and an NFL Network version, NFL RedZone, hosted by Scott Hanson, that started four years later. Both have the same aim: football without the fluff. No punts, unless they're blocked or run back for touchdowns. No waiting around for replay reviews. No commercials.

"I equate the job to Indiana Jones running across a suspension bridge, and the enemy has cut one side of it loose and the bridge is collapsing behind him," Hanson said. "You can't slow down. You can't stop. You can't turn your head back and wonder what's going on back there. Because if you stop for a moment, you're lost. It is constant action going forward. You have to keep it going no matter what. And it's like that for seven hours."

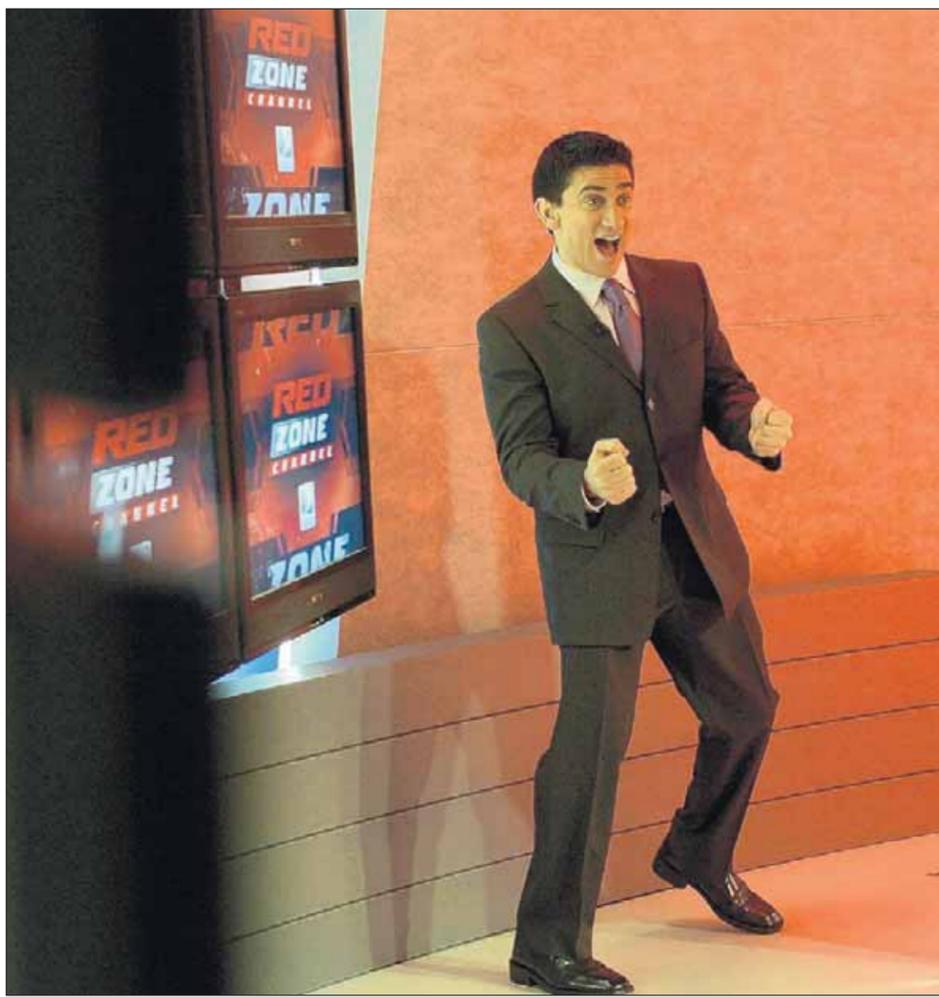
Siciliano and Hanson, onetime classmates at Syracuse, are the NFL's answer to air-traffic controllers — and Hanson even uses the corresponding terminology.

NFL Red Zone host Andrew Siciliano discusses how he and channel's production team approach football coverage every Sunday during the season while speaking to The Times' Sam Farmer.

"We might have three touchdowns that happen in three other stadiums than the one we're watching, which is third and goal from the five-yard line," Hanson said. "We're like, 'We've got to get that Cowboys touchdown off the runway. Got to get that Falcons touchdown off the runway.' We've got to get those out to our audience. We can't let them stack up, because the whole thing could grind to a halt."

The NFL declined to release its actual number of red-zone viewers, except to say that audience comprises less than 10% of the entire viewership. By the league's count, more than 170 million people have watched games this season.

"What we see in the red zone viewing is that, relative to game viewership on a Sunday after-



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Andrew Siciliano hosts the DirecTV version of NFL Red Zone, which has whip-around coverage of NFL Sunday.

noon, it's a small number and it hasn't substantially grown, which is fine with us," said Brian Rolapp, chief executive of NFL Network and the league's executive vice president of media. "It's such a wonderful product that people who watch it talk about it religiously and love it."

Rather than being a threat to the NFL's broadcast partners airing games in a particular market, red zone complements the over-the-air games and gives viewers an alternative that holds their attention on football.

"What happens is people watch the games in their market, and if the game's not that good, maybe years and years ago they would sit through it because there weren't a lot of alternatives," Rolapp said. "Today, you're one click away from a million Netflix shows and YouTube and whatever you want. This gives them an alternative to watch more football, and we like to keep them in the NFL ecosystem."

The seeds for a channel with

full coverage of the NFL were planted in the early 1990s, when Chase Carey and David Hill were starting Fox Sports. They wanted to find a way to incorporate all the games under one umbrella.

In 2001, Eric Shanks was in Italy creating Sky Italia's sports networks for NewsCorp. Hill would make frequent trips there to check in, and liked the way La Liga soccer games were covered in whip-around fashion on the radio. So when NewsCorp's Rupert Murdoch bought DirecTV, which had all the "Sunday Ticket" games, that provided the inventory for Red Zone Channel.

"One day, David Hill came into my office and said, 'I've got something for you. We're going to call it the Red Zone,'" recalled James Crittenden, a former Fox Sports producer who's now vice president of sports production at AT&T, parent company of DirecTV. "I said, 'Red Zone? What's that?' He said, 'You'll figure it out.'"

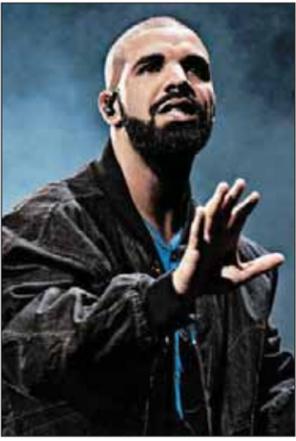
And Crittenden did. He and

Siciliano have worked on the show since its inception.

Siciliano starts his Sundays at 5:45 a.m., watches a few segments of NFL Network's "Game Day Morning," then leaves his Hermosa Beach home for Starbucks, where he orders a five-shot Americano and an oatmeal, and touches base with his parents in Virginia. Then, he's off to the studio for makeup and rehearsals on his introduction before the first games kick off.

Soon enough, the action is underway.

"We came along at the right time," he said. "We came along as everyone was getting a smartphone and a tablet, and can't keep focused on just one thing. Every week, I get fans and viewers tweeting at me, saying, 'We need more games. Two games isn't enough. Three games isn't enough.' They need seven, eight, nine, 10, as many games as they can get. That's what we're giving them."



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Drake performs onstage in Toronto in 2016. The rapper has been named Spotify's most-streamed artist of the decade.

Streaming numbers don't always add up right

System can be gamed to artificially increase popularity of an artist

BY TRAVIS M. ANDREWS
 The Washington Post

While critics prepare their "end of the decade" lists, Spotify released some cold, hard numbers showing what artists, songs and albums listeners streamed the most on its platform in the past 10 years. The results, while generally unsurprising, reflect the myriad ways streaming has shifted how "popularity" is both measured and attained.

Spotify's most-streamed artist since 2010 is Drake, followed by Ed Sheeran, Post Malone, Ariana Grande and Eminem.

Of course Drake claimed the top spot. By gaming the streaming system, the rapper — with a boost from Spotify — engineered his own popularity.

One logical way to rack up numbers is to release more songs for fans to stream. Drake, ever the workhorse, has released at least 179 songs on Spotify since 2010. That equates to nearly an 18-track album per year and doesn't count singles or songs that only feature the rapper.

The sheer output alone is astronomical, but Drake seems to have another trick up his sleeve: He creates soundscapes more than albums — sets of songs that bleed into each other, encouraging a listener to just let it ride.

That's another important ingredient to attract streams. As The Washington Post's pop music critic Chris Richards wrote back in 2017, "Streaming is designed to feel cool and undisruptive. It promises fluid, frictionless listening — an experience that can be entirely predictable, even when you don't know exactly what's coming next. ... Dominance belongs to those superstars willing to replicate their softness in

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"What'll happen to his store — am I going to have to go on eBay now?"

— Garry Snett, a longtime fan of Yesterday and Tom Boyle



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Tom Boyle and his shop, "Yesterday," on Addison Street in 2003. Boyle, 88, died Monday. Boyle opened Yesterday in 1976.

TOM BOYLE 1931-2019

Shop owner leaves fans great memories

Owner of Yesterday, a lopsided Wrigleyville nostalgia shop, dies at 88

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Tom Boyle, who died on Monday at 88 after a long illness, liked to tell people he ran a home for abandoned children. He thought of Yesterday, his tiny and slightly lopsided collectibles shop in Wrigleyville, as foster care for a century of disposable print media and antique flotsam. He was less interested in landing a sale than finding the right home for his wayward odds and ends. He sold old TV Guides and Cubs autographs, yellowing newspapers and dog-eared baseball cards, film posters and promotional headshots of movie stars long gone, political buttons and John Belushi posters and Michael Jordan memorabilia. And he sold it out of a dusty yellow shack, a block west of Wrigley Field.

Yesterday opened in 1976 and soon became a fixture of the neighborhood. Somehow, perhaps by nature, it never looked new, but squat, ramshackle and increasingly out of place. The building, first a barber shop, then a TV repair store, stood on Addison since the 1880s, pocket-sized yet impossible to miss in a Wrigleyville that's been gentrifying for ages. Surrounded by cavernous bars and high-rise condos, pricey hotels and hipster bowling, Yesterday came to resemble

the small, vulnerable home in the Pixar movie "Up," beset on all sides by money and change, but stubbornly immovable, anchored by Boyle himself, who waited almost daily for customers on a stool behind the counter.

His nephew Max Zelenka, who lived with his uncle for the past year and took care of him, said Boyle had heart problems, chronic asthma and knee issues; he died of a heart attack. He had become a man who sold nostalgia in an overcrowded shop that itself became nostalgia, for a more eccentric, colorful Chicago that seems so, well, yesterday.

You know Yesterday. You passed Yesterday on the way to Wrigley.

But you never went inside. Don't feel bad. On slow days — and there were many, said Neil Cooper, who's worked there 43 years — during off-season, and when a mediocre Cubs team weren't pulling fans, Boyle would say in his deep resonant baritone that he wished he had a dollar for every person who promised they would stop by. "So we'd sit, crowds would walk past on the way to the park, some would knock on the window and Tom could get discouraged," Cooper said. "But he was a fundamentally positive person so I'd say 'Tom, even if they stop, it doesn't mean they buy.' When he started, Wrigleyville was a place to avoid for lots of people. It wasn't seen as a great neighborhood, and the funny thing is, I wonder now if Yesterday is the last place there with any charm — or just a *smallness*."

Some do stop. Famous people stop. Jimmy Kimmel sometimes shops there. Eddie Vedder is a regular. Once, not long after opening, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and Harrison Ford, taking a break from a "Star Wars" press junket, stopped. A blurry photo, of Tom standing alongside the young cast, sits taped beneath the shop's glass counter.

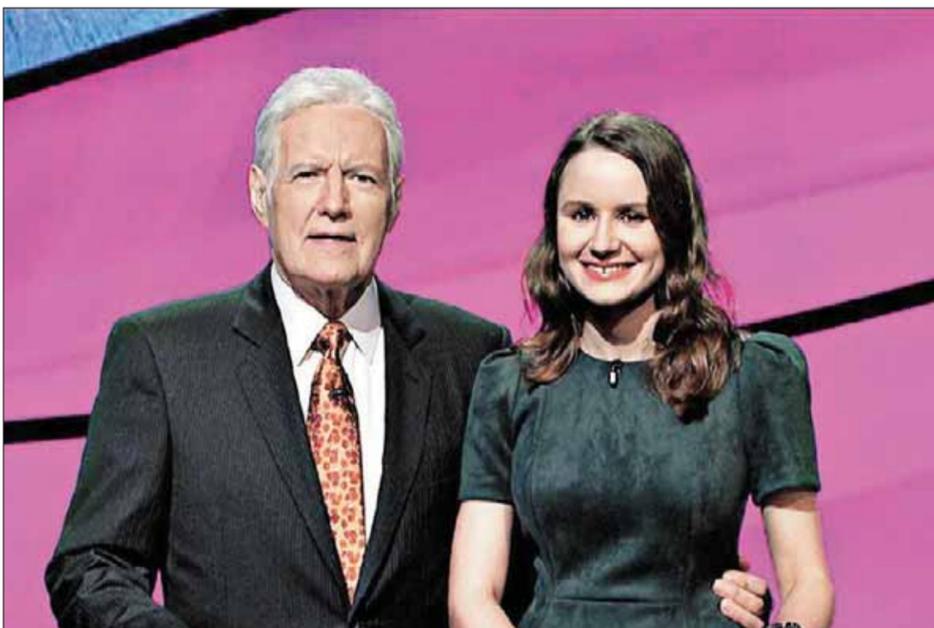
There are also, of course, devoted, not-at-all-famous fans, many of whom have shopped there for decades, often to just talk to Boyle about the past. Garry Snett, 58, hearing Boyle died, said: "Oh ... Oh! Well, OK. Now that makes me upset. I bought old newspapers and TV Guides from Tom. I like the past so much, and so did Tom. I'm sorry to hear this. But what'll happen to his store — am I going to have to go on eBay now?"

Yesterday is still open. But Zelenka said it will likely close for good by next July, if not sooner. Boyle owned the building and the game-day parking lot right behind it, and for several years, what Boyle had earned from parking was primarily supporting Yesterday.

"It's so close to the ballpark, the real estate alone is worth more (than the shop), which means some corporate entity will swoop in and eventually it'll just be gone," said Drew DeMoss, whose Tickets First Class resale business (now OMW Tickets) has been in Wrigleyville for 18 years. "But then, that's the story of eclectic mom-and-pops here now."

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Holiday celebration includes watching 'Jeopardy'



JEOPARDY PRODUCTIONS

Chicago data scientist Alex Damisch competes on the Nov. 28 "Jeopardy!" episode.

Chicagoan Damisch and family tune in to broadcast of her 1st win

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Warning: Spoilers ahead.

Chicago data scientist Alex Damisch had a unique Thanksgiving celebration in her hometown of Northbrook. Her family gathered to watch her win her first of three "Jeopardy!" games. Damisch's "Jeopardy!" run, which lasted until she placed second on Tuesday's episode, was years in the making.

The 25-year-old is a longtime participant in academic competitions. She said she was involved in quizbowl as a junior-high student in Northbrook, an undergraduate student at Lawrence University in Wisconsin and a graduate student at DePaul University. (She said she didn't play as a student at Glenbrook North High School because "I was just a really big band geek then.")

The West Town resident said

she auditioned four times for "Jeopardy!" before being selected as a contestant. She prepared for the September taping by reviewing "Jeopardy!" games archived online and practicing her wagering math. She also simulated show conditions by standing at her home desk and using a retractable pen as a buzzer.

Damisch doesn't have any regrets about her time on the show.

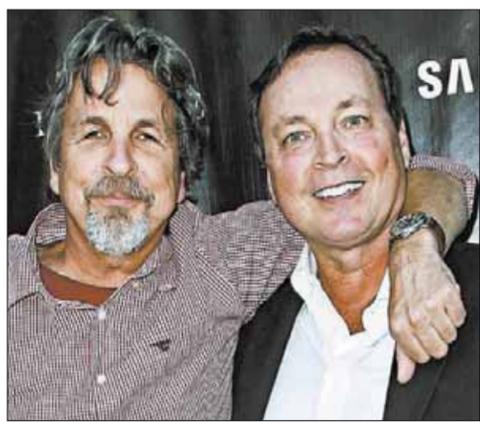
"I wagered pretty optimally in all of my 'Final Jeopardies,'" she said. "I thought that a lot of my guesses for the 'Daily Doubles,' even if they weren't correct, they were pretty close. There's always a couple of things you wish you studied a little bit better, but I don't think I made too many egregious errors."

"In my last game, a lot of stuff that I didn't know came up. You always want to minimize that possibility by studying even more, but sometimes you just do as much as you can."

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Brothers Peter Farrelly, left, and Bobby Farrelly.

Farrelly brothers get disability award

BOSTON — Film director brothers Peter and Bobby Farrelly are being recognized for pressing Hollywood repeatedly and publicly to do a better job of casting and portraying people with disabilities.

The Boston-based Ruderman Family Foundation, a leading voice in calling for more opportunities for the disabled, announced Wednesday the brothers are the recipients of its sixth annual Morton E. Ruderman Award in Inclusion.

“When you tell a story, you want it to take place in a real world — and it’s not a real world if they don’t include everybody,” said Peter Farrelly, who co-wrote and directed “Green Book,” which won Oscars last year for best picture and best original screenplay.

Bobby Farrelly, director of 1998’s “There’s Something About Mary,” recalled how the brothers played with children with disabilities in the neighborhood where they grew up in Cumberland, Rhode Island, just over the border from Massachusetts.

“They made us laugh. They were our friends,” he said. “And so when we started making movies, we thought, why wouldn’t we include people with disabilities in the movies — in the stories that we tell — because they are a part of our life.”

The brothers have collaborated on other hit films including “Dumb and Dumber,” “Me, Myself & Irene” and “The Heartbreak Kid.”

— Associated Press

Dec. 5 birthdays: Singer Little Richard is 87. Actor Jerroen Krabbe is 75. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 73. Singer Jim Messina is 72. Actress Morgan Brittany is 68. Country singer Ty England is 56. Country singer Gary Allan is 52. Comedian Margaret Cho is 51. Actress Paula Patton is 44. Actress Amy Acker is 43. Actor Nick Stahl is 40. Singer Keri Hilson is 37. Actor Gabriel Luna is 37. Actress Lauren London is 35. Actor Frankie Muniz is 34. Actor Ross Bagley is 31. Actress Ava Kolker is 13.



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Super Gaga: Lady Gaga is returning to the Super Bowl — sort of. The pop star will perform at AT&T TV Super Saturday Night in Miami on Feb. 1, a day before Super Bowl 54. The concert at Meridian at Island Gardens will be livestreamed at twitter.com/ItsOnATT. Gaga headlined the Super Bowl halftime show in 2017 and performed the national anthem at Super Bowl 50 in 2016. Jennifer Lopez and Shakira will headline this season’s halftime show, which will take place Feb. 2 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Going back, giving back: The Who announced it will play its first Cincinnati-area concert since 11 fans died 40 years ago in a pre-show stampede. The band will play April 23 at Northern Kentucky University’s BB&T Arena, across the Ohio River 7 miles south of the concert site Dec. 3, 1979, where two dozen other people were injured amid confusion and lack of preparation for thousands of fans lined up for first-come seats. The Who said it will donate a portion of proceeds from the concert to a scholarship fund benefiting students in Finneytown, a Cincinnati suburb.

Domingo on defense: Placido Domingo has sought to blame the allegations of sexual harassment against him on cultural differences between countries, adding that there are places nowadays where “one can’t say anything to a woman.” In an interview in Spain’s El Pais, the Madrid-born tenor said, “Here (in Spain) it’s not like that, but in other places, and specifically in those groups from where the accusations come, it is.”



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Midlife dater ignores red flag waving

Dear Amy: I casually dated two men at the same time: One man is my age (early 50s), and another man is 20 years older. I did not commit to either, nor did I lead them to believe that we were exclusive.

When my mom got sick and my workload increased, I told each man that I needed to focus on other things and asked for some space.

The younger man respected my request and for the last several months has sent me an occasional text or phone call to say hello, which is fine with me.

The other man was texting me every single day. I found it annoying, and rarely responded. Eventually I wrote him a letter making it very clear that I do not want a romantic relationship and would like to be friends, but that can only happen if he backs off. He continues to send me at least one text every day, which goes unanswered.

My mother is now stable, and I am ready to start dating again.

The guy who texts every day tells me he loves me and that he just wants me in his life. He’s not a terrible guy; he’s generally kind and makes a good living. Is it possible that he is being chivalrous and this is his way of fighting for me? Or is this a red flag hitting me in the face?

— Midlife Dater

Dear Dater: Here’s a basic dating rule: If you have to ask if something is a red flag, then it IS a red flag. What’s that I see? It’s a “not so terrible” guy hoisting crimson-colored fabric up a flagpole.

You don’t like his behav-

ior. You’ve told him so and have asked him to stop.

Stalkers, boundary-crossers, or obsessed love-lorn people often believe they are being chivalrous. But there is nothing chivalrous about disrespecting someone’s stated wishes. True chivalry involves being willing to sacrifice your wishes and desires for someone else’s sake.

This man is of an older generation, and he may not fully understand how annoying it can be to receive unwanted texts, but telling a woman that you love her after she has asked you to back off is not a Hallmark movie; it’s a Lifetime movie.

Meanwhile, there’s a perfectly nice guy close to your age who is respecting your wishes. It’s your call.

Dear Amy: I am a 66-year-old man, recently remarried. My wife has three daughters, ages 33, 31 and 29 (none are married).

She has a codependent relationship with all three daughters. They know how to manipulate her, and she seems to need to allow it. This has put a tremendous strain on our marriage.

Less than a year into our marriage, we separated and are close to divorcing. I feel very alone and cannot accept being neglected while she caters to her daughters’ every need at the expense of our marriage. Neither of us seems to want to divorce, but unless things change, it seems inevitable.

We have sought counseling, where she admits this and vows to change but never follows through.

I don’t want to give up, but continuing this way is no longer an option for me.

Your advice?
— Married but Soon Single

Dear Soon Single: My understanding of codependency is that it boils down to a desire to control. And so while your wife’s daughters manipulate her, her intense engagement with them is really about her wish to manipulate and control them. Grown-ups need to be allowed to grow up. And your wife’s overinvolvement is likely impeding her daughters’ growth and independence, which might be her actual (but unspoken) goal.

If she wanted to be in a robust and healthy marriage with you, your wife would put the marriage at the center and engage with her daughters lovingly, but not exclusively, while they orbit. That having been said, if she can’t or won’t adjust her behavior, you will either have to accept being a satellite in this family system or exit it altogether.

Dear Amy: Reflecting on the letter from “Stressed,” the teen having panic attacks, I suffered from anxiety for years in my 40s, which was weird to me because I was a yoga instructor. Finally, I chose to go to a practitioner, who immediately put me on the perfect medication. I had anxiety-related asthma!
— Better Now

Dear Better: A physical checkup should be the first stop.

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abundance, and then roll it out on the streaming platforms — the way that Drake and the Weeknd have each done on their wildly successful, shamelessly over-long albums of late.”

These factors played an important role in why Drake’s longest and worst-reviewed record, the 25-track behemoth “Scorpion,” garnered a record-breaking 745.9 million U.S. streams in its first week and became the first record to globally generate 1 billion streams in a single week.

But it certainly didn’t hurt that Spotify inundated its platform with Drake’s face during promotion of the album. His image appeared in various places across the website, including as the promotional image for Spotify-curated playlists on which his mu-

sic didn’t even appear. Furious users pointed out that they paid for a premium service that didn’t include advertisements and demanded refunds, which some reportedly received.

The top female artists of the decade — Ariana Grande, Rihanna, Taylor Swift, Sia and Beyoncé — particularly reflect the fact that Spotify’s stats exist within a self-constructed reality. As a result, they do not necessarily represent what people are actually listening to.

At first glance, for example, it may be surprising to learn that four female artists were streamed more often than Beyoncé, arguably the most culturally relevant pop star of the past 10 years. But if gaining Spotify streams is a sport, then it’s important to note Beyoncé wasn’t fully in the game for most of the decade because not all her music was on the service.

Notably, her 2016 smash hit “Lemonade” was only



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Taylor Swift, one of the most-streamed female artists of the decade according to Spotify, performs a medley at the American Music Awards on Nov. 24 in Los Angeles.

available on the subscription-only streaming service Tidal, of which she and her husband Jay-Z have partial ownership, for nearly three years. It didn’t reach Spotify until mid-2019. She even pointedly rapped

about her disinterest in streaming metrics on “Nice,” saying, “My success can’t be quantified / If I gave two f—s about streaming numbers / would have put ‘Lemonade’ up on Spotify.”

But wait, you might be thinking: Wasn’t Taylor Swift also absent from Spotify? She pulled her music from the service in 2014 as she released “1989,” her fifth studio album.

“Music is changing so quickly, and the landscape of the music industry itself is changing so quickly, that everything new, like Spotify, feels to me a bit like a grand experiment,” Swift said at the time. “And I’m not willing to contribute my life’s work to an experiment that I don’t feel fairly compensates the writers, producers, artists and creators of this music.”

Three years later, she returned her entire back catalog to the service in celebration of selling 10 million copies of that very album.

While she and Beyoncé faced a similar handicap, Swift’s fans might care more about streaming numbers — they often purposefully stream Swift’s music repeatedly to boost her numbers. When experts recently predicted that industrial rock band Tool’s first album in 13 years might knock Swift’s latest album “Lover” from the top of the charts, her fans rallied to stream Swift repeatedly in hopes of keeping her at No. 1. Stunts like this make it even more difficult to discern if an artist’s popularity is organic or manufactured.

So while people may look to Spotify’s end-of-

Spotify’s decade-end stats

MOST-STREAMED ARTISTS OF THE DECADE

Drake
Ed Sheeran
Post Malone
Ariana Grande
Eminem

MOST-STREAMED FEMALE ARTISTS OF THE DECADE

Ariana Grande
Rihanna
Taylor Swift
Sia
Beyoncé

MOST-STREAMED MALE ARTISTS OF THE DECADE

Drake
Ed Sheeran
Post Malone
Eminem
The Weeknd

MOST-STREAMED TRACKS OF THE DECADE

“Shape of You” — Ed Sheeran
“One Dance” — Drake, Kyla, WizKid
“rockstar (feat. 21 Savage)” — 21 Savage, Post Malone
“Closer” — Halsey, The Chainsmokers
“Thinking out Loud” — Ed Sheeran

the-decade list as an accurate roundup of what listeners have been consuming, in actuality it might be misleading. While the data generally represent the pop-music landscape of the past 10 years, it also reflects how meaningless streaming numbers can be.

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She won more than \$3,000 over the three games and earned \$2,000 for placing second on Tuesday’s episode. She said at least 10% of her show money will go to Orthodox Christian causes. Damisch plans to save or invest most

of the money, and some will go toward her honeymoon. She is set to get married in September.

She even gave a subtle shoutout to Chicago when she wagered \$1,312 on a “Daily Double” in her first game, which aired on Thanksgiving Day.

“It was really nice to be able to have that (episode) air (Thanksgiving) because I already had my entire

family around me,” Damisch said. “That to me was one of the most satisfying moments of the ‘Jeopardy!’ run.”

“Jeopardy!” airs at 3:30 p.m. weekdays on WLS-Ch. 7. Chicago operations control specialist Chris Blasone competes on the episode scheduled to air Thursday.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'America's Best Outcast Toy' ★★

Going the way of reality TV cliches

Musical parody never really able to find solid footing

BY CHRIS JONES

Excited to see a campy musical parody of a competitive TV reality show? Didn't think so.

These shows are self-spoofing targets that tend to lead writers and actors into broad, easy and fully predictable choices, the kind that torpedo the disappointing "America's Best Outcast Toy." That occurs despite some talented cast members and the songwriting team of Cindy O'Connor and Larry Todd Cousineau, which is fully capable of beautiful work.

This overplayed new seasonal attraction (needless subtitle: "An OddBall Holiday Reality Musical") at Pride Films and Plays, which had its world premiere Monday night, has a number of vexing flaws. Aside from a lack of



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Danny Ackman, Tyler DeLoatch, Haylie Kinsler, Anna Blanchard, Patrick Regner, Julia Rowley and Jasmine Lacy Young in "America's Best Outcast Toy" at Pride Films and Plays.

funny lines, at the top of the list is the lack of any kind of normative character or situational anchor, something or someone who could land us in some kind of truthful circumstance

that would then allow the actors to build interesting and potentially humorous relationships.

Part of the problem is neither Cousineau nor the director, Donterrio John-

son, has decided on clear rules: Are we in the present or in some retro world of TV specials? And at what genre, exactly, are we poking fun?

In the absence of that

When: Through Jan. 12

Where: Pride Films and Plays, 4139 N. Broadway

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$30-40 at 773-857-0222 or www.pridefilmsandplays.com

clarity, Cousineau, whose lyrics can be inordinately clever, simply throws everything against the wall (drag shows, reality shows, variety shows, competitive action shows, whatever) and hopes something will stick. Add in some homage to the "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and the Island of Misfit Toys, and you have far more going on than this 90-minute show's structure can actually sustain.

Everyone here has talent. They just are working on overplowed land.

Various outsider toys compete for a prize, or to stay on the show, or maybe

to avoid being turned into pulp. It's boring because there is a total lack of credible dramatic tension, at least until the last 10 minutes, when the much-needed larger themes ("Yay for all of us misfits!") finally kick into gear.

I'm a fan of O'Connor's music, and the lovely last two numbers in this show demonstrate what she can do. There also are two very impressive young performers in the cast: a savvy improviser named Julia Rowley, playing a sardonic toy called Ashley, and an actress named Anna Blanchard, playing a doll named Squeak.

You realize a few moments in to the show that Squeak will be finding her voice. But once it arrives, it's still spectacular. I hope she makes it off the island.

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'THE AERONAUTS' ★★

Duo reteams for quality sky time

BY TOMRIS LAFFLY
Variety

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for some peril and thematic elements)

Running time: 1:41

There is something disarming about the joint presence of the ever-bashful Eddie Redmayne and the fiercely charismatic Felicity Jones that instantly feels wholesome. So when the duo embarks on a hot air balloon adventure in "Wild Rose" director Tom Harper's "The Aeronauts," you can't help but tag along and root for "The Theory of Everything" co-stars. Playing a pair of complementary trailblazers that start off on the wrong foot, the duo hand-in-hand elevates Harper's 1862-set, based-on-a-true-story film, from a flimsy action-adventure to something worth watching on the biggest possible screen, even if it operates on a handful of cliches with little character-based substance to speak of.

Which is why Amazon Studios' two-week exclusive theatrical window is a curious release strategy for a film whose greatest selling point is the reasonable amount of greenscreen visual wonder it delivers through a pair of enchanting leads. With his signature amiability (even when his character is being difficult), Redmayne plays real-life scientist James Glaisher, who dreams of a future advanced through the study of meteorology. Jones portrays a well-off widow named Amelia Wren, an idealistic, gifted yet fictional aeronaut who'd rather hover on the edge of the atmosphere than adhere to the typical duties expected of the women of her era.

In a script written by Jack Thorne (who shares

story credit with Harper), Wren is a stand-in for Henry Coxwell, Glaisher's actual co-aeronaut who, along with the scientist, rose in the air over London and flew up to 37,000 feet in a mission designed to observe and research the weather. While the gender swap is strange in its dismissal of historical accuracy, it works within the context of "The Aeronauts" that sees both parties of the two-hander as physical and intellectual equals. And to the film's credit, the chemistry between the leads doesn't resolve to a predictable case of romance.

This one risky invention aside, the script unfortunately settles for the bare minimum to define James and Amelia, and steadily loses air when it reaches for melodramatic cliches. Tedious and increasingly unwelcome flashbacks feel exasperating as they continually interrupt the balloon's graceful yet perilous glide over London and undercut the tete-a-tete between the leads. Through these choppy glimpses into the past, we learn about James' lifelong scientific ambitions that haven't always been popular among his skeptical fellows and get served a brief introduction to his father (Tom Courtenay), who battles with a worsening case of dementia. The flashbacks also elucidate Amelia's reasons to aviate — what's she to do if not flee to the skies when



AMAZON STUDIOS

Felicity Jones aids Eddie Redmayne in a dangerous mission studying the earth's atmosphere in a hot air balloon.

she still deeply mourns the death of her husband (Vincent Perez) and clashes with her traditional, vocally disapproving sister Antonia (Phoebe Fox)?

Still, the eventually record-breaking expedition gets off to a flying start, with the performative Amelia putting on an entertaining show (involving a dog with a parachute, no less) for the thousands of Londoners who gather around to see the balloon's liftoff. Though once the journey truly takes its

shape, the story only barely forges a believable kinship between the two leads.

And even with the CGI-heavy visual beauty of the skies (enhancing stunts filmed high above ground, and rendered through cinematographer George Steel's feather-light lens), "The Aeronauts" settles into something airless, begging for some action set pieces to pick up the pace. One that brings to mind scenes from Alfonso Cuarón's "Gravity" finally arrives, sending Jones —

bruised and battered in freezing temperatures — into the film's most exciting sequence. With bare, bleeding hands visibly threatened by frostbite, Amelia climbs to the top of the icy balloon to save the increasingly unreliable vehicle from crashing, while a mentally unstable, oxygen-starved James' life hangs in the balance.

If you can ignore the puzzling costuming of Alexandra Byrne that fails to dress the co-stars in weather-appropriate

clothes — Jones sports a stylish oil-skin/leather combo jacket that doesn't look all that warm at 5 degrees Fahrenheit, while both of the actors lack proper hats and gloves — the high-altitude scenes of "The Aeronauts" are satisfying to take in, especially with the backdrop of Steven Price's old-fashioned score. If only the film also offered something grounded in its pace and emotions as appealing as its sky-high showcase of special effects.

Boyle

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Boyle only accepted cash. He did not keep lists of inventory. He didn't use a computer. He had two employees though rarely strayed from the place. If you wanted something he didn't yet have, he jotted your name in a notebook and promised to keep an eye out.

The facade of the shop was a faded, dirty yellow, studded with stones and hand-painted with promises of treasures waiting inside — "Baseball Items," "Movie Memorabilia," etc. Stare hard enough at all of this and the building appears to lean ever so slightly to the right. (Cooper said it became a long-running debate if whether the place was crooked or simply misshapen.) As you leave, a sign over the exit, written in red marker and flanked



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Tom Boyle, inside Yesterday at 1143 W. Addison St., in 2006. Boyle, 88, died Monday.

by photographs of smiling customers, reads: "They Got What They Wanted." As you enter, another sign vows "Where past meets present," though mostly

you see the past.

Boyle, who never married or had children, was born in 1931 and grew up on the West Side, attending St. Mel High School in East

Garfield Park. He was a good student; in the 1950s he started an alternative newspaper at the school and enrolled at Northwestern University to launch a

career in journalism. But after a year, he had to leave to care for his ailing mother. He served in the Army and was stationed in South Korea. Afterward, he took sales jobs, roaming door to door, peddling vacuums and brushes and the Saturday Evening Post. He thought of himself as a long-simmering writer, and occasionally worked as an actor.

But mainly he was a collector.

He began as a child, gathering up comic books and as many newspaper headlines about Chicago gangsters as he could find. By the mid 1970s his collection was so vast and unwieldy he opened Yesterday — named for the Beatles song — to reduce it. Not that Boyle ever managed to, or grasp exactly how much stuff he obtained.

Even today, Zelenka said, Boyle's home is so overrun in memorabilia, "I say that it's our warehouse."

Boyle leaves a sister, Therese O'Brien, along with several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 3 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Toward the end, he would complain sometimes that people don't appreciate the past anymore; he would groan that the Wrigleyville crowd just wanted to drink and had no room for nostalgia. "But he stayed upbeat, right up until his final week," Zelenka said.

The other night Linda Vasquez, manager at nearby Wrigleyville Sports, was walking by Yesterday. She noticed Boyle through the window, waiting on his stool at his counter. "I've thought of going in, and never have. I should have. It's just one of those things."

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BOOK REVIEW

For casual Beatles fans, tidbits are fab

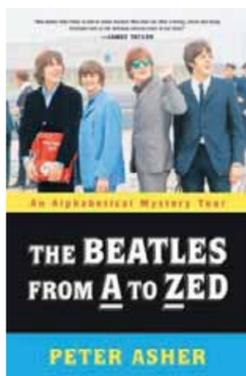
Hardcore followers will learn little

BY SIBBIE O'SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

Peter Asher is more than qualified to take us on a journey through the Beatles' many songs and adventures. He's a longtime friend of the band and in the late '60s was a producer for the Beatles' Apple label, signing such talents as James Taylor. He's been producing stars ever since and recently hosted SiriusXM's radio show about the Fab Four, "From Me to You." Though hardcore Beatles fans won't find much that's terribly surprising about the band in Asher's new book, "The Beatles from A to Zed," the writer and producer excels at excavating details and connections that sparkle and entertain.

Adopting Asher's alphabetical format, here are some delightful — and less-than-delightful — takeaways from Asher's book. (Space limitations kept me from including the full alphabet.)

A: A is for Abbey Road Studios. It was originally known as EMI Recording Studios and was inaugurated by Sir Edward Elgar, England's famous classical composer who wrote that school graduation grind, "Pomp and Circumstance." A is also for allusions. In James Taylor's song "Carolina in My Mind," he mentions "the holy host of others standing around me." That "holy host," Asher reveals, is the Beatles. The title of Paul McCartney's song "Queenie Eye" alludes to a Liverpool street game,



'The Beatles from A to Zed'

By Peter Asher, Holt, 272 pages, \$27

but Asher, a well-off Londoner, has never heard of it.

Asher mentions the Beatles as a group and as solo artists, though by my count he seems to favor Paul. Perhaps this is because Paul dated Asher's sister Jane and for a time lived in the Asher home. There, Paul often regaled the family with one of the many Beatles songs that begins with A, "And I Love Her."

C: C is for covers. There are numerous covers of Beatles songs, well-known ones like Stevie Wonder's "We Can Work It Out." But did you know that Rufus Wainwright and Eddie Izzard covered John's "Across the Universe," or that the Count Basie Orchestra covered "All My Loving" and Shirley Horn sang a version of "Yesterday"? That's versatility for



COURTESY OF PETER ASHER

Producer and longtime Beatles pal Peter Asher has written a new book, "The Beatles From A to Zed."

you. Asher alerts us that Bobby Rydell, a pompadoured teen idol known for such hits as "Wild One," covered Asher's own hit, "A World Without Love." I don't need to tell you which version is better, do I?

G: G is for guitars. Asher loves the instrument, especially the 12-string. Guitars, of course, are made of wood, but different wood creates different sounds. To demonstrate, Asher suggests listening to Paul's "Blackbird," played on a Martin D-28, and then "Yesterday," played on an Epiphone Texan.

H: H is for Hobbits, something the Beatles considered playing in a film that was, thankfully, never made, and also for harpsichord (which George Martin played in "Fixing a Hole"), an instrument that

has only one volume level no matter how hard or soft its keys are pressed. But H is also for "huh?" — as when Asher asserts that John "really makes ('Baby's in Black') rock." The song is in waltz time. Could Asher have meant "sway"?

R: R is for redundancy. Evidently, both John and George Harrison wrote songs with nearly the same title: "Out the Blue" (John's ballad about Yoko) and "Out of the Blue" (George's long instrumental jam that lasts "the right amount of time to make a martini or whatever you fancy as you listen to it").

S: S is for style, which is important in any book. Sometimes, Asher's is offputting. Too many of his statements begin with "maybe" or caveats that he is just "guessing" about

something. Sure, Asher is not a Beatles scholar and his book is a casual recollection of his time with the band, but why must he use this twee self-deprecating tone when we know he knows what he's talking about?

T: T is for titles. Asher delights in sourcing numerous titles of Beatles songs and albums, both group and solo efforts. The title "Eight Days a Week," for example (a song John never liked much, Asher confirms), has long been linked to Ringo Starr, but Asher says it may "have come through an overworked chauffeur to whom John was talking to who said that he had been working too hard." Ideally, Asher could verify this tale. Instead, he frustratingly shrugs his shoulders: "Who knows?"

W: W is for who cares,

which is quite different from who knows. Each reader will decide which of Asher's revelations belongs in which category. In the meantime, I'm still ruminating over Asher's comment about the mysterious fire in "Norwegian Wood." Everyone seems to insert themselves into that song's provenance. Paul remembers that Asher's room was "done out in wood," but Asher writes, "I am certainly very proud if I or my room even made a contribution (to the song), but I cannot honestly remember ever doing out my room in wood." To suggest that Asher try to dishonestly remember would be unladylike, so I'll let the letter "x," as in *exit*, be the last word.

Sibbie O'Sullivan's book of essays about John Lennon is forthcoming.

BOOK REVIEW

Basketball and beyond on reservation in Arizona

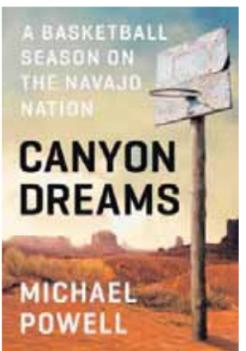
BY MARK ATHITAKIS
The Washington Post

In August, Netflix released "Basketball or Nothing," a gem of a series about a high school team in Chinle, a dusty pocket of Navajo Nation in northeast Arizona. The show features an eye-catching setting, nail-biting moments on the court and compulsively watchable characters — particularly Raul Mendoza, the team's grumpy-yet-avuncular coach.

The show does have a flaw, though: The series suggests that the kids vying for a state title will have their lives entirely foreclosed upon them if they can't find a way to escape the reservation and get a college degree. "There's really nothing going on in Chinle," are the first words uttered in the series. Water is scarce; unemployment and addiction are abundant.

It's not an incorrect assessment, but it is a narrow one. So it's worth watching the series in tandem with Michael Powell's engrossing, more expansive book, "Canyon Dreams," which covers the same team during the same 2017-18 season and clarifies its story. For the players at Chinle High School, the rez and the rest of the world aren't binaries in opposition. They're connected worlds that they're compelled to navigate as skillfully as they do the hardwood courts.

Basketball, Powell writes, is a "harmonizing force in this immense land," an essential part of day-to-day culture in Chinle. That means long lines at the ticket window on game days and lots of people tuning their radios for game broadcasts throughout Navajo Nation, which stretches across



'Canyon Dreams'

By Michael Powell, Blue Rider, 272 pages, \$28

northern Arizona and New Mexico. But it also means Mendoza is treated as a standard-bearer for an entire community. Family members give him an earful about respect every time he benches their kid. "In past seasons with different teams, witches had cast spells at him, and warlocks had conspired, and angry relatives had loosened the lug nuts on his tires," Powell writes.

Powell, a New York Times sports columnist, lived on Navajo Nation briefly a quarter century ago. He writes with a clear affection, respect and understanding.

His position may explain why the central figure in his narrative is Mendoza, who is an outsider himself. Part Mexican and part Tohono O'odham (a southern Arizona tribe), Mendoza was hired by Chinle less for his precise cultural fit than because he has a state-title ring and a history as a counselor who keeps kids on track. Unemployment on Navajo Nation is 45%, fewer than half of Chinle High School graduates go to college, and nearly every player on the team has a story about

a broken home to share. "Do you know what I'm proudest of in this life?" Mendoza tells Powell. "Not a single one of those teenagers I counseled committed suicide. They lived, every single one of them."

But Powell also widens his range to encompass the history and culture of the region. In Albuquerque, he catches up with a former Chinle player who's trying to make a life for himself after an injury, uncertain about life off the rez. Watching an English class at the high school, he notes how the Anglo teacher has to be attuned to cultural differences. Resident activists have made yearslong, contentious efforts to foil exploitative developers, as "the desire for jobs in a land with crushing unemployment collided with the urgency of preserving a sacred heritage."

What mainly defines the culture in Chinle, in Powell's eyes, is a resilience that he's careful not to sentimentalize. For the most part, the kids are just kids. The games, for Powell and Chinle alike, are at once an escape hatch and a glue for the community. And the mood lifts whenever Powell covers a game day. Life at a high-desert elevation has given the boys the endurance to compete, and once Mendoza's hectoring sinks in, the book becomes a gripping, propulsive story about a playoff run.

The basketball and cultural stories aren't parallel but braided, the problems woven around possibility. As a teacher tells Powell, "You never have to worry here about waking up in the morning and asking yourself, 'What am I doing here? What is my purpose?'"

Mark Athitakis is the author of "The New Midwest."

BOOK REVIEWS

Elizabeth Berg pens another charming Mason novel

Minneapolis Star Tribune

"The Confession Club" by Elizabeth Berg, Penguin Random House, 290 pages, \$26

It all started innocently as the Third Sunday Supper Club, a companionable evening that evolved into a confidence-sharing, soul-baring session. None of these confessions is too shocking. Lacking true scandal, the members live by the motto "The truth is always interesting," and you'll nod along with that sentiment as Gretchen admits her wish to divorce her children or Dodie reveals that she's dating an exhibitionist. But the Confession Club only forms the framework of this tale.

Courtship with a homeless man who suffers from Vietnam-spawned PTSD isn't all poetry, of course. And you can bet the Confession Clubbers (whose presence sometimes feels intrusive) have their say about it when they warily welcome Iris and Maddy into their fold.

Yes, Maddy, the through-line of the Mason books who graduated from surly, vulnerable teen in "The Story of Arthur Truluv" to wise young mother in "Night of Miracles" is back under Iris' roof.

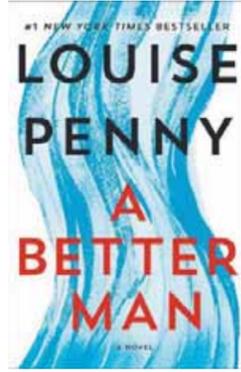
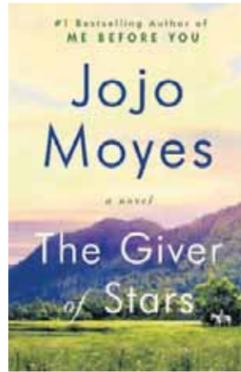
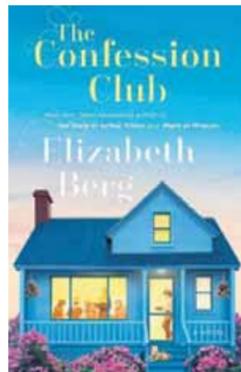
You needn't have read the previous Mason installments to savor "The Confession Club."

Berg's language is gentle, her stories complex: simple outside and rich inside, like a pound cake from Iris' kitchen.

— Cynthia Dickison

"The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes, DORR, 400 pages, \$28

Marriage is not the escape that Alice Van Cleve was hoping for. She threw off a suffocating life in England to follow her handsome husband back to Kentucky. But Alice



quickly finds herself adrift, lonely and literally unloved. In eastern Kentucky in 1937, there aren't many options for women, even the daughter-in-law of the all-powerful mine owner.

She is expected to keep house and make babies, neither of which she can do. She feels "as if she had

made a mistake that there was simply no coming back from."

Relief comes in the unlikely form of the Great Depression and the WPA Packing Horse Librarians program.

Alice and other strong-minded women deliver books and magazines to Appalachian people even more isolated than she is. The library sisterhood moves to empower area women and thwart the grasping powers-that-be. Trouble inevitably ensues.

Jojo Moyes delivers a romantic, sometimes melodramatic, tale of hard work and heroism.

While the evil father-in-law remains cartoonish, the librarians form a cast of believable characters readers can cheer on.

— Maureen McCarthy

"A Better Man" by Louise Penny, Minotaur, 448 pages, \$28.99

Armande Gamache returns as a high-ranking member of the Canadian Surete, this time humbled by a demotion from chief inspector to head of homicide due to previous events in this richly told crime series.

After a drug raid gone bad, Gamache is being harangued on social media as he assumes control of detectives he long ago trained.

Gamache's daughter Annie and his loyal protégé Jean-Guy Beauvoir, Annie's husband, are moving to Paris with Gamache's grandchild to escape the violence of police work. An unexpected death rocks Three Pines and plays on Gamache's fears.

Penny's lyrical writing opens up Gamache's soul-searching. "A Better Man" isn't so much a novel to wrap up story lines in this 14-book series, but one to breathe the new life into them.

— Ginny Greene

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Nina Garcia

"Project Runway" (8:30 p.m., 11 p.m., Bravo): Host Karlie Kloss welcomes 16 new design hopefuls as this Emmy-winning series opens Season 18 in New York. Mentor to the designers Christian Siriano also returns, along with judges Nina Garcia, Brandon Maxwell and Elaine Welteroth. Featured locations this season include the TWA Hotel at JFK, The Vessel at Hudson Yards and Bergdorf Goodman.

"Saturday Night Live" (7 p.m., NBC): Who needs a visit from the Ghost of Christmas Past when we've got this year's edition of a perennial programming favorite: a two-hour special made up of yuletide-themed music and comedy sketches culled from the nearly half-century of "Saturday Night Live" episodes. The program features appearances by such current cast members as Kenan Thompson, Kate McKinnon and Mikey Day.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" (7 p.m., ABC): When Charlie Brown complains about the materialism he sees during the holidays, Lucy suggests he direct the Christmas pageant. He accepts, but it proves to be a frustrating struggle. After his attempt to restore the proper spirit with a forlorn little fir tree fails, he needs Linus' help to learn the real meaning of Christmas. The animated classic's memorable music score is by Vince Guaraldi.

"Court Cam" (8 p.m., 12 a.m., AE): Dan Abrams is host and an executive producer behind this new half-hour unscripted series, which takes a behind-the-scenes look at some of the most dramatic and unpredictable moments in courtrooms across the country. Abrams will sit down with key players in some of the cases and listen to their perspectives on their case and how it seems to be playing out.

"At Eternity's Gate" (8 p.m., 4:45 a.m., Showtime): Willem Dafoe received multiple accolades, including nominations as best actor from both the Academy Awards and the Golden Globes, for his finely detailed portrayal of painter Vincent Van Gogh in director Julian Schnabel's dazzling 2018 biopic, which chronicles the final years in the life of the troubled artist.

"Growing Up Hip Hop" (8 p.m., 9:01 p.m., 10:01 p.m., 11:01 p.m., 2:01 a.m., WE): Long-term friendships are shaken, while former adversaries turn into allies as this hit reality series opens its fifth season. In these new episodes, Bow Wow has found his way back into the life of Rev Run's daughter, Angela Simmons, who clashes with Romeo Miller, the son of Master P.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Jameela Jamil.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Jennifer Lopez; singer Camila Cabello; Camila Cabello performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Scarlett Johansson; comic Joe Pera.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Sam Rockwell; actress Francesca Hayward; Sheryl Crow and Stevie Nicks perform.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 5

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Young Sheldon (N)	(7:31) The Unicorn (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Carol's Second Act (N)	Evil: "Exorcism Part 2." (N) ©	News (N) ♣	
	NBC 5	Saturday Night Live: "A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special." ©				Making It: "Wreathy Street." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♣	
	ABC 7	A Charlie Brown Christmas		(8:01) Same Time, Next Christmas (NR,'19) Lea Michele, Charles Michael Davis. ©		News at 10pm (N) ♣		
	WGN 9	black-ish: "VIP." ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N) ♣	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	Court 9.3	Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♣				
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Richard Steves' European Christmas ©	Brit Floyd: The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show Live in Liverpool (N)				
	CW 26.1	Supernatural (N) ©		Legacies (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♣		
Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Lakeview Terrace (PG-13,'08)		Samuel L. Jackson.	Little Man ♣		
FOX 32	NFL Football: Dallas Cowboys at Chicago Bears. (N) (Live) ©							
Ion 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Hit Me."		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♣	
TeleM 44	El sultán (N) ©		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D.: "Payback."		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Chicago ♣	
UniMas 60	Enamorándonos		Noticiero (N)		Apocalipsis			
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.		Joyce Meyer		Robison Christian		Dn. Carson	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	Court Cam	Court Cam	Live PD: Wanted (N) ©	PD Cam	
	AMC	Four Christmases (PG-13,'08) ** Vince Vaughn. ©				Miracle on 34th Street (PG,'94) ***		
	ANIM	Whale Wars: Watson's Last Stand (N)				Whale Wars: Watson's Last Stand (N) ♣		
	BBCA	Cast Away (PG-13,'00) *** Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. ©				Cast Away ♣		
	BET	*(5) The Wedding Ringer				The Single Moms Club (PG-13,'14) ** Nia Long, Amy Smart. ♣		
	BIGTEN	Women's College Basketball (N)				B1G Show	B1G Show	Big Ten
	BRAVO	Project Runway: "The Final Runway."				Project Runway (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Watch (N)	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Nancy Pelosi (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Cuomo (N) ♣	
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♣
	DISC	Naked and Afraid ©		To be announced		To be announced	TBA ♣	
	DISN	Raven	Roll With It	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Stuck in the Middle ©	Raven	
	E!	*(6:30) Dirty Dancing (PG-13,'87) ***				Pretty Woman (R,'90) *** Richard Gere. © ♣		
	ESPN	Wm. Basketball (N)		Women's College Basketball (N)		SportCtr (N)		
	ESPN2	Don't Ever Give Up		High School Basketball (N)		2019 Death Diving (N)		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD	Santa's (N)		Santa's (N)		Christmas Cookie	Ginger ♣	
	FREE	*(7:20) Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG,'00) **				700 Club ♣		
	FX	*(6) The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13,'01) *** ©				Lord Rings ♣		
	HALL	Christmas Town (NR,'19) Tim Rozon. ©				Christmas Wishes & Mistletoe Kiss ♣		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip (N)	Flip (N)	Flip or Flop	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pick. (N)		(9:05) American Pickers	Pickers ♣	
	HLN	Death Row Stories ©		Forensic		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	*(5) Knocked Up ('07) *** Planes, Trains and Automobiles (R,'87) *** ©				Snow Day ♣		
	LIFE	Merry Little Christmas (NR,'19) Kelly Rowland. ©				(9:03) Christmas Perfection ('18) © ♣		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	MTV	Floribama Shore (N) ©		(8:01) Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Ex-Beach ♣		
	NBCSCH	*(NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Bruins (N) Blackhawks Postgame (N) All Access				Beer Money		
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water ***		Friends ©		
	OVATION	House of the Year		House of the Year		No Reservation	Brainin ♣	
OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN	20/20 ♣		
OXY	An Unexpected Killer (Series Premiere) (N)		Snapped ©		Snapped ©			
PARMT	S.W.A.T. (PG-13,'03) ** Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell. ©				S.W.A.T. ♣			
SYFY	*(Journey 2-Mysterious Isl. Ghost in the Shell (PG-13,'17) ** Scarlett Johansson.				Chronicle ♣			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM	Sinner's Holiday ('30) **		(8:15) Millie (NR,'31) ** Helen Twelvetrees.		BlondeCrz ♣			
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper	Hoarding ♣		
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Christmas		Life Today	Like You	Humanit	
TNT	A Christmas Carol (NR,'99) ** Patrick Stewart.				A Christmas Carol (NR,'99) *** ♣			
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures (N) ©				The Holzer Files (N) ©	Holzer ♣		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	*(Chrisley	Chrisley (N)	Chrisley (N)	Chrisley (N)	Temptation Island (N)	Beer Mom ♣		
VH1	*(6:30) Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,'05) **				Beauty Shop (PG-13,'05) ** © ♣			
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Growing Up Hip Hop (Season Premiere) (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Hip Hop ♣		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Watchmen ©		Lil Rel Howery: Live		(9:05) Shazam! (PG-13,'19) *** © ♣		
	HBO2	Isn't It Romantic (PG-13,'19) **		Fletcher		Watchmen ©	Ernie & J ♣	
	MAX	Jaws (PG,'75) *** Roy Scheider. ©				(9:05) Jaws 2 (PG,'78) *** © ♣		
	SHO	*(5:50) The Fugitive ***				At Eternity's Gate (PG-13,'18) *** Willem Dafoe. ©	Gigolos ©	
	STARZ	*(6:12) You Again ('10) **		Extract (R,'09) ** Jason Bateman.		(9:34) The Kingdom ***		
STZNC	*(5:51) Good Will Hunting		Bowfinger (PG-13,'99) *** Steve Martin.		Barbershop 2: Back ♣			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 5): Take advantage of power and confidence for positive change this year. Prosperity grows with regular, disciplined attention. Reap a nice winter harvest before a shift in family finances. A personal barrier redirects you, leading to a lucrative shared venture. Use your influence for good.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Travel could interfere with personal routines, although new views inspire. Avoid expensive missteps. Consider long-term dreams and ambitions. Pamper yourself with rest and hot water.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Change is inevitable. Believe you can prosper. It's easier to finish old projects now. Generosity looks good on you. Contemplate upcoming moves before making them.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Connect with neighbors, friends and community groups. Contribute to a team effort. A goal may seem distant or blocked. Lay plans and coordinate together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Keep your wits about you to handle a mess at work. Take charge for the results you want. The action is behind the scenes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Your travels and studies could include traffic, obstacles or barriers to advancement. An unexpected expense could disrupt. Keep calm and carry on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Rely on trusted teammates. Do the homework behind a financial decision. Consider costs and consequences. Unscheduled expenses could require budgetary adjustment. Collaborate and adapt.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Support your partner and be supported. Resolve a challenge, navigate a change or overcome an obstacle together. Clean up and lend a helping hand.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Slow down to avoid missteps or accidents. The action could seem intense. Resist impulsive moves and clean up messes immediately.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Romantic ideals and fantasies may not match the current reality. Things don't go as planned. You can maintain a mystery without being dishonest.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Family comes first. Expect messes, chaos or disruption at your house. Don't divulge secrets. Keep your objective in mind. Create beauty from simple ingredients.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Share the news and clear up any miscommunications immediately. A controversy could have a silver lining. Keep your tone polite and respectful.

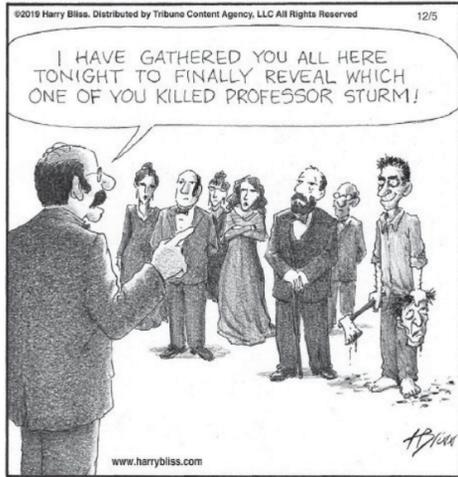
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Don't spend your income before you get it. Look for hidden opportunities in a chaotic situation. Monitor cash flow carefully to avoid shortfalls.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ K 10 8 4	♥ 10 4	♠ Q	♥ A 6 5
♦ A 3 2	♣ Q J 3 2	♦ Q 10 9 5 4	♣ 9 7 6 5
South		West	
♠ J 9 7 6 5 3 2	♥ 9 3 2	♠ A	♥ K Q J 8 7
♦ J	♣ A 8	♦ K 8 7 6	♣ K 10 4

Today's deal is from the recent World Championships held in China. South, playing for China, was Zheng Jun Shi.

West led the king of hearts and continued with the queen of hearts at trick two, overtaken by East with the ace. Looking at all four hands, it's easy to see that a club shift will defeat the contract, but that was not easy to see at the table. It looked important to knock out dummy's ace of diamonds before

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3♠	4♥	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

any clubs could be set up for discards. The 10 of diamonds shift went to the jack, king, and ace. Shi now carefully ruffed a diamond, ruffed his last heart in dummy, and ruffed dummy's last diamond in his hand. Only now did he play a trump. When West won the ace of spades, he was end-played and had to choose between yielding a ruff-sluff or leading away from his king of clubs. Making four!

At the other table, Shi's teammate, Gang Chen, also led the king of hearts. He cashed his ace of spades, however, before continuing hearts. East also overtook and shifted to a diamond, but this declarer had to take the club finesse for himself and finished down one. Well done at both tables!

— Bob Jones
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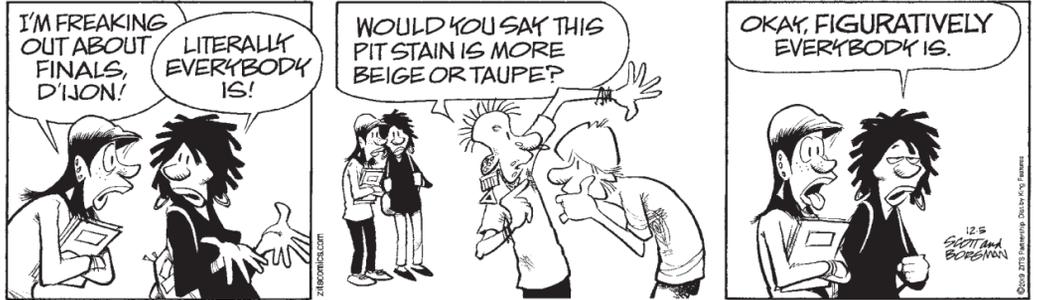
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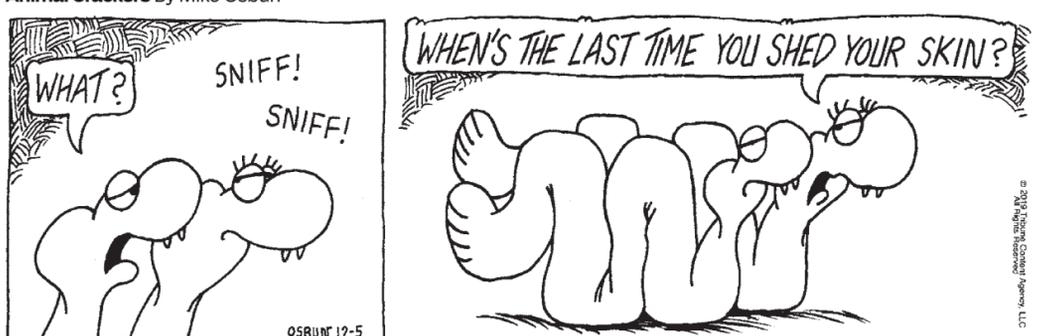
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THURSDAY, DEC. 5

NORMAL HIGH: 38° NORMAL LOW: 24° RECORD HIGH: 68° (2001) RECORD LOW: -8° (1871)

Continued dry weather, above normal temps

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 42 **LOW** 32

■ Cold start to the day. Morning sun gives way to increasing cloudiness. Temperatures a little above normal with a high in the low 40s.

■ A fourth consecutive dry day.

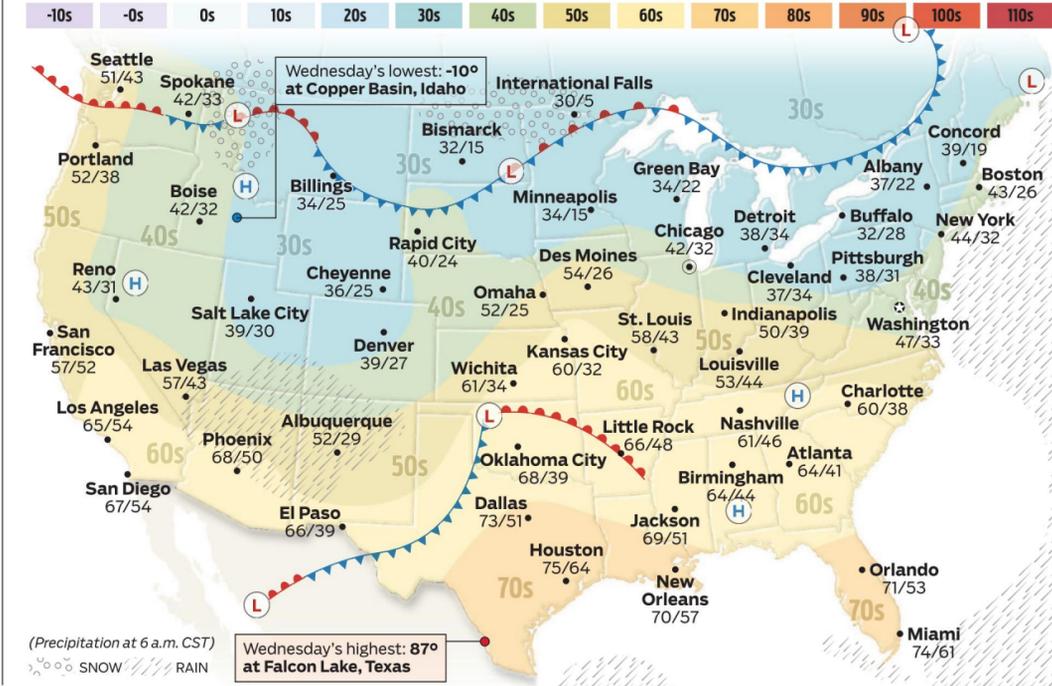
■ WSW winds become S winds 5-10 mph.

■ Mostly cloudy overnight skies.

■ Nighttime winds turn NNW and increase to 10-15 mph with gusts to 20 mph by sunrise.

■ An above normal low in the low 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Wednesday produced the first day with 100% of the possible sunshine since Oct. 12. December is normally the cloudiest month of the year. Wednesday was also the 11th consecutive day with the average temperature at or above normal. The above normal temperature trend will continue Thursday. A brief cool down is expected Friday with a high in the mid 30s before temperatures rebound to the 40s for Saturday through Monday. All of that changes Tuesday as significantly colder air makes its way to the Midwest.

A significant change in the jet stream will occur early next week, bringing the coldest temperatures since Oct. 12 and 13 when temperature records were set. Long range outlooks indicate below normal temperatures may be in place from next Tuesday through next week.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

HIGH 36 **LOW** 25

Colder with clearing skies as high pressure approaches from the Plains. High in the mid 30s. Breezy NNE winds gusting to 25 mph diminish in the afternoon. Mostly clear and calm overnight. Low in the mid 20s.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

HIGH 41 **LOW** 35

Mostly sunny, becoming breezy and milder. SSW winds 10-15 mph. High in the low 40s. Clouds increase after sunset, becoming mostly cloudy. SSW winds increase overnight 15-25 mph. Low in the mid 30s.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

HIGH 47 **LOW** 37

Cloudy, windy and milder. High in the mid to upper 40s, roughly 10 degrees above normal. SW winds 15-25 mph diminish after sunset and become light overnight. Chance for evening and overnight rain showers.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

HIGH 43 **LOW** 24

Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. A little cooler with a high in the low 40s. Light W winds turn NW by evening and increase to 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Rain changes to light snow overnight.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

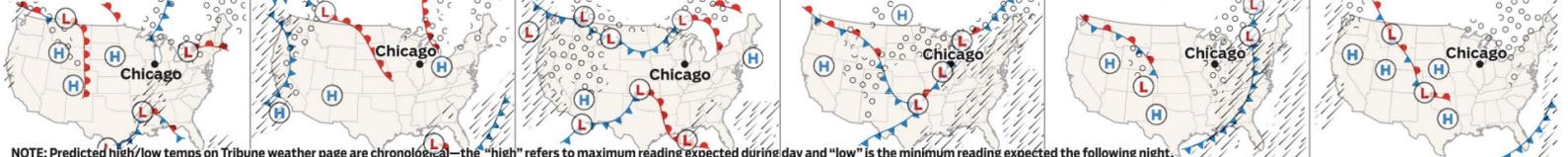
HIGH 26 **LOW** 7

Snow tapers to flurries. Quite windy and significantly colder. High in the mid 20s but falls to the teens by late afternoon. NW winds 15-20 mph gusting to 30 mph. Flurries end overnight. Low in the single digits.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

HIGH 19 **LOW** 13

Partly cloudy, windy and much colder with high pressure in the Plains. West winds 10-20 mph. High in the upper teens. Mostly clear and cold overnight. Light and variable nighttime winds. Low in the low-teens.



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,
Was it my imagination or was this past November extremely cloudy? Thanks.
Mark Johnson
Chicago

Dear Mark,
It was not your imagination. November was unusually cloudy, averaging just 33% of its possible sunshine, 9% below the month's 42% normal. It featured nine totally cloudy days, including a month-ending four-day run from Nov. 27-30. There were just two totally sunny days: Nov. 8 and 12. However, as cloudy as it was, it actually produced 5% more sunshine than last November, a month that logged just 28% of its possible sunshine. Based on sunshine data, dating to 1893, Chicago's all-time cloudiest month was November 1985, a dimly cloudy month that received just 16% of its possible sunshine and documented 19 totally sunless days.

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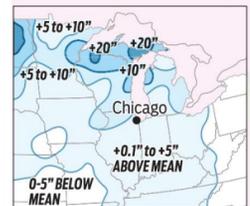
Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Above normal temps ahead; colder air arrives next week

SNOWFALL UPDATE

Most of Midwest has had above normal snowfall this season through Dec. 3

Accumulated snowfall departure from mean (Oct. 1 through Dec. 3, 2019)

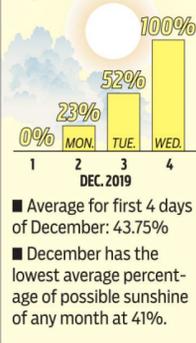


■ Officially in Chicago, only 0.1" of snow has been recorded at O'Hare since Nov. 11. Despite the lack of snow since then through Dec. 4, this season still ranks tied as the 13th-snowiest start to the snow season since 1884.

CHICAGO SUNSHINE

Wednesday was the first day with 100% of possible sunshine since Oct. 12

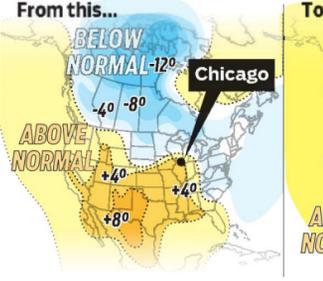
Chicago's percent of possible sunshine so far in December:



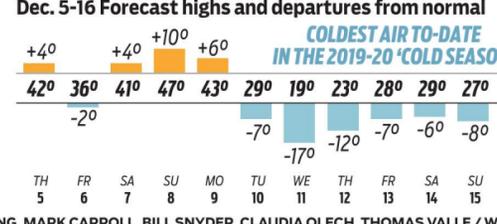
■ Average for first 4 days of December: 43.75%

■ December has the lowest average percentage of possible sunshine of any month at 41%.

BIG PATTERN CHANGE NEXT WEEK



PROJECTED CHICAGO-O'HARE HIGH TEMPERATURES



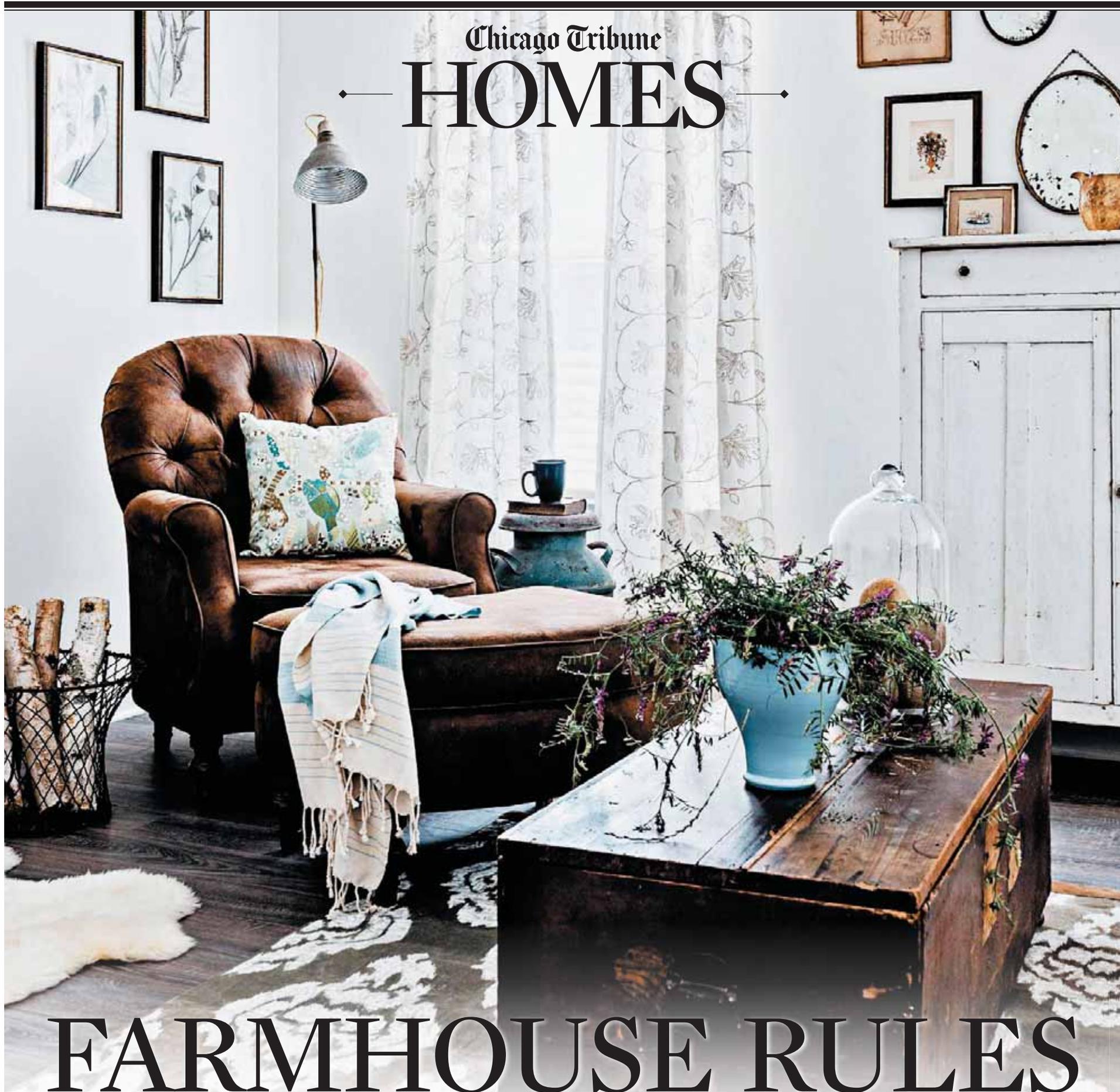
MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	56	44	sh	50	29
Carbondale	pc	51	35	sh	50	29
Champaign	pc	53	36	sh	40	24
Decatur	pc	53	36	sh	41	25
Moline	su	52	30	sh	38	24
Peoria	pc	51	33	sh	35	22
Quincy	pc	56	33	sh	40	26
Rockford	pc	46	29	sh	36	24
Springfield	pc	55	35	sh	41	25
Sterling	pc	49	29	sh	37	23
Indiana	su	52	41	sh	46	27
Bloomington	pc	56	44	sh	50	31
Evansville	pc	54	44	sh	50	31
Fort Wayne	pc	44	35	sh	40	22
Indianapolis	su	50	39	sh	44	25
Lafayette	su	49	37	sh	41	23
South Bend	pc	44	35	sh	39	24
Wisconsin	ss	34	22	sh	29	16
Green Bay	ss	34	22	sh	29	16
Kenosha	pc	43	30	sh	37	25
La Crosse	sh	42	26	sh	31	22
Madison	cl	41	28	sh	33	22
Milwaukee	cl	40	29	sh	34	22
Wausau	ss	32	21	sh	25	11
Michigan	pc	38	34	sh	38	22
Detroit	pc	38	34	sh	38	22
Grand Rapids	pc	39	32	sh	35	23
Marquette	ss	29	23	sh	26	17
St. Ste. Marie	cl	28	22	sh	25	15
Traverse City	sh	34	28	sh	31	21
Iowa	pc	51	25	sh	33	23
Ames	pc	50	26	sh	32	22
Cedar Rapids	pc	47	28	sh	35	24
Des Moines	pc	54	26	sh	35	26
Dubuque	pc	47	28	sh	35	24
Nebraska	pc	69	39	sh	62	40
El Paso	pc	69	39	sh	62	40

OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abilene	pc	79	44	sh	57	36
Albany	cl	37	22	sh	36	20
Albuquerque	sh	52	29	sh	49	31
Amarillo	pc	67	32	sh	52	36
Anchorage	pc	14	12	sh	23	22
Asheville	su	55	35	sh	54	34
Aspen	sh	35	18	sh	41	20
Atlanta	su	64	41	sh	59	44
Atlantic City	pc	45	32	sh	51	30
Austin	pc	72	56	sh	69	45
Baltimore	pc	46	33	sh	53	32
Billings	pc	34	25	sh	43	33
Birmingham	pc	64	44	sh	57	47
Bismarck	sh	32	15	sh	33	22
Boise	cl	42	32	sh	48	36
Brownsville	pc	81	67	sh	80	56
Burlington	sh	32	28	sh	35	21
Charlottesville	pc	60	41	sh	54	42
Charlotte	pc	50	38	sh	58	41
Charlton SC	pc	62	45	sh	68	48
Charlton WV	pc	48	34	sh	47	28
Chattanooga	su	60	41	sh	54	42
Cheyenne	pc	38	25	sh	45	31
Cincinnati	pc	50	38	sh	48	25
Cleveland	cl	37	34	sh	42	29
Colorado Spgs	sh	45	25	sh	46	30
Columbia MO	cl	59	36	sh	63	47
Columbia SC	pc	53	38	sh	44	25
Columbus	pc	43	33	sh	45	23
Corpus Christi	pc	69	63	sh	80	48
Crane Christi	pc	73	51	sh	58	42
Dallas	pc	68	52	sh	75	54
Daytona Bch.	pc	68	52	sh	75	54
Denver	rs	29	27	sh	34	22
Duluth	ss	32	14	sh	22	19
El Paso	pc	69	39	sh	62	40
Fairbanks	su	-15	-21	su	-7	-9
Fargo	sh	28	6	sh	23	19
Flagstaff	pc	43	23	sh	46	25
Fort Myers	pc	75	49	sh	79	53
Fort Smith	pc	67	48	sh	59	38
Fresno	pc	64	48	sh	65	53
Grand Junc.	rs	41	28	sh	45	28
Great Falls	pc	34	29	sh	45	36
Harrisburg	pc	43	30	sh	51	31
Hartford	pc	60	43	sh	58	21
Helena	pc	36	25	sh	38	27
Honolulu	cl	82	71	sh	81	72
Houston	pc	75	64	sh	75	52
Int'l Falls	ss	30	5	sh	20	17
Jackson	pc	57	43	sh	67	48
Jacksonville	su	69	50	sh	75	56
Janeau	rs	36	32	sh	35	27
Kansas City	cl	60	32	sh	43	28
Las Vegas	pc	65	54	sh	67	56
Lexington	su	52	41	sh	50	31
Lincoln	pc	53	45	sh	39	27
Little Rock	pc	66	48	sh	59	40
Los Angeles	cl	65	54	sh	67	56
Louisville	su	53	44	sh	52	31
Macon	pc	67	37	sh	63	46
Memphis	pc	60	49	sh	55	41
Miami	pc	61	46	sh	54	41
Minneapolis	sh	34	15	sh	21	16
Mobile	pc	67	54	sh	72	56
Montgomery	pc	67	41	sh	63	50
New Orleans	pc	61	46	sh	54	41
New York	cl	44	32	sh	47	30
Norfolk	su	51	31	sh	43	30
Oklahoma City	su	68	39	sh	67	43
Omaha	pc	52	34	sh	57	40
Orlando	pc	71	53	sh	79	54
Palm Beach	pc	73	57	sh	79	58
Palm Springs	pc	68	52	sh	68	55
Philadelphia	pc	43	30	sh	41	29
Phoenix	pc	68	50	sh	71	51
Pittsburgh	pc	38	31	sh	45	25
Portland, ME	pc	41	22	sh	34	19
Portland, OR	pc	52	38	sh	49	42
Providence	pc	41	24	sh	39	21
Raleigh	su	56	34	sh	59	39
Rapid City	pc	40	24	sh	38	24
Reno	cl	43	31	sh	44	34
Richmond	su	53	29	sh	55	33
Rochester	sh	32	25	sh	33	21
Sacramento	cl	60	50	sh	64	54
Salmon, Ore.	pc	48	34	sh	45	39
Salt Lake City	su	39	30	sh	44	29
San Antonio	pc	71	54	sh	74	43
San Diego	pc	67	54	sh	67	57
San Francisco	sh	57	52	sh	59	54
San Jose	pc	88	77	sh	87	77
San Juan	rs	42	26	sh	44	27
Savannah	su	66	43	sh	72	47
Seattle	cl	51	43	sh	54	46
Shreveport	pc	71	59	sh	67	47
Sioux Falls	pc	36	13	sh	26	24
Spokane	sh	42				

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HOMES



FARMHOUSE RULES

Find a focal point, use neutrals and whites, and avoid kitsch **PAGE 4**

HOME REMEDIES

How to stay prepared for home emergencies

BY DIANA CRANDALL
Angie's List

Venomous snakes in the woodpile, water pooling in the drywall — whether you live in an area prone to natural disasters or you're just planning to take a long holiday vacation, it's vital to know exactly how to prepare for different worst-case scenarios. Staying informed could mean the difference between paying a few hundred dollars and several thousand for home repairs.

Burst pipes: A pipe doesn't have to freeze to burst — old, decaying pipes or plumbing clogs can also cause a rupture. No matter the cause, the damage to your property can be catastrophic if a breach does occur, so make sure you know exactly where to find your emergency water shutoff if you suspect or see a major problem. Remember that timing is everything. Calling a plumber to fix the problem before a pipe bursts will run you



The damage caused by a ruptured pipe can be catastrophic, so it's important to know where the emergency water shutoff is located.

DREAMSTIME

\$150-\$350 on average for the work. But for burst pipes, homeowners report paying between \$1,000 and \$4,000 in water damage cleanup and repair fees, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide. Maintain your plumbing, know where your emergency water shutoff is and

have a pro's number on hand to solve the issue ASAP.

Electrical emergencies: Electrical emergencies can seem insignificant, like an outlet with a few burn marks around it, or absolutely massive, like a power outage that none of your

neighbors are experiencing. But it's vital to let an electrician handle even the smallest projects, as an electric shock can be deadly and damaged wiring can be a fire hazard. Homeowners report paying within a range of \$160-\$504 to hire an electrician, according to the Angie's

List Pricing Guide, but rest assured: This type of fix preserves life and property, so it's money well spent.

Roof damage: Roof damage from high winds, heavy hail or significant snow can cause serious (and costly) problems if you don't fix it ASAP. Warning signs of a

problem include missing shingles or dents, condensation in your attic and any type of leaking in your home. Call a local repairman who specializes in your roof type — the most common is asphalt shingles — to repair the issue. Homeowners report paying between \$317-\$1,158 to repair an asphalt shingle roof, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

Yard cleanup: Keeping your yard clear of brush, woodpiles and debris is a simple way to avoid myriad issues. In drier climates, this type of pileup can serve as wildfire fuel, while cooler climates can see standing pools of water turn to slippery sheets of ice overnight. Homeowners in all climates should also be aware of local pests that can take up residence in heaps of toys, trash, leaves or wood. The cost of yard cleanup depends on how large your property is, but nationwide, homeowners report paying about \$343 on average, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide.



DESIGN RECIPES PHOTOS

Orange drapery adds elegance to this living space.

Orange you glad? How to decorate with this fiery hue

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

Orange is a popular color, especially this time of year.

Not sure you're ready to take the plunge? There are numerous subtle and creative ways to infuse this warm, friendly, popular color into your home without going overboard.

Here are some top tips.

Do

- Use accessories and accents such as throws and toss pillows to incorporate orange into your living space.
- Consider an accent wall or paint as a way to infuse orange into your decor.
- Create a sense of contrast by pairing orange with neutral colors such as white, cream, gray and black.
- Remember to use portable decor options (accessories and accents that can be moved from room to room and easily swapped out).
- Look for unexpected opportunities to bring orange accents into a space.

Don't

- Be afraid to mix different shades and tones of orange in a space.
- Overwhelm a space with too many colorful elements.
- Mix orange with muddy colors, such as rust.
- Overlook opportunities to highlight orange by pairing it with cooler colors such as blue and green.
- Forget artwork is a wonderful way to bring orange into a space.



Orange walls add a stark sense of contrast when paired with white.

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Cozy, not kitschy

How to embrace farmhouse style in your home without going overboard

BY MARI-JANE WILLIAMS
The Washington Post

Southern or farmhouse style is certainly having a moment. Many homeowners crave a cozy retreat, particularly as the outside world feels increasingly harsh and polarized. And the style, long a staple in rural areas, has become an aspirational look for urban homes as well, in part thanks to HGTV and shows such as “Fixer Upper” that have brought the aesthetic to a broader audience.

Some would say, though, that the overuse of the look has pushed it into kitsch territory. For anyone who loves those cute sayings and can’t imagine a kitchen wall without the stencil proclaiming “Live, Laugh, Love,” by all means, you do you. A home should be, first and foremost, a reflection of your own style. But if you want to implement that cozy, rustic style in a subtler, more classic way, listen up.

Kim Leggett, of City Farmhouse in Franklin, Tennessee, author of “City Farmhouse Style,” says the key is to keep things simple, relaxed, natural and unfussy.

“Rooms don’t have to be cohesive with each other” in a farmhouse-style home, Leggett says, “and I think that’s part of the attraction for designers and homeowners. We’re all so busy that when we come home, we want to walk into a space that feels warm and cozy.”

Here are her suggestions, taken from a phone interview and an email exchange, for creating a com-

fortable space with a farmhouse vibe — minus the clichés.

Say no to mass-produced pieces. Part of the kitsch problem, Leggett says, is that a lot of big-box retailers sell mass-produced items to capitalize on the farmhouse trend. But in reality, the style is best created with authentic pieces.

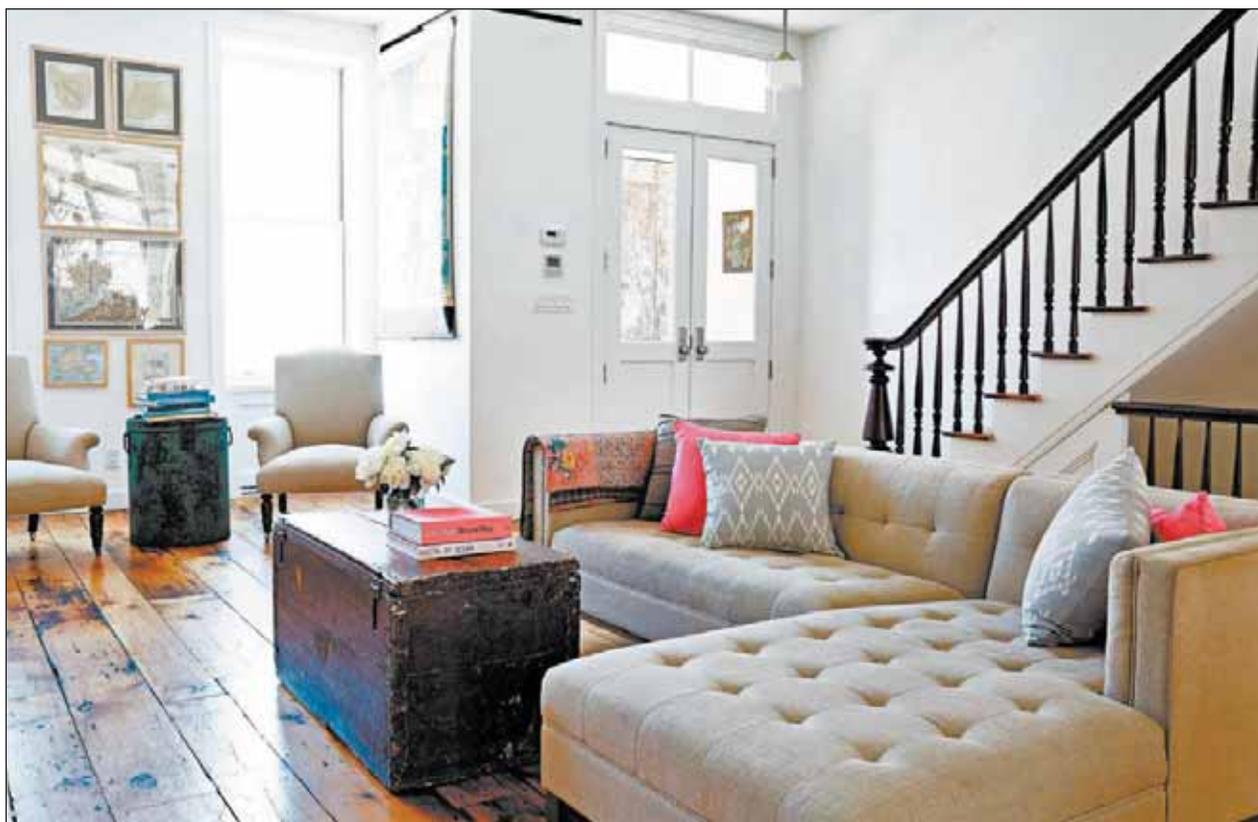
“It’s just more of a storied approach to design,” she adds.

People have been trained to go in that cookie-cutter direction because it’s all over social media, Leggett says.

Instead of searching Pinterest or Instagram for inspiration, Leggett suggests turning to books and magazines from 10 to 20 years ago for a more authentic version of the aesthetic. Leggett likes *Architectural Digest*, *Country Living* and other shelter magazines, or books such as “New Farmhouse Style” by Terry John Woods. Then shop local antique shops, flea markets and thrift stores to find items you love.

When choosing furniture, go with a minimalist approach, Leggett says. “Farmhouse style is not formal or fussy. Select furnishings that are simple in design with straight lines, kind of like the Shaker-style furniture.”

Items made with brown wood are showing up in homes again, Leggett says. “Shunned for years as ‘too dated’ by designers and home decorators, these classic pieces are making a strong comeback,” she writes in an email.



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Kim Leggett prefers neutral walls and upholstery to get an authentic farmhouse style. In this renovated Brooklyn, New York, brownstone, a simple tufted sectional anchors the space.



A vintage wardrobe from the 1800s serves as a focal point and adds storage in this Florence, Alabama, living room featured in Kim Leggett’s book “City Farmhouse Style.”

Keep it neutral. “Most design mistakes are the result of color,” Leggett says. She suggests keeping the walls white. She likes Dune White from Benjamin Moore and Pure White from Sherwin-Williams, saying they work well in both large and small spaces and complement both white and gray upholstery.

Leggett prefers white sofas to keep things light and bright. Although she generally recommends

antiques and one-of-a-kind items, this is one area where she says to buy new. You want your seating to be comfortable (to match that laid-back decor), and newer pieces are better for everyday lounging. She shops Pottery Barn and One Kings Lane for Southern/farmhouse-style upholstered seating.

Warm up the neutral walls and furniture with colorful accessories, including pillows and area rugs.

“A rug is the best place to

start if you want to incorporate some color,” Leggett says. Because it’s on the floor, it’s a little more subtle than putting a bold color on your walls. She likes vintage or Persian rugs with some wear or fading that give the sense that they are time-worn. Shop antique or vintage stores, she says. One Kings Lane also has new and vintage rugs.

Make textures and accessories the star. “Accessories are the jewels of the space,” Leggett says. But choose them carefully. They should be conversation pieces, rather than generic items purchased online.

“You have to get out and visit places where you can find these things,” she adds. “The thrill of the hunt is part of the story, and these things will be more meaningful.”

But don’t go overboard. Edit the accessories to create the look of a carefully curated space. Instead of a cliché saying, either in a frame or painted on the wall, assemble a collage of vintage portraits or prints in interesting frames. A

special mirror over a large piece of furniture is a great way to create a focal point and make a space seem larger, Leggett says in an email.

The not-going-overboard advice also applies to the current shiplap obsession. Leggett says that although shiplap can add texture while still being fairly minimalist, it should be used sparingly unless it is in a period home. It’s more difficult to change than wallpaper or paint, and when the trend fades, it could make contemporary homes look dated. If you want to incorporate some shiplap in your home without overdoing the look, she suggests using it in a kitchen or a bathroom.

When it comes to fabrics, look for natural textiles. “No Southern home would be complete without the warm feel of linen,” Leggett says. Use it in table runners, bedding, curtains, place mats, hand towels and more to add muted colors and softness to any room. Check out Rough Linen’s online selection of handcrafted textiles, she says.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

The goal of winter protection is to keep roses cold and frozen all season and try to prevent damage from freezing and thawing.

Putting roses to bed may not require a mound of compost

BY TIM JOHNSON

Dear Tim: I noticed my neighbors were mounding compost on their roses last week. Should I be covering my roses too?

— Jeff Anderson, Highland Park

Dear Jeff: You likely do not need to mound your roses for the winter, though it depends on what type of roses you are growing. I see many roses in home gardens that are mounded that do not need to be.

Landscape shrub roses are commonly found for sale at garden centers and planted in many home gardens. This group of roses provides a wide range of growth habits and flower colors while being easy to grow. They do not need to be mounded in late fall for winter protection. Examples of these types of roses are the flower carpet and knockout series of roses. Newly planted landscape roses will benefit from a light layer of mulch at the base as would any newly planted shrub in its

year of growth.

Hybrid tea, floribunda, multiflora and miniature roses should get extra winter protection when grown in the Chicago area. I feel that mounding is the best method to use for this. It's best to wait to mound these roses until there have been two to three nights of a hard freeze in the low 20s. The Garden got these lows in the middle of November this year, which is earlier than in most years, so the staff has covered all the roses that need to be covered here.

In the years that run warm late, the Garden staff will mound the roses shortly after Thanksgiving. The goal of winter protection is to keep the plants uniformly cold and frozen all winter and prevent damage from alternate freezing and thawing. It's important to avoid covering the roses too early in the season.

First, the roses are cut back to approximately 2 feet in height and any rose leaves that have fallen on the ground are removed. Black spot, a prevalent

fungal disease of roses will overwinter on rose foliage, so the best practice is to remove as much of the old foliage as possible before mounding. The Garden mounds the roses with 12 to 18 inches of well decomposed horse manure at the base of the roses after they are pruned back. The horse manure comes from a stable and consists primarily of sawdust.

Other materials more accessible to home gardeners would be pine bark mulch, shredded bark mulch and compost. Bagged topsoil from a garden center will also work well to cover roses. The material used to mound the roses needs to be well drained to avoid damaging the roses. For example, grass clippings will mat down and hold water against the rose stems likely resulting in the death of the rose.

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Burlap can protect shrubs, but don't wrap them up

Tight coverings can collect snow and trap moisture

BY BETH BOTTS

With memories of boxwoods ravaged by last January's bitter cold spell, many gardeners are trying to protect shrubs this winter by wrapping them in burlap.

"That can do more harm than good," said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum.

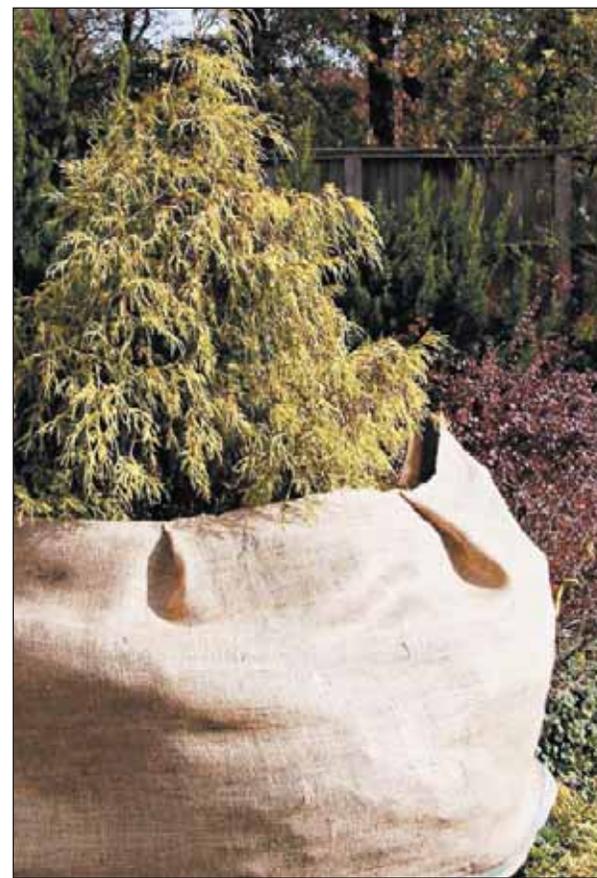
Burlap that swaddles a shrub can collect snow that weighs down the branches and may break them, she said. If you don't remove the burlap before spring rains begin, the soaked fabric can trap moisture that encourages fungal diseases.

"Burlap does have uses in certain situations," Janoski said. It can screen vulnerable plants, such as boxwoods, from sidewalk salt or salt spray from roads, which dries out plants' leaves. It also can protect more tender plants from drying winter winds.

Instead of wrapping burlap around the plant, use the fabric to make a flat, vertical screen on just the side of the plant where it's needed, she said. Staple the burlap to sturdy wooden stakes pounded into the ground. Keep the burlap panel a few inches clear of the plant.

"A vertical panel won't collect snow," she said. Air will circulate freely around the shrub, and the leaves will dry off after rain.

For example, to block snow-melting salt from drying out a boxwood hedge along a sidewalk, run the burlap screen between the shrubs and the walk. If the goal is to protect shrubs in an exposed site from harsh winds, make a screen



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It's not good to wrap shrubs in burlap as it can trap snow or moisture that invites fungus diseases. Instead, install a flat panel of burlap that allows air to circulate.

across the direction of the prevailing wind. In the Chicago area, the wind most often comes from the northwest. Even correctly constructed burlap screens are not guaranteed to protect plants against bitter cold. "A cold snap is not the only thing that kills shrubs," Janoski said. They can be stressed by weather conditions that go back years, or by diseases or drought.

"The most important thing you can do to protect evergreen shrubs over the winter is to water them throughout the summer and fall," she said. If the shrubs don't have enough water stored in their leaves or needles, a burlap screen can't keep them from drying out.

To reduce the risk, "choose the right shrubs in

the first place," Janoski said. For example, junipers are harder than boxwoods and less vulnerable to the drying effects of salt, so they might be a better choice to plant near a sidewalk. The Plant Clinic can help you select plants suitable for your situation.

"If you have the right plants, you can avoid having to erect protection every winter," she said. "Snow on evergreen boughs is much prettier than snow on burlap."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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Build brick wall with mortar that lasts

If you're trying to match, patience and diligence key

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: I'm about to undertake a complex project. I've got an older brick home that's over 100 years old. There are places where the mortar needs attention. The bigger issue is a room addition we've got planned. Believe it or not, we located a brick that's almost a perfect match. How do we match the mortar, and more importantly, how do we mix the mortar so it lasts as long as the original mortar? Most of the contractors we've talked to seem to be clueless.

A: If you're like most people, you've looked at hundreds or thousands of brick buildings of all types and never given the slightest thought to the mortar holding everything together. That's OK. I once was a brick-and-mortar grasshopper, too.

Fortunately I cut my teeth building in Cincinnati, working on many older houses. I also had the very good fortune to meet brick expert Paul Collins, who was one of the smartest people I ever met when it comes to all things brick and mortar.

Paul was a belt and suspenders type of guy. He was at least 30 years older than me and had his own brick sales company. Paul was kind enough to spend lots of time with me early in my



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Bricks are made from clay, which is a natural material that has an infinite variety of colors.

career, sharing information that had for years been passed down verbally. Sure, there was the Brick Industry Association, but Paul's information was from down in the trenches where the warfare is fierce and knowledge is won one job at a time.

Finding matching brick for a century-old house is a serious stroke of luck. (When you do that, I recommend loading up on lottery tickets, too.)

Brick is made from clay, and clay is a natural material that has infinite color variability. The clay deposit the home's original brick came from could have been exhausted decades ago. The kiln temperature for

the new brick could have varied, meaning that even if it were the same clay, the color of the finished brick could have come out different.

My advice to those who are building a new home of brick is to think about a future room addition and buy the brick for it at the same time you build. I know this sounds like a hare-brained idea, but you'll never regret doing it. Brick is easy to store and it won't deteriorate if you just put a cover on top of it.

Here's what Paul taught me about mortar. The mortar of old that was used on just about every project in the 1800s and early 1900s here in the U.S. was made

with just hydrated lime and sand. Modern mortars tend to have a Portland cement component and not so much hydrated lime.

Hydrated lime is an amazing material. As crazy as this sounds, it's powdered limestone. You know how durable that is, right? Think of all the national monuments and government buildings made from blocks of limestone. When you add water to hydrated lime, it reforms into limestone.

Just a month ago I was in Puerto Rico and had the good fortune to visit a large church that was being restored. I talked with the masonry foreman for a short time, asking him

about what they were using for both the brick and stucco restoration.

His answer was simple: "We just use hydrated lime. It can last for centuries, especially here in Puerto Rico where we don't get freezing weather." He did say the stucco on the front of the church did have some white Portland cement added to it to make it more durable for people touching the walls.

Matching mortar takes lots of patience. It's important to realize that you need to match the sand in the old mortar when you're repairing mortar or trying to match up mortar for a room addition.

Not all sand is the same.

Look very closely at a weathered mortar and you'll see that not only are the grains of sand different sizes, but they're also often different colors. Remember: Sand is nothing more than very tiny pieces of rock. Sand is to ants what boulders are to us!

You need to visit several nearby gravel pits that sell sand to try to locate sand that matches what's in your current mortar. This requires diligence, determination and discipline. It will be rewarded if you find the correct sand. Use a 10X magnifier to really get a feel for what your sand looks like before you go. If you have a smartphone, snap a close-up shot of your mortar so you can see the colors and relative sizes of the grains of sand.

It would be very wise for you to take your time and do a small test panel before you install the brick on the addition. Lay up a tiny brick wall that's maybe a foot tall by two feet long. Allow the mortar to cure. Remember that the sand particles are going to be covered with the lime paste so the mortar will dry with a uniform color and look nothing like your 100-year-old mortar.

This paste wore off your existing home's mortar decades ago, which is why you can see the individual grains of sand now. After a month, do a very light acid wash on the test panel to dissolve the lime paste on the sand. You should be happy with the results if you invested the time to get the right sand.

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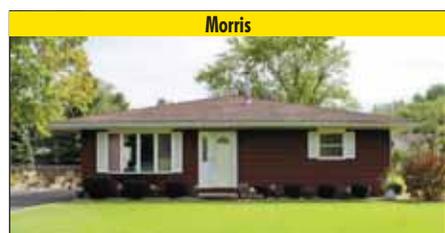
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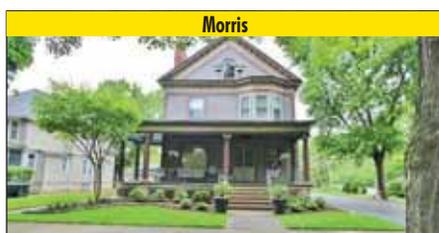
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