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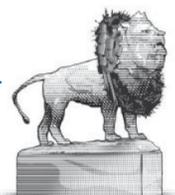
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Report to clear FBI in Russia probe

DOJ watchdog finds flaws, rebuts claims by Trump

BY DEL QUENTIN WILBER Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's internal watchdog has determined that political bias did not influence the federal investigation of potential links between Russia and the Trump campaign in 2016, according to people familiar with the matter, countering White House claims of deliberate partisan influence.

Inspector General Michael Horowitz, who will release his long-anticipated report Monday, also found the FBI had enough evidence to justify obtaining a foreign intelligence warrant in 2016 to conduct secret surveillance of a former Trump campaign adviser who had multiple contacts with Russian officials, the people said.

The report's findings are expected to effectively reject or dismiss the most

explosive allegations from President Donald Trump and his allies — that FBI officials and agents broke rules and laws in their pursuit of evidence, and deliberately sought to derail Trump's candidacy.

But the report also will provide grist for other criticism, and thus may create new partisan friction even as Trump battles an impeachment inquiry in the House.

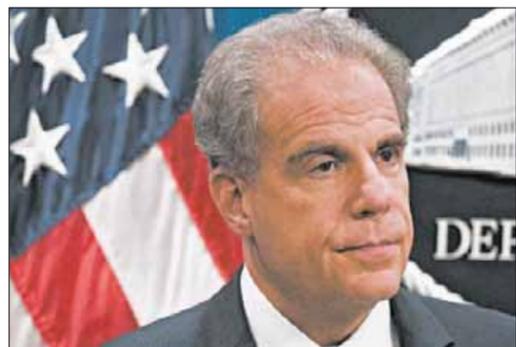
Horowitz uncovered

cases of FBI agents and lawyers acting in careless and unprofessional ways, according to the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the report's conclusions.

Trump and Republicans are eagerly awaiting the report, with the president saying he expected it to be "historic."

"Now, what you're going to see, I predict, will be

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A report by Justice Department watchdog Michael Horowitz will reject allegations by President Trump against the FBI.



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PROTECTING YOUR PUPS

Oliver, right, and Stella are led on a stroll in their cold-weather gear by dog walker Jorge Garcia in Streeterville on Friday. Just as humans struggle to protect their toes and fingers from frostbite and their skin from getting windburn, despite their fur, animals need help staying safe in frigid weather too. Even the chemicals used to keep sidewalks clear in snowy or icy weather can be harmful to animals. Some cold-weather safety tips for pet owners, Chicagoland, Page 3.

Police reopen probe of '11 crash

Death questioned now that husband accused of murder

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO AND ELYSSA CHERNEY

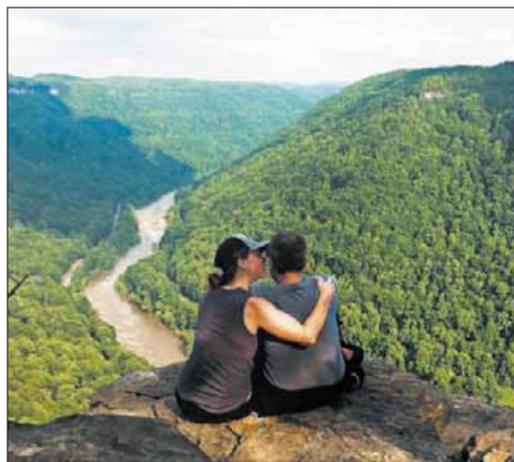
When Anthony Prate arrived home and heard his wife talking to another man inside, he suspected the two were having an affair and plotting to kill him.

That's what the suburban eye doctor told police when he called 911 and demanded that both his wife of nearly 20 years and the man be arrested. But when officers arrived at the Algonquin home that day in 2011, Bridget Prate told them it was all a misunderstanding and they left, police records show.

Less than a week later, Bridget Prate, 45, was dead, her body crumpled under the dashboard of a car that crashed while her husband was driving. Anthony Prate told authorities his wife had unbuckled her seat belt to look for her purse and a water bottle just moments before he lost control of the vehicle, crossed the center line, hit an oncoming car and then a tree, according to police records.

But some of the circumstances of the crash raised

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DAN BERRY

Megan Quinn and Andrew Marciniak sit on a mountain in West Virginia. Marciniak died in Chicago last month after suffering an apparent allergic reaction in Colombia.

Friends rescue couple facing tragic decision while abroad

Fundraiser allows Chicago man to come home to die

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Megan Quinn and Andrew Marciniak met on the side of a mountain in Montana, where she washed dishes and he waited tables at a ski resort. When she served in the Peace Corps in Grenada, he followed her there. Intensely in love, friends said, they married at a chapel on a lake in Ireland.

They settled in Chicago, but asked, as they told friends, "What if we lived a life in which we did exactly what we wanted?" That life was built largely on traveling the world, and teaching children of all abilities and backgrounds.

In keeping with those goals, the couple lived for a time in Peru, and began learning Spanish and teaching English. This fall, the couple moved to Colombia to work as English teachers. But their adven-

ture suddenly ended there when Andrew had a severe allergic reaction, stopped breathing, and suffered permanent brain damage. Doctors put him on a ventilator, but said he was unresponsive.

The thought of losing her partner was devastating to Quinn, but she was caught in a further dilemma. Her 44-year-old husband had always told her that he would never want to live in such a state,

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Margaret Daniel, 48, a nurse and mother, was fatally stabbed in her Schaumburg home on Nov. 23.

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A man leaves with food Wednesday at the St. Ignatius Church food pantry in Rogers Park.

If Republicans care about hunger, why do they keep trying to take away food stamps?



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Last year, 37.2 million didn't get enough to eat because they couldn't afford to buy food. This is not a Third World country we're talking about here. This happened in America.

This troubling statistic is from President Donald Trump's own Department of Agriculture. Yet his administration is moving to make it harder for poor people to have access to food stamps.

This could mean only one thing: Trump and his Republican allies don't care that Americans are going hungry.

Hunger has long been an issue that Republicans have had difficulty grasping. They are convinced that anyone who can't afford to buy food is lazy and doesn't want to work. The Trump administration made that clear last week when the Agriculture Department announced that it would impose new federal work requirements on recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP.

The rationale is that people no longer need help buying food because Trump has done such a miraculous job strengthening the economy and lowering unemployment. They're giving themselves a big pat on the back at the expense of hundreds of thousands of people who will lose their food stamps next year.

Meanwhile, Republicans are trying to convince poor people that they are looking out for their best interest by making it harder for them to eat.

"Government can be a powerful force for good, but government dependency has never been the American Dream," said Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. "We need to encourage people by giving them a helping hand but not allowing it to become an indefinitely giving hand."

This long-standing conservative ideology not only is insensitive, it's dangerous. The notion that some folks are always looking for a handout isn't based on any facts. It's just a feeling many conservatives have about people who don't rise to the level of achievement that conservatives think they should. They become the judge and jury in determining who is sufficiently trying to better

themselves and who is a goof-off.

The Trump administration has decided to put its foot down — no more assistance for adults who are deemed healthy enough to get a job and work at least 20 hours a week. In other words, Trump is saying, "Get a job or don't eat."

Requiring people to work in order to receive food stamps is nothing new. Work requirements have been in place since 1996 for long-term SNAP recipients who do not have children. There's nothing wrong with that.

But in the past, the federal government granted waivers to states, allowing them to provide assistance to able-bodied adults for up to three months during any 36-month period without a job. Nearly every state has taken advantage of the waiver at one time or another.

But beginning April 1, that will change. Only states with a 12-month unemployment rate that is 20%, or as little as 6% above the national average would be eligible for the waivers. That is expected to knock nearly 700,000 people off the rolls.

Other restrictions involving income levels also are in the pipeline. By the time Trump is done, nearly 3 million people would lose access to food stamps.

The problem with this rule is that it doesn't take into account why someone who should have a job might not have one. There can be important barriers to employment, such as very limited skills, mental health issues like depression, as well as housing, transportation, child care, and other medical and social barriers.

It does not consider that many Americans are among the working poor — people who go to work every day and still can barely keep a roof over their head. And it doesn't matter if they are caring for a relative's children — as many poor families do — without the benefit of being able to officially claim them as dependents.

Rather than help citizens gain stronger economic footing, Republicans have long chosen to either deny the fact that hunger exists in America or blow it off as an unfortunate consequence for those who are too government-dependent.

More than 30 years ago, Ronald Reagan's White House counselor Edwin Meese sparked outrage when he said people go to soup kitchens "because the food is free" and that reports about hunger were "purely political."

"I don't know of any authoritative

figures that there are hungry children," Meese said in 1983 when asked how to balance budget cuts with childhood hunger. "I've heard a lot of anecdotal stuff, but I haven't heard any authoritative figures."

Three years later, Reagan created his own firestorm when he suggested that the only reason people go hungry in America is because they don't know where to go for help.

"I don't believe that there is anyone that is going hungry in America simply by reason of denial or lack of ability to feed them," the president said in 1986. "It is by people not knowing where or how to get this help."

Though Republicans aren't as blatant about it these days, the sentiment hasn't changed. Conservatives aren't interested in talking about hunger in a substantive way.

A similar bill instituting stricter work requirements failed in the House last year. Every Democrat voted against it, but only a handful of Republicans opposed it. Their opposition had nothing to do with the SNAP requirement, though. Those Republicans were trying to use it as leverage to get a vote on a restrictive immigration bill.

Maybe it's time they paid attention to their own reports about hunger. A quick look at the USDA website would provide lots of useful information.

During Trump's first two years in office, hunger has remained a big problem. In 2018, 14.3 million households, or 11.1%, were food insecure at some time during the year, meaning they were uncertain of having or unable to acquire enough food for everyone because of insufficient money or other resources. That's only a slight decrease from 11.8% in 2017.

Overall, households with children had a substantially higher rate of food insecurity (13.9%) than those without children, (9.9%). In 2018, 6 million children suffered from hunger or inadequate amounts of food.

Reagan once said something else regarding hunger:

"If there is one person in this country hungry, that is one too many," he said in an attempt to ease the furor over Meese's comments. "And we're going to do what we can to alleviate that situation."

Trump and other Washington Republicans obviously don't agree with him.

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Dog walker Jorge Garcia takes Oliver and Stella for a stroll in their cold-weather gear along the Chicago River in Streeterville on Friday.

Keep animals safe this winter

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Chicagoans hunkering down to endure another bout of below-freezing temperatures should remember that even though their pets are covered in fur, animals need help staying safe in frigid weather.

Even as humans struggle to protect their toes and fingers from frostbite and their skin from getting windburn, pets can be in danger of injury from the cold and even the chemicals used to keep sidewalks clear in snowy or icy weather.

Here are some cold-weather safety tips for pet owners:

Cold weather disorients outdoor pets

More pets become lost in winter than in any other season because snow can disguise recognizable scents that otherwise would allow pets to find their way back home, said Natalia Derevyanny, spokeswoman for Cook County Animal and Rabies Control.

“Prevent your pets from becoming lost by keeping dogs leashed on walks and, just in case you are separated from your pets, make sure their collars have up-to-date contact information and they are microchipped,” Derevyanny suggested in a news release.

Honk for animal safety

It’s common for feral cats and wild animals to seek out warmth wherever they can, such as under a car hood, according to Derevyanny and John Howe, a veterinarian and president of the Schaumburg-based American Veterinary Medical Association.

“Always check underneath the car,” Howe said. “Cats like to curl up next to a warm engine, and it’s easy enough to get caught in the fan belt.”

Derevyanny suggested a quick honk to provide any hidden animals “a wake-up call,” alerting them it’s time to seek shelter elsewhere.

Salt clears your sidewalk but can hurt your dog

Salt is widely used in cold climates to provide traction and melt ice off sidewalks and roads. But it can be particularly damaging to the pads on the bottom of cat and dog paws, experts say. Putting booties on your dog prior to taking it for a walk can help, but not all dogs tolerate them.

“The problem with booties is you have to get your dog used to them. As with any other behavior you want your pet to learn, the trick is to reward good behavior,” Howe said.

Katie Pape, owner of Windy City Paws, a Chicago dog-walking service, said about half of her clients use some type of paw protector.

“I think a lot of people try one type of bootie and their dog can’t walk in it properly and so they give up,” she said. “Also, starting early is good. So if you’ve just adopted a dog, start right away to help get them used to it.”

For dogs that resist booties, she recommends using Mushers, a gel that also protects the pads.

Sharp objects also can become hidden in the snow, and booties will help prevent ice cuts. Pape said her walkers also discourage



Garcia puts a puffy coat on Stella.

pets from eating snow because of what could be hidden in it.

For dogs walking without a paw protector, Derevyanny suggests avoiding salt when possible and washing the dog’s paws with warm water when home.

Certain salts are fairly caustic, Howe said. “And it’s important not to use certain chemical de-icers that aren’t pet-friendly,” he said.

Other common wintertime products can be fatal if ingested.

“Keep antifreeze bottles out of the reach of animals and clean up all antifreeze spills immediately,” Derevyanny said.

Your long-haired dog isn’t immune to the cold

Particularly dangerous is the notion that some breeds are immune to the cold, Howe said.

“There are dogs that are acclimated to the cold, such as huskies who work as sled dogs and stay outside all the time in 40 below or worse,” he said. “In Chicago, the wind chill is also a big factor. Just because (owners) have a long-haired, thick-coated breed doesn’t mean they can withstand the cold indefinitely.”

Winter gear isn’t limited to booties, Pape said.

“A lot of people think jackets are just for small dogs, but that’s really not true,” she said. Howe said it’s best to provide your pet an environment in which they can control their temperature. Putting a dog bed by a roaring fire is a good way to help a dog warm up after time outside, but putting another dog bed in a slightly chillier room will allow the animal to signal the temperature it’s most comfortable with.

Animals are susceptible to frostbite if kept outside too long, Derevyanny said. In winter it’s a good idea to limit walks to the time needed for the animal to eliminate waste.

Even when time outside is limited, there are plenty of ways to play indoors, and mental stimulation is a great way to keep dogs engaged, Pape said. She recommends playing hide-and-seek with treats around the house or buying puzzles dogs can manipulate with their paws to reveal a treat.

Look for signs something is wrong with your pet

Keep a close eye on animals in winter to ensure they’re able to handle weather conditions, Howe said. An animal in distress might shiver just as a human would, or appear to have shallow breathing, he said.

“Or if they seem like they’re not really alert, you’d need to get that dog in to the veterinarian,” he said.

A typical temperature for a dog is 101 to 102 degrees, Howe said. He suggests purchasing an inexpensive digital thermometer and taking the dog’s temperature rectally.

“Then they’ll know there’s a problem if that body temp is 95, 96 degrees,” Howe said.

Laws about what an owner must provide a pet vary from town to town, but an outdoor doghouse may not be enough in extremely cold weather, Derevyanny said.

“All residents are urged to be alert to pets being left outside for extended periods and to call authorities if they see an animal that could be in danger,” she said in the release.

Slips, falls, and weight gain

Salt is used to melt ice, but some people use as sand or cat litter instead to provide traction on slippery surfaces. Although kitty litter or gravel still can irritate a dog’s paws, it’s also helpful to guard against spills.

“We see a lot of dog injuries where they slip and fall on the ice and they can have a dislocated hip,” Howe said.

Owners may want to check with a veterinarian if, after a fall on the ice, they notice their dog doesn’t want to put weight on one paw, or if it’s limping to avoid one paw in particular, he said.

“They can also rupture their ACL. That’s a common injury, especially with overweight dogs.”

It’s also easier for dogs to pack on the pounds in winter, he said.

“In the wintertime, a lot of people keep their dogs inside more. That should mean a slight change to their diet, because they’re not burning as many calories,” Howe said.

Be prepared for the unexpected

It’s also important for pet owners to take extra precautions in winter because it’s dark more of the time, Derevyanny said.

When out for a walk, people should wear reflective gear or use reflective leashes or collars for their pets, Derevyanny suggested. It’s also important to keep your dog close, especially if walking on the street, she said.

She also said it’s important to plan ahead, especially when a winter storm is looming. Remember furry family members when preparing for power outages and significant weather emergencies.

“Have an emergency kit with enough food, water and medication to last your pets at least five days,” she said. “You may never need it, but if you do, you will be thankful you planned.”

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Chicago rapper Juice Wrld dead at 21

H-F grad suffered cardiac arrest at private hangar at Midway Airport, officials say

Staff report

Juice Wrld, a young rapper from the Chicago area who recently signed with a major label, died Sunday morning after suffering cardiac arrest at a private hangar at Midway Airport, authorities said.

Paramedics were called to the hangar operated by Atlantic Aviation shortly after 2 a.m., according to Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. The 21-year-old rapper, whose real name was Jarad Higgins, apparently had arrived at Midway on a private jet.

Higgins was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 3:14 a.m., according to the Cook County medical examiner’s office.

Langford said he did not know what caused Higgins to go into cardiac arrest. An autopsy will be performed Monday.

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement that “there were no signs of foul play and all individuals aboard the aircraft are cooperating with CPD and have given all of their information. We are awaiting the Cook County medical examiner on the cause and manner of death.”

Higgins grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago and attended Homewood-Flossmoor High School. A 2017 graduate, he is remembered by teachers and staff as a brilliant and creative student, who was extraordinarily talented in music and played many instruments, according to Jodi Bryant, a Homewood-Flossmoor spokeswoman.

“He was a caring and outgoing person who always tried to reach out to others while at the same time he was introspective and had a great sense of humor,”

Bryant said in an emailed statement. “Jared connected with many staff and students while he was a H-F Viking and he will be truly missed.”

In March of last year, he signed a reported \$3 million deal with Interscope after his

EP “Juice Wrld 999” racked up millions of streams on SoundCloud. He released his second album, “Death Race for Love,” this past spring, and it hit No. 1 on the album chart. He toured Europe with Nicki Minaj on a co-headlining bill this year.

In an interview with the Tribune last year, Higgins said “it hasn’t really caught up to me yet. I haven’t really felt like, ‘Oh my God, what just happened?’ But I think it’s a good thing because when people get caught up, they can get lost — lost in the moment. That can ruin somebody.”

Blending elements of meandering, mumble-rap singing against drill-lite percussion and pop-punk melodies, Higgins bridged the gap between urban and suburban youth experiences.

His debut LP, “Goodbye & Good Riddance,” hit No. 7 on Billboard’s “Top 200” four weeks after its release. Higgins was also named Apple Music’s newest “Up Next” artist.

Higgins said he started sharing his music in 2015 after gaining support on his high school’s radio show.

“My mom didn’t want me to listen to that music,” he said. “I was a little kid, those lyrics aren’t made for kids’ ears. She’s more on the conservative side, but I completely agree with her. Future is one of my favorite artists and I was listening to him in sixth/seventh grade wanting to drink lean, like that’s crazy. Words have a lot of power. I was still developing as a person — mentally, physically, so those years were very crucial for who I am right now and that’s completely understandable.”

“I talk about a lot of issues I go through and some of my fans go through, and try to create a fellowship where people can relate to each other,” he added. “I’m not worried about anyone getting the wrong idea or stereotyping what I’m doing. My music is straightforward because I want to give people me and let them know they’re not alone in going through the things that they go through.”

Higgins said he was focused on what he saw as his longevity as an artist.

“Life is a journey,” he said. “There’s no thought process really, it’s just life. (The album) is a couple pages of that. The ball just naturally keeps rolling. Two of my biggest songs are about relationship issues, that’s kind of cool. But there’s a whole other side of me that people haven’t seen yet and I get to show them.”



Juice Wrld

Man who fatally shot guard to be released

Capitol building shooter going to Chicago outpatient center

Associated Press

A man found not guilty by reason of insanity in the killing of an unarmed security guard at the Illinois state Capitol building is being released to a Chicago outpatient treatment center after health professionals testified he is mentally stable.

Derek Potts, 39, fatally shot security officer William “Bill” Wozniak in 2004 and was found not guilty two years later. Potts was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder and bipolar disorder.

At hearing last week, Associate Judge Jack Davis II ruled that state law prohibits courts from punishing people in Potts’ position. The judge said the state is required to collaborate with mental health profes-

sionals to help Potts become a productive member of society, the State Journal-Register reported.

Davis granted Potts’ request for conditional release from the Elgin Mental Health Center to Bryn Mawr Care, a halfway house in Chicago that is regulated by the state as an intermediate-care nursing home.

At the time of the shooting, Potts’ attorney said Potts had stopped taking his medications and heard voices that told him to shoot 51-year-old Wozniak, a husband and father of two. Authorities said Potts used a shotgun he stole from a military surplus store in Springfield.

Dr. Hasina Javed, a staff psychiatrist at Elgin, testified that Potts has been regularly taking medication for psychosis and mood stabilization and has been stable for more than 12 years.

“He has developed very appropriate coping skills,” Javed said. “He handles

himself very appropriately. He has developed very good insight. He’s aware of what his ‘triggers’ are.”

Javed explained that Potts’ triggers include hearing voices, feeling anxious or depressed, and having violent outbursts or problems sleeping.

Sangamon County State’s Attorney Dan Wright disagreed with Davis’ decision, saying he’s concerned about the risk Potts poses to public safety. Wright pointed to psychiatrists’ testimony that said Potts could develop symptoms and potentially become violent if he doesn’t take his medication for as little as two weeks.

But psychiatrist Lawrence Jeckel, hired by prosecutors to examine Potts, said Potts has “grown as a human being” while receiving mental health treatment since the shooting.

“This is someone who has had to sit with what he did,” Jeckel said.

Newborn left at Indiana fire station a 'joyful Christmas gift'

BY MICHELLE L. QUINN

Crown Point, Indiana, firefighters received a "pretty joyful Christmas gift" Thursday night when someone dropped off a newborn baby in the department's recently installed baby box.

Firefighters were at the station around 10 p.m. Thursday when the box's alarm went off. The baby, who Crown Point Fire Chief Dave Crane said was a newborn, made its presence known as well.

The firefighters took the baby to a local hospital for evaluation, and once cleared, Indiana Department of Child Service will take custody, Crane said.

Crane said Monica Kelsey, founder of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, told him and the department that after they installed their box Nov. 1, it wasn't a matter of "if" a baby would be surrendered but "when." They said not to be shocked if one showed up within the first month of the box's installation.

"We were very excited, because this is so much better than the alternative," Crane said. "We're thankful the baby's mom made the choice she did, because now, (the baby) will have a shot at a great life. What a pretty joyful Christmas gift."

Indiana's Safe Haven Law allows a parent to safely and anonymously surrender a healthy infant under 30 days of age without fear of criminal prosecution, Crane said.

Thursday's event makes four babies surrendered to Indiana fire departments in the past two years, the first of whom was a baby who was dropped off in Hammond in September.

Northwest Indiana has 10 baby boxes, including four in Lake County, two in Porter County and four in LaPorte County.

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'In the shadow of Al Capone'

The storied lives of Chicago's Jewish gangsters



RON GROSSMAN

So there I was in Manny's Deli, munching on pastrami and mesmerized by a mirror image of my psyche. Seated across from me was Joe Kraus, author of "The Kosher Capones: A History of Chicago's Jewish Gangsters."

When an editor gave me the assignment I said: "The only problem will be letting him get a word in edgewise."

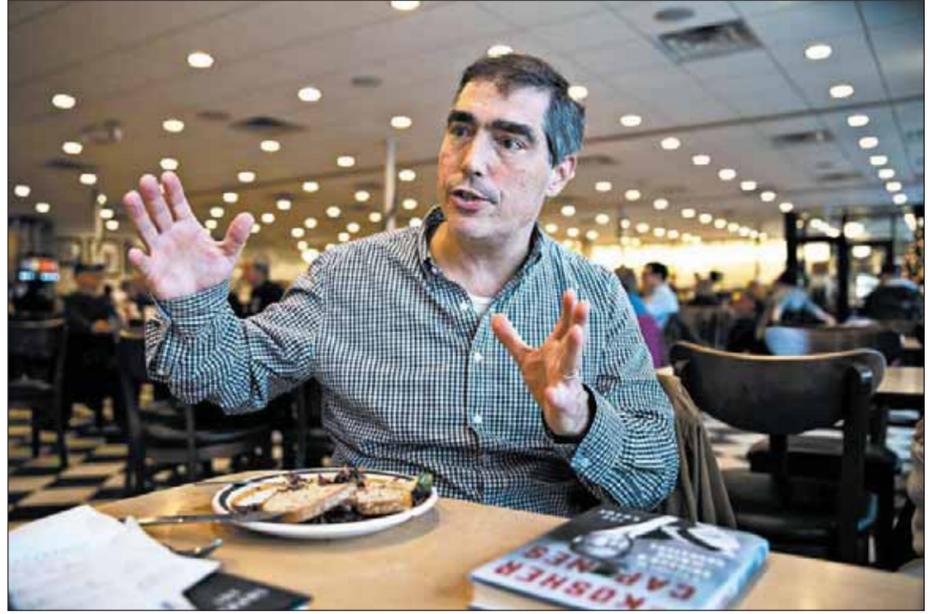
Ever since I was a street-corner boy, I've been obsessed with shady characters like Zukie the Bookie. But when I namedropped Benjamin Zuckerman, once boss of West Side gambling operations, it was clear that Kraus could counter with myriad others: "Yudie" Lufman, "Fat Herbie" Blitzstein, "Yankee" Schwartz, "Kolatch" Tarsch, "Loud Mouth" Levin. His knowledge was encyclopedic.

"You could say 'We are the people of the bookies,'" observed Kraus, who kept a file card for each Jewish Chicago mobster when he started researching them, 30 years ago. Then he switched to computer spreadsheets. Now he has the vital statistics of about 100.

That methodical approach reflects Kraus' day job. He is chair of the Department of English and Theater at the University of Scranton.

His dogged scholarly perseverance was reminiscent of Heinrich Schliemann, who found and excavated the lost city of Troy. He was motivated by reading Homer, who wrote about ancient Troy.

Kraus, however, was motivated by a family secret, or rather a puzzle: Why was his maternal grandfather a blank page in the family history? Having died when Kraus' mother was 2, he was a cipher to her. Then she read a bestseller about Chicago that said her father, Max Miller, was a gangster. So in the middle 1980s, she asked Kraus to check it out. He was a graduate student



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Joe Kraus, author of "The Kosher Capones: A History of Chicago's Jewish Gangsters," talks at Manny's Deli.

at Northwestern University, but books weren't much help.

"The Jewish gangster story in Chicago was always in the shadow of Al Capone," Kraus explained as I attacked plates of knishes and kishke swimming in brown gravy. Manny's was the logical place to hear his story. It's near Maxwell Street, where Jewish immigrants once lived and Jewish gangs were first born.

Picking at his pastrami sandwich, Kraus recalled that, library research proving futile, he read old newspaper accounts until he could report to his mother that her father wasn't just a gangster: Max Miller's clan was mobster royalty.

His brother, Davey Miller, was an ex-prizefighter, a well-known boxing referee, a bookie and, like Judas Maccabee of old, a fierce defender of his people. "Whenever he heard Jews were being picked on, in any neighborhood, Davey Miller would come to their rescue with a gang of hangers-on from his boxing gym," Kraus said.

When he expanded the compass of his study, Kraus found that his family wasn't alone in its amnesia about a kinky branch

on the family tree.

"One generation remembers a Davey Miller as providing protection to a Jewish neighborhood," Kraus said. "The next generation is embarrassed by him."

That transition occurred as anti-Semitism receded and Jews moved into the middle class and out to suburbia, he noted.

Academics are like that: They look for paradigms and patterns. They're not content with trading anecdotes. In Kraus' case, his generalizations are graced with a nice feel for language.

He observed that the mafia story is like an arrow: it goes straight from Capone to Tony Accardo. "The story of Chicago's Jewish mobsters is like a challah," Kraus said, referring to a braided loaf of bread. "Their story has several strands that twist and turn around each other."

Kraus' book, published by Northern Illinois University Press, traces those strands from Maxwell Street to Lawndale on the West Side and on to Albany Park. My family lived there in an apartment building that marked the divide between the Jewish and non-Jewish sectors of the

Northwest Side neighborhood. Mutual understanding between ethnic groups being spotty in the 1940s, I yearned for a Davey Miller to bring his gang to my schoolyard. Alas, he was in poor health and largely out of the action.

Since then, I've rarely encountered discrimination. Yet I can't shake my adolescent romanticizing of his ilk. I've tried only to be sucked in by recalling yarns like "Nails" Morton's. He took up horseback riding, was thrown by a mount and killed. His boys went to the stable and whacked the horse.

Kraus, however, spent decades studying Jewish gangsters and maintained his scholarly detachment. His father being an academic, he had the advantage of growing up in a small college town, far from the street-corner lore and territorial conflicts of a big city.

Still, perhaps he could advise me. He advocated perseverance. In fact, his formula is applicable to a host of life's roadblocks.

"You know the odds," Kraus said. "But you got to play the game."

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Crash

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questions among investigators. Besides the police call days before, the pathologist who performed the autopsy on Bridget Prate said her injuries were inconsistent with a major collision and told police he believed she "was dead prior to the time of the accident," a police report states. He ruled that her cause of death was undetermined.

Though multiple agencies pursued the case over the years, and officials at one point sought a grand jury subpoena to have family members testify, no criminal charges were filed in connection to the crash.

But now, almost nine years later, another tragic event involving Anthony Prate prompted authorities to take a fresh look at the case: his arrest last month on charges that he fatally stabbed his girlfriend.

In response to the new allegation, McHenry County prosecutors and Lake in the Hills police announced they would re-examine the circumstances of Bridget Prate's death. The agencies issued a joint statement following Anthony Prate's arrest, saying they would "continue to evaluate incoming information for any bearing it may have on the tragic death of Bridget Prate in 2011."

Anthony Prate, 55, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder in the Nov. 23 death of Malgorzata "Margaret" Daniel, a 48-year-old nurse who authorities said was stabbed up to 30 times in her Schaumburg home. She and Prate had argued following a dinner party with her neighbors, according to authorities.

He is being held in Cook County Jail without bond.

Sam Amirante, an attorney whose office represented Prate in 2011 and continues to do so in the current case, did not respond to requests seeking comment.



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The gravesite of Bridget Prate in Palatine. She was pronounced dead after a car crash in 2011. Now her husband, who was driving, stands accused of killing his girlfriend.

Lake in the Hills police denied a request for records related to the crash, citing an active criminal investigation.

"The ongoing investigation in Cook County related to Mr. Prate has caused this matter to be evaluated and based upon the nature of the offense and stage of the investigation, disclosure of the record would interfere," village staff wrote in an email.

According to records obtained by the Tribune, police initially investigated the crash for at least 10 months and, along with prosecutors, sought a second pathologist to review Bridget Prate's injuries. Prosecutors halted efforts to present the case to a grand jury after the second pathologist's findings conflicted with the first, records show.

'Frantic and shocked'

When paramedics arrived at the crash scene on March 1, 2011, the Prates' Nissan Murano was wedged between a tree and a wooden fence near the

intersection of Pyott Road and Willow Street, according to police records.

It was about 6:30 p.m. Three bystanders surrounded the car while Anthony Prate attempted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on his wife. She had no pulse and wasn't breathing, records show. Her head was resting on the front passenger seat, her lower body tucked under the dashboard.

One witness described Anthony Prate as "frantic and shocked." Paramedics ultimately extricated his wife from the vehicle, and she was pronounced dead at Sherman Hospital in Elgin.

Anthony Prate, who suffered minor injuries, told police the couple had been on their way to Crystal Lake to shop for a new television. They'd ordered a pizza for their two young children and left them at home.

While Anthony was driving north on Pyott, Bridget realized she didn't see her purse and water bottle. She removed her seat belt and turned around to check the back seat.

While Bridget rotated to

face forward again, Anthony glanced at her and shifted in his seat to give her more space, he later told police. Anthony said he didn't recall all the details that followed but that he saw the headlights of an oncoming vehicle just before the front driver wheels of both cars touched, according to police reports.

William Hinde, the driver of the other vehicle, told police he was traveling about 40 mph when the cars made contact. He said Prate's vehicle suddenly drove into his lane, leaving him no time to get out of the way. It happened in "a split second," Hinde told police.

Recounting the crash last week, Hinde emphasized just how quickly it occurred. There were no signs Prate's car was drifting, Hinde said.

"Usually you get a few seconds of a notice, like this is going to happen, but there was none," he said. "It was so immediate."

Hinde said he's wondered about the crash over the years. After reading news coverage about Prate's recent arrest, Hinde said he thought it was prudent for investigators to revisit the 2011 incident. "I don't blame them. I

would too," Hinde said. "If he really did do this, the family needs closure."

How did Bridget Prate die?

Dr. Mark Witeck conducted Bridget Prate's autopsy two days after the crash at the Kane County coroner's office, records show.

The autopsy revealed a fractured vertebra in Prate's neck, but the injury shouldn't have killed her, Witeck concluded. Otherwise, he found only minor wounds on her body — a few scratches and bruises — not ones consistent with a major collision.

"There was no evidence of significant injuries or natural disease which caused or contributed to the death," Witeck wrote in an autopsy report obtained by the Tribune.

Unable to pinpoint her cause of death, Witeck wrote it was "undetermined." He also told police he believed that Bridget was dead prior to the crash, according to a police record. Because he could not find hemorrhaging near the vertebra fracture, he suspected that wound occurred postmortem, police records show. Witeck declined to comment when reached by a reporter last week.

The Police Department and prosecutors then sought a second opinion about Bridget's death, according to Ashley Eccles, a police spokeswoman for Lake in the Hills. The agencies asked noted pathologist Dr. Larry Blum to take a look.

Blum offered an alternative conclusion. He told investigators that while he "admits there is no clear cause of death," he believed the vertebra fracture was evidence that Bridget might have died in the crash, according to police reports. She could have suffered a fatal "upper spinal cord concussion" or "positional asphyxia" due to impact, the records said.

Blum did not respond to requests for comment last week. His full report was not available for review.

After Blum shared his findings, prosecutors were reluctant to proceed with the case, records show. They had been trying to arrange an interview with the Prate children but decided against that, records show.

In a January 2012 email, McHenry County Assistant State's Attorney Michael Combs told a Lake in the Hills officer that he didn't think the interview "would ever produce any information that would result in criminal charges."

Prosecutors dropped the case shortly after that. But it wouldn't stay closed for long.

Private investigator Bruce Johnson said he was asked to review the case around 2014. As a retired Illinois State Police master sergeant, Johnson had investigated hundreds of death cases and found this one to be unusual for two key reasons.

First, it didn't make sense to him, based on the force of the vehicles, that Bridget's body ended up on the floorboards. Her seat had been upright at the time of the crash, according to records. And second, the fact that the cause of death was initially undetermined stood out as a red flag, Johnson said.

"The lack of cause of death in a case like this is pretty rare," he said. In many fatal car crashes, Johnson said, "pathology and autopsy results usually determine cause of death fairly quickly."

Johnson said he referred the case to ISP for follow up, and the ISP confirmed that it opened its own investigation into the crash in 2015. A spokeswoman said it was turned over to Lake in the Hills without charges filed.

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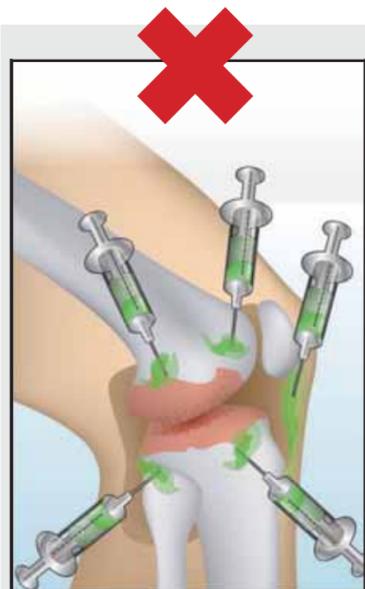
ache. If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.

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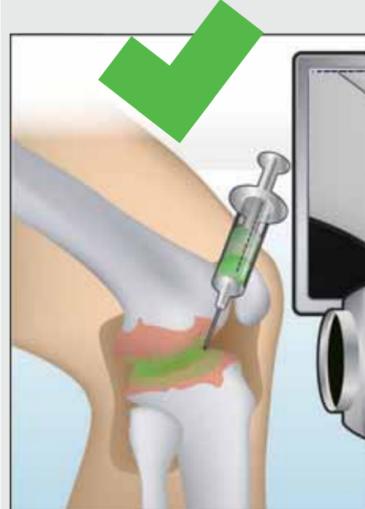
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Memories of 'Blood Border' with Wisconsin flood back

State worried about residents heading home with Illinois weed



DAN MORAN

Those with long memories — and those individuals might or might not include members of my immediate family — can recall a time when Wisconsin taverns issued siren calls to Illinois residents who had yet to reach their 21st birthday.

This was back in the 1970s and early '80s, when America's Dairyland allowed individuals in their late teens to purchase and consume alcohol. This inspired a thousand stories from Illinois residents now at least in their 50s about how they drove up Route 83 to welcoming bars that were in some cases literally a stone's throw north of Antioch, even if those stones were thrown by a toddler.

According to information posted online by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, the state's legal age to buy and drink "fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors" became 18 in 1972 to align with the new voting age enacted by the 26th Amendment.

"Between 1975 and 1983, however, there were numerous legislative attempts to raise the minimum drinking age," reads a report from the bureau, adding that "pressure to raise the drinking age continued through the early 1980s," with the Governor's Highway Safety Council passing a resolution in October 1982 calling for an increase, and a Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving calling for a nationwide drinking age of 21 in December of that year.

Wisconsin gave just an inch, raising the minimum age to 19 in July 1984. But the report notes that "higher drinking ages in neighboring states raised 'border crossing' issues as young nonresidents entered Wisconsin to drink — posing law enforcement problems involving drunk driving and other irresponsible behavior."

Hey, Lake County Millennials — run the phrase "Blood Border" by your Gen X or Boomer parents, and listen to their tales of yore.

Anyway, the clock really started ticking that same summer of 1984 when Congress approved and Ronald Reagan signed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act, which not only called for a universal drinking age of 21 but — oh, by the way — threatened to withhold 5% of federal highway aid during any first year of non-compliance by a state and 10% in a second year.

And so Wisconsin got with the program, raising its minimum age to 21 in September 1986 — though Packer fans of a certain



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Former Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, third from left, probably didn't have legal Illinois marijuana in mind when he helped decorate a Wisconsin welcome sign with an "open for business" subhead in 2011.

vintage will tell you that they still scored beer in their teens, because in-state residents who were 19 at the time were grandfathered.

Here in almost-2020, it can be argued that the tables have turned on this historical perspective, as Illinois prepares to raise the curtain on legal sales of recreational marijuana while Wisconsin has yet to legalize cannabis even for medicinal use.

If good fences make good neighbors, a missive this week from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department signals that we can officially start holding our breath about how this whole deal is going to shake out, especially considering there aren't any actual fences to prevent a Badger State run for the border on Jan. 1.

"In the coming weeks legalized recreational marijuana will begin in the state of Illinois," reads a Dec. 2 statement. "The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department recognizes that residents of Wisconsin can now travel to Illinois and consume recreational marijuana in Illinois."

"In an effort to prevent confusion for the community traveling between the states, Sheriff David Beth reminds everyone that Wisconsin state laws and Kenosha's local ordinances have not changed, and the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department will continue to operate as normal enforcing these laws and ordinances."

The no-bones statement added that "it is going to be business as usual for the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department;" and, in fact, the public is encouraged to report any illegal drug activity.

Of course, the unmilitarized border between Illinois and Wisconsin is something like 140 miles, so Kenosha won't be the only county dealing with the specter of legally purchased weed being illegally transported across the state line, and/or people driving while high back to homes north of the Cheddar Curtain.

WISC-TV, a CBS affiliate out of Beloit — just across from South Beloit, where a marijuana dispensary is scheduled to open in January right off Interstate 90 — reported this week that Rock County Sheriff Troy

Knudson had similar zero-tolerance sentiments to express.

"Let's make this perfectly clear: Marijuana continues to be illegal in Wisconsin," Knudson said. "Don't put yourself in a bad spot by trying to bring it back here to Wisconsin and then having to deal with a criminal charge or something on your record that you don't want when you're applying for a job."

But while Knudson said his deputies will be prepared to issue operating while intoxicated citations, he also acknowledged that his office isn't expecting "an increase of resources where we can establish a border there that screens people from coming across with marijuana or marijuana in their system."

We can add all of these interstate conundrums to all of the questions that remain to be answered when the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act becomes reality on Jan. 1 at 6 a.m.

One thing we do know as of this week is that Chicago will not ticket its residents for smoking weed in the relative privacy of their backyards or balconies, according to a statement issued by Mayor Lori Lightfoot and interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck.

"The Chicago Police Department recognizes that an individual using cannabis in their own backyard or balcony poses no direct threat to public safety, and no resident should be arrested or ticketed solely for such a scenario," Lightfoot and Beck said in what was described as a joint statement, apparently no pun intended. "Any characterization to the contrary is simply wrong."

Neighbors who don't want the skunky smell of weed wafting into their backyards or across their balconies when everyone's out on a breezy summer evening might object to this expression of public policy, but as we witnessed a generation ago — when the debate was "how old is old enough to drink beer?" — everyone involved is going to have to work this one out.

Ideally, if everyone keeps their cool and uses their common sense, maybe we'll all look back on this in 40 years and wonder what all the fuss was about.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR WESTERN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 101

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Western Springs School District 101 for 2019 will be held on December 16, 2019, at 6:45 p.m. at McClure Junior High School, 4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Brian T. Barnhart, Superintendent of Schools, 4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, Illinois, at (708) 246-3700.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$16,980,720.

The proposed corporate and special property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$17,646,553. This represents a 3.9% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$391,860.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$390,000. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$17,372,580.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$18,036,553. This represents a 3.8% increase over the previous year. Any notice, which includes any information not specified and required by this Article, shall be an invalid notice.

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No bail for man charged in fatal crash

BY FRANK VAISVILAS
AND WILLIAM LEE

A judge denied bail Sunday for a Walmart assistant manager accused of striking and killing a motorcyclist on the Bishop Ford Freeway last week before leaving the scene in a damaged car with only three tires, according to Cook County prosecutors.

Omar Hill was charged with one count of felony aggravated DUI with death or great bodily harm in the early Friday morning death of Eric C. Smith.

Hill, 42, who was driving his wife's silver 2011 Buick sedan on a revoked license from two prior DUI convictions, is accused of being well over the legal drinking limit when he struck the back of Smith's motorcycle early Friday morning just south of 111th Street as they both traveled north, prosecutors said during a bail hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

The impact forced both vehicles off the road and into an embankment; Smith was thrown from his motorcycle, prosecutors said. Despite the collision destroying the Buick's front passenger side tire, Hill allegedly reversed his car out of the embankment and drove on three wheels until the car stopped just north of 111th Street. Police officers responding to the scene detained Hill, who was walking on the roadway shoulder near the car.

Following his arrest, authorities said Hill failed three field sobriety tests and exhibited a strong smell of alcohol and slurred speech. Hill's preliminary breath test showed he had a 0.170% blood alcohol content before another test at the Morgan Park police district showed a 0.157% result, prosecutors and police said.

He later admitted to drinking about a dozen alcoholic drinks during an afternoon of tailgating during a football game and later at a suburban strip club, authorities said. Surveillance video and receipts from Jimmy's Gentlemen's Club in Chicago Heights confirm Hill's presence, prosecutors said.

Hill, of the 8100 block of South Kenwood Avenue, said he dozed off while driving and was awakened by the impact of the crash.

Smith was rushed to a hospital, where he died of his injuries. Hill also was taken to a hospital for minor injuries, police said.

Judge David R. Navarro denied bail for Hill, who is expected to return to court Monday afternoon.

Rescue

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and would prefer to die naturally. Yet he had put nothing in writing. Quinn said that hospital officials told her that Colombian law prevented them from taking him off life support, since he was not considered terminally ill.

The only options were to stay indefinitely in Colombia, or to get home somehow. The required medical flight would cost almost \$50,000, money the couple did not have. Desperate to help, their friends started a GoFundMe page, first asking for \$5,000 to help defray the cost. When that was quickly met, they kept raising the goal by \$5,000 at a time, until they raised the full amount.

On Nov. 25, the couple flew home. Marciniak's vital signs went downhill and he appeared agitated until medical officials discovered he needed to be catheterized to go to the bathroom, then he improved. Marciniak was brought to Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. As his wife, Quinn had power of attorney, and with the agreement of Marciniak's mother, she asked that he be taken off life support, which hospital workers did. He was kept in a hospice unit to keep him comfortable. He survived almost a day on his own. Megan fell asleep at his side, and by the time she woke up, he had died peacefully in her arms, surrounded by family and friends.

Her husband's passing with his loved ones was a huge consolation in Quinn's grief. The couple's experience, she hopes, will warn others of the crucial importance of making a living will — and of living life as an adventure.

"This shows the importance of living your life the way you'd like, because it can be so short," Quinn said. "We got so much from meeting people and experiencing different cultures, and stepping away from what we rely on in the United States."

Marciniak had grown up in Glen Ellyn, graduated from Glenbard West High School in 1993, and obtained a journalism degree at Columbia College in Chicago, friends said. But he was never as interested in pursuing a career as experiencing a rich and varied life.

His father and grandfather had died of heart attacks at a young age, and Marciniak didn't expect to live long. With the time he had, he wanted to discover different cultures, meet new people and help those in need, his cousin Dan Barry said.

"Andrew had a gravitational field," he said. "He was brilliant, but also really calm and inviting. He had an infectious laugh — he'd start cracking up, and people would come over to see what was going on, so he'd meet the coolest people."

"I always aspire to be like them," Barry said of Marciniak and Quinn. "They had a huge impact on everyone they met."

When in Chicago between trips abroad, the couple lived in a small apartment in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood. Marciniak worked as a waiter at Carnivale,



DAN BERRY

Megan Quinn and Andrew Marciniak are shown in Peru in 2016, where they were living and teaching. Marciniak died in Chicago last month after suffering an apparent allergic reaction.

and Quinn taught special education at Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter Elementary and Acero School in Brighton Park, where her close friend Laura Fennell Castle was principal. She put together the fundraising page for Marciniak, and remembered him as a huge Cubs fan who was happiest when his team won the World Series in 2016.

"Andrew was just a quite thoughtful soul," Fennell Castle said. "He was so kind and tenderhearted and funny."

For the couple's 10th anniversary, they went out to a restaurant in Colombia and ate live ants. Fennell Castle said that wasn't how she'd choose to celebrate, but it was perfect for them.

"This was truly their life's passion," she said. "They loved going abroad and working. It gave them energy."

Marciniak had suffered severe allergic reactions twice before, but was unable to determine the source. He had looked into getting an epinephrine injection pen, but did not get one before the incident that killed him. In addition to the cost of the medical flight, the couple racked up some \$75,000 in medical bills, and maxed out a credit card to get him treatment.

That friends were able to raise the money needed to get the couple home, Fennell Castle said, was a testament to the bonds they had formed around the world. The family plans a private celebration of Marciniak's life on Saturday at Chief O'Neill's Pub & Restaurant in Chicago.

The episode shows the importance of having a conversation about end-of-life wishes with loved ones, giving someone power of attorney to make health care decisions if a person becomes incapacitated, and putting it in writing, said Loretta

Downs, of Chicago, a longtime advocate for compassionate end-of-life care.

"When a person gets to a hospital and they're not speaking, the hospital asks, who is the person with the papers?" she said.

Colombia offers terminally ill patients the right to die, according to the World Federation of Right to Die Societies. Hospital officials did not respond immediately to requests for comment. The hospital should have afforded that opportunity in this case, in the opinion of Carmenza Ochoa Uribe, executive director of the Foundation for the Right to Die With Dignity, which Quinn consulted.

"The request was not euthanasia," Ochoa Uribe wrote in an email to the Tribune, "it was to suspend treatments that kept this patient alive artificially."

In Illinois, state law allows end-of-life advance directives for a health care power of attorney, a living will, and Do-Not-Resuscitate/Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment. The forms are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health website.

Just discussing end-of-life wishes can help families decide what to do, health officials said. But research by Rush shows that 80% of patients who consult with a chaplain during a doctor's appointment actually completed the paperwork.

If the patient's wishes are clearly known or documented, said Dr. Sean O'Mahony, who leads hospice and palliative care at Rush, then medical care can focus not on artificially keeping that person alive, but on keeping them comfortable and free of pain in their last moments.

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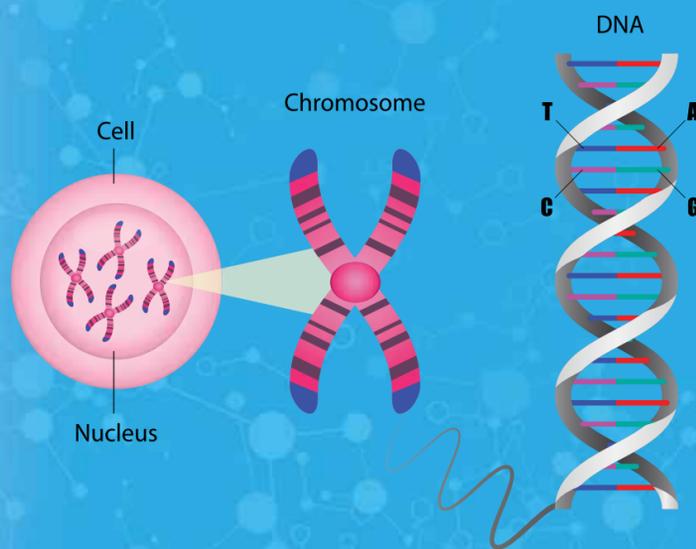
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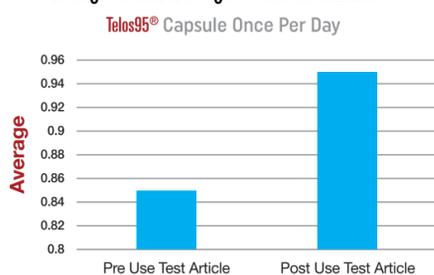
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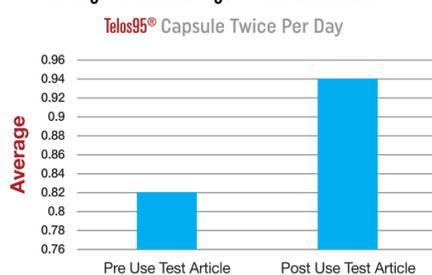
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Average Telomere Length - Randomization B

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FBI investigates base shooting as terrorism

Gunman went on Twitter to blast US support of Israel

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON AND MIKE BALSAMO
Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The Saudi gunman who killed three people at the Pensacola naval base had apparently gone on Twitter shortly before the shooting to blast U.S. support of Israel and accuse America of being anti-Muslim, a U.S. official said Sunday as the FBI confirmed it is operating on the assumption the attack was an act of terrorism.

Investigators are also trying to establish whether the killer, 2nd Lt. Mohammed Alshamrani, 21, of the Royal Saudi Air Force, acted alone or was part of a larger plot.

Alshamrani, who was killed by a sheriff's deputy during the rampage at a classroom building Friday, was undergoing flight training at Pensacola, where members of foreign militaries routinely receive instruction.

"We are, as we do in most active-shooter investigations, work with the presumption that this was an act of terrorism," said Rachel L. Rojas, FBI agent in charge.

Authorities believe the gunman made social media posts criticizing the U.S. under a user handle similar

to his name, but federal law enforcement officials are investigating whether he authored the words or just posted them, said the official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Also, investigators believe the gunman visited New York City, including Rockefeller Center, days before the shooting and are working to determine the purpose of the trip, the official said.

All foreign students at the Pensacola base have been accounted for, no arrests have been made, and the community is under no immediate threat, Rojas said at a news conference. A Saudi commanding officer has ordered all students from the country to remain at one location at the base, authorities said.

"There are a number of Saudi students who are close to the shooter and continue to cooperate in this investigation," Rojas said. "The Saudi government has pledged to fully cooperate with our investigation."

At a news conference Sunday, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis called for greater security vetting of foreign nationals before they head to the U.S. for training on American bases.

"My view is that for us to be bringing in these foreign nationals, you have to take precautions to protect the



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Investigators are trying to determine if a member of the Royal Saudi Air Force who killed three people on Friday at a Pensacola, Fla., naval air base acted alone.

country," the governor said. He added, "To have them take out of three of our sailors, to me that's unacceptable and I think that could have been prevented."

Earlier in the week of the shooting, Alshamrani hosted a dinner party where he and three others watched videos of mass shootings, another U.S. official told the AP on Saturday. Alshamrani used a Glock

9 mm weapon that had been purchased legally in Florida, Rojas said.

Family members and others identified the three dead as Joshua Kaleb Watson, a 23-year-old graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy; Airman Mohammed Sameh Haitham, 19, of St. Petersburg, Florida, who joined the Navy after graduating from high school last year; and Airman Apprentice Cameron Scott Walters, 21,

of Richmond Hill, Georgia.

The official who spoke Saturday said one of the three students who attended the dinner party hosted by the attacker recorded video outside the classroom building while the shooting was taking place. Two other Saudi students watched from a car, the official said.

In a statement, the FBI confirmed Sunday that it had obtained base surveil-

lance videos as well as cellphone footage taken by a bystander outside the building and had also interviewed that person.

Rojas would not directly answer when asked whether other students knew about the attack beforehand or whether there was anything "nefarious" about the making of the video. She said that a lot of information needs to be confirmed by investigators and that she did not want to contribute to "misinformation" circulating about the case.

Rojas said federal authorities are focused on questioning the gunman's friends, classmates and other associates.

President Donald Trump's national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that the shooting looked like "terrorism or akin to terrorism." But he cautioned that the FBI was still investigating.

"Look, to me it appears to be a terrorist attack," he said. "I don't want to prejudge the investigation, but it appears that this may be someone that was radicalized." O'Brien said he did not see evidence so far of a "broader plot."

The U.S. has long had a robust training program for Saudis, providing assistance in the U.S. and in the kingdom. More than 850 Saudis are in the United States for various training activities.

Large rally marks 6 months of protests in Hong Kong

BY JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Almost hidden among the throngs of demonstrators who marched in Hong Kong on Sunday was one woman who crawled, literally on hands and knees on the rough road surface — an apt metaphor for the arduous path traveled by Hong Kong's protest movement in the past six months.

Dragging bricks and empty soda cans on pieces of string behind her, the young woman elicited shouts of encouragement from fellow protesters.

"Her performance art is about the difficulty, or the repetitiveness, of demonstrations," said one of her friends, who walked alongside and identified herself by her surname, Chan. "This is really a long-term struggle."

Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators crammed into Hong Kong's streets, their chants echoing off high-rises, in a mass show of support for the protest movement entering its seventh month.

Chanting "Fight for freedom" and "Stand with Hong Kong," the sea of protesters formed a huge human snake winding for blocks on Hong Kong Island, from the Causeway Bay shopping district to the Central business zone, a distance of more than 1 1/4 miles. It was one of the biggest rallies in months, and remarkably peaceful.

Crowds were so large and dense that the march ground to a standstill at



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Demonstrators mobilize on Sunday during a massive rally to mark six-months of pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.

times. Protesters spilled into narrow side streets, crying "Revolution in our times." Organizers said 800,000 people participated, while police had no immediate estimate.

Many marchers held up five fingers to press the movement's five demands. They include democratic elections for Hong Kong's leader and legislature and a demand for a probe of police behavior during the months of sustained protests.

Marchers said they

hoped the huge turnout might help win concessions from the government of Chief Executive Carrie Lam. Protesters spanned generations.

"I heard a small kid yelling slogans — 4, 5 years old," said demonstrator Justin Ng, a 20-year-old student. "That really encouraged me because it's not just this generation but future generations, too."

Marchers said protesting has become part of the fabric of their lives since mass demonstrations

erupted in June against a now-withdrawn government measure that would have allowed criminal suspects to be sent for trial in Communist Party-controlled courts in mainland China.

The protests have since snowballed into a broad anti-government campaign, presenting the communist leadership in Beijing with a major headache and battering Hong Kong's economy.

Police in riot gear deployed in numbers on the edges of the march. Earlier

in the day, they arrested 11 people and seized a cache of weapons, including a firearm with more than 100 bullets. Police said the suspects apparently planned to use the weapons during the protest to frame police, who have been accused of using excessive force against the protesters.

Violence was limited, with a bank vandalized and police reporting that gasoline bombs were thrown outside Hong Kong's High Court.

Rally organizer Eric Lai

had called for police restraint and for no use of tear gas.

"We hope this will be a signature for our movement after six months to show to Carrie Lam as well as to the world that people are not giving up. People will still fight for our freedom and democracy," Lai said.

Authorities, who have liberally used tear gas, water cannons and rubber bullets at previous demonstrations, say force has been necessary to disperse hardcore protesters who have battled riot officers, vandalized shops and thrown gasoline bombs. Police banned mass marches as protests turned increasingly violent, but relented and allowed Sunday's march after a few weeks of relative peace.

The rally was called by the Civil Human Rights Front, a group that has organized some of the biggest demonstrations since hundreds of thousands of protesters first marched on June 9 against the extradition bill.

Chief among the protesters' complaints Sunday was that police have been overly heavy-handed, making thousands of arrests since June.

"They are out of control," said Ernest Yau, a 28-year-old consultant. He said the movement has brought Hong Kong together.

"We understand our common enemy," he said. "We understand that we have to be united to fight against China, to fight against a government that doesn't listen to its people."



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Police officers with guns drawn hear a second explosion near the finish line at the Boston Marathon in 2013.

Court to mull Boston Marathon bomber trial

Associated Press

BOSTON — A federal appeals court in Boston will consider whether Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev received a fair trial in the city where the bombs exploded.

Oral arguments are scheduled for Thursday, according to The Boston Globe.

Tsarnaev was convicted and sentenced to death in 2015 for carrying out the April 15, 2013, attack at the marathon finish line with

his older brother Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was killed by authorities.

Three people died and more than 260 were wounded.

Tsarnaev's lawyers argue it was impossible to find a fair jury in Boston because the explosions traumatized



Dzhokhar Tsarnaev



Tamerlan Tsarnaev

the region. They're trying to get his death sentence overturned.

Prosecutors maintain

an impartial jury was carefully selected. They wrote in a filing in June that exposure to high levels of pretrial publicity does not necessarily render a com-

munity unable to convene an impartial jury, otherwise no venue would be acceptable in the most nationally significant cases.

Tsarnaev isn't expected to attend the hearing. He was convicted of all 30 charges against him, including conspiracy and use of a weapon of mass destruction.

His lawyers admitted at the beginning of his trial that he and his older brother set off the two bombs, but they argued Tsarnaev is less culpable.



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Indigenous leaders from Brazil and an activist in Madrid protest oil pollution and the fossil fuel industry because of the damage it does to the poorest communities in Brazil.

Minister: Brazil can't stop deforestation without help

BY DOROTHEE THIESING, HELENA ALVES AND MARCELO DE SOUSA
Associated Press

MADRID — Brazil can't stop deforestation in the Amazon without the help of rich countries, the country's environment minister said at the United Nations' two-week climate change conference.

Ricardo Salles, who declined to set a target for limiting deforestation in the coming year, said in an interview Saturday with The Associated Press that his country is committed to reducing illegal activity, but needs the support of developed nations.

"We are willing to do whatever is necessary to do so, but we need that back up," Salles said. "That back up was promised many years ago and we're still expecting the rich countries to participate in a proper way. Proportional funds are really are what are going to be needed for that task."

While participating in the climate conference known as COP25, Salles is working to assure others of the environmental policies of Brazil's far-right president, Jair Bolsonaro.

Bolsonaro has squabbled with some European leaders this year over his commitment to protecting the Amazon. He has worried environmental activists by calling for more development in the Amazon region. He also accused activist groups, without evidence, of having set fires in that region to undermine his administration.

Deforestation in the 12 months through July reached the highest annual rate in 11 years. Brazil's annual deforestation report released in November showed a nearly 30% jump from the prior year in the Amazon, which lost 3,769 square miles of forest.

Salles said developed nations should help Brazil on the basis of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement signed in 2015 on tackling the effects of climate change. The article says monetary compensation mechanisms must be created to help developing countries.

Brazil already receives money from wealthy nations, namely Germany and Norway, to fight deforestation in the vast Amazon rainforest. Norway has donated \$1.2 billion to Brazil's Amazon Fund since its creation in 2008.

However, both Europe-

an nations have suspended contributions, citing the continued deforestation and questioning whether the government wants to stop it. The Brazilian newspaper O Globo reported last week that the fund's disbursements this year were the smallest since 2013, and said no projects were approved despite the fact the fund has \$530 million available.

Salles in the past has questioned the fund's effectiveness. He said in the interview that Brazil is negotiating with the two European countries to restart the program.

Brazil now has "an appropriate approach on the problem of deforestation," Salles said.

He said the government is putting a new emphasis on balancing protection with efforts to develop biological resources that can provide livings for people in the Amazon region.

"If we don't solve the economic development for more than 20 million Brazilians who live there and people who need to have this sustainable, from both a financial and environmental perspective, they will be easily co-opted by illegal activities," Salles said.

Documents show Japan's role involving WWII sex slaves

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's army during World War II asked the government to provide one sex slave for every 70 soldiers, according to historical documents reviewed by Kyodo News service that highlight the state role in the so-called "comfort women" system.

The 23 documents were gathered by Japan's Cabinet Secretariat between April 2017 and March 2019, including 13 classified dispatches from Japanese consulates in China to the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo dating back to 1938, according to Kyodo.

The sex slaves issue has been a source of a painful dispute between South Korea and Japan. The women were from Korea, Taiwan and Australia, the Philippines as well as Japan.

In 1993, then-Chief Cabinet Secretary Yohei Kono, the government spokesman, apologized for the "comfort women" system and acknowledged the Japanese military's involvement in taking women against their will.

The Kyodo reports show one dispatch from the consul general of Jinan to the foreign minister that said the Japanese invasion had caused a surge in prostitution in the area, with 101 geisha from Japan, 110 comfort women from Japan and 228 comfort women from Korea.

It says "at least 500 comfort women must be concentrated here by the end of April" for Japanese soldiers.

Presumably, the records imply that the women referred to as "geisha" might have come on their own, as opposed to sex slaves, who were coerced.

Another dispatch from the consul general of Qingdao in Shandong province in China says the Imperial Army asked for one woman to accommodate every 70 soldiers, while the navy had



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A statue representing sex slaves is seen near the Japanese Embassy in Seoul, South Korea.

requested 150 more comfort women and geisha, Kyodo said.

The number of sex slaves is not certain, but historians say they numbered in the tens of thousands or more, and their purpose was to prevent the spread of disease and curtail rapes among soldiers.

Japan's colonization and wartime record continue to strain relations with Asian neighbors. The Japanese government says reparations are settled but it has set up funds to support the victims. That has had

mixed results with continued demands for a more thorough apology. Lawsuits are ongoing in South Korea.

Some have denied official Japanese involvement, and think the women were prostitutes who came of their own accord.

More recently, the sour relations between Japan and South Korea have affected trade and tourism and set off other controversies, including one earlier this year over the display of a statue depicting a young "comfort woman."

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Impeachment collides with Congress' daily work

Trade legislation, funding bill await as Dems focus on probe

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The impeachment drama is dominating Washington, but leading figures such as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi still have their day jobs to do.

The California Democrat faces a testing over the next two weeks, toggling between the impeachment of President Donald Trump and past-ripe issues including North American trade legislation and a massive governmentwide funding bill.

December is always a busy time in Congress as busted deadlines come due and must-pass legislation reaches the floor. But the poisonous atmosphere surrounding impeachment has raised questions about whether lawmakers can deliver their usual year-end bundle.

"American families deserve better than this partisan paralysis where Democrats obsess over impeachment and obstruct everything else," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch Mc-

Connell, R-Ky., attacking Democrats for delays in the defense budget.

Behind the scenes, Pelosi is confronting a difficult set of issues that requires agreement with Republicans controlling the Senate, not to mention the signature of the very president she is working to impeach.

Topping the agenda is legislation to avoid another government shutdown. A governmentwide funding bill expires Dec. 20, leaving lawmakers little time to prevent a repeat of last winter's shutdown fiasco. A new battle over money for Trump's U.S.-Mexico border wall, the same issue that started the last shutdown, remains unresolved.

Pelosi is also at the center of a long-sought deal on an updated North American trade pact. It is a top bipartisan priority but requires a delicate two-step involving the Mexican government, Democratic labor allies and the Trump administration.

Prospects are looking better on another front: The administration and Democrats have struck an informal agreement on the annual defense policy measure, with a key add-on that would deliver up to 12 weeks of parental leave to

federal workers.

But it is the funding measure that looms largest. Closing out a \$1.4 trillion catchall spending package before Christmas could be a long shot, though Pelosi says she is optimistic.

"I don't think we're headed for a shutdown. I don't think anybody wants that. I think the president and the Republicans learned in the last shutdown that there was no upside to it," Pelosi said in a CNN town hall on Thursday night.

That path, however, is likely to lead to some split-the-differences agreements with Republicans that liberals will find frustrating, such as continued funding for Trump's border wall. Pelosi typically proceeds with care before committing to such deals, consulting with stakeholders inside the party such as the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., a Pelosi ally, said she's hopeful that lawmakers could meet the Dec. 20 deadline to complete their work without resorting to a third governmentwide stopgap spending bill.

"There's an overwhelming desire to be home for the



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Over the next few weeks, the pressure is on for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to juggle impeachment of the president and a number of pressing legislative issues.

holidays," Lowey said.

Pelosi said that if more time is needed she would only advance a short-term extension, a move that would require lawmakers to return to Washington early next month. That could provide motivation for wrapping up before Christmas.

A positive sign came Thursday night as Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., spoke with Trump about trying to wrap up the spending package. Shelby and other top lawmakers such as Pelosi prefer to avoid dealing with White House hard-liners and have reached out to more favored figures like Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Similarly optimistic is House Ways and Means Committee member Richard Neal, D-Mass., who along with Pelosi and other Democratic leaders is trying to bring the updated trade agreement with Mexico and Canada to a successful finish.

Some lawmakers and lobbyists believe that impeachment is actually helping the trade deal talks because Democrats are facing pressure to show voters they are still legislating. It helps that the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade deal is a good fit for more moderate Democrats who will be running for reelection in Trump-leaning districts.

On Friday, Democrats

controlling the House voted to update the Voting Rights Act and reduce voter suppression; this week features a vote on legislation to address sky-high prescription drug prices. The votes, on two major Democratic priorities, aren't getting much attention as the legislation joins a pile of Democratic bills that are dead in the GOP-held Senate.

The time crunch is exacerbated by a Senate impeachment trial that is likely to consume at least the month of January. That scenario has lawmakers eager to clear the decks now.

"Let's get as much done as we can, for crying out loud," said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.



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President Donald Trump speaks at the Israeli American Council National Summit on Saturday in Hollywood, Fla.

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perhaps the biggest scandal in the history of our country," the president told Fox News last month.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a public hearing Wednesday into Horowitz's findings.

The report will be released as the House Judiciary Committee holds its second impeachment hearing into whether Trump abused his power when he pressured Ukraine to announce investigations of his political foes. Lawyers for the House Intelligence Committee will present findings of that panel's investigation.

Horowitz is not investigating Trump's efforts regarding Ukraine. Instead, Horowitz looked into the FBI's handling of secret warrants obtained in 2016 to help determine if Carter Page, a former Trump campaign adviser, was working for Russian spy services.

Trump's allies have alleged that the Justice Department failed to adequately disclose to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that its application for a warrant on Page relied, in part, on unverified information from Christopher Steele, a former British intelligence officer who compiled a

dossier on Trump in 2016 that was ultimately funded by Democrats.

The inspector general also looked at whether the FBI allowed political bias to shape counterintelligence probes involving potential connections between the Kremlin and the Trump campaign.

Peter Strzok, the FBI agent who oversaw the initial investigation, exchanged private text messages with an FBI lawyer that were disparaging of Trump. Strzok, later served as the lead agent on the investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller, a former FBI director.

Strzok was removed from Mueller's team in 2017 after the text messages were discovered. He was eventually fired.

Strzok also oversaw the FBI's much-maligned probe into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while she was secretary of State. Horowitz examined the handling of the email investigation and found no evidence it had been influenced by political bias.

The inspector general, however, chastised Strzok and the FBI lawyer — Lisa Page, no relation to Carter Page — writing that their text exchanges helped create "the appearance that investigative decisions were impacted by bias or improper considerations."

The FBI first obtained

warrants from the FISA court in October 2016 to conduct surveillance on Carter Page, an oil industry consultant. It renewed those warrants three more times, the last time in June 2017.

The first warrant was obtained weeks after Page disclosed he had left his job as an unpaid foreign policy adviser to the Trump campaign amid controversy over his contacts with Russian officials.

Page has not been charged with any crimes. In an email to the Los Angeles Times, he wrote that the report was "an important first step in the process. It's by no means the final word."

Page has asked Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to permit him to testify at the hearing Wednesday.

Horowitz is not the only Justice Department official re-examining investigations into the 2016 campaign.

Attorney General William Barr tapped a U.S. attorney, John Durham, to conduct a parallel investigation into the Russia probes. It is not known when Durham will publish his results or whether it will result in charges.

Horowitz has referred at least one person to Durham for a potential criminal investigation.

Nadler: Committee vote on impeachment expected soon

By **HOPE YEN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Speeding toward impeachment, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Sunday he expects a committee vote soon on charges against President Donald Trump that will focus on abuse of power on Ukraine in a bid to get an unfair advantage in U.S. elections and obstruction in the congressional inquiry.

"We'll bring articles of impeachment presumably before the committee at some point later in the week," said Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y.

Last week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., instructed the committee to write articles of impeachment — formal charges — against Trump for pressuring Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading Democratic rival.

If the committee approves articles by Friday that would set up a final impeachment vote in the days before Christmas.

"There's a sense of urgency, because he will do anything — judging from his past conduct — that he can to get interference and to rig the next election," Nadler said.

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy criticized Democrats for their timeline, which he said was unfairly aimed at preventing the nation's voters from making their own choices in the 2020 election.

"Two-thirds of those Democrats have already voted for impeachment before they heard anything," said McCarthy, R-Calif. "If they do not impeach him, they cannot beat him at the polls."

Democrats have been working through the week-end as articles are being drafted and committee members prepare for a hearing Monday to hear evidence from the House Intelligence Committee,



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House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., gestures while speaking last Wednesday.

which investigated Trump's dealings with Ukraine.

Democrats say Trump abused his power in a July 25 phone call when he asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy for a favor in investigating Democrats and engaged in bribery by withholding nearly \$400 million in military aide that Ukraine depends on to counter Russian aggression.

"There is overwhelming evidence that the president sought to coerce Ukraine into interfering in our election, essentially sought to cheat in our next election," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and the Intelligence Committee chairman.

Trump and his aides have made clear that they now see his impeachment in the House as inevitable and have shifted their focus to the Republican-controlled Senate, where Trump allies remain confident Democrats will not have the votes to convict and remove Trump from office. A vote to convict requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate, where Republicans hold 53 of 100 seats. It is unlikely that any Republican senators would cross party lines and vote to remove Trump from office.

"Impeachment Hearing Hoax," Trump tweeted Sunday. Nadler, in two television

interviews, declined to say ultimately how many articles of impeachment Democrats will present but said they will involve "certainly abuse of power" and likely "obstruction of Congress." He said final decisions will come after Monday's hearing following discussions with House leadership and the Democratic caucus.

Nadler pointed to a "pattern" of conduct by Trump in seeking foreign interference in elections but would not commit to including the evidence of obstruction of justice in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation as part of the articles of impeachment.

"The central allegation is that the president put himself above his country several times, that he sought foreign interference in our elections several times, both for 2016 and 2020, that he sought to cover it up all the time," Nadler said.

"We have a very rock-solid case. I think the case we have if presented to a jury would be a guilty verdict in about three minutes flat," he said.

Trump said over the weekend that his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani wants to take the information gathered from Giuliani's investigations and a recent trip to Ukraine to the U.S. attorney general and to Congress.



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Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., is concerned over the timing of Rudy Giuliani's latest visit to Ukraine.

Gaetz says Giuliani's Ukraine trip is 'weird'

By **TORY NEWMYER**
The Washington Post

Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., a close ally of President Donald Trump, broke from him Sunday to express concern that Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal attorney, traveled to Ukraine as House Democrats are poised to move ahead on Trump's impeachment.

"It's weird that he's over there," Gaetz said on ABC News's "This Week." "It would seem odd having him over there at this time."

The rare rebuke from the congressman came as the House Judiciary Committee, on which he sits, is working to draft articles of impeachment against Trump that it could vote on as soon as this week. Democrats on the panel are wrestling with how broad those charges should be and how quickly they should move, even as lawmakers continue to debate ongoing developments in the scandal, including Giuliani's presence in Ukraine.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-

N.C., said he saw nothing wrong with Giuliani's trip.

"If he is finding something that is inappropriate, should he bring that to Congress? Yes," Meadows said on CNN's "State of the Union," a reference to unproven allegations against Biden, a Democratic presidential candidate. "I don't know of any role that Rudy Giuliani is playing on behalf of the president of the United States."

"I think he's over there as a citizen ... He is the presi-

dent's personal attorney, but I don't know that he's over there on the president's direction. In fact, I would suggest that he's not."

Trump said Saturday that he did not know what Giuliani was doing in Ukraine but that he "has a lot of good information" he would detail in a report to the Justice Department and Congress. "I have not spoken to him about that information yet," Trump said. "I hear he has found plenty."

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Houston police sergeant shot and killed; suspect in custody

HOUSTON — A suspect has been charged with capital murder in the fatal shooting of a Houston police officer who was responding to a domestic violence report, officials said Sunday.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner announced Sgt. Christopher Brewster's death at a news conference late Saturday. Police officials said in a tweet that the 32-year-old officer was shot just before 6 p.m.

The suspected gunman, Arturo Solis, was arrested without incident following a search after the shooting, police said.

Court records do not list an attorney who could speak on Solis' behalf, but list a Monday court date for him on the charge and show that he is being held without bond.

Solis' father, Roberto Solis, told the Houston Chronicle his son is "going to have to pay for what he did."

Tourists missing after volcano erupts on New Zealand island

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A volcano erupted Monday on a small New Zealand island frequented by tourists, and a number of people were missing and injured after the eruption.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said about 100 tourists were on or near White Island when it erupted in the afternoon.

"Some of those, at this stage, are unaccounted for," she said. "A number of

people are reportedly injured and are being transported to shore."

Ardern said the incident appeared to be "very significant."

The GeoNet agency said a moderate volcanic eruption had occurred and raised its alert level to four, on a scale where five represents a major eruption.

White Island sits about 30 miles offshore from mainland New Zealand.

Police: Slain Arkansas officer 'ambushed' in patrol vehicle

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — A man who "was looking for an officer to kill" drove into a police parking lot in northwestern Arkansas, approached an officer who was sitting in a patrol car and shot him point-blank in the head, police said Sunday.

Officer Stephen Carr, 27, was "ambushed and executed" late Saturday outside Fayetteville Police headquarters, Chief Mike Reynolds said.

Reynolds said two officers ran outside after hearing gunshots behind the police department at about 9:42 p.m. Saturday and confronted an armed suspect, who they shot and killed. Reynolds identified the suspect as London Phillips, 35, of Fayetteville.

Police said they don't know why he did it but that they believe Phillips set out to kill a police officer.



"The World's Big Sleep Out" participants spend the night Saturday in Times Square in New York City to raise awareness of global homelessness. The organization behind the sleep out said events were set for 60 cities worldwide.

Devastating factory fire kills at least 43 in Indian capital

NEW DELHI — A fire believed to be caused by an electrical short circuit engulfed a building in India's capital on Sunday where handbags and other items were made by workers earning as little as \$2 a day, killing at least 43 people.

The blaze in New Delhi's Karol Bagh neighborhood, a warren of narrow alleyways with electrical wiring strung helter-skelter, was the second major fire there this year. In February, 17 people were killed in a blaze that started in a six-story building's illegal rooftop kitchen.

Karol Bagh contains the

city's largest wholesale market for household goods, known as Sadar Bazaar. The area's aging buildings are stacked with apartments, shops, storage facilities and factories.

Assistant New Delhi police commissioner Anil Kumar Mittal said that "the fire appears to have been caused by an electric short circuit," adding that authorities were investigating whether the factory was operating legally. Building laws and safety norms are routinely flouted in New Delhi, making fires common.

The building's owner,

Rihan, who goes by one name, was detained on suspicion of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, Mittal said.

Firefighters had to fight the blaze from about 120 yards away because it broke out in one of the area's many alleyways, tangled in electrical wire and too narrow for vehicles to access, authorities said.

A resident of the area, Mohammed Naushad, said he was waked by people waiting at around 4:30 a.m. He went outside to find smoke and flames shooting out of a building near Sadar Bazaar.

Shooting survivor sues S. California synagogue

POWAY, Calif. — A man wounded in a shooting at a San Diego-area synagogue is suing the house of worship, alleging Chabad of Poway didn't use federal funds meant to hire security to protect worshippers, according to a newspaper report.

In the lawsuit obtained

by Los Angeles Times, Almog Peretz claims the synagogue did not have proper security despite a rise in anti-Semitic attacks nationally, and that it did not use a \$150,000 grant to upgrade safety.

Officials at Chabad of Poway did not immediately respond to a request seek-

ing comment.

Prosecutors have charged John Timothy Earnest with one count of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

In filing the lawsuit, Peretz said the synagogue breached its "duty of reasonable care" in protecting congregants.

Saudi Arabia ends gender separation in restaurants

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Women in Saudi Arabia will no longer need to use separate entrances from men or sit behind partitions at restaurants in the latest measure announced by the government that upends a major hallmark of conservative restrictions.

The decision, which essentially erodes one of the most visible gender segregation restrictions in place, was quietly announced Sunday in a lengthy and technically worded statement by the Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry.

While some restaurants and cafes in the coastal city of Jiddah and Riyadh's upscale hotels had already been allowing unrelated men and women to sit freely, the move codifies what has been a sensitive issue in the past among traditional Saudis who view gender segregation as a religious requirement.

In Ukraine: Ukraine and the International Monetary Fund have reached agreement on a new \$5.5 billion program to boost the country's growth and economic reforms.

The agreement, which still must be approved by the fund's management, was reached in a Saturday telephone call between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva. The IMF is based in Washington, D.C.

Details of how the money would be used over the plan's three years weren't given.

Zelenskyy, who was elected in April on a platform focusing on economic reforms and fighting corruption, said in a statement that the program will accelerate growth.

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EDITORIALS

How closing a Chicago high school with zero students can help kids citywide

No one is preparing for college at John Hope College Prep, better known to South Siders as Hope High School. Chicago Public Schools, which says Hope doesn't have a single student, wants to officially close it.

Um, *close an empty school?* Easy, you say? Just do it, you say?

Ah, welcome to Chicago, where murmuring "school closure" can get your beak bopped. CPS will hold two community meetings and conduct a hearing before the Chicago Board of Education can vote to do what should be done.

But don't be surprised if you read of fervent opposition to closing Hope, which is located at 5515 S. Lowe Ave.

When families abandon Chicago schools

We sympathize with neighborhood residents who'll mourn the passing of Hope. Whether Americans live in big cities or tiny towns, they're conditioned to the Pavlovian reflex that closing a school creates a mausoleum where the heart of a community used to beat.

That deathly fate, though, doesn't have to be. In Chicago, dozens of closed CPS schools are returning to vibrant lives as youth sports centers, job training sites, affordable housing low-rises, homes to after-school and mentoring programs.

These rebirths mock the conventional keening. But the opponents of school closures, who come in two groups, don't talk much about these success stories.

The perennial opponents of closing CPS' many underused buildings don't have to balance the district's shaky finances. So they don't object to wasting scarce dollars on underused infrastructure. The Chicago Teachers Union's condemnation of the move to close Hope states: "Our union contends that no school should ever be closed in the city of Chicago, which is an action that will not only put student safety and academics at risk, but also further destabilize our neighborhoods."

No school should ever be closed in the city of Chicago. Hmm. Even a school with no students? In a district that in the last three years has lost 11,000, 10,000 and 6,100 students? A district that has almost 80,000 fewer students than at its modern peak of 434,000 in 2003? A district that expects to lose many more thousands of young people in coming years?

Thanks, CTU leaders, for sharing that opinion.

By contrast, the people who actually live in a dying school's neighborhood have more sensible, understandable reason to want even a lousy or empty school preserved: that fear of their community's demise.

In the case of Hope, though, these well-intentioned opponents face an insurmountable problem: Parents and students who live near Hope already



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Landscapers hurry to finish the exterior landscaping of Englewood STEM High School, which was scheduled to open at the start of the school year, Aug. 30

have found 85 million reasons to abandon it. They're gone.

Students want options that their peers in affluent areas enjoy

Many of those families have migrated their children to the gleaming, \$85 million Englewood STEM High School that CPS opened in September. The parents know their children have but one chance to get an education. They want access to the broader curriculums, the Advanced Placement courses, the modern science labs, the sizable sports programs and the same busy buildings that high schoolers in Chicago's affluent neighborhoods and suburbs enjoy.

The district had announced in 2017 that this new neighborhood school at 6835 S. Normal Blvd. would replace four high schools with shrunken enrollments — Hope, Robeson, Harper and TEAM. At the time, some 90% of Englewood-area students already had enrolled in other schools outside the neighborhood.

CPS expected Englewood STEM to enroll 300 to 350 students for this first year. Instead, the district says it has attracted more than 420 freshmen. Enrollment will roughly quadruple as, each year, a new freshman class arrives and earlier classes advance.

City Hall's sacred duty

We call attention to this welcome Englewood evolution because it dem-

onstrates the pattern of consolidation and closure that CPS should accelerate. As is, the district is wasting resources on many buildings that are half-empty at best.

In the last school year Douglass High School was enrolled at only 5% of its capacity. Fenger, 15%. Hirsch, 10%. Manley, 6%. Austin and Tilden, 11%. Many Chicago elementary schools also are miserably underutilized — even as some CPS schools are overcrowded.

A point you've read here: Puny curriculums cheat Chicago children. A school that is half-empty, or three-quarters empty, is likely to be starved of resources. Underenrolled schools usually offer far fewer courses than fully enrolled schools. Sports teams struggle to fill rosters. And the warehousing of students leaves them feeling what they are: left behind. These kids know they're pinballs, rolling around structures built to hold bigger, much more energetic student bodies.

It's a bad deal all around. And it doesn't have to be.

Chicago's mayor and school board members have a duty akin to a fiduciary responsibility. They are stewards of scarce resources. And they have a sacred mission — not to maintain CPS' real estate empire, not to placate adults who work in the system, but to prepare students for their future, and Chicago's.

We urge Mayor Lori Lightfoot and CPS CEO Janice Jackson to move the Board of Education toward closing many more of these emptying-out schools. Reducing spending on maintenance, heating, cooling and all the other

costs of running big buildings would allow CPS to move dollars from its enormous property holdings to the education of Chicago's children. Put simply: Diverting money from Hope and schools like it to the district's overall budget can help every child in CPS schools citywide.

Let Hope light the way

Some students thrive in small schools. CPS has many schools built for small enrollments. Great. But no students should be forced to be the last survivors in huge, all but uninhabited buildings. These schools — not the buildings that already have closed and reopened with new purposes — are the real neighborhood mausoleums.

Mayor Lightfoot, CEO Jackson, use the closing of Hope H.S. and the bright promise of Englewood STEM to show Chicagoans how consolidation can give richer educational options to students now marooned in dying schools. Reassure the concerned residents of Englewood by finding a busy new future for the Hope building.

Because Chicago can't continue to isolate students and squander resources. CPS' new labor contract with CTU will cost the district — that is, will cost taxpayers — a new \$1.5 billion.

If that means some needless expense has to go, let it be this cruel and unsustainable notion that Chicago serves its children by warehousing them in the vastness of hollowed-out schools. Let Hope light the way.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Among all our competitors, only China, home to nine of the world's 20 biggest tech firms, presents any kind of challenge to American and Western economic preeminence. The regime intends to use this technology to expand its control by employing facial recognition systems to modulate behavior in ways approved by the state. By 2020 China is expected to deploy over 400 million surveillance cameras in cities across the country.

Often with the connivance of Western tech firms, China also seeks to harvest biometric data, track smartphones and impose a compulsory satellite-tracking systems for vehicles. Brain-monitoring devices are becoming increasingly common in Chinese factories, ostensibly to improve productivity. It's more likely, of course, meant to tap into and shape the thoughts of their potentially rebellious workers. As MIT researcher Christina Larson puts it, "Who needs democracy when you have data?"

Nothing, however, benefits the Chinese challenge more than our own elites' increasing disdain for the West's political canon, with its emphasis on legal norms, free speech and competition. President Trump's lack of interest in human rights and instinctive embrace of dictators is certainly no more help than the kowtowing from his progressive opponents.

Confronting China's autocracy is about more than military or even economic warfare. This is fundamentally a conflict of values. For ours to have any chance of success, our own leaders, as well as the populace, need openly to embrace them, even at the cost of some short-term business or political advantage.

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Is 'gluten-free' code for 'lefty liberal progressive'?

BY TREY MALONE

Sitting down for a family feast, do you need to gird yourself for battle in the ongoing sociopolitical culture war? In today's hyperpartisan United States, common food products have become proxies for conservative and liberal values. Meat-eating Republicans versus quinoa-loving Democrats. Imported-beer liberals versus domestic-beer conservatives.

Nothing showcases this proxy war better than the rise of gluten sensitivity.

From "gluten free" water to Jimmy Kimmel clips, gluten sensitivity has permeated the modern American food culture. Despite having no data to support their claims, media voices ranging from the satirical show "Portlandia" to commentators on Fox News have poked fun at what they characterize as the gluten-intolerant left.

People on the political right, including Ted Cruz, allege that gluten-intolerant West Coast liberals are at the forefront of political correctness.

But is there reality to this perception that liberals can't stomach gluten, while conservatives can wolf it down without complaint?

As researchers of food politics, Oklahoma State University's Bailey Norwood and I often focus on how different market segments' perceptions influence their food choices. We decided to investigate the demonization of gluten — and our empirical analysis suggests that gluten sensitivity affects people of all political persuasions.

Gluten facts

As physician Robert Shmerling describes, gluten is a protein found in grains such as wheat, barley and rye. It turns up in many common foods, including pizza, cereal and beer. Gluten is what gives dough its elasticity, but it has limited nutritional value itself.

Approximately 0.5% of North Americans have been clinically diagnosed with celiac disease. When people with this autoimmune genetic disease eat gluten, it damages their small intestine, leading to other long-term health effects. The number of documented cases has dramatically risen over the past 30 to 40 years, though researchers aren't sure why.

While consumers with celiac and non-celiac gluten sensitivity should definitely avoid gluten, there is no strong scientific evidence that anyone else needs to reduce their gluten consumption. In fact, there is no evidence that would support the notion that gluten-free foods are any healthier than foods filled with gluten for most of the population.

Nevertheless, disagreement rages on regarding whether gluten sensitivity is real and deserves the same universal acceptance that diagnosable diseases such as celiac and other established health conditions enjoy.

The contention that gluten sensitivity goes along with liberalism takes the debate even further. If this were true, it would have serious implications for policy decisions and food marketing strategies. It would imply that gluten sensitivity is not strictly a medical condition but a social construct, which

would not require the same regulatory concern as other health conditions.

Who actually says no to gluten?

To conduct our analysis, Norwood and I asked 1,086 U.S. consumers four questions about their perceptions of gluten.

We created a "gluten aversion index" by adding up each person's responses. A score of 4 would indicate that the respondent was not at all gluten avoidant, while a score of 28 would indicate that the respondent was extremely gluten avoidant. After removing the surprisingly high 3.7% of individuals who told us they'd been clinically diagnosed with celiac disease, we looked at the linkage between political ideology and gluten sensitivity.

Contrary to the common stereotype, we found no evidence that the political left is more likely to report being gluten sensitive. In fact, when we divided our sample by preferred president of the past few decades, those who selected Donald Trump were also the most likely to identify as gluten avoidant.

So if progressive liberals aren't actually more gluten sensitive, how does the perception take hold?

What psychologists call "motivated reasoning" is likely a primary culprit. As a time-saving measure, your mind tries to sort each person you encounter into crude buckets based on quick assessments. Once a connection begins to gain traction, it can spread, often leading to misperceptions about individual beliefs and preferences.

Politicization of an ingredient

It's not clear why gluten sensitivity became intertwined with stereotypes about liberal progressives. In fact, even far-right extremist websites such as Infowars have been known to advocate for gluten-free diets.

While we find no evidence of a clear separation between the self-reported gluten sensitivity of liberals and conservatives, it is likely that politically polarizing topics have compromised other food choices. Consider climate change and meat consumption. Vegans and vegetarians are already more likely to identify as liberal. Given the heavy emphasis placed by media on reducing meat consumption as a metric for consciousness regarding climate change, some evidence suggests that meat consumption increasingly can be divided along party lines.

What people eat is one of the most visible decisions they make each day. This is increasingly true as American consumers cook less and eat away from home more. In 2012, Barack Obama won 77% of the counties with a Whole Foods and a meager 29% of Cracker Barrel counties, after all.

Despite Americans' political differences, many of us are deeply interested in the foods we consume. Our gluten investigation provides a gentle reminder against simplistic stereotyping around the dinner table.

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Republicans are all about boosting economic growth — except when it comes to food stamps

BY CATHERINE RAMPPELL

Republicans are all about boosting economic growth, so they say. Eking out a few extra bucks of economic activity is their top priority — more important than, say, curbing illness and death (hence, looser water pollution standards, fewer slaughterhouse inspections) or even reducing deficits (hence, those budget-busting tax cuts).

Unless it comes to punishing poor people. In which case, even the economy has to take a back seat.

Just in time for Christmas, the Trump administration finalized the first of three new rules requiring more people to go hungry. This first rule will dump about 700,000 Americans from the food stamp rolls (officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP) by tightening work requirements.

For decades, the federal food stamp program has had strict work requirements. Non-disabled adults without custody of minor children can receive no more than three months of food benefits within a three-year period, unless they meet 20-hour-per-week work requirements. Even in a time of historically low national unemployment, this can still be a high bar for people with less education, unstable housing, little control over their work hours, mental or physical health challenges, unre-

liable transportation or criminal records.

As a result, federal law has allowed states to get temporary waivers for this three-month cutoff in areas where joblessness is higher.

Both red and blue states have gotten these waivers over the years, using them to help residents in areas with fewer job opportunities — for instance, people in rural areas. Today, 36 states have waivers in place for parts of their state where unemployment is highest, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Last year, in a Republican-led push, Congress considered ratcheting up SNAP's work requirements but ultimately decided against it. So instead, the Trump administration simply decided to take matters into its own hands by making it much more difficult for states to apply for these waivers.

For instance, while it used to be the case that a state could receive a waiver if it had experienced a sudden and sharp increase in unemployment, it can now qualify only if its average unemployment rate over the past 24 months is both 20% above the national average and also at least 6%.

There are a few reasons you might consider this misguided. Some are moral, others economic.

"SNAP is supposed to be an anti-hunger program, full stop," says Craig Gundersen,

a University of Illinois economist who specializes in food insecurity.

And though helping or encouraging people to experience the "dignity of work" is a laudable goal, he and other experts I spoke to say there is little evidence that food stamp receipt discourages work. Most food-stamp beneficiaries already have jobs; among those who don't, or who don't work sufficient hours, it is difficult to believe that the only thing keeping them from meeting this requirement is that it doesn't suck enough to be poor.

The population affected by this new rule, after all, involves the neediest — on average, they make just 18% of the poverty line — so it's not as though food stamps enable them to live a life of comfort and convenience. Especially when you consider that their average monthly SNAP benefits are \$165, or about \$1.83 per meal.

Then there are the macroeconomic considerations.

One of the selling points of SNAP, like other means-tested safety-net programs, is that it is countercyclical. When recession hits and people lose work, SNAP rolls swell with little to no intervention needed from policymakers. This helps struggling families, yes, but it also blunts the blow of the recession to the overall economy and helps it recover faster. For this reason, food stamps are called an "automatic fiscal

stabilizer."

In fact, SNAP spending during a recession has among the biggest bang for the buck of all fiscal measures. For every additional dollar spent on food stamps, overall economic activity rises by as much as \$1.50, according to research from the Agriculture Department.

A recession may or may not be imminent, but we're late enough in the business cycle that we should be thinking about a plan for the next one. In fact, some policymakers already are. Presidential candidate Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., for instance, has proposed ramping up these safety-net programs so that they automatically kick in with greater force when the economy needs them most, rather than waiting for an increasingly dysfunctional Congress to act.

By contrast, the Trump administration is pushing people off the rolls and making it more difficult for state policymakers to respond the next time there is a sudden spike in unemployment. Which means Trump officials aren't just exporting anti-poor antipathy to the states; they're exporting Washington's policy gridlock too.

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President Donald Trump leaves 10 Downing Street in London after attending a NATO reception on Wednesday.

When joking becomes ‘rage-icule’: Donald Trump and the stupidity of ridicule

BY PAUL LEWIS

“There is no character, howsoever good and fine, but it can be destroyed by ridicule, howsoever poor and witless.” — Mark Twain

When President Donald Trump used his Twitter feed to intimidate the former ambassador to Ukraine while she was testifying before the House Intelligence Committee, his malign intent was more obvious than his rhetorical strategy. “Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad,” he typed. “She started off in Somalia, how did that go?” Under the circumstances, it’s easy to see the attempt to bully the witness, more difficult to note the undercurrent of ridicule in the rhetorical mock-question: “how did that go?”

Progressives are so disgusted with Trump in general that they find it almost impossible to watch or listen to him. When he appears on their screens, their instinct is to turn to another station or mute the voice. In the area of humor in particular, progressives don’t think there’s anything funny about a man who embraces dictators, weakens environmental regulations and separates children from their parents.

If what we mean by “nothing funny” is that these destructive policies should not be laughed off, then this is correct. But if you assume that humor in general is positive and beneficial, and if you have never watched one of Trump’s frequent rallies, then you are missing the constant laughter from the audience that signals their amusement and approval. Understanding their seemingly unimpeachable loyalty to Trump requires an awareness of how this humor operates.

The first thing to notice is that Trump, perhaps on the theory that he knows

more about humor than professional joke writers, relies heavily on blunt ridicule based on renaming people he despises. To take a few of these at random, recent jibes like Shifty (Adam) Schiff, Nervous Nancy (Pelosi), Sleepy Joe (Biden), Little Michael Bloomberg and (Mayor Pete) Boot-Edge-Edge remind us of such classics as Crooked Hillary, Lyin’ Ted (Cruz), Cheatin’ Obama and Low Energy Jeb (Bush).

Although they are far from clever, these rebrandings manage to highlight a single trait Trump wants to attach to the people he scorns. Like fans at a concert of an aging rock star, his audiences are delighted to hear the old hits and thrilled by new ones he serves up.

These crude insults have all the cleverness and maturity of schoolyard taunting, hovering just one step up from using someone’s name in the “banana-fana” “Name Game” song. In his landmark study “Jokes and Their Relation to the Unconscious,” Sigmund Freud pointed out that joking is often an indirect way of expressing hostility: that, instead of hitting someone, a joker can work criticism into a clever quip about them. As children mature, they learn how to use their wits rather than their fists to put someone down figuratively, not literally.

Having failed to achieve this kind of subtlety, bullies eschew nuanced joking in favor of stark ridicule. We should see Trump and his base in this light. As it happens, the relationship between bullying jokers and onlookers has been studied, and the findings explain part of Trump’s appeal. In studies of how observing ridicule affects social conformity, Leslie M. Janes and James M. Olson — psychologists at University College Brescia and the University of Western Ontario — identified a phenomenon they called “jeer pres-

sure”: the increased desire to go along with a bully who not only attacks but also mocks his victims. Conditioned to conform to social norms in order to avoid being ridiculed themselves, such onlookers are likely to feel less empathy than they might otherwise for bullied but not ridiculed victims.

From the 1980s on, Rush Limbaugh pioneered this blend of outrage and ridicule in his depressingly effective rise to power and influence on the right. Terms like “feminazis,” “Drive-by Media” and “environmental wackos” took their place in his catalog of effectively fallacious rhetorical strategies alongside nicknames like Bela Pelosi, Osama-Obama, Algore (pronounced as a single word), and senators Chuck-U Schumer and Dick Turban. Like the bully’s attempt to garner support with anything but facts and logic, Limbaugh’s use of “rage-icule” boosted his popularity while distracting attention from pressing problems. Note that denigrating environmentalists does nothing to counter the climate crisis.

Another feature of public mockery deserves attention: People tend to enjoy jokes that make fun of individuals and groups they do not identify with. For this reason, the ongoing mockery of Trump by late-night comedians amuses progressives but not Trump loyalists, who are as likely to turn away from it as progressives are to shut their ears to the president’s taunting. Far from bringing us together, dueling senses of humor appreciation mark the divisions ripping America apart. That Trump uses hostile humor to build walls between these divisions is a significant, strategic and reprehensible use of his (rarely other than) bully pulpit.

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In Illinois, the specter of corporate greed

The Tribune business section recently ran two stories that speak to the problem of corporate greed.

The first was an accusation against Navistar of overbilling the U.S. government \$1.3 billion for a military contract for vehicles used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The whistleblower lawsuit, filed in Washington, D.C., was joined by the federal government.

If Navistar is found guilty, it would be a shocking and disheartening example of greed levied against our government and, indeed, against our country.

On Page 2 was a story about BMO Financial Group, the Canadian-based holding company of BMO Harris, its Chicago-based bank and largest in the BMO system.

The group’s chief financial officer showed insensitivity toward the estimated 300 employees losing their jobs when he said the savings would “flow through our businesses in a fairly representative way.”

These are real people with families and regular financial responsibilities that must be met. And yet, BMO Financial in the most recent fiscal year just ended, reported net income of \$5.8 billion Canadian dollars, up 6% over the previous year.

In a master stroke of bad timing for a marketing announcement, Page 1 also carried a report of a 50-story office tower to be built next to Union Station, with key financing of the \$476 million construction cost by BMO.

The new building name is to be BMO Tower. Construction loans are typically made with high-interest cost to borrowers. How tough can things be at BMO? We know how tough they are for the jobless.

— Thomas G. Lynch, Oak Park

Hunter Biden, the red herring

Presidential candidate Joe Biden’s son, Hunter Biden, is the most perplexing and least understood political figure hovering over the most scandalous story in America.

It is unclear what credentials other than political access Hunter Biden had to serve on the board of directors of a Ukraine gas company.

It has become an obsession of Republicans in Congress to use Biden as a defense against the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

Board directors are selected for expertise, influence or to show diversity.

Hunter is a graduate of a prestigious law school with experience in corporate governance and was an attorney with a well-respected law firm.

Since becoming president, Trump selected two attorneys general, the director of the FBI, various U.S. attorneys, a couple of Defense and State Department secretaries, and heads of all of our international intelligence agencies.

When concerned about the loyalty of appointees, Trump dismisses and often disparages them. Some in his political and business sphere have been investigated, indicted and convicted by law enforcement officials in agencies headed by Trump appointees.

It seems noteworthy that in three years as president, none of Trump’s political loyalists has been able to churn up solid allegations against Hunter Biden. Trump has exclusively relied on congressional cronies and accommodating news outlets to urge that Hunter be subjected to inquiry by Congress.

They badly seek to derail Trump’s impeachment while ignoring that witnesses with direct knowledge of what transpired with Trump and Ukraine claim immunity from testifying by raising some specious privilege to respond to congressional subpoenas.

Whatever wrongdoing Hunter Biden may have done has not even been rumored.

It is reported that Hunter has been investigated and not charged. There’s time, after concentrating upon truly uncontradicted testimony and evidence of Trump’s conduct, to figure out why Hunter Biden has not been charged with any misconduct. Of course Trump loyalists may quickly lose interest in Biden once the Republicans in the Senate fail to convict Trump.

— Sheldon I. Saitlin, Chicago

What NATO really means for Trump

For President Trump, NATO is just an opportunity to sell more military hardware. His concern over European governments to meet the targeted 2% of GDP defense spending is just a shake-down.

They’re not going to spend it on Russian or Chinese military hardware, are they?

— John Lee, Chicago

Uber’s assault report erodes the power of trust

BY SHIRA OVIDE

What to make of the alarming data on assaults, murders and other unsafe incidents reported by Uber Technologies Inc. on Thursday?

More than 3,000 sexual assault allegations were made in 2018 by Uber drivers and passengers in the U.S., the company said in a first-of-its-kind safety report. We can’t know from the data if Uber is statistically safer than other forms of transportation, or safer than being a human — particularly a female human — in the United States in 2019. Taxis, public-transit agencies, professional-car services and other transportation providers don’t make comparable national reports of crime as Uber has done.

The reported incidents are a fraction of the more than 1 billion rides Uber transacts in the U.S. each year. There is, though, one sure thing we can say about Uber, Lyft and related services that make them different than other forms of transportation: They sold us on the power of trust, and any erosion in that trust makes the companies vulnerable.

When services such as Uber and Airbnb were getting off the ground earlier this decade, people were understandably apprehensive about taking a ride with strangers, or staying in the home of a random person. Our parents literally cautioned us against this our whole lives, and it seemed incredibly stupid to defy a lifetime of warnings.

Slowly, though, these services wore down many people’s natural reluctance to trust strangers in these circumstances. That was partly because Uber, Airbnb and similar companies were too convenient and useful for many people to shun. But also, and importantly, our stranger-danger



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An Uber ride-share waits on Michigan Avenue on Oct. 18.

fears wore down because the companies successfully convinced us to trust that any danger of that type was remote.

The idea is that the collective power of millions of riders and drivers rating and reviewing each other would keep us safe. Uber and its peers around the world also touted their ability to screen drivers and passengers, and track rides to protect people from possible harm. There were questions from the beginning about how well Uber and other companies that put regular folks in the role of professional driver were screening people who used its service. But the companies’ ability to convince many people to tamp down their stranger-danger anxiety was a secret to success for Uber, Airbnb and the like.

That’s why anecdotes — and now data — of horrible crimes on Uber passengers and drivers matter, no matter whether they are statistically large or small. Those old feelings of anxiety recur.

The sad fact is that assault is a common crime we don’t like to think or talk about,

because it makes us feel vulnerable. Every institution in America can do much more to protect vulnerable people. None of that absolves Uber from responsibility to do more.

There is compelling reporting indicating that Uber sometimes protects itself from liability at the expense of drivers and riders who are preyed upon. Uber in its early years of aggressive expansion did truly unconscionable things in response to allegations of a passenger raped in India.

Now, Uber deserves credit for doing the work to catalog and disclose incidents of abuse in its network, but we can’t be confident how many terrible abuses could have been avoided if Uber did more to prioritize safety. How much of the problem is Uber, and how much is the world? Because companies such as Uber sold us on trust, they get no passes when it comes to ensuring the safety of riders and drivers.

The collective power of trust is one of those internet-era truisms that is coming under question now. It turns out those five-star product reviews can be bought and gamed. That person on Facebook who says she’s a civil rights activist may be a Russian propagandist. It turns out that even genius technology companies are fallible, perhaps willfully so, about letting dangerous people slip through the cracks.

These risks are all present in the real world, of course, but for a long time we were convinced the power of the internet made trust more solid. Now companies, and the users of their products and services, are reckoning with the limits of trust.

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Holiday shopping expected to grow this year

Although there are only 26 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, a 4.5% to 5.5% increase is estimated from last year's shopping season.

If that rate holds, it would bring total retail sales that likely would exceed \$1.1 trillion this winter, up from \$1.09 trillion last year, Deloitte economists say.

Analysts note that while the economy has downshifted to an annual growth rate of about 2% from last year's 2.9% pace, consumers have remained resilient and have been the main driver of spending this year. With more Americans employed and overall inflation remaining low, consumer confidence remains above its long-term average.

Before you get too excited about the holiday shopping hoopla, let me don my CFP hat and remind you that those who create lists are far more likely not to blow through their coveted emergency reserve funds or pile on debt.

Start the process by going back to last holiday season. Tally up what you spent and who you spent money on for gifts and don't forget all the tips to your dog walker, doorman and hair stylist. Then create the list for this year and add the cost of entertaining.

As you attach dollar amounts to each line item, remember that research finds that experiential gifts are the most memorable, so consider spending time with someone instead of giving another unused gift card. Consider a special hike, a free museum day or maybe offer to babysit for a friend or family member.

And yes, sticking to the game plan is like trying to eat well during the holidays: a laudable goal, but hard to execute.

Technology may help you keep you on track. Giftster is a free app that can help organize your gift list and is sharable with friends and family. ShopSavvy allows you to scan the bar code of any product and compare all the best prices available. Shopular provides deals, coupons and location-based notifications, and Honey is a free browser extension that automatically finds and applies coupon codes at checkout for more than 30,000 shopping sites.

It's hard not to get sucked into the vortex of the holiday shopping frenzy. But avoid impulse buying, which can blow up your plan quickly.

Finally, the season will once again underscore winners and losers. This season, online sales are poised to jump 14% to 18% compared with 2018. In its annual holiday outlook, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP found that 54% of respondents will opt for shopping via their smartphones, laptops, PCs and in-home voice assistants this season, compared with 50% last year.

Retailers such as Walmart and Target have smartened up and are using marketing, social media and a blend of online ordering with in-store pickup to lure consumers into brick and mortar stores, where they, hopefully, will be tempted to spend even more money.

But it's a tough sell in certain segments. Macy's, Kohl's and J.C. Penney all reported weaker quarterly results ahead of the holiday season. The one-year stock performance gives you an idea of the problems. As of this writing, Macy's has plunged by more than 50% from a year ago; Kohl's has dropped nearly 30%; and J.C. Penney is off 17%. During the same time horizon, the S&P Retail ETF (XRT) is down 2.25% and the broader S&P 500 is up more than 17%.

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Feedback that doesn't FLOP

Leaders talk about how to effectively deliver assessments to teams

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Giving efficient feedback to your team, whether positive or negative, can be a challenge for any business leader, as she has to find the best way to frame and deliver the information to ensure it is acted upon, while also keeping it impersonal and professional.

If successful, effective feedback can motivate the team to learn from its mistakes and do a better job, as well as to become stronger and more united.

With enough practice, leaders can learn how to deliver feedback with optimal results. The following entrepreneurs offer their advice on the steps a manager should take when providing assessments to their employees and explain why these steps are crucial to ensuring honest, transparent communication and effective results.

Talk about issues, not people

Arguably one of the most important aspects of providing feedback is trying to avoid assigning blame because that can easily alienate your employees instead of helping them improve.

Jared Atchison, co-founder of WP-Forms, says managers should focus on the issues at hand instead of targeting specific employees and pinning blame on one or two people.

"Everyone works together to collectively bring your business where it should be, so one person shouldn't take all the blame for everyone's shortcomings."

Be specific

"If you want to give feedback to your team that they can actually use to grow, then you need to be specific," says Optimonster president and co-founder Thomas Griffin, underlining the importance of highlighting exactly what doesn't work to avoid confusion.

"For example, you can't just say, 'Your work needs to improve.' You need to give specific examples of what they need to improve and how they can improve it," Griffin explains. Providing specific critiques will allow your team to quickly identify the issue and easily improve its work.

Ask what the team found most challenging

A great way of both giving and receiving feedback is to start by asking employees what they found to be the most challenging part of a task or project, says Nicole Munoz, founder of Nicole Munoz Consulting, Inc. She believes it's important for a manager to try to get a little more information out of his team in order to improve company performance.

"Rome wasn't built in a day, and most projects aren't either. Find out what was challenging and then discuss what is good and what could be improved," Munoz recommends. "You'll have a clear path and know what is difficult."

Keep it informal

"One could write books on how best to provide feedback to your teams," says FE International CEO Ismael Wrixen, adding that one of the most important things to keep in mind is that, one way or another, managers provide their team with feedback on a constant basis, not only

during performance reviews or at monthly staff meetings.

"The way one responds to emails, approves or modifies project plans or even socializes with employees can give employees an impression of how they are performing."

While this kind of unconscious feedback should be carefully monitored, it's a good idea to retain the informal nature of it, Wrixen says. Not everything must be rigid and formal, and employees likely will respond positively to the more relaxed nature of certain forms of communication.

Ask how you can help

When giving feedback, leaders should also make it clear that they are available to their teams to offer guidance or support should it be needed. SeedProd LLC founder John Turner has turned this into a habit and now asks his employees how he can help at the end of every critique session.

"Their requests range from help with a specific topic to asking if they can learn from another department so they can better understand the company. These requests usually have positive results when we have our next feedback session," Turner says.

Start with the good

Many business leaders, including Uassist.ME co-founder Alfredo Atanacio, think that serving up criticism may be easier if preceded by a positive remark.

"People enjoy compliments, especially about their work and when coming from management," Atanacio says. "Also, if you have something negative to say or want to discuss things that may be improved, starting with a compliment will smooth the way so that the team will take it well."

Focus on outcomes, not weaknesses

Finally, Interact Marketing founder and CEO Joe Beccalori finds that the most effective strategy for delivering feedback is to instead focus on guiding the team toward a certain destination, helping the members to improve.

"Rather than focusing on perceived weaknesses, engage teams to focus on how to problem-solve and achieve a particular outcome, and let them own it, mistakes and all, along the way," Beccalori advises. "The best leaders know how to guide, steer and influence."

Reporting charitable distribution

What to put on tax return

Kiplinger's Money Power

Q. If I make a qualified charitable minimum distribution, how do I report it on my tax return? Do I need an acknowledgment for the IRS?

A. Your IRA custodian will send you a 1099-R form, but it won't specifically identify the distribution as a QCD.

Instead, you need to be careful to report



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your QCD correctly on your tax return. There's a line where you report your total IRA distributions for the year (on the 2018 federal tax return, that was line 4A). Then there's an adjacent line (4B on last year's return) where you report the taxable amount, less the nontaxable QCDs you

made. On that same line, write in the letters QCD, which tells the IRS that you're reducing the amount of your IRA distribution by the QCDs you made.

Taxpayers age 70 1/2 and older can directly transfer up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from a traditional IRA to one or more charities. This counts toward their required minimum distributions without being added to adjusted gross income.

When donating through a QCD, keep a record of your gifts so that at year-end you have a list of the payees and amounts should the IRS audit you. The charities that received your QCDs should also furnish a written acknowledgment of any donation of \$250 or more when it's made.

Q. My spouse and I are both age 64. My Social Security benefit is higher than my spouse's, and I plan to claim at age 70 so my benefit can earn delayed retirement credits. If my spouse claims

her own benefit at her full retirement age, will that impact her ability to take a spousal benefit on my earnings record in the future?

A. If your spouse claims her own benefit at her full retirement age, she can switch to a spousal benefit on your earnings record once you claim your benefit a few years later, assuming that spousal benefit is higher than her own benefit. She won't be eligible for a spousal benefit until you claim your benefit, so taking her own benefit will bring income into the household while the higher benefit earns delayed credits.

By waiting to claim her own benefit at her full retirement age, she would receive 50% of your full retirement age benefit as her spousal benefit.

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One-stop retirement planning?

Comprehensive guidebook can be a great tool



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The Savings Game

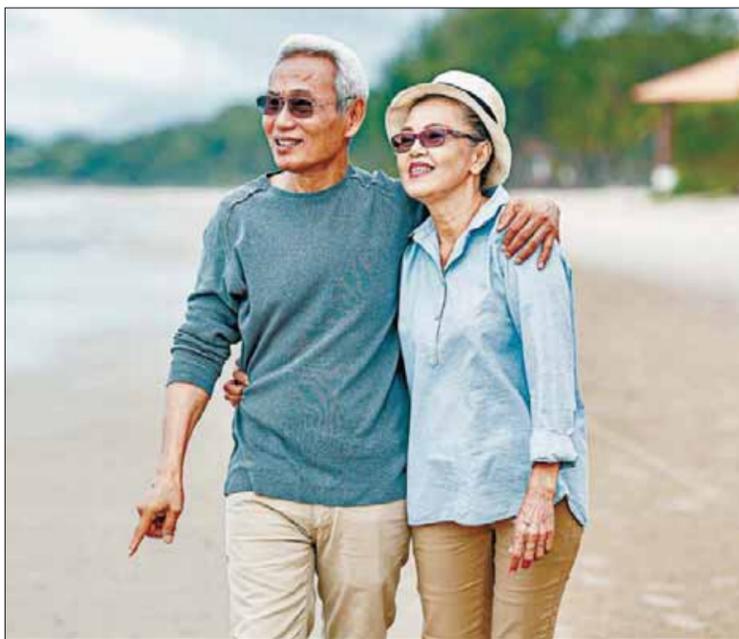
Those who want to educate themselves about retirement planning have a lot of books to choose from. Most people, however, have the bandwidth or patience to read one or two books on the subject. The challenge becomes how to pick the best comprehensive guide.

A good choice is "Your Complete Guide to a Successful and Secure Retirement" (Harriman House) by Lawrence Swedroe and Kevin Grogan, experts in retirement planning. It covers every major aspect of retirement, and the authors helpfully draw upon specialists in each subject area and provide references for readers interested in learning more about a specific topic.

Some of the most informative topics are investment planning strategy, portfolio maintenance, preparing your heirs, retirement planning issues specifically for women and the dangers of financial abuse as people age.

The book identifies significant errors to avoid. One that many retirees don't appreciate is sequence risk — the failure "to consider that the order of returns matters." Returns on a portfolio are not constant, and systematic withdrawals during bear markets can cause the value of the portfolio to fall to unsafe levels. A later chapter details strategies that will give you the greatest chance of ensuring that your assets will last for your lifetime.

Other potential planning errors are underestimating your income requirements during retirement, being too conservative, failing to provide for a spouse, underestimating the importance and need for diversification, and underestimating inflation risks.



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One of the most important issues in retirement is asset allocation. This is the primary determination of the expected return and risk of a portfolio. The chapter devoted to asset allocation, both before and during retirement, covers reasons to increase equity exposure as well as reasons to reduce it.

For example, some of the reasons to increase equity exposure are long life expectancy, high level of job stability, high risk tolerance, the need for higher returns to reach financial goals and access to multiple streams of stable income. Reasons to reduce equity exposure are the opposite: high net-worth investors and retirees in the later stages of retirement have less of a need for a high equity exposure. This chapter also discusses factors such as U.S. equities vs. international equities, emerging markets and small-cap vs. large-cap stocks related to historical risk patterns.

The book also comprehensively covers Medicare; the proper roles of annuities and insurance, including long-term care options; health savings accounts, which have many tax advantages; and when to consider reverse mortgages.

Reverse mortgages can be a relatively expensive means of borrowing, yet even an expensive reverse mortgage may be appropriate for people who place a greater value on remaining in their home and maintaining their independence. In the appropriate situation, these mortgages

can be a valuable tool allowing you to maintain a higher standard of living than a person would otherwise be able to do, while remaining in the home.

A chapter on "Women's Unique Retirement Issues" notes several challenges many women face: lower average earnings, fewer years of earned income, lower confidence about investing skills, lower likelihood to marry after a gray divorce (divorce over age 50), greater susceptibility to elder abuse and the statistical likelihood of outliving a spouse.

An essential chapter is devoted to estate planning. The core estate planning documents are discussed, including the durable power of attorney for health care and living will, durable power of attorney for finances, a pour-over will, and a discussion of the advantages of revocable trusts and the use of irrevocable trusts. The importance of selecting a competent estate planning attorney is emphasized.

The book is not all about financial matters. The authors discuss topics not generally covered in retirement planning books, such as aligning your activities consistent with your life purpose, volunteering, maintaining healthy relationships and growing through mental activities. All of these activities have played a significant role in my retirement over the last 20 years.

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



TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

How to set yourself up for success next year

If you've made your list and checked it twice and done your holiday shopping, it's time to take a moment and consider what would be appropriate to give yourself. Here are some suggestions.

Set just one goal for yourself in the new year. And if that's too long a time horizon, make it quarterly or monthly. Your chosen goal likely will involve self-discipline — or you would have done it already. So, whether it's quitting smoking or starting an exercise program, set up a way to track your progress.

My favorite goals revolve around handling credit and savings. Could you go two months without charging a penny to a credit card and using your debit card instead? Could you start deducting from your paycheck a larger 401(k) contribution in January or sign up for a monthly contribution to a Roth IRA?

The goals that can be reached automatically, without an emotional decision, are always easier to achieve.

It's easier than ever these days to get your finances in order, as well as your closet. So your present to yourself could be a Marie Kondo-style sweep of your personal finances, whether you keep track of them online or in a file box.

This is a perfect time of year to start, creating file folders for the tax stuff that will come in the mail in the next month (W-2 forms, 1099s for other income, your property tax bill for deduction purposes, notes from charities documenting your contributions). Create files for bank statements and mutual fund reports if you still collect paper, but, better yet, start doing everything online and save some trees. Tally the year-end valuation of your IRA accounts if you must take required distributions in the year ahead.

Technology makes it easier than ever to organize and plan. To get started, download the best-selling personal finance software, Quicken. This program resides securely on your computer and instantly updates and organizes all your bills, payments and investment accounts; it even helps you budget and track expenditures. If you'd rather have all this information on your smartphone, download the Mint app, which does much the same thing.

Then consider the gift of financial advice from robo advisers like Wealthfront, Betterment, Ellevest and Robinhood. Spend a few quiet days at year's end setting up an account, considering their suggestions and perhaps rearranging your finances to reach those goals. Fees are less than 0.25% or even free, depending on the company.

Creating a plan to wipe out your debt is far more productive than dreaming of winning the lottery. Remember, if you double the current minimum payment on any credit card and keep paying that same amount (today's minimum) every month, and never charge another penny, your card will be paid off in less than three years. Can't afford double on all your cards? Start with paying off the highest rate card and enjoy your success.

What can you personally do to help someone else? In many cases your time and your concern are worth far more than money. Helping an overwhelmed friend by doing errands or babysitting, befriending an older person who is lonely during the holidays or spending time with a child who really needs a role model are all priceless gifts. Just look around to see the unspoken needs.

You may be surprised by how much each of these gifts changes your own life for the better. And that's The Savage Truth.

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In it for the long haul

Stocks that are well-positioned to handle disruptions

BY RYAN ERMEY
Kiplinger

In 1964, the average tenure for a company in Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, which represents 500 large U.S. firms, was 33 years, according to consulting firm Innosight. By 2016, it was 24 years, and the firm projects it will shrink to 12 years by 2027.

That's because of technology, which has disrupted companies and made their products and services obsolete.

It behooves the long-term investor to choose stocks that are unlikely to crumble in the face of persistent challenges. Here are four stocks likely equipped to deliver long-term performance despite current or potential disruption within their industries:

Equinix (symbol EQIX): It has already proved it can thrive despite technological disruption. Equinix began as a "co-location" firm, renting out space in physical centers for companies' data storage and computer network equipment.

Then came the cloud, and widespread concern among investors that businesses would route their computing work through the data centers of major public cloud providers, such as Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure, making colocation centers like Equinix's obsolete. Equinix adapted, partnering with the major cloud players so that Equinix

centers could function as clearinghouses where clients access numerous public cloud services.

Marriott International (MAR): Home-sharing websites are a growing problem for hotels. But amid the hotel doldrums, Marriott is well positioned, says Becky Baker, portfolio manager at Fidelity Select Leisure.

Helping matters is that Marriott owns practically none of its industry-leading 1.3 million rooms; 97% of them are either managed by the company or operated as a franchise.

Such agreements allow Marriott to collect recurring fees from the hotels' owners and franchisees. The model requires practically no capital from Marriott to open a new hotel, Baker says.

O'Reilly Automotive (ORLY): When Amazon entered the car-parts business in 2017, shares of auto-parts seller O'Reilly dropped precipitously. But O'Reilly's stock bounced back as the company showed that it has one of the rare business models that is insulated from the ubiquitous threat of e-commerce.

O'Reilly sells after-market parts and tools to professional mechanics and do-it-yourselfers. With about 5,300

stores, almost all located within 300 miles of a distribution center, O'Reilly can ship quickly to mechanics who need specific parts on short notice.

O'Reilly will likely outpace its competitors in growth of store space, sales and earnings over the next few years, and it should benefit from the increasing age of vehicles on the road, which should create demand for more repairs, says CFRA analyst Garrett Nelson.

Visa (V): Essentially the world's largest toll collector on electronic payments, Visa has benefited from a decades-long shift away from cash. But the firm is first to admit that innovations in mobile commerce and peer-to-peer payments, along with advancing technology, will continue to drastically expand and change the way people and businesses exchange money.

Analysts at financial services firm William Blair say Visa has remained ahead of the curve, investing in and partnering with financial technology firms to ensure that the electronic payments of the future "occur over Visa's rails."

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Naomi Osaka on changing your mindset

The tennis great, 22, has had a whirlwind year. Here's how she deals with pressure and being in the public eye, as told to Fast Company.



"When I won the 2018 U.S. Open, a lot of people asked me, 'How has your life changed in one year?' I didn't feel like anything changed. But after I won the 2019 Australian Open, I started feeling different. If I lost a match, it became news everywhere, and I would pay more attention to my losses. They were harder to get over. Sometimes, I got depressed during practices and (felt) like there were a lot of expectations on me. I started to question my ability, which I had never really done before. I have a tendency to shut down in those moments. It's hard to keep having fun playing tennis.



"When that happens, I try and think about the fact that I've worked my entire life to be in this position, and there are a lot of people who want to be here, so I should be grateful. I also try and learn from my matches instead of focusing on the result. I've gotten better at that this year. I posted about this on Instagram — I feel like everyone's watching me on this journey, and I should be able to let fans know what I'm thinking. It's easier to write things down and share them, because I can be shy in interviews."

SOURCE: Fast Company

SUCCESS

How to hire right

And when to cut loose employees who don't fit

By JASON SALTZMAN
Inc.

A friend of mine recently came to me for advice. Her employees had staged a coup, going to her investors and clients on a mission to get her fired. "My employees are trying to destroy me," she said.

I asked her how and why she hired the people who would eventually betray her, and the answer I got exposed the root of the issue: She hired wrong.

Over the years, I have learned that hiring the right people is mission-critical to building a business. The team-building advice I gave her is the formula that has propelled my business toward success.

Hire for trust over skill

In the case of this founder, her answer as to why she hired her employees was eye-opening. She said she hired for "purely skill." She wanted motivated people who would stop at nothing to succeed.

Unfortunately for her, their success meant her being ousted from her own company. Trust is one of the most crucial attributes a candidate should be judged on before being hired. That was her first mistake.

You can teach someone a skill, but you can not teach him or her trust or loyalty.

Hire slow and fire fast

In the early days of my business, my vetting process was boiled down to one question: Is this person capable of filling the role that I need filled right now?

As logical as this sounds, hiring for tactical reasons keeps you from learning what kind of person you're bringing into your office and life. Now that I'm privileged



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enough to have the time to get to know someone, I can hire based on skill, trust, competency and personality.

I love the saying "A bad deal never gets better." Sometimes you've got to follow your gut. If someone doesn't seem like the right fit and continually proves to be wrong for the culture or role, set him or her free. I promise you're doing that person a favor, even if he or she doesn't see it that way at first.

When you hire the wrong person, you're not only doing a disservice to your company, but to the person as well. Firing someone is not a career killer; it's a push in the right direction. If someone is not right for the job, he or she can't succeed, leaving you both in the weeds.

Hire someone who is not like you

Many founders say they wish they could hire five copies of themselves. If I had hired five versions of myself, my company would have crashed and burned.

You need to hire someone who is the

opposite of you and build a workforce made up of employees with skills that benefit and support everyone's respective talents. I used to make the mistake of looking for myself in candidates, completely overlooking their skill set and goals.

You need to hire a team member who fits in a specific role and can thrive in said role. If you hire five versions of yourself, you simply get five people with the same strengths and weaknesses.

Create a platform for success

When you build a business from the ground up, there's bound to be confusion: chaos, disorganization and bad coffee. One of the most crucial elements in making a good hire is developing a clear vision of success beforehand.

As a founder, you must define your vision of success clearly so every member of your staff knows their role in making this dream happen. Without it, you get employees working in the dark, which will chip away at the foundation of your business.

Own up to failed hires

I'll be the first to admit that for years I sucked at hiring. The problem wasn't with the people I hired, but with me — a leader who didn't know what he wanted.

I didn't communicate a clear understanding of my own vision of success. Core values are the moral compass of an organization. The quicker you own up to inefficiencies such as this, the quicker you can solve the problems that need tackling.

Ask yourself if you're presenting a clear path to success for your potential candidates and current employees. This is something not everyone gets right immediately, but it is a vital part of the business that you can never stop working toward.

Oh, and as far as my friend who found herself in the midst of a coup? She hired a new team of people she trusts, and things are going well for her.

Jason Saltzman is a seasoned entrepreneur with a background in business development, sales, brand marketing, and technology.

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HOWARD CRUSE 1944-2019

Underground cartoonist was 'godfather of queer comics'

By **HARRISON SMITH**
The Washington Post



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Howard Cruse appears in the 2016 documentary "No Straight Lines: The Rise of Queer Comics."

Howard Cruse, a pioneer of LGBTQ comics who served as the founding editor of Gay Comix — one of the first series to feature work by and for openly gay men and women — and who later published "Stuck Rubber Baby," an acclaimed graphic novel inspired by his early years in Jim Crow-era Alabama, died Nov. 26 at a hospital in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was 75.

The cause was complications from lymphoma, said his husband, Ed Sedarbaum.

Cruse's work was alternately cute and cheery, with simple backgrounds and comically exaggerated character features, and dark and dense, richly textured with dots and crosshatching that took him many hours per panel.

His style drew comparisons to such disparate artists as Dr. Seuss and Robert Crumb. But his subject matter was almost entirely his own, as he became one of the first cartoonists to chronicle gay life in a recurring comic strip and then in a graphic novel.

In a career that began when homosexuality was criminalized and comics were treated as a third-class art form, Cruse was credited with paving the way for LGBTQ cartoonists such as Alison Bechdel, author of the long-running comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For," and with nurturing a community of artists that only recently acquired mainstream recognition, partly through Bechdel's book "Fun Home."

"Howard was one of the greatest cartoonists of his generation," said cartoonist Justin Hall, a California College of the Arts professor who edited the collection "No Straight Lines: Four Decades of Queer Comics," which featured work by Cruse and is being adapted into a documentary.

"He is known as the godfather of queer comics," he added, "not just because of his artistic talent, not just because of his pioneering works, but because of his generosity, his belief in community and his dedication to helping us all."

The son of a photojournalist turned minister, Cruse first became known for his 1970s series "Barefootz," which featured a friendly young man with oversized bare feet and later included a gay character. The cartoon appeared in magazines and in anthologies by publisher Denis Kitchen, who in 1979 invited Cruse to edit what became Gay Comix, released with the tagline, "Lesbians and Gay Men Put It on Paper!"

Cruse had not yet come out in print when he was approached by Kitchen. But

he had immersed himself in the gay liberation movement, spurred by the Stonewall riots in Manhattan — an event he witnessed by chance in 1969, after taking LSD at a Tiny Tim concert in Central Park and taxiing down to Greenwich Village.

Cruse edited the first four issues of Gay Comix, which debuted in 1980 and featured cartoonists including Robert Triptow and Trina Robbins, aiming to present stories that showed gay men and lesbians as true-to-life characters rather than caricatures. He later handed off editing duties to focus on his 1980s comic strip "Wendel," about a gay writer and his partner during the Reagan years.

Appearing in the LGBTQ magazine the Advocate, the strip "was the first time the intimate life of a gay couple had been shown in a serious way," said Hall. It also touched on issues including AIDS and gay bashing, which Cruse said he endured in 1973 when he was attacked in Atlanta's Piedmont Park.

Cruse returned to his youth in Alabama with "Stuck Rubber Baby" (1995), a 210-page, semi-autobiographical graphic novel about a young white man, Toland Polk, exploring his sexuality in the fictional town of Clayfield.

Less humorous than Mr. Cruse's earlier work, the book interwove civil rights demonstrations, a lynching and the aftermath of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in 1963. It also drew on a pivotal event in Cruse's early life, when he and a girlfriend, Pam Montanaro, had a child who was put up for adoption. Cruse, who said he was still coming to terms with his sexuality, attributed the birth to a faulty prophylactic, which gave the book its title.

The book received Eisner and Harvey awards, two of the highest honors in comics, and featured an introduction from Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner, who had provided Cruse with some financial support during the writing process.

Howard Russell Cruse was born in Birmingham on May 2, 1944, and raised in nearby Springville, where

his father preached at a Methodist church. His mother was a homemaker who later worked at the telephone company Southern Bell.

Cruse attended the Indian Springs boarding school but credited his formative education to the Famous Artists School, a correspondence course that helped him develop his cartooning skills, and to letters he exchanged with Milton Caniff, creator of the Steve Canyon and Terry and the Pirates comic strips.

For a time, he also pursued a career in drama; After graduating from Birmingham-Southern College in 1968, he joined WBMG-TV in Birmingham as an art director and a children's-show puppeteer. He later enrolled in a playwriting program at Pennsylvania State University, only to drop out and move to New York City in 1977. He had realized, his husband said, that "you can do a comic strip like a play, and you don't have to worry about actors or buying props."

Cruse had by then created "Barefootz," which debuted in 1971 in the University of Alabama student newspaper. In a whimsical origin story on his website, he wrote that the character emerged out of an acid trip one night, when he suddenly saw "all the suffering peoples of the world, amassed before me on an arid desert of kitty litter" — and then heard a booming voice from the heavens say, "What they all need is a good chuckle, boy!"

He later did illustration for publications including the Village Voice and Playboy, and he volunteered with gay rights organizations alongside his partner of 40 years, Sedarbaum, who ran unsuccessfully for New York state senate in 1998. They settled in Williamstown, Massachusetts, and married in 2004 after same-sex marriage was legalized in the state.

In addition to his husband, survivors include his daughter, Kimberly Kolze Venter, with whom he reconnected before publishing "Stuck Rubber Baby"; a brother; and two grandchildren.

"I'm interested in the undercurrents of life, the ways that people relate to each other, whether they're gay or straight; the way they love each other and betray each other," Cruse told the Village Voice in 1988. "These are the things that make all narrative art resonate. I would like to create characters that will resonate a century from now, even to people who are not living in a gay subculture or under the gun of bigotry?"

Asked "what would have to happen to make that so," he replied: "People would have to learn how to think for themselves."

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Bertz, Edward J.

Edward Joseph Bertz, late of Flossmoor, IL, aged 93, passed away peacefully with family by his side on December 5, 2019. He was born on August 4, 1926, the son of Edward and Florence [nee Hannan] Bertz of Loyal, Wisconsin. Ed graduated from high school in 1943 and then joined the Navy, sailing across the Pacific on the U.S.S. Boxer. He was honorably discharged after the Second World War, despite (so the story goes) being involved in the heist of General MacArthur's license plate. Ed went on to study at St. Norbert College and Marquette University (playing poker to pay for tuition) before serving the diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin, as a Catholic priest, where he was the editor of and contributed columns to the Register Times-Review. Most of his career was with the American Hospital Association, and he retired as Vice President after 25 years, earning a Master's in Health Administration from Governors State University along the way. He later retired to Lakewood Ranch, Florida, where he enjoyed drop-shotting and then lobbing his tennis buddies. He published two mystery thrillers, traveled widely, and continued to refine his unparalleled skill for bad puns - but his mischievous smile would still make you laugh harder than you groaned. He was married twice, 25 years to Marie [nee Gray] and 15 to Patricia [nee Kenney]. Ed is survived by two sons, Ned and Neil (Carrie), grandchildren Liam and Colin, siblings Connie Cooper and Tom Sr., and stepdaughters Kathleen Suher, Lisa Durbeck, and Heidi Herschok. He was the loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Florence, his wives Marie and Pat, and siblings Jack, Genevieve, Carole, and Mary Ellen. Ed requested immediate cremation and, in lieu of flowers, asked for everyone to send him blueberry muffins on the other side. Online condolences may be made at www.tews-ryanif.com. A celebration of life is planned for March.

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Blitstien, Beryl

Beryl Blitstien. Beloved wife for 70 years of the late Al Blitstien. Cherished mother of Lori Blitstien and Steven Blitstien. Adored daughter of the late Leo and Ann and granddaughter of the late Lillian. Beryl was devoted to her family and was an outstanding wife and mother. She was known for her beautiful smile, was a loyal and devoted friend, she enjoyed traveling the world, and brought joy to anyone who met her. Private family graveside service. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.MitzvahFunerals.com

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Broutman, Lawrence Jay

Lawrence Jay Broutman, 81, known to friends as "Larry," a lifelong Chicagoan, was a professor, entrepreneur, world-wide explorer, nature & wildlife photographer, author, as well as a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, dog-lover and citizen of Chicago.

Larry was a pioneer in the field of plastics and composite materials. He began his research career as an undergraduate at MIT, and in 1963 was the first recipient of their Doctorate Degree in Materials Engineering and Science. He then became a Professor of Mechanics and Materials Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology from the mid-1960s through 1982. During that time he lectured, served as a PhD Supervisor for dozens of students, wrote approximately 170 technical publications, co-authored two textbooks, edited nine reference books, was awarded four patents and received five best paper honors from the Society of Plastics Engineers. In the 1980s Larry founded L.J. Broutman and Associates, a laboratory and consultancy whose services included research, materials failure analysis, and expert testimony.

Larry's research methods played an important role in developing modern products such as body armor, household appliances and wind turbines. He was a pioneer in both the use of scanning electron microscopes and impact testing, building an early instrument to test glass and laminates. He also pioneered cold-forming, which applied metalworking to thermoplastics. Later, Larry turned to plastic pipe, developing research methods that helped foster a new world of plastics in civil engineering applications such as underground fuel-storage tanks, bridges and pipe applications. He served as a president of the Society of Plastics Engineers (1977), won their prestigious International Award in 2006, and was admitted to the Plastics Hall of Fame in 2012.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Larry was an avid traveler and photographer. With his wife Susanne, he spent nearly 25 years traveling to far-flung locales, in search of adventure and the perfect photograph. Their special love was Africa, where they repeatedly returned for extended safaris, primarily for the purpose of photographing landscapes, animals and tribal peoples. His photography projects include work with Lincoln Park Zoo, Africa Geographic, BBC Wildlife, Children's Memorial Hospital Clinic, and The Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Larry was a finalist in Africa Geographic Magazine's 2017 Photographer of the Year contest.

During his retirement, Larry translated his passion for photography into the publishing of five books: "Chicago Unleashed", "Chicago Monumental", "Chicago Eternal", "Chicago Treasure" and "African Treasure", for which he provided both the photography and research. Larry's books have won multiple awards for cover art, interior design, and photography. Proceeds from all books are donated to the nonprofit agencies The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Disabled, and Access Living.

Larry was also a devoted philanthropist, focusing on both international and local causes. Larry was an early supporter of the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI), a program matching MIT students with internships, research and teaching opportunities abroad. Larry was also a tireless promoter of The Chicago Lighthouse (where he was a board member and honored as 2017 "Man of the Year"); Access Living; the Anne & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago; and was a patron of Chicago art and culture, with a special interest in theatre. In 2019, Larry was proclaimed "Outstanding Chicagoan" by the Chicago City Council, and September 21st was designated "Chicago Treasure Day" in order to "honor our children and promote the power and beauty of access and inclusion."

Larry was preceded in death by his loving parents Mildred and Carl Broutman, his first wife Shelley Jaffe, niece Laney Landaker and brother-in-law Morrey Bender. He was additionally preceded in death by beloved cousins Stuart Chalem, Steve Rosen and Larry Barnett.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Susanne Broutman, his loving sister Adrienne, his loved son Jim Broutman and husband Kevin Coyle, his loved daughter Marcy Leeman and husband Milt, loved step-son Jamie Cohen, loved step-daughter Julie Cohen and husband Steve Wozniak, his adored grandchildren Shelley and Hannah Leeman, and Aria and Chloe Wozniak, and his brother-in-law Stephen Score and wife Eleanor. He is additionally survived by his nieces and nephews.

Larry is fondly remembered for his deep love of his dogs Walker, Skyler, Shadow and Tanzy. Larry will be missed by his loving family, friends and colleagues.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 10:00am at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette; with burial at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie, following the service. For information regarding condolence calls and Shiva, please call the funeral home at 847-256-5700.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Disabled (chicagolighthouse.org) or Access Living (accessliving.org).

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Cochran, Elizabeth Parkhurst 'Betty'

Betty Cochran passed away recently at home in Camarillo, CA with family by her side. She was 98 years old and will be remembered for her bright spirit, strength and devotion to family. Betty's parents were Matthew and Marie Parkhurst. Betty had many fond memories of growing up in Lake Bluff, IL. She graduated from Judson College, her mother's alma mater, in Alabama in 1943. The following year she married Walter Marvin Cochran who, after serving as a Naval Intelligence Officer in World War II, pursued a career as a research chemist. Betty and Marvin settled in Highland Park, IL where Betty was active in the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago and the Ravinia Garden Club. Also, Betty was a 67 year member of P.E.O., an educational philanthropy for women. The Cochrans enjoyed traveling in this country and abroad. In 2003, the Cochrans moved to Camarillo CA to be near a daughter. Betty's husband of 64 years died in 2009. She is survived by two daughters and their husbands: Sara and Jim Ballenger of Herndon, VA and Betsy and Eric Metzgar of Camarillo, CA; a son Charles Cochran and his wife Janet of Easton, PA; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment at Lake Forest Cemetery, Lake Forest IL next to her husband.

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On Dec. 9, 1608, poet John Milton was born in London.

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In 1940 British troops opened their first major

offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941 China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1965 Nikolai Podgorny replaced Anastas Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1975 President Gerald

Ford signed a \$2.3 billion seasonal loan authorization to prevent New York City from having to default.

In 1992 Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation.

In 1993 the Air Force destroyed the first of 500 Minuteman II missile silos marked for elimination under an arms control treaty.

In 1994 representatives of the Irish Republican Army and the British government opened peace talks in Northern Ireland. Also in 1994 President Bill Clinton fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders after learning she had told a conference that masturbation should be discussed in school as a part of human sexuality.

In 1995 U.S. Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., was chosen to become the new head of the NAACP.

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Deufel, Daniel C.

Daniel C. Deufel, 83, of Aurora, Illinois, passed away Friday, December 6, 2019 at his home. He was born January 1, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois.

Dan grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago. He attended Morgan Park High School where he competed on the swim team and was the 1951 CPS Backstroke Champion. It was there that he met his wife of 30 years, Diana Gillott.

Dan was a member of the Beverly Country Club and the Aurora Country Club. After obtaining his private pilot certificate in high school, he remained an avid aviation enthusiast and a member of various aviation organizations.

A special thanks to all the individuals, especially, Barb and Jean, who were at his side personally and professionally through his years.

He is survived by four children Carl (Colette) Deufel, Curt (Kristy Lancaster) Deufel, Donna Deufel, and Samantha (Richard) Adams; 12 grandchildren Daniel, Michael, Anna, Madeline, Jessie, Trenton, Logan, Hayden, Benton, Claire, Mark, and Eric; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Linda Morgan Hill; his father Carl Deufel and his mother Adelaide Smith; his brother Thomas Deufel and his sister Dorothy Pearse.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 12:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY. Fr. Charles Reichenbacher, OSB will officiate. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Gardens in Oak Lawn, IL on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 10:00am. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 3:00pm until 7:30pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St, Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for Dan's family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dan's memory to Wounded Warrior Project & Folds of Honor.



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Fawkes, Andrew 'Skip'

Andrew "Skip" Fawkes, 74, born June 19, 1945 in Chicago, IL and died November 4, 2019 in North Fort Myers, FL. Son of the late Andrew Fawkes and the late Gwendolyn Fawkes (nee Russell). Married to Melanie Fawkes (nee Baker). Father of Matthew (Andrea) Fawkes and Jennifer Gillund. Grandfather of Lex Fawkes, Alyssa Fawkes, Ashton Fawkes and Addison Gillund. Brother of Russell (Marlene) Fawkes, Linda (Ted) Jennings, the late Thomas Fawkes (Debbie McDonough), Richard (Dawn) Fawkes and Joanne (James) Spellman. Brother-in-law of Melinda (Mitch) Fletcher. Beloved uncle of many nieces and nephews. Celebration of Life Service at 1 p.m. on December 14, 2019, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S Kostner Av, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, Pastor Steve Hoerger officiating.

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Leviton, Nancy

Nancy Leviton, age 86, beloved wife of the late Irving Leviton, happily married for 56 years; loving mother of Don (Lynnie), Steve (Tami) Leviton and Lauri (Dr. Richard) Salberg; adored Grandma of Carly (Abraham) Ellian, Brett (Collier), Alix, Brandon (Katie), Ross Leviton, Lexi, Liza and Zachary Salberg; much loved sister of Marv (Dayle) Lash. Nancy was the most amazing mother and grandmother, her world was her children and grandchildren, "we love you more". Services will be held at Am Yisrael Conservative Congregation, 4 N Happ Road, Northfield. Interment following at Memorial Park, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie. For the day and time of service call **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Am Yisrael Conservative Congregation.



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Rzendzian, Lorraine D.

Lorraine D. Rzendzian, 93, nee Czapla. Wife of the late Edward. Loving mother of Rosemarie (Andrzej) Orybkiewicz. Devoted grandmother of Michael and Matthew Orybkiewicz and Marie (Mike) Miszta. Dear sister of the late Bernice (the late John) Rybacki, the late Josephine Czapla, the late Genevieve (the late John) Holtz, the late Theodore Czapla, the late Walter Czapla, the late Adelle Czapla, the late Eugene (the late Virginia) Czapla and the late Richard (Theresa) Czapla. Fond sister-in-law of the late Helen, the late Regina, the late Sophie and the late Jean. Cherished aunt and great-aunt of many.

Visitation Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral Service Wednesday, December 11, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home proceeding to St. Tarcissus Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info. 773-774-0366 or colonialfuneral.com

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Saccameno, Angelo Phillip

Angelo Phillip Saccameno passed away on Friday December 6th, 2019. Loving Son of Angelo and Pamela nee Essig. Loving Grandson of Arlene Hill and Barbara Essig. Dear Brother of Jacob (Kristina Gorton) Saccameno. Dear Uncle of Boe and Evelyn. Dear Nephew of Laurie (Nick Chiusolo) Montalto, the late Phillip (Janine) Saccameno, Frank (Jessica) Saccameno, Jeffery (Beverly) Essig, Beth (Michael) Pawlowski, Christian (Stacey) Saccameno, and Michael (Angela) Saccameno. Cousin to many. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation Wednesday December 11th, 2019 from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162 (located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Funeral Thursday December 12th, 2019 at Russo's Hillside Chapels for Chapel Service of Christian Burial celebrated promptly at 10:30 A.M. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL 60162. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Angelo's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign his guestbook.



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Seldin, John W.

John W. Seldin, age 95; beloved husband of Josephine, nee Provenza; loving father of Sharon (the late Robert) Wedam; cherished grandfather of Jessica (Adam) Freed, Allison (Matthew) Fletcher and Nathan Wedam; great-grandfather of Hayden, Ella, Reid and Willa; dear uncle of David (Christine) Ciummo, Larry Ciummo and Rosalie (Phil) Grantham. Visitation, Wednesday, 10 a.m. until time of prayers, 11 a.m., at **Lawrence Funeral Home** 4800 N. Austin Ave., Chicago to St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Entombment All Saint Cemetery. For information 773-736-2300 or www.lawrencefh.com



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Stocker, Keith Kenneth

Mr. Keith Kenneth Stocker, Sr, of St. Simons Island, Georgia passed away on December 5, 2019 at home surrounded by family after complications resulting from a brief illness. He is the loving son of the late Kenneth S. Stocker and Olga Sajkevitch Stocker was born October 11, 1936 in New York City. As a New Yorker, he attended Regis High School, Georgetown University, and received a law degree from Columbia Law School. He was united in holy matrimony to Deborah Ashton Stocker in May of 1968.

In his professional career, he held management positions with Saks Fifth Avenue and Bonwit Teller before joining Tiffany & Co. as divisional vice president of Chicago's Tiffany & Co. where he remained for more than a decade.

Antiques were a true love of his and he was able to make this part of his life with his wife Debbie for over 50 years. He proudly shared his wealth of knowledge on all things collectible and those that caught his trained eye.

His family and friends were his greatest passion. Keith was an advocate for others. He served as the president of the Chicago Maternity Center of Prentice Women's Hospital board of directors. At the Lincoln Park Zoo, he was a board member and co-founder of the Auxiliary Board, which went on to help the zoo in numerous ways. He and proudly served as the chair of the board of directors for the Chicago committee for UNICEF and the president of the Chicago Film Festival.

He is survived by his wife Debbie and two children, Keith Kenneth, Jr. and his wife Tara Dunne Stocker, and Gage Stocker Dobbins and her husband Ryan Paul Dobbins and their two children Gray Robertson Dobbins and Chapin Atwater Dobbins. Keith is predeceased by his brother Dwight John Stocker.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11:00 am at St. William Catholic Church, 2300 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to: Chicago Committee for UNICEF, 200 W. Madison, Suite 850 Chicago, IL 60606, chicago@unicefusa.org or Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028.

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Viverito, James V.

James V. Viverito, age 67, Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee McGrew), passed away on December 7, 2019. Please visit www.cumberlandchapels.com for full obituary and funeral service information. 708-456-8300.

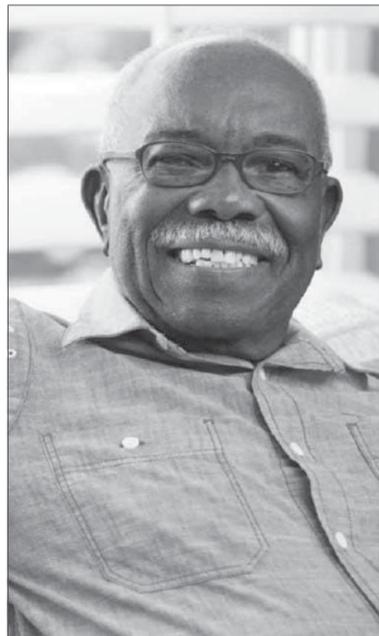


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Weisser, Martha

Martha Weisser (nee Lee), age 91, of Lincolnwood, formerly of Skokie. Passed away September 13, 2019. Best friend and wife to the late Perry C. Weisser; Loving daughter to the late Pearl (nee Dunn) and Robert E. Lee; Mother to Cindy (Jay) Petroski; grandmother to Ryan (Nadia) Scott and Jayson Petroski. Services and interment were private with arrangements made through **Haben Funeral Home**, Skokie, IL.

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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the Use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y1902607 on the Date: November 14, 2019 Under the Assumed Name of: A Plus Services

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

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COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) FOR VEHICLE LEASING AND MAINTENANCE IFB NO. 1945-18075

IFB Document Contact Person: The IFB document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listAIBids.php

Contact: If you are not able to download the IFB or if you have other questions, please contact Daniel Gizzi, Senior Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-6825 or Dan.Gizzi@cookcountyl.gov.

Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference Date, Time, and Location: None

Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 P.M. Monday, December 23, 2019 (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time, and Location: Friday, January 10, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Raffi Sarrafian Chief Procurement Officer

Late Proposals Will Not Be Accepted 12/09/19 6534507

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Salyer Law Offices, LLC #44752 Attorneys for Plaintiff 33 N. Dearborn Street - Suite 1505 Chicago, Illinois 60602 PUBLICATION NOTICE: To: LK Management, Company and Kevin O. Vinson Individually in the CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CIVIL DIVISION SABRE GROUP, LLC Plaintiff, v. LK MANAGEMENT COMPANY, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION AND KEVIN O. VINSON INDIVIDUALLY Defendants. Case No. 2019M111019 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you LK Management Company and Kevin O. Vinson individually that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department, Civil Division by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants praying for relief. Notice is also hereby given to you that summons was issued against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you LK Management Company and Kevin O. Vinson individually file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, on or before January 9, 2020, default and judgment may be entered against you at any time thereafter. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp or visit https://www.circuitclerk.org/office. Mindy S. Salyer Amanda L. Moresi Salyer Law Offices, LLC #44752 Attorneys for Plaintiff Chicago, IL 60602 amoresi@salyerlawoffices.com December 9, 16, 23, 2019 6522988

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LEGAL NOTICES

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust as Successor to First Bank National Association, as Trustee u/a/d dated November 20, 1965 and known as Trust No. 159, Charles Romano, Linda Romano, Occupants, and Old Second National Bank successor in interest to Austin Bank of Chicago, and Old Second National Bank successor in interest to Austin Bank of Chicago; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD04582 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0001465 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 13701 W. DAKOTA ST., Des Plaines, IL 60018 Legal Description or Property Index No. 09-20-416-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6522718

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR KENILWORTH PARK DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Kenilworth Park District for 2019 will be held on December 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall, 410 Kenilworth Ave., Kenilworth IL 60043.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Johnathan Kiwala, Park District Secretary and Executive Director in person at 410 Kenilworth Ave., Kenilworth, IL 60043 or by telephone at 847-251-1691.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$611,562.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$724,030. This represents a 18.39% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$611,562. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$724,030. This represents a 18.39% over the previous year.

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TO: Avalon Retail Niles, LLC nka Avalon Associates, LLC c/o John H. Mays, KCL Investment Corporation c/o Tae Hyong Kwon, KCL Investment Corporation, Occupant, and NewBank, County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004590 FILED November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0001632 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment no.) None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7939 N WAUKEGAN RD, Niles, IL 60714 Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-30-103-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee Corona Investments, LLC (312) 251-1811 Dated: November 20, 2019 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6527969

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TO: OCCUPANT; PARKWAY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 01/25/1977 A/K/A TRUST NO. 3755; OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC GUARDIAN; SCOTT ANDERSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF NANCY ANDERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003284 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 3, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0004287 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number) Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4545 W ODELL AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60634 Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-24-405-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530720

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TO: OCCUPANT; RICHARD LAVERGNE; KIMBALL ARMS PARKING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; WESTWARD360 INC.; DITECH FINANCIAL LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003285 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0006365 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number) Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4956-58 N. KIMBALL, UNIT PU-13, CHICAGO, IL 60625 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-11-419-030-1013 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530740

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TO: OCCUPANT; JOAN VALLEAU; LAWRENCE ANDERSON, City of Chicago; FIFTH THIRD BANK; BD ANDERSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003287 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0006461 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality/Not Applicable and special assessment number) Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6423 W WILSON AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60630 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-16-115-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530740

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TO: L & A Kislantis Manuel Pule Occupant, 2830 N. Monitor Ave., Chicago, IL 60634 Lindsay Kislantis Alexander Kislantis Lindsay Kislantis Gloria Montesdeoca John Blus Alejandro Martinez Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk Parties in Occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown Owners, occupants, and parties interested generally in the real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004501 FILED November 18, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006606 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2830 North Monitor Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-29-226-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on May 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee

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TO: OCCUPANT; EMMITT NEELY; City of Chicago; TAXPAYER OF; ROGER FLEMING; FELICIA FERGUNSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003322 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007844 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1233 W 73RD ST CHICAGO, IL 60636 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-29-124-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6531054

TO: OCCUPANT; GLENN DAVIS; 8619 ST LAWRENCE G D H; LEON JACKSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003251 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005331 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8619 S SAINT LAWRENCE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60642 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-34-415-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6529556

TO: OCCUPANT; LISA WILLIAMS ; CHATHAM COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; City of Chicago; WESTWARD360 INC.; CHATHAM COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; NEWLINE FINANCIAL LLC; NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003252 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005332 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8140 S DREXEL AVE, UNIT #8140-1E CHICAGO, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-115-022-1009 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6529570

TO: OCCUPANT; BEULAH HALES; DENISE THOMAS; PHYLLIS DOWLEN; WHITNEY HALES; M & M LTD; GAN C LLC; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY; AS TRUSTEE TRUST N/A; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003253 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005372 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 820 S AVALON AVE CHICAGO, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-200-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6529574

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TO: OCCUPANT; DANTA WRIGHT; Kovitz, Shifrin Nesbit; CHATHAM TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION A/K/A CHATHAM TOWERS, A CONDOMINIUM; City of Chicago; KOLA OLALEKAN; LATOSH WILLIAMS; OCCUPANT; DURR; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003254 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005394 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 950 E 84TH ST, UNIT #103 CHICAGO, IL 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-313-022-1002 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530450

TO: CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 11/23/2005 A/K/A 800236985; TRAVIS REAY COMPANY; INNER CITY WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT NETWORK, NFP A/K/A ICWN; WORLDWIDE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, INC. ORGANIC AROMA LLC F/A/R/ HAIR SERVICES BEAUTY SUPPLY LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER DR. OLIVER TAYLOR, DDS; KENNETH WHARTON, M.D.; PERFERRED FINANCIAL; SHIRLEY A BROWN ACCOUNTANT; DIGITAL ZONE COMPUTERS; CHATHAM PAIN RELIEF CENTER; CAMARON OCCUPANT; CITIBANK, N.A. AN AFFILIATED COMPANY; OF CITIGROUP TRUST DELAWARE N.A.; TRUSTEE OF THE MOSELYNNE E TRAVIS REVOCABLE TRUST OF 2009; DUSABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY; CITY LEGES OF CHICAGO FOUNDATION; REBA J MALBURTON; EDITH LEAN VICTORIA KLEIN; LORI BASS; SHARON HARDWICK DAVIS; DEMILLE O'CONNOR; DE ELIZUR O'CONNOR; JAMIE DAVIS; JEFF DAVIS; TRACY CASEY A/K/A TRACY CASEY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003255 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005396 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8315 E 87TH ST CHICAGO, IL 60619 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-315-066-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530478

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF HELEN EDISON; ERNEST EDISON OLD NATIONAL BANK F/A/K MONROE BANK; CITIBANK, N.A.; GWENETTA SMITH; SEAN EDISON; PAMELA BROWN A/K/A PAMELA JOHNSON; REGINALD EDISON; DWAYNE KROSSLAY; ERNEST EDISON; SEAN EDISON JR; KHALLAH ERB; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003343 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005435 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8106 S PAXTON AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-36-219-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530472

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TO: OCCUPANT; SCRUB A DUB INC.; SOUTH SHORE CONDOMINIUM CORPORATION; City of Chicago; ANTHONY PIERSON; DENEEN POWELL; DEANDRA WILLIAMS; OCCUPANT WRIGHT; OCCUPANT MAY; TAXPAYER OF; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003257 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005503 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2615 E 74TH ST, UNIT 2W CHICAGO, IL 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-120-031-1025 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530478

TO: OCCUPANT; JOSEPH PELIKAN; KIMBERLY PELIKAN; City of Chicago; MICHELLE WASHINGTON; KATRINA BRUDER; EDWARD TAYLOR; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003258 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005503 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7724 S SAGINAW AVE CHICAGO, IL 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-322-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530484

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TO: MAURICE BUFORD; City of Chicago; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; MAURICE BUFORD; CAPITAL ONE BANK (N.A.); AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003262 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005585 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7941 S BURNHAM AVE CHICAGO, IL 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-200-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530498

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; SAFIAN OTHMAN; City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003264 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005604 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8035 S HOLUSTON AVE CHICAGO, IL 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-213-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 03/24/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 03/24/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 26th day of November, 2019. 12/9, 10, 11/2019 6530505

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TO: OCCUPANT, STORE FRONT; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1R; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; CHARLES MURPHY; ANITA MURPHY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ORA MURPHY; COTIMORTGAGE, INC. F/A/K FIRST NATIONAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION; INQUIRY FUNDING LLC; MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA; OAK VINCENT BELL BVE; H&M FAST FOODS; H&M MURPHY GROCERY; TONY EVANS; SABRINA KIDD; BRENDA MCENTEE; DANIELLE MURPHY; OLIVETTE MURPHY; TOWANDA MURPHY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003266 FILED: 09/25/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005631 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8400 S KINGSTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60617 AND 8402 S KINGSTON AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-310-019-0000 and 21-31-310-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 03/24/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which

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PEACH BOWL
Atlanta
No. 1 LSU vs.
No. 4 Oklahoma
3 p.m. Dec. 28, ESPN



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Semifinal winners
New Orleans
Jan. 13, 7 p.m., ESPN

FIESTA BOWL
Glendale, Ariz.
No. 2 Ohio State
vs. No. 3 Clemson
7 p.m. Dec. 28, ESPN



Jalen Hurts JEFFREY MCWHORTER/AP



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REDBOX BOWL
Illinois vs. California
Santa Clara, Calif.
3 p.m. Dec. 30, FOX-32

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COMPLETE BOWL LINEUP, PAGE 8

CAMPING WORLD BOWL
Notre Dame vs. Iowa State
Orlando, Fla.
11 a.m. Dec. 28, ABC-7



It's uphill for OSU



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On college football

By dropping below No. 1 LSU, Buckeyes' path to national title runs through Clemson

The doors opened to the Ohio State locker room after midnight Saturday and the stereo was cranked to something unexpected. No Drake, no Post Malone, no Kendrick Lamar. It was country music, a song I wouldn't dare Shazam. I associate those twangs with

sadness, but that was not the vibe. The sweaty Buckeyes were beaming — and rightfully so, after winning the Big Ten title game by outscoring Wisconsin 27-0 in the second half of a 34-21 victory. Would that rally be enough to retain the No. 1 ranking in the College Football Playoff?

"Absolutely, we should still be No. 1," receiver Austin Mack said. "But if not, we'll be ready." Well, get ready. The Buckeyes have the toughest possible path to a ninth national title. By dropping to No. 2 behind LSU, the Buckeyes must face No. 3 Clemson.

That's the Clemson team that blew out all but one of its opponents. The Clemson team that embarrassed Notre Dame and Alabama in last year's playoff by a cumulative score of 74-19. The Clemson team that still has the

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Pitching is costly — will Cubs, Sox pay?

Both need help, but price could be prohibitive

SAN DIEGO — When the Cubs signed Jon Lester to a six-year, \$155 million deal here at the 2014 winter meetings, his former manager with the Red Sox, Terry Francona, was asked if he thought the lure of ending another championship drought factored into Lester's decision.

"Well, that and \$150-something million, probably," Francona replied.

Lester became the second-highest-paid pitcher in the game, after the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw, and helped the Cubs end



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

their drought, making the deal a winner after only two years.

But that contract was dwarfed by David Price's seven-year, \$217 million deal with the Red Sox one year later, and four years after that, Price's record-setting deal for a pitcher figures

to be surpassed this winter by Gerrit Cole and perhaps by Stephen Strasburg as well.

There has always been a stated desire by teams to add quality starting pitching this time of year. But now it appears more urgent

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE
Matt Nagy celebrates on the sideline after a Bears TD Thursday night against the Cowboys.

UP NEXT
Bears at Packers
Noon Sunday, FOX-32

Even with no help, playoff hopes alive

Bears are long shots, but they're still breathing

The NFC playoff picture is beginning to take shape after the 49ers defeated the Saints 48-46 on Sunday afternoon at the Superdome, a game that could wind up deciding the No. 1 seed.

It was a thrilling game, one of the best of the regular season, with the Saints going ahead on Drew Brees' 18-yard touchdown pass to TreQuan Smith with 53 seconds remaining, Brees' fifth touchdown pass of the game. But a 39-yard pass to George Kittle on fourth-and-2 combined with a face-mask penalty by Saints



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

safety Marcus Williams put the 49ers in position for Robbie Gould to win the game with a 30-yard field goal as time expired.

The Bears' faint playoff hopes remain alive, but they didn't get a big upset that would have helped them as the NFC North-leading Packers defeated the Redskins 20-15 at Lambeau Field and the Vikings beat the Lions 20-7 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

What does it all mean? With three games remaining, the

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

White Sox general manager Rick Hahn, left, and Cubs President Theo Epstein could be in for a busy week at the winter meetings.

Cubs, Sox checking their lists twice



MARK GONZALES
On baseball

SAN DIEGO — The corner of a long hotel lobby where manager Joe Maddon was corralled five years ago by reporters inquiring about the Cubs landing star free-agent pitcher Jon Lester now is occupied solely by a large Christmas tree.

Maddon and the Cubs have since divorced, but the Cubs and White Sox will be doing some holiday shopping when the annual winter meetings officially start Monday.

The bidding for the biggest free-agent prizes, pitchers Gerrit Cole and Stephen Strasburg and third baseman Anthony Rendon, is expected to dominate the four-day meetings after the annual ritual of handshakes and hugs near the front desk.

After the deliberate pace of previous off-seasons, things have accelerated this year, lending hope that there will be more transactions earlier this winter.

For the Cubs, a decision by an arbitrator on Kris Bryant's service-time grievance could provide clarity on whether the 2016 National League most valuable player has one more season or two before he can become a free agent.

That decision will help set the potential trade market for Bryant, with the Braves,

Mets and Rangers all seeking a productive third baseman.

Meanwhile, rumors that the White Sox were set to sign free-agent outfielder Marcell Ozuna on Monday were shot down. But the Sox still need a productive right fielder to add to a lineup that was boosted last month by the addition of Yasmani Grandal to a franchise-record four-year, \$73 million contract and the re-signing of slugger Jose Abreu to a three-year deal, \$50 million deal.

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, wearing his signature leather jacket, arrived Sunday. His team, led by general manager Rick Hahn, has plenty of unfinished business, including the pursuit of a starting pitcher after losing out on Zack Wheeler, who joined the Phillies on a five-year, \$118 million deal.

The Sox essentially are in the same position the Cubs were in five years ago — possessing an organization full of top-notch prospects but searching for established free-agent veterans who can help them take the next step.

The landscape has since changed for the Cubs, with many of their new hires in the hitting and pitching departments arriving ahead of their top executives with a long list of objectives.

The cold reality is that some of their prospects who blossomed into stars — such as Bryant — could be dealt.

Nevertheless, the Cubs will continue to pursue needs as they did Friday with the signing of free-agent reliever Dan Winkler to a one-year, \$750,000 contract.

The Cubs already have 12 players under contract at more than \$139 million and could be limited in their spending unless they move one of their more highly-priced arbitration-eligible players, such as Bryant.

Since his end-of-the-season news conference, President Theo Epstein has been blunt about his intentions to improve a franchise that failed to reach the postseason for the first time since 2014 — the year before the signing of Lester. That move signaled the Cubs' transition from re-builder to contender.

Over the next four days, Epstein and his staff will seek to achieve some of their objectives, including acquiring young, impact team-controllable starting pitching and a contact hitter. But they don't want to sacrifice the components that led to four consecutive playoffs berths (2015-18), a run that started shortly after the last winter meetings were conducted in San Diego.

"I expect to have a lot of trade discussions this winter," Epstein said on Sept. 30. "(But) I think a lot of players on this year's team will be a part of the next Cubs championship team. So we want to be mindful of that. It's also hard to accomplish improvement and change in certain areas unless you're open-minded."

LET'S PLAY 2

	Sunday @Packers Noon FOX-32	Dec. 22 Chiefs 7:20 p.m. NBC-5
	Tuesday @G. Knights 9 p.m. NBCSCH	Thursday @Coyotes 8 p.m. NBCSCH
	Monday Raptors 7 p.m. NBCSCH	Wednesday Hawks 7 p.m. NBCSCH

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	7 p.m. Raptors at Bulls	NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670
	7 p.m. Magic at Bucks	NBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	7 p.m. Minnesota at Iowa	BTN
NFL	7:15 p.m. Giants at Eagles	ESPN
NHL	6 p.m. Blue Jackets at Capitals	NHL
SOCCER	2 p.m. West Ham vs. Arsenal	NBCSN

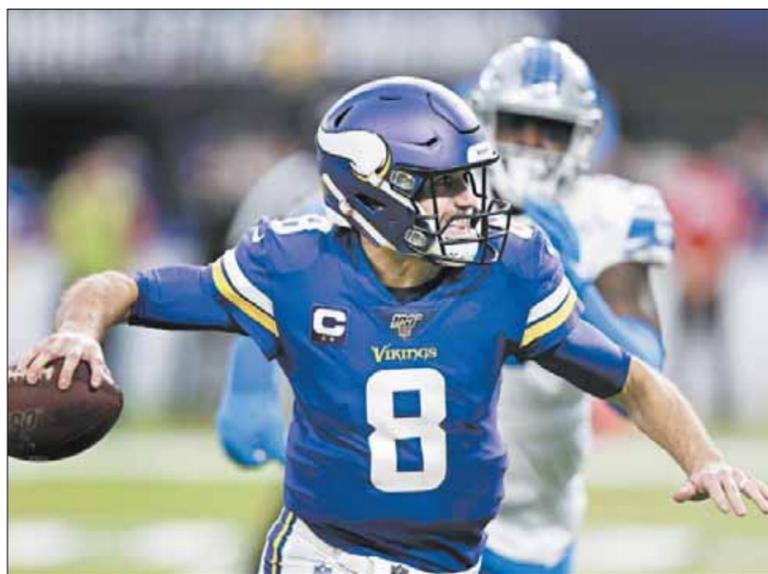
Union leader Miller, Simmons elected to Hall

Marvin Miller, the union leader who revolutionized baseball by empowering players to negotiate multimillion-dollar contracts and to play for teams of their own choosing, was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame on Sunday along with former Cardinals catcher Ted Simmons.

After falling short seven times on veterans committee ballots, Miller got 12 of 16 votes from this year's 16-man modern committee, exactly the 75% required. Simmons was on 13 ballots.

Miller, who died at age 95 in 2012, led the Major League Baseball Players Association from 1966-82 as players gained the right to free agency after six seasons of big-league service, to salary arbitration and to grievance arbitration.

Simmons, an eight-time All-Star during a 21-year big league career, was a switch hitter who batted .285 with 248 homers and 1,389 RBIs for the Cardinals, Brewers and Braves. AP



ANDY CLAYTON-KING/AP

Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins throws a pass in Sunday's victory over the Lions. The Vikings are the main target if the Bears are to find their way to the playoffs.

Biggs

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Bears (7-6) are two games behind the Vikings (9-4) for the sixth and final seed in the NFC playoffs. The Bears trail the Packers (10-3) by three games.

Here are how the NFC seeds stand:

- 1. 49ers (11-2), won at Saints, 48-46
 - 2. Saints (10-3), lost to 49ers, 48-46
 - 3. Packers (10-3), defeated Redskins, 20-15
 - 4. Cowboys (6-7), lost at Bears, 31-24
 - 5. Seahawks (10-3), lost at Rams, 28-12
 - 6. Vikings (9-4), defeated Lions, 20-7
- Still alive:**
- 7. Rams (8-5), defeated Seahawks, 28-12
 - 8. Bears (7-6), defeated Cowboys, 31-24
 - 9. Eagles (5-7) vs. Giants, Monday night

The best chance for the Bears to sneak into the postseason is to surpass the Vikings. If the Bears can stay alive, the regular-season finale Dec. 29 in Minnesota could give them a chance to win and get in.

Here are the remaining schedules of the NFC North contenders:

Packers

Sunday vs. Bears; Dec. 23 at Vikings; Dec. 29 at Lions

With a season-ending game in Detroit, the Packers are in a good position to get to at least 11 wins. The Lions have lost six straight after being crushed Sunday by the Vikings and are starting their third quarterback of the season, undrafted rookie David Blough. The Packers have lost their last two games at Ford Field and are 2-4 there over the last six seasons, but that was against Matthew

Stafford. However, the Packers haven't been clicking. After getting blown out by the 49ers in Week 12, they pulled away from the Giants in the fourth quarter last week and staved off the Redskins on Sunday by recovering an onside kick with 1:17 remaining.

Vikings

Sunday at Chargers; Dec. 23 vs. Packers; Dec. 29 vs. Bears

Two of the Chargers' five wins have come against the NFC North as they have beaten the Packers and Bears, so there's hope they hang a loss on the Vikings. If the Bears can win at Lambeau Field on Sunday, a Chargers victory over the Vikings would provide a major boost. It's worth noting the Vikings are 1-7 playing in the Pacific time zone since 2008. The Vikings will be on a short week for the season finale against the Bears as they host the Packers on "Monday Night Football" in Week 16. Minnesota is 6-0 at home this season.

Bears

Sunday at Green Bay; Dec. 22 vs. Chiefs; Dec. 29 at Vikings

Matt Nagy's team has won four of its last five games, so it will head to Green Bay with some momentum and confidence. The Bears nearly won the season opener there last season and created problems for Aaron Rodgers and the Packers offense in the opener this season, losing 10-3 at Soldier Field. If it comes down to the Bears and Vikings in Week 17, the Bears can win a head-to-head tiebreaker with the Vikings (assuming the tie doesn't involve a third team) with a victory by virtue of sweeping the two games this season.

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than ever, even as starters are throwing fewer innings thanks to pitch counts and bullpens filled with relievers who throw in the upper 90s.

Amazingly, only 22 starters pitched 190 or more innings in 2019, about one-third the number (63) who threw that many innings only 20 years ago in 1999, a year in which 77 pitchers made 29 or more starts. This year only 43 pitchers made as many as 29 starts, and only two — Shane Bieber and Lucas Giolito — had three complete games.

But the cost of elite starters continues to soar, and this year's free agents are the beneficiaries of the boom market. Last October saw a World Series that featured six of the highest-paid and most dominant starters — Cole, Justin Verlander and Zack Greinke of the Astros and Strasburg, Max Scherzer and Patrick Corbin of the Nationals — proving again the most important part of the roster puzzle is building a strong rotation.

"There's never enough pitching," Scherzer said after winning the World Series. "Hopefully people will start spending money on pitching. Wouldn't that be great?"

Well, they already are, as evidenced by Zack Wheeler's five-year, \$118 million deal with the Phillies, which got the pitching market started with a bang last week. Even Cole Hamels, who posted a 7.36 ERA over eight starts during the Cubs' stretch run after returning from an oblique injury, managed to get a one-year, \$18 million deal with the Braves. The Cubs gave Hamels one start in St. Louis on the final weekend of the season to prove he was healthy, and those four scoreless innings may have added a couple of million to his value, even for a meaningless outing.

And this is just the start. According to the New York Times, the Yankees already are preparing to offer Cole a seven-year, \$245 million deal, which would eclipse Greinke's highest annual average of \$34.5 million on his six-year, \$205 million deal from 2016 with the Diamondbacks.

Cole also is being pursued by the Angels and Dodgers, so that figure may just be a starting point. And if Cole's next contract soars to unprecedented heights, it will only boost the asking price of the next tier of free-agent starters, Dallas Keuchel, Hyun-Jin Ryu and Madison Bumgarner.

The Cubs and White Sox both are in need of starting pitching, and we'll see if they have the stomach to spend what's necessary to get a front-line starter. The Sox appear to be willing to finally bite the bullet, reportedly missing out on Wheeler despite offering more money than the Phillies. Carlos Rodon isn't expected back until after the All-Star break, and Michael Kopec may be handled with care after undergoing Tommy John surgery at the end of 2018.

"With Rodon on the (injured list) and



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY

Gerrit Cole, who helped the Astros to the World Series, could set a record for richest contract for a pitcher this offseason.

Kopec coming off (surgery), we feel good about adding potentially two arms to the mix," general manager Rick Hahn said last month at the general managers meetings. "If there are too many quality starters, we'll deal with that when it arises."

There have never been too many quality starters in the Sox rotation under Hahn, so it would be a nice problem to have.

The Cubs, meanwhile, have starter-turned-reliever Tyler Chatwood under contract for another \$13 million in 2020, which is well above the average salary for a middle reliever. He could be the in-house replacement for Hamels, though it's still a risky proposition. If Chatwood gets off to another bad start in the rotation, would he still be as useful after a demotion to the bullpen?

Their best bet would be to add another starter in a trade for one of their young stars, with Kris Bryant being the most logical choice based on his likelihood of opting for free agency after 2021 (assuming he loses his service-time grievance and isn't declared a free agent after this season). The Cubs couldn't afford to trade Bryant without getting a significant haul in return in what would be the most scrutinized trade of the Theo Epstein era.

Another touchy question facing the Cubs is what to expect from Lester in 2020, the final guaranteed year of a deal that already has paid off for the Cubs. Lester has a \$25 million mutual option for 2021, which is guaranteed if he throws 200 innings in 2020. He finished with 171 1/3 innings in '19, giving up a league-worst 205 hits. Opposing hitters batted .322 off Lester in the second half. The Cubs hope it's a blip, not a trend.

Having old pal David Ross as his new manager could benefit Lester, but the left-hander turns 36 in January and will have to prove he's still the pitcher he was when he started this new era at the 2014 winter meetings.

BLACKHAWKS



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COYOTES 4, BLACKHAWKS 3 SO

Shot down in shootout

The Blackhawks ended regulation tied for the third straight game, but after winning the first two they couldn't take the extra point as they blew a pair of two-goal leads and fell to the Coyotes 4-3 in a shootout Sunday night at the United Center. Robin Lehner was spectacular in regulation and overtime, making 44 saves, but gave up goals to Nick Schmaltz and Conor Garland to lose in a shootout for the third time in three games this season. Each team had a power play in the extra session but failed to convert. The Hawks jumped out to a 3-1 lead despite getting outshot 16-11 in the first period. Jonathan Toews led the way with a goal and two assists. The Coyotes nearly took the lead midway through the third when Clayton Keller was alone in front of the net and one-timed a shot that Lehner miraculously kept out of the net with a sweeping glove save. Lehner made perhaps an even more incredible save in overtime when he moved to his left to take away an open net from Jakob Chychrun. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

His goal: Score one

Back up with Hawks, Sikura hopes he can end his 33-game jinx

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The first NHL opportunity for Dylan Sikura, as with many players coming out of college, was brief yet memorable.

After Sikura's career at Northeastern came to an end, the Blackhawks' sixth-round pick in 2014 signed an entry-level deal and had three assists in the Hawks' final five games of the 2017-18 season. He went into the offseason comfortable he was on track to make his mark.

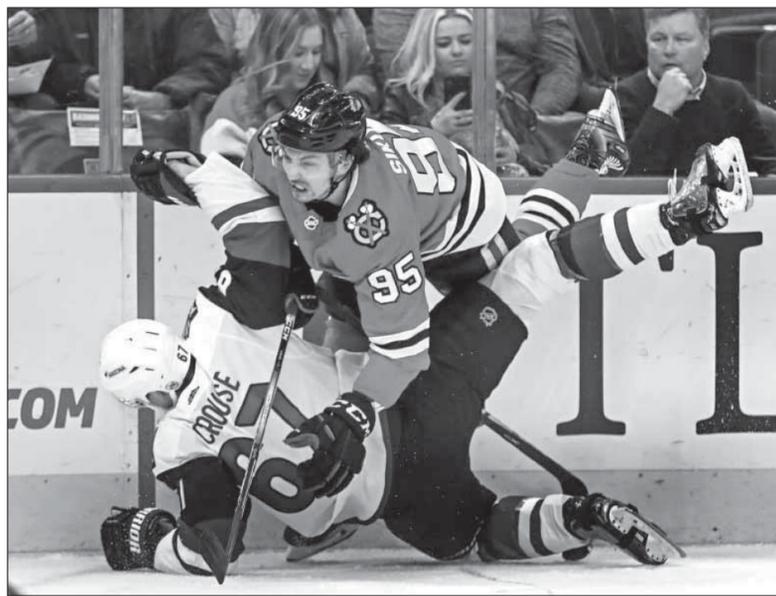
That's not quite how things worked out. Sikura failed to make the team out of training camp, then failed to score a goal in 33 games over two stints with the Hawks. In the meantime, the Hawks added forward prospects to their system — Kirby Dach, Alex Nylander and Dominik Kubalik — who pushed Sikura down the depth chart and relegated him to starting a second straight season in Rockford.

It took two months but, after leading the IceHogs with nine goals in 22 games, Sikura is getting another chance to prove himself in the NHL.

The Hawks recalled him Sunday and returned forward Anton Wedin to Rockford. Sikura, playing his third game in three days, was in the lineup against the Coyotes at the United Center for his NHL season debut.

"I think this time around (I) just (want to) prove that I can play, I can stay, be an everyday kind of guy up here," Sikura said. "There's times last year toward the end of the year where I was proving myself a little bit and I'm excited to get a fresh start and another chance here."

With Andrew Shaw and Drake Caggiula out with concussions, the Hawks have turned to their forward group in Rockford. Matthew Highmore was given the first chance, playing in a pair of games before returning to the IceHogs. Wedin got into



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Blackhawks right wing Dylan Sikura (95) gets tangled with Coyotes left wing Lawson Crouse in the first period of Sunday night's game at the United Center.

four games but, like Highmore, received very little playing time and didn't score a point.

"I don't think you can say they haven't performed," Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "They've been fine. They've helped us. They've given us positive shifts. Yes, the ticket to never going back is to play so well that we can't (send you back). I don't think we've seen that."

"It's also a situation where we do feel we have some depth down there and that team is playing well and we want to show those players we haven't forgot about them and they're going to have an opportunity to prove themselves here. And that's sort of the thinking behind having a bit of a rotation."

Now it's Sikura's turn. "I think he showed that he can contribute

with us with his pace of play," Colliton said. "I thought, when I looked back (at) him (with Jonathan) Toews and (Brandon) Saad, they had a really good stretch where they were driving possession and giving us offensive zone time and that line came through with some production too. He didn't necessarily score, but he was a part of that."

As long as Sikura remains without that elusive first NHL goal, that will be the focus of some attention. He has scored 26 goals in 68 games with Rockford and is confident that success can translate.

"Absolutely," Sikura said. "That's something that's important for me down there, I think I get a chance to get opportunities to score goals and obviously that's something I'd like to do at this level, so hopefully we can put this to rest soon."

Healthy Schmaltz happy as Coyote

Shocked by trade from Hawks last season, he's adjusted well, is productive with new team

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The knee that gave out about a year ago is healed.

The family that loves to watch Nick Schmaltz play hockey at the United Center is in town.

The sweater? That has a howling Coyote on the front now.

As much as Schmaltz insists he's over the Blackhawks trading him to the Coyotes on Nov. 25, 2018, the surprise of discovering that the team that drafted him, nurtured him and gave him his first NHL opportunity had dealt him isn't such a distant memory.

"Probably for the first couple weeks it was still shocking and different to be part of a new organization," said Schmaltz, who on Sunday played at the United Center with the Coyotes for the first time since the trade. "But as you get more comfortable with everyone, I would say a couple months before it sunk in.

"But I felt comfortable right away."

The deal that sent Schmaltz to the Coyotes for Dylan Strome and Brendan Perlini is turning out to be a good one for both teams. Perlini didn't pan out for the Hawks, who moved him to the Red Wings for a prospect in October, but Strome and Schmaltz have moved into key roles for the respective teams.

Strome has blossomed with the Hawks while Schmaltz has shown the Coyotes he has a long and productive career ahead of him. But his introduction to the Coyotes didn't come without a hiccup.

A month after the trade, Schmaltz suffered a knee injury and underwent surgery that ended his season after he had put a charge into the Coyotes' season. They won their first four games after the trade and Schmaltz went on to have nine points (four goals, five assists) before his season ended.

"It was tough," Schmaltz said. "It wasn't like one specific thing that blew out my knee or anything, it was just nagging me over time. Obviously it was tough, I had to sit out 40 games or whatever. So that was frustrating, especially because the team was

doing well and I was feeling really comfortable. But happy to be back and we got off to a good start so far."

Despite the knee injury, the Coyotes had seen enough of Schmaltz. They signed him to a seven-year, \$40.95 million contract extension just as the season was ending to avoid him going into the offseason as a restricted free agent.

The Coyotes entered Sunday's game with a 17-10-4 record, good for second place in the Pacific Division. Schmaltz had a great start to the season and is leading the Coyotes with 20 points, though he has cooled off considerably. Entering Sunday he had one goal and eight assists in his last 21 games.

His last point at the United Center came on Nov. 8, 2018, when he scored his 29th and final goal with the Hawks. Getting another one would be a great way to cap a game that has been on his mind since the schedule came out last summer.

"Got a lot of family in town," Schmaltz said. "Obviously, some good relationships with some guys on the team. Looking forward to it for a little while now. I'm just going to enjoy it and play as hard as I can."

BULLS

HEAT 110, BULLS 105 OT

Herro's overtime shooting is deadly

3-point machine helps keep Heat perfect at home in spite of Markkanen's 22

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Game on the line, perfect home record on the line, and the Heat turned to their teenager.

Tyler Herro came through. The rookie guard scored 27 points — including 16 of the Heat's final 18 — and the Heat held off the Bulls 110-105 on Sunday night. They improved to 10-0 at home this season, extending the best home start in franchise history.

"I don't shy away from taking the big shot," Herro said.

That's obvious. The 19-year-old made three 3-pointers in overtime, plus another with 71 seconds left in regulation just to help Miami get into the extra session. Of his five field goals in the final 6 minutes, four of them were assisted by former Bull Jimmy Butler.

"If your max player trusts you at that point in the game — and Jimmy was looking for him — that says all you need to know," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "That trust has been earned within our walls. Jimmy has seen what this kid does in those situations."

Butler scored 23 points for the Heat, going 17-for-21 from the foul line. Bam Adebayo had 21 points, 13 rebounds and six assists for the Heat, who also got 18 from former Illinois star Kendrick Nunn.

Lauri Markkanen had 13 of his team-high 22 points in the third quarter for the Bulls, who got 18 from Zach LaVine and 16 from Kris Dunn.

The Bulls led by as many as 11 and held the Heat without a field goal for the first 5:55 of the fourth quarter.

Markkanen missed a potentially game-tying corner 3-pointer with about 1.5 seconds left in overtime, Coby White fouled Herro on the rebound, and the Heat's first-round draft pick made a pair of free throws to seal the win.

"I liked the way we fought," Bulls coach Jim Boylen said. "I liked the way we competed. I thought we played our (butt) off."

The Bulls fell to 1-4 in games decided by five points or fewer.

It was tied at 97-97 after regulation, after the lead changed hands four times in the final 84 seconds.

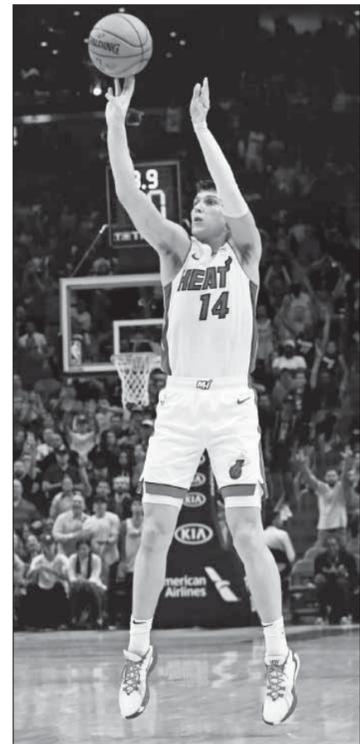
Herro's 3-pointer with 71 seconds left put the Heat up 97-95, but Butler fouled LaVine on the ensuing Bulls possession. LaVine — an 81% foul shooter — made both, Butler's 50-footer at the buzzer merely hit the backboard, and off to overtime they went.

From there, Herro took over. He had 11 of the Heat's 13 OT points; the other two were from Nunn, another rookie.

"Definitely frustrated to lose. But we played well," Dunn said. "A lot of guys played well. I thought we did the right things to put us in position to win the game. We just didn't come up with the victory."

Thaddeus Young, who missed Friday's loss to the Warriors for personal reasons, was back with the Bulls and played off the bench. Chandler Hutchison (right shoulder sprain) missed his fifth consecutive game but is improving. "Every day his shoulder gets less sore, more loose," Boylen said.

The Bulls host the Raptors on Monday, starting a four-game homestand.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Heat guard Tyler Herro shoots a 3-point shot during overtime in Sunday's 110-105 victory over the Bulls in Miami. Herro finished with 27 points.

NFL

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	10	3	0	.769	338	168	5-1-0	5-2-0	6-3-0	4-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	274	212	4-3-0	5-1-0	6-3-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
N.Y. Jets	5	8	0	.385	226	301	4-3-0	1-5-0	2-7-0	3-1-0	1-4-0
Miami	3	10	0	.231	221	399	2-5-0	1-5-0	2-8-0	1-2-0	1-4-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Houston	8	5	0	.615	317	309	5-2-0	3-3-0	7-3-0	1-2-0	3-1-0
Tennessee	8	5	0	.615	318	255	4-2-0	4-3-0	6-4-0	2-1-0	2-2-0
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	296	295	4-3-0	2-4-0	5-6-0	1-1-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	230	337	2-5-0	2-4-0	4-6-0	0-3-0	1-4-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-Baltimore	11	2	0	.846	430	236	5-1-0	6-1-0	7-2-0	4-0-0	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	259	242	5-2-0	3-3-0	6-3-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	273	291	4-3-0	2-4-0	6-4-0	0-3-0	3-1-0
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	198	325	1-5-0	0-7-0	1-8-0	0-4-0	0-5-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	371	281	3-3-0	6-1-0	7-3-0	2-1-0	4-0-0
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	258	366	5-2-0	1-5-0	4-5-0	2-2-0	2-2-0
Denver	5	8	0	.385	236	261	3-3-0	2-5-0	5-5-0	0-3-0	2-2-0
L.A. Chargers	5	8	0	.385	289	251	2-4-0	3-4-0	3-7-0	2-1-0	0-4-0

WEEK 14 RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Green Bay 20, Washington 15
 Minnesota 20, Detroit 7
 Atlanta 40, Carolina 20
 San Francisco 48, New Orleans 46
 Cleveland 27, Cincinnati 19
 Tampa Bay 38, Indianapolis 35
 Denver 38, Houston 24
 N.Y. Jets 22, Miami 21
 Baltimore 24, Buffalo 17
 L.A. Chargers 45, Jacksonville 10
 Tennessee 42, Oakland 21
 Kansas City 23, New England 16
 Pittsburgh 23, Arizona 17
 L.A. Rams 28, Seattle 12

MONDAY'S GAME

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

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Chicago 31, Dallas 24

WEEK 15 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S GAME

N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 7:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

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

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

WEEK 14 TOP PERFORMERS

PASSING

Player, TM	CO-ATT	YDS	TD	INT
J. Winston, TB	33-45	456	4	3
R. Tannehill, TEN	21-27	391	3	1
D. Brees, NO	29-40	349	5	0
J. Garoppolo, SF	26-35	349	4	1
D. Prescott, DAL	27-49	334	1	0
P. Rivers, LAC	16-22	314	3	0

RUSHING

Player, Team	ATT	YDS	TD
J. Mixon, CIN	23	146	1
A. Jones, GB	16	134	1
N. Chubb, CLE	15	106	0
D. Henry, TEN	18	103	2
A. Ekeler, LAC	8	101	0
D. Singletary, BUF	17	89	0

RECEIVING

Player, Team	REC	YDS	TD
E. Sanders, SF	7	157	1
A.J. Brown, TEN	5	153	2
M. Thomas, NO	11	134	1
D. Hopkins, HOU	7	120	1
R. Anderson, NYJ	7	116	1
T. Higbee, LAR	7	116	0
N. Fant, DEN	4	113	1

DEFENSE

Player, Team	SACK	TCK	AST
H. Hunter, MIN	3.0	6	1
J. Attaochu, DEN	2.0	2	0
V. Beasley, ATL	2.0	4	0
J. Bosca, LAC	2.0	4	0
J. Jenkins, NYJ	2.0	3	1
T. McKinley, ATL	2.0	3	2

SUMMARIES

RAVENS 24, BILLS 17

Baltimore 3 7 7 2-4
 Buffalo 0 6 3 8-17

First quarter A: 69:13.4.
Bal: FG Tucker 36, 4:56.
Second quarter
Bal: Boyle 3 pass from Jackson (Crosby kick), 13:31.
Buf: FG Hauschka 36, 8:20.
Buf: FG Hauschka 47, 2:25.

Third quarter
Bal: H.Hurst 61 pass from Jackson (Tucker kick), 13:34.
Buf: FG Hauschka 48, 11:26.

Fourth quarter
Bal: Snead 4 pass from Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:49.
Buf: Beasley 3 pass from Allen (Beasley pass from Allen), 7:00.

TEAM STATS

	BAL	BUF
First downs	18	16
Total net yards	257	209
Rushes-yards	33-118	23-104
Passing	139	105
Punt returns	1-1	2-22
Kickoff returns	0-0	5-82
Int. returns	0-0	1-0
Comp-att-int	16-25-1	17-39-0
Sacked-yds lost	1-6	6-41
Punts	7-44-1	7-42-9
Fumbles-yds	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	9-99	5-49
Possession time	32:49	27:11

Rushing: Bal, Ingram 15-50, Jackson 11-40, Edwards 4-20, Hill 3-8. **Buf:** Singletary 17-89, Allen 2-9, Gore 4-6.

Passing: Bal, H.Hurst 3-73, Ingram 3-29, Snead 3-13, M.Brown 3-(minus 2), Boyle 2-10, Andrews 1-14, Roberts 1-8. **Buf:** Singletary 6-29, Beasley 4-29, Brown 3-26, McKenzie 3-25, Knox 1-37.

BUCSANS 38, COLTS 35

Indianapolis 10 17 8 0-35
 Tampa Bay 14 7 10 18-27

First quarter A: 50:23.22.
Ind: Johnson 46 pass from Brissett (McLaughlin kick), 12:45.

Second quarter
Ind: FG McLaughlin 50, 6:53.
Buf: Winston 1 run (Gay kick), 1:41.
TB: Evans 61 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 1:06.

Third quarter
Ind: Mack 2 run (McLaughlin kick), 7:42.
Ind: Leonard 80 interception return (McLaughlin kick), 2:32.

Fourth quarter
Ind: Brate 3 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 3:38.
Ind: FG McLaughlin 19, :00.

Ind: Pascal 12 pass from Brissett (Pascal pass from Brissett), 5:59.
TB: Watson 17 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 3:18.

Fourth quarter
TB: FG Gay 44, 13:00.
TB: Perriman 12 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 3:51.

TEAM STATS

	IND	TB
First downs	20	29
Total net yards	309	542
Rushes-yards	22-66	28-75
Passing	243	467
Punt returns	2-34	2-3
Kickoff returns	0-0	1-26
Int. returns	3-104	0-0
Comp-att-int	19-36-0	35-49-3
Sacked-yds lost	1-8	1-7
Punts	4-44-3	2-45-5
Fumbles-yds	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	3-35	6-104
Possession time	25:45	34:15

Rushing: Ind, Mack 13-38, Brissett 4-26, Wilkins 1-1, Hines 4-1, TB, Jones 5-5, Barber 11-34, Winston 5-5.

Passing: Ind, Brissett 19-36-0-251, TB, Winston 33-45-3-456, Griffin 2-4-0-18.

Receiving: Ind, Pascal 5-74, Hines 4-73, Godwin 7-91, Watson 5-59, Ogunbowale 5-48.

Missed FGs: Ind, McLaughlin 47

PACKERS 20, REDSKINS 15

Washington 0 6 3 6-15
 Green Bay 14 0 3 8-20

First quarter A: 77:29.6.
GB: Jones 4 run (Crosby kick), 9:06.
GB: Tonyan 12 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 3:34.

Second quarter
Was: Peterson 2 run (kick failed), 3:44.

Third quarter
GB: FG Crosby 32, 10:08.
Was: McLaughlin 13 pass from Haskins (run failed), 1:17.

TEAM STATS

	WAS	GB
First downs	18	18
Total net yards	262	341
Rushes-yards	28-121	28-174
Passing	141	167
Punt returns	1-6	4-51
Fumbles-yds	0-0	1-1
Int. returns	0-0	1-3
Comp-att-int	16-27-1	18-28-0
Sacked-yds lost	4-29	4-28
Punts	6-44-0	4-40-3
Fumbles-yds	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	3-25	5-34
Possession time	29:36	30:24

Rushing: Was, Peterson 20-76, Guice 5-42, Smallwood 2-4, Haskins 1-(minus 1). **GB:** Jones 16-134, Williams 7-24, Rodgers 5-16.

Passing: Was, Haskins 16-27-1-170. **GB:** Rodgers 16-25-0-195.

Receiving: Was, Thompson 7-43, McLaurin 4-57, S.Sims 4-40, Harmon 1-1-0-26. **GB:** Jones 6-58, D.Adams 4-41, Graham 3-49, Lazard 2-19, Tonyan 1-12, Allison 1-11, Lewis 1-5.

TITANS 42, RAIDERS 21

Tennessee 7 14 7 14-42
 Oakland 7 14 0 0-21

First quarter A: 52:76.0.
Oak: Washington 14 run (Carson kick), 7:43.

Second quarter
Ten: Henry 12 run (Succop kick), 3:21.

Third quarter
Oak: A.Moran 16 pass from Tannehill (Succop kick), 6:52.

Fourth quarter
Ten: J.Smith 17 pass from Tannehill (Succop kick), 14:29.

Ten: J.Brown 46 fumble return (Succop kick), 13:12.

TEAM STATS

	TEN	OAK
First downs	26	22
Total net yards	552	356
Rushes-yards	32-161	24-97
Passing	391	259
Punt returns	0-0	1-12
Kickoff returns	3-71	4-91
Int. returns	0-0	1-55
Comp-att-int	21-27-1	25-34-0
Sacked-yds lost	0-0	2-4
Punts	2-51-0	5-44-2
Fumbles-yds	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-21	3-20
Possession time	29:12	30:48

Rushing: Ten, Henry 18-103, Lewis 9-26, Tannehill 4-19, A.Brown 1-13.

Oak: Washington 14-53, Richard 7-28, Carr 2-17, Ingold 1-(minus 1).

Passing: Ten, Tannehill 21-27-1-391. **Oak:** Carr 25-34-0-263.

Receiving: Ten, A.Brown 5-63, Sharpe 4-25, J.Smith 3-29, Pruitt 4-42, Firkser 1-39, Raymond 1-11, Henry 1-6, Lewis 1-5. **Oak:** Waller 6-73, Washington 6-43, Williams 3-35, Doss 3-26.

Missed field goals: Ten, Succop 42

BROWNS 27, BENGALS 13

Cincinnati 6 7 3 3-19
 Cleveland 7 7 10 3-27

First quarter A: 67:43.1.
Cin: FG Bullock 34, 10:56.

Second quarter
Cin: FG Bullock 44, 1:37.

Third quarter
Cin: Mixon 1 run (Bullock kick), 12:07.

Fourth quarter
Cin: FG Bullock 28, 4:39.
Cle: Mayfield 7 run (Selbert kick), 6:37.

Team stats

	CIN	CLE
First downs	27	17
Total net yards	451	333
Rushes-yards	31-179	27-146
Passing	272	187
Punt returns	1-0	2-16
Kickoff returns	5-114	2-47
Int. returns	2-43	1-61
Comp-att-int	23-39-1	11-24-2
Sacked-yds lost	2-16	1-5
Fumbles-yds	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-99	6-30
Possession time	34:31	25:29

Rushing: Cin, Mixon 23-146, Bernard 4-15. **Cle:** Chubb 15-106, Hunt 9-28.

Passing: Cin, Dalton 22-38-1-262. **Cle:** Mayfield 11-24-2-192.

Receiving: Cin, Boyd 5-75, Erickson 5-45, Eflert 4-49, Cle, Landry 4-76, Hunt 2-40, Beckham 2-39.

49ERS 48, SAINTS 46

San Francisco 7 21 7 13-48
 New Orleans 13 14 8 13-46

First quarter A: 73:03.8.
NO: Cook 38 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 11:34.

Second quarter
SF: Bourne 6 pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 8:28.

Third quarter
NO: Cook 38 pass from Brees (run failed), 4:51.

Fourth quarter
NO: Hill 3 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 6:06.

SF: Sanders 75 pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 14:43.

COLLEGES

PURDUE 58, NORTHWESTERN 44

Collins sees upside after Wildcats tumble

Coach says inexperienced squad kept poise despite dropping Big Ten opener

BY MARK AMBROGI
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Northwestern was no match for Purdue on Sunday, losing 58-44 in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

But Wildcats coach Chris Collins was looking for positives afterward.

"We played nine guys in this game and five are playing in their first conference game," Collins said.

Pete Nance led Northwestern (4-4) with 14 points. He was the only Wildcat in double figures.

Collins described Purdue as one of the toughest places in the conference.

"For us to come out and not be rattled, I feel like we're getting better," he said. "We have to continue to learn how to win. When we got it to 49-42 after (Miller) Kopp hit a 3, I thought we could maybe steal a game if we got a couple of stops. Give them credit it was 9-2 after that. That's what winning teams do. They executed and got stops when they needed."

Sasha Stefanovic scored 14 points and Matt Haarms added 12 points to lead Purdue (6-3).

"The outside shot didn't go in at all throughout the entire game," Haarms said. "I think we responded really well after the initial shock of 'none of our shots are falling.' We knew this was going to be a game where we grind it out on defense. We had stops 10 of the last 11 possessions in the first half and it translated into the second half."

The Boilermakers closed the second half with a nice spurt as well. Purdue led 49-42 with 4:01 to go before reeling off nine straight points to take command. Stefanovic scored 10 points in the second half including a 3-pointer that capped the 9-0 run and ignited the crowd.

"He had some looks that didn't go down in the first half," Purdue coach Matt Painter said of Stefanovic. "At the end of the day, he has a good (stat) line, going 5 of 10 from field and 2 of 5 from 3s and not turning the ball over (in 34 minutes)."

After A.J. Turner hit a 3-pointer to give the Wildcats a 14-13 with 7:44 left before the break, the Wildcats managed just one field goal the rest of the half.

Northwestern shot just 27% in the first half and 34% overall.

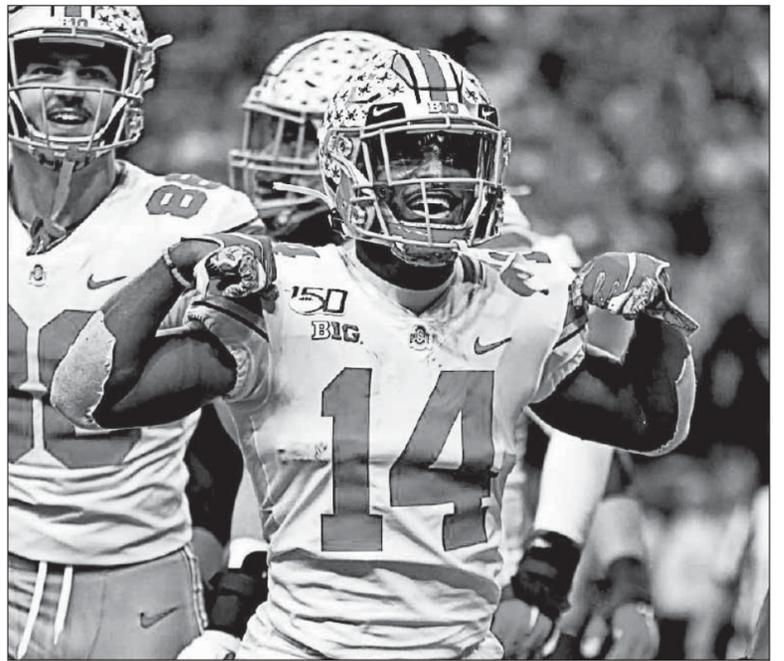
For the second consecutive game, the Boilermakers started the 7-foot-3 Haarms and 6-9 Trevion Williams together. Haarms hit 5 of 9 shots and Williams hit 3 of 4 for eight points.

"We work together well offensively," Haarms said. "We know how each other plays. If there is a question defensively, I think I have to do a better job guarding the (power forward)."

Jahaad Proctor added 10 points for Purdue, which won its seventh in a row over Northwestern. Haarms, Williams and Eric Hunter Jr. each had seven rebounds as Purdue held a 38-31 edge.

Purdue, which shot 39% overall, held a 22-16 lead after a sluggish first half as both teams suffered long scoring droughts.

"I felt like we had some good looks, but we also had some empty possessions," Painter said. "Give them credit, they had a good start to the game. We're learning as we go along offensively."



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Ohio State wide receiver K.J. Hill stands in the end zone after making a touchdown catch during the second half of the Buckeyes' Big Ten championship victory over Wisconsin.

At least Wisconsin made it interesting

No chance to gain playoff, but Badgers gave OSU a game

TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On the Big Ten

Ten thoughts on Ohio State's 34-21 victory in the wildly entertaining Big Ten title game Saturday night.

1. That was a wonderful exhibition of football, the key word being exhibition. Top-ranked Ohio State did not need to win to make the College Football Playoff, and Wisconsin already was boxed out of the final four. Both teams played all out, though.

2. Wisconsin shocked everyone in the first half. The Badgers scored the first two touchdowns and, shockingly, scored before the half after seemingly trying to run out the clock. They took a 21-7 lead to the locker room, but Ohio State (13-0) dominated the second half, outscoring the Badgers 27-0.

3. No Big Ten team travels like Ohio State. The Buckeyes must have had at least 80% of the Lucas Oil Stadium crowd of 66,649, which was the second-highest in the nine-year history of the game. Of course it helps that Columbus is less than three hours from Indianapolis.

4. For a while it appeared Wisconsin would make a semi-decent case for the fourth playoff spot. Had the Badgers beaten Ohio State convincingly, the committee would have had to choose between a 12-1 Big 12 champ and an 11-2 Big Ten champ. How bout a going-away present for Commissioner Jim Delany?

5. Then the Buckeyes happened. All that became moot after the Buckeyes' second-half showing, highlighted by an incredible one-handed touchdown catch by tight end Jeremy Ruckert. The good news for Wisconsin, though, is the Badgers finished eighth in the CFP rankings, two spots ahead of Penn State. The As the Big Ten's No. 2 team, the Badgers will head to Pasadena to face Oregon in the Rose Bowl.

6. LSU's Joe Burrow clinched the Heisman Trophy with his masterful performance against Georgia in the SEC title game. Who will finish second?

Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts (17-for-24, 287 yards, 38 net rushing yards) was nothing special in the Big 12 game. J.K. Dobbins (172 yards on 33 carries) looked the best of the Buckeyes' three candidates. Chase Young had very little presence for the second game in a row.

7. Justin Fields was indecisive in the first half. The Buckeyes quarterback held the ball forever on a third-and-goal in the second quarter, leading to a desperate scramble and fumble. On Ohio State's next series, he missed a wide-open K.J. Hill streaking across the middle of the field.

"I feel like in the first quarter, I was too calm," Fields said. "Something was wrong mentally. I prayed to God and asked him to change my mood, and he did that."

Fields finished 19-for-31 with 299 passing yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. He became the first player in Big Ten history with 40 passing and 10 rushing touchdowns in a season.

8. Even Ohio State's punter can throw dimes. Coach Ryan Day called for a fake with the Buckeyes facing a fourth-and-9 at their own 26-yard line in the second quarter. Drue Chrisman casually flipped a pass to tight end Luke Farrell for 21 yards. Chrisman, a high school quarterback, switched to punting after undergoing Tommy John elbow surgery.

9. The Badgers took a 14-0 lead when quarterback Jack Coan kept it on an option fake. He might have been the only person in the stadium to realize he had the ball.

10. The theory that Ohio State would gain an edge by playing indoors on a fast track? Not so much. Jonathan Taylor was among the Badgers who feasted at the home of the Indianapolis Colts. Taylor rushed for just 52 yards on 20 carries when the teams met on a cold, wet October day at Ohio Stadium.

Taylor on Saturday rushed for 135 yards — in the first half. He finished with 148 yards on 20 carries, getting smothered for minus 6 on his last one, which came on a fourth-and-2.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Northwestern center Ryan Young (15) looks to shoot over Purdue's Matt Haarms during the first half of the Wildcats' loss Sunday in their Big Ten opener in West Lafayette, Ind.

BUFFALO 74, DEPAUL 69

Demons lose 1st despite Coleman-Lands, Reed

Associated Press

Jalen Coleman-Lands scored 17 points and Paul Reed had 15 points and 18 rebounds, but DePaul lost for the first time this season, 74-69 to Buffalo on Sunday afternoon at Wintrust Arena.

Buffalo's Jayvon Graves made three 3-pointers and scored 21 points with seven rebounds. The Blue Demons had won their first nine games, including road victories at Iowa, Minnesota and Boston College and an overtime win at home over defending national runner-up Texas Tech.

Coleman-Lands made 7 of 18 shots,

including 3 of 10 from 3-point range. Reed notched his seventh double-double of the season and added five blocked shots and four steals. Romeo Weems added 13 points, and Jaylen Butz scored 11.

The Blue Demons shot 41.5% overall but made just 7 of 18 free throws (39%).

Graves sank 8 of 14 shots from the floor for the Bulls (6-3), who shot just 37% overall. Ronaldo Segu came off the bench to score 14 with five boards and two steals, while Davonta Jordan filled up the stat sheet with 12 points, nine rebounds, eight assists, two steals and a block. Buffalo's bench outscored DePaul's reserves 25-5.

Greenstein

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long-haired and golden-armed Trevor Lawrence.

Ohio State and Clemson will meet in Arizona in prime time on Dec. 28. The early line has Clemson minus 2½.

LSU is a massive favorite — 11½ points — against fourth-seeded Oklahoma in the other Dec. 28 semifinal in Atlanta.

If LSU advances, the Tigers will have to go all of 82 miles from Baton Rouge to New Orleans for the title game. No fan base travels like Ohio State's, but this would still feel like home cooking for LSU and its cajun-accented coach, Ed Orgeron.

If the Buckeyes were ticked about the seeding, coach Ryan Day did not let on Sunday, telling reporters: "I know it's not an easy decision. I thought we made our case, but it's time to move on."

The Buckeyes will play the disrespect card. So will the Sooners after hearing CFP chair Rob Mullens reveal that the committee actually considered Georgia for the No. 4 seed. The two-loss Bulldogs got throttled by LSU 37-10 in the SEC title game.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney also will make sure his Tigers feel disrespected. He felt the need to point out Sunday that Clemson is first team since 1966 to start a season No. 1, go undefeated and then drop to No. 3. As the AP's Ralph D. Russo pointed out, Swinney was referencing Alabama, which yielded 44 (!) points all season but still finished No. 3.

Now *that* is disrespect.

This is a case of the 2019 season pro-

ducing three superior teams.

I mean, the resumes are ridiculous: ■ **LSU (13-0)** blew through the SEC, the conference that has produced nine of the last 13 national champions. The Tigers are third nationally in scoring (47.8 points per game), and Joe Burrow should be the unanimous winner of the Heisman Trophy after completing 77.9% of his passes, on pace for an NCAA record. And LSU's weak link, its defense, is catching up. It yielded just seven points to Texas A&M and 10 to Georgia.

■ **Ohio State (13-0)** obliterated three nonconference opponents (Florida Atlantic, Cincinnati and Miami of Ohio) that went to their league title games. The Buckeyes ended with consecutive victories over three top-15 teams. They average an FBS-best 48.7 points and their defense is third, at 12.5 points. They have an on/off switch that should frighten every foe. Justin Fields has 40 touchdown passes and one interception and, after he started poorly against Wisconsin, he said he prayed and asked God "to change his mood." He completed 12 of his final 16 passes.

■ **Clemson (13-0)** has been winning in the dark, with most of the nation flipping away from blowouts against inferior ACC teams. The Tigers throttled Virginia in the ACC title game, exposing a comical gap between No. 1 and No. 2 in the league. But here's what's scary: "Clemson," ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit said, "may be better than when they won it all a year ago."

Most of America clamors for an eight-team playoff.

This year, a three-team round robin would have been ideal. Winning team selects the music.

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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FINAL CFP RANKING		
SEMIFINALISTS	W-L	CONFERENCE
1. LSU	13-0	SEC
2. Ohio State	13-0	Big Ten
3. Clemson	13-0	ACC
4. Oklahoma	12-1	Big 12
ALSO RANKED		
5. Georgia	11-2	SEC
6. Oregon	11-2	Pacif-12
7. Baylor	11-2	Big 12
8. Wisconsin	10-3	Big Ten
9. Florida	10-2	SEC
10. Penn State	10-2	Big Ten
11. Utah	11-2	Pacif-12
12. Auburn	9-3	SEC
13. Alabama	10-2	SEC
14. Michigan	9-3	Big Ten
15. Notre Dame	10-2	Independent
16. Iowa	9-3	Big Ten
17. Memphis	12-1	American Ath.
18. Minnesota	10-2	Big Ten
19. Boise State	12-1	Mountain West
20. Appalachian St.	12-1	Sun Belt
21. Cincinnati	10-3	American Ath.
22. USC	8-4	Pacif-12
23. Navy	9-2	American Ath.
24. Virginia	9-4	ACC
25. Oklahoma St.	8-4	Big 12

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Boston	16	5	.762	—
Philadelphia	17	7	.708	½
Toronto	15	7	.682	1½
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	4
New York	4	19	.174	13
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	17	6	.739	—
Orlando	11	11	.500	5½
Charlotte	9	16	.360	9
Washington	7	15	.318	9½
Atlanta	6	17	.261	11
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	20	3	.870	—
Indiana	15	8	.652	5
Detroit	9	14	.391	11
Chicago	8	16	.333	12½
Cleveland	5	17	.227	14½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Dallas	16	7	.696	½
Houston	15	7	.682	7
San Antonio	9	14	.391	7
Memphis	6	16	.273	9½
New Orleans	6	17	.261	10
NORTHWEST				
Denver	14	7	.667	—
Utah	13	10	.565	2
Oklahoma City	10	12	.455	4½
Minnesota	10	12	.455	4½
Portland	9	15	.375	6½
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	21	3	.875	—
L.A. Clippers	17	7	.708	4
Phoenix	10	12	.455	10
Sacramento	9	13	.409	11
Golden State	5	19	.208	16

SUNDAY'S RESULTS				
Brooklyn 105, Denver 102				
Atlanta 122, Charlotte 107				
L.A. Clippers 135, Washington 119				
Miami 110, Chicago 105, OT				
Philadelphia 110, Toronto 104				
Sacramento 110, Dallas 106				
Oklahoma City 108, Portland 96				
L.A. Lakers 142, Minnesota 125				
MONDAY'S GAMES				
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 6 p.m.				
Cleveland at Boston, 6:30 p.m.				
Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.				
Orlando at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.				
Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m.				
Toronto at Chicago, 7 p.m.				
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at Utah, 8 p.m.				
Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.				

HEAT 110, BULLS 105 (OT)				
CHICAGO: Dunn 6-9 4-5 16, Markkanen 8-15 2-22, Carter Jr. 2-3 3-4 7, Satoransky 2-8 2-2 6, LaVine 5-19 7-9 18, Kornet 0-0 0-0 0, Gafford 0-0 0-0 0, Young 5-10 0-1-12, Harrison 0-1 2-2 2, White 3-9 2-2 11, Arcidiacono 0-1 0-0 0, Valentine 4-5 0-0 11. Totals 35-80 22-27 105.				
MIAMI: Butler 3-14 17-21 23, Adebayo 7-9 7-9 21, Leonard 0-1 0-0 0, Nunn 6-11 4-18, Robinson 3-9 0-0 9, Jones Jr. 1-4 1-2 3, Silva 1-3 4-6 6, Olynyk 1-4 0-3 3, Herro 10-22 2-2 27. Totals 32-77 35-44 110.				
Chicago 25 24 24 24 8 — 105				
Miami 16 31 27 23 13 — 110				

3-Point Goals—Chicago 13-36 (Markkanen 4-10, Valentine 3-4, White 3-7, Young 2-5, LaVine 1-8, Arcidiacono 0-1, Satoransky 0-1), Miami 11-35 (Herro 5-11, Robinson 3-8, Nunn 2-6, Olynyk 1-3, Adebayo 0-1, Leonard 0-1, Butler 0-5). Fouled Out—Dunn. Rebounds—Chicago 39 (Carter Jr. 10), Miami 43 (Adebayo 13). Assists—Chicago 20 (White 8), Miami 20 (Butler 7). Total Fouls—Chicago 31, Miami 23. A—19,600 (19,600).				
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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	20	4	6	46	105	73
Florida	15	9	5	35	105	99
Buffalo	14	11	6	34	96	95
Montreal	13	11	6	32	97	102
Toronto	12	13	4	32	100	103
Tampa Bay	14	10	3	31	102	87
Ottawa	12	17	1	25	79	95
Detroit	7	21	3	17	66	124
METRO.						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	22	4	5	49	115	88
N.Y. Islanders	19	7	2	40	81	68
Philadelphia	17	8	5	39	96	85
Pittsburgh	17	9	4	38	103	81
Carolina	18	11	1	37	97	82
N.Y. Rangers	15	11	3	33	93	91
Columbus	11	14	4	26	71	91
New Jersey	9	15	5	23	74	109
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	18	7	6	42	92	83
Colorado	19	8	2	40	107	79
Winnipeg	18	10	2	38	87	82
Dallas	17	11	3	37	82	76
Minnesota	14	12	4	32	90	98
Nashville	13	10	5	31	95	92
Chicago	12	12	6	30	83	93
PACIFIC						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	18	10	4	40	97	93
Arizona	12	10	4	29	75	75
Vancouver	15	12	5	35	93	93
Calgary	15	11	4	34	103	91
San Jose	15	12	4	34	81	92
Anaheim	15	15	2	32	88	111
Los Angeles	11	18	2	24	77	102

COYOTES 4, BLACKHAWKS 3 (SO)				
Arizona 1 2 0 0 0-4				
Chicago 3 0 0 0 0-3				

AP TOP 25				
RK.	SCHOOL	CP	W-L	PTS LW
1. LSU (47)	1	13-0	1535	1
2. Ohio State (12)	2	13-0	1488	2
3. Clemson (3)	3	13-0	1441	3
4. Oklahoma	4	12-1	1364	6
5. Georgia	5	11-2	1241	4
6. Florida	7	10-2	1167	7
7. Oregon	6	11-2	1141	13
8. Baylor	8	11-2	1039	8
9. Alabama	9	10-2	1011	9
9. Auburn	13	9-3	1011	11
11. Wisconsin	11	10-3	944	10
12. Utah	10	11-2	909	5
13. Penn State	12	10-2	888	12
14. Notre Dame	14	10-2	709	14
15. Memphis	15	12-1	675	16
16. Minnesota	16	10-2	645	15
17. Michigan	17	9-3	597	17
18. Boise State	18	12-1	500	19
19. Iowa	19	9-3	494	18
20. Appalac. St.	20	12-1	355	20
21. Navy	21	9-2	246	23
22. USC	23	8-4	195	24
23. Cincinnati	22	10-3	183	21
24. Air Force	24	10-2	97	25
25. Oklahoma St.	—	8-4	70	—

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED				
1. Louisville (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Tuesday.				
2. Kansas (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Milwaukee, Tuesday.				
3. Maryland (10-0) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Tuesday.				
4. Michigan (8-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Wednesday.				
5. Virginia (8-1) beat No. 7 North Carolina 56-47. Next: vs. Stony Brook, Wednesday, Dec. 18.				
6. Ohio State (9-0) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.				
7. North Carolina (6-3) lost to No. 5 Virginia 56-47. Next: vs. Wofford, Sunday.				
8. Kentucky (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.				
9. Gonzaga (10-1) beat No. 22 Washington 83-76. Next: at No. 12 Arizona, Sat.				
10. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Thursday, Dec. 19.				
11. Michigan State (6-3) beat Rutgers 77-65. Next: vs. Oakland, Saturday.				
12. Arizona (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Omaha, Wednesday.				
13. Oregon (6-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Michigan, Saturday.				
14. Auburn (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday.				
15. Memphis (8-1) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Tennessee, Saturday.				
16. Seton Hall (6-3) lost to Iowa State 76-66. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.				
17. Florida State (8-2) beat Clemson 72-53. Next: vs. North Florida, Dec. 17.				
18. Baylor (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Butler, Tuesday.				
19. Dayton (7-1) beat Saint Mary's 78-68. Next: vs. Drake, Saturday.				
20. Colorado (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Iowa, Tuesday.				
21. Tennessee (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Memphis, Saturday.				
22. Washington (7-2) lost to No. 9 Gonzaga 83-76. Next: vs. Seattle, Dec. 17.				
23. Villanova (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Delaware, Saturday.				
24. Butler (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Baylor, Tuesday.				
25. Utah State (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Katherine, Tuesday.				

SUNDAY'S SCORES				
EAST				
Babson 99, Tufts 85				
Bowdoin 76, Maine-Farmington 72				
Brandeis 97, Salem St. 65				
Coast Guard 80, Merchant Marine 69				
Dean 108, Maine-Augusta 83				
Hamilton 86, Johnson & Wales (RI) 73				
Husson 85, Johnson St. 74				
Lyndon St. 94, Maine Maritime 87				
Middebury 76, Stevens Tech 66				
NY Maritime 82, CCNY 72				
Niagara 93, Colgate 82, OT				
Sacred Heart 79, Hartford 62				
Trinity (Conn.) 69, Norwich 53				
Wesley College 101, Salisbury 99, OT				
William & Mary 62, Fairfield 58				
Yeshiva 96, St. Joseph's (LI) 76				
SOUTH				
Chattanooga 99, Tenn. Wesleyan 51				
C. of Charleston 76, Coker 50				
Florida St. 72, Clemson 53				
Furman 84, SC-Upstate 72				
Georgia College 64, Morehouse 60				
Houston 76, South Carolina 56				
LSU 109, Northwestern St. 59				
LeMoyne-Owen 60,				
St. Augustine's 59, OT				
Lipscomb 96, Trevecca Nazarene 72				
N. Kentucky 76, E. Kentucky 57				
North Alabama 76,				
Birmingham-Southern 50				
Richmond 75, South Alabama 57				
Virginia 56, North Carolina 47				
MIDWEST				
Akron 72, S. U. 57				
Buffalo 74, DePaul 69				
Michigan St. 77, Rutgers 65				
Ohio 81, Tennessee Tech 54				
Purdue 58, Northwestern 44				
Toledo 82, Marshall 72				
Valparaiso 77, Cent. Michigan 55				
Wis.-Platteville 96, Olivet 63				
SOUTHWEST				
ORU 95, Haskell Indian Nations 55				
Sam Houston St. 71, La. Tech 68				
Texas 60, Texas A&M 50				
Wichita St. 80, Oklahoma St. 61				
WEST				
Dayton 78, Saint Mary's (Cal) 68				
E. Washington 98, N. Dakota 82				
Gonzaga 83, Washington 76				
N. Arizona 73, Omaha 65				
Puget Sound 85, La Verne 63				
Saint Louis 86, Tulane 62				
San Diego St. 59, San Jose St. 57				
UCLA 81, Denver 62				

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED				
1. Stanford (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Sunday.				
2. Louisville (9-1) beat Northern Kentucky 85-57. Next: at No. 15 Kentucky, Sunday.				
3. Oregon (7-1) beat South Dakota State 95-56. Next: at Long Beach State, Saturday.				
4. UConn (8-0) beat Notre Dame 81-57. Next: at No. 16 DePaul, Monday, Dec. 16.				
5. Oregon State (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Utah State, Saturday.				
6. South Carolina (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.				
7. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Wednesday, Dec. 18.				
8. Florida State (9-0) beat Clemson 81-64. Next: vs. St. John's, Sunday.				
9. Maryland (8-1) beat Loyola (Md.) 105-45. Next: at Georgia State, Wednesday, Dec. 18.				
10. Mississippi State (8-2) lost to West Virginia 71-65. Next: at Louisiana-Lafayette, Monday, Dec. 16.				
11. UCLA (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Sunday.				
12. Texas A&M (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.				
13. N.C. State (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Sunday.				
14. Indiana (7-1) did not play. Next: at Butler, Wednesday.				
15. Kentucky (9-0) beat Samford 79-49. Next: vs. Winthrop, Wednesday.				
16. DePaul (7-1) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Wednesday.				
17. Tennessee (7-1) lost to Texas 66-60. Next: vs. Colorado State, Wednesday.				
18. Gonzaga (8-1) beat Washington State 76-53. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Saturday.				
19. Michigan State (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Sunday.				
20. Arizona (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Thursday.				
21. Miami (5-3) did not play. Next: vs. Binghamton, Tuesday, Dec. 17.				
22. Missouri State (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Sunday.				
23. Arkansas (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.				
24. Michigan (8-1) beat Oakland 79-64. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Saturday.				
25. LSU (8-2) did not play. Next: at Florida Gulf Coast, Thursday, Dec. 19.				

ODDS

NBA	SP	O/U	MONDAY
at Indiana	off	off	LA Clippers
at Boston	13½	216	Cleveland
Toronto	4½	216	at Chicago
at New Or.	1	226½	Detroit
at Houston	12	227	Sacra.
at Milwaukee	12	219	Orlando
at Phoenix	off	off	Minnesota
at Utah	8½	212½	Ok. City
at Golden St	4	217	Memphis

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	SP	O/U	MONDAY
at Duquesne	11		Columbia
at Iowa	6½		Minnesota

NHL	SP	O/U	MONDAY
at Washington	-230		Columbus +210
at Tampa Bay	-173		NY Islanders +161
Boston	-180		at Ottawa +165
at Colorado	off		Calgary off

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	SP	O/U	SATURDAY
Navy	10½	42	Army

BOWL GAMES	SP	O/U	DEC. 20
BAHAMAS	6½	off	Charlotte
FRISCO			
Utah State	8	off	Kent State
CELEBRATION			DEC. 21
NC A&T	1½	off	Alcorn State
NEW MEXICO			
San Diego St	6	off	Cent. Mich.
CURE			
Ga. Southern	8½	off	Liberty
BOCA RATON			
at Fla Atlantic	Pk	off	SMU
CAMELLIA			
Arkansas St	4½	off	FIU
LAS VEGAS			
Washington	3	off	Boise St
NEW ORLEANS			
Appalach. St	off	off	UAB
GASPARILLA			DEC. 23
UCF	off	off	Marshall
HAWAII			DEC. 24
BYU	Pk	off	at Hawaii
INDEPENDENCE			DEC. 26
at La Tech	off	off	Miami
QUICK LANE			
Pittsburgh	10½	off	E. Michigan
MILIT			

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowl is just Step 1

Illini fine with Redbox berth, but Whitman, Lovie have bigger plans



SHANNON RYAN
On Illinois

Officially ending a bowl drought, Illinois learned Sunday it will play California in the Redbox Bowl.

While the news is a significant accomplishment for a program that hasn't been to a bowl since 2014, coach Lovie Smith and athletic

director Josh Whitman were firm: This is a stepping stone, not a milestone.

"We're not in (this) game and that's the goal. What's the goal: become Big Ten champions," Smith said. "In the meantime, we're going to keep building. It's a process we're going through right now. Part of the process was playing better football."

And reaching a bowl game.

The 6-6 Illini will play 7-5 Cal at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., with the telecast on Fox at 3 p.m. Dec. 30.

The bowl bid eases the agony of long-suffering Illini fans, but instead of basking in that, Smith and Whitman focused on raising the bar higher.

"It's important we don't confuse being happy with being satisfied," Whitman said. "It's the next step in the progression."

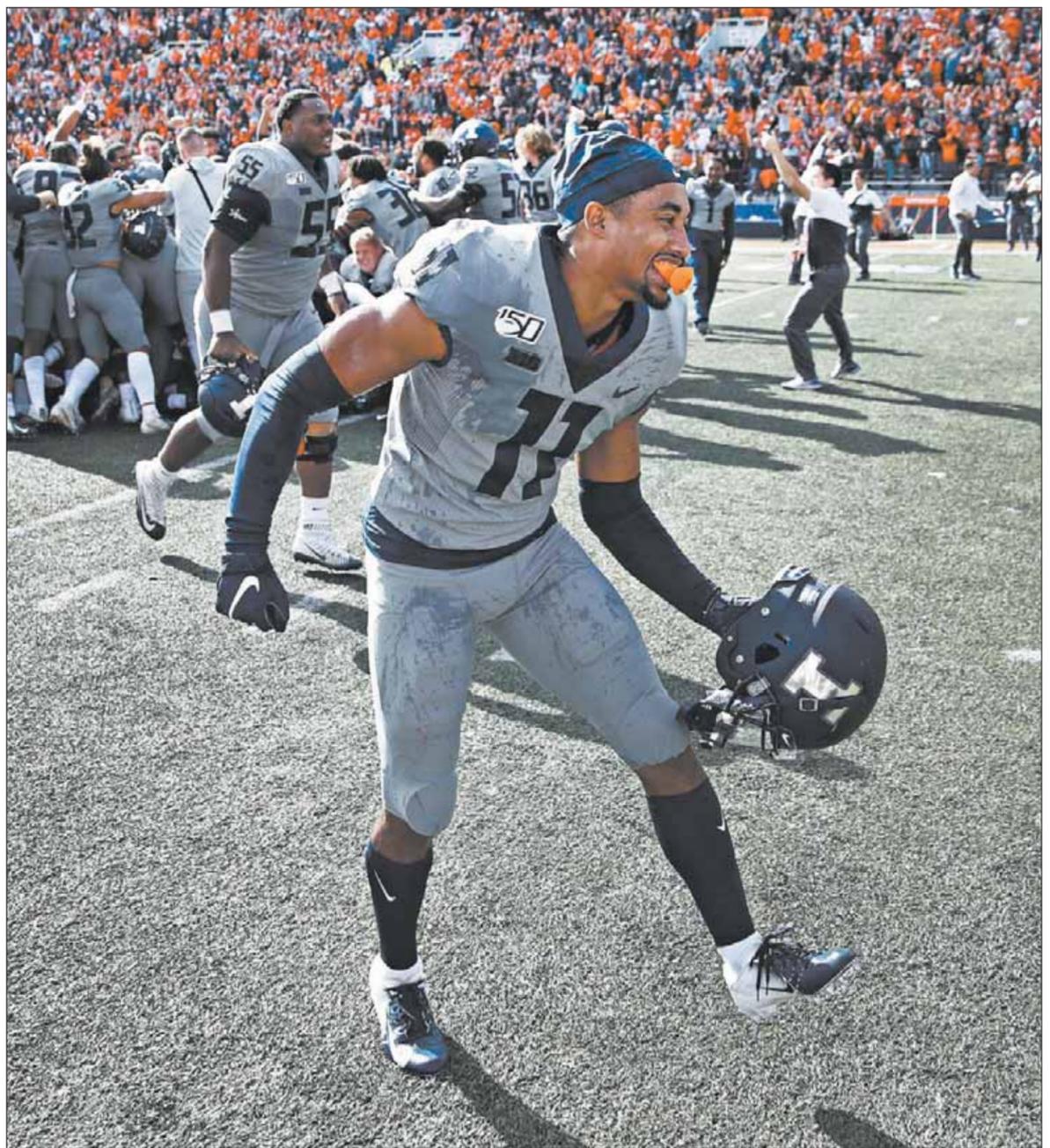
In Smith's fourth season as coach, the Illini's schedule was peppered with impressive wins — and a few confounding losses.

A victory in the Redbox Bowl would mark Smith's first winning season in Champaign. Last season's four wins had been the most in his tenure.

After starting this season 2-4, including an especially worrisome home loss to Eastern Michigan, Illinois recovered and posted impressive upsets against Wisconsin and a 25-point comeback at Michigan State as part of a four-game conference winning streak.

The season ended with consecutive losses to Iowa and Northwestern.

"We're not going to apologize for having six wins or being 2-4 and making a run,"



JOE ROBBINS/GETTY

Fighting Illini players celebrate after upsetting heavily favored Wisconsin as time expires Oct. 19 at Memorial Stadium in Champaign.

Smith said. "We're going to be excited about where we are right now going to a bowl game."

Illinois hasn't played in a bowl since losing 35-18 to Louisiana Tech in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl in 2014 under former coach Tim Beckman. The Illini haven't won a bowl game since 2011, when they beat UCLA 20-14 at the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl — now the Redbox Bowl — after coach Ron Zook was fired.

Smith took over a program on the rocks — and it was challenging for him.

The Illini went 3-9 and 2-10 in his first

two seasons.

Even when Illinois stumbled early this season, Whitman said he didn't doubt Smith's vision.

"Staying the course, having faith, that's not hard," Whitman said. "I know who we have as a leader. I know who we have in the locker room. It wasn't hard for me to have faith the program was changing. ... I'm just so excited and happy for the football program and specifically for the people involved in it."

Illinois leads Cal 7-3 in the all-time series. The most recent meeting, in 2005, was

a 35-30 Cal victory.

The Redbox Bowl meeting should prove to be a defensive battle. Cal's defense is fourth best in the Pac-12, allowing only 22.1 points and 385.5 yards per game.

Illinois owns the best turnover margin in the Big Ten (11) with 16 recovered fumbles and 12 interceptions.

For Illinois, the bowl presents an opportunity to make the program respectable again. But this can't be the end.

"At some point we'll be talking about what bowl we expect to get into," Whitman said. "Not 'Will we get into a bowl?'"

BOWL MATCHUPS

Date	Time	Bowl	Matchup	Location	TV
Dec. 20	1 p.m.	Bahamas	Buffalo vs. Charlotte	Nassau, Bahamas	ESPN2
Dec. 20	6:30 p.m.	Frisco	Utah St. vs. Kent St.	Dallas	ESPN2
Dec. 20	11 a.m.	Celebration	Alcorn St. vs. N.C. A&T	Atlanta	ABC-7
Dec. 21	1 p.m.	New Mexico	San Diego St. vs. C. Michigan	Albuquerque, N.M.	ESPN
Dec. 21	1:30 p.m.	Cure	Georgia Southern vs. Liberty	Orlando, Fla.	CBSSN
Dec. 21	2:30 p.m.	Boca Raton	SMU vs. FAU	Boca Raton	ABC-7
Dec. 21	4:30 p.m.	Camellia	FIU vs. Arkansas St.	Montgomery, Ala.	ESPN
Dec. 21	6:30 p.m.	Las Vegas	Washington vs. Boise St.	Las Vegas	ABC-7
Dec. 21	8 p.m.	New Orleans	Appalachian State vs. UAB	New Orleans	ESPN
Dec. 23	1:30 p.m.	Gasparilla	UCF vs. Marshall	Tampa, Fla.	ESPN
Dec. 24	7 p.m.	Hawaii	Hawaii vs. BYU	Honolulu	ESPN
Dec. 26	3 p.m.	Independence	Miami (Fla.) vs. Louisiana Tech	Shreveport, La.	ESPN
Dec. 26	7 p.m.	Quick Lane	Pitt vs. E. Michigan	Detroit	ESPN
Dec. 27	11 a.m.	Military	UNC vs. Temple	Annapolis, Md.	ESPN
Dec. 27	2:20 p.m.	Pinstripe	Wake Forest vs. Michigan St.	New York	ESPN
Dec. 27	5:45 p.m.	Texas	Oklahoma St. vs. Texas A&M	Houston	ESPN
Dec. 27	7 p.m.	Holiday	USC vs. Iowa	San Diego	FS1
Dec. 27	9:15 p.m.	Cheez-It	Air Force vs. Washington St.	Phoenix	ESPN
Dec. 28	11 a.m.	Camping World	Notre Dame vs. Iowa St.	Orlando, Fla.	ABC-7
Dec. 28	11:30 a.m.	Cotton	Penn St. vs. Memphis	Arlington, Texas	ESPN
Dec. 28	3 p.m.	Peach	LSU vs. Oklahoma	Atlanta	ESPN
Dec. 28	7 p.m.	Fiesta	Ohio State vs. Clemson	Glendale, Ariz.	ESPN
Dec. 30	11:30 a.m.	First Responder	W. Kentucky vs. W. Michigan	Dallas	ESPN
Dec. 30	3 p.m.	Music City	Mississippi St. vs. Louisville	Nashville, Tenn.	ESPN
Dec. 30	3 p.m.	Redbox	Illinois vs. Cal	Santa Clara, Calif.	FOX-32
Dec. 30	7 p.m.	Capital One Orange	Florida vs. Virginia	Miami Gardens, Fla.	ESPN
Dec. 31	11 a.m.	Belk	Kentucky vs. Va Tech	Charlotte, N.C.	ESPN
Dec. 31	1 p.m.	Sun	FSU vs. Arizona St.	El Paso, Texas	CBS-2
Dec. 31	2:45 p.m.	Liberty	Navy vs. Kansas St.	Memphis, Tenn.	ESPN
Dec. 31	3:30 p.m.	Arizona	Georgia St. vs. Wyoming	Tucson, Ariz.	CBSSN
Dec. 31	6:30 p.m.	Alamo	Utah vs. Texas	San Antonio	ESPN
Jan. 1	Noon	Citrus	Alabama vs. Michigan	Orlando, Fla.	ABC-7
Jan. 1	Noon	Outback	Auburn vs. Minnesota	Tampa, Fla.	ESPN
Jan. 1	4 p.m.	Rose	Oregon vs. Wisconsin	Pasadena, Calif.	ESPN
Jan. 1	7:45 p.m.	Sugar	Georgia vs. Baylor	New Orleans	ESPN
Jan. 2	2 p.m.	Birmingham	BC vs. Cincinnati	Birmingham, Ala.	ESPN
Jan. 2	6 p.m.	Gator	Tennessee vs. Indiana	Jacksonville, Fla.	ESPN
Jan. 3	2:30 p.m.	Famous Idaho Potato	Ohio vs. Nevada	Boise, Id.	ESPN
Jan. 4	10:30 a.m.	Armed Forces	Tulane vs. S. Miss.	Fort Worth, Texas	ESPN
Jan. 6	6:30 p.m.	Mobile Alabama	Louisiana vs. Miami (Ohio)	Mobile, Ala.	ESPN
Jan. 13	7 p.m.	Championship game	Semifinal winners	New Orleans	ESPN



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

QB Ian Book and Notre Dame will face Iowa State in the Camping World Bowl.

NOTRE DAME

Irish to face Iowa State in bowl game

Chicago Tribune staff

For the second time in three seasons, Notre Dame will head to Orlando, Fla., for its bowl game, but this year it won't be for the Citrus Bowl.

The 15th-ranked Irish (10-2) were selected Sunday to play Iowa State (7-5) in the Camping World Bowl on Dec. 28 at Camping World Stadium. It will be the first time the programs have met.

Notre Dame played in the Citrus Bowl in the same stadium on New Year's Day after the 2017 season, defeating LSU 21-17 on Miles Boykin's 55-yard touchdown reception from Ian Book with 1:28 to play.

This is Notre Dame's second appearance in the Camping World Bowl. The Irish lost 18-14 to Florida State in 2011, when the game was called the Champs Sports Bowl.

While the Irish posted a third consecutive 10-win season for the first time since 1991-93, the bowl destination is a bit of a letdown coming off a 12-0 regular season in 2018 and the program's first berth in the College Football Playoff.

Notre Dame lost to the two highest-ranked teams on its schedule, falling 23-17 at No. 5 Georgia in September and getting crushed 45-14 at No. 14 Michigan in October. The Irish have won five straight since the loss in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Iowa State comes in with three losses in its last five games — Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and Kansas State. Three of its five losses were by one or two points, all to ranked teams: 18-17 to No. 16 Iowa, 23-21 at No. 7 Baylor and 42-41 at No. 4 Oklahoma.

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COMMENTARY



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Giants President Farhan Zaidi is making the tough but necessary decision to rebuild the franchise — and fans should understand that he's doing the right thing.

'Faith in Farhan': Get on board as Giants rebuild

BY DIETER KURTENBACH | San Jose Mercury News

In 2013, the cost of a New York City taxi medallion — the necessary registration to operate one of those famous yellow cabs — was more than \$1 million, a truly precious commodity in one of the world's great metropolises.

Last summer, though, there were two auctions in New York City — one for 16 medallions, another for 60. Each medallion sold, on average, for about \$125,000 each.

What happened? Uber and Lyft came around.

In April 2002, you could buy a share of Blockbuster stock for about \$30. But after Netflix started sending DVDs to people's homes through the mail and then began to skip the disc and mail altogether in 2007, that same share of stock was worth less than a dollar at the end of 2008.

Alta Vista, Blackberry, Borders Books, Radio Shack, Sears — the world of business is littered with cautionary tales that tell the same story:

Adapt or die.

But the San Francisco Giants had to learn that lesson in reverse.

The Giants needed to die a painful death before they could ever adapt to the new way of doing business in baseball.

And it seems as if some fans are still not on board with the shift.

The Giants' precipitous fall from contenders to basement dwellers has put Farhan Zaidi, in his second year as president of baseball operations, in one of the toughest positions in the sport. He must undertake a top-to-bottom rebuild of a large-market team with a fan base that's used to winning and offseason splashes, all while never being able to publicly say "rebuild" because it's bad public relations.

I suppose with that being the case, it should be no surprise that the main emotion of the Giants' fan base and media fan boys this offseason is outrage.

Outrage at getting rid of a fan favorite in Kevin Pillar and letting the greatest World Series pitcher of all time, Madison Bumgarner, walk out the door.

Outrage at hiring Gabe Kapler to manage the team.

Outrage at even the mere rumor of signing Yasiel Puig.

Some of this outrage — the good majority of it being spread online, so it should be taken with a whole block of salt — is valid.

The Kapler hire wasn't without legitimate controversy, though perhaps the media establishment's zeal for pontificating took it to another level. Still, Zaidi sees him as a perfect emissary for him in the clubhouse. Pillar wasn't worth anything remotely close to \$10 million a season, but I can see merit in keeping around a player whom fans liked. There is value in being exciting and playing the game the right way, even if you don't produce as much as people might think you do. And no one wants to see Bumgarner, who will go into the Hall of Fame as a Giant, leave at 30.

But Zaidi's job isn't to appease. It's to win.

As much as we want to make baseball solely an entertainment product, that is simply not the truth of this day and age. The nerds won. You have men and women who could be managing

multibillion-dollar hedge fund portfolios now operating Major League Baseball teams, working for owners who have proved time and time again that their only interest is making more money.

Like it or not, baseball, like the cab industry or in-home video, is a business, first and foremost.

And in this business, it has been proven that winning makes a ton of money, while sustained mediocrity — constantly trying to fill a crack-filled foundation — is even more expensive than losing.

Perhaps the Giants' pursuit of Bryce Harper last offseason sent the wrong message. Zaidi — I still believe at the behest of the business side of the franchise, aka Larry Baer — went bargain-hunting when Harper wasn't signed in February. While the outfielder eventually went to the Phillies, it was easy for fans to infer that the Giants would continue to spend on big-time free agents every offseason — to patch the roof after every storm — despite that being incongruent with the team's status in the established model of successful team building in baseball.

Look what the Giants' financial peers — the Cubs, Astros, Red Sox, Yankees and Dodgers — have done in recent years. Some — OK, probably all — started in a stronger position than the Giants were in this time last year, but each team's current success was built on the foundation of a strong farm system consistently producing elite, cost-controlled players and then augmenting that lineup with free-agent spending.

Create, then spend.

In that model, the quants have exploited the loopholes of the sport's collective bargaining agreement, and it will take a dramatic change in the governance structure of baseball for this model to lose its merit.

And Zaidi knows this model like the back of his hand. He effectively co-authored it. First, he learned at the hand of the

Moneyball master with the A's, Billy Beane, and then became general manager of the Dodgers, who implemented Moneyball 2.0, featuring big data and big money.

Zaidi, expertly educated and unquestionably brilliant, is perfectly equipped to build a successful baseball in this day and age.

And with the PR-sensitive Baer being muzzled in the last year because of his own bad decisions and the team's new control person, Greg Johnson, being the literal CEO of a massive investment company, Franklin Templeton Investments, it's clear that Zaidi now has free rein to execute his vision.

But first he needs to clear back the brush.

When 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan was hired three seasons ago, he was given a six-year contract — a year more than most NFL coaches, especially first-time head coaches, usually receive. He demanded the extra year because he was taking over a franchise that had been so poorly managed that he would need a full year to demolish — to pull everything back to studs — before he could start rebuilding.

I'd argue that Zaidi needs two such "demolition" years, given all the bad contracts still on the Giants' books and the now-evidenced difficulty in making dramatic culture changes to a baseball organization.

Yet the death rattle of the old guard continues to loudly shake.

It's surprising. By now, after all those losses, I thought everyone would agree that the old way of doing business in San Francisco had failed.

The Giants' dynasty — if you're so bold to call it that — ended after the team lost 98 games in 2017. The writing on the wall was clear: The core of the championship teams was aging, deteriorating and expensive, and the style of ball that won them three titles in five years was antiquated.

But instead of taking a long, hard look in the mirror and adapting to the new way of doing business, the team doubled down on failure, trading for two more underproducing, overpaid veterans in Evan Longoria and Andrew McCutchen.

How'd that work out?

There's a reason Zaidi is here, making an ever more noticeable chunk of die-hard fans miserable.

And while he cannot say it, I can: This is a rebuild.

It will be long, it's already been painful and won't stop for a while yet, but I'm convinced that Zaidi's plan gives the Giants the best chance not just to be good in the next decade but to be a juggernaut.

There's a phenomenon — the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis, as I learned from The Athletic's Ethan Strauss — wherein giving things a catchy, descriptive name helps normalize ideas. Language is the dominant force in our world, after all.

The A's process of beating the big-money, big-market teams was an infinitely nuanced, complicated subject, but we just know it as "Moneyball." Former 76ers general manager Sam Hinkie's loophole-exploiting model for success in the NBA, which at its core is a systematic tank to annually draft top prospects, was made palatable and eventually rallying when it was given a name: "The Process."

Zaidi needs similar mnemonic help.

Giants fans need to start showing "Faith in Farhan."

Because if the man in charge isn't allowed to see his plan through, if pressure and public relations are allowed to once again pass as a plan for the Giants, then they will never be anything more than a richer version of the Rangers, Mariners or Angels — big-market teams that are constantly searching and spending but never seem to go anywhere.

And no one wants that.

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My cause, my cleats



Jared Goff's cleats

MEG OLIPHANT/GETTY



Julian Edelman's cleat

MADDIE MEYER/GETTY



Cameron Heyward's cleats

RICK SCUTERI/AP



Terrell Edmunds' cleats

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Players in Detroit, around league wear their hearts on their shoes in an epic way

BY DAVE BIRKETT
Detroit Free Press

Lions center Frank Ragnow was working out at the University of Michigan in early March when his mom called, frantic and sobbing, with news that Ragnow's good friend, Brady Hed, had just been found dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Ragnow left his workout immediately and made the 10-hour drive back to Minnesota to help the Hed family get through their unspeakable tragedy.

Hed's father, Bryan, had been there for the Ragnows three years earlier when Ragnow's father, Jon, died of a heart attack. Ragnow wanted to repay the favor to his dad's best friend in his time of need.

"His dad means more to my family than anything in the world," Ragnow said. "When my dad passed away, his dad, anything's wrong at my house, his dad's fixing it. He's the most unselfish guy I've ever met. I have the utmost respect for him."

Lifelong friends, Ragnow and Hed grew up a few towns apart in Minnesota but hunted and fished together regularly. Ragnow said Hed is the only friend he has ever taken to his remote cabin in Canada, and he still remembers "the excitement on his face" when he landed a 48-inch muskie one day while trolling for walleye.

As part of the NFL's "My Cause, My Cleats" weekend, Ragnow wore cleats for Sunday's game against the Vikings that honor Hed's memory and bring awareness to suicide prevention.

Ragnow had his white, size-16 Nikes painted with all of Hed's favorite things. There's a big muskie covering the front of the left shoe. There's a pool ball and bottle of Mountain Dew on the right shoe — "He liked to shoot pool a lot (and) he loved Mountain Dew," Ragnow said — and Hed's initials on the back.

After the game, the shoes were auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention.

"It's been tough," Ragnow said. "It's been very tough on his dad, it's been very tough on his brother. It's been tough on my family, (on) a lot of people around the situation. So just seeing that kind of made me choose the

cause, because I think the charity, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, I think it's one thing to be able to talk about mental health and to try to be able to prevent suicide, but it's another thing to be able to also help people affected by it. Seeing how people have been affected by it, I'd love to help prevent suicide and also help out."

Ragnow said he had no idea Hed was having suicidal thoughts at the time of his death, and that's part of why it has been so tough to understand.

He's still grieving and adapting to his new normal of life without his friend.

"It's kind of the same thing with my dad," Ragnow said. "Life goes on, so you get distracted by it, but when you really sit down and think about it, it's still as fresh as ever, I feel like. That's grief in general."

And he wants others to know suicide is not the answer to pain.

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel," Ragnow said. "It's not worth it. No matter who you are, no matter what you've done, no matter what's going on in your life, people love you. And if there aren't people who love you, there's going to be people that you meet that are going to love you that's going to make it worth it."

Twenty-one Lions players and coach Matt Patricia took part in the "My cause, my cleats" weekend. Here are some of their stories.

QB David Blough

Charity: Jimmy V Foundation

Blough picked cancer research in honor of his friend, Tyler Trent, the inspirational Purdue student who died from a rare form of bone cancer in January.

"Tyler was going to use his life, regardless of circumstance, to impact others for the better," said Blough, Purdue's quarterback from 2015-18. "And in that was fundraising, was cancer research, donating to cancer research, so it was one of his goals, and so because of that I wanted it to be one of mine and use this opportunity to honor him."

"I knew the Purdue community would love it, so it was incredibly special to talk to his parents and figure out the design and figure out what we were going to do for it." Blough said he remains close to the Trent

family, staying at their house when he visits the Indianapolis area. His shoes are painted in black and gold, Purdue's colors, and have a picture of Trent on the right side.

"Picture a 20-year-old young man fighting through one of the most painful bone cancers that you can think of," Blough said. "And through it all, he says, rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances. Those are three verses out of the book of First (Epistle to the) Thessalonians, and that's what he believed and that's what he was going to act, even if it didn't feel OK."

"It says give thanks in all circumstances, not just when things are going well for you. And that was who Tyler truly was. He lived life in a way that was full and loving others and wasn't going to let something bad happen to him to steal that from him."

PR Jamal Agnew

Charity: Detroit Lions Academy

For the last few years, Agnew has been heavily involved in the Lions Academy, an alternative middle school on the city's east side, even giving the commencement speech in June.

"I see a little bit of myself in (the students)," said Agnew, who is from San Diego. "Just being young and black in America, growing up in split households, I did all that when I was younger."

"I know it's hard for them. Definitely in the city of Detroit, it's a lot rougher than where I grew up, so I can't even imagine what they go through. I'm just trying to be here to help them. Help them get away from the harsh reality of just life in Detroit, in the city. I'm really passionate about it."

The designs on Agnew's shoes were drawn by students at the academy, a process Agnew sat in on last month.

"I just felt like it'd be a really cool idea, just to let them express themselves, and then I have the platform to put that out there," he said. "I think it's beneficial for both parties. It was really cool. It was really fun sitting down with them, brainstorming together and just watching them work."

LB Jahloni Tavai

Charity: Ocean Conservancy

Playing college football at Hawaii gave

Tavai a different outlook on conservation.

"When I moved out there and I littered for the first time, it was after I drank a cup and I threw it down after a practice, and they were joking around but I heard it multiple times after and it was like respect the Aina," Tavai said. "And Aina means the island."

"They're very spiritual people out there. To them, the island is more than just a home. I guess it resembles their gods and how we should respect the land, basically. It's a great culture to learn if you have the time."

Tavai said he chose ocean conservation as his cause as a way to educate people about a crisis that faces future generations.

"I think it's a big factor in our lives that people take for granted and don't realize how much a little thing like what they're doing to the world, like plastic, you don't realize how long it takes to break that down," he said. "If (we) can prevent little problems like that, it'll just create a domino effect. That was the main reason why I wanted to do it. It's really a huge factor in our life."

WR Danny Amendola

Charity: Adaptive Training Foundation

Amendola played his first four NFL seasons with the Rams and was teammates with linebacker David Vobora for two of them. Vobora's organization, the Adaptive Training Foundation, empowers people with disabilities through exercise.

"Basically what it is is a gym that has custom-built their whole equipment for amputees, or wounded warriors, or anybody that has prosthetics," Amendola said. "As you know, wounded warriors or guys that have been to war or just have dealt with traumatic experience and are dealing with a lot of things mentally as well as physically, so he's created an amazing energy and community here at Adaptive Training Foundation."

Amendola said he spends part of his offseason working out at Vobora's Dallas-based gym alongside people with disabilities.

"He's a very motivational person, so it fits in really well with his foundation," Amendola said.



Yejoeng Jo stars in "Parasite," the Korean-language thriller that has gotten raves from both critics and audiences.

COMMENTARY

Washington drama isn't just another TV episode

BY LORRAINE ALI
 Los Angeles Times

The show is over. Articles of impeachment are about to be drafted.

The House's televised public impeachment inquiry has been a long, painful and sometimes funny — as in "laugh until you cry" funny — slog. Now it's time for The People to decide. At least, that's what would happen in a scripted series with no basis in reality: TV justice, meted out by folks just like us, and in under an hour, is way sexier than a party-line vote.

But as senators prepare for the trial that would follow a House vote, it's still unclear whether the viewers — sorry, citizens — in our televised democracy were persuaded one way or another regarding the impeachment of President Trump. The law, after all, requires sobriety and clarity to work, and that's a hard sell in an ecosystem where escapism and mirrored reality are the currency.

The televised inquiries do not appear to have significantly shifted public opinion. From October to the end of November, those in favor of impeachment hovered around 50%. The numbers indicate passive viewing, at best. Though TV ratings for previous days' hearings were reasonably strong, voters undecided on the impeachment question are among those least likely to be paying close attention.

The cold, sober facts of the case and hours of testimony just aren't the stuff of the "hearings" we're used to watching. We are, after all, an electorate whose understanding of government and the law has been shaped by "The West Wing," "Veep" and "Making a Murderer" — or worse, "Judge Judy."

In essence, the Democrats methodically laid out an airtight case in front of folks who know as much about Article 2, Section 4 of the Constitution as they do about their own physiology.

While political junkies, pundits and (former) presidential hopefuls can't detach from this piece of history in the making, a large portion of the country appears to have opted out.

The House Judiciary Committee's questioning Wednesday of legal experts on articles of im-

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Beating the odds

'Parasite' has already disrupted the film industry — will it disrupt the Oscars too?

BY STEVEN ZEITCHIK
 The Washington Post

This time of year, the thousands of people who vote on Hollywood awards like the Oscars receive piles of screeners. Studios send them out with the aim of attracting eyeballs — and, they hope, votes.

But there's one DVD that isn't in their pile. "Parasite," the Korean-language class thriller that has become a darling of both critics and audiences since coming out two months ago, is nowhere to be found.

The Washington Post has learned that the film's U.S. distributor, Neon, has decided to

hold off on sending the movie until Christmas, an uncommonly late date for a film that has been out for months.

"It's very purposeful. Theaters, a communal setting — that's where we want voters to see this movie," said Tom Quinn, Neon's co-founder. Executives hope that higher-quality viewing at voter screenings is worth the loss in wide exposure — a notable gamble.

Then again, "Parasite" has been beating the odds for a while. The film about a Seoul grifter family that ingratiates itself into a wealthy household has disrupted the industry — it's a non-studio hit in 2019. That it's in

a foreign language only magnifies the feat.

But "Parasite's" key trick may be yet to come: It could be the first foreign-language movie in the 91-year history of the Academy Awards to win best picture.

"If 'Parasite' is able to win, it would completely upend the expectations of what a best picture is," said Dave Karger, a host on TCM and a veteran Oscar analyst.

A victory, he and others note, would suggest a landmark moment for a business that has become more global — suggesting Hollywood, in at least some ways, is as eager to import the work of other countries as it is to export to them.

It would also likely prompt grumbling from some observers and rivals that Oscar voters are out of touch with mass tastes.

Like many experts, Karger said "Parasite"

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Good Grief' ★★★

Solo show about woman's pain, loss may reflect yours

BY JERALD PIERCE

In "Good Grief," playing at Free Street Theater, Melissa DuPrey rips her heart open on stage.

DuPrey's one-woman show looks back on the events of her life that led her to where she is, centering on her years grappling with the difficult relationship between herself and her alcoholic, abusive mother. Touching on assault, abortion, suicide and the overall nature of grieving the loss of a loved one, this story is so intimate and personal that it almost feels intrusive to even be a part of the audience.

That level of discomfort is where DuPrey and director Reshmi Hazra Rustebakke want their audience to live. Too often, as this show points out, we allow ourselves to push grieving aside in favor of getting back to work or rejoining society. "Good Grief" invites its audience to stop, breathe and experience how one person parses through and copes with grief.

It can be an incredibly emotional experience. So much so that Free Street has licensed profes-

sionals and an after-care room available to help people who may need to talk through any emotions or experiences the show brought up.

These emotions build up easily by the end due to how captivating DuPrey is as a storyteller. Whether she's dancing, telling a joke or fighting back tears, she keeps the audience in the palm of her hand. The performance even opens with DuPrey performing a calming, cleansing ritual which involves sharing oils on the hands of a few members of the audience. Again, it creates an incredible amount of intimacy and connection to her just before she delves into her story.

An issue with this production winds up being in the form. These snippets from DuPrey's life pour out of her. Scenes flit back and forth through time, and the story comes out like a stream of consciousness — a river of text containing only commas and semicolons, but no periods. There's a hurtling momentum to the way Rustebakke has directed much of the performance that the sequence of events gets lost.



"Good Grief" centers on Melissa DuPrey's years grappling with her relationship with her abusive mother.

While the emotion of the story is clearly more important than the exact details or timeline, the lack of clarity on what happened when detracts from the overall tension and build-up DuPrey presumably experienced in her life. The result is a story that doesn't seem to have a trajectory and lacks a truly

climactic moment. It feels more like a group therapy session.

Which isn't to say that's a bad thing. Maybe DuPrey's point is that that's exactly what we all need right now.

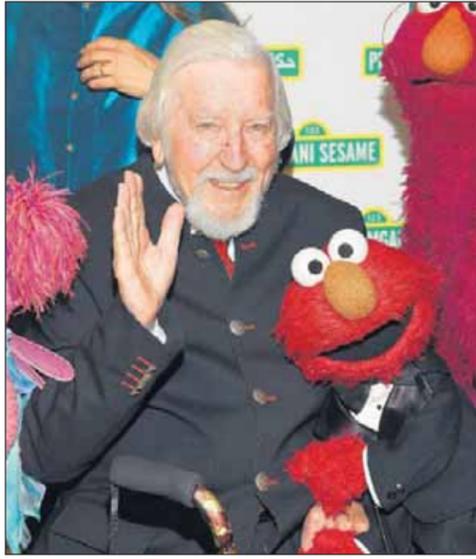
DuPrey concludes her performance by turning what had been an evening of introspection

about her own life to a moment of reflection for each member of the audience. She invites her audience to find a way to make space for grief and grieving in their lives. It's an invitation that either isn't heard or isn't heard enough in a

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"I may be the most unknown famous person in America," puppeteer Caroll Spinney said in his 2003 memoir.

Puppeteer behind Big Bird dies at 85

Caroll Spinney, who gave Big Bird his warmth and Oscar the Grouch his growl for nearly 50 years on "Sesame Street," died Sunday at the age of 85 at his Connecticut home, according to the Sesame Workshop.

The Sesame Workshop said in a statement that the legendary puppeteer lived for some time with dystonia, which causes involuntary muscle contractions.

Spinney voiced and operated the two major Muppets from their inception in 1969 when he was 36, and performed them almost exclusively into his 80s on the PBS kids' television show that later moved to HBO.

"Before I came to 'Sesame Street,' I didn't feel like what I was doing was very important," Spinney said when he announced his retirement in 2018. "Big Bird helped me find my purpose."

Through his two characters, Spinney gained huge fame that brought international tours, books, record albums, movie roles and visits to the White House.

"Caroll was an artistic genius whose kind and loving view of the world helped shape and define 'Sesame Street' from its earliest days in 1969 through five decades, and his legacy here at Sesame Workshop and in the cultural firmament will be unending," the Sesame Workshop said.

But he never became a household name. "I may be the most unknown famous person in America," Spinney said in his 2003 memoir. "It's the bird that's famous."

"Sesame Street" co-founder Joan Ganz Cooney said Sunday that Spinney, her longtime colleague and friend, "not only gave us Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch, he gave so much of himself as well."

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "Frozen 2," \$34.7 million
2. "Knives Out," \$14.2 million
3. "Ford v Ferrari," \$6.5 million (tie)
- "Queen & Slim," \$6.5 million (tie)
4. "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," \$5.2 million
5. "Dark Waters," \$4.1 million
6. "21 Bridges," \$2.9 million
7. "Playing With Fire," \$2 million
8. "Midway," \$1.9 million
9. "Joker," \$1 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Beyonce not Vegas-bound: Beyonce is not doing a Las Vegas residency, her rep has confirmed to Variety. It's "absolutely not true," the rep stated. Rumors that Queen Bey would be hitting the Strip began circulating Saturday after website LoveBScott posted a story citing "sources" that said she would announce the residency in the first half of 2020. The report said the residency would have made Beyonce the highest-paid entertainer in the city.

Dec. 9 birthdays: Actor Kirk Douglas is 103. Actress Judi Dench is 85. Actor Beau Bridges is 78. Singer Joan Armatrading is 69. Actor John Malkovich is 66. Singer Donny Osmond is 62. Actress Felicity Huffman is 57. Businesswoman and TV personality Lori Greiner is 50. Actress Reiko Aylesworth is 47. Rapper Canibus is 45. Actress Jolene Purdy is 36. Actor Joshua Sasse is 32.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Left child says no to father's overture

Dear Amy: My biological father recently sent me a friend request on Facebook, and it is freaking me out. He abandoned my mother while she was pregnant with me. I am a 31-year-old woman with a husband and a 10-year-old child, and I can't seem to forget my own father's abandonment.

Six years ago, I decided I was going to find my dad. I wanted to find him and his family and see what their life was like. He was easy to find. I spoke to his niece first, and then reached my half sister. The lies emerged quickly. He'd told his kids they had a sister out there (me) but that her mother took her away and he didn't know where or what my last name could be. I was born and raised in the same town my whole life — the same town that my mother lived in when he abandoned us. He visited us when I was 7, and my mother still lives in the same house!

My mother has never said one negative thing about him. Her family loved him and to this day say they don't know why he did what he did. I call BS. He never looked for me. He did not want his kids to find me, either. He lied about us. I was (and am) obviously very angry.

When I spoke to my "sister" and "brother," they asked if they could give our "dad" my phone number. I declined and said I only wanted to speak with them, not him. This was six years ago, so the friend request out of nowhere has me jolted. I feel the same way I felt when I was 7 — angry and betrayed.

What should I do — accept his request and

explode, or ignore it and then explode?
— *Angry and Confused*

Dear Angry: By all means feel your feelings and let that abandoned and hurt 7-year-old within you roar. It would be best for your immediate family if you didn't spray rage-shrapnel over them, however. A therapist would help you detonate your emotions in a controlled environment.

You are an adult working through a childhood marked by loss.

Your biological father's friend request might be a function of an algorithm, automatically sending requests to everyone he is remotely connected to.

Your father can contact you by means other than Facebook. If you decide you have something to say to him, you should write down your thoughts in the form of a letter, read it through a few times, and — once you are certain that it says what you want to say — send it to him.

Dear Amy: I recently broke my ankle and have been housebound for six weeks. Thankfully, I'm able to work from home.

Unfortunately, I'm feeling underwhelmed with the number of visitors I've had. My otherwise lovely in-laws have been silent. They haven't offered to come over, or bring dinner, or help my husband with housework.

It's so hard not to dwell on these things, especially when the four walls get a little closer with every passing week.

Should I bring up my disappointment the next time I speak with my family, friends and co-work-

ers? Or should I let bygones be bygones?
— *Hurt*

Dear Hurt: Your experience has taught you how to behave when someone you know is laid up. Many people do not have a sense about this.

Your experience might have also taught you how to behave when YOU are laid up: Don't wait for people to step up. Ask for what you need. Say, "I'm going a little stir-crazy; can you swing by for a visit this week?" By the same token, your husband could have communicated with his parents: "Claire and I are struggling to keep up. Could you bring over some dinner?"

You could let people closest to you know that you wish you had seen them during your confinement; otherwise, I think you should let it go.

Dear Amy: "Encroached Upon" rented from in-laws and didn't like the fact that they visited so frequently.

I rented from my parents. Unless everyone involved is a saint, this is a recipe for friction. My dad would walk by the house and ask, "Why is the laundry room light on? It doesn't look like you're doing laundry."

There is only one solution: For the sake of the relationship, they should move!

— *No Longer Encroached Upon*

Dear No Longer: I agree.

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WONDERY

Margaret O'Brien on magic of 'Meet Me in St. Louis'

BY SUSAN KING
Los Angeles Times

If you've watched the classic 1944 musical "Meet Me in St. Louis," you know it's hard not to get misty at the poignant sequence in which Judy Garland sings "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" while her kid sister, played by Margaret O'Brien, silently cries.

O'Brien was just 7 when the film hit theaters, and in an interview timed to the movie's 75th anniversary, she recalled how she actually couldn't muster a tear at first.

"Judy was so much fun to be with on the set that she was making me laugh before the scene," O'Brien said recently by phone. Although Hollywood lore has long been that director Vincente Minnelli got O'Brien to cry by telling the young actress her dog was ill, O'Brien said her mother never would have let that happen.

"I'll tell you how they got me to cry," she said. "I was in a contest with June Allyson (on the MGM lot) of who was the best crier, because June cried in a lot of her movies. I wanted to win the contest."

Her mother suggested the makeup man could just add false tears on her face, then added, "But June is such a great, great actress. She always cries on cue."

O'Brien's reaction: "I thought, I'm not letting her win the contest. I started crying."

Her work in the film made O'Brien one of a dozen child performers to earn a special juvenile Oscar.

"It's astonishing that a

child that young could emote so professionally," said film historian Jeremy Arnold, author of "Christmas in the Movies: 30 Classics to Celebrate the Season." He noted how "you really feel like she's giving a complete performance and not just play-acting or pretending."

Based on the stories of Sally Benson, the lush Technicolor musical comedy follows a year in the life of a tight-knit St. Louis family thrilled about the arrival of the 1904 World's Fair in their city.

Garland plays 17-year-old Esther Smith, who falls in love with the boy next door (Tom Drake). Her older sister, Rose (Lucille Bremer), is hoping her long-distance boyfriend will propose to her, and sister Tootie (O'Brien) is a tomboy with a wild imagination who is always getting into trouble.

Their lives are upended when their father (Leon Ames) tells them they are moving to New York City.

Produced by Arthur Freed, the movie features songs by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane, including "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Boy Next Door" and the Oscar-nominated "The Trolley Song," as well as standards such as "Little Brown Jug" and "Under the Bamboo Tree."

Garland and director Minnelli fell in love during the production, married the following year and welcomed their daughter, Liza, in 1946. They divorced in 1951.

Arnold noted that "Meet Me in St. Louis" is an innovative and important musi-

cal in the history of the genre "for the way it integrated the musical numbers into the story. That was a fairly new way to approach musicals at the time. It's not a Busby Berkeley stylized extravaganza, it's more natural."

Martin, however, was not happy that his much darker lyrics for "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" were changed. The song originally opened with, "Have yourself a merry little Christmas. It may be your last," Arnold said, but the second line was changed to, "Let your heart be light."

"Judy went and said, 'No, I can't sing that (darker) version to a little girl,'" O'Brien said. "I don't think people realize that Judy put a lot of her own lyrics into that."

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is O'Brien's best-known film, but her mother initially turned it down because she didn't think her daughter was being offered adequate pay. Young Margaret had already made a splash at age 5 in the tearjerker "Journey for Margaret."

The actress remembered her mother walking into the office of MGM studio head Louis B. Mayer and demanding a top salary for her daughter.

"He didn't expect her to stand up to him like that," O'Brien said. "Of course, he started to cry. He could cry better than anybody when you asked him for money."

Mayer then cast a young actress who looked like O'Brien but later changed his mind, agreeing to pay O'Brien more.

"They had to tell this little girl's family that she



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Judy Garland, left, and Margaret O'Brien in a publicity photo from their 1944 movie "Meet Me in St. Louis." "Judy was so much fun to be with on the set," O'Brien said.

was not going to be in it," O'Brien said. "Her father had a nervous breakdown over it. I didn't know about any of this until I was older."

O'Brien recalled having a glorious time making the movie.

"It was wonderful being on those sets," she said. "It was like being back in time. As a little girl I loved history."

Cast members, who also included Mary Astor, Marjorie Main and Harry Davenport, were great to her. So too was director Minnelli, O'Brien said.

"We had Saturday and Sunday off," she said. "This is why it was such a won-

derful movie for Judy, because he did not overwork her. ... I could only be here from 9 to 6. When I wasn't shooting a scene, I'd go to school."

Garland, she added, "got a lot of rest on that movie set and it certainly showed. She was on time. She was very happy. She looked beautiful in the movie."

O'Brien has vivid memories of the Oscar ceremony in 1945.

"I was more thrilled to see Bob Hope," she said, laughing. "My mother would let me see all the Bob Hope movies, so I was sort of tongue-tied when I got onstage because Bob Hope was presenting me the

award. I forgot some of my speech I was supposed to make."

Her little Oscar statuette was stolen from her home when she was 17. But in 1995, it was returned after a collector bought it at a Pasadena flea market.

"I think I'm the only actress who has ever been presented the Oscar twice by the academy," she said. "That was a thrill. They threw me another ceremony."

As for her crying contest with Allyson, the two cried their eyes out together in 1944's "Music for Millions" and 1949's "Little Women."

"I have to say that we called our contest even!"

'Parasite'

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is a long shot to win Hollywood's top prize. But the very fact that it is considered a lock to land a nomination when nominees are announced next month is itself a feat. Only 11 foreign-language movies have ever been nominated for best picture, an average of about one per decade.

The winner of the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival last May, Bong Joon-Ho's movie seemed destined for a niche theatrical rollout in the U.S. in October. Any real discovery would follow later on streaming platforms. (Neon has a deal with Hulu.)

But the South Korean production soon began bucking the odds. Even before its U.S. theatrical release, "Parasite" generated a huge amount of social-media traffic, particularly among young people who don't form a core part of the foreign-language audience. Runs in Los Angeles and New York were soon sold out. Other cities followed.

As of this week, the movie has reached \$18 million in U.S. box office — double that of any other foreign-language movie this year. Forecasters put the ultimate total at \$25 million or higher, a very large sum. Foreign-language movies from other countries that gross more than \$25 million in the U.S. are very rare, particularly if they're not in Spanish. One of the last such films to exceed the total was the offbeat French romance "Amélie." It was released 18 years ago.

According to the awards website Gold Derby, which devises a forecasting model based on expert polls, "Parasite" has the fifth-best chance of all 2019 movies to win best picture, with odds of 10 percent. It sits just three percentage points behind the leader, "The Irishman."

To push it even higher, Neon and Cinetic Media, the New York-based company working on its awards



NEON

"Parasite" is about a Korean grifter family that ingratiate itself into a wealthy household. It won the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival last May.

campaign, are attempting an approach that emphasizes communal viewing. The companies have held large numbers of voter screenings in New York and Los Angeles, hoping the movie's twists play better in a group setting. They have also pitched stories about the thriller's have-and-have-not social overtones, which are hitting at the same time as income-equality debates among Democratic presidential candidates.

The companies have also brought Bong and the cast — unknown quantities to many American voters — on frequent trips to the United States. Executives at Cinetic declined to comment on this story.

Foreign-language movies have historically had an uphill battle for best picture because they also occupy a separate category, and because many voters don't know their cast and crew. But "Parasite's" awards

affection is a sign of the global times.

The Oscars have been moving in an international direction. Of the 11 foreign-language movies nominated for best picture in the history of the awards, more than half have come in the past two decades.

And the past few years has seen the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences redouble its efforts to diversify. The group has grown its ranks by nearly 20 percent in the last two years alone, concentrating on members from other countries and races. Nearly a third of those added this year were people of color, according to the group.

That helped make the Spanish-language coming-of-age drama "Roma" a serious Oscar contender last season, with the film sailing to a best picture nomination and winning best director in February.

And there are broader

factors. "People don't see subtitles as an obstacle the way they once did," said Tom Bernard, co-chief of Sony Pictures Classics and a veteran of the foreign-language Oscar wars with best-picture nominees "Amour" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

Some pundits say "Parasite" has an even better chance to win best picture than "Roma." The latter came from Netflix, which some voters eye warily because of its unfavorable stance on theatrical releases. As a thriller, "Parasite" also is seen as a more accessible commercial product — "Roma," a black-and-white art film (though that film's director, Alfonso Cuarón, has directed "Harry Potter" movies and is far better known to the Hollywood rank-and-file).

"Parasite" is considered an overwhelming favorite to win the Oscars' interna-

tional prize.

"Parasite" is part of a mini-boom in Korean cinema among harder core film fans that has seen retrospectives at upscale film societies and an interest sprout up in Korean films on streaming platforms.

But before "Parasite," the theatrical business was decidedly minuscule. One of the highest-grossing Korean-language movies in the modern era is Bong's own "The Host," a monster movie that came out in 2006. Its domestic total: \$2.2 million.

Neon expanded what's possible by starting small. It opened "Parasite" on just three screens, two in New York and one in Los Angeles, instead of the more typical four or five screens for art house films with high demand.

The opening on so few theaters created a sense of scarcity, which fueled anticipation.

"We wanted to create that line-around-the-block

feeling, to really event-ize it," Quinn said.

It also did something else — jump up the so-called "per-screen averages" and give a sense of a phenomenon. The movie actually had a higher per-screen average than "Avengers: Endgame," prompting a lot of favorable coverage, which in turn drew more consumers.

"It was a little manipulated to get that status," said an executive at a rival company, asking not to be identified so as not to be seen criticizing a competitor. "But with independent film, you've got to use all the tricks. And have a movie people really want to see."

Bernard noted that whether it wins the Oscar or not, "Parasite" has pulled off an unlikely feat. "It's a foreign-language independent movie that has almost studio-level awareness," he said. "That's really not easy to do."

IN PERFORMANCE

Unconventional tribute to dance icon

BY LAUREN WARNECKE

When a loved one dies, at first it feels like your memories of that person are seared in your brain. You might try really hard to imprint those recollections, but as time passes, memories inevitably become fuzzy and fade. Along the way, physical artifacts like letters, pictures or home videos prompt us to remember those who've left the corporeal world, sharpening the lines of those now-fuzzy memories.

It's been almost a year since Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's Claire Bataille died, and the freshness of that wound could be felt throughout the Harris Theater Saturday for the world premiere of "Echo Mine." Choreographer Robyn Mineko Williams started the piece — a morsel of only 50 minutes — three years ago. It was originally intended as a solo for Bataille, who, part-way into the process, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died Dec. 30, 2018.

Traces of Hubbard Street inevitably find their way into "Echo Mine," although it doesn't look or feel like any of the pieces Williams has made for the company she danced with for 12 seasons. Bataille was one of four founding members of Hubbard Street and the muse of founder Lou Conte, who ran the company for two decades. When Bataille learned she was sick, she encouraged Williams to continue the piece, which played Saturday for one day only as a trio for Williams, Hubbard Street alum Meredith Dincolo and current Hubbard Street dancer Jacqueline Burnett.

Williams drew from the five-minute solo she and Bataille made together, deriving phrases from it and other recognizable moments from the reper-



A psychedelic mood seeps into Robyn Mineko Williams' "Echo Mine," with images and video clips of Claire Bataille swirling amidst magenta lights. RACHEL AKA

toire Bataille performed throughout her career with Hubbard Street.

But "Echo Mine" is not about Hubbard Street, and it's not exactly about Claire, either. It has all the markings of a piece by this decorated choreographer, whose arsenal of accolades includes three Princess Grace Foundation awards and twice being named one of NewCity's 50 Players.

"Echo Mine" is melancholy and mysterious, with the dancers' gesticulating hands, arms and feet going one direction as slow, deliberate torso undulations drive their bodies in another. What a rare gift to see Williams articulate her own movements onstage. She, Dincolo and Burnett share a lineage with Bataille; like her, they are extraordinary performers who easily

capture our attention, not through virtuosic jumps and turns, necessarily, but with a piercing stage presence and perfect execution of seemingly simple steps.

It's a testament to the evolution of any dancer who spends a majority of her life onstage, and how performance quality marries and richens over time, even as the body fails to do what it could before.

There's a less-is-more approach to this choreography that lets these dancers' essence penetrate the proscenium. "Echo Mine" revels in the minutiae; even walking looks magnificent.

Moreover, the stage picture is simple and stunning, with scenic and projection design by CandyStations, which includes manipulations of footage from Bataille's career; clean,

tailored dance dresses by costumer Hogan McLaughlin; and lighting by Eric Southern. Anchoring an otherwise ethereal ethos, a color-changing LED tube is suspended at waist height, like a neon ballet barre at the back of the space softened by three gauzy scrims used to dilute and ever-so-slightly blur the projections. It's just enough color and distortion that a psychedelic mood seeps in, with images and video clips of Bataille swirling amidst magenta lights as a hypnotic pulse — a new, original album made by Califone especially for "Echo Mine" — fills the cavernous Harris Theater.

But it doesn't feel cavernous; I'd liken this experience as more similar to Williams' "Undercover Episodes," a veritable pub-

crawl of dance she presents in cozy bars and taverns around town, than to the handful of works she's created for Hubbard Street, a resident company at the Harris since the doors opened in 2003. With just those three dancers and a see-through chair (which, eventually, would become three chairs), plus a tantalizing visual and sonic landscape, "Echo Mine" feels intimate and personal, directing our eyes to zoom in and out of a gorgeous picture, like periodically putting on opera glasses, then taking them off to soak up the whole stage.

If you're looking for strict attention to tenets of dance composition — beginning, middle and end; climax; theme and variations; canon — you may have a hard time finding them here. Nor

will you find anything that looks like a conventional tribute to an icon of Chicago dance. Williams doesn't make dances "about" something, she creates non-verbal worlds that "feel like" something.

For this critic, "Echo Mine" feels cathartic, despite a few missed opportunities in its abrupt transitions and dead space between Califone's tracks. Maybe those are intentional; after all, these are distorted pictures, blips and moments from the timeline of a life, an imperfectly beautiful recollection of a woman who impacted us all, whether you knew her or not.

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ALEJANDRO REYES

Melissa DuPrey wrote and stars in "Good Grief."

Grief

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world where many can count bereavement days off from work on one hand.

What's beautiful about DuPrey's "Good Grief" is that she creates that space. It may only be an hour and a half, but it's still space to actually contemplate what grieving is and what it should be. She opens her heart to allow those who may not even have realized it to see that maybe her heart had been closed. The result of which is a ca-

When: Through Dec. 21

Where: Free Street Theater, 1419 W. Blackhawk St., 3rd floor

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$5-\$100 or pay what you can; freestreet.org

tharsis equal to that feeling of taking a deep breath when you hadn't even realized you hadn't been breathing.

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Continual challenges are key to success of 'Mrs. Maisel'

BY MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The creator of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" likes to send cryptic texts to her actors while the show is on hiatus. They're often clues about what everyone can expect they'll be doing.

Before Season 2, Amy Sherman-Palladino asked Rachel Brosnahan, "Can you ride a bike and play pingpong?" Actress Marin Hinkle was asked if she could speak French and Michael Zegen got an unusual inquiry: "Can you throw a baseball in the air with a cigarette in your mouth and a beer bottle in the other hand?"

Sure enough, come filming, Brosnahan was playing table tennis, Hinkle was speaking French and Zegen was in a field hitting baseballs while smoking and downing a beer. So Brosnahan knew she was going to be challenged when she got a new text before Season 3 started filming.

The Amazon hit show, which stars Brosnahan as 1950s housewife-turned-comedian Midge Maisel, had ended last season with her about to go on a European tour. Her star was on the rise but the text from Sherman-Palladino still took the actress' breath away: "Your first audience is going to be 850 people. I hope you're cool with that."

Brosnahan wasn't exactly totally cool with that at first, but rallied. Season 3, now streaming, opens with her doing her act in front of hundreds of uniformed U.S. Army soldiers. "I just want you to know how much I admire you guys. I could never be brave enough to wear the same outfit every day," she tells them.

Brosnahan said she and her fellow actors are glad they get the chance to do such interesting things onscreen.

"We all share this feeling



AMAZON STUDIOS

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" star Rachel Brosnahan admits stand-up comedy is hard.

that we're being constantly stretched and pushed as performers in ways we never could have anticipated," she said. "I never, in a million years, could have imagined this would be what I would be doing, let alone be the thing that I'm most well known for: playing a stand-up comedian in the 1950s. It continues to be so surprising."

Fans who tune into Season 3 will find Midge fully diving into her comedy career, having come to the conclusion that she cannot juggle a romantic relationship, motherhood and work all at the same time. She's on a European tour, opening for a superstar singer.

"She's found a renewed sense of self. I think she feels grounded in this journey, whereas in a lot of Season 2 she was a little wishy-washy. She wasn't sure if she wanted to dive

all the way in. She kind of had one foot out the door," Brosnahan said.

Taking care of her kids back home is her estranged husband, Joel, played by Zegen. It was Joel's infidelity that indirectly triggered Midge's comedy career and the show's writers have evolved his character from a heel to a multidimensional man.

"He is a good parent, especially this season. He's really trying. And I think that is the key: He is trying. He's trying to make up for his wrongdoings," Zegen said. "He's coming around to the fact that she's doing well and she's successful and he needs to be supportive."

Although Season 2 ended with Midge and Joel romantically linked, Brosnahan said viewers shouldn't expect prolonged sparks. She has pestered Sherman-

Palladino about what happens to the couple and was told: "While they were once on the same page, they'll never be on the same page at the same time again. They may come very, very close but they'll never quite align like they used to."

One thing that hasn't changed: Brosnahan isn't yet fully comfortable as a stand-up comedian. In the first season, she could tell herself she was just having a prolonged mental breakdown onstage. But now her comedy sets are more complicated.

"As the seasons go on, and Midge starts playing for bigger and bigger audiences and totally different houses and different states and different countries, she has to become a more technically proficient comedian. And so do I," she said. "That continues to be absolutely horrifying."

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WEDDING

Brady — Grayheck

Caitlin Brady and Jim Grayheck were married at the Chicago Athletic Association this fall. Officiating was James Schwarber III, the bride's and groom's close friend.

Caitlin is a 2007 graduate of Fenwick High School and a 2011 graduate of Indiana University. She earned her master's degree in 2014 from Georgetown University.

Jim is a 2006 graduate from Hinsdale Central and a 2010 graduate of Dayton University.

The couple resides in the Bucktown neighborhood with their two Bernese Mountain Dogs, Knight and Maverick.



WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Corinne Foxx

“Beat Shazam” (7 p.m., FOX): Host Jamie Foxx and his DJ daughter Corinne return with a special seasonal episode called “Santa Jamie,” where beloved seasonal favorites are woven into some of the biggest musical hits of the day, with teams trying to identify them in as few opening notes as possible. At the end of each episode, the team with the highest score tests its human skill against the titular song-identification app Shazam.

“Diesel Brothers” (7 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): Heavy D, Diesel Dave, The Muscle and the rest of the DieselSellerz team return for a new season that will find the guys attempting to build their very first diesel-powered boat, their first electric drag bike and their first mega-truck. The two-hour Season 6 premiere finds them undertaking the creation of a mobile DJ party trailer, complete with a tricked-out truck to pull it. Meanwhile, Sam, the resident “diesel mad scientist” of the group, has a plan to create an electric mini drag bike to race a Lamborghini Huracan.

“Bob Hearts Abishola” (7:30 p.m., CBS): Faint heart never won fair maid! Shaken up to learn that Abishola (Folake Olowofoyeku) is giving Chukwuemeka (guest star Toni Tamba), a past suitor, another chance to woo her, Bob (Billy Gardell) knows he must somehow summon enough confidence to stay in this romantic competition in a new episode called “Ice Cream for Breakfast.” Meanwhile, after a fight with Auntie Olu (Shola Adewusi), Uncle Tunde (Barry Shabaka Henley) finds an unlikely friend in Dottie (Christine Ebersole).

“Wrap Battle” (9 p.m., FREE): As the short first season reaches its finale, the final four wrappers face unbearable pressure as each takes their turn in the television spotlight. These final rounds will determine who will become the first-ever Wrap Battle Champion and win a cash and prize package worth \$50,000. Sandra Lee is guest judge for the finale, joining regulars Carson Kressley and Wanda Wen. Sheryl Underwood is the host.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Laurence Fishburne.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Timothée Chalamet; model Ashley Graham; film director Bong Joon Ho; Summer Walker performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Saoirse Ronan; journalist Tom Brokaw.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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Impeach

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peachment — and last month’s grilling of foreign service officers and aides by the House Intelligence Committee — did not evoke quite the same backstabbing drama of “Succession” or the brutality of a “Game of Thrones” tribunal.

Instead, Democrats have fed the political dumpster fire with reams of damning testimony and evidence. Republicans have tried to smother the blaze, which might explain what happened to Rep. Jim Jordan’s missing jacket.

And both sides leaned heavily on history.

The framers of the Constitution were invoked so often during Wednesday’s 8-hour hearing, it’s a wonder Thomas Jefferson didn’t materialize belting a “Hamilton” tune: “‘Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.’ We fought for these ideals, we shouldn’t

settle for less. These are wise words, enterprising men quote ‘em. Don’t act surprised, you guys, cause I wrote ‘em.”

A song or two might have spruced up the Judiciary Committee’s inquiry, which was more academic than the hearings conducted by their counterparts in Intelligence. The panel’s legal experts did, however, pepper their testimony with pop-culture references and memorable retorts.

Noah Feldman of Harvard Law School name-checked “The Good Place” in his otherwise deeply serious testimony about our dire constitutional crisis. Stanford Law School professor Pamela S. Karlan ferociously countered Rep. Doug Collins when he suggested she didn’t do her homework on the specifics of the case. “I ate a turkey that came to us in the mail that was already cooked because I was spending my (Thanksgiving) doing this!” she bristled. One spectator even arrived

armed with opera glasses for better viewing of the tragicomedy.

Throughout the hearings, though, it’s Republicans who’ve been most proficient in the art of Kabuki theater. But even their attempts to hold court have failed to engage, and more importantly inspire, viewers already burned out on “The Trump Show.”

Next season he’ll step into the starring role, when the actions of a reckless president, who appears to have abused the power of office for personal gain, invited a foreign government to meddle in U.S. elections and obstructed justice in the process, will be on trial. It’s safe to say there will be no reality TV table flips or “Perry Mason”-style courtroom moments — but maybe it’s time to stop craving spectacle and start listening to the facts. Should our democracy really depend more on legal dramas than it does on the law?

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 9

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: “Dripsy.” (N) ©	Bull: “The Good One.” ©	News (N) ♣		
	NBC 5	The Voice: “Live Semi-Final Top 8 Performances.” (N)				(9:01) Making It: “Work and Play.” (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♣
	ABC 7	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N) ©				The Good Doctor: “Claire.” ©		News at 10pm (N) ♣
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	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)	Chaka Khan Homecoming (N) ©			Aretha Franklin Remembered (My Music) ©		
	CW 26.1	Batwoman (N) ©		Black Lightning (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		Postgame	BIG 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	All About the Benjamins (R, ’02) ♣	Ice Cube. ©			Lottery ♣	
FOX 32	Beat Shazam: “Santa Jamie.” (N) ©		The Moodys: “Episode 3; Episode 4.” (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♣	
Telem 44	El sultán (N) ©		El final del paraíso (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D.: “Allegiance.”		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♣	
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WJYS 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Monument	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: “Live Rescue -- 12.09.19.” (N) ©				Court Cam
	AMC	♣ (6) Miracle on 34th Street ‘94 *** ©		Miracle on 34th Street (PG, ’94) *** © (SAP) ♣				
	ANIM	River Monsters: “Face Ripper.”				River Monsters		Monsters ♣
	BBCA	Star Trek (PG-13, ’09) ***	Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. ©				(9:45) Star Trek *** ♣	
	BET	♣ Madea’s Family Reunion	(7:57) Soul Plane (R, ’04) **	Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold.				Martin © ♣
	BIGTEN	College Basketball: Minnesota at Iowa. (N) (Live) ©						BIG Show
	BRAVO	Below Deck (N) ©		Below Deck (N) ©		Below Deck ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♣
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♣
	DISC	Diesel Brothers: “Diesel Brothers vs. The World.” (Season Premiere) (N)		(9:02) Twin Turbos (Season Premiere) (N)				Diesel ♣
	DISN	Raven	Roll With It	Gabby	Music Event	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven
	E!	Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched (N) ©		Nightly (N)
	ESPN	NFL Football: New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles. (N) (Live)						SportsC. (N)
	ESPN2	30 for 30				Countdown (N)		UFC 245 (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Holiday Baking (N)		Holiday Baking (N)		Christmas Cookie (N)		Wars ♣
	FREE	♣ (5:55) Despicable Me 2		Wrap Battle (N) ©		Wrap Battle (Season Finale) (N) ©		700 Club ♣
	FX	♣ (6) The Wolf of Wall Street (R, ’13) ***	Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. ©					Wolf Wall ♣
	HALL	The Christmas Cottage (NR, ’17)	Merritt Patterson.			(9:03) 12 Gifts of Christmas ‘15 © ♣		
	HGTV	Love It or List It (N) ©		Love It or List It (N)		Hunt Int! (N) Hunters (N)		Hunters
	HIST	Pawn Stars ©		Pawn Stars (N) ©		(9:02) Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn ♣
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	A Storybook Christmas (NR, ’19)	Ali Liebert. ©			(9:03) My Christmas Inn (NR, ’18) ♣		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©						Bulls (N)
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♣
	OVATION	♣ (6) Eve’s Christmas ♣		-Christmas Tree Lighting		Maid in Manhattan (PG-13, ’02) *** ♣		
OWN	Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline ♣	
OXY	NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♣	
PARMT	Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ♣	
SYFY	Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13, ’14) ***	Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. ©			Futurama		Futurama ♣	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Philadelphia Story (NR, ’40) ***	Cary Grant.			High Society (NR, ’56) *** ♣			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: “David & Annie: The Full Story.” (N)						90 Day ♣	
TLN	Supernatural	Urban	Christmas	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ♣	
TNT	San Andreas (PG-13, ’15) **	Dwayne Johnson. ©			Geostorm (PG-13, ’17) ** ♣			
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy ♣	
TRAV	A Haunting (N) ©				My Horror Story (N) ©		Hometwn (N)	
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USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Mod Fam ♣	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N)		Cartel Crew (N) ©		Cartel Crew (N) ©		Love ♣	
WE	Law & Order: “Ritual.” ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order: “Expert.”		Law ♣	
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	MAX	Deep Rising (R, ’98) ♣	Treat Williams. ©			(8:50) The Meg (PG-13, ’18) ** ♣		
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STZNC	The Interpreter (PG-13, ’05) ***	Nicole Kidman.			(9:11) Fletch (PG, ’85) ** ♣			

Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Infant’s bed
 - 5 “Get lost!”
 - 9 Clumsy oaf
 - 13 Type of eclipse
 - 15 Lion’s den
 - 16 ___ in on; advance toward a target
 - 17 ___ drop of a hat; instantly
 - 18 Kid’s spending money
 - 20 Letter for Socrates
 - 21 “! Goes the Weasel”
 - 23 “Away in a ___, no crib for His bed...”
 - 24 ___ and groans; complains
 - 26 Colossal
 - 27 Minor facts & details
 - 29 JFK’s dad
 - 32 “Easy ___; Fonda/Hopper/Nicholson film
 - 33 Not tactful
 - 35 ___ after; chase
 - 37 As sturdy ___ oak
 - 38 Wedding party member
 - 39 Capitol roof
 - 40 Kitten or canary
 - 41 Air freshener brand
 - 42 Divans
 - 43 Brought up, as kids
 - 45 Pour oil on, as during a rite
 - 46 Prefix for fit or place
 - 47 Cricket or soccer
 - 48 Stone wall
 - 51 Suffix for musket or puppet
 - 52 Needless hubbub
 - 55 Too faint to be heard
 - 58 Declined
 - 60 Kellogg’s ___ Flakes
 - 61 Breakfast ___; eating area
 - 62 Coleslaw, for one
 - 63 Go out of
 - 64 Practical jokes
 - 65 Skelton & Buttons

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- DOWN**
- 1 ___ of thunder; storm sound
 - 2 Furrows
 - 3 Frighten; daunt
 - 4 Scrooge’s comment
 - 5 Strikes with an open hand
 - 6 Coolidge, to friends
 - 7 Be in poor health
 - 8 Brass instrument
 - 9 Transform
 - 10 Word before Island or division
 - 11 ___ more; a second time
 - 12 Forest animal
 - 14 Mend
 - 19 Midriff
 - 22 ___ roll; winning & winning
 - 25 Kitchen appliance
 - 27 Mouse catcher
 - 28 Early ___; one up at dawn
 - 29 “Hey ___; Beatles song
 - 30 Cost-effective
 - 31 Mortal
 - 33 Pitt or Garrett
 - 34 Tupperware top
 - 36 Home of twigs
 - 38 Welcome boon
 - 39 Entrance
 - 41 Use a pepper mill
 - 42 Night noises
 - 44 Quiet noises
 - 45 Primate
 - 47 Tries to find
 - 48 Household pests
 - 49 As dumb as ___
 - 50 New Delhi dress
 - 53 Deceased
 - 54 Bookie’s concern
 - 56 Deadly squeeze
 - 57 Piece of wood
 - 59 Forbid entry to

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 9): Realize personal dreams this year. Persistent coordination maintains a satisfying cash flow. The winter brings a profitable boom phase before a twist with family fortunes requires adaptation. Personal changes redirect you next summer before a collaborative effort wins a valuable prize.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Long-distance communications, traffic and travels improve over three weeks with Mercury in Sagittarius, so expand your territory. Write, research and study. Investigate and share discoveries.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Set long-range financial targets. Building a savings plan comes easier for three weeks with Mercury in Sagittarius. Track budgets and financial investments.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Support your partner. Over three weeks with Mercury in Sagittarius, the competition is extraordinarily fierce. Ignore petty stuff and pull together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Create and discover efficiencies. Discover solutions for your work and health through communication over several weeks with Mercury in Sagittarius. Network and assess suggestions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Get excellent advice from family. It's easier to express affection with Mercury in Sagittarius for three weeks. You're especially persuasive.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Fix up your place. Over three weeks with Mercury in Sagittarius, prioritize household renovation. Uncover forgotten treasures and discover new purposes for old stuff.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Creativity surges. Begin a three-week intensive study phase with Mercury in Sagittarius. Your curiosity seems intensified. Study with passion. Write reports and investigate assumptions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Find more ways to make money. It's easier to spend, too, with Mercury in Sagittarius, so take care. Keep close track of income and outflow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. For the next three weeks with Mercury in your sign, you have an advantage. Practice to improve your communication skills and talents.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Contemplate beauty and listen to your heart. Enter a three-week philosophical and spiritual phase with Mercury in Sagittarius.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Group activities go well. Confer with others to discover hidden truths. Enjoy a three-week social phase with Mercury in Sagittarius.

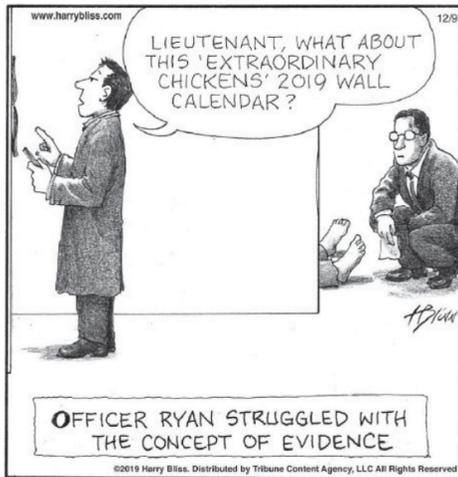
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Professional opportunities arise in conversation. Begin a three-week testing phase with Mercury in Sagittarius. Let others know what you want.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 974 ♥ KQ72 ♦ A742 ♣ K9

Left-hand opponent opens 3C—Pass—Pass to you. What call would you make?

A.1—The king of clubs might be wasted, but we can't let the opponents steal from us like this. Double.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ QJ1063 ♥ 9 ♦ 864 ♣ AKJ4

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.2—If you don't open 1S with this hand, you're playing the wrong game. All the values in your two suits and an easy rebid make this hand worth at least 13 points.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 104 ♥ 62 ♦ 1097 ♣ Q107542

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17. What call would you make?

A.3—Use whatever method you have for signing off in 3C. This hand will have value in a club contract and might have no value in a no trump contract.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10754 ♥ Q75 ♦ AQ94 ♣ K2

Partner deals and passes, as does right-hand opponent. What call would you make?

A.4—If you want partner to be sound in first and second seat, you must act aggressively in third or fourth. Bid 1D.

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Baby Blues



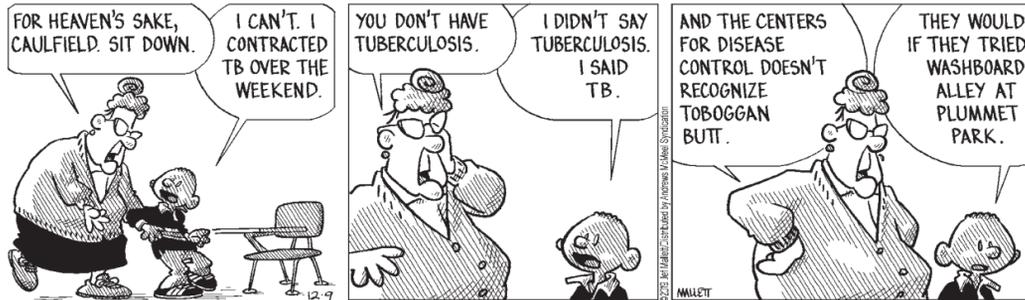
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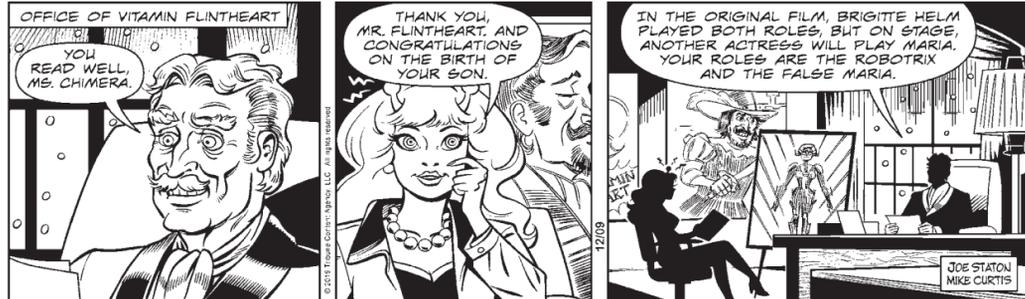
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MONDAY, DEC. 9

NORMAL HIGH: 37°

NORMAL LOW: 22°

RECORD HIGH: 62° (1879)

RECORD LOW: -14° (1876)

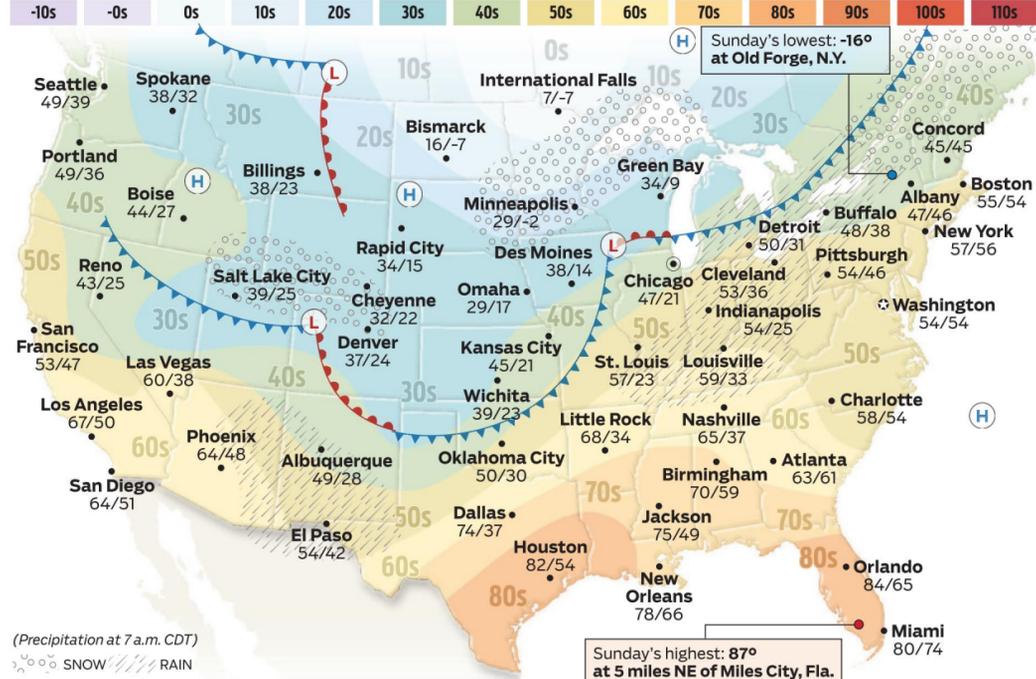
Winter chill to return following Monday's rain

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 47 **LOW** 21

■ Cold air slated to arrive as rain system exits area.
 ■ The day opens gray, but mild for early December. Daybreak temps hover in the low-mid 40s.
 ■ Patchy light rain/drizzle builds to more widespread showers.
 ■ Temps slowly climb to the upper 40s through early afternoon, then readings start to drop as a cold front passes.
 ■ SW winds 15-20 mph turn NW late in the day. Temps dip to near 40 degrees by evening.
 ■ Brief light showers may change to flurries before ending, then partial clearing, colder overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Several weather systems are to traverse the Midwest and Great Lakes in coming days. The first will be passing to our north Monday, spreading snow across the upper Midwest, and prompting winter weather warnings and advisories from North Dakota, to northern Wisconsin. Chicago will lie in damp, relatively mild air until late Monday. An attendant cold front is poised to sweep across the metro area by late afternoon, bringing a push of colder, drier air. Flurries are possible as temperatures drop Monday evening, but measurable snow is not expected. Weak, clipper-type systems are forecast to visit the region Tuesday and Friday, again keeping any measurable snow well to the north. Mild air has been the rule through the opening days of December. That is due to change Tuesday.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

HIGH 26 **LOW** 10

Residual cloud patches sweep across the area, otherwise becoming mostly sunny. Blustery and much colder. Temps struggle to reach the mid 20s. NW-W winds 15-25 mph diminish late.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

HIGH 23 **LOW** 13

Polar source high pressure builds across the region providing dry, but cold conditions. Despite partly, to mostly sunny skies, temps only reach the low 20s. Clouding over/not as cold overnight.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

HIGH 35 **LOW** 28

Periods of sun emerge as mid-high level clouds thin during the afternoon. Low pressure passing to the north draws milder air into the Midwest. Temps break freezing as S-SW winds increase to 15-25 mph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

HIGH 40 **LOW** 31

A tranquil day across the metro area. Sun dims at time due to passing high clouds, but ample sunshine allows temps to peak near 40 degrees. S-SE winds around 10 mph. Clouds thicken at night.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH 39 **LOW** 25

Weak system moves across the upper Great Lakes bringing mostly cloudy skies and a chance of some light showers/sprinkles. Temps again peak near 40, before dropping off in the afternoon.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH 33 **LOW** 18

Peeks of filtered sun fade as clouds overspread the region. Modestly colder, with temps climbing to, or just above freezing. Some light snow/flurries possible late or at night. Light NE-E winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 What are the records for snowfall, worldwide?
 Tommy Able,
 Munster, Indiana

Dear Tommy,
 Snowfall records are difficult to determine because reports of recorded snows are often contradictory. The largest snow-storm appears to be 109 inches that fell over seven-day period, Feb. 13-19, 1959, at the Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl in California. The most snowfall in a season (July 1 through June 30) is 1,142 inches at Mount Baker, Washington, in 1998-99. The most snow in a calendar month is 390 inches at Tamarack, California, in January 1911. The greatest snow in a 24-hour period occurred at Capracotta, Italy, on March 5, 2015: 100.8 inches. (For comparative purposes, Chicago's largest 24-hour snowfall is 23.0 inches on Jan. 26-27, 1967.) And on Feb. 14, 1927, Mt. Ibuki, Japan, recorded the world's greatest snow accumulation: 38.8 feet.

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Hear Demetrius
 Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Early onset of snowfalls have not rapid into December

AFTER AN EARLY START TO THE 2019-2020 WINTER
 Snow has been lacking across the Midwest

Last year: Snow covered areas of the Midwest/Great Lakes on Dec. 8, 2018—Nationally 43.2% of Lower 48 was snow covered



This year: Snow covered areas as of Dec. 8, 2019—Nationally 29.9% of Lower 48 is snow covered

SNOWS OF LATE OCTOBER—EARLY NOVEMBER BECOMING A FADED MEMORY

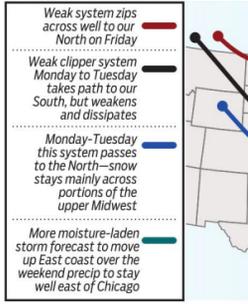
Above-normal snowfall brought an early start to the 2019-2020 season, but accumulations have been lacking since

PERIOD	OBSERVED SNOWFALL	NORMAL SNOWFALL
Oct. 30-Nov. 15	8.3"	0.3"
Nov. 16-Dec. 8	0.1"	2.7"

FORECAST STORM TRACKS OVER THE NEXT WEEK

Focus of accumulating snow to stay across upper Midwest and the NE

European model ensemble forecast of storm tracks from 12/9 to 12/15



CHANCES OF SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL (1" OR MORE) APPEAR MINIMAL AT LEAST THROUGH THE UPCOMING WEEKEND

Forecast snowfall*—Monday 12/9 to Sunday 12/15



MIDWEST CITIES

CITY	MON	TUE	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	58	25	sh	34	22		
Carbondale	sh	52	18	sh	28	19		
Champaign	sh	53	19	sh	29	20		
Decatur	sh	53	19	sh	29	20		
Moline	sh	49	15	sh	27	15		
Peoria	sh	51	17	sh	28	17		
Quincy	sh	52	19	sh	29	21		
Rockford	sh	48	15	sh	24	13		
Springfield	sh	53	18	sh	30	20		
Sterling	sh	47	15	sh	25	13		
Indiana	rn	56	25	sh	30	21		
Bloomington	sh	59	28	sh	33	22		
Evansville	sh	52	28	sh	31	18		
Fort Wayne	sh	54	25	sh	29	20		
Indianapolis	rn	53	22	cl	27	18		
Lafayette	sh	51	26	sh	29	17		
South Bend	sh	51	26	sh	29	17		
Wisconsin	sn	34	9	su	13	-1		
Green Bay	sh	48	17	sh	24	12		
Kenosha	rs	35	5	pc	14	4		
La Crosse	rs	41	11	su	19	7		
Madison	rs	35	5	pc	16	11		
Milwaukee	rs	35	5	pc	22	9		
Wausau	sn	30	1	pc	6	-7		
Michigan	sh	50	31	sh	34	20		
Detroit	sh	47	25	sh	28	19		
Grand Rapids	sh	48	17	sh	24	12		
Marquette	rs	28	13	cl	16	2		
St. Ste. Marie	sn	30	6	pc	16	11		
Traverse City	sn	40	21	sh	23	12		
Iowa	rs	35	11	pc	21	12		
Ames	sh	38	14	pc	23	10		
Des Moines	sh	43	10	pc	25	16		
Dubuque	sh	40	10	pc	21	9		

OTHER U.S. CITIES

CITY	MON	TUE	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	47	46	sh	52	28		
Albuquerque	pc	49	28	sh	48	27		
Amarillo	cl	46	27	su	50	29		
Anchorage	rn	44	35	pc	37	29		
Asheville	sh	59	55	rn	57	34		
Aspen	ss	31	7	su	34	12		
Atlanta	sh	63	61	rn	68	43		
Atlantic City	rn	55	53	rn	60	35		
Austin	pc	63	44	rn	50	34		
Baltimore	rn	54	53	sh	61	34		
Birmingham	cl	38	23	pc	38	26		
Bismarck	cl	16	-7	pc	-5	-12		
Boise	pc	44	27	pc	43	30		
Boston	rn	55	54	sh	61	33		
Brownsville	pc	83	69	ts	71	45		
Buffalo	rn	48	38	sh	42	23		
Burlington	sh	43	43	sh	50	21		
Charlotte	cl	58	54	sh	69	42		
Charltn SC	cl	69	61	pc	71	60		
Charltn WV	rn	62	49	rs	53	27		
Chattanooga	sh	65	57	rn	61	34		
Cheyenne	su	32	22	su	38	28		
Cincinnati	rn	58	31	sh	35	20		
Cleveland	rn	53	36	sh	39	25		
Colo. Spgs	pc	37	20	su	45	25		
Columbia MO	sh	51	21	pc	38	24		
Columbia SC	sh	73	64	pc	79	48		
Columbus	rn	55	34	sh	38	21		
Concord	sh	45	35	sh	53	26		
Corpus Christi	pc	80	54	sh	60	40		
Dallas	sh	74	37	rn	48	31		
Daytona Bch.	pc	81	62	pc	82	65		
Denver	pc	37	24	su	43	20		
Duluth	cl	-4	-4	pc	4	-9		
El Paso	rn	54	42	pc	55	37		
Fairbanks	cl	28	21	pc	23	11		
Fargo	pc	2	-11	su	-2	-19		
Flagstaff	pc	40	18	sh	46	22		
Fort Myers	su	84	66	pc	86	69		
Fort Smith	sh	65	33	pc	47	26		
Fresno	pc	56	44	cl	57	45		
Grand Junc.	pc	46	25	su	43	24		
Great Falls	pc	32	20	pc	39	28		
Harrisburg	rn	52	51	sh	58	34		
Hartford	rn	55	54	rn	59	31		
Helena	pc	34	22	pc	37	26		
Honolulu	su	85	71	pc	88	73		
Houston	cl	82	54	sh	39	28		
Int'l Falls	pc	7	-7	pc	-2	-11		
Jackson	ts	75	49	rn	53	34		
Jacksonville	pc	81	62	pc	83	67		
Juneau	sh	43	38	rn	43	28		
Kansas City	pc	45	21	pc	39	26		
Las Vegas	pc	60	38	pc	57	42		
Lincoln	pc	28	18	pc	30	21		
Little Rock	sh	68	34	rs	39	26		
Los Angeles	su	67	50	cl	68	50		
Louisville	rn	59	33	sh	36	23		
Macon	cl	73	61	sh	78	46		
Memphis	sh	66	37	sh	40	26		
Miami	pc	80	74	pc	81	74		
Minneapolis	sn	29	-2	pc	5	6		
Mobile	cl	72	65	rn	73	45		
Montgomery	cl	75	64	sh	74	42		
Nashville	sh	65	37	rs	39	25		
New Orleans	cl	78	66	pc	78	46		
New York	rn	57	56	sh	63	34		
Norfolk	sh	65	61	sh	71	41		
Okla. City	pc	50	30	pc	50	30		
Omaha	pc	29	17	pc	25	9		
Orlando	pc	84	65	pc	85	67		
Palm Beach	pc	81	72	pc	83	72		
Palm Springs	su	73	51	pc	69	51		
Philadelphia	rn	57	56	sh	61	34		
Phoenix	ts	64	48	pc	66	48		
Pittsburgh	sh	54	46	sh	51	25		
Portland, ME	rn	49	48	sh	56	28		
Portland, OR	pc	49	36	sh	47	42		
Providence	rn	56	55	sh	61	31		
Raleigh	sh	65	62	sh	71	41		
Rapid City	pc	34	15	pc	34	17		
Reno	pc	43	25	cl	45	30		
Richmond	sh	59	58	rn	66	36		
Rochester	sh	45	42	sh	46	23		
Sacramento	pc	60	45	sh	55	45		
Salem, Ore.	pc	48	36	sh	47	40		