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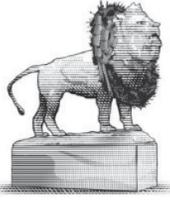
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Property tax burden is shifting in Cook suburbs

Assessments may hit firms hard, but break likely for homeowners

BY HAL DARDICK

As he took over a system riddled with errors and inequity, Assessor Fritz Kaegi vowed to change the way commercial properties are valued in Cook County.

Now his initial assessments are in, covering the north and northwest suburbs, and they show valuations for commercial,

industrial and larger apartment properties increased by more than 74%, compared with less than 16% for homes, a Tribune analysis found.

The result may be a significant shift in how the property tax burden is divided up — with homeowners paying less and business owners paying more. A Tribune analysis shows that if Kaegi's initial property values stand, businesses would pick up 44% of the combined taxes in those suburbs next year, up from 34% this year. That would shift 10% of the property tax burden

from homeowners to businesses.

Those new, higher assessments on commercial properties triggered a backlash from the business community. They're not only concerned about paying more, but they also say the uncertainty Kaegi's assessments has caused is contributing to a slowdown in commercial property sales throughout the county.

Still, there are multiple opportunities to appeal the assessments, so those numbers could change and dampen the effects

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Fritz Kaegi's assessments in the north and northwest suburbs are shifting property tax burden away from homeowners.

Inspector general testifies to FBI flaws

Horowitz caught in political crossfire at Senate panel hearing

BY ERIC TUCKER AND MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's internal watchdog was caught in a political tug of war Wednesday as Republican and Democratic senators used his report on the origins of the Russia investigation involving Donald Trump's 2016 campaign to support their views that it was a legitimate probe or a badly bungled farce.

Inspector General Michael Horowitz testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee about his findings that while the FBI had a legitimate basis to launch the investigation and was not motivated by political bias in doing so, there were flaws in how that investigation was conducted.

The hearing was the latest reflection of Washington's politicization. Senators from both parties praised a detailed, nuanced report by a widely respected, nonpartisan investigator, while pressing him to call attention to findings that back

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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

State's Attorney Kim Foxx is flanked by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Toi Hutchinson, a senior Pritzker adviser, after filing expungement motions.

Foxx launches mass effort to expunge pot convictions

Action to erase minor cases comes ahead of drug's Jan. 1 legalization

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx on Wednesday kicked off the first wave in a mass effort to automatically clear tens of thousands of low-level marijuana convictions from court records on the eve of the legalization of recreational cannabis in Illinois.

Foxx personally presented the county's chief judge with the first of about 1,000 petitions filed Wednesday during a special hearing at the Leighton Criminal

Court Building.

One by one, Chief Judge Timothy Evans granted the requests by Foxx to expunge those convictions from public court records, handing the paperwork to Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown to stamp.

The rare joint appearance of major county leaders in a 26th and California courtroom was well-choreographed, as high-level prosecutors, activists and even Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who signed the legislation legalizing recreational weed, looked on.

NONCITIZENS BEWARE:

Even after Jan. 1, immigrants warned that smoking, working in industry may be viewed as federal crime. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

"Honestly, it was prosecutors who pushed for and implemented these convictions," Foxx, who is facing a potentially tough reelection fight after a year that saw her buffeted by criticism of her handling of the prosecution of former "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett, said in

court. "We must now own our role in the harm these convictions have caused and play our part in reversing them."

Foxx presented the judge with the first 100 petitions of 1,012 that were filed Wednesday, then addressed reporters alongside Pritzker.

Foxx recalled how her mother was a regular user of marijuana to relieve symptoms of bipolar disorder. While her mom was never criminally charged with a

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Higher levels of toxins near Medline in Waukegan

CDC finds ethylene oxide in people living around chemical plant

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

People living near Medline Industries in north suburban Waukegan had higher levels of the cancer-causing chemical ethylene oxide in their bloodstream than others who live farther away, according to test results from a federally funded study.

Susan Buchanan, a University of Illinois at Chicago researcher who oversaw the testing, said the results provide more evidence that chemical plants and sterilization facilities emitting ethylene oxide are endangering nearby communities.

Buchanan released a summary of her study on Tuesday, a month after an Illinois Senate committee rejected legislation that would have forced Medline to move away from densely populated neighborhoods. The bill also would have ordered Vantage Specialty Chemicals in Gurnee to dramatically reduce its emissions.

"These figures should be seen

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Here's why your Metra train was running late

Signal switch issues caused the most problems in 2019's first 10 months, followed by weather, according to a report. **Chicagoland**, Page 6



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'Hawk' wins Hall of Fame broadcasting honor

After decades of colorfully calling the White Sox's ups and downs, Ken "Hawk" Harrelson is the winner of the Ford C. Frick Award. **Chicago Sports**

Goodbye, food desert: South Shore gets grocer

Local Market opened Wednesday in the Jeffery Plaza shopping center, marking the end of a fight to fill the last vacant Chicago-area Dominick's site. **Business**



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■ A story on the front page of the Business section on Wednesday incorrectly stated MedMar Lakeview received approval from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to sell recreational marijuana from its new location. The dispensary received approval from the city's zoning committee to move to its new location.

■ Phil Rosenthal's Tuesday sports column on the Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters misidentified the 2019 honoree. It was Al Helfer, an announcer from the 1930s through the '60s. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff on Capitol Hill in Washington on Nov. 15.



JOHN KASS

Horowitz report finally un.masks Adam Schiff

Now that the Horowitz report is out, revealing all those lies told by the FBI as it worked to hamstring a presidency with a debunked Russia collusion theory, here's a question:

Where do U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff — the Inspector Javert of Trump Impeachment Theater — and Schiff's eager handmaidens of the Washington Democratic Media Complex go now to get their reputations back?

Nowhere. There is no place for them to go.

It really doesn't matter where Schiff goes. The Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee will be blamed when impeachment boomerangs on the Democrats.

Schiff's Washington Beltway establishment media enablers, those who've carried his water for years, may ignore the impact the Horowitz report has on Schiff's reputation.

They might just spin it all away. And the more witless among them have already reverted to their default positions: tribal hooting, while comparing anyone who disagrees with them to Hitler. If you want the short version, just scroll through Twitter for the angry disembodied cartoon heads.

But there are many intelligent, thoughtful liberal members of the press who, when it comes to Schiff, must be thinking, "My God, what have I done?"

Because if there's one thing that comes through in the report from Obama-appointed Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz, and from his testimony on Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, it is this:

Schiff is a dissembler, a prevaricator, a distortionist, a spreader of falsehoods. In Chicago we use the short word: liar.

It was Schiff who insisted all along that FBI and Department of Justice officials did not abuse the FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) courts or hide information from judges.

But according to Horowitz, that's what the FBI did.

The "DOJ met the rigor, transparency and evidentiary basis needed to

meet FISA's probable cause requirement," insisted Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, in a 2018 memo that should be carved in marble.

But the FBI didn't meet those rigorous standards. It didn't offer transparency. Officials hid evidence from the court, or fabricated evidence to get what it wanted.

It was Schiff who insisted that the FBI didn't heavily rely on the so-called Steele dossier, the salacious Democratic Party-paid-for oppo research against Trump.

But Horowitz shows that the FBI relied heavily on the salacious dossier — and even made up evidence to keep the dossier useful before the courts, though key officials knew that what was in it wasn't true.

We now know from the Horowitz report that the dossier played a "central and essential role" in obtaining warrants to spy on the 2016 Trump campaign.

We also know that Schiff lied to the public about what had happened, as his media handmaidens protected him and trashed his fellow House Intelligence Committee member, U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes, a California Republican, who try to warn the country of the FISA abuse.

Why is FISA abuse relevant beyond whether Trump wins reelection or not?

Because faking evidence and lying about it to the courts to continue receiving surveillance warrants on Americans is a threat to all our liberty.

If they can do this to a presidential campaign, they can do it to you.

The FISA abuse also weakens Congressional support for the FISA court, which has been used in terrorism investigations. I don't like secret courts. And I don't like putting courts in an oversight role over the executive branch, a job that properly belongs to Congress.

But there are bad actors out there who want to kill Americans, and such courts can be necessary. And for the FBI to create a climate where these law enforcement tools could be thrown out is unconscionable.

When the Horowitz report was released a few days ago, some media and Democrats claimed it was a vindication for the FBI, because he did not find that the Russia-Trump investigation was a political hit job ordered from on high.

Some of the headlines I read as the report was about to be released were quite ecstatic, almost giddy.

So was former FBI boss James Comey. He rattled on in an emotionally turgid Washington Post op-ed bragging that he'd been vindicated.

Yet in an exchange Wednesday with Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham, R.-S.C., Horowitz said his report vindicated no one.

"The activities we found here don't vindicate anybody who touched this," Horowitz said.

Did Comey touch it? Or is he such a Washington silkie that he would know how to avoid direct responsibility, but be able to smile the moment an underling else slips in the knife?

Horowitz could only interview current FBI and DOJ employees. Determining who slipped in the knife wasn't Horowitz's job. That is the job of respected U.S. Attorney John Durham, who is conducting a criminal investigation as to how this all began.

Durham was asked to do that job by Attorney General William Barr, who doesn't agree with Horowitz that there wasn't any political motive in the FBI for what happened.

"I think our nation was turned on its head for three years based on a completely bogus narrative that was largely fanned and hyped by a completely irresponsible press," Barr told NBC. "I think there were gross abuses ... and inexplicable behavior that is intolerable in the FBI."

And Schiff preens, makes speeches about virtue and shows no shame. Who's going to call him out on his lies?

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EXHAUSTED BY TRUMPWORLD'S LIES?

Hold fast to the truth. It's the only path.



REX W. HUPPKE

If you remain a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, or if you turn only to the likes of Fox News or Rush Limbaugh for information, stop reading.

This column is not for you. If you'd like, skip to the end. My email address is there and will allow you to get to the important work of crafting an ornery note lambasting my bias (I'm an opinion columnist), my lies (I haven't had a factual error in a column in ages, and when I do, the paper runs a correction and holds me accountable) and my refusal to stop criticizing the president (guilty as charged).

For the rest of you, those appalled by our president and those middle-grounders whose minds haven't been rewired by propaganda, I come offering reassurance and perhaps a bit of comfort.

It can feel, especially lately, as if reality has been bent sideways and backward, like facts are meaningless and, quite frankly, like many of us are losing our minds.

It would be unsurprising at this point for the following scenario to unfold:

Trump: "Bigfoot is real." Excerpt from a U.S. Department of the Interior Inspector General Report on Bigfoot: "There is no indication that Bigfoot is real."

Trump, Republicans and Fox News pundits: "SEE! WE TOLD YOU BIGFOOT IS REAL!!"

Such is the disinformation-rich country we call home. It's exhausting.



DREW ANGERER/GETTY

President Donald Trump talks to reporters on the South Lawn of the White House on Tuesday.

So I have two things to tell you, one good, one bad.

First, the good: Facts still matter, and truth still exists.

Second, the bad: You can't feel exhausted. You have to cling to the truth, tighter than ever before, because an entire political party, a massive news network and the leader of the free world are trying to pull it away.

Consider how the president, his Republican cronies and the right-wing media reacted to the release this week of Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz's report on the FBI investigation into Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

Even a cursory review of the report reveals a thorough debunking of many of the president's favorite conspiracy theories. It clearly states there is no "documentary or testimonial evidence that political bias or improper motivation influenced" the deci-

sion to launch an investigation into contacts between Russians and Trump campaign members.

The report shows the FBI had an "authorized purpose" for starting the investigation, meaning it was not, as Trump claims ceaselessly, a "witch hunt." The report even shows that while screams of bias have been leveled ad nauseam at certain investigators who were texting anti-Trump comments, there were also investigators texting pro-Trump comments. There was no evidence either form of bias had bearing on the investigation.

The inspector general's report did find highly questionable behavior by lower-level officials in the FBI when it came to surveillance warrants for Carter Page, who spent time on Trump's campaign. Trump-appointed FBI Director Christopher Wray responded to the report in a letter saying he had ordered "more than 40 corrective steps to address the

Report's findings" and "accepts the Report's findings and embraces the need for thoughtful, meaningful remedial action."

Still, as Wray wrote in his letter, the report concludes that the investigation into the Trump campaign was "opened in 2016 for an authorized purpose and with adequate factual predication."

Here's how Trump responded to the report: "This was an overthrow of government. This was an attempted overthrow — people were in on it and they got caught, they got caught red-handed."

He described it as "far worse than I would've ever thought possible."

Fox News host Sean Hannity said: "Well, everything we said, everything we reported, everything we told you was dead-on center accurate. And the mob and the media has missed what is the biggest abuse of power corruption scandal in the history of the country."

Up is down. Dogs are cats. The world is flat as a pancake.

Trump, members of his party and propagandists like Hannity failed to note anything debunked by the report. They didn't just overlook a few things. They flat-out lied.

And they did it as easy as they breathe.

They deny or downplay Russian interference in the 2016 election, despite rock-solid conclusions from all the nation's intelligence agencies.

On Tuesday, the administration let Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov stand in the U.S. State Department and say: "We have highlighted once again that all speculation about our alleged interference in domestic processes in the U.S. are baseless."

That Russian propaganda has become the company line in Trump's America.

During the recent impeachment hearings, and now as Democratic law-

makers in the U.S. House draw up articles of impeachment, Trump and company have not so much rebutted sworn testimony and evidence of wrongdoing as they have simply denied its very existence.

It's maddening to anyone who declines to drink Trump's orange Kool-Aid. And that's the idea.

Disinformation is intended to wear critics down, to make them feel that resistance is futile, that combating nonsense with facts is a waste of time.

You can't let that happen. You need to keep your mind right.

Nothing any of us says will change the minds of Trump zealots.

It's a fool's errand to expect members of the modern-day GOP to accept the reality of any independent report or investigation. To many, former President Barack Obama is still a foreign-born Muslim. To most, Hillary Clinton still "did Benghazi" and has had people murdered.

The only report or investigation they will ever accept is one that precisely confirms their conspiratorial fever dreams, with not a whit of contradictory conclusions. They are forever tilting at windmills, like a charmless Don Quixote.

You are not losing your mind. Hold fast to the truth. The disinformation and dishonesty of Trump and his mendacious lemmings isn't your burden. It's theirs.

And the weight of it, as sure as up is up, will inevitably pull them down.

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Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

For noncitizens, legal pot equals legal woes

Working in field, lighting up would run afoul of fed law

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

With much of Illinois anticipating the state's legalization of marijuana in January, activists are urging immigrants not to use or buy cannabis or work in the new industry, as it could lead to drastic measures like deportation.

Immigration attorneys and advocate groups gathered Wednesday morning in Chicago's Loop to get word out that any noncitizen — including legal residents — could be adversely affected by admitting to federal immigration agents that they've used marijuana or work in the industry. One advocate held a sign stating, "Know your rights before January 1st."

Starting Jan. 1, marijuana will be legal to purchase in Illinois for those 21 and older. But marijuana remains illegal under federal law, meaning even working at a local dispensary could be viewed by federal agents as a form of drug trafficking, advocates say.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people don't know about these consequences," said Mony Ruiz-Velasco, executive director of PASO West Suburban Action Project, a social justice organization, underscoring that the

warning applies to green card holders and others who have legal status to be in the U.S. "... Just admitting use makes you a potential target for deportation. So you don't have to have a criminal arrest or conviction, you just have to admit to use."

Ruiz-Velasco said immigrants living in mixed-status households, meaning some family members are U.S. citizens while others aren't, should be cautious of working in the newly legalized industry. Having a family member working in the cannabis industry, even if that person is a citizen, could have an effect on the immigration status of a noncitizen in the same household, she said.

In response to questions from the Tribune, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Chicago didn't address whether the legalization of cannabis in Illinois would affect the federal agency's enforcement strategy.

The agency issued a statement saying, "ICE continues to pursue foreign-born nationals convicted of drug-related offenses by local and state law enforcement."

As states have started to legalize marijuana, immigration attorneys have grappled with how using it or working in the industry is affecting their clients, said Kathleen Vannucci, an at-

torney who is also part of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Vannucci said the association has heard of cases in which immigrants seeking citizenship in states where marijuana is legal have been denied naturalization because they've worked in the industry. An application for naturalization asks about the person's employment and asks if he or she has used drugs.

In April, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issued policy guidance around marijuana, saying possessing it was still a federal violation of a controlled substance.

"The policy guidance also clarifies that an applicant (for citizenship) who is involved in certain marijuana-related activities may lack good moral character if found to have violated federal law, even if such activity has been decriminalized under applicable state laws," the agency wrote on its website.

The federal agency seemed to double down on its stance on marijuana weeks after Denver Mayor Michael Hancock wrote a letter to U.S. Attorney General William Barr asking for an adjustment of policies so immigrants could participate in the industry.

"Denver understands the need for federal laws and regulations regarding citizenship and immigration,

but we are seeing the heart-breaking effects that those federal laws and regulations are having on our residents," Hancock wrote. "However, under current federal policy, lawful, permanent residents like Denver residents I have met with are being denied naturalization and may lose their legal status based on their lawful employment in the cannabis industry."

Aaron Hall, a Denver-based attorney, said the legalization of marijuana has created a huge issue for immigrants in Colorado.

"Even though the state legalizes it, under federal law, the immigration consequences of drug use (are) ... extremely harsh," Hall said. "So we've seen people who purchase marijuana at the dispensary in good faith and later come back and it leads to the denial of permanent residency."

In other instances, even low-level cannabis workers such as clerks could be accused of trafficking the substance, he said. Other cases have involved foreign tourists who've lost their visas after admitting to going to a dispensary during their trip, Hall said.

Kathy Brady, a senior staff attorney with the San Francisco-based Immigrant Legal Resource Center, said states can educate immigrants about how working in the cannabis industry can affect a person's immigra-

tion status. But any real change would have to be done on the federal level, she said.

"It's a whole community of color who is exiled from this really big financial development," Brady said. "The way to cure it is to take it off the federal schedule (of controlled substances), but that is probably a little ways away."

This past summer, a bill was introduced in the U.S. Senate that would remove cannabis from the list of controlled substances, but the bill has not made much progress.

In Washington state, attorneys have shared stories about immigrants seeking citizenship being denied it on grounds they don't have a good moral character after admitting to using marijuana, though it is legal in that state, Brady said. A denial means a person has to wait five years before applying for citizenship again, she said.

Vannucci said federal agents at the border or in airports could inspect someone's phone to look for any evidence of marijuana use as a way to deny the person entry into the country.

In a statement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said any noncitizen can be denied entry into the country if the person is in violation of any law regulating a controlled substance.

A traveler coming into the U.S. for a reason related to the marijuana industry could be denied entry as well.

"Although medical and recreational marijuana may be legal in some U.S. States and Canada, the sale, possession, production and distribution of marijuana or the facilitation of the aforementioned remain illegal under U.S. Federal Law," the agency stated. "Consequently, crossing the border or arriving at a U.S. port of entry in violation of this law may result in denied admission, seizure, fines, and apprehension."

In Illinois, immigration advocates are trying to brainstorm how they could work with lawmakers to educate the state on the potential adverse consequences noncitizens could face in the coming years, Ruiz-Velasco said.

"I think that this is a complicated area of law as we have explained," Ruiz-Velasco said. "I do think that there wasn't enough information out there (when the legalization bill was being considered in Illinois). But we are trying to work with legislatures now and the government to try to make sure there is something that can be done to reduce the harm that will come."

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2 teens tied to Chicago die in NZ

Parents still listed as missing after volcano erupts

BY PAIGE FRY, JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

Two teenage brothers with ties to Chicago are among at least seven people who died after a volcano erupted on New Zealand's White Island, and their parents remain unaccounted for, officials said Wednesday.

Matthew Hollander, 13, and Berend Hollander, 16, died after being taken to a hospital following the explosion Monday that sent steam and ash 12,000 feet into the air. They had been touring the island with their parents Martin Hollander, 48, and Barbara Hollander, 50, who were still listed as missing.

Martin Hollander is an investment director from Sydney, Australia, who held at least two jobs in Chicago, according to his LinkedIn page. His wife, Barbara, grew up in the north suburbs, records indicate. Both their sons were born in the Chicago area. Several years ago, the family moved to the Sydney area, where the boys attended Knox Grammar School in a north suburb.

"It is with the greatest sadness that I can confirm that Matthew Hollander and Berend (known as 'Ben') Hollander have passed away in hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the White Island volcano eruption," the school's headmaster said in a letter to parents. "Please take some time to reflect on the lives of Matthew and Ben and this devastating loss for our community."

At least seven people have been confirmed dead and seven more are believed to have died. The volcano vented more steam and mud Wednesday, forcing authorities to delay plans to recover bodies. At least 30 people are hospitalized, at least two dozen in critical condition.

New Zealand police have released a partial list of people still missing, saying



JOHN BOREN/GETTY

Makeshift memorials line a fence as the ship that took passengers to White Island when it erupted is in the background at Port of Tauranga on Tuesday.



UNDATED FAMILY PHOTO

Barbara and Martin Hollander are missing following a volcano eruption on New Zealand's White Island.



Matthew Hollander



Berend Hollander

they have been unable to speak with the families of those feared caught up in the eruption. The Red Cross, however, has released a fuller list of 20 people that included the Hollanders.

Jeff Richmond, his wife and family live in Northbrook and were longtime neighbors of the Hollanders before they moved back to Australia about five years ago when Martin Hollander accepted a new business management position.

"They were a great family," said Richmond, 61. "It was very disturbing to learn what happened."

They heard the news from one of their four sons, Charlie, who babysat the boys and often played sports in the backyard with them. "Charlie loved playing with the boys because they played baseball and Charlie had played. So he taught them baseball and played catch and all that," Richmond said. "The boys were very nice, always active and always outdoors. They were very pleasant people."

Martin and Barbara always pitched in to help with neighborhood block parties and kept up Aussie traditions. "They were refreshing," Richmond said. "He had the typical Aussie accent and ate Vegemite."

Before they moved away, they'd been in the neighbor-

hood for nearly seven years. Richmond and other neighbors threw a going-away party for them. "It's just very strange how something like that could happen to a whole family."

The boys' headmaster in Australia, Scott James, described Matthew as a "vibrant member of the Class of 2023."

The 13-year-old was involved in the Australian Army Cadets and was on the school's basketball, squash and debating teams. "Matthew had a close circle of friends and was popular amongst his peers," James wrote. "He was always enthusiastic about life and was actively involved in school and year group activities."

His older brother Ben also played sports, "his biggest passion baseball," James said. He also played in the Australian Football League and was a member of the Australian Army Cadets and the CRU, a Christian faith-based club. "Berend's engaging smile and quirky sense of humor has made him a good mate to his close group of friends and a welcome member to

every classroom," the school said.

Police believe 47 visitors were on the island at the time of the eruption, 24 of them Australian, nine Americans, five New Zealanders and others from Germany, Britain, China and Malaysia. Many were passengers aboard the Royal Caribbean cruise ship Ovation of the Seas.

Survivors ran into the sea to escape the scalding steam and ash and emerged covered with burns, said those who first helped them. Geoff Hopkins watched the eruption from a boat after visiting the island and told the New Zealand Herald the eruption quickly turned menacing.

He told the paper that injured people transported on their boat were horrifically burned by their exposed skin and even under their clothes.

The first confirmed death was of a local man, Hayden Marshall-Inman, a guide who had shown tourists around the island. Former Whakatane Mayor Tony Bonne said Marshall-Inman was a keen fisherman and

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well-liked.

In the town touted as the gateway to White Island, the volcano has an almost mystical significance, its regular puffing a feature of the landscape. Whether the island, also known as the Maori name Whakaari, will ever host tourists again remains uncertain.

Many people were questioning why tourists were allowed to visit the island after seismic monitoring experts raised the volcano's alert level last month.

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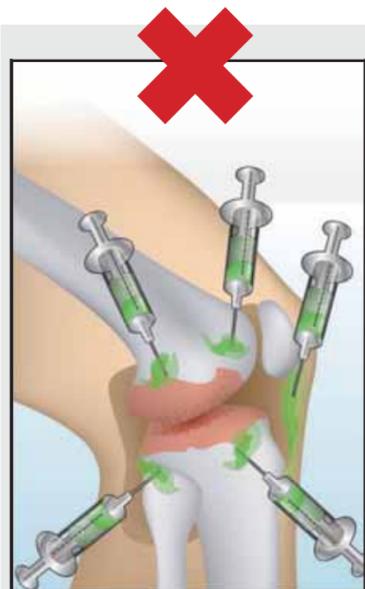
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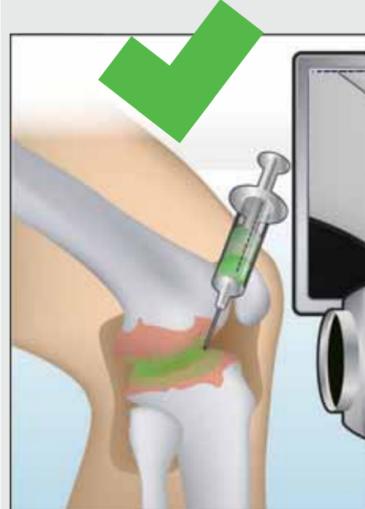
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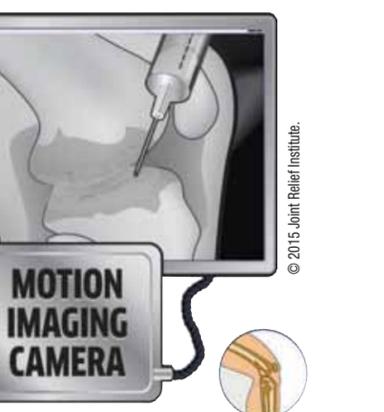
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Pritzker commits \$5M to allied committee

Governor shoring up backers of his graduated rate tax

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has poured \$5 million into a committee created to advance the cornerstone of his agenda, a graduated rate income tax in Illinois, in what figures to be an expensive and contentious battle in 2020.

Pritzker said he expects the graduated income tax proposal to face well-financed opposition.

"There's been a threat by lots of well-funded right-wing organizations and individuals to preserve the unfair tax system that exists today," he said at an unrelated event on Wednesday. "It was important to me to step up and support some-

thing that I've been talking about since day one of my campaign, something that I think is very important to the state."

The Illinois General Assembly this spring approved legislation that will ask voters next November whether the Illinois Constitution should be amended to allow for a graduated-rate income tax based on the size of income, repealing the current flat-rate income tax collection system.

The Vote Yes for Fairness committee was formed in August, and the deep-pocketed Democratic governor's \$5 million contribution is the only money in its account to date. The committee is chaired by Quentin Fulks, Pritzker's former deputy campaign manager.

The proposed amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution would require



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The Vote Yes for Fairness committee is chaired by Quentin Fulks, Gov. J.B. Pritzker's ex-deputy campaign manager.

approval by 60% of those who vote on the issue, or a majority of those who vote in the election, to be adopted.

Pritzker's pitch for the graduated-income tax plan has emphasized that only a small percentage of Illinois residents, the state's wealthiest, would pay more if

voters approve the constitutional change in November. Under the rates laid out in legislation the General Assembly approved earlier this year, taxpayers who earn more than \$250,000 annually would see higher rates.

Pritzker has said his graduated income tax plan

would generate \$3.4 billion in new revenue.

A ballot initiative committee named Vote No on the Blank Check Amendment was created earlier this year to oppose the graduated-rate income tax constitutional amendment by Greg Baise, former president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

The group, which has a logo featuring the silhouette of House Speaker Michael Madigan and a broken pen, reported no contributions as of its most recent submission to the State Board of Elections for the reporting period that ended Sept. 30.

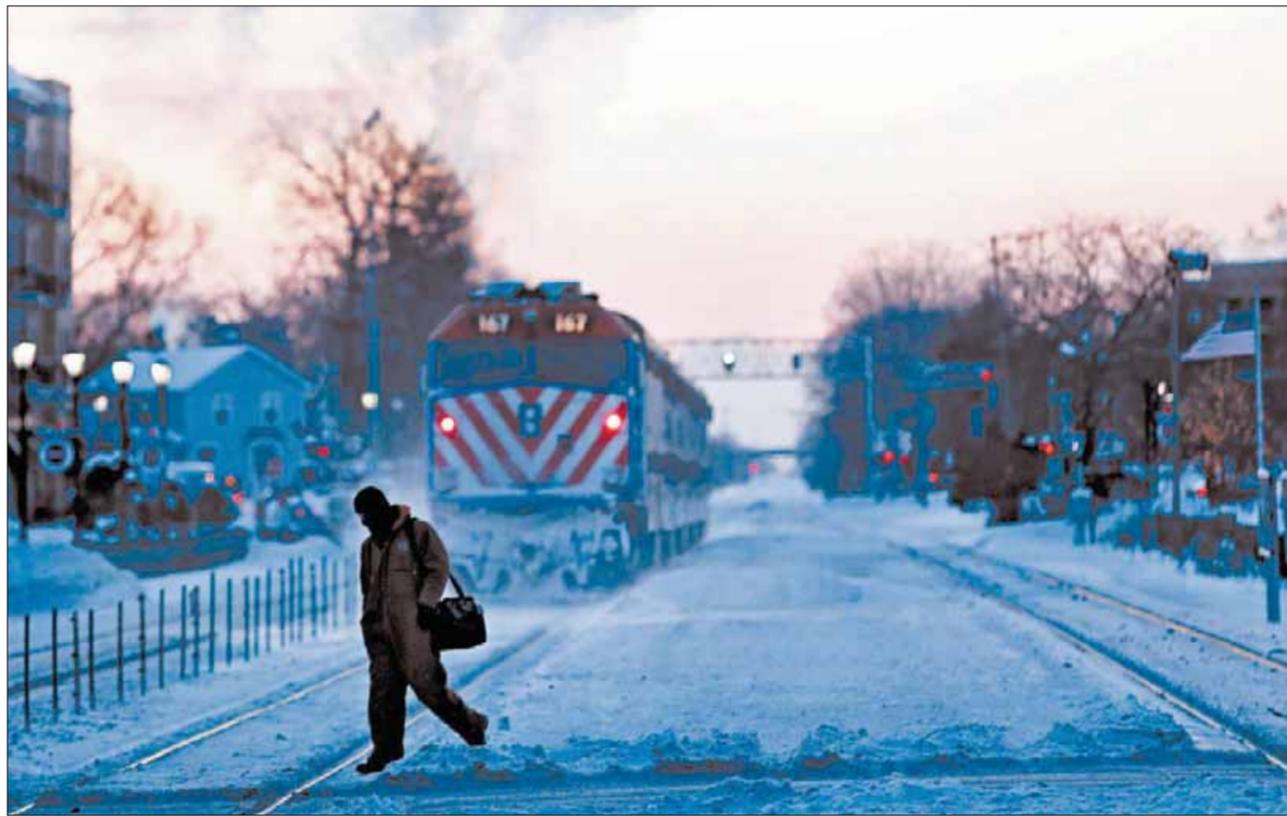
The governor on Wednesday said he doesn't know whether he'll give more to the committee backing his initiative but that he expects "others will step up and contribute to the cause."

Pritzker said he's prepared for an expensive ballot fight, noting the more than \$30 million that billionaire Citadel founder Ken Griffin contributed to then-Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's reelection campaign.

"I don't know what people are going to do on the other side of this," he said.

Rauner championed an effort to amend the state constitution to take the power to draw legislative maps out of the hands of lawmakers. However, Rauner didn't give any money directly to Support Independent Maps, the group that backed a 2016 referendum, which the Illinois Supreme Court blocked from the ballot.

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A person crosses the tracks as a late-arriving Union Pacific-Northwest Metra train pulls out of the station on Jan. 30, 2019 in Palatine.

Metra late? Blame weather delays, switch and signal woes

Trains in 2019 on-time 94.4% of time, says railroad

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Your Metra train was more likely to be late this year, primarily due to signaling and switching problems, along with weather delays, according to the commuter railroad.

Between January and October, Metra trains were on time 94.4% of the time, according to the commuter railroad's data. "On-time" means that a train arrives within six minutes of its scheduled time. Metra aims for an on-time performance of at least 95%.

The worst performing lines this year were the Heritage Corridor to Joliet, with an on-time record of

86.8%, followed by the Rock Island at 91.8%. The Union Pacific West and the Milwaukee District North Line tied for third worst-performing lines, at 91.9%.

During 2018, Metra trains were on time 94.8% of the time, and between 2014 and 2018, the railroad had an on-time average of 95.5%.

In November, 93.6% of trains were on time, according to a report released during Metra's monthly board meeting on Wednesday.

Only two Metra lines performed at better than 95% last month — the BNSF line to Aurora, which is the railroad's busiest line, and the Metra Electric to University Park, which has the system's newest equipment.

In 2019's first 10 months,

signal and switch issues caused the most problems, followed by weather, human error, mechanical failure and freight interference, the report said.

"Weather is always a challenge for us," Bruce Marcheschi, chief operating officer, said after the meeting. "You never know what Mother Nature is going to deliver."

Two weather events in particular caused problems this year — the polar vortex of late January, which caused wires to break on the Metra Electric Line, and more recent issues with leaves falling on tracks.

Another issue has been Metra's installation of the federally mandated positive train control system, which will automatically stop a train in an emer-

gency. The installation has required some schedule and operational adjustments. Marcheschi said delays caused by the system have decreased as crews get used to the new system.

Metra expects to spend close to \$2.6 billion over the next five years on locomotives, rail cars, bridges, stations and other improvements. The money is coming from the state's new capital program, which largely is being paid for by an increase in the gas tax.

Marcheschi said the new locomotives will help improve on-time performance, as will Metra's investments in new electric switching technologies, which can automatically tell the railroad when a switch might be developing a problem before it breaks down.

"We'll get more of a jump-start on what could be possibly be happening out there," Marcheschi said.

Metra's on-time performance has been better than its peer commuter railroads in other major urban areas. In the last quarter of 2018, a higher percentage of Metra trains ran on time than the Long Island Rail Road, the Metro-North Railroad, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority, and New Jersey Transit, according to the 2019 Metra Fact Book.

Metra had older equipment, with an average fleet age of 25 years, than most of its peer railroads. Some of Metra's rail cars date back to the 1950s.

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Drew Peterson was convicted of killing third wife, Kathleen Savio.

Peterson in state prison not in this state

Ex-cop, convicted wife-killer was moved from Ind.

BY ALICIA FABBRE

Drew Peterson, the former Bolingbrook cop convicted of killing his third wife and suspected in the disappearance of his fourth, has been transferred from a federal prison in Indiana to a state prison in an undisclosed location, officials said.

An Illinois Department of Corrections spokeswoman Tuesday would not reveal where Peterson was transferred, but said he is not in Illinois.

"Drew Peterson transferred from the Federal Bureau of Prisons last week to a state facility not located in Illinois," Illinois Department of Corrections spokeswoman Lindsey Hess said in an email. "He remains under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Corrections. For safety and security purposes, the department does not discuss details concerning the placement of offenders who have transferred under the terms of the Interstate Corrections Compact agreement."

Peterson's name did not turn up in searches of inmates on state prison websites across the country. Such sites are not always up to date.

The former Bolingbrook police officer was convicted of killing his third wife, Kathleen Savio, and later for trying to arrange a hit on Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow.

In 2017, Peterson was transferred from Menard Correctional Center in downstate Chester to a maximum security federal prison in Terra Haute for security reasons. One month after his transfer to the federal prison, Peterson was attacked by another inmate with a food tray.

Peterson's fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, disappeared in 2007. He is the sole suspect in her disappearance, authorities have said, but he has not been charged with a crime related to her case.

Peterson's attorney, Steven Greenberg, said Tuesday that he had no information about Peterson's new location and that Peterson had not told him he was being transferred.

Greenberg said Peterson had not been in any trouble at the federal prison. Greenberg Tuesday also noted that when he tried to contact Peterson via email within the last two days, he received an automated message that Peterson's email privileges had been suspended, an indicator that he was being moved.

Alicia Fabbre is a freelance reporter.

As temps dipped, park district truck took a dip

2 safe after vehicle fishtails, slides into Lake Michigan

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

A Chicago Park District pickup truck skidded into Lake Michigan as police closed off a section of the Lakefront Trail while light snow fell across the Chicago area and temperatures dipped into the teens Wednesday morning.

The white truck, with flashing yellow lights, slid across the bike path at Oak Street around 7:15 a.m. and went halfway into the water before it caught on the breakwall. Two men were in the truck and got out safely, officials said.

A 46-year-old man was taken to Northwestern Me-

morial Hospital for treatment of abrasions to his face, including his lip, while a 45-year-old man wasn't hospitalized, according to a police media notification.

The pickup fishtailed and slid, heading into the lake, according to officials. Both men were able to get out of the truck before it went in the water, according to police.

In a surveillance video provided to Chicago news outlets, the truck is seen sliding backward into the lake and heading into the water, bed first. The car's lights peek from the water while most of the car is submerged. Traffic on Lake Shore Drive does not stop.

"They were out there salting the area and the truck slid in," said Park District spokeswoman Michele Lemons.



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A police marine boat stands by as a Chicago Park District truck that skidded into Lake Michigan is pulled out by a tow truck and crane on Wednesday.

Around the same time as the accident, the Lakefront Trail was closed from North Avenue to Ohio Street because of icy conditions. Four northbound lanes of Lake Shore Drive were reopened about 12:20

p.m., police said. The truck was removed in the afternoon, officials said.

The workweek will wrap up with warmer temperatures into the low 40s Thursday. Visit the Tribune's weather page for

more information.

The Chicago Tribune's Marie Fazio contributed.

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Crystal Lake community rallies for young refugee held by ICE

Teen, dad fear return to Honduras violence they fled

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO

In 2018, 16-year-old Meydi Guzman-Rivas and her father fled Honduras, seeking safety in the United States after violent gang members made death threats against their family, according to the girl's attorneys.

They eventually settled in northwest suburban Crystal Lake. Guzman-Rivas attended Crystal Lake Central High School and was on track to graduate in 2020 until a missed immigration hearing landed her in a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility, her attorneys said.

Today as the now-18-year-old is being held in a detention facility in downstate Illinois and fears being returned to Honduras and to those who want to harm her, the Crystal Lake community and a law firm based in the town are fighting for the girl's asylum.

The story begins on June 18, 2018, when Guzman-Rivas and her father, Fabio Guzman-Reyes, entered the U.S. at Laredo, Texas, where they were taken into custody by the Border Patrol. Guzman-Reyes was charged criminally for entering the country illegally, according to a criminal complaint filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

According to the complaint, dated June 20, 2018, Guzman-Reyes "entered or attempted to enter illegally into the United States by wading the Rio Grande River near Laredo, Texas, thus avoiding immigration inspection..."

Guzman-Reyes pleaded guilty and paid a \$10 fine, according to district court documents. His daughter also was taken into custody at the border and likely charged with the same crime, her attorneys said. However, the details surrounding her case are unclear. The attorneys said they do not have full access to her file as of yet.

The father and daughter were released on a recognizance bond and agreed to attend their immigration court hearings, said Kevin Bruning, one of her lawyers.

After moving to Crystal Lake, Guzman-Rivas enrolled in high school and was "doing very well," said Bruning, who is representing her pro bono, along with Nathan Reyes.

While in school "she developed solid relationships with her counselor and teachers," who in turn have been reaching out to help her since she was detained, Bruning said.

But Guzman-Rivas and her father apparently missed a court date in February, and an order of removal was filed for their deportation. They went to court a few days later and learned the hearing was rescheduled for October. When they attended that hearing they were separated and taken into ICE custody, said her lawyers.

Initially, the girl was housed in ICE custody at the McHenry County jail and her father was taken to a facility in Wisconsin. Today, Guzman-Rivas is being detained at an ICE facility in Pulaski County at the southern end of Illinois. Her father is in ICE hold in Kankakee.

A spokeswoman for ICE said the agency does not publicly discuss individuals' asylum issues.

Guzman-Rivas' saga is playing out as the Trump administration has enacted a policy to deny direct asylum to nearly all immigrants arriving at the southern border who aren't from Mexico, a rule that's expected to greatly impact Hondurans seeking to enter the U.S. The administration in the past has cited the strain placed on federal resources along the border by the number of people trying to enter the country. It also has said its immigration policy includes ensuring the swift removal of unlawful entrants.

Bruning and Reyes said



MEYDI GUZMAN-RIVAS

An undated photo of Meydi Guzman-Rivas, being held downstate after a missed immigration hearing.

"When you see someone in this position that is hurting that badly you want to help her."

— Nathan Reyes

they had discussions with Guzman-Rivas' school counselor, Sara Huser, about how best to help her should she be released from custody. There have been offers made by Huser and others to have her stay with them should she be released.

Huser, a bilingual counselor who often helps immigrant students and their families and who set up a GoFundMe page for Guzman-Rivas, said what is happening "is wrong."

"She came to this country to escape violence in her home country of Honduras," she said. "We should wrap our arms around these children, not throw them in a jail cell. It's unspeakable."

Huser said "Meydi is a wonderful and bright young woman" who has plans to become a nurse. She has grown fond of Guzman-Rivas and last winter provided her with warm clothing to get through the winter.

"She works very hard and is a very focused student," Huser said, adding she spoke with her on video chat Friday and her spirits were lifted "by hearing about the community rallying behind her." She said it was the first day the girl said she had not cried since first being taken into ICE custody on Oct. 16.

Guzman-Rivas turned 18 just weeks before she and her father were separated and detained. That meant the government would not have to deal with the separation issues of a parent and a minor child. Bruning said that is not just "coincidental."

While Guzman-Rivas was still housed in McHenry County, where teachers were giving her schoolwork to do at her request, her lawyers and an interpreter met with her.

She was "very scared, very afraid and crying," Bruning said.

"She's an 18-year-old high school girl. She has no idea what's going on," Bruning said. "She can understand some English, but communication is difficult."

Reyes said seeing the fear and sadness on her face and her wearing an orange jail jumpsuit "is just heartbreaking."

"It's a harrowing experience, it really is," Reyes said. "There is a reason why we are doing this. When you see someone in this position that is hurting that badly you want to help her."

The girl's mom and siblings are believed to still be in Honduras. It is unclear why they did not come to the U.S., the attorneys said.

Reyes said a motion was filed Nov. 7 with U.S. Immigration Court in Chicago. By filing the motion, an automatic stay of deportation is put into effect while that motion is reviewed, the lawyer said.

No decision had been issued as of Friday.

"If the motion is granted, then regular court hearings would commence, and if it is not granted, her removal will immediately go into effect," Reyes said. "She would be removed from the United States based on ICE's discretion, so probably far sooner than later."

Her father is being repre-

sented by a different lawyer, he said.

Reyes said he thinks they have a good case for seeking asylum.

"What is happening in Honduras is not secret anymore," Reyes said. "There are a lot of people under extreme threat of harm."

Reyes last spoke with Guzman-Rivas late last month and said he reminded her the community is still pulling for her.

"It is very easy when isolated to feel forgotten," Reyes said. "We don't want her to feel ignored down there. She is maintaining her spirits best she can, but she is extremely nervous and stressed and scared."

McHenry County Board member Kelli Wegener of Crystal Lake was contacted by the girl's teachers seeking help. Wegener then asked for prayers at her church where Bruning is a member. That alerted him to the case.

"Personally, as a mother I am concerned for her," Wegener said. "I have a daughter who is just 18, so I worry that she is far away and by herself."

Wegener said Guzman-Rivas has been reaching out to her teachers from jail and "she is very upset and

scared. She is far away from everybody she knows and probably still trying to deal with the trauma she (endured) in Honduras."

Wegener said she has been contacted by friends and church members who also have offered to help and house the girl should she be released from ICE custody.

As of Wednesday, the GoFundMe account set up in her name, Mission: Meydi, had raised more than \$7,000. The goal is \$8,000, and the money will go toward her commissary account, phone calls and any bond or legal fees that may arise, Wegener said.

Kelly Clement, of Crystal Lake, who is Huser's sister-in-law, said she and Huser came up with the idea to start the GoFundMe as a means to share her story.

"I realized how dire the situation is," Clement said. "I hope she gets out (of ICE custody) and she stays here. That is the absolute No. 1 goal. The injustice is egregious. We are starting to find out how broken the system is and how slanted ... it is against the people that need it the most."

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of the property tax shift to businesses.

There's already some evidence of that. The Board of Review, which considers tax appeals, has been scaling back Kaegi's commercial assessment increases. So far, that's reduced the shift from homeowners to businesses by a half-percentage point, the Tribune analysis found.

Take the case of the Autobarn in Evanston.

Kaegi's office increased the total market value of the dealerships' properties along Chicago Avenue by 145%, from \$14.1 million to \$34.6 million, assessor's records show. Autobarn owner Richard Fisher expressed his displeasure at a public forum.

"If these assessments stay, and these tax rates stay, I'm out. And me and thousands of other small business owners, we're outta here," Fisher told Kaegi's staff at the April event.

The assessor's office rejected Fisher's appeal, but he got substantial relief from the Board of Review, which scaled back the values of the dealership's properties to \$17.9 million, documents show. That's still an increase of 27%. Fisher did not respond to requests for comment on those results.

While the shift indicates that business property owners in the north and northwest suburbs can expect larger-than-normal tax hikes on bills that go out next year and many homeowners will pay less, there are some caveats. Individual bills can defy the trends when the assessor figures in other factors, like neighborhood real estate sale prices or individual property tax exemptions.

It's also important to note that property tax bills rarely rise as much as the assessment itself. If assessments go up for everybody, the tax rate goes down, unless a school district or other unit of government has approved a big property tax hike.

Even as business owners experience assessment sticker shock, Kaegi explained that it's his job to accurately determine the current market value of properties so each owner is facing his or her fair share of taxes, under rules set by the state and county.

"We are doing what we're supposed to do, and being accountable for it, and showing how we get to these numbers," Kaegi said in a recent interview. "That's the best way I know how to run this office and be a good steward of it. Anytime I deviate from that, especially for one narrow group, (it) comes at other people's expense in an unaccountable way."

But the new assessments are causing great anxiety among city and south suburban business owners, who also could face bigger tax bills when their areas are reassessed in the coming years.

"I think all this uncertainty is freezing investment, which is going to hurt developers, general contractors, building trades members," said Jack Lavin, president and CEO of the Greater Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, who also pointed to a possible change to a graduated system for state income taxes and city real estate sales taxes, among several other pressures on business.

"All this is going to slow job growth, stunt expansion, stunt business growth. And it's not just downtown. It's in the neighborhoods too. And so we really need to step back and look at this."

On Wednesday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot defended the changes at an investors' conference put on by the assessor's office, saying she applauds "the transparency, stability and predictability" that Kaegi is trying to put in place.

"Nobody is trying to shock the system. Nobody is trying to scare away investment from Chicago," she said. "I recognize that change isn't easy, but change has to come."

Fixing a broken system

In March 2018, Kaegi defeated incumbent Joe Berrios in the Democratic primary for the assessor's



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Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi, center, he had to start from scratch when it came to commercial valuations.

office, in part by pledging to fix inequities identified in "The Tax Divide," an investigation published by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

The series looked closely at how properties were assessed, or valued for tax purposes. Although local taxing agencies, such as the city and Chicago Public Schools, determine how much in property taxes will be collected each year, the assessor essentially decides how that overall burden is divided up by placing values on each property. Owners of higher-valued properties pay more, and those with lower-valued properties pay less.

The series found that county assessors had significantly undervalued commercial and industrial properties. As a result, owners of high-value business properties got a break, which shifted some of the property tax burden to

Times and Wrigley Field — making comparisons in those cases all but impossible.

As a result, there's a heavy reliance when assessing business properties on what are known as capitalization rates. Assessors try to determine how much annual revenue can be generated from investment properties like stores, offices, apartments and factories. And the figure they come up with is counterintuitive: The lower the so-called cap rate, the higher the value of the property.

Kaegi determined that Berrios' cap rates were, for the most part, too high. Kaegi contends that the rates were mysteriously set by a top deputy to Berrios and that his predecessor left behind no documentation to show how they were arrived at.

So, using statistics drawn from public documents and several databases, Kaegi

Berry, a longtime critic of Berrios' methods. "I'm sure in some cases, it's gone too high, and in other cases it's gone too low. We'll just have to see, and we'll see on appeal."

Avenues of appeal

Kaegi completed his first round of assessments for the north and northwest suburbs in September, but they're not the final word.

Property owners can first ask the assessor's office to take another look. If they don't get satisfaction, they can go to the county Board of Review, which is made up of three members elected from districts. Tens of thousands of people take advantage of this option each year.

The review board has completed its work in two of the 13 townships assessed by Kaegi. The board is handing business property owners victories that re-

duce their valuations, sometimes significantly.

In Evanston Township, Kaegi's assessments raised business' share of the tax burden from 27% this year to 40% next year — a 13 percentage point increase.

The Board of Review, however, later reduced assessments on hundreds of Evanston business properties. Businesses now stand to pick up 31% of the tax tab next year. While that's 4% more than this year, it's also 9% less than where Kaegi had it.

In much smaller Norwood Park Township, which includes Norridge and Park Ridge, Kaegi's assessments would have left business picking up 35% of the entire township tax tab next year compared with 27% this year — an 8 percentage point increase. When the Board of Review finished its work, the burden on businesses was reduced to less than 29 percent of the tax tab, which amounted to an increase of just 1.3 percentage points.

Appeals are still pending in Barrington Township, where Kaegi's new assessments brought the biggest shift. Businesses would pick up about 50 percent of the total tax burden next year. This year, they paid 33 percent.

Other townships saw less dramatic shifts. In Hanover Township, which includes Streamwood, and New Trier Township along the North Shore, business owners would shoulder about 4% more of the tax tab next year under Kaegi's assessments.

Top officials in Kaegi's office concede they might not get every property right the first time — they are using a mass assessment model without always knowing all the characteristics of a specific piece of property. These are things like the property's age, size, condition and amenities. "Cook County has less-than-perfect property characteristic data," Don Meyer, Kaegi's chief valuation officer, said at a public forum in Evanston. "Part of the appeals process is to give us factual information."

Kaegi said it's particularly hard for his office to be sure when it assesses smaller commercial properties because there's less publicly available data to determine their operational costs, which can be much higher in old buildings.

Still, business property owners didn't have much success when they appealed to Kaegi's office.

In the 13 townships that were reassessed this year, just 13% of the appeals resulted in lower assessments. That compares with 78% three years ago when Berrios conducted the last major reassessment in the north and northwest suburbs.

The Board of Review appears to be more receptive to commercial property appeals than Kaegi's office, according to early results. In Evanston, Kaegi granted lower assessments to 26 percent of business property owners who appealed. The appeals board lowered assessments for 92 percent of the properties whose owners asked for review.

Jim Costello, senior vice president at Real Capital Analytics, a commercial sales data firm, also noted the downward trend and declining commercial sales prices and blamed it in part on the city and state's uncertain tax future. "Investors hate uncertainty," he said.

Kaegi, however, points to a robust city leasing market

for industrial and retail space, noting that businesses that lease those properties are typically responsible for their share of the property tax bill sent to their landlords.

He does concede that uncertainty about his new assessments may be contributing to hesitation among commercial property investors but suggested the market may simply be cooling after several particularly strong years. And he maintains that his data-driven approach will ultimately result in more predictability and a stronger commercial real estate marketplace.

"We know there are lots of challenges facing the Chicago region," Kaegi said. "We talk about — that property taxes in general are high here, the levies are high, that we have the pension overhang that faces a lot of taxing bodies. So that creates a layer of risk that is always there. But we don't want to have an uncertain assessment system adding a whole new layer of risk on top of it."

Lavin suggested that if the assessments turn out to be accurate, perhaps the increases should be phased in, so businesses can adjust.

But Kaegi has said state law doesn't give him the leeway to phase them in, and that because properties in Cook County are generally reassessed once every three years, there's already a lag in the system.

As he enters his second year in office, the assessor continues to push for passage of a new state law that would require all but the very smallest commercial property owners in the county to disclose income and expenses. That would allow his office to use the data to improve accuracy of the valuations on which property taxes are based.

His effort stalled in Springfield, though, and its prospects remain uncertain amid opposition from the building owners group and the Chicagoland Chamber.

In the meantime, Kaegi is planning to roll out new voluntary income and expense reporting by the owners of commercial properties early next year.

"We're trying to encourage people to say it's only in your interest to do this," Kaegi said. "It will make the assessment more predictable and accurate at the outset and reduce your costs and uncertainty."

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Medline

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as a powerful call to action for community members and policy-makers to hold companies accountable," said Buchanan, director of the Great Lakes Center for Children's Environmental Health at the UIC School of Public Health. "Facilities emitting dangerous chemicals like ethylene oxide should not be located near homes, schools, businesses, parks or other areas frequently used by the public."

Buchanan described the blood sampling as a pilot project intended to help direct more rigorous study. Participants responded to flyers and social media posts, rather than being selected randomly, and the results haven't been peer-reviewed.

Most of the ethylene oxide produced in the U.S. is used to synthesize ethylene glycol, a raw material in antifreeze, polyester and plastics. Medline and other companies use ethylene oxide, also known as EtO, to sterilize medical products.

In 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency formally concluded ethylene oxide is far more dangerous than previously thought. The chemical's potent ability to mutate DNA can trigger breast cancer, leukemia and lymphomas, EPA scientists found after a rigorous evaluation.

The blood sampling in Lake County is the latest response to a 2018 EPA report that identified communities throughout the nation facing alarmingly high cancer risks from toxic air pollution.



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Several of the 93 participants in the UIC study live in a neighborhood about a half-mile from Medline.

Ethylene oxide is the chemical responsible for elevated risks in four predominantly Latino and African American census tracts surrounding Medline's assembly plant off Skokie Highway and Pulaski Drive in southwest Waukegan, according to the report. In one of the Lake County tracts, the EPA found, the cancer risk is five times higher than the national average.

Several of the 93 participants in the UIC study live in a neighborhood about a half-mile from Med-

line. The mean concentration of ethylene oxide in their blood was about 1.5 times higher than other participants who live farther away from the company's facility, according to Buchanan's summary of the test results, which were analyzed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There was no statistically significant difference in the comparison between participants who live close to Vantage, about 3 miles northwest of Medline, and those who live farther away.

In a statement, Medline focused on the preliminary nature of the findings.

"Since the raw data, methodology or official summary from the UIC researchers has not been released, we are left with a lot of questions about what conclusions, if any, can be drawn from this limited sampling," Jesse Greenberg, a Medline spokesman, said in the statement.

"Medline regularly administers blood tests for Waukegan employees and has never found evidence

of elevated EtO levels in 25 years," Greenberg said.

The company is overhauling its assembly plant to comply with a new state permit that requires Medline to limit ethylene oxide emissions to 150 pounds, down from 3,058 pounds it reported in 2014.

Greenberg called the company's new pollution controls the "most advanced safety equipment in the world."

But community activists say any additional exposure to ethylene oxide increases their cumulative risk of developing cancer. They are pushing Gov. J.B. Pritzker to crack down on Medline with the same legal authority he invoked to temporarily shut down Sterigenics, another sterilization facility in west suburban Willowbrook that closed permanently in September after its owners cited an unstable regulatory landscape and a failure to broker a new deal on its lease.

"If this (UIC/CDC) study doesn't do it, I'm not sure how else to convey to legislators and Gov. Pritzker that their inaction is harming us for corporate profits," said Tea Tanaka, co-founder of the group Stop EtO in Lake County.

Tanaka, who lives 4 miles from Medline and Vantage and works about 2 miles south of Medline, was among the volunteers for the blood sampling study.

She said the concentration of an ethylene oxide marker in her blood was among the highest of the study participants. Researchers found average levels in her husband, who works from home, Tanaka said.

"My results have me worried sick," she said.

Cannabis

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marijuana offense, she said, the experience gave Foxx perspective on those who were.

"These are people shouldering the responsibility of families," she said. "... I grew up around it, and I knew my mother was never a criminal."

As part of the mass effort to expunge the minor marijuana convictions, prosecutors identified which cases were eligible and filed the paperwork without the involvement of the defendants themselves. They will be notified by mail in the near future that their convictions have been

cleared from the record.

Normally, the individuals would have to submit their own petitions, wait months for a hearing and then appear in court.

Cook County handles about 19,000 such petitions every year, Foxx said.

"(Today) we processed more than 1,000 petitions in one sitting because this process is unprecedented and revolutionary in form, size and scale," she said.

Pritzker hailed the effort as life-changing for people who otherwise might have trouble finding employment, housing or education because of the convictions.

"Today in Judge Evans' courtroom, we honored the victims of the war on drugs," he said.

Illinois residents who are 21 or older will be allowed to possess up to 30 grams of marijuana once the change in law takes effect Jan. 1.

Prosecutors this summer partnered with California-based Code for America to automate the process for clearing Cook County convictions involving amounts smaller than 30 grams. Such offenses include misdemeanors as well as Class 4 felonies, the lowest category of felony in Illinois.

Those convicted of possessing larger amounts of marijuana — up to 500 grams — must still individually seek to expunge those records if they so desire.

Code for America's program was slated to sift through state and county data to identify which records are eligible to be ex-

punged, then complete paperwork for prosecutors to submit to judges who can opt to formally throw out the convictions. The not-for-profit will begin the work at no cost to the county, its executive director has said.

Prosecutors are expecting to clear tens of thousands of court records going back as far as possible, but they have acknowledged that older nondigitized records may be difficult to handle quickly.

Convictions from 2013 onward will be expunged by 2021, as long as at least a year has passed since the offense took place, according to Foxx's office. Convictions for other offenses in addition to marijuana won't be eligible to be automatically expunged.

In the 1960s, possession of even one joint under Illinois law was a felony with a mandatory prison sentence. By 1970, a misdemeanor possession charge of 2.5 grams of marijuana could yield a one-year sentence in county jail and a \$1,000 fine, while a felony conviction was punishable by up to 10 years in prison, according to a Tribune article from that time.

Routine background checks will not uncover the expunged records, potentially making it easier for those to find jobs and housing.

The expunged marijuana convictions also will not appear in law enforcement databases.

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A dead catfish floats along the bank of the Burns Waterway near the Portage Marina in Portage.

Steelmaker is sued over toxic spills

Environmental groups take aim at ArcelorMittal

BY MEREDITH COLLIAS-PETE

Two environmental groups have sued ArcelorMittal to enforce the Clean Water Act following a number of alleged violations at Burns Harbor including a major toxic spill into the Little Calumet River.

The steelmaker is accused of more than 100 permit violations, according to the lawsuit filed by the Chicago-based Environmental Law & Policy Center and Indianapolis-based Hoosier Environmental Council in the U.S. District Court of Hammond Wednesday.

“Over the past five years, Defendants have repeatedly violated the Steel Mill’s Clean Water Act permit by, among other things, exceeding discharge limits for dangerous pollutants like cyanide and ammonia, failing to report exceedances, and failing to maintain the Steel Mill in good working order,” the

lawsuit alleges. “Defendants have not taken actions sufficient to prevent and avoid future permit violations of the types alleged in this Complaint. Absent an appropriate order from this Court, Defendants’ Clean Water Act violations are likely to continue.”

The federal Clean Water Act has a “citizen-suit” clause that lets environmental groups, people, or others sue for enforcement. The groups filed the required 60-day notice to sue in October.

The group’s suit “calls for fines and penalties sufficient large to change ArcelorMittal’s environmental practices and modernize the company’s equipment and operations to better reduce pollution damages going forward,” ELPC Executive Director Howard Learner said in a statement.

“ArcelorMittal should be held fully accountable for its pollution that harms local communities, the Lake Michigan shoreline and nearby waters, and the aquatic life and ecosystem of Northwest Indiana,” he added.

A company spokesman

was not immediately available for comment.

The steelmaker will have 30 days to respond in court, Learner said via phone.

“We believe it’s a strong case,” he said.

At the Burns Harbor facility, a failure in a blast furnace wastewater recycling system on Aug. 11 — that cools blast furnace water — caused the release of cyanide and ammonia into the Little Calumet River’s east branch, which feeds into Lake Michigan. After test results were definitive, the steelmaker publicly acknowledged its responsibility days later.

The spill killed 3,000 fish, closed two beaches and caused Indiana American Water to idle its Ogden Dunes treatment plant as a precaution.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management later said ArcelorMittal delayed providing critical information for its investigation, according to a 200-page report. ArcelorMittal is required to notify IDEM within two hours and “exercise due diligence” to folks impacted near the

spill, inspectors wrote.

A week earlier — on Aug. 4 — the wastewater recycling station’s battery system failed after sustaining water damage from the next room, the report said. The steelmaker did not tell IDEM about the incident for days, which was likely the cause of an ammonia release.

The agency is still going through its enforcement process and “fines are to be determined,” spokeswoman Sarah Bonick said this week.

“In the face of this repeated, illegal damage to Lake Michigan, we can no longer just stand by and wait for the state and federal government to act,” said Hoosier Environmental Council Environmental Health and Water Policy Director Indra Frank, one of the plaintiffs.

“The damage has to stop for the sake of everyone who gets their drinking water from the Lake; everyone who swims, fishes, or boats in the Lake; and the wildlife that make their home in the Lake,” she said.

The Chicago Tribune contributed.

\$1.2 million settlement proposal advances

Aldermen oppose payment for death in police custody

BY JOHN BYRNE

Aldermen advanced a \$1.2 million proposed settlement Wednesday for the family of a man who died in Chicago police custody, though several opposed the payment because they said he was a criminal who resisted arrest.

The payment in the wrongful death lawsuit filed by Heriberto Godinez’s sister passed the Finance Committee after it stalled earlier this week amid criticism of the deal.

Godinez, 24, was arrested in 2015 in a garage in the Brighton Park neighborhood. Police video showed an officer putting his foot on Godinez’s neck while the handcuffed suspect struggled on the ground.

Godinez died, and Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez declined to charge any officers, saying prosecutors couldn’t prove beyond a reasonable doubt that excessive force was used.

Godinez’s sister filed a wrongful death lawsuit in 2016.

On Wednesday, Southwest Side Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, said paying the Godinez family sends the wrong message to neighborhoods that suffer from gang violence.

“What we just did, in the hopes of saving money, is told them that when these neighborhood terrors continue to terrorize their communities and are caught, and if anything happens, we’re willing to pay them hush money to go away,” said Lopez, whose ward is near where Godinez got arrested. “That is unacceptable.”

Southwest Side Ald. Matt O’Shea, 19th, also voted no, saying “I just can’t, in good

conscience, look at this case and vote to offer a financial settlement.”

Two other aldermen, Brendan Reilly, 42nd, and Marty Quinn, 13th, also voted against the Godinez deal.

The committee did not vote Wednesday on a proposed \$125,000 settlement for Alma Benitez, a witness to the 2014 police shooting of Laquan McDonald. Benitez said McDonald posed no threat to officers, but said police pressured her to change her story about what she saw.

Finance Committee Chairman Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, said city lawyers held that off the agenda after aldermen criticized the proposed deal Monday. The Law Department is working on the Benitez deal, Waguespack said.

The Finance Committee also approved Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s plan to

close a tax-increment financing district at Irving Park Road and Elston Avenue on the Northwest Side. The district has only about \$162,000 in its coffers, and just \$40,500 of that will flow back into the city’s account with the closure. But Lightfoot is counting on the money to help balance the \$11.65 billion 2020 city budget.

The tax district closure vote stalled Monday, with Northwest Side Ald. Samantha Nugent, 39th, saying she opposed it on the grounds she had plans for the money. But on Wednesday, Nugent dropped her opposition, saying she had spoken with city officials about other ways to pay for the infrastructure needs in the area.

Next Wednesday, the full City Council will consider the ordinances that passed the Finance Committee.



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Fears rise pair targeted Jewish store

Mayor of NJ city calls deadly market attack a hate crime

BY DAVID PORTER
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Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Fears that a deadly shooting at a Jewish market in Jersey City was an anti-Semitic attack mounted Wednesday as authorities recounted how a man and woman deliberately pulled up to the place in a rental van with at least one rifle and got out firing.

A day after the gunbattle and standoff that left six people dead — the two killers, a police officer and three people who had been inside the store — state and federal law enforcement officials warned they have not established the motive for the attack.

“The why and the ideology and the motivation — that’s what we’re investigating,” New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal said, adding that authorities are also trying to determine if anyone else was involved.

But Mayor Steve Fulop said surveillance video of the attackers made it clear they targeted the kosher market, and he pronounced the bloodshed a hate crime against Jews, as did New York’s mayor and governor.

Also, investigators believe the two attackers — who were believed to be a couple — identified themselves in the past as Black Hebrew Israelites, a movement whose members have been known to rail against whites and Jews, according to a law enforcement official who was briefed on the matter but was not authorized



A Hasidic cleanup crew makes its way through the market Wednesday, a day after the attack in Jersey City, New Jersey.

ized to discuss the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In addition, authorities have found social media postings from at least one of the killers that were anti-police and anti-Jewish, the official said. The FBI on Wednesday searched the Harlem headquarters of the Israelite Church of God in Jesus Christ, which is the formal name of the Black Hebrew group, according to the official.

The killers were identified as David N. Anderson, 47, and Francine Graham, 50 — both of them also prime suspects in the slaying of a livery driver found dead in car trunk in nearby Bayonne over the weekend,

Grewal said. Anderson served about four months in prison in New Jersey on weapons charges and was paroled in 2011, authorities said.

Two of the victims at the store were identified by members of the Orthodox Jewish community as Mindel Ferencz, 31, who with her husband owned the grocery, and Moshe Deutsch, 24, a rabbinical student from Brooklyn who was shopping there. The Ferencz family had moved to Jersey City from Brooklyn. Authorities identified the third victim as Miguel Douglas, 49.

The report from the Jersey City mayor saying it was a targeted attack makes

us incredibly concerned in the Jewish community,” said Evan Bernstein, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish civil rights organization. “They want answers. They demand answers. If this was truly a targeted killing of Jews, then we need to know that right away, and there needs to be the pushing back on this at the highest levels possible.”

The bloodshed in the city of 270,000 people across the Hudson River from New York City began at a graveyard, where Detective Joseph Seals, a 40-year-old member of a unit devoted to taking illegal weapons off the street, was gunned down by the assailants, au-

thorities said. They then drove the van about a mile to the kosher market.

Grewal said that within seconds of pulling up to the market, Anderson got out with a rifle and began shooting, and Graham followed him into the store. He would not say whether Graham had a weapon.

A pipe bomb was found in the van, FBI agent Gregory Ehrie said.

Jersey City’s mayor said it was clear that the killers deliberately made their way toward the kosher market, passing many other possible targets along the way.

“We shouldn’t parse words on whether this is a hate crime at this point. This was a hate crime

against Jewish ppl + hate has no place,” he tweeted, adding: “Some will say don’t call it anti-Semitism or a hate crime till a longer review but being Jewish myself + the grandson of holocaust survivors I know enough to call it what this is.”

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio likewise said the attack was a “premeditated, violent, anti-Semitic hate crime,” while New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo called it a “deliberate attack on the Jewish community.”

They announced tighter police protection of synagogues and other Jewish establishments in New York as a precaution.

The battle with police filled the streets with the sound of high-powered rifle fire and turned the city into what looked like a war zone, with SWAT officers in full tactical gear swarming the neighborhood. The attackers were killed in the shootout with police.

A fourth bystander was shot at the store when the attackers burst in, but escaped, Grewal said. His name was not released.

Rabbi Moshe Schapiro said he spoke with the survivor at a hospital.

“He said the guy next to him fell to the ground,” Schapiro said. “He suffered two gunshot wounds but managed to run out of the store and climb over fences.”

In the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history, 11 people were killed in an October 2018 shooting at a synagogue in Pittsburgh. Last April, a gunman opened fire at a synagogue north of San Diego, killing a woman and wounding a rabbi and two others.

ANALYSIS

For Trump, acquittal in Senate trial not enough

BY ZEKE MILLER
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump wants more than acquittal. He wants vindication.

With impeachment by the House appearing certain, President Donald Trump has made clear that he views the next step, a trial in the GOP-controlled Senate, as his focus. The president sees the senators not just as a jury deciding his fate, but as partners in a campaign to discredit and punish his Democratic opponents.

His Senate allies aren’t so sure that’s a good idea.

In recent weeks, Trump has devised a wish list of witnesses for the Senate trial, relishing the opportunity for his lawyers to finally cross-examine his accusers and argue the case that his actions toward Ukraine, including the July 25 call when he asked for a favor, were “perfect.”

Trump and his allies have been building up the likely Senate trial, an effort to delegitimize the Democratic-controlled House’s impeachment process by

contrast. In the Senate, the Trump team has argued, the president would get the opportunity to challenge witnesses and call some of his own, such as House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, the still-anonymous intelligence community whistleblower, or even Joe Biden and Hunter Biden.

He sees that as a chance to embarrass Democrats, including the former vice president and 2020 Democratic rival, and use the friendlier ground to portray himself as the victim of a partisan crusade.

“It is pretty clear the president wants a trial,” says Hogan Gidley, the principal deputy White House press secretary. “The president is eager to get his story out.”

But it is increasingly clear that Senate Republicans, led by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, have other ideas. McConnell, who is fiercely protective of his 53-47 Senate majority, has signaled that he wants none of the spectacle Trump desires. Instead he wants a swift trial, potentially with no new witnesses called.

“Here’s what I would anticipate: The House man-

agers would come over, make their arguments, the president’s lawyers would then respond. And at that point the Senate has two choices,” McConnell told reporters this week. “It could go down the path of calling witnesses and basically having another trial. Or it could decide — and again 51 members could make that decision — that they’ve heard enough.”

In other words, the president, who is almost certain to be found not guilty by the Republican-controlled Senate, can win the hard way or the easy way.

Senate Trump allies and advisers inside the White House have in recent days urged the president to temper his expectations and choose the path of least resistance. But Trump, according to three people familiar with the conversations, has responded by repeating his desire for a politically charged trial that drags the Bidens and others into the impeachment spotlight.

Trump’s solicitation of Ukraine for investigations into the Bidens — while withholding military aid from the ally nation facing



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Paperwork sits on a desk Wednesday before a House Judiciary Committee markup of the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Russian aggression — forms the core of one article of impeachment against the president. His efforts to block the House investigation forms the second.

On Capitol Hill, the emerging GOP consensus is that doing Trump’s defense his way would jeopardize a predictable outcome, test GOP’s fragile loyalties to him and open a Pandora’s box of unanticipated consequences.

“People are beginning to realize that could be a pretty messy and unproductive process,” Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., said Wednesday. “If you start opening up to witnesses, you start opening up to all witnesses. And so I think the president’s got to

really decide, to what extent does he want to start going down that road versus just making a strong case.”

Democrats would be expected to retaliate by trying to call the president’s most-senior advisers, including acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani.

Under Senate rules, McConnell’s ability to control the proceedings are limited. The Chief Justice of the United States, John Roberts, presides over the trial and any senator may be able to put a motion on witnesses up for a vote. That means defections by just a few GOP senators could

thwart McConnell’s plans.

With the Republicans slim majority, it’s not at all clear they want to start down the path of a full-blown trial. Should they try to call the whistleblower or the Bidens to testify, they may not find enough votes of support from their ranks. At the same time, they would have to consider whether to accept or fend off witness requests from Democrats.

But Republicans also acknowledge they are unlikely to find the 51 votes needed to dismiss the charges against the president outright. Some vulnerable lawmakers and Trump skeptics will insist on some semblance of trial.

Climate activist, 16, is Time’s youngest ‘Person of the Year’



Greta Thunberg, 16, on the cover of Time magazine.

BY FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

MADRID — Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg said she was surprised and honored Wednesday to learn she had been named Time’s youngest “Person of the Year,” saying the accolade deserved to be shared by others in the global movement she helped inspire.

The 16-year-old Swede has become the face of a new generation of activists, drawing large crowds with

her appearances at protests and conferences over the past year and a half. Some have welcomed her activism, including her speeches challenging world leaders to do more to stop global warming. But others have criticized her sometimes combative tone.

“For sounding the alarm about humanity’s predatory relationship with the only home we have, for bringing to a fragmented world a voice that transcends backgrounds and borders, for showing us all what it might

look like when a new generation leads, Greta Thunberg is TIME’s 2019 Person of the Year,” the media franchise said on its website.

Leaving a U.N. climate conference in Madrid, Thunberg said she was “a bit surprised” at the recognition.

“I could never have imagined anything like that happening,” she said in a phone interview.

“I’m, of course, very grateful for that, very honored,” Thunberg said, but added that “it should be

everyone in the Fridays for Future movement because what we have done, we have done together.”

Thunberg said the movement, which has staged repeated worldwide protests attended by hundreds of thousands of people, had managed to spread awareness about the need for governments to urgently reduce planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions and help those already affected by climate change.

Asked whether she thought world leaders were

beginning to respond to this message, Thunberg said: “They say they listen and they say they understand, but it sure doesn’t seem like it.”

“If they really would listen and understand, then I think they need to prove that by translating that into action,” she added.

Earlier Wednesday, Thunberg addressed negotiators at the U.N.’s annual climate talks, warning that “almost nothing is being done, apart from clever accounting and creative PR.”

Egypt seeks to end run of motorized rickshaws

Government plans to replace tuk-tuks with clean-running vans

By ISABEL DEBRE AND MOHAMED SALAH
Associated Press

CAIRO — Motorized rickshaws known as tuk-tuks have ruled the streets of Cairo's slums for the past two decades, squeezing through dusty alleys, dodging trash bins and fruit stands, blaring rhythmic electro-pop and navigating the city's chaos to haul millions of Egyptians home every day.

Now the government is taking its most ambitious stand yet against the polluting three-wheeled vehicles: in a push to modernize the country's neglected transport system, it plans to replace tuk-tuks with clean-running minivans.

"This is for the health and safety of all Egyptians," said Khaled el-Qassim, the spokesman for Egypt's Ministry of Local Development, which is spearheading the initiative. "We're creating a more beautiful image of our country."

The state had long turned a blind eye as tuk-tuks became part of the fabric of

life in Cairo's vast informal settlements.

The new plan requires that drivers sell their tuk-tuks for scrap and take loans to buy new minivans — or risk fines and even prosecution.

It has raised fears that the poorest Egyptians, already squeezed by economic austerity measures, will shoulder the bulk of the burden.

"I'd rather work as a thief than pay for this minivan," said Ehab Sobhy, a 47-year-old who earns 130 pounds, about \$8, a day plying the densely packed district of Shobra in his weathered black-and-yellow tuk-tuk, sporting an Islamic sticker in place of a license.

"If they take this away, how is my family going to eat," asked Sobhy.

Even with a government loan, he said he wouldn't be able to afford the 90,000 pounds he estimates he'd need for the new minivan.

"They'll bring money to the banks, all at the expense of the people," said Mohammed Zaydan, a 52-year-old father of five who started driving a tuk-tuk after struggling to find work as a painter. "If they ban the tuk-tuk, they trample on the poor."

Former President Hosni

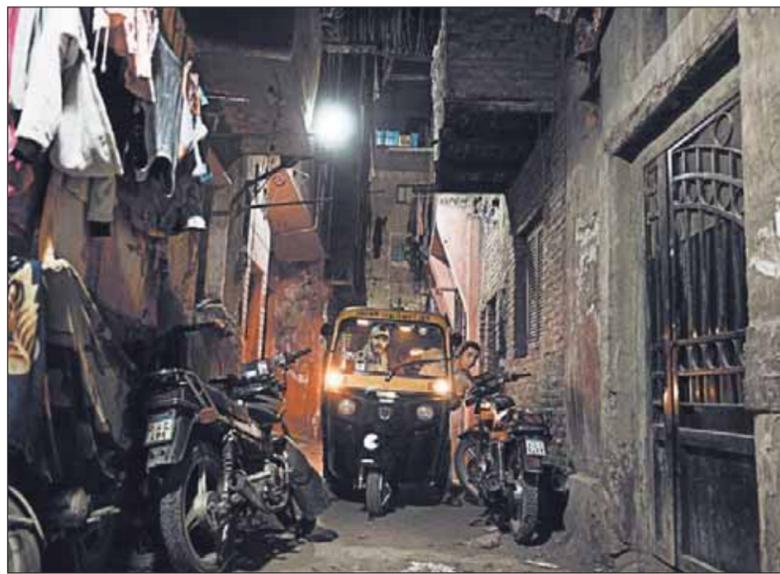
Mubarak's government tried to stem the tide of tuk-tuks, banning them in most of Cairo's affluent neighborhoods, but it also allowed tuk-tuk parts to flow from South Asia to Egypt, where auto manufacturers legally assembled and sold the unlicensed vehicles.

It was a classic example of the state's contradictory approach toward the informal economy, which accounts for as much as 50% to 60% of Egypt's GDP, according to the International Labor Organization.

"Because of its limited capacities, the state lives with deeply embedded informality," or do-it-yourself infrastructure, like unauthorized housing, which saves the government from providing mass services to the poor, said Amr Adly, a Cairo-based political economy expert.

The business exploded, with rickshaws becoming popular with disabled people, the elderly and women who want to avoid harassment at crowded bus stops.

But that could soon change. Now President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government, which has spent the past five years trying to revamp Egypt's image, is



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A driver tries to maneuver his tuk-tuk in a narrow alleyway of a slum in Cairo, Egypt.

taking aim at the unregulated vehicles.

Last year, it passed a law requiring that all new buyers license their tuk-tuks. Ghabbour Group, the country's largest auto producer, was hard hit, its tuk-tuk sales dropping by 60%.

In September, Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly announced a sweeping plan to phase out tuk-tuks in 20 governorates, swapping them for seven-seater gas-powered minivans. The proposal, offering drivers a payoff period of up to five years, bars all tuk-tuks from cities and main roads but allows new and

licensed tuk-tuks to continue operating in narrow alleys and rural villages.

Egypt's finance and military production ministries, along with three auto manufacturers, have opened an economic review to hammer out the details, and expect the minibuses to hit the streets within a year.

El-Qassim, the spokesman for the development ministry, said the tuk-tuks contribute to congestion, air pollution and fatal car crashes — even terrorism, since the government can't trace unlicensed vehicles. He described them as a drag on Egypt's economic pro-

ductivity, keeping teenagers out of school and depriving the state of revenue from registration fees and taxes.

But skeptics question the logic of changing a tuk-tuk prized for its tiny size, high maneuverability and cheap fare for a microbus that manufacturers expect to be four times the size and price.

"It's a reflection of how the state is more obsessed with appearances than investing in the infrastructure of where people actually live," said Rabab el-Mahdi, a political scientist at the American University in Cairo.



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Protesters of the Citizenship Amendment Bill are detained Wednesday in Gauhati, India.

India passes citizenship bill seen as targeted at Muslims

By JOANNA SLATER AND NIHA MASIH
The Washington Post

NEW DELHI — Lawmakers in India enacted a fundamental change to its citizenship law to include religion as a criterion for nationality for the first time, deepening concerns that a country founded on secular ideals is becoming a Hindu state that treats Muslims as second-class citizens.

The new law creates a path to citizenship for migrants who belong to several South Asian religions but pointedly excludes Islam, the faith practiced by 200 million Indian citizens.

The measure was approved by a majority of the upper house of India's parliament in a final vote late Wednesday. Its passage marks the latest political victory for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a strident nationalist in the mold of other right-leaning populist politicians around the globe.

Since winning a landslide reelection victory in May, Modi has moved swiftly to implement his party's agenda of emphasizing Hindu primacy in India, a diverse democracy home to more than 1.3

billion people.

Hindu nationalist ideologues view India's history as a series of humiliations — centuries of rule by Muslim kings followed by British colonialism — that must be redressed.

They despise the secularism embraced by India's founders, who sought to create a country where all faiths were treated equally. And they accuse India's previous leaders of pandering to religious minorities, especially Muslims, in search of votes.

Now, in just months, Modi has achieved some of their top objectives. In August, he reversed seven decades of policy in Kashmir, stripping the Muslim-majority state of its autonomy and instituting a crackdown that endures to this day. Last month, India's Supreme Court greenlighted the construction of a grand Hindu temple at the site of a 16th century mosque illegally razed by Hindu extremists in 1992.

The government has also engaged in increasingly harsh anti-migrant rhetoric. The country's powerful interior minister has called migrants who entered the country illegally "termites" and pledged to expel them. Earlier this year, Indian

authorities completed a Byzantine process aimed at identifying migrants in the northeastern state of Assam. Nearly 1.9 million people were left off the final list of citizens, raising the risk that they could be rendered stateless or deported.

The Citizenship Amendment Bill, which was passed by both houses of parliament this week, is another priority. It is effectively an amnesty for all Hindus, Buddhists and Christians who illegally entered the country before 2014 from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

As the citizenship legislation moved closer to a final vote, the furor around it grew. In India's northeast, violent protests broke out against the measure. In some areas, local authorities requested help from the Indian army, shut down mobile internet access and imposed curfews.

Opponents of the new citizenship law have vowed to challenge its constitutionality. But India's Supreme Court has demonstrated that it is reluctant to rule in an expeditious manner on such challenges, particularly when they involve the policy priorities of the government.

Saudis say gunman arrived in US with radical ideology

By MISSY RYAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Saudi aviation student responsible for a shooting that killed three U.S. sailors on a Florida base last week appears to have embraced radical ideology as early as 2015, well before he arrived in the United States for training, a Saudi government analysis has found.

According to the internal report, a Twitter account believed to have been used by Mohammed Alshamrani indicates that four religious figures described as radical appear to have shaped the Saudi Air Force trainee's "extremist thought." A copy of the report was obtained by The Washington Post.

The attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola has raised concerns about the vetting of foreign military personnel who take part in training and exchange programs in the United States, and it has drawn renewed congressional scrutiny of the kingdom following a period of substantial tension.



Alshamrani

On Tuesday, the Pentagon said it was suspending operational training for about 850 visiting Saudis, part of a larger review of the handling of foreign military students.

Officials have attempted to reassure residents around the base that they are tracking no related plots as they pursue information related to Friday's attack.

The Saudi government says it is working with the U.S. and other allies to determine what motivated the shooter and improve screening procedures for military personnel and students being sent overseas.

Officials have scrambled to piece together limited information about Alshamrani, who arrived in the



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The Pensacola base attack has raised concerns about the vetting of foreign military personnel who train in the U.S.

United States in 2017 as part of an extended program to become a weapons systems operator. The 21-year-old was shot dead by a sheriff's deputy after opening fire in a classroom. Eight people were wounded.

The report also put forward information that could explain why his Twitter activity was not previously detected. The account now believed to be Alshamrani's, the report said, did not display his full name, but rather parts of his name that are common in Saudi Arabia, and contained no biographical information or photo.

"Of note, the Shamran tribe is one (of) the kingdom's largest tribes, and countless of its members carry the name of Mohammed," the report said. "As it is not uncommon for extremists and terrorists to use pseudonym of a large tribe to hide their real identity on social media, it was difficult for authorities to properly identify the shooter until he released his manifesto."

A few hours before the attack, a manifesto was posted on Alshamrani's feed decrying what he said were "crimes against Muslims," citing the presence of

military troops in Muslim nations, the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and U.S. support for Israel.

"His tweets and likes in general heavily favored religious accounts that advocated for jihad and defended jihadists who proselytized against both the West and Western-allied Muslim governments alike," the report said.

A Saudi official cautioned that while the material from Alshamrani's Twitter feed in the report sheds light on his extremist influences, it did not necessarily constitute evidence of what led him to commit the attack.

"Every terrorist is an extremist, but not every extremist commits terrorist acts," the official said, adding that the kingdom had taken a "zero-tolerance" policy toward extremism as a driver of terrorist violence. "This is very worrying to us ... there's a civil war in our religion and we're going to have to win it."

The analysis identified six themes in how Alshamrani "chose to represent himself and his worldview," including support for radical Islam and terrorism; support for the Afghan Taliban; "hatred for America and the West"; opposition to the existence of Israel; sectarianism; and rejection of Saudi government reforms.

Weinstein reaches tentative \$25M deal with accusers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein and his former film studio's board have reached a tentative \$25 million settlement that would end nearly every sexual misconduct lawsuit brought against him and his company, The New York Times reported Wednesday.

The Times cited a half-dozen lawyers in its report, some of whom spoke about the proposed terms on the condition of anonymity.

More than 30 actresses and former Weinstein employees, who have sued the movie mogul for accusations ranging from sexual misconduct to rape, have agreed to the deal, according to the lawyers.

Weinstein would avoid paying any of his own money and he would not be required to admit any wrongdoing as part of the deal. Insurance companies representing The Weinstein Co. would cover the settlement's cost, the Times reported.

Representatives for Weinstein declined to comment.

The proposed settlement has gotten preliminary approval from the major parties involved. It would require court approval and a final signoff before moving forward. The settlement's terms remain uncertain.

Eighteen of the alleged victims would split \$6.2 million, with no individual receiving more than \$500,000. A separate \$18.5 million would go toward

those involved in a class-action case, the New York attorney general's suit and any future claimants, the Times reported.

Actress Katherine Kendall, 50, said she agreed to the terms of the settlement because she didn't want to stop other plaintiffs from receiving recompense. "I don't love it, but I don't know how to go after him," she said. "I don't know what I can really do."

The deal does not, however, resolve a separate criminal case against Wein-

stein over multiple accusations of sexual assault. Weinstein, 67, is scheduled to be tried on rape and sexual assault charges Jan. 6. His bail was increased from \$1 million to \$5 million for allegedly mishandling his electronic ankle monitor.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges that he raped a woman in a Manhattan hotel room in 2013 and performed a forcible sex act on a different woman in 2006.

Los Angeles Times contributed.



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Harvey Weinstein, 67, leaves court after his bail was increased to \$5 million Wednesday in New York.

S. Korea hopes fall after Berlin Wall

1989 reunification gave Asian nation dreams, nightmare

BY VICTORIA KIM
Los Angeles Times

SEOUL, South Korea — Office workers, delivery boys and teenagers in school uniforms hurried through the rain, past the battered concrete slab without giving it a second glance.

Hana Lee strode up, stared at it pensively, then snapped a photograph.

The panel — 12 feet wide, about as tall and 15 inches thick — is a piece of the Berlin Wall. It has been on display in downtown Seoul since 2005, when Germany given it to South Korea as a “symbol of hope for the peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula.”

Lee, a 37-year-old South Korean opera singer, was visiting from Germany, where she has lived the last 14 years.

Pieces of the wall are also exhibited in Germany, but Lee wanted to see it here, 30 miles from the final Cold War frontier between North and South Korea — a heavily guarded barrier no closer to crumbling than it was when the one in Berlin fell in 1989.

Lee thought of her maternal grandfather, who fled south during the Korean War and died never having been able to return home.

“It’s really sad,” she said. “It’s been 30 years for Germany, but still so distant for us.”

Perhaps no other country has poured as many resources into studying Germany’s unification as South Korea. Its bureaucrats, academics and politicians have parsed the German example from every possible angle — including the economic cost, the integration of legal and pension systems and the pitfalls of sorting out social welfare and bridging cultural gaps.

At the onset of the Cold War, both Germany and Korea were divided up by Allied powers, with the So-



A woman walks near pieces of the Berlin Wall given by Germany to Seoul as a “symbol of hope” for Korean unification.

LEE JIN-MAN/AP

viet Union taking control of what became East Germany and North Korea.

When the Berlin Wall came down, the predominant emotion in South Korea was envy, soon followed by hope.

Kim Nuri, a professor of German literature at Seoul’s Chung-Ang University, was studying in Germany at the time.

He recounted how he could easily pick out the Koreans among the Asian students at his university the next morning because they were all teary-eyed.

“In some ways, South Koreans are more interested in German unification than Germans themselves are,” he said last month at a forum in Seoul about the fall of the Berlin Wall — one of myriad events marking the 30th anniversary.

Today, that hope has faded, with many Koreans wondering whether the German example is even

relevant or a single Korea attainable.

“There’s just less interest in unification,” said Yang Chang-seok, a former government official who was dispatched as a unification attache to Germany in the mid-1990s. “There are a lot more differences than parallels between the German case and the case of the Korean Peninsula.”

Over the years, contract workers for South Korea’s Unification Ministry have photocopied reams of documents at the German Federal Archives and shipped home tens of thousands of pages of speeches, internal memos and research studies about the aftermath of reunification.

Based on those documents, the ministry recently completed a six-year project publishing 30 volumes — each one about 2,000 pages — of research, analysis and source material.

The lessons drawn have

been a reality check on what Koreans could expect from their own unification.

“It made us realize there would be aftereffects and problems, that it will cost us, and that psychological integration will be very difficult,” said Yang, now a professor at the Korea University of Technology and Education.

For all the differences between East and West Germany, the economic, cultural and political divides between the two Koreas are far greater.

In 1990, per capita GDP was about 1.5 times higher in West Germany than in the East, whereas the average South Korean today makes at least 25 times as much as the average North Korean.

East German political parties were largely absorbed into West German ones in six months, even if the process left East Germans feeling like second-

class citizens without sufficient representation, South Korean researchers wrote in one of their volumes on reunification.

“In our case, the culture and system of party-based politics is lacking compared with West Germany, and considering North Korea has no experience with democracy, it begs the question how a democratic system can be developed,” they wrote.

Then there’s the long shadow of the Korean War, in which millions of civilians were killed between 1950 and 1953 — a brutal history that has no parallel in the German division and left a legacy of distrust and skepticism between the Koreas.

More than anything, South Koreans today worry about how much unification with North Korea would cost their already flagging economy.

West Germany paid

about 2 trillion euros — about \$2.2 trillion today — to fund infrastructure improvements, social welfare benefits and other measures to integrate East Germany.

“It may not be an exaggeration to say there’s been more discussion about the cost of German unification in South Korea than in Germany,” the researchers wrote.

In a 2018 survey by the Korea Institute for National Unification, only 1 in 4 South Koreans said they would be in favor of a tax increase to cover the cost.

“Ultimately, the core issue with the cost of unification is not about the numbers, but a political problem” of convincing South Koreans it is worthwhile, the researchers wrote.

Many German officials are puzzled by the obsession with cost, the researchers said: “They say even if they had a clairvoyant in 1989/1990 who predicted unification will cost 10 times as much as forecast, they would still have gone through with it.”

North Korea, for its part, bristles at any mention of the German model by South Korean officials, alleging that such references reveal an intent to subsume North Korea rather than negotiate reunification as equal partners.

There are few other precedents for reunification. Saying the German example had limitations because it was rapid and abrupt, the South Korean government recently put out a call for researchers to work on a study looking at the European Union as a blueprint.

Joo Seong-ha, a North Korean escapee who became a journalist for the South Korean daily Dong-A Ilbo, traveled to Germany in the summer to meet with various German officials who were involved with the unification process.

His takeaway: “It’s too different. The German case is no longer relevant for the Korean Peninsula.”



A photo provided by Lillani Hopkins shows the eruption on White Island, New Zealand.

Rescuer describes horror of New Zealand’s silent eruption

BY NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WHAKATANE, New Zealand — The eruption was so silent that Lillani Hopkins didn’t hear it over the hum of the boat’s engines. She didn’t turn around until her dad whacked her.

Then she saw it. Huge clouds of ash and steam shooting into the sky. She was so excited, she grabbed her phone out of her dad’s bag and hit record. But then the plume stopped going up and started rolling out over the cliffs — and her awe turned to fear.

Just under the surface of the crater, pressure had been building for months. Now the superheated water, about 300 Fahrenheit, burst out in a powerful spray. The blast also contained ash, rocks and a few boulders the size of exercise balls, but it was likely the scalding water that was most deadly.

There were 47 tourists on New Zealand’s White Island at the time of Monday’s eruption: 24 from Australia, nine from the U.S., five New Zealanders and others from Germany, Britain, China and

Malaysia. Many had taken a day trip from the Royal Caribbean cruise ship Ovation of the Seas. Authorities believe 16 people were killed, including several who died later in hospitals. Those who survived the blast had terrible burns and some ran into the sea screaming — a screaming that would not stop.

Lillani Hopkins, a 22-year-old student who has studied volcanoes, had taken her dad, Geoff Hopkins, a pastor, to the island Monday for a 50th birthday present. Their group’s two guides told them to wear hard hats. They gave them gas masks, which the guides said they could wear if they had trouble with their breathing.

After 90 minutes, the group got back on the boat and was just a couple of hundred yards away from the shore when the volcano erupted. The crew told them to get below deck. Then they asked for people with medical training, and Lillani and her dad, who had both trained in first aid, joined two doctors on deck. A dinghy ferried the injured aboard, 23 in all.

Lillani had never seen anything like it. Welts and

burns that covered every inch of exposed skin. People’s faces coated in gray paste, their eyes covered so they couldn’t see, their tongues thickened so they couldn’t talk. Some of them still screaming.

Passengers passed Lillani bottles of water. She rinsed out mouths, cleaned eyes and poured as much water on the burns as she could.

The boat appeared to be filled with discarded gray rubber gloves. But they weren’t gloves, they were husks of skin that had peeled away from people’s bodies. Many were burned even under their clothes, and Lillani needed to cut them away.

As she poured water on some people’s burns, it only seemed to make them worse. So other passengers began handing her their clothes to make cold compresses, some of them stripping down to their bras and underpants.

When they finally got back to shore, Lillani says all 23 of those she helped were still breathing. But she hasn’t had any contact with them since and doesn’t know if they all survived.

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America's global influence declining

With Trump in power, allies look to China and Russia

By TIM SULLIVAN
Associated Press

It's whispered in NATO meeting rooms and celebrated in China's halls of power. It's lamented in the capital cities of key U.S. allies and welcomed in the Kremlin.

Three years into Donald Trump's presidency, America's global influence is waning. In interviews with The Associated Press, diplomats, foreign officials and scholars from numerous countries describe a changing world order in which the United States has less of a central role.

And in many ways, that's just fine with the White House. Trump campaigned on an "America First" foreign policy and says a strong United States will mean a stronger world.

"The future doesn't belong to globalists," Trump told the U.N. General Assembly in September. "The future belongs to patriots."

Trump insists he's abandoning globalism for bilateral ties more beneficial to the U.S.

But there's little sign of that.

Instead, once-close allies — France, Egypt, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Mexico, Turkey, Germany and more — have quietly edged away from Washington over the past three years.

Sometimes it's not so quiet.

In a Buckingham Palace reception room during the recent NATO summit, a TV camera caught a cluster of European leaders grinning as Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appeared to mock Trump.

"You just watched his team's jaws drop to the floor," Trudeau said, apparently speaking about his meeting with Trump, talking to a group that included the leaders of France, Brit-



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The U.S. was long regarded as the leader of the free world, but under President Donald Trump changes are evident.

ain and the Netherlands.

Trudeau quickly tried to walk back his words, telling reporters that he and Trump have a "good and constructive relationship." But the footage brought into the open the increasing divide between the United States and its allies.

For generations, America saw itself as the center of the world. For better or worse, most of the rest of the world has regarded the U.S. as its colossus — respecting it, fearing it, turning to it for answers.

"We are America," said Madeleine Albright, secretary of state in the Clinton administration. "We are the indispensable nation."

America is still a global superpower. But now, the country's waning influence is profoundly redrawing the geopolitical map, opening the way for Washington's two most powerful foes — Russia and China — to extend their reach into many countries where they had long been seen with suspicion.

Because those longtime friends of Washington? Many are now looking elsewhere for alliances. Very often, they look to China or Russia.

In Islamabad, for example, where the U.S. was once seen as the only game in town, Pakistan's government now gets military aid and training from Russia and billions of dollars in investment and loans from China. In the Philippines, President Rodrigo Duterte is nurturing closer ties to Beijing despite his nervousness over its expansionism in the South China Sea. In Egypt, long one of America's closest Middle Eastern allies, Cairo now lets Russian military planes use its bases and the two countries recently held joint air force exercises. In Ukraine, which has looked to U.S. military aid for years to try to keep an expansionist Russia in check, Trump's questionable loyalty is seen as creating a dangerous vacuum.

"Once the U.S. role in

Europe weakens, Russia's influence inevitably grows," Vadim Karasev, head of the Kyiv-based Institute of Global Strategies said.

Or there's France, whose friendship with America goes back to the days of George Washington. Perhaps more than any other Western leader, French President Emmanuel Macron has made clear that Europe should look to Beijing, not Washington, when it comes to addressing global issues from trade wars to Iran's nuclear ambitions. Macron's recent trip to China was choreographed in part to convey that the European Union has little faith in Washington anymore.

Perhaps no U.S. ally is more worried than the Kurds, America's longtime battlefield allies. They bore the brunt of the combat as the Islamic State group was driven from the territory it held across a swath of Iraq and Syria.

"Betrayal process is officially complete," a Kurdish

official said in a WhatsApp message sent to journalists after Trump's defense secretary announced U.S. troops would fully withdraw from northeastern Syria. That pullout paved the way for a Turkish offensive against Kurdish fighters and signaled to the world that U.S. may no longer be as reliable as it once was.

The Kurds weren't taken completely by surprise. Kurdish officials had been holding back-channel talks with Syria and Russia for more than a year before the announcement. The Kurds feared they would be abandoned by Washington.

China has been delighted by what it sees as the voluntary abdication of U.S. leadership, particularly on free trade and climate change.

Trump's pullout from the planned Trans-Pacific Partnership opened the way for Beijing to push ahead with its own alternative free-trade agreement. Meanwhile, China has gone from

being a climate change curmudgeon to sometimes reaping praise as a global leader on the issue.

The White House's National Security Council did not respond to requests for comment about this story.

Trump insists he is not pulling the U.S. off the world stage. He cites partnerships with other nations to fight terrorism and his administration highlights a recent high-profile raid in Syria that killed the leader of the Islamic State group.

Trump has successfully coaxed NATO allies to spend billions more on their own defense to lessen the burden on the U.S. He complains that America should not be the world's policeman or its piggy bank, and needs to get out of what he calls "endless wars."

Some former administration officials have cited Trump's business background to describe him as having a "transactional" approach to foreign policy. He has pulled out of multilateral agreements, such as the Iran nuclear deal, yet he needs international support to pressure Tehran for its regional aggression and nuclear program. He gets credit for opening dialogues with the Afghan Taliban and North Korea, although efforts to end America's longest war and get Kim Jong Un to give up his nuclear weapons have so far been unsuccessful.

He also has set about negotiating bilateral trade agreements with many countries because he says deals made by previous administrations were unfair to the U.S. He had success with South Korea, yet has not yet sealed a deal with China.

Trump insists talk of American decline is nonsense.

"The Fake News Media is doing everything possible to belittle my VERY successful trip to London for NATO," Trump tweeted after the summit, adding that there was "only deep respect" for the United States.

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Report on charter schools is 'extremely troubling'

537 'ghost schools' never opened but took federal funds

BY VALERIE STRAUSS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — More than 35% of charter schools funded by the federal Charter School Program between 2006 and 2014 either never opened or were shut down, costing taxpayers more than half a billion dollars, according to a new report from an advocacy group that reviewed records of nearly 5,000 schools. The state with the most charter schools that never opened was Michigan, home to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

The report, titled "Still Asleep at the Wheel," said that 537 "ghost schools" never opened but received a total of more than \$45.5 million in federal start-up funding. That was more than 11% of all of the schools that received funding from the Charter School Program, which began giving grants in 1995.

In Michigan, where the billionaire DeVos has been instrumental over several decades in creating a charter school sector, 72 charters

that received CSP money never opened, at a total cost of about \$77 million from 2006 to 2014. California was second, with 61 schools that failed to open but collectively received \$8.36 million.

The Education Department did not respond to a query about the findings. DeVos has made expanding alternatives to school districts — including charters and programs that use public money for private and religious schools — her top priority as education secretary, and has said that her metric for a state's education success is how much they expand school "choice."

Cassandra Ulbrich, president of the Michigan State Board of Education, said in an interview that she found the new report "extremely troubling."

"It raises some very legitimate questions about a federal grant program that seems to have been operating for years and years with little oversight and very little accountability," she said.

The report — published by the Network for Public Education, an advocacy group that supports public education and was co-founded by education historian and advocate Diane

Ravitch — says that the Education Department has failed for years to properly monitor how its charter grant funding is spent. The new findings follow "Asleep at the Wheel," the network's March report which said up to \$1 billion was wasted over the life of CSP on charter schools that never opened or opened and then closed. After that report's release, congressional Democrats voted to cut millions of dollars from the CSP.

Charter schools are financed by the public but privately operated. Most states require that nonprofit organizations open schools, but some permit for-profit companies to operate the schools. About 6% of U.S. schoolchildren attend charter schools. California has the most charter schools and the most charter students; in Los Angeles, 20% of children attend such schools. In the nation's capital, almost half of Washington, D.C.'s schoolchildren go to charters.

Charter supporters say the 30-year-old movement offers important alternatives to traditional public schools, which educate the vast majority of America's students, and that the movement is still learning. Oppo-



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Michigan, home of Betsy DeVos, has the most charter schools that never opened.

nents say that there is little public accountability over many charters and that they drain resources from traditional districts. Research shows that student outcomes are, overall, largely the same in charter and traditional public schools, though there are failures and exemplars in both.

The new report found: ■ The disbursement of more than \$1 billion during the program's first decade — from 1995 to 2005 — was never monitored, and there is no complete public record of which schools received the funds because the Education Department never required states to report where the money went. During that period, California received \$191 million;

Florida \$158.4 million; and Michigan \$64.6 million.

■ The overall rate of failed charter projects from 2006-2014 was 37%, with some states posting a much higher failure rate. In Iowa, for example, 11 charter schools received grants and 10 failed after receiving a total of \$3.66 million. The failure rate exceeded 50% in a number of states, including Georgia, Delaware, Hawaii, Maryland and Virginia. In California, 37% failed either to open or stay open, after winning nearly \$103 million in CSP funding.

■ Although Congress forbids for-profit operators from directly receiving CSP grants, some of them still were able to benefit. The report says 357 schools in

the database were run by for-profit chains, for a total cost of \$125 million in federal CSP start-up costs. Most of that money was spent in Michigan and in Florida.

In Michigan, 40 charter schools opened with CSP money and then closed. About 80% of charter schools are operated by for-profit companies with what Ulbrich said was unusual impunity. For example, she said, the new report details how some Michigan charter operators took some of the grant money for their own use. "I don't know of a lot of federal grants that people get where they can turn around and divert the money into their own pockets," she said.

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their positions.

Horowitz himself tried to strike a balance.

He insisted that the FBI should not feel comforted by his findings and pointed out the absence of evidence for some of the most sensational claims by Trump and his supporters: that the investigation into ties between his presidential campaign and Russia had been opened for political reasons, that agents had infiltrated his election bid or that former President Barack Obama had directed a wiretap of the Republican candidate.

Still, his opening statement was critical of the investigation, and he returned time and again throughout the hearing to serious problems that he said underscored the need for policy changes at the FBI.

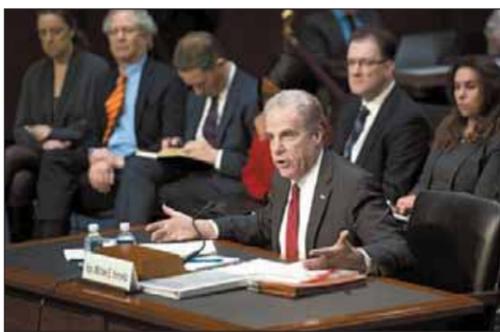
Among them, he said, were flaws and omissions in how the FBI prepared its applications for court approval to eavesdrop on a former Trump campaign aide, as he rebuked officials for failing to update judges as they learned new information that undercut some of their original assertions.

"It doesn't vindicate anybody at the FBI who touched (the applications), including leadership," Horowitz said. That was a rejection of the views of former FBI Director James Comey, who had claimed vindication for the bureau based on Horowitz's conclusions.

Republicans and Democrats pressed Horowitz on whether he believed the FBI had acted with partisan bias.

His response was hedged: He said the multitude of errors during the surveillance warrant process, which included the altering of an email by an FBI lawyer, was so "inexplicable" and yielded no obvious explanations that he could not be confident about the intention.

Even so, Horowitz also



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DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz tries to strike a balance in testimony Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

repeatedly noted under questioning from Democrats that he had not found that the FBI had targeted Trump for investigation for political reasons.

The investigation was opened for a proper cause, he said, after the FBI received information that a Trump campaign aide had been told that Russia had information that could hurt the presidential campaign of Trump's Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

"It finds that it was a properly predicated investigation based on the rules of the FBI," Horowitz said of his report.

Trump and his supporters are counting on different conclusions from a separate investigation led by John Durham, a prosecutor selected by Attorney General William Barr to investigate the early days of the Russia investigation. Durham issued a statement disputing some of Horowitz's conclusions.

But Horowitz said they had a relatively technical disagreement — that the evidence was sufficient to open a preliminary investigation but not a full one. The latter gives the FBI more intrusive tools for an investigation.

Horowitz's report identified significant problems with applications to receive and renew warrants to eavesdrop on former Trump campaign aide Carter Page in 2016 and 2017. Investigators were concerned about Page's ties to Russia, but never accused him of wrongdoing.

Horowitz told senators

that the FBI failed to follow its own standards for accuracy and completeness when it sought a warrant from the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to monitor Page's communications.

"We are deeply concerned that so many basic and fundamental errors were made by three separate, hand-picked investigative teams, on one of the most sensitive FBI investigations, after the matter had been briefed to the highest levels within the FBI," Horowitz said.

The report detailed 17 errors and omissions during those wiretap applications, including failing to tell the court when questions were raised about the reliability of some of the information that it had presented to receive the warrants.

Those problems were especially alarming because the warrant to monitor Page "related so closely to an ongoing presidential campaign" and "even though those involved with the investigation knew that their actions were likely to be subjected to close scrutiny."

Horowitz's findings that the FBI was justified in launching the investigation has been criticized by Barr, a Trump defender.

Horowitz said that he has spoken with Barr about his findings and that the attorney general did not present anything that changed his conclusions. "He is free to have his opinion. We have our finding," Horowitz said.

McConnell: Both sides need 'laser focus' to avert shutdown

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Republican issued a downbeat assessment of talks on a government spending bill Wednesday, warning that it will require a "laser focus from both parties and both chambers" to meet next week's deadline and avert a federal shutdown.

Across the Capitol, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met with Latino lawmakers about the upcoming appropriations measure, which is likely to largely maintain President Donald Trump's tactical ability to fund his much-sought border wall.

It's part of an effort to solidify support for the emerging catchall funding bill, which promises to deliver plenty of small-bore victories for lawmakers in both parties and is seen as preferable to the alternative of simply keeping the government on autopilot.

Trump cares mostly about border fence funding.

"To be frank, only a laser focus from both parties and both chambers on getting results will create a path to pass appropriations bills this year," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said. "There simply is not time left for my Democratic friends to continue haggling over poison pills, partisan policy riders and presidential transfer authorities."

As is often the case, California rivals Pelosi and Kevin McCarthy are feuding, this time about a long shot McCarthy bid for additional funding for a controversial dam project that would provide more water for Central Valley farmers.

Nobody wants a government shutdown when a stopgap spending bill expires at the end of next week, but time is running out and it's not at all certain that negotiations can close



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said both parties need to work on meeting next week's deadline.

in time for the Senate to process a year-end spending package. Another temporary funding bill, called a continuing resolution, or CR, could be needed to avert a repeat of last year's 35-day partial federal shutdown.

At issue is the almost one-third of the federal budget passed by Congress each year for day-to-day operations of federal agencies. This year's annual appropriations cycle was supposed to be relatively easy after this summer's budget and debt deal reversed a sharp set of spending cuts that would have otherwise struck both the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

But a Senate GOP move to more than triple a key border wall account to meet Trump's demands sparked a two-month stalemate. Negotiations are back on track, with most of Trump's \$5 billion wall demand being returned to other domestic accounts.

It's complicated, but Trump has a significant tactical advantage that allows him to obtain several billion dollars for his border project. That's because he will refuse to sign any bill that denies his wall request outright or curtails his powers to transfer money from Pentagon accounts to border construction. Another option is to keep the Homeland Security De-

partment budget largely frozen under a continuing resolution while maintaining those same transfer authorities that Trump has used to shift almost \$7 billion to wall accounts even as Congress directly appropriates far less — \$1.4 billion for the 2019 budget year.

Nobody wants the third option: a government shutdown battle.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairman Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, said the group "is concerned, as always, about increased funding for the wall or for more (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) detention beds."

House Democrats sought to block Trump's power to transfer Pentagon funding to Trump's project, but his veto threats are likely to succeed in getting Democrats to drop the language in the closed-door talks. Negotiators on a separate \$738 billion Pentagon policy bill dumped companion language in their House-Senate talks.

But funding through transferring money from other accounts is subject to legal challenges.

A federal judge in Texas on Tuesday issued a nationwide injunction to block Trump from using \$3.6 billion in military base construction funds to pay for border fencing and other barriers.

Federal agencies defend ICE's fake university operation

Foreign students' lawyers say clients were entrapped

Associated Press

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. — Federal agencies have pushed back against criticism that they entrapped hundreds of foreigners who enrolled in a fake school the agencies opened in an effort to fight visa fraud, saying those who enrolled knew they weren't signing up for a real school and that they only wanted a

way to stay in the U.S.

The undercover operation that targeted students at the University of Farmington in Farmington Hills was legal and helped combat visa fraud, the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and head of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's investigative division in Detroit said last week in statements to the Detroit Free Press.

"HSI special agents, as part of this undercover operation, made it abundantly clear in their interactions

"ICE deceived and entrapped them, just to deport them."

— Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

with potential University of Farmington enrollees that the school did not offer academic or vocational programs of any kind. The individuals who enrolled in the University of Farmington did so intentionally,"

said Vance Callender, special agent in charge of the Detroit office of ICE's Homeland Security Investigations, or HSI.

The students arrived in the U.S. legally, primarily from India, and were on F-1 student visa programs when they enrolled at the university that was covertly staffed by undercover agents and had a fake website. Nearly 80% of the 250 students who were arrested have voluntarily left the country, according to ICE.

Lawyers for the students have said they believe their

clients were entrapped and did not know the school was fake when they enrolled.

In January, federal prosecutors announced that ICE agents had secretly set up the fake university, which enrolled more than 600 foreign students studying science and technology. The Department of Justice referred to it as a "pay to stay" scheme.

The Free Press reported in November that the number of students who had been arrested on immigration infractions in the case had jumped to 250. The

story drew widespread attention and several political leaders criticized or raised questions about the sting. Among the critics were several congressional Democrats, including Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who is running for president.

"This is cruel and appalling," Warren tweeted about the sting. "These students simply dreamed of getting the high-quality higher education America can offer. ICE deceived and entrapped them, just to deport them."

NEWS BRIEFING

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Nobel laureate Suu Kyi defends Myanmar army in UN court

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Nobel Peace Prize winner and former political prisoner Aung San Suu Kyi denied Wednesday that Myanmar's armed forces committed genocide, telling the United Nation's top court that the mass exodus of Rohingya people from the country she leads was the unfortunate result of a battle with insurgents.

The image of the former pro-democracy icon appearing before the In-

ternational Court of Justice to defend the army that kept her under house arrest for 15 years was striking.

Myanmar's accusers have described a deliberate campaign of ethnic cleansing and genocide that drove more than 700,000 Rohingya to neighboring Bangladesh.

Suu Kyi calmly rebuffed allegations that army personnel killed civilians, raped women and torched houses in 2017.

Leaders scramble for votes as UK's ugly campaigning ends

LONDON — Britain's election has been like the country's late-autumn weather: chilly and dull, with blustery outbursts.

On the last day of the campaign, political leaders dashed around the U.K. on Wednesday trying to win over millions of undecided voters who will likely determine the outcome.

Opinion polls suggest Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservatives

have a lead over the main opposition Labour Party led by Jeremy Corbyn ahead of Thursday's election.

Britain's first December vote since 1923 for all 650 seats in the House of Commons has been dubbed the Brexit Election. It comes more than two years early in hopes of breaking the political deadlock over the country's stalled departure from the European Union.

Report: Giuliani settles long divorce from his third wife

NEW YORK — Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and his third wife have reached a settlement in a yearslong court battle that exposed details about their luxurious lifestyle, The New York Times reported.

Giuliani, 75, and his wife, Judith, put an end to their differences and "intend to remain friends in the years to come," Judith Giuliani's divorce attorney, Bernard Clair, told the

newspaper.

The couple was married for 15 years.

Throughout the divorce, details about the couple's \$230,000 monthly budget became public, including six houses, 11 country club memberships and \$12,000 on Rudy Giuliani's cigars.

Giuliani previously was married for 20 years to Donna Hanover. Before that, he was married for 14 years to Regina Peruggi.



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A police officer prepares to strike a lawyer Wednesday in Lahore, Pakistan, where attorneys attacked doctors in a hospital. Authorities said the acrimony began last month when a lawyer alleged mistreatment by doctors after bringing a relative for treatment.

French government raises age to retire as strikes grind on

PARIS — France's prime minister said Wednesday that the full retirement age will be increased for the country's youngest, but offered concessions in an ill-fated effort to calm a nationwide protest against pension reforms that critics say will erode the nation's way of life.

The government says it wants to make the pensions system sustainable and simpler but is facing public pressure, including a week of the most debilitating transport strikes in decades.

Major unions were quick to reject the proposals and

vowed to strike on.

The day after more than 300,000 people protested across France, metro lines in Paris but two were closed and many train routes remained canceled as unions dig in their heels against President Emmanuel Macron, whom they accuse of shaping policies in favor of the rich.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe detailed the pension changes in a speech Wednesday, saying bluntly that the French "will need to work longer."

People born after 1974 will have to work until age 64 to get a full pension,

instead of 62 previously. Those born before that date will not be affected, he said.

The new scheme is aimed at replacing a complicated pension system that included dozens of special privileges for some sectors, like public transport, with one set of rules.

Philippe said the changes ensure the pension system is "fair and sustainable" for a growing population with a record number of people over 90.

For people entering the workforce, the reforms will only start to apply in 2022, which happens to be the last year of Macron's term.

YouTube cracks down on racist, sexist insults

SAN FRANCISCO — YouTube is taking another step to curb hateful and violent speech on its site.

The video streaming company said it will now take down videos that lob insults at people based on race, gender expression, sexual orientation or other "protected attributes." The

Google-owned company will also prohibit veiled threats of violence, taking a step further into moderating what people can say on the videos they create and upload.

YouTube has been slapped with criticism from politicians, viewers and video creators for the materi-

al it allows on — and bans from — the site. The site has been accused of allowing and fostering hate speech and extremism and creating spaces for harassment to linger online, along with other digital sites that allow people to upload their own material, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Chile: Debris found believed to be from missing plane

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile — The Chilean Air Force says it has recovered debris believed to be from a military transport plane carrying 38 people that vanished days earlier en route to Antarctica.

Air Force Gen. Eduardo Mosqueira says "sponge" material was found floating roughly 18 miles from the place the C-130 Hercules last had radio contact.

It had left southern Chile and was flying over Drake Pass, a notoriously turbulent area.

Mosqueira said Wednesday the debris will be analyzed to see if it corresponds to the missing plane. He says the process could take up to two days to confirm.

The C-130 Hercules took off Monday afternoon from a base in far-southern Chile on a regular maintenance flight for an Antarctic base. Radio contact was lost 70 minutes later.

In Niger: About 100 Islamic militants ambushed an army camp in western Niger, a military spokesman said late Wednesday, killing at least 71 soldiers in the deadliest attack on the West African country's forces in years.

The large-scale attack comes amid a surge of assaults on army camps in the Sahel region, which have allowed jihadists to amass weapons and vehicles for their arsenal. Neighboring Mali has seen such an increase in ambushes on its army that it has even closed some of its most remote and vulnerable army outposts.

A Niger army spokesman read the death toll announcement on state TV Wednesday night and said a dozen others had been wounded after the ambush overnight.



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EDITORIALS

Ending CPD merit promotions is fine — if it leads to a better police force

About a week into his tenure as interim superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, Charlie Beck showed he wants to make policing changes that stick. Good. The police force, operating under a federal consent decree, has a slew of failings to correct.

Beck on Tuesday said he halted CPD's "merit" promotion system, a well-intended but problematic counterpart to the police test-taking process for determining who moves up the ranks. Beck said he'd heard that many officers feel "dissatisfied and discouraged" with the system. He recommended that whomever Mayor Lori Lightfoot chooses as the permanent superintendent discontinue the merit promotion system and in the future hold promotional exams every two years.

Since Beck made this decision in consultation with Lightfoot, his boss, she sounds like she's also ready to rethink the way CPD produces sergeants, lieutenants and higher-up leaders. In fact, the consent decree requires that City Hall eventually reassess police promotion practices, so Beck's move is a quick step forward.

Questions about who gets promoted —



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Interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck at CPD headquarters earlier this month.

or overlooked — have dogged the police and fire departments, for generations. Chicago is one of those clout-heavy towns where being qualified for a government job is not always relevant. Sometimes it's whom you know. CPD in the 1990s adopted a two-track system that promoted officers based on testing results but gave the department room to identify potential supervisors who weren't strong test-takers. Some of those officers could be promoted based on the merits of their performance

as cops.

One purpose of the merit system was to help assure that minority officers got advancement opportunities. Minority groups and some academics have said written tests, which were designed to be objective determinants of ability, tended to be culturally biased in ways that unfairly favor whites.

The merit system, though, was a corrective that brought its own complaints: Bosses, given the chance to hand out promotions, will fill their teams with favorites, regardless of competency. Female officers especially felt they were overlooked for promotion, according to the U.S. Justice Department's 2017 report on Chicago policing. That report rang true in its description of Chicago-style patronage: *Many of the officers we spoke with — minority and non-minority alike — told us that they feel merit promotions are not truly based on "merit" but rather the "clout" you hold in the Department or "who you know."*

The report also noted a disconnect between police resentment of the merit system and the reality. There are, in fact, detailed CPD policies and procedures for

identifying genuinely meritorious candidates. But the system still lacks transparency, isn't trusted and needs an overhaul.

The intent, per the consent decree, is that CPD promotes qualified officers via a process that also ensures supervisors come from a cross section of the community to strengthen public trust in the force.

Too much to ask? Not at all. Chicagoans deserve a police department that keeps them safe, operates with integrity and is representative of the population.

Beck's decision to suspend the merit system is fine for the short term, as long as City Hall is diligent in meeting the requirements of the consent decree and residents: to create an effective and trustworthy Chicago Police Department.

There, too, Beck's arrival offers Chicago a great opportunity to improve CPD's promotion protocols and make other improvements the consent decree requires: Beck says he's a short-timer, he has no allegiance to any faction within the department, and with the mayor's imprimatur, he has the freedom to make bold moves.

Superintendent Beck, before you leave town, give Chicagoans a better police force.

When is an Olympic ban not a ban? Easy: When it bans Russia.

International anti-doping regulators say they've had it with Russian cheating and have banned the country from international competition for four years. That includes the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo and the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. What does that ban really mean?

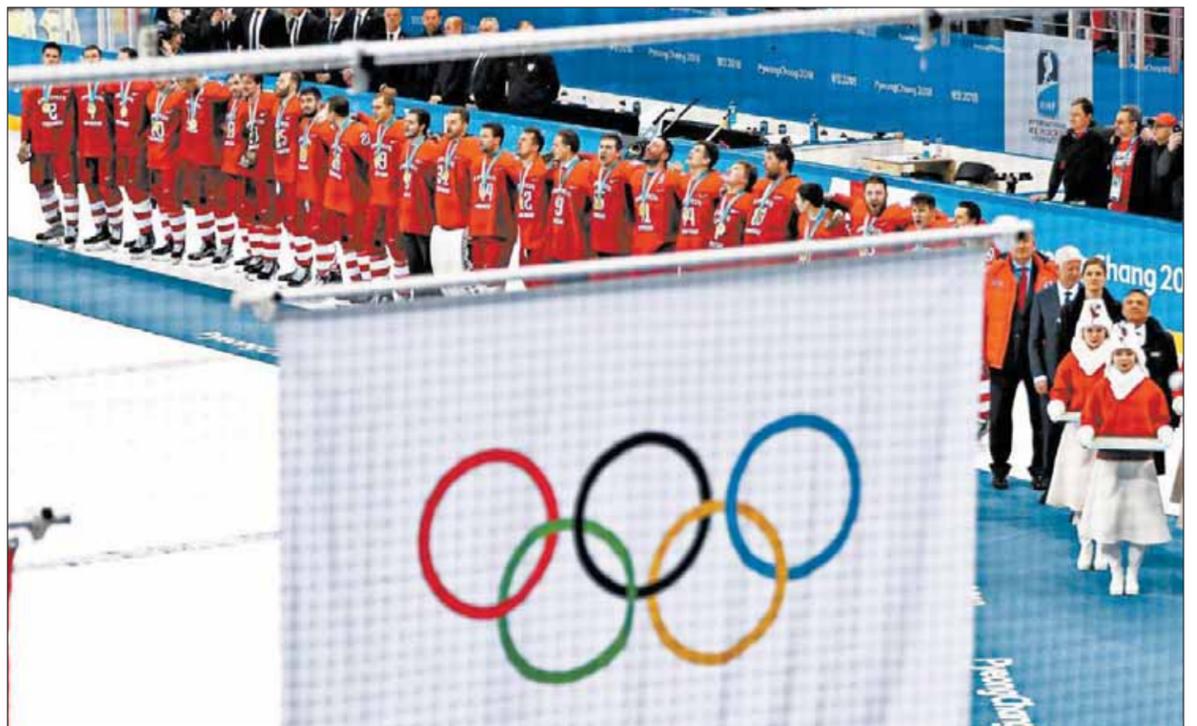
Well, imagine the Russian volleyball team wins gold. The team takes the podium. But because of the ban, the athletes aren't wearing Russian uniforms. Instead, they don whatever drab, understated garb signifies being neutrals from nowhere in particular. No Russian flag goes up the flagpole, no Russian anthem fills the arena.

Back in Moscow, what do you think Russian President Vladimir Putin's reaction would be? A seething scowl? A fist slam onto his desk? Our guess is a wide, beaming smile and a celebratory swig of the best vodka rubles can buy.

Russians still will have won gold, and for a country bent on a scam-at-any-cost approach to winning, bringing home the gold is all that matters.

In issuing its verdict Monday, the World Anti-Doping Agency said that, even after Russia was exposed as a systematic cheater at the Sochi Winter Olympics in 2014 and a long list of other international competitions, Russian officials persisted in their chicanery. They did so most recently by manipulating a database containing test results for Russian athletes.

The agency could have slapped an outright ban on Russia that barred every Russian athlete from Tokyo, Beijing, the World Cup and all other international competitions for four years. Instead, WADA flinched.



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Gold medal athletes from Russia stand as the Olympic flag, not their country's flag, is raised during a medal ceremony in 2018.

Beckie Scott, a Canadian cross-country skier who had her bronze medal swapped for Olympic gold after two Russian skiers were disqualified for doping, told The New York Times many athletes see WADA's punishment of Russia as "largely superficial. ... WADA had the authority and power to impose a much stronger and serious sanction, and they chose not to."

Athletes around the world who rely only on grit, passion and commitment to strive for Olympic glory have every right to feel let down. So does every kid from

Northbrook to Namibia who nurtures dreams of a podium moment. With stronger action against Russia, the international sports community could have sent a message to those kids that cheating is, and will always be, a one-way road to disgrace.

The halfway ban issued by WADA reinforces the cynicism that much of the world increasingly feels about the Olympics. What used to be a celebration of "Faster, Higher, Stronger" has been stained by the taint of greed, power and pharmacology. In the lead-up to the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea, there was hope that banning

the Russian flag and anthem would be the cudgel that scared Russia straight. Clearly that measure wasn't enough. Why would international sports officials think it would be enough now?

Only one course of action would get the Kremlin to sit up and take notice — an outright ban on Russian athletes competing. The message to governments and athletes everywhere would be simple and blunt: You cheat, you don't compete. Anything less gives Russia the victory lap it bought with steroids and artifice.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The press corps is portraying Monday's report by Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz as absolution for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but don't believe it. The report relates a trail of terrible judgment and violations of process that should shock Americans who thought better of their premier law-enforcement agency.

Readers can look at the detailed executive summary and decide for themselves. But our own initial reading confirms the worst of what we feared about the bureau when it was run by James Comey. The FBI corrupted the secret court process for obtaining warrants to spy on former Trump aide Carter Page. And it did so by supplying the court with false information produced by Christopher Steele, an agent of the Hillary Clinton campaign.

How can anyone, most of all civil libertarians, pass this off as no big deal? ...

The FBI's justification, as related to Mr. Horowitz, is that the risk of Russian disruption of the 2016 election was too great to ignore. Yet the bureau never told anyone in the Trump campaign, or even Donald Trump, whom or what it was investigating so he could reduce the danger or distance himself from those advisers. The FBI was investigating the campaign but wouldn't tell the candidate who would soon be elected. ...

The FISA process was established in the 1970s as a check on FBI abuse. ... The U.S. doesn't need a process that uses Article III judges as political cover to justify abusive wiretaps on innocent Americans, much less on presidential campaigns.

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Former NFL quarterback Michael Vick, who spent time in prison for his role in a dogfighting ring, before a Bears-Rams game in Los Angeles in November.

Animal cruelty, the NFL and the redemption of Michael Vick



STEVE CHAPMAN

It's hard to exaggerate the viciousness of what Michael Vick did. While playing for the Atlanta Falcons, the star NFL quarterback financed a dog-fighting operation, provided a site for fights on land he owned, and took part in training dogs to fight. Arrested in 2007, he admitted involvement in the strangling and beating deaths of dogs — and to personally drowning them.

Vick's crimes earned him a suspension from the NFL, a federal felony conviction and 18 months in prison, as well as the loss of millions of dollars in salary and endorsements. Now, the NFL is under fire for naming Vick, who retired from football in 2017 after a post-prison comeback, an honorary co-captain for the Pro Bowl. Some 740,000 people have signed petitions objecting.

Justice requires that we remember. Justice required that Vick pay a heavy price. But there is a case to be made for a measure of mercy. Stepping forward to make it is Wayne Pacelle, who served 14 years as president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States and is now head of Animal Wellness Action and the Center for a

Humane Economy.

Pacelle is one of the most important champions of animal welfare in modern American history. Under his leadership, the HSUS helped enact dozens of laws to protect animals, including banning cockfights.

It also got laws and corporate practices changed to improve conditions for pigs, chickens, cattle and other livestock. It's partly to his credit that scientists in the U.S. no longer subject chimpanzees to invasive experiments and that Sea World no longer breeds captive orca whales.

While the football player was serving time, an intermediary called Pacelle to tell him Vick would like to help the animal welfare cause. Pacelle declined. His immediate thought, he told me, was: "Gimme a break. That's the last guy I'd want." But on reflection, it occurred to him: "We work with people doing the wrong thing and get them moving in the right direction."

The executive director of Pacelle's Animal Wellness Action, after all, is Marty Irby, a former president of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association, which promotes a sport that has often relied on injuring horses' legs and hooves to induce a distinctive gait. Irby has lobbied for a federal bill prohibiting these practices — which the House passed in July over the opposition of the industry.

Pacelle, it should be noted, resigned

Vick's crimes earned him a suspension from the NFL, a federal felony conviction and 18 months in prison, as well as the loss of millions of dollars in salary and endorsements.

from his HSUS post in 2018 amid accusations of sexual harassment. He denied them, and the HSUS board had voted to keep him. I don't know if he was guilty of such misconduct. But even if he was, it would not diminish his immense contributions to animal welfare.

When he got the call about Vick in 2009, the HSUS was trying to heighten the awareness of the evils of dogfighting and motivate law enforcement to make use of the new federal law against it.

As he recounted in his 2011 book, "The Bond: Our Kinship With Animals, Our Call to Protect Them," Pacelle called back and told Vick's representative that he'd be willing to talk if Vick was willing to travel to inform kids about the need to protect animals.

He agreed. Pacelle visited him in prison and decided to give Vick a chance, in the hope that he'd win kids to the cause.

"I didn't see how shunning him would save a single dog," he wrote. After his release, Pacelle says, the two of them "did dozens of events and spoke to 20,000 or 30,000 kids."

Is that enough to warrant a measure of forgiveness to Vick? Should he be commended making a serious effort at atonement? Does it make sense to set aside his ugly past for a moment to honor his exploits as a player?

My feeling — as someone who has had three dogs, each of them rescued — is that the answer is yes. Part of the task of alleviating the needless suffering of animals is punishing cruelty. Part of it is encouraging those who have been responsible for such abuse to confront what they did and change their ways — and recognizing those who accept that obligation.

I can't fault those who think nothing Vick could do would make up for the agony of the dogs he abused. But redemption is something to celebrate. And the only people who can be redeemed are those who have done wrong.

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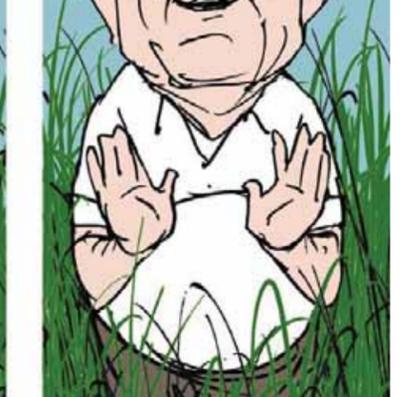
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PERSPECTIVE

Limiting use of 'quiet rooms' is not enough. Teachers need training, support.

This week, the Illinois State Board of Education has proposed permanent rules to substantially limit the use of seclusion and restraint in schools. Following a Chicago Tribune and ProPublica investigation into the practice, Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office called isolated seclusion of schoolchildren "appalling," and ISBE took emergency action to limit circumstances in which schools can seclude and restrain students. The permanent rules this week are meant to enshrine these limits in Illinois law.

The governor's office and ISBE should be commended for acting so quickly. Yet, restricting the use of seclusion and restraint is not enough. Unless we address the underlying reasons why schools are using these practices, the impact of any policy response will be limited.

As a law professor who has supported school discipline reform, I know many school staff recognize that punitive responses to student behavior — like suspension, expulsion, seclusion and restraint — are not the right approaches. These responses further isolate and traumatize students already struggling in school. However, school staff lack resources and training to implement evidence-supported alternatives.

Even prior to the emergency rules, Illinois had among the best set of protections related to seclusion and restraint. Unfortunately, these regulations failed to prevent the widespread use of these practices. Indeed, researchers from the American Orthopsychiatric Association found that "(r)egulations have thus far failed to affect the frequency of restraint and seclusion" throughout the country.

If the governor's office is truly committed to changing seclusion and restraint



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One of two timeout rooms at Pathways school, in the Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative, near St. Louis.

practices, the new regulations should be followed by a significant increase in funding for professional development in de-escalation techniques, restorative practices and behavior management. Research shows that staff training significantly reduces the use of seclusion and restraint. While the rules mandate that staff be trained, ensuring this training is effective requires sufficient personnel with the expertise to deliver training statewide and support school districts in an ongoing manner.

The state also needs to prioritize comprehensive school-based mental health services for students, staff and teachers. While mental health issues are skyrocketing throughout the country, critical supports like school psychologists and social workers have not kept pace with the need. And students are not the only ones in need of services: Meeting the many needs of young people on a daily basis also takes a toll on the mental health of teachers and staff. If teachers and school staff are not

properly supported, they cannot meet the needs of their students.

In addition, the state should emphasize the importance of relationship-building with students. Many of the young people in crisis who are being restrained and secluded have experienced trauma. A connection with a trusted adult supports students to learn and develop the social-emotional skills needed to succeed in school and beyond. For example, advisory systems in which a teacher meets regularly with a small group of students create a culture of connectedness at a school that can promote student learning and reduce feelings of isolation.

Some may say that student behavior is not a school concern but rather an issue that should be addressed by families and communities. This assertion inappropriately lets schools off the hook. Public schools were established in order to equip young people with the skills they need to be productive, engaged citizens. To this end, social and emotional skills — like anger management, conflict resolution and self-regulation — are critical to long-term success.

The widespread use of seclusion and restraint to control student behavior indicates that we are failing to appropriately respond to students' needs. As a leader on the issue of seclusion and restraint, Gov. Pritzker should invest in systemwide change to ensure that his actions have lasting impact.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Legal pot poses big problems

Contrary to what Big Marijuana wants us to believe, state lawmakers were warned that legal weed would flood Illinois with black market activity. California is now the perfect example.

California is considered the largest cannabis market in the world. Its total estimated marijuana sales revenue will be near \$12 billion for 2019.

But here's the kicker: CNN reports that the black market is credited with \$8.7 billion of that \$12 billion (73%). Yes, the black market is more than thriving and threatening to bury a quasi-legitimate industry.

If it wasn't so serious, it would be laughable. But it is no laughing matter.

The black market doesn't pay taxes, fees or insurance premiums; follow regulations; seek licensing; or pay minimum wage. The result is cheaper weed. What users want.

But with black market activity come other serious problems. Illinois communities will be flooded with "legal" and black market weed. Colorado law enforcement says it does more black-market marijuana busts post-legalization.

Furthermore, it's now called "medicine." As a result, the perception of risk goes down while use goes up. What child thinks "medicine" will hurt them?

— *Kathy Valente, director of operations, Illinois Family Institute, Tinley Park*

Patients need guidance on pot

I appreciated being mentioned in a recent Chicago Tribune article ("More doctors are using marijuana as medicine," Dec. 1). I hear too many concerning stories from patients about other doctors who refuse to help them with medical cannabis.

Pain doctors prescribe powerful and dangerous opioids for years, yet many still drug-test patients and deny medical treatment if cannabis is detected. Psychiatrists prescribe benzodiazepines without hesitation, yet often give patients who ask about cannabis a "this is your brain on drugs" lecture. Uninformed primary care physicians refuse to help patients get certified. Don't patients deserve better care?

Outdated attitudes and uninformed clinicians are doing a disservice to patients. In 2020, adults in Illinois will have immediate legal access to cannabis. Patients will use cannabis whether they have sound medical advice. The medical establishment ignores this reality to the detriment of patients. No doctor should lecture patients or refuse to answer their pleas for help. If you cannot or will not help them, at least refer the patient to someone who will. First, do no harm.

— *Dr. Rahul Khare, CEO and founder, Innovative Wellness, Chicago*

Don't rush inquiry into Eddie Johnson

In its Dec. 4 editorial ("Eddie Johnson's firing: Let's see the inspector general's report"), the Tribune Editorial Board asks Mayor Lori Lightfoot to release the inspector general's report and all ancillary materials as soon as possible.

As a former federal prosecutor, the mayor is more than qualified to judge how thorough and complete an investigation must be before a report documenting it sees the light of day. It serves no useful purpose to rush the inspector general. Investigations require painstaking work without cutting corners. Mayor Lightfoot has already indicated the report will be made public when it is appropriate. Hurrying the investigation just to release it prematurely could compromise it.

Let the mayor and inspector general do their jobs.

— *Steve Hanan, Morton Grove*

No welfare for the less fortunate

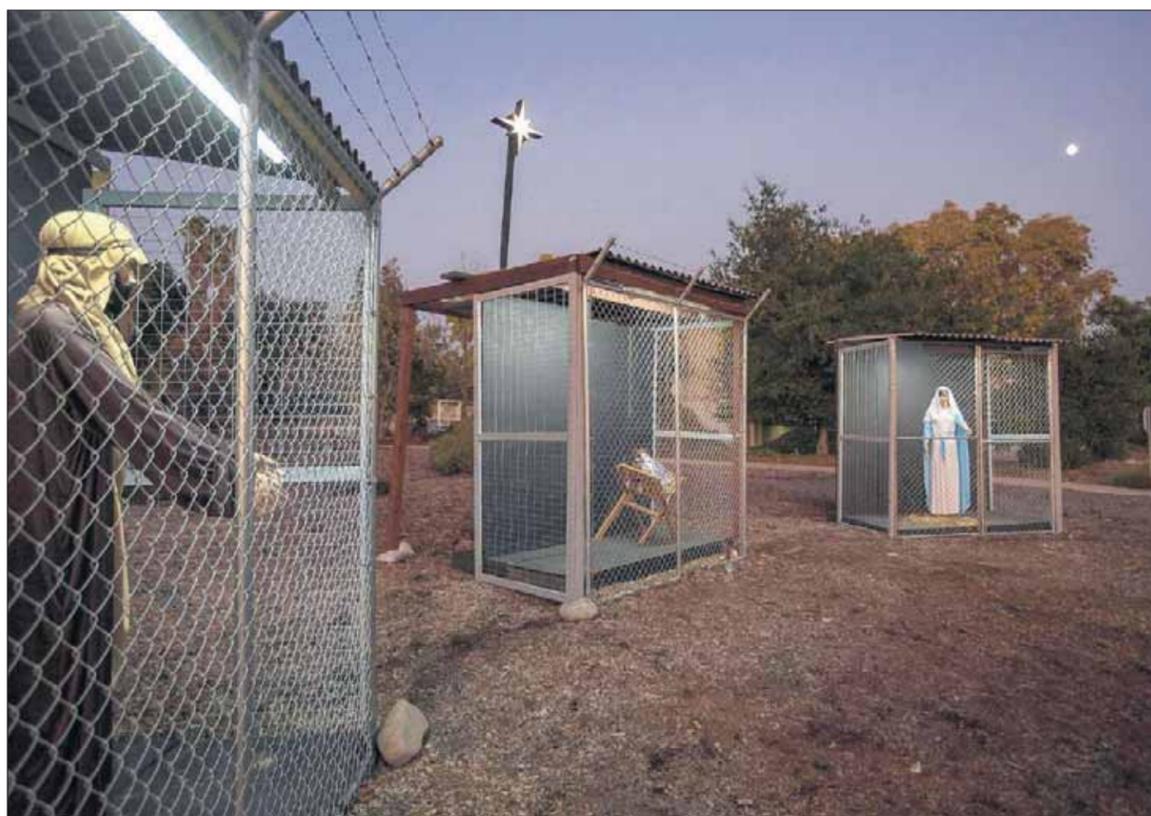
Regarding Dahleen Glanton's question in her column about why Republicans are continually trying to take away food stamps ("If Republicans care about hunger, why do they keep trying to take away food stamps?" Dec. 9): The answer is simple: They don't want the poor, disabled and less fortunate to become too dependent on public welfare like the military, defense contractors and wealthy corporations.

— *Ken Kramer, Glen Ellyn*

An alternative for Peloton ad

As an advertising guy, I get a huge kick out of the controversy surrounding the Peloton fitness bike commercial. It's been called sexist, and suggests marital stereotypes. The gift recipient of the bike is rail thin, and first appears on camera holding the hand of a child whom we can assume is her daughter. So here is this emaciated woman, probably a mother, whose husband thinks she needs to shed a few pounds. It would have made more sense if a slightly hefty woman had been cast in the role, and the final frame of the commercial would feature the husband wearing one of the wheels around his neck and resembling the Allstate Insurance Mayhem man.

— *Michael Oakes, Chicago*



DAVID MCNEW/GETTY IMAGES

A California church has depicted Jesus, Mary and Joseph as asylum seekers detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Nativity scene with cages is an essential reminder: Don't look away from the border

BY ESTHER J. CEPEDA

The beauty of being human is that you can hold two seemingly opposite positions in your heart at the same time.

Our fragmented, partisan society — in the era of cable news and social media — isn't good at portraying this reality, especially when it comes to religious or political issues.

But people who pursue a spiritual practice know that you can be a lover of Jesus Christ or God and hold political views that are usually ascribed to the secular left.

You wouldn't know it, though, based on some ultra-loud reactions to churches using their nativity scenes to make statements in defense of migrants from Mexico and Central America.

The latest such case is a scathing critique about the conditions in which the U.S. has lately kept migrants and asylum seekers. The Claremont United Methodist Church, which is about 30 miles east of Los Angeles, erected its nativity scene with Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus separated and in cages. Barbed wire adds another true-to-life touch.

This isn't the first time a church has done something like this. But after the Rev. Karen Clark Ristine, the church's senior pastor, posted the image on her Facebook account, the image went viral and attracted wide attention.

This is the point — if you were reading a straight news article — where you'd get a sampling of "reaction" quotes, which would pit a person who supported the statement against a person who felt slighted that a place of worship would be outwardly political. Other reactions

would surely include someone just being coldhearted and cruel about how "illegal immigrants" deserve whatever they get because they shouldn't have come in the first place.

But this is an opinion column, so you won't get that type of so-called balance. Instead, let's connect some dots.

In 1968, the United States ratified an international treaty, agreed to by 146 countries, that it would "not impose penalties, on account of their illegal entry or presence, on refugees who, coming directly from a territory where their life or freedom was threatened ... enter or are present in their territory without authorization, provided they present themselves without delay to the authorities and show good cause for their illegal entry or presence."

The treaty goes on to specify that the countries "shall not apply to the movements of such refugees restrictions other than those which are necessary and such restrictions shall only be applied until their status in the country is regularized or they obtain admission into another country ... allow(ing) such refugees a reasonable period and all the necessary facilities to obtain admission into another country."

A refugee is defined as someone who, with "well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence as a result of such

events, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it."

Refugees from Guatemala, for instance, are fleeing vicious, depraved, violent crime that limits their safety and freedom. Right now Guatemala is one of the most violent countries in the world, and it got that way in large part because of gangs that started in the United States and were then exported, via deportation, to countries all over Central America.

Cut to May 20, on the concrete floor of a cell in a Border Patrol station in South Texas. That's where Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez, a 16-year-old migrant from Guatemala, died.

Afraid, alone and critically ill with flu-like symptoms, video footage obtained by ProPublica showed Carlos writhing on the floor for 25 minutes and then going deathly still for the next 4 1/2 hours during which time no one checked on him.

At least five other children — that we know of — have died in Customs and Border Protection custody since September 2018.

This is how the U.S. upholds its commitments toward refugees and asylum seekers.

Thankfully, several churches across the country want America to be more than what we have opportunities to understand that we have opportunities to be more compassionate toward the stranger.

The message of the nativity scene featuring baby Jesus in a cage is: Don't avert your eyes from what's happening at our border.

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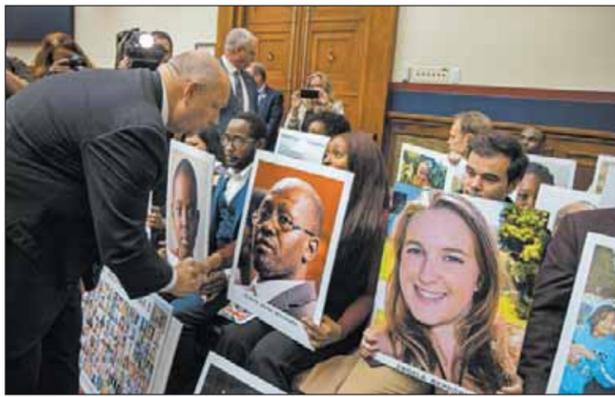
BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

After the first crash of a Boeing 737 Max last year, federal safety officials estimated that there could be 15 more fatal crashes of the Max over the next few decades if Boeing didn't fix a critical automated flight-control system.

Yet the Federal Aviation Administration did not ground the plane until a second deadly crash five months later.

The FAA analysis was disclosed Wednesday during a hearing of the House Transportation Committee, which is investigating the FAA's oversight of Boeing and the Max.

"The FAA rolled the dice on the safety of the traveling public and



FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson on Wednesday greets relatives and friends of victims killed in Boeing 737 crashes.

let the Max continue to fly until Boeing could overhaul its MCAS software," said Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., chairman of the committee. MCAS is the name of Boeing's

flight-control system that automatically pushed the noses of the doomed planes down in response to faulty readings from a sensor. FAA Administrator Stephen

Dickson declined to call the agency's decision not to immediately ground the plane a mistake. Instead, the FAA and Boeing issued notices reminding pilots how to handle a nose-down pitch of their plane.

"Obviously the result is not satisfactory," Dickson said. "The decision did not achieve the result that it needed to achieve."

The FAA concluded that more than 2,900 people could die in Max crashes over 45 years without the software fix. It assumed the fleet would eventually grow to 4,800 planes. Fewer than 400 were flying before they were grounded in March, after the second crash.

A Boeing spokesman said the company's response to the first crash was "fully consistent with the FAA's analysis and established process."

Dickson said that as Boeing seeks to return the Max to flying,

his agency is controlling the process and won't delegate any of that authority to Boeing.

Dickson defended the safety record of U.S. aviation safety while saying "what we have done in the past and what we are doing now will not be good enough in the future."

A retired Boeing production manager told the lawmakers about "alarming" conditions at Boeing's 737 factory in Renton, Washington, where two Max planes that crashed were built.

The manager, Edward Pierson, said the assembly line fell far behind schedule by mid-2018 because of cascading problems that began with late delivery of key parts. There weren't enough mechanics and other workers, he said. Yet Boeing went ahead with its plan to boost production from 47 to 52 planes a month.

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Local Market is set to open in a long-vacant space at 71st Street and Jeffery Boulevard in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood.

Goodbye, food desert

Grocery store finally comes to South Shore after 6-year vacancy

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Six years after Dominick's shuttered its South Shore supermarket, leaving a swath of the neighborhood in a food desert, a new grocery store has opened in its place.

Local Market, a new concept from the owners of independent supermarket chain Shop & Save, opened Wednesday in the Jeffery Plaza shopping center at 71st Street and Jeffery Boulevard, marking the end of a long fight to fill the last Chicago-area Dominick's site left vacant since parent company Safeway closed the 72-store chain in late 2013.

Residents will find a full-service grocery experience complete with a juice bar, a wine and beer bar and a large seating area with a "Starbucks feel," said Eva Jakubowski, who co-owns the store with her husband, Cezary. She has been fielding requests for months from eager residents, and said the store offers "phenomenal quality and affordable



Local Market owner Eva Jakubowski is seen inside the supermarket Monday. The store fills the vacancy left after Dominick's closure.

prices" to meet their varied needs.

"People wanted fresh options, organic produce, a selection of vegan products, organic milk — items they don't feel they have easy access to," she said. "The general idea I received from everyone is they just want options, lots and lots of wonderful options. And that is what I think we do very well."

The opening is a long time coming for Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th, who watched the other 14 Chicago-area Dominick's sites get taken over by Whole Foods, Jewel-Osco, Mariano's and other grocers within a year. Meanwhile, some 14,000 South Shore residents were left in a food desert, defined by the city as living more a mile from a grocery store, as for years she

scrounged for a new tenant and saw a few potential deals fall through.

Exacerbating matters, Hairston said, was that the property owner was absent and had unreasonable expectations of the value of the property. The city eventually threatened eminent domain to take public control of the property and provided \$10 million in tax increment financing. Los Angeles-based Cannon Commercial did not respond to a request for comment.

"We missed a mainstream grocery store, which is what people were used to," Hairston said. "You have a diverse community, you need a diverse product."

South Shore, a mostly African American neighborhood, has a median income of just less than \$25,000, according to a recent report from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, but also has many middle- and high-income residents.

A mutual friend introduced Hairston to the Jakubowskis, a Polish couple who own a small

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Ill. ACA plans to add more hospitals

BCBS to include in-network services from Northwestern

BY LISA SCHENCKER

For years, Illinois consumers who've bought health insurance on the state's Obamacare exchange have had a tough time finding plans that included the Chicago area's biggest hospitals.

That, however, is about to change.

With four days left to sign up for health insurance through the exchange, Northwestern Medicine and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois announced Wednesday that the insurer's Blue Choice Preferred PPO, which is sold on healthcare.gov, will include in-network services from Northwestern.

The Blue Choice Preferred PPO plan is offered in every county in Illinois. Blue Cross is the largest health insurer in the state.

Northwestern Memorial has been named the No. 1 hospital in the state for seven years in a row by U.S. News & World Report, and Northwestern Medicine includes 10 hospitals and more than 4,000 doctors. Northwestern is not part of any other exchange plans next year, besides the Blue Cross PPO.

"We know that patients want to receive high-quality, compassionate care, and they want to receive that care close to where they live and work," said Dean M. Harrison, president and chief executive officer of Northwestern Memorial HealthCare, in a news release. "By partnering with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, we are able to bring exceptional patient care to more patients, in more areas of Illinois by offering a network that provides access to all Northwestern Medicine hospitals, affiliated providers and outpatient care cen-

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TikTok app owner agrees to \$1.1M class-action settlement

Company accused of violating underage online privacy laws

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Parents of underage children who downloaded the wildly popular TikTok or Musical.ly video apps could be eligible for a share of a \$1.1 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit alleging the apps violated online privacy laws.

ByteDance, the Chinese company that owns the apps, reached the settlement agreement last week in a Chicago federal court.

The deal, which still needs approval from a judge, could deliver a payout to the families of up to 6 million underage children who signed up for or used the apps without parental consent. Lawyers estimated that each claimant likely would receive between \$5 and \$10, based on the expected response.

The apps were merged under the TikTok brand last year, taking off among teens as a social media phenomenon, while leaving a trail of privacy concerns over the predecessor Musical.ly app.

Several Chicago-area families are among the more than 200 parents who signed onto the lawsuit alleging Musical.ly, an app used to create and share music videos, collected personal information from children under age 13 including user name, email, phone number, a short bio and a profile picture, without their permission. Launched in 2014, Musical.ly also collected geolocation information, and did not request user ages until July 2017, the complaint alleges. The case was filed Dec. 3.

"Because the app had virtually all privacy features disabled by default, there were serious ramifications, including reports of adults trying to contact minor children," the lawsuit alleges, describing Mu-



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sical.ly as a potential "hunting ground" for pedophiles.

The Tribune reported on several instances of alleged stalking and child pornography using the Musical.ly app. In February 2018, for example, Richard Barnett, of Aurora, pleaded not guilty to charges he enticed at least four underage girls to make and send

sexually explicit images through the app. That case is ongoing before the same Chicago federal judge hearing the class action.

In 2017, a Batavia man intercepted messages through Musical.ly asking his 7-year-old daughter to send topless photos to another user, who claimed to be 9 years old, the Tribune reported.

The class action was brought by Chicago resident Sherri Leshore, along with another parent who lives in California. Leshore alleges her underage child downloaded the Musical.ly app onto a mobile device without her permission, and that she never received direct notice the app would collect and disclose her child's personal information.

In June, Chicago attorney David Klinger sent a letter to TikTok on behalf of the parents alleging the company had violated children's privacy and state consumer protection statutes, including Illinois'. The preliminary settlement was filed Dec. 5 — just days after the complaint — following months of negotiations and an October mediation.

Founded in 2012, ByteDance has been valued at \$78 billion, making it one of the world's largest

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Four more cannabis dispensaries approved to sell recreational weed

BY ALLY MAROTTI

The state gave four more medical marijuana dispensaries permission to sell recreational weed, with just three weeks to go before sales start Jan. 1.

That brings the total number of dispensaries allowed to sell recreational weed next year to 32, including nine in Chicago.

The stores approved Wednesday include Midway Dispensary in Chicago, Seven Point in Oak Park, and Zen Leaf's locations in Chicago and St. Charles.

Illinois has 55 medical cannabis dispensaries, and all were able to apply for a license to sell recreational



Zen Leaf medical cannabis dispensary March 11 in Chicago.

marijuana from those locations. They can also apply to open a second shop, but the state has not started to

award those second-site licenses yet.

In Chicago, marijuana stores will not be allowed

along the Magnificent Mile, the Loop or large chunks of River North along the lakefront. Chicago's recreational cannabis rules created seven zones for marijuana sales. Initially, no more than seven dispensaries will be allowed in each zone.

Municipalities may vote to ban recreational cannabis sales, and if that occurs, the state approval is moot. Residents of communities such as Naperville and Arlington Heights, for example, will have to go to a different town to legally buy weed.

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A New York judge sided with Exxon Mobil on Tuesday, concluding the oil giant did not mislead investors.

Exxon Mobil wins lawsuit over climate rules

BY JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Exxon Mobil won Tuesday in a closely watched lawsuit over the costs of climate change, with a judge saying there was no proof the energy giant duped investors about the toll that regulations could take on its business.

New York Attorney General Letitia James' office didn't prove the company made any material misstatements "that misled any reasonable investor," state judge Barry Ostrager in Manhattan wrote in dismissing the case.

"Nothing in this opinion is intended to absolve Exxon Mobil from responsibility for contributing to climate change through the emission of greenhouse gases," he added. "But Exxon Mobil is in the business of producing energy, and this is a securities fraud case, not a climate change case."

Exxon Mobil Corp. hailed the ruling.

"We provided our investors with accurate information on the risks of climate change," the Irving, Texas-based company said in a statement. "Lawsuits that waste millions of dollars of taxpayer money do nothing to advance meaningful actions that reduce the risks of climate change."

James, however, said the case "laid out how Exxon made materially false, misleading and confusing representations to the American people about the company's response to climate change regulations."

"The oil giant never took seriously the severe economic impact that climate change regulations would have on the company," the Democrat said.

The suit sought an estimated \$476 million to \$1.6 billion in restitution to shareholders. It also was seen as something of a bellwether for how investors view energy companies' prospects in light of global warming and the regulations it's expected to spur.

Grocery

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chain of six Shop & Saves in Chicago and the suburbs. Eva Jakubowski said it quickly became apparent how important a new grocery store would be to the community.

"We have customers that truly want us here, that are willing to support our business," she said. "It's a wonderful relationship where we come in with something the community wants."

Mari Gallagher, a commercial retail consultant, said South Shore has always had difficulty attracting good grocery options because "grocers want to go where grocers already are." The new market should be a boon not only to residents but to other businesses in the shopping strip as people bustle in and out.

Still, she said, the owners will have to stay on their toes to entice customers who have gotten used to going somewhere else to shop.

"They have to recapture that market," said Gallagher, principal of Chicago-based Mari Gallagher Research and Consulting Group.

The Jakubowskis rebranded the new store as Local Market because the Shop & Save name created some confusion — people couldn't keep it straight and some associated it with a discount outlet — and to highlight the local focus. It features a designated space where local vendors can have stations, such as a neighborhood business that sells blended iced teas and another that makes vegan food. Local products are sprinkled throughout the store, such as Michele's Gourmet Honey Creme Syrup, which sits a few shelves above Aunt Jemima.

Local Market, which

plans to have 180 employees, also is making a point of hiring from the community, which was part of its deal with the city but also good for business, Jakubowski said.

"The goal is for us to hire our customers," said Jakubowski, who added that 1,000 applicants were interviewed at job fairs the store held. "They are my best spokespeople, and then I know what products my customers want."

Among the new hires is local resident Antassia Duncan, who worked at Treasure Island before that chain abruptly shuttered last year. Duncan, who works as a scan coordinator updating prices, said the new store is "like Walmart, Mariano's, Pete's and Jewel all in one store."

"It's convenient, they have variety," said Duncan, who is happy to not have to drive to Aldi anymore to do her own shopping.

The Jakubowskis, who owned a wholesale food and packaging business before buying their first grocery store, in Niles, in 2002, will offer a robust Halal section to cater to the area's Muslim community. But they are also bringing their signature offerings, including made-from-scratch soups and prepared foods and smoked Polish sausage. A large display holds Polish teas, and it will be "trial and error" to see what's a hit, Jakubowski said.

"I think we will be able to bring a unique experience, what I call maybe the European experience," Jakubowski said. "Not in the sense of high-end foods or imported foods, but when I was growing up you picked fresh produce from your garden or you went to the little market, and you cooked fresh all the time, from scratch. And it was a valuable product."

She described the store's



Chicago Ald. Leslie Hairston, 5th, left, jokes Monday with owner Eva Jakubowski at Local Market, which is set to open in a long-vacant space at 71st Street and Jeffery Boulevard in Chicago.

price point as "middle stream" and catering to the "average family."

The goal is to open Local Markets in other communities throughout the city.

The Jakubowskis gutted the former Dominick's store, which had been there since the 1970s, and expanded it from 62,000 to 64,000 square feet.

The \$25 million project included the Jakubowskis' purchase of the 113,000-square-foot Jeffery Plaza shopping center, and the new landlords are working on bringing in new tenants.

Local resident Saran Sholar, who works downtown and doesn't have a car, said she hopes the new grocery store will save her time so she can take a yoga class on weekends instead of driving her mother around to grocery stores. She currently spends three hours a weekend to rent or borrow a car to take her mom grocery shopping, first to Jewel then to Target then to Whole Foods for meat. She expects the neighborhood's seniors to make the store a regular

gathering place.

"I'm hoping to do everything here now," Sholar said as she left the Red Rooster restaurant next door. "I will get my life back."

Carol Adams, a longtime South Shore resident and co-organizer of the community group South Shore Works, believes the store will be a hit because it listened to what people wanted.

Adams, who in 2014 retired as CEO of the DuSable Museum African American History and before that was head of the Illinois Department of Human Services, said she is excited for the wine bar, the local vendors, the local hires and the community room, which has a 12-person table that groups can rent.

"I think the community will be very happy because this is an upscale store with good value, and that's a great combination," she said. "I don't think they left anyone out."

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ters."

Most Illinois residents get health insurance through their employers or through government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. But about 275,000 Illinois residents had exchange plans during the first half of this year, according to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Each year, consumers have about six weeks to sign up for health insurance through the exchange for the following year. Enrollment for 2020 closes Sunday. Consumers who've already selected plans on the exchange may still make changes through Sunday.

The addition of Northwestern to a Blue Cross exchange plan is good news for Illinois consumers, said Stephani Becker, associate director for health care justice at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law in Chicago. "People have been waiting for this for such a long time," she said.

Dan Morris, 58, of Western Springs, said he's excited that Northwestern will now be in-network for him and his wife, who have the Blue Choice Preferred PPO plan. Morris said his wife previously saw a Northwestern physician who she hasn't been able to

visit for several years because the system wasn't in-network.

He said his premiums are increasing slightly for next year, by 2%, but he now feels like he's getting more for his money. Across the state, rates, on average, are decreasing slightly for next year compared with this year, according to the Illinois Department of Insurance.

"Given that it's the No. 1 hospital in the state, the fact that we'll have access to it, I think is a material benefit," Morris said. "If a serious condition were to develop, of course, we would consider going there."

The news might also encourage more people to buy exchange plans, Becker said. In recent years, enrollment in exchange plans has been declining due to a number of factors, including the disappearance of the Obamacare penalty for not buying insurance, the expense of many plans, less outreach and advertising, and more options for other types of coverage.

As of Dec. 7, about 115,081 people in Illinois had selected exchange plans, down from about 134,041 at about the same point last year. Sign-ups typically spike in the final days of open enrollment.

The addition might appeal to many consumers who have been frustrated in recent years to find that

most exchange plans didn't include some of the area's most prestigious academic medical centers.

Rush University Medical Center and Rush Oak Park Hospital will not be in-network on most exchange plans for next year. Rush Copley Medical Center will be in-network on a number of Blue Cross exchange plans. University of Chicago Medical Center was in-network this year with BCBS Blue Precision HMO, but only for patients receiving specialty care with referrals.

It's not uncommon, across the country, for exchange plans to exclude large, academic medical centers, said Katherine Hempstead, a senior adviser at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Such hospitals tend to be more expensive than others. That's because they often treat the sickest patients with the most complex medical conditions, but also because their reputations allow them to command higher rates, Hempstead said.

It's a sign of a healthy marketplace that an insurer such as Blue Cross and hospital such as Northwestern have been able to reach an agreement, she said. Insurers may want to include such hospitals to make themselves more attractive to consumers and employers, who will soon be able to put money toward helping some employees buy exchange coverage under a

new Trump administration rule, she said.

Blue Cross and Northwestern are just now announcing the hospital system's addition to the exchange plan because the arrangement has just been finalized, Blue Cross spokeswoman Colleen Miller said in an email.

"We have been in talks with Northwestern Medicine for some time, aiming to reach an agreement that would provide access to quality, cost-effective care for our members," she said.

Northwestern declined Wednesday to comment further on the news.

For next year, five insurers are offering exchange plans in Illinois, including Blue Cross, Celtic Insurance Co., Cigna HealthCare of Illinois, Quartz and Health Alliance Medical Plans. In all, those insurers are offering 142 plans, down from 151 this year.

Consumers on the exchange can buy bronze, silver or gold level plans. Gold plans pay for higher percentages of yearly medical costs than silver and bronze plans, though they tend to have higher monthly payments.

Blue Cross' Medicare Advantage HMO plans also will include Northwestern in-network next year, the companies announced Wednesday.

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startups. In December 2017, ByteDance bought Musical.ly for upward of \$1 billion and absorbed the app into its own TikTok app in August 2018.

The fast-growing TikTok app hit a reported 1.5 billion total downloads last month and served as the launching pad this year for "Old Town Road," the viral country music crossover hit by rapper Lil Nas X.

As the popularity of TikTok grows, concerns over privacy violations for users of the younger-skewing app are mounting.

In February, TikTok agreed to pay a \$5.7 million fine in a children's privacy case brought by the Federal Trade Commission.

The complaint alleged that the predecessor app Musical.ly violated the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, a federal law requiring websites and online services to obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under 13.

The operators of the Musical.ly app were aware that a "significant percentage" of users were under 13, and received thousands of complaints from parents that their children

had created accounts without their consent, according to the FTC complaint.

While the FTC settlement with Musical.ly represented the largest civil penalty ever obtained by the federal agency in a children's privacy case, the class action settlement may break new ground because it provides consumer relief for alleged privacy violations involving children online.

Parents or guardians who qualify will have to file a claim form to share in the \$1.1 million settlement. The attorneys are requesting up to a third of the proceeds to pay their fees, which is typical in class-action settlements, while the two lead plaintiffs are in line to get \$2,500 each.

That would leave a projected payout of about \$5 to \$10 per claimant for the remaining members of the class, according to the agreement.

At the urging of Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a federal panel reportedly launched a national security review in October of ByteDance's acquisition of Musical.ly over concerns about the growing influence of the Chinese-owned TikTok app in the U.S.

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FAA

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"By June 2018, I had grown gravely concerned that Boeing was prioritizing production speed over quality and safety," Pierson said in prepared remarks. "I witnessed a factory in chaos and reported serious concerns about production quality to senior Boeing leadership months before the first crash" and again before the second crash.

Pierson said he told his bosses at Boeing that they should shut down the assembly line to deal with the safety and quality-control issues, but no action was taken. Executives didn't mention the problems in financial reports.

Pierson, who retired last year, said he wrote to

Dickson and other officials. He said he has been interviewed by the Justice Department — it is conducting a criminal investigation of Boeing — but the FAA never responded.

Earl Lawrence, the FAA's executive director of aircraft certification, said the agency is investigating and has interviewed Renton production workers.

Boeing hopes airlines will be able to use the plane again early next year after the company completes fixes to flight-control software and computers.

DeFazio praised Dickson's recent comments but was sharply critical of the agency and Boeing.

The FAA "failed to do its job. It failed to provide the regulatory oversight necessary to ensure the safety of the flying public," DeFazio said.

Intel opens up on pay disparities

Chipmaker joins growing number of firms to release data

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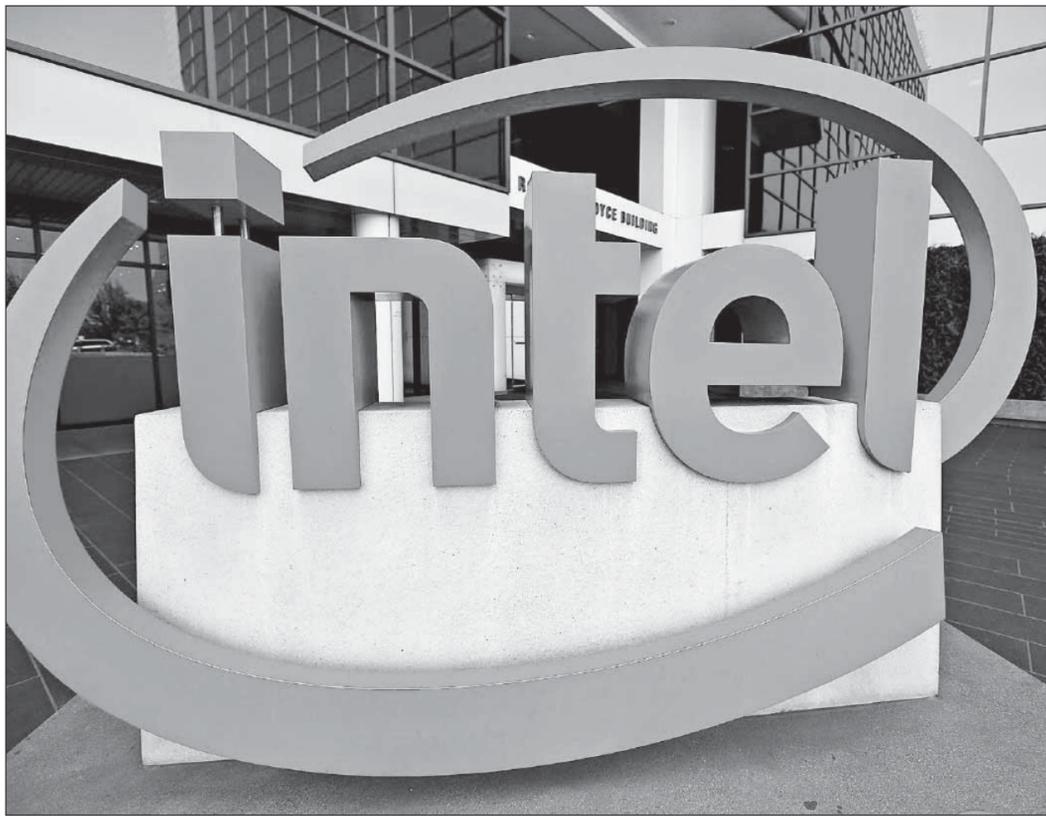
It's not a surprise that white and Asian men dominate the top pay tiers among Intel's U.S. workforce. That's been true in the tech industry for years. What's unusual is the level of detail about pay disparity the chipmaker released this week to the public — information it could have kept secret.

In addition to its annual update on the outlook for women and people of color at the company, Intel on Tuesday released the results of a new report it sent to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that gives pay, race and gender data for about 51,000 U.S. workers. Intel is the first company to release the otherwise private data.

The results are not flattering. Among 52 top executives at Intel, who all earn more than \$208,000 — the top pay band the EEOC tracks — 29 are white men, 11 are Asian men and 8 are white women. The remaining tally is 1 each for Asian women, black women and black men, with no Latino men among executives in that top tier.

The ratio was similarly skewed across manager, professional and technician job classifications, with white and Asian men dominating top pay groups and women and people of color clustered in the lower bands. One in 4 white men at Intel are in the top salary tier, earning at least \$208,000, a higher share than any other group. Rates are far lower for women and underrepresented minorities; less than 10% of black employees are top earners.

"It's difficult to really fix what you aren't being transparent about," said Barbara Whye, Intel's chief diversity and inclusion officer and a vice president in human



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resources. The chipmaker is making itself "very vulnerable," she says, to "do the right things," and she hopes her peers will follow and share pay information, too. "These are industrywide problems," Whye said. "They are going to require industrywide solutions to resolve them." So far, no other companies have said they'll do the same.

Intel joins a small but growing number of companies that have released gender and racial pay data. The transparency may be laudable, but it is often overshadowed by what is revealed. Annual diversity reports from the biggest tech companies from the last half decade have shown scant progress in advancing the numbers of underrepresented workers.

Companies that choose to release this kind of information risk backlash.

Citigroup this year faced criticism after it voluntarily

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released median pay data that showed women at the bank earn 29% less than men do.

Intel's report finds that within job types — not just at the top — white men dominate the highest salary band. Two-thirds of employees fall into a job group called "professionals," which includes nonmanagerial office workers and programmers. Nearly all earn at least \$80,000 per year, but white and Asian men have the highest salaries. Black, Latino and other minorities are overrepre-

sented in the bottom half of the pay ranges.

Even if the numbers look bad, companies will ultimately benefit more from leading on disclosure than they would from dragging their heels, said Natasha Lamb, managing partner at Arjuna Capital, which pressures companies to disclose gender pay data. The point is not to beat up on organizations for telling the truth, she said. "It's much more important to have an accu-

rate reflection of reality than to glaze over the simple truth," she said. "These companies are not as diverse and equal as they could be."

In 2015, Intel set a goal to have women make up at least 26% of its workforce by 2020. The company met that last year and is working to increase the percentage of women among top executives now to 26% too, Whye said. Intel says representation among its total U.S. workforce and for technical employees has improved — underrepresented workers make up 15.8% of the company up from 14.6% last year. Women as a percentage of the workforce fell slightly to 26.5% from 26.8%.

Overrepresentation of white men in the highest-paying jobs contributes to the nation's wage gap:

American women earn 20% less than men do, and the gap is even wider for women of color. Intel's disclosure shows that these disparities can't be fixed simply by raising the salaries of women and minorities. Whye said the company's task is to help underrepresented groups get promoted into more lucrative roles and keep them there.

The data provided to the EEOC covered 2017 and 2018 and was collected from nearly all U.S. companies for the first time this fall under an initiative started by President Barack Obama. By law, the forms stay private unless a company makes them public.

This could be the only time the EEOC collects worker pay broken down by race, sex and ethnicity, making Intel's disclosure a unique window into company compensation and how it results in wage gaps. The agency has been soliciting the data since July and could continue to do so until January under a federal judge's order. But the EEOC has said it won't pursue future collections in this form.

In the U.K. where companies are required to publicly report wage gaps between male and female workers, the disclosures have shown the benefits and limits of transparency, said Harini Iyengar, a lawyer who advocates for equal pay in Britain.

"A lot of members of the public who don't pay an interest generally in labor market issues are quite shocked at the scale of the pay disparity," she said. "So that's been very positive because people are genuinely shocked."

But the nationwide initiative has not resulted in measurable change, she said: "What I'm seeing is collective hand-wringing about: 'Oh no, this is not good enough. But look everyone else in our industry sectors is in the same boat. So that's all right then.'"

Fed decision keeps interest rates unchanged

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
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WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve left its benchmark interest rate alone Wednesday and signaled that it expects to keep low rates unchanged through next year.

The Fed's decision follows three rate cuts earlier this year. It reflects its view that the U.S. economy has so far withstood the U.S.-China trade war and a global slump and remains generally healthy. Its benchmark rate, which influences many consumer and business loans, will remain 1.5% to 1.75%.

In a sign of the Fed's

confidence about the economy, its latest policy statement dropped a phrase it had previously used that referred to "uncertainties" surrounding the economic outlook. That suggests that the Fed may be less worried about the effect of the U.S.-China trade war or overseas developments.

For now, the Fed appears inclined to leave rates alone through 2020. But many analysts note that the economy faces risks from the trade conflicts, a global slowdown and Brexit and say the Fed may feel compelled to cut rates at least once next year.

Persistently low inflation with low unemployment has led many Fed officials to

conclude rates can remain lower for much longer than they thought without spurring higher prices.

In updated forecasts that the Fed issued, no officials penciled in a rate cut in 2020. Instead, four Fed officials said they expected a rate increase next year. The remaining 13 officials projected no change to rates.

Speaking at a news conference afterward, Chairman Jerome Powell made clear that he thinks higher rates are unlikely anytime soon. "In order to move rates up," he said, "I would want to see inflation that is persistent, that is significant, before raising rates to address inflation concerns. That is my view."

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Savings Update

Can money be gifted for a house down payment?

With first-time homebuyers often struggling to save a down payment, gift money from their family can be a welcome fix. But simply transferring funds from the Bank of Mom & Dad to Johnny's bank account won't alone solve the problem. Both giver and recipient need to follow certain gift money rules.

First, the type of mortgage being applied for, as well as the borrower's credit score, will determine how much personal investment is required in the down payment vs. how much can come as a gift. For instance, FHA loans have different rules on this than conventional mortgages, so the first step is learning the rules for the particular loan and situation.

Also note that down payment gift money must generally come from a family member, such as a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, or a sibling. Gifts from friends are typically not allowed, but contributions from a spouse, domestic partner, or fiancée usually are accepted.

Once the allowable gift amount is determined, be aware that all lenders will ask to see 2-3 months of bank statements. So any large, non-routine deposits that show up during that time period will need to be explained and documented.

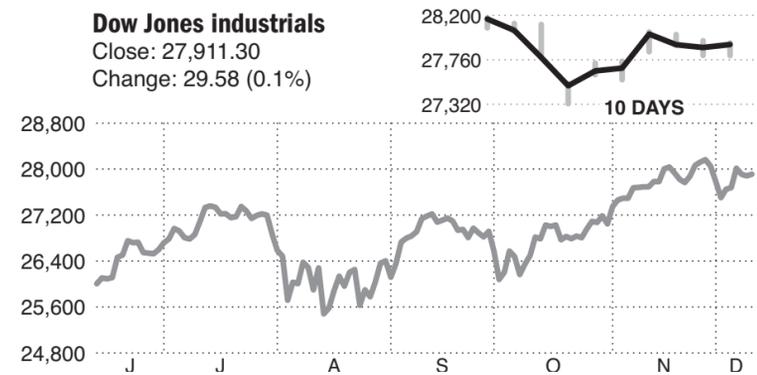
Specifically, a gift deposited within that 2-3 month window will need to be confirmed with a gift letter from the donor. Most importantly, this letter establishes the relationship of the giver to the recipient and explicitly states that the money provided is being gifted, not loaned, with no expectation of the donor being paid back.

Gift money can be an excellent way to help new buyers get into their first home a little sooner than they would be able to on their own. The trick is simply doing your homework so both giver and lucky recipient can satisfy the lender's requirements.

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Low: 8,622.36	Low: 3,133.21	Low: 1,626.74
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COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	534.50	534.50	528	530.75	-4
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	363	363	357	357.75	-5.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	898.75	902	892	893.50	-7.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 19	31.31	31.31	31.20	31.23	-.24
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 19	296.20	296.20	293.30	293.30	-3.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	59.06	59.22	58.11	58.76	-.48
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.265	2.303	2.240	2.243	-.021
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.6478	1.6509	1.6100	1.6261	-.0264

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.91	+35	Envestnet Inc	N	71.85	+0.9	McDonalds Corp	N	194.72	-23
AbbVie Inc	N	86.70	+14	Equity Commonwith	N	31.82	-61	Middleby Corp	O	109.47	-21
Allstate Corp	N	109.59	-1.15	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	71.14	-64	Mondelez Intl	O	53.93	-13
Aptargroup Inc	N	112.57	+63	Equity Residential	N	82.68	-146	Morningstar Inc	O	151.70	-22
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.23	+23	Exelon Corp	O	44.20	-53	Motorola Solutions	N	161.78	+86
Baxter Intl	N	83.01	+72	First Intl RT	N	41.40	-53	Nisource Inc	N	26.89	-11
Boeing Co	N	350.00	+2.10	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.16	+1.16	Nthn Trust Cp	O	108.30	-46
Brunswick Corp	N	59.28	-14	Gallagher AJ	N	94.44	+56	Old Republic	N	22.27	-50
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.70	+04	Grainger WW	N	329.52	+5.95	Packaging Corp Am	N	111.56	+20
CDK Global Inc	O	53.55	+09	GrubHub Inc	N	40.21	+1.17	Paylocity Hldg	O	120.26	-17
CDW Corp	O	135.66	-09	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	108.42	+0.8	RLI Corp	N	92.71	+38
CF Industries	N	44.56	+54	IAA Inc	N	45.65	+1.04	Stericycle Inc	O	65.61	-42
CME Group	O	204.71	-39	IDEX Corp	N	163.97	+84	TransUnion	N	84.55	-00
CNA Financial	N	43.84	+01	ITW	N	176.87	+2.42	US Foods Holding	N	40.26	+18
Cabot Microelect	O	132.25	+3.63	Ingredion Inc	N	87.80	+98	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	251.64	+127
Caterpillar Inc	N	144.00	+1.13	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	168.59	-15	United Airlines Hldg	O	87.02	-51
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.63	-59	Kemper Corp	N	74.32	+74	Ventas Inc	N	56.35	+32
Deere Co	N	169.70	-20	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.60	-28	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	58.01	-40
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.23	-63	LKQ Corporation	O	35.77	+29	Waltrust Financial	O	67.10	-69
Dover Corp	N	113.17	+31	Littelfuse Inc	O	186.13	+1.80	Zebra Tech	O	256.82	+01

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Danaher Corp	149.67	+83
Chesapck Engy	.75	-0.03
Bank of America	33.64	+1.11
PG&E Corp	12.14	-0.18
Gen Electric	10.97	-0.04
Freeporct McMoran	12.84	+56
Ford Motor	9.11	+04
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.59	-06
Uber Technologies	28.42	+53
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.45	-07
Macy's Inc	15.70	-04
Slack Technologies	20.75	-150
Banco Bradesco ADS	8.24	-03
GameStop Corp	5.53	-98
Yamana Gold Inc	3.71	+17
AT&T Inc	38.17	+11
Brist Myr Sqb	62.41	+32
Wells Fargo & Co	53.17	-52
Am Eagle Outfit	14.13	-99
EnCana Corp	4.03	+00
Schlumberger Ltd	38.40	+1.06
HP Inc	20.07	-13
Petrobras	15.71	+12
Infosys Ltd	10.07	+03

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Comcast Corp A	42.07	-70
XP Inc	34.46	..
Naked Brand Group	.03	..
Adv Micro Dev	39.47	+03
Micron Tech	49.26	+1.80
Intel Corp	57.07	+48
Apple Inc	270.77	+2.29
Microsoft Corp	151.70	+57
Cisco Syst	44.28	+18
FuelCell Energy	.56	+04
Caesars Entertain	13.02	..
Proteostasis Tehrep	4.26	+29
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.87	-02
Zynqa Inc	6.14	-01
Onconova Therapeut	.29	-03
Marinus Pharma	1.78	+49
NortonLifeLock Corp	26.38	+10
Marvell Tech Grp	24.78	+1.10
Plug Power Inc	3.22	+15
Childrens Place	54.31	-16.35
Huntgrn Bancshs	15.21	-16
Clovis Oncology Inc	11.72	-38
Sienna Biopharma	.13	-07
ArQule Inc	20.20	+25

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2924.42	+7.1/+2
Stoxx600	406.22	+9/+2
Nikkei	23391.86	-18.3/-1
MSCI-EAFE	1984.87	+3.2/+2
Bovespa	110963.90	+291.9/+3
FTSE 100	7216.25	+2.5/+0
CAC-40	5860.88	+12.9/+2

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.17	+11
Alibaba Group Hldg	204.64	+4.19
Alphabet Inc C	1345.02	+36
Alphabet Inc A	1344.25	+36
Amazon.com Inc	1748.72	+951
Apple Inc	270.77	+2.29
Bank of America	33.64	+11
Berkshire Hath B	222.57	+1.31
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.96	-10
Facebook Inc	202.26	+1.39
HSBC Holdings prA	26.17	+09
JPMorgan Chase	134.18	-32
Johnson & Johnson	140.98	+99
MasterCard Inc	290.05	+1.44
Microsoft Corp	151.70	+57
Procter & Gamble	124.66	+39
Taiwan Semicon	55.90	+1.38
Visa Inc	182.01	-25
WalMart Strs	119.00	-14

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.52	1.53
6-month disc	1.52	1.51
2-year	1.60	1.64
10-year	1.79	1.83
30-year	2.22	2.25

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1469.40	\$1462.60
Silver	\$16.744	\$16.596
Platinum	\$939.50	\$922.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	59.8122
Australia (Dollar)	1.4517
Brazil (Real)	4.1181
Britain (Pound)	.7571
Canada (Dollar)	1.3164
China (Yuan)	7.0388
Euro	.8977
India (Rupee)	70.691
Israel (Shekel)	3.4764
Japan (Yen)	108.51
Mexico (Peso)	19.1128
Poland (Zloty)	3.84
So. Korea (Won)	1190.47
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.42
Thailand (Baht)	30.23

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.93	+15	+17.3
American Funds AmcnBAlA m	28.71	+09	+14.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	51.13	+25	+18.7
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	63.20	+24	+13.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	63.48	+25	+18.9
American Funds GrfAmrca m	53.06	+23	+19.1
American Funds InvCAMrca m	23.54	+05	+14.3
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	47.38	+20	+22.5
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	48.62	+11	+17.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.20	+03	+10.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.65	+19	+16.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	199.36	+67	+15.2
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.67	..	+6.6
Fidelity 500IdxInvsPrm	109.58	+32	+21.6
Fidelity Contrafund	13.73	+05	+20.9
Fidelity InvMGrAdmBd	11.61	+03	+10.8
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInvsPrm	89.42	+22	+21.0
Fidelity USBldIdxInvsPrm	11.97	+04	+10.0
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.30	+01	+10.2
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.94	..	+10.0
PIMCO Inc12	11.99	..	+7.4
PIMCO IncInclSt	11.99	..	+7.5
PIMCO TtlRetInvs	10.45	+02	+9.5
Schwab SP500Idx	48.92	+14	+21.5
T. Rowe Price BCGr	120.99	+64	+20.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	72.31	+35	+20.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	291.05	+84	+21.5
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	38.89	+09	+16.8
Vanguard DivGrInV	31.03	+06	+21.7
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	79.44	+12	+16.5
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	91.00	+32	+26.2
Vanguard HCAdmrl	92.39	-15	+14.4
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.49	+02	+7.5
Vanguard InslIdxInvs	285.41	+83	+21.6
Vanguard InslIdxInvsPlus	285.43	+83	+21.6
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	67.68	+17	+20.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.04	+74	+22.3
Vanguard MktCpldxAdmrl	216.18	+46	+20.7
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	149.72	+64	+18.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.73	+01	+6.3
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	77.87	+03	+17.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	33.21	+10	+14.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.02	+07	+15.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.62	+13	+16.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.56	+08	+17.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.09	+02	+10.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxInvs	11.09	+02	+10.1
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	23.23	+04	+8.8
Vanguard TtInBldxInvs	34.86	+06	+8.8
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	29.33	+19	+17.0
Vanguard TtInSldxInvs	117.29	+76	+17.0
Vanguard TtInSldxInvsPlus	117.32	+76	+17.0
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	17.53	+11	+16.9
Vanguard TtISMIdxAdmrl	77.88	+19	+20.8
Vanguard TtISMIdxInvs	77.90	+20	+20.9
Vanguard TtISMIdxInVn	77.84	+19	+20.7
Vanguard WngtAdmrl	75.73	+13	+17.9
Vanguard WsllyAdmrl	66.84	+17	+14.1
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	68.66	+19	+20.1

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH MORRISSEY 1939-2019

Wheaton dentist helped start free clinic for the indigent

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Joseph Morrissey was a Wheaton dentist who in 1996 helped start a free dental clinic for indigent DuPage County residents.

Morrissey also was involved in numerous other community organizations, including time as the chairman of the elected board of the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn.

"Joe was a genuinely kind, pleasant individual, and that was his formula for success in life," said Jack Nihill, a retired dentist who was Morrissey's business partner for 25 years. "He contributed to society."

Morrissey, 80, died of complications from dementia Dec. 6 at the Maple Glen memory care facility in Glen Ellyn, said his son, Michael. He had been a Wheaton resident since 1969.

Joseph Scott Morrissey was born in Chicago, grew up on the Northwest Side and graduated from Loyola Academy in Wilmette. He received a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in Ohio and spent about a year studying to be a priest at Maryknoll Seminary in Glen Ellyn before getting a doctoral degree in dentistry from Loyola University School of Dentistry.

Morrissey served in the Navy from 1967 until 1969 and was stationed on the USS Holland as a dental officer. He then moved to Wheaton, where he took over an existing dental practice and soon moved into a combined house and office on Naperville Road that had been designed by noted architect Edward Dart in 1953.

In the late 1970s, Morris-



FAMILY PHOTO

Dentist Joseph S. Morrissey

sey was part of a group that organized the construction of the Commerce Square office condominium development near downtown Wheaton. He then moved his practice into Commerce Square, where he remained for the next 25 years.

"You couldn't have asked for a better individual to be a partner with," Nihill said. "He looked out for my best interests, as much as he looked out for his own family's."

In 1996, Morrissey was involved with the Wheaton-based People's Resource Center's effort to get a dental clinic up and running. He worked with the center's executive director at the time, Mary Ellen Durbin, to provide free primary dental care to those in need.

"The idea was to provide no-fee or low-fee dental care to indigent people ... in DuPage County," Nihill said.

The free dental clinic later was taken over by the Chicago Dental Society Foundation and moved to a different location in Wheaton.

In 1995, he was elected to

a six-year term on the College of DuPage's board. He served as the chairman of the college's board in 1999. Morrissey was a forceful advocate for a new dental hygiene program that the community college created.

"Call any dentist office and ask if they have enough dental hygienists," Morrissey told the Tribune in 2001. "In essence, (the creation of the program) was done as a response to business and community needs."

Morrissey was president of the B.R. Ryall YMCA in Glen Ellyn for a time in the early 1980s and also had been a member of the Wheaton Lions Club since 1979. Morrissey co-founded Community Financial Shares, the parent company of Community Bank of Wheaton, in 1994 and served on its board until its acquisition by Wintrust in 2015.

"Joe was kind of a quiet guy who got things done without talking about it," said retired Community Bank of Wheaton President Don Fischer.

Morrissey ran some 25 marathons in his life and was a longtime member of the Flaxseed Club, a social group that has met monthly since 1947.

In addition to his son, Morrissey is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joan; a daughter, Margaret; another son, Joseph; two brothers, Dennis and Richard; a sister, Mary Moroney; and nine grandchildren.

Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 101 W. Loop Road, Wheaton.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Death Notices

Bouzek, Robert Edward

Robert E. Bouzek passed unexpectedly on December 5, 2019 at the age of 86 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL. Bob is survived by daughters Michaelle, Elisabeth, and Jane; sister Marlon; grandchildren Lucy, Robertson, Maya and Owen, and is preceded in death by daughter, Lisa. Funeral and reception are scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at 2pm at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1125 Franklin St. Downers Grove, IL 60515. If desired, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Downers Grove.

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Cicinelli, Ronald P.

Ronald P. Cicinelli, 79, of Chicago, at Peace with Christ December 11, 2019. Beloved husband of Dolores nee Bongiorno; loving father of Elisa, Ronald (Kimberly), Laura (Timothy) Walker and Donna (Glen) Ronning; devoted grandfather of Joseph (Lisa), Christopher (Lacey), Alexandra (Grant) Loisel and Mary Kate, Gabriella, Brandon and Alec, and James and Lucas and great-grandfather of Elaina and Nicholas and Michael; dear son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth; dear brother of the late Nicholas (Sylvia) and Joseph; fond uncle and great uncle to many. Visitation Saturday, December 14, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday December 15, 12 p.m. until time of service 1 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Private interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

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Cullen, Marjorie L.

Marjorie L. Cullen (nee Thelen) 84. Beloved wife of 62 years to George Cullen. Loving mother of Mary Beth (Richard) Marston, Maureen (the late Robert) Thomas, Patricia Cullen, Thomas (Lori) Cullen, Michael (Anne) Cullen and Molly (Kenneth) House. Dear Nana of Matthew (Carly) and Megan Connor, Patrick (Maddie), Michael and Grace Thomas, Ava, Jack, Will, Kaitlyn, and Michael Cullen, Kathryn and Luke House and the late Bridget Cullen. Sister of Bernard (Barbara), Donald Thelen and Patricia (John) Littleton. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave, Chicago to St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. for Mass 10:00 a.m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 -8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to the Bridget Anne Cullen Memorial Scholarship c/o Mother McAuley High School 3737 West 99th Street Chicago, IL 60655 or <https://53816.thankyou4caring.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=298>. For info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Czerwinski, Marie J.

Marie J. Czerwinski beloved wife of Edward; loving mother of Anne (Dan) Czerwinski-Janikowski, Edward (Lori), and the late Tony; dearest grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 3; dear sister of Chester Szafranski. Memorial mass Saturday 1PM at St Priscilla Church. Interment private. Memorial visitation Friday 5 PM - 8:30 PM at the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W Addison St. 773-625-3444

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Dragonetti, Marsha

Marsha Dragonetti (nee Goron) peacefully passed away at home at the age of 76 on December 1st, 2019. Marsha was born on April 12th, 1943, the daughter of Joseph Goron and Rose Bolek Goron. After graduating from Mundelein College in 1963 Marsha joined the Peace Corps as an ESL teacher and was stationed in Turkey where she met Giuseppe Dragonetti, her surviving husband of over 50 years. Marsha taught Spanish and ESL at Chicago's Bowen High School for 10 years before becoming a Spanish teacher at the Latin School of Chicago for over 30 years until her retirement in 2017 as Foreign Language Department Chair. Marsha was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, friend, educator, and lifelong White Sox fan who enjoyed a Sox victory as much as a Cubs loss. Marsha requested immediate cremation and in lieu of a service a celebration of life is scheduled for later this month.

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Fentress Bacon, Juliette 'Julie'

Juliette "Julie" Fentress Bacon, 88, died on Sunday, December 1, in Westerly, Rhode Island. Daughter of the late Thomas Lyon Fentress and Celeste Pope Fentress, she was born in Evanston, Illinois on September 24, 1931. A loving mother, grandmother, wife, friend, and overall bon vivant, Julie and late husband, Robert

"Tubby" H. Bacon, Jr., shared many wonderful years of travel, fine food and wine, and adventures with their family and friends. Elegant, gracious, dignified, and always ready with a smile, Julie loved to cook, play bridge, needlepoint, and especially to garden. In Weekapaug, Rhode Island, where she spent her summers, she and Tubby were very involved with the Chapel Society and the Foundation for Conservation. It wouldn't be summer in Weekapaug without Julie tending to her roses, driving to the beach in her convertible, or joining the group of dog lovers at the pond each morning. Julie is survived by four children, having lost her beloved daughter Marily in 2008, thirteen grandchildren, and was joyously awaiting to birth of her first great-grandchild. Julie will be terribly missed by her family and friends and it is our hope that a gentle breeze of summer stirred her heart at the last moment, assuring her that she was richly loved. Hers was a life very well lived indeed. There will be a small service in her memory in Weekapaug in the summer. If anyone so wishes, a donation in Julie's name may be made to the Weekapaug Chapel Society or the Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation.

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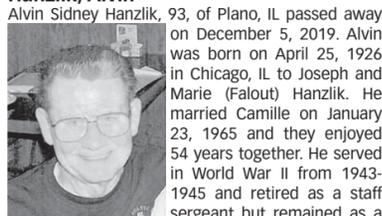
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Hanzlik, Alvin



Alvin Sidney Hanzlik, 93, of Plano, IL passed away on December 5, 2019. Alvin was born on April 25, 1926 in Chicago, IL to Joseph and Marie (Falout) Hanzlik. He married Camille on January 23, 1965 and they enjoyed 54 years together. He served in World War II from 1943-1945 and retired as a staff sergeant but remained as a reserve until 1985. Alvin was very artistic, and he did photography work. He had played the accordion since he was a child and would play it at social gatherings and was apart of an accordion club in Oakbrook. He also had a green thumb and loved working in his garden at home. Alvin is survived by his wife, Camille; 1 sister, Lillian Munzenmay; 1 niece, Cynthia Hanzlik; And 1 nephew, Joseph Munzenmay. He is preceded in death by his parents; 1 daughter, Annemarie Hanzlik; 1 brother, Richard Hanzlik; And 1 niece, Kathryn Johnston. In lieu of memorials, donations may be made to St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sandwich, IL or Shriners Hospital For Children. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. at Beverage Family Funeral Home, 104 Terry St. Sandwich, IL 60548. Funeral service will be held next day Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. with a visitation 1 hour prior at Beverage Family Funeral Homes. Burial to follow out to St. Paul's Cemetery in Sandwich, IL. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Beverage Family Funeral Homes. www.beveragefamilyfh.com

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Heyman, Larry

Larry Heyman, age 85. Beloved husband of the late Caryl nee Cohen. Loving father of Howard (Bill Chamberlain) Heyman and Sue (Jordan) Klein. Proud grandfather of Avigayil (Yitzhak) Zabudowski, Shira (Phil) Marcus, Yoni and Dovy Klein. Cherished great grandfather of 6. Dear brother of Michael (Iris) Heyman and the late Rivian (the late Norman) Lewin. Service Thursday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chicago Kehillah Jewish Education Fund, www.kehillahfund.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Horridge, Naomi M.

Naomi M. Horridge, age 93, of East Alton, passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

She was born March 15, 1926 in Lawrence Co. IL, the daughter of Mina Weise. She married George W. Horridge in 1950 and he preceded her in death in 1989.

Naomi was a collector of Hummel figurines who also enjoyed shopping at thrift stores and going out to eat. She is fondly remembered for her love of cleaning her home.

She is survived by two step-children and their spouses, Carol and Dudley McClure of Bethalto, and Bob and Carol Horridge of South St. Louis; nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and her good friend Vicki Sarich of S. Chicago.

In addition to her husband, George; she is preceded in death by her parents; and a daughter, Gail.

Visitation will be held Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 2:00 pm until the time of service at 4:00 pm at Elias, Kallal and Schaff Funeral Home in Bethalto with Pastor Willard Meyer officiating.

A grave side service will be held Monday, December 16, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park in Willow Springs, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences and guest book may be found at www.eliaskallalandschaff.com

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Katz, Robert Jay

Robert Jay Katz, 60. Loving father of Genna (Cory) Friedman and Elliott (Fiancee Courtney Deer) Katz. Proud grandfather of Leo Friedman. Adored son of Marcia and the late Ruben Katz. Dear brother of Lawrence (Lisa) Katz, Helaine (Alan) Katz-Ratskoff and Howard (Jill) Katz. Cherished uncle of Rebecca, Sarah, Marlee, Ilana, Hannah, Hayden and Lily. Service Thursday 10 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to JUF, www.juf.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Kostush, Richard

Richard Kostush, 89, went to be with Jesus on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Born on May 4, 1930 to Daniel and Mae Kostush in Chicago, IL, Richard served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Japan. His career started as a GMC-trained diesel mechanic in Chicago, progressed to a Standard

Oil products distributor near Shawano, WI and then to an IBEW Local Union 9 electrical lineman in the Chicago area. Richard retired to Ft. Myers, FL, one of his favorite vacation destinations. He was a long-standing member of Saint Michael Lutheran Church of Ft. Myers. Richard will be remembered for his joyful smile, many hugs and his gratitude, even during difficult days, for God's blessing of a full and well-loved life. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine (nee Jeske), his parents, and brother Daniel. He is survived by his children Don (Deb) Kostush, Karen (late Rob) Ross, Ruth (Craig) Christman, grandchildren Christina (Adam) Spratlin, Alyssa Kostush, Emily Christman, great-grandchildren Parker, Aidan and Carter Spratlin and many nieces and nephews. We love you very, very much, Dad. Memorial service Saturday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m. at Saint Michael Lutheran Church, 3595 Broadway, Ft. Myers, FL. 239-939-1218.

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Lewis, Jr., Harry C.

Harry C. Lewis, Jr., age 68, of Clinton, formerly of Glendale Heights, beloved husband of Joyce; loving father of Harry Lewis, III of Chicago; and dedicated 30 year engineer of the Chicago Northwestern and Union Pacific Railroad. Visitation will be Friday from Noon to 2:00pm with a service to follow at 2:00pm at Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes - 302 3rd Avenue South - Clinton, Iowa. Memorials to the Humane Society.

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ON DECEMBER 12 ...

In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1792, 22-year-old Ludwig van Beethoven received one of his lessons in music composition from Franz Joseph Haydn in Vienna.

In 1870, Joseph Rainey, of South Carolina, became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1889, George Grant patented the golf tee.

In 1901, the first radio signal to cross the Atlantic was picked up near St. John's, Newfoundland, by inventor Guglielmo Marconi. (The signal was transmitted from a point some 2,000 miles away.)

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

In 1946, a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller Jr. to be the site of the U.N.'s headquarters.

In 1947, the United Mine Workers union withdrew from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.

In 1974, Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter announced his candidacy for president. (He was the second formally declared candidate for the 1976 Democratic nomination; Rep. Morris Udall, of Arizona, was the first.)

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore pleaded guilty to a charge of trying to kill President Gerald Ford in San Francisco the previous September.

In 1979, NATO decided to counter the Soviet military threat by placing hundreds of U.S.-made nuclear missiles in Western Europe by 1983, linked to a proposal for new talks on arms control with the Soviet bloc.

In 1982, Poland's premier, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, announced in a nationally televised speech that the "basic rigors" of martial law would be suspended before the end of the year.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland, merican soldiers and eight crew members were killed when

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In 1991, Russian President Boris Yeltsin won landslide approval in the Russian legislature for his new commonwealth; Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev edged closer to resigning, saying, "The main work of my life is done."

In 1992, at least 2,200 people were killed in an earthquake that struck the Flores Island region of Indonesia.

In 1995, by only three votes, the Senate killed a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration against Old Glory.

In 1998, the House Judiciary Committee approved a fourth and final article of impeachment, this one accusing President Bill Clinton of abuse of power. Also in 1998, Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles died in Tallahassee at 68.

In 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect.

In 2002, President George W. Bush publicly rebuked Senate Republican leader Trent Lott for his statement that appeared to embrace half-century-old segregationist politics, calling it "offensive" and "wrong."

In 2003, Paul Martin succeeded Jean Chretien as Canada's prime minister.

In 2005, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger refused to block the imminent execution of Stanley "Tookie" Williams, rejecting the notion that the founder of the Crips gang had atoned for his crimes and found redemption on death row.

In 2012, North Korea launched its first satellite into space in what Western critics called a disguised ballistic missile test.

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	Powerball jackpot: \$140M
	Lotto jackpot: \$14M
	Pick 3 midday 400 / 1
	Pick 4 midday 5108 / 9
	Lucky Day Lotto midday 04 16 30 37 42
	Pick 3 evening 993 / 9
	Pick 4 evening 7516 / 7
	Lucky Day Lotto evening 04 19 27 39 43
Dec. 13 Mega Millions: \$340M	
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Dec. 11	Megabucks 04 21 30 31 38 48
	Pick 3 738
	Pick 4 5093
	Badger 5 10 16 20 23 29
	SuperCash 10 11 24 26 35 38

INDIANA	
Dec. 11	Lotto 08 13 19 29 32 33
	Daily 3 midday 708 / 3
	Daily 4 midday 1238 / 3
	Daily 3 evening 885 / 4
	Daily 4 evening 0681 / 4
	Cash 5 10 12 21 27 40
MICHIGAN	
Dec. 11	Lotto 07 10 12 31 43 46
	Daily 3 midday 512
	Daily 4 midday 2236
	Daily 3 evening 2584
	Daily 4 evening 3854
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Lyons, Regina A.

Regina A. Lyons age 93, passed away December 8, 2019 with her children at her side. She was the loving daughter of the late John and Agnes Wray Maloney; beloved sister of the late Mary Ellen Maloney, Lillian (Francis) Russell and Edward Maloney; loving Mother to Mary Pat Lyons (deceased), Tom (Mary) Lyons, Tim (Kathy) Lyons, Peggy (John Reilly), Regina (Paul Swift); adored Grandma of Tim Lyons, Dan (Shawna) Lyons, Jennifer (Matt) Marino, Kate (Daniel) Dunham, Carney (Jamie) De Napoli, Brigitte (Nick) Wilkins and Evan Swift. cherished Great Grandma to Griffin and Nick Lyons, Peyton, Lilee and Ella Lyons, Ryan Dunham, Mia, Margaret, Annabelle & Giuliana Marino, Rocco, Scarlett and Sophia DeNapoli and Thomas, Connor and Peter Wilkins; and a loving aunt to many.

Regina was a lifelong Chicagoan and a diehard sports fan. She attended The Immaculata High School on a music scholarship, graduating in 1944. She enjoyed a successful career at Illinois Bell and after a brief retirement, went to work for the Child Support Division of Cook County for another number of years before entering retirement full time.

Regina's passions were faith, family and friends. She made a mark wherever she went and became endeared to all in the process. To know her was to love her and be loved in return. Visitation will be Saturday December 14th from 9am to 11am followed by 11 am Mass at St. Gertrude Church, Glenwood and Granville Avenues, Chicago. Interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Regina's memory. We will be forever grateful for the care Mom received at the The Ark at Rainbow Hospice. Funeral arrangements by John E. Maloney Funeral Director 773.764.1617

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McCorry, R.S.M., Sister Aquine

Sister Aquine McCorry, R.S.M. Beloved Sister of Mercy for 77 years. Devoted daughter of the late Charles & Bridget Ann nee McCoy. Loving sister of Terese (the late Urban) Jonas, the late Sister Mary Benedicta McCorry, Carroll & Elizabeth Schield, Daniel & Mary Ann McCorry, & George & Mary Mullins. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Saturday from 9:00 am until 10:15 am with a Welcoming at 8:45 am at Mercy Circle, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 am at Mercy Chapel, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Sisters of Mercy would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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McMurrough, Mary Ann

Mary Ann McMurrough (nee Cepek), age 85, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Timothy Murtaugh and the late Patrick McMurrough. Amazing mother of Thomas (Diana) Murtaugh, the late Patrick Murtaugh, Mary Teresa Murtaugh (Tom) Frech, Daniel Murtaugh and Catherine (Ken) Fitzgerald; stellar grandmother of Roseann, Timothy, and Catherine Frech and Emilie and Ryan Fitzgerald; dear sister of the late Laurence Cepek and the late John Cepek; aunt to many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Retired comptroller with Illinois Bell and proud member of Our Lady of Loretto Parish. Visitation Friday, December 13, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn. Funeral Saturday, December 14, 2019 prayers 10:15 a.m. from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** to Our Lady of Loretto Church. Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, donation to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago at www.catholiccharities.net. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blakelamboaklawn.com

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Nikitas, John G

John G. Nikitas, age 89, of Lake Forest, Illinois, born on June 26, 1930, passed on to eternal life on Monday, December 9, 2019, at Highland Park Hospital. He was the beloved husband of his wife, Mary, and the beloved father of his son, Gregory. John was born to Gregory and Ioanna Nikitas in the beautiful seaport town of Astakos, in northern Greece. He is survived by his beloved son, Gregory, his daughter-in-law, Judge Christen Bishop, and was the beloved Papou of his two grandchildren, John and William, whom he adored and who will have many wonderful memories of the times spent with him. He is also survived by his beloved nephews and nieces, Gregory and Maria Nikitas, of Athens, Greece; Gregory and Alexia Nikitas, of Athens, Greece; and Dr. John Nikitas, Ioanna and Dimitri Tzoganis, all of Greece. He is survived on his wife, Mary's side of the family by his sister-in-law, Rose, and brother-in-law, Robert Decker, of Chicago, Illinois, and their daughter, Katharine (Nicholas) Papadopoulos and their daughter, Rose, of Washington, DC.; his sister-in-law, Nancy and brother-in-law, Vaino Ajango, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and their children, Pamela (Dr. Brett Fink) and son, Ian, and their son, Craig (Mary) and their children, Irene and Walter; nephew and Godson, John Plaster, Robbi, and their children, Jack and Christine of Greenwich, Connecticut. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, his brothers, Dimitri and Peter Nikitas, his beloved sisters-in-law, Fay Paras, and Christine (Lynn) Plaster, and his brother-in-law, Lynn Plaster. John emigrated to the United States with his father in 1946, when he was 16 years old, and had a long career in the apparel industry with becoming vice president of Windbreaker, Inc. in Danville, Illinois. He served as an executive of Hart, Schaffner, and Marx. Then he became President of Rainfair, Inc., of Racine, Wisconsin, for a number of years. He became President of Shanhouse, a division of Gulf and Western Industries, which was later bought by Levi Strauss. John then headed his own company, Excello Ltd., in Chicago, Illinois. He enjoyed his work immensely and after retirement kept in touch with many of his colleagues and employees. During his employment and throughout his life, he and his wife, Mary, enjoyed traveling the world. John also served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was stationed in Greenland, and Chateauroux near Paris, France. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. There will be a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., at The Ascension of Our Lord, Greek Orthodox Church, 1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois, 60069. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ascension Church or Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, Illinois, 60025, or to a charity of your choice. The family would like to extend great appreciation to the staff and doctors at Highland Park Hospital and the staff at Balmoral Care Center for the excellent care he received. John will be missed by his family and many friends. May his memory be eternal. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Nocek, Chester Eugene

Chester E. Nocek, age 92, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2019, surrounded by "WW" Mary Dolores and the "six J's", Judith, John (Annette), Jerome (Lola), Jacqueline (Keith) Hook, Joseph, Jeanne (Frederick) Kafer. Cherished Dziaadzia of Anthony, Christine, Nicholas, Michelle, Nicole, Paul, Natalie, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Matthew, Jonathan, Daniel, Robert, Conon and 5 great grandchildren, Sean, Draven, Bryan, Daniel and Isabella. Preceded in death by his siblings, Genevieve, Michael, Regina, Florian and Evelyn. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews and a friend of many. Visitation will be held Friday, December 13, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Colonial -Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Friends will meet at Elevate St. Andrew, 7000 N Newark, Niles, IL 60714, on Saturday morning for lying in state from 10:00 a.m. to time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.**, Marion O'Connor Friel - Funeral Director. Info 773-774-0366 or info@colonialfuneral.com

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O'Farrell, Vicki Luanne

Vicki O'Farrell (formerly Walsh, nee Foreman) of Chicago, passed away after a long battle with cancer on December 8, 2019. She was 62. Vicki was happiest when she was surrounded by people. Vicki is survived by the love of her life Edmond (Ned); her two children, Michael (Jill) and Robert (Jillian); her two step-children, Edmond (Ned) (Kate), and Danny (Jieun); her four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. She is also survived by her four brothers, Steve (Jana), Dennis (Cathie), Gary (Mona), Patrick (Elisabeth) and countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Vicki was an avid socializer who loved to be at her vacation home in Michigan and watching the sunset on Weko Beach. She enjoyed making cocktails, singing karaoke, looking for treasures at estate sales, and sitting outside on a nice night talking for hours. She will be remembered as a fun person who was always a joy to be around.

Vicki attended Sandburg High School in Orland Park, worked at American Badge, and later at American Greenwood. Memorial Service to be held on December 20, 2019, at Hann Funeral Home, 8230 S. Harlem Avenue, Bridgeview from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Interment will be private.

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Polo, Margaret "Marge"

(nee Buckley). Beloved wife of 47 years of James Polo. Loving mother of Stephen (Joan), and David (Anne) Polo. Proud grandma of Jane, Caroline, Will, Danny, and Margaret Rose. Cherished sister of Rita Buckley, Betty (Lee) Heinlen, and the late Kathy (late Bill) Nagel. Kind aunt of many nieces and nephews. Devoted teacher at Lemont Bromberek District #113A for over 30 years. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather Saturday, St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park, IL, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Schmitz, Donald P

Donald P. Schmitz passed away peacefully on December 10th. Survived by his beloved wife of 68 years Marion nee: Meyer; loving father of 7; devoted grandfather of 17 and great grandfather of 19. He is also survived by his brothers and sister. In lieu of flowers please send memorial to: The Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club c/o Bill Abplanalp, Deputy Director of Development 2501 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago 60618 or Rainbow Hospice Palliative Care c/o Foundation, Attn: Emily Douville, 2601 Navistar Dr, Build 4/Floor 1, Lisle 60532. Funeral Saturday lying in state 9:30 am till time of mass 10:30 am at St. Benedict Church 2215 W Irving Park Rd. Interment private. 773-588-6336 or greinfofuneraldirectors.com

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Soveg, Sophie

Sophie Soveg (nee Vangelis), 92, at rest December 8, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Frank; loving mother of Thomas, Christine (Jim) Drwal, Jane (Bob) Wharton, Bill and the late Frank Jr; devoted grandmother of Michael (Christy), Rene and David Drwal, Frankie, Robert and Samantha Soveg, Sophia and the late Michael Wharton; dearest great-grandmother of Logan, Jacob, Madilyn and Easton; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services Friday December 13, 2019 at 11 A.M. at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels** 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 4-9 P.M. Info 773-889-1700

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Sutley, Marilyn C.

(nee Cull), age 83 of Palos Heights, former Teacher & Principal of Saint Alexander School and Member of the Saint Alexander Altar & Rosary Society & Silver Lake Country Club. Beloved wife of William R. Sutley. Loving mother of Kathleen Barowsky, Mariellen (Steven) Antman & Joanne (Patrick) Caveney. Cherished grandmother of Shannon Montiel, Ryan McGuire, Meghan McMahon, Kyle Antman, Sean Barowsky & Kari Antman. Adoring great grandmother of Logan Montiel. Devoted daughter of the late; Patrick J. & Bridie (nee Burke) Cull. Dear sister of the late; Patricia (Alan) Joniak, Edward Cull & Michael Cull Sr. Visitation Friday, December 13th from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, December 14th, 9:30 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127TH Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Saint Alexander Church & School, 7025 W. 126th Street, Palos Heights, IL 60463, Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 and/or Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607 would be appreciated.

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Swiss, Roger E.

Roger E. Swiss, 72, of Ingleside, died Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Husband of Marie (nee Laibach); dad of Nicole (Rick) Collins, Tim (Sarah), Kateri (Art) Evans, and Greg (Trisha Bruecken); gramps of Ele, Bade, Ari, and Liam; brother of Tom (Eva) and the late Ron (MaryAnn); and godfather to Donna and Greg. Visitation Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. wake service, **Hamshe Lakeside Funerals and Cremations, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake**. Funeral Mass 10 a.m., Monday, December 16, Our Lady of the Lakes—St. Bede Church, 36455 N. Wilson Rd., Ingleside. Burial Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville. Memorials to Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, PO Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545, 888-627-9566, MaryKnollSociety.org, appreciated. Online condolences, www.HamsheLakeside.com, information 847-587-2100.

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Wesley, Newton Lee 'Lee'

Newton Lee Wesley "Lee" was born 12-9-1940 in Portland Oregon. He and his family were among the Japanese American citizens incarcerated during World War II in Minidoka, Idaho. After the war they resettled in Chicago, where his father founded Wesley-Jessen Contact Lens Company. With a BS in engineering from the University of Michigan and an MBA from the University of Chicago, Lee became manager of the research department. The sale of the company in 1980 allowed Lee to pursue a passion for learning that lasted his whole life. He completed his Doctor of Ministry at Chicago Theological Seminary in 1983. He then took classes in filmmaking, Japanese literature, and playwriting, and wrote his own poetry. Art collecting was an obsession, with trips to art shows and galleries in Chicago, New York, and Miami. He was President of the Dr. Newton K. Wesley Foundation Fund which supports contact lens research, scholarships, and archival projects. An avid tennis player and golfer, he got his first hole in one in 2018. Lee married Vicki in 1977 and they raised their family in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. He was an attentive and involved father to his son and daughter and delighted in his two grandchildren. He died of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis on 11-28-2019 and is survived by his wife, Victoria Granacki, son Matthew Wesley (Sara Wesley and grandchildren Lauren and Luke Wesley), daughter Monica Wesley (Robert Westerholm), brother Roy Wesley (Mark Weber), and many relatives and friends. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 3918 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Friday December 13, 4-9pm. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 708 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago, Saturday, December 14, 10am, preceded by visitation at 9am. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

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Wroblewski, Gloria J.

Gloria J. Wroblewski, 87 of Monee. Devoted wife of the late Stephen; loving mother of six; dear grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 12. Visitation 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2019 at **Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home**; 295 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 14, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. Rev. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Info. 815.932.1214 www.clancygernon.com

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Yusim, Bradley M.

Bradley M. Yusim, 43, beloved son of Jerry and Sandy Yusim; cherished brother of Amy Yusim Tregger (Tim Tregger); devoted uncle of Terry and Tanner; loving friend and companion of Zoya Baranovskiy; dear nephew of Allan (Linda) Yusim and Nancy Sommerfield; many loving cousins. Anyone that knew Brad, knew that he was a lover of everything UT, felt very fulfilled in his career at the law firm of Jenner and Block, and was a brave warrior during his fight with cancer. If Brad loved you, you knew it. He will be forever missed. Memorial service, Friday 11:30 AM at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue, Glencoe. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kellogg Cancer Center. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Armani Brown

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Farrah Brown (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00682**

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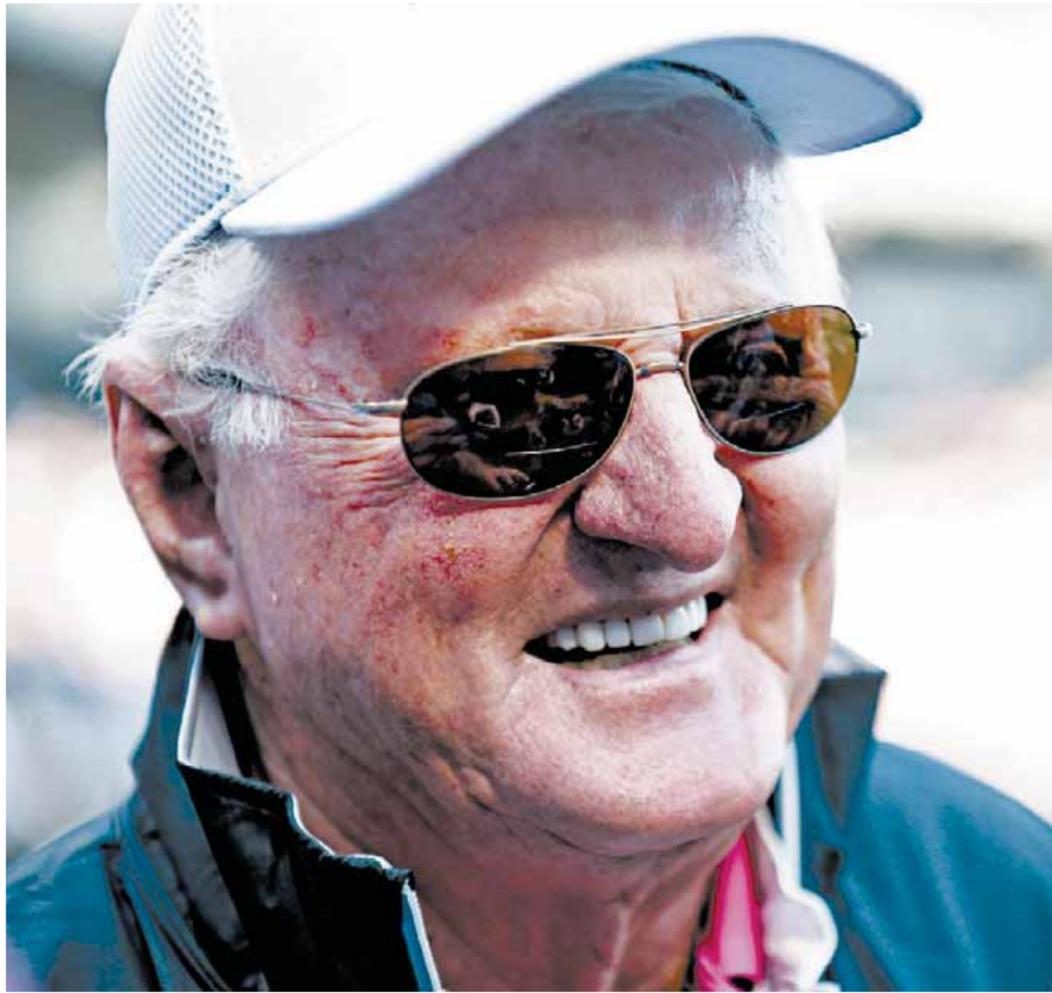
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Ken "Hawk" Harrelson is the pick to click — and Frick. He was looking for it and he got it, thank you very much. He'll forever be enshrined in the catbird seat. He's going to Cooperstown. Mercy!

You can put it on the board — yes! Ken "Hawk" Harrelson, whose 42 years as a major-league broadcaster included 33 with the White Sox, is the winner of the Baseball Hall of Fame's 2020 Ford C. Frick Award. The selection by a panel of the 11 living past Frick honorees and four historians/columnists was announced Wednesday at baseball's winter meetings. Harrelson, 78, who retired in 2018, is the fifth Chicago announcer to earn the honor — following Milo Hamilton (1992), Harry Caray (1989), Jack Brickhouse (1983) and Bob Elson (1979) — since the Frick was first awarded in 1978. "It's just such an honor," Harrelson said Wednesday.



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

"I've always considered myself to be probably as lucky, if not the luckiest, human being ever stepped two feet on the face of the earth. I've got a great family and a wonderful career and been with some great people and with an organization that, in my opinion, is certainly the best in baseball and one of the best in all of sports. So it's going to be an honor. It's going to be a lot of fun. And as long as I can keep Bob Uecker off my ass, I'll be all right." Harrelson fielded the call from the Hall of Fame from his home, surrounded by family and friends, including former White Sox catcher-turned-broadcaster A.J. Pierzynski.

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* — Also Harrelson's call of the 27th out of Mark Buehrle's perfect game

Pressure now on for White Sox to sign a frontline starter



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

SAN DIEGO — Before getting a record nine-year, \$324 million deal from the Yankees for pitcher Gerrit Cole on Tuesday night, agent Scott

Boras dished out one of his patented strained metaphors, saying "major-league teams are like birds" during the offseason. "There are hummingbirds where they'll buzz around and move through the process," Boras said at the winter meetings. "There are probably sparrows who have a big desire to get something big and can't carry the weight of it. Lately there are a lot of owls where they are wise and mostly work at night in what they do, very

thoughtful. "Certainly we have a lot more hawks than we've had in the past. And probably the biggest concern is you don't want to be an ostrich and lay the biggest egg." So where do the White Sox stand in the ornithological order after acquiring right fielder Nomar Mazara from the Rangers while the Yankees were reeling in Cole? To those expecting a big name to fill the hole in right field, the

Sox no doubt were an ostrich. But they probably would prefer to be considered a raven, one of the smartest of birds and usually associated with Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem. Mazara certainly wasn't on anyone's list as a must-have player. He's a former top prospect who didn't develop into the star the Rangers expected, which is why he was expendable for Class A outfielder Steele Walker, one of the Sox's better prospects. But he's a left-handed bat,

which the Sox need. He's expected to make less than \$6 million in arbitration, which is far less than what they would've paid for Nicholas Castellanos or another prime-time free agent. And Mazara is young enough to live up to his potential, perhaps blossoming late like Royals outfielder Jorge Soler, a premier slugger whom the Cubs cast off for a one-year rental.

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BEARS

Trubisky's improved decision-making boosts Bears offense

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Mitch Trubisky caught the snap and threw the ball in a fraction of a second. Any longer, and Anthony Miller might have been tackled for a short gain instead of spinning his way through contact for an invigorating 14-yard touchdown in Thursday's 31-24 win over the Cowboys. "That was just getting the ball in the playmaker's hands," Trubisky said, "and letting him do his thing." For Trubisky to be such an effective facilitator, though, he has to do his thing first. And during



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If the Bears win out, playoffstatus.com gives them a 31% chance of getting the help they need to reach the playoffs, down from 58% before Sunday's results

this recent uptick by the Bears offense, he has done it better than in the first 10 games. One particular area of improvement is decision-making on ball-handling plays such as zone-read option runs and run-pass options.

The victory over the Cowboys was the latest example. On four zone-read keepers, Trubisky ran for 31 yards, including a 23-yard touchdown that put the game away in the fourth quarter. The success of those runs

largely depends on Trubisky's split-second read of some defensive element, which players and coaches refer to as a "key." For example, as Trubisky presents the ball for the running back, his key might be whether the edge

defender stays wide to contain the quarterback keeper or crashes down on the back. Depending on that read, Trubisky either hands the ball off or keeps it.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Behind the salary revolution

SAN DIEGO — The election of former labor union leader Marvin Miller to the Baseball Hall of Fame by the Modern Era Committee should be applauded by anyone who has worn a major-league uniform the last six decades.

But many of today's players undoubtedly are unaware of Miller's name, much less his role in changing the game.

Miller, who was voted in Sunday along with former catcher Ted Simmons, finally received his due and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on July 27 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

He took over as the executive director of the players union in 1966, when there were 20 teams and a reserve clause that prevented players from leaving their organizations for a chance at higher pay or a better team. He was instrumental in making many men multimillionaires, strengthening the union and forcing owners to increase salaries and pensions.

In 1967 the league minimum was \$6,000 and the average salary was \$19,000. In 1990, seven years after Miller retired, he calculated that three top players' salaries combined was as much as all the players combined in 1967, when the entire major-league payroll was \$9.5 million.

Of course, the numbers have skyrocketed since. In 2019, the average major-league salary was \$4.36 million, and nine-figure deals are not uncommon.

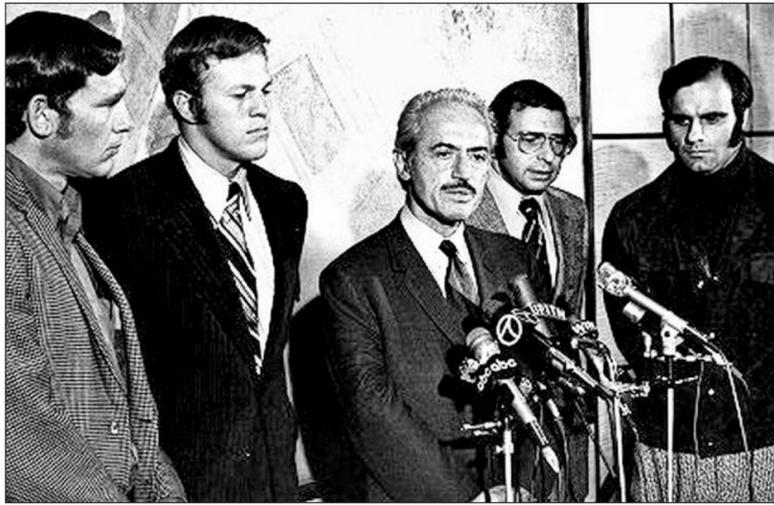
Miller helped fuel the salary revolution when he secured free agency for players after Dave McNally and Andy Messersmith played out their contracts in 1975. Curt Flood was a pioneer in the process, refusing to play for the Phillies after the Cardinals traded him in 1969 and challenging the reserve clause in 1970.

While a judge in federal district court in New York ruled players and teams should negotiate the reserve clause, Flood lost the case on an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. But the process for change was in motion and could not be stopped.

The high cost of players will always be mentioned by fans upset when some players are overpaid. It's part of the game.

Former White Sox owner Bill Veeck once said: "It isn't the high price of stars that is expensive; it's the high price of mediocrity."

But Miller told former Tribune baseball writer Jerome Holtzman in a 1990 interview that most fans don't understand players are only getting their market value



MLBPA director Marvin Miller (center) announces the end of a baseball strike April 13, 1972.

based on what their performance means to an owner's overall revenue. Holtzman asked Miller if he laughed when he heard fans complain about the salaries of underperforming players.

"I don't laugh," Miller said. "But I find myself constantly explaining to people who are puzzled by it all. They keep saying this is absurd. What I tell them is there's two ways to look at phenomena like this.

"One, if you try to evaluate the salaries in terms of desirable social goals, it doesn't make any sense. If we had a different kind of society, an ideal society, and the primary goal was to conquer cancer, if that was the thing to be given most priority, then you would see to it that cancer researchers had the highest compensation. And teachers and so on. In that kind of society, the ballplayers' salaries wouldn't make any sense in terms of social contribution.

"Two, but we don't have a society like that. We have one in which basically we say: 'We'll pay out salaries in relation to how much profit we can make from the people we employ. And if we can make a tremendous profit from that, then we'll pay tremendous salaries.'"

Baseball owners, whose franchise values continue to climb, have the right to sell their teams if they can't afford to pay the

salaries. Seldom does anyone sell his team at a loss. In fact most teams are sold at a huge profit, such as the recent sale of the Royals by David Glass for \$1 billion. Glass reportedly bought the team for \$96 million in 2000, then operated it on a tight budget for most of his tenure as owner, winning one championship.

Many of today's players take their salaries and freedom of movement for granted, which is probably true of all highly paid athletes these days.

If they wanted to learn about why they earn so much money, they should pick up Miller's book, "A Whole Different Ball Game," and look into the factors that led to their good fortune.

Miller wrote that he told the players when taking over the union: "I want you to understand that this is going to be an adversarial relationship. A union is not a social club. A union is a restraint on what an employer can otherwise do. If you expect the owners to like me, to praise me, to compliment me, you'll be disappointed. In fact, if I'm elected and you find the owners telling you what a great guy I am, fire me! Don't hesitate because it can't be that way if your director is doing his job."

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BRAD BIGGS

Do you think Danny Trevathan's injury makes it easier for the Bears to re-sign him, or will he still be a highly demanded player? @darbran

I don't think Trevathan will lower his sights for a new contract based on the elbow injury. He was fortunate it was an upper-body injury and not something that affected his mobility, which sets him apart from other inside linebackers. Trevathan turns 30 in March and will be seeking one more solid payday to follow the four-year, \$28 million contract he got from the Bears in 2016. If the Bears or another team has durability concerns, they could attempt to tie some money to per-game roster bonuses. I don't know that Trevathan will be in "high" demand considering his age and mileage. But he has remained a consistent performer and has solid intangibles. The Bears often cite the leadership role he fills in the locker room. I don't believe the injury will hurt his value.

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CUBS

Cubbie way: No star is too big to replace

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

SAN DIEGO — After being dealt to the Rangers in a multi-player swap during the 1988 winter meetings, Cubs All-Star Rafael Palmeiro declared himself a “piece of meat” while ripping the organization.

“These people don’t know what the hell they’re doing,” the 24-year-old outfielder said, referring to Cubs general manager Jim Frey and manager Don Zimmer.

“These guys in the front office — it’s going straight down, it seems like. I don’t know what they’re doing. It would be fine if you could get someone to win now, but they’re not doing it. They’re getting rid of their future and screwing up the present.”

You probably won’t hear Kris Bryant, Willson Contreras or Kyle Schwarber take a similar tack if the Cubs trade one of their young stars this offseason. Players are still just pieces of meat in the long run, though they’re much more expensive cuts than back in the ’80s.

But unlike Palmeiro, today’s players seem to have a better understanding of how the business works.

If you don’t sign a long-term extension before you hit free agency and are considered a valuable asset, chances are the club will at least explore trading you for other assets, no matter how many jerseys you sell or how many followers you have Instagram.

That’s why it’s hard to feel sorry for any of the young Cubs players who have had to see their names mentioned on the MLB Network or on the ESPN crawl every 10 minutes this week during the winter meetings.

Sure, they’re all great guys, talented players and assets to the organization on and off the field. They were heroes of the 2016 championship team, champs, which will live on in the memories of Cubs fans the rest of their lives.

But life will go on at Wrigley Field if the Cubs trade any of them, just as it did after Palmeiro, Sammy Sosa, Billy Williams and other stars of the Cubs past were dealt. The ballpark will still be filled next summer. The \$14 beers will taste just as good. The fans will find other players to cling to, and there’s even the possibility the Cubs won’t suck, as everyone seems to presume.

Unfortunately, the nonstop trade talk makes things look bleak. All you have to do is turn on ESPN or MLB Network, or check out your favorite Twitter account. The narrative of the Cubs in downsizing mode is prevalent, which isn’t the kind news a team wants as it tries to create interest in next year.

It’s hard to ignore, even if you’re in the middle of it.

“You’re aware of what’s going on and we have to monitor what’s going on with other teams, so you hear some opinions on us,” Cubs President Theo Epstein said Wednesday night.

Is that worrisome or just business as usual?

“At this point it’s just noise,” he said. “We have to make good decisions and execute a good strategy based on what we are, where we are, the things we know — our outlook, our future, our roster, our payroll, our budget — and plot the best course forward without fear.”

“If you’re always playing it safe, or always playing it to make people happy with the next morning’s headline — or the next minute’s tweet is more apt these days — then you’re probably not going to do anything great.”

“I’m not saying you try to be bold for the sake of being bold, but you can’t be afraid to be bold. I’m not sure (what will happen). It could be a status quo winter, or it could be a really bold one. We still don’t know. But you can’t operate on what you expect the reactions to be.”

In a perfect world, the players rumored to be on the block would all agree to extensions and return for another October run under new manager David Ross. But you can’t blame some of them for turning down what’s likely a team-friendly offer to stick around beyond free agency.

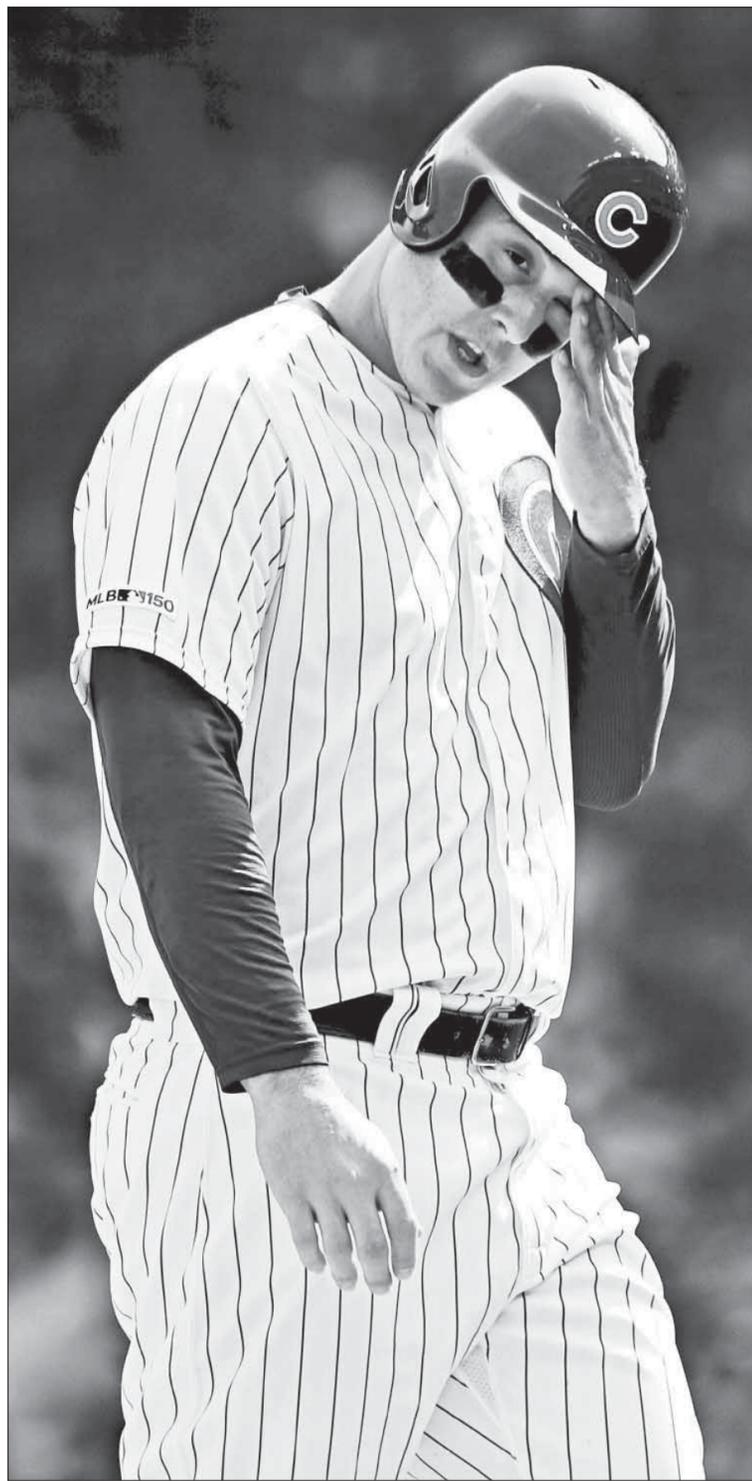
When Anthony Rizzo signed a seven-year, \$41 million deal in 2013 with two option years, the final option year in 2021 probably seemed like a lifetime away. Had Rizzo waited to become a free agent after 2018, he might have commanded a \$250 million-to-\$300 million deal.

But six years ago Rizzo was suddenly secure for life no matter if he went through an injury-plagued career or not, and that was the trade-off he chose. He has been one of the more underpaid players in the game for years, a fact his teammates are well aware of. They may want to be like “Riz,” but they sure don’t want to be paid like him.

Trading a Bryant, Contreras or Schwarber also is risky business for Epstein, just as trading a young star like Palmeiro was a risk taken by Frey 31 years ago. Palmeiro went on to have a Hall of Fame-caliber career — though his chances were sunk when he was suspended in 2005 after testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs. The Cubs also included 26-year-old lefty Jamie Moyer, who had a 28-34 career record and 4.42 ERA, in the nine-player deal. Moyer wound up winning 269 games over 25 years.

It turned into one of Frey’s worst deals. The only significant player the Cubs got in return was closer Mitch “Wild Thing” Williams, who had one good season on the “Boys of Zimmer” team that won the National League East in ’89, and was dealt after only two years with the Cubs.

Epstein will have to get a much better return on his young stars or risk hearing about it forever.



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Anthony Rizzo returns to the dugout after being doubled off on Sept. 20.

Retrofitting before talking to Rizzo

Cubs delaying conversation to extend slugger’s contract

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — With holes to fill in the rotation, the bullpen, center field and at second base, the Cubs don’t have time for prolonged negotiations with star players seeking contract extensions.

That’s why they didn’t overreact Wednesday after agent Marc Pollack revealed that the team’s talks about an extension for slugger Anthony Rizzo have been tabled.

“It’s not the outcome they were looking for,” said Epstein, who said Pollack informed him of his decision to tell ESPN Chicago that talks had ceased. “I understand if there is the potential for hurt feelings. It’s not always going to be high-fives and celebrations. We’ve got a lot of work to do.”

The Cubs have been exploring extensions with Rizzo, Kris Bryant, Javier Baez, Willson Contreras and Kyle Schwarber before they become free agents. But the team could opt to trade some of them as it retools the roster after failing to reach the playoffs for the first time since 2014.

The tabling of talks does raise the possibility of Rizzo, one of the most successful and popular players in franchise history, to become a free agent after 2021.

But Epstein emphasized the focus is on the immediate future with Rizzo, 30, playing a large role.

“I think he’s a big part of the next chapter in the solution,” Epstein said. “We’ll leave the clubhouse dynamic to (manager David Ross) and the players and confident that’s going to go very well, and Anthony will be a big part of that.”

The Cubs picked up the 2020 option for Rizzo at \$16.5 million, extending the terms of the contract he signed in 2013 to eight years and \$55 million with a \$16.5 million option for 2021.

The contract, which Rizzo signed during his first full major-league season, provided him with security. And Rizzo has more than fulfilled his end of the bargain by averaging 29 home runs and 96 RBIs

over the last seven seasons while earning three National League All-Star selections and three Gold Gloves during that span.

But after initial talks immediately stalled over a difference in years, Pollack went public.

“Anthony has (made) his desire to be a Cub for life known to the organization,” Pollack told ESPN Chicago. “Although we do not know what the future holds, a deal to make that happen will not be addressed now.”

Epstein reiterated Rizzo is under team control for two more seasons.

“We’re thrilled about it, and there are lots of opportunities to talk about continuing the relationship,” Epstein said. “More generally, when there’s common ground on length, there can be deeper conversations, and that’s usually more typical when you get closer to free agency.”

The lack of movement is likely to continue through Thursday’s conclusion of the winter meetings, apart from the Cubs making a selection in the Rule 5 draft.

“Really nothing is getting close,” Epstein said of potential trades or free-agent signings. “It’s getting to the point we’re likely to head back to Chicago without anything significant done. But we’ve laid some foundation for some discussions that can spill into next week.”

Epstein said the recent signings of upper- and middle-tier starting pitchers will give the Cubs a better idea about the market for their targets.

And the lack of movement so far shouldn’t suggest the Cubs will enter the 2020 season with the same roster.

“Status quo is not a bad option, but we’re obviously looking to make changes,” Epstein said.

Bryant’s value on the open market will be defined after an arbitrator rules on his service-time grievance. The Cubs believe Bryant will still have two years remaining before he can become a free agent.

In the meantime, two major-league sources downplayed the Rangers’ and Nationals’ interest in Bryant.

As for second base, “we’re definitely out there looking, but we have a number of good players on our roster who can play second,” Epstein said.

BASEBALL



ERIC GAY/AP

Anthony Rendon agreed to a seven-year, \$245 million contract to join the Angels.

BASEBALL

Angels add Rendon on 7-year deal

In latest big signing, 3B to average \$35M per season

News services

All-Star third baseman Anthony Rendon and the Angels agreed to a seven-year, \$245 million, seven-year contract Wednesday, according to reports.

Rendon is the third prized free agent to strike a big-money deal at this week’s baseball winter meetings. He’ll join three-time MVP Mike Trout on a team that’s made just one postseason appearance in the last decade.

The Angels had missed out on free agent right-hander Gerrit Cole, who reportedly agreed to a record nine-year, \$324 million contract with the Yankees on Tuesday night.

Rendon, who played the first seven of his major league seasons with the Nationals, drove in a career-best 126 runs while helping them capture the franchise’s first World Series championship this year.

The Nationals had remained in contact with the 29-year-old Rendon’s representatives Wednesday, according to general manager Mike Rizzo.

“The third base market specifically is an active market,” Rizzo said. “There are several teams that are in the market for that particular position. I think it will move fairly rapidly, not only in the free-agent market but in the trade market I think we’ll see some activity.”

It marks the fourth big free-agent deal of the offseason pulled off by agent Scott Boras. Infielder Mike Moustakas joined the Reds on a four-year, \$64 million contract, then right-hander Stephen Strasburg reached a seven-year, \$245 million contract Monday to stay with the Nationals before Cole’s pending signing came together a day later.

Cole’s deal established marks for pitchers in total dollars, topping Strasburg.

Its \$36 million average is a record for any player, beating the \$35.5 million in Trout’s 12-year, \$426.5 million deal that started last season. Cole gets an even \$36 million annually and can opt out after the 2024 season. He also has a no-trade provision.

Cole, 29, was baseball’s most dominant pitcher for much of 2019 and helped the Astros come within one win of their second World Series title in three seasons.

Opioids testing to begin in ’20: Five months after Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs died in a hotel room with two opioids in his bloodstream, Major League Baseball and its players union agreed on a new drug policy that will add opioid testing for major leaguers and marijuana use will not be punished in the major or minor leagues.

The policy, which would be implemented next season, is expected to be announced Thursday, the Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday.

The new policy is expected to call for treatment, rather than suspension, for players testing positive for opioids. Major league players haven’t been subject to opioid or marijuana testing, barring reasonable cause or participation in a treatment program.

The policy also would allow major and minor leaguers to use marijuana for pain relief without fear of discipline.

MLB to institute 3-batter minimum: MLB is pushing ahead with a rules change for 2020 that requires pitchers to face at least three batters or finish a half-inning.

Commissioner Rob Manfred also said the injured list for pitchers will revert to 15 days from 10 days. In tandem, pitchers optioned to the minors will have to spend 15 days with farm teams before they can be recalled unless they replace a pitcher going on the IL.

As part of a March 8 agreement with the players’ association, management had the right to make the changes for 2020.

All pitchers must face at least three batters or end a half-inning, unless injured.

Manfred also announced that expanded netting in place for next season at all 30 ballparks.

The extent of the expansion will vary by ballpark, according to Manfred, but all netting will at minimum extend “substantially beyond” the far end of the dugout on both sides of the field.

WHITE SOX

Sox 'better today' with Mazara

Hahn: Outfielder 'fits a need' as left-handed batter with pop

By LaMond Pope

SAN DIEGO — The White Sox view Nomar Mazara as someone who helps balance the lineup.

They also see the left-handed-hitting outfielder as someone with “untapped potential and some upside,” according to general manager Rick Hahn.

Those are some of the reasons the Sox acquired Mazara late Tuesday in a trade with the Rangers for minor-league outfielder Steele Walker.

“It needs to be understood that even on the downside of this,” Hahn said Wednesday, “let’s say he’s the same player he’s been for the last couple years at the big-league level, having a bat like that against right-handed pitching in the lower third of our order ... has a lot of value.”

Mazara had a .268/.318/.469 slash line in

116 games in 2019 with 19 home runs, 66 RBIs, 108 strikeouts and 28 walks.

For his career, which began with the Rangers in 2016, he has a .261/.320/.435 slash line with 79 home runs and 308 RBIs in 537 games.

“He fits a need we’ve been looking for with a left-handed stick, a guy who can pop the ball out of the ballpark,” Sox manager Rick Renteria said. “Very athletic young man. Only 24 years old. Kind of fits the profile of the club and the makeup of the guys we have on our team. Sounds like, talking to a few people, he’s going to be a good fit for us.”

Hahn cautioned against judging the move in isolation.

“I’d wait to see how the entire roster pans out and what we have, ultimately, on a day-to-day basis come this summer,” Hahn said. “This is a kid who, as you all are aware, has been viewed as having a very high ceiling. We continue to think he has a chance to reach that ceiling and are optimistic about where he goes once he’s

with us.”

Hahn had several conversations with the team’s scouts leading up to the trade.

“We had many, many strong reports going back for several years,” Hahn said. “Four different guys saw him last year who put similar high-ceiling reports on him. And each of them had thoughts on how we’re going to potentially unlock that potential.”

Mazara has had success against right-handed pitching, hitting .288 in 302 at-bats in 2019 with 13 home runs, 46 RBIs and an .844 OPS. He batted .220 in 127 at-bats against left-handers.

Could that lead to a platoon situation?

“It’s a consideration,” Hahn said. “The player that he has been over the last couple years has had some issues with lefties. So the question is: Will those continue? Can we get him better against left-handed pitching? How much was the thumb injury or the oblique that he fought with over the last couple years factoring into those issues? “If we need to complement him, that’s

just fine. Again, that’s a valuable bat against right-handed pitching. Let’s see how the rest of the roster comes together before fully assessing how we addressed right field.”

The Sox didn’t get much power production from right field in 2019. That was a major focus for the offseason.

“If you’re judging Mazara in isolation — and these moves need to be judged as, ‘Is this a sound baseball decision that makes the 26-man roster better?’ — we’re better today,” Hahn said. “We’ve got a 24-year-old, left-handed-hitting outfielder who has four-plus tools and can do some damage against right-handed pitching. We didn’t have that on the roster yesterday, and it came at a cost we were comfortable with paying.”

“Whether ultimately that’s satisfying in terms of the final roster and the role he plays, that remains to be seen. But I do know this team’s better today than it was yesterday. You do that enough times over the course of the offseason and you get yourself in a pretty good position.”

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At the very least, Mazara is a short-term fix who can be replaced at midseason if he doesn’t pan out. And if it works, the Sox might have another James McCann-type pickup.

General manager Rick Hahn talked Wednesday about Mazara’s “untapped potential,” though many Sox fans were hoping for a splashier name and a proven bat.

“I haven’t heard from those fans,” Hahn said.

Informed of their existence, Hahn said Mazara is a “four-plus tool” player who can “do some damage” against right-handers.

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If the Sox had acquired Mazara last month and signed free-agent catcher Yasmani Grandal during the meetings, perhaps fans would be happier.

Hahn said that may be right, and as someone who was a fan growing up, he “gets it.”

Last year the Sox were more akin to a vulture, a bird of prey that circles its target and feeds off the dead flesh. They acquired the dead-weight contracts of Yonder Alonso and Ivan Nova and signed Ervin Santana, none of whom made an impact. Only Nova survived the season when the Sox couldn’t find a suitor at the trade deadline. And only McCann worked out after the Tigers let him go.

The Sox obviously have raised hopes this offseason with the signing of Grandal and the pursuit of Zack Wheeler, but the Mazara acquisition will be met with a collective “meh” by fans. Now the team has no choice but to hit it big with a frontline starting pitcher.

With expectations raised, does Hahn feel more pressure to convert?

“It doesn’t change,” he said Tuesday before the announcement of the Mazara deal. “It’s just the same as rebuilding. I mean, look back to three years ago today when we did the (Chris) Sale deal, you’ve got to hit on that. That’s too premium of an asset, too important to the future to whiff on.”

The Sox didn’t whiff on Sale, but they had three years to wait on Yoan Moncada to develop into the star he now is. Michael Kopech, for all his promise, gets an incomplete grade after Tommy John surgery in 2018 set him back a year. The Adam Eaton



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The Yankees’ signing of Gerrit Cole to a record deal on Tuesday overshadowed the White Sox’s trade for outfielder Nomar Mazara, above.

deal paid off with Lucas Giolito’s emergence, but Reynaldo Lopez is still a question mark in the rotation and Dane Dunning’s injury set him back as well.

I believe there’s much more pressure on Hahn now because he has to see immediate results from his offseason moves. But Hahn disagreed.

“At the same time you want to come out of that (Red Sox) deal, having traded a potential future Hall of Famer in Chris Sale, feeling good about the potential for that return,” he said. “Now obviously things are going to happen. Guys get hurt. Guys can regress. There could be reasons they don’t fulfill what you saw when you saw the promise.”

“But when you’re dealing with multiple

clubs and you’re trying to get multiple prospects back, you’ve got to get that right. But that’s no more important than when we get to the final other extreme and we’re looking to add that premium talent to help get us over the top.

“You feel pressure for different reasons from that. But not the pressure level in terms of me personally. It’s the same as it ever was.”

The bright side is no one can compare the Sox to the dodo bird, which was so easy to catch, the species became extinct. That designation would probably apply to the Orioles, Tigers, Marlins, Royals and Mariners — teams that have no chance of surviving the 2020 season because they’re either tanking or just inept.

The Sox, at least, are making moves to try to escape the monotony of another sub-.500 season.

The price tags of starting pitchers Dallas Keuchel, Hyun-Jin Ryu and Madison Bumgarner probably went up a bit after the Cole deal, and teams such as the Dodgers and Angels will be throwing money around after missing out on Cole.

Will the Sox convert on one of them and give their fans real hope for an October run? Or will “nevermore” be the sad refrain of 2020?

Asked to talk about his optimism for 2020, Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf declined. “I’m tired of being optimistic and then seeing my optimism replaced,” he said with a grin.

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The news he had been selected left him momentarily — and uncharacteristically — at a loss for words.

“I just couldn’t think,” Harrelson said later. “It was almost like I had a brain cramp. ... I have won some awards in my life and done some things in my life that I was very proud of, but this was something different. This was something different, and I haven’t really digested it yet. Maybe I have, but ‘Hawk’ hasn’t, and you know that’s my buddy. We’ll get this thing sorted out where I can get my thoughts together.”

“But I’ll put it this way, (Tuesday) night when I went to bed, it was the first time I had trouble falling asleep because I knew what was going to happen today, either good or somebody (else) was going in. I just started thinking about all the great names on that list. Everybody on that list should be in the Hall of Fame. Great announcers there.”

White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said: “This is something that should have happened a long time ago, but at the end it worked out so it was worth waiting for.”

“Everybody has been talking about Hawk’s personality and making the nicknames he came up with and (phrases such as) ‘Put it on the board.’ Everybody is overlooking the fact he actually taught the game of baseball. If you watch the White Sox telecast and you listen to Hawk you learn something about the game itself.”

Considered the sport’s high honor for broadcasters, the Frick Award will be conferred July 25 in Cooperstown, N.Y., as part of the July 24-27 Hall of Fame weekend.

“What I’m happiest for right now and

what keeps popping up in my mind is my beautiful Greek wife, Aristeia, and our children ... and our grandchildren ... and I’m just so happy that we get a chance” to celebrate this together in Cooperstown, Harrelson said. “I thought someday that I would go in. I told my family, I said it would probably be after I’m gone, after I’ve passed away.”

Among the seven finalists Harrelson beat out was Pat Hughes, who is poised to begin his 25th season as radio play-by-play voice of the Cubs and 38th as a major-league broadcaster.

“Hawk was a very colorful performer, and adored by White Sox fans,” Hughes, 64, told the Tribune. “He belongs in the Hall.”

Jason Benetti learned baseball as a youth watching White Sox games called by Harrelson and Tom Pacionek, then wound up succeeding Harrelson as White Sox TV announcer alongside analyst Steve Stone. Through the White Sox, Benetti said Harrelson deeply deserves recognition in Cooperstown.

“He’s touched all of us and changed the way so many speak about the game in Chicago and beyond,” Benetti said.

Stone, the Cy Young winner-turned-analyst, said in his statement: “Hawk changed the language of the game. He touched many lives and to the White Sox and baseball he was an original unique voice of the game.”

Harrelson’s nine-season playing career in the majors with the Athletics, Senators, Red Sox and Indians ended in 1971. His broadcasting career began in 1975 as a replacement for analyst Johnny Pesky alongside rookie play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton after his attempt at a post-baseball career as a touring pro golfer fizzled.

“I had the talent, but I didn’t have the temperament,” Harrelson said.

But he started developing a broadcast style as a player. Like some of his teammates, he often killed time during games gone awry by doing his own play-by-play and commentary on the field and in the dugout.

“In a bad game where it’s 11-1 or 12-2 or something like that, you’re out there in right field and a lot of guys, including myself, you just start announcing the game,” Harrelson recalled. “You would try to put your own little touch on it, so to speak, but it was fun and it helped pass the time in a bad ballgame. Of course in a good ballgame, you wouldn’t even think of it.”

Harrelson was a four-time Frick finalist, having previously contended in 2007, ’14 and ’17. Hughes also was a finalist three years ago, which is the last time contemporary local team announcers were considered.

Fans and detractors alike branded him a “homer,” and he wore that tag as a badge of honor. He was never reluctant to share his opinions or emotions, which endeared him to many as surely as others found his approach off-putting.

As an announcer, Harrelson perhaps was best-known for bestowing nicknames (such as “The Big Hurt” upon Sox slugger Frank Thomas) and phrases he either coined (like “Get foul” when faced with a potential extra-base hit down the line) or reclaimed from baseball lore (like “can of corn” for an easy fly ball).

“I cannot be happier for him,” Thomas, a 2014 Hall of Fame inductee, said through the Sox. “Hawk ranks among the greatest broadcasters in baseball history, and this award cements his legacy in the game. I will always appreciate Hawk coining ‘The Big Hurt’ nickname because it was a huge part of who I was as a ballplayer.”

Fellow Hall of Famer Jim Thome, who is a special assistant to White Sox general

manager Rick Hahn and a part-time MLB Network studio analyst, said he considered Harrelson’s honor “well-deserved” because of “what he’s meant to the game, what he’s meant to the White Sox organization” and it will be fun “to hear his speech (and) watch what he’s going to wear and just because he’s unique.”

Besides the White Sox, for whom Harrelson briefly left the booth to serve as general manager, Hawk called games for the Red Sox for seven seasons and Yankees for two. He also announced games nationally for NBC and the short-lived Baseball Network.

In becoming the 44th Frick winner, he is only the sixth former ballplayer selected.

Besides Harrelson and Hughes, other 2020 Frick finalists included: Jacques Doucet, a French-language announcer for the Expos and now Blue Jays; Red Sox voice Joe Castiglione; longtime Cardinals announcer Mike Shannon; Indians play-by-play man Tom Hamilton; Dewayne Staats, a former Cubs announcer now with the Rays; and the late Ned Martin, who called Red Sox games from 1961 to ’92 and died in 2002.

The Hall went to a three-year cycle for the Frick, beginning with the 2014 award, meaning this group of finalists won’t be considered again for another three years. Barring a change, it will go to a national announcer next and to a pioneering historical voice after that before local team announcers get another shot.

“I really expected this time,” Reinsdorf said of Harrelson winning the award. “I don’t know if it was relief, but I know this: If he hadn’t gotten in, it would have been a tremendous disappointment.”

Tribune reporter LaMond Pope contributed to this story from San Diego.

BEARS



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky runs for a touchdown against the Cowboys on Dec. 5.

RPOs

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It all happens in a flash. And when those plays pile up positive yards, as they did against the Cowboys, it heavily reflects the quality of Trubisky's vision and quick thinking.

"He's evolving in a good way," coach Matt Nagy said. "Between executing with the line and decision-making with the quarterback, when you put it together, it's hard to stop."

When Bears coaches studied how the Cowboys defended read option runs, they noticed the Cowboys tended to have their edge defender crash down on the running back, while a linebacker shifted behind him to defend the quarterback keeper.

The Bears called it "squeeze and scrape." The end squeezes the running back; the linebacker scrapes over the top to the quarterback.

The Bears, anticipating that defense, sent tackles Charles Leno or Cornelius Lucas to block the linebacker and let the defensive end chase a running back who didn't have the ball.

With that game plan, Trubisky thrived. His best game of the season as a runner breathed new life into the offense.

"He just has a good feel right now of feeling space, having a good idea pre-snap of what he wants to do and then reacting post-snap," quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone said.

It was most evident on his touchdown run.

Leno climbed to safety Darian Thompson, who was positioned as a linebacker. That left Trubisky to make a move in the open field to avoid safety Xavier Woods.

"You've just got to read your read keys and rep it in practice," Trubisky said, "and then just do your job on the field. I feel like our whole offense has gotten a lot better at that."

Similar progress is evident in Trubisky's operation of RPOs. Those are a crucial extension of the running game involving high-percentage throws. If executed efficiently, they keep the offense in advantageous down-and-distances.

RPOs are another part of the game in which Trubisky must read a key before the snap or immediately after it and decide whether to hand the ball off, keep it or throw.

On the touchdown to Miller, he noticed linebacker Jaylon Smith covering Miller but positioned slightly inside to defend the run.

The Bears had two other receivers to the right with Miller — Cordarrelle Patterson and Riley Ridley — creating a three-on-three matchup.

Once Trubisky recognized Smith cheating to stop the run, he knew Miller could beat him wide. He collected the snap and, in one motion, threw horizontally to Miller.

The accurate throw allowed Miller to run after the catch, while Smith was too late in pursuit with an improper angle. Miller did well setting up Patterson's and Ridley's blocks and finishing his run through contact.

"We knew the read the whole week," Miller said. "Mitch threw it immediately, made the right read and I made the play. C.P. and Riley, they had great blocks. I wouldn't have scored without them."

Miller echoed Trubisky's point — that the entire offense is making these plays work because players are carrying out their responsibilities.

But it requires Trubisky to light the spark with his preparation, vision and athleticism. Lately, the results have turned from sour to sweet.

"We're adjusting to what we're seeing," Nagy said. "You take all that together, you put some positive plays together, you realize you're able to make quick decisions and you feel better about it. It's really a rhythm that we're all getting into. ... We're all playing and calling them a little bit better."

WHAT WE LEARNED

Trubisky 'confident' about Packers rematch

QB unfazed by CB Williams' 'obvious' Week 1 comment

BY COLLEEN KANE AND RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears practiced inside the Walter Payton Center on a cold Wednesday afternoon as they prepare for their rematch against the Packers on Sunday in Green Bay.

Here are three things we learned at Halas Hall.

1. Mitch Trubisky brushed off comments from Packers cornerback Tramon Williams after the Bears' Week 1 loss.

Mitch Trubisky stumbled under high expectations in the season-opening 10-3 loss to the Packers, completing 26 of 45 passes for 228 yards, no touchdowns and a fourth-quarter interception. He was sacked five times and his 62.1 passer rating was his lowest of the season.

After the game, Packers cornerback Tramon Williams seemingly rubbed Trubisky's face in one of his worst performances of 2019.

"We wanted to make Mitch play quarterback," Williams said. "We knew they had a lot of weapons, we knew they were dangerous, we knew all of those things."

"But we knew if we could make Mitch play quarterback, that we'd have a chance."

Williams clarified a day later to ESPN that he wasn't trying to take a shot at Trubisky and added that Trubisky "has the talent to play the position."

Trubisky didn't appear too bothered when he was asked about the comments Wednesday.

"I've got enough motivation from the outside, and I guess that's even more motivation," Trubisky said. "I didn't hear that. I don't really care. I didn't play the way I wanted to the first game. That's fairly obvious, so for him to say something about it, I mean, that's just an obvious statement, I guess. I want to play better. I've got a great opportunity to do that this week."

So is Trubisky in a better position to face the Packers this time around?

"I mean, I'm confident about this week," he said.

"We've just got to come ready to play and get better this week."

2. Prince Amukamara is back on track to play, but several other starters are still out.

Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara, who missed the victory over the Cowboys with a hamstring injury, practiced in full Wednesday, though coach Matt Nagy said the indoor session was at a walk-through pace.

Wide receiver Taylor Gabriel and tight end Ben Braunecker remain out with concussions. Right tackle Bobby Massie (ankle) and inside linebacker Danny Trevathan (elbow) are also sidelined. Defensive lineman Roy Robertson-Harris (foot) and wide receiver Javon Wims (knee) were also out.

Nagy said he continues to communicate with defensive lineman Akiem Hicks and the training staff to determine whether Hicks will be able to return from injured reserve against the Packers. Hicks has been out with an elbow injury since the Oct. 6 game against the Raiders.

"None of practice is live, so most of it is just communication with him saying, 'Hey, this is how I feel,'" Nagy said. "Trainers saying, 'This is where he's at.' And then creating a plan where, if it's something we're going to do — which we're hoping — then let's create a plan for it and roll."

3. The NFL might move the Bears' Sunday night game against the Chiefs out of prime time.

Tuesday's deadline to replace the Bears-Chiefs game in the Sunday night slot Dec. 22 passed without any change. But the NFL has kept open the possibility to flex a different game into that slot, a league source said.

According to the NFL's flex scheduling procedure, changes to the schedule in Weeks 5-16 require 12 days notice. Only Week 17 can be changed within six days. But the league has made an exception in this case, with an eye on the Saints-Titans game.

The Bears and Chiefs probably will remain a 7:20 p.m. kickoff. But if the Bears are eliminated from playoff contention Sunday, the league will strongly consider moving the Saints and Titans to prime time because the game will have playoff implications for both teams.

The Bears would be eliminated Sunday if they lose to the Packers and if either the Vikings win against the Chargers or if the Rams beat the Cowboys.

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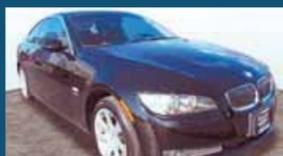
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NFL NOTES

Interference review to get a hard look

News services

Amid the concern and controversy over coaches challenges and video reviews of pass interference, the NFL plans a hard look at the rules adjustment instituted this season.

The change was for the 2019 season only and the 32 team owners would have to ratify it again — on a temporary or permanent basis — for it to be continued. Thus far, inconsistencies in how the penalties are being called and with decisions made after video reviews have plagued the system.

“There’s no question there’s been angst,” Rich McKay, president of the Falcons and head of the NFL’s powerful competition committee said Wednesday at the league meetings in Irving, Texas. “I’ve felt the angst. I felt the angst with our team, feel the angst of others. But it’s a new rule. It’s a big change. It’s something we haven’t done before. So I don’t want to prejudge what the outcome could be.”

McKay and league football operations chief Troy Vincent said the subject will be “a point of discussion” in the offseason.

“I think from the committee’s standpoint, what we typically do is we’ll go back and we’ll look at every single review and we will look at it from the standpoint as a committee, ‘Would we have reversed that? Would we not have reversed that?’ McKay explained. “After you do that, which is what we did last year with use of helmet — I think we looked at 120 use of helmet plays. You get a good sense of, ‘Can we do this better?’”

Commissioner Roger Goodell said “consistency is the number one thing we’re always trying to achieve.”

Thielen set for return: Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen is expected to return to the lineup Sunday against the Chargers, barring a setback in practice, ESPN reported.

Thielen has missed the Vikings’ last four games due to a hamstring injury but still is tied for the team lead with six touchdown receptions. He has 27 receptions for 391 yards in his eight games.

Last season, he led the Vikings with 113 receptions and 1,373 receiving yards and tied for the team lead with nine touchdown receptions.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MICHAEL HICKEY/GETTY

Illinois’ Ayo Dosunmu celebrates beating Michigan on Wednesday.

ILLINOIS 71, MICHIGAN 62

Illini force first top-5 takedown since 2013

Freshman Cockburn leads Illinois with double-double

BY SHANNON RYAN

CHAMPAIGN — Illinois guard Ayo Dosunmu signaled to teammates to stay on the court for the final 0.1 seconds. Students remained in their seats after security warned them against rushing the court.

Players calmly walked through the handshake line.

It was a serene finish to a wild game in which Illinois exploded with energy and dominant plays for a 71-62 victory against No. 5 Michigan at the State Farm Center.

The victory marked Illinois’ first victory against a top-five team since the Illini knocked off No. 1 Indiana in February 2013.

Illinois (7-3, 1-1) started its Big Ten slate against back-to-back ranked opponents, falling 59-58 Saturday at then-No. 3 Maryland. The Illini had not played top-five conference opponents consecutively since 1987 and hadn’t played any top-five opponents consecutively since the 2005 Final Four.

Freshman center Kofi Cockburn was a force around the rim all night, finishing with 19 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks. Giorgi Bezhanishvili added an-

other 12 points with eight rebounds.

They were tasked with a big lineup from Michigan. Jon Teske, a 7-foot-1 center, led the Wolverines with 12 points on 7-of-11 shooting, while 6-8 Franz Wagner scored four points.

Dosunmu scored 14 points for the Illini.

Cockburn’s stomps on the court while celebrating late in the second half could be heard above the frenzied crowd. A one-handed baseline dunk by Bezhanishvili, providing Illinois with a 58-48 lead, electrified an already buzzing arena. Illinois needed to avoid another late-game meltdown.

Michigan went on an 8-0 run to cut Illinois’ lead 66-62 with 2:08 remaining after the Illini had led by 12.

Wolverines guard Zavier Simpson was limited to 4-of-14 shooting for nine points, often meeting a swat by Cockburn at the rim.

Illinois managed to beat the Wolverines despite shooting only 1 of 11 on 3-pointers.

Illinois played the final three minutes with only two officials after Lewis Garrison left the game with a head injury. A celebratory fist pump by Cockburn connected with Garrison’s temple and he crouched to the ground holding his head for several minutes before being helped into the tunnel.

ROUNDUP

NAIA player Culver nets 100 in win

Associated Press

Wayland Baptist senior guard J.J. Culver became the fourth college basketball player to score 100 or more points in a game, reaching the century mark in a 124-60 win over Southwestern Adventist on Tuesday night in Plainview, Texas.

Culver hit 34 of 62 shots, 12 of 33 from 3-point range and was 20 for 27 on free throws to finish with an even 100 points for the NAIA Pioneers. He also had nine rebounds, five steals, two blocked shots and an assist.

Culver is the older brother of former Texas Tech guard Jarrett Culver, who led the Red Raiders to the NCAA championship game for the first time last season. Virginia won the title in overtime.

The Culver brothers grew up in Lubbock, home to Texas Tech and about 50 miles south of the Wayland Baptist campus in Plainview. Jarrett Culver declared for the NBA after two seasons at Texas Tech and is a rookie with the Timberwolves.

J.J. Culver is the first college player to score at least 100 since Jack Taylor of Grinnell College, who scored an NCAA-record 138 points in a game in 2012 and followed that up with a 109-point effort in 2013.

Culver’s total is the second-highest in NAIA history. The NAIA record is 113 points by Clarence “Bevo” Francis for Rio Grande (Ohio) in 1954. The only other college player to reach 100 in an official game was Frank Selvy of Furman in 1954.

Gottfried responds to notice: Attorneys for former North Carolina State coach Mark Gottfried are questioning the fairness of the NCAA process after he was charged with failing to adequately monitor the Wolfpack program for violations, including during the recruitment of former basketball star Dennis Smith Jr.

In a response to NCAA charges filed over the summer, the attorneys say Gottfried — now coach at Cal State Northridge — fulfilled his obligations to monitor the program and was following NCAA rules. They also say the NCAA is improperly using court testimony last year by a government witness that he delivered \$40,000 to former Wolfpack assistant Orlando Early intended for Smith’s family in 2015.

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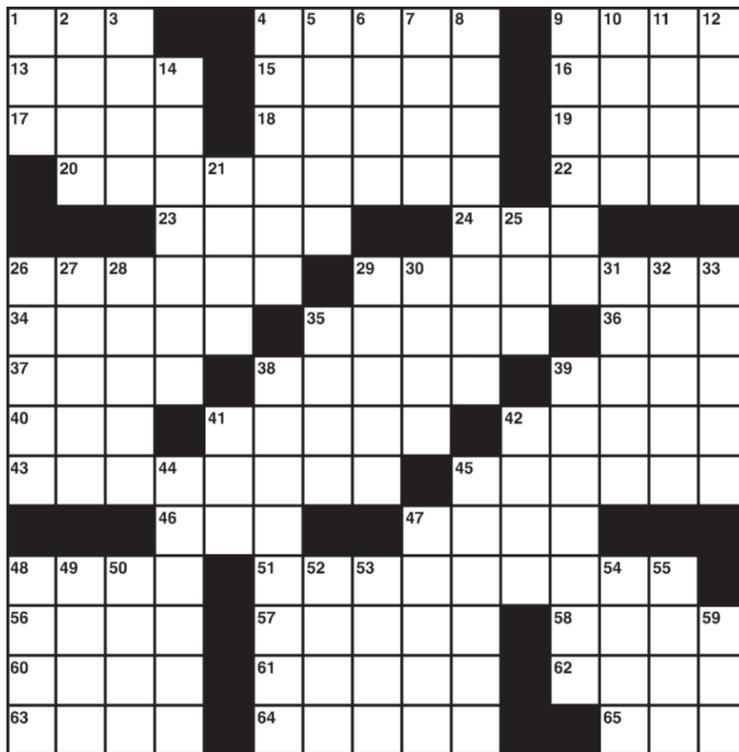
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Repetitive twitch
- 4 Mischief-maker
- 9 Large trees
- 13 “...well that ends well!”
- 15 Romantic one
- 16 Dad to Ham, Shem & Japheth
- 17 Shine
- 18 Give one’s views
- 19 Country in Africa
- 20 ___ to the plate; came forward & acted
- 22 Fail to include
- 23 Breathed one’s last
- 24 Word attached to rest or band
- 26 ___ up; divides
- 29 Rode ___; went saddleless
- 34 Elegance
- 35 Looked toward
- 36 Light source
- 37 Old Testament book
- 38 Trial runs
- 39 Grow weary
- 40 Polished off
- 41 Desires
- 42 Tureen implement
- 43 Intelligent aquatic mammal
- 45 Walks leisurely
- 46 Reply to a texter’s joke
- 47 Horn’s sound

DOWN

- 1 ___ along with; follow
- 2 Woes
- 3 Thood ___; thrombus
- 4 Inclines
- 5 Managed to handle one’s problems
- 6 Passionate
- 7 Restaurant list
- 8 Readies
- 9 Bury
- 10 Fruit of the ___ undies
- 11 Trio of kings
- 12 Injured with a gun
- 14 Like Ingrid Bergman & Björn Borg
- 21 Prune stones

Solutions



- 25 Maroon or burgundy
- 26 Leftover bit
- 27 Mickey Mouse’s dog
- 28 In a bit
- 29 Keep a roasting turkey moist
- 30 Play divisions
- 31 Take ___; speak to privately
- 32 One of the Three Stooges
- 33 Leg joints
- 35 Marshes
- 38 Downward spiral
- 39 More delicious
- 41 Wine and dine
- 42 Pillage; plunder
- 44 Mercury or Mars
- 45 Part of GM
- 47 ___ out; paid no attention to
- 48 ___ chops; entrée choice
- 49 Check ___; show concern for
- 50 Office note
- 52 Fork prong
- 53 At any ___; nevertheless
- 54 Where to find Bismarck; abbr.
- 55 Popular singer Lady ___
- 59 Gents

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 Hideki Matsuyama and C.T. Pan, International d. Webb Simpson and Patrick Reed, United States, **1 up**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	17	6	.739	—
Philadelphia	18	7	.720	—
Toronto	16	8	.667	1½
Brooklyn	13	11	.542	4½
New York	5	20	.200	13

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	18	6	.750	—
Orlando	11	13	.458	7
Charlotte	11	16	.407	8½
Washington	7	16	.304	10½
Atlanta	6	19	.240	12½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	22	3	.880	—
Indiana	16	9	.640	6
Detroit	10	14	.417	11½
Chicago	9	17	.346	13½
Cleveland	5	19	.208	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	16	7	.696	—
Houston	16	8	.667	½
San Antonio	9	14	.391	7
Memphis	8	16	.333	8½
New Orleans	6	19	.240	11

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	14	8	.636	—
Utah	14	11	.560	1½
Oklahoma City	11	13	.458	4
Minnesota	10	14	.417	5
Portland	10	15	.400	5½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	22	3	.880	—
L.A. Clippers	19	7	.731	3½
Phoenix	11	13	.458	10½
Sacramento	11	13	.458	10½
Golden State	5	21	.192	17½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 116, Cleveland 110
 Indiana 122, Boston 117
 L.A. Clippers 112, Toronto 92
 L.A. Lakers 96, Orlando 87
 Charlotte 113, Brooklyn 108
 Chicago 136, Atlanta 102
 Utah 127, Minnesota 116
 Memphis 115, Phoenix 108
 Milwaukee 127, New Orleans 112
 Sacramento 94, Oklahoma City 93
 New York 124, Golden State 122 (OT)
THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas vs. Detroit at Mexico City, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

BULLS 136, HAWKS 102

ATLANTA: Hunter 2-9 0-0 6, Parker 5-10 0-0 11, Jones 5-6 0-0 10, Tr.Young 4-14 6-7 15, Huerter 3-9 2-2 9, Reddish 4-11 5-8 16, Parsons 1-2 0-0 3, Fernando 1-3 3-3 5, Len 7-9 2-4 17, Crabbe 2-4 0-0 6, Carter 1-5 1-2 4, Bembry 0-0 0-0 0, Turner 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-83-19-26

CONFERENCE	AVG RPI	AVG SOS
Big 12	0.6080	0.5616
Big Ten	0.5880	0.5701
Big East	0.5861	0.5410
Pacific-12	0.5839	0.5465
Atlantic Coast	0.5787	0.5588
Southeastern	0.5656	0.5337
Atlantic 10	0.5406	0.5105
American Athletic	0.5281	0.4948
Mid-American	0.5240	0.4808
Mountain West	0.5211	0.5250
West Coast	0.5182	0.4861
Missouri Valley	0.5124	0.4910
Ivy League	0.5087	0.5269
Big Sky	0.4885	0.5029
Colonial Athletic	0.4871	0.4840
Big West	0.4840	0.5163

3-pointers—Atl 13-38 (Reddish 3-9, Crabbe 2-4, Hunter 2-5, Len 1-1, Parker 1-2, Carter 1-2, Parsons 1-2, Huerter 1-6, Tr.Young 1-6, Turner 0-1), Chi 11-24 (LaVine 7-7, Markkanen 2-3, Satoransky 1-1, Tr.Young 1-3, Harrison 0-1, Kornet 0-1, White 0-2, Dunn 0-3, Valentine 0-3). **Fouled Out**—Gafford. **Rebounds**—Atl 41 (Parker 7), Chi 42 (Carter Jr. 10). **Assists**—Atl 26 (Tr.Young 13), Chi 32 (Tr.Young 6). **Fouls**—Atl 20, Chi 25. **Technical**—Atl Delay) 2. **A**—15,084 (20,917).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	20	6	6	46	109	81
Montreal	15	11	6	36	104	105
Buffalo	15	11	6	36	101	97
Florida	15	10	5	35	106	101
Toronto	15	13	4	34	104	104
Tampa Bay	15	11	3	33	105	93
Ottawa	13	17	2	28	86	100
Detroit	7	22	3	17	67	129

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	23	5	5	51	120	95
N.Y. Islanders	20	7	2	42	86	69
Carolina	19	11	1	39	103	85
Philadelphia	17	9	5	39	97	88
Pittsburgh	17	10	4	38	104	85
N.Y. Rangers	15	12	3	33	94	94
Columbus	12	14	4	28	76	93
New Jersey	9	16	5	23	74	111

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	20	8	3	43	114	85
St. Louis	18	8	6	42	94	88
Winnipeg	19	10	2	40	92	83
Dallas	18	11	3	39	84	76
Nashville	14	10	5	33	98	93
Minnesota	14	12	5	33	92	101
Chicago	12	13	6	30	84	98

PACIFIC

Arizona	18	11	4	40	91	80
Edmonton	18	11	4	40	100	99
Calgary	17	12	4	38	91	98
Vegas	16	12	5	37	98	94
Vancouver	15	12	4	34	104	95
San Jose	15	16	2	32	89	114
Anaheim	13	14	4	30	82	92
Los Angeles	12	18	2	26	80	103

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 3, Boston 2
 Montreal 3, Ottawa 2, OT
 Colorado 3, Philadelphia 1

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
 Nashville at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Columbus at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Vegas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Edmonton at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Arizona, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
 Carolina at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

CAPITALS 3, BRUINS 2

Boston	W	L	OT	Pts
Washington	1	0	1	—
Washington	0	2	1	—

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Boston, Pastrnak 26 (McAvoy, Marchand), 9:36. **Penalties:** Chara, BOS, Major (fighting), 10:14; Wilson, WSH, (cross checking), 10:14; Wilson, WSH, Major (fighting), 10:14; Vrana, WSH, (tripping), 14:17; Nordstrom, BOS, (high sticking), 19:26.

SECOND PERIOD: 2, Washington, Oshie 12 (Carlson), 4:35 (pp), 3, Washington, Oshie 13 (Vrana, Kuznetsov), 8:05. **Penalties:** Washington bench, served by Leipsic (too many men on the ice), 1:31; Wagner, BOS, (interference), 3:48; Coyle, BOS, (holding), 17:28.

THIRD PERIOD: 4, Boston, Kuraly 3 (Krug, 2:53, 5, Washington, Carlson 12 (Backstrom, Wilson), 4:42. **Penalties:** Wilson, WSH, (interference), 0:19; Carlson, WSH, (trip), 6:04; Ritchie, BOS, (roughing), 10:13; Hathaway, WSH, (roughing), 10:13.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Washington 8-6-11=25.

POWER PLAYS:

Boston 1 of 5; Was 1 of 3.

GOALIES:

Boston, Halak 7-3-3 (25 shots-22 saves), Washington, Holtby 16-3-4 (32-30). **A:** 18,573 (18,277). **T:** 2:31.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Louisville** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Saturday.
 2. **Kansas** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. UMKC, Saturday.
 3. **Ohio State** (9-0) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
 4. **Maryland** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Seton Hall, Thursday, Dec. 19.
 5. **Michigan** (8-2) lost to Illinois 71-62. Next: vs. No. 10 Oregon, Saturday.
 6. **Gonzaga** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Arizona, Saturday.
 7. **Duke** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Thursday, Dec. 19.
 8. **Kentucky** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
 9. **Virginia** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Stony Brook, Wednesday.
 10. **Oregon** (7-2) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Michigan, Saturday.
 11. **Baylor** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. UT Martin, Wednesday.
 12. **Auburn** (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday.
 13. **Memphis** (8-1) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Tennessee, Saturday.
 14. **Dayton** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Drake, Saturday.
 15. **Arizona** (10-1) beat Omaha 99-49. Next: vs. No. 6 Gonzaga, Saturday.
 16. **Michigan State** (6-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Saturday.
 17. **North Carolina** (6-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Saturday.
 18. **Butler** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern, Saturday.
 19. **Tennessee** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Memphis, Saturday.
 20. **Villanova** (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Delaware, Saturday.
 21. **Florida State** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Tuesday.
 22. **Seton Hall** (6-3) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
 23. **Xavier** (9-1) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
 24. **Colorado** (7-2) did not play. Next: at Colorado State, Friday.
 25. **San Diego State** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego Christian, Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EAST

Colgate 66, Cornell 58
 Dartmouth 77, Maine 44
 Marshall 86, Bluefield St. 50
 Mass.-Lowell 72, NJIT 66
 Merrimack 69, Army 60
 Rutgers 72, Wisconsin 65
 St. Peter's 86, Fairleigh Dickinson 70
 Yale 83, UMass 80, OT

SOUTH

Belmont 105, Carson-Newman 56
 Furman 90, N. Greenville 65
 NC Cent. 109, Christendom 28
 SC St. 90, UNC Asheville 85, OT
 Troy 60, Jacksonville St. 55
 VMI 78, Ferrum 60
 Virginia Tech 63, Chattanooga 58

MIDWEST

Illinois 71, Michigan 62
 Kansas St. 86, Alabama St. 41
 Missouri St. 75, Arkansas St. 53

SOUTHWEST

Houston 71, Texas-Arlington 63
 Lamar 73, S. NO 56
 TCU 70, Winthrop 60
 Tulsa 69, Boise St. 52

WEST

Arizona 99, Omaha 49
EXHIBITION
 Nicholls 118, Carver 44

MEN'S RPI RATINGS

CONFERENCE	AVG RPI	AVG SOS
Big 12	0.6080	0.5616
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Colonial Athletic	0.4871	0.4840
Big West	0.4840	0.5163
Conference USA	0.4809	0.5011
Summit	0.4692	0.4867
Southern	0.4687	0.4383
Horizon League	0.4683	0.4985
Sun Belt	0.4619	0.4649
America East	0.4473	0.4502
Big South	0.4469	0.4792
Ohio Valley	0.4435	0.4568
Patriot League	0.4424	0.4458
Atlantic Sun	0.4412	0.4635
Northeast	0.4411	0.4667
WAC	0.4392	0.4782
MAAC	0.4323	0.4400
Southland	0.4318	0.5085
SWAC	0.4249	0.5113
Mid-Eastern	0.4217	0.4987

RK SCHOOL RPI SOS

1 Oregon St.	0.7500	0.6667
2 Missouri St.	0.7341	0.6687
3 Connecticut	0.7328	0.6437
4 Stanford	0.7089	0.6118
5 DePaul	0.6928	0.6216
6 Louisville	0.6888	0.6101
7 Gonzaga	0.6831	0.6019
8 Creighton	0.6811	0.6261
9 Northwestern	0.6700	0.6248
10 Princeton	0.6685	0.5836
11 Mississippi St.	0.6606	0.6308
12 Ohio St.	0.6591	0.6747
13 Oregon	0.6537	0.5873
14 South Dakota	0.6529	0.5838
15 South Carolina	0.6509	0.5665
16 N.C. State	0.6493	0.5324
17 Fla Gulf Coast	0.6489	0.5569
18 Indiana	0.6485	0.5719
19 Drake	0.6471	0.6184
20 Virginia	0.6342	0.7088

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HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 2

BLACKHAWKS



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Blackhawks head athletic trainer Mike Gapski stands behind the bench before a game against the Blues on Dec. 2 at the United Center.

Trainer to work record 2,500th Hawks game

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Mike Gapski was sure he was doing the right thing.

The Blackhawks had fired coach Bob Murdoch after the 1987-88 season and replaced him with Mike Keenan, one of the fiercest personalities in NHL history.

Under Murdoch, when a player suffered an injury, Gapski's instructions were to rush onto the ice and tend to the player. That made sense to Gapski, who was in his second season with the Hawks when Keenan took over.

So during Keenan's first game behind the Hawks bench, when one of the Hawks players went down, Gapski immediately jumped the boards, just as he always had done.

"Boom, run right on the ice, and Mike Keenan is looking at me," Gapski said. "I thought, OK, I did my job. I went out there and found out what's going on. I'm going to go tell him what's going on."

Keenan had other ideas when Gapski returned to the bench.

"He looks at me (and says): 'You ever (bleeping) go out there like that again, you're fired,'" Gapski recalled.

Gapski survived that moment and others like it over the years. In his 33rd season with Hawks, he has been around hundreds of players and dozens of coaches and served as the eyes and ears of the organization.

When the puck drops Thursday against the Coyotes in Glendale, Ariz., Gapski will be in his usual spot behind the bench for his 2,500th game as the Hawks trainer. He's the longest-tenured active trainer, and only retired Kings trainer Pete Demers worked more games in NHL history.

Not bad for a South Side kid who was raised on Blackhawks hockey.

"Every Saturday night, my mom would make a big bowl of popcorn (and) we'd sit on the floor and watch the Blackhawks games," Gapski said. "Maybe once or twice my dad would take me to a game back in the old Chicago Stadium. Me and my buddies, when we were in college, we would get together at a bar and (say), 'Hey, let's go to a Blackhawk game and ... do a standing-room type of thing.'"

After graduating from St. Rita High School, Gapski went to UIC and initially was a chemistry major with the goal of becoming a sports nutritionist. Then he met with the school's athletic trainer, who suggested Gapski take a class in that field.

"I took a course," he said. "And here I am today."

It wasn't that simple, though. After finishing school, Gapski took a job with UIC and spent five years teaching classes and working as a trainer for the athletic department. At the time, the Flames had a Division I hockey program that was part of his responsibilities.

"I never thought I'd go pro," Gapski said. "I enjoyed college athletics and the teaching part of it, and then my mom would always say, 'Hey, why don't you call the Blackhawks?' You know what, they've got their own guys. I'm not interested."

But he was interested. So when Murdoch called him before the 1987-88 season to see if he wanted to interview for the Hawks job, Gapski met with him at Chicago Stadium. Three others were up for the job to replace longtime Hawks trainer Skip Thayer, but Gapski was hired.

He believes one reason he landed the job was because he made it clear he wasn't going to rubber-stamp what the coach or management wanted. If a player wasn't healthy enough to be in the lineup, he would say so.

"I've had a few coaches that accused me of protecting players and I said: 'You know what? I've got a job to do. And I'm going to do my job. I don't care, it doesn't make a difference what you say'"

— Blackhawks trainer Mike Gapski

"That drives everything," Gapski said. "I've had a few coaches that accused me of protecting players and I said: 'You know what? I've got a job to do. And I'm going to do my job. I don't care, it doesn't make a difference what you say. I'm here to give you the healthiest players when you need them. And I'm going to do that no matter what. I'm not going to change from my philosophies.'"

"I don't think I'd be here if I was just a yes man. You have to be your own person. And there's many times you're not going to agree with management. But then you sit down as a man and discuss things and figure out what's best for the team and for the players, and you go from there."

The responsibilities of a head trainer are seemingly endless. Gapski is most visible as the guy behind the bench managing injuries during games. While that's the biggest part of his job, it's not the only thing.

"After that, it's just to support and make sure that the days function," he said. "Make sure the players are getting what they need, whatever it may be."

Gapski arrives at the United Center at 8:30 a.m. on game days — 11 hours before the puck drops. He and assistant trainer Jeff Thomas start making energy drinks, turning on the hot and cold tubs and getting everything set so the clubhouse is ready to go for the players.

To make the day flow, Gapski needs to know what time each player likes to come in for a stretch, receive treatment or soak in the hot tub. He has to be one step ahead so players can move through their day comfortably to prepare for practice or the evening game.

"It's like we're a jack of all trades, master of none," Gapski said. "We have to have our hands in everything and do a good job in maintaining their health and well-being. Setting appointments, making sure the guys are getting there. Whether it's surgery, picking them up from the hospital and getting them set up in hotel rooms, making sure they have care when they're there."

"You have to be observant. It's not a job where you have to be told what to do all the time. You need to figure out how to make it easier for yourself, easier for players so the players aren't rambling all over the place. Their job is to focus on what they need to do to play hockey. Our job is to do everything else around them to make sure that they can do their job."

That requires a great deal of trust on the players' part. Shortly after Jonathan Toews entered the league, he was getting sick all the time and didn't know why. Gapski was the first one Toews asked to help him figure out what was going on and how he could take better care of himself.

"Sometimes he comes off as old school, but he knows a lot more than you would ever think," Toews said. "A guy that's been around like that, it's easy to fall into certain patterns and get comfortable. But he's

always educating himself and looking for ways for our guys to get better, whether it's their bodies, their nutrition, their health, connecting us to resources. He's definitely a wealth of knowledge and experience."

As Gapski learned from his early encounter with Keenan, a big part of his job is knowing what not to do. And he never takes anything personally.

"Nik Hjalmarsson, I knew you don't go near him when he's hurt," Gapski said. "He knows where I am. And when he needs me, he'll tell me. If I go near him when he's hurt and ask him how he's doing: 'Get the (bleep) out of here!' So you just get to know all the little personal nuances."

"Some things are going to be said during the games and during competition that you're not going to like, but after the game you talk to them and they can't remember what they said. Denis Savard was big for that. Because we're in the winning business, and in order to win, you have to be intense."

No head trainer could survive 32 years without being well-liked by players. Gapski has developed close friendships over the years with many of them, including Troy Murray, Brent Sutter, Greg Gilbert, Dirk Graham, Ed Olczyk and Brent Seabrook.

Olczyk tagged Gapski with the nickname "Frank" about 20 years ago after seeing him stand up one day and appear to walk around like Frankenstein's monster. Some people might not like being named after a monster, but Gapski viewed it as a term of endearment and even dressed the part for Halloween one year.

Seabrook snapped a picture and texted it to Olczyk, who couldn't stop laughing.

"The trainers are the lifeline of a hockey player," said Olczyk, now a Hawks television analyst. "If you take care of those guys, they'll take care of you the rest of your life. You build up relationships with them. You know how important they are to your teammates and the organization and the franchise."

"I only had Gapper for a couple years, but we always maintained a relationship. He's from the South Side, I'm from the South Side."

Chris Chelios was another South Sider who developed a close friendship with Gapski. He has been to Gapski's Crestwood home for barbecues and still stops in to see him when he visits the United Center.

Last month, Chelios had a painful ear infection and went to Gapski for help in finding a doctor.

"Thank God he's still around and available for me," Chelios said. "He set me up right away. He takes it real serious. It's good that I had that relationship and I could just have the same things as a player and have the same treatment. (Team doctor Michael Terry), all of them. Unbelievably caring and gracious. They all really care."

Gapski and his wife, Lynne, have four children ages 19 to 27. He spends his free time at their lake house in Michigan or gardening.

At 61, Gapski has no plans to retire. Not when he still has his dream job.

"There's only two teams I would have worked for," Gapski said. "I like football but I didn't want to work football. So if the Bears would have called, I probably would have said no. Cubs? I'm a South Sider. I'm not going to take a Cub job. If the White Sox called, I probably would have taken the job."

"The Blackhawks would have been my No. 1 job. If I was going to go pro and anybody called me, it was going to be the Blackhawks. And lucky for me, they did."

BULLS

Dunn joins Satoransky as starter

Bulls hope 2 point guards are better, more versatile than 1

BY PHIL THOMPSON

During training camp and the pre-season, the Bulls auditioned Tomas Satoransky and Kris Dunn before picking Satoransky, an offseason free-agent acquisition, over Dunn, the incumbent, as their starting point guard.

Dunn accepted a role leading the second unit, but coach Jim Boylen noted that the two occasionally could spend time on the court together.

By happenstance, because of injuries to Otto Porter Jr. (bruised left foot) and Chandler Hutchison (sprained right shoulder), Satoransky and Dunn have become a regular combination and changed the dynamic of the starting backcourt.

Instead of one ballhandler who acts as point guard, why not two?

That frees Satoransky to play off the ball more and sets him up for shots as well as be more aggressive attacking the paint.

"Sometimes I play more on the wing so KD's another decision maker; he can make the good reads," Satoransky said before Wednesday night's home game against the Hawks. "He's our primary defender on the ball, so it's been a little different for me lately."

Whether you call it a three-guard lineup — along with Zach LaVine — or label Dunn a point forward (or small forward in name only), there's no denying the dynamic changes significantly from a catch-and-shoot, long-range artist like Porter to the pass-first, defensive-minded Dunn.

Boylen always has touted Satoransky's ability to play on or off ball, so these most recent lineups give Satoransky a chance to showcase that versatility.

"Basically, he's playing the 2 now," Boylen said of Satoransky playing alongside Dunn. "Although (Satoransky still) handles the ball a lot, you have a ball handling wing. Then we have another ball-handling wing in Zach in our multi-handler system."

"Those are good things. I want them all to be aggressive and make good decisions."

Among Bulls who have played in all 25 games, Satoransky, LaVine and Dunn rank first, second and third, in that order, in assist percentage through Tuesday.

Of course, the glaring drawback with Dunn is that he's among the worst on the team in 3-point shooting (19.3%) despite his efforts to improve in that area.

LaVine and Satoransky, at 39.6% and 38.7%, respectively, can help pick up the slack. And pairing new backup point guard Coby White with 3-point shooter Denzel Valentine on the second unit will be interesting to watch.

Dunn might be a liability as a shooter, but Satoransky believes Dunn can create more points from fast breaks.

"Where we feel the most comfortable is in transition," Satoransky said. "If you add another ballhandler to that, it just raises our chances to score more points. A lot of his points come from his steals."

Dunn is second in steals (48) in the NBA to the 76ers' Ben Simmons (52), but that's with Dunn playing 542 minutes to Simmons' 790. Among players with at least 500 minutes, Dunn ranks first with 4.2 steals per 48 minutes. Simmons is second with 3.1.

"You just have to be ready whenever he's on the ball defending that there's pretty much a chance that you're going to run the fast break," Satoransky said.



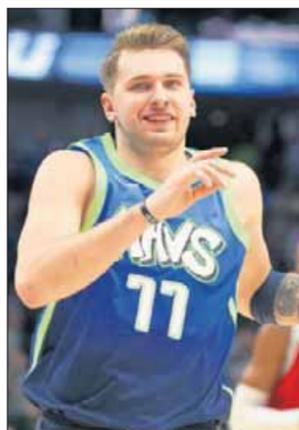
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BULLS 136, HAWKS 102

Zach attack

Zach LaVine went 7-for-7 on 3-pointers and scored a game-high 35 points as the Bulls blew out the Hawks 136-102 Wednesday night at the United Center. It was the Bulls' most points in a non-overtime game since April of 2008. The Bulls shut down Hawks star Trae Young, holding him to 15 points, 13 below his season average. Kris Dunn bodied and bothered Young, who committed a game-high seven turnovers along with 13 assists. Lauri Markkanen scored 22 points. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

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RICHARD W. RODRIGUEZ/AP

Doncic



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Siakam



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

Tatum



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Brown



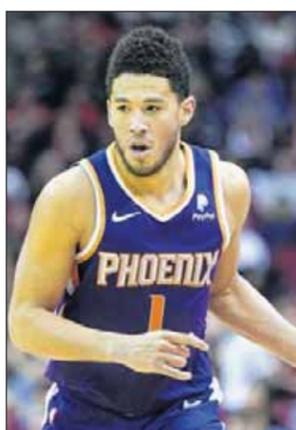
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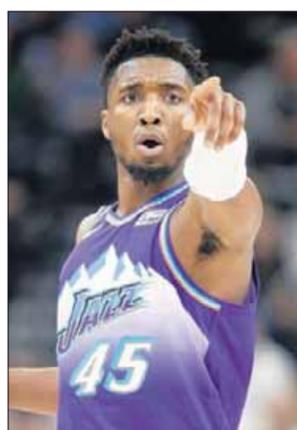
DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Booker



BOB LEVERONE/AP

Young



GEORGE FREY/AP

Mitchell



RICHARD W. RODRIGUEZ/AP

Wiggins

THE SHORTLIST

The 10 players who deserve to be selected to their first NBA All-Star Game

BY BEN GOLLIVER
The Washington Post

When Nikola Vucevic was named an NBA all-star for the first time last season, his Orlando Magic teammates hid in waiting and doused the big man with water in a locker room mosh pit. Milwaukee Bucks forward Khris Middleton celebrated his first nod with a phone call with his father, as the two men reminisced about backyard jumpers in South Carolina. For Nikola Jokic, the big news went out to family and friends by group text. The Denver Nuggets center later recounted that his girlfriend shed tears of joy and his brothers started “yelling and screaming.”

A first all-star nod is one of the NBA's most cherished forms of validation, in part because it is so hard to come by. Over the last 20 All-Star Games, there have been an average of only six first-time all-stars each season. The odds are long — roughly 450 active NBA players compete for 24 spots — and the selection process tends to favor established names. Fans, media members and players pick the 10 starters in a weighted vote that often devolves into a popularity contest. The league's coaches then pick the 14 reserves, with veterans on winning teams regularly getting the benefit of the doubt.

Yet the 2020 All-Star Game will feature plenty of new blood, reflecting a transitional season for the NBA because of numerous injuries, the collapse of the Golden State Warriors and significant superstar movement over the summer. In fact, it's possible that the 2020 showcase includes the most fresh faces since 2010, when nine first-timers were selected.

The door is open wider than usual this year because 2019 all-stars Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and Victor Oladipo are all sidelined with long-term injuries. Past that group, several of last year's selections — including Kyrie Irving, Kyle Lowry, Blake Griffin and Vucevic — have all missed major chunks of the season with early injury issues. Finally, a few incumbent all-stars — most notably D'Angelo Russell and LaMarcus Aldridge — will fall off the map if their teams continue to disappoint.

With the season past its quarter point, here's an ordered rundown of the rising players who most deserve to take the court when the All-Star Game tips off at the United Center in Chicago on Feb. 16. Criteria for this list include statistics, team record, health and contribution to winning.

1. Luka Doncic, Mavericks

Last season, Doncic received more than 4.2 million fan votes, a



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The Mavericks' Luka Doncic received more than 4 million All-Star fan votes as a rookie last season.

total that eclipsed every NBA player except LeBron James and Giannis Antetokounmpo. If not for the media and player voting components, the Slovenian sensation would have been the rare rookie to start an All-Star Game.

Barring a drastic change in fortune, the 20-year-old Doncic will earn a starting spot in Chicago. His case is bulletproof: He's averaging 30 points, 9.8 rebounds and 9.2 assists per game, he ranks second in player efficiency rating, he's leading the NBA's most efficient offense and he unexpectedly has the Mavericks competing for home-court advantage in the Western Conference.

2. Pascal Siakam, Raptors

Like Doncic, Siakam has wiggled into the early MVP conversation by playing a central role for a second-tier contender that is outpacing preseason expectations. Instead of falling off in the wake of Kawhi Leonard's departure, the Raptors are sixth in point differential and a stone's throw from the East's No. 2 seed. Siakam, 25, has been their main driver: He's averaging 24.5 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game while blossoming into a lead option who can

play-make for his teammates and hit 3s off the dribble.

3. Jayson Tatum, Celtics

Kyrie Irving's departure and Gordon Hayward's hand injury have put Tatum and teammate Jaylen Brown in prime position to make their first all-star appearances. The 21-year-old Tatum has ramped up his production across the board — 21.1 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game — and cut down on long twos in favor of more 3s.

4. Jaylen Brown, Celtics

Given that Brown's role, statistics and efficiency are comparable to Tatum's, it's hard to see how one would make it to Chicago without the other. As long as Boston remains near the top of the conference standings, there should be enough room for Tatum, Brown and point guard Kemba Walker to be among the East's 12 all-stars.

5. Rudy Gobert, Jazz

Remember, this list judges the “most deserving” all-stars, not necessarily the “most likely.” Gob-

ert suffers from a perfect storm of factors that have led to repeated snubbings: He plays in a small market, he isn't an elite scorer, his value is largely predicated on defense and he isn't a global fan favorite. Last year, the French center broke down in tears when he wasn't selected. He might suffer a similar fate come February, despite averaging 14.4 points, 13.5 rebounds and 1.8 blocks, ranking in the top 10 leaguewide in win shares and captaining one of the NBA's 10 best defenses. Anthony Davis, Karl-Anthony Towns and Nikola Jokic could block his path again.

6. Domantas Sabonis, Pacers

Sabonis places higher on this list than some might expect because the East's crop of frontcourt talent is relatively thin outside of projected starters Giannis Antetokounmpo, Siakam and Joel Embiid. The Pacers should receive at least one representative given their steady start without Victor Oladipo, and Sabonis's averages of 18.4 points, 13.5 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game make him an excellent candidate. Indiana guard Malcolm Brogdon also deserves mention, but he could feel the squeeze in the East's

backcourt. As a footnote: Sabonis' father, Arvydas, the Lithuanian legend, is one of the greatest basketball players to never make an NBA All-Star Game due to his late-career arrival from overseas.

7. Devin Booker, Suns

The 23-year-old Booker is in his fourth year as an elite scorer, but 2020 is the first time he's had a real shot at cracking the All-Star Game. Phoenix's respectable record and dramatically improved team offense are crucial to his candidacy, which at this point is superior to that of Donovan Mitchell, CJ McCollum and Jamal Murray. Booker will be hard to snub if he continues to average 25.5 points and 6.3 assists while posting 50/40/90 shooting splits.

8. Trae Young, Hawks

Young, 21, is a fascinating figure in the all-star discussion: He is one of the league's most devastating offensive weapons while simultaneously being one of its worst defenders. That offsetting value and Atlanta's poor record certainly complicates his selection. Even so, he is one of only two players averaging 28 points and eight assists despite commanding an incredible amount of attention from opposing defenses.

9. Donovan Mitchell, Jazz

From the All-Star Game's perspective, Mitchell is everything Gobert, his Jazz teammate, isn't: a flashy, recognizable and marketable scorer. It's hard to envision Utah landing two all-star spots, and Mitchell could be competing with mainstays such as Chris Paul and Russell Westbrook for a West backcourt spot. His chances would improve if the Jazz could play more consistently and jump up into the West's second tier.

10. Andrew Wiggins, Timberwolves

Few analysts would have considered Wiggins an all-star prospect coming into his sixth season, but the 24-year-old forward has greatly benefited from an expanded role under coach Ryan Saunders. Wiggins is averaging career-highs of 24.5 points, 5.2 rebounds and 3.4 assists for a Timberwolves team that was in the West's playoff picture before its current five-game losing streak. The most likely scenario, though, will see Karl-Anthony Towns as Minnesota's lone representative.

Others to monitor: Bam Adebayo (Heat), Malcolm Brogdon (Pacers), Tobias Harris (76ers), Brandon Ingram (Pelicans), Fred VanVleet (Raptors).

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COMMENTARY

Their cheatin' hearts

1-win Bengals not immune to surveillance

By LARRY STONE
The Seattle Times

It was Sophocles, the Greek tragedian, who said, "I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating."

This was uttered about 420 B.C., when internet service was so poor that it took months to hear about scandals. It was so long ago, Tom Brady was still early in his career and hadn't even discovered the benefits of avocados.

The S-Man would not have liked what is happening in the world of sports nowadays. This week has been particularly jarring when it comes to the eternal, and probably unshakable, quest to get an edge by any means possible.

On Monday, the World Anti-Doping Agency barred Russia from international competition for four years — including the upcoming Olympic Games in Tokyo — for a cheating scandal that goes back years and involves a staggering conspiracy to cover up and manipulate test results involving its athletes.

Also on Monday and into Tuesday, the latest allegations involving the New England Patriots exploded. Turns out their videographer was caught taping the sideline of the Cincinnati Bengals — who just happen to be the Patriots' next opponent — during their game against Cleveland on Sunday.

The Patriots claim it's just an innocent mistake, that they were filming a segment on their advance scout for a series on behind-the-scenes team employees. Of course, while investigating the Patriots' infamous 2007 "Spygate" incident, ESPN's Seth Wickersham and Don Van Natta Jr. reported that New England staff members were told that if they were caught, one of the excuses they were instructed to give was that they were shooting content for a team show.

The NFL is investigating, and the Patriots deserve a fair shake. My first reaction, however, is that they've kind of lost the benefit of the doubt. My second reaction is that no one needs to cheat to beat the one-win Bengals, the worst team in the NFL. But already there's a report from The Athletic in Cincinnati that, according to a source who has seen the video, it shows about eight minutes of footage focusing on recording the Bengals' sideline.

The story goes on to say it's a direct view of the sideline as players run on and off the field and coaches give signals for plays. That's much the same as the Patriots were found guilty of in Spygate, when coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000 and the Patriots lost a first-round pick in the 2008 draft. The Patriots were also docked a first-round draft pick, fined \$1 million and Brady suspended four games for their role in the 2015 "Deflategate" incident alleging the quarterback had ordered footballs used in the AFC title game to be deflated.

Meanwhile, at MLB's winter meeting, and amid the usual free-agent frenzy, the story that's dominating the hallway buzz is the Astros' sign-stealing scandal.

You might recall that last month, The Athletic published a blockbuster story detailing the elaborate process the Astros used in 2017 to relay signs to their batters at home. Four inside sources, including former Houston pitcher Mike Fiers, laid out how the Astros would position a camera in center field to pick up catchers' signs. The feed would be watched near the dugout by team personnel, who would relay the upcoming pitch by banging on a garbage can.

MLB has launched a major investigation that was expanded to include the 2018 and '19 seasons as well. In light of the fact that Houston won the World Series in 2017 and the American League pennant in 2019, the ramifications could be massive, depending on what the league finds. Three current managers have been interviewed — A.J. Hinch of the Astros as well as two of his former coaches who were subsequently hired by other teams: Alex Cora of the Red Sox (who won the 2018 World Series) and Carlos Beltran, newly hired to manage the Mets.

THE ROGUES' GALLERY



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Patriots

Bill Belichick and the Patriots, who have been down this road before, are accused of filming the Bengals sideline in advance of their game against them next week.

Obviously, cheating in sports has been around for time immemorial. As long as there are rules, people will try to skirt them. The adage "If you ain't cheatin', you ain't tryin'" is pretty much ingrained in the world of sports. And as the financial gains continue to grow for those at the top of the profession, the motivation for dishonesty grows with it.

All these incidents have historical antecedents. The 1951 New York Giants, who rallied to catch the Brooklyn Dodgers and win the pennant on Bobby Thomson's fabled "Shot Heard 'Round The World," had an elaborate sign-stealing system that was finally revealed in a stunning article in the Wall Street Journal in 2001. Beginning in July 1951, the Giants used a telescope behind center field to steal catchers' finger signals and then relayed them to the dugout via a buzzer wire.

Legendary NFL Coach George Allen, was convinced that teams, particularly the Cowboys when he was Washington's head man, were spying on him. And there was rampant suspicion in the NFL that Raiders owner Al Davis was up to nefarious tricks. One famous story involved Chargers coach Harland Svare shaking his fist at a light fixture in their locker room and shouting, "Damn you, Al Davis! I know you're up there."

As for the performance enhancement employed by the Russians, no need to revisit the East German swimming scandal from the 1970s and '80s, or Lance Armstrong being stripped of his seven Tour de France titles for doping, or Marian Jones and Ben Johnson being stripped of Olympic sprint medals for drug enhancement, or baseball's steroids scandal in the 1990s and 2000s.

It was Australian moral philosopher Peter Singer, a Princeton professor of bioethics, who said, "Cheats prosper until there are enough who bear grudges against them to make sure they do not prosper."

OK, OK, you caught me — I Googled "cheating quotes," which may, in fact, be regarded as cheating by those who like to scour the library for their pithy quotes.

But it's true — the overwhelming success of the Astros, Patriots and Russian athletes made them a target from those who bore grudges. This cat-and-mouse game will never wane, so get used to it. But it's going to get more difficult to keep ahead of the



GREGORY BULL/AP

Astros

Astros manager A.J. Hinch and others in the organization stand accused of using high-tech methods to steal signs during their World Series championship season.



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Russia

The World Anti-Doping Agency banned the country from international athletics competition for the next four years over athletes' use of banned substances.

cheaters as technology advances.

You can bet that at some point we're going to have to confront gene doping, which endeavors to alter an athlete's DNA to produce

performance-enhancing substances.

When that happens, there's probably no turning back. The very nature of performance en-

hancement, and what can be reasonably regulated, will have to be re-evaluated.

At which point, Sophocles will be rolling in his grave.

Music comes first at new Pilsen venue



RADIUS
 RADIUS is a new entertainment venue coming to East Pilsen in 2020.

Radius, with a 3,800 capacity, aims to book 40 to 50 shows in 2020
BY GREG KOT

Pilsen's music scene has been booming in recent years, and that growth is getting an exclamation point in the next few months: Radius, a 3,800-capacity concert venue, is scheduled to open early next year.

Tickets go on sale at noon on Friday via radius-chicago.com for a series of shows at the new venue

including Lil Wayne (March 28), Alkaline Trio (April 18) and Dillon Francis, the first artist scheduled to play the venue, on Feb. 29. The venue aims to book 40 to 50 shows in 2020, and at least 65 shows annually afterward, owner Nick Karounos says.

Radius will occupy the site of an old steel factory at 640 W. Cermak Road, only a mile from two other thriving music venues: the 910-capacity Thalia Hall in Pilsen and the 400-capacity Reggies Rock Club in the nearby Prairie District. In addition to the concert facility, the Radius building will also house

a pre- and post-concert venue, Cermak Hall, which can accommodate 1,350 patrons.

The 55,000-square-foot venue's size puts it in line with the 3,600-capacity Chicago Theatre and 3,800-capacity Auditorium Theatre in the Loop. But Karounos sees the 4,800-capacity Byline Bank Aragon Ballroom in Uptown as his main competition. The Aragon is owned by Live Nation, which also runs Lollapalooza in Grant Park and summer concerts at Northerly Island.

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Sahar, a male African lion formerly at Lincoln Park Zoo, pictured in the old Kovler Lion House habitat in 2014.

Roaring renovation

Outdated Lincoln Park Zoo lion house to be modernized after \$15 million donation

BY STEVE JOHNSON

A \$15 million donation has allowed Lincoln Park Zoo to start the gut rehab of its central Kovler Lion House, the last phase of a decadelong zoo makeover, the institution was to announce Thursday.

With vastly improved space for the big cats, the facility will be renamed Pepper Family Wildlife Center, in honor of donors Richard and Roxelyn Pepper. The renovation will include a zipline to make food delivery more interesting to the lions, better holding spaces to facilitate breeding, and new indoor space to host human social events.

"We will bring back a lot of the historic features and make it a much, much better habitat for the animals," zoo CEO Kevin Bell said. Bell acknowledged that the Lion House, especially the antiquated indoor spaces, has been a thorn in the institution's paw, a hindrance to presenting itself as a fully modern animal care and conservation facility.

"We were uncomfortable and certainly a lot of our visitors were uncomfortable seeing lions in the indoor habitat," said the zoo chief. In the new facility big indoor viewing windows open directly onto the outdoor lion space.

The gift from the Peppers puts funding for the roughly \$40 million project over the 90% threshold that the zoo's board requires for new construction to begin.

"This leads into what will become the public part, the finish-up where we sell bricks or paw prints or something to get the last remaining dollars," said Bell.

The renovation, expected to be complete within an 18- to 22-month time frame, is the final phase of the zoo's \$135 million Pride of Chicago capital campaign that has seen it develop new macaque, polar bear and penguin exhibits, a new visitor center at the east entry, a revamped central mall area and a new train ride for young children.

Begun in 2012, the campaign has not required any

public funds, Bell noted. Run privately by the not-for-profit Lincoln Park Zoological Society, the zoo is on Chicago Park District land, its buildings are CPD-owned and it receives a \$5.6 million annual subsidy from the district, about 19 percent of its budget.

This spring, it extended its operating agreement with the Chicago Park District through 2049 and in the process committed to remaining free to enter. Among the last and largest free zoos in the nation, Lincoln Park Zoo claims 3.4 million annual visitors, making it by far the most popular of the city's museums and nature parks.

Showing potential donors long-term stability was an impetus for finishing the contract extension five years ahead of the current one's expiration, Bell said at the time.

Richard Pepper is past chair and president of the giant Chicago firm Pepper Construction. He retains

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'Surviving R. Kelly' sequel will premiere in January

BY TRACY SWARTZ

A sequel to the "Surviving R. Kelly" docuseries, which renewed interest in the sex abuse allegations against the embattled Chicago R&B singer, is scheduled to premiere Jan. 2.

"Surviving R. Kelly Part II: The Reckoning," which is about 5 1/2 hours long, is set to air across three nights on the Lifetime network. The network touted new survivors and supporters in a press release issued Wednesday.

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, who asked R. Kelly accusers to come forward shortly

after the initial series aired, also participated in the new series.

The new series airs as Kelly, 52, faces a slew of charges. A Cook County judge last week set a tentative trial date for Sept. 14 in Kelly's sexual abuse case. Three of the four alleged victims in that case were underage at the time.

The South Side native is already slated to go on trial in April on federal charges in Chicago and the following month in Brooklyn.

In the Chicago case, Kelly is charged with allegedly conspiring with two former employees to rig

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Michelle Kramer (top row from left), Lisa Vanallen, Lizzette Martinez, Andrea Kelly and Kitti Jones; Asante McGee (bottom row from left), Faith Rodgers, Stephanie "Sparkle" Edwards, Jerhonda Pace and Jovante Cunningham participated in the documentary series "Surviving R. Kelly."

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Scarlett Johansson attends the premiere of Netflix's "Marriage Story" last month in Los Angeles.

Johansson, 'Parasite' among SAG nominees

NEW YORK — Scarlett Johansson received two individual nominations, "Parasite" scored a best ensemble nod and both "The Irishman" and "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" solidified their Oscar favorite status in nominations announced Wednesday for the 26th Screen Actors Guild Awards.

The SAG Awards are one of the closely watched Academy Awards bellwethers because, historically, a best ensemble nomination from the actors is usually a prerequisite for any best picture contender's resume.

The actors guild, as expected, nominated both Martin Scorsese's Netflix opus and Quentin Tarantino's Hollywood fable for best ensemble, along with a pair of individual acting nods: Al Pacino and Joe Pesci for "The Irishman" and Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt for "Once Upon a Time." Each film also added stunt ensemble nominations.

The SAGs rounded out best ensemble with the casts of Taika Waititi's Nazi Germany coming-of-age tale "Jojo Rabbit," Jay Roach's Fox News docudrama "Bombshell" and Bong Joon-ho's class satire "Parasite," the much-praised Korean film, became just the second foreign language film to be nominated for the SAGs' top award.

Notably missing out on the best ensemble nomination was Noah Baumbach's divorce drama "Marriage Story." It still came away with acting nominations for its leads, Adam Driver and Johansson, and Laura Dern for best female actor in a supporting role. Johansson was nominated in that category, as well, for her performance in "Jojo Rabbit."

— Associated Press



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America Ferrera in "Real Women Have Curves."

National Film Registry's 2019 list: More films directed or co-directed by women than ever before have been added to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress. Among the 25 selected are Patricia Cardoso's 2002 "Real Women Have Curves," Gunvor Nelson's 1969 "My Name is Oona" and the 1971 "A New Leaf," which Elaine May wrote, directed and starred in. Also included are the 1984 documentary "Before Stonewall," co-directed by Greta Schiller and Robert Rosenberg, and Madeline Anderson's 1970 film "I Am Somebody." The annual list of influential films was announced Wednesday. Among the considered films for 2019 were 6,000 nominated by the public. The biggest public vote-getter was Kevin Smith's 1994 "Clerks," which made the final cut.

'Irishman' watching: Netflix says that 26.4 million households worldwide watched "The Irishman" in its first week of streaming. That figure includes those who watched at least 70% of Martin Scorsese's 3 1/2 hour crime epic. Netflix selectively announces viewership for its films and series, and they aren't substantiated by third-party data firms. Nielsen last week estimated that "The Irishman" had an average viewership of 13.2 million in its first five days in the U.S.

Dec. 12 birthdays: Singer Dionne Warwick is 79. Actor Bill Nighy is 70. Singer Sheila E. is 62. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 49. Actress Regina Hall is 49. Actress Mayim Bialik is 44.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Trauma survivor faces more hurdles

Dear Amy: I am a 26-year-old woman. Despite having a deeply traumatic childhood, I have a successful and fulfilling life.

I am estranged from my parents due to the severe abuse they inflicted during childhood. The abuse was physical, mental and sexual. My siblings and I were placed into foster care. We were again abused by a foster father. He is serving a 15-year prison sentence for his actions. The state then deemed our mother capable of providing a stable home, and we were returned to her care. Our mother had remarried, and her new husband was not much better than our father. I moved out as soon as I could and have not spoken to either parent in many years.

I have supported myself and the youngest of my siblings financially for my entire adult life. I helped my sister to get a good start, put myself through college, bought a home, and am now enrolled in graduate school. I have a healthy, supportive relationship with a good man that I deeply love. He has helped me to heal, and his wonderful family has embraced me.

However, I find that the sexual abuse I suffered has influenced my sexual desires. My partner has gently expressed to me that some of the things I ask him to do make him uncomfortable. I hate the idea that these events helped to formulate my sexual identity; worse yet, that they could have an impact on my relationship. How do I separate my current healthy sex life from my traumatic past?
— *Intimately Unhinged*

Dear Unhinged: Your success is a testament to your (quite impressive) core strength and resilience. It is so inspiring.

Human beings react to, and sometimes reenact, versions of their formative experiences. Survival and success reside on one side of your personal equation — healing is on the other.

In researching your question, I read an academic paper called: "The Sexuality of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors" published by the National Institute of Health featuring surveys and interviews with survivors of childhood sexual abuse (known as CSA). Many participants indicated that the CSA influenced how they came to view themselves as sexual beings. They talked about experiencing shame, confusion and low self-esteem with regards to their sexuality.

In the study, survivors of CSA report grappling with three essential questions related to their abuse: "What was it?" "Why did it happen?" "What did it do to my sexuality?"

Your tenacity and courage have likely helped you to answer the first two questions. Your strong and loving emotional connection with your partner is prompting you to grapple with the third.

A therapist with experience dealing with CSA could help you to put the pieces together. Please accept professional help, as you continue to build on your impressive success.

Dear Amy: I live in a retirement community that provides dinner.

On one evening recently, there were six of us at the

table. One woman in the group has a habit of picking her teeth after eating.

Last night after picking her teeth, she laid the appliance she uses on the table. It was extremely off-putting. Would putting an anonymous note in her house in-box be rude?

— *Queasy in Florida*

Dear Queasy: Which would you rather receive — an anonymous note that could have been sent by anyone (or everyone), or a discreet message delivered by a specific person? I believe the stress of receiving this correction would be much less if it came from one person.

The next time this happens, after dinner you should approach her and say, "I'm wondering if you could do me a favor. I enjoy eating dinner with you, but I get queasy seeing you clean your teeth at the table. Could you wait until later to do that?"

Dear Amy: Like "Wanting More," I always wanted to have more children, but my husband wanted to stop at two. I found ways to be with lots of children: Babysitting for respite care and in the church nursery, volunteering for the Pregnancy Center, etc. Finding ways to be around other children may help her fill that void.

— *Content and Fulfilled*

Dear Content: This is a healthy way to meet your own needs through service to others.

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Re-Tool 21 opening doors to future in art world

Program training diverse groups to be preparators

By DARCEL ROCKETT

Art on gallery walls doesn't just materialize — the effort of displaying works is done through preparators.

And a collaboration between the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Joyce Foundation is making sure that artistic avenue is populated with people from diverse walks of life. "Re-Tool 21," seeks to provide opportunities for traditionally underrepresented groups in the art world, including women, immigrants, people of color, the formerly incarcerated and LGBTQIA, to receive training in art preparation and handling. For Michael Ryan, lead

SAIC faculty member of the program, the title suggests "a need to look at job requirements and the way that things are done in order to ask how do we change the systems for the 21st century?"

"Art preparators (art handlers or exhibition technicians) can do a wide range of things, and you don't necessarily have to be burly because it's really about brains and not brawn," Ryan, a 25-year SAIC administrator/professor, said. "When you look around at the different crews around the country, it generally looks like white males. I'm a white male and that needs to change."

"My goal is to get participants to a stage where I can put them on a crew."

In an SAIC basement recently, students of the first cohort were learning how to construct boxes,

using foam core and gaffer's tape to hold art works for shipping. Having already framed pieces of work, cut glass for the frame and put the hardware on the frame, the next step, the professional wrapping of the art, was paramount.

Within seven two-day weekends of instruction, members of the first cohort learned how to properly put a work in a frame, cut the mat, cut the glass, mount the work, put the proper backing and hardware on it, know how to hang it and pack it in a "museum-quality" way to avoid damage, Ryan said.

More than just a series of hands-on building workshops, cohort members also received behind-the-scenes tours of local galleries and opportunities to network with art-handling museum professionals.



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Gustavo Herrera of the National Museum of Mexican Art, center, helps students design boxes for keeping and protecting art projects at Re-Tool 21.

They also got a \$1,500 stipend for the duration of the program through the Joyce Foundation.

"I appreciate that this is a paid, jobs-training opportunity that is for non-SAIC students," said Pascale Ife Williams, program coordinator. "This being offered to Chicago residents who are not students of SAIC speaks to the need of more access."

For 14 six-hour sessions, students such as Kat Stanish, 28, of Jefferson Park, learned skills that she hopes will aid her in her future endeavor of helping people in low socioeconomic areas — ideally prisons — with an art therapy degree.

Alexandra Bryant, 29, a painter and Chatham native, said Ryan also brought members of the current art world (former SAIC students of his) into the class to answer preparator questions in real time. Bryant said the environment is "very in-depth."

"We've done lighting, registrar and curating work, so we get to know how the feel of the gallery is, how things are hanging, how things are installed and displayed," she said.

"It's showing us how to be involved in art without necessarily being an artist

and all the different avenues you can take." Alexy Irving, a 26-year-old photographer from St. Louis, said.

"I always saw it as something that I wanted to do but never had a clue about how I would end up doing it," Matt Ford, 24, of South Shore said. "Without this program, I don't know how I would have acquired any of these skills."

Tracie Hall, director of the Joyce Foundation's culture program, remembers an experience during EXPO Chicago years ago when some artwork needed to be installed and a waiting list of preparators was presented.

"It was like getting into a really good clinician: You have to wait," she said. "I'm excited about growing the list of people that we could be calling to install and prepare artwork. It's one thing to see the problem, but where the alchemy happens is when you find a partner that is bringing the resources, empathy and honesty to the situation, and we found that in SAIC."

"In talking with everyone, they're talking about skill sets they didn't think they could acquire, that they could be taught, and they have immediate application."

Ryan's former work as a preparator helped in designing Re-Tool 21s curriculum, Williams said. In reaching out to his contacts and current employers of art preparators, he learned what skills employers require of candidates, including at least two years of experience handling art.

"The way they interview people is they give you three artworks to hang with your tools while they bombard you with questions," Ryan said. "I want to give participants enough knowledge and information to get one of those jobs."

"You're not going to be an expert, but if we succeed, which I think we are, you'll know what you don't know. When I was in the business, I was very happy. I didn't make tons, but I really enjoyed doing it because it's really creative."

Applications for the next cohort opens in January. An exhibition of Re-Tool 21 students' work will be held December 10, at the SITE Columbus Gallery (280 S. Columbus Dr., Suite 113), 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. with a reception from 5-7 p.m. The exhibition continues through Saturday with hours 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Hodgman was 'faking it' as a celebrity

In new book, comic gets personal

BY CHRIS BARTON
Los Angeles Times

Whether you first saw him on "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" or as the ruffled personification of a PC in a series of computer commercials, John Hodgman is not quite who you think.

He still specializes in an oddball brand of comedy on display in his list-driven books of invented facts, starting with 2005's "The Areas of My Expertise." But his career began in a much quieter way at a New York literary agency, where he worked as an assistant and an agent before pursuing showbiz dreams that came true in ways he never imagined.

Now, returning to his roots with the essay collection "Medallion Status," Hodgman looks back on the VIP access, exclusive parties and the inner insecurities of the last decade. The dryly absurd, self-effacing delivery remains. But here it's paired with a wistful acceptance of himself and the fleeting nature of so-called success.

"Once my life was kidnapped by television, the adventure was on, and the anxiety I felt was: 'When will they figure out that I'm not qualified to do this?'" Hodgman says. "It is classic impostor syndrome, except I truly was faking it. I had never been on television before; my work on television was an imitation of all of the television that I ever watched."

In a recent conversation during a stop on his book tour, Hodgman talked more about his brush with fame and why he's not faking it

anymore. Here's an edited transcript.

Q: "Medallion Status" feels like a continuation of "Vacationland," which was your first venture into personal essays from your more character-driven comedy of the past. Was that a daunting transition?

A: There's a terror that I think most people feel when they confront a blank page. There is the need for an idea, there is a need for the almost sociopathic confidence that if you have an idea, that people need to hear that idea. And, having written three books of very arch humor and fake facts and invented trivia that really informed my character on "The Daily Show" as the resident expert and deranged millionaire, when those were done and I had to think of what else to do, it was very terrifying. I didn't feel like inventing a false history. I felt like telling the truth.

Q: I've seen "Medallion Status" described as a "farewell to fame," which somehow feels like a backhanded compliment.

A: Well, there's definitely an element of the book that is "You can't fire me. I quit." The book chronicles the more recent years of my extremely unlikely on-camera career, and all of the secret rooms and first-class lounges that even the minor-est of fame grants you admittance to. And then what it feels like to slowly lose access to those rooms and be kicked out one by one — not meanly, but just because culture has moved on to a degree. I



JOHN HODGMAN/TNS

In "Medallion Status," John Hodgman offers a glimpse into his life as a minor celebrity.

moved on as well to priorities that were not necessarily television-friendly, such as seeing my children before they disappear into adulthood.

Q: Your book includes some well-phrased career advice where you talk about the worst job you've ever had. Did

television start to feel like that as well?

A: The problem with the literary agency where I worked was that it was a very nice place to work. There's great comfort in going to an office, especially one as beautiful as Writers House. It used to be the private bank of the Astor family, so it's got this

huge walk-in vault, overstuffed leather chairs, ferns and dark corners where I could take naps. And a very supportive and collegial environment that I came to love as a family and feel loved by. That's when you get trapped. When you confuse work with family and in your heart you know, "I don't belong here."

'Medallion Status'

By John Hodgman, Viking, 304 pages, \$25

There's something I want to do." That led to that feeling of where the worst job is not the hardest job, it's the job that you know isn't for you but you stay in it anyway because you're afraid.

When Stewart ended "The Daily Show" in its incarnation and handed it to Trevor Noah, by that time, I had realized that show was a very new kind of family for me, and a very close one. And I loved my work family on the FX sitcom "Married" as well, but that was in Los Angeles, and flying across the country as often as I did was growing very painful for the children I share with my wife. So when "Married" wasn't renewed by FX, I met that with an enormous amount of disappointment but also a certain amount of relief.

Q: You said you felt like an impostor when you became famous on TV. Now, you're an author. Is there any sense of feeling like an impostor now?

A: No. The thing about these two books is there is no faking it. I can't be an impostor while writing these books, because I'm not playing a role the way I was playing on "The Daily Show." This is a completely unexaggerated weirdo who is me. And the stakes for me are much higher.

BOOK REVIEW

Engrossing tale of a family surviving a 'monster' father

BY COLETTE BANCROFT
Tampa Bay Times

If Thanksgiving with the family is still buzzing on your nerves, it could be worse. You could have a family like the Tuchmans.

The Tuchmans — Victor and Barbra, their adult children Alex and Gary, their spouses and a couple of grandkids — are at the center of Jami Attenberg's new novel, "All This Could Be Yours."

This is the seventh book by Attenberg, whose best-sellers include "The Middlesteins" and "All Grown Up." She often writes about family relationships in all their complexity, and in "All This Could Be Yours" she does so with mordant humor and painful clarity.

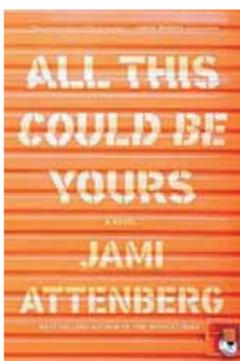
The book is set around Victor's deathbed in a New Orleans hospital, but much of it transpires in flashbacks as members of his family look back, some trying to locate the sources of their dysfunction, others trying to cover them up.

Except for a brief opening chapter, Victor is unconscious after suffering a heart attack at 73, no big surprise after a lifetime of steaks, cigars and martinis. Even silent and tangled in tubes in a hospital bed, though, he's still the dominating force in the family.

Victor is ostensibly a real estate developer, but his family has long been determined to ignore what he really does when he's gone for weeks at a time. Why question what pays for the big house in Connecticut, the good schools, the many luxuries?

"Clarity of thought was dangerous in their home," Alex recalls. "The background hum was what made the house run."

Victor's favorite TV show, though, is "The Sopranos." He tells Alex, "They really get it right."



'All This Could Be Yours'

By Jami Attenberg, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 304 pages, \$26

Not long before the book begins, Victor and Barbra sold the big house and moved to New Orleans, a city where their only tie is that son Gary lives there with his wife, Twyla, and daughter, Avery. Their real reasons for moving there are among the many dark secrets the novel reveals.

When Victor collapses, Gary, who works as a television director, is in Los Angeles and resists coming back. His sister, Alex, is a lawyer who lives near Chicago, divorced from the father of her teenage daughter, Sadie.

Alex flies to New Orleans immediately, where she engages in an emotional duel with her mother. Alex wants to know the truth about her father and about her parents' abusive relationship; Barbra wants her daughter to tell Victor she forgives him.

In chapters that focus on one character at a time, Attenberg takes us inside the family's history from different angles to create an in-depth por-

trait. Barbra's children wonder why she has stayed with Victor for decades; Attenberg recounts their early days together, when Barbra was consciously using her good looks and charm to climb out of poverty.

When she met Victor, she found him "as dangerous as hell and headed up, away, and fast. She felt such a thrill in her body that she nearly collapsed from it."

That seductive danger will grow more complicated. Victor's behavior will leave Gary in the present "seeking an absence of a consideration of women. He didn't want to have to care anymore about what they thought or felt. He'd spent his whole life caring, in contrast to his father, who'd spent his whole life not caring."

Alex reflects at her father's bedside, "It was true: what little physical abuse he had dealt her had left few emotional scars. What had taken her longer to wash away were his impressions of her body, the bodies of other women. His commentary, his interests, his gaze."

When 12-year-old Alex, who has a bit of barely visible baby fat, jumps in for a swim, he remarks, "Little piggie in the pool." As he lays dying, Barbra, who's almost 70, paces the hospital hallways to get her steps in, chanting under her breath her longtime mantra: "Pretty and thin, pretty and thin."

Victor Tuchman may be a "monster," as his wife thinks, with a few last blows to deal before he dies, but the story of his family's survival is engrossing. As Alex thinks when she hears he's dying, "Now, this is happening. Now, things could be different."

BOOK REVIEWS

Promising end-of-the-year reads among new releases

BY BETHANNE PATRICK
The Washington Post

This batch of end-of-the-year books includes wild science fiction, road-tripping memoirs, a theme-park history and perfectly timed inspiration from the late Toni Morrison.

"One Long River of Song: Notes on Wonder," by Brian Doyle

Doyle, the award-winning novelist, poet and essayist, died in 2017, but this year brings a final collection of his lyrical pieces about life and its gifts. Doyle often used his Catholicism to explore the human and natural worlds, but this is perhaps the most generous, universal "religious writing" you'll ever read.

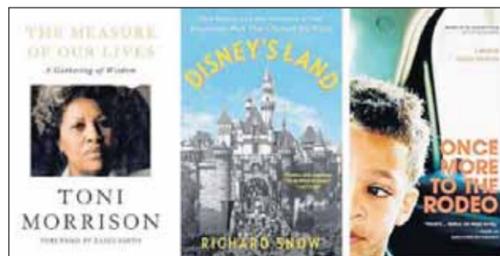
"Genius & Anxiety: How Jews Changed the World, 1847-1947," by Norman Lebrecht

Chemotherapy, the theory of relativity, great literature, blood transfusions, political theory, even Google are among the accomplishments of Jewish men and women, and they're all celebrated in this lively, enlightening history.

"The Measure of Our Lives: A Gathering of Wisdom," by Toni Morrison

With just one quotation from Morrison's work on each page, this beautiful volume still manages to contain not just a survey of the Nobel winner's life and development as a genius but also the kind of moral compass so many of us need right now. With a foreword by Zadie Smith, it's a mighty and perfect gift for just about anyone.

"Oppo: A Novel," by Tom Rosenstiel
It's presidential primary



season — and two political parties are at war with each other. Sound familiar? Into this maelstrom steps a centrist senator and vice presidential pick who hires Rosenstiel's recurring characters, Peter Rena and Randi Brooks, to investigate a frightening threat.

"Disney's Land: Walt Disney and the Invention of the Amusement Park That Changed the World," by Richard Snow

Eight-hundred million visitors have trekked to the so-called "happiest place on earth" since its 1955 opening, seeking its carefully scripted brand of cheer. How and why Walt Disney envisioned a place where people "could live among Mickey Mouse and Snow White" is carefully detailed in this new book.

"Anyone: A Novel," by Charles Soule

In his 2018 "The Oracle Year," best-selling comic book artist Soule ("Daredevil," "She-Hulk") demonstrated that he's as clever with prose as he is with visual arts, and "Anyone" lives up to that first novel's prowess. The fast-paced plot alternates between the present and near future, as a scientist grapples with the fallout from the consciousness-swapping technology she created.

"Dead Astronauts: A Novel," by Jeff VanderMeer
Sci-fi master Vander-

Meer ("Borne") returns with a novel about three astronauts on a dangerous time-traveling mission in a sort-of future Earth, where the environment has been destroyed and animals read minds.

"Once More to the Rodeo: A Memoir," by Calvin Hennick

Hennick, a journalist, turns a road trip out West with his son into a meditation on fatherhood, racial difference (Hennick is white and his wife is Haitian), addiction and, yes, having fun. If you're someone's parent — or someone's child — this is a must-read.

"All That's Bright and Gone: A Novel," by Eliza Nellums

It seems fitting to close out the year with a book titled "All That's Bright and Gone." Aoife Scott, the winning 6-year-old protagonist in this debut novel, worries about her late brother, her hospitalized mother and quite a few other people. With her imaginary friend Teddy and her real-life friend Hannah, Aoife will make some important discoveries and win every reader's heart.

Bethanne Patrick is the editor, most recently, of "The Books That Changed My Life: Reflections by 100 Authors, Actors, Musicians and Other Remarkable People."

11 superheroes who defined the decade

Marvel, DC ramp up storytelling over last 10 years

BY DAVID BETANCOURT

The Joel Schumacher years of nipple-clad Bat-suits seem so long ago, as no decade proved superheroes to be a force in entertainment quite like the 2010s.

The Avengers assembled, combining separate movie franchises into a team-up event never before seen on film — and turning Marvel Studios into a Hollywood superpower in the process. Making hundreds of millions of dollars per movie went from a major achievement to an expected result: “Avengers: Endgame” became the highest-grossing movie of all time with \$2.8 billion at the worldwide box office, and films such as “Black Panther” (\$1.3 billion) and DC’s “Wonder Woman” (\$821.8 million) broke barriers in terms of representation on the big screen.

On the small screen, the CW’s gritty vigilante series “Arrow” spawned multiple shows in a connected, DC Comics-inspired universe. Netflix built a streaming “street level” mini-Avengers team (the Defenders) out of four shows (“Daredevil,” “Jessica Jones,” “Luke Cage” and “Iron Fist”).

It hasn’t been a perfect 3,650 days, though.

There was that first season of “Iron Fist,” of course. And, more notably, Warner Bros. and DC Comics hit several bumps in the road to 2010s success with several films that fell short of expectations, both critically and financially. In trying to mimic the success of “The Avengers” with their own group of heroes (including the iconic trinity of Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman), WB/DC missed the target with the bland and uninspiring “Justice League,” “Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice” and “Suicide Squad.” But they rebounded once they stopped trying to keep everything connected like their film company rival, with hits such as “Wonder Woman,” “Aquaman,” “Shazam!” and a Joker movie — with no Batman in sight — that made a billion dollars.

DC also gets the last word of this decade with Damon Lindelof’s brilliant reimagining of “Watchmen” on HBO.

Here’s a list of the heroes (and the people who played them) who defined this past one.

Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.)

There is no Marvel Cinematic Universe without Robert Downey Jr.’s Tony Stark, who helped bring the franchise to life in the aughts with his first “Iron Man” film.

Downey redefined the live-action cinematic superhero in the years following. Secret identity? Maybe for your grandparents’ comic-book characters — “I am Iron Man” took care of that problem in the first of many memorable onscreen moments from the man in the iron mask.



Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman



Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool

Downey’s Stark evolution took him from a billionaire playboy without a care to the hero who ended up making the ultimate sacrifice in “Avengers: Endgame.” And while taking down tanks and racing against jets in the sky is about as heroic as it gets, Downey as Stark was always at his best when the uniform was off. His off-the-charts confidence and sarcasm were such that there was no doubt Tony Stark’s mind was the Avengers’ greatest superpower.

We love him 3000.

Batman (Christian Bale)

Overshadowed by the late Heath Ledger’s Joker in 2008’s “The Dark Knight,” Christian Bale delivered his best performance as DC’s caped crusader in his 2012 comic swan song, “The Dark Knight Rises” — the only solo Batman film this decade. (Apologies to Ben Affleck, who had to share the screen with other heroes.)

Bale was always deceptively charming enough as Bruce Wayne to convince us he couldn’t possibly be Batman, yet he was still believable when the cape and cowl were donned. One of the few divisive aspects of the role was Bale’s froggy Bat-voice — perhaps the reason Affleck used a voice modulator.

Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot)

Gal Gadot’s starring turn as Wonder Woman in 2017 was a double achievement for WB/DC, proving they could create spectacular superhero films again while also getting their top female character to star in a solo movie before Marvel Studios. (“Captain Marvel” would not be released until nearly two years later.)

Gadot faced no easy task in replacing Lynda Carter, the last actress to play a live-action version of Diana. But Gadot did so with a dominating performance full of range, knocking

down tanks and towers with her shoulders and defeating rogue Greek gods with unparalleled strength but also taking the time to marvel at the wonders of ice cream. Wonder Woman is currently DC’s most important film brand, even ahead of Superman and Batman. Both male superheroes are getting reboots while Gadot’s franchise marches on.

Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman)

There is living up to the hype, and then there’s exceeding it, which Chadwick Boseman accomplished in a role that comic book fans of color waited multiple generations to see onscreen. This was the superhero film that finally cast black performers as the hero, the love interest and the villain — no longer just side characters to mark a check on a list.

Boseman’s performance was everything it needed to be: royal, heroic and groundbreaking, from his self-made Wakandan accent to the forearm-crossing dap seen at cookouts everywhere in summer 2018. “Wakanda Forever” is now a part of pop culture lore, and may we never forget Boseman’s “Saturday Night Live” performance as King T’Challa on a “Black Jeopardy” sketch, when he warned us all about the dangers of bland potato salad.

Captain America (Chris Evans)

Chris Evans’ biggest feat as Captain America? Being so good you almost don’t remember that he was the Human Torch in those forgettable “Fantastic Four” movies. Downey’s Iron Man may be the most popular hero in the MCU, but Evans led its best movie — 2014’s “Captain America: The Winter Soldier” — and arguably its best trilogy.

Somehow, through the wonders of special effects, the movies made us believe



Chadwick Boseman as Black Panther



Regina King as Sister Night

Steve Rogers was a laughably scrawny kid from Brooklyn, while Evans made us believe in a man with a heart of gold and unshakable morals. Evans’ physicality as Captain America — grabbing escaping helicopters and ripping up chopped wood with his bare hands — was a wonder to behold but always felt second to the emotional performance.

Green Arrow (Stephen Amell)

Oliver Queen, the billionaire playboy turned vigilante archer on the CW’s “Arrow,” emphasized that superheroes could work well on television, too. When Stephen Amell donned the comics’ famous Green Arrow mask at the end of Season 2, it was a big bang of sorts for the DC Comics-inspired “Arrowverse”: The show got a little geekier, and the CW greenlit connected shows such as “The Flash” and “Legends of Tomorrow.” No other television network currently boasts such an expansive superhero lineup, and there’s no denying Amell is the godfather of what the CW has been able to accomplish with DC characters.

Amell’s man under the mask was haunted by family trauma, but far from a blond Bruce Wayne, Queen was much more lethal before settling into being a hero with a code. His salmon-ladder workouts were a clinic in how to frame the superhero physique, and he managed to use a catchphrase (“You have failed this city”) that was actually intimidating, not corny. And few big-time superhero actors have been as engaging with fans on social media.

Clearly, if you’re able to make the Green Arrow — not an A-list superhero by any means — work on television for eight seasons, you’re doing things right.

Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds)

For a while, Fox looked like it might not get a “Deadpool” movie off the ground because of how badly it mishandled the character in “X-Men Origins: Wolverine.” But in 2014, someone (likely Reynolds) leaked some test footage of the character online, causing fans to say, “Why doesn’t Fox just make this?” So they did.

Reynolds’s Merc with a Mouth is the best superhero there is at being just as naughty as he is funny. His dirty humor and R-rated brand are stronger than ever. And even though Disney has taken the reins at Fox, don’t expect any major Mickey changes for the one X-Men-related brand that survived the big bang that is Marvel Studios.

Aquaman (Jason Momoa)

More impressive than making a billion dollars with the King of the Seven Seas? Jason Momoa making him cool.

Sure, Aquaman has had a rugged, longhair look in the comics before, but he’s usually been a pop culture punchline, what with his animated adventures on the classically boring “Super Friends” cartoon or the running joke about him on HBO’s “Entourage.” But Momoa’s Aquaman was dashing, daring and definitely different. He was the perfect casting for someone playing a hero from two differing worlds; Momoa was born in Hawaii to a native Hawaiian father and a white mother who would go on to raise him in Iowa. The tattoos, beer chugging and swashbuckling demeanor helped reimagine the template of what Aquaman could be. Momoa managed to be hulking and intimidating while also proving that the DC universe didn’t have to be universally dark anymore.

Spider-Man (Tom Holland)

Tom Holland helped save a Spider-Man brand that was headed toward

irrelevance after the Andrew Garfield movies earlier in the decade. When the web-slinger finally arrived in the MCU in “Captain America: Civil War,” Holland’s youthful exuberance was a refreshing reset. For the first time ever in a movie, Spider-Man was a kid, something that always worked well in the comics but had eluded Hollywood.

The character’s geeky awe at being in the presence of other Avengers matched the feelings of fans just as excited to finally see such a reunion. And the ‘60s comics-style of Spidey’s eyes on his mask — smaller, with lenses that opened and closed to show emotions — were a master touch (thanks, Kevin Feige).

Spider-Man is now where he belongs (a part of Marvel Studios, which shares the rights to the character with Sony), and his presence onscreen has never been bigger.

Wolverine (Hugh Jackman)

Hugh Jackman helped get the superhero movie boom started in the new millennium with 2000’s “X-Men.” The first time you watched him order a beer and call someone “bub,” you knew he was on to something special with this role.

While solo Wolverine movies followed, it wasn’t until 2017’s “Logan” that the beloved character got the story he deserved. It never mattered that Jackman was too tall and too handsome to play someone as gritty and violent in the comics as Wolverine. He nailed down the mutant known as “the best he is at what he does” right from the jump, from the feral reactions to the trademark mutton chops.

Jackman could also go from caring to carnage in a snap. While he ably carried the dramatic moments on film, Jackman knew the fans wanted to see Wolverine go ballistic at times, and he never disappointed when it was time for the claws to pop out.

Sister Night (Regina King)

It is no easy task taking on an adaptation of a well-known and revered entity such as “Watchmen,” especially one that transforms the mythos of something many fans deem untouchable. But show creator Damon Lindelof’s vision is breathtakingly bold and one of the rare superhero productions not afraid to tackle race in a big way.

The face of the new HBO series is Regina King’s bone-breaking, no-time-for-your-mess vigilante, the character you didn’t know you needed in your superhero-loving life. King’s Angela Abar/Sister Knight will be just as big as Doctor Manhattan was when all is said and done. Her inspiring performance as a cop who has to put on a mask to uphold the law, while coming to grips with a legacy she never knew existed, makes sure superheroes remain a part of the entertainment conversation as this decade comes to a close.

Spider-Man (Tom Holland)

Tom Holland helped save a Spider-Man brand that was headed toward

nightclub and the recently shuttered electronic-music mainstay the Mid.

“One of the biggest complaints that bands and audio people have with the Aragon is the acoustics and how hard it is to get it to sound good. Our acoustics and proximity to the city will differentiate us.”

Pilsen, he asserts, has room for a bigger venue: “I think we complement what’s already in the (Pilsen) community.”

Bruce Finkelman, who owns Thalia Hall and several other independent music venues, essentially concurs.

“It’s a much larger space than just Pilsen; it’s four times bigger (than Thalia),” he says. “I think he’s going toward the audience for the (the 2,500-capacity) Riviera and the Aragon” in Uptown.

Sequel

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his 2008 child pornography trial here by paying off and intimidating witnesses.

In the Brooklyn case, Kelly is accused of grooming underage female fans for sex abuse. He has denied the allegations.

The initial Lifetime series premiered over three days in January 2019. Accusers, journalists and psychologists weighed in, and millions of viewers tuned in. The series sparked protests against Kelly and brought attention to the #MuteRKelly movement. A two-hour follow-up aired in May.

The new series is scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. on Jan. 2. Two more hours are slated to air at 8 p.m. on

Jan. 3. The series is set to conclude at 7 p.m. on Jan. 4.

Chicago journalist Jim DeRogatis, who wrote “Soulless: The Case Against R. Kelly,” and covered the allegations against Kelly for decades; attorney Michael Avenatti, who represented alleged victims of Kelly; and Dominique Gardner, whose mother got her to leave Kelly during filming of the initial series, are among those interviewed.

Not everyone is on board for the new series. Lisa Vanallen, who said in the initial docuseries that she began a relationship with Kelly when she was 17 and he was an adult, told TMZ last month she won’t be in the follow-up.

“I’m a little disappointed in Lifetime, the direction they went with the show,” Vanallen said. “Wasn’t (where) I thought it should

be going. It should be healing, raising awareness and speaking positively about what we’re doing now.”

“They’re not doing that. ... They’re adding new people in there that aren’t credible. It’s going to be like a reality show, and I don’t want to be a part of that.”

Vanallen did not return a Tribune request for comment.

In the press release, Lifetime representatives said the network will run a new PSA about violence against women during “Surviving R. Kelly Part II: The Reckoning.” Also, accusers will join the Speakers Bureau for the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, an anti-sexual violence organization. There was no comment on Vanallen’s claims.

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Radius

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A key selling point for Radius is that the four-years-in-the-making site is designed specifically to be a music-first venue rather than a retrofitted theater. It will include what is being billed as a top-tier sound system and music-friendly acoustics.

Radius is partnering with several independent promoters to book shows, including Riot Fest.

“What I want to do is have an open door to indie promoters to stage events in a venue that has a great sound system and acoustics,” says Karounos, who has been active in the Chicago music scene for two decades at venues such as Concord Music Hall, Prysm

Finkelman notes that Karounos’ background in working with EDM and hip-hop may be a plus.

“There are not a lot of venues in the city doing that sort of thing,” Finkelman says. “Our city culturally has one of the best music scenes out there, and the more clubs the better. But the consumers will decide which ones will last.”

Here’s the complete list of shows booked so far at Radius: Dillon Francis (Feb. 29); Carl Cox (March 6); Tchami (March 13); Lil Wayne (March 28); Kill-switch Engage, August Burns Red, Light the Torch (April 4); Alkaline Trio, Bad Religion (April 18); King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard (April 24).

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Casey Webb

"Kids Baking Championship" (7 p.m., 2 a.m., Food): In a seasonal "North Pole Edition" episode of this popular cooking competition, hosts Valerie Bertinelli and Duff Goldman force the young bakers to think on their feet with a challenge to fill the mantle of a mini-fireplace with some "Santastic" sweets. Casey Webb joins the group to help determine which baker takes home a dream package of more than \$10,000 in baking equipment.

"Olaf's Frozen Adventure" (7 p.m., ABC): Shown in theaters as a featurette accompanying "Coco," this animated tale continues the saga of characters from the hit 2013 Disney-Pixar movie "Frozen." Josh Gad again voices snowman Olaf, who tries to ensure that the Christmas being celebrated by Anna and Elsa (voices of fellow returnees Kristen Bell and Idina Menzel) is one that they'll never forget. Jonathan Groff also returns to the voice cast as the score boasts four original songs.

"Toy Story That Time Forgot" (7:30 p.m., ABC): The characters from the animated, hugely popular Disney-Pixar movies return in this made-for-television special. The tale finds the toys venturing out of familiar territory — their owner Bonnie's room — and into danger when they encounter a threatening set of action figures. The triceratops named Trixie (voice of Kristen Schaal) is the only hope of setting things right.

"The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition" (8 p.m., ABC): Emma Bunton and Anthony "Spice" Adams return as hosts for Season 5 of this festive culinary competition, welcoming 10 new bakers into the show tent for a two-hour season premiere called "Cake and Bread Week." Paul Hollywood and Sherry Yard also are back to judge the efforts of the competitors in the various challenges.

"Stockholm" (8 p.m., Starz): Writer-director Robert Budreau's unconventional 2018 dramedy explores the incident that originated the term "Stockholm syndrome," that bizarre psychological phenomenon wherein a prisoner begins to form a bond with those holding him or her captive. Ethan Hawke gives a mesmerizing performance as Lars Nyström, who takes hostages while robbing a bank.

"Perfect Harmony" (8:31 p.m., NBC): When Reverend Jax (Rizwan Manji) gets a visit from his charismatic, larger-than-life parents, Arthur (Bradley Whitford) tries to help him overcome his feelings of inadequacy and his lifelong sense that he is living in their shadow in a new holiday episode called "Merry Jaxmas." Ginny and Wayne (Anna Camp, Will Greenberg) decide to have a secret fling.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor John Lithgow.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Ryan Reynolds; singer-songwriter Niall Horan; Camila Cabello and DaBaby perform.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif).*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Awkwafina; actor Paul Walter Hauser; Mark Ronson and Anderson Paak perform.*

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CHRIS BIJALBA/LINCOLN PARK ZOO PHOTOS

A scale model of the north side of the in-construction Pepper Family Wildlife Center, a renovation of Lincoln Park Zoo's Kovler Lion House.

Zoo

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the title executive at the Pepper Companies and "is very much still active in the management of the company," according to a company spokesperson.

Pepper Construction won the contract to build the Pepper Family Wildlife Center, said Bell, thanks to submitting the lowest-cost bid. Bell said the company has "a long, long history" of doing work for the zoo, and the zoo board was satisfied that Pepper Construction's was the best bid.

Past Pepper projects there include the Regenstein Macaque Forest, Robert & Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove and Walter Family Arctic Tundra, all from the Pride of Chicago campaign; the Nature Boardwalk and Regenstein Center for African Apes; and the Flamingo and Lion House south habitats, according to a zoo spokeswoman.

The couple, who Bell said are in their late 80s, also gave \$100,000 to start a lion conservation fund, he said.

"We see the gift as an opportunity to give back to the city that's given so



An architect's rendering of the interior of the new Pepper Family Wildlife Center at Lincoln Park Zoo.

much to us with its natural, cultural, and business landscapes," Richard Pepper said in a zoo statement. "We want to build a legacy that ensures its historic institutions are sustained while modernizing with the times."

The Lion House was last renovated in 1985 and Bell thanked the Kovler Family Foundation for its support. "Now we put in all our gift agreements a time limit on naming," said Bell.

The new lion facility will triple the usable space for the lions and almost double the holding area space, said Maureen Leahy, vice president of animal care and horticulture.

Some of the animal care and husbandry will be on

public view, and the design of the exhibit space has been dictated by close observation of lion behavior through the years.

For instance, she said, although they are African lions, they've shown a "sweet spot of wanting to seek out shade when the temperatures get above 80." The new habitat will provide "a lot of new opportunities for heating and cooling elements," she said.

New lions will join the zoo upon completion of the project. The old ones were transferred to other zoos when the Kovler Lion House closed earlier this year.

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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 12

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Young Sheldon (N)	(7:31) The Unicorn (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Carol's Second Act (N)	Evil: "7 Swans a Singin'" (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways (N) ©		(8:01) Superstore (N)	Perfect Harmony (N)	A Legendary Christmas With John and Chrissy		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	Olaf Adventure	Toy Story-Time	The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition: "Cake and Bread Week." (Season Premiere) (N) ©				News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish: "Dr. Hell No."	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		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)		Encore Programming		Encore Programming		
	CW 26.1	Supernatural (N) ©		Legacies (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Lethal Weapon 2 (NR,'89)		*** Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. ©			
FOX 32			NFL Football: New York Jets at Baltimore Ravens. (N) (Live) ©					
Ion 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
TeleM 44	El sultán (N) ©		Decisiones: unos (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D.: "Endings."		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Chicago ♦	
UniMas 60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero (N)	Apocalipsis		
WJYS 62	Paed Prog.	Paed Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	Court Cam	Court Cam	Live PD: Wanted (N) ©		PD Cam
	AMC	Christmas With the Kranks (PG,'04) **	Tim Allen.			(9:05) Fred Claus (PG,'07) ** (SAP) ♦		
	ANIM	Whale Wars: Watson's Last Stand (N)				Whale Wars: Watson's Last Stand (N) ♦		
	BBCA	The Princess Bride (PG,'87) ***	Cary Elwes. ©			The Princess Bride (PG,'87) *** © ♦		
	BET	† (5) Enough ('02) **		Kidnap (R,'17) **	Halle Berry, Sage Correa.			Martin ©
	BIGTEN	Divided We Stand		BTN Football in 60 ©		BTN Football in 60 ©		BTN in 60 ♦
	BRAVO	Project Runway: "Blast Off." ©			Project Runway (N) ©			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	Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid (N) © ♦				
	DISN	Home Alone 3 (PG,'97) * Alex D. Linz.		Gabby		Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven
	E!	† The Devil Wears Prada		Fifty Shades of Grey (R,'15)		** Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. ©		
	ESPN	† Football Awards (N)		American Game (N)		CFB 150 (N)	Drive (N)	SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	College Basketball: Iowa at Iowa State. (N) (Live)				Don't Ever Give Up ©		CFB 150 ♦
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Kids Baking (N)		Santa's (N)		Christmas Cookie		Ginger ♦
	FREE	† (5:50) The Santa Clause		(7:55) The Santa Clause 2 (G,'02) **	Tim Allen. ©			700 Club ♦
	FX	Girls Trip (R,'17) ***	Regina Hall, Queen Latifah. ©			Girls Trip (R,'17) *** ♦		
	HALL	A Christmas Love Story (NR,'19)	Kristin Chenoweth.			(9:03) A Christmas at the Plaza ('19) ♦		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip (N)	Flip (N)	Flip or Flop	Hunt Int! (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters
	HISTV	Forged in Fire: The 12 Cuts of Christmas: "Top 12 Legendary Blades." (N) © ♦						
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	† National Lamp.		Gremlins (PG,'84) ***	Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates. ©			
	LIFE	Christmas Unleashed (NR,'19)	Vanessa Lachey. ©			(9:03) A Christmas in Tennessee ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Floribama Shore (N) ©		Ex on the Beach (N)		Floribama Shore ©		Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	Winter (N)	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Arizona Coyotes. (N) (Live)				(N) (Live)
	NICK	Top Elf: "Unwrapped." ©		The SpongeBob Musical: Live on Stage! ©				Friends ©
	OVATION	† I Saw Mommy Kiss Santa		House of the Year		House of the Year		Grand ♦
OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ♦	
OXY	An Unexpected Killer (N)		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide ♦	
PARMT	Movie © ♦							
SYFY	† (6:30) G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13,'13) ** ©				A Nightmare on Elm Street ('84) *** ♦			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM	Smarty (NR,'34) **		(8:15) Gold Diggers of 1933 (NR,'33) *** ©				Havana ♦	
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper			Obsession	Extreme ♦	
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Joy of Music Christmas		Life Today		Like You	
TNT	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Celtics (N Subject to Blackout)						Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)	
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Ghost Adventures: "Supernatural on the Range." (N)				The Holzer Files (N) ©		Ghost Nat. ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Temptation Island (N)		Chrisley ♦	
VH1	† Why Do	Daddy's Little Girls (PG-13,'07) **	Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba. ©				Temptatn ♦	
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Watchmen ©		Dan Soder: Son of a Gary		(9:10) Long Shot (R,'19) *** ♦		
	HBO2	Moonlight Sonata: Deafness		Fletcher		(9:05) Silicon Valley ©		I, Robot ♦
	MAX	The American (R,'10) *** ©		(8:45) Enemy of the State (R,'98) ***		Will Smith. ♦		
	SHO	(7:15) Peppermint (R,'18) * Jennifer Garner.				The L Word		Work. Pro.
	STARZ	† (6:26) Bad Teacher **		Stockholm (R,'18) Ethan Hawke.				Spider's Web ♦
STZENC	† (6:14) Tango & Cash **		Sicario: Day of the Soldado (R,'18) ** ©				Inside ♦	

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- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Household issues have your attention. Make repairs and clean up messes. Increase efficiency. Save more than necessary. Listen to your intuition. Align on changes together.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. You can learn what you need to know. Do the research to lay strong foundations for a creative project. Keep everyone briefed on changes.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Profits are available with work and focus. Unexpected terrain can provide a fruitful harvest. Invest in success. Follow an elder's advice.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Personal matters take focus. What you need is nearby. Check out an interesting suggestion. Try a new style or look. Pamper yourself with small kindnesses.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Complete old projects to make way for new ones. Take a philosophical outlook. Introspection can allow you to process the past. Share your gratitude.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Maintain objectivity with a group project. Determine which option gets your vote after consideration and review. Find ways to collaborate and share the load.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're attracting the attention of someone professionally influential. Use diplomacy and tact. Present a polished performance. Meditate on your vision. Collaborate for shared gain.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Study different options and experiment with new concepts. Travel expands your view. Set realistic goals and share your ideas.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Collaborate for shared gain. A lack of funds could threaten your plans. Deal with legal affairs, taxes and insurance. Handle financial matters for peace of mind.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Compromise in order to adapt to changes with your partner. Negotiate and refine plans. Indulge nostalgic reflection and shared memories.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Focus to manage work, health and fitness practices. Schedule carefully to meet the rising demand for your time and labors. Keep equipment maintained.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Make time for fun and romance. Indulge a favorite pursuit, sport or hobby. Enjoy great art, music or entertainment.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ 5 4	♥ Q J	♠ K J 8 7	♥ 10 9 8 7 2
♦ 10 6 5	♣ A 7 6 5 3 2	♦ Void	♣ K Q 8 4
West		South	
♠ A 3 2	♥ A K 5	♠ Q 10 9 6	♥ 6 4 3
♦ A J 7 4 2	♣ 10 9	♦ K Q 9 8 3	♣ J

In the modern game, a low-level double is almost never played for penalties. It is usually for takeout, or to show support for partner, or something else. West's double of two diamonds, however, looks like a penalty double to us. There was some confusion about it at the table, so North raised, and East made what was clearly a takeout double.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
INT	Pass	2♣	2♦
Dbl	3♦	Dbl*	All pass

*Take out
Opening lead: Ace of ♥

West passed that to convert it to a penalty double. This might not have been so bad for North-South, as it looks like they have chance to hold it to down two. This would be a small price to pay for the vulnerable game available to East-West. Polish expert Michael Nowasadski sat West and he defended beautifully.

Nowasadski shifted to a low trump at trick two. Dummy's five held the trick, and South led a spade to the 10 and ace. Nowasadski continued with the jack of diamonds to declarer's queen. South led a heart to West's king. Nowasadski cashed the ace of diamonds and led a heart to partner's 10. A fourth heart was ruffed by South with the nine of diamonds as West shed a spade. South cashed the king of diamonds and led a club to dummy's ace, but that was his last trick. The defense took the last three tricks with a spade, a trump, and a club. That was down four and a painful penalty for North-South.

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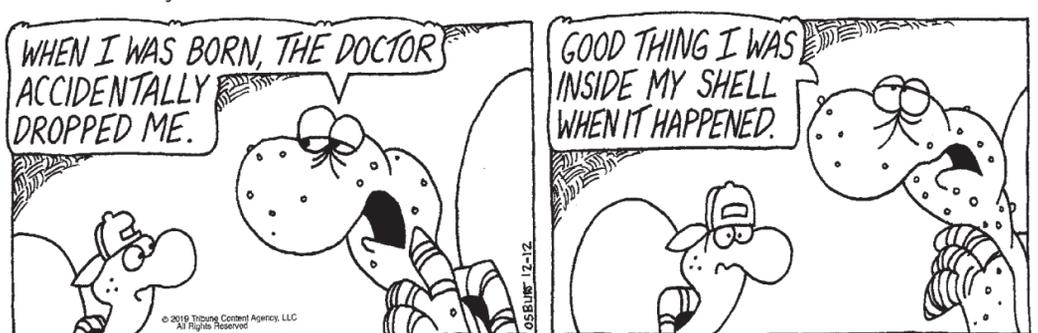
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THURSDAY, DEC. 12

NORMAL HIGH: 35°

NORMAL LOW: 21°

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RECORD LOW: -8° (2000)

Windy, seasonably mild conditions Thursday

LOCAL FORECAST

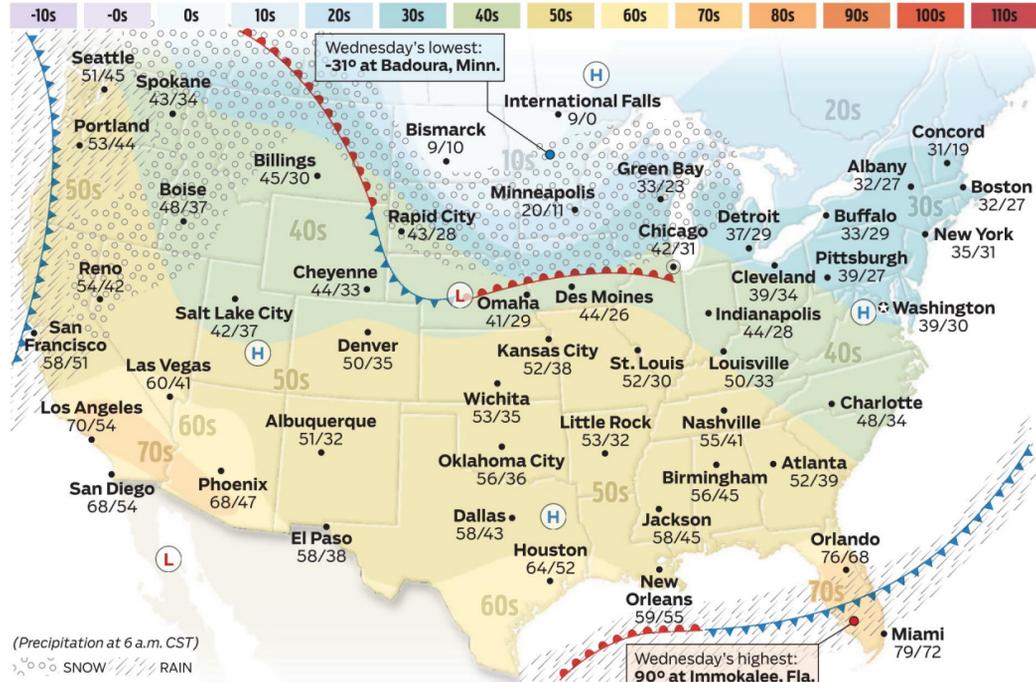
HIGH 42 **LOW** 31

■ A warm front associated with low pressure developing in the plains surges north through the Chicago area into Wisconsin with strong SW winds 25 to 35 mph over northeast Illinois and NW Indiana.

■ Clouds with mixed sun, very windy with seasonably mild air flowing into our area – afternoon high temps 40 to 45.

■ Partly cloudy overnight with gusty SW winds – low temperatures in the 30 to 35-degree range.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As low pressure intensifies in the central plains, the associated warm front will surge north through the Chicago area into southern Wisconsin Thursday. To the north of the warm front widespread heavy snow on the order of 4 to 8-inches will fall over central and northern Wisconsin. Northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana will be positioned to the south of the warm front, resting in seasonably mild air riding strongly southwest winds gusting well over 30mph. Temperatures area-wide will reach into the lower and middle 40s.

Friday clouds will gradually thicken as the low pressure approaches with rain developing overnight – then as the storm system cold front pushes through Saturday, winds will shift to the northwest with temps falling and rain changing over to wet snow Saturday afternoon/evening.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

HIGH 40 **LOW** 33

More clouds than sun, becoming increasingly more cloudy as the afternoon wears on – high temps in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Clouds and a chance of rain overnight. Southerly winds 10-15 mph.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH 37 **LOW** 17

Cloudy with light rain in the morning. Temps peak in the mid 30s by midday. Winds shift NW gusting over 25 mph with temps falling into the upper 20s and rain changing to wet snow in the afternoon. Snow ends overnight; colder.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH 26 **LOW** 19

Partly sunny and cold with a high in the middle 20s. Chance of snow showers northwest Indiana. Mostly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

HIGH 31 **LOW** 20

Clouds thicken with snow likely – some accumulation possible. High temps in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Snow tapering off after midnight. Winds shift from the southeast to the north.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

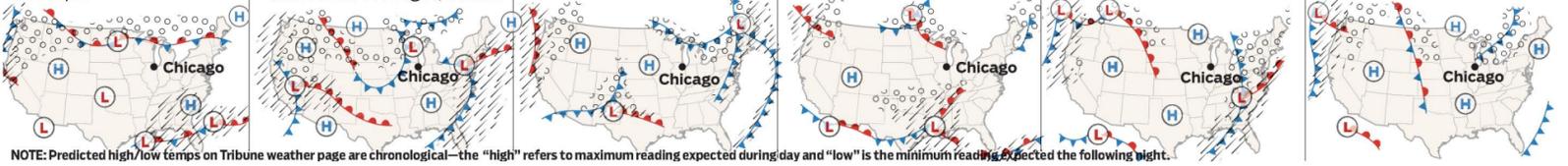
HIGH 24 **LOW** 18

A good deal of cloudiness with occasional snow flurries possible. High temps in the mid 20s. Partly cloudy overnight. North to northeast winds.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

HIGH 20 **LOW** 12

Partly sunny and cold – high temps in the upper teens to lower 20s. A good chance of snow showers in NW Indiana. Clear skies and cold overnight. NW winds diminish at night.



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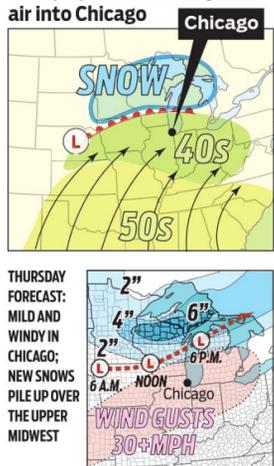
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Mild Thursday; new cold punch due here Saturday evening

THURSDAY'S WEATHER
Strong SW winds gusting over 30 mph pull seasonably mild air into Chicago



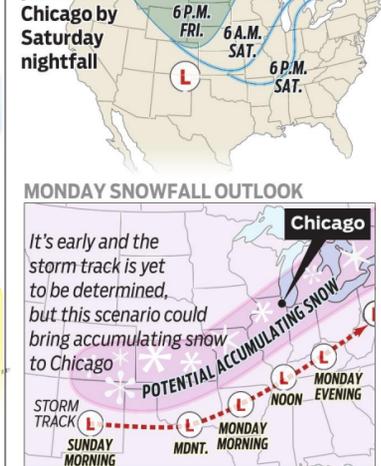
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SATURDAY
New cold punch hits Chicago by Saturday nightfall



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MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	50	30	sh	47	31
Carbondale	pc	45	27	sh	43	28
Champaign	pc	47	29	sh	44	29
Decatur	pc	47	29	sh	44	29
Moline	sh	46	31	cl	43	29
Peoria	sh	47	31	sh	44	30
Quincy	pc	52	35	pc	47	33
Rockford	sh	44	30	sh	41	30
Springfield	pc	48	29	sh	44	30
Sterling	sh	44	30	sh	40	29
Indiana	pc	45	30	sh	47	36
Bloomington	pc	49	31	sh	48	35
Evansville	pc	43	28	cl	44	32
Fort Wayne	pc	44	28	sh	45	35
Indianapolis	cl	44	28	sh	44	30
Lafayette	pc	46	29	sh	44	30
South Bend	cl	44	32	sh	42	31
Wisconsin	sn	33	23	sh	33	26
Green Bay	sn	33	23	sh	33	26
Kenosha	sh	44	33	sh	39	31
La Crosse	sn	37	21	ss	32	21
Madison	ss	39	27	sh	38	27
Milwaukee	sh	41	31	sh	38	30
Wausau	sn	21	14	ss	27	21
Michigan	cl	37	29	cl	41	33
Detroit	cl	37	29	cl	41	33
Grand Rapids	sh	43	24	sh	39	32
Marquette	sn	25	23	sh	30	24
St. Ste. Marie	sn	25	23	ss	35	31
Traverse City	sn	36	33	sh	38	32
Iowa	cl	40	23	cl	37	35
Ames	cl	40	23	cl	37	35
Cedar Rapids	sh	43	24	sh	38	32
Des Moines	pc	44	26	pc	42	30
Dubuque	sh	42	26	sh	39	25

OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	57	43	su	68	41
Albuquerque	pc	51	32	cl	41	39
Albany	pc	51	32	pc	55	34
Amarillo	pc	57	33	su	64	32
Anchorage	pc	32	29	cl	33	31
Asheville	pc	47	32	rn	46	41
Aspen	ss	35	25	sn	31	23
Atlanta	pc	52	39	rn	44	42
Atlanta City	su	38	33	sh	52	49
Austin	pc	63	44	su	76	46
Baltimore	pc	37	32	cl	45	44
Billings	pc	45	30	pc	38	20
Birmingham	pc	56	45	rn	52	46
Bismarck	cl	9	10	sh	23	-7
Boise	pc	32	27	cl	44	32
Boston	pc	32	27	cl	44	32
Brownsville	cl	65	55	pc	79	52
Buffalo	cl	33	29	pc	43	35
Burlington	pc	30	26	pc	40	36
Charlottesville	pc	57	49	rn	62	56
Charlottesville	pc	48	32	cl	51	43
Chattanooga	pc	54	41	rn	46	45
Cheyenne	pc	44	33	pc	39	23
Cincinnati	pc	46	29	sh	46	37
Cleveland	pc	39	34	pc	46	38
Colorado Spgs	pc	49	33	pc	50	26
Columbia MO	pc	54	35	pc	51	34
Columbia SC	pc	53	40	rn	51	47
Columbus	cl	41	28	cl	43	36
Concord	pc	31	19	sh	39	34
Corpus Christi	pc	68	53	pc	78	49
Dallas	pc	58	43	pc	63	42
Daytona Bch.	sh	73	66	ts	77	64
Denver	pc	50	35	pc	49	29
Des Moines	ss	19	7	ss	20	13
Duluth	pc	58	38	pc	65	41

THURS./FRI. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Fairbanks	su	10	8	pc	11	7
Fargo	pc	9	0	ss	16	-2
Flagstaff	pc	52	28	su	54	30
Fort Myers	ts	81	67	sh	80	69
Fort Smith	pc	58	34	pc	54	36
Fresno	pc	65	47	cl	63	52
Grand Junc.	pc	43	28	pc	45	32
Great Falls	pc	46	27	ss	29	18
Harrisburg	pc	40	27	sh	42	41
Hartford	pc	35	22	sh	41	39
Helena	pc	42	28	pc	36	23
Honolulu	sh	84	73	sh	83	74
Houston	pc	64	52	pc	73	49
Int'l Falls	pc	9	0	ss	19	-2
Jackson	cl	58	45	sh	59	46
Jacksonville	sh	66	63	rn	72	64
Juneau	rs	33	rs	37	32	
Kansas City	pc	52	38	pc	55	30
Las Vegas	pc	60	41	pc	61	43
Lexington	pc	50	36	pc	48	42
Lincoln	pc	45	28	pc	50	18
Little Rock	pc	53	32	pc	54	37
Los Angeles	pc	70	54	sh	71	55
Louisville	pc	50	33	sh	48	41
Macon	pc	55	42	pc	49	44
Memphis	pc	54	39	sh	50	40
Miami	ts	79	72	ts	79	70
Minneapolis	pc	59	21	ss	24	11
Mobile	sn	51	sn	51	63	52
Montgomery	sh	53	46	rn	54	49
Nashville	pc	55	41	pc	58	44
New Orleans	pc	59	55	sh	63	54
New York	pc	35	31	sh	47	46
Norfolk	pc	43	37	sh	56	50
Okla. City	pc	56	36	pc	59	35
Omaha	pc	41	29	pc	47	15
Orlando	sh	76	68	sh	78	68

THURS./FRI. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Palm Beach	ts	78	71	ts	79	69
Palm Springs	pc	72	54	sh	76	56
Philadelphia	su	37	26	sh	48	45
Phoenix	pc	68	47	pc	69	48
Pittsburgh	pc	39	27	cl	46	38
Portland, ME	pc	54	42	sh	52	35
Portland, OR	rn	53	44	sh	49	41
Providence	pc	33	23	sh	46	41
Raleigh	su	46	32	rn	48	45
Rapid City	pc	43	28	sh	39	13
Reno	su	54	42	sh	52	35
Richmond	pc	43	28	sh	45	42
Rochester	cl	33	28	pc	45	35
Rosemead	pc	60	52	pc	59	46
Salem, Ore.	rn	33	42	sh	50	38
Salt Lake City	rs	42	37	rs	43	34
San Antonio	pc	63	41	su	76	45
San Diego	pc	68	54	pc	68	56
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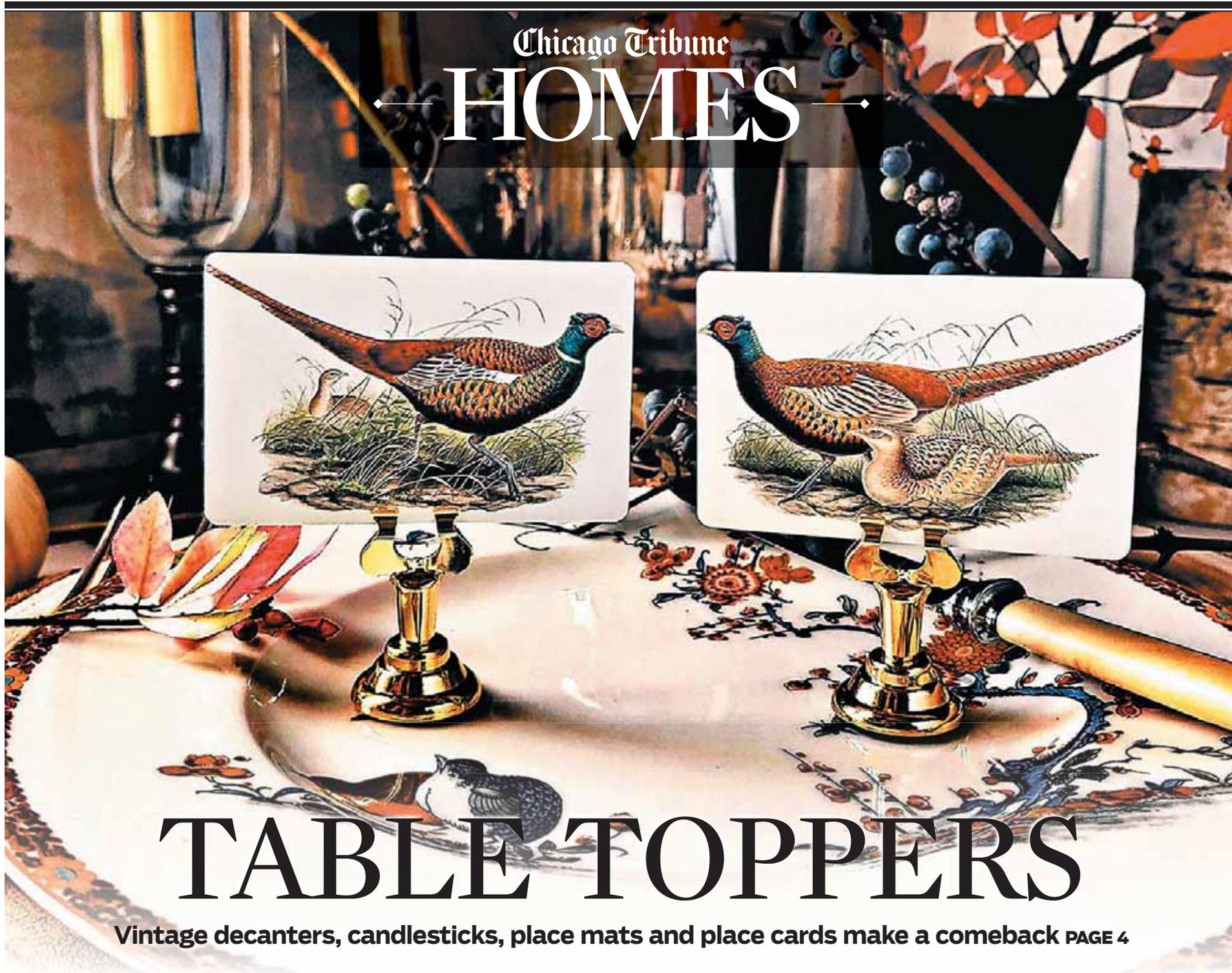


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HOME REMEDIES

Take these precautions to stay safe during holidays

BY DIANA CRANDALL
Angie's List

Twinkling lights, a crackling fireplace, home-cooked meals with your favorite family and friends — there's a lot to love about the holiday season. There are also precautions to take and necessary maintenance needed to keep you and your home safe, whether you're playing host or spending some time away.

Careful cooking: The kitchen is the heart of the house. It's also where home fires are most likely to start, according to the American Red Cross. There are a few ways you can reduce the risk: Unplug appliances when you aren't using them and don't ever put metal in the microwave. Exercise caution when using a deep fryer, and keep a fire extinguisher on hand at all times

in case of an emergency. Finally, keep your appliances clean, and don't hesitate to call in an extra pair of hands if you need assistance getting everything in tip-top shape. Homeowners pay an average of \$170 to hire a maid service, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

Prioritize decor safety: Peppermint, cinnamon, fresh pine needles — candles brighten up a room in sight and smell, but make sure to place them on a sturdy surface and put them out before bed. Also, be aware of the lights you're hanging: Are they indoor only? Have they been tested by a regulatory agency? Avoid the risk of fire or electrical shock by inspecting your lights and only using them as directed. If you don't feel safe climbing a ladder to hang

them outside, or if you aren't sure about the type of lights you need, a professional can help. According to the Angie's List Pricing Guide, homeowners report paying about \$405 for professional holiday light installation.

Clean dryer vents: Is it taking longer for your clothes to dry in every cycle? Does your laundry room seem suddenly, excessively hot? These are symptoms of a clogged dryer vent, which is a serious fire hazard. Familiarize yourself with the other signs of buildup, and call in a professional to inspect your vents. The average national cost of this service is \$130, homeowners report via the Angie's List Pricing Guide, which is well worth the peace of mind and preservation of property the cleanup provides.



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Update fire alarms: You're likely familiar with the sound your fire alarm makes when the battery is dying: The high-pitched chirping can reverberate throughout your house. But take note: The U.S. Fire Administration advises

homeowners that the type of smoke detector you have determines how often you need to replace the batteries, and fire alarms themselves have a shelf life. Test your fire alarms often and replace the batteries at least once a year. If you

have high ceilings, or if your smoke alarms are in hard-to-reach places, a handyman can help. Homeowners report paying an average of \$80 per hour to have smoke detectors installed.

Purge, repurpose before holidays

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

The holiday season is officially upon us. From gifts and gadgets to holiday decor, a lot of items will fill the home. Some will be treasured, others admired, and some will need to be removed and/or purged.

But what about items that could be repurposed and reused? Now is an ideal time to start thinking of ways to give new life or renewed purpose to some

household items.

Don't know where to start? Here are some tips to help set you on the right path.

What to purge

■ Ask yourself if something will continue to be of use and value. If the answer is no, remove it.

■ Is the item broken or in need of repair? If the item can't be fixed or won't have the same appeal once repaired, toss it.

■ Do you have decor items from a previous home that you are saving, but they don't fit into your current home? If so, donate them.

■ Take an inventory in your home and decide what is a necessity and what isn't. An item that once brought you joy and is now in a box may be best suited for a new home.

■ Edit and then edit again. Take an inventory of what you are truly using or plan to use and remove the excess.

Repurpose

■ Shop your house. Instead of tossing an item, look for where it may be able to be reused within your home.

■ Get crafty. What's old is new again. Can't use that item? Look for ways it can be taken apart and transformed.

■ Swap. Many communities have clothing and equipment swaps. Why not swap decor items with a friend?

■ Donate. A worthy and



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well-made item you can no longer use is an ideal item to donate so someone else can enjoy it.

■ Paint. Sometimes an item can be repurposed by changing the color or finish with paint or varnish.

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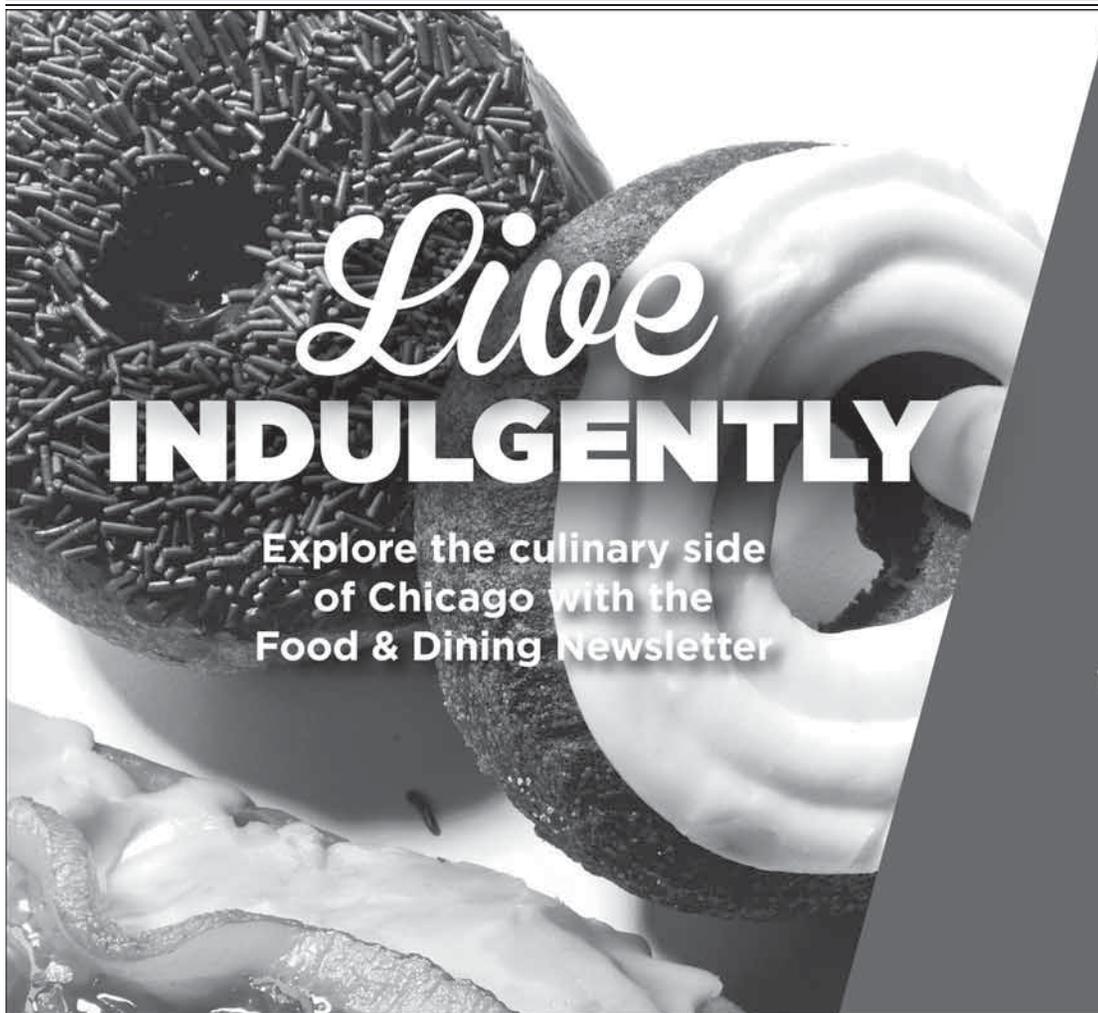
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Old-school table accessories for the holidays

By Jura Koncius | The Washington Post

At one time, baby boomers may have loved hauling out their French rimmed soup plates and polishing their sterling salt-and-pepper shakers, but many of these accessories have moved into the aftermarket. You'll find tons of entertaining stuff on Etsy and eBay and at estate sales and thrift shops.

But some old-school basics are being brought back, even reinvented, to grab the attention of a younger, hipper crowd looking for fun — not fussy — accessories. Here are some fresh ideas to toast the holidays using entertaining throwbacks.

Place mats

Embroidered linen and cotton place mats are not seen on the tables of most Americans these days. They evoke a fussy, grand-motherly look and are in constant need of washing and ironing. Yet place mats are a nice way to frame individual settings at a table.

Sandy Chilewich, creative director of the company that bears her name, has offered an easy-care option for 19 years, with her wipe-clean woven vinyl place mats. Her new line of mats pairs the modern textile with designer John Derian's evocative vintage botanical and historical motifs including cabbage roses, hummingbirds and ferns.

"John Derian's imagery is so romantic," Chilewich says. "Putting it with our textiles is a juxtaposition of old and new."

Place cards

Although cards engraved with guests' names are associated with formal gatherings such as weddings or diplomatic dinners, they don't have to be fussy. Karen Suen-Cooper and Martin Cooper love using place cards when setting the table for a dinner with friends.

"They always spark a smile,"

Suen-Cooper says. "It's not something everyone uses in the age of paper plates." The couple, who both come from the fashion world and live in New York's Hudson Valley, launched Punctilious Mr. P's Place Card Co., where they produce a line of seasonal place cards featuring traditional European or Chinese illustrations.

"We encourage people to take our place cards home as a souvenir," Suen-Cooper says.

Punch bowls

In New England, the Christmas punch bowls came out at the annual boozy Tom & Jerry party featuring warm milk punch laced with dark rum or brandy. In the South, huge cut crystal bowls were regulars at wedding showers or Easter open houses, filled with sugary concoctions chilled by ice rings.

Vintage punch bowls are not often seen partying these days. But in researching her new book, "Entertaining at Home: Inspiration from Celebrated Hosts," author Ronda Carman writes about Christy Ford, whose family has given punch a new spin. At an annual mother-daughter holiday tea, a mixture of orange juice, cranberry juice and champagne is ladled from a tall punch bowl into elegant champagne flutes rather than the usual small cups. It makes for a more festive, fizzier experience.

"The appeal of a punch bowl is that it's a way to make a beverage ahead of time," Carman says. "Then people can help themselves and you don't have to be fussing around making drinks for people."

There are plenty of modern options for punch bowls. Carman likes the Oregon punch bowl (\$99.95 at Crate & Barrel for a 10-piece set), the Schott Zwiesel Tritan Pure Punch Bowl (\$129.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond) and



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This "Floras's Dictionary" oval placemat is part of the John Derian + Chilewich collection.



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the Octopus Bowl (\$169.95 at Z Gallerie).

Decanters

Most glass decanters or carafes were originally made for holding liquor or wine. You could pour red wine into a carafe so the flavor would open up by being exposed to oxygen. Scotch was kept in a heavy cut crystal decanter with a stopper on top, a la "Mad Men."

As more relaxed lifestyles came into vogue (and day drinking diminished), many decanters were shoved into the back of cabinets or donated to thrift

shops. But the truth is that many of them are really good-looking and are fun to pull out for a special occasion, if not more often.

For Marian McEvoy, former editor of *Elle Decor* and *House Beautiful* and now a Hudson Valley artisan, dinners are a bottle-free zone. She says decanters unify things.

"Everything I put on my table goes into a decanter, carafe or pitcher, and that includes wine, water and Gatorade," she says.

She likes the Hotel Collection Glass Decanter (\$67 at Macy's), Brew to a Tea's Wine Decanter With Stopper (\$23.99 on Amazon) and Lily's Home's Unbreak-



MARIAN MCEVOY

This group is part of Marian McEvoy's candlestick collection that she painted herself.

able Indoor/Outdoor Pitcher and Wine Decanter (\$17.95 on Amazon).

Candlesticks

Votive candles have been in vogue for a while now. Maybe it's time to bring back the classic charm of tall white tapers in classic holders. "I always keep my dining room light dimmers pretty low and use lots of candles," McEvoy says. "It makes everyone look better." She stockpiles boxes of Ashland unscented white taper candles (\$7.99 for 15 at Michaels) so she never runs out.



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American holly (*Ilex opaca*) is a native shrub that grows better in the Midwest than the traditional English holly of greeting cards.

Growing holly for holidays — even in the Midwest

BY BETH BOTTS

Green holly with red berries adorns many holiday cards and wreaths, a legacy of ancient celebrations in northern Europe.

The classic English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), native to England and other areas of Europe that are warmed by the Gulf Stream, is not hardy in Chicago-area winters, according to Kris Bachtell, vice president of collections and facilities at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. That's probably just as well: In some places with milder winters, such as the Pacific Northwest, this plant spreads so vigorously that it is an invasive threat to native ecosystems.

Fortunately, we have better options that still have a traditional appearance. For example, consider the hybrid blue or Meserve hollies, a group of crosses between English holly and an Asian species. They look like traditional English hollies but are much more cold-hardy and not known to be invasive.

There are several cultivars, or cultivated varieties, with different sizes and habits. Blue Princess holly (*Ilex x meserveae* 'Blue Princess') grows 8 to 10

feet tall, while Blue Girl holly (*Ilex x meserveae* 'Blue Girl') tops out at 6 to 8 feet.

To get berries, you'll also need the male version of these plants. A male plant must be nearby for the female plant to be pollinated and produce fruit, although one male plant can usually fertilize several females. For example, the male pollinator for Blue Princess holly is Blue Prince holly (*Ilex x meserveae* 'Blue Prince'). Sometimes, both male and female plants can be purchased in the same pot.

"The key to choosing a holly is to decide what you value more: the evergreen leaves or the red berries," Bachtell said. If a punch of red is what you're after, consider winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), which loses its leaves in winter but can be covered with spectacular scarlet fruit against bare stems. Birds love those berries, so you may have to move quickly to capture some branches for holiday decorating. "The cultivar 'Winter Red' is a great selection that produces berries that are less prone to be taken early by the birds," he said.

The native winterberry, which grows in moist, acid

soil at the edge of bogs, is a large shrub, but cultivars are widely available in a range of sizes. American holly (*Ilex opaca*), which is native to regions a bit to the south of Chicago, is evergreen in a protected spot and grows well at the arboretum. It has classic pointy-edged leaves and red berries. However, it grows to be a large plant, up to 15 feet tall after 20 years and may not fit in some yards.

Another option is Oregon grape-holly (*Mahonia aquifolium*). Although this Western U.S. shrub is not related to holly, it has glossy, pointed, dark blue-green leaves that look similar. Instead of red berries, it has yellow spring flowers followed by dark blue fruit. Oregon grape-holly can tolerate some shade and does best in a protected site. "Choose carefully because some varieties are definitely more hardy than others," Bachtell said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at the Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the arboretum.

Tips for buying and caring for a cut Christmas tree

BY TIM JOHNSON

I need some advice on purchasing and caring for a cut tree to decorate for Christmas this year.

— Jerry Johnson, Lake Forest

There will generally be a few different types of trees on a sales lot for you to choose from. Determine which species of tree you find most desirable from an aesthetic point of view, as color, form and texture vary widely among different trees.

Needle retention is also an important consideration when choosing a tree and varies tremendously between species. Firs such as Canaan, balsam, noble and concolor retain their needles the longest and make great cut trees. Their needles are rounded and softer to the touch. Some of the fir varieties will be more expensive than spruce or pine varieties.

When choosing a cut Christmas tree in the sales lot, select one with firm needles that don't drop off when the tree is raised up a few inches and dropped to the ground. A small amount of needle drop is normal, though. The needles should be resilient; not brittle, and should adhere to the twigs.

Another way to check the freshness is to gently grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull it toward you. Very few needles will come off in your hand if the tree is fresh. Even fresh needles will be brittle when the temperature is very cold (below 10 degrees Fahrenheit), however.

The tree should have a fresh, pungent fragrance and a natural, waxy green appearance. The limbs should be full, bushy, symmetrical and strong enough to support your ornaments. It will be difficult to hang ornaments on trees that have been tightly



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sheared. The bottom of the stump should be moist with some sap present. Trees that were cut many weeks or even months earlier will drop their needles shortly after being brought indoors. I also avoid buying cut trees that have been "painted" green to improve their color.

Care of all cut Christmas trees is generally the same, regardless of the species. Selecting a fresh tree is most important, as a dry tree will not take up water and will quickly become a fire hazard. Store your tree in a bucket of water in a cool, 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, wind-free and sun-free area, such as an unheated garage, until you place it inside.

When it is time to bring the tree indoors, make a right angle cut, approximately 2 inches from the base of the trunk — it is OK to cut more, if you need to shorten the tree. Employees at the sales lot will often offer to make this cut for you, but too much time may pass before you get it installed in the tree stand with water. Ideally, you would install the cut tree in water in less than two hours after the base is cut. Diagonal cuts will make it more difficult to mount in a stand. Cutting your own

tree at a Christmas tree farm and bringing the tree indoors as close to Christmas as practical will give you the optimum freshness and quality.

Mount the tree in a stand that is big enough to provide firm support and hold a good amount of water. Add water to the stand immediately after placing the tree in it. Generally, water additives do not prolong the life of the tree. Check the water level at least a couple of times a day initially, and add fresh water as necessary. A large fresh tree may use 1 gallon of water or more in the first 24 hours. The cut end of the tree should be kept in water at all times. Never allow the water level to drop below the cut bottom of the trunk or a seal will form on the cut in four to six hours and prevent it from taking up water.

The tree will remain fire resistant as long as it keeps drawing water. Choose a location away from heat sources or open flames, such as fireplaces, radiators or furnace vents.

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Building a deck is tricky but can be done

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: I'm going to build a deck (don't try to stop me), and I have many questions for you. First, what's the smallest size a deck can be and still have a table on it for eating? How does one figure out where to put the support posts for the beam out at the end of the deck? What about attaching the deck to the house?

A: You're on top of your game asking all the right questions. As you might suspect, I look at every deck I step on. First, I try to look underneath it, and then I look at all sorts of other things.

Most decks are built too small. The deck on my own home is only 10 feet wide, but it's 65 feet long. I didn't build the house or the deck. However, I did build a second deck attached to the first one three years ago. This new deck I built extends out 16 feet from the other deck and is 24 feet wide.

I maintain that the smallest size deck you can build and have a table on it for four people is 12 feet by 12 feet. This assumes the table will be 4 feet in diameter. You can easily visualize this by just going into your own dining room or kitchen and looking at your table. When people are sitting in the chairs, there needs to be enough room for other people to walk behind them without being scrunched. You'll soon discover you need 4 feet of



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The smallest size deck you can build and have a table on it for four people is 12 feet by 12 feet.

space from the edge of the table to the deck railing to accomplish this. $4 + 4 + 4 = 12$ feet!

You'd be very wise to make your deck 14 feet or even 16 feet out from your house. You'll never regret the extra space.

Deck posts need to rest on concrete piers that extend down beneath the frost line in your area. Many people use round, heavy cardboard tubes that resemble giant straws as the form for the pier. It's quite common to see a 12-inch diameter pier. I prefer to use 6-inch-by-6-inch posts to support all my decks. I do this because I

like to create an L-shaped notch at the top of the post for my deck support beam to rest on the post and be through-bolted to the vertical part of the L.

A 12-inch concrete pier only allows you to have about 3 inches of concrete showing around the edge of a 6-by-6 wood post if you get it perfectly centered. This is not an easy task if you try to take measurements away from the house and if the ground is falling away from the house.

Years ago, I discovered a very simple way to determine the exact location of deck support posts. I would just bang together the outer

frame of the deck. This meant I had to attach the ledger board to the house and then nail or screw together the other three joists to create the square or rectangular frame.

I'd temporarily add simple 2-by-4-inch legs on the two joists that extended out from the house and level the frame. Next, I'd square it up using a helper or two. You don't have to know calculus or deep math to do this. All that's required is you have the two joists projecting out from the house the same length and whatever length the house ledger board is, make sure the outer paral-

lel joist is the same length as the ledger board.

Take two tape measures and extend them across the deck from the corners, making a giant X. When the two measurements from each tip of the corners are the same, the deck is square. Shift the frame until you get the measurements to be the same. Once the frame is square, nail a few 8-foot long 2-by-4s at a diagonal across at least two of the corners so the frame doesn't move.

With the frame level and square, you can now extend a level down to the ground from the two outer corners of the deck. With these two

points precisely marked on the ground, you can start to locate where your posts need to be. No matter where you locate your beam, you can see how you'll be able to use strings on the ground now to perfectly locate the center of the concrete piers so your posts are centered on the piers.

Attaching the ledger board to your home is the hardest part of the job. Many a person has been seriously injured in deck collapses caused by a lack of attention to detail of this extremely important structural connection.

Simpson Strong-Tie is an American company that makes a variety of metal connectors you'll probably use to build your deck. They have a fantastic library of technical notes and drawings that show you how to use special connectors and threaded rods to ensure your new deck doesn't pull away or drop down to the ground in the future.

Years ago, I also created a helpful drawing that's at my AsktheBuilder.com website. It shows you how to flash the deck ledger board against the house. It's the only drawing I've ever seen that incorporates small fire cuts on the top of the joists. These cuts allow the deck flashing to drop down over the ledger board and have the all-important kickout lip on the flashing. The picture can be found at <https://shop.askthebuilder.com/deck-ledger-flashing-detail-and-notes>.

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5 ways to repurpose waste from a renovation project

BY DIANA CRANDALL
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If you've gutted your basement, kitchen or bathroom, don't send the leftover waste to the landfill just yet. There are several ways you can upcycle or repurpose items from your recent renovation to create a more unique space at home.

1. Upcycle old fixtures.

An old tub can be transformed into a coffee table planter. Broken pipes can become a new lamp. There are plenty of possibilities for your old household fixtures before tossing them. If the scope of the project reaches further than your DIY capabilities, call in outside help — especially if it involves electrical work. Electricians typically charge between \$50 and \$100 per hour, according to homeowners via HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

2. Repurpose kitchen cabinets.

Kitchen cabinets don't have significant resale value, and they're often destroyed during the renovation process. Be sure to communicate with your contractor at the start if you'd like to salvage them during your kitchen remodel. They can direct a cabinet pro on the renovation team to move the cabinets to the garage, laundry room or basement to create a new and distinctive storage area. Consider splashing the cabinets with a new coat of paint once they're installed — it'll make the room feel brand new.

3. Don't scrap shutters.

Battered shutters might not serve their exterior purpose anymore, but once they're removed and replaced, a carpenter or handyman can convert the old ones into a bench, a television cabinet or even a



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Installing old kitchen cabinets in the laundry room can lengthen their lifespan and give you more usable storage.

sliding door. The look is perfect for any home with farmhouse or antique influences. From an eye-catching centerpiece to a planter box, there's really no limit to the possibilities. A local carpenter or handyman can assist with a job like this, and homeowners report paying an average of \$390 for a handyman, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

4. Donate when possible.

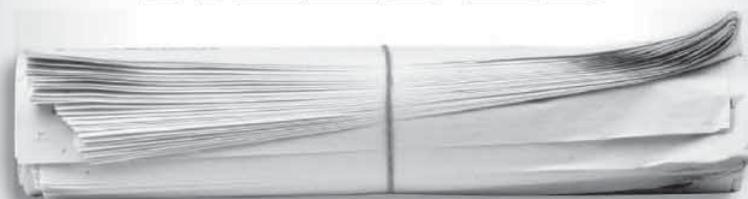
Whether you're ripping up flooring or replacing doors and windows, there are nonprofit organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, and salvage shops eager to take in materials they need for a new project. Working appliances, lumber, sinks, toilets and lighting are just a few items that are fair game to donate. Your gen-

eral contractor will be able to tell you which items are safe to donate.

5. Responsibly dispose of waste.

If you can't reuse or recycle scraps from your renovation, your contractor will likely have a local waste-removal pro who can remove any waste from your home improvement project. If you have scraps from a DIY project, remember to contact the appropriate pros to remove it in a safe and legal way. There may be permits or bylaws you aren't aware of that dictate how and when to toss this type of trash. And always consult a professional when dealing with harmful materials like asbestos. Homeowners usually pay about \$235 for waste removal services, according to HomeAdvisor's True Cost Guide.

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Three-car garage homes offered at Elburn Station by Shodeen

New homesites offering ranch and two-story homes with three-car garages are now available at Elburn Station, a 505-acre master-planned Shodeen Homes' community just west of Randall Road in Elburn.

"With an impressive collection of affordable ranch and two-story homes as well as low-maintenance Village Homes, Elburn Station has been a popular destination for buyers who appreciate the benefits of new construction while getting the most for their home buying dollar," says Anna Harmon, director of Public Relations and Marketing for Shodeen Homes. "The new phase offers opportunities to build a home in either the Settlements or Crossings Series with a three-car garage and, when coupled with today's record low interest rates, makes now a perfect time to buy at Elburn Station."

The community features three distinct series of homes. The low-maintenance Village Homes range from 1,043 to 2,076 square feet with one to three bedrooms, one to 2½ baths, unfinished, insulated basements or optional finished basements and two car garages. Homes in the Settlements Series offer open concept designs with two to four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, island kitchens, flex space, basements and two-car garages with homes priced from the \$260s. Priced from the \$300s, homes in the Crossings Series range from 2,043 to 2,674 square feet in size with three or four bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, formal and informal living space, gourmet kitchens open to great rooms, flex space, optional finished basements and two or three-car garages.

"Elburn Station offers other amenities popular with today's buyers such as telecommuting ease being an AT&T Fiber Accelerated Internet community and is within walking distance of the Metra Station," Harmon says.

Buyers can save on to-be-built ranch and two-story designs as well as quick move-in homes in all three series through the end of the year.

One of the community's most popular ranch plans, the 1,547-square-foot Everleigh, is available now and includes two bedrooms, two baths, open concept kitchen with 42-inch white cabinets, granite countertops, wide plank wood flooring, family room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace, screened porch, full basement, two-car garage and is priced at \$339,800.

The two-story Dakota is also move-in ready and offers 2,349 square feet of living space with four bedrooms, 2½ baths, island kitchen, family room with fireplace, master bedroom with large walk-in closet and private bath, basement and two-car garage priced at \$341,300.

Buyers looking for a low-maintenance lifestyle will want to visit the two-story Denver available for quick move-in and priced at \$295,000. This 1,920-square-foot home features three bedrooms, 2½ baths and two-car garage.

The Elburn Station sales center is located west of Randall Road at the corner of Anderson Road and Elizabeth Street. The sales center and model homes are open 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, and Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment. Call 630-232-8181 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

A Kenilworth contemporary farmhouse: Walk-through Dec. 14-15

After 17 years in the city, this family was ready for a backyard and a simpler life. They found the perfect location in Kenilworth and worked with the Orren Pickell Building Group to create their ideal contemporary farmhouse.

Avoiding 'designer's block'

When building a fully custom home, it can be daunting to have every option in the world to choose from. To make the process more manageable, the Pickell team keeps the conversation focused on day-to-day living. After all, a family with preschool children doesn't have the same needs as empty nesters who love to formally entertain.

Working closely with the owners, Pickell designers helped the family interpret their lifestyle into design decisions. They wanted spaces that encouraged togetherness — so the first floor is all open, connected living spaces. This also led to the inclusion of a basement theater that's sure to be a hit on Saturday nights, as well as a play loft

for the kids. The couple prefers a simple, comfortable aesthetic with clean lines and natural light, so a U-shaped layout brings in lots of sunlight in any season.

Striking, high-touch finishes

A simple, white-and-gray color palette runs through most of the home, but thoughtful variations in shape, texture and finish make each room unique.

Painted custom cabinets, broad wood floorboards, matte black pulls and plumbing fixtures, stainless steel appliances, ceramic tile and thick marble slabs are complemented by extensive millwork that adds warmth to the home's spacious living areas. At the center of it all is the heart of the house — a bespoke banquette inspired by the Pickell showroom, where the family can come together for meals, homework and craft projects.

Larger on the inside

Because the corner lot is relatively small, the owners were looking for creative ways



Orren Pickell Building Group welcomes visitors to its contemporary farmhouse in Kenilworth.

to maximize the home's footprint. The Pickell team recommended incorporating living spaces below grade. A deep basement, which extends beneath the patio and garage, includes three additional living areas, a kitchenette and two bedrooms, and leads out to a welcoming entertaining area.

Opening the doors in mid-December

Visitors are invited to tour the home and chat with members of the Pickell team at 638 Abbotsford Road in Kenilworth, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15. For more information, visit pickellbuilders.com/urban-family-farmhouse.



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Can money be gifted for a house down payment?

With first-time homebuyers often struggling to save a down payment, gift money from their family can be a welcome fix. But simply transferring funds from the Bank of Mom & Dad to Johnny's bank account won't alone solve the problem. Both giver and recipient need to follow certain gift money rules.

First, the type of mortgage being applied for, as well as the borrower's credit score, will determine how much personal investment is required in the down payment vs. how much can come as a gift. For instance, FHA loans have different rules on this than conventional mortgages, so the first step is learning the rules for the particular loan and situation.

Also note that down payment gift money must generally come from a family member, such as a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, or a sibling. Gifts from friends are typically not allowed, but contributions from a spouse, domestic partner, or

fiancee usually are accepted.

Once the allowable gift amount is determined, be aware that all lenders will ask to see 2-3 months of bank statements. So any large, non-routine deposits that show up during that time period will need to be explained and documented.

Specifically, a gift deposited within that 2-3 month window will need to be confirmed with a gift letter from the donor. Most importantly, this letter establishes the relationship of the giver to the recipient and explicitly states that the money provided is being gifted, not loaned, with no expectation of the donor being paid back.

Gift money can be an excellent way to help new buyers get into their first home a little sooner than they would be able to on their own. The trick is simply doing your homework so both giver and lucky recipient can satisfy the lender's requirements.

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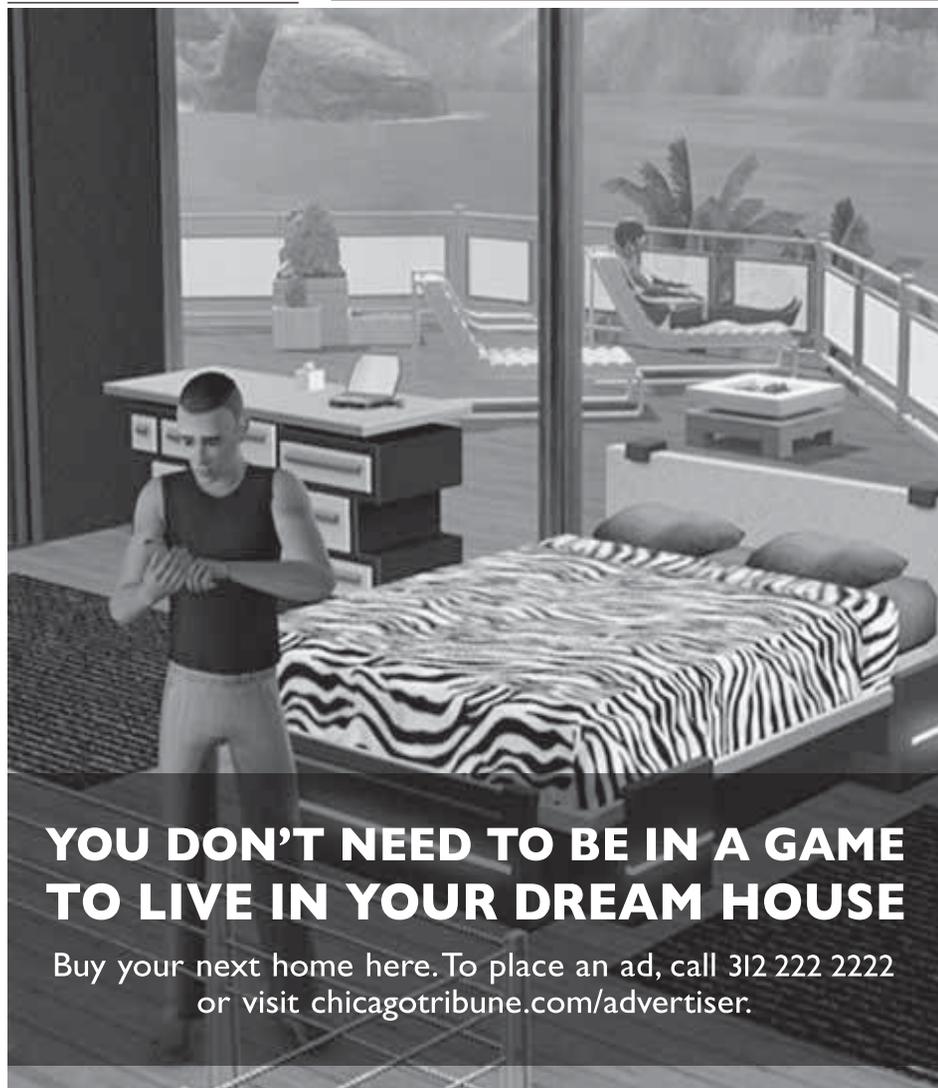
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