



How an idea to reform CPD failed on 2 fronts

Attempts to combat cronyism, increase diversity in department fell short

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND JEREMY GORNER

Days after taking over as Chicago police interim superintendent, Charlie Beck suspended the department's long-standing "merit" promotion process, halting in one swift step perhaps the single biggest irritant for many cops.

The system was created two decades ago for what seemed the loftiest of reasons — to promote

officers not just based on who scores the highest on exams but reward those who might not test well and have proved their leadership skills to bosses from their work over the years.

It was sold as a way to confront the department's racist and gender-biased history and ensure that people of color and women advanced into the department's detective, sergeant and lieutenant ranks — and beyond.

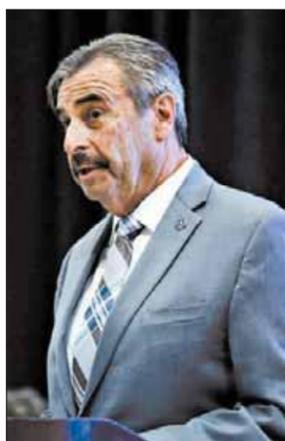
But as many had feared from

the start, it did little to combat charges of cronyism in how the department made promotions.

"It just opened the floodgates to political interference," Chuck Wexler, a national policing expert, told the Chicago Tribune last week. "There is a thing in Chicago. ... It's 'the phone call.'"

The controversial plan also appears to have failed at its goal to diversify the ranks. As of July

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Interim Superintendent Charlie Beck speaks at a Chicago Police Board meeting at the JLM Abundant Life Center on Thursday.

No check on Daley security detail

Police did not perform threat assessment on the risk for ex-mayor

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JEREMY GORNER

Earlier this year, Chicago police reviewed the security provided to former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Clerk Anna Valencia and Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin.

After conducting threat assessments, police determined Valencia and Conyears-Ervin did not need taxpayer-funded security and eliminated their details. Police also reduced the protections given to Emanuel, though he still receives city-funded security.

But the Police Department did not perform a threat assessment on the risk posed to former Mayor Richard M. Daley, who continues to receive a taxpayer-funded security detail more than eight years after he left office, officials said.

In response to follow-up questions, police said they have no documentation that a threat assessment ever has been done regarding Daley since he left office, and indicated Emanuel was never at risk of losing his detail. Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the city's practice has been to give former mayors security since at least 2010, though former Mayor David Orr does not have one nor did former Mayor Jane Byrne before her death in 2014.

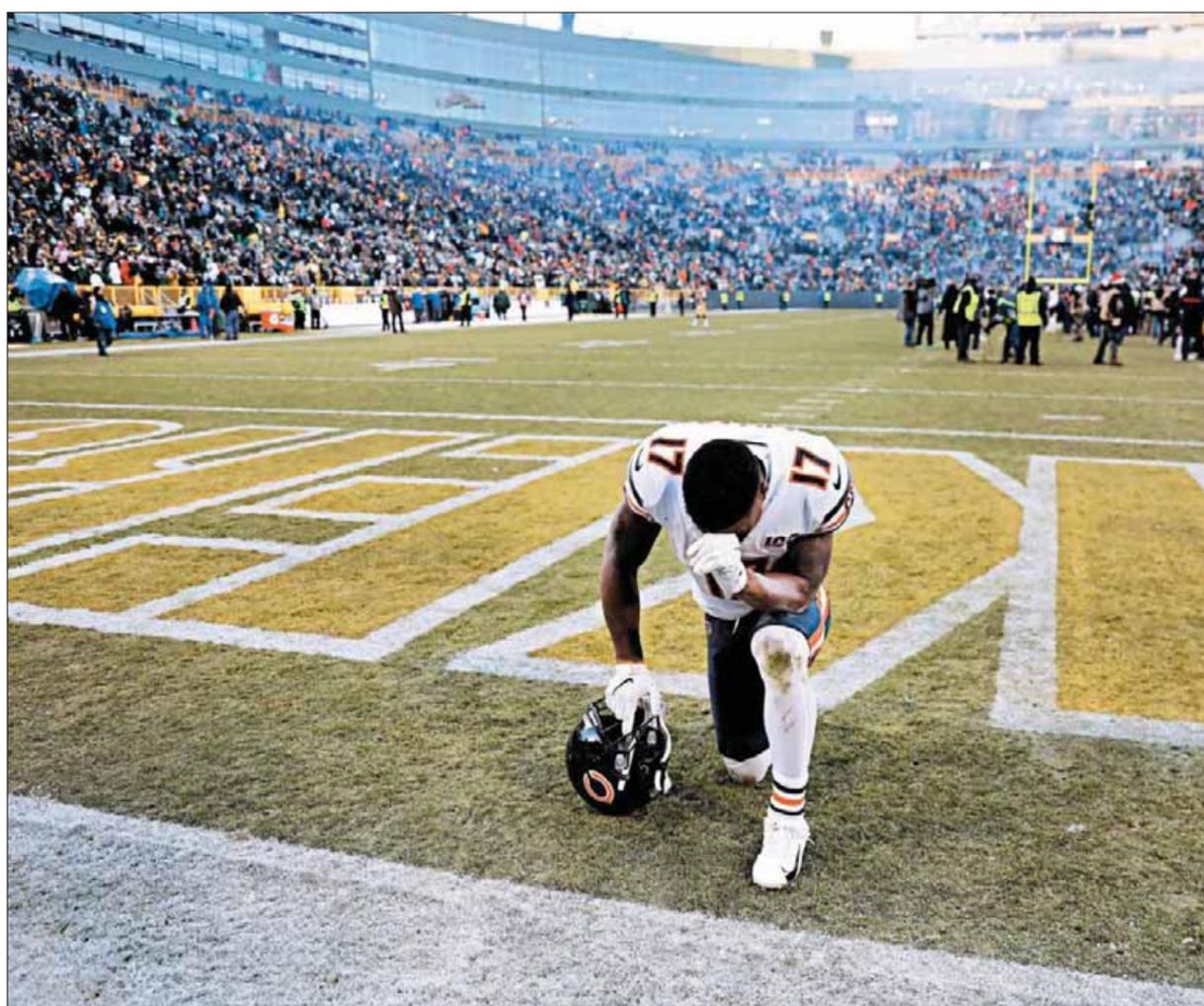
"The security (assessment) on Mayor Emanuel was not done to justify whether he would get a detail, that's automatic," Guglielmi said. "It was done to determine whether and how long we needed to keep a command post at the house."

Last month, the Tribune first reported Daley and Emanuel continue receiving taxpayer-funded police details. The Tribune surveyed the other nine largest American cities about their security practices for elected officials and found Los Angeles, Houston, Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Diego, Dallas and San Jose all provide security for their current mayors but not their predecessors. New York City officials declined a request for comment.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has defended providing security for the former mayors, saying she thinks it's appropriate and necessary, even for Daley, who left office

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PROCESSING ELIMINATION

Bears wide receiver Anthony Miller kneels Sunday on the field after a loss to the Packers at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. A gritty effort by the Bears' defense gave them a chance in the end, but the team still fell short with an inconsistent offensive performance. The loss, combined with the Vikings' win over the Chargers later in the day, officially killed the small chance the Bears had to make the playoffs. **Chicago Sports**

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Building a hyperloop system to carry passengers between Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh could lead to more than 900,000 jobs and \$47.6 billion in increased income, according to the Great Lakes Hyperloop Feasibility



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A capsule prototype is presented by Hyperloop Transportation Technologies on Oct. 2, 2018, in El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain.

Study being released Monday by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, which coordinates regional transportation spending.

"I think it would be a great opportunity for transforming transportation and the way we live and work and play," said Grace Gallucci, executive director of the Cleveland-based agency. The agency shared the cost of the \$1.3 million study with Hyperloop Transportation Technologies, or HyperloopTT, a California company interested in developing the route.

The technology is still in development, so the timeline for when the system could be built is still a mystery. It's hard to get too hyped

over something still being tested.

"A service this fast would be exciting, but the obstacles still seem enormous," said Joseph Schwieterman, a DePaul University transportation expert.

The obstacles include technical challenges, the problem of acquiring right-of-way, and legal and regulatory issues, Schwieterman said.

A hyperloop consists of a passenger pod traveling through a metal tube maintained at a partial vacuum. Magnets cause the pod to move and levitate over the track once it picks up enough speed, explained Dirk Ahlborn, CEO and founder of Hyper-

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Nadler: Impeachment oath violated by GOP

Senate Republicans say impartiality doesn't extend to politics

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN AND STEVEN MUFSON The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler accused Senate Republicans of violating their oath to be impartial jurors in an impeachment trial, as GOP senators defended their right to work for President Donald Trump's acquittal.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said last week that he was working in "total coordination" with the White House — something Nadler, D-N.Y., characterized Sunday on ABC's "This Week" as akin to "the foreman of the jury saying he's going to work hand-in-glove with the defense attorney."

"That's in violation of the oath that they're about to take, and it's a complete subversion of the constitutional scheme," Nadler said.



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House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., has accused Senate Republicans of violating their oath to be impartial jurors in the impeachment trial.

Senators take an oath to "do impartial justice" at the start of any impeachment trial — but several Republican senators argued that impartiality doesn't cover politics.

"I am clearly made up my mind. I'm not trying to hide the fact that I have disdain for the accusations in the process," Sen.

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Republicans are right. Democrats wanted impeachment from start.



DAHLEEN GLANTON

From the moment he took office, Donald Trump's impeachment was inevitable. Democrats knew it. Republicans knew it too.

Democrats can pretend as though they were willing to give Trump a chance to prove that he could be a better president than they knew in their hearts he was incapable of being. But that would be a lie. Democrats never trusted him — not for a single moment.

This week, House Democrats will get what they have craved for three years. They are expected to vote to impeach the 45th president of the United States.

No one was "out to get" Trump or to trap him, as Republicans insisted throughout the impeachment hearings. There was no need to. All Democrats had to do was wait. They knew it would only be a matter of time before Trump dug his own hole and buried himself deep inside it.

Democrats were never the dragons Trump needed to slay, though. His reckless impulsiveness and his deep-seated insecurities were his greatest enemies. His insatiable need to prove his legitimacy as president was the Achilles heel that enveloped him in controversy during much of his first term in the White House.

That self-doubt over whether he really was good enough to sit in the seat of Abraham Lincoln eventually would lead to desperation. Desperation would lead to carelessness. And carelessness ultimately would lead to impeachment. There was no other option for a president so self-absorbed and obsessed with his own survival.

The majority of Americans realized that Trump was a self-indulgent fraud from the start. We knew he had traveled a corrupt and treacherous road his entire adult life, and given the chance, he would drag our nation along with him.

We heard him take the oath of office and doubted every word.

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Trump would never be able to live up to such a high standard. No one so



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump listens to a question during a meeting with Paraguay's President Mario Abdo Benitez in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday, in Washington.

dishonorable could. His lack of integrity was never in question. Long before he became president, Trump told us who he was.

During the presidential campaign, he belittled the parents of a Muslim soldier who died in the Iraq War. We heard him on an "Access Hollywood" tape making vulgar comments about women. He used race and bigotry as campaign tools, designed to pit people who are struggling to achieve the American Dream against those of different backgrounds who are trying to achieve the same.

Trump never pretended to be anything other than a self-promoter, who had spent his entire adult life breaking rules he deemed too frivolous for someone as privileged as he. He had long lived closer to the edge than most of us would dare venture, carelessly crossing the line whenever it suited him personally and professionally.

He was a shyster, a con-man and a swindler with a complete disregard for our democracy and a juvenile understanding of how government is supposed to work. He has made a mockery of our government and turned our nation into the laughingstock of the world.

If someone said that he is corrupt to the core, most of us would agree. He surrounded himself with shady people, who drifted in and out of his presidential campaign hoping to fill their pockets and devel-

op contacts, both locally and abroad, who would help them achieve their personal goals at our expense.

America foolishly elected a self-proclaimed deal-closer who had filed for bankruptcy six times and has a penchant for ripping off innocent people. He founded the now defunct Trump University, which New York prosecutors accused of "swindling thousands of Americans out of millions of dollars."

Last month, a judge ruled that his tax-exempt Donald J. Trump Foundation had misused funds to subsidize his for-profit businesses, boost his 2016 campaign and pay for frivolous things like a painting of himself. Trump was ordered to pay \$2 million in damages and shut the foundation down for good.

Beyond that, Trump was a dangerous and greedy Washington neophyte, whose imbecility made him a sitting duck for political vultures like Russia, which identified him immediately as someone who might easily be manipulated.

If Democrats failed to impeach, they would be as complicit as Republicans in allowing Trump to go unchecked as he bucked the Constitution and put our democracy at risk. But the timing had to be right and the charges abundantly clear.

Many Americans grew impatient waiting for

House Democrats to make their move. Nothing he had done thus far, however, met the standard to impeach. Speaker Nancy Pelosi remained steadfast in her resolve, knowing that Trump would eventually provide them a chance to prove how ruthless he is.

In April, he handed Democrats exactly what they wanted. He made a telephone call to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskii, asking him to delve into the 2020 election by investigating Trump's political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden in exchange for military aid and a White House meeting.

It was a clear and concise case of abuse of power, one of the articles of impeachment approved by the House Judiciary Committee on Friday. Trump gave them additional ammunition by blocking witness testimony during the hearings and ignoring subpoenas. That was the basis of the second article of impeachment, obstruction of Congress.

Yes, Democrats have long awaited this impeachment. Republicans will see to it that Trump remains in office, but his corruption will be recorded in history. Most importantly, though, the record will show that someone at least tried to stop him.

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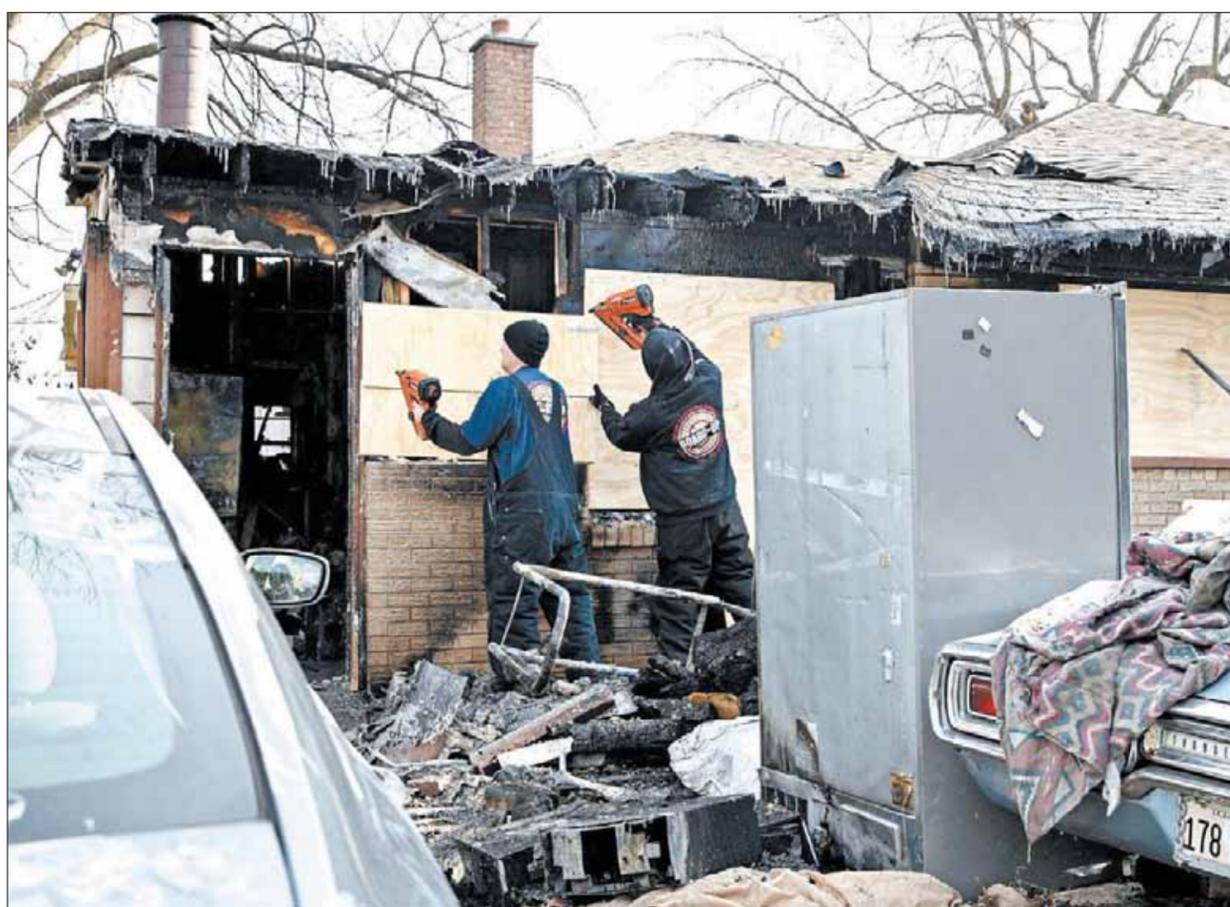
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A house in the 400 block of West 127th Street is boarded up after an overnight fire that killed a 60-year-old man and left one elderly woman in critical condition on Sunday in the West Pullman neighborhood of Chicago.

1 dead, 4 hurt in South Side fires

BY CECILIA REYES

Two separate fires on the Far South Side of Chicago between Saturday night and Sunday morning resulted in critical injuries to five people, one of whom later died of his injuries, according to the Chicago Fire Department.

About 4 a.m. Sunday, firefighters were called to the 400 block of West 127th Street in West Pullman for a residential blaze that initially left two people in critical condition, though one of

the two later was pronounced dead, said agency spokesman Cmdr. Frank Velez.

A 60-year-old man was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital, where he died of his injuries. Velez said an “elderly female,” whose exact age was not immediately available, was taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where she remained in critical condition.

Firefighters found no working smoke detectors in the home. Per protocol, the Fire Department

plans to distribute free smoke detectors and information about fire prevention on Monday at 10 a.m. near the site of the blaze.

Another fire, about 6 miles north in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood, left three people in critical condition. Firefighters were called to a residence near the intersection of West 82nd and South Sangamon streets a little after 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Velez said.

The three adults, whose ages were not known, were trans-

ported in critical condition to area hospitals: two to the University of Chicago Hospital and one to Little Company of Mary.

Velez said he did not know the gender or exact age of those who were injured. The fire was extinguished right away, he said.

The cause of each fire remains unknown and under investigation, officials said.

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Beachfront owners seek to block access

They hope to revive case with new lawsuit

BY MEREDITH COLIAS-PETE

A recent federal lawsuit by beachfront property owners in the town of Porter is looking to revive the case to restrict access along Lake Michigan's shoreline.

It appears to challenge last year's decision in Gunderson v. State, which ruled the shoreline until the natural high water mark belongs to the State of Indiana. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case in February, meaning the state's ruling stands.

When Indiana was created as a state, one of the rights that came with admission to the Union was the state ownership of the beds of navigable waters within its borders, including the exposed shores between the ordinary high and low water marks on Lake Michigan, according to a release from Conservation Law Center, a party in the Gunderson case.

The state holds this portion of the shoreline in “public trust” for the benefits of its residents, and private landowners along the lake cannot erect walls or other barriers that prevent people from walking along the shoreline, it said.

State judges ruled that protected public use on the lakefront includes commerce, navigation, fishing, recreation, as well as walking and other rules set by state lawmakers.

The new lawsuit was filed Dec. 5 by the nonprofit Pacific Legal Foundation on behalf of owners Randall and Kimberley Pavlock, and Raymond Cahnman in the U.S. District Court in Hammond.

Deeds provided in the lawsuit show they own tracts on the 200-300 block of Duneland Drive, just west of a Porter Beach parking lot.

The Gunderson ruling took away their right to limit it to friends and family without getting any compensation from Indiana, the lawsuit states.



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The Dune Succession Trail at West Beach in the Indiana Dunes National Park in Porter on May 13.

“More than simply interpreting unclear state law, the Gunderson decision was an abrupt change in state law that unsettled plaintiffs' property rights,” it said. “The Indiana Supreme Court ignored not only its own precedent, but Indiana's history.”

The lawsuit names Gov. Eric Holcomb, Attorney General Curtis Hill, Indiana Department of Natural Resources Director Cameron F. Clark, and State of Indiana

Land Office Acting Director Tom Laycock as defendants.

Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Ogden Dunes, said last week she expects the state to ask for the case to be thrown out.

“Something that they never owned in the first place sounds like a motion to dismiss to me,” she said.

Post-Tribune archives contributed.

Chances of a white Christmas are ‘dwindling’

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Chicago-area residents can expect a round of spotty snow flurries Sunday night, meteorologists said, but it will likely be the last precipitation the area will see — possibly all the way through Christmas.

The National Weather Service in Chicago on Sunday afternoon warned of a snow band moving into the area between 8 and 10 p.m., according to Gino Izzi, a meteorologist. It's expected to produce a light dusting of snow to an inch or so, with the highest accumulations possible south of Interstate 80.

“Some light flurries will start to fall midevening, probably between 8 and 10 (p.m.),” Izzi said. “It will be spotty, on-and-off, light snow or flurries, and it should wrap up in the 3 to 4 a.m. time range — probably before rush hour, which is good.”

Meteorologist Jake Petr, also

with the weather service, suggested the snow will linger in some areas until as late as 7 a.m., with “some lingering flurries possible into the morning hours.”

Izzi said the snow will be most steady farther south of Chicago.

“The southern suburbs should expect the heaviest amount, and as you get farther north, closer to the Wisconsin border, the chances of snow drop off almost completely,” he said.

In the agency's 3 p.m. forecast discussion update Sunday, Petr wrote that the snow band coming in from Kansas and Missouri is “impressive,” but he noted, “The heavier snow bands are expected to remain south of our area.”

“Currently expect mostly a light coating to half-inch for areas north of I-80 and totals gradually increasing to 1-3 inches as you head south,” Petr said.

Petr's forecast discussion notes uncertainty remains, and

the system will be “worth watching over the next few hours if amounts need to be adjusted a tad higher for some areas.”

But even areas where residents awake Monday morning to more than an inch of snow can expect it to melt quickly because temperatures should be mild this week, officials said.

In one social media post, forecasters wrote: “Milder temps later this week should melt the snow. Still far out (and) forecast could change, but ... chances of a white (Christmas) are dwindling.”

Izzi said earlier forecast models, as recently as a few days ago, called for as much as 10 inches of snow with this system. The fluctuating models are important to note because, while the agency typically does not share more than a general forecast for the six- to 10-day range, that current longer-term forecast calls for a “dwindling” chance of a white Christmas, he said.

“This will probably be our last precipitation through the weekend, as it looks now, and possibly all the way through Christmas,” Izzi said. “December 25 is a little beyond the scope of our seven-day forecast, and the other thing to keep in mind is the uncertainty in that (longer forecast) is huge right now. We had 6 to 10 inches for this system — even three days ago — and clearly that didn't pan out. There are still a lot of variables.”

“Typically around here we see a white Christmas about 40% of the time,” Izzi said. “Our chances are now lower than average, so we're saying there's less than a 40% chance of having a white Christmas, based on the forecast and how it's shaping up.”

The next week should be warmer than average and drier than average for this time of year, he added.

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Rare bats drawing attention in Ind.

Endangered species spotted; conservation groups monitor area

BY AMY LAVALLEY

Upwards of nine species of bats, including one that's on a federal list of endangered species, have been detected just south of Spectacle and Loomis lakes in Valparaiso, according to two local conservation groups.

Preliminary monitoring done in the late summer and early fall revealed the bats, though more monitoring is necessary to determine whether they are migrating or have established colonies here, said Walt Breiting, president of the Valparaiso Chain of Lakes Watershed Group, which announced the findings with the Porter County chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

“A lot of them leave and fly down south and a lot of them hunker down for the winter and go into hibernation,” Breiting said.

The preliminary monitoring was conducted by Tamatha Pateron, a conservation ecologist, and is being analyzed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, he said, adding additional monitoring, from the spring through the early fall, is needed to confirm the results and will take place next year. The monitoring detected hundreds of bat calls.

The number of bats that were detected, particularly at the end of their season, and the variety of species found, “was especially noteworthy or important,” Breiting said.

Part of the monitoring took place on the edge of the Kilmer property, around 17 acres of land just north of the city limits. A group of neighbors is working with the Porter County Parks and Recreation Department and a non-profit foundation that supports the department to preserve at least some of the land from development.

The area contains one of the fewer older growth areas of trees in the county, said Gary Brown, president of the county's chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

The area, he said, “is an oasis for area wildlife that's been encroached by development all the way around its perimeter.”

The little and tri-color bats, two of the species found during the monitoring, are being investigated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for possible listing as threatened or endangered species, said Elizabeth McCloskey, a biologist with the service. Several of the other species are considered “species of special concern” by the state as well.

The Indiana brown bat, also found there, is on the list of “Midwest Region Endangered Species,” according to the service's website.

The species was first listed as endangered in 1967, according to the site, because of people disturbing the hibernating bats in caves during the winter, which caused the death of a large number of bats. Additionally, an illness caused white nose syndrome has killed more than a million bats since 2006.

The bats, according to the site, weigh about three-quarters of an ounce, the equivalent of three pennies, and have a wingspan of 9 to 11 inches when in flight. They hibernate in the winter in caves and roost in the summer under the peeling bark of dead and dying trees. They eat a variety of flying insects found along rivers or lakes.

The bat monitoring is done acoustically with devices that pick up the echolocation for the different species, McCloskey said.

“We know they're there, but we don't know exactly where,” she said.

The results of the preliminary monitoring were a surprise to both the Izaak Walton League and the Chain of Lakes, Breiting said.

“The fact that it ties so much into our ecosystem was of great interest to us,” he said.

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Trail blazers

People walk on the Bloomingdale Trail for the Walk With Light event on Sunday. Performers from Opera-Matic held props while participating.

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2019, African American and Hispanic officers combined held just about 30 percent of the supervisory positions, according to the latest figures from the 13,400-member department.

Beck's bold move now begs a critical question as the department attempts to carry out a court-mandated overhaul of its policies and practices — can Chicago create a promotions system so that the best and brightest officers — of all backgrounds — advance up the ranks?

Just as frustration grew with the merit plan, promotional exams languished as well. The city allowed years to pass between tests. Up until recently, the department promoted detectives off an approximately 10-year-old test, for instance.

Worse yet, officers held little faith in the integrity of the testing because of suspicions of widespread cheating.

In an interview Friday at police headquarters, Beck, a surprise pick as interim superintendent by Mayor Lori Lightfoot after nine years as Los Angeles' police chief, outlined the department's new exam procedure — in the works for more than a year as a result of the federal court decree. The testing went into effect just this past weekend as thousands of officers took the sergeants exam. Those who pass the written exam will undergo interviews that will be scored by experts who work in law enforcement outside Illinois, according to department officials.

Beck said the new testing procedure, combined with a rigorous exam schedule, will point Chicago toward realizing a smarter, better trained and more professional department — the goals of the extensive policing reforms required under the consent decree.

"We have to prepare our people for success," said Beck, who took over the department sooner than expected after Lightfoot fired Superintendent Eddie Johnson early this month. "We have to have regular promotional exams with a regular cadence of study so that people have legitimate reason to understand the rules and laws that govern them within policing."

'Easier to get a law degree'

The irony of the merit promotion system was that it was originally intended to root out cronyism.

It was established in the late 1990s under the Mayor Richard M. Daley administration after decades of litigation and frustration over how to promote cops in a way that was fair to both African American and white officers.

Daley championed the system as an effort to diversify the supervisory ranks of the department with more people of color and to promote ambitious officers who did not test well. At that time, the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police, the union that represents rank-and-file officers, feared the process would be used by politicians to promote their pals.

Today, most big city police departments don't rely on merit for promotions to the ranks of sergeants, lieutenants and captains, according to Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum based in Washington, D.C.

Under the system just suspended by Beck, up to 30% of promotions for sergeant or lieutenant resulted from merit; 20 percent for detectives.

Members of the department's command staff could nominate individuals who had passed the promotions' exams. Candidates then submitted applications to a selection committee made up of department brass.

The deliberations on who would be given merit promotions, however, weren't made public. The lack of transparency contributed to suspicions about the qualifications of many of those promoted.

A 2017 report from the U.S. Department of Justice that assailed Chicago's policing practices from top to bottom in the wake of

Mayor: Police merit promotions process has become 'illegitimate'

BY GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot backed interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck's suspension of the department's practice of promoting officers regardless of their exam scores, saying the so-called merit selection process has become "illegitimate."

"Survey after survey of police officers of all stripes have felt like people are getting their jobs ... because of who they know," Lightfoot said. "And that's a significant problem."

Beck earlier this week suspended the department's practice of promoting officers to the ranks of detective, sergeant and lieutenant regardless of their exam scores, halting a promotional process long criticized by many rank-and-file cops and decried in a U.S. Department of Justice report on the city's policing practices.

The move will discontinue the so-called merit promotion system, a practice that has been slammed by many insiders who believe it too often elevates officers to top supervisory roles more because of their relationships with the department's command staff or someone else with influence over department policy, as opposed to them being qualified for those positions.

In a letter to the 13,400-member department obtained by the Tribune, Beck said he's heard that many officers have been "dissatisfied and discouraged" by the process.

the fatal shooting of black teen Laquan McDonald by an officer faulted the Police Department's leadership for its secrecy with merit-based promotions.

"For example, officers are unaware of the metrics used to evaluate individuals who are nominated for merit promotions, or why the officers receiving those promotions were selected," the report said. "By not sharing this information publicly, and not ensuring Department-wide understanding of the promotions system, CPD has perpetuated an atmosphere of doubt around the promotions process as a whole."

Several officers who declined to be identified for this story because the department did not authorize them to speak to the Tribune said the entire promotions process has been corrupted whether those in higher ranks got there through merit or test scores. While the merit system might have been well-intended, said one veteran detective who won promotion because of his test score, "people who have connections got rewarded."

Hardworking officers often found themselves stuck, unable to advance, despite years toiling in some of the city's toughest neighborhoods.

One North Side supervisor who received a merit promotion agreed that "work ethic" should be a factor in who's promoted.

"Why wouldn't you promote someone who went above and beyond?" said a South Side supervisor who also garnered a merit promotion.

Many of those promoted through merit have been well-deserving, the officers agreed, but the label often carries a taint that they didn't fairly earn their rank.

But even those who advance after scoring high on tests sometimes aren't qualified, officers said, because of widespread suspicions that some test-takers had access to the questions ahead of time and that simply performing well on exams doesn't mean success as a supervisor.

"We have some of the worst police officers on the job who took a test, (passed) that test and got promoted," said the South Side supervisor.

"In consultation with Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Fraternal Order of Police President Kevin Graham, I decided that I will not make any merit promotions during my tenure as Interim Superintendent," Beck wrote.

Beck also said in the letter he would recommend that Lightfoot's permanent top cop — who will be chosen by the mayor in the coming months — discontinue the merit promotion system and in the future hold promotional exams every two years.

In response to Beck's decision, some aldermen have expressed concern that the move would lead to a reduction in minority leadership but Lightfoot sought to assuage those concerns.

"We're never going to take any step back or retreat from diversity," Lightfoot said. "We're going to be monitoring the results of the tests and if we need to make some adjustments, we will."

A sergeant's test planned for the weekend will have a written component that's graded pass/fail, and the oral part will be graded by people outside of the department, Lightfoot said.

"But I think this was a response to I think the deep concerns of a lot of people up and down the chain of command that the current structure for selecting supervisors is deeply flawed and a big part of the culprit they have identified is merit selection," Lightfoot said.

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'How'd that go?'

Wexler, who has done extensive work in Chicago, said the Police Department "stands alone" with its infrequent promotions testing — another issue that the next permanent superintendent will need to address.

"The No. 1 question I would ask the next superintendent is how are you going to fix the promotional system?" he said. "Most departments will give an exam every few years."

Wexler pointed to an unfortunate side effect of the wide gaps in testing dates — a department that offers very generous tuition reimbursements does not test often enough to allow officers to use their city-funded educations.

"You get in a car with a cop in Chicago, and it's not unusual they have an MBA, some have Ph.D.s," he said. "You have really intended, smart people who like anyone ... want to advance. But the exam is not given. ... It is easier to get a law degree than it is to become a sergeant."

In his interview with the Tribune, Beck called regular testing critical because it encourages officers to put "energy in becoming better prepared to be promoted."

He also advocated department-sponsored career development efforts to help officers who struggle at test-taking.

When a reporter asked about the hope that merit promotions would have helped diversify the department, Beck interjected, asking, "How'd that go?"

A consistent and trusted promotional system should address diversity concerns by encouraging all officers to apply — and avoiding political influence at the same time, he said.

"I think the better way is to devise testing that is fair, that gets you the kind of results that you want. And those kind of tests are available," Beck said. "There's many departments that have achieved diversity throughout their ranks without using the merit system."

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Walgreens employee marks 90 at work

Naperville man, who still works full time as a cashier, credits clean living

BY SUZANNE BAKER

Mahendra Joshi doesn't look a day over 65, his former boss says, but that's not what it says on his driver's license.

Joshi celebrated his 90th birthday this month at the Walgreens store in downtown Naperville where he works on his feet 40 hours a week as a cashier, a position that's a second career for him.

"It shocked people when I told them he was 89. They always say no way," said Doug Coleman, Joshi's boss the last two decades and the former manager of the 400 S. Main St. store.

Coleman, who now works at a different Walgreens in Naperville, described Joshi as a stellar worker with great cashing-handling skills. "He's so full of energy," he said.

Because the cash register where he works is situated near the entrance, Joshi tries to welcome everyone with his friendly smile and a warm greeting. He knows many of the long-time customers by name.

Joshi credits clean living for not only his health but for his bright outlook on life and ability to wake up each day looking forward to another day of work.

Good genes contribute too. His father lived to 95 and a grandmother to 97; a maternal grand uncle passed when he was over 100, he said.

"If I have to say what is my secret, I could say first believe in God. Do yoga. Do some physical exercise to keep a healthy mind a body," Joshi said. "I pray every day that God would give me happiness and good health. I also pray for mercy and goodness."

He also credits his wife of 70 years, Sharda Joshi, for preparing healthy vegetarian meals. "You do not eat out," she said.

Joshi's daily routine starts with a cup of Indian tea with his wife early in the morning followed by 30 minutes of yoga. Two days a week he visits the Fry Family YMCA on 95th Street to walk on a treadmill and work with weights.

Then it's off to work for an eight-hour day, days a week.

In his spare time, he tutors his grandson in math in the evenings and reads, favoring materials related to psychology and science.

Joshi's philosophy must work; he says he hasn't taken a sick day in years.

The 90-year-old and his wife return to India for two to three months a year, where the still maintain a residence. Joshi said he could rent out the home, but he wants the ability to visit India whenever he wants.

Walgreens wasn't his first job. For 35 years he worked as a mechanical engineer with Hindustan Motors, a car manufacturer in India.

Although employed in the auto industry, Joshi never learned to drive until he moved to the United States to be closer to his three sons, who settled in America after graduating college.

He lives in Naperville with his middle son, Anil Joshi.

Joshi said he never needed a car in India because the automobile plant where he worked was a five-minute walk from home. "It was not a necessity to drive at that time," he said.

Driving is a must in America, but Joshi opted to wait. "I will drive when I've earned money to a car," he said.

He was 70 years old when he finally attained a license to drive his first car, a Honda Civic.

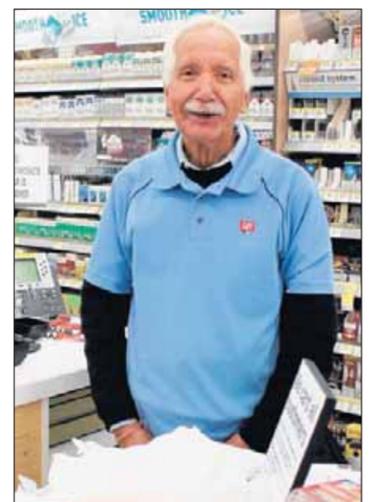
Twenty years later, Joshi doesn't drive as much, other than to go shopping with his wife or to visit the YMCA. He catches a ride to work from his son who works in the area.

Joshi has no plans of retiring from Walgreens.

"I thought of retiring," Joshi said, adding he didn't know what he'd do all day. He's not one to sit around, he said.

"When you go to work, you have a purpose," he said.

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Mahendra Joshi's 90th birthday on Dec. 5 was spent at the Walgreens store in downtown Naperville, where he has worked full time as a cashier for the last two decades.

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However, as you age, this fluid dries out, leaving your bones to painfully rub and grind against each other with every step. And unfortunately, there's no way for the joint to make more.

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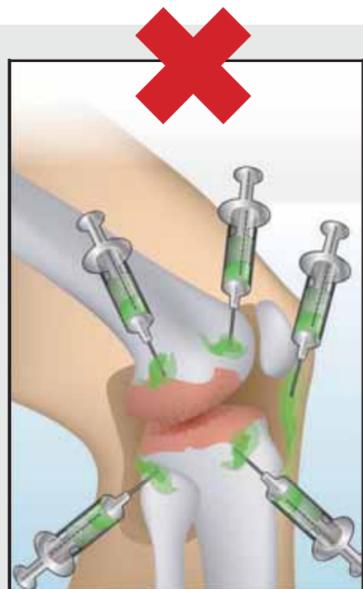
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more than two terms ago.

In response to questions this week, Lightfoot's office said she still supports CPD providing "a minimal security detail for both former Mayor Emanuel and Mayor Daley."

Lightfoot's office also reiterated that the review on Emanuel was limited and added, "Any further threat assessments for former Mayor Emanuel and Mayor Daley were not deemed necessary as they were receiving the minimal security detail former chief executives of the city are granted as consistent with past practices developed as the public safety landscape and its challenges evolved over recent years."

Providing former mayors with publicly funded security has been criticized by good government experts. It's also expensive, with each officer costing upward of \$100,000 without including overtime or a car.

David Melton, a senior adviser to Reform for Illinois, previously told the Tribune it would be understandable to provide former Chicago mayors temporary security when a specific credible threat emerges. But, otherwise, the practice is wasteful, he said.

"In my experience, what we're talking about is these are drivers for these people," Melton said. "If they want drivers, they can pay for them themselves."

Ben Silver, an attorney with Elmhurst-based Citizen Advocacy Center, also said the lack of information provided by police about Daley's and Emanuel's details "is concerning in and of itself."

"It's one thing if this is just a limited thing, it's essentially just some supplemental duties for some officers every once in a while. It's another if it's a full detail most days or something. That's a substantial cost," Silver said. "It's hard to evaluate whether something's justified or not without knowing more details."



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Then-Mayor Richard M. Daley exits his car July 15, 2010, at the Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park, where he spoke at the Aon United Global Day of Service.

Orr, who also is a Lightfoot ally, responded to a tweet last month asking whether former mayors should receive police protection by saying, "No!"

In an interview, Orr said security details for former mayors are an example of "misplaced priorities" and said he doesn't understand why the city would do threat assessments on other politicians receiving a detail but not Daley.

"Obviously no one should get anything unless there's a threat assessment that's done honestly," said Orr, who only briefly served as mayor after Harold Washington died.

Though Chicago police confirmed the city currently provides details for Daley and Emanuel, the department would not provide more information on the size or other specifics. Police and the mayor's office noted the threat assessment for Emanuel "was conducted solely to deter-

mine if the command post and full-time district personnel dedicated to his residence met proper security needs following his recent transition out of office."

"As a result of the assessment, the command post and personnel were reassigned to the local police district," Guglielmi said.

Who receives police protection is sometimes seen as a status symbol in Chicago politics and has been a source of behind-the-scenes politicking.

Until this summer, police provided security for the city clerk and treasurer. But Chicago police canceled the security details for Valencia and Conyears-Ervin, saying the citywide elected officials aren't at enough risk, records released by the city in response to an open records request show.

While police blocked out the threat assessment details, First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio wrote Conyears-Ervin and

Valencia in August, notifying them their security was canceled, noting that other big cities including New York City, Los Angeles, Boston and Miami don't provide full-time police security details to the officials holding their equivalent positions.

Valencia's chief legal counsel, Ennedy Rivera, in August also wrote Lightfoot chief of staff Maurice Classen asking that the decision be reconsidered, citing threats to the clerk. Classen responded that two separate threat assessments found no "ongoing, specific, or credible threat" to Valencia. She was provided a detail as a courtesy, he said.

Conyears-Ervin personally protested the Police Department's move to Lightfoot, who stood behind the decision after a contentious email exchange, records between the two citywide elected officials show.

Conyears-Ervin has criti-

cized the Police Department's process to eliminate her security detail. In an interview with the Tribune, Conyears-Ervin said it's been a long-standing tradition for the city treasurer to receive a security detail, and spoke about feeling threatened because she took office after a contested election and manages the city's massive financial investment portfolio.

"I cannot tell you how many places I go to where people say, 'Give me a loan, that's the money lady, can you write me a check?'" Conyears-Ervin said, reiterating arguments she personally made to Lightfoot. "People truly associate me with money. ... I've had people, when I walk in the room, they say, 'Money, money, money — money.'"

In justifying pulling the detail from Conyears-Ervin, Lightfoot said the cost per officer on a detail is \$116,000, without including overtime or a car.

"Aside from the cost, in this time of violence, we need every officer that we can get on the streets, fighting crime," Lightfoot said in an email to the treasurer.

When Emanuel was elected in 2011, Ald. Edward Burke's security detail was pulled by then-police Superintendent Garry McCarthy and replaced with two retired officers paid for by the city. This was after McCarthy determined that several officials with security provided by the city "require less or no protection."

At that time, the Police Department said most of the officers from security details would go back to the street "at a savings of more than \$650,000 to the taxpayers."

Burke lost his taxpayer-funded security detail after resigning as Finance chair late last year following an FBI raid on his City Hall offices. He has subsequently been indicted on sweeping public corruption charges. His successor, Patrick O'Connor, did not receive a security detail.

After Emanuel was elected mayor in 2011, taxpayer-funded bodyguards were provided to former Mayor Daley and then-city Treasurer Stephanie Neely.

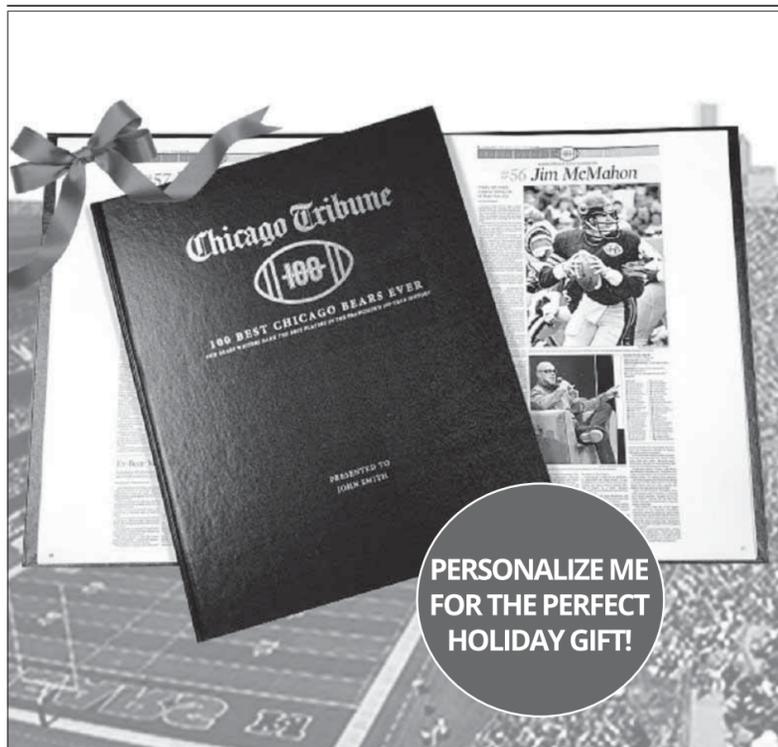
At that time, the Police Department said Daley would continue to be provided with a detail of active-duty police officers for "a limited time" and that his security needs would be routinely reevaluated.

Later that fall, Emanuel announced Daley's security detail had been reduced to three police officers, two of whom would be on call to transport former first lady Maggie Daley to and from doctor appointments and the hospital.

Emanuel justified the expense by saying, "While we're a city of big shoulders, we're also a city of big hearts."

A spokeswoman for former Mayor Daley did not return a message seeking comment.

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Removing air from the tube eliminates wind resistance and friction, allowing the pods to reach speeds as high as 700 mph while using little energy. Gallucci said that by using solar panels, the system could actually create more power than it uses, and feed it back into the grid.

By removing the air inside the tube, a low-pressure environment is created, similar to what an airplane encounters at high altitudes. “You can go faster with much less energy if you don’t have a lot of resistance,” Ahlborn said.

HyperloopTT is just one of the companies working on the technology — others are Virgin Hyperloop One and entrepreneur Elon Musk’s The Boring Company. Musk proposed building something like a hyperloop between downtown and O’Hare International Airport, but without using a vacuum. Mayor Lori Lightfoot didn’t support the project, and it appears to be dead.

Other hyperloop routes are being considered around the nation and the world, including in Missouri, Colorado, India and the United Arab Emirates.

HyperloopTT is testing the technology in a 320-meter tube in Toulouse, France. It has a passenger capsule that’s 9 feet in diameter and similar to the body of a regional jet airplane, Ahlborn said.

HyperloopTT plans to test the pods, with people inside, in the first half of next year. Ahlborn plans to be among the first riders, along with Henriette Ardouin, a 101-year-old French woman who remembers how her father doubted airplanes could fly, and who appears in a Hyperloop promotional film.

Ahlborn is confident that the system — which uses existing technology developed by the aerospace industry — will be safe. The biggest challenge is getting the right regulations in place to allow implementation, he said.

“You can’t build anything unless you have the green light from the government,” said Ahlborn, whose company is working on insurance issues and safety guidelines.

The Ohio study was conducted by Transportation Economics & Management Systems, also known as TEMS, a transportation



HYPERLOOP TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES

Hyperloop Transportation Technologies had the first set of tubes arrive at its research and development center in Toulouse, France, in 2018.

industry research firm. The Illinois Department of Transportation and the Indiana Toll Road were among the agencies that collaborated on the project.

The study looked at three possible routes between Chicago and Cleveland, and two routes between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Gallucci said the Cleveland-Chicago route is the best in the country for a hyperloop pilot, since it’s less than 400 miles, the land is mostly flat and there is already a lot of car and plane traffic between the two cities. Both cities have plenty to offer each other, including large research hospitals, symphonies, art museums and universities, said Gallucci, a former Regional Transportation Authority official.

“There’s an opportunity for someone who lives in one city to go to work in another,” Gallucci said.

There’s also a right-of-way available along the Interstate 80/90 Tollway, which would eliminate much of the need for land acquisition, Gallucci said. The proposed Chicago routes range from 315 miles to 337 miles, depending on alignment, and would run mostly along I-80/

I-90, the study said. The trips would range in time from about 32 to 47 minutes, at speeds of 439 to 593 mph.

The project would not require operating subsidies, and could be financed entirely by a private company, the study found. The study imagines a possible build-out period between 2023 and 2028, from initial site work to heavy construction to testing.

A hyperloop system also offers environmental benefits, cutting carbon dioxide emissions by 143 million tons over the next 25 years, the study said. Ahlborn said it is easier for people to choose to be “green” if they have a green alternative that costs the same or less than the polluting one.

A flight to Cleveland can cost between \$150 and \$500, depending on the day and the airline, and take an hour and twenty minutes, not counting time spent at the airport. A car trip would take five to six hours, and cost around \$57, including the cost of gas and tolls, according to the tollguru.com web site. Amtrak would take six hours and cost \$60 to \$92, depending on the day.

“It’s great when you find alternatives that are actually better,

and use green alternatives to do better business,” Ahlborn said.

The current study does not address where the stations would be, land acquisition or the cost of fares, though Gallucci said the goal is to make them affordable. She said stations, which could be downtown or at airports, would link to public transit.

After the study is released Monday, the results will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation, and there will be a 45-day comment period and peer review. Next will be an environmental impact study and preliminary engineering.

Rick Harnish, executive director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association, said he wishes transportation officials were looking at high-speed trains between Cleveland and Chicago, instead of an unproven technology.

“We know the trains work,” Harnish said. Countries that already have high-speed trains, which run at sustained speeds of 150 mph or more, include England, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and China.

Gallucci said her agency would consider high-speed rail between

Cleveland and Chicago if approached by a private sector company. But no such company has come forward, while HyperloopTT has.

“We view Hyperloop as essentially the next generation of that high-speed concept,” Gallucci said.

Transportation song quiz

The song in our last quiz taught an important lesson — if you want to buy your sweetheart an expensive gift, a stock car race is a bad way to earn cash. The song is “Tell Laura I Love Her,” by Jeff Barry and Ben Raleigh. It was a hit for Ray Peterson, Ricky Valance and Sha Na Na. Don Vahldick of Lisle was the winner.

If you’re really in love, you’d walk 804.67 kilometers. Or more. But don’t bore her with your havoring. What’s the song, and who did it? The first person with the answers gets a Tribune pen, and glory. I’ll tweet the answer Monday afternoon from @mary-wizchicago.

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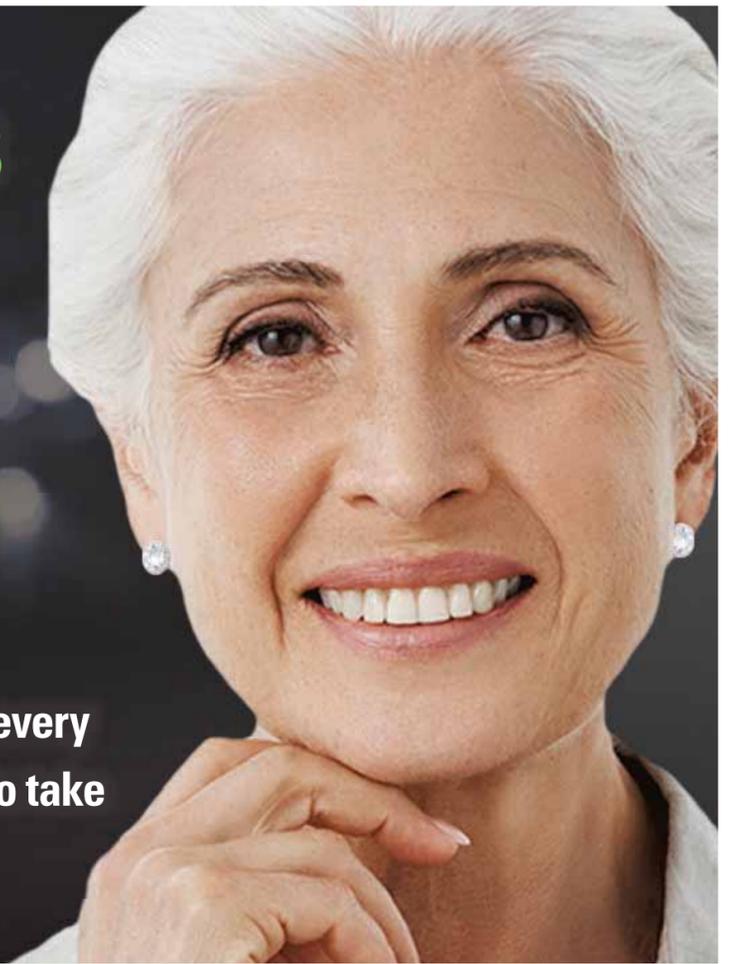
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Climate talks end with slim deal, disappointment

Extended session fails to forge deal on carbon markets

By FRANK JORDANS AND ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

MADRID — Marathon U.N. climate talks ended Sunday with a slim compromise that sparked widespread disappointment, after major polluters resisted calls for ramping up efforts to keep global warming at bay and negotiators postponed debate about rules for international carbon markets for another year.

Organizers kept delegates from almost 200 nations in Madrid far beyond Friday's scheduled close of the two-week talks. In the end, negotiators endorsed a general call for greater efforts to tackle climate change and several measures to help poor countries respond and adapt to its impacts.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was "disappointed" by the meeting's outcome.

"The international community lost an important opportunity to show increased ambition on mitigation, adaptation and finance to tackle the climate crisis," he said.

The final declaration cited an "urgent need" to cut planet-heating greenhouse gases in line with the goals of the landmark 2015 Paris climate change accord. But it fell far short of explicitly demanding that countries submit bolder emissions proposals next year, which developing countries and environmentalists had demanded.

The Paris accord established a common goal of keeping temperature increases below 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, ideally 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the century.

After two nights of fractious negotiations, delegates in Madrid decided to defer some of the thorniest issues to the next U.N. climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, in November.

Chile's Environment Minister Carolina Schmidt, who chaired the meeting, said she was "sad" no deal had been reached on the rules for international trading in carbon emissions permits.

"We were on the verge," she said, adding that the goal was to establish markets that are "robust and



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A solar panel installation is seen in November in central China's Shanxi Province. Scientists say greenhouse gas emissions must start dropping as soon as possible.

Thunberg, German railway in tweetstorm

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN — Climate activist Greta Thunberg and Germany's national railway company created a tweetstorm Sunday after she posted a photo of herself sitting on the floor of a train surrounded by lots of bags.

The image has drawn plenty of comment online about the performance of German railways.

Thunberg posted the tweet late Saturday with the comment "traveling on overcrowded trains through Germany. And I'm finally on my way home!"

But German railway company Deutsche Bahn suggested Thunberg may not have spent the whole time sitting on the floor. And the 16-year-old Swedish activist later sought to draw a line under the matter by tweeting that she eventually got a seat and that overcrowded trains are a good thing.

Some Twitter users expressed pity for Thunberg for not being able to get a proper seat on the train for the long ride home from Madrid, where she was attending the U.N. climate change conference. Others wished her a safe trip home after months of traveling by trains and boats to different climate events in Europe and the United States.

environmentally sustainable."

Economists say putting a price on carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas, and allowing countries or companies to trade emis-

sions permits, will encourage the shift to away from fossil fuels toward renewable energy.

Some observers welcomed the failure of a deal on carbon markets, though,



@GRETATHUNBERG/AP

This image taken from the Twitter feed of climate activist Greta Thunberg shows her sitting on the floor of a train.

Thunberg doesn't fly on planes because it's considered harmful to the climate. Last week, she was named Time magazine's Person of the Year for her efforts to prod government and others to take faster actions in fighting climate change.

Deutsche Bahn, which used to be famous for its punctuality, has come

under fire in recent years for delays, last-minute train cancellations and expensive ticket fares.

In Deutsche Bahn's first reply to the teenager's initial tweet, the company wished her a good trip back home and adding that "we continue working hard on getting more trains, connections and seats."

and the European Union had said beforehand that no deal was better than a bad one.

"Thankfully, the weak rules on a market-based

mechanism, promoted by Brazil and Australia, that would have undermined efforts to reduce emissions, have been shelved," said Mohamed Adow, director of Nairobi-based campaign

group Power Shift Africa.

Helen Mountford, from the environmental think tank World Resources Institute, said that "given the high risks of loopholes discussed in Madrid, it was better to delay than accept rules that would have compromised the integrity of the Paris Agreement."

The talks in Spain took place against a backdrop of growing worldwide concern about climate change. The past year saw large protests in hundreds of cities around the globe and climate activists staged several rallies inside and outside the conference venue to express their frustration at the slow pace of the talks.

Delegates made some progress on financial aid for poor countries affected by climate change, despite strong resistance from the United States to any clause holding big polluters liable for the damage caused by their emissions.

Countries agreed four years ago to funnel \$100 billion per year by 2020 to assist developing nations, but so far nowhere near that amount has been raised.

Under the Paris accord, countries are supposed to regularly review their national emissions reduction targets and increase them if necessary. Last week, the European Union agreed a goal of becoming carbon neutral by midcentury, but the move did little to sway discussions in Madrid about setting more ambitious targets in the medium term, an issue that will be on the agenda again in Glasgow.

The United States will be excluded from much of those talks after President Donald Trump announced the country's withdrawal from the Paris accord effective Nov. 4.

Scientists said the longer countries wait to cut emissions, the harder it will be to meet the Paris temperature target.

"The global emissions' curve needs to bend in 2020," said Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research near Berlin. "Emissions need to be cut in half by 2030, and net zero emissions need to be a reality by 2050."

"Achieving this is possible — with existing technologies and within our current economy. The window of opportunity is open, but barely."

Working-class regions desert UK's Labour Party

Corbyn blamed as Brexit shifts votes to Conservatives

By ALEX TURNBULL AND JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

GRIMSBY, England — Like the North Sea cod that was their livelihood, Conservative voters in the fishing town of Grimsby once seemed in danger of disappearing.

In every election since 1945, voters in this port in eastern England elected a Labour Party lawmaker. Until last week.

Grimsby, 200 miles north of London, is one of a swath of seats stretching across central and northern England — dubbed the "red wall" after the color traditionally associated with Labour — that turned Conservative blue as Prime Minister Boris Johnson swept to electoral victory on a wave of Brexit frustration.

It's a result many here never thought they would see and that was made in towns like this one — working-class communities whose traditional industries have withered, and where many feel neglected by remote London-based

governments.

"I think it's just a time of general discontent," said Stephen Wakefield, who works for the local council. "It is a real time of flux. People are willing to look at what is most affecting them and actually go against a lifetime's habit."

Johnson's Conservatives won 365 of the 650 seats in the House of Commons in Thursday's election. Labour took 203, its worst total since 1935.

The result was an extraordinary turnaround in a town where most people had refused to vote Conservative since Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher presided over the dismantling of the U.K.'s industrial base in the 1980s.

Kelly Brown, who once filleted fish at Grimsby dock, said she ended up on welfare after "Conservatives sold the fishing industry off" and the fish factory closed.

"I voted Labour back then — Conservatives got in and they trashed the country," she said. "(Thatcher) destroyed the fishing industry, steel industry, the coal industry, you name it, it all went downhill from there. But now, I'm hoping Conservatives look back on

their mistakes and I'm hoping they're going to bring some things back."

Loyalty to Labour has been declining in Grimsby and other working-class towns for years. Fewer people these days belong to the trade unions on which the party was built. Under "New Labour" Prime Minister Tony Blair, who governed from 1997 to 2007, the party moved toward the center, gaining support among middle-class professionals while neglecting its working-class base.

In 2016, Grimsby and other "left-behind" towns voted to leave the European Union, and last week they rallied behind Johnson's vow to end years of wrangling over the departure terms and "get Brexit done."

Many Labour politicians pinned blame for the trouncing on Jeremy Corbyn, the veteran socialist who has led the party since 2015.

Under Corbyn, the party campaigned on a radical domestic agenda, promising to nationalize key industries and utilities, hike the minimum wage and give free internet access to all.

But Labour struggled to persuade voters that its lavish spending promises were



ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP

While Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, center, blamed the loss on the media, those in his party were unforgiving, with one lawmaker saying, "You've failed. Please stand down."

deliverable. And its position on Brexit — a new divorce deal with the bloc followed by a second referendum — lacked the simplicity of Johnson's bullish promise to "Get Brexit done."

Former Labour Home Secretary Alan Johnson called Corbyn "a disaster on the doorstep. Everyone knew that he couldn't lead the working class out of a paper bag."

Corbyn — a longtime champion of the Palestinians — has also been dogged by allegations that he has allowed anti-Jewish prejudice to fester in the party.

As the scale of Labour's drubbing became clear Fri-

day, Corbyn blamed the media, accusing it of misrepresenting him.

"When you analyze the coverage that was made of the Labour Party, analyze the coverage of me, over 80% of it was negative," he said.

But many Labour members said the leader — and his "Corbynista" ideology — were responsible.

"This party must listen, this party must respond, or this party will die," said Ian Murray, a Labour legislator who won reelection in Scotland.

"For the sake of the labor movement, for the sake of the Labour Party, but more

importantly for the sake of the country, not only does the person have to go but the policy and the ideology has to go as well," he said.

Corbyn called the election result "very disappointing" and said he would step down — but not yet. He said he would stay on during a "period of reflection" and that an internal election to choose a new leader would take place early next year.

That was not good enough for some.

"Corbyn talking about a period of 'reflection,'" tweeted reelected Labour lawmaker Margaret Hodge. "I've reflected. You've failed. Please stand down."

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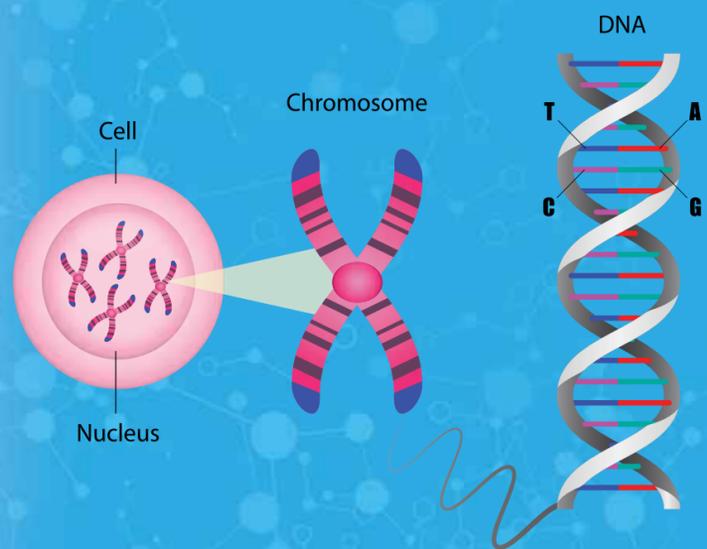
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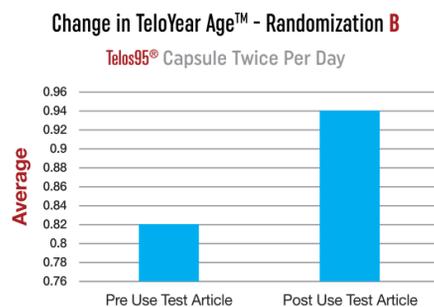
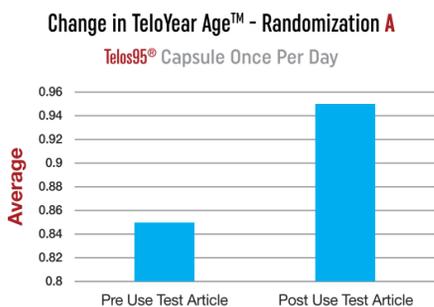
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Mexican Undersecretary for North America Jesús Seade has taken issue with part of the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement involving monitoring of labor conditions.

Mexico objects to part of new North American trade deal

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — A top Mexican trade negotiator flew to Washington for urgent talks Sunday as a hitch emerged in the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, just days after it was signed.

Jesús Seade, undersecretary for North America in the Foreign Ministry, accused the United States of blindsiding Mexico by deciding to send up to five U.S. attaches to monitor labor conditions as part of the treaty.

That decision was included in implementing legislation sent to the U.S. Congress on Friday. The new treaty is intended to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mexico's labor practices were a major sticking point in the final rounds of negotiations on the accord. U.S. unions — and their allies in the Democratic Party — pushed for tough enforcement of a new Mexican law that guarantees workers the right to elect their leaders and approve contracts. In the past, Mexican unions were often under the thumb of businesses and politicians, who kept a lid on workers' wages.

During the talks, Mexico

rejected a U.S. proposal for foreign labor inspectors, saying it would violate the country's sovereignty. Instead negotiators agreed to establish three-member panels — made up of Mexican, American and other experts — to resolve disputes.

Seade said he had sent a letter to Robert Lighthizer, the U.S. trade representative, expressing "Mexico's surprise and concern" about the language sent to Congress.

The decision to send labor attaches was "never mentioned to Mexico — never," Seade told journalists on Saturday. "And, of course, we don't agree."

On Sunday, he was even more blunt. "We gained a lot in the trilateral talks, and because of this, the U.S. needs 'extras' that are NOT PART OF THE TREATY in order to sell it to its domestic audience," Seade tweeted.

The U.S. trade representative's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

But Lighthizer told CBS News's "Face the Nation" on Sunday that the treaty "was more enforceable and it's better for American workers and American manufacturers and agricultural workers than it was before."

Mexico's Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to approve the treaty, just two days after it was signed by the three nations' negotiators in the Mexican capital. But the labor issue has since blossomed into a political controversy here. Critics have charged that Seade was careless or naive.

"It was a serious error for Seade to have gone alone to the final negotiations on USMCA," José Antonio Crespo, a political scientist at the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics wrote on Twitter. "If he had been advised by Mexican personnel, he wouldn't have been tricked or be pretending that he'd been tricked."

Seade said Mexico would never accept foreign labor inspectors "for a simple reason: Mexican law doesn't allow them." The Foreign Ministry noted in a communiqué that Mexico could reject any such diplomats the United States sought to post in the country.

Mexico's economy is heavily dependent on exports to its northern neighbor and foreign investment. For that reason, its leftist government has been strongly supportive of negotiations to create a successor to the 25-year-old NAFTA.

Comey: 'Real sloppiness' in Russia probe, no misconduct

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Director James Comey acknowledged Sunday that a Justice Department inspector general report identified "real sloppiness" in the surveillance of a former Trump campaign aide and said he was wrong to have been "overconfident" about how the Russia investigation was handled.

But Comey also insisted he was right to feel some measure of vindication because the report did not find evidence for the most sensational of President Donald Trump's claims, including that he had been wiretapped and illegally spied on and that the FBI had committed treason in investigating ties between Russia and his 2016 campaign.

"Remember how we got here," Comey said in an interview on "Fox News Sunday." "The FBI was accused of criminal misconduct. Remember, I was going to jail, and lots of other people were going to jail."

The inspector general, he added, "did not find misconduct by FBI personnel, did not find political bias, did not find illegal conduct." The significant mistakes the inspector general identified are "not something to sneeze at" but also not evidence of intentional misconduct, Comey said.

In a tweet Sunday, Trump called for an apology from Comey, now that he "got caught red handed."

"So now Comey's admitting he was wrong," Trump wrote. "So what are the consequences for his unlawful conduct. Could it be years in jail? Where are the apologies to me and others, Jim?"

The report by Inspector General Michael Horowitz concluded the FBI opened the Russia investigation for a legitimate reason and was



KEVIN WOLF/AP

Ex-FBI Director James Comey acknowledged "real sloppiness" in the surveillance of a former Trump campaign aide.

not motivated by partisan bias when it did so. But Horowitz also found major errors and omissions in applications the FBI submitted to eavesdrop on former Trump campaign aide Carter Page. Those problems include the omission of key information about the reliability of a source whose information had been relied on for the warrant, and the altering of an email by an FBI lawyer.

Comey said in retrospect that he was wrong when he told an interviewer last year that the applications to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court were handled in a "thoughtful, responsible way."

"I was overconfident in the procedures that the FBI and Justice had built over 20 years. I thought they were robust enough. It's incredibly hard to get a FISA. I was overconfident in those," Comey said Sunday.

"Because he's right," Comey added, referring to Horowitz. "There was real sloppiness, 17 things that either should've been in the applications or at least discussed and characterized differently. It was not acceptable and so he's right. I was wrong."

Current FBI Director Christopher Wray told The Associated Press last week that the report found prob-

lems that are "unacceptable and unrepresentative of who we are as an institution." The FBI is taking more than 40 steps to fix those problems, he said.

Horowitz told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday that no one who was involved in the warrant application process should feel vindicated, rejecting claims of vindication that Comey had made in an opinion piece earlier in the week. Comey said Sunday that he simply meant that the report had debunked some of the gravest allegations that Trump and his supporters had made.

"All of that was nonsense. I think it's really important that the inspector general looked at that and that the American people, your viewers and all viewers, understand that's true," Comey said.

He also criticized Attorney General William Barr for saying in a separate interview last week that the many errors by the FBI left open the possibility that agents may have acted in bad faith.

"The facts just aren't there, full stop," Comey said, when asked whether Barr has a valid point. "That doesn't make it any less consequential, any less important, but that's an irresponsible statement."

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Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Graham called "this whole thing" a "crook" and warned that Democrats were "weaponizing impeachment."

"I want to end it. I don't want to legitimize it," he said.

"Senators are not required, like jurors in a criminal trial, to be sequestered, not to talk to anyone, not to coordinate. There's no prohibition," Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, said on "This Week," calling impeachment "inherently a political exercise" and Trump's impeachment a "partisan show trial."

Senate GOP leaders have been telling allies they want to limit the trial to a short proceeding, omitting any witnesses from testifying. That isn't sitting well with House Democratic leaders, who contend that senators should use their trial to secure evidence and testimony that the White House prevented House investigators from accessing.

"They don't want the American people to see the facts," House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., said Sunday on ABC, appearing alongside Nadler.

"They realize that what's been presented in the House is already overwhelming, but that there's more damning evidence to be had," Schiff continued. "I hope that the senators will insist on getting the documents, on hearing from other witnesses, on making up their own mind, even if there are some senators who have decided out of their blind allegiance to this president that he can do nothing wrong."

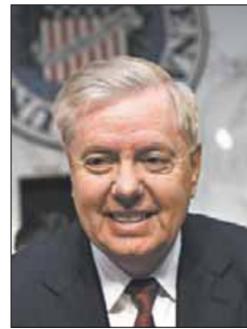
Senate Democrats are proposing a weekslong Senate impeachment trial seeking testimony from four new witnesses including John Bolton and Mick Mulvaney.

Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., proposed the structure for a "fair and honest" trial in a letter to



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has vowed "total coordination" with the White House



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., warned Democrats of weaponizing impeachment.

McConnell, an attempt to launch negotiations ahead of House voting this week.

"This trial must be one that is fair, that considers all of the relevant facts, and that exercises the Senate's 'sole Power of Impeachment' under the Constitution with integrity and dignity," Schumer wrote. "The trial must be one that not only hears all of the evidence and adjudicates the case fairly; it must also pass the fairness test with the American people."

There are some Senate Republicans who want to hear from witnesses at the trial. But they're thinking about the whistleblower and Hunter Biden.

"You can be sure we're going to allow the president to defend himself," Cruz said, adding: "That means, I believe, if the president wants to call witnesses, if the president wants to call Hunter Biden or wants to call the whistleblower, the Senate should allow the president to do so."

Hunter Biden, son of former Vice President Joe Biden, sat on the board of Ukrainian energy company Burisma for five years and was paid as much as \$50,000 a month, despite having no expertise on the subject matter. As Democrats have made the case that Trump tried to use his office to pressure a foreign leader into announcing investigations against a political rival, several Republicans have rallied around the countercharge that Trump was right to be concerned about "corruption" involving the Bidens — though it does not appear that Joe Biden, who was closely involved in Ukraine policy, made any decisions to advantage the company.

"I love Joe Biden, but none of us are above scrutiny," Graham said Sunday, noting there were "legitimate concerns" about Hunter Biden's activity. But he added that the Senate could look at all of those issues — as well as whatever new information Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani unearthed in his latest trip to Ukraine — "after impeachment" and should move ahead without witnesses.

It is not clear whether the Senate will be forced to hold separate votes on witnesses — or if most of the GOP would hold rank in that situation. It takes 51 senators to approve a motion. There are 53 Republicans in the Senate, meaning the GOP can afford to lose no more than two senators on any motion for McConnell to fully control the course of the trial.

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Revisiting Hitler's last WWII gamble

US soldier returns to Belgium to mark Battle of the Bulge

By **RAF CASERT**
Associated Press

BASTOGNE, Belgium — Pvt. Arthur Jacobson was seeking cover in the snow behind a tank moving slowly through the wooded hills of Belgium's Ardennes, German bullets whizzing by.

That was when he lost his best friend and bazooka team partner to sniper fire. "They couldn't hit him, he shouted," Jacobson said wistfully. "Those were his last words."

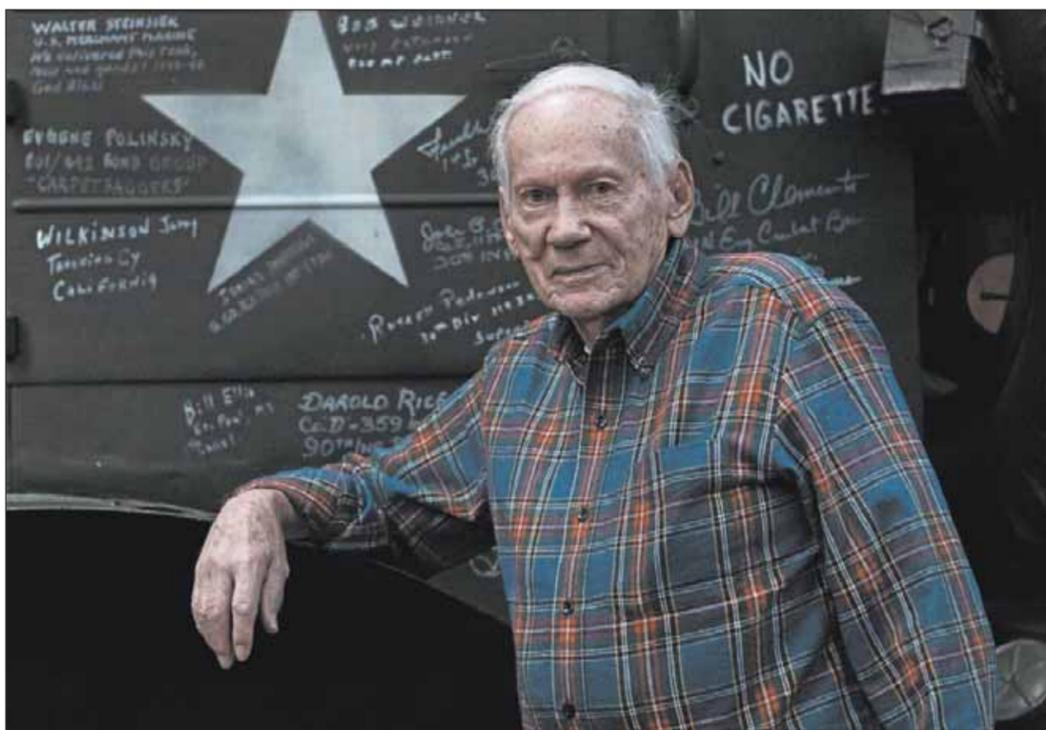
The recollection of his worst day in the Battle of the Bulge still haunts him, three-quarters of a century later during the first return of the 95-year-old to the battlefield.

And at a time when President Donald Trump is fanning the flames of trans-Atlantic discord, the pristine-white rows of thousands of grave markers over the remains of U.S. soldiers in cemeteries on the former front line hark back to the days when Americans made the ultimate sacrifice for a cause across the ocean.

The fighting in the bitterly cold winter of 1944 was unforgiving to the extreme.

What Jacobson didn't know then was that he was part of the battle to contain Nazi Germany's desperate last offensive that Adolf Hitler hoped would become his version of the Allies' D-Day: A momentous thrust that would change the course of World War II by forcing U.S. and British troops to sue for peace, thus freeing Germany to focus on rapidly advancing Soviet armies in the east.

The Battle of the Bulge "is arguably the greatest battle in American military history," according to the U.S. Army historical center. Such perspective came only later to Jacobson, who was barely 20 at the time.



Battle of the Bulge veteran Arthur Jacobson poses in front of a World War II vehicle at a museum in Belgium.

"They really didn't tell us anything," he said. "The Germans had attacked through Belgium, and we were there to do something about it."

Out of the blue at dawn on Dec. 16, 1944, over 200,000 German troops counterattacked across the front line in Belgium and Luxembourg, smashing into battle-weary U.S. soldiers positioned in terrain as foreign to them as it was familiar to the Germans.

Yet somehow, the Americans blunted the advance and started turning back the enemy for good, setting Allied troops on a roll that would end the war in Europe less than five months later.

This battle gained fame not so much for the commanders' tactics as for the resilience of small units hampered by poor communications that stood shoulder to shoulder to deny Hitler the quick breakthrough he desperately needed. Even though the



World War II German anti-tank obstacles, known as Dragon's Teeth, are covered in moss near Simmerath, Germany.

Americans were often pushed back, they were able to delay the German advance in its crucial initial stages. The tipping point was to come later.

Overall, deaths in the monthlong battle are estimated in the five digits. The Americans suffered at least 80,000 casualties including more than 10,000 dead, while up to 12,000 were

listed killed among the roughly 100,000 German casualties.

Among the fallen was Albert W. Duffer, Jacobson's bazooka team partner, shot in the neck by a German sniper on Jan. 6, 1945. Last week, Jacobson went to greet Duffer for the first time in 75 years — at the Henri Chapelle U.S. cemetery in the northern part of

the battle zone, where 7,987 U.S. soldiers lie buried. At dusk, Jacobson watched the U.S. flag being lowered and was presented with it in recognition of his valor.

The Battle of the Bulge was one of the war's least predictable campaigns. After D-Day and the draining Normandy drive, allied troops sweeping across the continent believed the worst was behind them.

Paris had been liberated, Gen. George Patton was moving eastward toward Germany, and Hitler had to keep an increasingly bleary eye on Josef Stalin's Soviet armies advancing on the Eastern Front.

"The thought was that Germany was on its knees and could no longer raise a big army," said Mathieu Billa, director of the Bastogne War Museum.

Still, Hitler believed Germany could turn the tide, and centered on regaining the northern Belgian port of Antwerp with a push through the sparsely popu-

lated Ardennes.

The 120-mile dash seemed so fanciful that few of Hitler's own generals believed in it, let alone the Allied command. Allied intelligence heard something might be afoot, but even on the eve of the attack the U.S. VIII Corps daily note said that "There is nothing to report."

For days to follow, the only reports would be bad for U.S. troops retreating amid word that SS troops were executing their prisoners — like at Malmedy, where 80 surrendered soldiers were slain in a frozen field.

When Jacobson moved into the Ardennes, night temperatures outdoors dropped as low as -4 Fahrenheit. "You had to dance around not to freeze to death," he said. Daytime saw the constant fear of sniper fire.

Soon though, the German effort pushed its limits as Antwerp remained well out of reach and troops ran out of ammunition, morale and, crucially, fuel. Even the weather turned against the Germans, as the skies finally cleared, allowing the all-powerful Allied air force to pound the enemy.

Nowhere was that tipping point more visible than in the southern Ardennes town of Bastogne, where surrounded U.S. troops were cut off for days with little ammunition or food.

When Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe of the 101st Airborne received a Dec. 22 ultimatum to surrender or face total destruction, he offered one of the most famous — and brief — replies in military history: "Nuts."

Four days later, Patton's troops broke the encirclement. And so it went with the Battle of the Bulge, too, with the U.S. troops gaining momentum after Christmas.

After the fighting ended on Jan. 28, 1945, Allied forces invaded Germany, eventually leading to the Nazi surrender and the end of the war in Europe.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Mexico: 50 bodies among remains outside Guadalajara

MEXICO CITY — Human remains discovered last month at a farm outside the city of Guadalajara have been confirmed as belonging to at least 50 people, authorities in Mexico's west-central state of Jalisco reported.

Jalisco state prosecutors said recovery work at the farm in Tlajomulco de Zuniga, which began Nov. 22 after the initial discovery, concluded Friday as experts determined there was no more evi-

dence to be gathered from the scene.

The office said in a Saturday statement that there was a "preliminary" indication that the remains corresponded to 50 individuals.

Prosecutors said they had identified 13 people so far — 12 male and one female, all of whom were listed as missing.

The state is home to Jalisco New Generation, one of Mexico's bloodiest and most ruthless cartels.

Protests turn violent for 2nd day in Lebanon's capital

BEIRUT — Lebanese security forces fired tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannons Sunday to disperse hundreds of protesters for a second straight day, ending what started as a peaceful rally in defiance of the toughest crackdown on anti-government demonstrations in two months.

The violence comes on the eve of a meeting between the president and parliamentary blocs in

which resigned Prime Minister Saad Hariri is widely expected to be re-named to the post. The tension also reflects deepening divisions in the country that is grappling with a severe liquidity and foreign currency crunch.

Hariri resigned Oct. 29 amid nationwide protests. The protesters say they won't accept Hariri as prime minister, demanding an independent head of government.

Police targets of both love and anger at Hong Kong rallies

Several thousand people, some making heart signs with their hands, turned out in Hong Kong on Sunday in an unusual display of support for the police force, even as riot officers clashed elsewhere with protesters and pepper-sprayed a crowd.

Competing rallies on Hong Kong Island and wildcat protest actions, including vandalism, by black-clad youths at shopping malls dramatically

exposed the deep gulf between pro- and anti-establishment camps.

Truncheon-wielding riot officers fanned out at a shopping mall where demonstrators spray-painted protest slogans on the polished stone floor and smashed glass panels. Watched by shoppers, officers pepper-sprayed bystanders and made several arrests, pinning detainees to the floor and marching them away.



Run, Santa, run: Runners dressed as Santa Claus take part in Sunday's "Christmas Corrida Race" on the streets of Issy Les Moulineaux, outside Paris. Similar events were held in several countries, including the United States.

No letup for UK lawmakers: Johnson pushes Brexit forward

LONDON — There will be no letup for U.K. lawmakers worn out after Britain's bruising election campaign. Prime Minister Boris Johnson is set to begin "before Christmas" the push to secure Parliamentary approval for his Brexit deal.

Buoyed by its landslide victory in Thursday's election, Johnson's Conservative government plans to move fast to make good on his campaign mantra to "get Brexit done." That means ensuring legislation known as the Brexit withdrawal agreement bill is passed in time for the U.K.

to complete its historic departure from the European Union by the current deadline of Jan. 31.

But once the Brexit legislation has passed, negotiations between London and Brussels will begin on a new deal covering their economic and strategic relationship.

Yet procedures in Britain's centuries-old Parliament will stand in the way of instant gratification for Brexiteers.

The first order of business when the new lawmakers take their seats Tuesday on the green leather-clad wooden

benches of the House of Commons' debating chamber is electing a speaker. That position was elevated to global fame by former Speaker John Bercow and his theatrical cries of "Order!" before he stepped down and was replaced in November by Lindsay Hoyle.

Next, all 650 legislators have to be sworn in, a process expected to take days.

On Thursday, Queen Elizabeth II will deliver a speech written by Johnson's government, laying out the administration's policy plans.

Hallmark to reinstate same-sex marriage ads

NEW YORK — The Hallmark Channel will reinstate same-sex marriage commercials that it pulled from the network, according to a company statement.

An ad for wedding planning site Zola featuring two brides kissing at the altar was pulled following a

complaint from the conservative group One Million Moms.

A Hallmark spokesman previously told The Associated Press that the network pulled the ad because the controversy was creating a distraction.

"The Crown Media team has been agonizing over

this decision as we've seen the hurt it has unintentionally caused. Said simply, they believe this was the wrong decision," Hallmark Cards CEO Mike Perry said in the statement.

Hallmark was facing some bitter criticism on social media over its initial decision to pull the ads.

Wis. governor: No tax credits for smaller Foxconn plant

MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Tony Evers' top aide warned Foxconn Technology Group last month that a scaled-down factory in Wisconsin won't qualify for tax credits unless the Taiwanese electronics giant renegotiates with the state, letters Evers' administration released Friday show.

The letters underscore a deepening schism between Evers and the world's largest electronics provider. Foxconn counts Apple, Google and Amazon among its customers.

Department of Administration Secretary Joel Brennan wrote to Foxconn's Richard Vincent on Nov. 4 warning that the new project doesn't qualify for incentives under the existing contract.

Foxconn's Alan Yeung responded to Brennan's letter by accusing Evers' administration of wasting the company's time with contract arguments.

In the Philippines: A strong earthquake jolted the southern Philippines on Sunday, killing at least one person and causing a three-story building to collapse, setting off a search for people feared to have been trapped inside, officials said.

The magnitude 6.9 quake struck an area about 3.7 miles northwest of Padada town in Davao del Sur province at a depth of 18 miles, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. The area has been battered by a series of powerful quakes in recent months.

A child was killed in a village in Davao del Sur's Matanao town when a wall of her house tumbled down as the ground shook and hit her in the head, officials said.

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EDITORIALS

Here comes recreational cannabis — and a haze of confusion

On Jan. 1, Illinois becomes the 11th state to legalize the sale and consumption of recreational marijuana. Will Chicago and the rest of Illinois be ready to handle the experience? We wonder.

Earlier this month, Mayor Lori Lightfoot tried to clarify one vague aspect of the new state law, which bans the consumption of cannabis in “public spaces.” Does that mean lighting up anywhere on your own property is OK? Not OK? Lightfoot said that as far as Chicago is concerned, using cannabis in your own backyard or on your balcony is fine. She added that Chicago police officers are being trained “how they should use discretion in their enforcement powers to educate residents on the new legalization laws.” If the result is that all officers apply that discretion fairly and equally as everyone gets comfortable with the sudden visible use of a once-illegal drug, we’ll be both pleased, and surprised.

That’s just Chicago. From town to town across Illinois, practical application of the law will vary. One suburb may allow dispensaries, its next-door neighbor may not. One burg may say yes to pot consumption in backyards and on porches, another may say: Not cool. Given that the advent of recreational marijuana for adults 21 and over is less than three weeks away, confusion seems certain. There are questions about law enforcement’s ability to detect when a driver is pot-impaired, whether marijuana consumption could make immigrants vulnerable to deportation, and what risks are associated with THC-infused e-cigarette products, given the vaping health crisis that swept through the nation this year. Illinois gave itself only 180 days to create a framework for marijuana legalization. We wrote previously that the state should have given itself more time. Medical marijuana became available two years after its legalization, while the start of video gambling came three years after being signed into law. But weed is coming, and it will be up to officials at every level of Illinois government to convey as clearly as possible information about what this new era means to residents and visitors. A bit of what we’ve gleaned, and what’s still uncer-



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Opposing factions gather Dec. 9 at Palatine Village Hall before council members vote on whether to allow marijuana retailers in the town.

Where you can buy, where you can’t: Some Chicago suburbs have banned recreational marijuana dispensaries, some have voted to allow them, and others have said no sales for the time being. The Illinois Policy Institute says towns in which no sales will be allowed come Jan. 1 include Arlington Heights, Downers Grove, Libertyville, Naperville, Orland Park, and at least 13 other suburbs. Along with Chicago, at least 19 suburbs have approved sales, including Crystal Lake, Oak Park, Schaumburg and Aurora, IPI says.

Where can you smoke, where you can’t: The law says you won’t be able to smoke in public places—sidewalks and parks for example. But condominium asso-

ciations will have the power to prohibit pot smoking at their complexes, even in individual units. Few have said they would enforce a ban, though some are mulling it over. Lightfoot established ground rules for Chicago, but which suburbs will send a cop to slap tickets on pot smokers kicking back outside at home? Helps to know before lighting up.

Driving and pot: Each police department will have its hands full figuring out how to detect when a driver is pot-impaired. A Breathalyzer won’t help, and so far there’s no other standardized test to determine marijuana impairment. THC, the psychoactive component in pot, metabolizes in the body quickly but gets stored in fatty tissue and dissipates at a much slower

rate. So a blood test might detect THC in a driver who hasn’t smoked in weeks. As it stands now, cops might rely on field sobriety tests used for drunken drivers, but police departments will have to tweak those tests to detect pot use. The introduction of recreational marijuana to Illinois represents a major shift, in both legal and cultural terms, of what’s acceptable behavior. The public will be ready to consume cannabis. That’s guaranteed. We’ll see if layers of Illinois government are ready to properly enforce the rules.

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Two US trade deals help the Midwest

For much of the past two years, ominous clouds have hung over America’s trade relations with the rest of the world. It’s too soon to forecast blue skies and pleasant breezes, but the weather is improving.

A few days back, the Trump administration and House Democrats reached agreement on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, negotiated to replace NAFTA. On Friday, the United States and China announced a major breakthrough in their debilitating standoff.

The former was in order for a variety of reasons. Perhaps most important, rules on intellectual property, digital commerce and pharmaceuticals needed to be brought into the 21st century. NAFTA, which dates to 1994, was drafted before smartphones and streaming video became central features of life.

The new deal has new environmental protections, as well as content requirements designed to keep U.S. auto production and jobs from going to Mexico. Some provisions are worse than NAFTA’s, but economists generally agree the net effect will be positive for Americans.

The “Phase One” deal with China commits Beijing to buy more American farm products, upgrade protections for intellectual property and provide stronger safeguards for U.S. companies doing business in China. In return, President Donald Trump agreed to cut previously imposed tariffs from 15% to 7.5% and cancel a raft of import duties that had been scheduled to take effect.

Whether the deal will live up to the promises is anyone’s guess. The Chinese apparently did not accept the adminis-

tration’s demand that it buy \$50 billion worth of agricultural goods. The value of the other pledges Beijing is making will depend a lot on the details of the accord and the mechanisms established to enforce them.

But the greater importance of both agreements is what they prevent. The USMCA averts the threat of new trade barriers on our southern and northern borders — which would raise consumer prices, disrupt production and hobble economic growth in all three countries. It preserves a North American free trade zone that has been a boon to Midwestern farmers, who ship billions of dollars’ worth of their crops to our neighbors.

The China deal heads off the trade war escalation that Trump had scheduled, which would have imposed levies of 15% on more than \$150 billion worth of Chinese goods. It

also halves the 15% tariffs he had previously put on some products, though it doesn’t touch the 25% tariffs he put on others.

The showdown with China has cost American farmers by depriving them of lucrative overseas markets. It has also cost American taxpayers, who have to pay for the bailout provided for those farmers, which so far total \$28 billion. The persistent uncertainty over trade has made it hard for companies and investors to make plans with confidence.

These agreements don’t solve everything: Trump has also put tariffs on washing machines, solar panels steel and aluminum. But they should dispel a lot of fear and anxiety and help establish a favorable framework for commerce with some important trade partners. A round of applause is in order — or at least a sigh of relief.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For Europe, it’s like choosing a poison: U.S. President Donald Trump or Iran? As Tehran inches ever closer to developing nuclear weapons, pressure is building on the European Union to choose a side in a standoff where it has done its utmost to remain on the sidelines.

Europe has taken pains to keep alive the West’s 2015 nuclear deal with Iran after Trump withdrew the U.S. from the accord in May of last year.

Trump’s Republican Party had opposed the deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), from the outset. He argued the agreement wouldn’t prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons in the long term. ...

A series of recent breaches of the terms of the JCPOA by Iran — including a move to enrich uranium beyond the limits it stipulates — is forcing European leaders to rethink their approach. ... Leading European powers, especially France and Germany, have long seen oil-rich Iran, a country of more than 80 million people, as an attractive trading partner with untapped potential and were loath to leave in the first place. ...

Another reason for Europe’s refusal to get tough on Iran might be to simply avoid acknowledging that Trump — a man many of the region’s leaders have difficulty disliking — wasn’t as wrong on Iran as they thought.

Matthew Karnitschnig, Politico EU



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Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

Rabbi Funnye, other Black Hebrew Israelites wrongly connected to Jersey City shooters

BY JULIA LIEBLICH

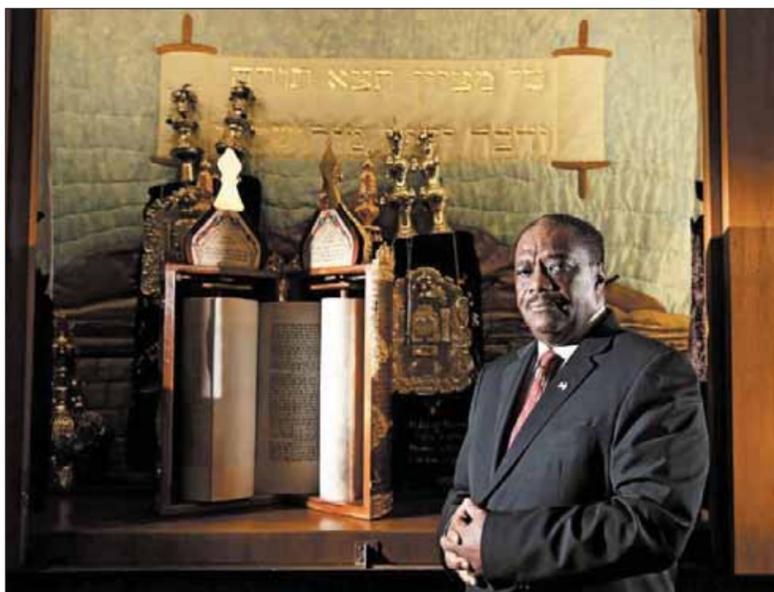
Chicago Rabbi Capers Funnye had two reactions when some news outlets, including The New York Times, reported Wednesday that a man and a woman who killed six people at a kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey, had ties to the Black Hebrew Israelites — and that the Southern Poverty Law Center identified the Black Hebrew Israelites as a fringe, hate group unaffiliated with mainstream Judaism.

“I felt terrible that innocent lives were taken first and foremost,” said Funnye, rabbi for 26 years of the 200-member Beth Shalom B’nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation of Chicago, a member of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the chief rabbi of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis.

Funnye was also “flabbergasted and devastated” that some media painted all Black Israelites with the same broad brush as a group prone to violence. “We do not engage in bigotry, racism, Islamophobia or anti-Semitism,” he said. “We absolutely advocate for peace.”

Given the recent spike in anti-Semitism at home and abroad, it makes sense that people want to identify perpetrators quickly. But the early moments after a tragedy are often rife with misrepresentation and overgeneralizations as the media try to make sense of a tragedy. The result, too often, is retribution. After Muslims were falsely accused of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, mosques throughout the country reported vandalism. The Chicago Tribune reported that after 9/11, some Muslims were afraid to wear religious garb.

The Southern Poverty Law Center took pains to tell reporters that the organization had not implicated Black Hebrew Israelites as a whole. “Nowhere do we say all Black Hebrew Israelites are hateful. We are only



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Rabbi Capers Funnye, of Beth Shalom B’nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation of Chicago, in 2015. Funnye is the chief rabbi of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis.

concerned with a handful of Israelite groups that we can prove are anti-Semitic, anti-white and anti-LGBQ,” said Heidi Beirich, chief of the SPLC’s Intelligence Project. “They are also unrelated to the thousands of black Jews of Ethiopian origin who are genuine members of the faith.” Still, she laments that some media misrepresented the SPLC position in a rush to judgment.

Rabbi Bruce Elder of Congregation Hakafa in Glencoe, a former member of the Chicago Board of Rabbis who has known Funnye for 30 years, calls this week’s incident, “one more assault on black Africans,

an indignation with assumptions being made.” Too many African American Jews, he says, “still feel unwelcome in predominantly white congregations. Funnye wants to be a bridge builder who brings black and white Jews together.”

The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs recently gave Funnye its Robert J. Marx Social Justice Award for his efforts to combat racism and anti-Semitism locally and nationally. “We see Rabbi Funnye and his congregation as completely part of our Jewish community in Chicago,” says Executive Director Judy Levey.

The Black Israelite movement began in

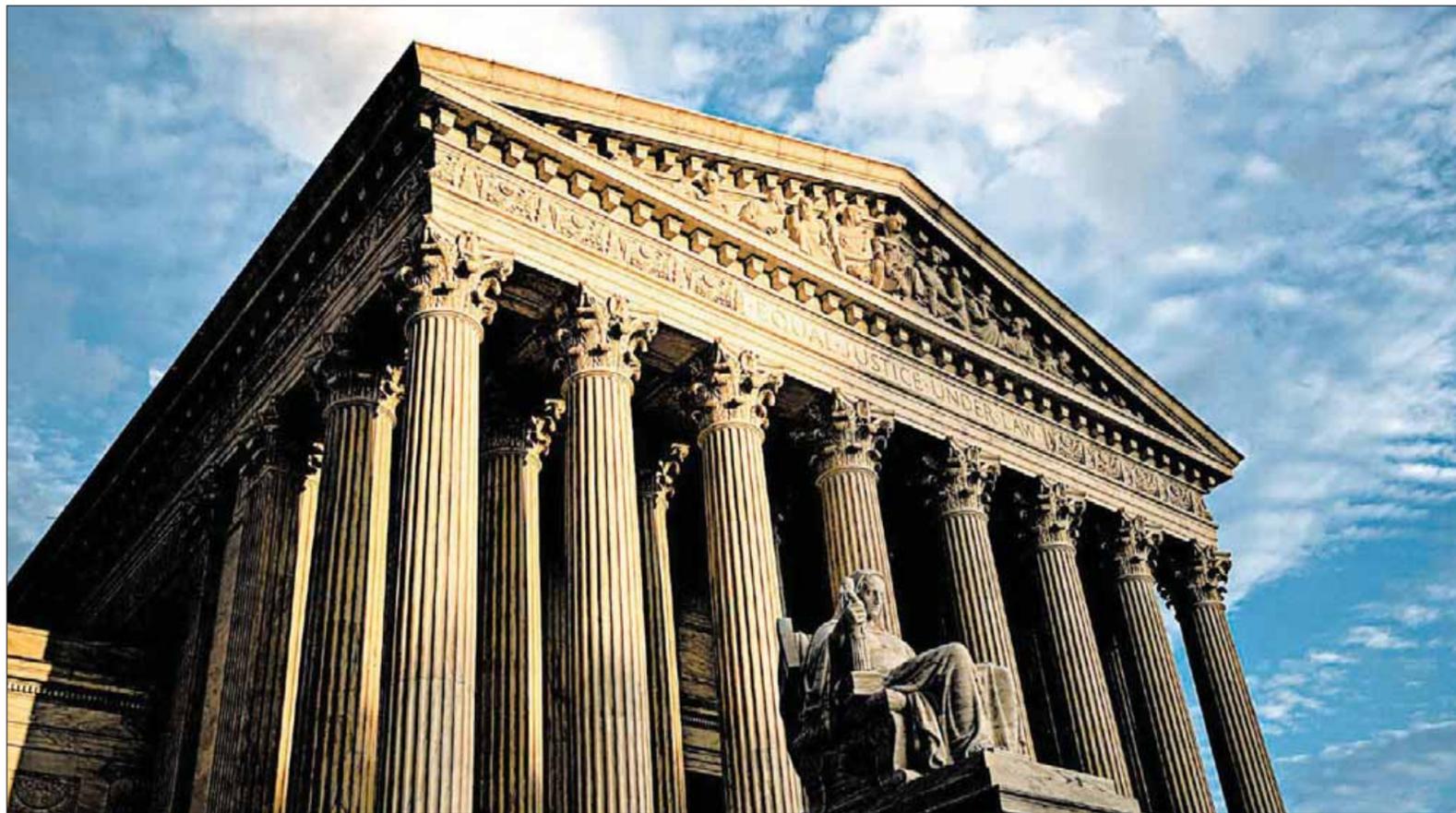
the late 19th century and was made up largely of African Americans who believed they were descendants of the lost tribes of ancient Israelites. Funnye, a cousin of Michelle Obama, was born in South Carolina and raised on the South Side of Chicago in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

While attending Howard University he became interested in Judaism and began studying with Rabbi Robert Devine, who practiced a form of messianic Judaism. Later, Funnye was drawn to the more conventional teachings of a black Brooklyn-based rabbi, Levi Ben Levy, who taught him biblical Hebrew and standard religious texts from an African perspective. Funnye took his ordination with the Israelite Board of Rabbis, and later participated in two conversion rituals with a panel of Conservative and Orthodox rabbis, a practice he recommends to his congregants. Since then he has earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degree from the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership.

Even some traditional Jews who do not worship with Black Israelites object to negative portrayals of all its adherents. Yaacov Behrman, a Hasidic rabbi in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, who knew the father of a Hasidic victim in the New Jersey attack, wants to avoid pointing fingers as his community mourns and looks for answers.

“The Hasidic Community in Brooklyn has been the target of many violent incidents,” he said. “But we have to be careful not to judge an entire community because of the actions of a few members. I met with Funnye at the Obama’s White House Hanukkah party. We had a wonderful conversation and he seems like a wonderful person, and no harm should fall on him from this attack.”

Julia Lieblich is a former Tribune religion writer.



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The Supreme Court has left in place a Kentucky law requiring doctors to perform ultrasounds and show fetal images to patients before abortions.

BY RUTH FADEN

The Supreme Court announced Dec. 9, without explanation, that it would not hear a challenge to Kentucky’s so-called Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, which requires women to submit to a narrated ultrasound before receiving an abortion.

The court’s inaction leaves a dangerous law on the books, one that endangers not only women’s rights but also medical ethics.

The Kentucky statute compels any doctor performing an abortion to first do an ultrasound on the patient and describe aloud the physical features of the fetus on the screen. The doctor must also play the sound of the fetal heartbeat.

Patients cannot opt out of hearing the doctor’s narration or the heartbeat. They cannot ask that the screen be turned away from them. The only way a patient has to avoid the ultrasound images or narration is to cover her ears and close her eyes while the physician speaks.

Physicians have no recourse either. There are no exceptions to the law’s ultrasound and narration requirement other than a narrow one for emergencies. They have to perform this grotesque ritual in every case — regardless of the patient’s wishes and the doctor’s assessment of whether it is appropriate. It must be read even when a patient has become pregnant through rape and in cases where there is a diagnosis of fetal anomaly that is incompatible with life.

Proponents of the law have said that it is

Kentucky’s dangerous abortion law undermines the idea of ‘informed consent’

based on “the commonsense notion that patients should be well equipped with relevant information before making important medical decisions.” Those are important values, central to moral requirements of informed consent, but this law does nothing to advance them.

To offer information that may assist patients in making medical decisions in alignment with their values, beliefs and interests is the essence of the ethical practice of medicine. To force information on unwilling patients is precisely the opposite.

Informed consent serves two primary functions. First, it demonstrates respect for patients as autonomous individuals who have control over their bodies, their lives and their values; and second, it ensures patients have sufficient information about the risks, benefits and alternatives to a procedure to make an informed decision about their health care.

The Kentucky law not only fails to honor the primary functions of informed consent but also violates them. We know the information contained in the ultrasound is not essential to informed consent — if it were,

why would the law permit patients to close their eyes and block their ears? There is no justification for prohibiting physicians from respecting a patient’s request to stop speaking and to turn the images around.

Informed consent does not require that every patient be shown medical images in advance of a treatment decision. Certainly, images can be helpful to some patients, but for others they can undermine the patient’s ability to process the information relevant to their decision. Medical ethics require that physicians treat the patient as an individual, and the value of viewing images will necessarily vary from patient to patient, and from decision to decision.

It is impossible to overstate how disrespectful forcing this information on patients is. The mandated speech occurs while the woman is in an extremely vulnerable position: half-naked, lying prone on an examination table with her legs in stirrups and a probe on her abdomen or inside her vagina. It is not only disrespectful but also in many cases is likely to be distressing, if not harmful. A woman who is terminating a wanted pregnancy due to a lethal fetal anomaly may

suffer deeply from being forced to view and study the features of her fetus.

The Kentucky law reflects a complete misunderstanding of informed consent, turning it into something that has never existed in the long history of the concept. The law forces physicians to defy their professional ethical duties and contravene the trust that is essential in a doctor-patient relationship. It represents a state-mandated violation of “do no harm.”

I was one of more than 130 biomedical ethicists who joined together to urge the Supreme Court to hear the challenge to Kentucky’s law, and I was disappointed by the court’s decision not to weigh in on the issue. But it is critical to understand that the court’s decision not to hear this case is not a ruling on the underlying merits of the law or others like it. Similar laws have been struck down in Oklahoma and North Carolina, and those good decisions still stand. But there are also people working very hard to take Kentucky’s law to other states — and to pass a federal law as well.

In the wake of the court’s abdication, my colleagues and I will continue to speak out until politicians in Kentucky and around the country finally get the message to keep politics out of the exam room and the doctor-patient relationship.

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PERSPECTIVE



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Shoppers flock to Water Tower Place in Chicago on Nov. 29 looking for Black Friday deals.

Holiday shopping? Bah! I haven't bought a thing.

BY STEPHEN J. LYONS

The unrelenting onslaught of pre-Christmas ads to pressure me into buying stuff I do not need came weeks before Black Friday. Everywhere I turned I was assaulted with “once-a-year savings” offers, “Free Two-Day Shipping,” “Black Friday only!” solicitations and countless “blow-out specials.”

Via email, social media, newspapers (online and in newsprint), internet pop-up windows, wide-eyed neighbors, gas pump speakers (!) and on radio and TV, I was told to upgrade, to sign up, to “one-click shop” and I’d better hurry! Or else. And, hey, big spender with the lousy credit: no interest on that living room and dinette set until 2025, about the time the furniture becomes kindling.

The *real* meaning of Christmas? Who knows anymore, but it might have something to do with APR financing.

Yet, it’s not that I am immune from the attraction of shiny, material objects, such as a \$1,000 espresso machine that grinds the beans, filters the water and monitors my heart rate. Or a 70-inch television that can perfectly capture (and record) that high-definition, clock-cleaning moment when an NFL receiver suffers a life-altering brain injury.

And I do get kind of verklempt over that Patagonia catalog filled with responsibly plucked goose down and fleecy jackets in colors that only Timothy Leary ever experienced.

I admit that in many cases I do want whatever is being peddled. After all, I’m

an American consumer. Purchasing more than I can ever use is in my DNA too. Pumping up the gross national product is our patriotic duty as is using our garages for storing the stuff that once made us giddy and now makes us wonder how we ever thought purple velour was cool.

For many years now I’ve bought nothing during the holiday season. You didn’t see me among the horde pushing through the doors of Walmart the morning after Thanksgiving to grab the toy du jour and then getting into a brawl because some other greedy shopper snatched it out of my hands.

Nor will I be presenting my loved one with a Lexus topped with a red bow. And, please, let’s not discuss Pelotons ever again.

Aside from the necessities of food, shelter, health care and transportation (and dare I say that a new Lexus is not your best travel option when you drive to 7-Eleven to buy milk), I don’t need any of it, and if you turned off the noise and thought about it, you might agree that you don’t need it either.

As a boomer I am well aware of the consumptive strain my generation has placed on our suffering planet. We are running out of everything and wasting way too much of what’s left. (By the way, Greta Thunberg, we hippies were screaming about this like 40 years ago. But, whatever, you are still cool.)

So it’s simply not about the environment, and it’s simply not about the money, although I am a poor writer (double-entendre intended). No, it’s about the accumulation of stuff and how I want to

live my life: especially the last third of my years.

What I don’t have enough of at the startling (to me, at least) age of 64 is something I can’t buy on Amazon Prime: time. Time to spend with my daughter, grandkids and so many loved ones and friends; time to travel with my wife to places in this beautiful country we have yet to experience. More time to volunteer. More money left to donate to worthy causes. Less time filling out (and keeping track of) warranty cards and deleting spam from Omaha Steaks and Pajamagram.

Reading, writing and playing music make up the bulk of my time each day, and those low-cost activities keep me fulfilled. My acoustic guitar brings more joy than I can describe. I have a wonderful collection of cherished books and, at my incredible local library, I have access to more titles than I will ever be able to read.

What we value in life and what we prioritize will ultimately define us. We are what we buy. I admit my priorities are a tad odd, outside the mainstream and might appear joyless. But, trust me, I’m having way more holiday fun than anyone in a mall right now, and I don’t even need to buy batteries to keep it going throughout the year.

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Illinoisans are on the Titanic

When I first read the editorial “Illinois Exodus alert” stating that my home is “worth less,” I thought I read that my home is “worthless.” The truth is, I feel that way about my home, which was built in 2004 and has not appreciated in the last 15 years. Despite the fact that it is in an upscale neighborhood, I probably won’t be able to sell it for what I paid for it. Illinois can’t tax itself out of the pension problem, nor can growth make up the deficit.

We are on the Titanic, and the last ones on the ship will bear the burden of additional taxes. I have no hope for the future, as our state legislature is more concerned about “union votes” than the tsunami that is sure to come. Corruption, legislators who appeal taxes for a living and their refusal to revise state pensions make the situation all the worse.

Every Sunday, the Tribune prints an “Elite Street” column in which even the rich and famous are losing a fortune on their homes. Mike Caplan, a meteorologist, is listing his house for 15% less than what he paid for it in 2001. A former Bear, Martellus Bennett, took close to a 30% hit from his original listing price. Chicago has the most pension debt of any city in the country. To cover an \$838 million shortfall, the city is planning to sell as much as \$1.5 billion in bonds to cover the deficit.

One-fifth of all states, including Illinois, have not set aside enough money to weather the next recession, without resorting to additional taxes. Get out now before it’s too late, folks. I’m already looking at real estate in Tucson, which is the 15th hottest real estate market in the country and has low real estate taxes. I plan on being on one of the Titanic lifeboats, before it’s too late.

— Mark Sulkin, Glenview

Stop stirring up ‘exodus’ panic

Regarding the editorial “Illinois Exodus alert: Why Chicago skyscrapers and your home are worth less” (Dec. 8): Can the Tribune Editorial Board read the reporting in its own newspaper and stop referring to the population “exodus” from Illinois? (Or at least stop capitalizing it?) According to Tribune reporters Cecilia Reyes and Patrick O’Connell (“Who stays, who goes? We examine the ‘exodus,’” Sept. 25), Illinois ranks about average, at 21st, among states in percentage of residents leaving the state. The editorial board also ignores a major point of that article: “Memes ... can’t capture the complexity of population trends for an entire state.”

Let’s embrace that complexity and have a more intelligent discussion about our problems in Illinois.

— Dick McGlynn, Chicago

Mayor Pete’s work at McKinsey

I’m flabbergasted at the naivete and lack of sophistication of the politicians and media regarding South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg and his time spent as an employee of McKinsey & Co.

McKinsey is a private management consulting company that advises clients across multiple business sectors so that these clients can better run, manage and grow their businesses. Buttigieg wasn’t, I’m pretty certain, working on “secret” stuff for the clients he served while at McKinsey. He was working with clients and their proprietary information, i.e., info/data endemic specifically to the nature of these clients’ businesses. Neither McKinsey nor Mayor Pete has to divulge the nature of client engagements with anyone.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot should know this better than anyone. She was a partner at Mayer Brown, a prestigious law firm wherein, I assume, privileged and proprietary information regarding clients’ businesses/cases were kept. How about the media and some other politicians raise up the pitchforks and torches to get Lightfoot and Mayer Brown to divulge sensitive and confidential client information? It’s not going to happen.

And it shouldn’t happen in a free market system in which, as long as no laws are being broken, businesses should run as they see fit, including the amount of transparency they choose to share with the market.

Speaking of transparency, I am not, nor have I ever been, an employee of McKinsey. Similarly, I am not a fan of Buttigieg and his socialist-leaning policies. I am a fan, however, of the free market and of people minding their own business.

— Bob Morand, Wilmette

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Remainers, admit it: Brexit is happening

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

It’s hard for an American to grasp the magnitude of Boris Johnson’s electoral landslide. Britain’s prime minister will return to office with the largest majority since Maggie Thatcher’s salad days. But even that doesn’t quite capture it. To understand just how badly Britain’s conservatives have blitzed the opposition, consider the constituency of Blyth Valley.

Blyth Valley is a former mining area in England’s northeast. Labour has carried it in every election since the constituency was created in 1950. The Tories won it Thursday night — narrowly. Nonetheless, this was, I was told by Keith Humphreys, a Stanford psychiatry professor who has done quite a bit of policy work in the United Kingdom, a political earthquake “akin to the GOP winning the NYU School of Humanities.” And it was repeated throughout the night as Conservatives stormed constituency after constituency, including more old Labour redoubts that the party had held since before World War II.

But even if Americans have little intuitive grasp of the subtleties of British politics, we can understand the most important effect: Britain is headed for Brexit, and fast.

Ever since the Brexit referendum in 2016, there have been two main arguments against going forward with leaving the European Union. The first is that Brexit would have horrifying economic consequences, which is quite possibly true, but largely beside the point. The British people voted for it, and surely the British people have a right to lower economic growth, if they want it. I mean, 48%

of them didn’t, of course, but the same complaint could be lodged against nearly any modern election; there’s almost always a sizable minority that bitterly opposes whatever the majority wants. If that’s grounds for ignoring the 2016 referendum, then it’s grounds for arguing that no government should ever do anything except periodically meet to declare National Puppies Are Cute Day.

Perhaps perceiving the troubling implications of this argument, most people ended up taking a related, but different tack: Voters were misled and confused, and we have an obligation to find out whether voters changed their minds before we do something irrevocable.

This, too, has a certain plausibility. Elections can be influenced by all sorts of ephemera, from weather to flu epidemics. And the Brexit referendum, in particular, was affected by some rather wild overpromising about the benefits, and underweighting of the costs, on the part of the Brexiters. The past three years have given the lie to claims that Brexit would be simple, or yield a lot of savings that could be used to fund the National Health Service; it seems quite possible that some voters have changed their minds. And shouldn’t today’s voters count at least as much — more, really — than the voters of three years ago?

But at some point, you have to stop asking “What about now?” In 2015, Prime Minister David Cameron won a historic majority after promising to call a Brexit referendum. In 2016, Britons voted to leave. And since then, voters have had two chances to chuck the Tories out of office. Instead, Conservatives have gone through two new prime ministers, each more

pro-Brexit than the last.

There is, of course, the problem of Jeremy Corbyn, the leader of the Labour Party, whose unreconstructed radicalism and amiable attitude toward anti-Semites have made him a most unattractive candidate for prime minister. It seems fairly clear that if Labour had a more normal leader, Labour would already be in power. But then, one wouldn’t call Johnson a precisely normal Tory leader either, and his party has presided over the most ludicrously incompetent British Parliament in living memory. So it’s hard to argue that this is simply a Labour own goal, especially since Labour is suffering hardest in areas that voted “Leave.”

Elections are never perfect summations of the collective will of every citizen. Britain joined the EU based on a similarly imperfect vote, and if they’d decided to stay, the same people who dismissed the 2016 referendum would have been solemnly intoning “The people have spoken.” The thing is, they’d have been right too.

While elections can’t render the popular will with perfect accuracy, they deliver something even more vital: democratic legitimacy. And whatever catastrophe you think the voters have chosen cannot be nearly as disastrous as the long-run effects of telling those voters that elections only have consequences when your side wins. This election has given Boris Johnson not only the right, and the power, but also the obligation to do as he promised voters and “Get on with it.”

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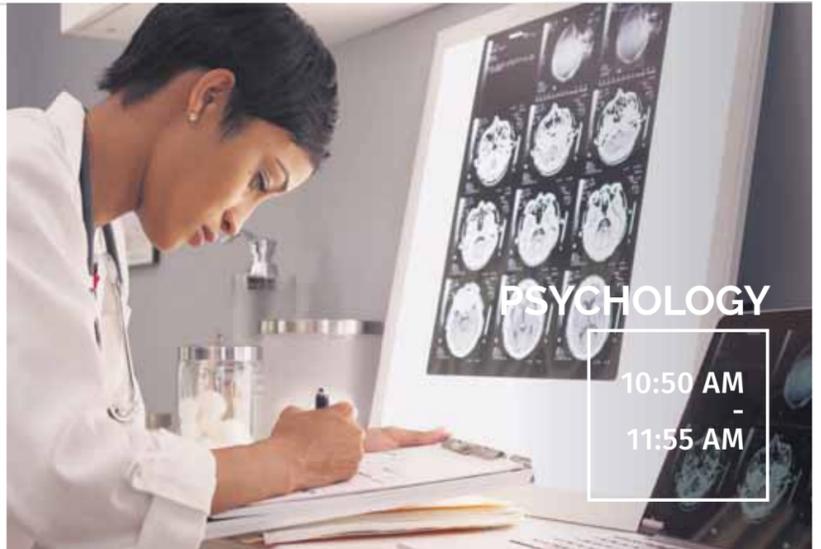


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Charitable giving the smart way

December is the most popular month for charitable gifts. Before you start the process, consider these six important steps:

Confirm that the charity is legitimate and financially sound

Earlier this year, the IRS warned against a big uptick in charitable frauds. "Scam artists commonly use charities as a cover to lure honest people into providing money and sensitive personal information," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Protect yourself, and make sure you are dealing with a reputable group before making a donation."

Access the IRS's Exempt Organizations Select Check Tool to confirm that the organization is a registered public 501(c)(3) organization and has legitimate IRS Employer Identification Number. Then see what experts say about the organization and how much of your donation goes to supporting programs, versus salaries and marketing. The Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Watch, GuideStar, Charity Navigator and GiveWell are helpful resources.

Ditch the cash

Never send cash donations or wire money to someone claiming to be a charity. If you are planning to send a check, your payments must be postmarked by midnight Dec. 31 to qualify for a deduction, and pledges aren't deductible until paid.

Donations made with a credit card are deductible as of the date the account is charged, so if you are a little late in the process, you probably should stick to credit cards.

Let the bull run

U.S. stock indexes are up over 20% this year, which makes it a great time to gift appreciated securities from a taxable investment account. Doing so allows you to write off the current market value (not just what you paid) and escape taxes on the accumulated gains.

Use the tax code

If you want a tax advantage from your giving, you have to itemize deductions. One way to get there is to "bunch" or "bundle" future gifts into one year. One way to accomplish this is by establishing a donor advised fund, which allows you to make multiple years' worth of donations up front.

An added bonus of DAFs is that you can contribute appreciated securities from a taxable investment account, as well as cash.

Divert RMDs

For those who are 70½ and older and need to withdraw money from an Individual Retirement Account, consider a qualified charitable distribution, which allows you to direct some or all of your required minimum distribution to a public charity (not to a private foundation, nor to a charitable supporting organization or a donor-advised fund).

You don't get to count a QCD towards an itemized charitable deduction, but you avoid being taxed on the money. As a result, using a QCD may be a smart way to give, because it can minimize your adjusted gross income.

You can transfer up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA and you can give away more money than your actual RMD amount. A QCD can be tricky, which is why working with a CPA or CFP can be crucial.

Keep good records

For any cash or property valued at \$250 or more, you must have a receipt (bank record, payroll deduction or written communication) identifying the organization, the date and amount of the contribution and a description of the property.

For text message donations, flag the telephone bill with the name of the receiving organization, the date of the contribution and the amount given.

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At work and IN LOVE

Best practices to follow before engaging in relationship with colleague

BY JORIE GOINS | Tribune Content Agency

Love is a many-splendored thing, but does it have a place in the office? Dating in the office, even between two colleagues at the same level, is definitely risky. In addition to issues that are inevitable in any relationship, like arguments and breakups, colleagues who date have to navigate professional landmines like conflicts of interest and office politics.

Despite the potential for professional and personal problems, workplace romances abound, according to a February study from career website Vault.com. Vault's annual Office Romance Survey reported that 30% of respondents between the ages of 18 and 21 had engaged in an office romance, with the number climbing to more than 70% of respondents over age 50.

Whether you're an employee considering a new relationship or a company trying to refine its policy, if you're concerned about properly maneuvering office romances, these tips from workplace experts might help.

Be transparent

If you are in a long-term office relationship, the sooner you and your partner disclose your situation to HR, the better.

Tracie Sponenberg, the chief people officer of The Granite Group, has personal experience with the ins and outs of office dating. Sponenberg dated the CFO at a previous job. The two eventually tied the knot and have been married for 12 years. Sponenberg says transparency with HR prevented the relationship from damaging her and her husband's standing as executives.

"It was a very tricky thing to navigate both ... in a professional way but also in a personal way, and I worried a lot about credibility for both of us," Sponenberg said.

Brett Holubeck, a labor lawyer and legal blogger at the Texas Labor Law Blog, cautions that in dating situations at work, secret-keeping does more harm than good, especially if the relationship violates company policy.

"The best thing to do is to be open," Holubeck says.

Be clear on the culture

For employers, Holubeck recommends creating a clear sexual harassment policy.

Alongside these policies, Holubeck

said, companies must provide regular training for employees and managers.

"Every company needs to train their employees on sexual harassment (as well as) their managers and that training should be separate ... bystander training is something that a lot of companies are considering right now ... to show employees how they can intervene if somebody's being mistreated in the office, or if they think that something inappropriate is going on," Holubeck said.

Sponenberg thinks a company's policy should stop short of banning all relationships.

"Office relationships happen and when you're in an environment where you prohibit them, people are just going to do it anyway and do it behind the company's back ... you're better off having those discussions in an open forum rather than having people sneak around," Sponenberg said.

Always say no to supervisor-subordinate relationships

This is a big no-no, and most companies have firmly established rules against it, for good reason.

"I don't think there's a relationship within the workplace that can cause as big of an impact, other than hiring a

family member or somebody like that," Holubeck said.

Holubeck also calls out the potential for impropriety if a supervisor begins using his or her power to influence the relationship.

There "are positions where it is impossible to date almost anybody in your workplace because it is going to create either an impression of improper behavior or the potential for improper behavior," Holubeck said.

Keep it professional

While she was dating her husband, Sponenberg recalls keeping the relationship secret from her colleagues until they announced that they were getting married. Once her relationship became public, Sponenberg took extra steps to assure her husband's subordinates that it wouldn't impact her work.

"We talked with people and said, 'I know this is hard to believe, but I'm doing my job, I'm professional, unbiased, but still, here are the alternate paths that you can go to if there's an issue and you're not comfortable,'" Sponenberg said.

Prepare to look for a new job, if needed

While you may believe your new fling won't impact your work, your employer might have different feelings. Once a relationship begins and is disclosed, Holubeck says the two parties should prepare for consequences.

"They need to talk with the company to see what steps they can take to minimize the impact on the workforce ... They may need to make a choice on how that relationship can continue if one of them may need to find a different job," Holubeck said.

Sponenberg recalls that although she and her husband were peers, she offered to quit when they reported their relationship. Sponenberg says if she'd been at a large legacy company she probably would have left.

Vault's study notes that most people who engage in workplace relationships haven't soured on them. Nearly three-quarters of respondents (72%) said they'd participate in another office romance.

"You may not be able to help who you fall in love with," Robyn Flint, an insurance specialist at ExpertInsuranceReviews.com, says. "Just make sure you know how to act appropriately when you fall in love."

Ultimately, it's up to you and your employer to take appropriate steps to keep falling in love from making you fall out of favor on the job.

Deferred interest can ensnare naive consumers

Now is the time when retailers pull out all the stops to entice holiday shoppers with great deals, including one strategy that's been described as a classic bait and switch.

It's called deferred interest, and not grasping what you're signing up for on the spot at the cash register can leave you feeling like you just ate stale fruitcake. Younger consumers new to credit cards are especially vulnerable to these offers, experts say.

Many retailers promote low introductory annual percentage rates — often 0% — on their store credit cards. Sales clerks typically offer the deal while ringing you up at the checkout counter.

While shoppers can pay for their purchases interest free during a promotion period that typically runs three to six months, they get slammed if they are unable to pay their credit card balance in full

after the promotion ends. Not just paying interest on the remaining balance, but the total purchase.

As a result, a shopper could end up spending up to 27.5 times more because of all the interest accrued since signing up for the promotion, according to a survey by WalletHub, an online personal finance website.

"Most bait-and-switch financing schemes were eliminated by post Great Recession consumer protection laws, but this one has managed to stick around," said Odysseas Papadimitriou, WalletHub's chief executive. "It's a shady, counter-intuitive practice that depends on predatory surprise tactics to turn a profit."

About 80% of the consumers surveyed by WalletHub did not understand how



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deferred interest actually works.

But even consumers who are familiar with the practice can wind up paying a back load of interest if they are unable to pay their plastic in full because of a job loss or other financial pressures.

About 90% of retail credit cards that promote interest-free introductory rates are products that involve deferred interest, according to WalletHub. These include Apple, Amazon and Best Buy, WalletHub said.

If a deferred interest offer is too good to pass up, set up automatic monthly payments from a bank account with plenty of money to cover the bills each month. If possible, pay more than the minimum before the deferred interest period expires.

Two other strategies from the CreditKarma website: Apply for a credit card with a 0% introductory offer that doesn't charge deferred interest or skip the plastic and pay with cash.

Should you steer clear of store credit cards that offer deferred interest? The easy answer is yes, if you're not confident you can pay your bill in full and on time when the introductory offer ends.

That said, Papadimitriou said some store cards are worthwhile for earning rewards and discounts on purchases. For example, Target's store card gives 5% back on all purchases, and the Kohl's card gives 35% off on first purchases.

If deferred interest is in the offer, take the time to read the fine print so you know what you are getting into.

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Borrowing from 401(k) plan

When it makes sense



BY ELLIOT RAPHELSON
The Savings Game

There are advantages and disadvantages to borrowing from your 401(k) plan. When my children were in college, I took advantage of such loans, but there are pitfalls you should be aware of.

First, the advantages: A loan can be relatively easy to obtain if your plan document permits it. Poor credit is not a factor. The loan is initially tax free and penalty free. The interest rate charged on the loan is not a significant factor, because you pay the interest back to your account. Accordingly, a high interest rate is not a significant negative factor, although a high interest rate results in a larger loan repayment.

If your employer matches your contributions, be sure to make at least the minimum even if you know you will need to take a temporary loan.

Understand that you must repay the loan while you are working for your employer. If you terminate your employment and cannot pay the loan back, the amount of the outstanding loan is taxable at ordinary income tax rates, and you would incur a 10% early withdrawal

penalty if you are younger than 59½.

Ed Slott (www.IRAhelp.com), an expert on retirement accounts, points out some other potential pitfalls with these loans. A loan against a 401(k) can cause tax problems if not handled precisely. To qualify for the preferential tax treatment, the plan document must permit loans; loans are limited to a portion of your retirement account balance, the repayment period must fall within the statutory period, repayments must be continually made at least quarterly, and the repayment must include interest repayments.

The tax code limits plan 401(k) loans to the lesser of 50% of the vested account or \$50,000 with one exception. If the vested account balance is less than \$10,000, you may borrow up to \$10,000 if the amount does not exceed the vested amount. This is optional, so not all plans allow this option.

Some plans allow employees to take multiple loans, and to refinance existing loans. Ed Slott points out that the refinancing option might cause a portion of the previous loan to be immediately taxable. Refinancing can result in a situation in which the maximum loan limits were exceeded. The excess over the limit would result in a taxable distribution, as well as a possible 10% early withdrawal penalty.

Slott makes three critical points for individuals contemplating these loans. ■ An outstanding plan can have serious tax consequences if you are required to leave employment, whether voluntarily

or not. Another option to consider is a hardship withdrawal (if available) or sources of funds outside the plan.

■ Always check official plan communications. Do not rely on a written statement or inference by a human resources or plan representative. Such statement will not hold up in court against statements made in an official plan communication. (If you have questions, have your financial planner or attorney review the official plan document).

■ Know the difference between deemed distribution and distribution of offset amount. A deemed distribution occurs when one of the tax code requirements is violated. A deemed distribution is taxable and cannot be rolled over. A distribution of offset amount occurs when your account balance is offset by the outstanding loan balance in order to repay the loan. This situation occurs when you leave your job and request a distribution of your account balance. You can rollover this balance to an IRA or another employer plan by April 15 of the year after the offset occurs (or October 15 if you file an extension).

The bottom line: 401(k) loans have some advantages, but they make sense only if you will be able to repay the loan in full at the time you terminate employment. Otherwise look at these loans as a last resort.

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



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The Savage Truth

New W-4 is complex, intrusive

The federal government wants to make sure you pay your taxes in full and on time. So it has designed a new W-4 form.

It should not come as a surprise that the new form is complicated and it even requires an online app or long worksheet to complete it properly.

No longer will you simply list the number of allowances (dependents) so your employer can determine the appropriate withholding. Now a complicated formula will determine how much should be withheld for taxes — not only on your salaried income, but on your side jobs, or even your spouse's self-employment income.

The 2020 W-4 will be given to all new employees, and those whose tax status has changed in the past year. If you didn't get divorced, have a child or change jobs, you won't be required — but will be encouraged — to fill out the new form.

Alice Jacobsohn of the American Payroll Association, which is helping employers explain the new format, concedes that the new longer form can be intimidating. And, when pressed, she notes that you're not actually required to input all that information — only to make sure you pay your taxes on time and in full.

The new form comes with its own long set of instructions. In step 1, you state your name, address, Social Security number and filing status (single, married, head of household). If you then skip to step 5 and just sign the form, your employer must rely on your withholding status (single, married, head of household) and can't otherwise reduce or increase your withholding. That means you might not have accurate withholding, resulting in payments and possible penalties or a refund.

But steps 2-4 add more precision to the process. In step 2, you can add information about other income if you have multiple jobs or if your spouse has a job. In fact, there's a handy online tool to help you estimate how much should be withheld if you find yourself in this position. You can find it at www.irs.gov/W4App. Or you can do it yourself, with the worksheet that is part of the form.

In step 3 you can claim credit for a dependent child under age 17 as of Dec. 31. They're worth \$2,000 each, if your income is under \$200,000 (\$400,000 married, filing jointly). That's also where you can claim foreign tax credits and education tax credits.

Then step 4 lets you add in other adjustments, such as retirement income, stock dividends and interest — if there has been no withholding at the source. In this section, you can also ask for extra withholding if you want a refund when you file next year. And the worksheet and app also have a place to calculate your deductions for qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes (up to \$10,000), and medical expenses in excess of 10% of your income.

By now you've figured out that the formerly simple task of filling out your W-4 form can be as complicated as actually filing your tax return. But you can still do it the old-fashioned way. Let your employer follow IRS form instructions and withhold from your salary — and keep the rest of your income private. Then file quarterly estimates, paying taxes on your other income throughout the year.

You'll be safe as long as you pay in at least 100% of your income tax liability from last year, or at least 90% of the current year's estimated taxes (assuming your income is under \$150,000). Then, only the IRS will know your total family income. And you might not get a refund.

That's the price of privacy over convenience. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including "The Savage Truth on Money." She responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

How to handle income from rental properties

BY PATRICIA MERTZ ESSWEIN
Kiplinger

Q: I'm a retired real estate agent, and I manage rental properties. Does my rental income count as having a job for the purpose of contributing to an IRA?

A: No, earnings and profits from property don't count. Contributions to traditional and Roth IRAs must come from "active" income — that is, compensation from working. It can include wages, salaries, tips, professional fees, bonuses and other amounts you receive for providing personal services, as well as commissions and self-employment income.

If you work for wages or a salary, you'll receive an IRS Form W-2 for qualifying income, or if you're an independent contractor or are self-employed, you'll receive a Form 1099 MISC. Another way to know that your income qualifies is if you pay FICA or self-employment tax on it.

Earnings and profits from property, such as rental income, don't count as compensation. Rental income is considered passive income — that is, "money

made on money," says Ed Slott, a CPA and IRA expert. Interest and dividends are also forms of passive income.

Slott suggests a couple of workarounds: You could form your own property-management company as a corporation or limited-liability company and become its employee. Then you could have a solo 401(k) (see www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/one-participant-401k-plans).

Or, if you file a joint return with your spouse and your spouse has earned income, you could each contribute to your own IRAs, as long as your spouse earns enough income to cover each of your contributions. In that case, you can use your rental income to fund your spousal IRA.

For 2019 and 2020, your total annual contributions to your traditional and Roth IRAs can't exceed \$6,000 (\$7,000 if you're age 50 or older) or your taxable compensation for the year, if your compensation was less than that dollar limit.

If you and your spouse are funding a regular and spousal IRA, the combined contributions can't exceed the taxable compensation that you report on your



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joint return.

Note that your Roth IRA contribution might be limited based on your filing status and income. Singles can make a full or partial contribution to a Roth if their income is up to \$137,000 in 2019 and \$139,000 in 2020. Married joint filers are eligible to make a full or partial contribution to a Roth if their income is up to \$203,000 for 2019 and \$206,000 in 2020.

You can make a contribution for 2019 up until April 15, 2020 (see www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-590-a).

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I wish I knew how to quit you

Technology runs our world, but it can be a huge distraction at work. Here's how to tame the beast.



Calendar

(Microsoft, Outlook, Google or iCal)

Base level: To avoid getting distracted by upcoming dinner parties and kids' ball

games, consider hiding Saturdays and Sundays from your G Suite calendar. Under "View Options" in the Settings menu, uncheck "Show Weekends." Outlook has a similar option, called "Work Week," in the Home menu.

Bold: By installing the Google Calendar Plus extension in Chrome, you can set your views to only show working hours, display full event titles when you hover over them, stretch out the monthly view to show more events per day, and more.



Slack

Base level: The key to responsible Slack use is managing your notifications so you're not tempted to address every little issue after work hours. By default, Slack's Do Not Disturb mode mutes notifications from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m., but why not start earlier in the evening, so you can unwind without interruption?

Bold: Tell Slack to generate less noise in the first place by using the Settings button at the top of each channel. From the Notification Preferences menu, you can silence all alerts from a given channel, or just mute the @channel and @here alerts that go out to everyone.



Facebook

Base level: Managing a Facebook business page can be stressful, but a little automation can help relieve some of the pressure. From the "Automated Responses" section of your inbox, try scheduling messages for when you're not working, or create an instant reply that automatically provides more information to the sender.

Bold: Tired of answering the same questions repeatedly? While viewing any conversation, click the chat bubble to set up canned responses that you can send with one click.

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SUCCESS

Embrace what you don't know

It can be the path forward to success

BY TODD NORDSTROM | Inc.

As a leader, we take on the role of owning both good and bad decisions. We have the responsibility to help people take necessary risks to become their best and stop people when they're about to make a game-changing error.

And, many times we're assigned the role as leader because someone assumes that we know the right and wrong answers.

Our credentials assume our mastery. Our depth of experience presumes an expertise. And our title grants us the confidence to believe these things are true, that we actually know what we are doing.

But here's the truth: We don't really know what we're doing.

Let's set that idea free. Let's shout it from the mountaintops. Let's all be honest about it, because when we finally are honest, our success will double.

Disagree that you don't know what you're doing? Make any argument you want. You're wrong. We're all wrong. The truth is; we only know what we've done. We know how we achieved success the last time.

And that experience is priceless. But, it doesn't mean we know exactly what we're doing this time, quite simply, because we cannot predict the future. We aren't 100% sure it will be the same, or that the hurdles we face will be similar or that the situation of tomorrow will look anything like yesterday.

If you want to succeed, as a leader, an entrepreneur or as a human being living in our world today, the one thing you must admit is that you do not know what tomorrow brings, therefore you don't know exactly what you're doing.

And that's OK. In fact, if you can admit it, you're closer to success than all your competitors.

How do you bolster success by admitting you don't know exactly what you're doing? Here are five ways to open your mind to the unknown.

1. Welcome change

Sure, they seem like obvious words. We all know change is inevitable. But among the thousands of people I've interviewed, welcoming changing seems to be one of



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the hardest aspects to overcome. And it's for good reason.

Renown psychologist James Prochaska says, "We often find ourselves in the previously described predicaments as a result of our perception of change."

Of course, this could mean different things to different people as all of our perceptions could vary greatly, based on our previous predicaments. But that's the point: We need welcome new predicaments, because they'll arrive whether we want them to or not.

2. Adopt procedures, but learn how to bend

While it's smart to create best-practice procedures, it's not so smart to rigidly abide by them. What am I talking about? I've consulted with far too many organizations that achieve success once by following certain procedures and are somehow confused when those practices don't create the same level of success 5, 10 or 20 years later.

Creating ways to do things works because you're documenting how, when, why and under what circumstances a pro-

cedure works. But they don't work when they resist change.

3. Seek hurdles and adversaries

This may seem odd, but claiming that you know what you're doing means you haven't yet consulted with your adversaries or sought your next hurdle. If you truly want to be successful, you'll seek challenge and disagreement.

By no means am I suggesting that you compromise to everyone, or overcome every challenge, but I am suggesting that these are the places where you will find the greatest area of improvement.

4. Focus on human hang-ups

It's easy for any leader to get caught up in productivity, efficiency and results. That's business. It matters. But unless we truly understand all of the aspects that affect people, and how we can positively influence people, we'll never discover true success.

As a leader it's important to consider

burnout, employee experience, teamwork and active listening. These are the things, according to research, that create high-performing cultures. And, these aren't business objectives, they're much more human.

5. Fail graciously

This doesn't mean patting your competitor on the back when they win. Failing graciously means being grateful for what you learned while getting beat. When I ask leaders around the world about their most impactful learning moments, most of the time they tell me stories of failure. These are the moments that resonate the most.

While credibility, character, experience and success are great teachers, the one thing every great leader knows is that all of these things live in the past. It is only when we accept that we cannot predict the future, that we don't exactly know what we'll do tomorrow, that we can understand the change that is necessary to achieve in it.

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD GORDON HATCHER 1933-2019

Gary's 1st black mayor, led city for 20 years

BY MEREDITH COLIAS, CARRIE NAPOLEON AND MICHELLE L. QUINN

Richard Gordon Hatcher, the first black mayor of Gary, died Friday night at 86, according to his family.

Hatcher, who was the city's mayor for 20 years after winning a pivotal election not only for Gary, but for the United States in November 1967, is considered, along with Carl Stokes, to be the first African American mayor elected in a major U.S. city. Stokes was elected mayor of Cleveland on the same day.

Hatcher died at 9:20 p.m. Friday at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, according to a family statement.

"In the last days of his life, he was surrounded by his family and loved ones. While deeply saddened by his passing, his family is very proud of the life he lived, including his many contributions to the cause of racial and economic justice and the more than 20 years of service he devoted to the city of Gary," the statement said.

"Mayor Hatcher will be mourned but remembered by the people of the city of Gary who were inspired by his leadership, his ability to bring about positive change and to never give up despite the challenges presented to him," the statement said.

Hatcher, a civil rights activist and attorney, survived an election where the Democratic Party structure fought his run; was at the forefront of a national conversation to empower African American politicians; and sought to improve the lives of Gary residents, but was ultimately saddled with blame for his city's decline.

In 2017, which marked the 50-year anniversary of his mayoral victory, observers said Hatcher saw the inequality in a city whose population in the 1960s was already half African American, according to James Lane, a professor emeritus at Indiana University Northwest, but took steps during his time on the City Council to push for civil rights and equality for all Gary residents.

Hatcher quickly met opposition from the county Democratic apparatus once he announced his candidacy, Lake County Councilman Charlie Brown said in a 2017 interview, and they wanted him to leave the race.

"He would not relent," Brown, D-Gary, said.

Gov. Eric Holcomb noted Hatcher's service to Gary and the nation.

"Mayor Hatcher was a state and national trailblazer who committed his life to serving and helping his community," Holcomb said in a statement. "Our sympathies go out to the Hatcher family and the long list of citizens he impacted and inspired."

In October, in a ceremony outside city hall, a bronze



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Former Gary mayor Richard Hatcher speaks during a meeting in of all living former mayors of Gary at Indiana University Northwest on Jan. 9, 2019.

statue of Hatcher was unveiled. The only other statue at city hall is of Judge Elbert H. Gary, the city's founder.

In a statement Saturday afternoon, Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson spoke of Hatcher's role in the city's history.

"Our entire community mourns the loss of a great man and we will be forever touched by his selfless service to the city of Gary," the statement said. "I am humbled to be a recipient of his wisdom and guidance and will always be grateful for his influence on my life."

The city's Redevelopment Commission provided about \$70,000 for the statue done by Gary Tillery, an artist with the Fine Arts Studio of Robtblatt & Amrany, in Chicago.

After the unveiling, Hatcher gazed up at his bronze likeness. "I think it's awesome that anyone would think I was worthy of the statue to begin with," he said. "It's beautiful."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who officiated Hatcher's wedding and who said he'll be on hand to eulogize Hatcher at his funeral, said, "Richard was a transformative figure in so many ways. The year 1965 was when it all started, and Hatcher brought all these people who didn't know each other and made Gary the centerpiece of our movement. Truth be told, he was our foundation. He changed the culture."

At the 1972 convention, African American delegates addressed the social and economic issues blacks faced and created an agenda that demanded fundamental changes in the political and economic system in America.

"It was a great convention because it changed the approach of African Americans in the country from marching in the streets to being elected to public office," Hatcher said in a 2016 interview.

The chief priority was getting a proportionate number of black representatives elected to Congress, Hatcher said. In 2016, Hatcher again played an integral role for the second National Black Political Convention in Gary.

Freeman-Wilson said her heart is heavy because of the mentorship Hatcher

provided and because he was such an icon in the community.

"What I can tell you is this community has lost a giant," Freeman-Wilson said. "Not only was he significant to Gary, we will see people all over this country celebrate his life and really what he meant to political advancement."

"His election, his tenure, was significant," she said.

Freeman-Wilson said Hatcher's legacy includes many things residents of the city still care for, such as the Genesis Convention Center and the Adam Benjamin Transportation Center, two of the major projects completed under his leadership.

Former Calumet Township Trustee and Gary Mayor Dozier Allen was there at the beginning and was both an ally and an adversary.

"Richard and I met in 1959," Allen said. "He was a law student at Valparaiso University selling Hoover Vacuums on the side, and I was a liberal arts, business and political science major working for my dad. We lived in the same dorm, and we were the only two black men in it."

"We had a great many things to talk about, and he always had great thoughts about civil rights, open occupancy, voting rights and fair employment. He also believed that the only way to challenge belief systems was at the ballot box."

"I miss those talks in the stairwell," he said. "I also remember his car, a lavender and purple convertible. I used to put gas in his car when times were tough."

Hatcher was known across the country. Brown, the Lake County councilman, said Hatcher could have left Gary and joined the Carter Administration or any of the many top-notch law firms that tried to attract him. He described Hatcher as a well-respected lawmaker who was able to work with legislators in Washington, D.C., to bring many grants and programs to the city. He was instrumental in the lawsuit that ended up in a 1978 consent decree that requires Methodist Hospital to treat its Gary facility the same as its Merrillville hospital.

"His heart and his love was Gary, Ind. He stayed here. He just continued to strive to make Gary one of the best cities in the country," Brown said, adding he is hopeful Hatcher's efforts to keep health care available in the city and to create a National Civil Rights Hall of Fame continue.

"I will miss him dearly," Brown said.

Hatcher is survived by his wife, Ruthelynn, and three daughters, Ragen, Rachelle and Renee.

Funeral services are slated for Saturday at the Genesis Center.

Meredith Colias-Pete, Carrie Napoleon and Michelle L. Quinn contributed.

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Brodson, John N.

John N. Brodson, 80. Beloved husband of Linda, nee Cooper. Loving father of Steve (Nancy) Brodson and Mark (Gail) Brodson. Proud grandfather of Michael, Sarah, Danny, Jacob and Jenna Brodson. Dear brother of Nancy Ignatin and the late James (Diane) Brodson. Adored son of the late Sidney and Marion Brodson. Cherished uncle of Rebecca, Nora, DJ, Anike and Mina. Fond brother-in-law of John (Linda Seligmann) Cooper. Caring nephew of Robert and Minette Goldsmith and family, and life-long friend of Joanne Koss. #1 Michigan Fan. Temple service Tuesday 1 PM at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals -Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Burke, Maureen Kay

Maureen Kay Burke, 76, of Wilmette, Illinois passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 15th. Maureen's compassion and generous spirit were a blessing to all who knew her. Her smile would light up a room. Her laugh was a storyteller's best friend. And her heart could always be found in the right place. Born to Catherine and Maurice A. Fox, on December 21, 1942, Maureen grew up on the west side of Chicago with her brothers Ronald and Patrick. She attended St. Mel's grade school, Trinity High School and went on to Clarke College, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. She taught at Elm School in Elmwood Park, IL. In 1968, she married John "Jack" M. Burke. They moved to Wilmette to establish a home for their growing family. In addition to the mighty challenge of raising three boys (all two years apart), Maureen dedicated time to her community and helping others. She was president of the Faith, Hope & Charity School Board. For many years, she volunteered for Boys Hope, Girls Hope, where she was a college mentor, president of the women's board and in 2000 the recipient of the "Heart of Gold" award.

Maureen's most cherished role was that of mom, wife, nana, sister, aunt and friend. The love and support she gave those in her life was her greatest gift. If you needed someone to worry for you, she was on it. If you had something to celebrate, she could not contain her excitement for you. While dementia took away the amazing person she was too soon, the "Maureen we all knew" will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Jack Burke; her three children and their spouses, Brian and Chris Burke, Timothy and Jennifer Burke, Michael and Elizabeth Burke; and her five grandchildren, Jack, Colin, Barrett, Quinn and Rory. The family would like to thank the many wonderful people who cared for her at both 3 Crowns Park and House of Welcome.

Visitation and the funeral mass will be Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 at **Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church**, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, Illinois. Visitation begins at 9:30 am and the funeral mass at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boys Hope, Girls Hope of Illinois, 1100 North Laramie Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091 (chicagobh.org) or Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 (misericordia.com).

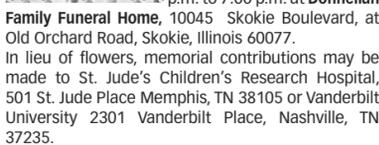
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Christensen, Robert 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" Christensen, age 86, of Evanston. Beloved husband to the late Virginia O. Christensen. Loving father to Casey Christensen, Drew (Gretchen) Christensen and Audree (Anthony) Rowe. Dear GD to Olivia and Davis Rowe. Visitation Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or Vanderbilt University 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37235. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Coquillette, Donald

Donald Coquillette, much beloved husband and eternal best friend of Marla, nee Katz; son of the late Daniel and Irene Coquillette; brother of Joyce (the late Dennis) Grover; uncle, cousin, and devoted friend. We will miss Don's quirky sense of humor, his compassion for animals, and his fierce loyalty to the friends who knew him so well. With sincere apologies to those who have offered comfort and support, please understand that services will be very private. If you do wish to honor Don, please send a donation to your favorite animal care charity or to The Friends of the Israel Defense Forces.



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DeFabio, Leonard L.

Leonard L. DeFabio 91 of Jefferson Park, Veteran of the Korean War, Retired C.P.D.. At rest Saturday, December 14, 2019. Beloved husband of Mary nee Prus. Visitation Tuesday from 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (**FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS**) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Services will be held at the Funeral Home Wednesday 11:00 A.M. interment with Military Honors, St. Joseph Cemetery. For additional information please go to www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708/ 456-8300.



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Medwed, Saralee

Saralee Medwed, nee Sorkin, age 88. Beloved wife of the late Seymour; loving mother of Holly Schulz, Wendy (Robert) Langer and Steven (Sheree) Medwed; adored and cherished grandma of Lauren (Michael) Stoller, Lindsay Schulz, Andrew (Megan) Langer and Brian (Kelly) Schulz; proud great grandmother "Mimi" to Oliver, Ruby, Maizy, Levi and Bella; devoted daughter of the late Louis and late Jennie Sorkin; dear sister of Daniel (Betty) Sorkin; treasured aunt and friend to many. Saralee was a pioneer in a woman owned business and the creative force behind "That Paper Place". Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For funeral information 847-256-5700.



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Parenteau, Virginia M. 'Ginny'

Virginia (Ginny) M. Parenteau (nee Hochstatter) age 82 of Mt. Prospect, Illinois past away on December 13, 2019. Beloved wife of Dudley for 61 years. Loving mother of Daniel (Wendy Weisman), James (the late Sheri Schwimmer) Andrew, and the late Dudley Jr. Devoted Grandmother of Sam, Myles and Taylor. Ginny was an avid skilled quilter and absolutely loved her position as Director of the USO at O'Hare Airport where she participated for ten years. Visitation on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, beginning at 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Emily Catholic Church, 1400 E. Central, Mt. Prospect, Illinois, 60056. Interment will be in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016. Funeral care by G.L. Hills Funeral Home. For info please call (847) 699-9003.

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Rasinski, Linda

Linda Rasinski, 68, passed away on December 10, 2019. As a registered nurse, Linda worked for the Visiting Nurse Association and for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Linda is survived by her husband, Kenneth; daughter, Rachel; grandchildren, Jordan, Nicole, Courtney and Ty; brothers, Michael (Penny) and Robert (Kimberly) and nieces and nephews (Michael Jr., Elizabeth, Megan, and James). Visitation will be at Drake and Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western, Chicago, IL from 3 to 9 pm on Wednesday December 18. The funeral will be on Thursday December 19 at 1pm at Drake and Son. Burial will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Ave, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Chicago Botanical Gardens www.chicagobotanic.org/donate#tribute_donate. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

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ON DECEMBER 16 ...

In 1916 Gregory Rasputin, the monk who had wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, was killed by a group of noblemen.

In 1944 the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as

German forces launched a surprise counterattack against Allied forces in Belgium.

In 1950 President Harry Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism."

In 1959 The Second City improvisational comedy troupe staged its first performance in Chicago.

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York.

In 1985 reputed organized-crime chief Paul Castellano was shot to death outside a New York restaurant.

In 1998 President Bill Clinton ordered a sustained series of airstrikes against Iraq by U.S. and British forces in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of U.N. weapons inspectors.

In 2000 President-elect George W. Bush selected Colin Powell to become the nation's first black secretary of state.

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ILLINOIS	
Dec. 15	
Pick 3 midday	899 / 2
Pick 4 midday	218 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday	18-19-21-27-32
Pick 3 evening	344 / 3
Pick 4 evening	5090 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto evening	02-16-24-34-44
Dec. 16 Lotto: \$14.5M	
Dec. 17 Mega Millions: \$372M	
Dec. 18 Powerball: \$160M	
WISCONSIN	
Dec. 15	
Pick 3	823
Pick 4	5959
Badger 5	01-10-15-24-26
SuperCash	01-14-17-25-27-37

INDIANA	
Dec. 15	
Daily 3 midday	392 / 3
Daily 4 midday	7384 / 3
Daily 3 evening	576 / 7
Daily 4 evening	1414 / 7
Cash 5	03-10-16-35-38
MICHIGAN	
Dec. 15	
Daily 3 midday	184
Daily 4 midday	4069
Daily 3 evening	383
Daily 4 evening	0794
Fantasy 5	01-06-24-34-37
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Rosen, Rhea

Rhea Rosen nee Skolnik, age 100. Beloved wife of the late Hyman Joseph Rosen. Devoted mother of Caryn Rosen Adelman and Elaine (Michael) Hamilton. Proud grandmother of Noreen (Michael) Kreda, Stuart Adelman, Sheryl Kimmel, Jamie (John) Bath, Daniel (Angie) Adelman, Joshua (Marissa) Hamilton, Samuel (Melissa) Hamilton and Adam (Amanda) Hamilton. Loving great grandmother of Jacklyn, Marcy, Cade, Mason, Jenna, Jake, William, Sophia, Nathaniel, Natanya, Yitzhak, Gabriel, Levi, Jane, Grant, Carter, Nathan, and Tyler. Dear sister of Marvin (Edith) Skolnik, Morton (Marlene) Skolnik, the late Florence (the late Stanley) Siegler and the late Charlie Levy. Service Tuesday 10AM at Central Avenue Synagogue, 874 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment Waldheim Jewish Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Rosenberg, Leona

Leona Zweig Rosenberg, born in Fort Wayne on July 17, 1921, passed away early December 12, 2019 in Chicago after a brief illness. While she left no direct survivors, her nine nieces and nephews and countless friends loved her as a surrogate mother, sister, and selfless confidante.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Rosenberg, and her brothers, Dr. Elmer Zweig, Wilbur Zweig, and Felix Zweig.

Her personal rise from the deprivation of the Depression impressed upon her the importance of bridging adversity through knowledge. She was a trustee of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and won its Scopus Award in 2002 for her still ongoing work in endowing scores of scholarships to Jews and Arabs alike. "I don't care if they ever thank me; the important thing is to get an education," she often said.

After graduating from Fort Wayne Central High School and Indiana University with honors, she was in the first class of women to receive an MBA from the University of Chicago. She taught business classes at Roosevelt University.

She was the last surviving co-founder of Thresholds, a social services organization she started under the auspices of the National Council of Jewish Women, that provides services to people with mental disorders and substance abuse problems. "I was the only woman in those days with a car and could walk up three flights of stairs to get donations."

Last year it served 16,000 adults with a budget of \$91 million across 75 Chicago locations.

The arc of her life brought her into powerful circles in Chicago and beyond, where she was prized for the modesty of her character and pleasure in the smallest of things. Leona was forever more interested in the lives of others than her own.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, December 16 at 1 pm at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery, 6224 Decatur Rd, Fort Wayne IN. A memorial service will be held in January in Chicago, date to be determined.

Preferred memorials to the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery (checks should be payable to the "Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne" and earmarked for the Jewish Cemetery) at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

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Roth, Earl G.

Earl G. Roth, 89, of Park Ridge. U S Army Veteran, Illinois National Guard. Beloved husband for 59 years to Joan, nee McKenna. Loving father of Gregory Roth and Johannah Roth. Very proud Grandfather of Rebecca Roth. Retired 30+ year employee of United Conveyor Corporation. Longtime member of Paddock Lake Sportsman's Club. Member of Chicago Black Horse Troop Association, Illinois National Guard, Division 33rd, US Army Infantry. Retired volunteer of the Park Ridge C.E.R.T - Community Emergency Response Team. A Memorial Visitation will be held Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 3:00 PM until time of Prayer Service at 7:30 PM Interment Private. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com



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Springer, Boyd J.

Boyd J. Springer, 66, died November 29, 2019, in Springfield. He was born August 26, 1953, to Jack and Maxine Springer, whose deaths preceded his. Boyd attended Oak Lawn Community High School, and received degrees in economics and law from the University of Illinois. He was a partner at Isham, Lincoln and Beale,



and then at Jones Day; his clients and the entire utility law community knew him as a consummate professional. Following his retirement, Boyd moved to Springfield, volunteering countless hours to the Papers Project of Abraham Lincoln, supporting the arts, and traveling extensively.

Throughout his adult life, Boyd took an active interest in supporting, advising, and working with young people, encouraging each one to attain their highest potential. It is difficult to number the ways in which these efforts have enriched our society and bettered our world; if the debt cannot be directly repaid, it can be, and is being, paid forward. That is exactly what he would want.

Boyd is survived by family including his aunt, Rena Springer, cousins, Eileen Springer, Alexis Anderle, and David Springer, all of the Chicago area; caregiver and good friend, Ama Janet Byrd of Springfield; dear friends, Michael and Judi (Jatho) Weber of Palos Heights, Illinois, Michael and Courtney (Janson) Weber of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Donna Lerch, Patrick, Rachel, and Stuart Foster of Springfield; and other friends too numerous to mention.

A Celebration of Life will be from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Hackney's on Lake (1514 E Lake Ave, Glenview, IL 60025) in the Victoria Room (main floor, accessible). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. 6th St., Springfield, IL 62701.

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Stern, Myrna

Myrna Stern, Age 84. Beloved wife of the late Larry for 45 years, loving mother of Michele, Nicole and Pamela (Michael) Cell; cherished grandmother of William (Kristin) Hunt, Jonathon Hunt, Sarah, Rachael and Rebecca Cell; adored great grandmother of Harper and Gavin Hunt; dear sister of Sheila (Jack) Levitt; companion of Ed Wagner; treasured aunt of Rande, Bob, Linda, Laura, Beth, Susan, David and Richard; fond great-aunt of many. Funeral service Tuesday, December 17, 2019 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home 1700 W. Rand Road Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Les Turner ALS Foundation www.lesturnerals.org For Information and condolences 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Strauel, Norman Frank

Norman Frank Strauel, age 89, went home to be with the Lord on December 14, 2019, at his home with his beloved wife, Marjorie, by his side. Forty-three year resident of Downers Grove, Lived in Carillon community in Plainfield since

1998. US Army veteran of Korean War. Norm was the beloved husband of Marjorie, nee Steining; loving father of David (Karen), Randy (Nancy), and Lori Strauel; cherished grandfather of Beth (Chuck) Goff, Brian (Daniella) Strauel, Sarah (Trevir) Gentile, Lisa (Julio Perez) Strauel, Allyssa Fogarty and the late Janine Strauel; adoring great-grandfather of Evan Strauel and Trevir Jr., Payton, and Calvin Gentile, and Jackson Perez; dear father-in-law of Chris Strauel; fond uncle of Kurtis (Jennifer) Strauel. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Donald, granddaughter Janine and grandson-in-law Marc. Member of Operating Engineers Union for 32 years. Foreman for Downers Grove Township Highway Department for 13 years. Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2019 from 3:00-8:00 pm at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes and Crematory, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Funeral will begin at the funeral home Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 9:00 am and proceed to St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 505 Kingston Dr., Romeoville for Mass at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.StJude.org. For info, 630-355-0264.

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IN THE INTEREST OF Charles Vega

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Elizabeth Vega (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01457

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 12, 2019 6543317

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IN THE INTEREST OF Elizabeth Vega

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Elizabeth Vega (Mother)

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IN THE INTEREST OF Jaylah White

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Jacquise White (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01205

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Roslyn James

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Monique Nard-Flowers (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00803

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IN THE INTEREST OF Zury Silas

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Sparkle Silas (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01026

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Monte Wilson (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 16, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilckins in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 10/17/2020 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Roslyn James

MINOR(S) CHILDREN OF Monique Nard-Flowers (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00803

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Monique Nard-Flowers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 29, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Shannon O'Malley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 10/27/2020 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.</

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TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ELOISE HARVEY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF LOUISE HARVEY; PATRICIA HARVEY; KATHERINE HARVEY; DIANE HARVEY; LOUISE HARVEY; KENNY HARVEY; MAURICE MILLES; LEE MILLES; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Illinois Attorney General; ELOISE HARVEY; Cook County Attorney; ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003768 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010164 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4433 W FULTON ST CHICAGO, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-10-317-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542790

TO: OCCUPANT; WILLIE LARK; City of Chicago; REVOLVE CAPITAL GROUP, LLC; BRIAN KELLY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF WILLIE LARK; REVOLVE CAPITAL GROUP, LLC; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003769 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010211 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 613 N AVERS AVE CHICAGO, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-11-113-025-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542797

TO: TOMAS HNILUK ; City of Chicago; ROBERTO GANDARA; OCCUPANT SANCHEZ; OCCUPANT WASHINGTON; OCCUPANT VASQUEZ; OCCUPANT ALAY; OCCUPANT JACKSON; ROSE RICHARDSON; DIANA RODRIGUEZ; UNIT 3; OCCUPANT; UNIT 1; OCCUPANT; UNIT 2; OCCUPANT; UNIT 3; OCCUPANT JOHNSON; OCCUPANT MORTON; OCCUPANT HARRIS; LESLIE CUADROS; UNIT 3; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003770 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010293 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3165 W MONROE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60612 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-107-061-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542802

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TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF LUCILLE SMITH; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF JAMES SMITH; BANK OF AMERICA GROUP, INC.; FIRST FINANCIAL FUNDING CO.; Occupant, 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001813 FILED: 6/25/2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/26/2019 TAKE NOTICE: County of Cook Date Premises Sold 12/22/2019. Certificate No. F56614. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (including 2008, 2nd 2010 thru 2013). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-22-304-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/2/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/2/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 9:30 a.m., on 4/2/2020. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/2/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scianna Renovations, Inc., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 5, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536944

TO: Lufei Lee Joseph E. Bard Terry A. Beard William L. Burchette Rebecca Lynn Hart Tiffany Nicole Johnson Lonetta Woodfork Dora M. Beard Dora Murray County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, or legatees of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; unknown owners or parties interested in said land lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004441 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 6, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010428 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3932 W. Fillmore Street, Chicago, IL 60624-4205 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-319-008-0000, Volume 560 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in Richard Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 02/22/20 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street - Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645, NEWLINE HOLDINGS Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535214

UNIT 2; LEONARD CLAYTON; OCCUPANT, CLAYTON; City of Chicago; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N/A. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE BANK; KIMBERLY CALDWELL; AMBER CLAYTON; INEZ CLAYTON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003772 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010447 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3418 W GRENSHAW ST CHICAGO, IL 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-423-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542811

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TO: First Financial Funding Co.; Town of Cicero; User of 1919 S. Cicero Ave., 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; Taxpayer 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL; Signatory Bank of America Group, Inc.; First Financial Funding Co.; Occupant, 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001813 FILED: 6/25/2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/26/2019 TAKE NOTICE: County of Cook Date Premises Sold 12/22/2019. Certificate No. F56614. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (including 2008, 2nd 2010 thru 2013). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-22-304-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/2/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/2/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 9:30 a.m., on 4/2/2020. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/2/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scianna Renovations, Inc., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 5, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536944

TO: OCCUPANT; ZEN INVESTMENTS, LLC; CITY OF CHICAGO; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003773 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010601 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1810 S KILDARE AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-22-410-041-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542820

TO: Maria O. Aguirre Edgar Axel Avelar Irene Fraser Leticia Rivas Fernando Gonzalez Irene Hernandez Ramirez Maria Aguirre City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel City of Chicago c/o Department of Buildings Corona Investments, LLC c/o Oscar Corona-R.A. State of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue Corona Investments, LLC c/o City of Chicago c/o Chicago, IL 60623-4601 Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of COOK COUNTY, Illinois Unknown Owners; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004791 FILED: December 2, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0010668 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2010-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2628 S. Drake Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-400-019-000, Volume 1000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 30, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 30, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 H2 INVESTMENTS, LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated December 2, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535479

TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TITLE TO LAKESIDE BANK, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED: 02/21/2007 N/A/A; TRUENEE NO. 2920; KRELLER AND ASSOCIATES, LLC; ROYALTON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shirfin Nesbit; PRAIRIE SHORES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003752 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009915 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1444 N ORLEAN ST., UNIT #P-44 CHICAGO, IL 60610 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-04-200-098-109 (2015-2016) N/A/A 07-04-200-101-1095 2017 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542717

TO: Trinity Green, LLC-1240 N. Damen; U.S. Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, John McMahon; Lowell House Condominium Association; LLC; Chicagoland Management Realty; Lynn McMahon, City of Chicago, IRS, and U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois; Occupant, 1237 W. Glen Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003471. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/20 Certificate No. 15-0010824. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1240 N Damen Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-06-127-049-1001. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537646

TO: Soo Jin Kim; Vasanta Paxton, Morgan Paxton, Vava Jackson, Vanessa Samuel, Valora Jackson, and John Tate; State Farm Bank, FSB, City of Chicago, Phillip Varughese, and 2337 W. Maypole Condominium Association; Occupant, 2337 W. Maypole Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003470. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010864. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 2337 W. Maypole Ave., Unit 1, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-07-320-042-1001. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537653

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF BONNIE SACKS N/A/A; BONNIE MUIR; BONNIE MUIR; COMMUNITY SPECIALISTS, INC.; THE TERRACES; THE 801 SOUTH PLYMOUTH COURT GARAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; SEAN M. MURRAY/TORNEY FOR BONNIE J. MUIR; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003755 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009585 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 801 S PLYMOUTH CT., CHICAGO, IL 60605 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-04-100-1356 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542733

TO: OCCUPANT; 1255 SOUTH PRAIRIE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL, LLC; 1255 SOUTH PRAIRIE PRIVATE, LLC; 1255 SPP COMMERCIAL; The Grant (formerly the Music Museum Park); THE MUSEUM PARK WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; EDC MANAGEMENT, INC.; TOWER RESIDENCES; FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL, ILLINOIS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003757 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009619 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1201 S PRAIRIE AVE CHICAGO IL 60605 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-22-110-137-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542742

TO: OCCUPANT; LIAM ROCKFORD; FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC. MUSEUM PARK PLACE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; LIAM ROCKFORD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003758 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009647 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1901 S CALUMET AVE., UNIT #G-U-28 CHICAGO, IL 60616 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-22-310-025-1316 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542750

TO: OCCUPANT; AMEE EVA; WESTWARD PROPERTY & REALTY, LLC; LOCOMOBILE REALTY, INC.; WESTWARD360, INC.; WESTWARD PROPERTY & REALTY, LLC; WESTWARD MANAGEMENT, INC. D/B/A WESTWARD PROPERTIES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003759 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0009649 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2000 S MICHIGAN AVE., UNIT #P-19 CHICAGO, IL 60616 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-22-312-027-1049 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542757

TO: Nick Dublino and Bekri Bala; Jose Castro, Monica Mark; City of Chicago; City of Chicago, Occupant, 5447 S. 74th Ave, Summit Argo, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003444. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/3/2017. Certificate No. 15-0001280. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 5447 S. 74th Ave, Summit Argo, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 18-12-416-010-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019

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TO: Trustee Title Land Trust Company as Chicago Under Trust No. 8002363803 dated January 14, 2013. Angelica A. Kowalski Robert M. Kowalski, Trustee. Duck Properties, LLC Mountain Duck Properties, LLC c/o Secretary of State Business Services Cityscape Chicago, LLC Cityscape Chicago, LLC c/o Martha Padilla - R.A. Jan R. Kowalski Attorney for Robert M. Kowalski (Case No. 2019-01-1331) Reference Sheet, Attorney for Defendants (Case No. 2017 CH 13314) Devrat V. Sinah Seyfarth Shaw, LLP (Case No. 18BK00773) James B. Sowka Seyfarth Shaw, LLP (Case No. 18BK00773) Gus A. Palaiou - Trustee (Case No. 18BK00773) Pearson Realty Group, State of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue Susan Reese County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004443 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006176 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2408 E. 97th Street, Chicago, IL 60617-4958 Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-07-112-053-0000, Volume 297 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-6402 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535154

TO: OCCUPANT; CASHFLOW 7, ALLP; JOHN KRASIS; LEA KRASIS; LOW GAGE; LEA KRASIS; BANKFINANCIAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A BANKFINANCIAL, FSB; HARRISON KING; HG KING PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED; KING OF AMERICA, N.A. F/K/A LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A BANKFINANCIAL, F.S.B. F/K/A LASALLE TALMAN BANK, F.S.B. F/K/A THE TALMAN HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS; BMO Harris Bank, N.A. f/k/a Harris Bank, N.A. F/K/A NLSB; TAXPAYER OF ; ANTON LEE; D/B/A ANTON ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED LLC AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003776 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011012 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 114 Schiller AVE, RIVERDALE, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-04-114-052-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 3, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542510

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT A; OCCUPANT, UNIT B; OCCUPANT, UNIT C; OCCUPANT, UNIT D; OCCUPANT, UNIT E; OCCUPANT, UNIT F; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 01/03/1992 A/K/A TRUST NO. 114988-05; BETTON REAL ESTATE GROUP INC., TCF National Bank COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003775 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011011 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14102 S SCHOOB ST RIVERDALE, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-04-114-026-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 3, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542501

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TO: OCCUPANT; REGINA BOYD; LAQUANDA BOYD; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; AS NOMINEE FOR FIDELITY MORTGAGE OF NY; FIDELITY MORTGAGE OF NY A DIVISION OF DELTA FUNDING CORPORATION; PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION/O ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY; REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION R/K/A REGIONAL REDEVELOPMENT CORP.; CHRISTINE BOYD; DENNIS BOYD; KEANTE BOYD; ROOSEVELT BOYD; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003777 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0011013 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14519 COOPER AVE DIXMOOR, IL 60426 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-07-132-054-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 04/03/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 04/03/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 04/03/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 6th day of December, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6542517

TO: Trinity Everett Rini McGraw JPMorgan Chase Bank as Successor to Horizon Trust Company FBO Jeffrey Krienke IRA 89% Undivided Interest and Horizon Trust Company FBO Jeffrey Krienke IRA 11% Undivided Interest HomeMac Corporation HomeMac Corporation c/o Thomas O. Markel (Registered Agent) American Estate Trust Company Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004428 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003366 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15245 Dorchester Avenue, Dolton, IL 60419-3125 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-11-409-057-0000, Volume 204 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535006

TO: New Homes by New Pisgah New Homes by New Pisgah c/o Stanley Smith, R.A. Dominga Ceja Ebony Marie Walker Farry Dolton Community Loan Fund Brina Sams County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004427 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003447 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15719 Minerva Avenue, Dolton IL Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-14-153-017-0000, Volume 206 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535017

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust as Successor Trustee to the Steel City National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee under the Provisions of the Chicago Title Land Trust Agreement of July, 1973 known as Trust Number 1401 William M. Pradelski County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; and Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004431 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0003668 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14317 Shirley Court South Holland, IL 60473-2241 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-22-211-017-0000, Volume 214 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 3, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535021

TO: Danta Wright; Shunta Walton and Alanrenewaj Sikiru; 623-31 CARROLL PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, and Illinois Attorney General, Occ0602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654; Glenwood, IL County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002756, FILED: September 4, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/27/2017 Certificate No. 15-0003816 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 629 Carroll Pkwy, Unit 207, Glenwood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-33-305-029-1017. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/2/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/2/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 AM. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/2/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Properties LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536971

TO: MG Real Estate and Development, L.L.C. c/o Lonnie Grady, Safe Harbor Realty, and Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004469 FILED November 13, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002489, 15-0002491, 15-0002492, 15-0002493, 15-0002494, 15-0002495, 15-0002500; 15-0002503; 15-0002505; 15-0002510; 15-0002515; 15-0002516; 15-0002526; 15-0002527; 15-0002529; 15-0002541; 15-0002538; 15-0002530; 15-0002528; 15-0002519; 15-0002516; 15-0002514; 15-0002511; 15-0002508; 15-0002506; 15-0002503; 15-0002497; 15-0002491; 15-0002495; 15-0002496. Sold for General Taxes of 2015. Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment n/o). None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 273 -277 WHITE OAK DR #509-6612 & 6528 & 6532 & 21321 & 21313 & 21316-21412 Hummingbird Lane, 21414 & 21415 & 21418 & 21419 Harvest Lane, 21309 Bridge Path Dr., Matteson, IL 60443 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-19-401-017-0000, 31-19-401-018-0000, 31-19-401-019-0000, 31-19-401-020-0000, 31-19-401-021-0000, 31-19-407-008-0000, 31-19-404-005-0000, 31-19-404-006-0000, 31-19-404-007-0000, 31-19-404-008-0000, 31-19-404-009-0000, 31-19-404-010-0000, 31-19-404-011-0000, 31-19-404-012-0000, 31-19-411-001-0000, 31-19-411-002-0000, 31-19-402-005-0000, 31-19-402-007-0000, 31-19-402-008-0000, 31-19-405-029-0000, 31-19-405-030-0000, 31-19-405-031-0000, 31-19-405-032-0000, 31-19-405-033-0000, 31-19-405-035-0000, 31-19-405-036-0000, 31-19-405-037-0000, 31-19-402-004-0000, 31-19-405-012-0000, 31-19-405-013-0000, 31-19-405-014-0000, 31-19-405-015-0000, 31-19-405-016-0000, 31-19-405-017-0000, 31-19-405-018-0000, 31-19-405-019-0000, 31-19-405-020-0000 and 31-19-405-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 By: Purchaser or Assignee ROD LNS LLC (312) 436-0831, 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6534059

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TO: Dearborn Street Holdings, LLC Series 5 Rockford c/o C T Corporation, Safe Harbor Realty, and Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004580 FILED November 13, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002543, 15-0002544; 15-0002545; 15-0002546; 15-0002547; 15-0002548; 15-0002549; 15-0002501; 15-0002521; 15-0002522; 15-0002524; 15-0002525; 15-0002548; 15-0002545; 15-0002520; 15-0002500; 15-0002498 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality and special assessment n/o). None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 21423 Harvest Lane, 6500 & 6502 & 6510 Fawn Court, 6420-6428 & 6613-6631 Hummingbird Lane, Matteson, IL 60443 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-19-411-003-0000; 31-19-411-004-0000; 31-19-411-008-0000; 31-19-411-009-0000; 31-19-411-010-0000; 31-19-411-011-0000; 31-19-411-012-0000; 31-19-404-001-0000; 31-19-404-002-0000; 31-19-404-003-0000; 31-19-405-022-0000; 31-19-405-023-0000; 31-19-405-024-0000; 31-19-405-025-0000; 31-19-405-026-0000; 31-19-405-027-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645; Purchaser or Assignee RDG LNS LLC (312) 436-0831 Dated: November 13, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6533972

TO: Andre Allen Andre LaShawn Allen Valerie Amos, Sean Michael Kincaid Renauld Amos, Sr. Jalen Josiah Kincaid Patricia Ann Lewis State of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004432 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002645 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 211 Glenwood Dyer Rd., Park Forest, IL 60466-1502 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-26-408-012-0000, Volume 180 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 3, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 AM. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 3, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 7, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535109

TO: Leon Woodard, Debra Woodard, and Jema Loving; Woodard & Sons Construction Co., Inc.; Brandon Woodard, and Patrick S. Laying, Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, American Express National Bank, Shera Buchianeri, Dale Riley, Cecil Sgriggus, Marilyn O. Marshall, Brandon Woodard, and Patrick S. Laying, Office of the U.S. Trustee; Occupant, 2115 Glenwood Dyer Rd., Lynwood, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003463. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 5/22/2017. Certificate No. 15-0011095. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2115 Glenwood Dyer Rd., Lynwood, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-13-200-012-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537955

TO: American Estate and Trust FBO Barbara Zaccardi IRA; Insider's Cash, LLC, Meecker Real Estate, Inc.; Guzman LLC, GAV C, LLC ; Village of Sauk Village; Barbara Zaccardi; Occupant, 2141 215th Pl, Sauk Village, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003462. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 5/22/2017. Certificate No. 15-0011244. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2141 215th Pl, Sauk Village, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-25-211-017-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537743

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TO: James P. Henry, Elvira Henry, and Elvira A. Henry; Financial Federal Bank and BankFinancial, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, Patricia Henry, Phyllis Henry, and Jonathan Henry; Occupant, 805 Grant Ave., Chicago Heights, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003459. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 5/22/2017. Certificate No. 15-0011118. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A. Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 805 Grant Ave., Chicago Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-17-422-018-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 2, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/15/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537904

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PLAYOFFS? POOF!

After Bears fall to Packers, Vikings' victory ends slim postseason hopes



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Packers cornerback Jaire Alexander (23) struts after Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson (12) was unable to make a key fourth-down catch in the red zone in the fourth quarter Sunday.

No silver linings in playbook: Rodgers thwarts Bears again



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

GREEN BAY — Matt Nagy's quest to find a silver lining in a Bears season that has seemed off course since the midway point is down to the final two weeks. It might be time to expand the search party because the glimmer of hope that the Bears would have meaningful games the rest of the way was more of a pipe dream. Once again, the Bears played very good defense against long-time nemesis Aaron Rodgers. But, as he usually does, he found a way to beat them in a 21-13 Packers victory.

Rodgers was far from great in the biting cold Sunday at Lambeau Field, and the Packers have just seemed off for the last month. It wasn't the best the Bears have played on defense recently and there were too many missed tackles on a slick surface, but it was another gritty effort that gave them a chance at the end. The Bears held the Packers to 24 yards and one first down on their final five possessions, each one ending in a punt. A Bears razzle-dazzle play from the Green Bay 34-yard line with two laterals and two fumbles as time expired reached only the 7-yard line as the Packers prevailed. The Packers won for the 17th time in the last 20 meetings. It was the seventh time this season the Bears have scored 16 points or fewer.

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Coach Matt Nagy walks off the field after his Bears lost to the Packers on Sunday.

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Inconsistent, underwhelming offense shows little progress



RICH CAMPBELL
On the Bears

GREEN BAY — Mitch Trubisky didn't see his second interception Sunday against the Packers because he had been swallowed by Za'Darius Smith's bear hug and spun around. So as the Bears quarterback walked back to the sideline, he looked up intently at the video board for the replay of lineman Dean Lowry jumping into the passing lane and collecting the catch. Trubisky exhaled deeply, and in the frigid Lambeau Field air, you could see every ounce of his frustration in the vapor. That's

what this afternoon was for the Bears offense: one big, frozen sigh. Their recent two-game uptick? Simply an uptick, nothing more. No corner was permanently turned. As it turns out, no hurdle was definitively cleared. In a 21-13 loss to the Packers, the Bears offense showed itself to be the inconsistent, sputtering unit that Chicago came to know and loathe through the first 10 games. There were flickers of promise, plays when it looked how it's supposed to look. But the Bears didn't make enough of them to save their season and beat a flawed Packers team that is set on recapturing its NFC North throne. "We just weren't consistent," Trubisky said. "We didn't really

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Drawing from their football playbook

Bulls use gridiron inspiration for game-winning play against Clippers. **Back Page**

BLACKHAWKS



Can Hawks be saved? It'll be tough

From injuries to lack of talent, issues run deep — and won't end soon. **Back Page**

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Perfect timing, imperfect call

Football fans shouldn't be forced to choose between believing NFL officials or their own eyes.

How does it help the league to ignore mistakes like the botched first-quarter call that erased a Bears turnover and gave the Packers great field position, setting up the first Green Bay touchdown in its 21-13 victory?

Cordarrelle Patterson was flagged for kick-catch interference. All he was guilty of, according to Fox analyst Charles Davis, was "exquisite timing."

Patterson did his job so well, it baffled guys who do their job poorly, and they penalized him and the Bears for it.

Perfect. It's a given human beings will make human mistakes. The whole point of having replay review supposedly has been to offset that — to erase as many errors as possible and keep the game's integrity intact.

But the system's failings are never more evident or frustrating than when an obviously erroneous call is deemed unreviewable as was the case on that pivotal call against Patterson.

The Packers' Tramon Williams fielded a punt at midfield. He didn't call for a fair catch. Patterson arrived right after the ball and popped it loose. The Bears' DeAndre Houston-Carson recovered.

It should have been a big play for the Bears.

It turned out to be big for the Packers, who scored four plays later.

The officials flagged Patterson. The penalty gave the Packers the ball on the Bears 35.

Had it been called a turnover, it would have been reviewed. As a personal foul, it wasn't.

"My first thought was kick-catch interference," Davis admitted, but he said that changed as soon as he saw a replay. "My second thought is, in a slowed-down look, it looked like Cordarrelle Patterson's timing was really good. See? The ball's caught and then Cordarrelle Patterson delivers the hit."

Yes, he did. Fox rules expert Dean Blandino — and how sad that confusion over rules, their enforcement and non-enforcement, has forced all NFL networks to hire rules experts — couldn't explain away the call.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cordarrelle Patterson returns a kickoff against the Packers in Sunday's loss.

"You can see Williams does not signal" fair catch, Blandino said. "And they announced 'kick-catch interference,' so what they had on the field was that Patterson got there early. You can see the contact is not early. Williams touches the ball, then the contact occurs, so it's not kick-catch interference."

In other words, what viewers saw is exactly what happened, as opposed to what the officials ruled, and nothing was going to be done about it.

"Remember," Fox play-by-play announcer Kevin Burkhardt said after the Packers took their 7-0 lead, "they got the break on a bad call. It was a perfectly timed play by Cordarrelle Patterson. Dean Blandino told you (it) shouldn't have been dropped, that flag. Chicago did recover that football, but instead Green Bay got the ball on the 35 and they delivered."

Remember? Not the NFL. This sort of thing happens often enough it doesn't pay to dwell on any one instance.

If anyone at league headquarters did, it might wonder the point of having a video review system in place if it weren't for the extra ad breaks the reviews afford.

Certainly no one sitting outdoors with temperatures in the teens or lower would miss it.

But, from the comfort of the great indoors, let's take stock of other winners and losers from Sunday's game...

Winner: Tom Thayer

Generally speaking, Thayer is an excellent analyst on WBBM-AM 780/WCFB-FM 105.9 Bears broadcasts.

Thayer can be quite direct in his criticism, such as in the third quarter Sunday, when he noted Bears offensive lineman "Charles Leno is not even cognizant of his responsibilities. ... It makes the running back readjust his path before he ever gets started."

A lineman himself back in the day, Thayer still can deliver a hit.

Losers: Tom Thayer

Thayer showed on the very next play that he does have a bit of a blind spot, however, when Patterson was ruled out of bounds on a would-be red-zone catch.

There was nothing wrong with Thayer arguing the call was bad. At the very least it was close, though the Bears chose not to appeal.

But pressed on why he saw the play as he did by play-by-play partner Jeff Joniak, Thayer had the weakest possible explanation: "I'm a Bears fan."

Winner: Bart Starr

The late Packers quarterback was heard recounting his famous quarterback-sneak call in the 1967 Ice Bowl victory over the Cowboys in a segment that aired on Fox's pregame show and then was repeated during the Bears game.

Whenever the Packers play a cold game at Lambeau Field, it has become a cliché to recall the arctic conditions of that New Year's Eve NFL title game, a prelude to Super Bowl II. But as a tie-in to the 100th NFL season and 200th Bears-Packers matchup, we'll accept this one.

Now it can be put in cold storage for a while.

Losers: The NFL's oldest rivalry

At some point it's a losing battle to bring up how the Bears and Cardinals played each other before the Packers joined the NFL and, for decades, shared Chicago.

Losers: Ryan Pace

Next week's Bears-Chiefs matchup is set for NBC's "Sunday Night Football," the NFL and the Bears confirmed.

So don't be surprised if the Bears' decision to trade up and take Mitch Trubisky eight picks ahead of playoff-bound Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, the reigning NFL MVP, comes up once or a half-dozen times.

LET'S PLAY 2

	Sunday Chiefs 7:20 p.m. NBC-5	Dec. 29 @Vikings Noon FOX-32
	Wednesday Avalanche 7 p.m. NBCSN	Thursday @Jets 7 p.m. NBCSCH
	Monday @Thunder 7 p.m. NBCSCH	Wednesday @Wizards 6 p.m. NBCSCH

MONDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA 7 p.m. Bulls at Thunder	NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m. Mavericks at Bucks	NBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 6 p.m. Southern Miss at Texas Tech	ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 7 p.m. Connecticut at DePaul	FS1
NFL 7:15 p.m. Colts at Saints	ESPN
NHL 6 p.m. Capitals at Blue Jackets	NHL
SOCCER 1:40 p.m. Crystal Pal. vs. Brighton	NBCSN

ASK THE REPORTER

BRAD BIGGS

Is the first-round talent of the draft deep enough that you could see Ryan Pace trading both second-rounders, possibly more, to move into the back half of it, or do you think he stays where he is due to all the positions he needs to fill? — @chris_burbano
Pace has certainly proved to be aggressive during the draft. I don't believe Pace would need to package more than two second-round picks to get into the back half of the first round. Sometimes scouts will tell you there are, say, eight to 10 players with a really high grade entering a draft and then a cluster of about 20 players who are similar. That means the value for picks between 10 and 30 isn't that different. Other times scouts will tell you the value is similar between 20 and 40. Without having an informed idea of how deep this class will be, the Bears might be better off staying put.

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BEARS

Sept. 5 GB Lost 10-3	Sept. 15 @DEN Won 16-14	Sept. 23 @WAS Won 31-15	Sept. 29 MIN Won 16-6	Oct. 6 OAK Lost 24-21	Oct. 13 OPEN DATE	Oct. 20 NO Lost 36-25	Oct. 27 LAC Lost 17-16	Nov. 3 @PHI Lost 22-14	Nov. 10 DET Won 20-13	Nov. 17 @LAR Lost 17-7	Nov. 24 NYG Won 19-14	Nov. 28 @DET Won 24-20	Dec. 5 DAL Won 31-24	Dec. 15 @GB Lost 21-13	Dec. 22 KC 7:20 NBC-5	Dec. 29 @MIN Noon FOX-32
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A perfect final metaphor

Bears' desperate attempt to score on wild last play sums up season very well



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

GREEN BAY — For a moment, the Lambeau Field statisticians were flummoxed as they sifted through the chaos of Sunday's final play. The football had all flown all over the place as time expired, touching the hands of four Bears and eventually one Packer.

Press-box announcer Tom Milbourn pulled himself out of the dizziness for one final declaration.

"That's the end of the game," he announced. "Bottom line."

Moments later, Milbourn tacked on a stay-tuned footnote. "It was a complete pass to Tarik Cohen," he said. "The rest we're still figuring out."

Ultimately, the final game book listed the third-and-1 play from the Packers 34 yard line as such:

M. Trubisky pass short middle to T. Cohen to GB 21 for 13 yards. Lateral to M. Trubisky to GB 21 for no gain. FUMBLES, and recovers at GB 21. M. Trubisky to GB 16 for 5 yards. Lateral to J. Horsted to GB 7 for 9 yards (C. Sullivan). FUMBLES (C. Sullivan), touched at GB 7, RECOVERED by GB-T. Williams at GB 2. T. Williams to GB 2 for no gain (T. Cohen).

Got all that?

If not, the video of the sequence is far more alluring, with the Bears' last-gasp gadget play getting them within an afternoon shadow of the end zone for a possible game-tying touchdown. But in the end? Tight end Jesper Horsted didn't see receiver Allen Robinson trailing him early enough and didn't make his option pitch on time. Thus the ball ended up on the grass, then in the hands of Packers cornerback Tramon Williams.

As Milbourn declared, it was the end of the game. Bottom line.

It was the end of the Bears' season, too. Officially, those "In the hunt" postseason hopes fizzled for good with the Bears' 21-13 loss to the Packers plus the Vikings' blowout win over the Chargers.

That's it and that's all.

The 2018 NFC North champions have been eliminated from the playoff picture and are left to swallow the last bitter taste of disappointment for a season that was supposed to have so much more promise.

"It's very difficult to accept," Cohen said. "That's what you play the season for. To get into the playoffs. To have a shot at the Super Bowl. That's what we worked for this year. So this is difficult. But we know we put ourselves in this situation that we're in."

Sunday's final play was certainly exciting, with a Mitch Trubisky completion to Cohen followed by a Harlem Globetrotters-esque weave-and-pass drill. And for a moment, when Horsted got his hands on a Trubisky lateral at the Packers 16, a miracle score looked possible.

Robinson was unaccompanied and charging hard to the tight end's right.

"I wasn't really my intention to score on that," Horsted said. "I knew I had guys on the outside. I



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Running back Tarik Cohen (29) laterals the ball on the final play of the game as the Bears nearly scored against the Packers at Lambeau Field.



Mitch Trubisky laterals the ball on the wild final play as the Bears tried some trickery in a vain attempt for a crucial touchdown.

was just trying to get a couple steps to get the ball out to them where they had a better chance. I just underestimated the time I had to get that ball out by a little bit. ... It's one of those things where it's going to be different every time you do it. And it's one of those things where it's kind of hard to simulate."

Added Robinson: "We executed that play almost to perfection. That's one of those plays that's so tough. There's so much going on."

Cohen, though, may have had the best summary on a hope-filled sequence that ended with disappointment.

"I don't like that play," the Bears running back said. "Be-

cause if we're using that play, we're in desperation mode."

In truth, the Bears have been in desperation mode since early November, when a four-game losing skid filled with offensive ineptitude took their season into a ditch. Sunday was just a microcosm of all that, with another shaky first-half effort putting the Bears behind and diminishing the significance of a too-little, too-late and still-not-enough rally.

It's easy to get lost in the anguish of the final play. Just as it's human nature to question the first-half blown call by referee Scott Novak's crew that negated a Bears punt-coverage takeaway with a woeful kick-catch interference penalty called on Cordar-

relle Patterson. Instead of Bears' ball at the Packers 48, Aaron Rodgers had himself a short field for a 35-yard touchdown march and a 7-0 lead.

Imagine — as so many irate Bears fans did on social media — how differently Sunday's game might have unfolded had that play been officiated properly.

Still, all of that is just a temporary distraction from the big-picture reality. Sunday confirmed once and for all what so many have suspected for months. The 2019 Bears are a middle-of-the-road football team that makes too many mistakes and not enough game-winning plays.

This season's two losses to the division-leading Packers tell you just about everything you need to know. In those games, the Bears offense had 25 possessions and scored only one touchdown.

Read that again. Let it sink in. Twenty-five drives. One touchdown.

On Sunday, the defense also fell apart at an inopportune time, getting shredded for touchdown drives of 73 and 66 yards early in the third quarter. That gave the Packers a commanding 21-3 lead. And the defense's inability for most of the day to create pressure (one sack) or takeaways (zilch) contributed to another unsatisfying effort.

"I know our guys will go back and say that they could have made this tackle or that tackle," Bears coach Matt Nagy said.

With two meaningless games left, the Bears are now 7-7. For those willing to think critically and be honest with themselves,

7-7 is exactly what they've played like this season, what they deserve. Treat it like Mad Libs and pick your own adjectives if you must.

Mediocre. Ordinary. Unexceptional.

Inconsistent. Subpar. Disappointing.

All those labels apply to this season, and while there is understandable belief inside the locker room that the talent and unity is enough to produce so much more, the Bears now can't really do anything to prove that until the fall of 2020. Thus begins another agonizing waiting game.

In the short term, meanwhile, with two weeks left until locker clean-out day at Halas Hall, it leaves a feeling of emptiness.

"It's very frustrating at the end of the day," left tackle Charles Leno said. "No matter what team you're on, the goal is always to make the playoffs. This just sucks. It definitely stings."

Maybe that final play Sunday ended in fitting fashion after all, with the Bears experiencing the entire range of emotions in a wild sequence.

"I felt like we had a huge chance," receiver Anthony Miller said. "It just didn't work out, man."

Added Leno: "I saw guys fighting to make a play. And at the end of the day, we didn't make the play to win."

That's been the story too often this season. And now officially, for the 11th time in the past 13 seasons, the Bears will miss the NFL playoffs and be left to figure out how to turn all this around.

THREE KEYS

The Bears' playoff hopes are dashed. Sunday's 21-13 loss to the rival Packers at Lambeau Field was the nail in the coffin for 2019. The Vikings' 39-10 win over the Chargers hammered that nail in. The Bears no longer have a chance to play January football. So what went wrong in Sunday's loss, which dropped this team to 7-7? Here's a review of our three keys.

1. Red alert! Be efficient inside the 20.
The Bears made three trips into the red zone and emerged with only one touchdown. As we warned, that just couldn't happen. Settling for a 30-yard field goal late in the first half rather than scoring a game-tying touchdown was particularly gut-wrenching. On the Bears' first play inside the red zone, Mitch Trubisky was sacked for a 6-yard loss. The Bears' second scoring drive stalled near the end zone after Trubisky threw behind Allen Robinson. Two plays later, Cordarrelle Patterson couldn't keep his right foot in bounds on a third-down pass that would have given the Bears first down at the 1.

2. Find ways to keep up with the Smiths.
For the most part, the Bears held the Packers' Smiths in check. Preston Smith recorded five tackles, including an early tackle for a loss on David Montgomery. Za'Darius Smith recorded only one tackle, a run stop on Tarik Cohen in the fourth quarter. The Packers had three sacks in the game — two by Kenny Clark and another from Rashan Gary. Still, the Bears offense took too long to get unlocked. And while they did end the day with 429 yards — their highest output this season — there were too many three-and-outs (three) and not enough touchdown drives (one).

3. Believe in star power.
Khalil Mack pressured Aaron Rodgers into a third-down throwaway early in the fourth quarter. But that was about the only time Mack's impact was really seen. His only tackle came when he was the closest defender to Rodgers when the quarterback took a 1-yard loss on a halfhearted scramble. The Bears' inability to force a turnover also was problematic. That's the fifth time this season, the defense has failed to record a takeaway. The Bears are 1-4 in those games. Furthermore, the tackling woes on Aaron Jones' 21-yard run proved problematic. An inability to slow Davante Adams also was an issue.

NFL

AFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-New England	11	3	0	.786	372	181	5-1-0	6-2-0	7-3-0	4-0-0	4-0-0
Buffalo	10	4	0	.714	291	222	4-3-0	6-1-0	7-3-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.357	247	343	4-3-0	1-6-0	2-8-0	3-1-0	1-4-0
Miami	3	11	0	.214	241	435	2-5-0	1-6-0	2-8-0	1-3-0	1-4-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Houston	9	5	0	.643	341	330	5-2-0	4-3-0	8-3-0	1-2-0	4-1-0
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	339	279	4-3-0	4-3-0	6-5-0	2-1-0	2-3-0
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	296	295	4-3-0	2-4-0	5-6-0	1-1-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	5	9	0	.357	250	353	2-5-0	3-4-0	5-6-0	0-3-0	1-4-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Baltimore	12	2	0	.857	472	257	6-1-0	6-1-0	8-2-0	4-0-0	3-1-0
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	269	259	5-3-0	3-3-0	6-4-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Cleveland	6	8	0	.429	297	329	4-3-0	2-5-0	6-4-0	0-4-0	3-1-0
Cincinnati	1	13	0	.071	211	359	1-6-0	0-7-0	1-9-0	0-4-0	0-5-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	394	284	4-3-0	6-1-0	8-3-0	2-1-0	5-0-0
Oakland	6	8	0	.429	274	386	5-3-0	1-5-0	4-6-0	2-2-0	2-2-0
Denver	5	9	0	.357	239	284	3-3-0	2-6-0	5-6-0	0-3-0	2-3-0
L.A. Chargers	5	9	0	.357	299	290	2-5-0	3-4-0	3-7-0	2-2-0	0-4-0

WEEK 15 RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
 Kansas City 23, Denver 3
 Tampa Bay 38, Detroit 17
 Houston 24, Tennessee 21
 N.Y. Giants 36, Miami 20
 Seattle 30, Carolina 24
 Green Bay 21, Chicago 13
 New England 34, Cincinnati 17
 Philadelphia 37, Washington 23
 Arizona 38, Cleveland 24
 Jacksonville 20, Oakland 16
 Minnesota 39, L.A. Chargers 10
 Atlanta 29, San Francisco 22
 Dallas 44, L.A. Rams 21
 Buffalo 17, Pittsburgh 10
MONDAY'S GAME
 Indianapolis at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.
THURSDAY'S RESULT
 Baltimore 42, N.Y. Jets 21

WEEK 16 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Houston at Tampa Bay, noon
 Buffalo at New England, 3:30 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.
SUNDAY, DEC. 22
 N.Y. Giants at Washington, noon
 Cincinnati at Miami, noon
 New Orleans at Tennessee, noon
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, noon
 Baltimore at Cleveland, noon
 Carolina at Indianapolis, noon
 Jacksonville at Atlanta, noon
 Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
 Detroit at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.
 Kansas City at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.
MONDAY, DEC. 23
 Green Bay at Minnesota, 7:15 p.m.

WEEK 15 TOP PERFORMERS

PASSING	Player, Team	CO-ATT	YDS	TD	INT
	J. Winston, TB	28-42	458	4	1
	P. Mahomes, KC	27-34	340	2	1
	M. Trubisky, CHI	29-53	334	1	2
	P. Rivers, LAC	28-39	307	1	3
	R. Wilson, SEA	20-26	286	2	0
	J. Goff, LAR	33-51	284	2	1
RUSHING	Player, Team	ATT	YDS	TD	
	K. Drake, ARI	22	137	4	
	J. Mixon, CIN	25	136	0	
	C. Carson, SEA	24	133	2	
	T. Pollard, DAL	12	131	1	
	N. Chubb, CLE	17	127	1	
	M. Sanders, PHI	19	122	1	
	C. Godwin, TB	5	121	0	
RECEIVING	Player, Team	REC	YDS	TD	
	T. Kelce, KC	11	142	0	
	Ju. Jones, ATL	13	134	2	
	G. Kittle, SF	13	134	0	
	T. McLaurin, WAS	5	130	1	
	A. Robinson, CHI	7	125	0	
	D. Waller, OAK	8	122	0	
DEFENSE	Player, Team	SACK	TCK	A	INT
	R. Anderson, WAS	2.0	4	1	0
	K. Clark, GB	2.0	6	2	0
	S. Harris, DEN	2.0	2	1	0
	S. Gilmore, NE	0.0	2	0	2
	Y. Ngakoue, JAX	2.0	5	0	0
	S. Lee, DAL	1.0	3	1	1

SUMMARIES

CHIEFS 23, BRONCOS 3
 Denver 0 3 0 0-3
 Kansas City 6 9 8 0-23
First quarter A: 73:27.
KC: Hill 41 pass from Mahomes (pass failed), 9:42.
Second quarter
KC: FG Prater 23, 12:57.
FG: FG Butler 24, 6:24.
Den: FG McManus 32, 1:56.
Third quarter
KC: Hill 5 pass from Mahomes (Watkins pass from Mahomes), 9:45.
TEAM STATS

DEN	KC	
First downs	15	27
Total net yards	251	419
Rushes-yards	15-52	25-92
Passing	199	327
Punt returns	1-8	2-2
Kickoff returns	2-50	1-20
Int. returns	1-0	1-0
Comp-att-int	18-40-1	27-34-1
Sacked-yds lost	2-9	3-13
Punts	4-42.8	2-39.5
Fumbles-lost	2-0	0-0
Punt returns	4-77	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-72	5-45
Possession time	26:27	33:33

Rushing: Den, Lindsay 7-32, Freeman 5-12, Booker 1-5, Lock 2-3, KC, Thompson 8-38, Ware 7-26, McCoy 6-16, Mahomes 3-11, Hill 1-1.
Tackles-assists-sacks: Den, Davis 7-4-0, S. Harris 2-1-2, C. Mathieu 5-0-1, Okafor 1-1-1.
Interceptions: Den, Simmons 1-0, KC, Thornhill 1-0.

BUCCANEERS 38, LIONS 17
 Tampa Bay 14 7 3 14-38
 Detroit 0 3 7 14-17
First quarter A: 56:55.
Hou: Stills 12 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 9:59.
Hou: Stills 16 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 3:14.
Third quarter
Ten: Tannehill 1 run (Succop kick), 5:34.
Fourth quarter
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Hou: FG Fairbairn 29, 3:26.
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TEAM STATS

HOU	TEN	
First downs	23	24
Total net yards	374	432
Rushes-yards	35-140	28-163
Passing	234	269
Punt returns	0-0	2-19
Kickoff returns	2-54	3-55
Int. returns	1-86	2-2
Comp-att-int	19-27-2	22-37-1
Sacked-yds lost	1-9	2-10
Punts	4-46.3	3-48.3
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	5-27	4-30
Possession time	31:20	28:40

Rushing: Hou, Hyde 26-104, Watson 7-32, D. Johnson 2-4, Ten, Henry 21-86, J. Smith 1-57, Lewis 3-10, Tannehill 3-10.
Pass: Hou, Watson 19-27-2-243, Ten, Carr 1-12, Westbrook 1-7, Armstead 1-1, Oak, Jacobs 24-89, Washington 6-16, Carr 1-12, Richard 1-11.
Passing: Jac, Minshew 17-29-0-236-0.
Oak: Carr 22-36-0-267.
Receiving: Hou, Hopkins 6-119, Fuller 5-61, Stills 3-35, D. Johnson 2-19, Akins 2-7, Fells 1-2, Ten, A. Brown 8-114, J. Smith 5-60, C. Davis 3-57, Sharpe 2-28, Lewis 1-11, Firkser 7-7, Raymond 1-2, Blasingame 1-0.
Missed field goals: Ten, Succop 4/5

TEXANS 24, TITANS 21
 Houston 0 14 0 10-24
 Tennessee 0 0 7 14-21
Second quarter A: 56:25.
Hou: Stills 12 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 9:59.
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GIANTS 36, DOLPHINS 20
 Miami 0 10 3 7-20
 N.Y. Giants 0 7 16 33-36
Second quarter A: 72:89.
Mia: D. Parker 20 pass from Fitzpatrick (Sanders kick), 9:03.
NYG: Tate 51 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), 11:53.
Mia: FG Sanders 24, 4:44.
Third quarter
NYG: Slayton 5 pass from Manning (Badgley), 8:42.
Mia: FG Sanders 47, 8:44.
NYG: safety, 6:20.
NYG: Barkley 1 run (Rosas), 5:17.
Fourth quarter
NYG: Barkley 10 run (Rosas), 14:54.
NYG: Allen 1 run (kick failed), 4:41.
Mia: D. Parker 29 pass from Fitzpatrick (Sanders), 1:54.
TEAM STATS

MIA	NYG	
First downs	22	24
Total net yards	384	412
Rushes-yards	25-122	33-138
Passing	274	269
Punt returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns	1-14	0-0
Int. returns	3-16	1-0
Comp-att-int	20-27-1	25-42-3
Sacked-yds lost	2-12	1-8
Punts	4-41.3	4-45.8
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-10
Penalties-yards	5-40	2-15
Possession time	31:18	28:42

Rushing: Sea, Carson 24-113, Probst 1-5-15, Homer 2-7, Wilson 3-(-1), Car, McCaffrey 19-87, Allen 5-25, Samuel 4-23, Moore 1-10.
Passing: Sea, Wilson 20-26-0-286, Gordon 1-58, Probst 1-10, J. Brown 1-9, Carson 1-4, Car, Moore 8-113, McCaffrey 8-88, Samuel 5-31, Thomas 2-23, Hogan 1-13, Wright 1-9.
Receiving: Sea, Lockett 8-120, Turner 3-26, Hollister 3-23, Metcalf 2-36, Gordon 1-58, Probst 1-10, J. Brown 1-9, Carson 1-4, Car, Moore 8-113, McCaffrey 8-88, Samuel 5-31, Thomas 2-23, Hogan 1-13, Wright 1-9.

SEAHAWKS 30, PANTHERS 24
 Seattle 13 7 3 7-30
 Carolina 0 7 3 14-24
First quarter A: 72:54.
Sea: Carson 16 run (kick failed), 10:26.
Sea: Metcalf 19 pass from Ru.Wilson (Myers), 5:22.
Second quarter
Car: McCaffrey 1 run (Slye), 13:43.
Sea: Lockett 19 pass from Ru.Wilson (Myers), 10:09.
Car: FG Slye 52, 11:35.
Sea: FG Myers 30, 2:28.
Fourth quarter
Sea: Carson 6 run (Myers), 7:18.
Car: McCaffrey 15 run (Slye), 4:53.
Car: Samuel 5 pass from Allen (Slye), 3:14.
TEAM STATS

SEA	CAR	
First downs	21	28
Total net yards	428	414
Rushes-yards	34-154	29-145
Passing	274	269
Punt returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns	1-14	0-0
Int. returns	3-16	1-0
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PACKERS 21, BEARS 13
 Chicago 0 3 0 10-13
 Green Bay 7 0 14 0-21
First quarter A: 78:26.
GB: D.Adams 29 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 4:47.
Second quarter
Chi: FG Pinedro 30, 1:45.
Third quarter
GB: Jones 21 run (Crosby), 12:44.
GB: Jones 2 run (Crosby), 7:48.
Chi: FG Pinedro 27, 14:56.
Chi: Miller 2 pass from Trubisky (Pinedro), 8:09.
TEAM STATS

CHI	GB	
First downs	20	12
Total net yards	429	292
Rushes-yards	27-96	24-100
Passing	333	192
Punt returns	2-19	1-12
Kickoff returns	2-44	2-71
Comp-att-int	29-53-2	16-33-0
Sacked-yds lost	2-22	1-11
Punts	4-38.8	7-35.7
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-35	4-30
Possession time	34:22	25:38

Rushing: Chi, Montgomery 14-39, Trubisky 4-29, Cohen 6-28, Patterson 1-6, Holtz 1-(-1), GB, D.Adams 7-103, Allison 2-19, Lazard 2-14, Kumerow 1-49, J.Williams 1-7, Lewis 1-6, Tonyan 1-5, Graham 1-0.
Passing: Chi, Trubisky 29-53-2-348.
GB: Rodgers 16-33-0-203.
Receiving: Chi, Miller 9-118, Robinson 7-125, Cohen 7-57, Ridley 2-10, Horsted 1-18, Montgomery 1-10, Patterson 1-6, Holtz 1-(-1), GB, D.Adams 7-103, Allison 2-19, Lazard 2-14, Kumerow 1-49, J.Williams 1-7, Lewis 1-6, Tonyan 1-5, Graham 1-0.
Tackles-assists-sacks: Chi, Montgomery 14-39, Trubisky 4-29, Cohen 6-28, Patterson 1-6, Holtz 1-(-1), GB, D.Adams 7-103, Allison 2-19, Lazard 2-14, Kumerow 1-49, J.Williams 1-7, Lewis 1-6, Tonyan 1-5, Graham 1-0.
Interceptions: GB, Lowry 1-7, Alexander 1-0.

PATRIOTS 34, BENGALS 13
 New England 7 6 14 7-34
 Cincinnati 10 0 3 0-13
First quarter A: 57:06.
NE: White 23 pass from Brady (Folk kick), 11:44.
Cin: Carter 8 pass from Dalton (Bullough), 6:13.
Cin: FG Bullock 34, 1:4.
Second quarter
NE: FG Folk 40, 1:51.
NE: FG Folk 46, 0:5.
Third quarter
NE: Harry 7 pass from Brady (Folk), 11:17.
NE: Gilmore 64 INT ret (Folk), 7:21.
Fourth quarter
Cin: FG Bullock 48, 6:33.
NE: Burkhead 33 run (Folk), 5:31.
TEAM STATS

NE	CIN	
First downs	19	19
Total net yards	291	315
Rushes-yards	32-175	32-164
Passing	116	151
Punt returns	1-1	2-9
Kickoff returns	2-42	2-36
Int. returns	4-77	0-0
Comp-att-int	15-29-0	17-31-0
Sacked-yds lost	2-12	0-0
Punts	5-48.2	3-41.7
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-30	5-25
Possession time	27:12	32:48

Rushing: NE, Michel 19-89, Burkhead 6-53, Harry 2-22, White 3-13, Brady 2-(-2), Cin, Mixon 25-136, Bernard 5-27, Dalton 2-1.
Passing: NE, Brady 15-29-0-128, Cin, Dalton 17-31-4-151.
Receiving: NE, White 3-49, LaCosse 3-22, Harry 2-15, Sanu 2-13, Edelman 2-9, Burkhead 2-6, Michel 1-14, Cin, Eifert 3-44, Boyer 3-26, Mixon 3-20, Ross 2-24, Carter 2-13, Bernard 2-10, Uzomah 1-8, Erickson 1-6.

EAGLES 37, REDSKINS 20
 Philadelphia 3 7 7 20-37
 Washington 7 7 0 13-27
First quarter A: 63:24.
Phi: FG Elliott 25, 1:23.
Was: McLaurin 75 pass from H

BEARS



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Cordarrelle Patterson hits the Packers' Tramon Williams on a first-quarter punt return but was penalized for kick-catch interference.

'I made a big play'

Patterson rips flag for kick-catch interference that helped turn tide

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears had a lot to address in the locker room after their 21-13 loss to the Packers on Sunday at Lambeau Field. Here are three things we heard.

1. Cordarrelle Patterson doesn't believe the officials made the right call on the crucial kick-catch interference penalty in the first quarter.

Cordarrelle Patterson's tweet Sunday night of the video of the play said it all, without saying anything.

Emoji wearing a looking glass. Facepalm emoji. Emoji with steam coming out of its nose.

Packers returner Tramon Williams caught Pat O'Donnell's punt at the 50-yard line midway through the first quarter, and Patterson's hit knocked the ball loose. Bears safety DeAndre Houston-Carson recovered it. But instead of ruling it a fumble, officials called Patterson for kick-catch interference.

Patterson said a lot of people sent him the video of the play, so he was quickly able to determine how he felt about the call.

"I saw it and I was like, 'I think I made a big play,'" Patterson said. "On the field, he said I was down too early. I watched the film that my girl texted me. I watched it, and I didn't get down there too early."

The 15-yard penalty gave the Packers the ball at the Bears 35-yard line, and four plays later Aaron Rodgers hit Davante Adams for a 29-yard touchdown pass. That was the Packers' only scoring drive of the first half.

"It's frustrating, but at the end of the day, that's (the officials') job," Patterson said. "My job is to get down there and make the play. Their job is to make the right call and know they made the right call. But I don't think it was the right call."

It wasn't the only call that Patterson had issue with, though the other one probably was objectively less questionable.

He thought he caught a third-down pass from Mitch Trubisky down the sideline to end the third quarter, but officials ruled his foot was out of bounds at the 1. The Bears settled for Eddy Pineiro's second field goal for the game.

"Of course, I thought I made that catch too," he said. "I don't know what I did to the refs this week. Somebody told me I need to start bringing doughnuts and stuff before the game, so next week I might bring some hot chocolate and all that stuff."

2. Akiem Hicks played through elbow pain in his return from injured reserve.

It's probably accurate to say defensive lineman Akiem Hicks didn't have the most enjoyable return from injured reserve, and not only because the Bears lost. Hicks had to have his elbow checked by Bears trainers in the medical tent.

"Just imagine bone, just doing like that," Hicks said of the feeling, miming bone grinding together. "Just moving a little bit when you don't want it to. It's part of the game."

It was Hicks' first game back since he was injured against the Raiders in London on Oct. 6, and he said he was happy to be able to play as he totaled four tackles and two quarterback hits. But he acknowledged he's not back to full strength yet.

"Just not being 100% yet, I'm going to go through some of those things throughout

the course of the game," Hicks said. "Hopefully they can be a lot less than today. It was really my first time getting back out there and being able to test it out. I was happy it stood up to the test. Unfortunately, it's not a really good feeling right now because we didn't get the victory we expected, and we have to move forward from that."

It's unclear whether Hicks will play the remaining two games with the Bears eliminated from playoff contention Sunday. When asked if he would, he simply said, "I love football."

3. The Bears-Chiefs game Sunday will remain in prime time.

The league reportedly requested a six-day window with the option to flex that game to an afternoon slot, potentially paving the way for the Saints-Titans game to be moved to the night game.

But the Bears tweeted after the loss to the Packers that Chiefs-Bears would remain on "Sunday Night Football" on NBC.

Even though the Bears have been eliminated from playoff contention, the game has a couple of storylines that still might be intriguing to a national audience. They include Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes playing the team that passed on drafting him in favor of Mitch Trubisky and Bears coach Matt Nagy facing his former mentor in Chiefs coach Andy Reid.

Players said they didn't think motivation over the final two games — they face the Vikings in the season finale — will wane.

"It's always disappointing to not meet your expectations," Hicks said. "So we have to finish the rest of the season the way we played that streak where we won three games in a row. That's the character of this team anyway, to never lay down."

Wild end frustrating way to lose

Horsted on mistake: 'I just held on to it a little too long'

BY COLLEEN KANE

Rookie tight end Jesper Horsted might watch the film of the Bears' final crazy play Sunday against the Packers and cringe over what he didn't see during the chaos of it all.

After a forward pass and two laterals, with the clock at Lambeau Field at 0:00, Horsted still had an opportunity to make a play for a touchdown, which coupled with a two-point conversion would have tied the game.

There was Allen Robinson trailing slightly behind, waving his hands in desperation to get Horsted to see him. Anthony Miller was in front of Robinson and could have blocked to help Robinson get into the end zone.

Horsted knew there would be a player to the outside, but he just didn't get the ball out in time. Chandon Sullivan brought him down from behind, the ball came out as a fumble, and Tramon Williams fell on it to secure the Packers' 21-13 victory.

"When I got the ball, the first thing I looked downfield, and I saw a little bit of daylight, but I knew that realistically I wasn't running the ball in from 10 or 15 or whatever it was," Horsted said. "So after a few steps, I knew I had a guy on the outside and wanted to get it out there. In hindsight, I probably should have got there a little bit earlier. But it was moving quickly and it was a little bit hard to see what exactly was going to the right when I was focused on straight ahead and to the left."

"My goal was always to get it out there because we had a better chance out there. I just held on to it a little too long."

The Bears practice the play — or something similar to it, at least — on Saturdays, and they liken it to recess or backyard football.

It started on the Packers 34-yard line with one second to go. Mitch Trubisky threw a quick pass to Tarik Cohen, who cut to his right for about 10 yards and then



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Packers cornerback Tramon Williams falls on a fumbled lateral in front of the Bears' Anthony Miller (17) to end the Bears' loss on Sunday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

turned back to his left to lateral a pass to Trubisky. After charging forward about 5 yards, Trubisky cut to his right and pitched the lateral to Horsted.

After Horsted's fumble, Robinson shook his hands in frustration. He afterward acknowledged the "bad body language by me" but said it was just his competitive side coming out. If he had gotten the pitch, he thought there was a good chance he would have scored.

"Almost had it," Trubisky said. "Almost had it. It was kind of ad-libbed. It wasn't all the way schemed up like that. Just can't go down with the football, and try to keep it alive. A lot of credit to our guys for knowing the situation, sticking with it and just going until the clock was 0:00. It would've been cool, but it didn't happen."

It was enough to make Packers coach Matt LaFleur a little queasy.

"I think I blacked out there for a second, there were so many laterals," LaFleur said.

Horsted might kick himself because of the play, but the Bears know there were bigger things to be frustrated about Sunday. Like that they had only a field goal at halftime and couldn't score on their two previous chances to tie it.

When Cohen was asked what he liked about that play, he said he didn't like it "because if we're using that play, we're in desperation mode."

"Everybody on the outside will probably look at the what-ifs on that play," Cohen said. "But we as an offense look at what we could have done coming out on the first drive, second drive, things early on."

Campbell

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have a flow or rhythm throughout the game. Sputtered out a couple times. Had some negative plays."

In other words, an accurate representation of the underwhelming body of work.

Instead of building on encouraging progress from the last two games, the offense offered a microcosm of how second-year coach Matt Nagy and his third-year quarterback have failed in their second season together to lift the rest of the group and make meaningful progress from a year ago.

"We're disappointed," Nagy said. "Hopefully all of us learn from a lot of different experiences. I know one thing: Our guys will continue to fight."

Their 429 yards were a season-high, a reflection of recent improvements by Trubisky and second-year receiver Anthony Miller, who had 118 yards and a touchdown on nine catches Sunday.

But the offense failed to reach the end zone in the first half, a familiar element of their early- and midseason struggles.

David Montgomery averaged only 2.8 yards on 14 carries. And their ineptitude on first and second downs resulted in the Bears having 20 third downs, their most in a game since January 2007. They converted 9 and went 0-for-3 on fourth down.

"Some plays they made, and we didn't," Trubisky said. "That's part of football. We didn't do enough today. The plays we didn't make, we either got out-executed, or we didn't do our jobs. We weren't on the same page; making mistakes."

Why the inconsistency?

"Just us not being dialed in 100 percent," running back Tarik Cohen said. "We didn't get clicking until it was too late."

The impulse is to assign blame, especially as the Bears were eliminated from postseason contention Sunday evening when the Vikings beat the Chargers. The urge to identify one cause or culprit is strong.

But the Bears' offensive problems are complex and interconnected. It's not just Trubisky's footwork or field vision or Nagy's play-calling. Or the offensive line breakdowns or the lack of tight-end production.

It's all of it. And each factor contributes to the others. That's why it has been impossible to fix, and that's why the Bears' to-do list entering the off-season, starting with an honest self-evaluation, is so long.

Trubisky shared his perspective — and perked up some ears — with his postgame answer to a reporter's question about how disruptive the Packers pass rush was.

He was sacked three times, and the Packers were credited with an additional two quarterback hits.

"Our O-line played really well," Trubisky said. "I thought we could've taken more pressure off them moving the pocket a little more and me getting out. But, yeah, (the Packers) have done a great job of that all year long, and that's what they hang their hat on. They did that today."

"We've just got to continue to find ways to take pressure off our O-line. With a good pass rush like that, continue to mix it up, whether it's with screens, running it, draws — all that kind of stuff helps."

The Bears' game plan, on which Trubisky has input, and Nagy's play calling are open to scrutiny. That's how it goes when the team scores one touchdown in 25 possessions in two losses to the Packers this season.

For Trubisky to weigh in like that, though? At the very least, it reflects the offense's painful inconsistencies and unmet expectations.

Trubisky's assessment matched what was evident to the naked eye. The Bears didn't move the passing point by design and scheme to mitigate the pass rush as much as they did against the Cowboys, when Trubisky played his best game and found life with his legs. He ran four times for 29 yards Sunday.

He finished 29 of 53 passing for 348 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions, one on a Hail Mary at the end of the first half. Even if he had kneeled instead, his passer rating would have been only 74.8.

"There were times when he used his legs," Nagy said. "He extended plays. He made some good throws on the run. Then there's a few that he missed, as well. When you throw the ball that many times, that's normal."

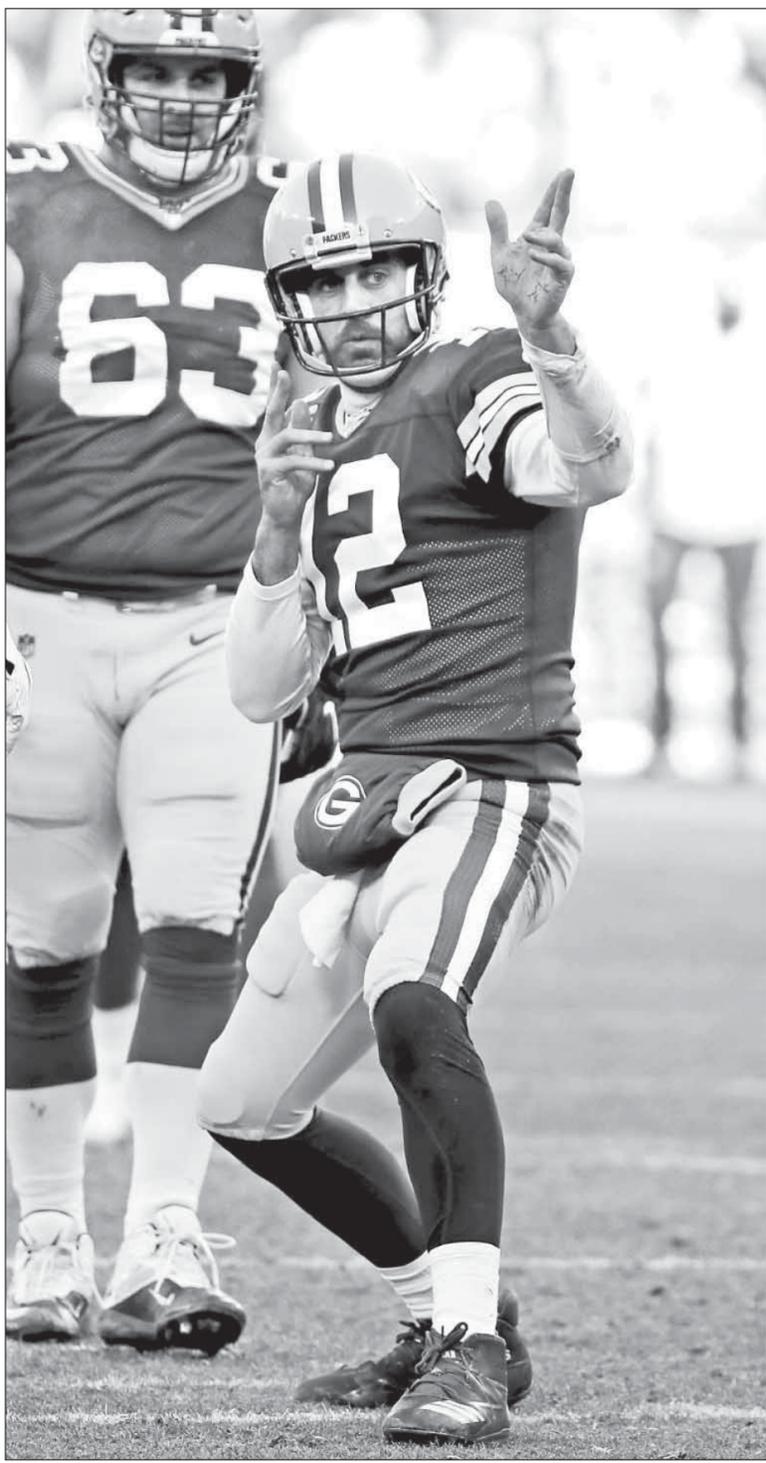
Yep, too much of this loss was normal. (Sigh.)



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mitch Trubisky feels pressure from Packers outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith (55) in the fourth quarter Sunday.

SPORTS



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers points both hands forward after running for a first down in the third quarter of the Packers' victory over the Bears on Sunday at Lambeau Field.

Biggs

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Less than three hours later the Vikings completed a 39-10 demolition of the Chargers, which officially ended the Bears' playoff hopes.

Realistically, most figured this Bears season was headed nowhere after a four-game losing streak to end the first half of the season. Now the Bears (7-7) need to win their final two games against the Chiefs and Vikings to finish above .500 and have consecutive winning seasons for only the second time since 1992 (1994-95 and 2005-06).

Perhaps that is something Nagy can claim as a silver lining if the Bears can pull off victories in their last two games as underdogs. While consecutive winning seasons doesn't qualify as sustained success, it would be a step in the right direction for a franchise that has had difficulty maintaining any level of prosperity for three decades.

Nagy was appreciative of the resolve his players showed after falling behind 21-3 midway through the third quarter. It was notable, but surely he knows that doesn't constitute a silver lining.

The offense was ineffective until it was in an 18-point hole and quarterback Mitch Trubisky (29 of 53 for 348 yards) started picking up chunks of yardage against soft coverage. Trubisky made some really nice throws, a handful he'd like back and, in the end, the Bears finished with 13 points. Too often you have to attach a caveat like that to any praise of Trubisky. That game gets old, at least for most, when he now has had 40 career starts.

"I thought that there were times when he used his legs, extended plays, he made some good throws on the run," Nagy said. "Then there's a few that he missed as well. When you throw the ball that many times, that's normal. Really, big picture, we don't get the win. We could have played better in really all three phases. But I am going to stay positive with our guys because I appreciate their fight."



Packers defensive end Dean Lowry (94) celebrates with his teammates after intercepting a pass by Mitch Trubisky in the fourth quarter of the Bears' loss Sunday in Green Bay.

NORTHWESTERN 72, SIU-EDWARDSVILLE 54

Young's career day sparks sluggish NU

Redshirt freshman's 25 points, 12 boards push Cats over .500

By JOHN JACKSON
Associated Press

Ryan Young had career highs with 25 points and 12 rebounds, Pat Spencer had 15 points and Northwestern overcame a sluggish offensive performance for a 72-54 victory over SIU-Edwardsville on Sunday.

Young, a redshirt freshman, was 11-for-15 from the field in topping his previous high of 19 points against Norfolk State last month.

Overall, the Wildcats (5-4) were 26-for-64 (40.6%) from the field, including 3-for-19 on 3-pointers.

Zeke Moore had 18 points to lead SIU-Edwardsville (2-8).

Northwestern was playing without starter Pete Nance, who was serving a team-issued one-game suspension for "failure to adhere to program standards."

The sophomore forward is averaging 11.9 points and 7.5 rebounds this season. He had 14 points and six rebounds in the Wildcats' 58-44 loss last week at Purdue.

The Wildcats had a slim 31-25 halftime lead mainly because they couldn't find any consistency on the offensive end — especially from beyond the 3-point arc where they were 2-for-10.

At the start of the second half, North-

western put together its best offensive stretch to that point with a 16-6 run in the first five minutes to open a 47-31 lead.

But then the Wildcats suddenly went cold again and were held scoreless for 3:16 as SIU-Edwardsville ran off eight straight to make it 47-39.

Young ended the drought with a basket inside with 11:46 to play. Shamar Wright answered with a 3-pointer at the other end to trim the lead to seven, but the Wildcats then ran off the next nine points for a 58-42 edge with just under seven minutes to go.

Big picture

SIU-Edwardsville: The Cougars had one of their better efforts of the season, especially on the defensive end. The difference was they had no answer for Young inside.

Northwestern: For whatever reason, the Wildcats have struggled against lower-level Division I programs, and this game was no exception. They just don't seem to play loose and free when facing a team they are expected to beat.

Up next

- SIU-Edwardsville at Winthrop on Tuesday.
- Northwestern hosts No. 16 Michigan State on Wednesday night.



WARREN LITTLE/GETTY

Playing captain Tiger Woods hoists the Presidents Cup trophy after the U.S. rallied for a 16-14 win Sunday in Australia.

GOLF PRESIDENTS CUP

Comeback caps Tiger's special year

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — The emotions poured out of Tiger Woods, just like they did at Augusta National in the spring, except this felt different.

The Masters was for him.

This was for 11 players — at times his teammates, always under his captaincy — who delivered another American victory in the Presidents Cup and a moment that nearly brought Woods to tears. And when the decisive point was on the board Sunday at Royal Melbourne, Woods celebrated with everyone he could find by hugging them hard enough to take the breath out of them.

"Any time you have moments where you're able to do something that is bigger than us as an individual, it's so much more meaningful and ... special," he said.

The Americans felt the same way.

Trailing for the first time in 16 years, they followed his lead. Woods, the first playing captain in 25 years, went out in the first of 12 singles matches and outlasted Abraham Ancer to set the Presidents Cup all-time record by winning his 27th match.

It also set the tone for his team.

Patrick Reed, winless in three matches and heckled so badly for his rules violation last week in the Bahamas that his caddie shoved a spectator and was kept from working the final day, was 6 up through seven holes. Dustin Johnson, playing for the first time since the Tour Championship because of knee surgery, was 4 up through seven holes.

Perhaps most inspiring was Tony Finau in the second match. He was 4 down to Hideki Matsuyama through 10 holes when Finau won the next four and earned a half-point that put even more pressure on the International team.

Matt Kuchar delivered the winning point without even winning his match. His 5-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole assured the Americans the half-point they needed to win for the eighth straight time.

The last two matches ended in halves for a 16-14 score. The Americans tied a Presidents Cup record with an 8-4 margin

in singles, the largest since the first event in 1994.

"It was really cool being part of this team and having Tiger as captain," Kuchar said. "We had a roomful of some of the greatest golfers in the world, and when he speaks, we listen. I think all of us will look back and have these pictures hanging on our walls and say, 'We played for and alongside Tiger Woods, the greatest player ever.' It was awesome."

It was crushing for the Internationals, hoping to end two decades without a victory.

Ernie Els, who has finished second to Woods more times than anyone in golf, assembled the youngest International team ever and inspired them with equal doses of purpose and analytics. It had the lead going into Sunday for the first time since 2003, the tie in South Africa.

It just didn't have enough to cross the line.

"I followed a plan, and it didn't quite work out, but we came close," Els said. "If you compare our team on paper with other teams in other sports, you would have laughed us out of the building. But we gave it a hell of a go and came mightily close to winning and upsetting one of the greatest golf teams of all time."

That team included the greatest player of his generation. Woods was appointed captain in March 2018 and suggested he might be a playing captain, which he later said was a joke.

And then he won the Masters, his 15th major and first in 11 years, to cap off a comeback from injury made even more meaningful by the hugs he shared with family and those who never left his side.

Two weeks before he filled out his team with four captain's picks, Woods won in Japan for his 82nd career victory, leaving him no choice but to be the first captain to pick himself.

He was the only player to go undefeated at Royal Melbourne, winning twice with Justin Thomas and on his own ball against Ancer, one of seven rookies for the Internationals.

"We were very inspired to play for Tiger — with Tiger — and it's so satisfying to win this cup because of that," Finau said.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	—
Boston	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	17	8	.680	1½
Brooklyn	14	12	.538	5
New York	6	21	.222	13½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	19	7	.731	—
Orlando	12	14	.462	7
Charlotte	12	17	.414	8½
Washington	7	17	.292	11
Atlanta	6	21	.222	13½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	24	3	.889	—
Indiana	18	9	.667	6
Detroit	11	15	.423	12½
Chicago	10	18	.357	14½
Cleveland	6	20	.231	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	17	8	.680	—
Houston	17	9	.654	½
San Antonio	10	15	.400	7
Memphis	9	17	.346	8½
New Orleans	6	21	.222	12

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	17	8	.680	0
Utah	15	11	.577	2½
Oklahoma City	11	14	.440	6
Minnesota	10	15	.400	7
Portland	10	16	.385	7½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	24	3	.889	—
L.A. Clippers	20	8	.714	4½
Sacramento	12	14	.462	11½
Phoenix	11	14	.440	12
Golden State	5	23	.179	19½

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando 130, New Orleans 119
 Indiana 107, Charlotte 85
 Brooklyn 109, Philadelphia 89
 L.A. Lakers 101, Atlanta 96
 Denver 111, New York 105
 Sacramento 100, Golden State 79

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Washington at Detroit, 6 p.m.
 Cleveland at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

LAKERS 101, HAWKS 96

LA LAKERS: James 12-21 4-7 32, Davis 11-23 5-7 27, McGee 1-21 2-3, Caldwell-Pope 4-11 3-5 11, Green 2-8 6-6 10, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, Howard 1-10 0-2, Rondo 4-10 2-2 11, Bradley 1-6 1-2 3, Caruso 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 36-84 24-33 101.

ATLANTA: Hunter 2-10 2-2 8, Parker 4-10 2-2 12, Jones 3-4 4-4 10, Young 9-22 9-11 30, Huertler 2-7 0-5, Reddish 3-10 3-4 10, Fernando 0-0 2-2 2, Len 4-8 0-0 9, Crabbe 1-5 0-0 3, Carter 3-10 0-0 7. Totals 31-86 22-25 96.

L.A. Lakers 25 23 27 19 — 101
Atlanta 24 30 18 — 96

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 5-31 (James 4-10, Rondo 1-4, Bradley 0-2, Caldwell-Pope 0-2, Caruso 0-2, Green 0-5, Davis 0-6), Atlanta 12-42 (Young 3-11, Parker 2-5, Hunter 2-6, Len 1-2, Huertler 1-3, Carter 1-4, Crabbe 1-5, Reddish 1-6). **Rebounds**—L.A. Lakers 56 (James, Davis 13), Atlanta 42 (Len 7). **Assists**—L.A. Lakers 21 (James 7), Atlanta 18 (Young 7). **Total Fouls**—L.A. Lakers 24, Atlanta 27. **Technical**—Rondo, Hawks (Defensive three second) 2, Atlanta coach Lloyd Pierce. **A**—16,962 (18,118).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FCs SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS
 Montana St. (11-3) at North Dakota St. (14-0), 1 p.m.
 Weber State (11-3) at James Madison (13-1), 5:30 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION II SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
At McKinney, Texas
 Minnesota State (14-0) vs. West Florida (12-2), 2 p.m.

NCAA DIVISION III FRIDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
At Shenandoah, Texas
 North Central (Ill.) (13-1) vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater (13-1), 7 p.m.

UPCOMING BOWL SCHEDULE
FRIDAY
Bahamas: Buffalo (7-5) vs. Charlotte (7-5), 1 p.m. (Nassau)
Frisco (Texas): Utah State (7-5) vs. Kent State (6-6), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Celebration: NC A&T (8-3) vs. Alcorn State (9-3), 11am (Atlanta)
New Mexico: Cent. Mich. (8-5) vs. San Diego St. (9-3), 1 p.m. (Albuquerque)
Cure: Liberty (7-5) vs. Georgia Southern (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (Orlando)
Boca Raton (Fla.): SMU (10-2) vs. FAU (10-3), 2:30 p.m.
Camellia: FIU (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (Montgomery, Ala.)
Las Vegas: Boise State (12-1) vs. Washington (7-5), 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans: UAB (9-4) vs. Appalachian State (12-1), 8 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 23
Gasparilla: UCF (9-3) vs. Marshall (8-4), 1:30 p.m. (Tampa, Fla.)
TUESDAY, DEC. 24
Hawaii: BYU (7-5) vs. Hawaii (9-5), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY, DEC. 26
Independence: Miami (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (9-3), 3 p.m. (Shreveport, La.)
Quick Lane: Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Eastern Michigan (6-6), 7 p.m. (Detroit)

FRIDAY, DEC. 27
Military: North Carolina (6-6) vs. Temple (8-4), 11am (Annapolis, Md.)
Pinstripe: Wake Forest (8-4) vs. Michigan St. (6-6), 2:20 p.m. (New York City)
Texas: Oklahoma State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 5-45 p.m. (Houston)
Holiday: Iowa (9-3) vs. USC (8-4), 7 p.m. (San Diego)

Cheez-It: Air Force (10-2) vs. Washington State (6-6), 9:15 p.m. (Phoenix)
SATURDAY, DEC. 28
Camping World: Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Iowa State (7-5), 11am (Orlando)
Cotton: Penn State (10-2) vs. Memphis (12-1), 11am (Arlington, Tex.)
Peach: (CFP semifinal) LSU (13-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-1), 3 p.m. (Atlanta)
Fiesta: (CFP semifinal) Ohio St. (13-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 7 p.m. (Glendale Ariz.)

MONDAY, DEC. 30
SERVPRO: Western Kentucky (8-4) vs. Western Mich. (7-5), 11:30 a.m. (Dallas)
Music City: Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Louisville (7-5), 3 p.m. (Dallas)
Redbox: Illinois (6-6) vs. California (7-5), 3 p.m. (Santa Clara, Calif.)
Orange: Florida (10-2) vs. Virginia (9-4), 7 p.m. (Miami Gardens, Fla.)

TUESDAY, DEC. 31
Belk: Kentucky (7-5) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), 11am (Charlotte, N.C.)
Sun: Florida State (6-6) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 1 p.m. (El Paso, Tex.)
Liberty: Kansas State (8-4) vs. Navy (9-2), 2:45 p.m. (Memphis, Tenn.)
Arizona: Wyoming (7-5) vs. Georgia State (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (Tucson, Ariz.)
Alamo: Texas (7-5) vs. Utah (11-2), 6:30 p.m. (San Antonio)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1
Citrus: Michigan (9-3) vs. Alabama (10-2), noon (Orlando)
Outback: Minnesota (10-2) vs. Auburn (9-3), noon (Tampa, Fla.)
Rose: Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 4 p.m. (Pasadena, Calif.)
Sugar: Georgia (11-2) vs. Baylor (11-2), 7:45 p.m. (New Orleans)

THURSDAY, JAN. 2
Birmingham (Ala.): Cincinnati (10-3) vs. Boston College (6-6), 2 p.m.
Gator: Indiana (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 6 p.m. (Jacksonville)

Famous (Boise) Idaho Potato: Ohio (6-6) vs. Nevada (7-5), 2:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JAN. 4
Armed Forces: Southern Miss (7-5) vs. Tulane (6-6), 10:30 a.m. (Ft. Worth, Tex.)
MONDAY, JAN. 6
Lendingtree: Miami (Ohio) (8-5) vs. La-Lafayette (10-3), 6:30 p.m. (Mobile, Ala.)

MONDAY, JAN. 13
CFP Championship (New Orleans): Winners of Peach, Fiesta Bowls, 7 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	21	7	6	48	115	86
Buffalo	16	11	7	39	107	103
Montreal	15	12	6	36	105	107
Toronto	16	14	4	36	110	109
Tampa Bay	16	12	3	35	110	100
Florida	15	12	5	35	109	108
Ottawa	14	17	2	30	90	103
Detroit	9	23	3	21	76	136

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	24	5	5	53	125	97
N.Y. Islanders	22	7	2	46	92	72
Columbus	20	11	2	42	107	86
Pittsburgh	19	10	4	42	110	89
Philadelphia	17	11	5	39	101	99
N.Y. Rangers	16	12	4	36	103	101
Columbus	12	14	6	30	79	98
New Jersey	10	17	5	25	77	115

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	20	8	6	46	102	93
Colorado	20	8	3	45	117	86
Winnipeg	21	11	2	42	101	91
Dallas	19	11	4	42	90	80
Minnesota	14	15	4	32	87	97
Nashville	14	12	5	33	102	101
Chicago	13	15	6	32	94	110

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Arizona	19	12	4	42	97	84
Vegas	18	13	5	41	109	103
Calgary	18	13	4	40	95	104
Edmonton	18	13	4	40	106	109
Vancouver	16	14	4	36	110	105
San Jose	16	17	2	34	96	122
Anaheim	14	15	4	32	87	97
Los Angeles	14	18	3	31	90	111

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Winnipeg 7, Philadelphia 3
 Chicago 5, Minnesota 3
 Los Angeles 4, Detroit 2
 Vegas 6, Vancouver 3

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Ottawa at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 5, WILD 3

Minnesota	1	2	0	— 3
Chicago	2	1	2	— 5

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Chicago, Kane 16 (Nyländer), 7:42. 2. Chicago, Kane 17 (Toews, Strome), 11:33 (pp). 3. Minnesota, Staal 12 (Zucker, Suter), 12:37 (pp). **Penalties:** Greenway, MIN. (interference), 10:32; Dach, CHI. (hooking), 11:44.

SECOND PERIOD: 4. Minnesota, Fiala 7 (Suter), 1:59. 5. Chicago, Kampf 5 (Gustafsson, Murphy), 8:13. 6. Minnesota, Fiala 8 (Suter), 14:20.

Penalties: Greenway, MIN. (interference), 0:45; Toews, CHI. (high sticking), 0:45; Staal, MIN. (tripping), 11:29.

THIRD PERIOD: 7. Chicago, Saad 11 (Toews, Murphy), 13:43. 8. Chicago, Kane 18 (Toews), 18:57.

SHOTS ON GOAL: Minnesota 9-11-6-26. Chicago 10-9-8-27.

POWER PLAYS: Minnesota 1 of 1; Chicago 1 of 2.

GOALIES: Minnesota, Kahkonen 3-1-1 (26 shots-22 saves), Chicago, Lehner 7-3-4 (26-23). **A:** 21,513 (19,717).

Refs: Garrett Rank, Chris Schlenker. **Linesmen:** Brandon Gawryletz, Pierre Racicot.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Louisville** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Miami (Ohio), Wednesday.
 2. **Kansas** (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Villanova, Saturday.
 3. **Ohio State** (9-1) lost to Minnesota 84-71. Next: vs. SEMO, Tuesday.
 4. **Maryland** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Seton Hall, Thursday.
 5. **Michigan** (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Presbyterian, Saturday.
 6. **Gonzaga** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 North Carolina, Wednesday.
 7. **Duke** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Thursday.
 8. **Kentucky** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Wednesday.
 9. **Virginia** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Stony Brook, Wednesday.
 10. **Oregon** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Montana, Wednesday.
 11. **Baylor** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. UT Martin, Wednesday.
 12. **Auburn** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Thursday.
 13. **Memphis** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Jackson State, Saturday.
 14. **Dayton** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Texas, Tuesday.
 15. **Arizona** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.
 16. **Michigan State** (7-3) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
 17. **North Carolina** (6-4) lost to Wofford 68-64. Next: at No. 6 Gonzaga, Wed.
 18. **Butler** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
 19. **Tennessee** (7-2) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.
 20. **Villanova** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Kansas, Saturday.
 21. **Florida State** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Tuesday.
 22. **Seton Hall** (6-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Maryland, Thursday.
 23. **Xavier** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Carolina, Wednesday.
 24. **Colorado** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Prairie View A&M, Thursday.
 25. **San Diego State** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego Christian, Wed.

SUNDAY'S SCORES
 N. Kentucky 79, Illinois St. 64
 NC St. 80, UNC-Greensboro 77
 S. Florida 81, Drexel 61
 UCF 76, Sacred Heart 65
 Bowling Green 72, Cleveland St. 58
 Bradley 81, Georgia S. 51
 Loyola 64, Norfolk St. 45
 Miami (Ohio) 79, MVSU 67
 Missouri 64, S. Illinois 48
 Nebraska 70, Purdue 56
 Northwestern 72, SIU-Edwardsville 54
 Omaha 92, Texas Rio Grande Valley 82
 Oklahoma St. 61, Houston 55
 Washington St. 70, UC Riverside 56

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Stanford** (8-0) (9-0) beat Ohio State 71-52. Next: vs. No. 23 Tennessee, Wed.
 2. **UConn** (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16 DePaul, Monday.
 3. **Oregon** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. UC Riverside, Monday.
 4. **Oregon State** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Arizona, Tuesday.
 5. **South Carolina** (10-1) beat Purdue 85-51. Next: vs. Duke, Thursday.
 6. **Baylor** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Wednesday.
 7. **Louisville** (10-1) beat No. 14 Kentucky 67-66. Next: at UT Martin, Thursday.
 8. **Florida State** (10-0) beat St. John's 74-70. Next: vs. North Florida, Wednesday.
 9. **N.C. State** (10-0) beat Elon 62-49. Next: vs. Chattanooga, Thursday.
 10. **UCLA** (9-0) beat Pacific 68-57. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.
 11. **Texas A&M** (9-1) beat Houston 72-43. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Friday.
 12. **Indiana** (10-1) beat Youngstown State 93-56. Next: vs. No. 10 UCLA, Sun.
 13. **Maryland** (8-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia State, Wednesday.
 14. **Kentucky** (10-1) lost to No. 7 Louisville 67-66. Next: at California, Sat.
 15. **Mississippi State** (8-2) did not play. Next: at Louisiana-Lafayette, Monday.
 16. **DePaul** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 UConn, Monday.
 17. **Gonzaga** (9-1) did not play. Next: at Wyoming, Tuesday.
 18. **Arizona** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.
 19. **UC Santa Barbara**, Saturday.
 20. **Michigan State** (7-2) beat Morehead State 93-48. Next: vs. Syracuse, Friday.
 21. **Missouri State** (9-1) beat Missouri 79-72. Next: at No. 17 Gonzaga, Sunday.
 22. **Arkansas** (10-1) beat Northwestern State 99-39. Next: vs. Little Rock, Sat.
 23. **West Virginia** (7-1) beat Norfolk State 72-55. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sunday.
 24. **Tennessee** (8-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Stanford, Wednesday.
 25. **Michigan** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Florida State, Sunday.
 26. **Miami** (5-3) did not play. Next: vs. Binghamton, Tuesday.

GOLF

PRESIDENTS CUP

At Royal Melbourne GC:
Melbourne, Australia; 7,047 yds; Par: 71
U.S. 16, INTERNATIONAL 14
Sunday Singles: U.S. 8, International 4
 Tiger Woods, U.S., d. Abraham Ancer, International **3 & 2**
 Tony Finau, U.S., vs. Hideki Matsuyama, International **halved**

Patrick Reed, U.S., d. C.T. Pan, International, **4 & 2**
 Dustin Johnson, U.S., d. Haotong Li, International, **4 & 3**

Bryson DeChambeau, U.S., vs. Adam Hadwin, International **halved**
 Sungjae Im, International, d. Gary Woodland, U.S., **4 & 3**

Patrick Cantlay, U.S., d. Joaquin Niemann, International **3 & 2**
 Xander Schauffele, U.S., d. Adam Scott, International, **2 & 1**
 Webb Simpson, U.S., d. Byeong Hun An, International **2 & 1**
 Cameron Smith, Australia, d. Justin Thomas, U.S., **2 & 1**

Matt Kuchar, U.S., vs. Louis Oosthuizen, International **halved**
 Rickie Fowler, U.S., vs. Marc Leishman, International **halved**

Series: U.S. leads 11-1-1
2017: U.S. 19-11 **2015:** U.S. 15½-14½
2013: U.S. 18½-15½ **2011:** U.S. 19-15
2009: U.S. 19½-14½ **2007:** U.S. 19½-14½
2005: U.S. 18½-15½ **2003:** 17-17-x
2000: U.S. 21½-10½ **1998:** Int'l 20-11½
1996: U.S. 16½-15½ **1994:** U.S. 20-12

BLACKHAWKS



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BLACKHAWKS 5, WILD 3

A hat trick by Patrick

Patrick Kane had the sixth regular-season hat trick of his career and Brandon Saad scored the go-ahead goal late in the third period to help the Blackhawks overcome a pair of blown leads and beat the Wild 5-3 Sunday night at the United Center. The victory snapped a four-game losing streak for the Hawks, who improved to 13-15-6. They came into the game with one regulation win in their last 13 games while the Wild had just one regulation loss in their last 13. Saad's winner, which came with 6 minutes, 17 seconds remaining in the third period, was his 11th goal of the season and third in the last two games. Kane's third goal, his 18th of the season, came on an empty-netter with 1:03 remaining. He scored his first two goals in the first period. Kane also has had two hat tricks in the postseason. Robin Lehner stopped 23 shots for the Hawks. David Kampf netted his fifth goal of the season in the second period. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Why can't Hawks' problems be fixed? Let's count the ways



JIMMY GREENFIELD
On the Blackhawks

A little optimism is not a bad thing when a season is crumbling before your eyes.

That's a team captain's responsibility, and Jonathan Toews has been one of the NHL's best for more than a decade. When he's inevitably inducted into the

Hockey Hall of Fame years from now, his leadership will be one of the attributes that gets him in.

So when Toews was asked following Saturday's collapse against the Blues whether the Blackhawks' problems are fixable, he didn't hesitate to respond.

"Why not?" he asked.

Good question. And Toews provided his answer.

"It's easy to look at the storyline and get really discouraged and come up with the wrong mentality in your mind about what can happen going forward," he said. "But it's the wrong way to go about it. We've just got to focus on (Sunday) night and build off the things we keep doing well. Each guy has to look at himself and try to find ways to bring more out of himself every night."

There's nothing wrong with believing in your team, especially when more than half the season remains and it's faced with 3½ months of playing out the string.

But that doesn't make many of the problems facing the Hawks fixable in the short term or even the long term.

Why not? Here's why not.

Because too many important players are hurt. We'll start with one that provides the Hawks some cover. The loss of Duncan Keith (groin), Andrew Shaw (concussion), Calvin de Haan (shoulder) and Drake Caggiula (concussion) for lengthy periods has been difficult. None has a return date scheduled, and according to one report de Haan will miss the rest of the season.

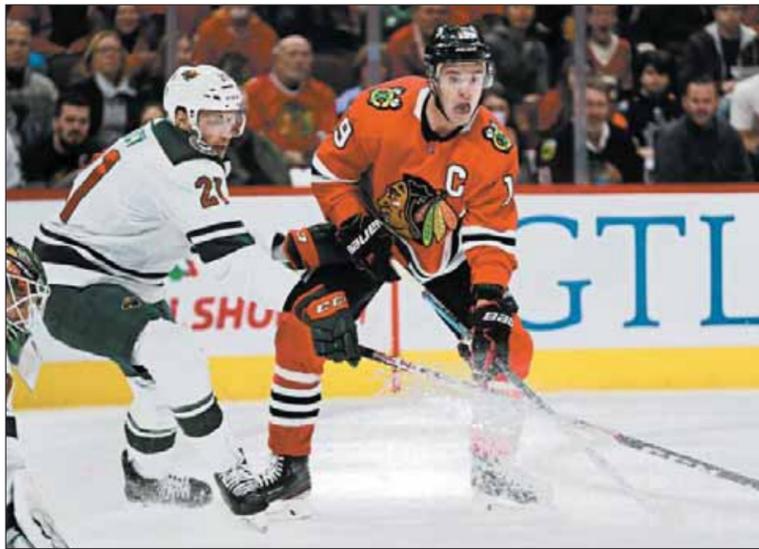
The Hawks are 2-6-1 since Keith was injured on Nov. 29. They lost de Haan near the end of the first period Tuesday against the Golden Knights and were outscored 14-6 in the next eight periods while losing three straight.

Injuries matter. Which leads us to the next reason why the Hawks aren't fixable.

Because they don't have adequate replacements for injured players. The Hawks spoke of having more depth at the NHL level this season and believed Rockford was well-stocked to help if needed. That hasn't been the case.

Adam Boqvist, Matthew Highmore, Dylan Sikura, Dennis Gilbert and Anton Wedin have joined the Hawks from Rockford in the last few weeks — all but Wedin are still with the club — and have combined for no goals and two assists in that time.

Gilbert has been a physical presence, but the others, including Boqvist, have contributed little.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jonathan Toews, right, battles for the puck against Wild defenseman Carson Soucy in the first period of Sunday night's game at the United Center.

Because even when healthy the team isn't good enough. Even before Keith's injury, the Hawks were hardly world-beaters. They were 10-9-5 prior to Keith getting hurt, and after opening the season 0-2-1 haven't spent a day in playoff position.

If a number of players were having career years the Hawks would be in a different situation, but you could say that for every team.

Last season, Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Alex DeBrincat and Erik Gustafson had remarkable offensive campaigns. All of them — even Kane, who hardly has been a problem — are well off that pace, and nobody else has picked up the slack.

Even the goaltending of Robin Lehner and Corey Crawford has come back to earth after their terrific starts. In their last four starts, Lehner has an .887 save percentage and Crawford is a tad above at .896.

Because the team isn't responding to Jeremy Colliton. The Hawks coach has tried countless line combinations and defensive pairings, and after the slow start he changed a key part of their defensive structure. That adjustment initially led to more offense, but the Hawks have scored only 28 goals in their last 13 games entering Sunday's game against the Wild.

X's and O's aside, Colliton's style hasn't produced a consistent effort night in and night out.

Too many times following a loss, Colliton has had to point out that his team didn't work hard for a full 60 minutes. Too many periods have inexplicably been taken off when it could have been the difference in the game.

After Thursday's 5-2 loss to the Coyotes — a game in which the Hawks fell behind 3-0 after one period and never were in the game — Toews referred to the team's lack of energy.

"When that energy is there and we want

the puck and are tough on the puck battles everything falls into place for us," he said. "Hasn't been there these past two games."

Because the future is in doubt. It's dangerous to look too far down the road and make predictions, but it's hard to see when the Hawks will emerge from their status as a perennial lottery team.

Kane and Toews aren't getting any younger. The defense is in flux with Keith in his mid-30s, Brent Seabrook a shadow of his former self and no clear future No. 1 in the organization. Boqvist could fill that role, but at 19, it's not happening soon.

Most worrisome might be the future of Lehner and Crawford, both of whom are free agents after the season. It's not out of the realm of possibility that Crawford retires and Lehner signs elsewhere.

The Hawks are in decent shape with the salary cap to re-sign either Lehner or Crawford, give Dylan Strome a deserved raise when he becomes a restricted free agent this summer and maybe add a free agent. They'll have to do that with the minors barren of top-tier prospects.

Because nothing lasts forever. Part of the angst over the Hawks' demise is the incredulity about how far and fast they have fallen. They were very good for a very long time, but the good times are over, at least for the time being.

It's also painful for Hawks fans to see teams they used to compete with for Stanley Cups — the Penguins, Bruins and Lightning — maintaining excellence. Time will get them eventually. Just ask the Kings, Red Wings and Devils.

But that shouldn't comfort fans who look at the Hawks these days and can't muster the optimism to ask, Why not?

Instead, most are asking a more honest question: When will change come?

It's a fair question. And if the Hawks are wise, they'll start to provide answers soon.

BULLS

BULLS 3 TAKEAWAYS

Bulls turn to gridiron to pull upset

Carter's block, Dunn's screen clear LaVine to beat Clippers

By PHIL THOMPSON

It's considered growth when the Bulls don't lose a lead in the second half, let alone rallying against a playoff contender.

And it wasn't that Zach LaVine or any one teammate did most of the heavy lifting. Several Bulls made heady plays to upset the Clippers 106-103 Saturday night at the United Center.

Here are three takeaways from the game.

1. The Bulls' game-winning play looked like it came out of a football playbook: After Wendell Carter Jr.'s putback dunk brought the Bulls within 103-100 with 2 minutes to go, Zach LaVine hit a 3-pointer and Kris Dunn's fight for a loose ball set up Denzel Valentine for a game-tying 3-pointer at 106-all. LaVine then sealed the game — with some help — on his go-ahead three-point play.

Coach Jim Boylen compared Dunn to an NFL defensive back and LaVine's game-winning play, which was keyed by Dunn, certainly looked like something out of a football playbook.

As Dunn inbounded to LaVine, Carter blocked down on Paul George and released. As George trailed LaVine, Dunn ran a screen that effectively acted as a rub route — only it was Dunn's defender who screened off his own teammate, George, as confusion set in and Clippers players failed to switch off.

"You want me to actually give you the name?" Dunn said and laughed when asked about it. "We can't have that in the playbook out there. Just try to go out and run that guy off, and that's what I did. Zach made a big-time play."

Whatever the Bulls call it, it put Montrezl Harrell in a horrible position and LaVine knew it.

"Once the lane opened up, I tried to get a one-on-one," LaVine said. "He's a tough dude. I knew I could attack his body."

LaVine's ensuing free throw forced the Clippers to try for a game-tying 3.

"We made big shots," LaVine said. "(Valentine) hit a big one. KD was tremendous from defense to the play where he got the rebound (and) tipped it back out, (and) the little confusion play. He did an incredible job tonight."

2. Doc Rivers is a fan of Matt Nagy — and high school bragging rights over Patrick Beverley. Doc Rivers, the Clippers coach and Proviso East great, naturally talks about all things Chicago with Patrick Beverley, the Clippers guard and Marshall High School product.

"We talk about Chicago probably every single day," Rivers said. "We probably talk about the Bears the most. I'm a big Bears fan, as you know. I'm a big Nagy fan. Really I think he's a terrific coach. Every once in a while you have a feeling about someone and I have that about him. So we talk about him a lot."

Rivers said he and Beverley also discuss "the dominance of Proviso East over Marshall and every other team. He didn't like that conversation very much."

Proviso East plays Marshall on Jan. 20 in the MLK Shootout.

3. The Bulls leaned on Kris Dunn's defense again. Kris Dunn already was making his case for first-team all-defensive team. And Saturday, his defense of Paul George on a couple of fourth-quarter plays loomed large for the Bulls.

The Bulls were down 100-98 with just over three minutes to go when Maurice Harkless try to pass to George along the sideline for a 3-point attempt, but Dunn stole the ball just as it was reaching George's hands. The Bulls couldn't capitalize on the other end, but Dunn stopped George's run where he had a hand in the Clippers' previous nine points.

On the last play, Dunn closed on George but didn't bump him, forcing George to dribble around before missing a potential game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Dunn was trade fodder last season and started this season coming off the bench — a role he accepted without complaint. But now he's back in the starting lineup, albeit due to a few injuries.

"I've been through a lot but toward the end of the game you need defense," Dunn said. "That's what I hang my hat on and coaches know I'm not scared to take on any challenge and that's what I do."

"I know everybody has heard the saying: Defense wins championships. Got to have defense on the defense, so that's what I bring."



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Zach LaVine celebrates after hitting the game-winning shot against the Clippers.

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CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP PHOTOS

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders of Vermont takes a swing at a baseball after meeting with minor-league baseball players and officials Sunday in Burlington, Iowa.

Bernie at bat? Sanders makes pitch for minors

BY WILL WEISSERT | Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Iowa — Take Bernie out to the ball game?

Bernie Sanders, the Vermont senator and Democratic presidential candidate, is aggressively opposing Major League Baseball's plan to cut 42 minor-league teams across the country after 2020. Among the targeted are the Vermont Lake Monsters, a Class A affiliate of the A's in his hometown, Burlington.

Defending low-profile ball clubs in far-flung places more fervently than anyone in the crowded Democratic presidential field allows Sanders to potentially win over a largely untapped 2020 constituency: baseball fans.

Sanders briefly took batting practice Sunday on an indoor turf field as representatives from three small-town Iowa teams looked on: the Quad City River Bandits, the Clinton LumberKings and the Burlington Bees, the local club in this town on the Mississippi River.

In August, Sanders played softball on the state's cornfield-ringed "Field of Dreams," the set of the Hollywood hit of the same name. And he has tapped a former Harvard second baseman, Faiz Shakir, to run his campaign.

Sanders shed his signature suit jacket to take swings in a sweater over a dress shirt. With a staff member slow-pitching, the senator dribbled a few grounders to his left, then lifted a ball in the air in the same direction. After about six hits, he dropped the bat and said, "OK, that's it."

"For all the major-league scouts, if I don't make it to the presidency, I'm available," Sanders joked.

Taking the diamond demonstrated physical stamina for a 78-year-old who recently had a heart attack, while also letting Sanders press a larger political point about owners putting profits ahead of the national pastime. But it also shows off a softer side of someone most known to supporters and detractors alike for being a democratic socialist and backing progressive policy proposals such as "Medicare for All."

"The guys who own the teams are billionaires," Sanders said last week, adding that baseball "is not an institution that is hurting financially. And you can see that

by, just in the last few weeks, seeing major-league teams signing star baseball players for as much (as) \$324 million."

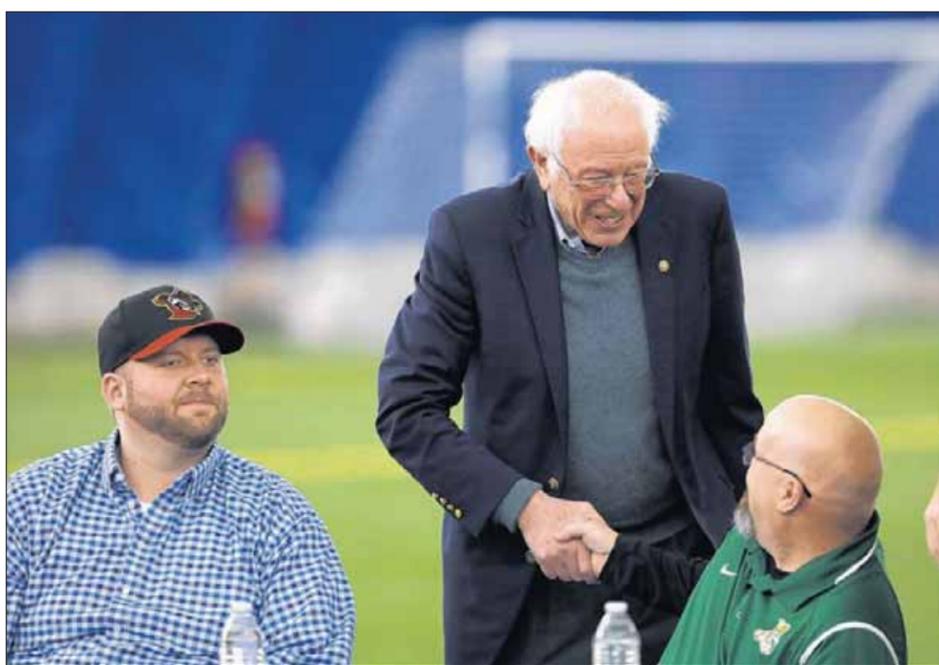
That refers to the Yankees recently signing free-agent pitcher Gerrit Cole to a reported nine-year, \$324 million contract.

MLB is negotiating a new agreement with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minors. The initial contraction proposal primarily would impact lower-level teams in short-season leagues. Sanders met last month with Commissioner Rob Manfred to decry the plan, and the senator sent him a letter Saturday, arguing that baseball "has to be considered more than just the bottom line."

"Baseball is not just another business," Sanders said during the interview. "There's a reason the president of the United States throws out the first pitch of the season, why baseball is considered a national pastime."

After the initial Sanders-Manfred meeting, MLB issued a statement saying it understands "we have an obligation to local communities to ensure that public money spent on minor-league stadiums is done so prudently and for the benefit of all citizens."

But it added: "MLB also must ensure that minor-league players have safe playing facilities suitable for the development of professional baseball players, are not subjected to unreasonable travel demands, are provided with compensation and working conditions appropriate for elite athletes, and have a realistic opportunity of



Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., greets minor-leaguers and officials Sunday at a campaign event at FunCity Turf in Burlington, Iowa. Sanders complained about MLB's plan to restructure the minors and contract some teams.

making it to the major leagues."

Some minor-league players have filed a federal class-action suit charging that many players earn less than \$7,500 per year, violating minimum-wage laws.

More than 100 members of Congress from both parties have signed a separate letter to Manfred opposing shutting down minor-league teams. So far, though, Sanders is alone among the Democratic presidential hopefuls loudly opposing the idea.

"He's the only one I hear talking about it," said J.D. Scholten, who pitched professionally in Canada and for Iowa's independent Sioux City Explorers. Scholten challenged longtime Republican Rep. Steve King in 2018 and is trying again to unseat him.

"I think it kind of fits into his overall message of, right now, a lot of the way our lives are being shaped by wealthy people who are dictating a lot of these things at the top, and the people at the bottom are being left behind," said

Scholten, who also played basketball last week with another White House hopeful, businessman Andrew Yang.

Sanders said before Sunday's batting practice that Congress could intervene if baseball goes through with its contraction plan. He noted the sport's antitrust exemption and the public dollars some teams have received to build stadiums, and he cited lucrative television contracts that he said are "sometimes designed in unusual ways."

"So I think there is a lot Congress can do to protect baseball for ordinary Americans, and I think that is what you're going to see being done in a bipartisan matter," Sanders said. "I hope it doesn't have to come to that."

Scholten said he tells crowds at town halls while campaigning that he'll answer questions about anything, including baseball.

"My baseball background gets talked about quite a lot," he said. "I'm actually kind of surprised. I haven't played in 10 years, was a

paralegal for a decade and nobody talks about that."

Sanders' baseball ties predate his 2020 campaign. He visited with the Dodgers during spring training in 2018 and, as he was recovering at home after his Oct. 1 heart attack, Sanders' campaign released video of the candidate batting balls around his backyard.

The senator grew up loving the Brooklyn Dodgers until they moved to Los Angeles when he was 16. He now roots for the Red Sox, like a lot of New Englanders.

While running for the first elected office he won, mayor of Burlington in 1981, Sanders says he thinks he remembers campaigning on landing a minor-league team. He says "we worked extremely hard" to accomplish just that, bringing a Cincinnati Reds affiliate to town three years later.

"Everybody found it amusing because the name was the Vermont Reds," chuckled Sanders, noting his proud leftist streak.

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COMMENTARY

What pressure?

Dave Roberts is unflappable during Dodgers' winter of discontent

By **BILL PLASCHKE**
Los Angeles Times

In October, he was booed out of Dodger Stadium.

In November, he learned the Dodgers might have been cheated out of a championship by a team managed by one of his best friends.

Last week, he excitedly offered clues that the Dodgers could be signing one of baseball's two biggest free agents, and then they completely whiffed on both.

So, Dave Roberts, how's your winter going?

"What a question!" he responds.

Here it comes — the bitterness, the angst, the regret.

"I'm doing great, absolutely great!" he says.

You are?

"Yeah, I'm having a blast," he says. "There is no better job than being the manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers. It's my dream job. It's been that way for five years, and I can't wait to bring the city of Los Angeles a championship."

Say this much for baseball's most maligned manager with four consecutive division titles: Doc puts on a good show. Roberts might not be beloved in Chavez Ravine, but he is perfect for Hollywood, always in character as the unflappable leading man, always believing in the power of one more pitch, one more swing, a human walk-off.

He stalks through the graveyard of criticized decisions, smiles amid the tsunami of the sign-stealing controversy and never stops believing that Dodgers ownership will actually spend the extra bucks it takes to cement a championship.

"Honestly, the No. 1 thing I do is look forward," he says. "What occupies all my thoughts and energy is moving forward."

He pauses, the silence in this energetic recent phone interview suddenly and strangely prolonged.

"Being this way, it helps keep my sanity," he says.

Ah, there's the crack. Of course there are cracks. Roberts is no actor. Roberts is regular people. This is a guy who wouldn't begin this season's division-clinching celebration until two injured players could join in via FaceTime. This is a guy who gets bubbly on opening day, teary-eyed on Memorial Day and once spread his father's ashes in center field before the opening game of the World Series.

He not only hears the boos, he wears them.

"It doesn't feel good, certainly," he says.

Roberts isn't only following the Astros cheating scandal involving manager and buddy A.J. Hinch, he's feeling it.

"I just can't revisit every at-bat and every pitch," he says. "It's the only way I can cope."

Roberts doesn't only believe the Dodgers need to acquire an October-tough player, he knows it.

"There's a lot of ways to go about it other than free agency," he says, as if convincing himself. "We're not done. We're not done."

Roberts is as much a regular Dodgers fan as the Dodgers fans who deride him, which makes it sting even more when they shower him with jeers. He accepts their disdain, but he would be lying if he said it didn't hurt.

"For 31 years, the best fans in sports haven't had that parade, and any decisions you make that don't work, you're to blame," he says.

"That's a tough way to go about it. It's tough to hear. But I accept it. I understand it. I'm in there with them."

He's with them, but he's also very much alone, and here's guessing this "absolutely great" winter has also been a bit of a lousy winter. Here's wondering if Roberts hasn't been quietly, understandably stewing in this morass of controversy and skepticism, his acting chops in high gear, the trademark smiles a little more forced.

"I'm looking forward to getting back to it in January, yes," he says.

In case you're wondering, though, he's not backing off his infamous decisions that led to the Dodgers' late-inning loss in Game 5 of the National League Division Series.

Yes, he would still allow Clayton Kershaw to return to the mound in the eighth inning, when he gave up consecutive home runs to Anthony Rendon and Juan Soto that tied the score.

And, yes, he still would have sent Joe Kelly back out for the 10th inning, when he surrendered an eventual game-winning grand slam to Howie Kendrick.

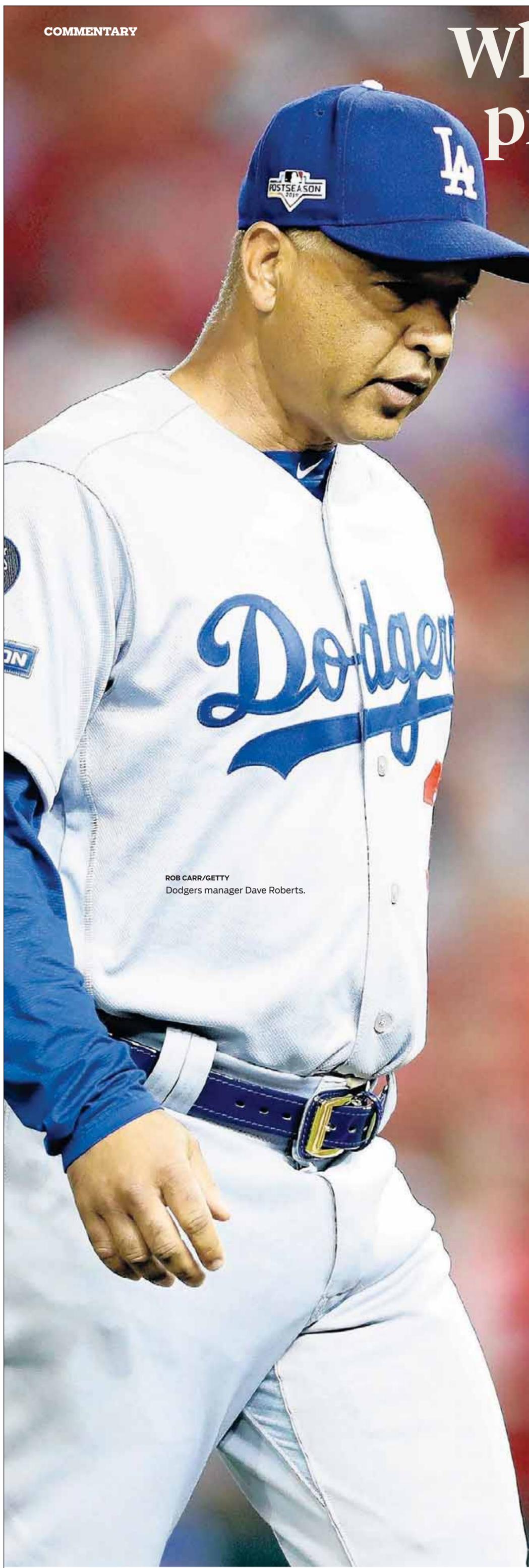
Roberts doesn't feel like ownership hung him out to dry. He is not apologizing for being so optimistic.

"We're going to do some things that help us win a lot of baseball games," he says. "We're still trying to make ourselves better."

On a team with a famously revolving roster, Roberts is the one Dodger who always knows his role. He plays it well. You can keep booing, I can keep criticizing, he'll just keep preaching.

Anything for sanity.

ROB CARR/GETTY
Dodgers manager Dave Roberts.





LIZ LAUREN

Solea Pfeiffer, left, and Renée Fleming play a mother and daughter on an Italian vacation in "The Light in the Piazza" at the Lyric Opera House.

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Light in the Piazza' ★★★★★

An exquisite 'Piazza'

Lyric Opera production starring Renée Fleming is romantic perfection

BY CHRIS JONES

Its long-lined melodies often seeming to reach for the heavens, Adam Guettel's "The Light in the Piazza" is the most soul-satisfying score written for Broadway so far this century. (Seriously, what's the competition, naysayers? Jukeboxes and pop pastiche?) At present, you can hear its dulcet, me-

ludious, romantic tones in Chicago, much of it sung by Renée Fleming, no less, and played by an orchestra formidably larger than at the 2005 production at the Lincoln Center.

And unlike the time the national tour of this gorgeous composition played the Auditorium Theatre, the sound reinforcement quality at the Lyric Opera House

is superb.

So what have you got going on this holiday season that would prevent you from partaking for one night? Some torturous party with 93.9 FM, all Christmas bonhomie, all the time? Please. Take a night off. Ponder some deeper questions of the heart with someone you love.

If the show is not familiar,

despite its origins at the Goodman Theatre in 2004, know that "Piazza" is based on a 1960 novella by Elizabeth Spencer, as published in The New Yorker. The story, set in that era, follows Margaret Johnson (Fleming), a North Carolina mother on a grand Italian tour with her daughter, Clara (Solea Pfeiffer). A young Italian man, Fabrizio (Rob Houchen), becomes

enamored with Clara, which presents Johnson, whose own marriage has failed emotionally, with a dilemma. Clara, we come to see, has suffered trauma in her childhood and thus is not all she first seems; her mother's question, and the show's main concern, is whether to protect her, and the

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Scientists, crew members and visitors eat dinner on the Coral Reef II, Shedd Aquarium's research vessel.

Life on Shedd's Coral Reef II: Come for the science but don't miss a meal



STEVE JOHNSON

When I suggested, after being aboard the Shedd Aquarium's Coral Reef II, that there were aspects of life on that boat that resembled summer camp, it did not go over too well.

Because, yes, there is cramped

bunking and less-than-regular showering on the institution's live-aboard research vessel plying Bahamian waters east of Miami, the boat where Shedd researcher Ross Cunning spent two October weeks trying to find corals that can survive warming ocean temperatures.

Yes, the scientists take turns doing mealtime chores, like junior counselors at a Y outpost in the Wisconsin woods. Yes, there are more fruit snacks and protein bars available than even the most doting parent would

send his kid on sleep-away camp. And, yes, there is boat lore that only really makes sense aboard the boat, but there, it makes a lot of sense.

Also: clothes get worn and reworn and hung up on lines strung across the upper deck in between wearings. And, like at a summer camp, people head out on little boats all the time — two small motor boats trail the Coral Reef II when not in use or rest up on its upper deck — and

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Chicago singer almost didn't do 'Voice' audition — now she may win

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Katie Kadan almost didn't audition for "The Voice." The Chicago singer said a representative for the NBC network show reached out to her via Instagram to try out for Season 17, but Kadan wasn't initially interested.

"My first response was, 'No, thank you.' Competition is not my thing," Kadan, 38, told the Tribune by phone. Then the Summit native reconsidered. "I'm like, you know what? I just kind of need to push all that competition thoughts out of my mind. This might be a really good opportunity, and I'm so glad that I did."

Now Kadan is one of four finalists vying to win Season 17. The two-part finale is scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. Monday.

Kadan told the Tribune that she will sing three songs Monday, but she would not reveal any performance details, only that her songs are "going to be awesome." Viewers vote for the winner, who is set to be revealed Tuesday.

Kadan also had not yet picked her finale outfits when she talked to the Tribune. Chances are they will be bold, like most of her "Voice" wardrobe. Her ensemble usually features a head wrap, which is a nod to her Palestinian heritage, and funky glasses, which are reminiscent of the ones she wore as a home-schooled teen — until kids made fun of her.

The Jefferson Park neighborhood resident has been a fan favorite since she turned the

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TRAE PATTON/NBC

Chicago singer Katie Kadan is a finalist on Season 17 of "The Voice."

CELEBRITIES

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LUCA BRUNO/AP

Colin Firth and his wife, Livia Giuggioli, arrive at the Green Carpet Fashion Awards in Milan in September.

Colin Firth, wife split after 22 years

Oscar-winning British actor Colin Firth has split from his Italian film producer wife Livia Giuggioli after 22 years of marriage. Their publicists said in a statement that the couple "maintain a close friendship and remain united in their love for their children." The pair, who lived together in London and Rome, have two sons, Luca and Matteo, who were both born in Rome. A joint statement from their publicists confirmed the news Friday and said they would not comment further. Firth, who won the best actor Oscar and a Golden Globe in 2011 for his portrayal of stuttering British monarch King George VI in "The King's Speech," also has a son with former partner Meg Tilly. Giuggioli is an environmental activist and co-founder and creative director of Eco-Age, a sustainable consultancy firm.

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "Jumanji: The Next Level," \$60.1 million
2. "Frozen 2," \$19.1 million
3. "Knives Out," \$9.2 million
4. "Richard Jewell," \$5 million
5. "Black Christmas," \$4.42 million
6. "Ford v Ferrari," \$4.1 million
7. "Queen & Slim," \$3.6 million
8. "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," \$3.3 million
9. "Dark Waters," \$2 million
10. "21 Bridges," \$1.1 million

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French New Wave icon dies: Anna Karina, the French New Wave actress who became an icon of the cinema in the 1960s and was the muse of Jean-Luc Godard, has died. She was 79. The French culture minister announced her death on Twitter on Sunday. French media said that the Danish-born Karina had cancer and died Saturday. "Her look was the look of the New Wave. It will remain so forever," Culture Minister Franck Riester tweeted. Karina made seven films with Godard, her partner at the time, including the 1961 "Une Femme Est Une Femme" ("A Woman is a Woman"), in which she played a femme fatale. For that, she received the best actress award at the Berlin Film Festival. Other cult Godard movies starring Karina included the 1962 "Vivre Sa Vie" ("Live Your Life") and the 1965 "Pierrot Le Fou."

Dec. 16 birthdays: Actress Liv Ullman is 81. Journalist Lesley Stahl is 78. Guitarist Tony Hicks is 74. Singer Benny Anderson is 73. Actor Xander Berkeley is 64. Actress Alison LaPlaca is 60. Country singer Jeff Carson is 56. Comedian JB Smoove is 54. Actress Miranda Otto is 52. Actor Daniel Cosgrove is 49. Singer Michael McCary is 48. Actress Krysten Ritter is 38. Bassist Dave Rublin is 33. Actor Stephan James is 26.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Snide statements bewilder spouse

Dear Amy: My husband and I have been married for 11 years. Throughout our marriage, he constantly makes snide remarks such as, "Someone around here never wants to be responsible for her choices," or he will remark on how I am such a social butterfly that I know each person's name on our street, and that this is not normal behavior.

Honestly, I don't know what he is referencing with the "personal accountability" remarks, but I find it odd that it isn't somehow OK to know your neighbors.

Amy, is my husband jealous, or is he a narcissist?

— *Unsure*

friendly to our neighbors." He is obviously lashing out at you, and you should assume there are probably many topics layered beneath the rude digs. You should ask him: "I'm trying to figure out what you are really trying to say to me — what you really want to know about me." You two would obviously benefit from counseling to work on your communication, and even though you both may be embittered, learning to talk about things will help both of you to clarify your emotions and your feelings toward each other. You might benefit from reading Harriet Lerner's classic book on communicating: "The Dance of Connection: How to Talk to Someone When You're Mad, Hurt, Scared, Frustrated, Insulted, Betrayed, or Desperate" (2002, William Morrow).

Dear Amy: I have enjoyed 10 years of emailing with an old high school flame. As far as I know, we were both single and free to correspond. He was ever-present in my life, and we were in touch at least once a day. Recently, for the most part he has stopped communicating with me, and I am feeling anxious about his absence. Should I continue to try to connect on occasion, or just stop emailing and let the relationship come to a natural end? My thought is that he has found a romantic relationship that is now his primary focus and that I should take the hint. I do not want to let him down or harass him when he has better things to do.

Should I let go?

— *Faithful Correspondent*

Dear Faithful: If you have been a daily presence in one another's lives, it would be natural for you to have noticed — and remarked upon — his absence. You don't seem to have done that, and you should at least ask yourself why you don't feel comfortable enough to ask a natural question: "Hey, what's up? Are you OK?"

You could then go a little further: "I don't want to bug you, but I've noticed your absence and I want to make sure you haven't fallen down a well or something. If you have fallen down a well, send up a signal and I'll do what I can to help."

Dear Amy: "Wrathful Geek" described seeing the man who sexually abused her sibling in childhood at sci-fi conventions. Thank you for your advice. These gatherings are attended by young and vulnerable people and can be hunting grounds for predators. I agree that Wrathful should check the Sex Offender Registry, but regardless of what she finds, she should notify security at the event.

— *Concerned*

Dear Concerned: "Wrathful" described the perpetrator getting away with his crime, due to the family's refusal to notify the police. However, I assumed it was possible he had offended elsewhere. I applaud this person's choice to try to protect others.

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Ready for New Year's Eve fun? Save the Seats is coming

By DOUG GEORGE

The end of the year and the decade are fast approaching ... or maybe not fast enough. What are you doing for New Year's Eve? If you are looking for tickets for something more ambitious than your local watering hole, let us help with the annual Tribune feature Save the Seats, this year with tickets reserved for our readers at dozens of Chicago-area shows, concerts, comedy nights and the like. We wouldn't want to give (falling chandelier) too much away (room where it happens) about what shows (magical laundromat) we have on offer (sketch-improv-stand-up) or where (city-suburb-city winery), but it's a great lineup (practically perfect).



BLUE MAN GROUP

Blue Man Group might know something about the lineup of Save the Seats shows, but they're not talking.

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Fudge at iO breaks down comedy walls

BY ZACH FREEMAN

"I think that with comedy, you have some comedians who can make the back of the room laugh and you have some comedians who can make the front of the room laugh," said comedian Dan White, sitting onstage in the Jason Chin Harold Cabaret space on the second floor of the iO Theater on a Tuesday afternoon in mid-November. "And the goal, I think, for us, is that the best can do both."

That night, White — along with fellow improvisers Damian Anaya and Tim Lyons — would take to the same stage they've been taking to for years to attempt just that, as the improv troupe Fudge. The trio — fourth Fudge team member Vince Portacci recently moved to Seattle — puts on a weekly variety show, named after the troupe, that features stand-up comics, a rotating iO Harold team and even an occasional musician. Each show closes out with a performance from Fudge.

This weekly show has been going strong for half a decade now, and it's worth noting that although they're both popular forms of comedy, combining improv and stand-up in the same line-up isn't as common a formula as it might sound. In fact, Fudge is one of the only shows at an

established venue that consistently puts the two on the same stage. On Tuesday, the team will celebrate their fifth anniversary with an impressive stand-up/improv/music line-up.

"We just wanted to put on the funniest show possible and the most comedically interesting show possible," said White of their variety-show format. "So you get a little of this, a little of that. And I think our guiding principle with the show has always been, 'Let's do the funniest show we can.'"

After originally forming under the short-lived name "Grunge" with White and Lyons at the center of a loose and rotating group of performers at CiC Theater that performed on Friday nights, the troupe solidified and moved to iO and — after a brief stint continuing their Friday night tradition — moved permanently to their current Tuesday night slot, an unconventional move to a less popular time slot that the guys now credit with helping their long-term success.

"It gave us a lot of time to figure out what the show was, who we were, how we were playing," Lyons said. "There were only one or two people here most of the time, and we were like, 'Well, we'll just do the show, have a good time and



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Dan White, left, and Damian Anaya perform as improv team Fudge at iO Theater.

see what happens."

What happened is that word started to spread. Over the years, Fudge has become one of the most highly regarded improv teams at iO and their Tuesday night show has become a real draw. "We've had the option to go to weekends, but we've always wanted to stick on Tuesdays," White said. "Tuesday night plays into the ethos of the show a bit because when we were coming up, your more comedy savvy audiences tended to be weeknight audiences — comedy fans or comedy

students or young comedians — as opposed to the weekend, which is more ..."

"Date night," Anaya continues seamlessly. "People looking for something to do."

Comedian Caleb Hearon has performed on Fudge three times and will be part of the five-year anniversary show. Hearon says he likes how Fudge includes stand-up and improv together. He doesn't think the two comedy forms are as far apart as people sometimes make them out to be.

"I feel like it's a false

dichotomy," he said.

"There's a big conversation I noticed when I moved here about stand-ups vs. improvisers, and I haven't noticed it that much. Most people do a lot of different things. I don't know an improviser that only does improv. Most improvisers are visual artists or musicians and the same with stand-ups. I don't really know a stand-up that just does set-up/punch-line/jokes into a mic."

On Twitter you can see the various forms of comedy coming together; check

out Hearon at @calebsaythings, Chelsea Holmes at @_holmes_holmes and (recently relocated) Megan Stalter at @megstalter.

The members of Fudge agree that more comedians are breaking down the silos between the various forms, and they're excited to be on the forefront of showcasing various comedic styles together.

"It almost feels like it's kind of becoming a natural progression as people move through Chicago a little bit faster than they used to," Lyons said. "People used to come here, incubate for 10 years and then move forward, but now you're here and you're like, 'What else can I do outside of improv?' So people are doing improv and then jumping to stand-up and vice-versa."

"Whether there are two people or 150 people here — and we've had shows with both of those — we always just show up and approach it like, 'Let's just do as good of a show as we can,'"

White said. "And I think, in time, people respond to that if you're doing good work."

That sentiment, like Fudge, is all Chicago comedy work ethic. And that cuts across all comedy genres.

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MICHELLE REID

Deeply Rooted dancers perform a pared-down version of Gary Abbott's "Parallel Lives" at the Logan Center.

IN PERFORMANCE

Deeply Rooted offers new works, refreshed revivals

BY LAUREN WARNECKE

"There aren't too many more firsts for me," said Nicole Clarke-Springer, reflecting on a career with Deeply Rooted Dance Theater that began in 1996. Ironically, Friday was full of firsts as she said this in her first curtain speech as the newly appointed artistic director of the company.

That nothing appeared remarkably different is a testament to the resilience and malleability of this company, whose founders, Gary Abbott and Kevin Iega Jeff, remain involved. Long-time company member Joshua L. Ishmon moves into Clarke-Springer's former role as rehearsal director. Despite new company members, a new managing director (Jackie Robinson) and works newly excavated from the archives, this weekend's concert, through Sunday at the Logan Center, feels very much like the same old Deeply Rooted.

Friday opened with recent repertory from Abbott, Ishmon and Clarke-Springer, while the back half of the program focused on decades-old revivals. (Two programs Saturday and Sunday were ordered slightly differently and included a preview of a new work not seen Friday.) In a pared-down version of Abbott's "Parallel Lives," Abbott alternates between recognizable gestures and powerful

phrases, blending sharp African-influenced pulses of the torso and arms with balletic lines and modern dance floorwork. Each gesture — an arm held to the lower back, a wave of the hand, a monocle-like forefinger and thumb (like an "OK" sign) held to the eye, and later, away from the body — could be interpreted any number of ways. But to this critic, "Parallel Lives" portrays the fierceness of women and the labor of their everyday lives.

Ishmon's "When Men ..." explores facets of masculinity, as three shirtless men — Pierre Clark, Ricky Davis and Nehemiah Spencer — oscillate between stoic gestures of defiance and protest, unison dancing and tender partnering, supporting, almost caressing, one another.

"Forces," by Clarke-Springer, premiered last year, and after marinating for a season looks even better than before. The quartet features dancer Briana Arthur, who has recently been doing double-duty dancing for DRDT and Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre. Arthur's flawless technique and warm, inviting stage presence are fully maximized in this, the most balletic piece of the night, which asks a lot of her and the rest of the cast. Rebekah Kuczma, Trey Johnson and Spencer are no less vital to

the success of the piece, lifting and framing Arthur, but also carving their own gorgeous patterns about the stage.

Two one-act ballets, by Jeff and Martial Roumain, choreographed a decade apart, are the evening's throwbacks. It's not a new strategy for this company to refresh older works, revitalizing the designs with fresh costumes and new lighting (by Sarah Lackner). Placing vintage works beside new ones can be hit-or-miss, and some of Deeply Rooted's revivals show their age.

Not so, here; though it's quite clear that Roumain's "Essence: A Portrait of Four Women" (1972) and Jeff's "Dedication" (1982) aren't new, they aren't relics, either, and pulse with the same currency I presume they had at the time they premiered.

Pierre Clark portrays an elder, dressed in an Egyptian-inspired collar and skirt, for "Dedication," which loosely follows the Bible story of Genesis as Clark bestows life, light and land unto his "children." And then the stage becomes a playground for the company to rollick and romp, showcasing phrase-work that's not too vintage, but clearly a product of Jeff's early influences: the techniques of Martha Graham and Lester Horton — apparently easy for this group of excellent dancers. (It's not.)

Especially poignant is Roumain's quartet for Nyemah Stuart, Kuczma, Dominique Atwood and Marlayna Locklear, each capturing a distinct persona in long solos set to music by Nina Simone, Zulema and Roberta Flack. One could see these figures as four individuals — one sweet, one sultry, one seductive, one sizzling. Or, dressed in white, black, green and red, they are perhaps four facets of the same woman, representing the chakras or maybe the elements: air, water, earth, fire. Or maybe not. In the end, a crackly recording — presumably a reconstruction from an LP — played a recitation of "The Great Pax Whitie" by Nikki Giovanni, accompanied by the James Cleveland Choir. As the four women moved together, very clearly locating this piece within the ethos of racial equality as the poem makes abstract references to historical American civil rights leaders, the women link arms, a united front walking together toward the edge of the stage.

"And my lord, ain't we never gonna see the light," Giovanni says. "The rumblings of this peace must be stilled be stilled be still. Ahh Black people, ain't we got no pride?"

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'Piazza'

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vulnerable Italian family she would be joining, from potential battering by life's headwinds, or allow her a chance at romantic happiness that may well not come again.

You don't have to be on vacation in Italy to relate. The show's book, by Craig Lucas, homes in on the central questions of parenting, specifically the clash between offering freedom and preventing catastrophe. It doesn't matter if you have a newborn or a college kid; you'll get that. And, on a deeper level, it explores the question of a sensual awakening, positing sun-kissed Italy as a kind of redemptive force for sad-sack American Puritanism (something we well understand in December in Chicago).

"These are very popular in Italy," sings Clara, confronting a statue. "It's the land of naked marble boys. Something we don't see a lot in Winston-Salem. That's the land of purple corduroys."

I don't remember the word "purple" from my oft-played original cast recording, which brings me to the next issue, of particular interest to Guettel and "Piazza" fans: Does this new production, directed by Daniel Evans, bring something fresh to the town square? Can it compete with Bart Sher's original and justly acclaimed staging?

Yes. Take it to a small Broadway house, say I. There are simple but compelling new ideas here. And, despite the venue, a renewed intimacy.

If you know Victoria Clark's Tony Award-winning performance as Margaret, you'll find Fleming quite different. Clark's Margaret was more dominant in the narrative, more focused on worrying about Clara; Fleming takes a different tack, forging a more insecure character whose natural inclination is to set her daughter free and yet who fears that both generations of women are lost in a mist of confusion. Fleming is, of course, also a very different kind of singer, and her presence also emphasizes the intentional clash of styles in Guettel's work between the vocal conventions of one wartime generation (the excellent British actor Alex Jennings is on hand as Signor Naccarelli, Fabrizio's very involved father), and the jazzier experimentation of their children, enjoying the dividends of a new post-war freedom.

There are other fascinating adjustments: Houchen

When: Through Dec. 29

Where: Lyric Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Drive

Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$35-\$219 at 312-827-5600 or www.lyricopera.org/light

is a tenor, not the expected baritone, and his performance matches that of Pfeiffer, in a very sweet and lovely way. It's crucial in a musical romance that you pull for this naive couple, and, indeed, you most certainly do. Pfeiffer, a free-voiced soprano, has much of Audrey Hepburn's retro sense of glamor, and this interpretation of Clara also is quite different. It's less emotionally intense than from either Celia Keenan-Bolger or Kelli O'Hara, both of whom played this role with astonishing levels of detail, but its blend of fear and utter determination works beautifully with what Evans is, I think, trying to do.

In other words, the show has four very strong leads.

Robert Jones has not forged a great design — although, in fairness, this rotund, cropped set was originally created for a concert hall and had to be scaled up for Lyric's huge proscenium (this is technically a rental by a company called Scenario Two Limited, although Lyric artists, from Fleming to the orchestra, are all over the show and the house Saturday night was filled with Lyric subscribers).

Note also that Evans' staging has a few visual jitters and abrupt transitions, when the pervasive metaphor of the work always is fluidity, albeit buffeted by changing breezes. But I mean those comments as minor criticisms: Evans gets the emotional key of this exquisite piece of theater precisely right. And the show was very ably cast. Exceptionally so.

On Broadway, Guettel is famous for having a limited output. He is at work on another show, a musical version of "The Days of Wine and Roses," for which I cannot wait, especially since that feels like material that will suit his gifts. Thankfully, the period before there is more to enjoy from this musical genius, "Piazza" is still very much alive and, in this staging, as vital as ever. What is more appealing at the theater than hope-filled complexity with notes that seem to ricochet through your own life?

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Kadan

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chairs of all four celebrity coaches with her performance of Aretha Franklin's "Baby I Love You" on "The Voice" premiere in September. She selected John Legend as her mentor, and continued to wow the coaches and fans with her soulful voice and colorful stage presence.

She enters the finale as the front-runner — a major confidence boost for someone who

grew up shy, insecure and afraid to fail.

"I thought maybe I could be on the show, make it for a couple of rounds possibly. I actually thought I'd most definitely get voted out. You know, just the nature of the show. So many talented singers go home. You never know what they're looking for, but I thought maybe it would be a great platform to gain some more exposure because I've been called the best-kept secret in Chicago. I was tired of that. I wanted people to know me," Kadan said.

Kadan could become the first

Chicagoo to win "The Voice."

The winner is slated to receive a recording contract. Before she joined "The Voice," Kadan considered returning to college to study psychology "because I ultimately love to help people."

She's a vocal coach, piano instructor and professional musician who started playing Chicago clubs about eight years ago (she was a frequent performer at the now-closed Underground Wonder Bar in River North). She said she loves living in Chicago, but hasn't ruled out moving to Los Angeles for her career and the

sunshine.

She called her experience on "The Voice" "the ride of my life." Watch parties are slated to be held Monday and Tuesday at Fergie & Foz bar in Summit and at Whiskey Business in the Wicker Park neighborhood.

Ashleigh Gocong, who worked with Kadan at the School of Rock Chicago's Lakeview location, said she has been rooting for Kadan every week on "The Voice."

"I knew she had a great voice, but I think it was about probably six to eight months of us working together before I actually made it

out to see one of her performances, and the first time I actually saw her perform and be up on stage, like goosebumps, literally," Gocong said.

"And so many of us (had) major goosebumps every time she performed. I was like, 'Whoa. I knew you were good, but I had no idea what you're like when you're on stage.' To see that and witness it is magic. It's always been like that. We're all like, 'Why aren't you famous? How are you not famous by now?'"

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Shedd

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spend many, many hours in the water.

But there are no fires, and no singing that I witnessed. Well, except for the happy birthday tune in honor of Shedd head of diving Amanda Weiler.

It was her actual 29th birthday, and, to surprise her, Cunning and conch and spiny lobster researcher Andy Kough quietly circulated a birthday card and distributed paper birthday hats to the other dozen or so people on board. ("I'm already too tall for this boat," said a lanky University of South Florida scientist, holding one of the conical hats.)

The tune, I am happy to report, was sung lustily — and at a pace befitting a celebration, rather than a wake. (It wasn't necessary in this case, but my one singing talent is the ability, and the will, to push "Happy Birthday to You" renditions out of the dirgelike and into the jauntier tempos.)

"The first of many 29th birthdays," corrected Weiler, a woman who can dive without artificial air to 40 feet deep and stay down there long enough that less adventuresome snorkelers on the ocean surface start willing her to COME. UP. NOW.

But the bigger correction came from Kough, who bristled like a sea urchin when, as I talked to him after we returned to the Middle West and asked about being out on the research vessel, I offered the summer camp analogy.

"I would not call it a summer camp," he said. "Why? Because it makes it seem like a vacay. It's intensive work. It's basically, you are living and breathing the work alongside other people who share the same passion for the environment. It's a very structured, research-driven day."

When I explained that I was talking more about the intense communal experience and the rituals and order that make the place run — as well as the sense of living out of a duffel bag — he took my point. "It does center and ground you around meals as well," he said. "These are the opportunities where everyone just sort of relaxes a little bit and shares the awesome stories that they've seen, you know, over a good solid steak."

The stories, this trip, were about sea turtles or sharks spotted while diving, or rare species of coral. The food, meanwhile, was way, way better than camp food, with one of the three crewmen having cooking as his primary responsibility. While I was on board, we had banh mi sandwiches, a couple of different fresh, fragrant soups, and gnocchi with peas and tomatoes and flank steak, plus homemade cookies and cheesecake for desserts.

None of these meals are accompanied by wine, beer or spirits. The Coral Reef II, for reasons of safety and mission focus, is dry. Beverage needs are met by a steady supply of coffee and by a refrigerator out on the main deck devoted to canned drinks. The ginger ales and sparkling waters were popular on the coral journey, plus huge batches of Weiler's cold-brew coffee.

The Shedd is the only accredited North American zoo or aquarium that has a live-aboard research vessel, and that distinction — being able to be at sea for days or weeks at a time, using the boat's live wells to transport animals — is an important aid to the science. One of Cunning's projects is to transplant hundreds of corals amid different ocean temperature zones to study their resiliency, a first-of-its-kind experiment he said he designed because he knew the boat would allow him to execute it.

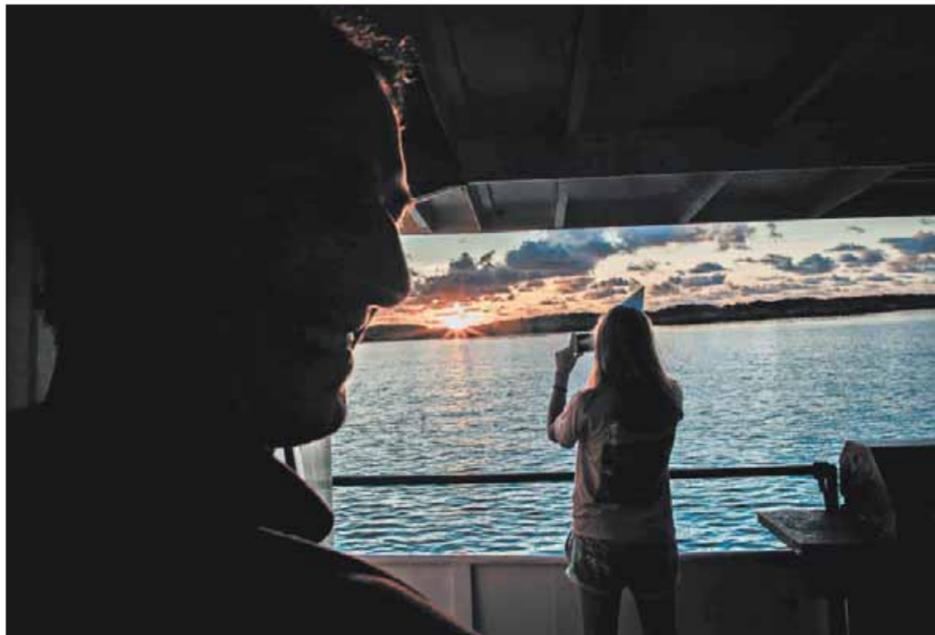
In addition to corals and conchs, Shedd researchers study iguanas, groupers and sharks, all in the Bahamas, all using the CR II as a floating research platform. The boat, which docks in Miami, was commissioned in 1984, primarily to collect species for display at the Chicago lakefront aquarium, but its mission has shifted to science.

When she took over as Shedd CEO in early 2016, Bridget Coughlin, a former research scientist herself, "was so excited about the potential of that re-



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A Shedd Aquarium researcher visits "Ocean Atlas," an underwater sculpture by Jason deCaires Taylor near New Providence, Bahamas.



Dive program manager Amanda Weiler takes a picture of the sunrise as she celebrates her 29th birthday.

search vessel," she said, that she visited it in her early months on the job and invited museum trustees to go down and see for themselves, as well.

"You really have to go see it firsthand to really recognize the amazing impact it has on our mission," she said.

The results included a new engine for the 80-foot vessel and a new galley, or kitchen — a setup nicer than the ones in Chicago apartments I've rented. "A crew is only as productive and happy as their stomach is full and healthy," Coughlin said.

The aquarium tries to get maximum value out of the boat, which costs more than \$650,000 a year to keep running. In addition to its primary role as a tool for Shedd researchers, the institution rents it out to other scientists, and Shedd uses it to expose college and high-school students to marine science and ecosystems, and to bring Bahamians aboard to help build local scientific capacity.

"It's actually become part of our training," said Shelley Cant-Woodside, director of science and policy for the Bahamas National Trust, one of Shedd's local partners in the island nation. "Any of my new staff, one of the first things I try to do is get them on a Shedd expedition."

"Sometimes these experiences really change the life of people. They're not sure of their direction. They go on one of these trips and their life is changed forever. They know what they want to



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Plus, she said, "they love the food."

In the most recent contribution to its 2019 tally of more than 20,000 nautical miles, the CR II was pressed into service to bring donated generators, power tools and other relief supplies from Miami to Grand Bahama, an island devastated earlier this year by Hurricane Dorian.

Several times a year, Shedd Adventures trips allow regular people on board, too, although it isn't cheap. A new August "citizen science experience" for dive-certified people only, will let participants travel with and learn about coral reef research from

Cunning. The cost, including meals and accommodation on-board, is \$3,900. (More at www.sheddaquarium.org/coral-research-expedition).

The captain since 2016, a full-time Shedd employee, is Zoltan Bobick, "Captain Z" to everyone on the boat.

The very first thing Bobick does when newbies arrive is sit them down and deliver a thorough, no-nonsense explanation of boat safety and what the expectations are of passengers. It covers everything from making sure you have a lifejacket that fits to knowing how to use the showers and door latches to understanding where the captain sits at dinner,

when he isn't piloting the boat from up in the wheelhouse during those hours.

"Never mock a prudent mariner," say the words he has printed and posted above the wheel. "That's my favorite phrase ever," he said.

Enamored of the sea since spending childhood time on his grandfather's small sport fishing boat on Long Island's South Shore, Bobick, 34, is, he said, "a hawsepiper," a maritime term meaning "you start as a deckhand and work your way up." His devotion to the CR II is unmistakable.

"There's a lot of different levels of classifications of research vessels," Bobick said. "This one ... punches way above its weight for work accomplished. It's an extremely rewarding position, and I'm very proud of it."

Boat life during a research trip is all about getting into the water to count animals, plant temperature probes or otherwise commit science.

"There's this interesting perception that if you're down in the Bahamas for two weeks living on a boat, you're on vacation," Kough said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. We wake up at 7 a.m. and we don't eat dinner, which is the formal end of the work day, until 8 p.m. on my trips. So you'll get in between four and five dives a day. And then I assign everyone data, as well, and they're not allowed to go to bed until they enter their data."

Planning a trip can be stressful, he said, but "once it's happening and you're rolling, you have a great team that's unified by a lack of alcohol and being high on the planet rather than anything else. I think it brings people together and provides awesome bonding. You often come onto the boat strangers and you leave feeling like family."

You also leave, for all the focus on the work, remarkably well rested. With limited cell service, at best, there's no temptation to force a late bedtime. I thought having a cabin below decks right next to the big diesel engine might be a problem as we traveled from one dive location to another overnight.

Ha! That deep, rhythmic engine throb is a better sleep aid than any nature-sound device you could find in a gadget catalog. When I awoke after my least fitful night in years, I imagined the killing you could make marketing that noise, and that feeling, to the insomniacs of the world.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Julianne and Derek Hough

“Holidays With the Houghs” (9:01 p.m., NBC): Siblings and Emmy-winning choreographers Derek and Julianne Hough team up for their first holiday special, a festive hour that will spotlight the pair both together and individually in a series of elaborate show-stoppers, as they put their own spin on beloved Christmas classics and share their family’s favorite holiday tradition. Watch for several of their celebrity friends to drop by as well.

“The Voice” (7 p.m., NBC): Victory is so close they can smell it for the finalists, but it’s all riding on tonight, as they try to give the performance of their lives in “Live Finale, Part 1” for judges and mentors Gwen Stefani, John Legend, Blake Shelton and Kelly Clarkson, as well as the audience at home, who’ll have their own say in the fates of the hopefuls. Then it’s all over but the shouting (in tomorrow’s Season 17 finale), another live episode that’s sure to include some special guests.

“All Rise” (8 p.m., CBS): In a schedule otherwise packed with holiday parties, Lola (Simone Missick) is forced to appear before the Commission on Judicial Performance and defend herself against a bias complaint filed against her in the new episode “The Joy From Oz.” On a lighter note, Judge Benner (Marg Helgenberger) recruits Sara, Emily and Luke (Lindsay Mendez, Jessica Camacho, J. Alex Brinson) to stage a “Wizard of Oz”-themed mock trial.

“Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2019” (8 p.m., CW): “Entertainment Tonight” co-host Kevin Frazier and correspondent Keltie Knight anchor this annual special, which counts down what many would consider the 12 best holiday TV commercials ever made. The hour also features other TV spots that also have proven memorable despite — or because of — their diverse content and tone.

“This Changes Everything” (8 p.m., Starz): Oscar winner Geena Davis is an executive producer on this critically acclaimed documentary, which examines the glaring under-representation of women in many facets of the entertainment industry. The film includes interviews with a number of Hollywood power players including, besides Davis, Meryl Streep and Shonda Rhimes, among others.

“A Very Brady Renovation” (9 p.m., 12 a.m., HGTV): In this festive new “Holiday Edition” of the home makeover series, Food Network star Ree Drummond (“Pioneer Woman”) and HGTV’s Jasmine Roth (“Hidden Potential”) team up with “The Brady Bunch” cast to whip up ’70s-era treats and retro DIY decorations. Barry Williams (Greg), Maureen McCormick (Marcia), Christopher Knight (Peter), Eve Plumb (Jan), Mike Lookinland (Bobby) and Susan Olsen (Cindy) appear.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Ron Funches.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Michael B. Jordan; actor Sam Heughan; Lea Michele and Jonathan Groff perform.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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	NBC 5	The Voice: “Live Finale, Part 1.” (N) (Live) ©				(9:01) Holidays With the Houghs (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Great Christmas Light Fight (Season Finale) (N)				Jimmy Kimmel Live After Darth-Star (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	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 ©				
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Univ 66	Ringo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: “Live Rescue -- 12.16.19.” (N) ©				Live PD
	AMC	Elf (PG,03) ♦♦♦ Will Ferrell, James Caan. ©				(9:05) Love the Coopers (15) ♦ ©		
	ANIM	River Monsters: “American Killers.”				River Monsters		Monsters ♦
	BBCA	A Few Good Men (R,92) ♦♦♦ Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. ©						Minority ♦
	BET	† (5:30) Menace II Society		Antwone Fisher (PG-13,02) ♦♦♦ Derek Luke, Jay Bryant. ©				
	BIGTEN	Divided We Stand		B1G Show	BTN Basketball in 60 ©	B1G Show	B1G Show	Big Ten ♦
	BRAVO	Below Deck (N) ©		Below Deck (N) ©		Watch (N)	Below Deck ©	
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	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦
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	DISN	Big City	Toy Story	Gabby	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven
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	ESPN2	† College Basketball (N)		UFC 243: Whittaker vs. Adesanya (N) ♦				
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	FX	Girls Trip (R,17) ♦♦♦ Regina Hall, Queen Latifah. ©				Girls Trip (R,17) ♦♦♦ ♦		
	HALL	Picture a Perfect Christmas (NR,19) Jon Cor				(9:03) A Christmas Love Story (19) ♦		
	HGTV	Love It or List It (N) ©		Love It or List It (N) ©		A Very Brady (N)		Love-List ♦
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N) ©		Pawn ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	You Light Up My Christmas (NR,19) Kim Fields. ©				(9:03) Random Acts of Christmas ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Oklahoma City Thunder. (N) ©				Postgame		Bulls (N)
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	OVATION	† (6) The 12 Dogs of Christmas (G,05)		Teen Wolf (PG,85) ♦♦ Michael J. Fox. ©				
	OWN	Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline on OWN		Dateline ♦
	OPY	NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ©		NCIS ♦
	PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©
	SYFY	† R.I.P.D. ♦	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13,09) ♦	Channing Tatum.				Futurama ♦
	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan (N)
TCM	Little Women (NR,33) ♦♦♦ Katharine Hepburn.				(9:15) Little Women (NR,49) ♦♦ ♦			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: What Now	90 Day Fiancé: What Now	90 Day Fiancé: What Now		90 Day Fiancé: What Now		90 Day ♦	
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TNT	Beauty and the Beast (PG,17) ♦♦♦ Emma Watson. ©				Hitch (PG-13,05) ♦♦♦ ♦			
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TRAV	Portals to Hell ©		Portals to Hell ©		It Feels Evil (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Hometwn (N)	
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USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Mod Fam ♦	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop (N)		Hip Hop ♦	
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WGN America	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	M*A*S*H ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	† (6:15) Red Riding Hood		His Dark Materials (N) ©		His Dark Materials ©		Watchmen ♦
	HBO2	† (6:50) Watchmen ©		Rush Hour 2 (PG-13,01) ♦♦ ©		Us (R,19) ♦♦♦ ♦		
	MAX	Life of the Party (PG-13,18) ♦♦				(8:45) Sorority Boys (R,02) ♦ Barry Watson.		
	SHO	Shameless ©		God		The L Word		(9:45) Ray Donovan ♦
	STARZ	† (6:57) Dublin Murders		This Changes Everything (NR,18) ©		(9:40) Dublin Murders ♦		
STZENC	† (6:09) Colombiana ♦♦		Desperado (R,95) ♦♦ Antonio Banderas. ©				Once ♦	



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HOLIDAY GIVING

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 16): The world is your oyster this year. Steady focus earns profitable rewards. Winter bounty can support your family when there's a twist in financial plans. Redirect a personal project next summer before a collaborative effort takes off. Conserve an abundant harvest and give thanks.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Slow down to avoid accident or injury. Wait on a final decision. Another obstacle could arise ... look for the easiest way around. Rest and review.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Romance can blossom when least expected. Slow down to enjoy simple pleasures like a picnic or sunset with someone sweet. Your views are attractive.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Renovate and decorate your space. Prepare for upcoming gatherings and events. Cook up something delicious and share it with family.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Catch up on reading and study the situation. Write, edit and share your story. Get the word out and it travels farther than imagined.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Keep generating positive cash flow. Friends help you make a profitable connection. Find creative ways to cut unnecessary expenses. Balance the numbers.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Focus on personal priorities. As you gain strength, you gain options. Your confidence grows with each positive step. Practice your moves and expand your capacities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Lay low and take it easy. Travel another day. Avoid controversy or hassle. Consider an intellectual or philosophical puzzle. Plan and prepare for upcoming gatherings.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Enjoy gatherings with friends. Socialize and make interesting new connections. Meetings, conferences and parties open potential for fun collaborations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Work takes priority. Stay in communication regarding a tricky situation. A test requires full concentration. Keep or change your deadlines. A professional prize is within reach.

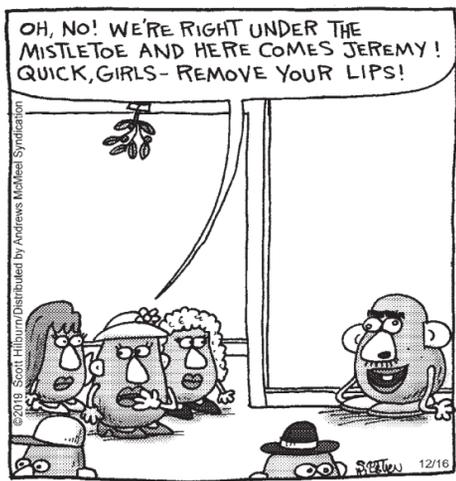
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Plan your itinerary for an upcoming adventure. Work out where, when and how. Create the agenda and schedule your connections. Draw upon hidden resources.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Manage family accounts. Handle taxes, insurance or legal matters. Contribute to savings and investments for the future. Nurture the ones you love.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Creative collaboration could get romantic. You're especially charming and persuasive. Give and take without consequence. Harmonize with your partner.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ Q J 3 ♥ J 8 6 ♦ 10 7 4 ♣ J 9 8 7

West	North	East	South
1♦	Dbl	3♦*	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	?

*Pre-emptive

What call would you make?

A.1—Partner's second double is also for takeout. It just shows a better hand. Bidding four clubs might be the winner, but that doesn't appeal to us. Pass and hope to beat them a trick or two.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ 10 4 3 ♥ J 8 7 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ A K 10 7

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A.2—We normally pass with eight high-card points and no five-card suit. All the intermediate cards make this hand worth an invitation. Bid 2NT.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ 9 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ K Q J 10 9 7 5 ♣ J 3

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make?

A.3—New suits at the two level are non-forcing over a double to give you a chance to show a suit like this. If 3D is pre-emptive in your methods, then that's the bid. If not, bid 2D.

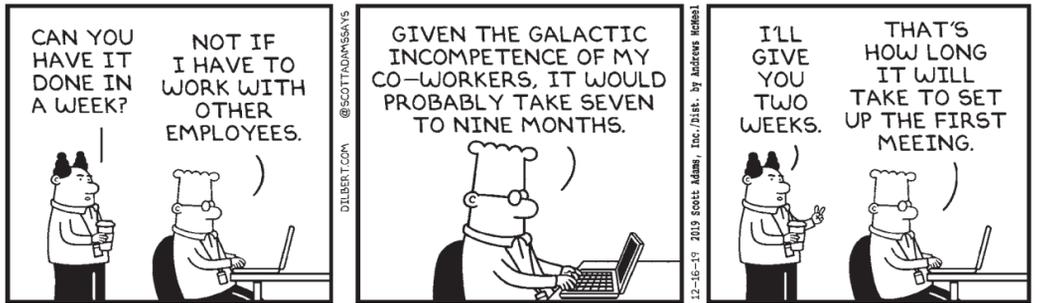
Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ A K J 3 ♥ K 5 4 3 2 ♦ 6 ♣ 7 6 4

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make?

A.4—Most play that 2NT over a double shows an invitational or better raise. That's OK, but if you play splinter bids, a jump to 4D is a much better description.

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MONDAY, DEC. 16

NORMAL HIGH: 34°

NORMAL LOW: 20°

RECORD HIGH: 60° (1984)

RECORD LOW: -12° (1951)

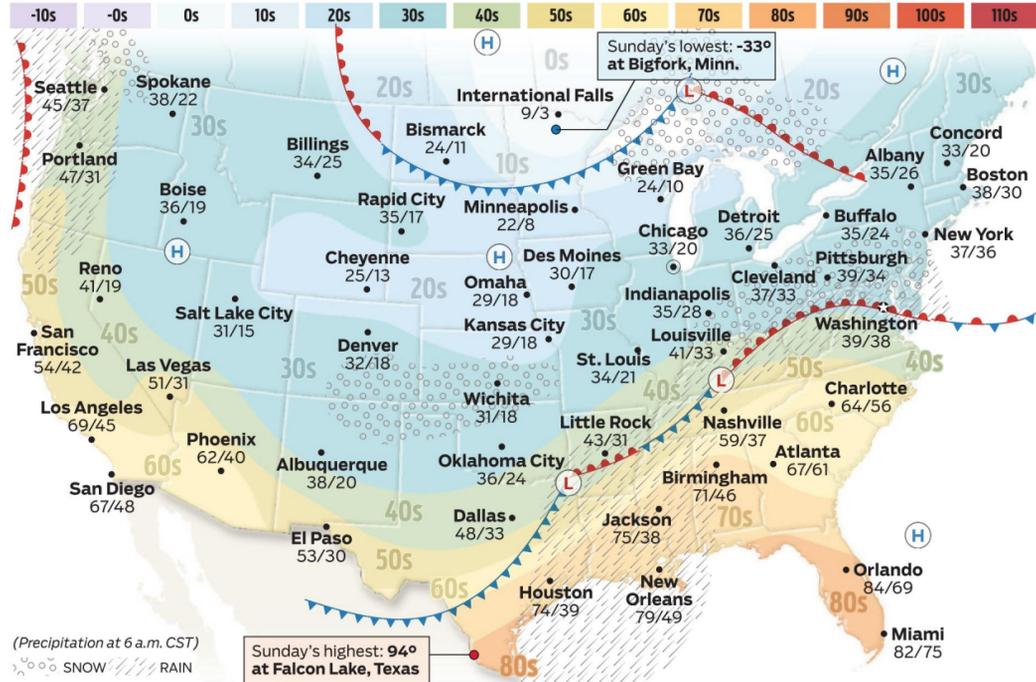
Cold through midweek then a warming trend

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 33 **LOW** 20

■ Colder air settles across the area as clouds begin to break.
 ■ Clouds dominate area skies much of the day. Intermittent flurries may be ongoing at daybreak, and continue into midday.
 ■ Seasonably chilly. Temps hover in the low-mid 20s around sunrise, then slowly climb to around freezing by early afternoon.
 ■ NE winds 10-15 mph become N late.
 ■ Decreasing cloudiness and colder overnight. Suburban lows dip to the teens, city readings hold near 20 degrees.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Much of the Midwest remained in polar air Sunday as a weather system moved toward the Ohio valley spreading heavy snow from the central Plains, into central and southern Illinois. Snow exceeded 6 inches toward Kansas City, eastward. As this disturbance heads east Monday, north winds are to lock in, keeping the area below normal in temperature. Another cold front is poised to push across the region Tuesday night, reinforcing the cold air mass already in place. Lowest temps are to arrive Tuesday night and Wednesday when readings are forecast to run as much as 12 degrees below normal. The area missed snow accumulations, and with the ground bare, temperatures will not become too extreme. An extended period of above normal temps is due to run from late week, through Christmas.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

HIGH 30 **LOW** 12

Partly-mostly sunny and a bit colder. Daytime temps peak around 30 degrees. NW winds 10-20 mph turn SW. Evening cold front brings a chance of flurries, then clearing, brisk, and colder overnight.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

HIGH 23 **LOW** 17

High pressure settles across the Midwest bringing sun and diminishing NW winds. Temps only reach the low 20s. Evening readings dip to the mid teens, then hold steady as clouds increase overnight.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

HIGH 38 **LOW** 30

Major warm-up begins. Passing high clouds, otherwise sunny. Turning windy and much milder. Temps rise from around 20 early, to late-day highs in the upper 30s. SW winds build to 20-30 mph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

HIGH 42 **LOW** 28

Filtered sun fades behind a veil of high and mid-level cloudiness. A bit milder as temps top out in the upper 30s and low 40s. S-SW winds 15-20 mph. Partial clearing overnight. Temps dip to the upper 20s.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

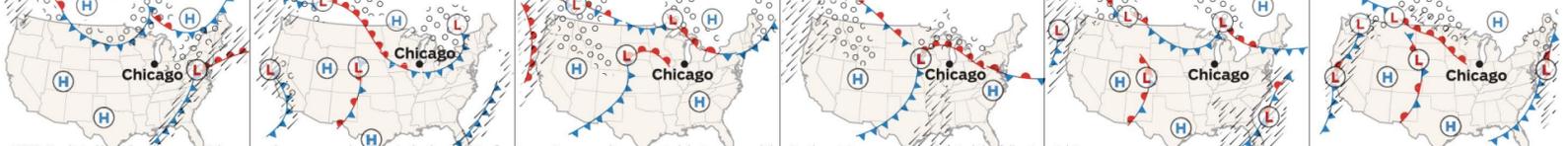
HIGH 42 **LOW** 27

Little change. Partly sunny and continued rather breezy and mild. Afternoon temps climb to the low 40s, a level about 10 degrees above normal. SW winds 15-25 mph.

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

HIGH 41 **LOW** 30

Mild spell persists as flow of Pacific air streams across the U.S. Abundant sunshine and a continuing S-SW winds flow helps boost temps to 40 or higher for a 3rd straight day.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 What is the coldest temperature ever recorded in Chicago and in the world?

Samuel Morgan

Dear Samuel,
 Since the inception of official temperature records in Chicago on Nov. 1, 1870, the lowest temperature registered here occurred on Jan. 20, 1985: 27 degrees below zero. And on Dec. 24, 1983, (Christmas Eve), it was -25 degrees, the city's second lowest reading. The world's record low temperature stands at -128.6 degrees, measured at the Soviet Vostok Station in central Antarctica on July 21, 1983. Colder temperatures have been measured in Antarctica (such as -136 degrees at a ridge near Dome Argus) but are not recognized as the world's lowest readings because they have been measured by satellite sensors at the ice surface, not in an instrument shelter four feet above ground.

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Hear Demetrius
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Chicago dodges another snow; mild temps by late week

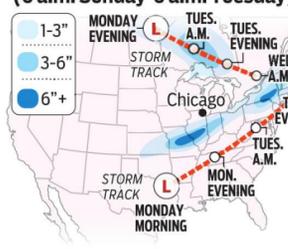
SOUTHERN MIDWEST CATCHES BRUNT OF SNOW

Observed snowfall totals through 5 p.m. Sunday

Junction City, Kan.	9.0"
Gypsum, Kan.	7.0"
Raymore, Mo.	7.0"
Pleasant Hill, Mo.	7.0"
Wellington, Mo.	6.0"
Warrensburg, Mo.	6.0"
Pana, Ill.	5.0"
Teutopolis, Ill.	5.0"
Mattoon, Ill.	4.4"

SNOW BANDS TO STAY NORTH, SOUTH, AND EAST OF CHICAGO

Forecast snowfall totals (6 a.m. Sunday-6 a.m. Tuesday)



COLD AIR TO STAY THROUGH MIDWEEK

Forecast Tuesday night



PATTERN SHIFT TO BRING WARMING TREND BY THURSDAY

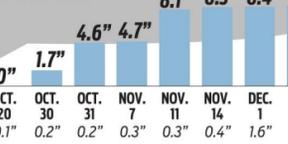
Friday morning forecast



CHICAGO SNOWFALL

Late November-December snow drought may have the 2019 total near or below normal by the end of the month...

OBSERVED SEASONAL SNOWFALL:



Mild Pacific-origin air is expected to overspread much of the Continental U.S.



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

MIDWEST CITIES

CITY	MON	TUES	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	fr	37	26	pc	37	21		
Carbondale	sh	34	22	su	32	18		
Champaign	ss	34	21	pc	31	18		
Decatur	ss	34	21	pc	31	18		
Moline	sh	31	16	pc	33	12		
Peoria	sh	34	20	su	35	17		
Quincy	sh	33	19	su	36	17		
Rockford	cl	33	16	pc	34	11		
Springfield	ss	33	21	su	33	19		
Sterling	sh	32	16	pc	32	11		
Indiana								
Bloomington	sh	36	29	pc	35	20		
Evansville	rn	40	30	pc	38	21		
Fort Wayne	cl	36	26	pc	36	22		
Indianapolis	ss	35	28	pc	33	19		
Lafayette	pc	31	14	pc	29	5		
Lafayette	sh	37	26	pc	33	19		
Wausau	sh	36	26	pc	33	21		
Wisconsin								
Green Bay	pc	24	10	pc	21	2		
Kenosha	pc	33	18	pc	33	12		
La Crosse	pc	28	11	pc	25	2		
Madison	pc	31	14	pc	29	5		
Milwaukee	pc	28	16	pc	30	8		
Wausau	pc	20	5	pc	17	-7		
Michigan								
Detroit	pc	36	25	pc	34	21		
Grand Rapids	cl	33	22	pc	31	18		
Marquette	pc	23	11	cl	23	7		
St. Ste. Marie	pc	23	14	ss	22	-2		
Traverse City	pc	30	21	cl	26	13		
Iowa								
Ames	sh	29	15	su	34	9		
Cedar Rapids	sh	30	17	su	31	9		
Des Moines	sh	30	17	su	36	11		
Dubuque	cl	32	15	pc	32	9		
El Paso	su	53	30	su	46	26		

OTHER U.S. CITIES

CITY	MON	TUES	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	47	26	su	49	29		
Albuquerque	pc	35	26	sn	32	23		
Albany	su	38	20	su	39	20		
Amarillo	pc	38	20	su	46	22		
Anchorage	pc	31	24	pc	26	20		
Asheville	cl	65	55	sh	57	26		
Aspen	cl	18	-6	su	26	7		
Atlanta	cl	67	61	sh	64	30		
Atlantic City	rs	41	40	su	51	31		
Austin	pc	58	35	su	56	33		
Baltimore	rs	37	17	su	45	32		
Billings	su	34	25	pc	40	31		
Birmingham	ts	71	46	sh	52	29		
Bismarck	pc	24	11	pc	17	10		
Boise	su	36	19	pc	37	23		
Bozeman	pc	38	30	sn	35	30		
Brownsville	pc	84	47	pc	61	43		
Buffalo	pc	35	24	sh	33	23		
Burlington	pc	30	22	sh	31	24		
Charlotte	pc	64	56	pc	66	33		
Charlottesville	pc	69	60	ts	69	30		
Charlottesville	pc	44	38	sh	41	24		
Chattanooga	ts	66	53	sh	58	28		
Cheyenne	pc	25	13	pc	35	24		
Cincinnati	rn	38	31	pc	36	19		
Cleveland	cl	37	33	pc	36	27		
Colo. Spgs	ss	28	9	su	39	19		
Columbia MO	ss	31	18	pc	35	15		
Columbia SC	pc	72	60	ts	69	39		
Columbus	sh	39	31	ss	35	20		
Concord	pc	33	20	ss	29	23		
Corpus Christi	sh	75	42	pc	61	38		
Crawford	pc	48	33	pc	36	19		
Dallas	su	79	66	ts	52	33		
Daytona Bch.	su	48	33	ts	82	54		
Denver	pc	32	18	su	43	25		
Des Moines	sh	17	9	pc	16	10		
El Paso	su	53	30	su	46	26		
Fairbanks	su	-3	-6	pc	1	-9		
Fargo	pc	14	4	pc	11	-10		
Flagstaff	su	33	11	su	33	14		
Fort Myers	pc	87	71	ts	82	68		
Fort Smith	rn	43	28	su	48	26		
Fresno	pc	55	35	sh	57	40		
Grand Junc.	pc	35	13	su	33	12		
Great Falls	pc	35	29	pc	44	33		
Harrisburg	rs	36	34	rn	40	29		
Hartford	cl	37	28	rs	33	25		
Helena	pc	31	19	pc	38	13		
Honolulu	pc	83	74	pc	83	73		
Houston	ts	74	39	su	53	37		
Int'l Falls	pc	9	3	pc	7	-23		
Jackson	ts	69	45	pc	67	46		
Jacksonville	su	80	66	sh	81	47		
Jamez	su	35	31	ss	35	33		
Kansas City	ss	29	18	su	37	15		
Las Vegas	su	51	31	pc	50	32		
Lexington	cl	42	35	rs	38	23		
Lincoln	cl	34	17	su	41	13		
Little Rock	ts	43	31	pc	47	28		
Los Angeles	pc	69	45	pc	67	46		
Louisville	sh	41	33	pc	40	24		
Macon	pc	75	62	ts	67	34		
Memphis	ts	48	33	pc	43	26		
Miami	pc	82	75	pc	82	71		
Minneapolis	pc	22	8	pc	20	5		
Mobile	ts	74	56	rn	60	36		
Montgomery	sh	74	57	rn	62	32		
Nashville	ts	59	37	sh	42	25		
New Orleans	ts	79	49	pc	53	39		
New York	ss	37	36	rn	40	32		
Norfolk	pc	62	52	ts	82	54		
Ola, Okla.	sh	36	24	su	48	25		
Omaha	cl	29	18	pc	38	13		
Orlando	pc	84	69	ts	83	60		
Palm Beach	pc	83	75	ts	83	70		
Palm Springs	su	64	44	pc	62	41		
Philadelphia	rs	36	34	rn	41	29		
Phoenix	su	62	40	su	64	42		
Pittsburgh	sh	39	34	ss	37	23		
Portland, ME	su	35	23	ss	33	25		
Portland, OR	pc	47	31	sh	44	35		
Providence	pc	65	57	sh	67	35		
Raleigh	pc	65	57	sh	67	35		
Rapid City	su	35	17	pc	42	25		
Reno	su	41	28	cl	39	25		
Richmond	su	50	43	pc	60	30		
Rochester	pc	36	23	ss	34	24		
Sacramento	su	53	33	ss	53	42		
Salem, Ore.	pc	45	28	sh	42	32		
Salt Lake City	pc	31	15	su	34	16		
San Antonio	pc	69	36	ss	55	29		
San Diego	pc	67	48	pc	66	46		
San Francisco	pc	54	42	sh	54	48		
San Jose	pc	84	77	sh	84	77		