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## Dems lay case for impeachment

Judiciary report: President Trump has ‘betrayed the Nation’

By **LISA MASCARO**  
AND **MARY CLARE JALONICK**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats laid out their impeachment case against President Donald Trump on Monday, a sweeping report accusing him of betraying the nation and deserving to be ousted, as key lawmakers began to signal where they stand ahead of this week’s landmark votes.

What Democrats once hoped would be a bipartisan act, only the third time in U.S. history the House will vote to impeach a

president, is on track to be a starkly partisan roll call Wednesday. No Republicans are breaking with the president and almost all Democrats are expected to approve the charges against him.

A raucous town hall Monday in the Detroit suburbs put on display the nation’s wrenching debate over the unconventional president and the prospect of removing the him from office. Freshman Democratic Rep. Elissa Slotkin was both heckled and celebrated as she announced her support for impeachment.

“There’s certainly a lot of con-

troversy about this,” Slotkin told the crowd of 400. “But there just has to be a moment where you use the letter of the law for what they were intended.”

Trump faces two articles of impeachment brought by Democrats. They say he abused the power of his office by pressuring Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden and obstructed Congress by aggressively trying to block the House investigation and its oversight duties as part of the nation’s system of checks and

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Freshman Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Mich., was both heckled and cheered as she announced her support for impeachment.

*“The more difficult you make it to open legal businesses, the larger the black market is going to remain and the lower your tax revenues. A lot of people don’t want to see marijuana shops on every street corner.”*

— Carl Davis, research director at the Washington, D.C.-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy



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A dealer prepares marijuana for customer orders in July. Illegal state sales of marijuana are expected to outpace legal sales at least through 2024.

## The other weed market

What happens to dealers’ sales when recreational pot goes legal?

By **ALLY MAROTTI**

Recreational marijuana sales start Jan. 1, but it could be years before pot users abandon their black-market weed dealers.

Chicago-area residents who buy marijuana from dealers say they’re excited to buy it from stores, to learn more about the products and not risk the fines or criminal charges associated with illegal weed possession. However, the obstacles of moving cus-

tomers away from the black market are mounting.

The legal weed industry is expecting shortages next year, which could mean higher prices, buying limits and empty shelves at stores. If marijuana sold in stores is too expensive or there is a lack of product at convenient locations, buyers might stick with their dealers.

Illegal sales of marijuana in Illinois are expected to outpace legal sales at least through 2024,

according to data from cannabis industry research firm BDS Analytics.

“The future of cannabis is converting people away from the black market, which is not hard to do if you can get them in the store,” said Richard Park, a consultant for marijuana stores, including Dispensary 33 in Chicago’s Andersonville neighborhood.

So far, 35 operating medical marijuana stores around the state have received approval to sell

recreational weed. The Pritzker administration has acknowledged that Illinois’ cannabis industry is designed to grow gradually.

Some experts say the black market will never disappear entirely. There still will be underage customers, those who won’t leave their dealer and people who supplement marijuana they buy legally with black-market purchases.

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Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg attends a church service in South Carolina.

## African American friends are vouching for Buttigieg

Presidential hopeful trying to fortify weak spot

By **BILL RUTHHART**

ROUND O, S.C. — When Pete Buttigieg visited a fifth-generation African American farm and vineyard in rural South Carolina, the Democratic presidential contender wasn’t the only elected official from South Bend, Indiana, in attendance.

One of the city’s council members, Sharon McBride, was among the nine participants seated on the lawn of a 1940s

shotgun farmhouse, and she was the only one who did not speak during the lengthy and cordial conversation. At another roundtable Buttigieg held in North Charleston with low-wage workers, McBride again was seated on the panel and did not say a word throughout the friendly event.

But when the third stop of Buttigieg’s recent South Carolina trip didn’t go quite as smoothly, McBride sprung from her seat in the front row as her mayor faced

questions about why he seemingly had failed to connect with black voters.

“I can be a witness to some of these things. One of the myths is that he doesn’t have minority support,” McBride, who is African American, told a room of predominantly black Democrats in Allendale, South Carolina.

“If you look at the statistics and the math, I believe in your reelection, you got 80% of the vote, and of the 80%, you have the

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## ‘A pain that will last forever’

Sister remembers 16-year-old fatally shot in Little Village

By **KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS**

Angie Monroy’s family frantically tried to reach the 16-year-old when she didn’t come home from work Saturday night. They called, they texted, they called some more.

Finally, an uncle got through to her cellphone. But Monroy didn’t pick up. It was a Chicago police detective, with the grim news that the bubbly high school junior had been shot in the head.

“They told me that only a miracle could save her,” said Monroy’s 22-year-old sister, Joselyn Monroy. “She was already brain-dead and the doctors couldn’t do anything else. But just, for us, for the family to pray. We asked our family, our friends, the community, our neighbors to please pray for her.

“I’m pretty sure they did hear her prayers, but for her to go to heaven instead of stay here because she didn’t open her eyes anymore,” Joselyn Monroy said.

By 5 a.m. Sunday, Monroy, the trilingual baby of the family, third of three children, the outgoing cheerleader who loved spicy foods like habanero chicken wings, was gone.

Her family isn’t sure how Monroy ended up near the intersection of 24th and Rockwell streets where she was shot, about half a mile from the clothing store where she worked on West Cermak Road.

Joselyn Monroy said her parents had always been clear about their rule that the kids were not to be out on the streets late at night. They preferred Angie Monroy invite her friends to their home



Monroy

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## 10 years after ‘Avatar’

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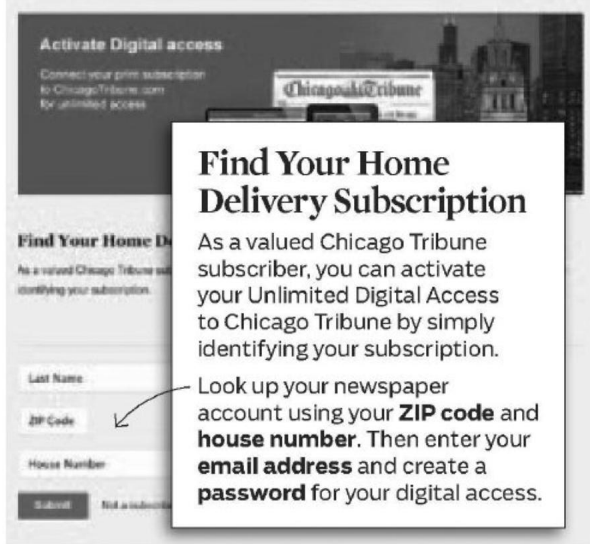
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# Rush Limbaugh suggests people with autism are ‘not well.’ He’s vile.



REX W. HUPPKE

It is wise, if you value basic human decency, to ignore Rush Limbaugh.

The ever-outraged right-wing talk radio host has gurgled angrily for decades now, like an aggrieved and sulfurous geyser. His cruelty gives his fans a rush of adrenaline they presumably can't find elsewhere.

For people like me, Limbaugh is white noise in the whitest sense of the word, a patriarchal old man who puts people like himself atop the power structure and won't allow anyone different — a woman, a person of color, a person with a disability, an LGBT person — inconvenience him in the least.

It's Limbaugh's world, you see. It's a world of white, male dominance, a world where people like him don't have to think about the words they use or whether something they say might offend someone.

And as much as he should be ignored, the size of his audience and the power he still wields in conservative circles makes it important to occasionally look in and understand the vile sauce many Americans marinate in.

So consider what Limbaugh said on his Friday show about Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swedish climate activist who was recently named Time magazine's Person of the Year.

Limbaugh was responding to critics of President Donald Trump who were rightfully appalled that the president mocked Thunberg on Twitter and suggested she “work on her Anger Management problem.”

Limbaugh said: “The first thing to notice about Greta Thunberg is that she's 16 years old. She claims she has Ansperger's type — Ausperger's — or autism — Asperger's — some kind of problem in that area.

“And so she is made the Person of the Year by Time magazine, which is what? A political news magazine. Greta Thunberg has been introduced into the political arena by the worldwide left, including the Democrat Party. They have made her a political figure. They do this on purpose.

“So she's out tweeting and politicizing, and she is free to lie and say whatever she wants to say about climate change and who's responsible for it. And nobody is permitted to



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Rush Limbaugh suggested last week 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg was “not well” because she has Asperger's syndrome.

question her, you see, because she has — what did they call it? She is in the autism spectrum, so you can't disagree, you can't question, because she's not well.”

She's not well. That's what set me off. While you can pick and choose the offensive aspects of those comments, the casual remark that Thunberg is “not well” highlights Limbaugh's reckless disregard for anyone who isn't just like him.

Thunberg has Asperger's syndrome, which means she's on the autism spectrum. Autism is not a disease. And Thunberg is clearly well.

Earlier this year, she tweeted: “I'm not public about my diagnosis to ‘hide’ behind it, but because I know many ignorant people still see it as an ‘illness,’ or something negative.”

Enter Rush Limbaugh, precisely proving the 16-year-old's point.

To suggest that a person with autism is “not well” is demeaning and dehumanizing to anyone on the autism spectrum. It is both factually incorrect and a fundamentally awful thing to say.

The response to that from Limbaugh and his followers will undoubtedly be something along the lines of, “I don't give a damn about political correctness!”

In fact, Limbaugh basically went there as he continued his Friday rant:

“This is a tactic that the Democrats use. They will go out and purposely find disabled people, they will make of them prominent political figures, and when

they do that, I'm sorry, if they're going to put disabled people or any other kind of person in the political arena, they are converting them into a political figure.

“They have put speech codes, they have enforced speech codes and behavioral codes on all of us. They have been slowly but surely taking away as much freedom as they can from the way we speak, from the way we behave, and even from the way we think. And they have gotten away with it because a lot of people are afraid to object to any of it.

“So they go out and they find disabled people — they've used Michael J. Fox this way. They had him out there cutting television commercials for Democrat Senate candidates. ‘Can't respond, can't react, can't criticize, because he has Parkinson's, it's not fair, it's mean-spirited.’ Sorry, it doesn't shut me up. I'm willing to pay the price for what they do. But it's a time-honored trick that they use.”

Look, if the goal of people like me has long been to shut up people like Limbaugh, it has been a catastrophic failure, because he's still filth-babbling for hours each day.

And the suggestion that Democrats are out rounding up people with disabilities to act as ideological human shields is volcanically offensive to people with disabilities, not to mention transparently untrue.

The “THEY'RE TRYING TO SILENCE US!” hustle is as stale as the idea that political correctness is

some great evil. Nobody's trying to silence anybody. All anyone is doing is asking that the Limbaughs of the world treat other people with a measure of respect.

People on the autism spectrum don't want to be described as sick or “not well.” Because they're not sick. And they're not “not well.” They're people. Period.

If you want to disagree with Thunberg's views on climate change, fine. If the attention she has received bothers you, fine. If you feel the need to criticize her — a teenager — for the role she has taken on as a voice for climate advocacy, that's between you and your soul.

But to go after her in a way that brings down people with autism, to belittle people with disabilities by suggesting they would let themselves be used as political pawns, is villainous.

Thunberg and Limbaugh exist on different moral plains.

She's doing what she believes will make the world a better place for everyone.

He's doing what he thinks will make it better only for himself.

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# Chew on, CHICAGO



# Mayor says she fired city spokesman over ‘professionalism’ concerns

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE

The city of Chicago's top attorney under Mayor Lori Lightfoot improperly collected a tax break on his Chicago condo in recent years while living in west suburban Naperville, her administration acknowledged Monday.

Chicago corporation counsel Mark Flessner will be repaying the state about \$2,500 for the Chicago tax break he received but should not have, Lightfoot spokeswoman Anel Ruiz said. The disclosure came amid the fallout Monday of Lightfoot's recent move to fire veteran city spokesman Bill McCaffrey for reasons that remain unclear.

On Monday, Lightfoot denied that Flessner lives in Naperville and defended her decision to fire McCaffrey — a move she said was justified by information “that raised serious questions about his professionalism and his judgment.”

“On the basis of what I was briefed on, there was support for the decision to terminate him for cause,” Lightfoot said at an unrelated Monday morning news conference.

McCaffrey declined to comment.

Lightfoot fired McCaffrey on Friday. Over the weekend, however, the administration released statements about the termination referencing Lightfoot's recent trip to Iowa where she interviewed South Bend Mayor and Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg. The administration said Lightfoot's trip to Iowa “was conducted in her official capacity for a convening of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.”

“The claim that ethics issues raised regarding this trip were the reasoning for Mr. McCaffrey's termination is false,” the statement said.

The administration also said in the statement that Flessner was in compliance with the city's residency requirements and that he “has owned a condo in the city since 2015 and has resided in the condo since January, 2019.”

Lightfoot was asked Monday whether Flessner, a longtime friend and associate who was her campaign committee's treasurer, has a “residency problem” and denied it.

“That's totally false,” Lightfoot said.

State campaign finance records show he donated a total of \$2,650 to Lightfoot in February and March listing a Naperville address, and local officials said he voted in that suburb during the April 2 election. Flessner registered to vote in Chicago on April 23, about three weeks after Lightfoot won the mayoral election and less than a month before she announced him as her corporation counsel, according to the Chicago Board of Elections.

Flessner has voted in both Republican



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot's spokeswoman said Chicago corporation counsel Mark Flessner, left, will be repaying the state about \$2,500 for the Chicago tax break he received.

and Democratic primaries over the years, including most recently in the 2018 GOP contest, his voting record shows.

But Flessner's Naperville home received a break on property taxes that is allowed for a dwelling that is the owner's primary residence. At the same time, he has gotten a homeowner exemption property tax break for a condo he owns in Chicago's South Loop. Property owners are not allowed to have two such exemptions simultaneously.

Flessner will cut a check to the state for about \$2,500 to cover the cost of the Chicago tax break he shouldn't have gotten before moving to the condo this year, Ruiz said. Flessner has not claimed a homestead exemption for 2019, she said.

When reporters asked Lightfoot on Monday morning why Flessner had homestead exemptions on two properties, the mayor replied, “He didn't have homestead exemptions in two places. I don't believe that's correct.”

The residency questions about Flessner come a little over a week after close mayoral adviser and Wilmette resident Lisa Schneider-Fabes resigned from her volunteer post in the mayor's office and her paid job as a vice president at the nonprofit, Lightfoot-controlled World Business Chicago, after the Tribune reported city watchdog Joseph Ferguson was investigating an arrangement that allowed her to collect a paycheck and do work at City Hall without living in Chicago.

Lightfoot, meanwhile, wouldn't elaborate on why she fired McCaffrey but took offense at the suggestion it was because he

raised ethical concerns.

“I think I've set a pretty clear standard that if anyone's going to work in our administration, they have to do their job at a high degree of competence, they have to be a good colleague, and number three, they have to have the highest ethical standards meaning they can't lie either through omission or commission,” Lightfoot said. “I think I've set a very clear standard there.”

McCaffrey was hired in 2005 to the Department of Consumer Services in Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration. He worked in several government offices over the years, with stints in the Building Department and the mayor's press office under Daley and Mayor Rahm Emanuel. In 2014, McCaffrey took a job in the press office at Chicago Public Schools, before taking over at the Law Department in fall 2015, about a month before Emanuel released the dashboard camera video of the police shooting of Laquan McDonald.

Over the weekend, reporters from various news outlets praised McCaffrey on Twitter, which Lightfoot referenced on Monday to criticize the news media.

“Obviously Bill McCaffrey was your buddy,” Lightfoot said. “I hope we are not getting to a new standard in media here in Chicago where we have a bunch of unnamed sources, that there's no other information provided, they're throwing out a bunch of chum on the water and people are biting at it as if it's the truth.”

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# Services for Gary's first black mayor start Friday

BY CARRIE NAPOLEON

Richard G. Hatcher, Gary's first black mayor, will lie in state Friday for public visitation at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary.

Funeral services will follow Saturday, also at the Genesis Center.

Hatcher, 86, died Friday. He was mayor for 20 years after winning the seat in 1967 in the midst of the civil rights movement. Hatcher, along with Carl Stokes who was elected mayor in Cleveland the same day, is considered to be the first African American mayor elected to a major U.S. city.

Visitation is from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at the Genesis Center, 1 Genesis Center Plaza, Gary. The service follows at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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,” according to the statement.

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.

His administration is credited with the construction of the Genesis Center, as well as the Adam J. Benjamin Transportation Center.

A bronze statue of Hatcher marking the 50th anniversary of his election stands at city hall.

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

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# 4-year-old boy killed, pregnant mother wounded

BY MICHELLE L. QUINN

A 4-year-old boy was killed as he slept and his pregnant mother was wounded when a gunman fired at their apartment complex in Gary early Monday, according to police.

The boy was shot in the chest around 1 a.m. while sleeping in bed in his home in the 4300 block of West 23rd Avenue, in the Oak Knoll apartment complex, police said. His 27-year-old mother was shot in the arm and suffered graze wounds to the face.

In a release, the Lake County coroner's office identified the boy as Tory'on Dukes.

The two were taken to Methodist Hospital Northlake Campus in Gary, where



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
A stuffed animal was placed outside where a 4-year-old boy died Monday after being hit by gunfire while he slept in the apartment in the 4300 block of West 23rd Avenue.

the boy was pronounced dead. The woman was reported in stable condition.

A neighbor, who asked

that his name not be used, said Tory'on's family was new to the complex, living there no more than six or

seven months. He described them as a nice, quiet family that couldn't have possibly courted trouble.

"There had to have been 20 shots fired," the man said. "It didn't even seem real until I saw them bring (Tory'on) out and put him in the ambulance. He looked lifeless, but I thought maybe (a bullet) grazed his arm."

Gary Detectives James Bond and Edward Gonzales of the Metro Crimes task force were at the apartment building investigating Monday afternoon. They confirmed that Tory'on's mother was in stable condition and both implored the community to call with any information.

"Please call us. We have to be the eyes and ears for this little boy," Bond said.

Gonzales pointed to the back of the apartment, where at least 14 bullet holes pierced the exterior.

"Look how close that bullet hole is to that window (in the apartment next door). Those bullets could've gone into anyone else's apartment," he said. "(Tory'on's family) should be celebrating Christmas. It's pretty heartbreaking to see, especially if you have children of your own."

Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, asking for the public's help, said in a statement that police can't resolve violence alone.

"We are devastated about the death of 4-year-old Tory'on Dukes. Gary police are working actively with the Metro Homicide Unit to insure that the individual or

individuals responsible for his death are held accountable," she said in a statement.

Police told WGN-TV that it appeared the shots were fired from outside the apartment, where the boy and three other children were sleeping. No one was in custody.

Gary police spokesman Cmdr. Jack Hamady didn't immediately return a request for comment.

Tory'on's death is the second tragedy his family has endured this year. His father, Tory Dukes, 32, was shot and killed Sept. 3 in Chicago, according to previous reports.

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## 75-year-old charged in assault of FBI guard

Had previously been banned from local headquarters

BY JASON MEISNER

A 75-year-old man was charged Monday with assaulting a female security guard while trying to enter the FBI headquarters in Chicago while carrying a gun and knife in a backpack.

Joel Rosero was charged in a criminal complaint with one count of assault for the alleged attack Friday afternoon at the FBI building in the 2100 block of West Roosevelt Road.

According to the charges, Rosero had been previously banned from the facility "because of his repeated prior contacts with the FBI and attempted entries" at the building. His name and photo were posted at the main security checkpoint, the charges said.

About 3 p.m. Friday, Rosero entered the checkpoint carrying a green backpack and tried to go through the screening station. When the guard told him to leave, Rosero said "the boss" had given him clearance to enter the building, the complaint said.

Rosero later told investigators he was talking about FBI Director Christopher Wray, according to the charges.

The guard — identified only as "Officer A" — ordered him to go back through the metal detector, but Rosero refused. When the guard attempted to push him back, Rosero grabbed her forearm, and she forced him to the floor.

Rosero kicked the guard several times in the leg while he was on the ground, prompting her to "hit Rosero with her baton in an attempt to subdue him," the complaint said.

Other officers arrived to help subdue and handcuff Rosero. Investigators found an unloaded Smith & Wesson .38-caliber revolver and a small serrated knife in his backpack, along with five rounds of ammunition, a rope and \$3,170 in cash, according to the complaint.

Rosero later told the FBI he was carrying the items because he intended to "arrest" someone who "was being rude to and abusing an acquaintance of his," the complaint said.

The guard initially said she was not injured but over the weekend reported being in pain and having swelling to her lower left leg, the charges alleged.

A spokeswoman for the Chicago FBI said the bureau was aware of the incident and that the "situation was quickly resolved," but she declined further comment.

A detention hearing was scheduled on Tuesday for Rosero, court records show.



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The Rev. Jesse Jackson, right, founder and president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, attends meeting with Hopkins Park Mayor Mark Hodge, center, Pembroke Township officials and Nicor Gas company representatives, in Hopkins Park on Monday.

# Rev. Jackson backs township in decadeslong fight for heat

Impoverished part of Kankakee County has no pipeline for natural gas service

BY JOHN KEILMAN

PEMBROKE TOWNSHIP, Ill. — In all the years Thomas Levi has lived in this economically depressed community near Kankakee, he hasn't been able to rely on a simple convenience that most Illinois residents take for granted — natural gas heat.

No pipeline serves the township and its 2,100 residents, forcing them to rely on propane, wood-burning stoves and electrical space heaters. Compared with natural gas, those are expensive and occasionally dangerous ways to try to keep warm, and longtime residents like Levi wonder why the deprivation still continues.

"Everyone else has (gas service)," said Levi, a 52-year-old construction worker who uses propane and electrical heat at his home. "I'm unclear why it's so hard for us to get it."

But the decadeslong push for a gas pipeline has a new champion, and that has some here optimistic that a change could finally come.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson is trying to broker an agreement between Nicor Gas and various government agencies that would prompt the utility to extend service to the township, a project intended not only to improve quality of life, but to encourage new businesses to locate in the rural enclave.

"This is our work — fighting poverty and connecting people," Jackson said Monday following a meeting on the pipeline in

Hopkins Park, the township's lone municipality. "This is the right moment to move. We have a governor who's sensitive and we have people (in power) who care."

Pembroke Township has long been recognized as one of the poorest areas in the state. Some roads are made of gravel, many homes are in desperate need of work, and few businesses offer employment. Hopkins Park Mayor Mark Hodge said extending a gas pipeline to the area is critical for economic development.

"In order to have commercial business, you have to have natural gas to heat these large buildings," he said.

Hodge said he enlisted Jackson in the cause after meeting him at a Rainbow/PUSH event several weeks ago. Jackson took an immediate interest and promised to help, and since then, he has organized meetings with Nicor executives and government officials.

The latest came Monday at a Hopkins Park church. Marie LaPorte, the utility's director of customer development, said extending the pipeline to the area would cost more than \$8 million. A roughly \$3.25 million "deposit" would be needed to offset the cost, she said.

Where that money would come from is unresolved. Some at the meeting questioned whether Illinois' \$45 billion infrastructure bill, passed over the summer, could absorb the cost. State Sen. Patrick Joyce, a Democrat who represents the area, said



Pembroke Township resident Thomas Levi, 52, walks to work in Hopkins Park on Monday.

the state was "committed" to defraying some of the expense — but not all of it.

"I think the state could definitely contribute a third of it at this point," he said. "We have the feds at the table, we have the state at the table. I think that we can get it done."

The township has for decades been a home for African American farmers — its population today is 80 percent black, according to the Census Bureau — and Jackson suggested race has played a role in the area's lagging infrastructure.

"It just happens to be that we're poor and black," he said. "That's what the real deal is. But let's not linger there. What can we do now?"

The parties agreed to meet again in January to continue working on a deal.

Afterward, Dr. Rodney Alford, a physician who worked in the community for 30 years before moving to an adjacent county, said the lack of a natural gas pipeline has created hazards for some residents.

Some get injured in fires stemming from their wood-burning stoves, he said, while others inhale noxious chemicals.

"They need natural gas," he said. "It's more of a health issue, in my perspective, than an economic issue."

Mark Baines, chief of the Pembroke Fire Protection District, said while he sees cases of smoke inhalation stemming from wood-burning stoves, fires are mostly caused by malfunctioning electrical space heaters.

"It's too many watts for the wires in the wall, (fire) catches in the wall and there goes the house, especially in mobile homes," he said. "In 30 minutes it can (burn) to the ground."

News stories about the township's desire for gas service go back more than 20 years. Hope swelled in the early 2000s when then-Gov. George Ryan, whose political base was Kankakee County, announced that he wanted to build a \$100 million women's pris-

on there, a project that would have prompted the construction of a gas line.

But Ryan left office before the prison could be built, and his successor, Gov. Rod Blagojevich, canceled the project, citing budget woes. With Jackson at his side during a 2003 news conference in the township, Blagojevich said he was considering using the site for a drug treatment center or job training, but Hodge said nothing has happened there since work ended on the prison.

Jackson pledged to cut through the politics this time, and Hodge, who is in his second term as mayor, was optimistic that with the famous civil rights leader's involvement, things will be different.

"He shows a true concern for the community," Hodge said. "... He said he was going to help us get (a gas line), and he's kept his promise."

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# Pot

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“We can’t assume that everybody is going to want to immediately move to the legal marketplace,” said Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat and one of the main sponsors of the bill that legalized recreational marijuana.

She pointed to other industries as comparisons for how illegal sales can persist or dissipate over time. “We don’t have a lot of bootleggers and rum runners anymore, but we do have people selling illegal cigarettes.”

Though it’s hard to know exactly how much money is trading hands on the marijuana black market, Cassidy said lawmakers plan to watch for a reduction in street markets and movement into legal sales.

If the black market stays strong, it could undercut sales at licensed stores. That’s a hit to the potential tax benefits Illinois stands to receive. A still-strong black market also could affect communities and people affected by the war on drugs because a portion of the tax revenues are earmarked for reinvestment into those areas.

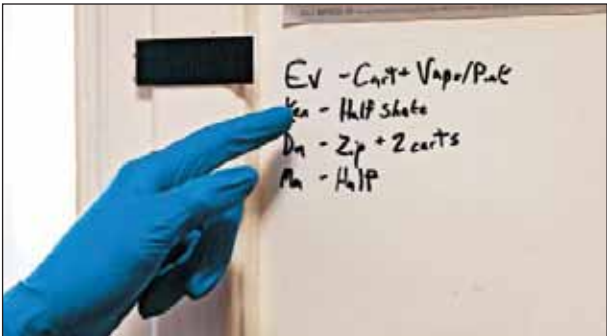
“If we aren’t cutting into the street-level components that are driving violence, if we don’t build the marketplace sufficiently ... if we don’t bring in the revenue, there’s less to go to those communities,” Cassidy said.

## The tax factor

For some, being able to legally buy marijuana products is more important than getting a good deal. Especially when sales start, there will be an attraction to be part of something historic, regardless of the price.

Phil, a 35-year-old Chicagoan who asked the Tribune not to use his last name, said that every month, he purchases about an ounce of marijuana from a dealer.

“My go-to person, whatever they have is just what-



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A pot dealer keeps track of customer orders in July.

ever I take,” he said. “In terms of availability, that person is seldom dry. There’s always weed in Chicago.”

Still, he’s ready to leave his dealer and start buying from a licensed store. He said he expects the prices will be higher, but he’s willing to dig deeper in his wallet to buy it legally.

“Everything has a price,” he said. “The legality definitely outweighs the price there.”

Experts say that’s not true for everyone, however. If people can get weed cheaper from a dealer, there’s a good chance they will.

Prices for marijuana, like any crop, rise and fall based on supply and demand. As more dispensaries and growing facilities open in Illinois, the supply will increase.

In the Chicago area, people pay slightly less for marijuana on the black market than they do in medical dispensaries, based on data from a crowdsourced website. But the medical marijuana for sale in dispensaries now is not subject to the additional state and local taxes that will be tacked onto recreational sales next year.

Taxes vary by product and by the amount of the psychoactive ingredient THC, a cannabis compound that gets users high, in the product. Marijuana-infused products will be taxed at 20%. All other marijuana with 35% THC or less will be taxed at 10%, and marijuana with THC content higher than 35% will be taxed at 25%.

For example, if 3.5 grams — about one-eighth of an ounce — of marijuana with

22% THC cost \$60 at a cannabis store, it would have \$6 in cannabis taxes tacked on to the final bill.

That’s in addition to standard state and local sales taxes, and the special taxes municipalities can add to marijuana sales.

“There absolutely will be a point where overtaxation could drive people into the unregulated market,” said Kristi Kelly, who recently stepped down as executive director of Colorado’s Marijuana Industry Group. In that state, illegal pot sales have been cut in half since weed was legalized in 2014.

Any changes to the state’s marijuana tax policy would take time, as the tax structure was written into the law Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed earlier this year that legalized recreational cannabis.

## Convenience considerations

A 31-year-old Humboldt Park woman who asked the Tribune not to use her name said she looks forward to the convenience of buying at a dispensary, even though she currently purchases weed from a group that delivers it to clients.

“Within an hour they’ll come over and they show you what strains they have and let you smell,” she said.

However, the woman said she goes to a friend’s house because she’s not comfortable with the people she buys from knowing where she lives.

Stores selling recreational marijuana will be allowed to operate between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., though operating hours vary by

dispensary.

Whether stores truly are convenient will depend on how many are allowed to open and where they can locate, said Carl Davis, research director at the Washington, D.C.-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

“The more difficult you make it to open legal businesses, the larger the black market is going to remain and the lower your tax revenues,” Davis said. “A lot of people don’t want to see marijuana shops on every street corner ... so you have to get the balancing act.”

Other states have seen this firsthand.

Recreational sales started in Massachusetts in November 2018, and 77% of sales still occur on the illicit market, according to BDS data. There are about 30 stores open, meaning it’s sometimes more convenient for buyers to stick with their dealers.

There are 55 medical marijuana dispensaries in Illinois, including 31 in the Chicago area. The state is approving those dispensaries that applied to sell recreational weed on a rolling basis, but if a municipality votes down recreational sales, the state approval is moot. Residents of communities such as Naperville and Arlington Heights, for example, will have to go to a different town to legally buy weed.

Illinois has yet to award a license for a second location to any company already operating a medical dispensary. In Chicago, no dispensaries will be allowed to open along the Magnificent Mile, the Loop or in large chunks of River North along the lakefront.

One dealer who spoke with the Tribune is not at all concerned about legal shops impeding his business.

“I see it opening the door to more clients for me,” said Jamie, who asked the Tribune not to use his last name. “There’s still that fear of you get caught smoking, you get in trouble. Once that’s actually officially gone away, it’s just going to be more people willing to try it.”

Every few weeks, Jamie gets a pound or so of marijuana from another person who gets it from Michigan or California, and sells it to people around Bridgeport. His sales to customers range from about \$10 to \$300, he said.

The location of legal shops will be key to his future, said Jamie, 33.

Chicago’s recreational cannabis rules created seven zones for marijuana sales. Initially, no more than seven dispensaries will be allowed in each zone. Bridgeport is in the Southwest zone, which already has two dispensaries, and is set to get five more.

“Unless they build a spot right in the smack dab of Bridgeport, I’m set,” he said.

## Dealer’s income down

One dealer, whose primary source of income since 2013 has come through selling marijuana, already has seen a roughly \$20,000 dip in yearly earnings that typically reach about \$80,000. Even though sales aren’t legal yet, the stigma around using cannabis is falling away. It’s easier to get weed, and that can drive prices down.

That dealer, who asked the Tribune not to be identified, is getting anxious about the shrinking income.

“I know that with the black market here, my profitability will go down,” the 29-year-old said one afternoon, weighing ounces and grams of various strains for clients. “People will get used to going to the dispensaries.”

The dealer was preparing four orders, sifting marijuana back and forth in a colander. The loose leaves fell away from buds and into a silver bowl below.

“(I’m) scared for my own economy,” the dealer said. “But ultimately this needed to happen a long time ago. My job shouldn’t really exist.”

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# Administration warns against medical pot manipulations

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Responding to growing concerns over shortages and price gouging involving medical cannabis, Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s administration warned Monday that he will crack down on any “bad actors” who may violate laws meant to protect patients.

“Illinois is the only state in the country to write protections for medical cannabis patients into the law and the Pritzker administration is working to ensure supply is protected for patients who rely on it,” Pritzker’s spokeswoman Jordan Abbudayyeh wrote in a statement. “Bad actors who violate the law will face consequences. ... The administration will continue to monitor supply as we implement and administer the program.”

The statement came in response to lawmakers’ concerns about potential shortages and price increases in anticipation of recreational sales becoming legal in Illinois New Year’s Day.

State lawmakers highlighted those concerns in an open letter sent to the cannabis industry Monday.

“Medical cannabis patients and caregivers have increasingly raised concerns to us and to the media about product shortages, and alleged product & price manipulations,” the sponsors of the legalization and medical cannabis laws wrote.

The law that will legalize licensed sales of up to about 1 ounce of cannabis on Jan. 1 requires that dispensaries maintain a one-month supply of cannabis for registered patients. Regulators are tracking growers’ and sellers’ inventory monitoring systems, and may issue fines, or suspend or revoke licenses for violations of the law.



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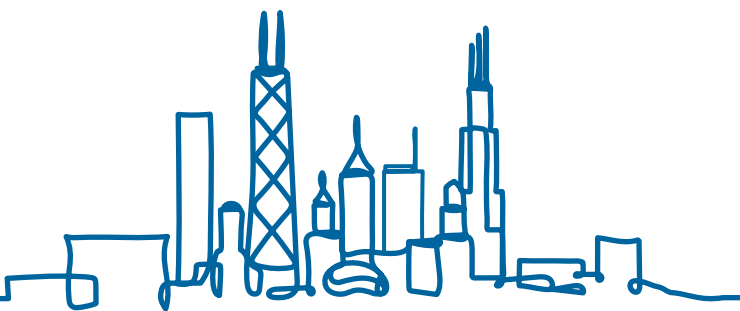
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instead, but she also loved frequenting the mall, Buffalo Wild Wings and a nearby Mexican yogurt shop for ice cream or ice pops, her sister said.

“My mom, even right now, she always tells us like, ‘See, this is why I told you guys not to do this, not to do that. Like, look what happened, your sister’s not here,’” Joselyn Monroy said.

Monroy had texted her sister about 9:30 p.m., saying she didn’t need a ride from their 19-year-old brother, that she would get a ride with a co-worker. It isn’t clear how she ended up walking.

“We are all wondering what happened, what was she thinking in her mind,” Joselyn Monroy said.

“She would never just leave or not let us know that she’s going somewhere else. We thought the worst.”

According to police, Angie Monroy was shot about 9:45 p.m., even before Joselyn Monroy had a chance to text her back.

A man who was walking south on Rockwell told police the shooter or shooters yelled gang slogans at him on the street before he heard someone fire at least eight shots, sources said. The witness turned around and saw Monroy had been hit. The witness was the one who called 911, Joselyn Monroy said.

Like at least two other people who were shot in the Little Village neighborhood in the past few months, Joselyn Monroy believes her sister was “in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

On Halloween, a 7-year-old girl was shot while trick-or-treating and authorities believe she was caught amid a violent gang conflict. A 15-year-old boy later was arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder.

Frank Aguilar, a 32-year-old nurse was shot to death Nov. 12 as he carried laundry and snacks for his young relatives. Aguilar had no gang affiliation, and police said the shooting, which



FAMILY PHOTO

Angie Monroy was a cheerleader her freshman year at Benito Juarez Community Academy.

occurred in an area with a gang conflict between the Latin Kings and the Two-Six, was “possibly” a case of mistaken identity.

A GoFundMe page set up by Joselyn Monroy described Angie as “smart, thoughtful, beautiful and loving. My family’s pride and joy.”

Donors had contributed nearly \$13,000 for Angie’s funeral and memorial costs by Monday afternoon, less than 24 hours after it went live.

“Angie’s (loss) has left us in great grief. Losing a sibling and losing a child is unbearable pain. A pain that will last forever,” Joselyn Monroy wrote. “My little sister had so many goals ahead of her and so many things to look forward (to).”

One of those goals was to one day travel to Paris, Monroy’s sister said. Monroy loved the French classes she had taken the past three years at Benito Juarez Community Academy and she was fluent enough in the language to be considered trilingual; she also spoke English and Spanish.

Joselyn Monroy said her sister loved children above

all else and treasured time with her young cousins, ages 3 to 8. Monroy thought maybe she would grow up to be a teacher or a day care worker, but at other times she told her older sister she thought she’d like to be a firefighter, despite her small frame.

“She had the heart of a child, honestly,” Joselyn Monroy said.

Joselyn Monroy said it was difficult to describe just how outgoing, loving, happy and kind her sister was. Angie was athletic and, along with cheerleading, she also played basketball and loved playing volleyball, though she wasn’t on the school team.

“I know she’s in a better place where she is going to be looking down upon us,” Joselyn Monroy wrote in her GoFundMe message. “Rest well, my beautiful angel. You will forever be in our hearts with that beautiful smile of yours!”

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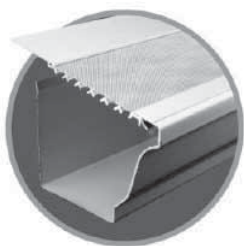
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# Man charged in mall crash indicted in arson case

BY GEORGE HOUDE  
Chicago Tribune

The 23-year-old Palatine man charged with terrorism after authorities said he rammed his SUV through a Schaumburg shopping center has been indicted on new charges of arson and criminal damage to property in an unrelated case.

Javier Garcia pleaded not guilty to the charges during an arraignment hearing Monday in the Rolling Meadows branch of Cook

County Circuit Court. The charges stem from a Sept. 8 incident in which Garcia is alleged to have set fire in Palatine to a 2011 Silverado pickup truck owned by another individual, according to court records. The alleged incident preceded the Sept. 20 crash in which, authorities say, he rammed his SUV through an entrance door of Schaumburg's Woodfield Mall, spreading fear and panic among employees

and shoppers. He was detained at the scene by two off-duty police officers and was admitted to a psychiatric hospital for a week before being formally charged, authorities said. In the new case, Palatine police Cmdr. David Weeks said Garcia was identified as the person who set fire to the truck by stuffing a T-shirt soaked with charcoal lighter



Garcia

into its gas tank. The truck was parked in a lot at One Renaissance Place, and officers found a bottle of lighter fluid nearby and were able to trace it to a local grocery store. "After he was arrested in the Schaumburg incident, we were able to match his picture with the store's surveillance video," Weeks said. Weeks said it was unclear why Garcia set

the truck on fire. Garcia's attorney, Frank Avila, entered the not guilty plea on the new charges, both felonies. He asked Judge Joseph Cataldo to order Garcia to be transferred to the medical unit of Cook County Jail to be evaluated. Cataldo signed an order for the evaluation after Avila said he made the request at a previous court hearing, but Garcia still remained in general population at the jail. Avila said his

client needs medical help. The state terrorism charge against Garcia carries a six to 30-year sentence on conviction without the possibility of probation. He also was charged with felony criminal damage to property related to the Schaumburg incident. He is being held without bail on those charges. Garcia's next court date is Jan. 27.

George Houde is a freelance reporter.

## Buttigieg

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city of South Bend that is 40% minority. So, minorities also had to vote to get Mayor Pete elected."

Deploying South Bend allies such as McBride on the mayor's behalf is part of a growing strategy from Buttigieg's campaign as he grapples with a persistent struggle to win over black voters. It also comes amid a drumbeat of criticism from some in his hometown that the outgoing mayor didn't do enough in eight years to improve the lives of minorities.

The new approach isn't limited to campaign trail appearances. A social media push with testimonial videos from South Bend leaders of color and an event in the city lauding Buttigieg's work as mayor have aimed to reinforce the outreach, even as the latter drew national attention after it was disrupted by a Black Lives Matter protester.

Buttigieg's campaign has dubbed this effort "South Bend stories," and the message amounts to this: The mayor has support from black and Latino voters and has worked on issues they care about. But don't just take his word for it, here's what members of the community have to say.

With such stories largely being presented by the campaign's ubiquitous social media operation, they also risk coming across as orchestrated and polished instead of authentic.

Asked by the Tribune after his Allendale event if he needed validators like McBride to bolster his appeal to black voters, Buttigieg described it as a key element of his pitch.

"One of the things that I think is really important is that South Bend voices tell South Bend's story, and I'm one South Bend voice, but not the only one," Buttigieg said. "And so, especially in introducing ourselves to communities that don't know us as well, making sure folks hear different voices from South Bend and hear from some of the African American voices who know South Bend's story and who support me, is a very important part of how we introduce me and introduce our story across the country."

But one of the problems with Buttigieg, said veteran South Bend council member Oliver Davis, is that he has always felt the need to have intermediaries guide his interactions with the black community. Previous Mayor Steve Luecke, the longest-serving in the city's history, never needed that help, said Davis, a three-term African American council member.

"One of the things that I appreciated about our mayor before is that he'd just show up at an African American church by himself. He didn't have to be introduced to African Americans. He didn't need his entourage to do that," said Davis, who has endorsed former Vice President Joe Biden over Buttigieg. "Pete doesn't have that type of relationship with people. When you have that type of relationship, you don't need the introduction. After eight years, he still needs it."

### 'South Bend stories'

Buttigieg's complicated relationship with South Bend's African American community first got thrust into the national spotlight last summer amid the fallout of the police shooting death of Eric J. Logan, a



MICHAEL CATERINA/SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A protester grabs a microphone at a recent South Bend meeting of community leaders to discuss the mayor's work.

black robbery suspect who authorities say was armed with a knife.

Neither the officer's body nor vehicle cameras recorded the incident, which only ratcheted up distrust by some black residents toward the police department and inflamed long-standing racial tensions in the northern Indiana city of roughly 100,000 people. Buttigieg spent a week off the campaign trail, working to address the issue, which included an emotional town hall meeting in which several African American residents and activists sharply criticized the mayor's leadership.

If the Logan shooting, which remains under investigation, first brought national attention to the topic, Buttigieg's lagging poll numbers with black voters have only reinforced the scrutiny. While polls in the predominantly white early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire show Buttigieg atop the field, several surveys in South Carolina, the first state with a majority black electorate to vote in the primary, have shown Buttigieg trailing far behind.

The most recent polls in the state have placed Buttigieg's black support at 3% and 0% while two recent national surveys both show him at 2% among African American voters. The South Bend mayor has cast the matter as an issue of familiarity, saying that the more he introduces himself to black voters, the more support he will receive.

In recent days that effort has included a series of testimonial videos from South Bend residents of color posted on Buttigieg's website and shared by his official Twitter and Facebook accounts. The campaign features McBride, South Bend NAACP President Michael Patton, community organizer Gladys Muhammad, small business owner Marilyn Gachaw, professor and community leader Marisel Moreno, education leader Janet Evelyn and Arielle Brandy, the campaign's Indiana state director.

"I think he's aware of the needs of everyone, be it Latinos, be it blacks, be it whites," Gachaw says in her video. Patton says Buttigieg is "intentional about being inclusive, and he's open to diversity" in his testimonial. Muhammad calls Buttigieg "accessible to the community" and noted that he always attended the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration she plans every year.

"He talks to people. He'd go to the black churches," Muhammad says as the video shows the mayor



A guest picks out a button during the Dec. 4 community leaders' gathering to discuss Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

shaking hands with African Americans. "He's real comfortable. He's real."

Muhammad recently organized a public gathering at a South Bend community center, which she said was aimed at countering the national narrative that Buttigieg doesn't have black support in the city. The event, which was promoted by the campaign and attended by some of its staffers but not the mayor, drew about 50 people.

Patton, McBride and Muhammad all spoke at the event along with South Bend council member Karen White, who made it clear her appearance was to speak to the mayor's work and not to give an endorsement.

Monday, the campaign released a list of 11 former, current or soon-to-take-office elected officials in South Bend endorsing Buttigieg. Three are African American: McBride, current city clerk Dawn Jones and former clerk Kareemah Fowler.

Of the city's current nine council members, four of five white members have endorsed the mayor for president (the fifth is a Republican) while only one of its four black members, McBride, has publicly backed Buttigieg. Of the council members who will take office next month, McBride remains the only one of three black members to back the mayor.

At the hourlong community event, black leaders talked about Buttigieg's work for the city, but they frequently were interrupted by a small group of Black Lives Matter protesters, one of whom took a microphone from McBride and declared the entire event "a farce."

Buttigieg's communications director responded by blaming the interruption on supporters of Bernie Sanders (one of the protesters reportedly wore a Sanders hat), leading the Vermont senator's campaign to denounce any such conduct at campaign events.

"It shows kind of where politics has come to, espe-

cially for somebody to interrupt an African American woman who was speaking about her truth and in her experience," Buttigieg said of the event. "But this is the climate that we're in and we need to continue making sure that everyone is empowered to speak their truth, their experience, and in particular, when it comes to South Bend's story."

### Campaign character witness

The South Bend event and campaign videos coincided with Buttigieg's recent farewell address to the city council ahead of his handpicked successor and former chief of staff James Mueller taking over as mayor next month.

In his speech, Buttigieg ticked through an array of improvements and programs that have transformed South Bend from a "dying city" to a "beta city" that serves as a "national model for innovative practices."

The mayor highlighted efforts to provide more affordable housing in predominantly African American neighborhoods and the conclusion of a recent disparity study that resulted in the city setting a goal for women-owned and minority contracting at 15%, up from the current 12%. He noted setting aside \$1 million to help people repair their homes and his well-known "1,000 properties in 1,000 days" program that razed scores of vacant homes in a bid to revitalize neighborhoods. Buttigieg also referenced officers now being required to wear body cameras and undergoing better training practices but acknowledging "we still have a long way to go" in improving trust between residents and officers.

On the campaign trail, Buttigieg's pitch to black voters focuses less on the "comeback decade" of South Bend under his stewardship and more on his "Frederick Douglass

Plan" to address systemic racism by spending heavily to bolster the education, home ownership and entrepreneurship of African Americans while advocating for fairer policing and criminal justice reform.

Davis, the longtime council member and Buttigieg critic, said if the mayor cared so much about those priorities, he would have done more to address them as mayor before running for president.

"It would have given him more credibility on the issue, because he would have had a diverse team of people, including four African Americans on the city council, working on it," said Davis, who lost a Democratic primary bid for mayor this year. "That would have helped him with the issues he's having in South Carolina."

His fellow council member McBride spent three days in South Carolina as a campaign character witness for Buttigieg.

When a voter in Allendale asked what Buttigieg would do for their low-income community, McBride volunteered an answer.

She noted that in her district, new homes are being built and the city has broken ground on a pair of parks. She also mentioned the mayor's work to improve minority contracting, provide Wi-Fi in low-income areas, and increase the minimum wage for city workers from \$7.50 an hour to \$10.10 an hour and \$30,000 per year for full-time workers.

"Those are just a few examples, and I can talk more in detail, about what he has actually done in South Bend that he can do nationwide," McBride told the room of black voters.

During a break between campaign events, McBride said in an interview that the steps Buttigieg has taken on issues affecting black residents in South Bend show he'd have a similar commitment as president. McBride said it's important for people like her to speak up to change some of the negative perceptions around black voters and his candidacy.

"I'm on this trip, talking about my experiences because a lot of people haven't said much. And that's their right — they don't have to and can let him tell his own story," McBride said. "But there is a small group of people who have been talking, and they have painted a picture that all minorities are not behind Pete. And that's just not an accurate depiction."

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## Wheaton cop's lawsuit dismissed

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by a Wheaton police officer who sued the department and the city, claiming she had been a target of sex and age discrimination.

Granting the city of Wheaton's request for summary judgment, U.S. District Judge Elaine Bucklo on Friday ended the lawsuit filed by Officer Jill Uhler. The veteran patrol officer sued the city last year, alleging discrimination after she failed to satisfactorily complete the Police Department probationary period for promotion to sergeant.

In her ruling, the judge said Uhler, who was in her mid-40s when she received a probationary promotion to sergeant in 2016, had not brought forth evidence to support her contention that the city has treated her differently than male officers, or that she had been discriminated against due to age. In addition, Bucklo said the city had provided supporting paperwork to show that Uhler's demotion back to patrol had been based on performance issues.

"... The record of Uhler's performance is replete with evidence of a wide variety of concerns her evaluators expressed over the course of her probationary period, one of which was serious enough to warrant a letter of reprimand and one-day suspension and another of which required her to undergo additional training," Bucklo wrote in her ruling.

Uhler had been a Wheaton patrol officer since 1998 and in 2015 was promoted to sergeant on a probationary basis. However, in late 2016, her superiors in the department wrote a memo recommending that her probationary period be terminated with an unsatisfactory rating and she not receive a permanent promotion. In documents turned over to the court, her superiors at the Police Department cited 17 performance-related incidents involving Uhler.

In one incident, Uhler responded to police call for an armed man but failed to bring ammunition for her rifle, her superiors reported, and she had not removed a safety device, rendering the weapon inoperable even if it had been loaded. She was reprimanded over the incident. Uhler received a one-day suspension when she came to another assignment without her service weapon, the department reported.

She received positive marks for other aspects of her performance, the judge noted, but the overall evaluation was "decidedly negative." Bucklo said the dearth of women in leadership positions in the Wheaton Police Department "raises an eyebrow." However the judge said Uhler had not been able to show that the department subjected her to greater scrutiny than her male counterparts.

"... Uhler has not come forward with the type of evidence that would allow a reasonable jury to conclude that she was demoted because of her sex or her age, rather than her performance," Bucklo wrote.

The city of Wheaton on Monday said Uhler is still employed as a patrol officer. Her attorneys did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

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# NATION & WORLD

## Federal workers to get paid parental leave

Policy could spur more private employers to offer the benefit

BY HOPE YEN AND ALEXANDRA OLSON  
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WASHINGTON — The federal government's 2.1 million employees will get paid parental leave for the first time, a galvanizing moment in the growing movement to bring the benefit to all U.S. workers.

The benefit, which gives 12 weeks of paid leave to mothers and fathers of newborns, newly adopted children or foster children, is part of a defense bill expected to receive final congressional approval Tuesday. President Donald Trump has said he will sign it into law.

The new policy aligns the federal government with many of the country's most powerful companies, which have been leading the charge in aggressively expanding parental leave benefits. It also could set a high standard for other employers, both because of the length of time offered and because the policy would apply to all new parents, not just birth mothers.

"It's a game-changer," said Dan Sprock, director of people and culture at Fairygodboss, a women's career website in New York City that advocates for equality in the workplace.

"It's the largest employer in the country, and it will definitely have an impact on other employers who are already shifting, and it will push employers who have been more reluctant," he said.

The U.S. remains the only



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President Donald Trump thanks participants after speaking at the White House Summit on Child Care and Paid Leave.

industrialized country that does not federally mandate paid parental leave. The vast majority of American workers do not get paid time off to care for a new child, and that will not change with the federal policy.

Even so, it's the first major benefit expansion for federal workers since the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, which provides 12 weeks of unpaid leave.

Federal employees will be eligible for the benefit beginning in October 2020

if they have worked for the government at least a year. The employees are required to return to work for at least 12 weeks after they take the leave, though the government can waive that requirement for medical reasons.

"I'm so excited," said Meredith Irby, 32, a social worker for the federal government in Little Rock, Arkansas. "The benefit will definitely make a huge difference. I already told my husband, 'OK, so we can have a kid in October!'"

After unexpected complications during her pregnancy two years ago, Irby had to borrow six weeks of advance leave so she could spend time with her newborn son. That leave was finally paid back in June.

"My family planning and the decision to have another child had been revolving around the fact that I would have to save up leave for at least another year before I had enough," she said, adding that the new federal policy "means a lot."

One in four women go

back to work within two weeks of giving birth because they can't afford to lose the pay or the job, according to the White House.

The benefit falls short of providing paid time off to care for sick adult relatives or for their own serious medical issue, the biggest reason workers take unpaid leave under FMLA. The projected cost to the federal government is about \$3.3 billion over five years, covered by the existing agency budgets.

"We are optimistic that this momentum will result in a strong, inclusive, paid family and medical leave policy that covers all working people," said Debra Ness, president of the National Partnership for Women & Families.

Everett Kelley, the national secretary-treasurer for American Federation of Government Employees, called the benefit a "large step in the right direction for full family leave."

Parental leave was a priority for high-ranking Democrats, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter and adviser, also highlighted the issue and supports a federal policy on paid leave.

Last week, the White House hosted a summit to discuss the path forward for paid leave and affordable child care.

Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney, the new chairwoman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, had urged the benefit for years, including a bill this year that would have also offered leave for workers needing to care for an ill family member.

Ultimately, congressional Democrats secured agreement with Republicans for a pared-down benefit without coverage for sick spouses and parents, part of a broader deal reached with backing by the White House after Trump's proposed Space Force was included in the defense bill.

Several states already have paid family leave policies, including New York, California, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

## Mississippi man freed months after court rules racial bias

BY EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS  
Associated Press

WINONA, Miss. — A Mississippi man whose murder conviction was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court for racial bias was released from custody Monday for the first time in 22 years.

Curtis Flowers walked out of the regional jail in the central town of Louisville hours after a judge set his bond at \$250,000. A person who wanted to remain anonymous posted \$25,000, the 10% needed to secure Flowers' release, said his attorney Rob McDuff.

At the bond hearing earlier Monday in the city of Winona, Circuit Judge Joseph Loper ordered Flowers to wear an electronic monitor while waiting for the district attorney's office to decide whether to try him a seventh time or drop charges. Flowers also must check in once a week with a court clerk, McDuff said. He said attorneys would file papers asking the judge to dismiss the charges.

Flowers was accompanied from the jail Monday by his attorneys and two sisters, Priscilla Ward and Charita Baskin. The siblings said they were going home to fry some fish for dinner and hang out together.

"It's been rough," Flowers said. "Taking it one day at a time, keeping God first — that's how I got through it."

When asked another question, Flowers sighed, smiled and tossed his hands in the air.

"I'm so excited right now, I can't even think straight," he said with a laugh.

Flowers was convicted four times in connection with a quadruple slaying in Winona in 1996: twice for individual slayings and twice for all four killings. Two other trials involving



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Curtis Flowers smiles during a bail hearing in Winona, Miss., on Monday.

all four deaths ended in mistrials.

Each of the convictions was overturned, but Flowers has remained in jail because the original murder indictment is still active.

During his sixth trial in 2010, Flowers was sentenced to death. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned that conviction in June, finding that prosecutors had shown an unconstitutional pattern of excluding African American jurors in the trials of Flowers, who is black.

After the Supreme Court ruling, Flowers was moved off death row at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman and taken to the Louisville jail.

During the bond hearing, Loper said it was "troubling" that prosecutors had not responded to a previous defense motion to drop the charges against Flowers. He said if prosecutors do not respond, "the state will reap the whirlwind" from him.

Assistant District Attorney William Hopper left the hearing without speaking to news reporters. He declined to comment when asked if the district attorney's office would try Flowers again.

Supporters who were among the more than 150 people packing the wooden

pews of the 1970s-era courtroom hugged Flowers after the judge announced his decision. His father, Archie Lee Flowers, choked back tears. He said the first thing he would do when his son was released, was pray.

The elder Flowers said he frequently visited his son in prison, where they sang and prayed together. He said he has always believed in his son's innocence.

Four people were shot to death on July 16, 1996, in the Tardy Furniture store in the north Mississippi city of Winona. They were owner Bertha Tardy, 59, and three employees: 45-year-old Carmen Rigby, 42-year-old Robert Golden and 16-year-old Derrick "Bobo" Stewart.

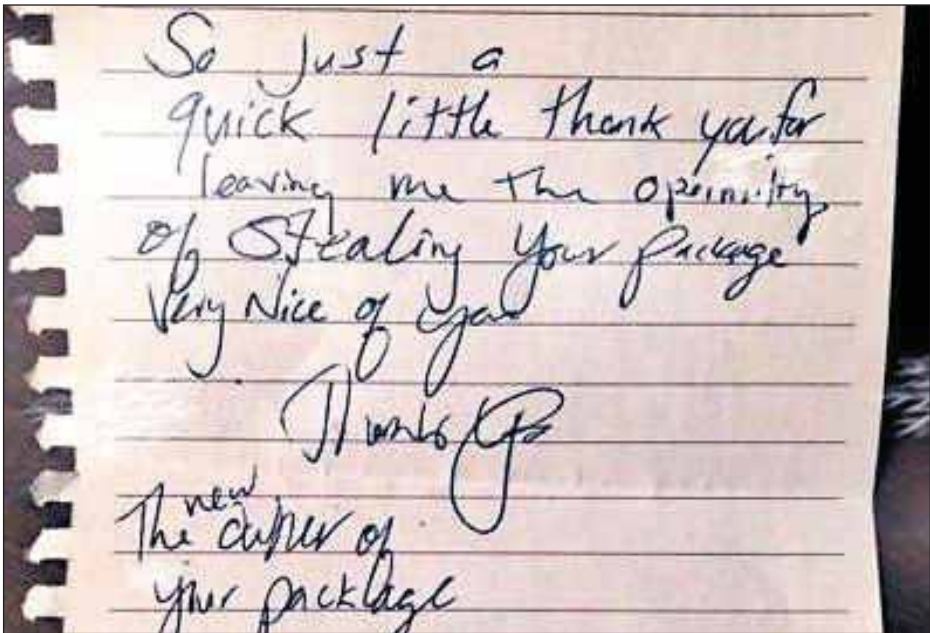
A daughter of Tardy was in court Monday. She sat across the aisle and one row back from Flowers' daughter, Crystal Ghoston, who sat in the front row.

Ghoston, 26, told The Associated Press that she had seen her father only once since he was imprisoned: about 10 years ago, and even then she could only talk to him through a reinforced window. She said they wrote letters to each other and spoke on the phone every few weeks, and that he talked about meeting her 2-year-old daughter, who calls him "Paw-Paw."

"We're so much alike," Ghoston said. "We laugh all the time on the phone."

Ghoston, of Grenada, Mississippi, said after her father's release, they will take their first-ever photo together.

Winona sits near the crossroads of Interstate 55, the major north-south artery in Mississippi, and U.S. Highway 82, which runs east to west. Among its 4,300 residents, about 48% are black and 44% are white. Census Bureau figures show that about 30% live in poverty.



SAINT PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Holiday online orders delivered to homes present enticing opportunities for thieves.

## Package thief leaves 'brazen' thank-you note at front door

BY TIM HARLOW  
Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Hilary Smith opened the front door of her St. Paul home and expected to find a package.

Instead, she found a neatly folded handwritten note on the steps right where the Amazon package had been delivered a few hours earlier.

"So just a quick little thank you for leaving me the opportunity of stealing your package," the note read. "Very nice of you. Thank you, the new owner of your package."

Dumbfounded, she thought a neighbor had played a joke. But no, the box holding a phone charger — a gift for her boss — was gone, another example of thieves taking advantage of the avalanche of online holiday orders. More deliveries left at homes unattended means more opportunities for thieves playing the part of the Grinch.

"It's creepy and I'm mad," Smith said last week. "It's brazen and arrogant."

Police in St. Paul have taken 94 reports of stolen packages since Oct. 1, but

the numbers are likely much higher since thefts are not always reported, said police spokesman Sgt. Mike Ernster.

The problem isn't confined to one city, of course. Sgt. Mike Glassberg of the Hopkins, Minnesota, police department said thieves often follow delivery trucks and hit several houses in the same area.

With the convenience of online shopping, "it has become a big opportunity for thefts," Glassberg said.

Nationwide, 11 million homeowners have had a package stolen in the past year, according to a study from research firm Edelman Intelligence. The firm found that 74% of packages are stolen from homes during the day when homeowners are at work. The average value of the stolen packages? About \$50 to \$100.

Until last week, Smith had never had a package stolen — maybe, she said, because she usually has packages sent to a secure address.

Police, the post office and shipping companies suggest requiring a signature upon delivery or having packages delivered to a workplace or

a trusted neighbor who is home.

The U.S. Postal Service says recipients can have parcels held at the post office or customize a delivery to be left at a specified location. Amazon has a real-time tracking service that allows recipients to track packages, even detailing how many stops a driver will make, so they can be home when deliveries get there.

Several companies also will deliver packages to lockers in grocery stores, shopping malls, office buildings and apartments.

Police say they are working hard to find and arrest thieves, but it's difficult to catch them.

In St. Paul, police have put out bait packages in hopes they will be stolen as police watch. They also collect videos from victims' doorbells and surveillance cameras and post them online to generate leads and "put a face to the crime," Ernster said. Images posted online have led to some arrests, Ernster said.

Ernster said the thank-you note was "unbelievable."



# Trump's health promises thwarted by feuding aides

His own shifting policy demands undermine agenda

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB AND JOSH DAWSEY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Bitter infighting among President Donald Trump's top health officials — as well as his own shifting demands on signature policies — have undermined key planks of the president's health care agenda as he girds for a tough reelection campaign, according to current and former administration officials.

Though polls show the issue is critically important to voters, Trump has failed to deliver on his most important health care promises.

His plan to dramatically lower the prices consumers pay for prescription drugs has been stalled by internal disputes, as well as by technical and regulatory issues, say six people with knowledge of the process. And an administration plan to replace the Affordable Care Act has not materialized even as the administration seeks to strike down the law in federal court.

In recent days, the conflicts between Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Seema Verma have spilled into view with a series of damaging leaks about Verma's use of contractors to boost her profile at a cost of nearly \$3 million to taxpayers and an attempt to re-



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Conflicts between HHS Secretary Alex Azar, right, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Seema Verma have undermined Trump's health care agenda.

coup \$47,000 from the government for jewelry and clothing stolen on a work trip, first reported by Politico.

She, in turn, assigned top staff to probe the leaks and concluded they came from the HHS general counsel's office. A person close to Azar denied he had anything to do with the leaks.

While conflicts within agencies and the White House are not unusual, officials said the tension among various players has grown untenable in recent months.

"This isn't a band of brothers. It's each man on his own. It's a group of mercenaries," a senior administration official said,

noting that senior officials pursue differing and even conflicting policies.

Earlier this year, Verma and White House Domestic Policy Council Director Joe Grogan argued to Trump that the nearly \$200 billion price tag on Azar's signature drug rebate proposal, which had called for ending drugmakers' rebates to insurance middlemen, was exorbitant and would raise Medicare premiums just before the election.

Trump subsequently killed the proposal. Verma and Azar's relationship deteriorated after the meeting, people close to them said.

The two drug pricing proposals Trump has

championed — allowing the importation of certain cheaper drugs from Canada and basing the price of some Medicare drugs on the lower prices paid by several other countries — are both stalled by internal disputes, as well as technical and regulatory issues, say six people with knowledge of the process.

Meanwhile, Verma and her team spent six months working on an ACA replacement plan that she presented to Trump in the Oval Office.

Azar opposed the plan because it contained subsidies, and there was widespread disagreement on it within the White House, a White House official said.

Verma and her backers believe she has become the victim of a "smear campaign," of "strategic leaks coming from inside HHS," said one individual familiar with events from the perspective of her agency. Grogan and some other administration officials have complained bitterly about HHS' management, while Verma told White House officials and the HHS general counsel's office that some women in the department have faced a difficult work environment, officials said.

But those conflicts are not the only factor complicating Trump's efforts to craft a coherent health care message.

Senior advisers have also

found it challenging to navigate the president's moods, interests and mercurial personality, which has led aides to pursue plans that were ultimately scrapped, at times for political reasons. That was evident in Trump's announcement in September that the administration would ban all flavored e-cigarettes, only to have him walk that back last month after campaign advisers said it could lead to job losses and hurt his reelection prospects.

While nearly everyone interviewed for this story acknowledged the administration has not met its biggest health care promises, they point to other achievements to push health care in a more conservative direction. They said they have widened access to inexpensive insurance that does not meet the health law's standard.

They also point to Congress' passage last year of a broad bipartisan bill to address the opioid epidemic that Trump signed into law; a recent rule to increase price transparency by hospitals and health insurers, slated to go into effect in January 2021; an initiative to improve kidney care and organ transplantation; changes to Medicare that resulted in premiums dropping more than 20% in Medicare Advantage; an initiative to end the HIV epidemic by 2030; and a rule that allows employers to pay for their employees' health insurance by subsidizing the price of Obamacare individual market coverage that goes into effect in January.

## Judge rejects Flynn's attacks on FBI; Jan. 28 sentencing set

BY SPENCER S. HSU AND CAROL D. LEONNIG  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Monday rejected Michael Flynn's attacks against the FBI and the Justice Department, setting a long-delayed sentencing for President Donald Trump's former national security adviser for Jan. 28.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan of Washington, D.C., dismissed Flynn's motion to find prosecutors in contempt. In a 92-page decision, Sullivan ruled there was no basis for Flynn's allegations that federal law enforcement officials entrapped the retired three-star Army general into accepting a plea deal and that special counsel Robert Mueller's prosecutors had not wrongfully held back 50 requests for evidence from Flynn's attorneys.

Flynn, who pleaded guilty to lying to investigators about his interactions with Russia's ambassador after the 2016 U.S. election, had been set to be sentenced Dec. 18. Sullivan this month delayed the sentencing pending a report by a Justice Department inspector general on how the FBI handled the Russia investigation, which reviewed topics related to Flynn's allegations.

The report from Justice

Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz released last week found that the FBI was justified in opening its 2016 probe into possible coordination between Russia and four members of the Trump campaign, including Flynn. But the report also found the FBI made significant errors or omissions in applying for intelligence surveillance warrants for one of them, former campaign adviser Carter Page.

Sullivan reviewed Flynn's more detailed accusations that misconduct by the FBI, Justice Department and Mueller's office raised ethical concerns and cast doubt on his investigation, but denied defense claims that they warranted tossing out his plea in favor of a trial or dismissal of his case. Similar to Horowitz's findings, the court ruling undercut arguments that the FBI investigation or Justice Department prosecution of Flynn was unjustified or improperly handled.

Refuting Flynn's claims that he was misled into unwittingly plead guilty to charges, Sullivan wrote that it was undisputed that Flynn told the same lies to the FBI, Vice President Mike Pence, and senior White House officials, who repeated them to the American public, leading to his firing in Feb. 2017.

"The sworn statements



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Former national security adviser Michael Flynn arrives at District Court for a sentencing hearing Dec. 18, 2018.

of Mr. Flynn and his former counsel belie his new claims of innocence and his new assertions that he was pressured into pleading guilty to making materially false statements to the FBI," Sullivan wrote.

The judge also denied Flynn's demands for greater disclosure, saying he "fails to explain how most of the requested information that the government has not already provided to him is relevant and material to his underlying offense — willfully and knowingly making materially false statements and omissions to the FBI ... or to his sentencing."

Sullivan, the longest-serving active federal judge on the U.S. District Court in Washington and a judicial appointee of presidents of both parties, enjoys a nationwide reputation for

championing defendants rights under the so-called Brady rule, which established the government's obligation to turn over evidence that can be useful for the defense.

In Flynn's case, however, Sullivan eviscerated defense claims that the government failed to meet its duties, writing that the court "concludes that Mr. Flynn has failed to establish a single Brady violation."

Sullivan issued his ruling after written arguments by both sides — but without hearing oral arguments — suggesting his dim view of Flynn's legal case.

Flynn could still move to withdraw his guilty plea and face a potential trial, or appeal a conviction, but faces a tougher legal path ahead to avoid a potential prison term at sentencing.

## Trump

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balances.

The president "betrayed the Nation by abusing his high office to enlist a foreign power in corrupting democratic elections," says the 650-page report from the House Judiciary Committee. He withheld military aid from the ally as leverage, the report says, and "Trump, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he will remain a threat to national security and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office."

The report says the president then engaged in an unprecedented attempt to block the investigation and "cover up" his misconduct. "In the history of the Republic, no President has ever ordered the complete defiance of an impeachment inquiry," it says.

Trump, tweeting from the sidelines after instructing the White House not to participate in the House inquiry, insists he has done nothing wrong. He is promoting lawyer Rudy Giuliani's alternative theory that it was actually Biden and Ukraine that interfered, a conspiracy-laden idea that other most other Republicans are actively avoiding.

Sticking to the language he has relied on for months, he tweeted on Monday: "The Impeachment Hoax is the greatest con job in the history of American politics!"

As the House prepares for Wednesday's vote, just a handful of Democrats are expected to break ranks to oppose impeachment as Speaker Nancy Pelosi marches the majority toward a vote she hoped to avoid having Democrats take on their own.

One freshman Democrat, Rep. Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey, lost five key staff members Monday after he said he would vote against impeachment and indicated he was switching parties to become a Republican. Another Democrat, Rep. Collin Peterson, a Minnesota centrist, has not decided how he will vote, his spokeswoman said.

As the House was detailing its case against the nation's 45th president, attention was turning to the Senate where the top Democrat, Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, called anew for fresh evidence and testimony from key White House officials for the Senate impeach-

ment trial.

"What is President Trump hiding?" Schumer said Monday.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is hoping to avoid a drawn-out spectacle in his chamber, though Trump, a former reality TV show host, has signaled that is what he prefers as he seeks vindication. Republicans, who hold the majority, are expected to acquit Trump during a trial starting in January.

In a letter to McConnell, Schumer proposed hearing testimony from former national security adviser John Bolton, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and two others as part of a detailed offer he made to Republicans as an opening offer for negotiations.

Democrats want to hear from Bolton, who once labeled the alternative foreign policy orchestrated by Trump lawyer Giuliani a "drug deal" he wanted no part of. Bolton left the White House in September. The Democrats also want to hear from Mulvaney, who has acknowledged the military aid to Ukraine was being held up, as well as two other White House officials who defied House subpoenas to testify.

McConnell is facing criticism for saying he's taking his "cues" from the White House as he ensures Trump there will not be the 67 votes needed in the Senate to convict the president. Democrats complain that he and other Republicans are not operating as impartial jurors.

The GOP leader is planning to meet soon with Schumer to discuss the contours of next month's trial, McConnell's office said.

The report released Monday by the House Judiciary Committee, a historic marker like those produced during impeachment proceedings for Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton, formally lays the groundwork for the vote.

It outlines the panel's findings and includes those from the Intelligence Committee's monthslong investigation that was sparked by a still-anonymous government whistleblower's complaint about Trump's July phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The House Rules Committee will meet Tuesday in what is expected to be a marathon session to set the parameters for Wednesday's debate.

## Congress deal could fund gun violence research

BY WILLIAM WAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders reached a deal to fund gun violence research for the first time in more than 20 years, a major legislative victory for Democrats, researchers and anti-gun violence activists.

The deal — still pending final approval as negotiations continue over a must-pass, end-of-year spending bill — would send \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health to study gun violence, with each agency receiving \$12.5 million, according to congressional aides.

In a statement, Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., noted the deal comes almost ex-

actly seven years after the devastating elementary school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. "The epidemic of gun violence is a public health emergency. Yet, for more than two decades, Congress has failed to provide any meaningful reforms," said DeLauro, chairwoman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. She said the federally funded research "will help us better understand the correlation between domestic violence and gun violence, how Americans can more safely store guns, and how we can intervene to reduce suicide by firearms."

While gun violence is one of the country's leading causes of death, it currently

receives little research funding. As many people die from guns, for example, as from sepsis infection, yet funding for gun research is less than 1 percent of that for sepsis, a 2017 analysis found.

The lack of money can be traced to a 1996 rule known as the Dickey Amendment, which was passed by Congress under pressure from gun lobbyists. Technically, the amendment forbids the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's funding from being used to advocate for gun control. But the rule had a chilling effect, choking off grant money at federal agencies and essential data-gathering on gun violence.

In an interview last year, Mark Rosenberg, who was heading CDC's research on

firearm violence in 1996 when the Dickey Amendment passed, said he believed the work his staff was doing could have saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

But that research came to a grinding halt when, along with passing the amendment, Congress took away \$2.6 million from the CDC — the exact amount previously allocated to Rosenberg's firearms research. A clear message had been sent to other federal agencies and to the researchers who depend on their funding.

And those limitations slowed the research to a crawl. The few studies conducted in years since have often been limited in scope and often cobbled together with minor grants or university support.







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## EDITORIALS

# The rebuke to Trump that both parties should deliver

As soon as Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives is all but certain to impeach President Donald Trump, delivering a historic repudiation to the nation's leader for his abuse of power in the Ukraine affair. ¶ This will be an act of House Democrats, who apparently will not draw a single Republican away from Trump's defense. In fact, the Republicans may pick up a "no" vote from Rep. Jeff Van Drew, D-N.J., who reportedly will switch parties to avoid alienating his Trump-supporting district. ¶ Presuming that impeachment proceedings move on to the Senate for trial, the roles will be reversed: There is essentially no chance that senators will vote to remove Trump from office. Instead, the majority Republicans likely will vote to acquit him. That would grant Trump another chance to crow about eluding the witch hunters who pursue him.

### Keep Trump from claiming vindication

Let's stop anticipating what *will* happen in the Senate to focus on what *should* happen. There is only one practical way for this episode to end without Trump claiming total vindication: If House members impeach the president, senators of both parties should come together to censure him.

Few in Washington are talking about this option, but given the near unanimity both parties are displaying, it's a resolution that forever would hold Trump responsible for his misconduct.

Based on the evidence presented so far, the Tribune Editorial Board believes Trump committed serious misconduct by attempting to shake down the president of Ukraine for personal political gain. As we wrote in late November, "For Trump to coerce a foreign leader into doing his political dirty work is an indisputable abuse of U.S. presidential power."

In seeking to oust Trump from office, House Democrats assert that his actions betrayed the nation and his pattern of misconduct will continue if left unchecked. This is where our views diverge. While we believe Trump committed wrongdoing, for reasons we stated in our November editorial and will reiterate below, the appropriate punishment should be congressional censure, not removal from office.

### Senators likely will acquit. But they still can censure.

To put it bluntly, House Democrats are overreacting while Republicans are underreacting — pretending there's nothing to criticize in Trump's behavior.

So, given the cold reality that the Senate won't vote to remove Trump, impeachment opens the way for him to claim victory.

Hence our call for censure. Without that, Trump walks.

### The case for punishment

Taking this step by step: The Senate trial provides a chance to reset the clock and present the fullest picture of what transpired. During the impeachment inquiry, Trump chose not to mount a defense. If Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer do their jobs right,



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Americans will hear both sides and make up their own minds about what consequences, if any, Trump should suffer for putting the squeeze on Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Democrats want to hear testimony from several White House officials, including acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and former security adviser John Bolton, but those officials have resisted. They should step forward. The inquiry showed that Trump was willing to withhold a White House visit by Zelenskyy, and reportedly suspended \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine, to get what he wanted: two investigations in Ukraine that would benefit Trump politically. The more details that come out at trial, the better to explore the full extent of Trump's conduct.

This impeachment inquiry hasn't persuaded us the president's actions regarding Ukraine threatened the security and integrity of our republic. Impeachment requires a political rather than legal judgment, and in our view his overstep, while serious, didn't meet the extraordinary standard required to seek to expel a president and thus overturn an election. Trump did pressure Zelenskyy and likely delayed aid. In doing so he didn't jeopardize American governance or national security.

Hence our verdict: Trump does deserve censure — not the freedom to claim exoneration.

### Republicans should hold Trump accountable

What we hope, for the good of the country, is that Trump is not allowed by his Republican colleagues to saunter untouched through the 2020 presidential race. A resolution of censure would spell out in detail Trump's betrayal of trust.

We hope at least some Republican members of Congress would sign on. As we said in November, a condemnation of Trump's conduct would allow a polarized nation to reestablish a common standard of ethical behavior that Trump — in his deviousness and recklessness — has jeopardized.

Censure also could become a significant campaign issue. Trump would wear it as a badge of honor. But Democrats could push the point that he abused his power. On Election Day, voters would get the final say, as they should.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Thanks in part to the ease of applying online — especially through the Common Application, which allows applicants to use one basic form for hundreds of colleges — 36% of students submitted seven or more applications in 2017, up from 10% in 1995. ...

Schools pursue aggressive outreach, urging even fairly unqualified applicants to apply, then boast every spring about how many they rejected, as if exclusivity is proof of quality.

Ballooning application numbers, combined with stagnant class sizes, cause acceptance rates to slide even lower into the single digits at places like Columbia and Pomona.

As a result, high-school seniors apply to more schools just in case, and the vicious cycle continues ... "I try to stress the fact that students are only going to one college," says Nicholas Soodik, associate director of college counseling at the Pingree School in Hamilton, Massachusetts. "These aren't tickets in a raffle," where getting more increases your chances of winning.

Almost nobody needs to submit 20 applications; a reasonable limit would be as low as a half dozen, assuming that students receive meaningful counseling. High schools could enforce the cap by only agreeing to submit a certain number of official transcripts to colleges.

The College Board and ACT could also limit distribution of SAT and ACT results, but they have little incentive to do so, since they make money from sending scores.

Melissa Korn, The Wall Street Journal



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Chicago Tribune  
PERSPECTIVE



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot presides over a City Council meeting last month. The map-making process on the City Council is no longer governed by council veterans.

# Exodus and Chicago

## New census numbers will jump-start remap hypocrisy



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

Quick quiz, Chicago: What national day of observance will occur on April 1, 2020?

No, not the day of pranks and whoopee cushions. It's the other jocular holiday, U.S. Census Day, the date assigned by the federal Census Bureau to remind each household to fill out a census form as part of the national, every-10-years population count.

But those forms don't just determine federal aid. They kick-start the prolonged season of political jockeying also known as redistricting. Census data will not only drive how many seats in Congress Illinois stands to lose — and due to the ongoing exodus of residents, we will lose one or two seats — but also the redrawing of Chicago ward maps.

Do you like your alderman? Want to keep him or her? Better pay attention.

The redrawing of ward boundaries will bring to bear a true measure of progressive credentials on the City Council. Will aldermen slip into their self-interested ways and draw an incumbent-protection map of the city's 50 wards? Or will they draw boundaries that represent the best interests of Chicago's most challenged neighborhoods, which would mean

not chopping them up?

For the first time in several decades, the mapmaking process on the City Council will not be governed by council veterans — mostly old white guys — trying to preserve their jobs and maintain political power from an increasingly diverse base. Former Ald. Dick Mell, 33rd, who oversaw the remap 10 years ago, retired in 2013. Ald. Joe Moore, 49th, and Ald. Patrick O'Connor, 40th, lost their bids for reelection this year. Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, remains on the council but has been sidelined by a corruption indictment. And Ald. Danny Solis, 25th, who handled much of the remap process on behalf of the Latino Caucus, is off the council and in hiding after cooperating with the feds to ensnare his colleagues.

My, my. What a difference a decade and a wiretap make.

That, and exodus. Illinois' declining population has whittled the state's U.S. House representation from a hearty crew of 27 in the 1940s to 18 today. Annual census numbers that will be released in about two weeks will reveal how many more Illinois residents packed moving vans and left for another state during the previous year. It won't be pretty. In addition to population loss, home values across the state have remained stagnant or even slipped since the Great Recession ended in 2009.

So how will next year's census impact Chicago's remap exercise? One thing is for sure: If aldermen again

carve up the South and West sides while keeping thriving areas of the city compact and unified, they will do a disservice to the residents who most need a unified voice. Back of the Yards, for example, is not best served having five aldermen representing a few blocks apiece.

Progressives on the City Council may claim to be concerned about, and driven by, helping the neediest parts of Chicago. But let's see if they're willing to draw a fair map that cuts into their safe spaces on behalf of better representation for struggling neighborhoods.

"My ward is the collection of pieces nobody else wanted at the time. It's almost designed to fail," said Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, whose South-west Side ward is evenly split between Hispanic and black residents and shaped almost like an "X."

It's harder to represent communities that are sliced into several aldermanic wards. Infrastructure projects get bogged down and complicated. Aldermanic menu money is dripped around with less impact. The silo perspective of 50 separate wards gets exacerbated. You might have one side of a neighborhood block in one ward, and the other in another. Communities get "held back," Lopez said.

"They are prevented from advancing in ways other communities can that aren't politically gerrymandered," he said.

Lopez also worries that redrawing ward boundaries will destabilize

neighborhoods further and result in an uptick in violent crime. He sees it firsthand. He is outspoken about violent crime and gang activity in his ward, including opposing a recent \$1.2 million proposed settlement for the family of Heriberto Godínez.

Godínez, whom Lopez described as a known gang member who terrorized the neighborhood, died in 2015 while in police custody for a suspected garage burglary. An autopsy indicated alcohol and cocaine poisoning at the time of his death, but officers also were seen placing a foot on his neck. "No way in hell I'm voting to give \$1.2 million to the estate of a coked-out gang banger that died resisting arrest!" Lopez tweeted earlier this month.

He stands by his tweet. "The entire city wants to see their leaders stand up for their safety and for their children, mothers, fathers, brothers. They're tired of feeling like they're always on the losing end of that battle," Lopez said Monday.

That "losing end" almost always involves remap too. The wealthier, whiter areas of the city don't actually want to employ their progressive philosophies in practice. During remap, the City of Big Shoulders functions more like the city of "not my problem." Don't expect revolution this time either.

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## TAINTED JURY POOL BY JOE "THE LAW ACCORDING TO LINDSEY GRAHAM, ESQ." FOURNIER





# PERSPECTIVE

## GOP legislators, don't be afraid to impeach one of your own

BY SUSANA A. MENDOZA

Why would legislators ever impeach a leader of their own party?

Because it's the right thing to do.

I did it, and it didn't hurt my career at all, even though at the time I thought it would. And I'd do it again if the evidence were as overwhelming as it is in the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump and it was in the 2009 case of Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

As a state legislator, I took on the governor from my own party before it was popular to do so. I can tell you it's lonely at the beginning when you are one of only a few members of your party pointing out your own emperor has no clothes.

But little by little, your colleagues will find the courage to join you because they will realize they have to put the good of their state or country ahead of the good of their party. They will want to be on the right side of history.

That's what happened during the impeachment of President Richard Nixon, who ironically was a hero to Gov. Blagojevich, as I noted on the state House floor in Springfield as we voted to impeach Blagojevich on Nixon's birthday, Jan. 9. "Their common bond of impeachment will unite them in history's dark annals of corruption," I said at the time.

Many of us Democratic legislators had high hopes for the young new governor, son of an immigrant steelworker, elected here in 2002. I worked with him in the early years to pass good legislation until I saw his true colors.

As I worked on legislation to provide increased reimbursement rates to specialty care physicians treating sick children, Blagojevich threatened to hold up that financial help unless the CEO of Children's Memorial Hospital gave him a campaign donation of \$25,000.

That's extortion.

I helped lead the charge on his impeachment, serving as a chief co-sponsor of the bill to create the panel for Blagojevich's impeachment. Democrats and Republicans united to do the right thing. Together, we put state before party.

I urge Republican congressmen and senators not to fear an end to their careers for following their consciences and voting to impeach Trump. They should fear being on the wrong side of history for failing to do their duty.

Just in the last few years here in Illinois, in the middle of all the partisan polarization plaguing our country, Illinois Republican state senators and representatives came to see their own Republican governor was putting the state of Illinois on a path of self-destruction. They were willing to override Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto of the budget and my bill to bring more transparency to state government. So let us not resign ourselves to partisan bunkers. It does not have to be that way.

Early in my legislative career, I resolved my bills would not pass with Democratic votes alone. I made a point of visiting my Republican colleagues' districts, seeing life from their eyes. I voted their way on bills that were important to them. And I could count on them when I needed their help. That's how American democracy is supposed to work. We are all Americans first. Party matters less than that.

Trump held up your tax dollars, which Congress had authorized on a bipartisan basis to help Ukraine fight their war against the Russians, until Ukraine's president would do Trump a campaign "favor" by publicly announcing an investigation of Trump's campaign rival Joe Biden and his son. That's extortion — as clear and simple as it was with Blagojevich holding up money for doctors at a children's hospital. Or you could call it "abuse of power," as it's described in the articles of impeachment.

Illinois' entire Republican congressional delegation signed a letter to President Trump in 2018 spelling out the "abuse of power," "extortion" and "quid pro quo" Blagojevich committed as governor that they said warranted impeachment. They begged him not to pardon Blagojevich because they felt so strongly about not looking the other way from public corruption. They were right to write that letter.

Surely they could not hold their heads up now in public and argue that Democratic abuse of power is impeachable but that Republican abuse of power is ... well, what everybody does?

Congressmen and senators, all that evidence and testimony you have already heard is before you now as articles of impeachment.

Don't listen to your donors, your party enforcers or your extorter-in-chief. Listen to your conscience. It's what will shape your legacy after you've retired from this job.

It's an easy call. Do the right thing.

*Susana A. Mendoza is the comptroller of Illinois.*



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Gov. Rod Blagojevich arrives in the Illinois Senate to make his closing argument Jan. 29, 2009. Later in the day, senators voted unanimously to remove him from office.

## Why I will vote to impeach President Donald Trump

BY DAN LIPINSKI

Congress' extreme partisan polarization has been very harmful to our country. We have gridlocked Washington and failed to address the most important issues Americans face including the skyrocketing cost of health care, our crumbling infrastructure, environmental threats and our national debt. That is why I thoughtfully consider issues and vote in the best interest of my constituents and our country, which means sometimes I deviate from the party line.

In considering impeachment, it is especially important to put aside partisanship, to the extent that is possible. But our current partisan polarization has undermined this impeachment process. President Donald Trump has refused to participate in any manner. Republicans have supported this and blamed the process rather than address the evidence. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said he will work with the White House defense on a Senate trial.

But Democrats are not without blame either. More time should have been spent attempting to compel witness testimony from those with direct knowledge of the president's actions. Many Democrats undermined public views of this impeachment by calling for impeachment and removal of President Trump beginning not long after he was elected, and the House was even forced to vote on impeachment resolutions multiple times.

Despite House Speaker Nancy Pelosi saying, "Impeachment is so divisive to the country that unless there's something so compelling and overwhelming and bipartisan, I don't think we should go down that path because it divides the country," she has decided the House will vote on these articles now.

My concern with voting now is that the process will enable President Trump to declare vindication and come out stronger when it is over. In considering my vote, I begin with the belief that if the articles fail it would be interpreted as a clear exoneration of the president. The Constitution sets up the House as a grand jury, and therefore we simply need probable cause to believe that the president committed the acts. This does not mean that impeachment should be taken lightly, but it must be understood that the House is not voting with a standard that would be used for conviction in a trial.

I have carefully considered the evidence and listened to the arguments. With reasonable inference, there is evidence that President Trump withheld congressionally appropriated aid for Ukraine's defense and a "head of state" meeting at the White House in an attempt to coerce an announcement of an investigation of former Vice President Joe Biden and

alleged Ukrainian interference in the 2016 election. This is an abuse of power. If there were evidence that the president was interested more generally in Ukrainian corruption instead of specifically in a public pronouncement of an investigation which would help him politically, this would have undercut this charge. But there was no such testimony.

It is unfortunate that we did not hear testimony from people with firsthand knowledge of President Trump's actions or see documents containing direct evidence, but this is the president's fault. This would have helped inform Congress and the American people. I believe the House should have allowed more time to press the courts to compel cooperation. But with the evidence we have, I will be voting to move this article to a trial.

The second article attempts to enforce Congress' power to conduct oversight and serve as a check on the president. I have been critical of presidential overreach, no matter who the president has been, because it takes power from the American people by taking power from the people's representatives. It is especially critical that Congress asserts its powers in impeachment. Executive privilege to shield confidential communication from Congress has never been established. Thus the second impeachment article states, "without lawful cause or excuse, President Trump directed executive branch agencies, offices, and officials not to comply with those subpoenas." This blanket refusal demonstrates the president's obstruction of Congress' legitimate power. We cannot cede more power to the executive, which is why I'm also supporting the second article.

Assuming impeachment passes, Sen. Mitch McConnell likely will bring a quick end to the trial. At this point, two-thirds likely won't vote for removal; a majority may even vote "not guilty." Some argue impeachment without removal is a punishment, but the expected Senate trial outcome would give President Trump another opportunity to claim not only exoneration but complete vindication. This will not constrain his actions and may embolden him. It may further weaken Congress. In November 2020, President Trump may be reelected.

The evidence gathered in the inquiry indicates that President Trump should be rebuked for his abuse of power with regard to Ukraine, so I will vote for impeachment. Without question the impeachment inquiry has been validated. But those who pushed House Democrats to move ahead with impeachment at this time may have handed President Trump a major victory.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Journalism at its best

The Tribune's Dec. 12 edition was journalism at its best, the reason we need newspapers. On one of the Perspective pages, there was pictured a very nontraditional Nativity scene — with chain-link cages and barbed wire. The picture was a reference to and statement about present-day asylum-seekers. In this season when we wish each other peace and joy, it was a powerful reminder that many won't experience peace or joy. I was moved by that image to remember other situations in which fences and barbed wire were prominent, places like Auschwitz or the Japanese internment camps. Even without the barbed wire, we seem to create divisions. Are we so fearful of each other?

Back to the Thursday newspaper: Having columnists John Kass and Rex Huppke face each other was brilliant. I hope I'm not the only one to have read both of them.

Thank you for making us think.

— Loretta Kalina, Elmhurst

#### Crisis at the border remains

We don't hear much about immigration anymore. The news media don't report on the topic. The politicians are busy with other issues. It seems like there are no more problems at our southern border. That's not true.

The migrants and asylum-seekers are still at the border, desperately trying to find safety in the United States. There are still hundreds, perhaps thousands of people, in places like Juarez, Mexico, camping in parks and streets. There are still destitute people who have no home.

How do I know this?

I went to El Paso, Texas, and Juarez. I saw these people. I know who they are. I met them.

I was in Juarez with a small group from the Catholic Coalition for Migrants and Refugees. We spent five days living in the migrants' world. It's a scary place. It's a dangerous place.

The Trump administration did not solve the crisis at the border. It just shoved the problem a couple miles farther south. The suffering and fear are still there. Most people just can't see it.

I did.

— Francis Pauc, Oak Creek, Wisconsin

#### Transparency for political nonprofits

In the Dec. 13 Tribune, there is a full-page ad urging people to contact U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood and to tell her she should stop supporting the "Sham Impeachment." The ad was paid for by a group called America First Policies Inc.

I disagree with the message it is promoting, but under the First Amendment, it has the right to spend a lot of money to promote its viewpoint.

But the word "anonymous" does not appear anywhere in the First Amendment.

When groups like America First Policies speak publicly, the people on the board of a nonprofit organization and their major donors should be easily identifiable so that all of us know who is sponsoring this free speech.

I went to the website for America First Policies but could not find out who is on the group's board. Neither could I find out who its major donors are. I did an internet search and found out a little more about who works for the group and the politicians it supports (Donald Trump and Mike Pence in particular), but the information was quite sketchy.

I think it should be required that political nonprofits be required to list members of their board of directors and major donors on their websites.

— Robert Beezat, Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin

#### Greta Thunberg deserves praise

Miss Greta Thunberg is a very courageous young lady and is displaying vision and maturity beyond her years. She should be applauded and encouraged to continue to fight for action from all people and governments because she and her contemporaries have every right to be concerned and angry. Climate change is a very real threat to the Earth and no doubt will continue to create all sorts of problems for future generations.

People who would mock or ridicule Thunberg are ignoring what we are doing to future generations.

Kudos to Time magazine editors for recognizing Thunberg as someone who deserves recognition.

— Donald Evans, Willowbrook

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS



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The buildings at 220 S. State St., left, and 202 S. State St., right, are seen Monday with the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in the background in downtown Chicago.

## Development plan on State Street ends

### Federal courthouse security concerns bring halt to \$141 million refurbishment project for buildings



**RYAN ORI**  
*On Real Estate*

More than two years after a \$141 million redevelopment of a not-so-great section of State Street was announced, the plan has been scuttled over security concerns raised by judges in the nearby Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

Developer CA Ventures' mixed-use project had the potential to enliven the vacant buildings, on the west side of South State Street between Adams Street and Jackson Boulevard, with new retail and 429 apartments.

Recently, though, the city called off its agreement to buy the buildings from a federal agency and flip them to the Chicago-based real estate investment firm, said developer Keith Giles, CA Ventures' partner in the project.

"We had the rug pulled out from under us," Giles said. "We were ready to move forward. We had spent 2½



CA VENTURES

Renderings show the plans to rehabilitate the buildings at 202 and 220 S. State St. by CA Ventures. The company proposed to rehabilitate and restore the buildings, and create new ground-level retail uses and apartments.

years, thousands of hours and lots of money on the project, and the city pulled the plug on us in September."

The city withdrew its offer in response to security concerns federal agencies expressed regarding the redevelopment plan, planning department spokesman Peter Strazzabosco said. He said the city will work this winter with the General Services Administration, the agency that manages federal properties, to repurpose the properties.

GSA spokeswoman Cat Langel confirmed the deal is off and said the

agency is "exploring next steps," but declined to provide additional details.

The deal's collapse calls into question the long-term outlook for a shabby stretch of State Street just east of the Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed courthouse and other federal buildings.

The GSA was told of the city's decision in a Sept. 17 letter from Mayor Lori Lightfoot to GSA Administrator Emily Murphy. The letter also

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## Boeing to halt 737 Max jet production

**BY DOMINIC GATES**  
*The Seattle Times*

SEATTLE — Nine months after the Federal Aviation Administration grounded the 737 Max, Boeing pulled the plug on the jet's production Monday. The company announced it's temporarily halting the assembly lines in Renton, Washington, from January, with no timeline defined for a restart.

Boeing will preserve the jobs of the 12,000-strong Renton workforce by keeping some on 737 work and redeploying the rest to other facilities in the region.

"During this time, it is our plan that affected employees will continue 737-related work or be temporarily assigned to other teams in Puget Sound," Boeing said in a statement. "As we

have throughout the 737 Max grounding, we will keep our customers, employees, and supply chain top of mind as we continue to assess appropriate actions."

The company said that during the slowdown in production, it's been able to fix issues with the production system and allow suppliers that were lagging to catch up, and it intends to have some employees working on efforts to sustain those gains.

A Boeing insider briefed on the decision said the Renton factory's manufacturing operation is Boeing's "crown jewel," he said. "It's an amazing facility. You try to keep the team together as best you can. They all still have jobs."

Though Boeing had been hoping for approval to fly the Max again by year

end, last week FAA Administrator Steve Dickson pushed that expectation into next year and told Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg to back away from public statements suggesting otherwise.

Officials privately identified mid-February as the new target for FAA clearance. Assuming no further slips in the schedule, that still extends the Max's grounding to almost a year.

The Max was grounded worldwide March 13 following two fatal crashes in just over four months killed 346 people.

The decision was made at a meeting of the company's board in Chicago. Shares of Boeing Co. on Monday closed down \$14.67, or 4.3%, at \$327.

Associated Press contributed.

## Eight Illinois hospitals on best in US list

Four prominent Chicago facilities don't make cut

**BY LISA SCHENCKER**

Eight Illinois hospitals have been named among the best 120 in the nation for safety and quality, but some of Chicago's most prestigious institutions didn't make the list.

The top hospitals, according to the nonprofit Leapfrog Group, include Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Loyola's Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park, Rush Oak Park Hospital, Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook, Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Glen Oaks in Glendale Heights, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, OSF Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

Four prominent Chicago hospitals aren't on the list — Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush University Medical Center, University of Chicago Medical Center and Lurie Children's Hospital.

Two of those hospitals — Northwestern Memorial and University of Chicago Medical Center — made last year's list. Altogether, seven Illinois hospitals made the cut in 2018.

The list is based on the results of optional surveys Leapfrog sends to hospitals. Hospitals had to respond to the surveys to be considered. This year, about 2,100 hospitals completed the surveys,

said Erica Mobley, vice president of administration at Leapfrog.

Neither Northwestern nor University of Chicago responded to a request for comment Monday.

Twice each year, Leapfrog assigns hospitals grades of A through F based on dozens of measures of safety, including hand hygiene, intensive care unit physician staffing, bedsores and falls. The top hospitals list takes those measures into account as well as additional factors, such as C-section rates, rates of episiotomies during childbirth and radiation doses for pediatric patients during CT scans.

"These are really hospitals that have demonstrated exceptional, stellar performance," Mobley said. "It's not always necessarily the big-name, brand hospitals that are excelling at all these metrics."

Northwestern didn't make the cut because it received a B grade for safety in Leapfrog's most recent round of grading, and hospitals must get an A grade to make the list, Mobley said. University of Chicago fell off the list because it didn't meet Leapfrog's safety and quality standards on enough procedures and didn't score in the top 10% of hospitals in a composite score of all the survey's measures, she said.

Rush University Medical Center also received a B for safety on Leapfrog's most recent round of grading, which the hospital

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## Former Outcome Health executives plead not guilty

**BY ALLY MAROTTI**

Former Outcome Health executives Rishi Shah and Shraddha Agarwal, once superstars in Chicago's tech scene, pleaded not guilty Monday to charges relating to their alleged roles in a \$1 billion fraud scheme at the company.

Shah and Agarwal, along with two other former executives, face a combined 26 counts of fraud. The most serious charges carry up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine if convicted.

Outcome Health installs screens in doctor's offices and waiting rooms that combine health information with drug advertising. Pharmaceutical companies pay Outcome to run the ads and other content on the screens.

Shah is Outcome's co-founder and former CEO.

Agarwal is its former president. The company was founded in 2006 as ContextMedia, when Shah and Agarwal were students at Northwestern University.

Outcome gained widespread attention in 2017 when it secured funding from big-name investors and rose to a valuation of about \$5.5 billion, a number unmatched among local tech companies.

The charges allege the former executives ran a massive fraud scheme that brought in \$487.5 million in financing, a \$110 million loan and a \$375 million loan, amounting to nearly \$1 billion. The indictment also alleges the executives lied to clients and billed them millions of dollars for ads that never ran.

Shah is charged with 12 counts of wire fraud, two

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## Nexstar shutting down Chicago cable news channel CLTV

**BY ROBERT CHANNICK**

Nexstar Media Group, which bought Tribune Media in September, is shutting down Chicago cable news channel CLTV at the end of the month.

The decision, which ends a 26-year run for the pioneering local all-news channel, was announced in an email to staff Monday from Paul Rennie, general manager of WGN-TV and CLTV.

"CLTV has had a great run since it first signed on...but the media landscape has changed dramati-

cally since that time," Rennie said in the email obtained by the Tribune. "Unfortunately, with news now available 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week across a variety of multi-media platforms, it has become increasingly difficult for CLTV to hold on to its audience and remain competitive, despite the high-quality of the local journalism it produces."

Sources said there are about a dozen employees at CLTV.

There will be a "small reduction of staff" as a result

of the decision and most of the employees "will have the opportunity to apply for open jobs at WGN-TV," Rennie said in the email.

Nexstar spokesman Gary Weitman declined to comment.

CLTV launched in January 1993, bringing 24/7 local news to Chicago cable viewers before national news channels became cable powerhouses. While CNN launched in 1980, networks such as MSNBC and Fox News didn't hit the air until 1996.

The channel's name initially stood for Chi-

cagoLand TV, employing a moniker coined decades earlier by Col. Robert R. McCormick, the former publisher of the Chicago Tribune. At its inception, CLTV was under the same corporate umbrella as the Tribune. But the cable channel owed much of its programming to WGN, which supplied everything from news content to Cubs baseball games over the years. CLTV also produced its own local newscasts.

In recent years, increased competition from digital news sites and beefed-up

news programming on WGN-TV made CLTV less relevant with audiences, Rennie said. Recent viewership for CLTV topped out at several thousand households, sources said.

WGN-TV programs more than 70 hours of local news a week, including a six-hour block weekday mornings. In 1993, WGN produced two local TV newscasts each day. Much of CLTV's current programming consists of rebroadcasts of WGN news shows.

Nexstar completed its \$4.1 billion purchase of Chi-

cago-based Tribune Media in September, creating the nation's largest local TV station group and moving "Chicago's very own" WGN-Ch. 9, national cable channel WGN America, WGN-AM 720 and CLTV under the Dallas company's ownership.

In 2014, Tribune Media spun off its legacy publishing division as Tribune Publishing, which owns the Chicago Tribune and other major daily newspapers.

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# Coach USA to eliminate airport bus service

Post-Tribune staff report

The flyer on the door of the Coach USA shuttle stop at 8144 Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland informed passengers of the sudden news: “It is with great sadness that Coach USA Chicago announced today the plan to cease operations for our Chicago Trolley and Indiana Airport Supersaver businesses.”

The company announced the move Wednesday. The Highland Park and Ride lot was full Thursday afternoon, but only a handful of passengers were set to depart on the 4:25 p.m. bus bound for O’Hare International Airport. One passenger, who didn’t wish to give

her name, said that the end of the service wouldn’t have much of an impact on her since she rarely used the service and had friends who could drop her off at the airport. Coach USA North America Director Corporate Affairs Sean Hughes said 150 employees will be impacted by the move and

they are being offered positions at other Coach USA locations if they are willing to relocate. The shuttle service offered travel from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend Regional Airport, Michigan City, Portage, Highland, and Crestwood, Illinois, to Chicago’s Midway and O’Hare

International airports. The SuperSaver bus offered a more affordable alternative to long-term parking and ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft. Hughes did not respond to questions on whether the service was losing money, but Coach USA discontinued its Valparaiso to Chicago airports service in August 2018 after 10 months

due to lack of economic viability. The company’s statement said that Megabus will continue to use its Chicago location and it will provide service from the University of Notre Dame to and from Midway and O’Hare airports on weekends and major school breaks.

## 10th dispensary gets OK to sell recreational marijuana

BY ALLY MAROTTI

The state gave a 10th medical marijuana dispensary in Chicago approval to start selling recreational weed on Jan. 1. The store, called NuMed Chicago, was approved on Friday, along with NuMed’s locations in Urbana and East Peoria. That brings the total number of dispensaries in Illinois allowed to sell recreational marijuana next year to 35, including the 10 in Chicago. The other Chicago dispensaries that have the OK to sell recreational cannabis are Midway Dispensary, Zen Leaf, Dispensary 33, The Herbal Care Center, Mission Illinois, Columbia Care, MOCA Modern Cannabis, Maribis of Chicago and MedMar Lakeview. Illinois has 55 medical cannabis dispensaries, and all were able to apply for a license to sell recreational marijuana from

those locations. They also can apply to open a second shop, but the state has not started to award those second-site licenses yet. In Chicago, marijuana stores will not be allowed along the Magnificent Mile, the Loop or in large portions of River North along the lakefront. Chicago’s recreational cannabis rules created seven zones for marijuana sales. Initially, no more than seven dispensaries will be allowed in each zone. Municipalities may vote to ban recreational cannabis sales, and if that occurs, the state approval is moot. Residents of communities such as Naperville and Arlington Heights, for example, will have to go to a different town to legally buy weed. amarotti@chicagotribune.com Twitter @AllyMarotti

## Amazon: Sellers can’t use FedEx ground for Prime shipments

BY SPENCER SOPER  
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Amazon.com says FedEx’s delivery performance is slipping and it will no longer let third-party merchants use the company’s ground delivery network for quick Prime shipments through the holidays. Amazon sent a message to sellers Sunday night instructing them of the change, according to Amazon notifications sent to merchants reviewed by Bloomberg. More than half of all products sold on Amazon come from third-party merchants who pay Amazon commissions on each sale. Many of those merchants also pay Amazon for logistics services like warehousing and delivery, which puts Amazon in competition with FedEx. Sellers can oversee deliveries on their

own, and many use FedEx ground to meet Amazon’s delivery pledge of one or two days for millions of products. Sellers can still use FedEx’s express service for Prime packages, but that’s a costly option. Amazon examines its delivery providers’ performance each year to determine order cutoff times for the holidays. FedEx, in an emailed statement, said “the overall impact to our business is minuscule.” Some Amazon sellers complained about receiving short notice for the change less than two weeks before Christmas when holiday spending is peaking. Their alternatives include UPS ground. The Wall Street Journal reported the news earlier.

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## Christmas trees again in short supply as industry struggles

BY JOHN RABY  
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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Customers searching for the perfect Christmas tree typically glance at Sandy Parsons’ limited offerings, then keep walking. Parsons never got her order for 350 trees from a North Carolina farm. Supplies were short, she was told. Instead, she was shipped some smaller ones for her lot at the Capitol Market in Charleston. Those paled in comparison to the much taller beauties at a competitor’s lot next door.

“This has been the worst season,” Parsons said. “We lost a lot of money by that. It sets you back two or three years.” Christmas tree supplies are tight again this year across the United States, depending upon location and seller. The industry is still bouncing back from the Great Recession and trying to win people back from a shift toward artificial trees when times were especially tough. Industry officials say not to worry: Everyone who wants a last-minute tree should be able to find one. It just might take a little more searching, especially if customers want a specific type, and you might have to pay a little more. The best advice, said Amy Start, executive director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, is simple: “Shop early.” Parsons has been in business for 42 years as a

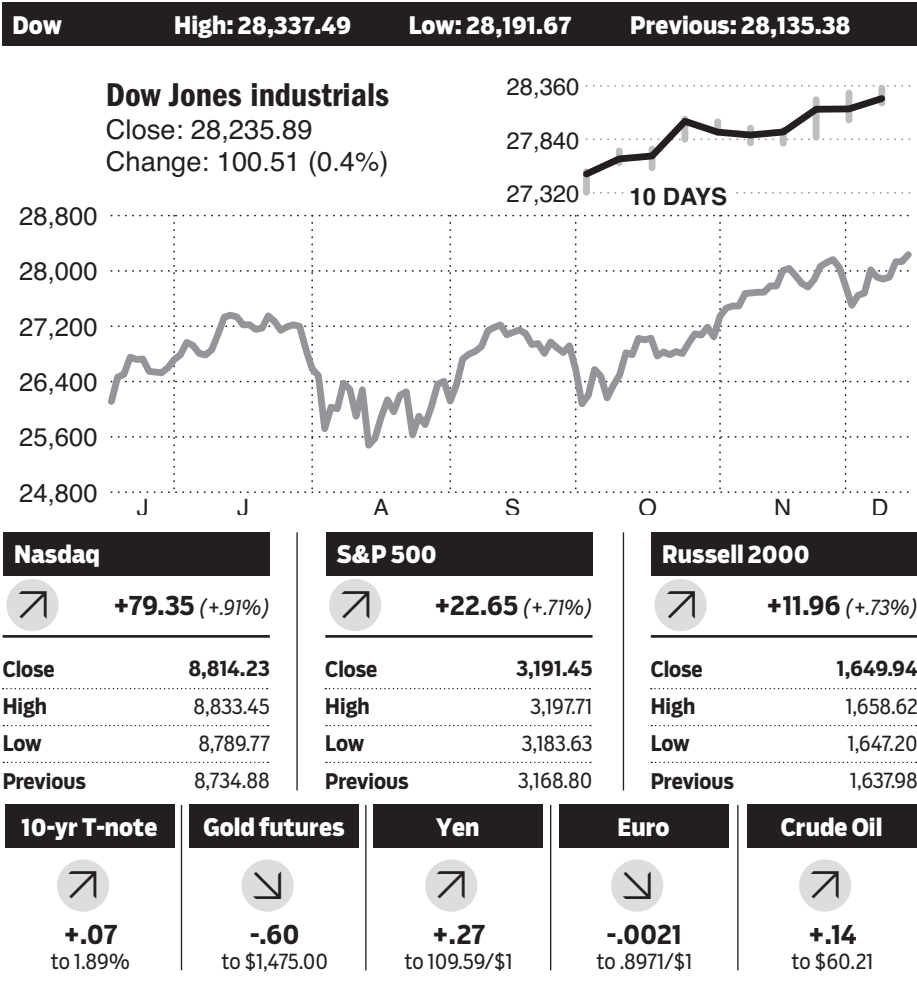


JOHN RABY/AP  
Sandy Parsons, who owns a Christmas tree lot in Charleston, W.Va., has sold only 32 trees this year due to a shortage.

seasonal seller of flowers, produce, pumpkins — and this year, just 32 Christmas trees. “I can tell you how many I didn’t buy: 350,” said Parsons, whose disappointment has been tempered by robust wreath sales. In the next lot, Robert Cole was having a jolly ol’ time preparing an abundance of trees for loading onto customers’ vehicles. The difference? Cole’s lot, French Creek Farms of Buckhannon, grows its own trees. “We’ve been busier than we’ve ever been before,” Cole said. Gesturing toward the lots of Parsons and another competitor, he explained his brisk business in the simplest economic terms: “Because there’s been no trees here and no trees over there.” An oversupply of trees

about a decade ago caused a domino effect nationwide. Subsequently, fewer trees were cut down, which meant not as many seedlings were planted to replace them. Hot, dry weather also took its toll, forcing many growers to close. Larry Smith, who has been selling Fraser firs from the same lot in Lenoir, North Carolina, for 40 years, and second-generation Christmas tree farmer Mike Rood of Hermann, Missouri, said some farmers’ adult children aren’t as eager to take over the family business, leading to a labor shortage. Despite such challenges, Smith isn’t looking for other ways to make a living. “I hope they find me fell over dead in the tree patch,” he said. “That’s the way I really want to go.”

### MARKET ROUNDUP



### Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	+1.17	↑	DOW	+7.1	↑	DOW	+19.68	↑
NASD	+2.23	↑	NASD	+3.09	↑	NASD	+30.51	↑
S&P	+1.77	↑	S&P	+2.22	↑	S&P	+25.35	↑

FUTURES								
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.	
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	534.75	556.75	534.75	549.75	+17.25	
		May 20	537	558.25	537	551.25	+16.50	
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	383.50	389.50	383.25	388	+7	
		May 20	390.25	396	390.25	394.75	+6.75	
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	912.50	922.75	912.50	922	+14.50	
		Mar 20	927	936.50	926.50	936	+14.50	
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 20	32.70	33.20	32.63	33.14	+5.4	
		Mar 20	32.95	33.48	32.90	33.43	+5.6	
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 20	298.20	301.50	297.30	301.30	+4.40	
		Mar 20	302.50	305.90	301.80	305.80	+4.50	
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 20	59.87	60.34	59.71	60.21	+14	
		Feb 20	59.83	60.29	59.62	60.14	+16	
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 20	2.296	2.377	2.285	2.341	+0.045	
		Feb 20	2.279	2.351	2.274	2.326	+0.044	
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.6586	1.6747	1.6532	1.6627	-0.0005	
		Feb 20	1.6623	1.6791	1.6587	1.6678	+0.0006	

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS											
Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.						Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ					
STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	86.40	+.05	Envestnet Inc	N	70.09	+14	McDonalds Corp	N	197.88	+76
AbbVie Inc	N	89.43	+1.59	Equity Commonwlth	N	31.44	+17	Middleby Corp	O	109.76	+1.50
Allstate Corp	N	109.62	-.08	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	69.58	-.27	Mondelez Intl	O	53.71	+47
Aptargroup Inc	N	114.32	+.35	Equity Residential	N	81.50	+49	Morningstar Inc	O	151.08	+2.59
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.98	+.78	Exelon Corp	O	44.70	+.88	Motorola Solutions	N	161.40	+.90
Baxter Intl	N	83.86	-.10	First Indl RT	N	41.02	+.22	NiSource Inc	N	27.17	+.29
Boeing Co	N	327.00	-14.67	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.46	+.37	Nthn Trust Cp	O	108.21	+17
Brunswick Corp	N	60.09	+.39	Gallagher AJ	N	95.02	+.57	Old Republic	N	22.58	+15
CBOE Global Markets	N	117.09	+1.59	Grainger WW	N	337.22	+4.91	Packaging Corp Am	N	110.01	-1.03
CDK Global Inc	O	55.32	+.36	GrubHub Inc	N	45.02	+1.48	Paylocity Hldg	O	118.83	+2.00
CDW Corp	O	140.69	+2.92	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	109.78	+.60	RLI Corp	N	91.74	-.39
CF Industries	N	46.88	+1.74	IAA Inc	N	45.55	+.01	Stericycle Inc	O	64.19	+16
Cabot Microelect	O	203.18	-1.41	IDEX Corp	N	167.20	-.17	TransUnion	N	86.06	+66
CNA Financial	N	45.06	+.66	ITW	N	177.47	+.20	US Foods Holding	N	40.38	+18
Caterpillar Inc	N	145.36	-.17	Ingredion Inc	N	90.44	+2.75	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	249.10	-4.40
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.80	+.42	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	171.22	+1.12	United Airlines Hldg	O	88.63	+1.05
Deere Co	N	172.85	+.35	Kemper Corp	N	77.01	+1.37	Ventas Inc	N	56.27	+77
Discover Fin Svcs	N	86.13	-.55	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.74	-.14	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	57.80	-.08
Dover Corp	N	113.13	-.52	LKQ Corporation	O	35.94	+17	Wintrust Financial	O	69.72	+1.43
				Littelfuse Inc	O	189.56	+1.15	Zebra Tech	O	255.45	-2.35

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS			
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.	
Danaher Corp	151.44	+2.92	
Chesapeake Engy	.77	-.02	
Uber Technologies	30.05	+1.56	
Gen Electric	11.17	-.17	
PG&E Corp	9.67	-1.57	
Bank of America	34.70	+.26	
Ford Motor	9.39	+.16	
Sthwstn Energy	2.14	+.15	
EnCana Corp	4.40	+.17	
Snap Inc A	15.11	+.00	
AT&T Inc	38.59	+.33	
Bristl Myr Sqb	63.50	-.32	
Pfizer Inc	39.14	+.01	
Freepor McMoran	12.95	+.08	
WPX Energy Inc	11.90	+.99	
Envista Holdings Cp	28.50	+.38	
Macy's Inc	15.63	+.45	
Petrobras	15.39	+.08	
Vale SA	13.16	+.10	
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.54	-.09	
Oracle Corp	53.99	-.52	
Wells Fargo & Co	54.22	+.43	
US Steel Corp	13.18	-.53	
Transocean Ltd	6.03	-.06	

TREASURY YIELDS			
DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.	
3-month disc	1.54	1.52	
6-month disc	1.55	1.52	
2-year	1.65	1.59	
10-year	1.89	1.82	
30-year	2.31	2.25	

SPOT METALS			
	CLOSE	PREV.	
Gold	\$1475.00	\$1475.60	
Silver	\$17.019	\$16.912	
Platinum	\$931.30	\$928.80	

INTEREST RATES			
Prime Rate	4.75		
Discount Rate Primary	2.25		
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75		
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57		

FOREIGN EXCHANGE			
A U.S. Dollar buys . . .			
Argentina (Peso)	59.8193		
Australia (Dollar)	1.4512		
Brazil (Yen)	4.0613		
Britain (Pound)	.7490		
Canada (Dollar)	1.3156		
China (Yuan)	6.9825		
Euro	.8971		
India (Rupee)	70.899		
Israel (Shekel)	3.4977		
Japan (Yen)	109.59		
Mexico (Peso)	18.9415		
Poland (Zloty)	3.82		
So. Korea (Won)	1168.48		
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.12		
Thailand (Baht)	30.21		

FOREIGN MARKETS			
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%	
Shanghai	...	...	
Stoxx600	417.75	+5.7/+1.3	
Nikkei	23952.35	-70.8/-1.3	
MSCI-EAFE	2015.62	+25.7/+1.3	
Bovespa	111896.10	-668.8/-1.6	
FTSE 100	7519.05	+165.6/+2.3	
CAC-40	5991.66	+72.6/+1.2	

LARGEST COMPANIES			
Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.	
AT&T Inc	38.59	+.33	
Alibaba Group Hldg	206.97	+2.06	
Alphabet Inc C	1361.17	+13.34	
Alphabet Inc A	1360.70	+13.83	
Amazon.com Inc	1769.21	+8.27	
Apple Inc	279.86	+4.71	
Bank of America	34.70	+.26	
Berkshire Hath B	226.85	+1.48	
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.00	+.77	
Facebook Inc	197.92	+3.81	
HSBC Holdings prA	26.30	+.07	
JPMorgan Chase	137.34	+.53	
Johnson & Johnson	141.79	+.41	
MasterCard Inc	296.96	+.87	
Microsoft Corp	155.53	+1.00	
Procter & Gamble	125.56	+.09	
Taiwan Semicon	58.54	+.29	
Visa Inc	186.24	+1.10	
WalMart Strs	120.54	+.25	

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS			
Based on total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.53	+32	+21.0
American Funds AMRCNBALa m	29.00	+12	+16.2
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	552.17	+41	+21.6
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	64.03	+39	+14.9
American Funds Fdmtlnvsa m	64.69	+54	+22.4
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	54.02	+50	+22.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.82	+14	+16.0
American Funds InvAmrcA m	40.48	+38	+18.8
American Funds NWPrspctvA m	48.35	+39	+25.7
American Funds WAMtlnvsa m	49.30	+32	+20.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.18	-.02	+10.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	45.04	+53	+19.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	203.41	+1.29	+18.8
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.69	...	+7.0
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	110.60	+79	+25.2
Fidelity Contrafund	13.50	+11	+24.4
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	11.58	-.02	+10.4
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	89.43	+66	+24.6
Fidelity USBdIdxInPrm	11.93	-.03	+9.7
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	+01	+17.7
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.93	-.04	+10.0
PIMCO IncI2	12.03	...	+7.9
PIMCO IncIstl	12.03	...	+8.0
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.40	-.04	+9.1
Schwab SP500Idx	49.72	+36	+25.2
T. Rowe Price BCGR	122.38	+96	+23.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	72.10	+53	+23.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	295.77	+211	+25.2
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	39.21	+13	+18.7
Vanguard DivGrnv	31.49	+18	+25.6
Vanguard EqIdxAdmrl	80.74	+55	+



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attributed to errors in the data it submitted to Leapfrog, Rush spokesman Charlie Jolie said. Rush has since corrected those errors, and said in a statement that it's been rated highly by Vizient, a health care performance improvement company.

Lurie didn't participate in the most recent survey and in a statement Monday said the Leapfrog methodology focuses more on adult hospitals than pediatric ones. Leapfrog named 10 children's hospitals in other parts of the country to its list this year.

Lurie said many children's hospitals consider rankings by U.S. News & World Report to be more accurate. Lurie has been named as one of the top 10 children's hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report for seven of the last eight years. This year it narrowly missed making U.S. News & World Report's top 10 list.

Leapfrog grades hospitals and licenses its information to others, including health insurance companies which may use the data in rate negotiations with hospitals. Hospitals also typically tout high grades and honors to help attract more patients. Hospitals that want to advertise their Leapfrog grades and rankings may also pay Leapfrog fees to use the organization's logo.

It's an "honor" to be recognized by Leapfrog's top hospitals list, said Bruce Christian, president and CEO of both Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook and Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Glen Oaks, in a statement.

"The Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged to be one of the most competitive honors American hospitals can achieve," Christian said. "This is a testament to the hard work and dedication shown by our physicians and associates every day."

A number of different organizations grade and rank hospitals each year, and each organization has its own methodology, leading to different results depending on who does the ranking. Northwestern Memorial, for example, has been named the No. 1 hospital in the state by U.S. News & World Report for eight consecutive years.

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counts of bank fraud and two counts of money laundering, Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Madden said in court Monday. Shah was released on condition of a \$20 million bond, which he secured with a property in the Streeterville neighborhood.

"Rishi Shah is not guilty of these charges," said William Burck, an attorney representing Shah, in an emailed statement. "We look forward to moving this case along as quickly as possible so that Rishi can put these ill-conceived charges behind him."

Agarwal faces nine counts of wire fraud and two counts of bank fraud, Madden said. She was released on condition of a \$10 million bond, which she secured with a property in the Gold Coast neighborhood. Agarwal's husband, who accompanied her in court Monday, also signed the bond, Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cummings said.

Christina Egan, an attorney representing Agarwal, said in an emailed statement that her client denies the allegations against her. "The indictment does not reflect the full and accurate story of what transpired and Shradha is eager for a just assessment of the facts," she said.

Shah, now 33, and Agarwal, now 34, were the last of the charged former executives to appear in federal court. Both were required to surrender their passports, and a status hearing on their case was set for Jan. 23. Brad Purdy and Ashik Desai appeared in federal court separately last week, surrendered their passports and were released on condition of bond.

Purdy, now 30, held various roles including chief financial officer and chief operating officer until he left Outcome in early 2018. He pleaded not guilty to six counts each of mail fraud and wire fraud, two counts of bank fraud and one count of making false statements to a financial institution.

Ashik Desai, now 26, pleaded guilty to his alleged role in the scheme. A federal prosecutor said in court last week that Desai is cooperating with the government's investigation.

Desai served as Outcome's executive vice president of business growth and analytics. He was charged with felony wire fraud last month.

Two former employees who worked under Desai, Kathryn Choi and Oliver Han, were charged last month with felony conspiracy to commit wire fraud in a criminal information.

Choi, 29, and Han, 29, pleaded not guilty earlier this month in federal court in Chicago, and were released on condition of bond. They each could face up to five years in prison if convicted.

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Corporations paid 11.3% tax rate under 2017 law

Figure is lowest measured by think tank since 1984

By Jeff Stein and Christopher Ingraham  
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WASHINGTON — About 400 of America's largest corporations paid an average federal tax rate of about 11% on their profits last year, roughly half the official rate established under President Donald Trump's 2017 tax law, according to a report released Monday.

The 2017 tax law lowered the U.S. corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, but in practice large companies often pay far less than that because of deductions, tax breaks and other loopholes.

In the first year of the law, the amount corporations paid in federal taxes on their incomes — their "effective rate" — was 11.3% on average, possibly its lowest level in more than three decades, according to a report by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a left-leaning think tank.

From 2008 to 2015, under the previous tax code, the corporations' effective rate was about 21%, according to ITEP's prior research.

The report also found that 91 corporations in the Fortune 500, many worth billions of dollars, paid no federal taxes last year.

The findings come amid an explosion in the federal deficit, which this year rose to almost \$1 trillion. In October, the U.S. Treasury Department announced the deficit had grown \$205 billion, or 26%, in the past year, an unusual occurrence during a period of strong economic growth.

Corporate tax revenue fell markedly during the first year of the tax law, from about \$300 billion in 2017 to \$204 billion in 2018, according to federal data, although it increased slightly from 2018 to 2019.

"When drafting the tax law, lawmakers could have eliminated special breaks and loopholes in the corporate tax to offset the cost of reducing the statutory rate," the report says. "Instead, the new law introduced many new breaks and loopholes, though it eliminated some old ones."

Republicans and conservative tax experts contend the cut in corporate tax rates helped generate economic growth and boost business investment in the economy. Democrats,

meanwhile, maintain the rate cut went too far and primarily helped enrich stockholders and corporate executives.

Many companies said a big drop in corporate tax rates would allow them to invest more in capital and equipment, but the uptick in new investment appears to have been short-lived. Much of the extra capital went into record stock buybacks, which increase share prices without requiring new investment or hiring.

The 91 profitable Fortune 500 corporations that paid no federal tax in 2018 earned a combined \$101 billion last year. As a group, their effective federal tax rate was -5.9%, meaning many of them received a federal tax refund on top of their profits.

Those paying no federal tax include many household names: Online retailer Amazon, for instance, received a \$129 million rebate on \$10.8 billion in profits, primarily because of how the tax code treats stock options in pay packages.

The 11.3% figure is the lowest effective corporate tax rate ITEP has found since it started evaluating this data in 1984.

Ford gives dogs a place at work

Pilot program allows employees to bring pets in bid to lure tech talent

By Keith Naughton  
Bloomberg News

This year when Ford went outside the company for the first time in 70 years to hire a chief financial officer, he came with an impressive pedigree — a resume that included top jobs at Amazon and Snap.

He also came with a pedigreed sidekick: a chief furry officer.

Wander past Tim Stone's glass-walled office at Ford's world headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan, on any given day and lying at his feet is his 7-year-old Australian shepherd, Finley, who has his own name badge and sly "CFO" title bestowed by his owner.

No, Ford hasn't gone to the dogs, but one has breached the executive suite.

"He's got a very clear job description, which is: Spirits high and stress low," Stone said recently in New York. "And he kills it every day!"

Finley is more than just a good boy. He is the C-suite mascot for a pilot program offered to 1,300 office employees at Ford allowing them to bring their dogs to work. It's part of a larger effort by Ford to attract hard-to-get tech talent to the Motor City area. Other worker-friendly initiatives include a less hierarchical campus redesign and converting an abandoned train station in a rapidly gentrifying district of downtown Detroit into a modern office space.

Ford already has hired more than 3,000 workers with advanced computing skills, but it still needs hundreds more software engineers, data scientists, app developers, digital media specialists and more, Chief Talent Officer Julie Lodge-Jarrett wrote in a blog post last week.

Seattle and Silicon Valley have long been veritable Fido fiefdoms, where tech giants and startups welcome workers' four-legged friends as a way to enhance work-life balance. Studies have shown that all-day access to man's best friend can reduce stress, improve productivity and possibly even curb employee turnover.

There's even a ranking of the most dog-friendly companies by a Seattle-based pet-service company, appropriately named Rover. The list is loaded with West Coast companies, while there are few Midwestern firms, and zero automakers.



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Tim Stone, chief finance officer of Ford Motor Co., brings his 7-year-old dog, Finley, to work in Dearborn, Mich.

Atop the list is Amazon, which has 7,000 registered dogs, giving it a human-to-hound ratio of 7-to-1. On its Seattle campus, the online retail giant offers doggy day care, grooming and canine lunch options.

One of those Amazon-approved pooches used to be Finley. His leash-holder, Stone, 52, spent two decades at Amazon, rising to vice president of finance. When he started at Ford in April, he didn't think twice about bringing his furry friend to the conservative confines of Ford's headquarters building known for decades as the "Glass House."

"It's been a cultural change," Stone said. "I was the first one to bring my dog in every day and when you start doing that, the tone from the top matters."

Part of Stone's mission at Ford is to

challenge convention as the company works through a wrenching \$11 billion restructuring and embraces electric and self-driving cars. And his canine deputy helps push people outside their comfort zone.

"It makes meeting dialogues different," Stone said. "When you've got a dog in the room, it just makes it easier."

A spokesman emphasized that the pooch policy remains experimental and dogs aren't allowed in common areas, like cafeterias and conference rooms. There are no doggy day care or bowls of treats doled out by receptionists, as at Amazon.

Still, Stone says, Finley is teaching Ford a few new tricks. "It totally changed the dynamic in so many ways," he said. "It just relaxes everybody."

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was addressed to U.S. Attorney General William Barr, Sen. Dick Durbin, Rep. Mike Quigley and U.S. District Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer.

In her letter, Lightfoot said she was withdrawing the city's purchase offer "as well as its support for any sale or redevelopment that does not satisfy the security concerns" outlined by federal officials. Those security concerns are not specified in the letter.

"Recent assessments by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and U.S. Marshals Service, among others, found that the sale of these properties would create significant public safety vulnerabilities threatening the public servants who work in the Dirksen Courthouse and the general public who utilize the building," Lightfoot wrote in the letter.

The federal government has owned the buildings since 2007, as part of a planned federal center expansion that never materialized. The expansion would have given the federal government greater control of security around the courthouse.

In June 2017, then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a group led by Chicago's CA Ventures was selected following the city's request for proposals on behalf of the GSA.

At the time, the city said the developers' \$10.38 million purchase of the real estate was expected to close by the end of 2017. But soon after the sale agreement was announced, federal judges in the nearby courthouse building began expressing security concerns.

A planned rooftop deck would have direct sight lines into the courthouse at 219 S. Dearborn St., then-Chief Judge Ruben Castillo said in his annual State of the Court address, the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin reported in July 2017, shortly after CA Ventures' plans were

announced.

"Courthouse security for me as chief judge is a top priority," the Law Bulletin quoted Castillo as saying at the time.

Efforts to reach Castillo, who stepped down as chief judge earlier this year, were unsuccessful Monday.

Asked about the security issues raised by judges, Giles said, "Were those concerns addressed? Yes. Still, the city decided to pull the plug. The new administration never talked to us."

Under CA Ventures' plan, two more-than-century-old buildings — the 16-story Century Building at 202 S. State St. and the 22-story Consumers Building at 220 S. State St. — would have been rehabilitated.

Those structures, combined with new construction in between, would have created about 25,000 square feet of retail space, 159 traditional apartments and 270 microunits.

"The redevelopment of this section of State Street will ensure its future will be even

brighter than its storied past," Emanuel said in a news release at the time.

Chicago officials were involved because the GSA is prohibited from selling properties directly to developers without holding an auction. Instead, the city vetted development plans through a request for proposals and chose CA Ventures' proposal. The city planned to buy the real estate directly from the federal government and immediately transfer it to the developers.

Giles said he expects the GSA to eventually sell the State Street buildings by auction, but he's unsure whether he and CA Ventures will try to buy them again.

"It's an important part of the city," Giles said. "We had an appropriate plan for the buildings, and we were in the process of getting approval for historic tax credits. I'm personally very disappointed."

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## OBITUARIES

**DORIS GRAY** 1940-2019

# Community health service board member dies at 79

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**

Doris Gray was on the board of Heartland Health Centers, a Chicago-based nonprofit that today serves close to 30,000 people, for more than 14 years.

“Through Doris’ work and her ability to inspire others about the meaning of quality community-based health care, I estimate more than 6,000 low-income people gained access to care,” said Gwenn Rausch, Heartland’s CEO. “And over the past 15 years, she rarely missed a meeting and always reminded her fellow board members to stay focused on the needs of patients.”

Gray, 79, died of natural causes Nov. 27 at her home in the Edgewater neighborhood, said her son Tracy Perkins.

Born Doris Marshall in Yazoo City, Mississippi, she moved to Chicago as a teenager. After graduating from Farragut High School, she began working as a private-duty nurse inside patients’ homes, her son said.

Gray earned an associate’s degree from Truman College in 1985. In 1991, she took a job as a receptionist and administrative assistant at a manufacturing firm in Evanston called Arens Controls, where she worked until the firm relocated to Binghamton, New York, in 2003.

“She was just a joy to be around,” said Theresa Perkins-Wharton, who worked alongside Gray at



MARC HARRIS

Heartland Health Centers board member Doris Gray served as the board’s secretary from 2008 until her death.

Arens Controls. “She always had a smile on her face and never led nobody down the wrong track for anything. If she knew something was going on, she would let you know.”

Gray became involved with Heartland Health Centers after leaving her job and finding herself in need of health care coverage. Her granddaughter previously had needed health care and had learned about Heartland, said Gray’s daughter, Dorothy, and suggested Heartland to Gray.

She soon learned that because Heartland is a federally qualified health center, the law requires a majority of its board members to be “consumer” members, or actual patients receiving their primary health care there. With that, Gray expressed an interest in joining

the board, her daughter said.

When Gray was first introduced to Heartland, it had a single clinic on North Sheridan Road. Today, it has 17 sites offering primary health care services on the North and Northwest Sides and in the suburbs, serving close to 30,000 people.

Gray remained on the board throughout those years of expansion, serving as board secretary from 2008 until her death. She also served on the group’s Rogers Park advisory committee, which worked to identify needed health services in that North Side neighborhood, and she helped recruit other consumer board members.

In 2018, the Illinois Primary Healthcare Association named Gray its Consumer Health Board Member of the Year.

Perkins liked crocheting, doing jigsaw puzzles and always enjoyed time with her daughter’s cat, Mr. Wiggles.

“My mother was attached to my cat,” Dorothy Gray said with a laugh. “That was her favorite person.”

Gray’s husband, Theodore Gray, died in 1986. In addition to her son and daughter, Gray is survived by another son, Gill Perkins; two sisters, Helen Flowers and Joyce Dennis; a brother, Clint Campbell; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held.

*Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.*

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 17 ...

In **1777** France recognized American independence.

In **1903** Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, Ohio, went on the first successful manned powered-airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

Also in **1903** novelist Erskine Caldwell (“Tobacco Road,” “God’s Little Acre”) was born in Coweta County, Ga.

In **1925** Col. William “Billy” Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence.

In **1936** Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Flores, Buenos Aires in Argentina.

In **1939** the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

In **1944** the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

In **1957** the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.

In **1969** an estimated 50 million TV viewers watched singer Tiny Tim marry his fiancée, Miss Vicki, on NBC’s “Tonight Show.”

In **1975** Lynette Fromme was sentenced in federal court in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for trying to

assassinate President Gerald Ford.

In **1979**, in a case that aggravated racial tensions, Arthur McDuffie, a black insurance executive, was fatally beaten after a police chase in Miami. (Four white police officers later were acquitted of charges stemming from McDuffie’s death.)

In **1981** members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brig. Gen. James Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. (Dozier was rescued 42 days later.)

In **1986** Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the Contras, was pardoned, then released.

In **1992** President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies.

In **1994** North Korea shot down a U.S. Army helicopter which had strayed north of the demilitarized zone — the co-pilot, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon, was killed; the pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall, was captured and held for nearly two weeks.

In **1995** angry voters handed Russian President Boris Yeltsin a stinging rebuff as Communists and right-wing nationalists scored big wins in parliamentary elections on a platform of rolling back democratic reforms.

### WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Dec. 16  
Lotto ..... **17 25 26 31 42 50 / 12**  
Lotto jackpot: \$14.5M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **470 / 2**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **1941 / 4**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
**07 15 20 32 41**  
Pick 3 evening ..... **041 / 4**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **8775 / 6**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
**05 08 12 14 38**

Dec. 17 Mega Millions: \$372M  
Dec. 18 Powerball: \$160M

**WISCONSIN**  
Dec. 16  
Pick 3 ..... **225**  
Pick 4 ..... **2621**  
Badger 5 ..... **01 06 11 16 26**  
SuperCash ..... **07 10 17 19 27 33**

**INDIANA**  
Dec. 16  
Daily 3 midday ..... **590 / 2**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **6164 / 2**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **055 / 7**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **2074 / 7**  
Cash 5 ..... **01 05 09 14 32**

**MICHIGAN**  
Dec. 16  
Daily 3 midday ..... **661**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **5524**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **218**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **8464**  
Fantasy 5 ..... **11 14 23 25 31**  
Keno ..... **01 03 05 07 11 14**  
**20 22 24 30 34 40 47 50**  
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### In Memoriam

#### Muriel J. Fortuna

Dear Mom, One year ago today the Lord called you home. Life is not the same. We pray for you, miss you and find some comfort repeating one of your signature sayings: “Let’s see what tomorrow brings.” Love, Ginny, Jay, Frank, John and families.

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### Death Notices

#### Ahern Jr., Jason E.

Jason E. Ahern Jr. age 22 of Romeoville, IL., passed away Thursday December 12, 2019. Beloved son of Jason Ahern Sr. and Lisa Ahern; loving brother of Jeremy, Nathan and Samuel Ahern; cherished grandson of maternal grandparents Fran and the late Edward Skrobania and paternal grandparents John and Cindy Ahern II; Jason

had many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation Thursday December 19, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at **Anderson Memorial Chapel** 606 Townhall Dr. Romeoville, IL., funeral service Friday December 20, 2019 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Romeoville, IL. for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL. For information 815-886-2323 [www.andersonmemorialhomes.com](http://www.andersonmemorialhomes.com)

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#### Antonietti, Edward

November 28, 1939 - December 13, 2019  
The Honorable Edward Antonietti age 80 passed away in his home on December 13. Steady Eddie was born in 1939 in the Roseland neighborhood of Chicago. He married the love of his life, the former Barbara Jean Dollear, in 1964 after graduating from his beloved Marquette school of law in 1963. Former president of the South Suburban Bar Association. Former counsel for the city of Calumet City. Associate Cook County judge until his retirement in 2009. Preceded in death by his mother, Mary, and father Bernard. Survived by his brother, Chuck, and sisters Judy and Monica. Survived by his bride, his children Mark (Erin) Antonietti, Brian(Linda) Antonietti, Michelle Antonietti, and Nicole (Scott) Kumskis and 15 grandchildren Dominic, Greta, Gino, Francesca, Alex, Isabella, Cece, Ben, Claire, Nick, Magnus, Vinny, Luciano, Sloane, Bear, many loved nieces and nephews, and friends from Long Beach to Fort Meyers. We would like to thank all of his wonderful friends, too many to mention, but you know who you are, and the caregivers who helped him through this time, especially Stephanie and the dedicated staff at Dunes Hospice. Mass of Christian burial will be held 3:00 pm Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 9235 So. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, Illinois with Rev. Terrance McCarthy officiating. Visitation hours will be Saturday from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm at Christ the King Catholic Church. Arrangement are being handled by the **Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel**, 418 Washington St., Michigan City, Indiana 46360. Memorial donations can be made to Mount Carmel Chicago High School 6410 S. Dante Ave, Chicago 60637 or Dunes Hospice, 4711 Evans Ave, Valparaiso, IN 46383. Go Caravan!

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#### Bresler, Ellen H.

Ellen H. Bresler, 76, cherished mother of Michael (Julie) Helfer, Lauren Raphael and the late Gregg Helfer; devoted grandmother of Emily and Jacob Helfer and Isabel and Sabrina Raphael; loving partner of Ted Goldberg for 18 years. Chapel service

Wednesday 10:00 AM 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 the American Lung Association, [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org). For information or condolences 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.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 bothers 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 ([chicagob-hgh.org](http://chicagob-hgh.org)) or Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60060 ([misericordia.com](http://misericordia.com)).

Info: 847-675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com).

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#### Coquilllette, Donald

Donald Coquilllette, much beloved husband and eternal best friend of Marla, nee Katz; son of the late Daniel and Irene Coquilllette; 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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#### Cramer, Thomas Hatton

Thomas Hatton Cramer was born in Evanston, IL, in 1947, and passed away on December 14, 2019, at his home in Ft. Mills, SC. After graduating from the University of Illinois where he was a Delta Tau Delta, he worked in industrial sales in Chicago, beginning in 1977 retiring in North Carolina in April of 2019. Tom had many

interests—Civil War history, playing golf, tennis, painting and literature. At the time of his death, he was days away from opening his own studio in Ft. Mills, a long-time dream. Tom’s greatest achievement in life, though, was his network of friends, many for decades. Tom was always the joker, often cynical and sometimes goofy but under it all, he cared deeply about his family and good friends. Although in his last years of life, he took several overseas adventures visiting foreign countries, his best vacation times were low-key, weekend or weeklong vacations at Door County, WI; Fish Lake, IN; Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach, SC, where he kicked back, enjoying meals with friends or family, early sunrises over the ocean or sunsets on the lake, fishing and golfing, drinking adult beverages and chatting with friends..Tom was preceded in death by his father, mother, and younger brother. His memory continues with his surviving older brother Wm. Michael Cramer (Pamela) sisters Elizabeth Cramer and Susan Chaney (Mitchell) three nephews Matthew, Stephen, and Jason and niece Samantha; and a great-nephew and great-niece. Plans are underway for a celebration of life in early 2020. Contributions should be made to the American Cancer Society.

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#### Evans, Doreen Swinton ‘Dori’

Doreen “Dori” Swinton Evans, 71, of Wheaton, Illinois, Indian Wells, California, and Spring Hill, Florida returned to her heavenly home on December 13, 2019 after a valiant battle with a long illness. She was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on January 30, 1948. She is predeceased by her loving husband, James Robert

Evans and sisters Margaret Jagoditsh, Patricia May Schmuhl, Janice Helen Sy and Joan Carol Spaulding. She is survived by her brother Donald David Jagoditsh, son Timothy Gartzke Evans, stepson Timothy Duggan Evans, and stepdaughter Nancy Corrine Gegenheimer. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Roger Lee Schmuhl. She loved to play golf and share time with friends at Chicago Golf Club and Indian Wells Country Club. In lieu of a service, Dori would request donations to Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43168 to the attention of Senior Pastor Jeff Greenway.

Final arrangements are being handled by Pfeifer Funeral Home  
She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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#### Fohrman, Mari C.

Mari C. Fohrman, nee Gaspar, beloved wife of the late Seymour; loving mother of Dyane (Paul) Glick, Ronald (Erika) Harris, and Robert (Amy) Harris; loving step-mother of Susan Meade and Scott Fohrman; devoted grandmother of Heather Barben, Julie Harris, and Emma Harris; devoted step-grandmother of Byra Harris, Ann Harris, Nomika Harris, Jessie Fohrman, Maia Fohrman, and Dylan Mead; caring great-grandmother of three. Graveside service Thursday, 1:30pm at Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, donations to either the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF) or Alzheimer’s Research will be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621

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#### Gelfond, Marlene Renee

Marlene Renee Gelfond, nee Schultz, 81. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Loving mother of Danny (Marla) Gelfond and Holly Gelfond (Haruo) Mizutani, Proud grandmother of Jaclyn and Allison Gelfond and Lindsay Rabin. Dear sister of Maxine Schultz Levenbrook. Service Tuesday 10:00am at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd.(1 blk.N. of Lake Cook Rd), Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish United Fund,[www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org). Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**,[www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

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#### Heath, Carole M.

Carole M. Heath, 86. Adored daughter of the late Agnes and Norbert Heath. Loving sister of Jacqueline Heath, Joan Fortner, the late Patricia Vogel and Norbert Heath Jr. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday December 18, 9:30 AM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave, Chicago to St. Henry

Church for a Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Interment St. Boniface Cemetery. Visitation 4 PM to 8 PM, Tuesday December 17 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities. Funeral Info 773-736-3833 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## Hogan, Joan

Joan Hogan (nee Edwards), 75, of Fox Lake, formerly of Northlake, at rest December 14, 2019. Wife of the late Thomas; mom of Kelleen landolo; grandma of Ashley (Jose Camargo) Hogan and Kelsey landolo; great grandma of Evan and Theodore; and aunt to many. Memorial visitation Saturday, December 21, 1 p.m. until memorial service at 4 p.m., **Hamsher Lakeside Funerals and Cremations, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake.** Online condolences, [www.HamsherLakeside.com](http://www.HamsherLakeside.com), information, 847-587-2100. **Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**

## Isaac, Jane Elyse 'Janie'

Jane "Janie" Elyse Isaac, 66. Beloved wife of the late John Isaac. Devoted daughter of Thelma nee Kurland and the late Morton Geller. Loving sister of Abbie (the late Richard) Meyers and Lori Geller. Cherished aunt of Bari (Avi) Fleischer and great-aunt of Emet Fleischer. Loving friend and companion of Jim Mitchel. Service Wednesday, 11 am at **Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd.,** (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation, 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078 [www.christopherreeve.org](http://www.christopherreeve.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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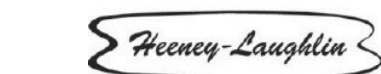
## Kraemer, Vera W.

Vera W. Kraemer (nee Wiegel) was born February 14, 1928 in Chicago to David and Dorothy (Kraus) Wiegel and passed away December 13, 2019. Vera was the loving mother of Lisa Pontello (Gino), Heidi Randhava, and Kenneth Kraemer (Daisy Taylor); cherished grandmother of Ravi Randhava, Anne Randhava, Marc Pontello, and Claire Pontello; dear sister of Irma Chulay (Frank); fond aunt of Vera Shively (Tom), Dorothy Shively Gragnolati (Jeff), and Zoe Shively. Vera will also be forever remembered by her numerous extended family and dear friends. Visitation will be Friday, December 20, 2019 from 5:00 PM until the time of the funeral service at 6:00 PM at the Odean Johnson Chapel at the Moorings of Arlington Heights, 811 E Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Interment will be private. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or [lauterburgoehler.com](http://lauterburgoehler.com)

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## Lyle, Dennis J.

Dennis J. Lyle, Age 81, Born into Eternal Life on December 13, 2019. Beloved husband of Virginia (nee Panicucci) for 55 years. Loving father of Rev. Msgr. Dennis J. Lyle, Andrea (Barry) Castrogiovanni, Mary (Joe) Conroy, Michael (Lisa) Lyle, and Maria Lyle. Proud grandpa of Nicholas, Joey, Elizabeth, Patrick, David, Caroline, and Annabelle. Devoted brother of James (Patricia), and the late David (the late Fran) Lyle. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Longtime parishioner of St. Nicholas of Tolentine and St. Linus, and former computer programmer analyst for American National Can Co. Visitation Wednesday 3-9pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Funeral Thursday 10:00am proceeding from funeral home to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Funeral info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or [www.heeneyfh.com](http://www.heeneyfh.com)



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## Manos, Constance G. 'Connie'

Constance G. 'Connie' Manos, age 73, of Glenview, IL. Loving sister of Anna Leah (the late Peter) Vanes. Proud aunt of Dean Vanes and the late Michael Vanes. Fond cousin of many. Visitation Thursday, December 19, 2019, 11:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 12:00 Noon at Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church or JourneyCare, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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## Massolio, Patricia L.

Patricia L. Massolio, nee O'Leary, 82, December 14, 2019, of Palos Hills, former longtime resident of Evergreen Park, originally of Southwest Side of Chicago; devoted mother of John C. Massolio, III and Jacqueline L. (James A.) Dorn, both of Florida; loving grandmother of Kathleen Massolio, Matthew J. Dorn, Sarah E. Dorn and the late John C. "Jay" Massolio, IV; dear daughter of the late William and Lucille Wenzloff Laverty. Dedicated employee of Meyer Brothers Scavenger Service, later Waste Management, for 30 years. Member of Sacred Heart Fun Club. Services at CENTRAL CHAPEL, 6158 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL, where family and friends will gather on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral Thursday, December 19, 2019, 10 a.m., at chapel, to Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th St., Palos Hills, IL. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery-Garden Mausoleum, Justice, IL. Please visit PATRICIA MASSOLIO BOOK OF MEMORIES. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit [www.chapelc.com](http://www.chapelc.com) or [www.facebook.com/central-chapel](http://www.facebook.com/central-chapel). Info., 773-581-9000.



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## Mazursky, Dorothy

Dorothy Mazursky, nee Beider, age 98, of Lauderhill, FL, formerly of Chicago Beloved wife of the late Seymour; cherished mother of Richard (Joanne) Mazursky and Linda (Stephen) Horwitz; loving grandmother of Brent (Jody) Horwitz, Bradley (Tracey) Horwitz, Michael (Jamie) Mazursky, Gregory (Stacy) Horwitz, Kenny (Diana) Mazursky, Grant (Jamie) Horwitz and great-grandchildren who called her "GG" or "Nana" Olivia, Chelsea, Jacob ,Gabi, Noah, Zachary, Zoe, Shayna, Jonah, Lucas, Ella and Lucy, devoted daughter of the late Harry and Leah, fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Wednesday December 18th, 10:30 AM at Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court. (Northeast corner of Willow and Landwehr Roads) Northbrook. Interment Waldheim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions in Dorothy's name to Sunny Days Ahead (provides feel-good items to breast cancer patients during treatments), c/o Tracey Horwitz, 1126 Fairfield Meadows Drive, Weston, FL 33327, or Rush University Medical Center for Parkinson's disease research, 1201 West Harrison St., Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60607 or visit <http://http://rush.convio.net/dmazursky> . Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824, or [www.mitzvahfunerals.com](http://www.mitzvahfunerals.com)



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## McCarthy, Thomas M.

Thomas Michael McCarthy passed away suddenly on December 7, 2019. Memorial visitation Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187.** Funeral Mass on December 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, 15314 Summit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Interment private. For more information, <https://www.williams-kampp.com>.

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## Miller, Bryan B.

Bryan B. Miller, age 20 of Brookfield. Beloved son of Keith and Renee (nee Bachner) Miller and loving brother of Keith. He was currently a student studying business at the University of South Carolina where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Bryan was an Eagle Scout Troop 111 and a 2018 Fenwick High School graduate. Cherished grandson of Nancy Bachner, fond nephew of Theresa and Robert Esposito, Barb and Al Boyd and Pam Renaker, cousin of Jason, Kyle, Brendon, Matthew and Becky and dear friend to many. Funeral Thursday, December 19, 9:00am Prayers at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside to St. Francis Xavier Church, LaGrange.** Mass 10:00am. Interment Private, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, 3:00pm-8:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bryan's name would be appreciated to Hilinski's Hope, PO Box 133, Ballentine, SC 29002. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.KuratkoNosek.com](http://www.KuratkoNosek.com). Info: (708) 447-2500



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## Quinn, Bernard Michael 'Bernie'

Bernard "Bernie" Quinn, age 83; loving husband of Margaret "Peggy" Quinn, nee Moran; cherished father of Mudgeon (Scott Becker) Quinn, Patrick, and Martin (Shari Pluski) Quinn; dear grandfather of Jacob Becker; fond brother of Jean (Jack) Sorenson, the late John "Jack" Quinn and Mary "Patsy" Quinn; dearest brother in-law, uncle, colleague and friend of many. Bernie was a proud and longtime member of IBEW Local 134. Visitation Tuesday, December 17th, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Wednesday, December 18th, 9:15 AM from **Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale to Notre Dame Catholic Church, 64 Norfolk Ave., Clarendon Hills.** Mass 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to, Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) appreciated. 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com)



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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](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/donate#tribute_donate).

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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](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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## Roth, Charlotte D.

Charlotte Roth, nee Weinberg beloved wife of Seymour "Sy" Roth. Loving mother of Larry Roth and Beth Hanna. Cherished grandmother of Chad (Valerie) Roth, Daniel (Melissa) Perl, Alec (Melissa) Perl and Brittany (Joel) Ohrlund. Adored great grandmother of Genevieve and Benjamin Perl. Fond sister of the late Stanford (the late Ruth) Weinberg. Dear aunt, cousin and friend to many. Graveside services Wednesday 10:30 AM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 Rand Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers remembrances to your preferred charity would be appreciated. Arrangements by Mitzvah Memorial Funerals, 630-Mitzvah (630-648-9824) or [www.MitzvahFunerals.com](http://www.MitzvahFunerals.com).



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## Scanlon, Thomas

Thomas "Bobby" Scanlon, native of Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick, Ireland; loving brother of Michael (Ann), Pat (Peggy), Morty (Ann), Joan (the late Jim) Mahon and Mame (Gerry) Kavanagh; beloved son of the late James and Margaret; fond uncle and great uncle to many; friend to all who knew him; US Army Veteran, Member of St. Mel's Football Club and Limerick Hurling Club. Visitation 10 AM until time of Mass 11 AM at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 4646 N. Austin Ave. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Gibbons Family Funeral Home.** In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association. For info 773-777-3944 or [www.gffh.com](http://www.gffh.com)

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## Schepel, Herbert G. 'Herb'

Herbert G. "Herb" Schepel, age 66, of LaGrange, IL; loving husband of Kathleen "Kathi" Deane for 35 years; loving brother of Mary Lou (Joe) Massay and Charles "Chuck" (Judy) Schepel; fond brother-in-law of Kevin Deane, Maureen (Jim) Gorszczyk, Patrick (Gail) Deane, Jim (Karen) Deane, and Eileen (David) Corbett; dear uncle of 16 nieces and nephews; loved by many friends and neighbors. Services are pending and will be posted at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside.** Additional information available at [hjfunerals.com](http://hjfunerals.com) or 708-352-6500.



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## Schnell, Richard L.

Richard L. Schnell, 84, of Huntley, died peacefully, December 13, 2019 with his family by his side. Visitation will be on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 4-8pm at **DeFiore Funeral Home-10763 Dundee Road, Huntley.** Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 10:00am at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church-10805 Main Street, Huntley. There will also be visitation at Church the day of the service from 9-10am. Burial will be at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. Richard was born May 31, 1935 in Queens, NY, the son of Frederick and Helen Schnell. He worked in the printing industry. He enjoyed playing poker, craps and was an avid Cub and Bear fan. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Merilyn Schnell, his children, Jeffrey Schnell, Susan (Bill) Groves, Karen (Greg) Baumbach, by his five grandsons, Erik, Karl, Ryan, Nicholas, and Scott, his great grandchildren, Layla, Lilly and Madelyn. He is also survived by his step children, Dean (Jenny) Mueller and Randy Mueller.

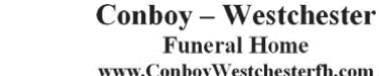
Richard was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia, his grandson, Corey and by his two brothers, Bob and Fred. For further information please call the funeral home at 847-515-8772 or on line condolences may be directed to [www.defiorefuneal.com](http://www.defiorefuneal.com)



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## Senft, Kevin A.

Kevin A. Senft of Kankakee, formerly of Downers Grove, age 35. Beloved son of David and Colleen Senft; loving brother of Patrick (Alane); cherished grandson of James (the late Martha) Smith and the late Harold and Ruth Senft; proud nephew of Jim (Diana) Smith, Sheila (Dave) Lewis, Dan Smith and Linda, Diane, and Jim Senft and the late Maureen Smith and the late Roger Senft; fond cousin and friend of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.)** on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Providence Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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## SHEEHAN, KATHLEEN AGNES

Kathleen Agnes Sheehan, 70, of Western Springs. Predeceased by her parents, Frank and Agnes Pohnal. Beloved wife of William. Devoted sister-in-law of Susan Sheehan (Alexander Knott) and Sandra Sheehan (late Sidney Landskroner). Dear aunt of many. Dear cousin of Becky Roberts and many other cousins. Visitation 9am to 12 Noon Thursdays, Dec. 19, 2019 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside.** Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or [www.hjfunerals.com](http://www.hjfunerals.com)



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## Skarr Ohm, Lorraine

Lorraine Skarr Ohm (nee Brandel), age 99, a resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Chicago, Elmhurst and River Forest, IL, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at St. Patrick's Residence in Naperville. She was born November 1, 1920 in Chicago. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.** For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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## Smith, Mary Lou

Mary Lou Smith nee Casey, age 92, of Bloomingdale, IL, daughter of the late Thomas E. and Bernice Casey. Beloved wife of the late Thomas "Ray" Smith. Loving mother of Dennis R. Smith and Donna J. (John F.) Gibbons. Cherished sister and preceded in death by siblings Thomas, Gerard, Richard, Colleen, James, Kevin, Bernice Jean and Regina. Mary Lou is survived by sisters-in-law, Jennie and Gina. Dear grandmother of Kelly (Kevin), Katie (Jim) and Ryan Smith. Loving mother-in-law of Judith A. Smith. Great grandmother of Nikolas, Thomas, & Gwendolyn Hall, William, Michael, Daniel and Margaret Moore. Fond aunt, great-aunt & great-great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Wednesday from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Gibbons Funeral Home, 134 S. York Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, 60126, (630) 832-0018. Friends and family will meet Thursday 10:30 am at St. Isidore Church, 427 N. Army Trail Road in Bloomingdale, for Mass at 10:45 am. Interment Private. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or [www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com)

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## Spohnholtz, John Frederick 'Jack'

John "Jack" F. Spohnholtz, age 79, passed away on Sunday, December 15th, 2019 with his loving family and friends by his side. Jack was born on February 4th, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois, raised in Gary, Indiana and a resident of Barrington, IL for 32 years. Jack was a 1962 graduate of Missouri Valley College with a Bachelor of Arts. He served

his country honorably in the United States Army from 1963 until 1966. Jack spent 29 years working for Allstate Insurance as the Human Resources Director. He enjoyed boating, fishing, golfing, and loved spending time with his family, friends, and two granddaughters. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Jack is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Nancy Spohnholtz (nee Holm); his loving children, Catherine Spohnholtz and Laura (John) Donahue; granddaughters, Morgan and Harper Donahue; fond brother-in-law to Harry (Heike) Holm; fond uncle to Chelsea Holm and Brenden Holm; as well as numerous family and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Mercedes Spohnholtz; and aunt, Elaine Berkowitz. A visitation for Jack will be held on Wednesday, December 18th, 2019, from 3pm until 8pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 941 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.** A second visitation will be held on Thursday, December 19th, 2019 from 10am until the time of mass at 11am at St. Anne's Catholic Community, 120 Ela Street, Barrington, IL 60010. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project or the charity of your choice. For information, please contact **Davenport Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich, 847-550-4221.** For online condolences please visit, [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com).



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## Sullivan, Kathleen S.

Kathleen S. Sullivan, nee Hogin age 74, of Scottsdale, AZ and Elmhurst, IL; beloved wife of the late Dr. Richard K. Sullivan, D.D.S.; loving mother of Julie (James) Doherty and Bryan (April) Sullivan; proud grandmother of Fiona, Bridget, Keira, Mary, Joe, Caroline and Stephen; aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Kathleen and her late husband moved to Scottsdale, AZ over 20 years ago. She was an avid golfer and Bridge player and actively volunteered as a Eucharistic Minister for the sick and for the Meals on Wheels program. Memorial visitation at Visitation Church, 779 S. York Rd., Elmhurst from 9:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2019. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated for The Hope Chest, 305 W. Hillgrove Ave. La Grange, IL 60525 (thehopechest.net) Arrangements by **Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgrim.com](http://www.ahlgrim.com)**



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## Sullivan, Mary Laura Scott

Mary Laura Scott Sullivan, age 94. Beloved wife of the late George D. Sullivan, Jr.; loving mother of George (Vivian), Jim (Marybeth), Dan (Carole), Marianne (Jim) Hayes, Margaret (David) Lee, Catherine Sullivan, John (Erin), Laura (Christy) Helms and the late Bill (Kate) Sullivan ; proud grandmother of Terra (Adam) Pearson, Meghan Sullivan, Elizabeth Sullivan, James (Katie) Sullivan, Kathleen Sullivan, Thomas Sullivan, Martin Sullivan, Lucienne Sullivan, George Henry Sullivan, Laura Hayes, Margaret Hayes, Daniel Hayes, Mary Lee, Matt Lee, Gannon Lee, Annie Lee, Emma Sullivan, John Sullivan, Bobby Helms and Julia Helms; great grandmother to Ayla, Maggie, Clara and Bridget; and fond sister of the late Bill Scott, Jim Scott and Virginia Dillon. Visitation Thursday, December 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 524 Ninth Street, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Carmelite Monastery, 949 N. River Road, Des Plaines IL 60016. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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## Theodore, Joan

Joan Theodore nee Camburas, age 91, of Skokie, IL. Beloved wife of Theodore J. "Ted" Theodore, Sr. Cherished mother of Marika (Evan) Mammias, Peter (Anna) Theodore, Irene (John) Bradshaw, Theodore, Jr. (Kristine) Theodore and the late Janice (Ron) Kurowski. Adored grandmother of Caidi and Joanna Mammias, Jessica Kurowski, Johnny and Christian Theodore and Joanie and Teddy Bradshaw. Visitation, Wednesday December 18, 2019, 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Shirley Ryan, AbilityLab, 355 East Erie, Chicago, IL 60611 or Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road Glencoe, IL 60022. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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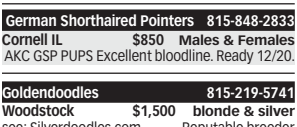
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TO: Daniel Driver and  
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JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00485

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jaareem Jackson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 05, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM 6, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 4, 2019 6516737**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Addison Bailey Michael Washington

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF McKinze Bailey (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00987 19JA00988

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Louie Villanueva**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 05, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 13, 2019 6525224**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Christian Costello

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Vivian Ely (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00961

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Sunny Costello AKA Vinny Costello (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 25, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **01/08/2020**, 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 12, 2019 6525276**

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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  
Dorion Hawes-Perine Noah Hawes-Perine

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Noela Perine (Mother) AKA Ella Perine

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00406 19JA00405

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Demarco Hawes (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 6, 2019 6525315**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Laylani Colan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cristina Colan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00909

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jose Sanchez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 21, 2019 6538383**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Laylani Colan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cristina Colan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00909

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Oscar Quinonez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 21, 2019 6538399**

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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  
Marlene Barreto-Rivera Sophie Rivera-Gant

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Marlene Barreto-Rivera (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01250 19JA01251

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Anton Gant (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 30, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 7, 2019 6525248**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Laylani Colan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cristina Colan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00909

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jose Sanchez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 21, 2019 6538399**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
Laylani Colan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cristina Colan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00909

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Oscar Quinonez (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/08/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 21, 2019 6538399**

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## TAKE NOTICES

TO: Duane K. Ainlay John Richard Ainlay Renee Elena Ainlay Renee E. Ainlay Ryan Westphal Ainlay William Garrett Ainlay John Ricahrd Ainlay United States of America c/o Internal Revenue Service United States of America c/o Attorney General NCO Portfolio Management, Inc. NCO Portfolio Management, Inc. c/o C.T. Corporation System Jessica Ainlay James Kelly Law Offices of James Kelly Lake Run Garage Condominium c/o Michael M. Iseberg-Registered Agent Michael P. Ainlay County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Owners; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004484 FILED November 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006548. Sold for General Taxes of 2015 (2015-2013, 2012, 2011) Sold for Special Assessment of [Municipality] and special assessment No. 14-28-105-083-1075. Volume 233 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 this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on April 29, 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 1, 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 or 312-603-5645. Scribe Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: November 15, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537949

TO: Duane K. Ainlay John Richard Ainlay Renee Elena Ainlay Renee E. Ainlay Ryan Westphal Ainlay William Garrett Ainlay John Ricahrd Ainlay United States of America c/o Internal Revenue Service United States of America c/o Attorney General NCO Portfolio Management, Inc. NCO Portfolio Management, Inc. c/o C.T. Corporation System Jessica Ainlay James Kelly Law Offices of James Kelly Lake Run Garage Condominium c/o Michael M. Iseberg-Registered Agent Michael P. Ainlay County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Owners; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004484 FILED November 15, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006548. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 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 16-18 East Old Willow Rd., Unit 79 G, Prospect Heights, Illinois, a/k/a 79 E. Old Willow Rd, Unit 79 G, Prospect Heights, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-24-100-047-1079, Volume 233 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 this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Court



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NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT, JOSE ENRIQUEZ, III; VIRGINIA RODRIGUEZ; FIDELITY NATIONAL LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY F/K/A LAWYERS TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY; TERESTIA JOHNSON; JEWEL LONG; City of Chicago, KORONA INVESTMENTS, MAAND AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003763 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-000938 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 3341 W IOWA ST CHICAGO, IL 60651 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-425-015-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 6542765

TO: OCCUPANT, ALEAX JOHNSON; ELLO JOHNSON; REPUBLIC BANK OF CHICAGO F/K/A BANK OF LINCOLNWOOD; City of Chicago; STEVE JOHNSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003765 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-000937 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 4923 W OHIO ST CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-220-014-0000 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 6542773

TO: OCCUPANT, BIRDIE ELMORE; MARY ELMORE; BMO HARRIS BANK, N/A F/K/A M & I BANK; FSB; VILLAGE OF PALATINE; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, City of Chicago; BRYAN ELMORE; BRIAN DESMON; TIFFANY ELMORE; RAYMOND JACKSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003766 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010106 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 4820 W HUBBARD STREET CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-229-032-0000 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 6542777

TO: OCCUPANT, STOREFRONT; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 11/17/2016 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002375218; SAMI KHAN; JEFF BV - COMMERCIAL, LLC; JEFF BV COMMERCIAL LLC; City of Chicago, VILLAGE OF SKOKIE; SUBMARINE; DWYANE MASON; OCCUPANT - UNIT 1; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003767 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010132 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 321 N LARAMIE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-09-403-007-0000 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 6542783

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TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF ELOISE HARVEY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF LOUIS HARVEY; PATRICIA HARVEY; KATHERINE HARVEY; DIANE HARVEY; LOUIS HARVEY; KENNY HARVEY; MAURICE; LEE MILLES; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Illinois Attorney General; ELOISE HARVEY; Cook County State's Attorney; AND 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 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 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 6542790

TO: OCCUPANT; WILLIE LARK; City of Chicago; RELVIE CAPITAL GROUP, LLC; BRIAN KELLY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF WILLIE LARK; RELVIE CAPITAL GROUP, LLC; 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. 15-0010201 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 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 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 6542797

TO: TOMAS HNUK; City of Chicago; ROBERTO GANDUQUE; OCCUPANT SANCHEZ; OCCUPANT; WASHINGTON; OCCUPANT; VASQUEZ; OCCUPANT CLAY; OCCUPANT JACKSON; JOSE RODRIGUEZ; UNIT 3; DIANA RODRIGUEZ; UNIT 3; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; OCCUPANT JOHNSON; OCCUPANT JORDON; OCCUPANT; HARRY LESLIE CUDROPS; 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 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 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, N.A. F/K/A LASALLE BANK; 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 F/K/A FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA; City of Chicago; EUGENE SMITH; RONALD JONES; CONSTANCE MORRIS; STEVEN SMITH; NATHAN PASHUPATI; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003771 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0010332 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 2817 W LEXINGTON ST CHICAGO, IL 60612 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-311-016-0000 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 6542807

TO: Lufei Lei Joseph E. Bard Terry A. Beard William L. Burchette Rebecca Lynn Hard Tiffany Nicole Johnson Lonetta Woodfork Dora M. Beard Dora Murray County Clerk 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.: 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)/Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment Not Applicable 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 J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on May 4, 2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 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 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated November 7, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535214

UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; LEONARD CLAYTON; VIRGINIA CLAYTON; City of Chicago; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE BANK; KIMBERLY CALDWELL; AMBER CLAYTON; CNEZ 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 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 6542811

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TO: First Financial Funding Co.; Town of Cicero; User of 1919 S. Cicero Ave., 1917 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; Taxpayer of 1919 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL; Signature Bank; Salta 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 02/22/2019. Certificate No. F56161. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 (including 2008, 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 Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 04/22/2020 at 9:30 a.m. On 4/2/2020, 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 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. 15-0010404 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 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 6542820

TO: Maria O. Aguirre Edgar Axel Avelar Irene Fraser Leticia Rivas Fernando Gonzalez Irene Hernandez Ramirez Maria Aguirre City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel City of Chicago c/o Department of Buildings Corona Investments, LLC c/o City Clerk City of Chicago State of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue Corona Investments, LLC M & I Macias 2628 S Drake Chicago, IL 60623-4601 Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk 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. 2019COTD004791 FILED: December 2, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010648 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2010-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2628 S. Drake Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-400-019-0000, Volume 577 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. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, in Chicago, Illinois 60602 on May 27, 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 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 HZ INVESTMENTS, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated December 2, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535479

TO: Nick Dublin and Bekri Bala; Jose Castro, Monica Merced, and Ernesto Gonzalez; Occupant, 5447 S. 74th Ave, Summit Ariz, IL; Cooks 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 Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 5447 S. 74th Ave, Summit Ariz, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-14-010-0000. 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 16, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537912

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TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LAKESIDE BANK, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 02/21/2007 A/K/A TRUST NO. 10-2920; ORLEANS PARTNERS LLC; THE ROYALTON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Kovitz, Shiffrin Nesbitt, 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. 15-0009115 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 ORLEANS ST., UNIT #P-44 CHICAGO, IL 60610 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-04-200-098-1095 (2015-2016) N/A. 07-200-101-1095 (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 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 6542717

TO: Trinity Green, LLC-1240 N. Damen; J.S. Attorney General, Illinois Dept. of Revenue, and Illinois Attorney General; John McMahon, Lowell House Management, LLC; CHICAGO MANAGEMENT Realty, Lynn McMahon, City of Chicago, IRS, and U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois; Occupant, 1240 N. Damen 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 4/6/2017. 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 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 6537646

TO: Soo Jin Kim; Vasanta Paxton, Morgan Paxton, Vera Jackson, Vanessa Samuels, Vera Jackson, and John McMahon; Farm Bank FSB; City of Chicago; Philip Yarbrough, 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 4/6/2017. Certificate No. 15-0010864. 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 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



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TO: Javier Diaz; Armando Lopez, Salvador Gonzalez, Sebastian Torres, and Belen Gonzalez; Mortgage Credit Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), PHH Mortgage Corporation, American Mortgage Network, Inc., d/b/a Amnet Mortgage, American Mortgage Network, Inc., d/b/a Amnet Mortgage, and American Mortgage Network, Inc., d/b/a Amnet Mortgage; Cook County Assessor's Office. Alina Rosa Martinez, Cook County Clerk, Robert Ramirez, and Jesus Santana; Occupant, 3922-3924 W. 62nd Pl, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003458. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/5/2017. Certificate No. 15-0006924. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 3922-3924 W. 62nd Pl, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-14-324-029-0000. 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 6537846

TO: Sean Furlong Sean S. Furlong Southside Rehabers & Developers - Business Record Chicago, Illinois, Cook County Clerk, City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel City of Chicago Department of Buildings State of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue United States of America c/o Internal Revenue Service 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. 2019COTD004434 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0007067 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 3156 W. Columbus Avenue, Chicago, IL 60652-1957 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-25-317-056-0000, Volume 404 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 subse-quenty 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 the 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 6535159

TO: STEPA INC STEPA INC c/o Michael J. Wilson City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel STEPA INC 05530 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. 2019COTD004578 FILED: November 20, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of COOK Date Premises Sold February 28, 2019 Certificate No. F56633 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 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 South side of 50th St., Approx. 140 feet East of Penna Avenue, and extending East from 24th Street to South Aurora, 125 x 1 feet, commonly known as 2145 W. 50th St., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-07-121-004-0000, Volume 416 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 the 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 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: 312-603-5145 ANTONIO GARCIA Purchaser or Assignee Dated November 20, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535519

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TO: Mark Shadrick, Edward Shadrick, and Alan Shadrick; Sahana Ward, Anvar Tokomov, Sitomir Tokomov, and Paquta Tokamov; 5464 S. Ridgewood Court, Condominium Association; Occupant, 5464 S. Ridgewood Ct., Unit 2, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004435. FILED: September 2, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-00004749. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 5464 S. Ridgewood Ct., Unit 2, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-11-422-061-1002. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/6/2020 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 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. Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536974

TO: Leep Group, LLC c/o Michael Elman, Zachary Elman, 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. 2019COTD004666 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0006404 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015. Sold for Special Assessment of [Municipality and special assessment no.] None Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3812 S CALUMET AVE Chicago, IL 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-15-123-012-0000 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 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, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 1, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 1, 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) 603-5654. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee RDS LNS LLC (312) 436-0831 Dated: November 25, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6533938

TO: ELITE INVEST, LLC SERIES 1022; Rose Braxton; Occupant, 5935 S. Indiana Ave, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002738. FILED: September 3, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-00004749. 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 5935 S. Indiana Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-15-303-017-0000. 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 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 St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/6/2020 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 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 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536977

TO: Taif Mukholomi, Taif Mukholomi, 6200 South Evans Condominium Association c/o Empire Property Management Sol, 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. 2019COTD004666 FILED November 25, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0004852 Sold for General Taxes of 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. [Not Applicable] Installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 717 E 62ND ST UNIT 2, Chicago, IL 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-15-422-029-1007 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, Room 1704, (Calendar 8) Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on April 15, 2020, at 9:30 AM You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 1, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 BY: Purchaser or Assignee RDS LNS LLC (312) 436-0831 Dated: November 25, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6533948

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TO: Jacqueline R. Lewis Darelle S. Lewis Preston R. Lewis Breyuna Nicole Wilson Robert Terale Lewis Tenisha LaShell Wilson 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. 2019COTD004435 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0007500 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 5520 S. Hoyne Avenue, Chicago, IL 60636-1130 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-18-104-025-0000, Volume 425 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 subse-quenty 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 the 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 6535167

TO: QJR Property LLC QJR Property LLC c/o Michael King, R.A. QJR Property LLC c/o Calvin D. Kang - Manager QJR Property LLC c/o Secretary of State Business Services Occupant of 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. 2019COTD004434 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0007532 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 1924 W. 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60636-1602 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-18-225-028-0000, Volume 425 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 subse-quenty 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 the 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 6535170

TO: Perthie Ford Henry B. Ford Marquette Bank f/k/a Marquette National Bank Perthie 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. 2019COTD004437 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0007585 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 6535 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60636-3007 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-19-222-013-0000, Volume 427 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 subse-quenty 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 the 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 6535175

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TO: Diane Gottlieb Anna Norwood Kenneth Turner LaSahana C. Appling Jasmine Shadrach Collin Donald Appling City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Corporate Counsel City of Chicago c/o Department of Buildings City of Chicago c/o Building and Licensing Roberts & Weddle, LLC 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 parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004444 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0004882 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 6514 S. Champlain Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637-3428 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-220-025-0000, Volume 258 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 subse-quenty 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 the 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, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6535082

TO: Equity Trust Company Custodian FBS Melinda J. Walker IRA, Trina Butler, Yolanda Moore, Devon Moore, and Occupant, City of Chicago and City of Chicago Dept. of Water, Occupant, 7052 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002736. FILED: September 3, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004928. 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 7052 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-323-039-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/6/2020 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 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, IL 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Longstreet Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536987

TO: Nichelle Benford; Matthew Bailey; Paxton LLC, and Cambridge Apartments Condominium Association; Occupant, 2210 E. 70th Pl., Unit 306, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002732. FILED: September 3, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019 TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0005076. 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 2210 E. 70th Pl., Unit 306, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-24-425-008-1026. 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 St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/20/20 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 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 Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536983

TO: Rosie Lee Taylor; Deanne Miller and Zeno McCaskill; Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois and U.S. Attorney General, Chicago, Illinois; Occupant, 7322 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002730. FILED: September 3, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0005159. 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 7327 S. Kenwood Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-26-219-012-0000. 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 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 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 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 Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536978

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TO: OCCUPANT; KING'S LEGACY PROPERTIES, LLC, 7406 S GREEN SERIES; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE. ID. No. 829603; SUPREMACY FINANCIAL CORPORATION; City of Chicago; ALEXIS BATTLE; TERRY COOPER; TRAVON JACOBS; JAMAL KING; JOUSHA JOHNSON; KING'S LEGACY PROPERTIES, LLC, 7406 S GREEN SERIES; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE. ID. No. 829603; SUPREMACY FINANCIAL AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003724 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007884 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 7406 S GREEN ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-29-229-020-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 6542520

TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; KAJA HOLDINGS, LLC City of Chicago; Village of South Holland; DERRICK HUBBARD; ESPERANZA ADAMS; OCCUPANT WILLIAMS; OCCUPANT ADAMS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003725 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007900 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 7545 S MAY ST CHICAGO IL 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-29-401-016-0000 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 6542523

TO: OCCUPANT; BETTYE CLAGGETTE; SEYMOUR CLAGGETTE; DAVID CLAGGETTE; LATEFAH MACK; TERRY PRUIT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003726 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0007905 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 7601 S ABERDEEN ST CHICAGO, IL 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-29-410



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TO: OCCUPANT; JERRY BROWN; DELORES BROWN; CONSUELA BROWN; COMMUNITY HOME FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003732 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008090 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 4511 W 81ST ST CHICAGO, IL 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-33-120-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 6542546

TO: Kirk Thompson, Kimberly Thompson, Karen Thompson, and Kyle Thompson; Allison Rice and Lorraine Carr; U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Trustee of NEWLANDS ASSET HOLDING TRUST; J.A. Gibson Realty & Associates, Ltd.; Occupant, 422 E. 81st St., Unit 1, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD002758. FILED: September 4, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0005310. 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, 422 E. 81st St., Unit 1, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-34-208-043-1011. 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 St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/6/2020 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 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 Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536988

TO: Michael Sajna; Shawn Appleton and Thomas Jackson; Second Base Properties, LLC; Daniel Berry; Occupant, 8439 S. Dante Ave, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003454. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/5/2017. Certificate No. 15-0005405. 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, 8439 S. Dante Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-35-406-013-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 2, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 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 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 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, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scrib Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537926

TO: John Thomas, Nancy Thomas, and Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nancy Thomas; James Thomas; ContMortgage Corporation, Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc f/k/a Fairbanks Capital Corp. as Successor to ContMortgage Corporation, and Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc f/k/a Fairbanks Capital Corp. as Successor to ContMortgage Corporation; Jerome Thomas and Michael Thomas; Occupant, 2818 E. 76th St, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003455. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/5/2017. Certificate No. 15-0005509. 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, 2818 E. 76th St, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-201-025-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 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. Scrib Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537945

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TO: Annie M. Williams Unknown Heirs or Devises of Annie M. Williams Occupants of City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel, Village of Illinois c/o Attorney General State of Illinois c/o Department of Revenue 1 South Central Bank, N.A. 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. 2019COTD0044810 FILED: December 3, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 5, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0005546 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 Southwest corner of 78th St and Muskegon Ave, commonly known as 7800 S Muskegon Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-407-015-0000, Volume 275 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 the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704 Chicago, Illinois 60602 on April 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 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated December 6, 2019 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536411

TO: Christopher Bishop and Angelica Bohacki; Candace Windsor, Jiana Windsor, and Tyron Harrell; Occupant, 8049 S. Marquette Ave, Chicago, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002727. FILED: September 3, 2019. AMENDED FILED: 11/21/2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/5/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005364 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, 8049 S. Marquette Ave, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-31-114-017-0000. 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 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 St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 4/6/2020 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 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 Capital Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 6, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6536967

TO: OCCUPANT; VITTORIO WATSON; City of Chicago, File DZ File WSFS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003738 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008399 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, 1004 S. LASSALLE ST CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-420-025-0000 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 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 6542578

TO: Emmanuel Conner; Jasmin Patel; Linda Conner and Royal Oak Condominium Owners Association, Inc.; Occupant, 10049 Pulaski Rd., Unit 10, Oak Lawn, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003451. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004361. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015, 2013, and 2014 1st Installment. 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, 10048 Pulaski Rd., Unit 10, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-10-407-057-1004. 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, at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 2, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Scrib Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537840

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TO: John W. McElree, Phyllis McElree, First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Palos Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee; U/V/N 1-3358 Trust Dated: October 19, 1992; First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Palos Bank and Trust Company, U/V/N 1-3358, Trust Dated: October 19, 1992; Alexandra Dery and Jeffrey Holder; Renee Oakley and Patrick McElree; Occupant, 10907 S. Normandy Ave, Worth, Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003452. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004427. 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 10907 S. Normandy Ave, Worth, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-18-20-003-0000. 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. Scrib Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537909

TO: Louise Patterson, First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Standard Bank & Trust Company, as Trustee; U/V/N 22075, Trust Dated: February 5, 2016, First Midwest Bank, as Successor Trustee to Standard Bank & Trust Company, as Trustee, U/V/N 22075, Trust Dated: February 5, 2016, Barbara Sanders, and Barbara Sanders, Brandi Patterson and Pamela Clark; Walter Patterson and Deer Park II Condominium Association; Occupant, 3627 W. Deer Park Dr, Alsip, IL; Cook County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD003453. FILED: October 2, 2019. TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 4/4/2017. Certificate No. 15-0004482. 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, 3627 W. Deer Park Dr, Alsip, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-26-131-019-1038. 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. Scrib Funding LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2019. 12/16, 17, 18/2019 6537917

TO: Nefatli Santellano a/k/a Nefatli Santellano Gregory S. Santellano Nefatli S. Santellano Gregory R. Santellano Herlinda Santellano Jose Manuel Escamilia Antonio Adolfo Sanchez Herlinda Santellano Unknown Heirs and Devises of Herlinda Santellano Gregory Santellano 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. 2019COTD0040430 FILED: November 7, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0004548 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 13426 S. Western Avenue, Blue Island, IL 60406 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-36-432-027-0000, Volume 249 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes of Cook County, Illinois 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 the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 04/02/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 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 6535072

TO: OCCUPANT; ERIC HILL; ANGELEEN HILL; COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR; Cook County State's Attorney; BELINDA PATTERSON; PATRICIA BROWN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003733 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008200 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 1502 W 91ST STREET CHICAGO, IL 60626 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-05-125-022-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 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 6542553

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TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE & TRUST AS TRUSTEE U/V/A DATED 08/29/1994 K/A/A TRUSTEE OF THE LORSA MAYAYE, CRYSTAL PERRY ANDRON POLK, MARSHALL BAILEY, NAJIE STEVENSON; NUBIA STEVENSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003734 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008223 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 8951 S MAY ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-05-218-042-0000 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 6542565

TO: OCCUPANT; KAJA HOLDINGS 2, LLC; L. H. GROUP, L.L.C. Village of Oak Park; PROPERTY MANAGEMENT L.L.C. City of Chicago; Village of South Holland; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003736 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/06/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008367 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 10100 S EGGLESTON AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-322-025-0000 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 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 6542570

TO: OCCUPANT; BLACK DIAMOND BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; TAXPAYER OF; CODY SMITH; FRED TUREAUD; ENOS TUREAUD; LESARAE MORRIS A/K/A LESARAE MORRIS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003737 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008382 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 340 W 109TH PL CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-09-405-005-0000 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 6542574

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MITCHELL JORDAN; ODESSA HUGGINS; ODESSA JORDAN; FIRST MIDWEST BANK, A FIRST MIDWEST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, F/K/A FIRST MIDWEST BANK/LAKE COUNTY F/K/A BANK OF MUNDELEIN; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; NEIGHBORHOOD FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; CHARLES JORDAN; INDIA JORDAN; LAWRENCE WALLS; NICHOLAS CURRY; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MITCHELL JORDAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003739 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008475 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 340 W 109TH PL CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-11-026-0000 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 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 6542582

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TO: OCCUPANT; UNIT 1; OCCUPANT; UNIT 2; ROBERT KIMM; JUNE BREHM; City of Chicago; N/A TRUSTEE OF THE LORSA MAYAYE, CRYSTAL PERRY ANDRON POLK, MARSHALL BAILEY, WILLIE JACKSON; TAX PAYER OF; LARRY KIMP; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD003740 FILED: 10/09/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0008508 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 1423 W 110TH ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-17-328-006-0000 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. D







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## Coach Q

**Mitch Trubisky** said the Bears ‘could have done a lot of stuff’ to help the offense against the Packers. Was the QB criticizing the play-caller?

By **DAN WIEDERER**

Mitch Trubisky was still sorting through the postgame aggravation of a 21-13 loss to the Packers that effectively killed the Bears’ late-season push to stay in the playoff chase. Less than 45 minutes had passed from the end of the game when Trubisky stepped onto a dais in the visitors press room Sunday at Lambeau Field.

When the seventh question of a 5-minute news conference came, the rawness of Trubisky’s frustration surfaced for a moment. The Bears quarterback was asked how disruptive the Packers pass rush had been throughout the afternoon.

“I felt like they were pretty good,” he said. “They had a really good front. I thought our O-line played really well. I thought we could have taken more pressure off them by moving the pocket a little more and me getting out. ... We just have 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 screens, running it, draws, all that kind of stuff. That helps.”

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The Bears failed to run the ball well again. **Brad Biggs** asks: Can they not win in the trenches, or is running just a non-priority?



The Packers had a minimum of five defensive backs on the field for every single one of their 71 defensive snaps during the Sept. 5 season opener against the Bears, which the Packers won 10-3 at Soldier Field. The Bears couldn’t run the ball and, well, they didn’t even give it a shot.

Naturally, 14 weeks later, the Packers once again dared the Bears to run the ball. The Packers tipped their hand 90 minutes before kickoff when they announced B.J. Goodson, a starting inside linebacker, was a healthy scratch. Goodson wasn’t on the injury report all week, but the Packers decided to sit him knowing he wouldn’t be of much use with their plan.

The Packers played primarily dime defense (playing six defensive backs) against the Bears, once again daring coach and play-caller Matt Nagy to run the ball.

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### BLACKHAWKS

## Blackhawks to retain assistant coach after abuse investigation

Crawford was alleged to have physically abused former players

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD**

Two weeks after suspending assistant coach Marc Crawford to investigate allegations he had physically abused former players, the Blackhawks announced he will remain with the team and resume his duties early next year.

In a statement, the Hawks said they had done a “thorough review” of the allegations against Crawford and “engaged with Marc’s former players, colleagues, and executive management.”

The team did not address any of the specific allegations against him and said the organization would “have no further comment” beyond the statement.



Crawford

Neither Hawks President John McDonough nor general manager Stan Bowman was made available Monday to discuss the investigation.

The statement indicated Crawford has been aware for years that his past behavior was unacceptable and as a result he entered therapy beginning in 2010. None of the allegations against Crawford took place after that.

“Through our review, we confirmed that Marc proactively sought professional counseling to work to improve and become a better communicator, person and coach,” the statement read. “We learned that Marc began counseling in 2010 and he has continued therapy on a regular basis since.”

“We believe that Marc has learned from his past actions and has committed to striving to reform himself and evolve personally and professionally over the

last decade. We have experienced no incidents during Marc’s coaching tenure with the Chicago Blackhawks.

“We have determined that Marc will remain suspended from team activities until January 2, 2020, at which time he will resume his assistant coaching duties, subject to his continued compliance with his contractual obligations and team expectations.

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PAUL SULLIVAN

## The science of juiced balls

Major League Baseball held its news conference to discuss allegedly juiced baseball Wednesday at the winter meetings in San Diego at the same time reporters were invited to brunch with managers, ensuring low attendance.

Bacon, eggs and croissants or a lengthy analysis of the sources of drag variation? You make the call.

But as one could have predicted, the discussion of the study was fascinating for baseball nerds, many of whom were in attendance, even if only to listen.

The gist of the committee's report on the ball — commissioned to help explain the incredible leaguewide power surge that saw an 11% increase over the previous home run record set in 2017 — placed 60% of the blame on the seams, which were tighter, and 40% on the “changes in the launch conditions,” or the launch-angle revolution in which hitters swing for the fences.

The committee, which included a couple of scientists and representatives from Rawlings, also denied claims some made during the postseason that the balls used in October were different, or basically de-juiced by MLB.

“Laboratory measurement confirmed that the drag was higher (in postseason balls),” said Alan Nathan, a professor of physics emeritus at Illinois. “But interestingly there was no change in seam height in the postseason baseballs and regular-season baseballs in 2019.

“Once again, it shows that there are things we really do not yet understand about the contributing factors.”

The ball controversy escalated in July at the All-Star Game. Astros pitcher Justin Verlander alleged they were a “(bleeping) joke” while accusing MLB of purposely juicing the balls.

“They’ve been using juiced balls in the Home Run Derby forever,” Verlander told ESPN. “They know how to do it.”

Verlander spoke for many pitchers who felt baseballs had changed, including Cubs starter Jon Lester and manager Joe Maddon, who joked MLB should stamp “Tittlest” on balls while comparing them to golf balls.

Adding to the conspiracy theory is that Triple-A home runs also zoomed in 2019, after the league changed from balls made at a factory in Asia to the same major-



MARK BROWN/GETTY

A record number of home runs last season triggered discussion about the juiced baseballs.

league balls made in Costa Rica.

Did MLB have a nefarious plan to alter balls and increase home runs?

“We have never been asked to juice or dejuice a baseball, and we’ve never done anything of the sort, never would, on our own,” said Michael Zlaket, president and CEO of Rawlings, which is co-owned by MLB and has been its official ball since 1977.

“There’s always going to be some inconsistency in the product. ... But I’m confident we’ve always done it and we will always do it better than anybody else in the world.”

What can be done in 2020?

MLB executive Chris Young said the league will “remain focused on controlling the sources of variability as best we can, including the mudding-application process, the shipment and the storage conditions.”

You had us at “mudding.” There’s nothing in sports quite like watching clubhouse attendants mudding baseballs pregame to make them less slick for pitchers. But one scientist remarked he “discovered that

application of mud to a baseball actually has a significant effect on drag.”

So no more mud? Say it ain’t so.

MLB last year implemented standards for teams to apply mud, and a spokesman said it plans to “enhance and enforce” those changes more in 2020. Lester claimed in May that the balls “are not rubbed up like they used to be.”

“You get the balls and they’re basically white,” he said. “It seems like they’re right out of the box.”

Rawlings reportedly has made “progress” on a pretacked ball that doesn’t require mud. But developing and testing such a product at a level that would precede its introduction to MLB is still a ways off.

The fact the balls are hand-stitched “introduces variability into the process,” said Morgan Young, MLB’s senior vice president for economics and operations, who insisted the ball has varied in performance throughout history.

The big question is what kind of ball we’ll see in 2020.

Aside from it being round and having 108 stitches, who knows?

### LET’S PLAY 2

	<b>Sunday</b> Chiefs 7:20 p.m. NBC-5	<b>Dec. 29</b> @Vikings Noon FOX-32
	<b>Wednesday</b> Avalanche 7 p.m. NBCSN	<b>Thursday</b> @Jets 7 p.m. NBCSCH
	<b>Wednesday</b> @Wizards 6 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Saturday</b> @Pistons 6 p.m. NBCSCH

### TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>	
<b>6 p.m.</b> Lakers at Pacers	NBA
<b>9:30 p.m.</b> Suns at Clippers	NBA

<b>MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>	
<b>5:30 p.m.</b> UMBC at Georgetown	FS1
<b>6 p.m.</b> Southeast Missouri at Ohio St.	BTN
<b>6 p.m.</b> Florida vs. Providence	ESPN2
<b>7:30 p.m.</b> Oklahoma at Creighton	FS1
<b>8 p.m.</b> Purdue at Ohio	ESPN2
<b>8:30 p.m.</b> Miami vs. Temple	ESPN

<b>NHL</b>	
<b>6 p.m.</b> Sabres at Maple Leafs	NBCSN
<b>9:30 p.m.</b> Coyotes at Sharks	NBCSCH

### BEARS ON TV IT’S HIGH NOON FOR FOX

The 200th Bears-Packers matchup Sunday proved the rivalry remains a potent draw, with FOX-32 scoring the highest Chicago-area household ratings of any noon Bears game this season. While their 21-13 road loss knocked the Bears from playoff contention, the telecast averaged a 27.7 household rating. That translates to 27.7% of the Chicago television market’s households with televisions, or roughly 902,000 area TV homes. The next most-watched noon game for the Bears was their Nov. 24 victory over the Giants (26.0 household rating locally), followed by their Oct. 6 loss to the Raiders in London (25.0). Sunday’s telecast peaked twice — at the end of each half — at a 29.3 household rating. Not surprisingly, this latest loss to the Packers was lower than the 35.3 Chicago-area household rating for the prime-time, season-opener on NBC-5.

— Phil Rosenthal

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### BLACKHAWKS

## Keith nearing return after dealing with groin injury

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

When Duncan Keith felt a pop in his left groin against the Avalanche last month at the United Center, he decided to keep playing.

After all, the Blackhawks defenseman had dealt with a sore right groin earlier in the season and was able to play through it.

But when Keith went out for his next shift and Avs forward Valeri Nichushkin blew past him and scored on a breakaway, he knew it was time to take a break.

“On that play I thought maybe I could give it a try, and then that guy Nichushkin blew out of the gate there and (I) couldn’t do anything,” Keith said. “I couldn’t move.”

Keith hasn’t played since that Nov. 29 game, missing nine games, but he participated Monday in his first full practice since getting hurt. He could return to the lineup Wednesday, coincidentally also a home game against the Avalanche.

“We’re just taking it day by day,” Keith said after practice. “It felt good out there today, and I’m hopeful for that. See how it is the rest of the day and tomorrow and go from there.”

It’s no secret the Hawks desperately need Keith to return from his first extended injury absence since he missed 10 games after knee surgery early in the 2015-16 season. Calvin de Haan is likely lost for the season with a right shoulder injury suffered last week against the Golden Knights.

Coach Jeremy Colliton said de Haan is still gathering information before deciding how to proceed.

“He’s getting second opinions,” Colliton said. “A big decision, so you want to make the right one.”

The Hawks allowed 14 goals in the first eight periods without Keith and de Haan and went on a four-game losing streak that ended Sunday. Rookies Adam Boqvist and Dennis Gilbert have performed capably in their absence, but they’re not in the same class as Keith and de Haan at this point in their careers.

Still, Keith won’t rush back and risk being out even longer.

“Can’t really look at it that way,” Keith said.

“Obviously I want to get in there and help, but that kind of adds to the pressure on the guys out there.”

**One-timers:** The entire Blackhawks team and other members of the organization presented trainer Mike Gapski with a jet ski before practice Monday to celebrate Gapski working the 2,500th game of his career last week. ... Andrew Shaw (concussion) hasn’t played since Nov. 30 and hasn’t returned to practice. Drake Caggiula (concussion) has been out since Nov. 10 and is not ready to return despite practicing Monday. “He’s still not fully recovered,” Jeremy Colliton said. “So he’s skating and that’s good, but until he’s fully ready to go, can’t play him.”

## Crawford

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In addition, he will continue with his counseling moving forward. We will have no further comment.”

In the statement, Crawford addressed the past allegations of abuse made by several former players.

“Recently, allegations have resurfaced about my conduct earlier in my coaching career,” Crawford said in the statement. “Players like Sean Avery, Harold Druken, Patrick O’Sullivan and Brent Sopel have had the strength to publicly come forward and I am deeply sorry for hurting them. I offer my sincere apologies for my past behavior.”

In an interview with the New York Post last month, Avery said Crawford kicked him so hard it left a mark when both were with the Kings.

Sopel, a former Hawk, alleged during a podcast last year that Crawford “kicked me, he choked me, he grabbed the back of my jersey and just pulling it back.” Crawford coached Sopel while both were with the

Canucks.

O’Sullivan published a book in 2016 — “Breaking Away: A Harrowing True Story of Resilience, Courage, and Triumph” — that alleged Crawford was verbally and physically abusive toward him and others, allegedly using homophobic slurs, while they were both with the Kings.

“I used unacceptable language and conduct toward players in hopes of motivating them, and, sometimes went too far,” Crawford wrote in the statement. “As I deeply regret this behavior, I have worked hard over the last decade to improve both myself and my coaching style.”

Hawks forward Zack Smith and Crawford spent three seasons together with the Senators before joining the Hawks last summer.

Smith told the Tribune earlier this month that he wanted to see Crawford return.

“I think everyone’s on the same page with that,” Smith said.

“I don’t want to speak for everyone, but for myself, hopefully this gets resolved. Hopefully it’s not just making an example out of someone. That would be very unfortunate.”



## BULLS



KYLE PHILLIPS/AP

Bulls guard Kris Dunn, left, tries to block a shot by the Thunder's Shia Gilgeous-Alexander on Monday.

**THUNDER 109, BULLS 106**

# Thunder storm back in big way

LaVine scores 39, but Bulls surrender 26-point lead

Associated Press

Chris Paul hit five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and the Thunder overcame a 26-point second-quarter deficit to beat the Bulls 109-106 on Monday.

Paul took over in the fourth, going 5-for-5 from deep and scoring 19 of his 30 points. His fourth 3-pointer of the quarter put the Thunder ahead 101-100, their first lead since the opening seconds. Paul also had nine rebounds and 10 assists.

The Bulls tied it at 106 before Steven Adams put the Thunder ahead with a free throw and Paul added two more in the final five seconds.

The Bulls led 55-29 midway through the second quarter by turning 12 Thunder turnovers into 26 points. Zach LaVine scored 17 points, Wendell Carter Jr. had 12 and Ryan Arcidiacono added 10 while the Bulls shot 58% in the half. LaVine finished with 39 points.

The Thunder pulled within 19 at halftime, with Danilo Gallinari keeping them close with 17 first-half points.

The Thunder whittled it down to eight after three quarters and an 8-0 run in the final minute of the period.

Gallinari finished with 22 points and Dennis Schroder had 18 off the bench for the Thunder.

The Bulls had 10 steals in the first 16 minutes, adding to their league-leading total. They finished with 17 and have 14 games with at least 10 steals this season.

The Bulls next visit the Wizards on Wednesday.



KYLE PHILLIPS/AP

Thunder guard Chris Paul, who made five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, shoots the ball in the second half Monday night.

## COLLEGES

## NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL

## Bajakian to inject new life into offense

New coordinator hopes to fix Wildcats' attack after subpar season

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

As new Northwestern offensive coordinator Mike Bajakian began a video conference with reporters Monday, a familiar face emerged over his shoulder. Pat Fitzgerald looked into the camera.

Fitzgerald then stepped away and let Bajakian answer 35 minutes' worth of questions, just as the head coach is expected to let Bajakian call the shots for an offense desperate for new blood.

The NU offense was broken last season. One horrifying stat: The Wildcats had only 27 plays of 20 or more yards. No other FBS team had fewer than 33. Oklahoma had 104.

After parting with Mick McCall on Dec. 1, Fitzgerald wasted no time identifying and recruiting Bajakian, 45, who worked for Lovie Smith with the Bears and Buccaneers and for Butch Jones at Central Michigan, Cincinnati and Tennessee.

Fitzgerald texted Bajakian the day after Northwestern's season-ending victory over Illinois and offered him the job within days. Bajakian was available after coordinating Boston College's offense this season; the school fired coach Steve Addazio after going 6-6.

"Why Northwestern? That's a pretty easy question," Bajakian said. "It's a phenomenal place with great leadership."

Bajakian mentioned Fitzgerald, athletic director Jim Phillips and school President Morton Schapiro. He spoke of the new lakefront facilities and the chance to work with academically minded players. He said that for years when he thought about Northwestern, he said to himself, "Man, that's special and something I'd love to be a part of."

Here are four takeaways from Bajakian's media session.

### 1. This won't be an Air Raid or Run N' Shoot offense.

Some coordinators are attached to a name or style. Not Bajakian. His offense will be up-tempo, but beyond that, it will be built around personnel.

"We will figure out who the playmakers are and get the ball in their hands," he said.

At Central Michigan from 2007-09, that meant having Dan LeFevour (102 career touchdown passes) sling it to Antonio Brown and Bryan Anderson.

At Cincinnati, he showcased tight end Travis Kelce.

"I'm definitely not that smart," Bajakian said, "but when you see a guy with that level of talent, you get him the ball."

### 2. Mike Bajakian doesn't like the term "spread."

"You hear 'spread' and think finesse," he said. "Our goal is to be a physical, tough team. We're going to smack you in the mouth."

Boston College rushed it 631 times this year, fourth-most in the FBS. The Eagles averaged 5.1 yards per carry (21st nationally) and turned the ball over just 11 times in 12 games.

### 3. Mike Bajakian believes coaching is coaching.

The New Jersey native has coached high school football, spent seven years in the NFL and had stops along the way at Rutgers, Michigan, Central Michigan, Cincinnati and Tennessee.

He likes to tell the story of his first day with the Bears in 2004, tasked with quality control under receivers coach Darryl Drake. Bajakian was excited to work with the best players in the world. Drake stopped a spring workout to show his players a proper stance.

"We were literally teaching the same things as I learned in Pop Warner," Bajakian said. "Even with Jameis Winston in Tampa, the drills were the same ones we did when I was a camper in Bergen County, New Jersey."

Those drills helped Bajakian become an all-league quarterback at Division III Williams College in Massachusetts.

### 4. NU has no incumbent quarterback.

Everyone gets a clean slate. That's good news for Hunter Johnson and Aidan Smith, who combined to throw four touchdown passes and 13 interceptions. Andrew Marty finally got a chance in the final two games and flourished, completing 63.6% of his passes, rushing for 201 yards and four touchdowns and spearheading the win over Illinois.

"Evaluating quarterbacks is one of the most inexact sciences there is," Bajakian said. "Bottom line, the most successful quarterbacks are the ones that win. It's less about measurables than leadership qualities that elevate the players around you. I'm looking for a winner, No. 1."

Bajakian said he has won with pocket passers, run-first quarterbacks and dual threats.

"Guys with athleticism who can extend plays and make the play caller (look) right, as I put it," he said, "that is an added bonus."

Worth noting: Anthony Brown is in the NCAA transfer portal after leaving Boston College, where he started 28 games but underwent two major knee surgeries. Northwestern offered Brown a scholarship out of high school.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Kansas the new No. 1; UNC drops out of Top 25

Associated Press

It is Kansas' turn at No. 1 in the Top 25 men's college basketball poll, while another blueblood — North Carolina — is out for the first time in nearly six years.

The Jayhawks (9-1) moved up one spot to become the fifth team to top the poll in an already wild season. It is the first time the AP poll has had five different No. 1s before New Year's Day; the record for an entire season is seven, set in 1982-83.

Michigan State, Kentucky, Duke and Louisville were the other top-ranked teams so far in a year with no dominant team.

The Jayhawks, who received 47 of 65 first-place votes, haven't lost since falling to Duke in the Champions Classic to open the season.

UNC (6-4) had been ranked for 106 consecutive weeks dating to February 2014, including starting this year in the top 10 and peaking at No. 5 on Nov. 18.

The Tar Heels failed to crack 50 points in losses to both highly ranked Ohio State and Virginia, then lost to Wofford in Chapel Hill with star freshman Cole Anthony and fellow starter Leaky Black out with injuries.

Losses by four of last week's top five teams led to a reshuffled top tier. Gonzaga (11-1) jumped four spots to No. 2 and earned 15 first-place votes, followed by last week's No. 1 Louisville falling to third after losing to Texas Tech. Duke rose three spots to fourth, followed by Ohio State falling two spots to No. 5 after a loss at Minnesota.

Kentucky, Maryland, Oregon, reigning national champion Virginia and Baylor round out the top 10. Michigan (8-3) had the biggest slide of the week, falling nine spots to No. 14 after losses to Illinois and in overtime to Oregon.

**Red Raiders avoid upset:** Terrence Shannon scored 18 points and No. 24 Texas Tech rallied in the second half for a 71-65 victory over visiting Southern Miss on Monday after re-entering the Top 25 coming off the school's first-ever win over a top-ranked team.

Davide Moretti scored 17 points and hit a punctuating 3-pointer on an otherwise rough shooting night as the Red Raiders (7-3) extended the nation's second-longest active home nonconference winning streak to 52.

**Layups:** Iowa senior G Jordan Bohannon, the school's all-time leader in 3-pointers, will undergo season-ending surgery Thursday on his left hip. Bohannon had surgery on his right hip earlier this year and shortly after began experiencing pain on the other side. He still played in 10 of the Hawkeyes' 11 games, averaging 8.8 points per game in 25.0 minutes. He plans to apply for a medical-hardship waiver to gain eligibility for next season. ... Mary Fenlon, Georgetown's longtime men's basketball academic coordinator, died Sunday in Henderson, Nevada, after a battle with cancer. She was 81. Fenlon worked under Hall of Fame coach John Thompson from 1972-1999, when she was a fixture on the Hoyas bench.



# SCOREBOARD

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	—
Boston	17	7	.708	1
Toronto	18	8	.692	1
Brooklyn	14	12	.538	5
New York	6	21	.222	13½
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	20	7	.741	—
Orlando	12	14	.462	7½
Charlotte	12	17	.414	9
Washington	8	17	.320	11
Atlanta	6	21	.222	14
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	24	4	.857	—
Indiana	18	9	.667	5½
Detroit	11	16	.407	12½
Chicago	10	19	.345	14½
Cleveland	6	21	.222	17½

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	18	8	.692	—
Houston	18	9	.667	½
San Antonio	10	16	.386	9½
Memphis	9	18	.333	9½
New Orleans	6	21	.222	12½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	17	8	.680	—
Utah	15	11	.577	2½
Oklahoma City	12	14	.462	5½
Portland	11	16	.408	7
Minnesota	10	15	.400	7
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	24	3	.889	—
L.A. Clippers	20	8	.714	4½
Sacramento	12	14	.462	11½
Phoenix	11	15	.423	12½
Golden State	5	23	.179	19½

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 133, Detroit 119  
Toronto 133, Cleveland 113  
Miami 118, Memphis 111  
Oklahoma City 109, Chicago 106  
Houston 109, San Antonio 107  
Dallas 120, Milwaukee 116  
Portland 111, Phoenix 110  
**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Sacramento at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
Atlanta at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
Orlando at Utah, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

### THUNDER 109, BULLS 106

**CHICAGO:** Dunn 2-3 0-0 5, Markkanen 6-14 1-1 13, Carter Jr. 5-10 2-4 12, Satoransky 4-9 2-2 11, LaVine 15-25 6-6 39, Gafford 0-0 0-0 0, Young 1-5 0-0 2, White 1-6 0-0 2, Arcidiacono 5-6 0-0 12, Valentine 4-9 0-0 10, Totals 43-87 11-13 106.  
**OKLAHOMA CITY:** Ferguson 4-7 0-0 12, Gallinari 6-16 6-6 22, Adams 4-8 1-2 9, Paul 9-12 6-6 30, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-3 5-8 7, Nader 1-4 0-0 2, Bazley 0-2 0-0 0, Noel 3-5 3-4 9, Schroder 7-12 2-2 18, Totals 35-69 23-28 109.

Chicago	37	31	22	16	—106
Oklahoma City	16	33	33	27	—109

**3-Point Goals**—Chicago 9-31 (LaVine 3-11, Arcidiacono 2-2, Valentine 2-5, Dunn 1-1, Satoransky 1-4, Carter Jr. 0-1, Young 0-1, White 0-2, Markkanen 0-4), Oklahoma City 16-34 (Paul 6-8, Ferguson 4-7, Gallinari 4-10, Schroder 2-3, Gilgeous-Alexander 0-1, Bazley 0-2, Nader 0-3).  
**Fouled Out**—Ferguson, Rebounds—Chicago 31 (Carter Jr. 9), Oklahoma City 42 (Adams 11). **Assists**—Chicago 27 (Satoransky 6), Oklahoma City 21 (Paul 8). **Total Fouls**—Chicago 21, Oklahoma City 15. **A**—18,203 (18,203).

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	21	7	6	48	115	86
Buffalo	19	11	7	39	107	93
Florida	16	12	5	37	116	109
Montreal	15	12	6	36	105	107
Toronto	16	14	4	36	110	109
Tampa Bay	16	12	3	35	110	100
Ottawa	14	18	2	30	91	109
Detroit	9	23	3	21	76	136

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	24	6	5	53	125	100
N.Y. Islanders	22	7	2	46	92	72
Carolina	20	11	2	42	107	86
Pittsburgh	19	10	4	42	110	89
Philadelphia	17	11	5	39	101	99
N.Y. Rangers	16	13	4	36	105	106
Columbus	13	14	6	32	82	98
New Jersey	10	17	5	25	77	115

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	8	6	48	107	95
Colorado	21	9	3	45	119	91
Winnipeg	20	11	2	42	101	91
Dallas	19	12	4	42	91	82
Minnesota	16	13	5	37	105	112
Nashville	15	12	5	35	107	103
Chicago	13	15	6	32	94	110

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Arizona	19	12	4	42	97	84
Edmonton	19	13	4	42	108	110
Vegas	18	13	5	41	109	103
Calgary	18	13	4	40	95	104
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

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 6, Ottawa 1  
Nashville 5, N.Y. Rangers 2  
Columbus 3, Washington 0  
St. Louis 5, Colorado 2  
Edmonton 2, Dallas 1

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.  
Buffalo at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Nashville vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 6 p.m.  
Anaheim at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Columbus at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
Carolina at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Calgary, 8 p.m.  
Montreal at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
Minnesota at Vegas, 9 p.m.  
Arizona at San Jose,9:30 p.m.

### BLUES 5, AVALANCHE 2

Colorado	0	2	0	—
St. Louis	1	2	2	—

**FIRST PERIOD:** 1. St. Louis, Perron 13 (O'Reilly, Sundqvist), 18:51. **Penalties:** Barberio, COL, (hooking), 2:58; Rosen, COL, (tripping), 9:31; MacEachern, STL, (unsportsmanlike conduct), 9:31.  
**SECOND PERIOD:** 2. Colorado, Kadri 11 (Graves), 0:55; 3. Colorado, Rantanen 9 (MacKinnon, Girard), 9:35 (pp). 4. St. Louis, Perron 14 (Schwartz, Pietrangelo), 18:47 (pp). 5. St. Louis, Dunn 5 (Bozak, Faulk), 19:23. **Penalties:** Steen, STL, (hooking), 8:24; Bortuzzo, STL, (high sticking), 12:21; Kyryl, COL, major (high sticking), 18:05.  
**THIRD PERIOD:** 6. St. Louis, Kyryl 1, 11:24. 7. St. Louis, Perron 15 (Sundqvist, O'Reilly), 16:05.  
**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Colorado 6-13-9—28. St. Louis 15-9-11—35.  
**POWER PLAYS:** Colo 1 of 2; Stl 1 of 2.  
**GOALIES:** Colorado, Grubauer 10-6-2 (34 shots-30 saves). St. Louis, Binnington 16-6-4 (28-26). A: 18,096 (19,150). T: 2:24. **Referees:** Francois St Laurent, Justin St Pierre.

**Lines:** Brad Kovachik, Pierre Racicot.

## TENNIS

### WTA OPEN BLS DE LIMOGES

**RL at Limoges, France; indoor-hard**  
#5 Alize Cornet d. Stefanie Voegele, 6-2, 6-1

Nicole Gibbs d. #7 Tamara Zidansek, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3  
Jil Teichmann d. Tamara Korpatsh, 7-6 (4), 6-3  
Jessika Ponchet d. Kateryna Kozlova, 7-5, 7-5

Oceane Dodin d. Yanina Wickmayer, 6-2, 6-4  
Ljudmila Samsonova d. Camila Giorgi, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4  
Sorana Cirstea d. Tatjana Maria, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-2

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Kansas** (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Villanova, Saturday.  
2. **Gonzaga** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Wednesday.  
3. **Louisville** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Miami (Ohio), Wednesday.  
4. **Duke** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Woford, Thursday.  
5. **Ohio State** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. SE Missouri St., Tuesday.  
6. **Kentucky** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Wednesday.  
7. **Maryland** (10-1) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Thursday.  
8. **Oregon** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Montana, Wednesday.  
9. **Virginia** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Stony Brook, Wednesday.  
10. **Baylor** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. UT Martin, Wednesday.  
11. **Memphis** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Jackson State, Saturday.  
12. **Auburn** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Thursday.  
13. **Dayton** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Texas, Tuesday.  
14. **Michigan** (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Presbyterian, Saturday.  
15. **Michigan State** (7-3) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.  
16. **Arizona** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.  
17. **Butler** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.  
18. **Villanova** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Kansas, Saturday.  
19. **Florida State** (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Tuesday.  
20. **San Diego State** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego Chr., Wed.  
21. **Tennessee** (7-2) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.  
22. **Washington** (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Seattle, Tuesday.  
23. **Penn State** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. CCSU, Friday.  
24. **Texas Tech** (7-3) beat Southern Miss 71-65. Next: vs. UTRGV, Saturday.  
25. **West Virginia** (9-1) did not play. Next: at Youngstown St., Saturday.

### MONDAY'S SCORES

Charlotte 67, Valparaiso 57  
Delaware 86, Delaware St. 75  
Eastern Illinois 85, Western Illinois 47 s  
Jacksonville St. 85, Evansville 59  
James Madison 81, Chas. Southern 60  
Marshall 89, Morehead St. 62  
Mercer 72, UNC Wilmington 63  
Morgan St. 96, Chestnut Hill 72  
Murray St. 74, Kennesaw St. 38  
Newman 98, Sterling 66  
N. Dakota St. 79, Montana St. 65  
Pittsburgh 59, N. Illinois 50  
Rider 74, Marist 64  
Rogers St. 121, Bacone 64  
SW Baptist 76, Tabor 48  
Texas A&M Commerce 91, Mo So 89  
St. Joseph's (ME) 66, St. John Fisher 64  
Tulane 68, Alcorn St. 57  
UC Irvine 73, Kent St. 68  
Wooster 94, Brockport 90

### HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. **Stanford** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Tennessee, Wednesday.  
2. **UConn** (9-0) beat No. 16 DePaul 84-74. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Sunday.  
3. **Oregon** (9-1) beat UC Riverside 84-41. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.  
4. **Oregon State** (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Arizona, Tuesday.  
5. **South Carolina** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Duke, Thursday.  
6. **Louisville** (10-1) did not play. Next: at UT Martin, Thursday.  
7. **Baylor** (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Wednesday.  
8. **Florida State** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Wednesday.  
9. **N.C. State** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Chattanooga, Thursday.  
10. **UCLA** (9-0) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.  
11. **Texas A&M** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Friday.  
12. **Indiana** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 UCLA, Sunday.  
13. **Maryland** (8-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia State, Wednesday.  
14. **Kentucky** (10-1) did not play. Next: at California, Saturday.  
15. **Mississippi State** (9-2) beat La-Lafayette 64-48. Next: vs. South Florida, Thu.  
16. **DePaul** (9-2) lost to No. 2 UConn 84-74. Next: at Loyola of Chicago, Friday.  
17. **Gonzaga** (9-1) did not play. Next: at Wyoming, Tuesday.  
18. **Arizona** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. UC Santa Barbara, Saturday.  
19. **Michigan State** (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Friday.  
20. **Missouri State** (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Gonzaga, Friday.  
21. **Arkansas** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Little Rock, Saturday.  
22. **West Virginia** (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Michigan State, Saturday.  
23. **Tennessee** (11) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Stanford, Wednesday.  
24. **Michigan** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Florida State, Sunday.  
25. **South Dakota** (12-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 South Carolina, Sunday.

Men's AP Top 25					
Rk.	School	W-L	Pts	LW	
1.	Kansas (47)	9-1	1607	2	
2.	Gonzaga (15)	11-1	1552	6	
3.	Louisville (1)	10-1	1412	1	
4.	Duke (2)	9-1	1387	7	
5.	Ohio State	9-1	1334	3	
6.	Kentucky	8-1	1231	8	
7.	Maryland	8-1	1207	4	
8.	Oregon	8-2	1172	10	
9.	Virginia	8-1	1121	9	
10.	Baylor	8-1	1062	11	
11.	Memphis	9-1	960	13	
12.	Auburn	9-0	939	12	
13.	Dayton	8-1	879	14	
14.	Michigan	8-3	723	5	
15.	Michigan State	7-3	656	16	
16.	Arizona	10-2	631	15	
17.	Butler	10-1	553	18	
18.	Villanova	8-2	496	20	
19.	Florida State	8-2	449	21	
20.	San Diego State	10-0	431	25	
21.	Tennessee	7-2	367	19	
22.	Washington	7-2	213	—	
23.	Penn State	9-2	182	—	
24.	Texas Tech	6-3	115	—	
25.	West Virginia	9-1	76	—	

**Others:** North Carolina 41, Xavier 40, Iowa 39, Wichita St. 31, Purdue 30, Liberty 25, Marquette 23, Indiana 23, VCU 21, Utah St. 14, St. Mary's (Cal) 13, N. Iowa 12, Colorado 12, Texas 10, Florida 7, DePaul 6.

### USA COACHES POLL

Rk.	School	W-L	Pts	LW
1.	Kansas (25)	9-1	790	3
2.	Gonzaga (4)	11-1	754	6
3.	Duke (2)	9-1	688	5
4.	Ohio State (1)	9-1	681	2
5.	Louisville	10-1	669	1
6.	Kentucky	8-1	581	9
7.	Virginia	8-1	580	8
8.	Maryland	10-1	577	4
9.	Auburn	9-0	529	10
10.	Oregon	8-2	521	13
11.	Baylor	8-1	513	11
12.	Dayton	8-1	465	12
13.	Memphis	9-1	404	17
14.	Villanova	8-2	314	20
15.	Michigan	8-3	291	7
16.	Butler	10-1	280	19
17.	Arizona	10-2	277	4
18.	Michigan State	7-3	268	15
19.	Florida State	8-2	246	21
20.	San Diego State	10-0	186	24

### WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

Rk.	School	W-L	Pts	LW
1.	Stanford (27)	9-0	747	1
2.	UConn (1)	8-0	685	2
3.	Oregon (1)	8-1	679	3
4.	Oregon St. (1)	9-0	653	4
5.	South Carolina	10-1	633	5
6.	Louisville	10-1	599	7
7.	Baylor	8-1	598	6
8.	Florida St.	10-0	549	8
9.	NC State	9-0	497	9
10.	UCLA	9-0	459	10
11.	Texas A&M	9-1	447	11
12.	Indiana	10-1	422	12
13.	Maryland	8-2	398	13
14.	Kentucky	10-1	361	14
15.	Mississippi St.	8-2	333	15
16.	DePaul	9-1	314	16
17.	Gonzaga	9-1	256	17
18.	Arizona	10-0	242	18
19.	Michigan St.	7-2	153	19
20.	Missouri St.	9-1	151	20
21.	Arkansas	10-1	123	21
22.	West Virginia	7-1	115	22
23.	Tennessee	8-1	100	23
24.	Michigan	9-1	77	24
25.	South Dakota	12-1	45	—

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## BEARS

## Nagy

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Trubisky was asked to clarify whether he was insinuating the Bears could have done more by design to help the offensive line neutralize the Packers pass rush.

“Could have done a lot of stuff,” he responded. “Yeah.”

In the best-case scenario, it was an ultra-competitive 25-year-old letting off steam in a public forum after a loss that confirmed the 2019 Bears season would be remembered as a third-place disappointment.

In a worst-case scenario, Trubisky’s comments were interpreted by some as sharp criticism of his coach, Matt Nagy, and the Bears’ Week 15 play-calling.

Somewhere in between, there’s a nuanced conversation to be had about what truly matters moving forward and how the Bears can gain full acceptance of this season’s offensive shortcomings.

On Monday at Halas Hall, Nagy wasn’t concerned in the slightest about any disconnect in his relationship with Trubisky based on the quarterback’s quick postgame comments.

“First of all, as you all know, you guys are always catching us right after the game,” Nagy said. “And so there are a lot of emotions that go through it. Here we are losing a game like that and knowing we could’ve played better. ... If you sensed a frustration, I think I know Mitch better than anybody in this building except maybe (quarterbacks coach) Dave Ragone. So I know the effect of what he means.”

Nagy was asked whether his film review of Sunday’s loss revealed opportunities where he could have helped the offensive line by changing the passing point or mixing up the play-calling more effectively. He emphasized that the Bears began the game with a healthy mix of screens, draw plays and play-action passes but that by falling behind 21-3 early in the third quarter, they faced different looks from the Packers that didn’t cater to those things.

Nagy praised the in-game communication process between himself, Trubisky, Ragone and offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich.

“We always are talking through things,” he said, “trying to figure out, hey, do we like this? We did it right after the first series (Sunday). We saw some things that they were doing differently (defensively) that we had to make an adjustment to. We communicated that with the whole team and made adjustments on the fly.

“For all of us, the biggest thing is just trying to do it together and execute everything that’s there.”

On Sunday, the Bears again didn’t execute well enough. On the whole, this season has been an undeniable offensive letdown. The Bears woke up Monday ranked in the bottom five of the league in total yards (298.4 per game). They’ve averaged just 4.78 yards per play (ranked 30th) and been held below 20 points on offense nine times in 14 games.

The running game has been maddeningly inconsistent and sometimes invisible. Rookie David Montgomery ranks 21st in the league with 719 rushing yards and has averaged just 3.5 yards per attempt, 41st among qualifiers.

Trubisky, meanwhile, has two games left in his rocky season, a third-year dip that will end with Bears fans arguing about his long-term potential and developmental struggles under Nagy’s watch.

The Bears understand that when the offseason begins, the most important figures in the building — Nagy and Trubisky included — will need to collectively seek solutions to enliven the offense.



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky, left, thought the Bears offense could do more Sunday.

At Halas Hall, though, those lines of communication have been open all year. Trubisky is an active participant in providing input for each week’s call sheet. Nagy has an open-door policy and expects Trubisky to express his thoughts and opinions freely.

Just last week, Ragone praised the dynamics between Nagy and Trubisky, noting how both trust that they are pulling the rope in the same direction and that they

have each other’s best interest in mind at all times.

“If you’ve got that,” Ragone said, “you’re already ahead of the curve. And you feel that with their relationship. They’re open. They’re honest. They do a great job. Those communication lines are as clear as can be.”

Eventually, though, those clear lines of communication are expected to produce better results. The Bears have two games left to continue that effort.

season; Trubisky’s numbers skewed the statistics in a more positive direction. He’s not running enough this year to make a difference, and this problem isn’t going away anytime soon. The Bears have invested good money in three of their five offensive linemen. They can’t move the ball on the ground very well, though.

#### The Bears had 25 offensive possessions in the two games against the Packers. They scored one touchdown.

That’s the 2019 season in a microcosm for this offense. Even as Anthony Miller has started producing consistently, giving quarterback Mitch Trubisky another bona fide option in the passing game, the Bears simply can’t score, and that’s a huge problem. There’s simply no rhythm to the offense, and that makes it hard to score points. Running or passing, it’s a real struggle for the Bears to look like they are clicking.

I asked a scout for another team if some of the Bears’ lack of rhythm can be attributed to their wide variety of personnel groupings. The Bears mix and match about as much as any offense in the league, although less often of late with injuries taking out some options. They also have reduced some of the substituting when they go no-huddle and use tempo, which they did routinely Sunday.

“It can be,” the scout said. “But to play devil’s advocate, New Orleans does that a ton, and I know that is a whole different world with the quarterback and the coach. They’re A-plus. I think what (Matt Nagy) is trying to do is keep people on their heels. That’s why Sean (Payton) does it, and he’s at another level. They do it superbly in New Orleans.”

The Bears are 30 regular-season games into this offense and they’re still searching for an identity. They’re not going to develop rhythm until they find an identity, right? Has there been a longer self-discovery process for an offense in the NFL?

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Drew Brees celebrates after breaking the NFL record for career TD passes.

## NFL

## Brees sets career TD mark in win

News services

Drew Brees became the NFL’s all-time leader in touchdown passes, throwing for four scores to lead the Saints to a 34-7 victory over the Colts on Monday night in New Orleans.

The scoring strike that broke Peyton Manning’s record of 539 career touchdown passes came in the third quarter, when Brees hit tight end Josh Hill for a 5-yard score. Brees’ next pass in the game was the 541st scoring toss of his career, a 28-yard TD to reserve QB and utility player Taysom Hill that put the Saints up 34-0.

Brees came into the game holding records for completions with 6,792 and yards passing with 72,577 — and built on those numbers by also setting a record for completion percentage in a game. He completed 29 of 30 passes — 96.7% — for 307 yards before being relieved by Teddy Bridgewater in the fourth. That broke the mark Philip Rivers had held since completing 28 of 29 (96.6%) against the Cardinals last season.

The victory kept the Saints (11-3), who’d already won the NFC South, in the running with the 49ers (11-3) and Packers (11-3) for one of the top two seeds in the NFC playoffs. The Colts (6-8) were eliminated from playoff contention after losing their fourth straight and sixth out of seven.

Jacoby Brissett struggled at times and finished 18 of 34 for 165 yards against a Saints defense looking for redemption after allowing 48 points in a loss to the 49ers a week earlier.

Meanwhile, Colts defenders had no answer for Michael Thomas, who caught 12 passes for 128 yards, including a 15-yard touchdown. Thomas’ eighth game this season with at least 10 catches gave him 133 for the season, which is also the fourth-highest single-season total in NFL history.

With four more catches, Thomas will pass Antonio Brown and Julio Jones for second most in a season and needs 11 to eclipse Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison’s record of 143 from 2002.

**Another ban for Gordon:** The troubles that have followed Josh Gordon throughout his career continued Monday as the Seahawks wide receiver was suspended indefinitely by the NFL for violating league policies on performance enhancers and substances of abuse.

Gordon was reinstated by the NFL in August after having been suspended indefinitely in December 2018, missing the final three games of last season for violations of the league’s substance abuse policy.

Gordon signed with the Patriots and was among the leading receivers for the defending Super Bowl champs with 20 catches for 287 yards and a touchdown through six games. But he was placed on injured reserve with knee and ankle injuries and was released in late October.

The Seahawks stepped in and claimed the oft-troubled receiver off waivers. His first game came in Week 10 against the 49ers when Gordon made a pair of key catches late in the Seahawks’ 27-24 overtime win. Gordon had seven receptions over five games with the Seahawks.

Gordon’s brief stint with the Seahawks finished with 11 targets, 139 yards receiving and one incomplete pass attempt on a trick play.

Gordon was also suspended for the first two games of the 2013 season for a substance abuse policy violation but still caught 87 passes for nine touchdowns and a league-leading 1,646 yards and was voted to the All-Pro team.

He has been in and out of the league since.

This is the eighth time Gordon has been suspended by the league or a team.

**Extra points:** Texans coach Bill O’Brien said he wasn’t ruling out the possibility defensive end J.J. Watt could return this season from a torn pectoral muscle. Watt, a three-time defensive player of the year, suffered the injury in Week 8. ... The Chiefs claimed veteran pass rusher Terrell Suggs off waivers, filling a massive hole at defensive end after losing Alex Okafor to a torn pectoral muscle a day earlier against the Broncos. Suggs, 37, spent the first 16 years of his career with the Ravens before spending most of last season with the Cardinals, who waived him last week. ... The Saints claimed CB Janoris Jenkins off waivers after the Giants cut the veteran corner Friday for using an offensive term on Twitter and refusing to apologize.

## Biggs

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The Bears failed to do so successfully, and while Mitch Trubisky’s total of 53 pass attempts partly can be explained by the 21-3 deficit the Bears faced midway through the third quarter, the inability to run the ball earlier in the game contributed to the hole the Bears found themselves in, one they were not able to escape.

It has been a common problem this season, and it’s a good reminder that everything isn’t on the quarterback. Trubisky didn’t play particularly well. He made a handful of really nice throws, but he’s also falling off throws instead of stepping into them, and it’s impossible, from my perspective anyway, to make a case that he regularly elevates the level of play of those around him. Wide receivers Allen Robinson and Anthony Miller did more to elevate Trubisky on Sunday.

But back to the ground game. Packers defensive coordinator Mike Pettine dared the Bears to run the ball, and they failed. The final numbers — 27 carries, 96 yards — are not hideous. But if you take away Trubisky’s four runs for 29 yards, the Bears gained 67 yards on 23 carries (2.9 per attempt). Not good against a defense that entering “Monday Night Football” is ranked 24th against the run in both yards per game and per carry.

This is problematic. Yes, the Bears were without right tackle Bobby Massie, who has missed the last three games because of a high ankle sprain and has yet to return to practice, making it fair to wonder whether he will return with only two games remaining. But Massie was on the field earlier this season when the Bears were choosing not to run or being ineffective when they tried. They rank 29th in rushing yards (1,199) and yards per carry (3.5).

The Packers went with a similar strategy against a similar offense back in Week 4 when they tried playing dime. The Eagles, however, beat up the Packers’ sub person-

nel, rushing 33 times for 175 yards (5.3 per carry) as Jordan Howard went for 87 yards and two touchdowns in a 34-27 Eagles victory at Lambeau Field.

The first run of the Sunday’s game was a 3-yard loss for Tarik Cohen. The Packers were in dime with a four-man front and moved a safety down for a 4-2 look. The Bears ran a pin-and-pull with center Cody Whitehair pulling, but left guard James Daniels was late to get to the down block on Frank Clark. Clark almost took the handoff himself and blew up the play.

The next run was a 1-yard gain for David Montgomery on an inside zone play. It was an RPO (run-pass option) with the pass option being a swing pass to Cohen. The line had no movement off the ball whatsoever. Clark prevented right guard Rashaad Coward from getting off a double-team block to the safety. The Bears had two combination blocks, so they were doubling both defensive tackles before theoretically climbing to the second level. Neither side got off the combo block, and Montgomery had nowhere to go.

Later in the first quarter the Bears had first-and-10 against a nickel look (five defensive backs). They gave an inside handoff to Montgomery after a jet-sweep motion. It was split-flow zone blocking, so tight end J.P. Holtz had the play’s backside. He was hammered hard, though, by Clark, who stuffed Montgomery for another 1-yard gain.

The Bears are struggling to run the ball against light boxes, and that’s a real problem. They can’t get their ground game going, so Trubisky is throwing into a dime defense with a lot of skilled secondary players to two realistic targets in Robinson and Miller if he doesn’t check down to Cohen. Running the ball makes it a heck of a lot easier on any quarterback.

Here’s the question: Are the Bears playing so poorly up front that they cannot win in the trenches against a mediocre run defense, or is running the ball such a non-priority for them that they struggle when they actually try to do so?

They didn’t run the ball real well last



BEARS



# Another mixed bag for up-and-down QB

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Mitch Trubisky's up-and-down performance against the Packers was familiar, and it's no coincidence the pass protection was inconsistent too.

Matt Nagy was clear Monday in identifying the stalled running game as the Bears' biggest problem in Sunday's 21-13 loss in Green Bay.

Meanwhile, Trubisky was uneven as a passer. He made some excellent throws to help the Bears keep the outcome in doubt until the last play. But, more importantly, he didn't make enough plays with his arm or his legs to lift the offense to victory — or even cross the goal line more than once.

One good example of the inconsistency came late in the third quarter with the Bears trailing 21-3. Trubisky had back-to-back completions of 22 and 21 yards to Allen Robinson and Anthony Miller, respectively. He felt the rush and created time and space for himself, identified single coverage and threw accurately and on time down the field.

Those two terrific throws moved the Bears from their 44-yard line to the Packers 13. But on the ensuing first-and-10, he threw a slant behind Robinson. He was a tick off with his timing and awkward with his mechanics — the throw was high and wide. The incompletion put the Bears in second-and-10, followed by third-and-6. And on those third-and-medium plays, Packers coordinator Mike Pettine was unpredictable — sometimes playing zone, other times playing man, sometimes dropping eight in coverage.

In that specific sequence, the third-and-6 failed because Cordarrelle Patterson's toe was barely on the sideline, negating a catch. The Bears had to settle for a 27-yard field goal, which doesn't cut it against the NFC North leaders on the road.

In the first half, Trubisky missed Miller on a deep over route on third-and-7 from the Packers 41. Miller outran cornerback Kevin King in man-to-man coverage and had two steps of separation. Trubisky's throw was a foot beyond where Miller could have comfortably caught it, and it glanced off his extended right hand.

That would have been a chunk play that put the Bears inside the red zone. Instead, the Bears missed on the ensuing fourth-and-7.

Trubisky didn't miss that throw by much — one of several "game of inches" plays that Nagy noted didn't go the Bears' way. But for an offense that lost the schematic chess match throughout the game, the Bears needed Trubisky to seize an opportunity on which Nagy's play call and design beat the defense. Making those throws consistently would be an indication that Trubisky has elevated his game. This season, the disappointments in that department have outweighed the successes.

Other examples that tilted the game away from the Bears include Trubisky's indecisiveness and/or loss of spatial awareness on a third-and-4 sack in the second half. Trubisky ran out of bounds for a 2-yard loss instead of throwing the ball away. It lengthened the ensuing fourth down, on which Trubisky threw out of rhythm and



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Mitch Trubisky completed some difficult throws, but the Packers also harassed him.

incomplete to Robinson.

He was nearly intercepted at the Packers 6-yard line on third-and-6 before halftime. Regardless of whether Trubisky intended his throw for Jesper Horsted, who was covered, or Tarik Cohen, who slipped, Trubisky threw off his back foot when pressured. It was a dangerous throw the Bears were fortunate fell incomplete, and they at least salvaged a field goal.

Speaking of pressure, there was too much of it. Statisticians on the Fox telecast counted 10 pressures and two sacks on Trubisky's first 13 dropbacks. That's just one measure of what was obvious to the naked eye.

The Packers front, led by nose tackle Kenny Clark and edge linebacker Za'Darius Smith, won blocks up the middle and on the edges. The Packers made Trubisky uncomfortable by pushing tackles Cornelius Lucas and Charles Leno back and disrupting his ability to comfortably survey the field in the pocket.

"They had a really good front," Trubisky said Sunday. "They've done a great job of that all year long, and that's what they hang their hat on. They did that today."

On Trubisky's interception in the fourth quarter, he threw before he wanted to because Smith swiped past center Cody Whitehair and wrecked the play.

It was second-and-4 from the Bears 46 with the score 21-13 and 6:48 left. The Bears had some momentum, good field position and were ahead of schedule on that set of downs. Whitehair made his pass set just a tick early, and Smith got on his edge with a swim move. Whitehair didn't move his feet to recover laterally, and Smith got through to Trubisky for a quarterback hit. Lineman Dean Lowry made a great play to jump into the passing lane and catch the ball at close range. What a missed opportunity.

At other times, Trubisky used his mobility to overcome pressure, such as third-and-5 on the third series. He escaped the pocket to the left when he felt pressure from Preston Smith, who went around Lucas. Trubisky kept his vision down the field and threw across his body back toward the middle of the field — a funny-body throw — to wide-open Riley Ridley for a first down.

Trubisky also used his legs at times. He

scrambled for 7 yards on second-and-9 to set up a third-and-2 the Bears converted. On a play-action seven-step drop, the Bears deployed only three receivers against seven defenders in coverage. With nothing open, Trubisky turned the play into a positive.

Trubisky, however, did not do that as often as he did against the Cowboys on Dec. 5. The Packers didn't exactly have inside linebacker Blake Martinez spying Trubisky. But in zone coverage, Martinez did well keeping his eyes on the quarterback and rallying to the ball when Trubisky threatened to run.

Could the Bears — specifically, Nagy — have done more to help the offensive line by moving the passing point and calling screens, as Trubisky said?

Well, they did try a screen in the first quarter, but the timing was messed up, and Leno ended up being penalized for being too far downfield.

They ran a draw for 3 yards in the middle of the second quarter. And, perhaps to Trubisky's point, he completed a 33-yarder to Miller on a play-action keeper in the first half. With play-action to the left directing the defense that, Trubisky rolled back to the right, avoided Za'Darius Smith and threw a perfect ball on the run to Miller. It was a similar throw to the deep over route he missed, but he put more air under this one, perhaps benefiting from a second chance at the throw.

As the game went on, though, Trubisky more consistently took straight drops, including on some incompletions on third-and fourth-and-medium in the second half.

"We called screens and we called some different stuff throughout the game," Nagy said Monday. "We changed it up. We had a game plan going into it that we liked. What happens sometime is when you get down 21-3 there at the end of the third quarter, time is of the essence. They kind of get into, defensively, a one-set mind where they're going to play a lot more shell, a lot more Cover-2 — that kind of stuff from then on. Before that, we did exactly what we wanted, which was all that stuff — screens, draws, play-actions, etc."

At least, the result of the game and of this lost season show that Nagy must do more to help Trubisky, and Trubisky must do more to help himself.

## Nagy still expecting to see full effort

Without playoffs to chase, Bears remain motivated

BY COLLEEN KANE

The Bears season expired at 6:05 p.m. Sunday, nearly three hours after that wild final play at Lambeau Field ended with a fumble and a 21-13 loss to the Packers. That's when the Vikings closed out their victory over the Chargers to officially end the Bears' postseason hopes.

As remote as the Bears' playoff chances became after a stretch of five losses in six games in October and November, the carrot was still there. If the Bears continued to win, they could stay in the hunt for what had been their goal since the Eagles eliminated them in the wild-card round last January.

That motivation is over now with games against the Chiefs and Vikings remaining, so what exactly are the Bears playing for before they pack their bags for home?

Bears coach Matt Nagy said at his Monday news conference at Halas Hall that he expects his players to approach the next two weeks the same way they did the rest of the season. He kept them driven even when things got bleak after the Nov. 17 loss to the Rams, and he expects the same now.

"I really am looking forward to our team finishing and playing really hard these last two games," Nagy said. "We can do that. So my message to the guys is, we're rolling. There's nothing that changes. It stinks that we can't get to the playoffs, but that's on us. We made this. Hopefully we learn from it and remember this feeling."

"But these next two games to us are very important and we're going to play them hard."

Nagy was then asked if he plans to play the starters down the stretch.

"Absolutely," Nagy said. "Yeah. Yep."

There are likely to be some exceptions to that statement.

If they're still recovering, there now is no reason to rush back inside linebacker Danny Trevathan, who has missed the last five games with an elbow injury, or wide receiver Taylor Gabriel, who suffered his second concussion of the season Nov. 24 against the Giants.

The Bears also might have to consider whether putting Akiem Hicks through the pain of playing is worth it. The defensive lineman gutted through elbow discomfort against the Packers in his return from injured reserve and indicated afterward it felt like bone grinding against bone.

Nagy suggested the Bears might consider continuing to play Hicks, whom Nagy praised for his effort Sunday. Hicks had four tackles and two quarterback hits despite having to go to the medical tent a couple of times.

"We want to continue to just keep going forward with him like we've been," Nagy said. "I don't look at this as changing anything with that. Now we've got to talk through all that. ... But I know Akiem's going to want to be out there and playing and helping out our defense as much as he can."

"I will say this in regards to how he played (Sunday), he was unbelievable. I thought he played lights out. Even all the stuff, fighting through the aggravations of the injury throughout the game, the way he played and the plays he made, that was fun. We missed that. That was fun to watch."

Beyond the collective motivation to wrap up the year, there is plenty to drive individual players.

Inside linebacker Nick Kwiatkoski and safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix are among those heading into the market as unrestricted free agents. Outside linebacker Leonard Floyd and kicker Eddy Pineiro might want to add positives to their resumes as the Bears consider their futures.

Wide receiver Allen Robinson, safety Eddie Jackson and running back Tarik Cohen are a part of a group who could be looking at contract extensions this off-season.

Young players such as wide receiver Anthony Miller, guard James Daniels, tight end Jesper Horsted and wide receiver Riley Ridley could look to build on their varying experiences so far.

And most importantly for the Bears, quarterback Mitch Trubisky can look to get his development trending upward again.

Nagy on Monday didn't say much about experimenting on offense over the remaining games as they look toward what will work for them in 2020. Instead, he said "everything stays the same" as he wants his players to put their best effort forward.

"Nothing really changes," Nagy said. "We want to figure out the whys, which we're doing all this morning — why things went the way they went (Sunday), how we can get better in certain areas — offense, defensive and special teams. And do everything we can to win the football game, and that's by X's and O's, that's by players."

"I really don't think anything changes except we want to win. We want to win."



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Maryland coach Mike Locksley talks to players during a timeout against Michigan State in the first half Nov. 30 in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State won 19-16.

## Closing the talent gap — fast

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO  
The Washington Post

With seven straight losses, most of them by wide margins, to finish their 2019 football campaign, the Maryland Terrapins entered this offseason with positive on-field results far from recent memory. The gap between Maryland and its Big Ten counterparts remained evident. The commitment to improve bursted with urgency.

So in the days that followed Maryland's finale against Michigan State, a 19-16 loss that offered a few more highlights than previous matchups, Coach Michael Locksley and his staff began an overhaul of the roster while searching for new talent. Locksley and a few assistants arrived at high schools via helicopter. They've reeled in a handful of junior college prospects who might offer more immediate help as the staff works to bolster the 2020 recruiting class, most of which will sign their national letters-of-intent during the three-day early signing period that begins Wednesday.

"Recruiting is something that I feel really confident that we'll have the ability to do," Locksley said as the season neared its end. "We've got a great product to sell."

The Terps (3-9, 1-8 Big Ten) had a disappointing season with their only conference victory coming against Rutgers. Locksley nonetheless referenced the competitiveness of the Big Ten and Maryland's new football facilities still under construction as features that will attract prospective players.

Locksley has deep ties to the area, and one of his primary qualifications for this job was how he seemed poised to keep Maryland competitive on the recruiting front. But even after a recent influx of commitments, the 24-member class of 2020 ranks 10th in the Big Ten and 35th in the nation, according to 247Sports.

With the departures of more than a dozen players, the Terps have an excess of scholarship spots to offer this cycle. The decisions of those who left were mostly mutual between the players and the staff as Maryland hopes to rebuild the roster with players who they feel will help them elevate the program. None of the players who have opted to transfer thus far provided significant contributions this season, but the Terps lost two of their best players, running backs Anthony McFarland Jr. and Javon Leake, to the NFL draft.

No staff changes have been made; Locksley previously said he would evaluate his assistants during these first few weeks of December. It would be unwise on Maryland's part for any changes to come before the early signing period.

After 'Year Zero' under Locksley, Maryland enters early signing period with real sense of urgency



DUANE BURLESON/GETTY IMAGES

Maryland defensive back Antoine Brooks Jr., left, and wide receiver Dontay Demus Jr. walk off the field after falling to Michigan State on Nov. 30 in East Lansing, Mich.

Because Locksley was still the head coach at Maryland on the day after the 2019 season ended, his contract was automatically extended through the 2024 season, which would be his sixth year at the helm. Locksley called this season "year zero," a phrase frequently used around college football to describe situations where a new staff might need time to show meaningful progress.

"We are going to be a program that's fully developmental," Locksley said. "Our players have to come in and we have to have the ability to develop them within our system and our program. Based on my experience and where I've been the past three years (at Alabama), with the structure and how we've organized things, it's proven."

The Terps' 2019 offense ranked 10th in scoring in the 14-team Big Ten, averaging 25.3 points per game. After the season began with a 79-0 win over Howard and then a 63-20 win over Syracuse, the offense sputtered, averaging 16.1 points. In conference play, Maryland only twice scored more

than 20 points. Maryland's defense allowed 449.2 yards per game, worst in the Big Ten program, and ranked 13th in scoring defense, giving up 34.7 points per game.

Despite stepping into a program that had been rocked by the 2018 death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair and the ensuing turmoil, Locksley inherited a roster with some young talent, particularly at running back and receiver. Maryland still took a step backward in 2019 and now has more holes to fill if the team wants to avoid another lackluster season.

Even with the discouraging season at Maryland, recruits say they have maintained their commitment to Locksley and his vision.

"I feel like the theme of this year was just growing pains," said linebacker Ruben Hyppolite II, the only four-star player so far committed to the 2020 recruiting class. He cited injuries and a handful of freshmen playing but added, "I feel like next year it will all come together."

Bolstering the running backs room be-

came necessary this offseason once McFarland and Leake announced their decisions to forgo their remaining eligibility at Maryland. Kyjuan Herndon, a three-star recruit from Florida, committed to Maryland this month, joining fellow running backs Penry Boone and Ebony Jackson in the signing class.

Four junior college players have announced their commitment to Maryland from Independence Community College, a school in Kansas featured in the Netflix series "Last Chance U." Locksley has looked toward these older players to bolster his thin offensive and defensive lines. This month, defensive linemen Ami Finau and Mosiah Nasili-Kite committed to Maryland, along with offensive lineman Johari Branch, another Independence product. (Linebacker TJ Kautai is the fourth player from the school who plans to join the Terps.)

"For us building (depth on the offensive and defensive lines), obviously we'll have to utilize our transfer portal, JUCOs, experienced players to try to fix it a little quicker," Locksley said in November. "Because we find out in this day and age of coaching, you need to try to get it done now."

This signing class will be "O-line- and D-line-heavy," Locksley said. The staff also gained pledges from high school offensive linemen Delmar Glaze, Zach Perkins and Khristopher Lovein recent days. Maryland graduated two starters on the offensive line, Ellis McKennie and Sean Christie, while Terrance Davis will return for his final season after redshirting 2019.

Progress next season will also depend upon the development of players already in the program. Locksley cited as an example redshirt freshman left tackle Jaelyn Duncan, whom the coach said he has seen "improve tenfold" from the beginning of the season. There are talented receivers who will return, such as Jashaun Jones after missing this past season with a torn ACL, and Dontay Demus Jr., this season's leading receiver. The freshmen who stepped into meaningful roles on defense — Nick Cross, Lavonte Gater and Deonte Banks — now have a year of experience. Everyone on the roster has spent a season learning the new systems and standards in place at Maryland.

"We want to make sure we all stick together and ... make sure everybody on the team has that same mind-set that we want to be a great football team here," sophomore tight end Chigoziem Okonkwo said. "We know we're the young guys, so we're the ones who are going to be here for a while. We're going to be the ones that can change the way the program is going."



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COMMENTARY

# Jumping at the chance to leave?

*Beckham should have the second half of a Hall of Fame career left in his body. But his mind will determine whether he plays to the lofty standard he set during his first three seasons.*



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The Browns' Odell Beckham Jr. jumps in the air during a stop in play while playing the Bengals on Dec. 8 at FirstEnergy Stadium in Cleveland.

## Does Beckham want out of Cleveland? He didn't look like he was there Sunday.

BY JERRY BREWER  
The Washington Post

This is how fast an NFL career moves: Three years have passed since Odell Beckham Jr. really produced like Odell Beckham Jr. It's a mystifying thought because he is just 27, and few would question his status as one of football's elite talents. Nevertheless, for a wide receiver on a lucrative second contract and supposedly at the start of his prime, it's concerning that you can split Beckham's six pro seasons into two distinct halves.

In his first three seasons, Beckham averaged 96 receptions, 1,374 yards and almost 12 touchdowns per season during an historically explosive start to his career. But when the 2019 season ends, it will mark the third straight year in which Beckham has failed to catch at least 90 passes, gain at least 1,300 yards and score double-digit touchdowns.

Blame it on injuries: a broken ankle limited him to four games in 2017; a quad injury ended a good season (77 receptions, 1,052 yards, six touchdowns) after 12 games a year ago; and in 2019, a sports hernia is limiting his effectiveness, though he hasn't missed any games. Blame it on quarterback issues, from Eli Manning getting old in New York to Baker Mayfield being too green in Cleveland. Blame it on franchise dysfunction and turnover: After playing for three head coaches in five seasons with the New York Giants, Beckham was traded to Cleveland before this season to play for his fourth coach, Freddie Kitchens, who has had a perplexingly difficult time featuring him in the Browns' offense.

But blame it on Beckham, too. Compare him to his few true peers who have similar productivity, longevity and stature — Julio Jones, DeAndre Hopkins, Michael Thomas and Antonio Brown — and Beckham trails them when it comes to consistency and durability. Take the self-sabotaging Brown off the list, and Beckham lags way behind in comfort and stability. It figures because he's on his second team, but even if he were still with the Giants, you'd have the sense that Beckham is fidgety, restless and unsettled because those are his defining personality traits.

His ability is stunning; the athleticism, the speed, the one-handed catches, the toughness and determination in pursuit of the football. But the deeper Beckham gets into his career, the more his mercurial temperament interferes with his reliability as a playmaker. More than injury misfortune, stardom is choking the greatness out of him. He is burdened by the expectations of his celebrity when he should be simply obsessed with competition.

Beckham should have the second half of a Hall of Fame career left in his body. But his mind will determine whether he plays to the lofty standard he set during his first three seasons. For that reason, for some much-needed stability, it's best that he shake off the embarrassment of this disappointing first season with the Browns, have that sports hernia surgery in the offseason and commit to finishing the process with a team that needs time and adjustment more than an overhaul.

As the 2019 season lumbers to the end, speculation is rampant about Beckham's level of unhappiness and whether he wants to be traded for a second straight year. The



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Former Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. has endured a disappointing campaign during his first season with the Browns.

receiver has been typically vague. Considering the disaster the Browns currently are, Beckham has plenty of reasons to be dissatisfied. Then again, considering that Beckham hasn't made a great impact, the Browns and their fans have plenty of reasons to be dissatisfied as well. But it's too soon to let frustration dictate what happens next.

If the Browns dealt Beckham, they might have a hard time executing a flip that would be worth it. Nine months ago, they gave the Giants a first-round draft pick, a third-rounder and safety Jabrill Peppers. Through 14 games, Beckham has 66 receptions, 910 yards two touchdowns. He probably will finish with the fifth 1,000-yard season of his career, but he's currently on pace to post his worst statistical season when playing at least 12 games. And when it's over, he likely will need to have a pretty significant surgery. Several teams would still be interested in trading for Beckham, but because of these circumstances, the Browns would have trouble getting them to offer full value. Cleveland is better off retaining his services.

Plus, after one strange season, it's hard to make a definitive judgment of this partnership. Mayfield played poorly. The offensive line struggled in pass protection. The job overwhelmed Kitchens, a first-time NFL head coach. So it wasn't just that Beckham struggled.

Last week, reports circulated that he has been telling players and coaches on other teams that he wants out. He dismissed it, albeit in a weird and noncommittal way.

On Sunday, the more frustrated receiver was actually Jarvis Landry, Beckham's longtime friend and former college teammate, who yelled at Kitchens on the sideline because he wanted more passes thrown his way. It led to the most expressive image of the Browns' exasperating season: Landry and Beckham sitting together on the bench, spiritless, hunched over with elbows on thighs. Landry hung his head and looked as if he were about to cry or pray or let the guillotine have its way. Beckham interlocked his fingers and stared the longest, blankest stare.

In losing 38-24 to an Arizona Cardinals squad with little to play for, the Browns fell

to 6-8 and ensured they will be the only NFL team to go the entire decade without a winning season.

In the locker room afterward, most of the conversation focused on Landry's anger. But his fiery disposition is manageable. Of greater concern: Beckham's listlessness, which becomes more problematic with every setback.

He let one of Mayfield's best passes go through his hands. Then he watched the quarterback sail an end-zone pass over his head and into cornerback Patrick Peterson's arms. Peterson, the former all-pro who is having his worst season, was at his best Sunday. He helped limit Beckham, who didn't do any damage until garbage time. No matter what happened, Beckham looked the same: distant.

Does it mean he has emotionally quit on the team? Or is he just biting his lip and trying to play through pain? With Beckham, you never know.

It's on Cleveland to be patient and figure him out. But Beckham must commit, too. Before he can get back to being spectacular, he needs to prove he can be steady.





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Dan Zehr lectures a senior mythology class on patterns in world mythology and how they may have inspired “Star Wars” at Washington Community High School near Peoria on Dec. 11. Zehr’s 6-year old “Coffee With Kenobi” is among the most popular “Star Wars” podcasts in the world.

# One with the Force

High school teacher and ‘Star Wars’ podcaster Dan Zehr mixes mythology, cinema

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

An hour before Dan Zehr arrived, there was a line of fans waiting outside the conference room. They stood against a wall and sat on the floor and poked at their phones. The line snaked through a hallway of McCormick Place. This was last spring, during Celebration, the five-day “Star Wars” convention that brought together filmmakers, writers, actors, cosplayers, fashion designers, movie executives, podcasters. Zehr is the latter, a “Star Wars” podcaster. His 6-year old show, “Coffee With Kenobi,” made in his home outside Peoria, is among the most popular “Star Wars” podcasts in the world, with around 50,000 listeners each week. It’s also made Zehr something of a magnet for fans eager to air out whatever lingering noxiousness has been swirling around this fandom for the past couple of years. “Dan Z!” a listener shouted as he approached.

Zehr — his beard trimmed tightly, his frame thin but not slight, his pleasant smile the face of a youth pastor — extended his hand and thanked the man for coming. Then he worked the line, patting friends on their backs and laughing, thanking every last person waiting. He radiated an innate kindness and kind of public-broadcasting thoughtfulness. He mentioned that he came from a book party



A Darth Vader head can be found in the classroom of Dan Zehr at Washington Community High School last week in Washington, Illinois.

for Anthony “C-3PO” Daniels, and that earlier he was a guest at a small gathering for Lucasfilm president Kathleen Kennedy and director J.J. Abrams. “Whoa,” another fan said. “Very blessed,” Zehr replied. An hour later, before a packed audience, Zehr taped an episode of “Coffee with Kenobi.” His guests included voice actors from animated “Star Wars” series who would be unknowns outside of the building, but within the “Star Wars” ecosystem, they become royalty. Not unlike Zehr himself. During a Q&A, a fan stood and rather than ask a question, he simply said that listening to “Coffee With

Kenobi” had become the highlight of his week. In a seat beside him, a woman nodded, her cell-phone bundled in a “Coffee With Kenobi”-branded case. There are a lot of “Star Wars” podcasts: “Star Wars Minute” and “Collider Jedi Council,” “Fan Girls Going Rogue” and “Rogue Won,” “Rebel Force Radio” (produced in Chicago’s suburbs) and “Star Wars Underworld,” “Force-Cast” and “Star Wars Stacks,” “Never Tell Me the Odds” and “Never Tell Me the Pods,” “Radio Free Endor” and “Radio Free Tatooine.” “Coffee With Kenobi” has a reputation as one of the more reasonable voices. After a couple

of years of near-existential handwringing about the Disney-led direction of “Star Wars” and the abrasive, at times abusive behavior from some fans online, Zehr has carved out a respite, a calm from the snarky shouting matches about the parentage of Rey and the stewardship of Kennedy. Instead, with a Jedi ease, he says: “I don’t want to be critical. But I want to critique.” Which can sound a little like he’s a shill for Lucasfilm. And certainly he’s heard this before. But walking a fine line between cheerleading for a corporate property while remaining an opinionated fan is a talent, and one that’s naturally endeared Zehr to Lucasfilm (in need of a copacetic and positive fan universe), companies like Target (which have featured him in its “Star Wars”-themed ads) and even other podcasters who admire Zehr’s easygoing manner. “There’s such an incredibly low barrier to entry (in podcasting),” said Holly Frey, cohost of the popular “Full of Sith” podcast and an executive producer for iHeartRadio, “yet the beauty of that has meant a discourse in the (‘Star Wars’) community that shows us this is not just a conversation among intense geeky dudes in a basement. Dan’s coming from a relaxed place of love, and doesn’t want to prove

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## Hallmark reconsiders dropping wedding ad

Channel apologizes for pulling commercial with same-sex couple



HEIDI STEVENS  
*Balancing Act*

Hallmark has apologized for dropping a commercial featuring a same-sex couple and pledged to work with GLAAD to better represent the LGBTQ community in its programming. “The Crown Media team has been agonizing over this decision as we’ve seen the hurt it has unintentionally caused,” Mike Perry, president and CEO of Hallmark Cards Inc., said in a statement Sunday. “Said simply, they believe this was the wrong decision. Our mission is rooted in helping all people connect, celebrate traditions, and be inspired to capture meaningful moments in their lives. Anything that detracts from this purpose is not who we are. We are truly sorry for the hurt and disappointment this has caused.” On Friday morning, I wrote about an online petition effort chastising the Hallmark Channel for airing a commercial from Zola, a wedding planning and registry website, that showed two women getting married. “Please reconsider airing commercials with same-sex couples, and please do not add LGBT movies to the Hallmark Channel,” read a petition launched by One Million Moms, a division of the American Family Association. “Such content goes against Christian and conservative values that are important to your primary audience. You will lose viewers if you cave to the LGBT agenda.” I encouraged people to contact Hallmark in support of the commercial if they believe, like I do, that movies and commercials are family-friendly when they include all sorts of families and when they acknowledge that love isn’t reserved for straight people.

Same-sex marriage is the law of the land, after all. Two consenting adults pledging to commit to each other for life isn’t offensive. It’s love. The stuff of Hallmark movies. On Friday afternoon, Zola contacted me and said the Hallmark Channel decided to pull the commercial. As a result, Zola decided to cancel all of its advertising with the network. Hallmark’s decision to drop

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## ‘Avatar’ turning 10

What happened to the 3D box office boom?

BY REBECCA RUBIN  
Variety

Chris Aronson admits he was being bullish when he told his colleagues at 20th Century Fox that “Avatar” would gross \$500 million at the domestic box office. This was back in 2009, before Marvel mania and Disney dominance made half-a-billion-dollar earners commonplace. Up until that point, only “Titanic” and “The Dark Knight” had surpassed that gargantuan milestone. Eleven more films have since joined the club. “People thought we were out of our minds,” recalls Aronson, who was responsible for overseeing the film’s theatrical rollout at Fox. “We always marvel at that.” Of course, “Avatar” went on to smash that benchmark, ending its unprecedented box office run with \$760 million in North America. James Cameron’s dazzling sci-fi epic was the first film to cross \$2 billion worldwide

and spent a decade as the highest-grossing movie of all time (\$2.74 billion) until “Avengers: Endgame” defeated its historic run this July. For all the hype around Cameron’s piece de resistance, “Avatar” was far from a sure-fire commercial success. But Aronson and his Fox comrades, as well as exhibition executives who got to see early footage, knew the on-screen wizardry used to bring Pandora to life was otherworldly from the start. The 3D technology, using motion-capture performances to bring the local tribe of Na’vi to the big screen, was seen as revolutionary. But it didn’t come cheap. “Avatar” cost over \$200 million, making it one of the most expensive movies at the time. When “Avatar” debuted a decade ago on Dec. 18, 2009, it opened to a solid, but not spectacular, \$77 million. “There were snowstorms and there wasn’t a feeling that it was a huge thing,” Patrick Corcoran, chief communications officer of the National Association of Theatre Owners, an exhibition industry trade group, remembers



20TH CENTURY FOX

Neytiri (voiced by Zoe Saldana) and Jake (Sam Worthington) are shown in a scene from “Avatar.” The film spent a decade as the highest-grossing movie of all time until “Avengers: Endgame” broke the record.

of its inaugural weekend. “But it kept playing at the same level week after week. I don’t think anyone realized how big it would be.” “Avatar” had unparalleled legs and was a mainstay on movie theater marquees through August,

thanks to the glowing word-of-mouth that drove repeat viewings. “The second weekend, we dropped all of \$2 million. We knew we had something then,” says Aronson. It held the No. 1 spot for a record consecutive seven weeks and remained in the

top 10 for over three months. Over 80% of ticket sales for “Avatar” came from 3D and premium formats. The unique demand to see “Avatar” in the best quality possible left executives

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Rose McGowan is among those who have accused Harvey Weinstein of sexual assault or harassment.

McGowan calls out Weinstein on rape

Rose McGowan called out Harvey Weinstein after the disgraced mogul gave a bizarre interview before his impending sex crimes trial, in which he claims he's a "forgotten man."

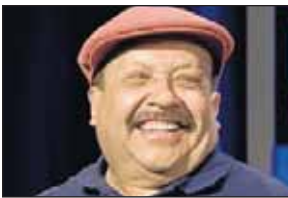
"I didn't forget you, Harvey. My body didn't forget you. I wish it could," McGowan, one of Weinstein's most vocal accusers, wrote on Twitter Monday morning. "I refused to sign an NDA after it happened because I knew I would come for you. And I did. This is about stopping a prolific rapist. You."

Weinstein gave a rare interview to the New York Post from a Manhattan hospital days after undergoing spinal surgery. "I feel like the forgotten man," Weinstein said. "I made more movies directed by women and about women than any filmmaker, and I'm talking about 30 years ago. I'm not talking about now when it's vogue. I did it first! I pioneered it!"

McGowan is one of over 80 women, including Ashley Judd, Gwyneth Paltrow, Mira Sorvino and Rosanna Arquette, who have accused Weinstein of sexual assault or harassment. In response to his interview, 23 of Weinstein's accusers issued a statement Sunday night, vowing he will be remembered.

"Harvey Weinstein is trying to gaslight society again," the statement read. "He says in a new interview he doesn't want to be forgotten. Well, he won't be. He will be remembered as a sexual predator and an unrepentant abuser who took everything and deserves nothing. He will be remembered by the collective will of countless women who stood up and said enough. We refuse to let this predator rewrite his legacy of abuse."

— Variety



BEN SYMON/FOXTEL

**Rest in peace:** Chuy Bravo, Chelsea Handler's sidekick on her E! talk show "Chelsea Lately," has died in Mexico City. He was 63. Handler posted a tribute to Bravo on Instagram: "I loved this nugget in a big way, and I took great pleasure in how many people loved him as much as I did. ... I'll never forget the sound of his laughter coming from his office into mine."

**Domingo-vation:** Opera star Plácido Domingo received a standing ovation for his 50th anniversary gala concert at La Scala on Sunday and returned the appreciation with a rare a cappella performance — a favorite Spanish zarzuela, "Non Puede Ser." The anniversary fell during a year that has seen U.S. opera houses cancel Domingo's appearances following reports of sexual harassment. But the singer has received overwhelming support from Europe's opera houses, which have all maintained his dates.

**Canceled:** Anger over plans for a television series about a deadly fire in the San Francisco Bay Area has led husband-wife writing team Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman to scuttle the project. Friends and families of victims of the 2016 Ghost Ship warehouse fire had urged them to reconsider because it was too soon for them to relive the tragedy. "These appeals have been heart-breaking to hear, and they have changed our minds," the authors said.

**Dec. 17 birthdays:** Actor Ernie Hudson is 74. Actor Eugene Levy is 73. Actor Bill Pullman is 66. Bassist Mike Mills is 61. Actress Sarah Paulson is 45. Actress Milla Jovovich is 44. Actor Nat Wolff is 25.



ASK AMY

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Man needs pals, a dose of Paul Rudd

**Dear Amy:** I'm a 33-year-old man with a great partner, a good career and a baby on the way. My life is going really well and I'm thankful, but my lack of friends has always nagged at me.

If you've ever seen the movie "I Love You, Man," then you know how I feel. It's about a guy who is generally happy but lacks a close-enough friend to be his best man when he gets married. It's a comedy, but I was upset by it because I identify with the main character so much. I've heard that a lot of men deal with this and that it can even have negative health implications.

It's not fair for me to lean on my partner as my social network and only emotional support, but I've always struggled with this. It was tough — but not impossible — in school and university, but as an adult it's gotten even more difficult. I don't need or want to be best friends with everyone, but having a couple of close friends to go with me for coffee or to the movies would be nice. It would also take some pressure off my partner.

How can I break this cycle and expand my social circle?

— Little Circle Seeks Bigger Circle

**Dear Little Circle:** You are describing a common issue for men, that unfortunately isn't acknowledged openly enough, and this is the challenge of building emotionally intimate male friendships. Some of these challenges might shift and ease a bit with fatherhood, because children have a way of bringing parent-friends

together, but again, as you astutely acknowledge, your partner will likely be doing a lot of the friendship-forming and connecting.

You don't seem to have a problem meeting other people, but, like the Paul Rudd character in "I Love You, Man," you want to develop the tools to close the friendship deal. This doesn't mean you're doing anything wrong ... you're simply behaving the way you know. Challenges with emotional intimacy likely go back to the male role models in your early life.

Inspired by a line in the movie: "There are no rules for male friendships," I've been reading "Breaking the Male Code: Unlocking the Power of Friendship," by Robert Garfield. (2016, Avery). I recommend it for you. The author, a psychologist, conducts men's support groups. Like the men Garfield writes about, you will have to be brave enough to alter your perspective, and also behave differently.

Emotional intimacy can be learned, and once you are more open and available, you will experience hits and misses, just like dating. And, just like with dating, the personal rewards and sense of fulfillment can be life-changing.

**Dear Amy:** I've been in my wife's family for over 10 years and have always had a "crush" on my sister-in-law. She has always been there to help me out whenever I ran into a bump in the road with her sister.

Now my wife's sister is separated and we have had a couple outings out together and I completely enjoyed myself. Her company was what I imagined.

Now I feel guilty that I enjoy spending time with her. Please help!

— Love In-Law

**Dear Love In-Law:** The first thing I can do is to validate your feelings. For instance, those pesky feelings of guilt. Well, you feel guilty because you ARE guilty. You seem to be dating, or at least trying to date, your wife's sister.

So, to recap, you are contemplating cheating on your wife. With her sister. This will not end well.

Realistically, if you and your wife's sister leave your marriages and land together, you will have had a hand in imploding two marriages (hers and yours), as well as creating the most awkward family holidays ever.

Presumably, your sister-in-law's relationship with your wife (and possibly other family members) will be damaged, possibly irreparably. Furthermore, I don't imagine this family will have a very high opinion of you. This is supremely selfish of both of you. It's just wrong.

**Dear Amy:** "Loving Husband" reported that his wife had cancer, but she wanted to keep it a secret. I felt so sorry for him. He needs support as much as she does.

— Been There

**Been There:** I agree. The American Cancer Society offers caregiving support and advice on its website: cancer.org.

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# 'Fiercely feminist' slasher movie for #MeToo era

'Black Christmas' remake draws on strength of women

By SONAIYA KELLEY  
Los Angeles Times

A few years after Donald Trump's election coincided with the birth of the #MeToo movement and mere months after the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court, director Sophia Takal set out to write a horror movie about being a woman in 2019.

"I just felt tapped into a lot of the rage that women felt and also a lot of the camaraderie that we felt with one another," she said. "I wanted to make a movie that wasn't about women being pitted against each other but finding strength through one another."

The resultant film, Universal's "Black Christmas" remake, turns the 1974 horror cult classic on its head by exploring the adversarial relationship between fraternity and sorority members at the fictional Hawthorne College. The updated movie, in theaters this weekend, stars Imogen Poots as Riley Stone, a sorority girl and sexual assault survivor who demands answers after several women go missing over the holiday break.

Where the original centered on a group of girls terrorized by a killer hiding out inside their sorority house (it was the first film to use the "calls are coming from inside the house!" trope), Takal and screenwriter April Wolfe, who cowrote the script for Blumhouse, wanted to imbue the traditional slasher story with a nuanced portrait of female solidarity and a timely examination of the en-



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Sorority sisters on holiday break realize they are being stalked by someone who may be behind a campus conspiracy in a remake of "Black Christmas," starring Imogen Poots.

trenched nature of misogyny.

"When Blumhouse approached me about making this, one thing that was really important to me was making a movie that felt like it was moving the slasher subgenre forward," said Takal. "We weren't just making a movie about expendable women whose primary purpose was to be killed for entertainment."

"When we started to write this movie, we had just gone through this whole reckoning and a lot of men were being called out for their bad behavior," she added. "Then all of a sudden Louis C.K.'s doing comedy again, people are getting book deals and going back on the air. And I felt a little bit of that feeling that you can't ever really let your guard down."

In response, the filmmaker resolved to make a PG-13 horror movie that would frankly address tough issues like sexual assault and rape while

remaining accessible to young women and girls.

"At one point I just assumed the MPAA would automatically give it an R rating because we're dealing with issues of sexual assault," said Takal. "But we shot it with the intention of a PG-13 rating. I was very vocal about the fact that if I had to pull back on any of the specificities of Riley's experience or the sexual politics of the movie, that would be a problem for me. That was really the only sticking point."

Ultimately, the subject matter was less of a concern to the MPAA than some of the film's language. "It's so funny the things that are allowed and not allowed," said Takal. "Like 'The Dark Knight' and 'Taken' are PG-13 movies but ours would've been R-rated if we said 'slipped me a roffie and then your dick.'"

"It's really up to the discretion [of the MPAA]," said Wolfe. "And its discre-

tion is not consistent across the board. But how cool is it that young girls get to see this ... movie?"

To illustrate an intersectional portrait of feminism, Takal and Wolfe made sure to incorporate female experiences that differed from their own. For example, the character Kris (played by Aleyse Shannon) is a mixed race woman and a social justice crusader who frequently butts heads with her fellow sorority members.

"From the beginning it was a matter of having a cast that felt inclusive while being aware of our own biases," said Wolfe. "We live in Los Angeles. My life is not [filled with] a lot of white people. Reflecting what most people feel or see in everyday life on-screen felt really important in the same way that we wanted the women to feel realistic."

"I mean, we are white women and we have lived in this world for a long time

so I think there is a tendency to kind of just write that experience but I think that is maybe incorrect," she added. "It's not OK to do at this point. We want people to feel good and for these characters to be rounded. And if we weren't hitting that then we would do a quick rewrite or reassessment."

For Takal, who calls the film "fiercely feminist," seeing a nuanced portrait of women depicted onscreen in and of itself is revolutionary. "I think there's something still subversive about making movies that are about real women who are complicated and flawed and don't have to be perfect," she said.

"I think a lot of times in this modern era people talk about strong women and sometimes people mistake flawless, badass women with feminist characters. I think part of being a woman and making movies about women is allowing us to be flawed."

"We might all be on the 'same side' but there's definitely different lived experiences," said Wolfe. "You can't just be like 'All women are really great together all the time.'"

"Exactly," Poots agreed. "I felt that certainly in the quartet of girls, all of their idiosyncrasies were there but they're all fundamentally different women with different priorities."

While Wolfe describes being a woman in 2019 as "... terrible sometimes," she says one of the biggest barriers to meaningful change is the inability for people on opposing sides to hear each other.

"The feeling of people talking past one another sometimes feels like an insurmountable problem," Takal agreed. "Like, how can we open up to each

other? I think one of the things we hope for with this movie is that it's a fun holiday horror movie, but that it also is saying something about a particular experience. And maybe it will open up people to talk about their own experiences and have less defensive conversations."

"Certain people have had the podium for a long time and it's time for other people to take the opportunity to listen," said Poots.

"Yeah, I think it's about listening," said Takal. "I think some people are hesitant to listen because it feels like something is being taken away. And it can feel like eating spinach if you're watching a harrowing drama about men and women and rape, but if you're able to give people an opportunity to laugh and scream, it kind of mitigates the dialogue that we're trying to have."

"Genre movies open up an incredible platform for female performance," added Poots. "Often more than other films do. I think with the nature of horror movies in general, there's a reason why Toni Collette's performance in 'Hereditary' was so lauded."

And ultimately the opportunity to have female filmmakers shaping those performances is what most excited all three women about "Black Christmas."

"Growing up, the place that you would see lead actors who were women was in horror or soap operas," noted Wolfe. "I love a melodrama and I love horror and we have some aspects of both in our movie. It's a great genre, it just sucks that women haven't been able to tell those stories before. Now we get to be behind it and have more control over those dynamic female characters."

## 3D

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scrambling to find their own 3D hits. But there was trouble in paradise, and not just of the Quaritch variety.

"Avatar" was a passion project of Cameron's, one that he waited years before executing to ensure technology could match his vision. Studios and filmmakers, in attempting to capitalize on that trend, converted movies that weren't filmed on 3D cameras with shoddy results.

"People rushed into it assuming if you slap on 3D, you can make extra money. Audiences caught onto that," Corcoran said. "I don't think that was fully exploited, but I think it was oversold as 'this is the way of the future.'"

The premium format quickly fell out of favor with moviegoers, who felt duped by high-profile misfires — films such as 2010's "Clash of the Titans" and "The Last Airbender" rushed to add 3D at the last minute with little regard toward quality control.

"Certain studios took the time to make high-quality 3D films, but some films that were put into 3D were garbage. As a result, not all 3D was created equal," says Eric Handler, a media analyst with MKM Partners. "There was a lot that people didn't want to pay a premium for anymore."

There's hope from cer-

tain sectors that the release of "Avatar 2" in 2021 could reignite passion for the format. Cameron is planning three subsequent sequels in the coming years, with a fifth installment wrapping things up in 2027.

With just one movie, "Avatar" became one of Hollywood's most valuable properties. Its influence also inspired exhibitors to speed up the deployment of digital cinema so theaters were equipped with the technology needed to play 3D. Studios wanted the change to take place because it's far cheaper to give theater owners digital copies of films than it is to make and ship prints. But the combustion of 3D is forcing owners of smaller theaters like Bill Campbell, who runs Orpheum Theaters in Sheridan, Wyoming, to decide if it's worth expensive equipment upgrades to keep up with technology for the sequel.

"It's another business decision," Campbell says. "It would need to be a trend. You've seen high frame rate experiments, but you haven't seen the need and the desire to the public. I haven't stepped up any equipment yet. That said, you have to know the next 'Avatar' is going to be huge. Maybe you pencil it in to do it just for that movie."

There's confidence in the industry that daring to push cinematic boundaries will keep ticket buyers coming back to their local movie theater. That's par-

tially why critics and audiences alike fell in love with "Gravity" and "Life of Pi" films that benefited from the immersion that 3D can offer.

"3D won't make a bad film better, but it can tremendously enhance a great film creatively," says Michael V. Lewis, co-founder and CEO of RealD, a tech company specializing in 3D cinema. "It's great at maximizing the emotional connection of the film."

The second "Avatar" comes as moviegoing as a whole is being challenged by streaming services. For theater owners, Cameron's fantastical follow-ups are emblematic of the kind of experience that can't be replicated in the home.

"I remember a lot of young boys in fourth to seventh grade coming back over and over," Campbell recalls of the original. "I hope we can get excitement with that age crowd again. We're losing some of that generation to streaming, so we want to make sure they're still familiar with the cinema."

There's a lot riding on the future of "Avatar." Disney, which inherited the lucrative property after acquiring Fox's film empire earlier in 2019, has dated its four sequels to release in theaters every other year for the next decade. With Star Wars wrapping up its core nine-chapter saga with this December's "Rise of Skywalker," the studio needs another mega-franchise to slot in around the

holidays. It helps that even before Disney merged with Fox, it knew the property intimately, having created attractions based on "Avatar" at its Florida theme park.

"It's not a slam dunk success, but Disney is going to put a hell of a lot of support on it," Handler says. "They are counting on the success of Jim Cameron combined with Disney's marketing muscle."

There's at least one thing exhibitors and studio executives can unanimously agree on: "Jim Cameron is no fool. He understands how to put technology in service of the story he's trying to tell" (Corcoran). "If you look at his track record, he hasn't failed yet. I would bet on him every time" (Aronson). "Cameron always pushes the envelope" (Campbell). "Who am I to doubt Jim Cameron? He's only made two of the three most successful movies ever" (Handler).

Some people look ahead to "Avatar" parts two through five with some poignancy. Even for executives like Aronson, who have heaps of films under their belt, the scale of working on "Avatar" remains unmatched.

"One of the sincere regrets of my career is not being able to be part of 'Avatar's' [sequels]," said Aronson, who works at Paramount post Disney-Fox merger. "That's how strongly I feel about Jim and that experience. It was a great ride."

## Chance the Rapper cancels 2020 tour

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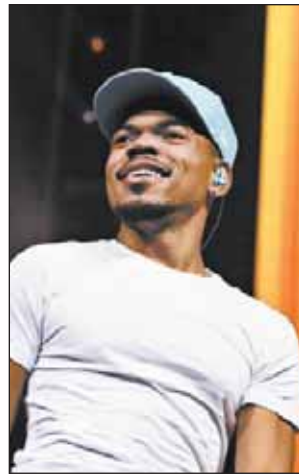
Chance the Rapper has canceled his previously postponed 2020 tour, the Chicago musician posted on Instagram Sunday.

"Hey guys I've decided to cancel the Big Tour," Chance wrote on the social media platform. "... it's been a lot of back and forth with reschedules and rerouting, but it's for the best. I'm gonna take this time to be with family, make some new music and develop my best show to date."

As he did in September when he announced the tour was postponed, Chance cited family responsibilities for the cancellation. On Dec. 2, Chance tweeted a "two for one" ticket sale for the tour in connection with Cyber Monday sales.

Chance married his longtime girlfriend Kirsten Corley in a civil ceremony in Chicago in 2018, but the pair made it official in March with a star-studded event in California. The couple shared the news they were expecting Baby No. 2 weeks later.

The tour supporting the artist's latest "The Big Day" (released in July), was to begin Jan. 15, 2020 in San Diego with openers Lil Yachty and Chance's brother, Taylor Bennett. It was scheduled to play



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Saying in part he wanted to spend more time with family, Chance the Rapper canceled his 2020 tour.

major arenas, including Madison Square Garden in New York. According to Variety, the time was not ideal for an arena tour: While his "Big Day" album debuted strong at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 in August, the album faded from the chart after just 19 weeks; its predecessor, the 2016 hit "Coloring Book," remained in the 200 for 125 weeks. Chance did perform Saturday at the Rolling Loud Festival at Banc of California Stadium in Los Angeles.

Chance played the United Center in September after announcing the tour postponement.

## Stevens

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the commercial was met with swift and vocal disapproval. Ellen DeGeneres and William Shatner weighed in. #BoycottHallmark was trending on Twitter.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot tweeted my Hallmark column announcing the Zola ad was dropped, adding, "The holidays are a time for family, generosity and decency. @hallmarkchannel should reconsider their misguided decision to ban

an ad featuring a same-sex couple. Representation is important in all forms of media — even advertising."

And now it appears Hallmark Channel is, indeed, reconsidering.

"It is never Hallmark's intention to be divisive or generate controversy," Hallmark's statement read.

The network promised to reach out to Zola to reinstate its commercials.

"We were deeply troubled when Hallmark rejected our commercials for featuring a lesbian couple celebrating their marriage, and are relieved to see that decision was

reversed," Mike Chi, Zola's chief marketing officer told me Sunday night. "We are humbled by everyone who showed support not only for Zola, but for all the LGBTQ couples and families who express their love on their wedding day, and every day."

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ZOLA

Under pressure from a conservative advocacy group, the Hallmark Channel had pulled an ad for wedding-planning website Zola that featured two women getting married.



# Force

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he's the loudest or has the most insider knowledge. It's such a strange time to be a fan — really, there's so much conflict within every fandom — but Dan is here reminding us there is still a desire for someone to say 'Remember when we all just loved "Star Wars" so much and just wanted to talk?' I think that's an urge he's satisfying."

"Coffee With Kenobi" traffics in the latest news and controversies or obsessions like Baby Yoda. But its meat is more philosophical, occasionally even spiritual — quiet conversation about showing empathy toward children, the franchise's cycles of redemptive violence, what Luke Skywalker's decision to turn off his computer and rely on the Force to destroy the Death Star (way back in the original 1977 film) tells us about faith and sacrifice. Indeed, Zehr, 47, says he's Roman Catholic and attends church every Sunday. He unabashedly talks faith.

He says often that he's blessed.

Which is hard to argue with: Lately, during these high holy days of "Star Wars" and the release of "The Rise of Skywalker," the final episode of the nine-film series that began 42 years ago, Zehr has been jetting between Walt Disney World in Florida for the opening of a new "Star Wars" ride and Los Angeles, as a guest for the Hollywood premiere of "The Force Awakens." (sometimes this is on his own dime, and sometimes his travel is paid for by sponsors, which include Kohl's, Progressive, Random House and travel companies). With "The Mandalorian" hot on Disney Plus and the future direction of "Star Wars" anxiously anticipated, he's never short of material, producing new episodes weekly. He's past 300 now. It's become a 40-hour-plus job that brings in a comfortable five-figure supplementary



VICTOR HILITSKI/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Dan Zehr, host of the "Star Wars" fan podcast "Coffee With Kenobi," at Star Wars Celebration in Chicago on April 14.

income. After which he returns to his primary job, as English teacher at a rural high school.

**Surrounded by modest homes and cornfields and water towers** that stand over a town square still giving off a midcentury Americana, Washington Community High School near Peoria rises up at you and charms. Ronald Reagan attended nearby Eureka College, and many of the teenagers that Zehr teaches are the children of employees at nearby Caterpillar.

He has six classes a day, three for English composition, two on mythology and one dedicated to British literature. His room is ordinary and plain — except for the "Star Wars" posters, the small Stormtrooper action figure propped on a filing cabinet with a dark "Z" carved into its chest by a student. Also, where a Shakespeare or Twain bust might sit, a Darth Vader looms.

"He's known as 'the Star Wars teacher,'" said senior Ellie Blackburn. "Even when you aren't learning about 'Star Wars,' he finds a way to incorporate it. I mean, you get extra credit in his class by throwing chips (given for significant

participation) into a Stormtrooper helmet."

A bell chimes, the morning mythology students file in and take their seats.

One student tells him about a bad breakup, then incongruously asks if she can escort another student to get ice cream. Zehr looks at her quizzically: "Why do, huh — *what?*"

He shakes his head and moves on, asks them to turn off phones, remove earbuds, take out something to write with. "I want you to see the connections between what we're going to watch and Greek culture and mythology and other cultures. We were talking Egyptian culture yesterday — look for evidence of Egyptian inspiration. Also, what does it say about heroism? Every culture has ideas on heroism, it can tell us what we value and how we treat each other."

He cues a scene from "The Force Awakens." Evil Kylo Ren is interrogating a brave Poe.

When the lights come up he asks them to break into teams and discuss how what they just watched reminds them of classic Greek mythology and our feelings on selflessness. Floating from group to group, you can hear them

decode imagery and ideas, smartly. It might sound gimmicky, even silly to bring in "Star Wars" as routinely as Zehr does — he says it takes up about three weeks of every semester — but the students, quietly, in whispery voices, were discussing cultural lineage, appropriation, how influences seep in even when it's not intended. Zehr says he's certainly heard pushback over the years from teachers and administrators who assume he's just watching "Star Wars" all day.

But, he says, under his breath as students hash out their thoughts, "the movie is the text. We break it down as we might 'Hamlet.' Because 'Star Wars,' in ways, is our literature, our contemporary mythology, and like 'Huckleberry Finn' or 'Little Women,' it can tell us how we navigate the world, define ourselves or place obstacles in our way."

At the end of a semester, he welcomes students to lecture for a few minutes — on the symbolic use of color in "Star Wars," on Anakin Skywalker's fall from grace and its ties to Shakespeare — then he shapes those brief talks into an episode of "Coffee With Kenobi." One student made the link between how Rey receives her lightsaber and the way King Arthur pulled a sword from a stone. "I get goosebumps just remembering that."

**Zehr grew up in Louisiana, then moved to Illinois at 11** when his parents divorced. He actually worked briefly for Disney — stocking merchandise at the park in Orlando. He spent years as an underwriter for an insurance company before deciding he wanted to be a teacher, "the kind who believed in me when I didn't have a male role model in my life I needed." Indeed, at Celebration, when talk turned to Luke Skywalker facing his father, Darth Vader, Zehr's face turned quickly heavy and his voice sounded choked.

He returned to college to become an English teacher, which he's been for 14 years now. He believes it was Providence — he met his

wife, a guidance counselor, at the school, who then introduced him to Cory Clubb, his "Coffee With Kenobi" co-founder and (for three years) co-host. They bonded over "Star Wars," watched hours of YouTube videos and learned how to use a microphone and become proficient with the editing software.

They hashed out a tone, which was: informed and philosophical but never gossipy. They decided against discussing spoilers (the juicy red meat of many popular "Star Wars" podcasts). "There are ("Star Wars") podcasts about collecting and comics and news and some have that kind of morning drive radio thing, but what about a podcast just predicated on who we are? We're people who'd rather deal with the richness of what is there than what might be. Like everything, 'Star Wars' is divisive and I wanted a safe place for anyone to land. I think when we're upset we're just missing the conversation.

"I believe in that Stephen Covey ("The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People") thing, of knowing your strength. I know 'Star Wars' and this is just the tool that I am using to open up discussions about gender diversity and destiny and the right ways to treat people."

They decided that burning down the village was not the best way to save it.

So a lot about the way "Coffee With Kenobi" feels derived from Zehr's faith, said Clubb, who still serves occasionally as a kind of roving correspondent when Zehr has to teach. "That sense of giving everyone a voice, of providing a positive energy among so much darkness. But also I think fandom by nature is a celebration and people do forget that."

Slowly the show gained a following, then hit its stride a couple of years later, after Zehr wrote an essay for StarWars.com about how he uses "Star Wars" in the classroom. After that, sponsors began arriving, then

Target asked him to appear in a commercial highlighting education. That's when Lucasfilm started paying much closer attention.

"Dan's podcast is now the model 'Star Wars' podcast from our point of view," said Pete Vilmur, head of fan relations for Lucasfilm. "It's very accessible and open-minded, inclusive, family friendly and it provides an aspect of fandom that we can't. We can't provide an unfiltered voice. We can't speak to every episode of 'The Mandalorian' and get seriously into the weeds the way some of these podcasts can. But Dan's also not aggressively investigating leaks or going after rumors. He's approaching all of this from the point of view of an English teacher. He's staying on the avenues that we prefer."

**In less than an hour, Zehr's students discussed** slavery, race, the wolfish Egyptian-like design of Kylo Ren's costume, the worship of pharaohs, how evil is portrayed, doing the right thing. He asked them to watch another clip from "The Force Awakens." Rey meets Finn, bad guys attack and Finn, the man, keeps reaching for Rey, the woman, grabbing at her hand and trying to lead her to safety, though he's the vulnerable one.

The lights come up. "What did you see about gender roles in there?" he asks.

"He kept grabbing her hand," a student says.

"Go with that." "And she didn't want that."

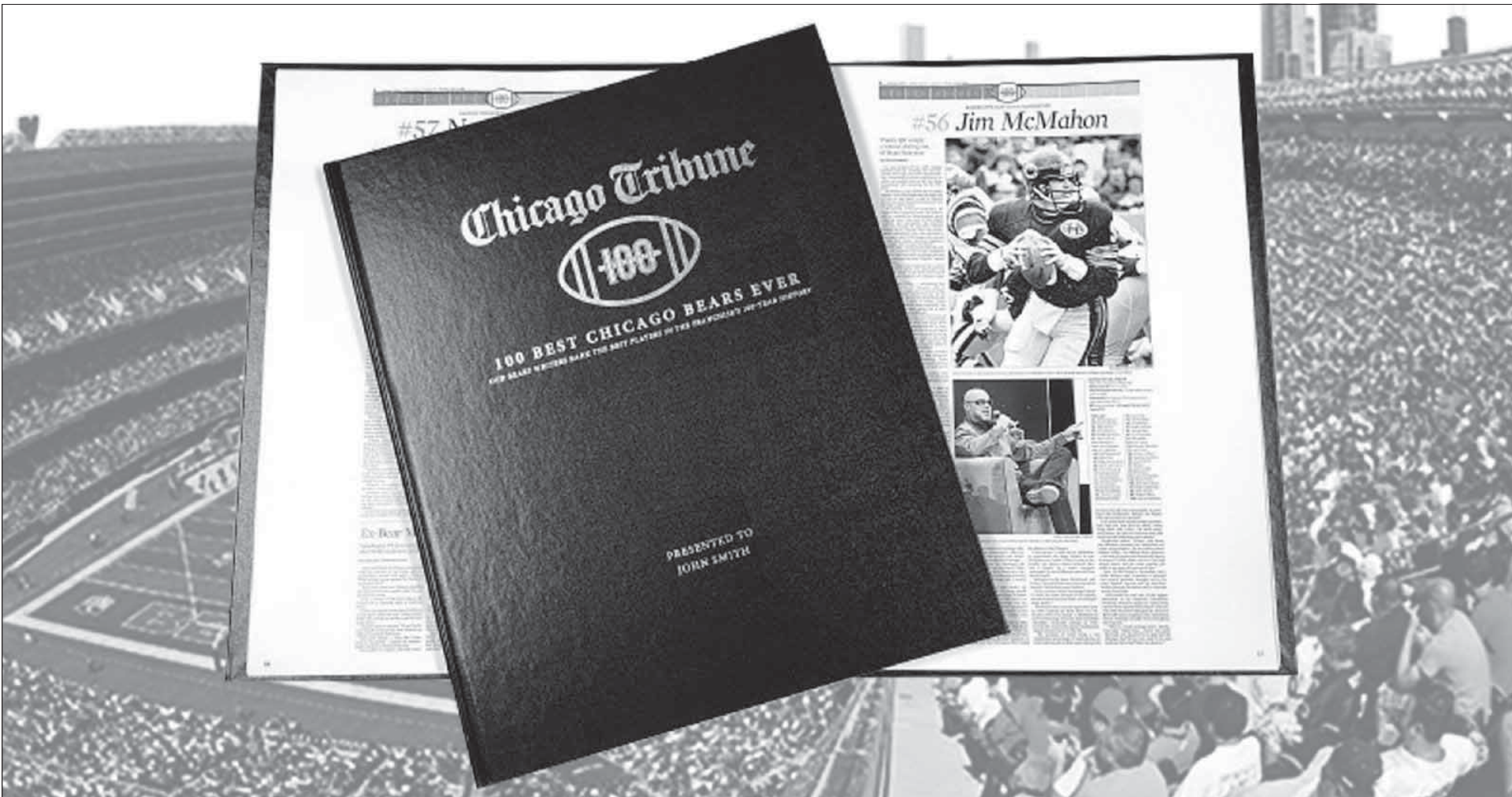
"Why — is it the dynamics of meeting a new person? Or because she's a woman?"

"He's asking her if she's OK and she's like, yeah, why?"

"Right, and —"

The bell chimes and the students launch themselves out of their seats and Zehr calls after: "OK, good, and we're going to start right there tomorrow. To be continued."

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Shrek and Fiona

**“Shrek the Halls”** (8:30 p.m., ABC): What’s not to love about a yuletide special starring a family of green ogres? And especially one that already was popularized by a couple of hit movies when this debuted in 2007? Shrek (voice of Mike Myers) isn’t a Christmas kind of guy, but Princess Fiona (voice of Cameron Diaz) loves the holiday, so he goes along — with a little help from Donkey (voice of Eddie Murphy) and the rest of the fairy-tale gang.

**“Dogs of the Year”** (7 p.m., CW): “Entertainment Tonight” co-hosts Nischelle Turner and Kevin Frazier anchor this new one-hour holiday special from the American Kennel Club’s Museum of the Dog in New York. The program counts down 2019’s top 10 stories of dogs who went above and beyond the call of duty to accomplish the nearly impossible and leave their paw-print on society. Among the featured canines are dogs who soothed badly burned fire victims.

**“Well Groomed”** (8 p.m., HBO): Televised dog shows usually attract large viewership, especially during the holidays, but this new documentary from Rebecca Stern explores a related yet very different world: the arena of competitive dog grooming, following a group of determined professionals in that field over the course of a year in which they face a series of challenges in their personal and business lives. It also offers a glimpse of their lives outside the show ring.

**“Ambitions”** (8 p.m., OWN): In the first of two new back-to-back episodes, “Through the Wire,” the identity of Rondell’s (Brely Evans) puppet master is revealed, while Bella (Erica Page) can’t help feeling overwhelmed. Stephen (Steven Williams) and Bella are confronted by Stephanie (Robin Givens). Titus (Kendrick Cross) raises Lori’s (Christina Kirkman) suspicions.

**“The Purge”** (8 p.m., 11:05 p.m., USA): As Purge Night rages on, Esme, Ryan, Marcus and Ben (Paola Núñez, Max Martini, Derek Luke, Joel Allen) continue their desperate fight to stay alive with this year’s event entering its final moments in the Season 2 finale, “7:01 AM.” USA Network hasn’t announced whether this series, a spinoff from a successful horror movie franchise, will be picked up for Season 3.

**“Treadstone”** (9:01 p.m., 12:05 a.m., USA): Set in the world of the Jason Bourne spy thrillers, this action series closes out Season 1 with “The Cicada Covenant,” as Bentley’s (Jeremy Irvine) sanity is pushed to the brink. Elsewhere, journalist Tara (Tracy Ifeachor) takes decisive action, while Edwards (Omar Metwally) is stymied by unforeseen complications.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Singer-songwriter “Weird Al” Yankovic; actor Stuart Goldsmith.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor John Lithgow; Liam Payne talks and performs.\*

**“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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	AMC	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) ***				(9:15) Miracle on 34th Street *** ♦					
	ANIM	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Woods Law		North-Law ♦			
	BBCA	The Polar Express (G, '04) ***		Voices of Tom Hanks.		Four Christmases (PG-13, '08) ** © ♦					
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	BRAVO	Housewives/OC (N)		Housewives/OC (Season Finale) (N)		Watch (N)		Housewives/OC			
	CLTV	News at 7		News at 8		News (N)		SportsFeed ©			
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦			
	COM	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office			
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	DISN	Raven		Roll With It		Gabby		Jessie ©	Raven		
	E!	The Kardashians		A Legendary Christmas		2019: What E! Year! (N)		Nightly (N)			
	ESPN	ESPN Documentaries (N)		30 for 30 ©				SportCtr (N)			
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Purdue at Ohio. (N) (Live)				SpoCenter ♦			
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	FOOD	Chopped Junior (N) ©		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ©		Chopped ♦			
	FREE	♦ Home Alone (7:20) Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (PG, '92) ** ©						700 Club ♦			
	FX	Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13, '11) ***		Chris Evans.		Captain America-Avgr ♦					
	HALL	Welcome to Christmas (NR, '18) Eric Mabius. ©				(9:03) Merry & Bright (NR, '19) © ♦					
	HGTV	Home Town ©		Fixer to Fabulous (N) ©		Move and Improve (N) ©		Hunt Intl (N)			
	HIST	Digging Deeper (N)		Curse-Island (N)		(9:03) Kings of Pain (N)		Oak Island ♦			
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	LIFE	Rediscovering Christmas (NR, '19) Jessica Lowndes.				(9:03) Christmas Stars (NR, '19) © ♦					
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)			
	MTV	Teen Mom 2 (N) ©		Teen Mom: Young (N)		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.			
	NBCSCH	Women's Hockey: Canada at United States. (Tape)				NHL Hockey (N) ♦					
	NICK	♦ Christmas		SpongeBob		Friends ©		Friends ♦			
	OVATION	♦ His and Her Christmas		Man on Fire (R, '04) **		Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. ♦					
	OWN	Ambitions: "Hit 'Em Up."		Ambitions (N)		Ambitions (Season Finale) (N)		Ambitions ♦			
	OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦			
	PARMT	♦ (6:30) Grown Ups (PG-13, '10) ♦		Adam Sandler. ©		Ink Master Grudge (N)		Grwn Ups ♦			
	SYFY	X-Men: First Class (PG-13, '11) ***		James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. ©				Futurama			
	TBS	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Misery (Sea-			
	TCM	Creature From the Black Lagoon ***		The Fly (NR, '58) ***		Al Hedison. ©		Thorough ♦			
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TNT	The Wizard of Oz (G, '39) ****		Judy Garland.		(9:15) Maleficent (PG, '14) ** ♦						
TOON	Apple		Gumball		Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad				
TRAV	The Dead Files (N) ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Famously Afraid (N) ©		Fa. Afraid ♦				
TVL	Raymond		Everybody Raymond		Raymond		Two Men				
USA	Law & Order: SVU		The Purge: "7:01 AM." (Season Finale) (N)		(9:01) Treadstone (Season Finale) (N)		Law-SVU ♦				
VH1	Love & Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop ©		Love & Hip Hop ©		Ink ♦				
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Acid." ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦				
WGN America	♦ (6) Full Metal Jacket (R, '87) *** ©		Full Metal Jacket (R, '87) ***		Matthew Modine. © ♦						
PREMIUM	HBO	♦ Big Mommas: Like Father		Well Groomed (NR, '19)		REAL Sports Gumbel (N)		American ♦			
	HBO2	His Dark Materials ©		Unfriended: Dark Web (R, '18) **		Lil Rel Howery: Live ♦					
	MAX	Teen Witch (PG-13, '89) **		Robyn Lively. (8:35) She's the Man (PG-13, '06) **		Amanda Bynes.					
	SHO	Ray Donovan ©		Inside the NFL (N) ©		Shameless ©		Inside NFL ♦			
	STARZ	♦ Spider's Web		Dublin Murders ©		(9:01) Miss Bala (PG-13, '19) * ♦					
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Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Dec. 17): Your personal influence rises this year. Regular action feeds your profit machine. Discover unexpected value this winter before a change impacts your joint accounts. Make a personal improvement next summer, leading to surging shared profits. You're growing by leaps and bounds.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Prioritize your health, work and fitness. Stay flexible with delays or mistakes. Correct miscommunications immediately. Quietly practice your moves for growing ease and strength.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. A barrier blocks the path with a romantic pursuit. Fantasies prove flimsy. Adapt to recent news. Work with someone who can see your blind spots.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Resolve a domestic problem with diplomacy and finesse. Handle responsibilities and chores. Stay patient with miscommunications or mistakes. Prioritize family matters. Share treats.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Revise communications carefully. Make corrections, clarify and simplify. A second set of eyes can catch errors. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Delays or obstacles could frustrate your work today. Keep your patience and sense of humor. Postpone a financial discussion. Hold out for the best deal.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Expect energy surges. Meditate on your objective and consider the most direct path. Defer gratification when necessary. Rest when you can.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. You can't do everything. Proceed with caution or risk breakage. Plan, strategize and coordinate actions in advance. Rest and recharge in peaceful privacy.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Have patience with group projects. Take the time to untangle miscommunications as they occur. You don't need to share everything. Think strategically.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Work takes priority. Postpone financial talks or negotiations. Wait for developments. Current volatility calms down later. Handle the homework and preparations. You're gaining respect.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Keep your itinerary flexible and advance when traffic is clear. Words and actions can be easily misinterpreted. Avoid stepping on toes. Watch and listen.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Avoid impulsive financial moves. Clarify misunderstandings patiently. Let cooler heads prevail. Old assumptions get challenged. Consider developments and reserve judgment. Plan strategically for best results.

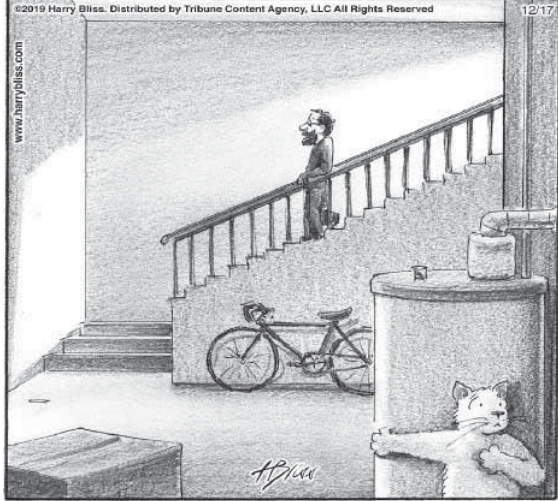
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Give your partner the benefit of doubt. You may not understand his or her motives. Postpone important discussions or determinations for better conditions.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

	<b>North</b>	
	♠ J 9 3 2	
	♥ A J 10	
	♦ A 6 2	
	♣ Q 4 3	
<b>West</b>		<b>East</b>
♠ A Q 4		♠ K 8
♥ 7 6 3		♥ 2
♦ J 5 4 3		♦ Q 10 9 8 7
♣ A 7 5		♣ J 10 9 8 6
	<b>South</b>	
	♠ 10 7 6 5	
	♥ K Q 9 8 5 4	
	♦ K	
	♣ K 2	

Today's deal is from last year's Venice Cup, which is a competition held to determine which country can field the best women's team. It is from the finals, between a team from China and a team from Sweden. Both teams reached four hearts. It's obvious that there are four top losers, but what is obvious in a bridge column is often not so obvious at the table.

South won the opening diamond lead with her king, led a heart to dummy's ace and overtook the jack of hearts with her king. She then led a low club toward dummy's queen. West could defeat the contract by rising with her ace and leading a low spade — a very unlikely defense to find. Ducking her ace would see the king of clubs discarded on the ace of diamonds and the contract would sail home after three spade losers. She did rise with her ace, but she led a second diamond and declarer had 10 tricks — six hearts, two diamonds, and two clubs.

At the other table, West started with the ace of spades. This would have been a good start had she continued the suit, but she shifted to a diamond. Declarer was eventually able to eliminate her diamonds and clubs before throwing East in with her bare king of spades. The resulting ruff-sluff also allowed the contract to make at that table.

Kudos to both declarers for working hard in a contract that looked hopeless.

— Bob Jones  
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Dilbert



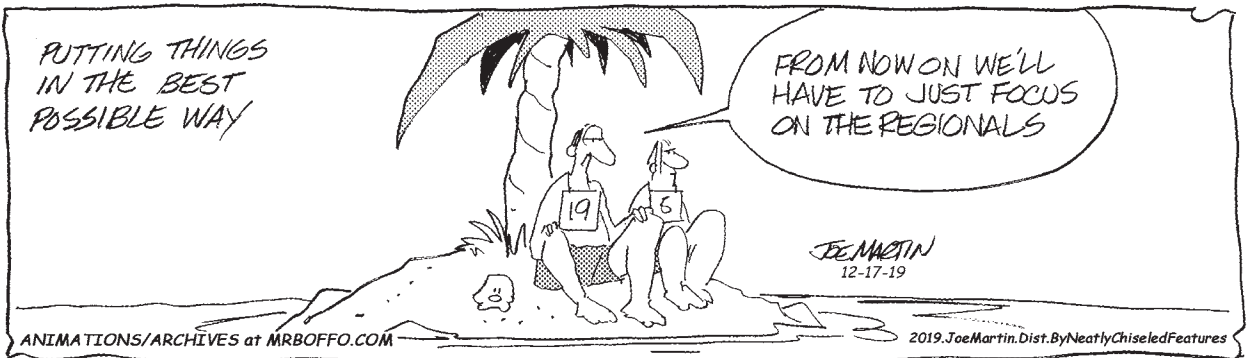
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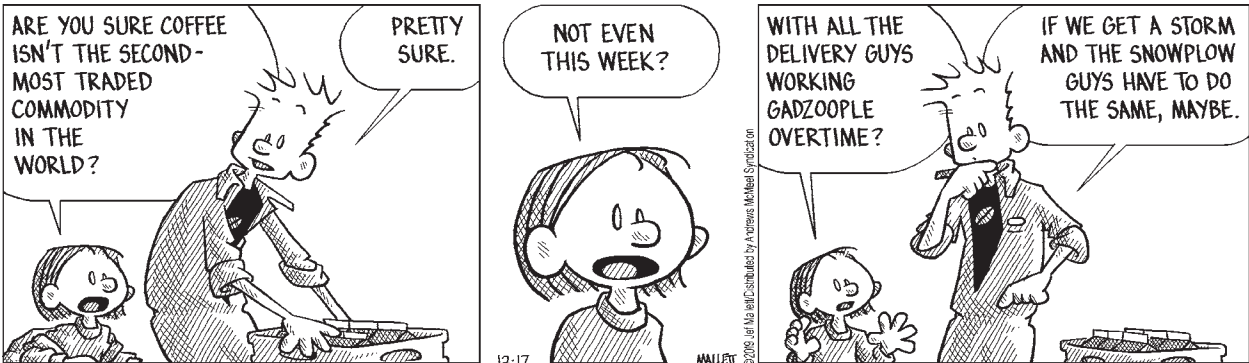
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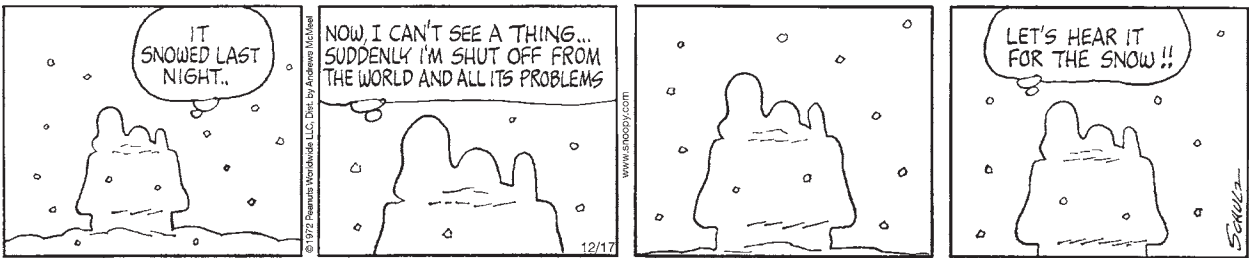
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



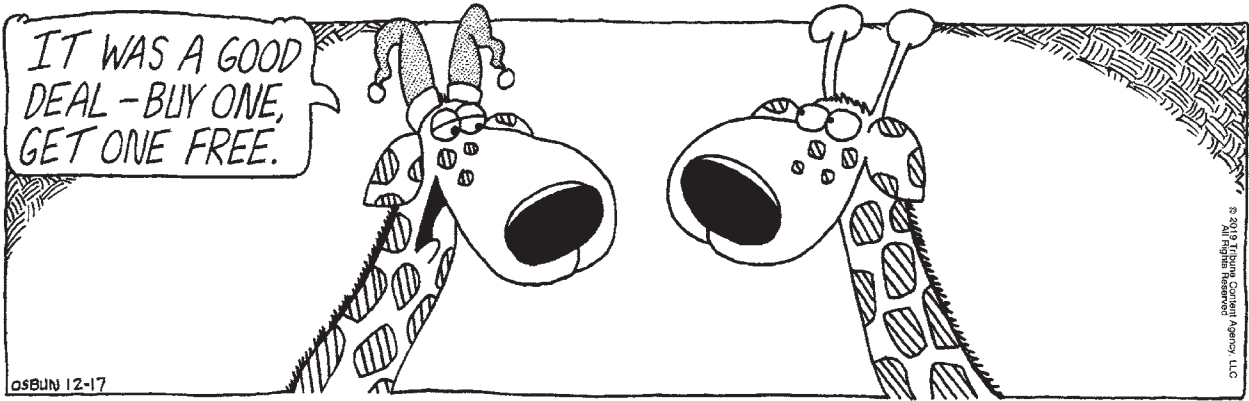
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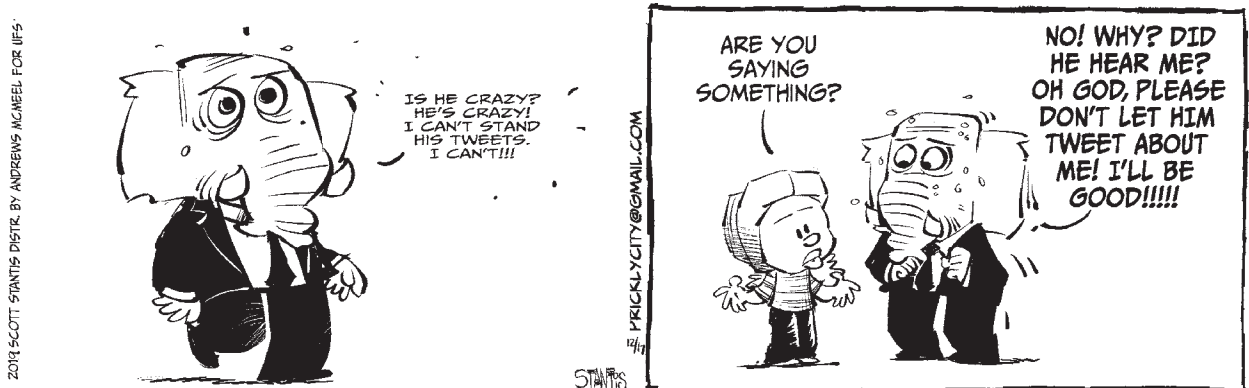
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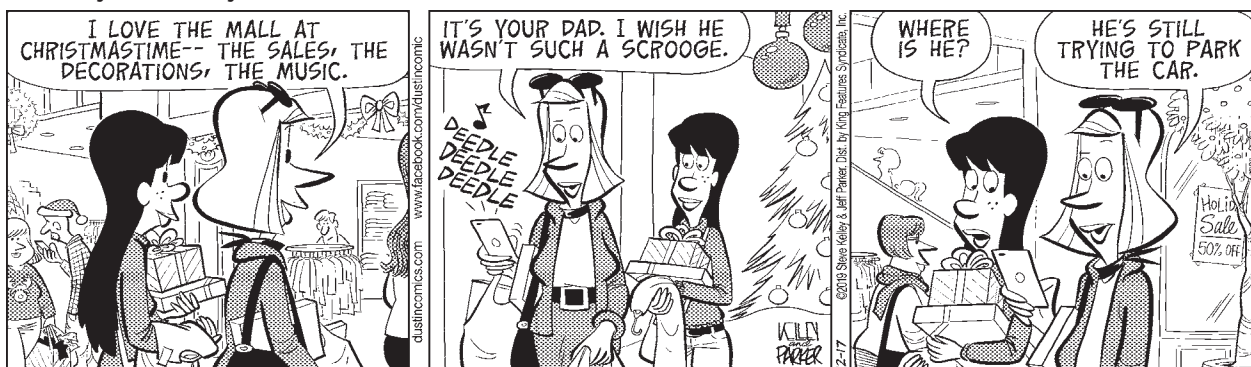
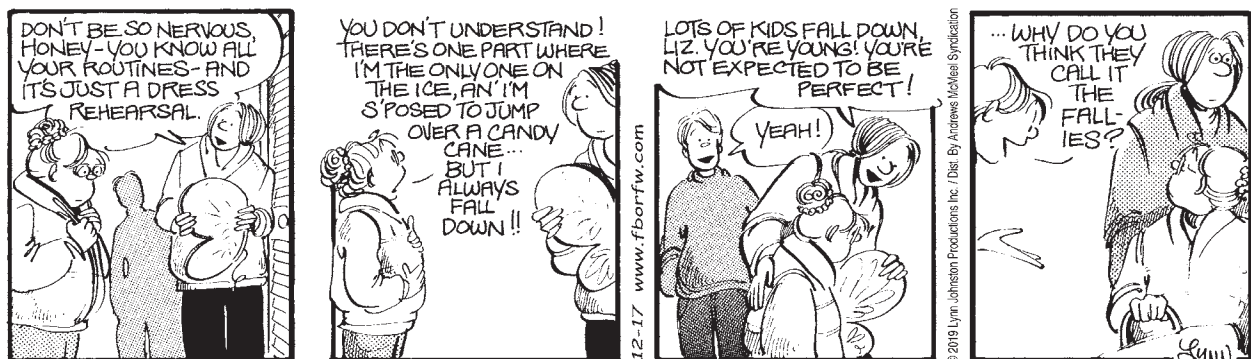
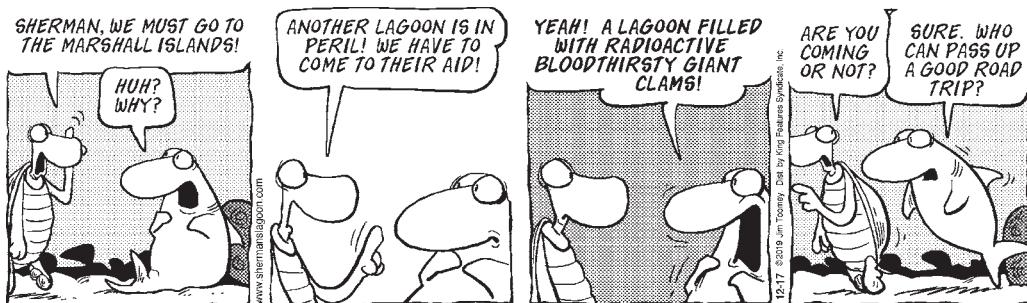
Animal Crackers



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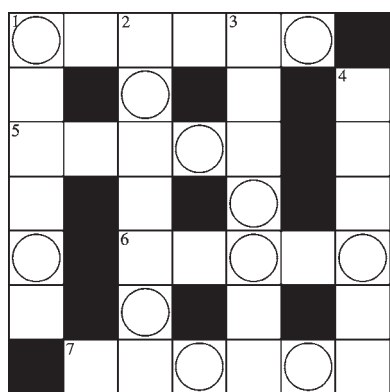
**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers**Trivia Bits**

During World War II, rose hips from Rosa canina, aka dog rose, were used as a source of ascorbic acid, better known as what?

A) Calcium  
B) Iron  
C) Vitamin A  
D) Vitamin C

Monday's answer: Firefighter Red Adair specialized in fighting oil field fires.

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**Jumble Crossword**

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**CLUE:** \_\_\_\_\_ was just 6 years old when he was enrolled in a NYC performing arts school.

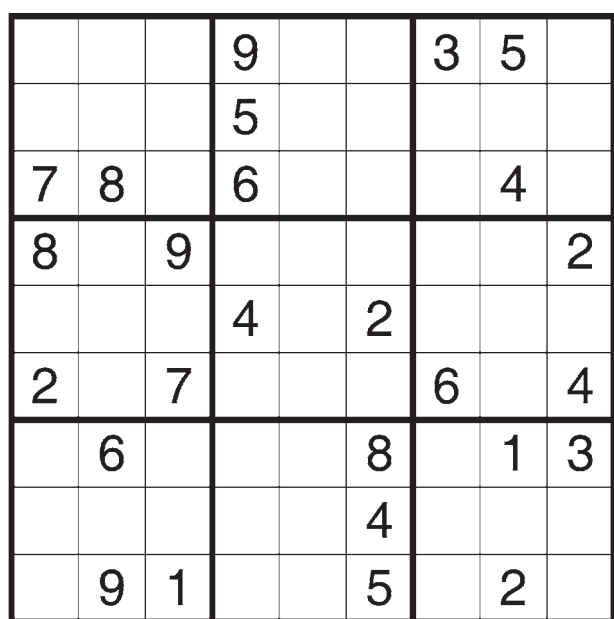
**BONUS**

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ANSWERS: 1A-Dinner 5A-Craft 6A-Fire 7A-Static 8A-Craft 9A-Craft 10A-Dinner 11A-Dinner 12A-Dinner 13A-Dinner 14A-Dinner 15A-Dinner 16A-Dinner 17A-Dinner 18A-Dinner 19A-Dinner 20A-Dinner 21A-Dinner 22A-Dinner 23A-Dinner 24A-Dinner 25A-Dinner 26A-Dinner 27A-Dinner 28A-Dinner 29A-Dinner 30A-Dinner 31A-Dinner 32A-Dinner 33A-Dinner 34A-Dinner 35A-Dinner 36A-Dinner 37A-Dinner 38A-Dinner 39A-Dinner 40A-Dinner 41A-Dinner 42A-Dinner 43A-Dinner 44A-Dinner 45A-Dinner 46A-Dinner 47A-Dinner 48A-Dinner 49A-Dinner 50A-Dinner 51A-Dinner 52A-Dinner 53A-Dinner 54A-Dinner 55A-Dinner 56A-Dinner 57A-Dinner 58A-Dinner 59A-Dinner 60A-Dinner 61A-Dinner 62A-Dinner 63A-Dinner 64A-Dinner 65A-Dinner 66A-Dinner 67A-Dinner 68A-Dinner 69A-Dinner 70A-Dinner 71A-Dinner 72A-Dinner 73A-Dinner 74A-Dinner 75A-Dinner 76A-Dinner 77A-Dinner 78A-Dinner 79A-Dinner 80A-Dinner 81A-Dinner 82A-Dinner 83A-Dinner 84A-Dinner 85A-Dinner 86A-Dinner 87A-Dinner 88A-Dinner 89A-Dinner 90A-Dinner 91A-Dinner 92A-Dinner 93A-Dinner 94A-Dinner 95A-Dinner 96A-Dinner 97A-Dinner 98A-Dinner 99A-Dinner 100A-Dinner

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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2	3	7	9	6	8	5	1	4	4
9	5	8	4	3	1	6	7	2	2
6	4	1	5	2	7	9	3	8	8
5	7	9	3	1	4	2	8	6	6
8	2	4	7	9	6	1	5	3	3
3	1	6	8	5	2	7	4	9	9
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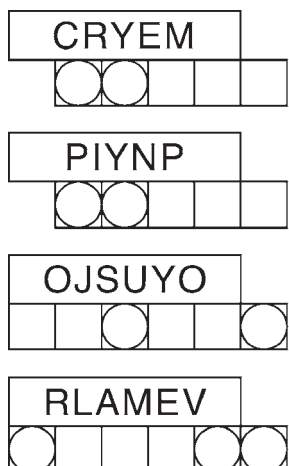
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Monday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here

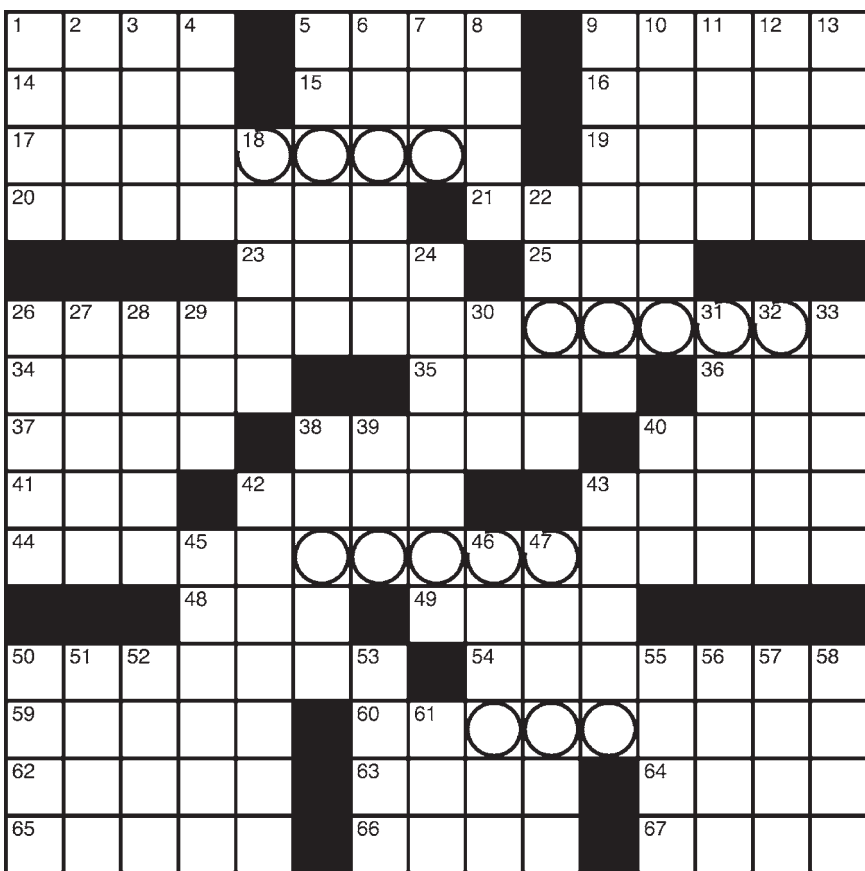
**Monday's answers**

Jumbles: CELLO KNACK CRAFTY MUTTER  
Answer: The pair of scissors was defective and didn't — MAKE THE CUT

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**Crossword**

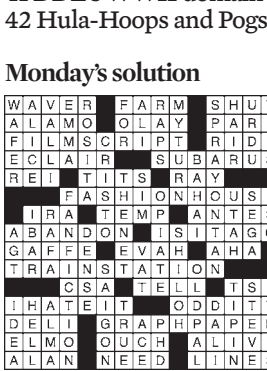
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**Across**

- 1 Spanish kiss
- 5 Tax law pros
- 9 Shaving scratches
- 14 Tune from "Tosca"
- 15 The "A" in SATB
- 16 It's sent with a click
- 25 Tot's little piggy
- 26 One doing the play-by-play
- 34 Hoisting device
- 35 Snobbish attitude
- 36 Road service org.
- 37 Irish New Ager
- 38 Full of sass
- 40 Dead set against
- 41 DDE's WWII domain
- 42 Hula-Hoops and Pogs

**Down**

- 43 Gets in on the deal
- 44 Stand-up comic who is a recurring panelist on "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me"
- 48 Orbiting research facility: Abbr.
- 49 Spa treatment
- 50 Turned on an axis
- 54 Caviar choice
- 59 \_ acids: protein components
- 60 Subject of the 2019 biopic "Rocketman"
- 62 Baltimore NFLer
- 63 Kind of pressure
- 64 Oklahoma city NNW of Oklahoma City
- 65 Device related to the circled letters
- 66 PC scrolling key
- 67 British mil. honors

**Monday's solution**

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- 24 Buys eagerly
- 26 Look (for), as electronic bugs
- 27 Vessel of 1492
- 28 "The joke's \_!"
- 29 Color TV pioneer
- 30 \_ in the bud
- 31 "The Divine Comedy" segment
- 32 In one's tummy
- 33 Salary increase
- 38 Go unrenowned
- 39 Bachelor's famous last words?
- 40 Raid target
- 42 Slick trick
- 43 C.S. Lewis lion
- 45 Model train giant
- 46 Stacked like Tupperware
- 47 Do a ranch vet's job
- 50 They beat bogeys
- 51 Apple computer
- 52 "Choose-A-Sheet" paper towels brand
- 53 Captain Sparrow portrayer
- 55 Kept the party hopping for short
- 56 Howard and Silver
- 57 Lake Erie state
- 58 Circle's lack
- 61 Journey segment

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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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TUESDAY, DEC. 17

NORMAL HIGH: 34°


NORMAL LOW: 20°

RECORD HIGH: 60° (1977)

RECORD LOW: -7° (1951)

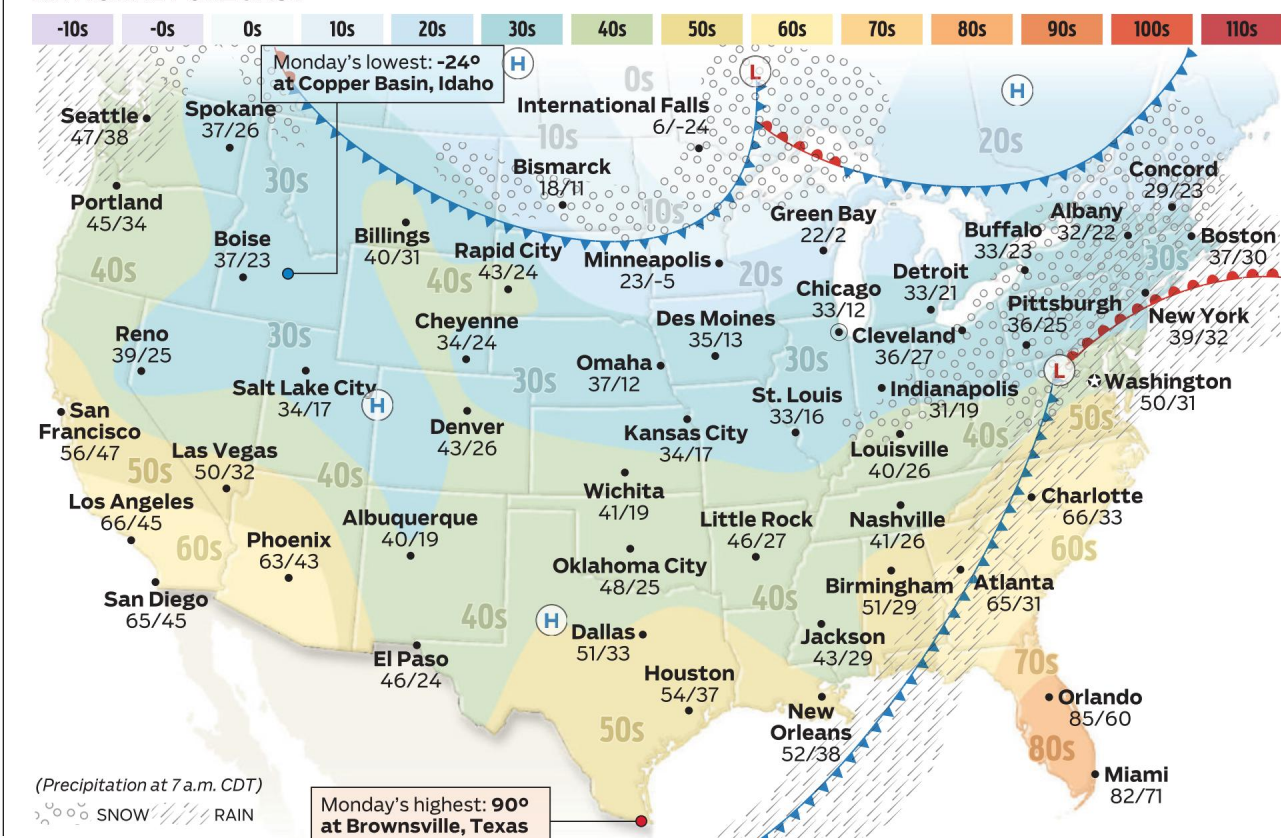
## Brief polar push, then winter goes on hiatus

### LOCAL FORECAST

  
**HIGH 33** **LOW 12**

■ Skies clear as storm system heads to east coast.  
■ Lingering cloud patches exit the area during the morning. Daybreak temps range from mid teens far W-N, to mid 20s S and E.  
■ Abundant sunshine raises temps to the low 30s. W winds increase to 15-25 mph, lowering wind chills to the teens.  
■ An overnight cold front brings periods of clouds and a chance of flurries.  
■ Reinforcing push of polar air sends suburban temps to around 10 degrees. City readings hold in the low teens.

### NATIONAL FORECAST




Wintry weather has overspread much of the country. Seasonably cold temperatures and snow expanded in recent days, leaving more than 45% of the continental U.S. snow-covered.

Colder air poised just to our north is due to spill across the Midwest on Tuesday night, sending temps as low as the single digits in parts of the metro area by Wednesday. This intrusion of polar air will be short-lived.


By Thursday, a major pattern shift begins and is expected to last through the Christmas holiday. Persistent southwest winds are to deliver temps more typical of early to mid-November. As exceptional as a multi-day string of 50-degree temperatures is for late December, forecasts also suggest the next 7 to 10 days will feature above-normal sunshine and little or no precipitation.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

  
**HIGH 23** **LOW 17**


Coldest day of the week as polar high pressure settles across the Midwest. Subzero wind chills, ease as temps rise to the low 20s and NW winds diminish. Not as cold overnight as clouds increase.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 19

  
**HIGH 39** **LOW 28**


Major warm-up begins. Passing high clouds, otherwise sunny. Turning windy and much milder. Temps rise from around 20 early, to late-day highs near 40 degrees. SW winds build to 20-30 mph.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 20

  
**HIGH 44** **LOW 32**


Peeks of filtered sun emerge from extensive high/mid-level cloudiness. Milder. Temps top out in the low-mid 40s. S-SW winds 15-25 mph. Partial clearing overnight. Temps dip around freezing.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 21

  
**HIGH 49** **LOW 33**


Partly sunny and continued breezy. Quite mild. Afternoon temps approach 50 degrees, a level about 15 degrees above normal. SW winds 15-25 mph. Nighttime temps dip to near freezing.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 22

  
**HIGH 50** **LOW 35**

Mild spell persists as flow of Pacific air continues. Abundant sunshine and SW winds of 15-25 mph boost temps to around 50 degrees. Very mild overnight. Lows stay above the normal high for date.

### MONDAY, DEC. 23

  
**HIGH 52** **LOW 35**

Continued breezy and unseasonably mild. Temps again break the 50-degree mark at most locations. Skies stay sunny except for passing high cloud patches. Lows hold in the mid 30s.

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,  
Does large hail occur in the Chicago area?  
Bob Kozlik, Riverwoods

Dear Bob,  
The Chicago area gets most of its hail during the spring and summer severe thunderstorm season. Most of the hail that falls in this area is on the small size, ranging from pea (0.25-inch diameter) to nickel (0.88-inch diameter), but there are dozens of occurrences each year of larger stones ranging from 1-2 inches in diameter. The largest hailstone ever reported in the Chicago area and the state of Illinois was a softball-size stone (4.75 inches in diameter) that fell in Minooka on June 10, 2015, shattering windshields. Four-inch diameter hail also fell in Kankakee on June 8, 1981, and in Yorkville on May 12, 2000. The largest hailstone ever reported in the U.S. fell July 23, 2010, in Vivian, South Dakota. It was 8 inches in diameter.

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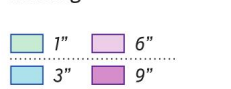
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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Powerful winter storm brings heavy snow and severe weather

### SNOW COVER EXPANDS ACROSS THE MIDWEST

#### Sunday-Monday totals through Monday morning

Several more inches expected downstate—by Tuesday morning



### SNOW TOTALS

#### Illinois

Columbia	7.7"	Moultrie	5.8"
Albers	7.5"	Lovington	5.0"
Mascoutah	6.5"	Coles	4.8"
Effingham	6.5"	Springfield	3.4"
Sullivan	6.0"	Peoria	3.0
Arthur	5.8"		

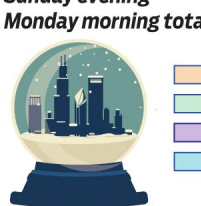
#### Indiana

Castleton	4.8"
Fishers	4.6"
Beech Grove	4.6"
Indianapolis	4.3"

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

### CHICAGO AREA SNOWFALL REPORTS

#### Sunday evening—Monday morning totals



### MONDAY DEC. 16, 2019

#### Preliminary reports through 7 PM Monday

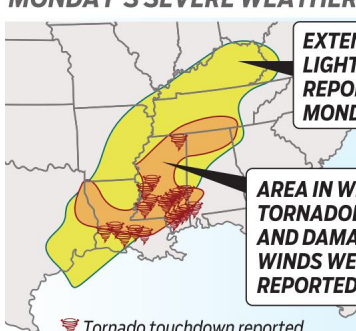
Serious severe weather and tornado outbreak

Unfiltered tornado reports **32**  
■ covering 24 tornadoes

#### Hardest hit: Louisiana and Mississippi

Tornadoes with fatalities and injuries Monday:  
■ Vernon, Louisiana: 1 fatality  
■ Franklin, Mississippi: 2 injuries  
■ Covering, Mississippi: 7 injuries

### MONDAY'S SEVERE WEATHER



TOM SKILLING, PAUL MERZLOCK, STEVE KAHN AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

### CHICAGO DIGEST

#### MONDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	29	23	Midway	31	25
Gary	34	27	O'Hare	30	24
Kankakee	32	25	Romeoville	30	23
Lakefront	31	26	Valparaiso	33	25
Lansing	33	25	Waukegan	29	23

#### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Mon. (through 4 p.m.)	0.01"	0.07"
Season to date	0.17"	1.33"
Year to date	48.16"	35.97"

#### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Mon. (through 4 p.m.)	0.3"	0.5"
Season to date	8.8"	6.9"
Normal to date	5.2"	5.2"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

#### LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Wind	W 20-25 kts.	NW 20-25 kts.
Waves	3-4 feet	3-5 feet
Mon. shore/cree water temps	37°/34°	

#### U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 16	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	45.6%	24.5%
Average snow depth	2.7"	1.5"

#### TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	8 days	6 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

#### CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Monday's reading	Moderate
Tuesday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

#### TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:12 a.m.	4:20 p.m.
Moon	10:27 p.m.	11:33 a.m.



Dec. 18 Dec. 25 Jan. 2 Jan. 10


#### TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:11 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Venus	9:27 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Mars	4:13 a.m.	2:12 p.m.
Jupiter	7:49 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Saturn	8:53 a.m.	6:10 p.m.

#### BEST VIEWING TIME

	DIRECTION
Mercury	Not visible
Venus	5:15 p.m. 12° SW
Mars	5:15 a.m. 10° ESE
Jupiter	Not visible
Saturn	5:15 p.m. 8





SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College




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