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## Father of preventive medicine still going

At 100 years old, doctor is living proof that he was right all along

BY CINDY DAMPIER

Dr. Jeremiah Stamler has a little problem at work. You know the kind: that checklist item that you can't quite seem to check, the one part of the big project that you haven't yet nailed down.

You can't slam the door shut on the work until you get answers.

Stamler knows the problem is out there, just waiting for him. And, frankly, that's just the kind of thing he thrives on.

Jerry Stamler is a professor emeritus and active research doctor at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine who recently turned 100 years old.

His problem is cheese.

Stamler's specialty is preventive medicine — in fact, he helped invent the field. He did pioneering research into the causes of heart disease, and coined the term “risk factors” to describe circumstantial and genetic contributors that increase the risk of cardiovascular disease. While working for Richard J. Daley's Public Health Department in the 1960s, he developed the Heart Disease Control Program, aimed at educating the public and bringing focus to issues the city still grapples with, such as the availability of healthy food in poor neighborhoods.

He's an early adopter of what's known today as the Mediterranean diet, and his own best advertisement, a long-living testament to the lifestyle changes he advocates.

Currently, he's one of only a tiny handful of scientists over age 90 to have an active NIH grant for research.

Oh, and he's a WWII veteran and is partially responsible for the demise of the notorious House Un-American Activities Committee.

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BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Gov. J.B. Pritzker greets people on Dec. 1 at Nat King Cole Park in Chicago after a holiday event.

## Pritzker's use of personal fortune raises concerns

Governor has spent millions of his own money on public expenses

BY JAMIE MUNKS  
AND DAN PETRELLA

During his first year in office, billionaire Gov. J.B. Pritzker has spent roughly \$3 million from his vast personal fortune on everything from boosting pay for his top aides to renovating state buildings.

While the figure is small in comparison with the \$40 billion state budget, the extent to which Pritzker is using his wealth to fund state projects and salaries has blurred the line between private and public funding and challenged traditional thinking about the role of taxpayers in funding their government.

The practice also raises concerns about transparency because some of the private expenses are not subject to open records laws in the same way as public expenditures like state payroll records and contracts.

“We continue to have the same

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## Weather outside not frightful

Sundar, of Mumbai, India, Sandeep and Bhuvana, of Chicago, put their feet in Lake Michigan near North Avenue Beach as temperatures reached the upper 50s on Christmas Day in Chicago. It was the second warmest Christmas on record, behind 1982's 64-degree day and only the ninth time Christmas temperatures reached 50, according to the National Weather Service Chicago.



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Sandra Steinbrecher, second from left, with Prosser Career Academy students Jasmine Alvarez, left, Alhaji Jalloh, and Arlyn Benitez, right. Steinbrecher photographed the students at the March for Our Lives rally last year.

## 'A chance to tell the story of young people taking charge'

A powerful photo of 3 CPS students hangs in the National Portrait Gallery. The photographer wants to fly them to DC to see for themselves.



HEIDI STEVENS  
Balancing Act

In the early hours of March 24, 2018, Arlyn Benitez, Alhaji Jalloh and Jasmine Alvarez piled onto a bus headed to Union Park, where they would join thousands of

other Chicago students to march, shoulder to shoulder, for their lives.

They were part of an international movement — originating in Parkland, Florida, radiating out to towns and cities across the globe — that invited student demonstrators to flood the streets and demand action against the gun violence that punctuates far too much of their young lives. More than 800 March for Our Lives protests took place across every state in

America that day. In Chicago, event organizers estimated 85,000 marchers filled Union Park.

Sandra Steinbrecher was there to shoot photos. She's a Chicago-based documentary photographer who focuses on public education, public art and community development.

“I went as a photographer, but also as a human and a mom,” Steinbrecher told me. (Her kids

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## First lady forges own path in Trump's impeachment

Mrs. Trump staying quiet despite all the surrounding tumult

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton spent the morning of her husband's impeachment visiting Capitol Hill to rally Democrats to his side. Pat Nixon kept assuring reporters her husband wouldn't quit — right up until he did. Eliza Johnson, frail from tuberculosis, kept watch over her husband during his impeachment while sitting in a room across from his White House office.

Melania Trump, the fourth first lady forced to grapple with the threat of her husband's impeachment, is pressing on through the ordeal silently, showing no inclination to speak out publicly on behalf of her spouse.

While her husband recently broke his own record on daily tweets and delivered his longest-ever rally speech as he was being impeached, the first lady has largely held her tongue — with the exception of a sharp tweet scolding a law professor who invoked 13-year-old Barron's Trump name during an impeach-



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

First lady Melania Trump arrives with the president for Christmas Eve dinner at Mar-a-Lago.

ment hearing.

“Like every first lady, she's sort of trying to forge her own path through this,” said Tammy Vigil, a Boston University communications professor and author of a book about Melania Trump and Michelle Obama. “In this particular case, she doesn't really have a whole lot of history to look toward.”

Melania Trump has said in the past that the president is the one the public needs to hear from since he was the one elected.

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## Year in Insults: Ranking reader rage from 'hideous nincompoop' to 'Mr. Demoslime'



REX W. HUPPKE

As the year comes to an end, I believe it's important to look back and reflect on all that has happened—the goals you've achieved, the love you've shared and, of course, the vile and profane insults hurled in your direction.

Most won't have much to consider when it comes to that last category. I, on the other hand, have a bountiful supply.

And so I have compiled a list that I'm calling: The Top 20 Insults of 2019. It's 20 of the finest bits of invective I received from readers this year, a veritable smorgasbord of artisanal aspersions.

Why would I do such a thing? Well, I believe it's important to find value in all that's given to you, the good and the bad. At first blush, it might be hard to see what benefit comes from being called a "Pumpkin Head." But by pondering such a comment, I might find ways to improve my head appearance and make it as non-pumpkin-ish as possible.

Consider this recent missive from a reader reacting to one of my columns: "Another piece of crap by freaking Democratic."

OK. What positive steps can I take in response to the entirety of that helpful note?

First, I challenge myself to figure out what happened to the rest of the sentence. Should there be something after "freaking Democratic"? Am I the freaking Democratic? Is that a new term I've missed out on?

Also, the reader's note forces me

to consider which piece of dung he or she (it's definitely a he) is referring to, given the frequency with which I write. Is it just the most recent column that was published? Or is he harking back to one from weeks ago?

In the end, the reader gets the visceral pleasure of insulting me and I get the intellectual challenge of figuring out what he or she means. It's truly a win-win scenario.

Another recent reader email read: "Eat (expletive) Rex!!!" Only where I have "(expletive)" the reader had a swear word that rhymes with snit.

What am I to take from these words another human being took time to assemble and send my way? Does he actually want me to eat snit? Is this some weird new Hollywood diet craze? If so, maybe it's just a helpful weight-loss tip.

You never know, but you have to keep a positive outlook. That's why I don't want to hog all the wisdom that came my way this year under cloak of insult. So here, without further ado, are the Top 20 Insults of 2019, printed as they were written, with some occasional parenthetical commentary:

- 1) Your a dumb a\*\* (a classic, truly the Pulitzer Prize of insults)
- 2) You're attempted humor is pathetic (a nice twist on Insult No. 1)
- 3) you hideous nincompoop
- 4) You are really One Biased Piece of dung!
- 5) Immarure drivell!!!! (most of my drivell is intentionally immarure)
- 6) i guess you are taking stupid pills again.
- 7) I can't believe the Chicago trib-ute finds you to be a journalist
- 8) Rex, I love you man. NOT! (Nailed it!)
- 9) Get a life and (expletive) off you (expletive). Oh and by the way - youre a (expletive) writer.

10) Oh you're such a clever little liberal punk Rex Huppke. (He called me clever!)

11) Mr. Demoslime (also the name of the superhero screenplay I'm writing)

12) What a (name of a sex toy) you are

13) You keep going down lower and lower to idiocy and stupid ness and not journalism please die yesterday (Sorry! Time machine's broken.)

14) stop acting like a girlie man all hysterical and crying

15) Bubonic Plague Infested Garbage Dump Media Zombie Rat (name of the other screenplay I'm writing)

16) The word douchebag fits you perfectly

17) Try waking up and quit being a dueche (Now I have to figure out whether No. 16 or No. 17 is spelling it right.)

18) Check out the big brain on Rex!

19) You are truly hypocritical anti American scum

20) As usual you show you're a total idiot please do humanity a favor and stop breathing. (But if I do that I might...ohhhhhh, I get it.)

So there you have it, some of the highlights of my year, all thanks to people who hate my columns so much they never miss a single one. And if any of you care to insult me more this year, anger can be directed in the form of a donation to the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive, which is raising money for the Greater Chicago Food Depository and runs through Dec. 31.

You can donate under the team name RexStinks or, if you're so inclined, RexRocks. The market will decide my fate.

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# Pritzker

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general concerns we've expressed in the past about elected officials paying for public functions with private funds, especially at the scale this governor is able to do it," said Alisa Kaplan, policy director for Reform for Illinois. "It provides yet another advantage to wealthy officials and candidates and, depending on the use, can create conflicted loyalties and perhaps even increase the potential for corruption."

A spokeswoman for Pritzker defended the practice, saying the governor "believes the state of Illinois and its people are worth investing in," and that it doesn't set a precedent for future governors.

"The governor is committed to recruiting top talent to state government to best address the challenges Illinois faces, while also ensuring state facilities reflect the optimism and progress we're making to those who visit," Pritzker spokeswoman Emily Bittner said in an email.

Pritzker, a billionaire heir to the Hyatt hotels fortune, spent \$171 million of his own money to defeat the state's previous ultra-wealthy governor, Republican Bruce Rauner, in the most expensive political contest in state history. He continues to spend money on his political agenda, earlier this month giving \$5 million to a ballot initiative committee supporting a constitutional amendment on a graduated-rate income tax, his signature policy proposal.

While Rauner also spent freely to support his campaign and those of other Republicans, his private expenditures on state projects came in the form of donations to private foundations he set up to fund renovations at the Governor's Mansion and Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

Pritzker, whose fortune Forbes magazine pegs at \$3.4 billion, has made direct payments for hundreds of thousands of dollars of renovations and upgrades at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield, the Hayes House governor's residence in downstate Du Quoin and offices in the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago and at the Illinois State Capitol.

Pritzker started spending his own money on state issues even before his January 2019 inauguration, paying \$50,000 out of pocket for a nationwide search for a new director for the state's troubled child welfare agency, the Depart-



Gov. J.B. Pritzker and his wife, M.K., walk off stage after dancing during an inauguration celebration in January.

ment of Children and Family Services. Since taking office, he also foots the bill for frequent travel around Illinois and occasional out-of-state trips on Flexjet, a kind of timeshare service for private planes.

Pritzker is paying \$52,461 in combined architectural and construction costs for his working office and the reception area on the second floor of the Capitol. The two firms doing the work were chosen by the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, based on their "experience working in the Capitol," Bittner said in an email.

According to a Sept. 24 project memo from Chicago-based firm Vinci Hamp Architects that was provided to the Chicago Tribune by the governor's office, the work is to "improve the acoustical separation" of Pritzker's working office and "devise a way to screen staff movement" between other rooms within the larger governor's office "from visitors waiting for an appointment with the governor's staff or the general public looking in from the public corridors."

That project follows some \$850,000 Pritzker and his wife, M.K., laid out for work on the Governor's Mansion in Springfield, repairing tile on the first floor, renovating guest bedrooms and bathrooms and updating plumbing. The mansion was closed to the public for renovations in November, and reopened earlier this month with a holiday

open house.

The information on payments made by Pritzker is not readily available through public documents.

The Tribune sought documents and contracts detailing projects and staff pay that is being privately funded by Pritzker in a pair of open records requests submitted Oct. 7. The governor's office provided documents on the Thompson Center renovations in November, but requests on the two downstate executive residences and staff pay were incomplete as of Dec. 12, far beyond the time allotted by law. The information was eventually turned over after the governor's senior communications staff was informed of the delay.

While some records were difficult to obtain, the governor's office has turned over some documents more quickly and released some that aren't subject to disclosure laws, including the DCFS director search contract.

The governor's office processes "thousands of pages of documents requested a week," Bittner said in an email.

"The administration values transparency and that's why we're working hard to improve the FOIA process and hire additional personnel to process requests," Bittner said.

Kaplan, the Reform for Illinois policy director, said while the use of private funds raises questions "across the board, certainly some

uses are more problematic than others."

The staff salary increases fall on the "most problematic end of the spectrum," Kaplan said.

Days before Pritzker was sworn into office in January, his transition team announced he would be doubling key staffers' state salaries using his own money. The money comes through a company set up in December 2018 to handle the additional pay for state employees called East Jackson Street LLC — a reference to the Springfield address of the Governor's Mansion. Like his predecessor, Pritzker is forgoing the governor's \$177,412 salary.

Pritzker's transition team, asked earlier this year about the uncommon compensation setup for top aides, noted the arrangement has precedent: Billionaire former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who's now seeking the Democratic nomination for president, augmented his staff's salaries with his own money.

Pritzker is boosting the salaries of 16 high-level staffers, including his chief of staff, four deputy governors and communications staff, to the tune of nearly \$1.7 million annually, according to information provided by the governor's office. His chief of staff, Anne Caprara, for example, is being paid \$148,000 by taxpayers and \$150,000 by Pritzker.

When the agreement was announced earlier this year, the

transition team said it was necessary because Pritzker was "committed to recruiting top talent to state government to best address the challenges Illinois faces." A memo at the time also noted that some staff would have lower taxpayer-funded salaries than their predecessors in the Rauner administration.

Rauner's chief of staff made \$180,000 in 2018, according to state records.

Drawing salaries from both the state coffers and from the governor's bank account could raise questions about whether their loyalty lies with the office of the governor or the man himself. Pritzker has attempted to settle that question by having the employees whose salaries he's boosting sign a "standard of conduct" form acknowledging that their "first and only obligation as an employee of the state is to serve the residents of Illinois pursuant to my official state responsibilities."

While supplementing salaries from his pocket may sound like a win-win for Pritzker and taxpayers, Kent Redfield, an emeritus professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Springfield, said it is a "work-around" that allows an elected official of extraordinary means to avoid having to make the argument to lawmakers and taxpayers that high-ranking public employees deserve better compensation for their work.

Pritzker's supporters in the legislature passed a law just before he took office that boosted the taxpayer-funded salaries of his agency heads by 15%, but when it came to his top advisers, he dipped into his own bank account.

"Pritzker doing this out of his pocket, then he has no incentive to make the case" for higher salaries for state officials, Redfield said. "It reinforces the attractiveness of self-funders and rich people holding public office."

That could establish the expectation that wealthy officeholders will pick up the tab for things that should be the collective responsibility of taxpayers, Redfield said.

"It's my responsibility as a citizen to contribute to the funding of the political system, and there's no free lunch," Redfield said. "We can't offshore the cost of government to a bunch of rich elected officials."

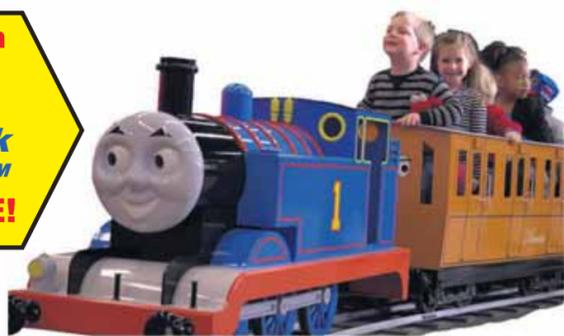
"It's corrosive to the idea that it is a collective thing," he said.

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Santa Claus helps a young boy pick out toys during a Christmas Day event at Apostolic Faith Church in Chicago.

## ‘So much love coming through this building’

Church provides fellowship, holiday cheer to thousands in need

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Alexis Shannon and her two children walked empty-handed into Chicago's Apostolic Faith Church on Christmas Day.

They left with their bellies full from a hot meal; bags of toys bigger than A.J., Shannon's 2-year-old son; and warm coats for the winter that will howl back into Chicago by the end of the year.

Everywhere they turned at the Bronzeville church, volunteers warmly greeted them, treating Shannon, A.J. and 7-year-old Anita like family. In this case, it's a family that extends to thousands of the city's less fortunate bused to the South Side each year for a few hours of food, fellowship and good cheer.

"They are all so nice!" Shannon said as a young parishioner handed out candy canes in a room



Maxcine Harvey, Gabrielle Gullidge and Monique Lloyd plate food for visitors Wednesday.

stacked high with toys, dolls and games distributed by volunteers wearing elf costumes.

Veronica Smith, one of the organizers, said an event that started two decades ago as neighborhood outreach has grown to serve 16 shelters throughout the city.

Members of the congregation plan the day months

in advance, and their work is reflected in the seamless transition from a hallway lined with carolers to the fellowship dining hall, the toy room and another lined with racks of coats.

"There is so much love coming through in this building," Tiarrie Bassett said as her 5-year-old son, Adontis, tried on a new coat. Watching them with a

smile on his face was Jonathan Banks, the church's director of ministry.

"This is a day of dignity and celebration," said Banks, who hailed the congregation's "sacrifice to make sure that love and care get to as many people as possible."

By the end of the day, the church had served more than 4,000 people.

## 7-year-old girl critically injured in Christmas morning shooting

BY TONY BRISCOE

In the predawn hours of Christmas morning, a burst of gunfire on Chicago's Southwest Side disrupted a family's holiday celebration and left a 7-year-old girl fighting for her life.

The child was watching television in the living room of a multifamily building just after 1:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 3500 block of South Washtenaw Avenue when gunshots rang out, according to Chicago police.

Outside the dwelling, a 38-year-old man, who police said was the apparent target of the shooting, was hit in leg. An errant bullet flew through a window of the home, tore through a couch and hit the girl in the abdomen.

As emergency vehicles arrived at the scene, lights from a Chicago police SUV and an ambulance flashed alongside the strobing Christmas bulbs on decorations outside the building, video taken by Network Video Productions and obtained by the Tribune shows.

A paramedic emerged from the home and carried the girl in his arms to the ambulance, a moment captured in the same video. Speechless and wide-eyed, two men and a woman could be seen trailing closely behind emergency personnel as the girl was loaded inside the waiting

vehicle.

She was rushed to Stroger Hospital, where she was listed in critical condition.

The girl, who lives in suburban Hanover Park, was visiting relatives at the Brighton Park home, said Andrew Holmes, a crisis responder and community activist who spoke with the family Wednesday morning.

Moments before the gunfire erupted, the girl was playing with her two younger cousins in front of a couch in the living room while her aunts and uncles sat around the dining table, eating and talking. Holmes told the Tribune after speaking with family members.

The man who was also shot walked into St. Anthony's Hospital for treatment, police said. His condition was stabilized, and he was expected to be transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital, authorities said.

No one was in custody Wednesday afternoon.

The shooting grabbed the attention of Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who expressed concern for the family and called the public to come forward with any information that might help Chicago police find the person responsible.

It was the second time in recent weeks that a child has been injured in a holiday shooting, coming after another 7-year-old was shot

while trick-or-treating in the Little Village neighborhood on Halloween. That child survived.

"As we gather for the holiday, we renew our commitment to protect our children from harm," Lightfoot said on Twitter. "Praying for the young girl struck by a bullet in Brighton Park. To the family, CPD will do everything possible to bring the perpetrator to justice. As a City, you have our love and support."

Police said the shots appeared to have been fired from the sidewalk outside into the home, where the family gathering was taking place.

At least six creased notecards served as evidence markers and appeared next to shell casings strewn across 35th Place on Wednesday morning. Police later placed a band of red tape across the gate to the building and the doorway to the unit.

The red brick multifamily building where the child was shot sits across the street from Burroughs Elementary School. A hand railing outside the home was decorated in silver, red and green garland early Wednesday. The bullet that apparently struck the girl left a hole through a window still decorated with a sign carrying the festive message: "Merry Christmas," with an image of a Christmas tree.

Christmas morning, Holmes canvassed the area, searching for tips that might help police lead to an arrest in the shooting. Area Central police detectives were investigating.

"I don't feel like doing Christmas today," Holmes said. "I want to help this family. This child's Christmas has turned into a disaster."

"Hopefully we can find the individual who discharged that weapon. That should be Christmas for them, Christmas for me."

The shooting was one of several overnight Tuesday into the early morning hours Wednesday.

Shortly after 2 a.m., a 27-year-old man was walking in the 3400 block of South Leavitt Street in the McKinley Park neighborhood when he heard shots and felt pain. He was taken with a gunshot wound to the right leg to St. Anthony Hospital, police said.

About 3:15 a.m., a 32-year-old man was shot while he was walking in the 4800 block of West Madison Street in the Austin neighborhood. He was walking through a gas station parking lot when he suffered a graze wound to the shoulder. He was being treated at Loretto Hospital, according to police.

Chicago Tribune's Deane Williams-Harris contributed to this report.

## Timetable for Obama Center still uncertain

4 years after \$500M Jackson Park project announced, no groundbreaking date set

BY LOLLY BOWEAN

The project has gained Chicago City Council approval, many of the architectural drawings of the Obama Presidential Center have been drafted and refined and a collective of contractors has been hired to build the campus.

But nearly four years after the \$500 million project to be constructed in Jackson Park was first announced, no new date for a groundbreaking has been set, and there's no updated time frame for when the campus will open.

The pause in progress on the Obama center is related, in part, to a federal review process that has dragged on and at some points completely stalled.

The starts and stops have frustrated both supporters and critics of the project because it has left stakeholders uncertain about what is coming next, and it's unclear exactly when the center will be built. It's also been challenging for residents to remain engaged, since it often seems like nothing is happening, organizers said.

"It's been frustrating," said Erin Adams, a South Shore resident with South Side Neighbors For Hope, a community group that is supportive of the project. "This is the first time I've been involved in this type of process. This could be normal, but it seems like it's taking a long time."

The federal review is taking place because Jackson Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and because the development involves closing and expanding major streets. There have been public meetings as part of the review process, and a report examining how the development will impact the park was released in July.

But for four months, there have been no updates, and at least two major events have been delayed without explanation, officials involved with the review said.

"The thing that was supposed to happen two months ago hasn't happened yet," said Louise McCurry, president of the Jackson Park Advisory Council. "Like all things, I'd like to get this done quickly. So I just keep nagging to get city officials to put this project back at the top of their agenda. That's the only way to have a voice ... just keep calling."

After a reporter recently began inquiring, a city official sent a letter to community consulting parties saying more information will be released in January and a webinar will be scheduled at that time.

Still, the city's website on the process hasn't been updated since August. Construction cannot begin until after the federal review process is completed.

"We had been prepared to have these discussions. We have no insight as to why it's not moving forward," said Margaret Schmid of Jackson Park Watch, a group that has raised concerns with the size of the development and has opposed the road closures. "So we're just doing what we've done all along."

The Obama Presidential Center is expected to be a sprawling campus

that will house the Obama Foundation offices and include spaces for large gatherings, an athletic center and a public library branch. In addition, the campus will have outdoor recreation areas including a sledding hill and walking paths.

The project has drawn national attention because it has the potential to transform parts of the struggling South Side by attracting tourists and possible investors to long-overlooked communities. It is expected to create indirectly about 2,500 permanent jobs.

Initially, Obama Foundation officials ambitiously predicted they would break ground on the construction in 2018 and said they expected the center to open in 2021. Then they had to push that timeline back. Most recently, the foundation has hesitated to publicly release an updated timeline.

"We appreciate the thorough analysis being conducted by the federal agencies and the participation of dozens of stakeholders around the city," a foundation spokesman said in a written statement. "We join many in Chicago in feeling the urgency to bring the OPC to the South Side and are eager to see this process through its completion."

While the Obama center project has support from hundreds of long-time residents, there also is worry that turning part of Jackson Park into a major attraction could force property values and taxes to rise, and ultimately lead to the displacement of lower-income residents.

For Charles Birnbaum, the founder and president of the Cultural Landscape Foundation in Washington, D.C., it's not the slow pace of the review that's most frustrating. It's the way consulting parties have been treated throughout the process: placed on mute during public meeting conference calls and not invited to meet in person.

"There's been so little engagement, for us to be an official consulting party," Birnbaum said. "Preservation is a negotiation. There's (normally) a give and take in the process. ... There's a discourse that happens that hasn't happened here."

Birnbaum said he fears that the public thinks the project is a done deal, when in fact there are still major steps to finish.

"The hope is there will be integrity in the process," he said. "We're waiting to see. There hasn't been a willingness to sit down and roll up our sleeves and say, 'How can we not have the adverse effect we are having now?'"

As the review process has stalled, the foundation has trudged forward with its programs, workshops, summits and community service projects.

But for residents like Adams who are eagerly waiting for progress on the center, that hasn't been comforting.

"My son was an infant when they chose Jackson Park," Adams said. "Now I feel like, 'Is he going to be off in college by the time this is done?' That doesn't decrease my enthusiasm, but I'd like him to benefit."

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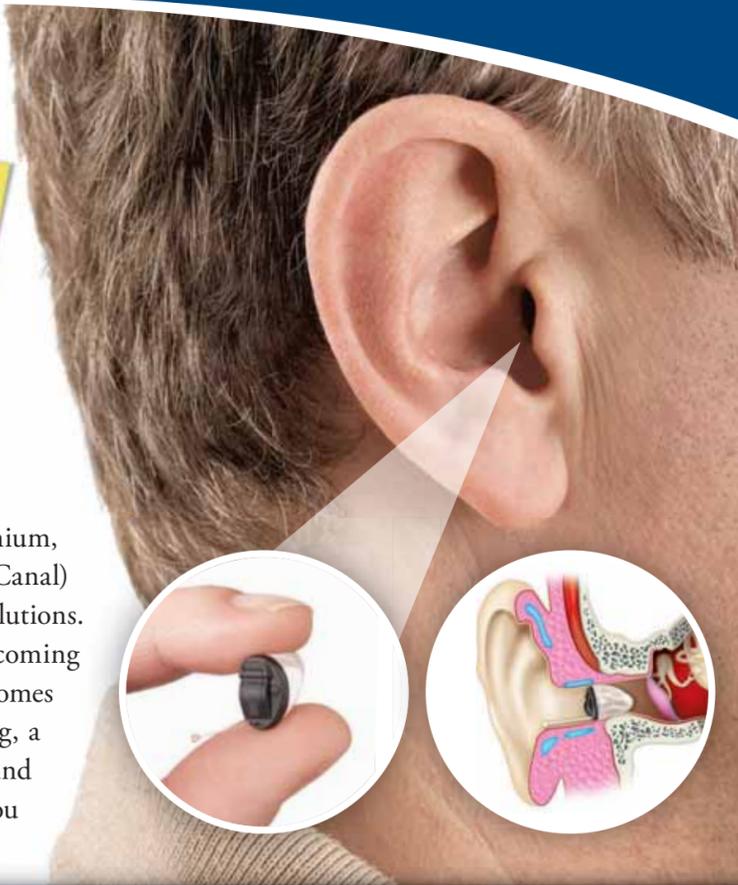
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## Few options to boot elected officials who don't show up

BY ALEXANDRA KUKULKA

As newly elected officials take office in January, it is expected that they go to work. But, if they don't, there are few immediate options to remove the person from office, officials said.

Impeachment and elections are the most direct way to remove someone from office, officials said. Signing ethics codes, requesting state action and accusation through grand jury or the circuit court are other options as well, officials said.

In Lake County, at least three elected officials have not attended meetings or gone into work in recent years. Longtime Lake County Councilwoman Elsie Franklin, who died earlier this year, missed almost a year of meetings between 2014 and 2015 due to undisclosed health issues.

In 2016, East Chicago Councilman Robert Battle, D-3rd, was sworn in for a second term while behind bars on multiple felony charges.

Former Lake Station Mayor Keith Soderquist was sentenced in 2016 to four years in prison for crimes he committed, which included using money from his campaign fund and the food pantry on dozens of gambling trips to Michigan.

Most recently, the Lake County Council subpoenaed Lake County Recorder Michael Brown and three of his staff members to discuss his 18-month absenteeism from office.

Brown, who said he is not seeking reelection, stopped going into the office around the time the county faced a sexual harassment lawsuit against Brown by his former employee, Estela Montalvo, which it settled for \$185,000 in May 2017.

Elected officials are not employees, said Jennifer Simmons, the Chief Operating Officer of AIM, an Indiana municipal growth and leadership organization. The organization has seen situations where an elected official has had an extended illness or "for whatever reason could not make it into the office for extended periods of time," she said.

Some elected officials spend little time in the office because they are traveling "to generate economic development, attend meetings at the statehouse" as well as other work, Simmons said. Elected officials "have employed capable staff to do the day to day responsibilities of the office," Simmons said.

"Normally, if the community does not agree with the priorities of the elected officials in question they can exercise their disagreements via the election process," Simmons said.

Northwestern University law professor Nadav Shoked said elected officials make the argument that they don't always have to be in the office or even within the municipality bounds be-

cause cellphones and email allow them to check in with their staff and other local leaders.

It is easier to tell if an elected official isn't going into work if he or she has to attend public meetings, where attendance is recorded, Shoked said.

However, it is more common for elected officials to abuse the powers of their office instead of not coming into work, Shoked said.

"Whether you're corrupt or not, the whole point of being an elected official (is) you want to be able to control whether it's the zoning for your ward or who gets a liquor license. If you're never around, you're not answering your emails or phones, you're not going to be able to do it. If anything, often the problem is that these people are too active," Shoked said.

In Brown's case, the county tentatively listed his salary for 2020 as \$1 after learning that he hadn't been coming into work for over a year. Brown started coming into work about a week before the budget was approved and his salary was left alone.

But, because the council approved salary increases for employees in 2020, Brown will also receive a raise next year as required under state statute, according to Lake County Council attorney Ray Szarmach.

The council formed a committee, which is still open but not active, to investigate impeaching Brown, Szarmach said.

The committee recommended passing on its information, including subpoenaed testimony from three of Brown's employees who stated the office ran efficiently in his absence, to the Lake County Prosecutor, he said.

If the prosecutor decided to move forward, then the case would move forward like a trial, Szarmach said.

But, the council agreed that Brown coming back into work was the purpose of tentatively decreasing his salary and the subpoena testimony.

Szarmach said the council relied on two statutes when considering how to move forward in Brown's case.

One statute states that compensation has to be established on an annual schedule, so the council couldn't change Brown's salary for 2019 this year, Szarmach said. The other statute states a written accusation can be filed in superior or circuit court, he said.

In the accusation, one of three items that the elected official has to be found guilty of is "refusing or neglecting to perform the official duties pertaining to the officer's office," according to the statute.

Szarmach said current state statutes uphold due process.

"That's pretty comprehensive. To get the legislature to change that statute, that you can't set compensation based on hours worked, would be very difficult," Szarmach said.

## Bear down ... in the Pedway

Public encouraged to interact with art installation

BY MORGAN GREENE

Brrr.

The next time you find yourself shivering in the Loop, just head underground and follow the bears.

An art installation of giant bears with accompanying cubs has made its way to the Loop's own musty den. Bearlike creatures, part of the Chicago Loop Alliance's "Massimals in the Loop" by artist Jason Scroggin and Scroggin Studio, have materialized in the Pedway outside Macy's, a Starbucks in the Daley Center and in the Thompson Center food court.

As the football season winds down, it's unclear if these bears, inspired by 3D architectural models, will find more solid footing than their gridiron counterparts. Up close, they're conspicuous and lightweight. The public is encouraged to interact with them, but a kick could probably bring one to its knees.

One of the creatures was spotted Monday morning collapsed on its side.

Scroggin, an associate professor of architecture at the University of Kentucky College of Design, joked that at some point, somebody might get a little more interactive than anticipated. For now, there have mostly been selfies and a lot of double-takes.

"There's nothing to be shy about," said Jessica



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People walk by an art installation called "Massimals in the Loop" on the underground Pedway in Chicago on Monday. The project depicts hibernating bears called "Massimals."

Cabe, of the Chicago Loop Alliance. "We want the public to interact with them."

Felicia Elion, of Hyde Park, snapped a photo of the bears on her way to catch a train "because they're bright and joyful."

"This specific area is not usually that bright and joyful, if you know what I mean," Elion said. "So it just gives a different vibe."

The installation is expected to remain in the Pedway through the holiday season.

Scroggin said he enjoyed watching kids run right up to the bears after they were installed. On Monday, a boy about as tall as the cubs bopped each bear outside Macy's on its nose. Another boy looked at the exhibit and said, "Dad, what is this?"

"I don't know," the dad

said. "Bears."

One woman snapped a photo of the half-dozen bears stationed in front of the American Victorian stained glass display in the Pedway walls without stopping, holding up her phone and walking backward. Some grown men reached out to pet the larger models as they walked by—even the green and yellow one, which was significantly larger than a nearby orange and blue cub.

"The Packers thing wasn't intentional," Scroggin said.

Elizabeth O'Donnell's 10-year-old son Patrick posed in front of the orange and blue cub, his favorite.

"I think they're so cool," Patrick said. "It's very interesting how they did it."

O'Donnell said the bears will make her smile on the

way to the office.

"I think they're a nice, bright addition to a dreary Pedway," she said. "I think this space has a lot of potential."

Tanya Jones, of South Holland, took a photo of the installation to share with her mother-in-law visiting for the holidays.

"This is the kind of thing that she would get a kick out of," Jones said. "It's kind of interesting and different, and you don't get to see it every day."

Scroggin said he wished he had more time to watch reactions to the bears, or put up some more.

"I enjoyed my time down there," Scroggin said about his time in the Pedway. "In a way, the 'Massimals' helped bring joy."

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## SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Rev. Jesse Jackson hugs an inmate after leading a Christmas service in the Cook County Jail in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood on Wednesday. For more than four decades, Jackson said, he's made a Christmas Day visit to Cook County Jail. The visits have included performances of gospel music, and opportunities for jail inmates to register to vote.

## Report: December is most popular month to get engaged

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

Gifts of all shapes, sizes and price tags abound during the holiday season. And for dating couples who are hoping to go the next step in their relationship, often times one of those presents is a little velvet box with a sparkling ring tucked inside, accompanied by the question, "Will you marry me?"

If in the coming weeks it feels like there's more happy news on your Facebook feeds than usual, it's because there actually is. Based on findings from The Knot's 2019 global wedding report, which featured information from 20,000 couples in 14 countries, December is the most common month to get engaged — worldwide.

With twinkling lights on every street corner and

magic hanging in the air, the holidays have somehow become synonymous with engagement season. The end of the year has become the prime time to pop the question for many seeking a betrothed, leaving holiday proposals almost to be expected.

Barbie Adler, founder and president of Selective Search, a luxury matchmaking firm based in Chicago, says getting engaged over the holidays can come across as cliché, but it will never go out of style. She credits the inevitable romantic feeling of the season and year-end reflecting.

"This time of year makes you take stock of what's most important to you in life and realizing what the year was," said Adler. "During the holidays we show love and gratitude for others and a proposal is the ultimate show of affection."

Recently, Shane Co., the diamond company, revealed a survey about engagement traditions specific to couples in the United States. More than 1,370 married or engaged couples were surveyed.

According to the survey's data, 73% of proposals were a surprise, making Christmas and other gift-giving holidays perfect for popping the question.

A few of Adler's favorite Chicago holiday spots for proposals include the Chriskindmarket, the Botanic Gardens Lightscape, and Millennium Park's ice rink, among others.

"The ice rink and Millennium Park can be a lovely photo opp," said Adler. "The crowds will cheer, and the woman will have a chance to live out her Hallmark movie fantasy."

For other public proposals, Adler also suggested in

front of a local TV studio for a live proposal, or at the peak of the Hancock building or Willis Tower to be "on top of the world together as a couple."

Only 4% of engagements were done in public, based on the survey's findings, despite the fact that 56% of the people surveyed said they wanted a proposal in front of a crowd. If your significant other prefers something more personal and intimate, Adler says there's no place like home.

"You can control a lot by proposing at home, and have friends and family pop out afterwards," said Adler, noting that the coziness and festive holiday decor of a home adds a lovely touch.

Of course, the arguably biggest aspect of the proposal is the ring. Shane Co.'s survey seemed to agree, with 85% of the couples saying their engagement in-

volved a ring. Sixty percent of opposite-sex couples picked out engagement rings together, and 70% of same-sex couples did the same.

Adler says taking on the task of ring shopping as a unit is good practice for the decision-making that will be essential in marriage.

"I think it's nice because it's hard and a lot of pressure to have to make a decision about something someone will have every day of their life," she said. "I think it's a great step in the right direction of healthy communication and collaboration."

And even though most proposals included a ring, more than half of the respondents said the ring didn't matter at all. This may be true for people who aren't into material possessions, said Adler.

"Some people want (the

ring) to be metal and no gem, so it's just about making sure you're listening to what's important to who you're going to be marrying," she said, suggesting that couples should have a conversation about these things when discussing engagement. "No one's a mind reader, so have the conversation well in advance."

In the end, Adler says it's all about knowing — and honoring — the other person's preferences, as well as the effort put into the planning.

"It's about the thought that matters," Adler said. "Something that's special, actions speak louder and at the end of day it's about how you make people feel and the love and effort you put into something."

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# Group focuses on education to help homeless youth

BY CHRISTEN A. JOHNSON

Alanna Kellum wanted to do normal, teenage things: go to school, hang out with friends, experiment with independence. Instead, she was a sophomore in high school often missing school to take care of her twin, toddler-aged siblings.

"It was frustrating, but I always had my mind set on helping my mom," said the 17-year-old. "So I just felt like I should step in and help her."

As Kellum continued supporting her mother, the cooking, cleaning and care-taking began to take a toll on the teenager. She felt her help was becoming mandatory and that she wasn't able to live her own life, she said.

Kellum's frustrations from helping out would sometimes cause "big arguments" between her and her mother, she said. There were times Kellum would leave to go stay with friends or other family members.

"(How long I stayed) kind of depended on the situation, or how bad the argument was, or how bad I wanted to be away," said Kellum.

Between her responsibilities, the growing tension between her and her mother, and trying to decide whose home to go to next, Kellum's school life began to be negatively impacted.

"I started to miss school to help out with mom, and that was affecting my grades," said Kellum, who remembers getting C's and D's during this time. "Freshman year, it was just missing school and not being able to catch up."

When she was able to go to school, she was "lost in what was going on" and then had to make it home in time to help out.

"Everybody else was being in school and being able to be with their friends after school, and I just had to come straight home and help even if I did go to school," she said. "So it was like a second job."

Kellum says she doesn't remember receiving any help from school officials during her tumultuous



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The living room at Phoenix Hall, which assists students in transitioning into safe and stable housing.

time, but her older sisters found a program that would give her the space and freedom to focus on her studies, she said.

In September 2018, Kellum, who is one of eight children, moved into Phoenix Hall, The Night Ministry's year-round residence that opened two years ago. The residence takes referrals from the entire city, but prioritizes West Side students, specifically in Lawndale, who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and aims to provide pupils with academic achievement support.

Phoenix Hall, which houses up to eight students at a time, assists students in transitioning into safe and stable housing while also helping them achieve educational goals that lead to graduation, college or vocational skills.

The residence provides private bedrooms, all meals, living and study spaces, therapy, life skills sessions and more. Students can stay in the program for as long as they need until they graduate, no matter when they entered the residence.

A University of Chicago Chapin Hall study released in November details the

interdependence between youth homelessness, or housing instability, and education disruption. The report also provides suggestions for schools and homeless systems to better support students experiencing homelessness.

"There is a lot of literature that's come out about what are risk factors, and we knew education was the single greatest risk factor for young people becoming at-risk for homelessness," said Melissa Kull, the study's lead director and a staff member at Chapin Hall. "We wanted to dig into that stat more."



Herrera

The report identified specific risk factors that could contribute to a young person's susceptibility to homelessness, housing instability, or ending high school before graduation, such as poverty, childhood trauma, family conflict and social isolation. Kellum's situation fit into this finding from the study: "Early family instability and socioeconomic constraints pose challenges to both housing stability and educational attainment."

The relationship between youth homelessness and education was not solely a one directional association, Kull said. Accord-

ing to the report, "low educational attainment is a risk factor for homelessness, and homelessness is a risk factor for lower educational attainment."

Young adults who did not finish high school, or obtain a GED diploma were 4 1/2 times more likely to experience homelessness than their peers who did get a diploma, the report revealed. Similarly, youth and young adults who had experienced homelessness were less likely to have a high school education, according to the study.

"Low education was the single greatest risk (for youth who experience homelessness)," Kull said, "but we weren't looking at the other side of that. In this brief, we found that for young people who had experienced homelessness, their likelihood was dramatically greater compared to more stably housed peers. Not only do young people need stable homes... if young people aren't able to finish their education and pursue careers and educations they like, then they aren't able to find themselves in lucrative careers that will enable them to exit (homelessness)."

Homelessness isn't always as overt as living on the street or under a viaduct. For youth, it can often look like living

doubled up or couch surfing. In 2016, there were more than 11,000 unaccompanied homeless youths ages 14 to 24 in Chicago, and 85% of them were doubled up, or living in the homes of others because of their economic struggles, according to an estimate from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH).

Patricia Nix-Hodes, director of The Law Project at CCH, works to provide free legal services to youth and young adults who are experiencing homelessness. Her work has had a big focus on the education rights of students who are homeless, she said.

Nix-Hodes explained that students who are experiencing homelessness can face challenges, like enrollment delays or denials. "They might go to present to the school and get told that they need certain documents, like proof of residency or certain medical records," said Nix-Hodes.

The accurate protocol, Nix-Hodes explained, is that students who are homeless are to be immediately enrolled in school, and school personnel should work with the family to obtain any needed documents after the student is enrolled.

Another issue families and students face is not

being identified as homeless, preventing them from getting the rights and services to which they're entitled, said Nix-Hodes.

"Students have the right to stay in their same school even after losing housing," said Nix-Hodes, "so it's important because school stability is linked to educational success. Especially for high school students trying to earn credits, staying in the same school keeps them on the path to graduation. If you have a student who's not identified (as homeless), and therefore not aware of their right to stay in the same school, then they can get behind on credits."

There are all kinds of other barriers, too, like transportation and adequate clothing, explained Nix-Hodes, "but the law is clear that any barrier to a homeless student's (school) attendance and success should be removed."

Phoenix Hall also works with the students' guardians to help with any needs that might lead to family reunification. Guardians still have legal responsibility over the student while the student is in the program.

Kellum said she didn't speak with her mother much when she lived with her; but now, she says the distance is helping their relationship.

"I was always kind of upset about not being able to enjoy my life so I really didn't communicate with her as much, but now we talk a lot," she said. "We're becoming close. I feel like we both needed space."

As Kellum has gotten more comfortable at Phoenix Hall, she's become close with the other residents and appreciates the independence. She said she's been able to focus on school and improve her grades to A's and B's. Time at the residence has been a much needed break instead of being stressed, she said.

"It feels good," said Kellum about her new grades. She hopes to attend college to be a registered nurse or surgeon.

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## Stevens

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are 22 and 28.) "I saw it as a chance to tell the story of young people taking charge and deciding it was time to stand up and use their voices."

One of her photos captured Benitez, Jalloh and Alvarez clad in Good Kids, Mad City sweatshirts, fists in the air. Benitez and Alvarez are carrying a banner. Jalloh peers directly into the camera, his eyes betraying... what? Hope? Fear? Determination? Skepticism? All of the above?

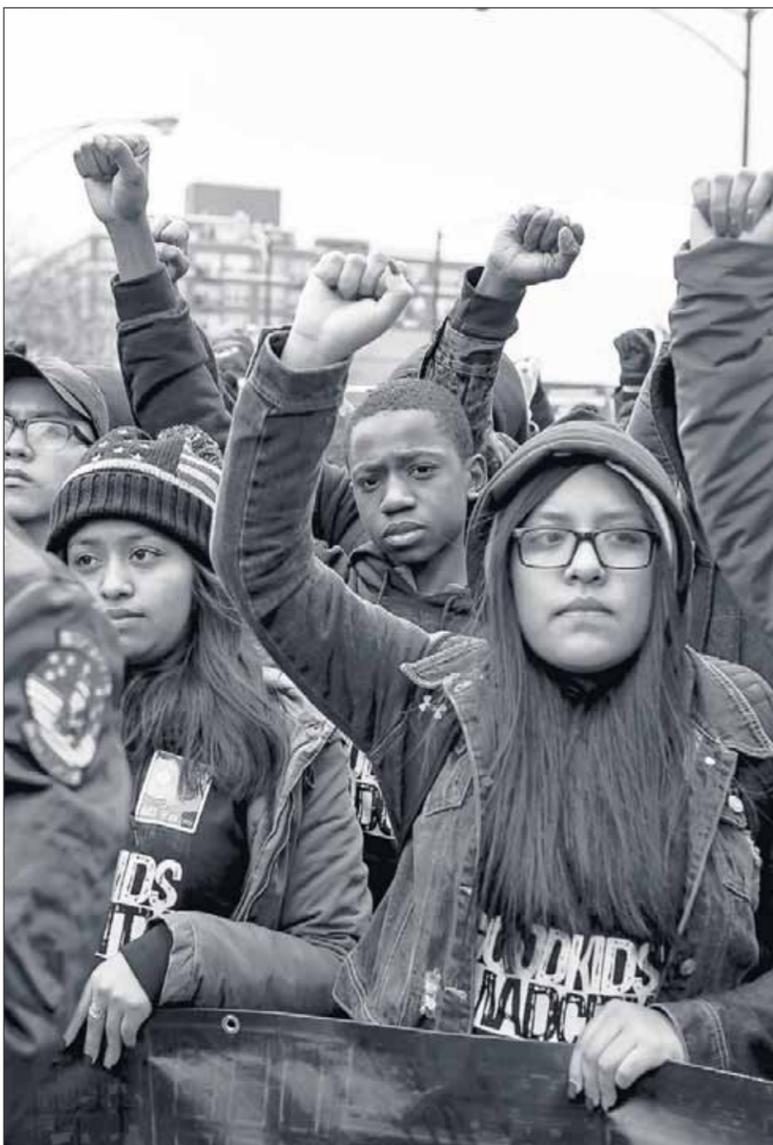
It's a beautiful portrait. Steinbrecher entered it in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery's Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition, a contest held every three years to find works by American artists that challenge the definition of portraiture. More than 2,600 entries were submitted. A panel of experts whittled the submissions down to 46 finalists.

Steinbrecher's photo of Benitez, Jalloh and Alvarez made the cut. She is the only finalist from Chicago.

The final 46 make up a Smithsonian exhibition called "The Outwin 2019: American Portraiture Today," which premiered at the National Portrait Gallery on Oct. 26 and will remain in place until Aug. 30.

Which means the same hallowed halls that house Kehinde Wiley's portrait of former President Barack Obama and Amy Serrano's portrait of former first lady Michelle Obama and Mark Seliger's portrait of Lin Manuel-Miranda and the faces of presidents and musicians and activists and scientists throughout history now house, also, a portrait of three high school seniors from Prosser Career Academy in Chicago's Belmont Cragin neighborhood.

"It's amazing and a little embarrassing," Jalloh, 17, told me. "Amazing because of all the leaders and people



SANDRA STEINBRECHER

Prosser Career Academy students, from left, Arlyn Benitez, Alhaji Jalloh and Jasmine Alvarez during a March for Our Lives rally at Chicago's Union Park in March 2018.

who've made history. Embarrassing because I might have spent a little more time getting ready that day if I knew that was going to happen."

Steinbrecher wants to send the three teens to Washington, D.C., in the spring. She wants them to see their portrait hanging among other visionaries and change-makers. She'd like them to meet their

Congressional representatives while they're there. She sees their activism, their marching, as a vital part of sustaining a democracy. She sees the trip to the nation's capital as a continuation. She hopes to go with them and document the visit in photographs.

A few weeks ago, she launched a GoFundMe page to finance the trip, which she estimates will

cost about \$7,000.

"I see them learning to be citizens of the world," Steinbrecher said. "These kids are our future. I want them to see that they have a voice and their activism matters and whatever they choose to do next, it matters."

Before she could tell them all that, of course, she had to find them. Steinbrecher didn't get

their names at the march. Or their school. Or even whether they were Chicagoans, necessarily. She just knew them as young people committed to fixing what's broken.

When she got word from the Smithsonian that she was a finalist, she started searching. First she contacted Good Kids, Mad City, a Chicago-based anti-violence youth movement formed after the Parkland school shooting. No one she reached knew the three kids, but they pointed her to Communities United, a group that works for social, economic and racial justice.

She went to the group's Albany Park office with a copy of the portrait. Someone recognized Jalloh and told Steinbrecher where he went to school. She brought the photo to Prosser on Oct. 16, the day before the CPS teachers strike. With the help of the assistant principals Terry Batey and Sandra Shimon, she learned all three kids are now seniors there.

"The photo is a story, and then behind the photo there's this other story of real people," Steinbrecher said.

Benitez, 17, marched in honor of her cousin, who was shot dead in Chicago at age 19.

"I felt a lot of emotions at the march," Benitez told me. "I felt proud of myself for being there. I felt like my cousin was proud of me from wherever he is because I'm trying to make a difference."

Alvarez, 17, marched in solidarity.

"I wanted to show my respect," she said. "We all know people who've lived through shootings and gun violence. I would not know what it would be like. I just wanted to show my support. It felt really supportive and safe. You saw all different people — students and doctors and babies and grandparents."

Alvarez said she's dreamed of visiting Washington, D.C., since she was little. She wants to see the

White House. Benitez wants to see the U.S. Capitol building.

Both young women want to become nurses after they graduate. Alvarez is enrolled in a student apprenticeship program through Rush University Medical Center and plans to pursue her nursing degree at University of Illinois at Chicago or Dominican University in River Forest.

Benitez is getting paramedic training through junior ROTC and has her sights set on UIC, Dominican or Malcolm X College.

Jalloh plans to earn a bachelor's degree in business and then settle in California. He loves to travel. He had no idea the March for Our Lives might send him to D.C.

"I just saw a chance to try to make things better, so I took it," he told me.

Steinbrecher already went to the National Portrait Gallery to see her picture displayed. It made her even more determined to get the students there.

"Seeing these teenagers represented on the walls of an esteemed museum like the Smithsonian feels powerful to me," she said. "It gives the sense that we all belong and that their activism matters and their voices are being validated."

The image feels beautifully aligned, she said, with the museum's mission: "The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery tells the multifaceted story of the United States through the individuals who have shaped American culture."

So many of the faces that dot the Smithsonian's walls arrived there after decades of service, invention, discovery, activism. Our Prosser teens are just getting started, which makes their inclusion all the more potent. Their story, I sense, is just beginning.

I'm eager to see where it takes them, and where they take us.

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# Stamler

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"We have immense amounts of things we should be grateful to Dr. Stamler for," says Dr. Donald Lloyd-Jones, chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern, "because he's improved our health as a nation and a world, but he's also affected our society."

Lloyd-Jones points out that Stamler, who founded the department Lloyd-Jones now presides over, "has retained 110% of his mental acuity. He's forgotten more than I will ever know, and I don't think he's forgotten very much."

But, aside from being an obvious outlier in the healthy-habits-plus-great-genes department, the record of Stamler's life reveals another core characteristic that clearly fuels him. He's charming, and smart, but he won't back down. Not for anything. Not for big food companies or basic human intransigence or even Congress. Not for the toll age takes, not even for time.

He has made standing up for things his stock-in-trade.

"I think it's a measure of his character," says Lloyd-Jones. "It's remarkable. He's my hero."

Stamler was born in Brooklyn in 1919, and grew up in West Orange, New Jersey, the child of Russian immigrants. From an early age, he was suspicious of mass-market food. "The loaf of white bread is anathema," he says. "My father got to this country, saw the white bread and was ready to get back on the boat and go home!" Instead, he grew up with hearty rye breads and got an early start eating whole grains. Other healthy habits came easy, he says: "I never liked butter. I don't know why. It must've been something in the blood, intuitive."

After medical school, he did what most of his contemporaries were doing and entered the Army. Near the end of World War II, he was sent overseas: "To Bermuda," he says. "So I spent a lovely year in Bermuda, my wife came with me, and it was very nice." Shortly thereafter, the war ended and Stamler, like thousands of other GIs, headed home to launch the next phase of his life.

He knew he wanted that life to be in research, and in 1947, found a place to pursue that work, taking a position at Michael Reese Hospital in Bronzeville under pioneering cardiology researcher Dr. Louis Katz. "Dr. Katz told me, 'Why the hell do you want to go into research?'" says Stamler. "You never win. When you first discover something, people will say 'I don't believe it.' Then you do more research and verify it and they'll say, 'yes, but ...' Then you do more research, verify it further and they'll say, 'I knew it all the time.' And he was right."

Undeterred, Stamler and his first wife, Rose, who trained as a sociologist but went on to become a major researcher in the fields of cardiovascular disease and hypertension in her own right, moved to Chicago in 1947. "They offered me a \$200-a-month fellowship," Stamler says. "In those days,

that was a fortune."

Stamler's research involved examining the effects of cholesterol and other factors suspected as drivers of cardiovascular disease. "I was always interested in the heart artery problem. Why did human beings with diabetes get more heart artery disease? What's the relation of habitual lifestyle, fat intake, saturated fat intake, cholesterol intake, salt intake, with cardiovascular disease. The interplay between multiple factors. And of course we were all interested in tobacco even way back then."

Stamler studied his theories on animals. "I was feeding cholesterol to chickens," he says. "We could test everything that we suspected might have an impact, except smoking." And over time, he helped discover and confirm many of the things we now take for granted: High cholesterol and high blood pressure are linked to cardiovascular disease.

Stamler's interest in these issues didn't stop at the merely scientific, however. He had long been interested in social causes — he and Rose had met at student meetings during WWII, while he was still in college, and her work leaned strongly into social justice. He realized that his work had vast implications in the world outside the laboratory. "From 1948 on, as our work accelerated," he says, "we were more inclined to translate our findings into recommendations for the public."

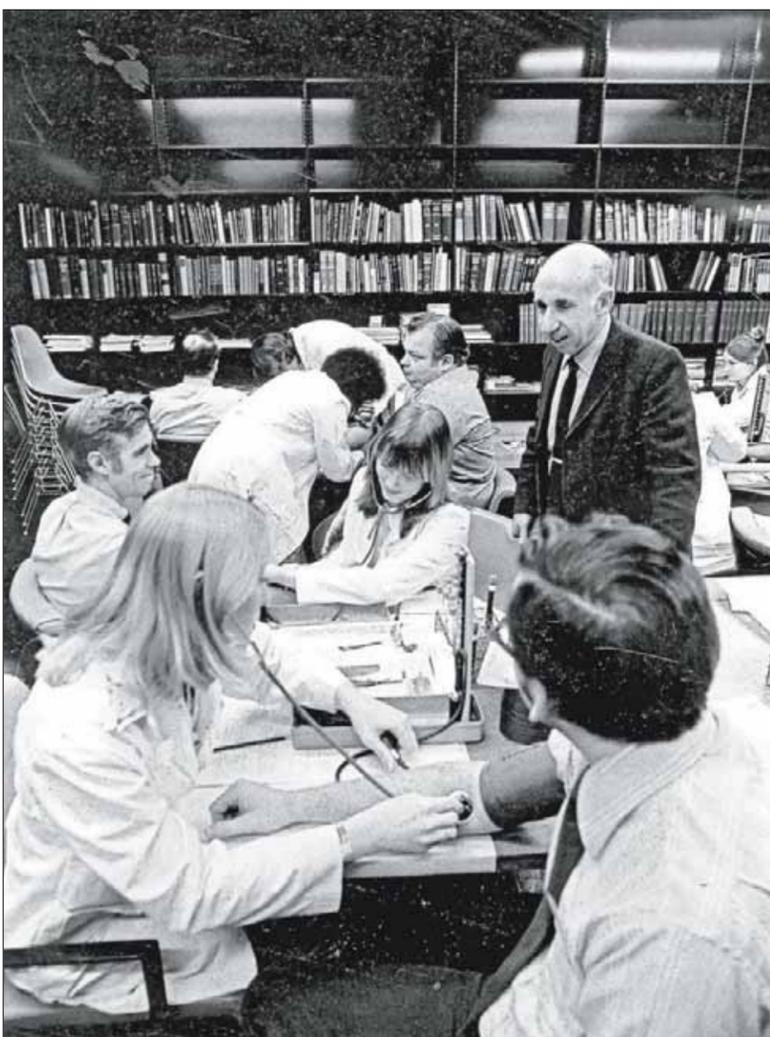
That approach began to earn him a few enemies. "Here in Chicago, we had the North American Meat Institute, they were barking at me all the time. They had a very simple view: Why don't you do research, write papers, publish them and shut up? We didn't feel that was an appropriate posture for people doing research on a scientific problem of great public health importance, to do the research and then bury it. What the hell is the point?"

Big tobacco, big food companies and other interest groups weren't too happy about Stamler's findings either. He didn't care. "I began to find the best ways to express all this to the public, and we decided that the best way is the risk factor concept," he says. "A set of well-defined traits, easily measured, frequently occurring, which when present, particularly in combination, are greatly associated with increased risk."

Risk factors, which represented something the public could understand and act to change, changed the face of how Americans thought about cardiovascular health. "The question was, what happens when you modify them, control them, lower them?" Stamler says. "Does the cigarette smoker at age 60, after more than 40 years of smoking, benefit from quitting smoking and lowering cholesterol? The answer is, it isn't too late."

Stamler was driven by a desire to see that knowledge put into practice by the public. "It's a very important message," he says. "From a practical point of view, it's the only message."

In 1958, Stamler brought that activist approach to public health to city government, taking a position in



Dr. Jeremiah Stamler watches as medical technicians take blood pressure and blood samples at a community health test on Feb. 7, 1974.



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Stamler is alive and researching at 100 years old.

Daley's Department of Public Health. "I rolled up my sleeves and went formally to work," he says. "A different kind of work. Quite different from feeding cholesterol to chickens."

Reluctantly, he gave up animal research and turned his attention to the pressing concerns of the city's health. "We started with rheumatic fever prevention in kids," he says. "We developed a hypertension control program, coronary prevention evaluation program, all right there in Mr. Daley's Health Department. He actually used a picture of me with one of the participants in the programs in one of his political campaigns, to show how up-to-date and modern his administration was."

Stamler also looked to tackle Chicago's diet: "First and foremost, we worked to improve the mix of foods that were readily available in the supermarket. We encouraged broiling rather than frying, roasting on a rotisserie rather than frying, modest portion sizes."

Chicago's legendary steakhouses? They didn't exactly fit Stamler's program.

"It may be OK to victimize a tourist by selling him a

16-ounce steak," he says, "but for the natives, let's make it a 4- or 5-ounce steak. Let's encourage fish and seafood, vegetables and fruits, whole grains. Not that we're indifferent to the outside, but we feel a first responsibility to locals."

But it wasn't steakhouses or even food lobbyists who posed Stamler's next challenge. In 1965, he was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee, a congressional committee aimed at ferreting out suspected communist sympathizers in America. The committee was known for subpoenaing a range of people, from the entertainment industry, academia and other spheres of public life.

"They had informants who told them who to call," says Tom Sullivan, an attorney with Jenner & Block who worked on Stamler's HUAC case, "and the people took the Fifth Amendment and that was the end of it. It ruined many lives and employment and wreaked havoc." The consequences for refusing to answer the committee's questions was blacklisting, and in Stamler's case, Sullivan says, "Mayor Daley would have fired him immediately."

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Stamler chose not to exercise a right against self-incrimination, instead choosing not to answer the committee's questions to him by challenging its constitutional right to do so. Sullivan and his team filed suit against the committee on behalf of Stamler and his colleague, Yolanda Hall, who worked as a nutritionist in his department and was also an outspoken activist on issues such as fair housing and civil rights. The committee found the pair in contempt of Congress. "The clients were facing years in jail for contempt of Congress," says Sullivan, "and Jerry Stamler decided he was willing to take that chance, to make this a test case."

Eight and a half years of litigation followed, during which Stamler continued to champion public health but rarely spoke publicly about the court battle. In late 1973, the case settled, with the committee, which had begun to lose steam, backing down and Stamler's side agreeing to withdraw its complaint.

In 1975, HUAC was disbanded. "The case," says Sullivan, "was the decisive factor in ending it."

Those who know Stam-

ler best say the story isn't out of character. "He has a mantra," says Lloyd-Jones, "just apply firm, steady pressure." When his scientific discoveries or medical recommendations meet resistance, Lloyd-Jones says, his response is always the same: Keep smiling. But don't back down. "He knows that if you apply firm, steady pressure over time, the data will win the day. If we make sure our assertions are grounded in the very best science, the truth will out."

In 1972, Stamler was appointed as the founding director of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine at Northwestern, where his research continued, and he took on the role of mentor to a stream of new cardiologists and researchers.

The work has never let up, though Stamler has decided where to draw the line in one arena: "He sort of stopped advancing in his tech use at fax machines," says Lloyd-Jones, "so when we send him papers to read, we email them to his assistant, they print them out, he takes the hard copy, he marks them up extensively in pen, and he faxes them back." Currently, he's working with a team on metabolomics, the study of products created by the body's metabolic processes.

Those faxed notes, Lloyd-Jones says, are sharp as ever. "He's really at his core a scientist. He's always about taking the data and what it is giving you and not over-interpreting it."

Stamler sticks to his guns at home as well. "We eat a lot of egg whites in this house," he says. "And I'm not saying that to make nice with the Egg Board. I like hard-boiled egg white with tomato in a good sandwich with whole wheat bread."

Diet is key to good health, he says, and happiness is important too. Stamler shares homes in New York, Italy and Chicago with his second wife, Gloria, a childhood friend with whom he reconnected after Rose died in 1998.

Though age has robbed him of mobility and he now uses a wheelchair, Stamler says he has one answer for people who wonder whether he'll retire: "No."

"He loves it," says Gloria. And, of course, he's not quite finished. "If you think about it," he says, "I should have retired about 30 years ago. But I've kept going, on the basis that there's still some fascinating stuff out there that we haven't touched very well."

Like, for instance, cheese — a supposed villain when it comes to heart health. "There may be more there than meets the eye," says Stamler. "It's too early to say. People say 'Why are you still working?' It's intriguing questions like that. What's the bottom line with cheese? It just keeps you intrigued and going on."

For the scientist, at least, cheese has a benefit. Maybe even, at this point, a touch of symbiosis.

"I'm annoyed with my ignorance about cheese," Stamler says, contemplating his next move. "I haven't taken the time to get that clear. It sounds simple, but doing it well is a big job."

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## Burbank Manor church set to close after 75th anniversary

BY BOB BONG

Burbank Manor Presbyterian Church will hold its final services this month as the church prepares to close its doors after 75 years.

Final services at the church, at 7950 S. Central Ave., Burbank, were a Christmas Eve candlelight service at and its last Sunday service at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Matthew Lang has been the pastor for the past six years. He said the decision to close was hard but inevitable.

"The writing was on the wall," he said. "I just ran out of time and energy to keep it going."

Lang said he was uncertain about his future. "I'm looking for another church in the area to work at."

Church secretary Phyllis Urbanski said the decision to close has hit her hard.

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— The Rev. Matthew Lang

75th anniversary in October," she said.

"Our congregation has dwindled so much and the parishioners are getting older," she said. "We have about 35 families left. At our peak, there were more than 500 families. I'm going to be 65, and I'm one of the younger ones."

Another factor is the condition of the church, which is more than 50 years old. "The building is old and needs a lot of work," she said.

Urbanski, who will turn 65 later this month, has been a Burbank Manor parishioner her whole life and has long been active with



BURBANK MANOR PRESBYTERIAN

Burbank Manor Presbyterian Church in Burbank will hold its last service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

the church. She's been church secretary for the past six years and is a church trustee. She has also been a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School

superintendent over the years.

She said she was still undecided as to which Presbyterian congregation she will transfer to after

Burbank Manor closes.

According to its website, Burbank Manor is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The church was founded as a communi-

ty church in 1944. Its creation was the result of evangelical efforts by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago. They sought to establish new churches to serve the spiritual needs of the expanding population in the Burbank area at that time.

The church's establishment was made possible by gifts from the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, the Chicago Presbytery, individuals, business and industry.

"In the beginning, the church met in rented space at the park district. The church was built a few years later," said Urbanski.

In 1958, the congregation decided to affiliate with the United Presbyterian Church and took the name Burbank Manor Presbyterian Church.

Bob Bong is a freelance reporter for the Daily Southtown.

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## NATION &amp; WORLD

## Study: Facial recognition shows bias

People of color, women more likely to be misidentified

By DREW HARWELL  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Facial-recognition systems misidentified people of color more often than white people, a recently released landmark federal study shows, casting new doubts on a rapidly expanding investigative technique widely used by law enforcement across the United States.

Asian and African American people were up to 100 times more likely to be misidentified than white men, depending on the particular algorithm and type of search. The study, which found a wide range of accuracy and performance between developers' systems, also showed that Native Americans had the highest false-positive rate of all ethnicities.

The faces of African American women were falsely identified more often in the kinds of searches used for police investigators, in which an image is compared with thousands or millions of others in hopes of identifying a suspect.

Algorithms developed in the U.S. also showed high error rates for "one-to-one" searches of Asians, African Americans, Native Americans and Pacific Islanders. Such searches are critical to such functions as cellphone sign-ons and airport boarding schemes, and errors could make it easier for impostors to gain access to those systems.

Women were more likely



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A study by a U.S. agency has found that facial recognition systems often perform unevenly based on race, gender or age.

to be falsely identified than men, and the elderly and children were more likely to be misidentified than those in other age groups, the study found. Middle-age white men generally benefited from the highest accuracy rates.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology, the federal laboratory known as the NIST that develops standards for new technology, found "empirical evidence" that most of the facial-recognition algorithms exhibit "demographic differentials" that can worsen their accuracy based on a person's age, gender or race.

The study could fundamentally shake one of

American law enforcement's fastest-growing tools for identifying criminal suspects and witnesses, which privacy advocates have argued is ushering in a dangerous new wave of government surveillance tools.

The FBI has logged more than 390,000 facial-recognition searches of state driver-license records and other federal and local databases since 2011, federal records show. But members of Congress this year have voiced anger over the technology's lack of regulation and its potential for discrimination and abuse.

The federal report confirms previous findings from studies showing similarly staggering error rates.

Companies such as Amazon had criticized those studies, saying they reviewed outdated algorithms or used the systems improperly.

One of those researchers, Joy Buolamwini, said the study was a "comprehensive rebuttal" to skeptics of what researchers call "algorithmic bias."

The study, she said, is "a sobering reminder that facial recognition technology has consequential technical limitations alongside posing threats to civil rights and liberties."

Investigators said they did not know what caused the gap but hoped the findings would, as NIST computer scientist Patrick Grother said in a statement,

prove "valuable to policymakers, developers and end users in thinking about the limitations and appropriate use of these algorithms."

Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union, which sued federal agencies this year for records related to how they use the technology, said the research showed why government leaders should immediately halt its use.

"One false match can lead to missed flights, lengthy interrogations, tense police encounters, false arrests or worse," he said. "But the technology's flaws are only one concern. Face recognition technology — accurate or not — can enable

undetected, persistent and suspicionless surveillance on an unprecedented scale."

The NIST test examined most of the industry's leading systems, including 189 algorithms voluntarily submitted by 99 companies, academic institutions and other developers. The algorithms form the central building blocks for most of the facial-recognition systems around the world.

The algorithms came from a range of major tech companies and surveillance contractors, including Idemia, Intel, Microsoft, Panasonic, SenseTime and Vigilant Solutions.

Notably absent from the list was Amazon, which develops its own software, Rekognition, for sale to local police and federal investigators to help track down suspects.

The NIST said Amazon did not submit its algorithm for testing. The company did not immediately offer comment but has said previously that its cloud-based service cannot be easily examined by the NIST test.

The NIST team tested the systems with about 18 million photos of more than 8 million people, all of which came from databases run by the State Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI. No photos were taken from social media, video surveillance or the open internet, they said.

The test studied both how algorithms work on "one-to-one" matching, used for unlocking a phone or verifying a passport, and "one-to-many" matching, used by police to scan for a suspect's face across a vast set of driver-license photos.

## Reshaping of the courts under Trump churns on

Shift features benches restocked with conservatives

By MATTHEW DALY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amid intense focus on impeachment and year-end deals on spending and trade, the Senate hurled last week toward a less-heralded accomplishment: confirming another batch of conservative judges.

Senators confirmed 13 of President Donald Trump's judicial nominees, bringing to 102 the number of federal judges approved this year — more than twice the annual average over the past three decades.

The steady transformation of the courts reflects the single-minded focus of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has vowed to "leave no vacancy behind" as he and Trump seek to tilt the judicial branch to the right.

The confirmations include 20 additions to the U.S. Court of Appeals, bringing to 50 the number of federal appeals court judges confirmed in Trump's first three years in office. The relentless pace means that more

than a quarter of all federal appeals court judges were nominated by Trump and confirmed by the Republican-controlled Senate.

"While all eyes were understandably on impeachment, Mitch McConnell's conveyor belt churned out a shocking number of judges (last) week in what remains the most underrated story of the Trump era," said Christopher Kang, chief counsel at Demand Justice, a liberal advocacy group.

McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, insists the stepped-up pace of confirmations is not a partisan achievement.

"It is not one party or the other that benefits when our federal courts consist of men and women who understand that a judge's job is to follow the law, not to make the law," he said on the Senate floor last week.

This month, the Senate confirmed two conservative lawyers to posts on a California-based appeals court that Trump has tagged as a liberal bastion.

Lawrence VanDyke, a deputy assistant attorney general from Nevada, and Patrick Bumatay, a federal prosecutor from Southern California, were approved in

separate votes to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The San Francisco-based court, which covers a wide swath of Western states from Alaska to Arizona, handles cases of high interest to the Trump administration, such as immigration and detention.

Trump, who has called the 9th Circuit a "big thorn in our side," has now appointed 10 judges to the sprawling court, one of the country's largest and most influential.

One unspoken factor propelling Republicans forward is the calendar. With no guarantee that a Republican will be in the White House come January 2021, there is an emphasis on filling vacancies now.

McConnell "is moving nominees as quickly as he can (through the Senate), just in case Trump loses in 2020," said Carl Tobias, a law professor at the University of Richmond. Under Trump and McConnell, "Republicans have packed the appeals courts with very conservative judges," with a particular emphasis on nominees under the age of 50, Tobias said.

Mike Davis, a former Senate Judiciary counsel who



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has vowed to "leave no vacancy behind" as he and President Trump work toward tilting the judicial branch to the right.

runs a conservative group promoting judicial nominees, predicted Trump will win another term. But he said Republicans can't take that outcome for granted.

"Republican-appointed federal judges who don't want to stay on the bench through at least January 2029 should consider retirement immediately as we have a very limited window before the election to replace them," Davis said.

McConnell's ability to push through judges was strengthened considerably by a Senate rules change that cuts down on the amount of debate time once a nominee has cleared an initial vote. Instead of 30 hours, it's now just two hours of debate.

That allows McConnell to stack up more nominees for votes, as he did Thursday when he pushed through 12 nominees in a single afternoon.

Reshaping the courts has been a Republican goal for 30 years, said Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, but has escalated sharply under Trump and McConnell.

Democrats are "doing everything we can" to slow down the judicial train, "but they changed the rules," Schumer said.

Liberal advocates insist the judges being seated are far from the mainstream.

"Trump and McConnell are stacking the federal courts with extreme nomi-

nees who are hostile to civil rights, including voting rights, LGBTQ rights and abortion rights," said Lena Zwarenstein of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, an advocacy group.

But Carrie Severino, policy director of the Judicial Crisis Network, a conservative advocacy group, said Trump and McConnell "have answered the call of the American people."

She said voters "have made it clear through the democratic process that they want judges who adhere to the Constitution and don't impose an agenda from the bench. That is exactly what they are getting."

## School borrowers seek higher fines against DeVos' Education Dept.

By DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL  
The Washington Post

Former Corinthian Colleges students are asking a federal judge to impose higher fines against the Education Department after the agency disclosed it pursued scores of additional borrowers for debt collection in violation of a court order.

Magistrate Judge Sallie Kim of the U.S. District Court in San Francisco held Education Secretary Betsy

DeVos in contempt and fined the department \$100,000 in October for pursuing loans owed by 16,000 students from the defunct for-profit chain despite an order halting collections.

This month, the department revealed in a court filing that it identified an additional 29,000 people who were pursued for loan payments. The agency also informed attorneys for the students that it never fully ceased collections and pursued at least 21 people for

payments as recently as this month.

"The malfeasance of Secretary DeVos continues to shock us," said Eileen Connor, legal director at the Project on Predatory Student Lending, a legal aid group representing the students. "Students have had their tax refunds stolen, their wages seized, been evicted from their homes and seen their lives ruined, many losing things that cannot be recovered, due to the Department of Education's shameful actions."

Education Department spokeswoman Angela Morabito said the agency does not comment on allegations in pending litigation.

In a motion filed Monday, attorneys for the Corinthian students argue that the scope of people harmed by the department's actions and its continued violation of the order warrant stiffer penalties.

Money from the \$100,000 fine was meant to provide redress for some 16,000 borrowers, but now

there are actually about 45,000 people affected. Attorneys have compiled affidavits from borrowers about how the collection has affected their lives. Some who lost wages said they were forced to borrow money from family or cover basic expenses with high-interest credit cards, had utilities cut off or faced eviction.

The Education Department has collected more than \$20 million from Corinthian students represented in the class action

case, according to the filing. It has yet to refund all of the money.

The ongoing dispute stems from a class-action lawsuit filed in 2018 by the Project on Predatory Student Lending at Harvard University and the Housing and Economic Rights Advocates on behalf of Corinthian students. The group alleged that DeVos had illegally limited loan forgiveness due to students under a statute known as borrower defense to repayment.

# Ukraine farmers who faced Stalin now fear markets

Most are against Zelenskiy's plan to put land up for sale

BY VOLODYMYR VERBYANY  
Bloomberg News

Tamara Tarasenko's life began against the backdrop of the violent struggles for land in Ukraine, known as "the breadbasket of Europe." Now she's 80, and she's afraid there's another fight coming for its fertile black soil.

Born between the Josef Stalin-imposed famine that killed millions of people in the 1930s and the invasion of Nazis who murdered millions more to exploit the land for Germany, Tarasenko spent most of her life on a *kolgosp*, a collective farm created from land seized by the communists.

After Ukraine broke with the Soviet Union in 1991, she and her husband got six hectares that helped keep them afloat during the country's tumultuous effort to transform itself into a market economy. And like all owners of farmland in Ukraine, she wasn't able to sell it.

Until now. President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, a for-

mer comic who swept to power on a pledge to crack down on corruption and revive Ukraine's sputtering economy, is about to scrap a 2001 rule that banned sales to prevent people from being strong-armed or swindled out of their property.

His government says it can boost the economy by as much as 2% annually for the next five years by attracting badly needed investment and know-how and improve living standards. But most Ukrainians — almost three quarters, according to opinion polls — think it's a terrible idea.

"I'm very much against it," said Tarasenko, who lives off a pension of less than \$100 a month and fears she'll be cheated out of her holdings in the village of Blystavytsya. "Who would take care of me?"

In a country with a potential arable-land market of 40 million hectares, an area almost the size of California, the concern is real. Endemic graft and memories of the wheeler-dealing privatizations of the 1990s — in which the nation's all-powerful oligarchs snatched control of large swathes of the economy — have left many landowners worried.

Zelenskiy's opponents

have also stoked concern that cash-flush foreigners will eventually be able to snap up one of Ukraine's most valuable resources, leaving many of the country's 41 million people forced to work for others on the soil they once owned. That has led to public protests and at least one brawl in parliament.

The plan poses what is potentially the biggest risk yet for Zelenskiy, whose pledges to curb corruption and end the Kremlin-backed war in eastern Ukraine boosted his popularity to above 60% this fall. But his doubling down on lifting the ban has hit his popularity.

Spurred on by demands from Western donors, including the International Monetary Fund, his government is pushing to cancel the moratorium from next October. While his party has a large majority, only 240 of parliament's 450 lawmakers backed an initial reading of a bill allowing the sale of farmland to Ukrainians, with limits on how much one person or company can own.

The land-reform debates have already prompted demonstrations. Protesters and police clashed this



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Residential buildings sit near private farm plots near Ternopil, Ukraine.

month near parliament, according to Hromadske TV.

The idea is that opening the market can prompt a tectonic shift in banking and agriculture and propel an industry that makes up over 10% of Ukraine's economic output. It's also aimed at providing collateral and easier access to loans for landowners, many of whom still use livestock, hand tools and dilapidated tractors to work the fields.

Olena Perevoznyk, a 44-year-old icon painter who inherited several small plots from her grandmother, is looking forward to change. The ban stopped her from selling the plots to repay a mortgage a decade ago, and she now rents them out for about \$70 a year. As the

opening of the market looms, she's increasingly thinking about starting a goat farm.

"It's my longtime dream," said Perevoznyk, who lives in the town of Brovary near Kyiv. "I'll probably need to sell my separate plots and buy one parcel."

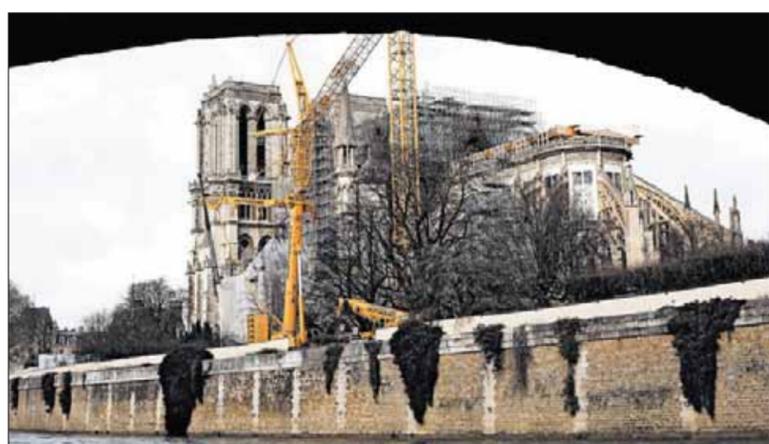
If the government doesn't manage to create a market, its goal of boosting the economy by 40% in the next five years would be hard to achieve, said Oleg Nivievskyi, an assistant professor at the Kyiv School of Economy.

The biggest question is whether the reform will eventually allow sales to foreigners. That may be a tough sell in a country once considered by the Nazis as a

target for "Lebensraum," a place for Germans to take for their own.

In other former communist countries that are now in the European Union, concerns that foreigners would buy up land proved baseless. But that doesn't convince people like Fedir Bohdan, a 63-year-old landowner from the village of Mykhaylivka.

"Investors from the Middle East and Asia have crazy amounts of money, and farmland resources are limited there," he said during a protest in Kyiv against the law. "Will businessmen from countries like China hire locals? No, they'll hire their countrymen. And we will lose our work and money."



THIBAUT CAMUS/AP

Monsignor Patrick Chauvet said restoration on Notre Dame Cathedral isn't likely to begin until 2021. An April fire destroyed the 12-century cathedral's roof and collapsed its spire.

# Paris landmark might not survive, rector says

BY JEFFREY SCHAEFFER AND ANGELA CHARLTON  
Associated Press

PARIS — The rector of Notre Dame Cathedral says the Paris landmark is still so fragile that there's a "50% chance" the structure might not be saved, because scaffolding installed before this year's fire is threatening the vaults of the Gothic monument.

Monsignor Patrick Chauvet said restoration work isn't likely to begin until 2021 — and described his "heartache" that Notre Dame couldn't hold Christmas services this year, for the first time since the French Revolution.

"Today it is not out of danger," he said on the sidelines of Christmas Eve midnight Mass in a nearby church. "It will be out of danger when we take out the remaining scaffolding."

"Today we can say that there is maybe a 50% chance that it will be saved. There is also 50% chance of scaffolding falling onto the three vaults, so as you can see the building is still very fragile," he said.

The 12th-century cathedral was under renovation at the time of the accidental April fire, which destroyed

its roof and collapsed its spire. With no more roof to keep the massive stone structure stable, the cathedral's surviving vaults are crucial to keeping it standing.

Some 50,000 tubes of scaffolding crisscrossed the back of the edifice at the time of the fire, and some were damaged. Removing them without causing further problems is one of the toughest parts of the clean-up.

"We need to remove completely the scaffolding in order to make the building safe, so in 2021 we will probably start the restoration of the cathedral," Chauvet said. "Once the scaffolding is removed we need to assess the state of the cathedral, the quantity of stones to be removed and replaced."

Chauvet estimated it would take another three years after that to make it safe enough for people to re-enter the cathedral, but that the full restoration will take longer. President Emmanuel Macron has said he wants it rebuilt by 2024, when Paris hosts the Olympics, but experts have questioned whether that time frame is realistic.

Another reason it's still

too dangerous to host religious services inside Notre Dame: The fire released tons of toxic lead dust, and authorities are working to clean it up and assess related health risks.

Notre Dame's symbolism reaches far and wide. Church officials estimated 2 million people from around the world visited the cathedral during the holiday season.

Tourists can photograph it from nearby embankments, but they can no longer hear its organs or get a close view of its stone carvings and masterpiece rose windows. The vast forecourt is barricaded, barren of its Christmas tree.

But its congregation, clergy and choir are keeping its spirit alive, and decamped Christmas celebrations to the Saint-Germain l'Auxerrois Church across from the Louvre Museum instead.

Parishioners shared sorrow about the fire, but also a feeling of solidarity.

"We are French, we are going to try to rebuild Notre Dame as it was before, because it is a symbol," said Jean Luc Bodam, a Parisian engineer who used to cross town to attend services at the cathedral.

# Holocaust survivors united from Israel to Paris to Russia

BY JEFFREY SCHAEFFER AND ANGELA CHARLTON  
Associated Press

PARIS — Holocaust survivors sang at Jerusalem's Western Wall, danced in Paris and lit candles in other cities to celebrate Hanukkah together, recalling Nazi horrors that Jewish community leaders fear are fading from the world's collective memory.

An 86-year-old man in Moscow described being forced by Nazi occupiers into a ghetto as a child. Elderly survivors in New York shared stories Sunday at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty.

They worry that today's youth in many countries don't recognize names of Nazi death camps, fall prey to anti-Semitic conspiracy theories or don't realize that 6 million Jews were killed in Hitler's World War II extermination campaign.

Lighting the Hanukkah candelabra, France's chief rabbi, Haim Korsia, told survivors in Paris, "What you are, each of you, is exactly like the light. We will never put out the first flame. When we transmit the knowledge, your experience, and when we transmit it to others, it takes nothing from us and it gives to others."

With folk dancing, festive songs and shared meals, the ceremonies Sunday and Monday also aimed to combat the solitude and other difficulties many survivors face in old age.

Some 400,000 Holocaust victims are estimated to still be alive, about half of them in Israel — and as many as 40% are living in poverty, said Ruediger Mahlo of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which organized the events.

"We want to make this public in order to help them and in order that other people help them as well," he said.



CRAIG RUTTLE/AP

Holocaust survivors and others listen to music at a gathering Sunday at New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage.

With tears in their eyes, survivors sang Israel's national anthem together at the Western Wall, the holiest site in the world where Jews can pray.

The mood turned joyous by the time candles were lit, with survivors joining hands, dancing in circles and laughing.

"For me, the holiday of Hanukkah is a holiday of victory, and it's very important for me to see the light of victory," said Amnon Elkiev, a survivor originally from the Netherlands who came to the ceremony with his wife.

Renowned Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld was among those attending a bitter-sweet ceremony in Paris, where young and old sang and prayed together.

Anna Sterman described being "hunted like mice" as a child near Lyon. Sarah Saragoussi, whose parents were deported to camps, said: "We thought they would come back nonetheless. We didn't think they were leaving to their deaths."

The gathering in New York included some 200 survivors, some wearing winter caps, others wearing kippas. Some smiled as they listened to speeches; others looked on pensively. They touched on recent anti-Semitic attacks in the U.S. and on concerns that

younger generations of Americans know little about what they went through.

Hand-in-hand with a rabbi, survivor Mikhail Spektir said a prayer and lit a Hanukkah candelabra in Moscow. He then took the microphone and sang for members of Russia's Jewish community, accompanied by a fiddler and accordion player.

As a child when the war began, Spektir said, he didn't realize what was going on.

When the Nazis came, he recalled his grandfather telling him that they were "a civilized nation, they wouldn't do anything to us."

But he and his family were taken to a ghetto on Ukraine's western edge and held there from 1941 until the Red Army liberated it in 1944.

"We were all sleeping on the floor. We lived on the territory (of the ghetto), isolated from the city by barbed wire. The entrance was guarded by Nazi soldiers and policemen," he said. "People who dared (to leave) were indeed shot."

Bearing witness is ever more important as survivors die out. French survivor Suzanne Bakon said, "We are doing everything while we are living so that (the memory) remains."

# Bleak, fake horoscopes aimed at migrants in Australia

BY MIRIAM BERGER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Horoscopes can be harsh — but the ones that the Australian government wrote to deter Sri Lankan migrants and asylums-seekers are really, really dark.

A Cancer? "Family problems will occur," the Australian government predicted. "Luck is not in the cards for you. Do not try to travel illegally to Australia by boat, as you will be stopped and returned. You will lose everything your

family owes to debt, and face family problems."

A Sagittarius? "You will be in debt forever," read the result. "If you illegally travel to Australia by boat you will be returned. Everything you risked to get there will be in vain and you will end up owing everyone."

The fake horoscope chart, first obtained and reported on by BuzzFeed News through a freedom of information request, paints a painfully foreboding future of legal troubles, smugglers stealing money,

and even the loss of wives' jewelry (the latter afflicting Gemini).

But perhaps even wilder, and darker, is that while Australia's Home Office itself devised these English-language brochures predicting doom and gloom at sea, at least a dozen people have died in custody since 2013 at Australia's offshore detention centers for migrants and asylum-seekers.

It's unclear exactly when these fake horoscopes were produced, at what cost, and where and how they were distributed. Australia's De-

partment of Home Affairs did not respond to BuzzFeed or The Washington Post's request for clarification.

Astrology is popular in Sri Lanka, as it is in many cultures around the world.

The Australian horoscope includes a few fact-based bullet points:

"It's been almost four years since any Sri Lankan person reached Australia on an illegal boat voyage," one said.

"Anyone who tries to travel to Australia the wrong way, directly or via a

third party, will be stopped and returned to Sri Lanka," read another.

These facts appeared to refer to figures from the last few years.

The pamphlet ended with a reminder that this is "a message by the Australian government" and directed readers to a government website with similarly harsh messaging against illegal immigration.

Australia has invested considerable resources in deterring migrants and asylum-seekers from illegally trying to reach its shores. In

one case, as the Guardian reported in 2017, between February and June of that year the Australian government paid a Singapore-based company, Statt Consulting, at least \$15 million to target Afghanistan and Pakistan with advertisements dissuading would-be asylum-seekers from making the journey.

At the same time, Australia has imposed harsh anti-migrant measures and maintained dire conditions at the country's detention centers for those who did make it by boat.

# Defector is a stranger in GOP House

NJ lawmaker was reliable Democrat — until he wasn't

BY MIKE DEBONIS  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Announcing a switch of parties, Rep. Jeff Van Drew, R-N.J., sat next to President Donald Trump in the Oval Office and professed his “undying loyalty.” Meanwhile, Van Drew’s House voting record painted a different picture: loyalty to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s policy agenda.

Aside from votes against Trump’s impeachment, freshman Van Drew has been a loyal vote for key Democratic bills in 2019 — highlighting the odd fit he might be in an increasingly conservative House Republican conference and the potentially tough path he might face in next year’s GOP primary.

Among the legislation Van Drew supported this year were measures blocking Trump from withdrawing from the Paris climate agreement, opposing Trump’s ban on transgender military members, opposing Trump’s efforts to undo the Affordable Care Act in the courts and overruling Trump’s efforts to rein in the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Van Drew also opposed Trump’s withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria, condemned Trump’s “racist” comments and twice voted to overturn Trump’s emergency declaration to build the border wall.

He also backed key policy bills opposed by the Trump administration and all but a handful of Republicans — bills that would raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, ban most oil drilling along the U.S. coastline and expand background checks for gun buyers.

At the White House last week, Van Drew said he believed the Republican Party was “just a better fit”



President Donald Trump shakes hands with Rep. Jeff Van Drew, who left the Democratic Party to join the GOP last week.

for his views. Privately in the preceding days, Van Drew’s top aide assured staffers that his voting behavior would not change as a Republican.

According to two former Van Drew staffers who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid retribution, Chief of staff Allison Murphy told them Van Drew would continue voting for Democratic legislation as part of an effort to keep them on his staff. The only difference, Murphy said in those conversations, according to the ex-aides, is that Republican leaders would place him on better committees — suggesting that Van Drew had made better assignments a condition of his switch.

Murphy, who continues to work for Van Drew and attended the Oval Office event, did not respond to an email seeking comment on the conversations, which happened over the previous weekend as news of Van

Drew’s impending party switch went public.

Her appeals did not succeed: Five staffers resigned shortly after Van Drew informed them of his intended party switch.

Speaking to reporters Dec. 18, before making his announcement with Trump, Van Drew had a hard time spelling out his policy differences with the Democrats, citing “American exceptionalism” — a point he would make the next day in the Oval Office.

“I don’t want anybody to ever say that this is the same as every other country in the world, because it is not,” he said, citing “certain groups of people that represented certain parts” of the Democratic Party who said “there is no such thing as American exceptionalism.”

Van Drew also expressed support for Trump’s handling of the economy, as well as “honoring our police, our fire, our rescue, our veterans, our soldiers.”

That solidarity with Trump on broad matters of policy and cultural sensibility may not be enough to endear him to Republican voters in South Jersey, who elected GOP Rep. Frank LoBiondo to 12 terms before his retirement paved the way for Van Drew’s election last year.

Van Drew described his voting record thusly: “If it’s something that I think is good, I’m going to vote for it. If it’s something that I don’t think is as good, I won’t.”

On one of his first votes as a Republican on Thursday, Van Drew broke with the Trump administration — supporting a bill restoring the full state-and-local-tax deduction, which was capped in the 2017 Republican tax bill. The White House said the restoration measure “is unfair to middle-class taxpayers, encourages excessive spending by states, and would stunt economic growth.”

That bill, however, is one apostasy that may not bother New Jersey Republicans much. As a state with an above-average tax burden, Garden State taxpayers were disproportionately hurt by the cap on the long-standing deduction.

In any case, three conservative Republicans say they will seek the GOP nomination against Van Drew next year and have not been shy about attacking Van Drew as an untrustworthy turncoat who has reliably voted with Democrats.

“How stupid does Desperate Jeff Van Drew think South Jersey Republicans are?” one GOP candidate, Brian Fitzherbert, said in a Facebook post last week. “Desperate Jeff knew exactly what Washington Democrats were about when he ran for Congress two years ago... How can South Jersey Republicans trust Jeff Van Drew to represent our Party?”

Van Drew could find

himself relying largely on Trump’s sometimes unreliable goodwill as he seeks to fend off more conservative primary challengers. Republicans familiar with the discussions between Trump, Van Drew and GOP operatives expect the president to campaign in some manner for Van Drew next year.

Mike DuHaime, a Republican strategist and former top political aide to former Gov. Chris Christie, said he believed support from Trump would be more than enough to allow Van Drew to overcome the intra-GOP attacks. Van Drew, he noted, earned a reputation in New Jersey as a reliable vote for Christie during his governorship, and voters in the relatively conservative southern tip of the state remain solidly behind Trump.

“People are going to look at that more than some percentage of his votes,” DuHaime said. “That is going to carry more weight.”

But with a campaign of his own to win — one that does not pivot in any way on New Jersey — Van Drew’s renomination might ultimately slip down Trump’s political priority list.

The National Republican Congressional Committee typically does not intervene in GOP primaries, and last week it did not signal any change in policy.

Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., the group’s chairman, praised Van Drew “for refusing to blindly follow Nancy Pelosi’s stampede of hate-filled Democrats over the edge of the political cliff” but otherwise made no mention of the primary race to come.

“This is now a Republican seat and we will fight tooth and nail to ensure it remains a Republican seat,” he said, whether Van Drew holds it or not.

“I work hard,” Van Drew said. “Republicans have always been very supportive of me.”

## Trump

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And while the president has complained about the “great damage and hurt” the impeachment process has “inflicted upon wonderful and loving members of my family,” the first lady’s spokeswoman rejected the idea that Mrs. Trump has been somehow wounded.

“As always, Mrs. Trump is focused on being a mother and wife, and is busy serving our great nation,” said Stephanie Grisham, her spokeswoman. “She is very strong, and after many years now, has become used to political harassment.”

Trump is the third U.S. president to be impeached, accused of pressuring Ukraine’s leader to investigate Trump’s political rivals as he withheld security aid approved by Congress. Trump is also accused of obstructing House efforts to investigate the matter.

The president, who insists he did nothing wrong, is unlikely to be removed from office by the Republican-controlled Senate.

A private person by nature, Melania Trump has rarely clued the public in on her thoughts, even as she weathered other difficult moments in her husband’s presidency, including the special counsel’s two-year investigation into possible collusion between Trump’s



First lady Melania Trump sits in the Oval Office Dec. 17 as reporters question President Trump a day before he was impeached.

presidential campaign and Russia.

Mrs. Trump also stayed silent after a former Playboy model and an adult film actress went public with claims of having extramarital affairs with Trump before he was president. Trump has denied having the relationships.

She has followed the same pattern during impeachment.

The Trumps are spending the holidays at the president’s private club in Palm Beach, Florida.

The two other presidents to be impeached, Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1998, were both acquitted after trials in the Senate. Richard Nixon resigned before the House could vote to impeach him over the Watergate scandal. Up until Nixon resigned,

Pat Nixon would tell reporters that her husband wouldn’t quit, said Mary Brennan, author of a biography about the late first lady.

“So much of her identity was tied up with his political career, so him quitting is like her quitting and that’s not something that she would have done,” said Brennan, dean of the history department at Texas State.

Pat Nixon often answered questions by saying she only knew what she read in the newspapers.

“My mother’s greatest regret in the aftermath of Watergate was that my father did not consult her about the tapes before their existence became common knowledge,” Julie Nixon Eisenhower wrote about her mother. “She would have urged that they be

destroyed forthwith.”

And at some point, Mrs. Nixon began scaling back her public appearances because “people were yelling questions to her about impeachment” everywhere she went, added Myra Gutin, who studies first ladies at Rider University in New Jersey.

Eliza Johnson stayed on top of her husband’s impeachment, the byproduct of a post-Civil War clash with Congress. She closely read stories from a variety of newspapers and preserved them in scrapbooks, according to the National First Ladies’ Library. She is said to have always believed he would be acquitted and was overtaken with emotion when she learned the verdict.

Hillary Clinton was active in her husband’s defense in a case that revolved around his sexual relationship with a White House intern.

On the morning of the House vote in December 1998, she made a rare foray to the Capitol to privately rally Democrats. She joined the president and congressional Democrats for an appearance in the White House Rose Garden later that day after Clinton was impeached.

Hillary Clinton also used an unrelated White House appearance on the eve of the House vote to urge the nation to “practice reconciliation” and “end divisiveness.”



Sen. Lisa Murkowski remains undecided how she will vote in a Senate trial.

## Alaska senator ‘disturbed’ by McConnell’s trial remark

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, a Republican from Alaska, said she was disturbed to hear Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell say there would be “total coordination” between the White House and the Senate over the upcoming presidential impeachment trial.

“And in fairness, when I heard that I was disturbed,” Murkowski told KTUU on Tuesday before saying there should be distance between

the White House and the Senate in how the trial is conducted.

“To me it means that we have to take that step back from being hand in glove with the defense, and so I heard what leader McConnell had said, I happened to think that that has further confused the process.”

The House of Representatives impeached President Donald Trump last week on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

In a recent interview with Fox News’ Sean Hannity, McConnell, R-Ky., described his planning with the White House.

“We’ll be working through this process, hopefully in a fairly short period of time in total coordination with the White House counsel’s office and the people who are representing the president as well as the Senate,” McConnell said.

Murkowski was critical of the impeachment process conducted in the House, describing it as rushed.

Murkowski says the Senate is now being asked to cure deficiencies in evidence to be presented at the trial, particularly when it comes to whether key witnesses should be brought forward to testify, including acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and former national security adviser John Bolton.

“How we will deal with witnesses remains to be seen,” Murkowski said before saying the House should have gone to the courts if witnesses refused

to appear before Congress. Murkowski also spoke of her desire for a “full and fair process,” potentially using the impeachment hearings of President Bill Clinton as a template.

Murkowski remained undecided about how she would vote when the Senate trial takes place.

“For me to prejudge and say there’s nothing there or on the other hand, he should be impeached yesterday, that’s wrong, in my view, that’s wrong,” she said.



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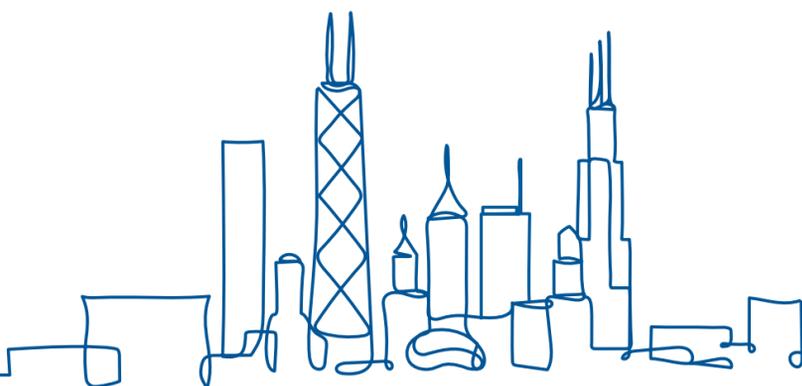
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### Time and cost of relocation of US base in Okinawa to double

TOKYO — The relocation of a U.S. Marine Corps base to a less-crowded area of the southern Japanese island of Okinawa will take more than twice as much money and time as previously estimated because of the need to stabilize the reclaimed land it will be built on, Japan's government said Wednesday.

The Defense Ministry said the relocation of U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma from densely

populated Ginowan to Henoko on Okinawa's eastern coast will cost \$8.5 billion and take 12 years, pushing its completion into the 2030s. That adds more than a decade to the plan already delayed by more than 20 years because of local opposition.

Under an earlier plan agreed to by Tokyo and Washington in 2013, construction was to cost about \$3.2 billion and take five years, with completion expected in about 2022.

### Michigan AG asserts Nassar probe not suspended after all

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan's attorney general on Wednesday said her communications director's statement declaring the suspension of a nearly two-year criminal investigation into Michigan State University's handling of complaints against sexual abuser Larry Nassar was "inadvertently misleading."

Attorney General Dana Nessel said in a written statement that the investi-

gation is ongoing.

The probe, which began under Nessel's predecessor, has resulted in charges against three former school officials. One was convicted. Two others, including former President Lou Anna Simon, were ordered to trial.

"For the record, I remain deeply committed to finding the truth about who knew what about Larry Nassar at MSU," Nessel said.

### Songwriter Allee Willis, who penned 'Friends' theme, dies

LOS ANGELES — Allee Willis, a songwriter whose work included the Broadway musical "The Color Purple" as well as the theme song from the TV show "Friends" and Earth, Wind & Fire's "September," has died. She was 72.

The cause of death Tuesday was a cardiac event, The New York Times reported, but did not specify where she died, though she had been living in Los Angeles.

Willis was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2018 — more than 30 years after she won a Grammy for co-writing Patti LaBelle's "Stir It Up" for the "Beverly Hills Cop" soundtrack.

She was also nominated for an Emmy for the "Friends" theme song, "I'll Be There for You" performed by the Rembrandts but lost to the theme of "Star Trek: Voyager."



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An Army team is reflected on a vehicle after the coffin of Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Goble was placed in the back Wednesday at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. Goble, 33, was killed Monday in a roadside bombing in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province.

### Afghan official says Taliban abducted 26 peace activists

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban ambushed a peace convoy in western Afghanistan and abducted 26 activists who are members of a peace movement, a police spokesman said Wednesday.

The insurgents staged the ambush in the district of Bala Buluk in Farah province on Tuesday. The Taliban forced the six-vehicle convoy to a halt, then got into the cars and drove them and the activists to an unknown location, said provincial police spokesman Mohibullah Mohib.

According to Mohib, a police operation is under-

way to locate and free the activists whose convoy was going village-to-village to rally for peace.

Bismillah Watandost of the People's Peace Movement of Afghanistan, to which the activists belong, said that 27 of their members were abducted by the Taliban in the Farah assault. The different figures could not immediately be reconciled.

The Taliban, who have been active in Farah, have not claimed responsibility for the abductions. However, Watandost also said that tribal elders in the province launched an effort to nego-

ciate with the Taliban to release the abducted activists. He added that phone lines were down in the region, making communication and getting information from the area difficult.

The latest rallies by the activists from the People's Peace Movement of Afghanistan started on Friday, first in southern Helmand province, a Taliban stronghold.

At a similar series of peace rallies in October, the Taliban abducted six activists from the movement in eastern Logar province but released them the same day.

### Burning Man organizers sue over US permit fees

RENO, Nev. — Burning Man organizers sued the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to recover millions of dollars they say the government has overcharged them in fees over the past seven years at the counterculture celebration.

Black Rock City LLC, the nonprofit that produces the

annual Burning Man event, filed the lawsuit Dec. 13 in U.S. District Court in Washington.

Organizers told the Reno Gazette Journal they're tired of waiting over the past four years for the bureau to provide justification for the nearly \$3 million it charges annually for

a permit to hold the 80,000-person event in the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno.

In recent years, Black Rock City has been required to reimburse the BLM, which provides law enforcement and oversight at the event, for its services and expenses.

### Relief group: 216,000 have fled homes in NW Syria

BEIRUT — More than 200,000 men, women and children fled their homes in northwest Syria in buses, trucks and cars in recent weeks, amid intense air and ground bombardment by government forces, a Syrian relief group said Wednesday.

Government forces have been bombarding southern and eastern Idlib province, the last rebel stronghold in the country, since late November. A ground offensive that began last week has displaced more people and government forces have captured more than 40 villages and hamlets, according to the Syrian army and opposition activists.

The Syrian Response Coordination Group, a relief organization, said 216,632 people have fled their homes, many of them with no specific place to go. Many have been heading toward the Turkish border for safety.

**In Chile:** Helicopters on Wednesday dropped water on the outskirts of the Chilean port city of Valparaiso to extinguish a fire that destroyed about 150 homes.

Dozens of people living in the city's Rocuant and San Roque hills sifted through the ruins of their homes after the fire, fanned by strong winds, swept through their neighborhoods on Tuesday. Residents had been evacuated and there were no reports of casualties.

Interior Minister Gonzalo Blumel said authorities believe arson caused the blaze and urged people to report any suspicious activity.

The fire was doused in urban areas but remains "active" in the woods, said Ricardo Toro, head of the national emergency office.

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Bryan Russell, who is running for Parliament, may be the first person with Down syndrome to run for public office anywhere, says the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.

### In Peru, a political novice with Down syndrome runs for office

By FRANKLIN BRICENO  
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Bryan Russell has Down syndrome and does daily speech exercises, putting pens and corks in his mouth to help build up low muscle tone there.

He is also waging a long-shot bid to become a national Peruvian lawmaker, going door to door in Lima to ask for votes.

Russell, 27, wants to use his campaign to raise awareness about people with developmental disabilities and he says he represents an alternative to the scourge of corruption in Peru that has brought down presidents and weakened democratic institutions.

"I'm someone clean, honest, transparent," Russell said. He spoke while sitting next to Amor, a pet dog he rescued from the street.

The purpose of politicking, he said, is to "break the paradigm" that people with Down syndrome can't be independent.

Russell may be the first person with Down syndrome to run for public office anywhere, according to the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.

"We are thrilled that Bryan Russell is running for Congress in Peru," said

Michelle Sie Whitten, president and CEO of the foundation. "As far as we know, he is the first professional who has Down syndrome running for a publicly elected office, and he is showing the world that we need diversity in all areas of society including in our governments."

In 2013, Angela Bachiller, who has Down syndrome, became a city councilor in Valladolid, Spain. But she didn't run for election, instead taking over the post after her predecessor resigned because of corruption allegations.

Down syndrome is a genetic abnormality that causes developmental delays and medical conditions such as heart defects and respiratory and hearing problems.

Russell is a candidate for Peru-Nacion, a center-right party that is not widely known and has fared poorly in past elections. However, Russell's bold campaign ahead of the Jan. 26 parliamentary elections is getting attention. He was invited to speak at a leftist forum where he asked people to fight for people like him, regardless of political leanings.

"I want people with my condition to have a voice," said Russell, who studied communications at the Pe-

ruvian San Ignacio de Loyola University and said his parents encouraged him to find his own way.

"I learned how to read and write, walk, run and eat, basically to respect myself," the candidate has written.

"Well this is really impressive, because Bryan is changing the history and that is the most important thing," said Gladys Mujica, Russell's mother.

Mujica, an English teacher, described her son as a "symbol."

Some Peruvians are open to Russell's campaigning, which consists on a normal day of handing out leaflets while carrying a sign with an image of his face.

"He's looking to do his best. The 'normal' people try to steal from the country. That's a very big difference," said Carlos Maza, a retired man who said he would vote for Russell.

About 3 million Peruvians have some kind of disability in a country of more than 30 million, according to official figures. There are no data for the number of Peruvians with Down syndrome, though historian Liliana Penaherrera, founder of the Peruvian Society for Down Syndrome, estimates there could be up to 25,000 people with the condition.

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## EDITORIALS

# Fighting Splinternet: Keep internet forever open, free

Government controls are creating 'a patchwork of incompatible and irreconcilable fiefs'

The electricity didn't go out in Kashmir, a disputed region of India, but something almost as vital was turned off over the summer: the internet.

In a preemptive move to assert political control, the Indian government shut down internet service, as well as phone service, in the Kashmir region. No email. No Google. No texting. No digital businesses in operation. No news beyond state-sanctioned outlets. It was censorship in extremis, resulting in a loss of freedom.

Eventually most mobile phone service was restored, but the World Wide Web has stayed dark for months. "The government's control over the flow of information has made journalism nearly impossible in Kashmir, and is a humiliation of Kashmiri journalists," the Telegraph, an Indian daily, reported.

Darkness, indeed.

### Technology spreads democracy

The internet came to life 50 years ago, in October 1969, when a Defense Department communications network known as ARPANET transmitted a one-word message from UCLA to Stanford. The message was supposed to read "login," but only the first two letters arrived. Think of it as the first email — and the first service disruption. Presumably, tech support was called.

From that point? The rise of the internet into a global information and communication system nearly as ubiquitous as electricity or running water continually transforms human society.

People can debate whether individual aspects of the digital realm cause harm (loss of privacy, Twitter shaming), but there is no diminishing the extraordinary impact of being able to instantaneously share speech, images, data and ideas planetwide. Consider all the learning that becomes possible, the commerce, the ultra-efficient interaction of every type, the rise of Silicon Valley as America's hub of innovation — all thanks to the creation and spread of digital technology.

The internet is a marvel of democracy in the broadest sense, meaning it eliminates barriers to entry. Merchants can sell goods without the need to open a physical store, while political activists can circumvent government controls to spread their messages. And we at the Chicago Tribune can transmit our journalism to places where our delivery trucks can't carry ink on paper.

The internet derives its power from openness and connectivity, and that is also why the internet was shut down in Kashmir: because the web represents a threat to governments seeking to control or repress the sharing of information.

"People always had this simplistic view that technology could only be used in one way — that it was this great tool for democracy," Kuda Hove, a digital rights researcher at the Media Institute of Southern



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Visitors gather at a display booth for Google at the 2016 Global Mobile Internet Conference in Beijing.

Africa, told The New York Times. But after Zimbabwe's government turned off the internet during a political crackdown, Hove said, "it dawned on them that the government could use technology against the people."

### Digital walls go up

Some anti-democratic countries, notably China, recognized early on that the internet could pose a potential threat to ironclad political control. To quash dissent, the Chinese leadership erected a high-tech censorship system known as the Great Firewall of China that blocks all content and conversation that could challenge government authority. China's internet looks a lot like the West's internet, without Facebook, Wikipedia and other freewheeling information sites. Texting, too, comes with strictures: Politically sensitive words and ideas are blocked.

Technology and information spread across the globe, but so do dangerous notions. In recent years, foreign governments have looked at the power of the internet to disseminate ideas and recoiled: Too open, too free, too challenging. Freedom House, a watchdog group, looked at the current state of internet freedom in 65 countries and found that law enforcement in 47 countries arrested people for posting political, social or religious speech online.

### Goodbye, World Wide Web

To see the internet shut down and blocked, straitjacketed and misused as a tool of government repression hurts the causes of freedom and progress. Akash Kapur, a senior fellow at the GovLab at New York University, characterized the rise of "digital nationalism" as a threat not just to democratic movements in disparate countries but ultimately to the internet's existence as a unified global infrastructure.

The more countries take control of their digital pipelines and content, the more likely international access will be denied. "The great risk is that digital nationalism will Balkanize the internet, breaking it up into a patchwork of incompatible and irreconcilable fiefs," Kapur wrote in The Wall Street Journal. "The prospect of a technical 'Splinternet' is no longer as inconceivable as it once was. In the decades ahead, we may look back wistfully to a time when data could move freely across the globe, without virtual customs or immigration checkpoints."

One recent example that may surprise: Europe instituted a new data privacy law in 2018 known as General Data Protection Regulation that some American media companies found unreasonably strict. Their solution was to end European access to their content. So much for the "worldwide" description of the web.

### Internet freedom as a human right

If the web continues to fracture, the loss to humankind will be profound. When governments place limits on internet access, the spread of knowledge is stifled. Important ideas are not shared. Business development is stunted. Societies suffer.

Western democracies need to recognize what's at stake and cooperate to manage and protect internet openness.

There will be no easy way to convince or coerce paranoid governments to release their grips on the web, but that's no excuse to quit trying.

The concept of a free and open internet is both a value, like human rights, and a commodity. Trade negotiations often lead to breakthroughs in relations.

The same strategy should be deployed when it comes to maintaining internet freedom. The more that American government officials, business executives and advocates push foreign governments to release control, and explain the benefits, the more likely progress will happen.

The internet may seem ubiquitous, but its long-term viability isn't assured.

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### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Once exemplars of entrepreneurial risk-taking, today's tech elites are now entrenched monopolists. Increasingly, these firms reflect the worst of American capitalism — squashing competitors, using indentured servants from abroad for upward of 40% of their Silicon Valley workforce, fixing wages and avoiding taxes — while creating ever more social anomie and alienation.

The tech oligarchs are forging a post-democratic future, where opportunity is restricted only to themselves and their chosen few. As technology investor Peter Thiel has suggested, democracy — based on the fundamental principles of individual responsibility and agency — does not fit comfortably with a technocratic mindset that believes superior software can address and modulate every problem. ...

Rather than encouraging and accommodating families, today's oligarchs promote a largely childless college campus environment, where they even pay female workers to freeze their eggs. ... As for the rest of the population, the prospects are even bleaker. In the tech hub of San Francisco, the middle-class family is almost extinct. ... It leads California in economic inequality. The evidence of this massive inequality, pervasive homelessness and social dysfunction fills the streets.

Silicon Valley, located in the suburbs south of the city, has also become profoundly less egalitarian. It is increasingly divided between an entrenched ultra-wealthy class and a dependent poor class, working largely in the service industries. ... Nearly 30% of Silicon Valley's residents rely on public or private assistance.

Wired magazine's Antonio García Martínez describes the contemporary Valley as "feudalism with better marketing."

— Joel Kotkin, *American Affairs*

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reacts to a reporter's question about whether she hates President Donald Trump, during a news conference Dec. 5 on Capitol Hill.

## Americans are at each other's throats. Here's one way out.

BY AMANDA RIPLEY  
Washington Post

For a brief moment this month, we started to hear the proper words to describe what is happening in U.S. politics. Not the usual, safe and tired words like “polarization” or “incivility.” But more accurate words.

At a news conference ahead of the impeachment proceedings, a reporter for a conservative outlet asked House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., whether she “hates” President Donald Trump. She rebuked the reporter, denying that she hates anyone. Like many questions lobbed at politicians as they walk away, that one was a trap. But it made me wonder what would have happened if the same question had been asked in a different way, not with malicious intent but with genuine curiosity.

Because hatred is what we should be talking about these days, at least as much as we talk about the facts. The American people appear to be in a “high conflict,” which is a term of art among people who study conflict. A high conflict is one that feels existential and irresolvable, and it continues on its own momentum, even when specific problems could in fact be solved.

About 1 in every 20 conflicts operates this way, as social psychologist Peter Coleman describes in his book “The Five Percent.” High conflicts can

be interrupted, but not if we approach them the same way we handle normal conflicts. Left unchecked, high conflicts can become magnetic. Examples include the Middle East, Colombia, Cyprus, Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Sudan, Angola and Northern Ireland.

“Once we are drawn in, they take control,” Coleman writes. “They tend to enrage us, trap us, frustrate us, drain us of energy and other critical resources, and seem to never go away no matter what we do.”

In high conflict, our brains behave differently. Emotions — specifically, fear, anger and hatred — matter more than all the leaked documents or congressional reports imaginable. Psychologist Eran Halperin, who was severely wounded in high conflict while leading Israeli troops in Lebanon in 1997, calls emotions the “hidden story” of unending wars. But they are not all the same.

Under certain circumstances, for example, anger can be useful. It can boost people's support for reconciliation and for taking risks in peace talks. Angry people usually want to correct their opponents' behavior. They still contemplate a future together on the same planet, which is something. Even

fear can be managed; it still allows for compromises.

Hatred, though, is different. Hatred assumes the enemy is unchangeable. Irredeemable. Unimprovable. The goal of hatred, generally speaking, is not to correct; it's to annihilate. Why correct someone who is inherently

and immutably evil? Hatred, then, is an impediment to peace, Halperin says. It escalates and prolongs conflict, and it can motivate people to commit massacres.

No one in conflict wants to admit they feel hatred. “If you talk to Israelis and Palestinians, they will definitely agree that negative emotions are a problem,” Halperin says, “but it's the problem of the other side.”

So how do we get the minority of haters to stop hating, if we ever want to get out of this quagmire and move forward as a country? It turns out that — as ridiculously naive as it may sound — Americans' support for political violence goes down when exposed to messages calling for peace. For example, last year Trump tweeted this on the anniversary of the Charlottesville, Virginia, violence: “I condemn all types of racism and acts of violence. Peace to ALL Americans!” In

research by Nathan Kalmoe and Lillian Mason, support for political violence went down after partisan voters read that message.

The same was true if people read this message from Joe Biden, which his campaign posted after an Antifa attack on a conservative writer last year in Oregon: “Violence directed at anyone because of their political opinions is never acceptable, regardless of what those beliefs might be.”

Do people actually become less hateful if someone tells them it's not cool to be hateful? Yes, it turns out, many do. So this is useful information. Getting politicians, pundits or YouTube stars to make calming statements like these, quaint as they may sound, could significantly reduce violence, particularly as we head toward the 2020 election.

You can even do it yourself, right now, at home. People were also pacified by tweets calling for peace from random strangers, Kalmoe and Mason found.

If we want to resist the pull of high conflict, we will all have to do things differently — not just politicians, who are ensnared in the conflict. Millions of regular Americans still have enough distance from the conflict to step out of it. And that may not always be true.

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CHICAGO FORWARD YOUNG LIVES IN THE BALANCE

## The mentor who changed my life was ...



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Eric Barber, right, celebrates with teammates Joe Chambers, left, and Steve Serio in their wheelchair basketball game against Australia at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games in 2008.

"Tell us how your mentor changed the course of your life," we asked early this month, and you responded with more passionate tributes than we have space to publish. Mentors, as we wrote then and your letters affirmed, can shape a young person's life in unexpected ways — open doors to new career paths or straighten out a life gone awry. It's hard to quantify the benefits of mentoring, but researchers say a strong mentor-mentee relationship can distribute benefits across many areas of a person's life. We'll explore those benefits further when our "Chicago Forward: Young lives in the balance" initiative launches in January. Until then, here is a selection of your mentor stories.

## A boss for life

There are people in your life who take a chance on you and make a profound impact. My first "boss" at my first "real" job was at the Chicago Botanic Garden. In the interview, Carol Fialkowski had a clear vision and high expectations. I remember being excited, but also thinking "Good luck, lady. Who could do all that?" With her guidance, thankfully, it was me. Carol's unique ability to guide and then step aside allowed me to flourish. Always in my corner, her adage "Don't let the tail wag the dog, you know what to do ... do it" was never so true as when I introduced alternative teaching methods and received serious push-back from volunteers. I stayed the course. Not likely to back down, Carol's ethic remained true and clear, focused on the immediate while preparing for the future. "If you spend all your time battling within (an organization) you won't have energy to battle the outside world." Though not fully understood at the time, this has resonated throughout my life and career. She asked annually, "Where do you see yourself in five years? You need to have a goal in mind, the train needs to head in that direction. You may choose to change course but you need to have the larger goals in mind."

Carol started me on the right track.

Her lessons for life and career: Be on time and prepared; share stories, humor, laughter; balance work/life; spend time with your family; take pride as an educator; nature is the greatest teacher, hike a trail, climb a dune, clear your soul (mind)!

Throughout Chicago, I've shared these lessons in gardens, museums and parks. I have had many "bosses" but none who continue to guide throughout life. Teacher, birder, scientist, lover of the great outdoors. Sometimes you wonder if they know the impact they've made, as your mentor.

— Peggy Stewart

## An amazing life through sports

This is a tribute to my friend and mentor, Bob Trotter. As a kid who lived on the South Side of Chicago, my world was mostly limited to my immediate surroundings (a fenced-in area outside my front porch).

In 1982-83, as an inpatient at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Bob visited me and introduced me to a world of wheelchair sports. It was a life-changing interaction with one of the most charismatic, and positive people I have ever been around. He not only told me I could accomplish anything, he made me feel like I could. Even when, in the first year or so of coming to basketball practices with the men's team, I only hit the rim once or twice, Bob's resolve to teach me the game and prepare me for when I could make baskets was strong. He let me know that if I stayed committed to getting better, that I could do amazing things through sports.

Some 30-plus years later, I have been a champion nationally in basketball and softball. Internationally I have been successful in basketball, traveling to places that I had only heard about as a kid playing in a small front yard on the South Side of Chicago. I was blessed with a 13-plus-year international career where winning medals and becoming "All-World" were all possible because

of Bob Trotter. As I told him after winning a national championship in 2002, in Champaign, "We did it, and thank you Bob for being you."

Thank you for believing in kids with potential and providing an opportunity and outlet for us to grow and do amazing things! I am grateful for my friend and mentor and will always have the lessons and memories he provided.

— Eric Barber

## What I missed

I had no mentors, as I think back over my career.

Observing my son-in-law with his mentors, I see the value and visualize how far he will be able to go in his career because of early mentors he had right out of college. He is now with a corporation and human resources department that embrace the mentor mentality. It leverages a career path tailored to the employees' goals.

I had an eclectic skill set centered around agricultural economics including plants and soils science, agricultural production, agricultural economics, trade, mathematical economics and analytics. I must say it's an impressive resume of skills and knowledge. However, my skills were siloed without a multiplier effect from mentors.

So, you ask how a mentor changed your life. Not having a mentor limited my career.

I'm observing my son-in-law's eight-year career, which has far surpassed his basic skills thanks to mentors by helping him apply his multiple skills in an increasingly connected and circular economy.

— Dana Dogterom

## Just the right encouragement

In 1979, when I was 20 years old, my grandmother asked me to take her to the Chicago Historical Society (now the Chicago History Museum) because they had a traveling American Civil War exhibit that she really wanted to see. It was very interesting, but my grandmother took forever to view each piece so I got bored



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Peggy Stewart, right, with mentor Carol Fialkowski.

and went to wait for her in the lobby. While I was sitting there, an old curator struck up a conversation with me. He asked me where I went to school. I told him that I couldn't afford college and that I just got a job after high school. He said, "How would you like to receive a university education for free?" I said, "Sure, what do I do?" He said, "Go to the library and read all of the best books." I knew he wasn't kidding, but I also knew that was something I could never do. Or so I thought.

The mentor of my story here is not the old curator, it's my only daughter. We discovered that Eileen could read when she was 3 years old. Eileen graduated from the University of Illinois and now works for a federal judge here in Chicago. But that's not what's extraordinary. What is extraordinary is that Eileen turned out to be my mentor. When she was around 10 or 11, I told my kids the story of me and that old curator. Eileen said to me, "Dad, you can do it, you can become better educated, if you really want to." Well that was it. She had inspired me to go to work on myself.

Over time, it wasn't just learning more about science, art, religion, music, literature or politics. I found out that becoming better educated offers the gift of tolerance, empathy and understanding. It lifts the heavy burden of the bigotry many of us are taught when we're young. I learned that race is an illusion and that there really is only one race: the human race. Eileen also inspired me to do

something I never thought I could do.

My wife, Donna, had for some time encouraged me to write a memoir of my less than idyllic childhood. Eileen offered to be my editor and because of her I became a (self-)published author.

I will be forever be grateful for my daughter and mentor, Eileen, my family and that old curator who talked with me in 1979.

— Tom Mulrenin

## The magic of a library

I would like to share my story about Mrs. Miller, a librarian who changed my life when I was a boy more than 50 years ago. I grew up in Hamtramck, Michigan, a small town within the boundaries of Detroit.

At the time, it was overwhelmingly Polish and Roman Catholic — and I grew up thinking that everyone was from that same background. Until I discovered the library, and Mrs. Miller. The Hamtramck Public Library was located just five blocks away from where I lived, and one block away from my school, St. Ladislaus Elementary. But as soon as I entered the library, I was able to travel the world and discover so many wonderful things that I never knew existed.

Mrs. Miller recognized my desire to discover the world beyond Hamtramck — mentoring me with book after book on history, the fascinating countries of the world and wonderful fiction (I still have fond memories of reading "Lawrence of Arabia").

One day (I think I was 8), a reporter from the Detroit News came to the library. I was interviewed and asked which book was my favorite. I answered, "I don't know — I haven't read them all yet."

I am deeply indebted to Mrs. Miller, who sparked my curiosity for learning. She encouraged me and made me want to travel and go to college. I ended up traveling five continents, obtaining bachelor's and master's degrees, writing a book and becoming a teacher — hopefully, passing on some of the life-changing influence of Mrs. Miller.

— Frank Serafino

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## 5G arrived in Chicago in 2019

### What will happen with the fifth generation of wireless in 2020?

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Wireless companies will continue developing their 5G networks in Chicago in 2020, but it will be years before most consumers take advantage of the ultrafast download speeds.

Businesses are figuring out how they can best use the fifth generation of wireless, and expect it will lay the foundation for high-tech advancements. But before it's widely used among consumers, more people have to buy smartphones and other devices that run

5G. Also complicating matters are efforts to stop the networks' rollout in the area because of safety concerns.

"Right now, I'd say 5G is in the hype cycle. Deployment is going to be slower than people think," said Mohan Sawhney, a professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business. "Yeah, you'll get faster internet, but that's not a breakthrough. ... I'd stay tuned beyond 2020."

Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile and AT&T all turned on their 5G networks in and around Chicago

in 2019. The wireless companies are focused on reaching more people with more consistent coverage next year.

As the carriers launched their networks, they started selling 5G-compatible devices. Apple, which dominates the cellphone market in America, notably has not.

The devices that are available don't come cheap, often costing between \$900 and \$1,300. That means most of the customers that already made the switch to a 5G phone are early adapters and tech

enthusiasts, Sawhney said. Many cellphone users feel their download speeds are fast enough, and it could be several years before they buy a 5G device, he said.

Unlike consumers, businesses will likely start using 5G in 2020, said Joseph Doering, who leads Accenture's communications, media and telecom practice in the Midwest.

In an Accenture survey of 100 Chicago business executives, 46% of respondents said they believed

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Because 5G uses higher wavelengths, some wireless companies must install more antennas, cables and other equipment to provide coverage.



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## Poll: Millennials tip the least

### Younger generation would like to do away with service, survey says

BY TIM CARMAN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Millennials, the generation that loves to dine out, is also the generation that doesn't like to tip servers as much as older diners do. According to a new YouGov poll, 63% of millennials always tip servers at full-service restaurants, compared with 89% of baby boomers and 81% of Gen Xers.

In restaurants across the land, you can almost hear the cry: It's not OK, millennials.

Then again, millennials appear to feel worse than other generations about their tipping habits. When YouGov asked, "How frequently, if at all, do you worry about improperly tipping someone for a service provided?" 55% of millennials said they often or occasionally fret about it. By contrast, 38% of Gen Xers and 29% of boomers felt the same way.

In the United States, waiters and waitresses in 43 states and the District of Columbia rely on diner tips to cover a substantial



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More than a quarter of millennials would like to do away with tipping and just have the actual cost of dining reflected in the meal prices.

part of their income. In these jurisdictions, employers can pay servers as little as \$2.13 an hour as long as tips cover the remainder of the minimum wage. If tips fall short of the mark, the business owner is required to cover the difference, though studies have

indicated employer wage theft is common among the low-income workers who serve your food.

The YouGov poll jibes with a 2018 survey that painted millennials as "the worst tipppers in the U.S."

Among the tidbits in that Cred-

itCards.com poll: 10% of millennials routinely stiff their servers. But the earlier survey also offered something of an explanation for the younger generation's behavior: More than a quarter of millennials would like to do away with the tipping system altogether and just have the actual cost of dining reflected in the meal prices.

Organizations such as the Restaurant Opportunities Center United have tried to eliminate the tipped minimum wage in various cities around the country, including Washington.

Last year, District voters approved Initiative 77, which would have raised the minimum wage for servers, bartenders and other workers who rely on tips. But four months after the referendum passed, the D.C. Council overturned it, following a lobbying push from the restaurant industry, which said the higher labor costs would crush the city's dining scene.

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## Another company seeks pot store OK

### MOCA Modern Cannabis is third to apply in River North

BY ALLY MAROTTI

MOCA Modern Cannabis submitted an application to the city to open a recreational marijuana store in the River North neighborhood.

The company is seeking approval to open the store at 214-232 W. Ohio St. MOCA, which already operates a dispensary in the Logan Square neighborhood, is the third company to seek approval to open a weed shop in River North.

Earlier this month, Cresco Labs submitted an application with the city to open a store in a four-story, 1800s-era building at 436 N. Clark St. Greenhouse Group seeks to open one at 612 N. Wells St., within a condo development that is replacing the former Carson's Ribs building.

The full City Council would need to approve the applications, and the dispensaries would need licenses from the state.

Recreational marijuana sales are set to start Jan. 1 in Illinois, and dispensaries around the state are preparing for long lines and potential product shortages.

Stores already selling medical marijuana were the first allowed to apply to sell to recreational consumers. So far, 34 have gotten all the necessary approvals to do so, including 10 in Chicago. MOCA is one of them.

Existing dispensaries can also apply to open a second location.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's cannabis zoning ordinance created seven zones in the city for marijuana sales. Each zone will have an initial cap of seven dispensaries. Existing marijuana stores won spots to open new stores in each zone through a lottery last month.

Representatives from MOCA did not respond to a request for comment.

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## Petition urges Target to abandon plastic bags 'choking the earth'

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A frequent Target customer is leading a campaign asking the Minneapolis-based retail giant to stop using plastic bags.

Protest organizer Theresa Carter and other Target shoppers plan to deliver pages containing more than 455,000 signatures to the corporation's headquarters on Thursday, traditionally one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

The petition calls for Target to commit to eliminating plastic bags that are "choking the earth," Carter said in a statement.

"I'm a Target shopper. Hundreds of thousands of my petition's signers are Target customers, and we have one clear message for Target: Please act to end plastic

bag pollution," she said.

Target spokeswoman Danielle Schumann said the company has taken several steps to help reduce its use of plastic, including sustainable packaging goals and using plastic bags that are now made with 40% recycled content.

Target first placed recycling kiosks, including for plastic bags, at the front of its stores in 2010, she said.

"Target teams across the business are working to eliminate, reduce and find alternatives for plastics in our products, packaging and operations," Schumann said.

Target has more than 1,800 stores across the United States.

The U.S. each year generates more than 4 million tons of plastic bags, sacks and wraps, according to the Environmental Protection

Agency. Only about 13% of that plastic is recycled.

State lawmakers in Oregon earlier this year voted to prohibit single-use plastic shopping bags, joining a growing movement to reduce plastic pollution in oceans.

Chicago has a 7-cent plastic bag tax and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker has proposed a statewide tax on plastic bags as a way to help clean up the environment and raise state revenue.

Plastics can take hundreds of years to break down, and even then they break into smaller pieces of debris called microplastics which never degrade and can pose a threat to aquatic life.

"If other retailers like Ikea and Costco can do without plastic bags, I'm convinced Target can too," Carter said.



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A campaign asking retail giant Target to commit to eliminating plastic bags has received 455,000 signatures.

# What insiders say new Boeing CEO must do

BY DOMINIC GATES  
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The ouster of Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg and the board of directors' decision to name Chairman David Calhoun as CEO brings an immediate shift in tone that many aviation industry observers welcomed. But others questioned whether Calhoun's background in private equity and GE's finance-driven management is really the change Boeing needs, nine months after the 737 Max was grounded following two fatal crashes.

Muilenburg's position, under pressure since March, became untenable this month after a breakdown of relations with the Federal Aviation Administration and the growing anger of Boeing's suppliers and airline customers over the collapse of its optimistic forecast that the Max could be cleared to fly this year.

When the board, including Muilenburg, met a week ago and decided to shut down the Renton, Washington, assembly lines in January, there was no discussion of firing the CEO.

However, in the days that followed there was an intense negative reaction to that development. Chief executives of airlines and major suppliers called Chicago to express their dissatisfaction that the long-promised return to service had suddenly shifted to a production halt.

Days later, United Airlines pushed the Max out of its flight schedule until June and Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita, Kansas, halted production of Max fuselages.

It became clear that relationships with Boeing's partners and customers "had gotten to a point where they were difficult to repair," said a person familiar with the developments.

On Friday, Boeing's new Starliner capsule went off course on a planned trip to the International Space Station. In a year when very little went right for Boeing, that may have been another tipping point for the board. "That was a national em-

barrassment," said a senior Boeing executive.

At 5 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday night, the independent board members held another meeting via teleconference and decided Muilenburg, 55, had to go.

Calhoun and board member Larry Kellner, the former CEO of Continental Airlines, then made a short call to the CEO to break the news to him.

Calhoun, 62, who joined the company's board of directors in 2009 and replaced Muilenburg as chairman in October, will take over as president and CEO starting Jan. 13.

Boeing Chief Financial Officer Greg Smith will serve as interim CEO during the brief transition period, while Calhoun arranges to leave his senior management position at the Blackstone Group, a leading private equity firm.

Kellner, who joined the Boeing board in 2011 just as the Max was launched, will take over from Calhoun as chairman.

## Doubts about new CEO's skill set

Calhoun's appointment was welcomed by some in the industry who were looking for a more confident extrovert to communicate better than Muilenburg did and to restore confidence in Boeing, not only with airline leaders and major suppliers but also with the public.

However, others questioned whether Calhoun's private equity background and his long tenure on the Boeing board will equip him to restore the company's standing.

A former Boeing senior leader, who asked for anonymity to speak freely, admitted doubts about whether Calhoun is the one to revive the company's historic culture of engineering prowess that's been eclipsed for years by a focus on financial performance.

"If it's just more cost-cutting, that's not what we need," he said. "We have to restore the culture of engi-

neering excellence that has served us so well for over a century."

In an interview, Richard Aboulafia, vice president of analysis at aviation consulting firm Teal Group, offered similar concern that Calhoun may have "the wrong skill set to change Boeing."

"He's been on Boeing's board for 10 years, coming from the private equity industry and from GE in the Jack Welch era," Aboulafia said. "This is the kind of resume that Boeing has not been lacking and it's not as if he's bringing a fresh perspective."

He said Boeing needs a leader now with not only a firm grip of the jetliner market but also with "a strong understanding and appreciation for engineering."

"That's what's been lacking at Boeing, and that's what this company really needs," he said.

Aboulafia acknowledged, however, that Calhoun is certainly "going to have a better presence out there than Dennis Muilenburg."

"He's going to reassure people — everyone from employees to the public to Congress," he said. "If he follows it up with an effort to make things more transparent, then that will be very welcome."

Rob Stallard, a financial analyst with Vertical Research Partners, wrote in a note to investors Monday that, given Calhoun's age, "he is likely to have a relatively short tour of duty at Boeing, with his priorities being getting the 737 MAX back into service without further aggravation, and starting the process of finding a new CEO and senior management team that can potentially get Boeing back on track."

Muilenburg initially refused to publicly admit there was any flaw in Boeing's design of the Max's new MCAS flight-control



Calhoun



Muilenburg

system.

In his refusal to accept blame, every statement seemingly filtered through Boeing's legal team, he generated intense public hostility.

And Muilenburg's repeated projections that a return to the skies was always just a month or two away seemed aimed at investors to buoy the stock price rather than conveying reality.

This month, the rosy predictions finally vanished when FAA clearance for the Max slid out into next year.

## Leadership style change

In a signal that Calhoun means to change the tone right away, on Monday morning he called governing officials, members of Congress, major airline CEOs, supplier executives and investors "to pledge his partnership and open lines of communication," Boeing said.

An official with a major U.S. airline, who asked not to be identified, said industry leaders already know Calhoun well and have an easy personal relationship with him, unlike with Muilenburg.

"Muilenburg wasn't the sociable person who'd go out for a drink with the airline CEO," the official said. "He had an introverted engineering mindset."

In contrast, Calhoun is confident and outgoing.

In early November, after he replaced Muilenburg as board chairman, he gave an energetic interview on CNBC, admitting errors and laying out how the Max will be fixed and how Boeing plans to overhaul its entire safety system.

The airline official welcomed the immediate change in leadership style that Calhoun conveyed in the Monday phone call.

"When the fix to the Max is in place, Boeing has to rebrand itself as a company,

with airlines and also with the traveling public," he said. "Calhoun will be much more aggressive in leaning forward to communicate with the public."

The airline official foresees much more open communication from Boeing going forward. "Lawyers shouldn't be telling the CEO what to do, and the company cannot just hide and issue a 'no comment,'" he said.

Boeing also announced Monday it's bringing in from outside a new leader of its communications team.

On Jan. 1, Niel Golightly, a former Navy fighter pilot with long experience in corporate communications at Royal Dutch Shell, Ford Motor and most recently Fiat Chrysler, will succeed Anne Toulouse, who previously announced plans to retire in early 2020.

Boeing's statement Monday promised the new leadership will deliver "renewed commitment to full transparency, including effective and proactive communication with the FAA, other global regulators and its customers."

## Long Max crisis

Muilenburg's handling of the Max crisis came under fire from all sides, although the board voiced support for him as recently as October, when Calhoun replaced him as chairman.

In mid-November, after Boeing issued a Veterans Day declaration that it expected to deliver some Maxs by year-end, FAA administrator Steve Dickson was clearly annoyed and sent Boeing an unmistakable warning.

In a video message, he instructed FAA technical employees assessing the Max's revised flight-control software to take all the time required to ensure complete safety.

But Boeing didn't absorb his message. FAA technical staff in Seattle continued to be pressed by their Boeing counterparts to move fast so that clearance could come by year-end.

Two weeks ago, Dickson

delivered an unusually blunt dressing-down to Muilenburg in person. In a Washington, D.C., meeting, he told the Boeing boss to stop predicting when the Max would fly again.

In an extraordinary rebuke, Dickson then made the warning public by explaining in a note to Congress that "Boeing continues to pursue a return-to-service schedule that is not realistic due to delays that have accumulated for a variety of reasons."

He added: "More concerning, the Administrator wants to directly address the perception that some of Boeing's public statements have been designed to force FAA into taking quicker action."

More than 700 Max aircraft are grounded worldwide, including nearly 400 built since the grounding. Many have been in storage so long they'll need extensive maintenance before they fly.

The audit of the updated MCAS software still has to be completed, including analysis of the built-in redundancies and various failure paths, according to a person familiar with the details.

That will be followed by Max certification flights, Boeing's submission of the final software and then FAA analysis of all the data. In addition, international regulators must still decide exactly what pilot training will be required before the Max can be cleared to fly.

Privately, officials now anticipate Boeing could be through all that, and the Max cleared to fly, in "late February or early March."

According to Boeing's proxy filing in April, Muilenburg has accrued pension benefits worth just over \$12 million per year.

In addition, he's entitled to walk away with \$6.6 million in severance pay and another \$32 million from various performance awards.

In April, Muilenburg already owned nearly 176,000 Boeing shares from previous stock awards, worth about \$59 million at today's share price.

## Tipping

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The survey "is another validation why millions of tipped workers and their families in the food service industry live in poverty and on food stamps," said Anthony Advincula, spokesman for ROC United, in a statement. "Because the income of tipped workers is mainly dependent on the whims of their customers, their struggles to make ends meet can be a daily occurrence. There's one clear solution: raise the wages of all tipped workers to a full minimum, plus tips on top."

In the 50-plus years since the Fair Labor Standards Act established a sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, the practice of tipping has been controversial. Diners view tipping as a courtesy based on

the quality of the service provided. Servers, particularly those at higher-end restaurants, view tips as a major source of their income.

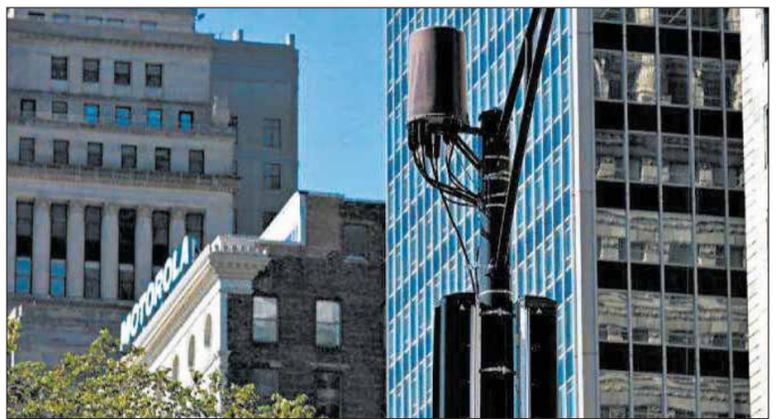
Some restaurateurs, such as New York's Danny Meyer, have eliminated tipping in their establishments, looking to balance the incomes between front- and back-of-the-house employees, among other issues.

But others in the restaurant industry have argued that eliminating tips hurts servers. Some restaurant owners have said they wouldn't mind eliminating tips, but only if the policy were adopted everywhere. Otherwise, they argue, servers will just quit and work in a nearby jurisdiction where tipping remains the norm.

The YouGov poll, however, would appear to indicate that tipping is on the outs with younger diners.

Across the board, no matter what service was provided, millennials tipped less frequently than older generations. Forty-six percent of millennials always tipped delivery food drivers, compared with 56% of Gen Xers and 57% of boomers. Eighteen percent of millennials always tipped counter-service workers, compared with 19% of Gen Xers and 26% of boomers.

Critics of these kinds of surveys, which cast an unfavorable light on younger diners, have suggested that tipping habits may change over time as incomes rise and attitudes change. For what it's worth — probably nothing — a 1978 research paper quoted a 1967 Gallup poll that noted, "younger persons ... tend to feel that superior service warrants higher tips, while those fifty years of age are less apt to vary their tip than any other age group."



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Light poles with 5G technology are shown May 23 at Millennium Park.

## Wireless

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5G will have a significant effect on their business in one to three years.

"You have every major business out there looking at how that (5G) is going to be impacting their business, not just in 2020, but beyond," Doering said. "It's very strategic and competitive ... how do they get there and get here first?"

It's hard to dream up all the ways 5G could be used commercially, Doering said. If a concert venue in Chicago launched a 5G network, the venue might eventually be able to broadcast a hologram of Taylor Swift performing a concert in Tokyo, he said.

Verizon turned on 5G at the Chase Center in San Francisco and let select attendees tap into the network at The Chainsmokers concert in November, according to a news release from the stadium. The concertgoers could hold their phones up to the stage and see the band through an augmented reality lens. The show's producers were controlling graphics and the attendees saw on their phones, and timing them with the music.

5G can download data at least 10 to 20 times faster than its predecessor.

On Sprint's network, an Austin Powers movie

downloaded in less than a minute last summer on a phone being tested on North Michigan Avenue. On Verizon, all two hours and 17 minutes of "Homecoming: A film by Beyoncé" took only 9 seconds to download on a phone being tested near Millennium Park.

The network follows four previous generations of wireless, each of which changed the way people interact with their cell phones. The first ushered in mobile phones and the second brought texting. 3G laid the groundwork for smartphones, and 4G allowed video streaming and more.

Since 4G was widely adopted, data use has exploded. People use 40 times more data on mobile devices than they did in 2010. 5G networks, which also allow for greater quantities of data streaming, are wireless companies' attempts to satisfy that demand.

But not everyone is embracing 5G, and concerns could cause hiccups for a broader rollout.

The technology has sparked concerns about potential health issues, and some say the 5G equipment popping up on street corners, telephone poles or elsewhere is an eyesore that could hurt property values. Residents in Hinsdale, Western Springs and Oak Brook have raised con-

cerns.

5G taps into millimeter waves at the top of the radio spectrum. The higher waves allow for faster transfer of data, but they don't travel through buildings, trees and rain like previous generations of wireless, which operate on lower wavelengths. Some wireless companies must install more antennas, cables and other equipment to provide coverage.

Wireless industry association CTIA says typical exposure to 5G infrastructure is comparable to Bluetooth devices and baby monitors, and there is no scientific evidence of adverse health effects.

One group, called "Stop 5G Chicago," is aimed at halting the rollout of the network in residential areas.

East Beverly resident Kristin Welch co-founded the group. The mother of three said she expects a stronger pushback against 5G from Chicago-area residents in 2020, as more equipment is installed in communities.

"Until it appears and until it becomes real, it is fighting a boogeyman," she said. "There's not awareness until they physically see a tower showing up in front of their home and their children's school."

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Savings Update

ATM and overdraft fees continue their climb

The results are in from Bankrate's annual checking account and ATM fee study: What banks are charging customers for overdrafts, ATM transactions, and general account fees continues to climb steadily.

The cost to hold a non-interest-bearing checking account has risen from \$1.77 ten years ago (the lowest average over the study's 21-year span) to \$5.61 this year. That's up ever so slightly from last year, but a bit below the peak of \$5.86, seen in 2015.

The average monthly fee for interest-bearing checking accounts is almost triple that, though, averaging \$15.05 this year. Ten years ago, it sat at \$12.55.

Overdraft fees are also approaching highs. The 2019 average is \$33.36, which is a smidge higher than last year's average and just below the two-decade record set in 2017. The average non-sufficient funds fee has increased 19 times over the study's 21 years, rising more than 50 percent from \$21.57 in 1998.

The cost to access ATMs also saw new high in 2019, continuing a trend of 15 consecutive records. For in-network ATMs, the average fee was \$3.09 this year, rising 2 percent over 2018. A decade ago, the average was \$2.22.

But the total out-of-network ATM fee is now approaching \$5. After adding an average out-of-network surcharge of \$1.63, the 2019 average total charge for using ATMs belonging to other banks is \$4.72.

This is a record high for out-of-network ATM fees, with the average charge rising 18 times since 1998. Ten years ago, the average was \$3.54, and over the study's 21-year span, total ATM charges have averaged 4.25 percent annual growth.

In some good news from the study, the opportunities to avoid monthly fees and ATM charges have grown, with the share of free checking accounts reaching 42 percent, the highest proportion since 2011.

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# Watchdog raises doubts on Harvey health reports

## Report: Officials relied on limited data after 2017 storm

By PAUL J. WEBER  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A federal watchdog has released a report that casts doubt on the public health assurances made after Hurricane Harvey unleashed an environmental assault on the country's largest petrochemical corridor, saying officials relied on limited data to offer residents peace of mind and that Houston's air quality monitors had been offline to prevent storm damage.

The report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General paints a picture of state and federal regulators telling those who live in and around the nation's fourth-largest city, which was inundated with more than 50 inches of rainfall, that there were no public health risks even though it lacked a full range of data to make such a determination.

And while the report issued this month says no instances were found of the EPA relaying inaccurate information during Harvey about air quality, it also deter-

mined that none of the air-quality sampling done by the federal agency — with a mobile laboratory and with a sensor-equipped plane — proved useful to assessing health risks.

Federal officials also said officials from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which is the state's environmental regulator, declined repeated requests to discuss their decision-making during Harvey or to share data.

"Despite several conversations to arrange for written answers to our initial list of questions, we never received a response from the TCEQ," the report states.

Responding to the findings, TCEQ Chairman Jon Niermann said the report reflected "numerous misunderstandings about the Hurricane Harvey response" in a letter sent to the inspector general. He said the state had acted in good faith to set up meetings and that his agency regretted any miscommunication.

In one example, the report says the EPA collected inadequate data after Harvey while screening for elevated air contamination using a mobile laboratory known as

a trace atmospheric gas analyzer.

"Although the EPA, the TCEQ and the city of Houston assessed that the data indicated there was no concern — and subsequently issued a press release communicating this assessment to the public — we found that the TAGA's sampling time frame was too short to generate data that could accurately assess airborne toxin concentrations for making health-based assessments," the report states.

The report supports findings by The Associated Press and Houston Chronicle last year that revealed a far more widespread toxic impact than authorities publicly reported after the 2017 storm, which slammed into the Texas coast and then hovered over the Houston area for days.

Roughly 500 chemical plants, 10 refineries and more than 6,670 miles of intertwined oil, gas and chemical pipelines line the nation's largest energy corridor. Nearly half-a-billion gallons of industrial wastewater mixed with stormwater surged out of just one chemical plant — a facility in Baytown, east of Houston on the upper shores of Galveston Bay.

# Small teams remodel big-box Walmarts

By MATTHEW BOYLE  
Bloomberg News

American retailers remodel thousands of stores each year, but the process is rarely smooth. Now imagine the headaches for Walmart Inc., which overhauls 500 locations annually on its own.

"Things always come up that you can't plan for," according to Tara Barnes, a store manager in Allen, Texas, whose location went through a refurbishment this summer.

In the past year, the retailer has quietly rolled out "SWAT teams" — small groups of remodeling specialists who go from store to store in big markets such as Atlanta and Dallas, near where Barnes's outlet is located. Working at night, they tackle jobs such as building fixtures to display apparel and moving counters so new floors can be installed. There are 1,000 SWAT team members now, and the squad will rise to 1,700 by the end of next year as it expands to 13 new markets.

"Their entire focus is on remodels now," said Don Wetherby, a senior vice president at WD Partners, a retail design and architectural firm that works with Walmart. "You can't rely on the store operators to do that — they've got a store to run. If you have a roving team that understands how it all works, it's more efficient."

Walmart — which has about 4,750 locations in the U.S. — won't disclose how much a typical remodel costs, or how much it's saving thanks to the SWAT teams. But with the retailer opening fewer stores because of the rise of e-commerce, the importance of cutting costs and minimizing customer disruptions is difficult to overstate. Its shares have risen 29% this year, just ahead of the benchmark S&P 500 Index.

In some ways, Walmart is late to the game. Since 1998, electronics retailer Best Buy Co. has maintained dozens of "project teams" for work like remodels and store repairs. Target has specialized groups as well.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

### States see a rise in rainy-day funds

State governments are using tax revenue thrown off by the record-long economic expansion to build up their savings accounts, pushing a key measure of their reserves to the highest on record, according to a report from the National Association of State Budget Officers.

The median balance in state rainy-day funds was enough to cover about 7.6% of their general budgets in 2019, the most ever and up from 1.6% in 2010. They are expected to rise to 8% in the current fiscal year, according to the report.

The stockpiles will be crucial to helping state governments avert the kind of steep budget cuts, layoffs and tax increases that followed the downturn set off in 2007 by the housing market crash.

### Shipping industry proposes CO2 fund

BERLIN — A global shipping industry organization is proposing a research and development program to help cut carbon dioxide emissions, funded by about \$5 billion from shipping companies over a decade.

The International Chamber of Shipping said it is proposing creating a nongovernmental organization to be known as the International Maritime Research and Development Board.

It would be overseen by member countries of the U.N. maritime agency and financed by shipping companies through a mandatory contribution of \$2 per metric ton of marine fuel.

The group said that governments will discuss the proposal in March in London.



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An Airbus spokesman said demand for the A321neo planes has been "much higher than we originally anticipated."

# At Airbus, it's an order frenzy

## Boeing rival racing to meet production goals

By SIDDHARTH PHILIP  
Bloomberg News

LONDON — As Boeing Co. halts production of its beleaguered 737 Max, global rival Airbus SE is grappling with a different problem: speeding output of its rival narrow-body.

So-called stretch versions of the A320neo jet have sparked an order frenzy as airlines snap them up to replace costly twin-aisle planes on longer routes or cram in seats on shorter legs. But to achieve that flexibility Airbus has had to offer a wide range of cabin layouts that's made assembly far more complex.

Slower build rates on the top-priced A321 variant mean that the European company needs to lift deliveries 75% this month compared with November to meet full-year production targets. It's a challenge for Airbus — not only to consolidate its advantage over a flailing Boeing, but also to maximize returns from its most expensive narrow-bodies as demand peaks for even more-lucrative widebody models.

"The A321 matters because as a stretch it should be by far the highest-margin

aircraft of the Airbus narrow-bodies," said Sash Tusa, an analyst at Agency Partners in London. The increased popularity of single-aisle planes on longer routes could mean they come to account for three-quarters of the total value of planes delivered in a given year, up from 50% previously, he added.

Airbus is targeting 860 deliveries across its airliner range for 2019, 20 fewer than the initial goal after the company acknowledged in October that its plants were behind schedule. Each missed jet will wipe at least \$11 million off profit, Citi Research analyst Charles Armitage estimates.

While that's a big hit, the delays could have wider ramifications — potentially stymieing future orders for a model that's already booked out until 2024 with a backlog of 6,193 planes.

Airbus CEO Guillaume Faury has already said that A320-series output won't properly be back on track until 2021, by which time production is due to reach 63 aircraft a month from 60 now.

Airbus said meeting the 135-plane December goal will be "challenging" but that the company is counting on jets that were already close to complete at the end of last month to swell handovers.

Demand for the A321neo planes has been "much higher than we originally anticipated," a spokesman said, with a jet

that once accounted for just 10% of A320-series demand now constituting 40% of sales and growing.

Orders got a further shot in the arm with the launch of an extra-long-range or XLR upgrade in June. United Airlines this month agreed to buy 50 of the planes, joining a customer base that also includes American Airlines Group Inc. and JetBlue Airways Corp.

To be sure, Airbus has faced a year-end race to hit delivery targets before, with assembly-line staff working through the holidays to hand over 127 jets in both December 2018 and 2017.

Those delays were focused on glitches with jet engines at suppliers. This December's challenge is a different one, concerning the pace of cabin installation at Airbus' A321 assembly site in Germany.

At the heart of the holdups is the Airbus Cabin Flex option that allows airlines to choose from A321 layouts ranging from a high-density economy configuration accommodating 240 people at India's Indigo to 102 seats in four classes — including flatbed berths, as American has specified.

The combinations require changes to the location, layout and number of emergency exits and even galleys and toilets. Airbus says it has hired over 1,000 people for the Hamburg line and added 20 robots to improve efficiency.

# Germany draws on past to boost 3D future

By STEFAN NICOLA  
Bloomberg News

Steam billows from chimneys and hissing sounds mix with hammering and drilling from a sprawling construction site that represents a \$450 million wager on Germany's industrial future.

In the country's Rust Belt — dotted with shuttered coal mines and struggling steel mills — Evonik Industries AG is building a plant to make a material the chemicals company believes will become the gold standard for industrial-scale 3D printing.

The project offers a lifeline for the local economy and could serve as a case study on how to apply Germany's old-school engineering to a new era.

But it also reflects the risks looming over

the country's economy. The printing technology, capable of churning out everything from shoe soles to auto parts in micro-factories, could upend the traditional manufacturing that underpins German affluence.

And despite the investment, the automated plant will sustain only 150 jobs — a stark contrast to the massive manpower required for the region's aging industrial base. Still, that's better than nothing for the city of Marl, which beat out locations in Thailand and Singapore to land the site.

The factory draws a line to German tradition. The site is 130 miles north of Mainz, where more than 500 years ago Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press, ushering in an era of mass communication.

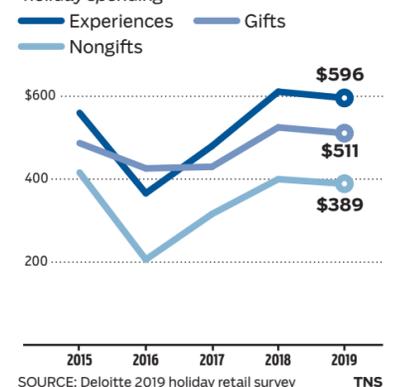
Germany was an early adopter of 3D printing, even as traditional press makers such as Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG and Manroland AG struggled with the decline of the newspaper industry. Eos GmbH, based near Munich, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of 3D printers. Every third industrial company in Germany uses the technology, according to a study by digital lobby Bitkom.

The hope is that 3D printing, which gives companies unrivaled design freedom, can unleash a similar technology overhaul to make manufacturing more flexible. That in turn could pose a challenge to the country's machine makers if they fail to adapt.

The new plant will start operating in 2021.

## Holiday spending

Forecasted distribution of holiday spending



SOURCE: Deloitte 2019 holiday retail survey TNS



JEFF CHIU/AP

## Suit alleges Apple tampers with App Store rankings

BY REED ALBERGOTTI  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An email app developer says it has uncovered new data that suggests Apple has long been suppressing the rankings of apps in the App Store that compete with Apple's own offerings, according to new court filings by the developer, which sued Apple in October for patent infringement and antitrust violations.

Blix, which developed the BlueMail app, made the discovery only when Apple's rankings suddenly changed in its favor. At the end of September, Blix unexpectedly jumped from 143rd in Apple's ranking for mail apps to 13th. Blix had for years been highly ranked in the competing Android app stores, run by companies like Google, Samsung, Amazon and Huawei. But on Apple's iOS, where it competes with Apple's own mail app, it had long been ranked low.

Blix started looking at other apps that also compete with Apple's pre-installed apps. Several others, such as a mail app from Russian tech company Yandex, had also seen dramatic spikes in their rankings. Blix says it used market research firm Sensor Tower to research the un-

explained spike in BlueMail's ranking on the iOS store, which happened Sept. 26. Using Sensor Tower's historical data, it was able to determine that BlueMail wasn't the only app that had experienced the spike.

"Multiple different types of Apple app competitors enjoyed a sudden, unexplained rise in search rankings," according to Blix's latest filing in court, which appeared last week. The spike came roughly two weeks after a New York Times article examined how Apple ranked its apps higher than competitors'.

Apple spokesman Fred Sainz declined to comment on the litigation. On its website, Apple says its App Store provides "equal opportunities to developers to deliver their apps and services across iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple TV, and Apple Watch."

The allegations come as Apple faces increased scrutiny for how it treats smaller competitors. The House Judiciary Committee and the U.S. Department of Justice are investigating whether Apple has violated antitrust laws. Last month, the top Democrat in charge of the House investigation raised concerns that Apple was using privacy as a way to shield itself from antitrust

scrutiny. The committee has requested information from Apple on how it uses the innovations of app developers on its platform in its own services, one of the key allegations in Blix's lawsuit.

The suit brought by Blix is unusual. Most app developers are careful about saying anything that might be construed as critical of Apple. That's because the only way to distribute software to Apple users is with express approval from the company. Apple also decides which apps are included in the lists of apps that it recommends, one of the most important methods of marketing to Apple customers. Taking the company to court is an almost-unheard-of method of resolving a dispute with Apple.

"It was not an easy decision to proceed with this lawsuit against the largest tech company in the world," said Ben Volach, who co-founded Blix. "Blix, and its BlueMail product, are the latest in Apple's long line of victims. Apple's monopoly over app distribution forecloses competition and harms consumers. Apple has also harmed additional developers who would otherwise compete fairly," he said.

## Human trafficking lawsuits suggest hotels ignored issue

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Lawyers representing human trafficking victims want a single federal judge to oversee multiple lawsuits alleging that major hotel chains have ignored human trafficking taking place on their premises.

Attorneys have asked a federal panel to consolidate at least 21 such lawsuits pending in 11 states into a single case in federal court in Columbus, arguing that the lawsuits contain the same basic allegations.

"Human traffickers have capitalized on the hospitality industry's refusal to adopt and implement industrywide standards and anti-trafficking policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, training hotel staff on how to identify obvious and well-known signs of sex trafficking," according to a court filing earlier this month seeking to consolidate the cases.

In Columbus, a woman who was trafficked for months has sued three hotel chains, alleging they knew she was being forced to work as a prostitute in hotel rooms for days on end — forced to serve up to 10 men a day — but hotel employees didn't do anything.

The lawsuit says hotel staff overlooked easily observed signs of trafficking, including trash cans full of condoms, payment for rooms in cash, and refusal of housekeeping services.

"Despite her desperate pleas and screams for help, after being beaten or choked at the Defendants' hotel properties, the hotel staff ignored her and did nothing to prevent the ongoing and obvious torture she endured while she was regularly trafficked for sex at Defendants' hotel properties," according to the March 9 lawsuit.



ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS/AP

A panel is considering at least 21 human trafficking lawsuits against hotel chains to be consolidated into a single case at the federal courthouse in Columbus, Ohio.

In Virginia in 2012, a woman said she was trafficked out of hotels owned by Wyndham Hotels — such as a Super 8 in Hampton, Virginia — by a man she sought refuge with after facing homelessness. The woman was forced to perform sex acts on men at least seven times a day but sometimes twice that. Her trafficker paid hotel staff to look the other way, a Dec. 2 lawsuit alleged.

The men, many of them repeat customers, entered through the front lobby, the lawsuit said.

"I felt invisible the whole entire time," the 32-year-old woman said. "That was the worst part, is knowing that people knew and nobody was willing to help."

The AP does not identify victims of sexual assault.

The abuse happened over 43 days until she escaped when her trafficker fell asleep, exhausted from beating her, according to the lawsuit. The Richmond woman is now married and working as a restaurant general manager.

Companies named in the lawsuits, including Choice Hotels International, Inc., Inter-Continental Hotels Corp., and Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, declined to comment on the lawsuit but all said they take the

issue of human trafficking seriously and do everything they can to prohibit it. That includes training hotel employees on ways to identify trafficking.

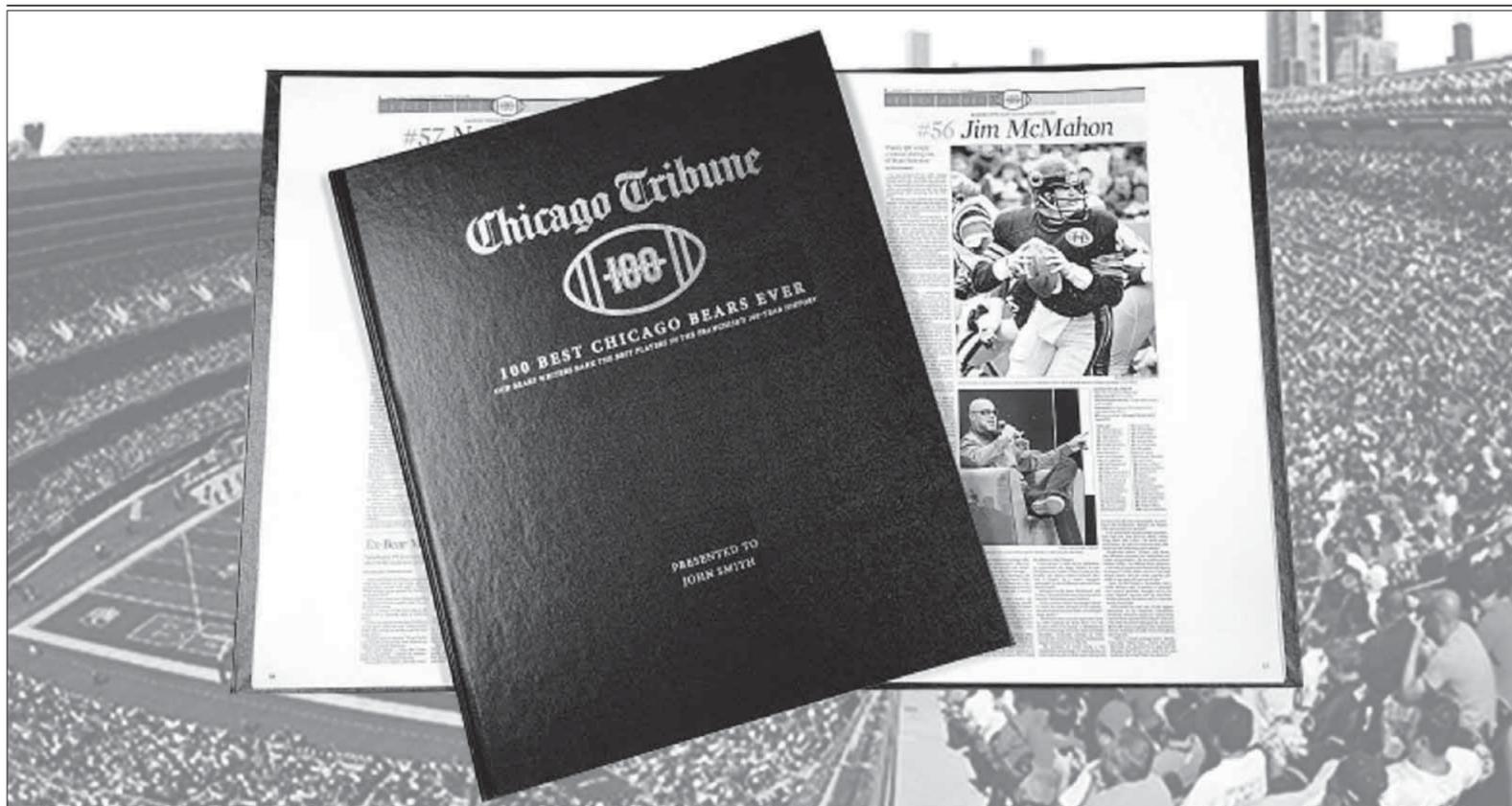
"We condemn human trafficking in any form," Wyndham Hotels said in a statement.

The American Hotel and Lodging Association says a national campaign is underway to train every hotel employee in the U.S. on ways to recognize and stop human trafficking.

About 1,500 victims of human trafficking have retained lawyers in the various lawsuits and as many as 7,000 are expected over time, said Paul Pennock, an attorney with the New York-based firm Weitz & Luxenberg, which is leading the efforts to consolidate the lawsuits.

A settlement could run into the billions of dollars, he said, because of the size of the problem and the evidence that hotels have long known of the trafficking.

"When you have something of that magnitude, the hotel industry, that dictates almost everything that happens in a hotel down to the writing pads next to your phone, need to take account of it and do something about it," Pennock said.



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## OBITUARIES

SIMON ARONSON 1943-2019

## Magician was known for his intellectual approach

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Simon Aronson was a magician and mentalist who was skilled at close-up card tricks and performed a two-person mind reading act with his wife, Virginia.

He was also an attorney, practicing real estate law for years with the downtown Chicago firm then known as Lord Bissell & Brook. He retired from the law in his mid-50s to focus on magic and writing books about magic.

"He was a really good lawyer, but what he really loved was magic," said his wife, known as Ginny.

For many years, Aronson met with three other amateur magicians in his Lincoln Park high-rise apartment to "session," as they put.

"We would trade ideas," said David Solomon. "As far as being a creator and inventor (of tricks), Simon was a really smart, intellectual, sophisticated handler of playing cards."

"He was revered because of the ideas he invented — a lot of them had to do with close-up card tricks," Solomon said.

Aronson, 76, died Dec. 10 in St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago. His wife said the cause of death is not known. The couple lived in Lincoln Park since 1976.

He was born in 1943 and grew up in Rye, New York. He began performing as an 8-year old, telling the Tribune in 2003 that he started with a Mandrake the Magician magic set.

He came to Chicago in the early 1960s to study for the first of three degrees from the University of Chicago, and was performing magic to pay his way



SCOTT DUJARDIN PHOTO

Magician Simon Aronson died Dec. 10 in St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago. His wife said the cause of death is not known.

through school in the late 1960s. It was at this time that he met Ed Marlo, whom Solomon said was a "revered card man from Chicago."

Marlo was at the center of a circle of Chicago-area magicians. After his death in 1991, Aronson began hosting Saturday gatherings in his apartment with a group of amateur magicians that eventually included Solomon, University of Chicago philosophy professor David Finkelstein and attorney John Bannon.

The gatherings generally included lunch at a nearby restaurant and a return to Aronson's apartment, where one or more participants might perform a trick, followed by what Bannon said could be "frank criticism."

The goal, Bannon said, is to make a magic trick that will fool ordinary people and even sometimes fool other magicians.

Aronson's wife also worked as a lawyer. "The magic helped both of our careers," she said. "Clients like interesting people."

Aronson produced several books and DVDs on magic and his tricks. His work was noted for the wealth of images and the meticulousness with which he explained his tricks. One of his latest books is "Art Decko — Compositions with Cards," which his website describes as a collection "showcasing his unique brand of impossible card magic."

"Simon said, 'There's a world of difference between a spectator's not knowing how something's done, versus his knowing that it can't be done,'" Finkelstein said.

"Philosophy and magic are like one another because they both traffic in a particular kind of wonder," said Finkelstein, who on occasion performs magic in an undergraduate course called "Wonder, Magic and Skepticism."

"Simon Aronson was extremely well-respected in the world of magic ... and extremely well-known," said Stan Allen, former editor of Magic magazine who now produces an annual convention, Magic Live, in Las Vegas. "Often times, advancements in the world of magic come through (the work of) amateurs."

"He was in it to create magic to be shared with others," his wife said.

Aronson gave his own take on his love of magic in 2003, shuffling a deck of cards with one hand as he told the Tribune, "Magic is a way of not growing up."

Aronson also survived by his brother, Bernard.

Private services are planned.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 26 ...

On Dec. 26, 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War.

In 1799 former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

In 1862, 38 Santee Sioux Indians were hanged in Mankato, Minn., for their roles in an uprising that had claimed the lives of hundreds of white settlers.

In 1865 James Nason, of Franklin, Mass., received a patent for a coffee percolator.

In 1893 Chinese leader Mao Zedong was born in Hunan province.

In 1917, during World War I, the U.S. government took over operation of the nation's railroads.

In 1931 the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical play "Of Thee I Sing" opened on Broadway.

In 1941 Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1943, in the national

football championship game, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins, 41-21.

In 1944 in the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division was relieved by units of the 4th Armored Division. Also in 1944 Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" was first performed publicly, in Chicago.

In 1947 heavy snow blanketed the Northeast, burying New York City under 25.8 inches of snow in 16 hours; the severe weather was blamed for about 80 deaths.

In 1971, 16 Vietnam War veterans seized control of the Statue of Liberty to dramatize their antiwar stand.

In 1972 the 33rd president, Harry Truman, died in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1975 the Soviet Union inaugurated the world's first supersonic transport service with a flight of its Tupolev-144 airliner from Moscow to Alma-Ata.

In 1980 Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States, showing a dozen of the American hostages sending messages to their families.

In 1987 a bomb exploded at

a USO bar in Barcelona, Spain, killing one U.S. sailor and injuring nine others; a little-known group called the Red Army of Catalonia Liberation claimed responsibility.

In 1989 Romanian television broadcast videotape of ousted President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, at their secret trial and footage of Ceausescu's body after his execution. That same day, a provisional government took control of Romania. Also in 1989 a United Airlines jet carrying 29 people was hijacked en route to Chicago; the New York flight was taken to Cuba.

In 1990 Nancy Cruzan, the young woman in an irreversible vegetative state whose case led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the right to die, died in a Missouri hospital.

In 1991, on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose to a then-record high of 3082.96.

In 1992 Time magazine announced it had chosen President-elect Bill Clinton as its man of the year.

In 1993, in Russia, a four-day drama ended as four masked kidnappers who had abducted 11 teenagers landed their explosives-packed helicopter, freed their last hostages and fled with \$10 million in ransom. (The four men were captured the next morning.)

In 1994 French commandos stormed a hijacked Air France jetliner on the ground in Marseille, killing four Algerian hijackers and freeing 170 hostages.

In 1995 Israel turned dozens of West Bank villages over to the Palestinian Authority in a smooth transfer of power.

In 1996 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo. (The slaying remains unsolved.)

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## Armato, Mique A.

Mique A. Armato, age 99, native of Bordeaux, France; resident of The Clare, Chicago; formerly of Elmhurst, former Vice President at Harris Bank; beloved wife of the late Dominic Armato; loving mother of Christine Montet; proud grandmother of Steffan (Susan) and Jeremy Postae; cherished great-grandmother of Camille, Collette, Lily and Jasper Postae. Visitation Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral service 10:30 a.m. at Gibbons Funeral Home, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Interment Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humanitarians Service Project, 465 Randy Road, Carol Stream, IL 60188. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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## Babbitt, Laurel S.

Laurel S. Babbitt, nee Schaffner age 72 died on Monday, December 23rd, 2019. Laurel was the loving mother of Traci (Dave) Kogan and David (Faith) Babbitt; dear mother-in-law of Beth Napoli. She was the best grandmother of Max Kogan, Reese, Ella, Avery, Emily and Leah Babbitt. Cherished sister of Barbara Schaffner and Robert (Paula) Schaffner. Friend and cousin to many. She is preceded in death by her beloved parents Maurice and Lucinda Schaffner. Cherished daughter-in-law of Harriet Babbitt and the late Martin Babbitt; former spouse of the late Jeffrey Babbitt; Service Friday, 12:15 p.m., at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd, Skokie (At Niles Center Rd). Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, www.journeycare.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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## Bourgeois, Toni T.

Toni T. Bourgeois nee Pavia, age 61, December 22, 2019. Devoted wife of Martin J. Bourgeois. Loved mother of Patrick and Jennifer Bourgeois (late Justin P. Davis). Caring grandmother of Tyler A., Hayley L., Caitlin E. and Brendon P. Davis. Beloved daughter of Anthony and Billie Pavia. Dear sister of Mark Pavia, Linda (Paul) Bacarella and Nancy Pavia, godmother of Timothy and Dustin Sheridan, aunt of Nicholas, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service Saturday, 10:00 a.m. at the Beideman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 516 S. Washington St. Naperville. Interment Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Memorials to a fund for her grandchildren. Info 630 355 0264. www.beideman-kunschfh.com.



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## Christensen, Jack F. 'Whitey'

Jack F. 'Whitey' Christensen, age 88 of Chicago, Korean War Navy Veteran; beloved husband of the late Patricia. Loving father of Connie, Deacon Thomas (Judith), Ann Ph.D (the late Reagan Miller) and Katherine (Rob Hardin) Christensen. Devoted grandfather of Wilson, Sam and Elliot Miller and Ella and Evan Hardin. Dear brother of the late Jean (the late Loyal) Lundorf. Uncle of Joyce, Carol, Linda and Jack. Lying-in-state on Friday, December 27, 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, 1260 Franciscan Drive, Lemont, IL 60491, 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Visitation Sunday, December 29, 2019 2pm until 8pm at RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, 5725 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago. Funeral Monday, 9am Chapel Service to St. Turibius Church, 5646 S. Karlov Avenue, Chicago, Mass 9:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Former President of St. Turibius H.N.S., Usher's Club and Sports Boosters. Jack was in industrial sales for over 60 years at Packing Materials Corporation, Welch Packaging and Jack Christensen LTD. Jack was the founder of the Pack King's Softball Dynasties from 1971 until his retirement in the early 90's. Jack was a lifetime White Sox fan and touched many lives with his intelligence and sense of humor. It would make Jack and his family very happy if memorials would be made to Jack and his wife Pat's church, St. Turibius. Thank you to the staff at Mother Theresa Home at Franciscan Village in Lemont and Palos Hospital for their care of dad. 773-767-4730 or rjmodellfh.com.

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## Esterquest, Lorraine A

Lorraine A. Esterquest, 95, a former longtime resident of Des Plaines passed away peacefully on Dec. 23, 2019 at Symphony Buffalo Grove. She will be greatly missed by her family. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband Richard, sons; Robert and Jay (Marj) and daughter Patricia. She is survived by her sons Richard Jr (Kathy); James (Barb), Thomas, David (Sharon) and daughter Mary; dearest grandmother of fifteen and great grandmother of seven; sister of Mary (Bonnie) Bernico. Lorraine was a dedicated and valued member of the St. Mary staff in Des Plaines for many years. Visitation Friday, December 27, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089. A Christian burial to follow at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois. Funeral care provided by G.L. Hills Funeral home. For info 847-699-9003 or glhillsfuneralhome.com

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## Farley, Jr., Donald Curtis

Donald C. Farley, Jr., 97, died peacefully on December 21, 2019. Don is survived by his three daughters, Carol, Sarah (Betty), and Ginger (Bob); grandchildren Harley, Lydia (Sam), Owen, and Nora; step-grandchildren Gabe and Nate; and brother Russell. Don was preceded in death by his dear wife Martha Struthers Farley, his brother Roger. Our beloved father - grandfather - friend will be so dearly missed and lovingly remembered. Don was born in Brookings, South Dakota in 1922, and completed life in his Evanston, Illinois home. Don's lifelong passion for learning encompassed degrees in history, cello performance, divinity, and teaching, as well as countless continuing education classes and study tours. Don viewed his time as an Oberlin teaching fellow in China (1948-51) as a pivotal experience. Over the years, Don and Martha hosted hundreds of long- and short-term guests from around the world, resulting in a worldwide network of lifelong friends. After beginning college at Oberlin, Don served in the Army Airways Communication System in the South Pacific as a radio telegraph operator (1943-1945), attaining the rank of staff sergeant. Throughout his military service, during free time, Don could be found at concerts, notably at the first performance of a symphony orchestra in Tokyo during the U.S. occupation of Japan. After the war he returned to Oberlin College, where he and Martha met. He later earned a Master of Divinity degree at Yale University. Don's professional work life began with ministry in the United Church of Christ, serving congregations in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Illinois over 20 years. During the 1970s, Don taught high school English. Music filled the Farley home. Don, a lifelong cellist, shared his love of music with every community of which he was a part. Sunday afternoon chamber music, annual "do-it-yourself"/sing-along Handel's Messiah, singing as a part of every family gathering, and on and on: music was a constant from childhood to hospice. His love of music further bloomed in retirement with multiple amateur orchestra and recital performances, frequent concert attendance, and active leadership as an organizer of community music. A memorial celebration of Don's life will be held at Tuesday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. at Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Rd, Evanston, IL 60208. Reception to follow at The Mather, 425 Davis St., Evanston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Don's memory may be made to the scholarship fund at Oberlin College and Conservatory, or to the American Indian College Fund.

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## Lalla, Kenneth J.

Kenneth J. Lalla, age 88. Passed away peacefully with his wife of 62 years and his loving family at his side. Beloved husband of Dorothy M. Lalla, nee Prazuch; loving father of Kenneth M. (Sandra), Steven (Debbie), and Gary (Angie) Lalla; cherished grandfather of Christopher (Rebecca), Timothy, Heather, Kathryn, Stephanie, Ashleigh, Grant and Mackenzie; dear brother of the late Richard (Eleanor) Lalla; fond uncle and friend to many; preceded in death by his loving parents, Joseph and Clara Lalla. Kenneth was proud United States Marine Corps., Korean War Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient. Visitation Friday, December 27th, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral Saturday, December 28th, 10:00 AM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan** Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. S. of Ogden) Downers Grove. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to, Wounded Warrior Project, [www.woundedwarrior-project.org](http://www.woundedwarrior-project.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) are appreciated. 630-968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)



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## Leeper, Robert B. 'Bob'

Bob Leeper, 82. Loving husband of Mardell for 60 years. Bob showed amazing courage through a long illness. The son of the late Edward and Dolores Leeper of Bemidji, MN. Bob was one of six children, Mary Dillworth, Beverly Jensen, the late Sharon Coyne, the late Patty Thronca, and the late Jim Leeper. He is the brother in law of Sherman (Karen) Cundiff, and Marilyn Chaplin; and the cherished uncle of many. With no children, Bob still had the honor of being a father of two brides and the father of one groom in Montreal and Maui. Bob never had a formal education and started working by the age of 13 at the local pharmacy and Doctor's office. At the age of 17 he started working with a grocery and by the time he was 30, Bob had purchased his first grocery store. Bob later became the Chairman of the board of directors for Central Grocers, and Chairman of the board of directors of the Roselle Bank. Bob had a cabin in Wisconsin that he had shared with family and friends for many years. He saw a "For Sale" sign on an old Bar/Restaurant and bought the place. He did not know the first thing about running a restaurant and bar but the "Pla-Mor" ran for ten years just by Bob saying "We can do this!" His next venture was with Golf Stores; and Nevada Bob's was created. He was most proud of opening eleven locations, including one in California. The corporation noted Bob as the best in the business. He really loved the Golf Business. Bob was always "Pressed and Dressed" and has been quoted saying "Right Time, Right Place and the Right People." He gave all the credit to everyone involved... "Nobody works for me, they work with me." Bob's success was people; "You don't do it alone." He loved business - it was never work, it was pure joy. Bob was a self taught, self made, brilliant businessman, with a huge personality. He was a kind, giving, guiding advisor, a mentor, a loving beautiful man, and a distinguished, charming and elegant man. Bob loved everyone. Bob mentored troubled high school students and said that kids will share more with someone other than their family. Bob was a very generous man beginning with every charity that came into his mailbox... he gave to all of them. His most important charity was the Mayo Clinic. When it came to his wife, Mardell, he always said, "I married the most beautiful girl, and I am the luckiest guy on earth." He would also tell everyone, "It's been a good ride and an incredible journey." He and Mardell have traveled the world for the past 60 years. Bob loved reading, he loved tennis, played golf, traveling, theater, City Evenings, Dancing, entertaining and sunsets. He was ever thankful and grateful to everyone and for everything. Bob's best saying was, "Do as much as you can as fast as you can and be kind along the way." In Lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity in Bob's name. Family and friends will gather at Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home, 9568 Belmont Ave., Franklin Park on Sunday, January 12, 2019 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm to Celebrate Bob's Life. For information please call (847) 678-1950 or [www.sax-tiedemann.com](http://www.sax-tiedemann.com)

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**Lindemann, Walter Frank**  
Walter Frank Lindemann, 91 of Chicago died peacefully in his sleep on December 21st. Son of Kai Lindemann and Alice (née Perkins) Lindemann. Loving husband of the late Mary Elizabeth (née Tempinski) married on September 27, 1952. Brother of George (Lois) Lindemann. Cherished father of Diane (Mark) Adams, Robert (Lisa) Lindemann, Michael Lindemann and the late Russell Lindemann. Loving grandfather of Nels (Heather) Adams, Arnora (David) Griffith, Jake Lindemann, Grant Lindemann and Sean Lindemann. Member of US Army National Guard (CW04 Retired), Retired from Illinois Bell & AT&T after 40 Years. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix. Golf, fishing and family were his favorite past times. Preceded in death by wife Mary 8/13/2014 and son Russell 11/3/2014. Visitation Saturday, December 28, 11 AM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine, until time of funeral service at 1 PM. Interment private. Funeral info 847-359-8020



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## McDermott, Sheila M.

Sheila M. McDermott, age 66; beloved daughter of the late Joseph E. and Lourdes L. McDermott, nee Mackey; loving sister of Maureen (Dr. Kastytis) Jucas, Kathleen McDermott, Patrick (Terry) McDermott, Terrence (Denise) McDermott, Colleen (Richard) Hesemann and Sharon McDermott; proud Aunt of Brendan (Margaret) McDermott, Erin (Joseph) Goldrick, Sean (Julie) Jucas, Brian Jucas, Katie McDermott, Matthew (Megan) McDermott and Nathan (Krista) Hesemann; cherished great-aunt of Brendan and Nora Goldrick, Madelynn and Makenzie McDermott, and Marty Jucas.; dearest cousin and friend of Karen Moran. Visitation Friday December 27th 10:00 am until time of Memorial Mass 11:00 am, St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial to Organ Transplant Support, Inc. [www.organtransplantsupport.org](http://www.organtransplantsupport.org) or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Sullivan Funeral Home**. 630/332-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhome-hinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhome-hinsdale.com)



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## McNamara, Peggy

Peggy McNamara, Age 86, nee Riggs. Beloved wife of the late William McNamara (C.F.D.). Loving mother of William Jr. (Karen) McNamara and the late Nancy Kresz. Visitation Friday Dec 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Saturday, Friends and family to go directly to First Baptist Church of Niles, 7339 N Waukegan Rd., Niles for funeral service starting at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Mt Carmel Cemetery in Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W Bryn Mawr Ave. Suite 800, Chicago IL 60631 would be appreciated. Funeral info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)



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## Moody, Marilyn Dawn

Marilyn Dawn Moody (nee Blunk) of Mokena. Beloved wife of Robert. Loving mother of Matthew and Kristyn Gilmartin and Courtney (Eric) Knutson. Step-mother of Ryan (Erin) Moody, Kara Griffin, Sean (Christy) Moody and Brendan (Katie) Moody. Dear grandmother of Thomas, Grace, Isla, Kay, Danny, Marty, Joseph Megan, Jack, Tommy, Charlie, Mary Kate, Parker, Charlie, Molly and Michael. Cherished daughter of the late Lillian and Elmer Blunk. Devoted sister of Pamela Daly and the late Paulette Belangee. Treasured aunt of many. Donations to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (<https://www.nami.org/>) appreciated. Services are private. For information **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com)

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## Mulcrone, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Mulcrone, nee Schmitz, age 92, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Edward James Mulcrone; Loving mother of Ed (Dannie) Mulcrone, the late Jay, Pat (Mike) Walker, Jayne (the late Bob) Grabowski, Lee (Barb) Mulcrone, Bob (Donna) Mulcrone, Tom (Patti) Mulcrone, and Judy (Paul) Grzyb; Cherished grandmother of 20; Great-grandmother of 6. Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Mathias and Lillian Schmitz, along with her four siblings. Visitation will be from 2-8 PM on Friday, 12/27, with the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM on Saturday, both at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 8925 S Kostner Ave, Hometown, IL 60456. In lieu of flowers, please put forward an act of kindness or send someone a simple smile in memory of Mary Ellen Mulcrone.



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## Murphy, Margaret Alice 'Meg'

Margaret Alice "Meg" Murphy of Ann Arbor, MI., formerly of Chicago and Oak Park, IL. Meg Murphy passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Born to Richard and Laverne Murphy of Oak Park, IL. Meg is survived by her father Richard, her partner Charlie Penner, sisters Anne Ryan, Mary Ellen (Brian) McGuire, Amy Rosten, her brother Ric Murphy (Aimee Conlee), nieces and nephews Jessica Ryan, Andrew, Brendan, Cailleigh, Bella McGuire, Jillian, Liam and Ava Rosten as well as Charlie's daughters Julia Caproni and Leah Penner. Memorial Visitation Saturday, December 28, 9:00am until time of Memorial Mass, 9:30am at Ascension Church, 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park.

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## Murray, Marita

Marita Diane Murray, 84, of Chicago, IL, passed away on December 13, 2019. She was the cherished first cousin of Susanne Meany Kramer and John Meany. She was known and loved as 'Aunt Marita' by Laura Kramer, John J. Meany, and Nora Meany. She was preceded in death by her sister Mary Camille Murray, her parents Dr. John C. Murray and Camille Bradley Murray. A registered nurse for over 50 years she held nursing positions at various hospitals and businesses. She retired from Northern Trust bank as Vice President of Human Resources in the 1990's. Visitation 9 AM to 9:45 AM Saturday Dec. 28, 2019 at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Funeral Mass 10 AM, Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at the Church of St. Mary, 175 East Illinois Rd, Lake Forest. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, Lake Forest. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Rush University Medical Center for the St. Luke's Training School of Nursing Endowed Scholarship. Please send memorial gifts to Rush University Medical Center, 1201 West Harrison St., Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60607 or visit <http://rush.convio.net/murray>. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)



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## Pappas, Sophia

Sophia Pappas, nee Kiousis, 86. Beloved wife of Chris Pappas. Loving mother of Maria (Matthew Hanson) Pappas and the late Andrew Pappas. Dear grandmother "Yia Yia" of Zoe. Beloved friend, aunt, and cousin to many. Visitation Friday 10:30am at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona St., Chicago until time of the Funeral Service at 11:30am. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Funeral Info 773-736-3833 or visit Sophia's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)



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## Spinazola, Daniel

Daniel F. Spinazola, a Hinsdale resident for 67 years, passed away on December 22, 2019, at LaGrange Hospital; He was the former owner of the Hinsdale News Agency. Dan was the beloved husband of the late Marilyn; Loving father of Danette (Brian) Boniecki, Scott (Linda) Spinazola, Wendy Bowen and Melissa Spinazola. Dear grandfather of Jordan, Jennifer, Kaitlynn, Nicole, Patrick, Cassidy, Connor, Scott, Jr., Kayleigh, Nora, and Maeve. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 27 from 3 pm to 8 pm at Adolff Funeral Home, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook, IL 60527. Friends and family will meet at St. John of the Cross Parish, 5005 Wolf Rd., Western Springs, IL on Saturday, December 28 for an 11:00 AM funeral mass. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated in Daniel's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). For more information 630-325-2300, [www.adolffservices.com](http://www.adolffservices.com) or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com).

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## Wallace, Josephine V.

Josephine V. Wallace nee DeCaro, age 97, of Chicago IL. Beloved daughter of the late Peter and Josephine DeCaro. Cherished sister of the late Dr. Joseph (the late Violet) DeCaro. Dear cousin of Stephen (Carol) Loverde. Loving aunt to Donna (Randy) Pence and Debra J. Maier. A visitation will be held Friday December 27, 2019 at St. Alphonsus Ligouri Catholic Church 411 N. Wheeling Rd. Prospect Heights IL. from 9:30-10:30AM with mass at 10:30AM. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside IL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For more information please visit Josephine's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com) or call 847-359-8020.



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12/12, 12/19, 12/26/19 6539737

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Aaryanna Edwards**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Chela Edwards  
**(Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01209**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jermaine Webster (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 24, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **01/16/2020**, at **11:30 AM** in CALENDAR **1 COURTROOM A**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**December 11, 2019 6554042**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Coreanna Stovall**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Tytiana Brumley  
**(Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01180**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Marquise Jones (Father)**, AKA **Marquise Jones, Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 18, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **01/16/2020**, at **10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**December 11, 2019 6554021**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Lowyn A Romero**

**A MINOR**  
**NO. 2019JD01477**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Lowyn Romero (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **September 16, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Lubin** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/08/2020** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **58 COURTROOM 11**,

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.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT**  
**December 04, 2019**

**ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:**  
**Z. Peasall, B. Serven**  
**ATTORNEY FOR:**  
**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ADDRESS:** 1100 South Hamilton  
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**ATTORNEY NO.:** 33182

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,**  
**COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS**  
**December 04, 2019 6539024**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Norris Hayes, Jr**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Barbara Williams  
**(Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00747**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Norris Hayes, Sr (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 10, 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 **01/16/2020**, 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.

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 21, 2019 6538771**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Yajaira Huerta**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF** Elida Huerta  
**(Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01342**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Juan Carlos Martin Robalacaba (Father)**, AKA **Juan Carlos Robalacaba**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 15, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **11/16/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **10 COURTROOM J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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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**DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**December 13, 2019 6554008**

### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF INITIATION OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sprint proposes the upgrade of three rooftop telecommunications facilities at 547 W Jackson Blvd, 6200 N Hiawatha Ave, and 2802 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, Cook County, IL. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999. 12/26/19 6552899

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Sluggo Edwin Encarnacion reportedly is on the way to the White Sox.

**WHITE SOX**

# Encarnacion on the way

Reportedly joins Sox for 1 year, \$12 million

By LAMOND POPE

The White Sox agreed to terms Wednesday on a one-year, \$12 million deal with veteran slugger

Edwin Encarnacion, according to reports, adding another formidable bat to what's shaping up as an impressive lineup.

The deal for Encarnacion, who hit 34 home runs in 109 games last season with the Mariners and Yankees, reportedly also includes a 2021 club option for \$12 million.

Encarnacion, who turns 37 on Jan. 7, has hit at least 32 homers in each of the last eight seasons. He has 414 career homers in 15 years with the Reds (2005-09), Blue Jays ('09-16), Indians ('17-18), Mariners ('19) and Yankees ('19).

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# CHICAGO SPORTS

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# #BearsDecadeChallenge

From 14-year-old Tarik Cohen writing papers to 12-year-old David Montgomery playing pee-wee football, here's what the Bears were doing 10 years ago

By COLLEEN KANE AND DAN WIEDERER

When the #DecadeChallenge hit social media this month, people used the turn of the decade as an opportunity to compare their current selves with where they were 10 years ago. That got us thinking as we approach the new year: What were current Bears players and coaches doing in December 2009? It turns out they were in many different stages of their lives, doing wildly different things. Rookie running back David Montgomery was 12 years old and playing pee-wee football. Backup quarterback Chase Daniel was an NFL rookie along for the ride as Drew Brees led the Saints to a 13-win season and, early in 2010, a Super Bowl championship. Inside: The Bears' reflections on life 10 years ago, the decade since and what they wish their younger selves had known.

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## As usual, lack of offensive firepower stymies Bears

By RICH CAMPBELL

Three more observations from the Bears' 26-3 loss to the Chiefs at Soldier Field on Sunday night after rewatching the NBC telecast and coaches' film using the NFL GamePass subscription service.

**1. The Bears' inability to push the ball downfield through the air showed in how they repeatedly threw short of the line to gain.**



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More specifically, Mitch Trubisky threw beyond the first-down line on only two of his first seven passes on third and fourth down.

On the five passes that didn't travel past the line, the distances required were 8, 9, 10, 10 and 23 yards.

Yes, those are relatively low-percentage distances on third and fourth down. But teams with talented quarterbacks, good offensive lines and quality skill-position players can convert those. Look at how the Chiefs converted third-and-18 and third-and-10 on their opening touchdown drive.

The Bears, on the other hand? Check-downs and screens, mostly. Their passing game is limited in multiple areas.

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Ten years ago, Chase Daniel (top photo, left) was backing up Drew Brees en route to the Saints' Super Bowl title and Prince Amukamara (21) was preparing for the Holiday Bowl with the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

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## BEARS

## #DecadeChallenge

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## Matt Nagy, coach

**Age at end of 2009:** 31.**What he was doing 10 years ago:** Ten years ago to this month, I was sitting at a settlement selling a house to a couple when my phone rang from coach (Andy) Reid offering an assistant position for the Philadelphia Eagles. That was on a Tuesday. By Thursday, I was working full time for the Eagles. And that was that, 10 years ago.**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** I'm most proud of being a dad (to four boys) and watching my kids grow over these last 10 years and all of us being supportive of one another through the highs and lows of this great league. And now, obviously, being with this great team in Chicago.**His advice for his younger self:** My advice would be to be prepared for losing a lot of hair, gaining some weight and — that's about it.

## Allen Robinson, WR

**Age at end of 2009:** 16.**What he was doing 10 years ago:** That was my junior year of high school at St. Mary's (in Detroit). That was going right into basketball season. We had just come off losing the state championship in football. We had the game in the bag. It was fourth-and-16 with 2 minutes and change to go and we were on defense. We knew if we could just get off the field, we would win. But they converted fourth-and-16 and then scored to go ahead. And then we were driving and were around midfield and our quarterback got hit and fumbled and we lost.

I had gotten my first (scholarship) offer right around that time. The first offer was from Toledo. Then Minnesota, if I'm not mistaken. Then Buffalo, Central Michigan and some small schools. I tore my labrum in my shoulder during football season but didn't really realize it until March, when I lunged for a steal in a basketball game and my shoulder came out of place. I had to have shoulder surgery after that. And so that spring was when I went fully into football mode.

As a 16-year-old, we were going to the movies. A lot. We'd be at the Novi Fountain Walk and then the Emagine Palladium in Birmingham, (Mich.). Those were the hangout spots. That was right around the time, I think, that "Hot Tub Time Machine" came out. That was one of my favorite movies. Still is.

There was also a Coney Island where we'd hang out after the movies. Or we'd go to Hooters.

**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** Just sticking it out. Everything I went through with things in college at Penn State, with my (ACL) injury in Jacksonville. It tests you. After my third season (with the Jaguars), there was all sorts of coaching turmoil going on, and I remember flipping a switch and just telling myself to reset. And I remember that offseason, training with Randy Moss for four or five weeks and putting in so much work. It was awesome. And then the third play of the season (in 2017), I tear my ACL. In a contract year. The first third down of the season. I knew going into the game what the play was going to be and I remember saying to myself ... "If I'm one-on-one, I'm going to win backside." So I did. One catch. Seventeen yards. Season over. That was real tough. I was concerned for my parents. I knew everyone around me was going to be devastated because of the significance it would have for me. But I wanted everyone to know right away that it was going to be fine. ... Even though it was a contract year, I wasn't going to waste a minute feeling sorry for myself. No, man. You've got to get to work and come back stronger. And the fact I was able to come back not only physically stronger but mentally stronger is something I'm proud of. So I'm proud of now being able to handle adversity at a different level.**His advice for his younger self:** I would tell myself to handle things calmly. Be patient. Adversity will come. I think of things I would tell myself at Penn State about learning how to stick it out. I went through a lot there. My freshman year was when the (Jerry Sandusky) scandal hit and we got sanctioned and I had been recruited by (Joe) Paterno. And that's a lot to deal with. So learn to deal with adversity. And learn to be patient. Which then became a big deal when I was in Jacksonville and I tore my knee up in a contract year. The year before that, we fired our offensive coordinator early in the season and then we fired our head coach, I think in Week 12. You have to remember to be patient. Everybody wants everything right then and there. But if it's your health, if it's your new contract, if it's stats, if it's winning, just be patient. You have to be.

MATT SULLIVAN/GETTY

Ten years ago, Buster Skrine was playing at Chattanooga. He went on to the NFL despite an outsized love of McDonald's.

## David Montgomery, RB

**Age at end of 2009:** 12.**What he was doing 10 years ago:** I was playing football with the (Cincinnati) Hilltop Hawks. It was peewee. I was a running back. I also ran track. I sprinted and I did shot and disc. I knew I was going to be a starting running back (in the NFL). I just didn't know where. I'm blessed. A lot of people can't say they're in the NFL, let alone say they're a starter somewhere. So I'm blessed and excited I'm able to be one of the guys that can help here.**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** Just seeing the smile on my mom's face that I didn't veer the other way when I had opportunities to. Just my whole 10 years, me having to make the hard decisions. Where I'm from, people make the wrong ones because it's the easiest thing to do. I was able to counteract that and make the right ones, so I could show my mom did teach me the right things.**His advice for his younger self:** Control the controllables and have fun doing what you love. Because it's hard to get here, but at the end of the day, it's a game and you're supposed to have fun with it.

## Tarik Cohen, RB

**Age at end of 2009:** 14.**What he was doing 10 years ago:** I was probably in school (in North Carolina) writing papers on where I think I'm going to be at 10 years from now. I said I was going to be in the NFL. I didn't know how I was going to get there, but I knew I was going to try to make it. I was like a slot receiver, slot back-type thing.

I didn't have a job. We were probably just outside being bad little kids, getting suspended from school, suspended off the bus, fun stuff like that. I've been suspended before, probably (was) talking too much, talking on the bus, not in my seat. I never got expelled though.

**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** Graduating college, I would say, because I did it after I made it to the NFL. At first, I really was thinking like a lot of players think: You're just in school to make it to the next level. So for me to go back after I already was at the next level, I felt like that was big. I did that last summer.**His advice for his younger self:** Just be patient. Enjoy the now. Everything will come when it's supposed to.

## Buster Skrine, CB

**Age at end of 2009:** 20.**What he was doing 10 years ago:** I was (going into) my senior year at Chattanooga. Well, my junior year, I knew I had a shot to go to the NFL, and then my senior year, I ended up dislocating my elbow. So I'm like, "I'm a small-school guy, what's going to happen?" So I forced myself to come back. I didn't miss a game. And then leading up through that year, I got drafted. It hurt, but I had to do what I had to do.**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** I would say I'm most proud of becoming a dad of two (a 7-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son) and just the accomplishments I've earned to take care of my family.**His advice for his younger self:** Don't eat so much McDonald's. I ate it every day — every day I was in college, every day of my rookie year. My rookie year, I had to have energy and stuff like that, and the season was so long, and I was like, "What's going on?" And then I started eating better.

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Danny Trevathan, then with Kentucky, hits Georgia's Brandon Harton on Nov. 19, 2011.

## #DecadeChallenge

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### Chase Daniel, QB

**Age at end of 2009:** 23.

**What he was doing 10 years ago:** Super Bowl championship. That was the main thing. That was my rookie year (with the Saints). Just a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed rookie trying to get along. I remember winning the 13 straight games, and we lost our last three going into the playoffs, but we had already had secured the (No.) 1 seed. It was a very special year for a lot of reasons.

(For me) it was a whirlwind. It's football for almost two straight years because from the time of your senior year, you have winter conditioning, then you go into spring ball, summer ball, camp and play the season. After the season, you have the bowl games. Then you have the combine, training and you go right into OTAs after you're drafted and your whole football season. So you're really doing football for two straight years, so it's tiring, for sure.

**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** Just the fact that I'm still playing. I take pride in that, and I take pride in trying to leave a lasting impression on younger guys. Because I remember when I was a rookie, there were guys that I leaned on and helped me through some tough times, whatever it may be, playing or locker-room stuff. I'm just trying to be a good person and be inclusive of everyone.

**His advice for his younger self:** Enjoy every minute. The average career is, like, three years. You never know when the game is going to kick you off the train, but you've got to be ready. First of all, save money. And just be prepared for the game to be gone because a lot of people struggle with that. When the game is past you, what do I do? I try to tell people all the time: Don't let football define who you are. Find other interests and passions and hobbies.

### Eddy Pineiro, K

**Age at end of 2009:** 14.

**What he was doing 10 years ago:** I was playing soccer (in Miami). I was trying to be better than my dad as a soccer player because my dad played pro soccer. Not even four or five years ago, I wouldn't even think I would be playing football, changing from soccer to football. Playing soccer is what I did 24/7 back then.

**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** I would say helping my family out. From them being financially struggling, (me) being able to help them out, that's what I'm most proud of.

**His advice for his younger self:** Not to stress the little things. Everything always ends up working out, regardless of if you're going through a bad time.

### Cody Whitehair, C

**Age at end of 2009:** 17.

**What he was doing 10 years ago:** I was in high school, probably a junior. I was doing my three sports: football, basketball and I threw the shot put in track. Doing football camps in the summer and getting ready to take the next step in my career. I worked on my family farm (in Kansas), and then I mowed lawns. (My hobbies were) hunting, fishing, outdoor stuff.

**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** Wow, there's been a lot that's happened. I've been fortunate enough to be in the NFL. I got married. I had a kid. (She's 3 months.) There's a lot to be thankful for.

**His advice for his younger self:** Just to enjoy the ride. The last 10 years, now that I'm looking back on it, have kind of flown by, but just to take advantage of the opportunities you get.

### Danny Trevathan, ILB

**Age at end of 2009:** 19.

**What he was doing 10 years ago:** It was my first year starting at Kentucky. I gained, like, 15 pounds. I was still a kick returner. I was the only linebacker kick returning. Unfortunately (returning) didn't end well. My coach didn't want me in there because I was a starting linebacker. I thought it was pretty cool. The first (return) in the spring game, he was like, "Eh-eh. No, sir." I was pretty fast. I was probably like 224 (pounds), 225. Still 4.4 (seconds for the 40). I take pride in that, so repeat that.

First time living by myself, moving out of the dorms that year. My sister had a baby that year, so I had a little nephew. My favorite hobby was eating at the cafeteria. They had the spicy beef wraps. It was really good. You get you some chipotle mayonnaise on there.

**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** My growth, my attitude. I used to be a real angry guy. Having kids, having a family. My mom being proud of who I became, my grandma. Being able to spread love and cheer. And being around great people. I believe you are who you're around. So I'm very fortunate with that. I'm happy where I'm at with my faith and my beliefs. That goes a long way. That's big for me.

**His advice for his younger self:** Look at you now. You kept working. It's not how you start. It's how you finish. My mom told me three things when I was little: "Keep God first. Stay humble. And no matter what you do, be the best at it." And I think I did that.

### Prince Amukamara, CB

**Age at end of 2009:** 20.

**What he was doing 10 years ago:** My junior year at Nebraska. We had just won the Holiday Bowl. I remember going to San Diego and we whopped Arizona (33-0). I had five picks that year and I was contemplating coming out for the draft. I was still working through that. Thinking back on it, that's when Redbox was huge. That was big for me all the time. I wasn't 21 yet, so I wasn't going downtown. Just going to house parties. I had also just switched my major from poli sci to sociology. (ESPN's Mel Kiper and Todd McShay had me on their big board, so I wanted something easier. Sociology was more about writing papers and thinking.

**What he's most proud of in the last 10 years:** Making it the way I have in the NFL. I came into Nebraska as a running back and switched to (defensive back). So to be able to do that successfully was a big deal for me. And meeting my wife in New York and then having two kids is obviously huge. And winning a Super Bowl (with the Giants) my first year in New York was cool. Now, being in the league for nine years has been great. It goes fast. But so much happens.

**His advice for his younger self:** I would tell myself that it doesn't matter how you start, it's how you finish. And when adversity comes, stand up to it. Don't run. At Nebraska, I was supposed to play running back, and they threw me in the defensive room. And I could have transferred to Fresno State or Nevada, where I knew they wanted me as a running back. But if I had, who knows if I would have made it to the league and had this same career? Also, stay patient. My first year, during the lockout, I broke my foot and I didn't get to start the season. That's when social media was first starting to get big, and suddenly you start to see it all. "Oh, you're a first-round bust." Or "You suck!" You have to be strong to deal with that, and I didn't let that break me. So you keep moving.

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## BEARS



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Mitch Trubisky is sacked by Chris Jones of the Chiefs in the Bears' one-sided loss Sunday. The offense again failed to get untracked.

## Observations

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Coach Matt Nagy said the approach to throw short is specific to the defense.

"There are some teams that will allow you to check it down on third-and-10, you throw it 8 yards, you've got to run for 3 yards to get a first," he said.

"Others, they'll stay underneath and you've got to throw it past the sticks. Every game plan is a little bit different."

For the Bears, though, their offense doesn't dictate that. They don't have the firepower. And they played the second half down two starting linemen after right guard Rashaad Coward (knee) left the game.

Trubisky's first third-down pass was a bubble screen to Anthony Miller on third-and-8 that was caught 4 yards behind of the line of scrimmage. He gained 2, and the Bears punted.

His second third-down throw was a screen to David Montgomery on third-and-9. Montgomery caught it 2 yards behind the line of scrimmage and gained 2. The Bears punted.

You get the idea.

### 2. The Chiefs were determined not to let Mitch Trubisky ignite the Bears with his legs in the read-option game.

Safety Tyrann Mathieu and defensive end Frank Clark acknowledged how the Chiefs have struggled at times defending the zone-read option this season. They knew the Bears were aware of that. And given how the zone-read got Trubisky and the Bears going in a lopsided win over the Cowboys on Dec. 5, the Chiefs knew they had to shut down Trubisky as a runner.

"The plan was to keep the man inside," Clark said.

So what happened on the first snap of the game? Trubisky got outside on a zone-read keeper for 5 yards.

From that point on, though, Trubisky gained only 7 yards on three read-option keepers.

Only once after the opening drive did Trubisky keep a read-option. It was third-and-goal from the 5 in the third quarter. Anthony Miller and Allen Robinson missed separate blocks of safety Juan Thornhill as Trubisky tried to get outside, and Thornhill made the tackle for a gain of 1.

Matt Nagy said he was OK with Trubisky's decision to keep the ball on that play instead of handing it off to David Montgomery.

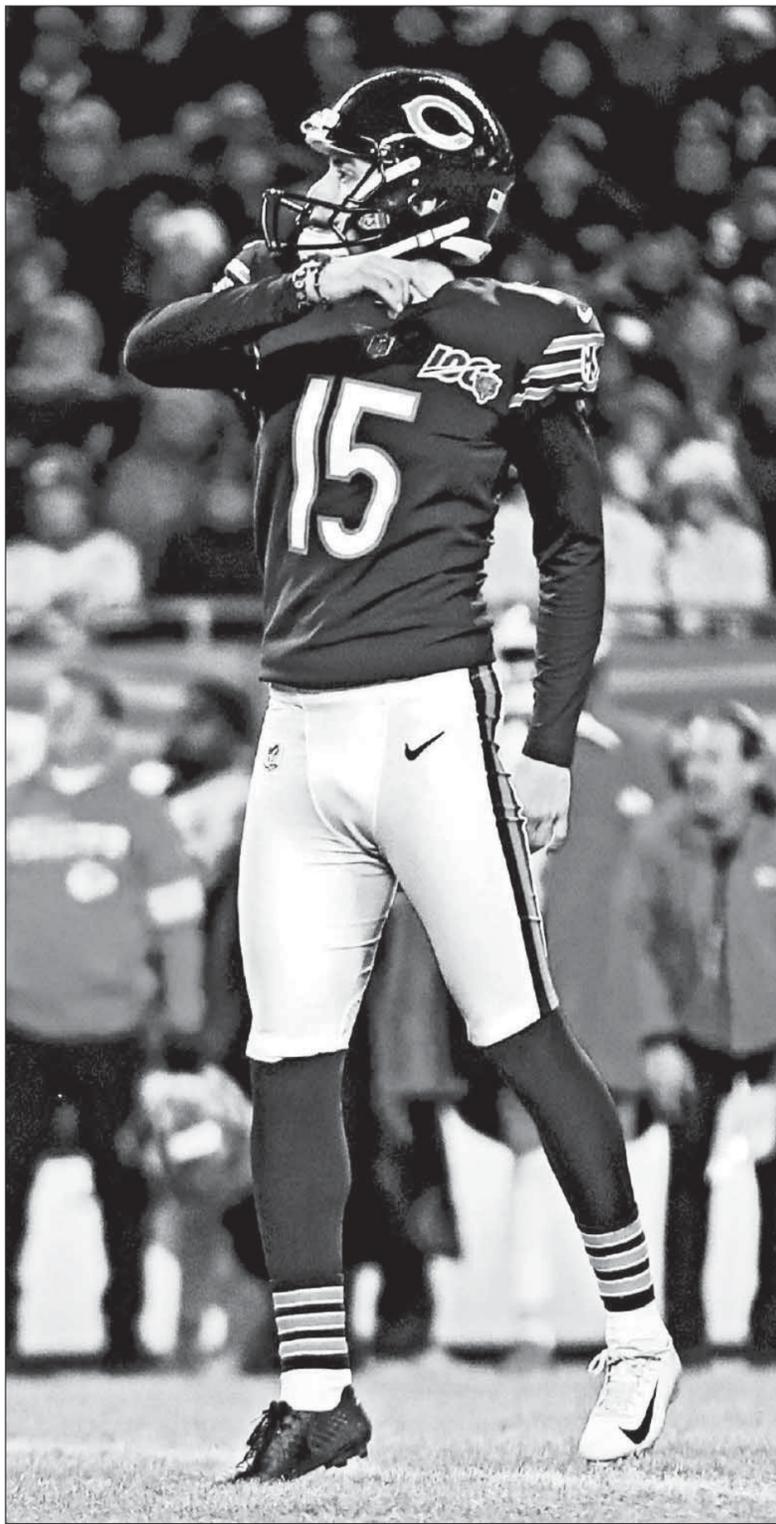
"Part of the scheme in regards to how they play it with his decision-making on whether to give it or pull it with some blocks, they played that well," Nagy said.

As the edge defender, Clark did well for most of the game keeping his shoulders parallel to the line of scrimmage and sliding his feet. That enabled him to defend the five or kick out on a quarterback keeper.

"They'd crash sometimes; they'd have a guy scrape," Trubisky said. "They'd have a guy for me sometimes. They did a good job of mixing it up. Had a good plan."

Four of Trubisky's five rushing attempts occurred on the opening drive. After that, he consistently gave the ball to Montgomery and Tarik Cohen, and they were moderately effective. Eventually, though, the deficit became too big to stick to the run.

"Knowing they were going to do that (zone-read), we were able to stop them early on, get them out of that world and then put them in our world," Mathieu said. "A couple third-and-longs, try to get the quarterback to make a play throwing the ball. I thought we did a good job of that for the most part."



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Eddy Pineiro celebrates after kicking a field goal Sunday. He was a rare Bears bright spot.

### 3. Eddy Pineiro was one of the few bright spots.

Before Pineiro hit a 46-yard field goal at the end of the third quarter, he had missed his last three attempts from beyond 40 yards, including the last-second try in the 17-16 loss to the Chargers.

After he missed from 47 and 48 against the Rams, he went four games without an attempt longer than 36. Matt Nagy appeared to be managing Pineiro's confidence while navigating his own in the kicker.

"I was really happy that he made that," Nagy said. "I think we're in a good place with him right now."

Nagy emphasized that Pineiro's uneven performances are not unique to him. Young

kickers often struggle. The question is how they work through it.

"I like the way he has handled himself all year long," Nagy said. "I thought yesterday was a good kick for him, for his confidence, being at home and hitting that. ... Hopefully, when we reflect at the year's end, we all feel good about where we're at with him. And we feel like that we've found an answer there with him. I'm proud of him for that."

Nagy was asked to clarify how Pineiro fits into the offseason outlook.

"I feel like we're in a good place with him," he said. "I like what he has done all year long. I think moving forward here, going into it, I think we know who he is and what we have."



JOE SARGENT/GETTY 2018

Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger plans to return in 2020 for his 17th NFL season.

## NFL

## Roethlisberger 'working hard' on '20 return

News services

Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger took to Twitter on Wednesday morning to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Then came a second tweet that addressed an ESPN report from earlier this week that implied he had doubts about returning to the Steelers in 2020.

The tweet said: "P.S. Contrary to recent reports out there about my football future and my 'uncertainty' about playing again, I am working hard and am more determined than ever to come back stronger and better than ever next year!"

Roethlisberger was injured in the second game of the season against the Seahawks. He was placed on injured reserve and underwent surgery.

Roethlisberger told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette earlier this year that he expects to be ready for training camp.

ESPN's Chris Mortensen, who filed the report, later clarified his original report.

"Clarity to calm down the masses — the Steelers are now optimistic Ben Roethlisberger will recover from elbow surgery to reattach three tendons. Not cleared to throw yet but he is tracking better and Ben himself wants and expects to play in 2020 and beyond."

Although he hasn't been able to play, Roethlisberger has been around the team throughout his rehab and has been on the sideline for almost all of the Steelers' games. He also helped rookie undrafted QB Devlin "Duck" Hodges, who will start this week's regular-season finale against the Ravens in Baltimore after Mason Rudolph went on IR with a season-ending shoulder injury suffered in Sunday's loss to the Jets.

"Obviously, Ben, playing as long as he has, I'm sure he's been in some of these must-win games," Hodges told ESPN on Wednesday. "I believe they were in a must-win game last year. Mason, obviously being around me. Both those guys, they help me out with little things here and there. It's good to have those guys around."

The easiest route for the Steelers (8-7) to reach the postseason is with a win over the AFC North champion Ravens and a loss or a tie by the Titans against the AFC South champion Texans.

**Prescott doesn't practice:** As one of a few teams practicing on Christmas Day, the Cowboys were noticeably missing QB Dak Prescott.

After a right shoulder injury forced him to miss the first practices of his NFL career last week, Prescott was not expected to participate during Wednesday's practice according to the team's official injury report.

Prescott was in attendance for a walk-through and little else. Coach Jason Garrett said the team would take the same approach with Prescott this week as last week.

"Last week, we really took it day by day, and this week we'll do the same thing," Garrett told NFL.com. "Obviously, he was able to play in the ballgame. Hopefully, we can get him on the same path where he's able to go on Sunday."

With a shot at winning the NFC East in the balance last Sunday, Prescott and the Cowboys (7-8) lost to the Eagles, 17-9. Prescott went 25-for-44 for 265 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions.

It was also the last chance the Cowboys had at controlling their own destiny. They will win the division with a Week 17 victory over the Redskins and a loss by the Eagles to the Giants.

**Down to the final game:** The NFC West will be decided Sunday night in the league's final regular-season game, but only one team has anything close to its full side. The 49ers visit the Seahawks and the winner takes the division and possibly more.

But the Seahawks are severely undermanned on defense — DE Jadeveon Clowney (core) has missed the last two games — and in the offensive backfield. So much so that they dug into their past to bulk up their running game.

Marshawn Lynch brings 'Beast Mode' back to the field after the Seahawks were decimated by injuries.

"What I needed to hear from him is where his heart is. Is he in it and does he want to go for it? Which he totally does," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said.

Lynch last played in Seattle in January 2016. If he is even close to being in shape, he could be a valuable contributor. The Niners, meanwhile, will earn home-field advantage should they win.

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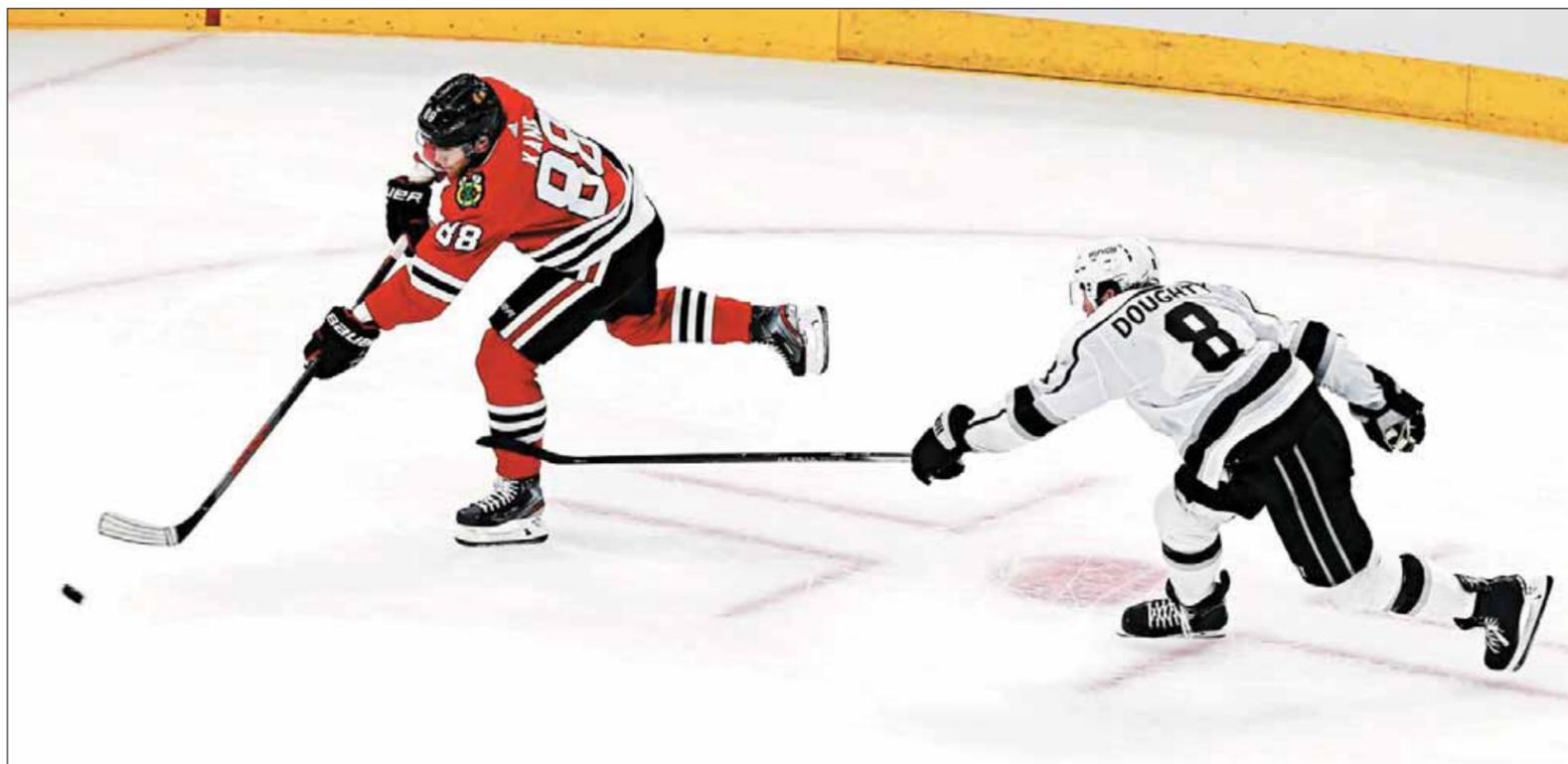
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Patrick Kane, breaking free from Kings defenseman Drew Doughty on Oct. 27 at the United Center, deserves to be ranked among the top 10 NHL players of the decade.

# With playoffs long gone, can Hawks make trades?

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

While visions of the Blackhawks' 7-1 loss to the Devils before the holiday break are still dancing in your head, let's look at a few recent topics affecting the Hawks in our latest point/counterpoint.

**Point:** The Blackhawks still could make the playoffs.

**Counterpoint:** Please stop saying that.

The similarities between last season and this season are clear enough for some to believe there's hope the Hawks can make the playoffs. They went 23-14-6 after the holiday break last season and picked up 52 points for a .605 point percentage.

But two things to know: That didn't cut it last season, and it likely wouldn't cut it this season.

The Western Conference's final wild-card spot belongs to the Predators with 42 points. The Stars have 44 points but a slightly lower point percentage at .579. So let's go with the Stars as the team to beat.

To finish with a .579 point percentage, which would result in 95 points, the Hawks need 59 points in their last 44 games. That's a .670 point percentage over the remainder of the season. Only the Blues, Bruins, Capitals and Islanders have a point percentage that high.

Let's put it more clearly: To reach 95 points, the Hawks would have to go 27-12-5 the rest of the way. Anyone think that's possible?

This team hasn't been on the brink of breaking out all season, and it's hard to argue that the Hawks are better now than when the season began. Calvin de Haan, Andrew Shaw, Drake Caggiula and Brent Seabrook are out indefinitely, and Brandon Saad will miss at least a few more games with a right ankle injury.

A team with no room for error has had bad luck and been worse than expected. Coach Jeremy Colliton has repeatedly pleaded with his team after losses to look in the mirror and start working harder.

Never mind for now who's to blame for that. When a team shows you who it is, believe it.

**Point:** The Hawks should start making trades for the future immediately.

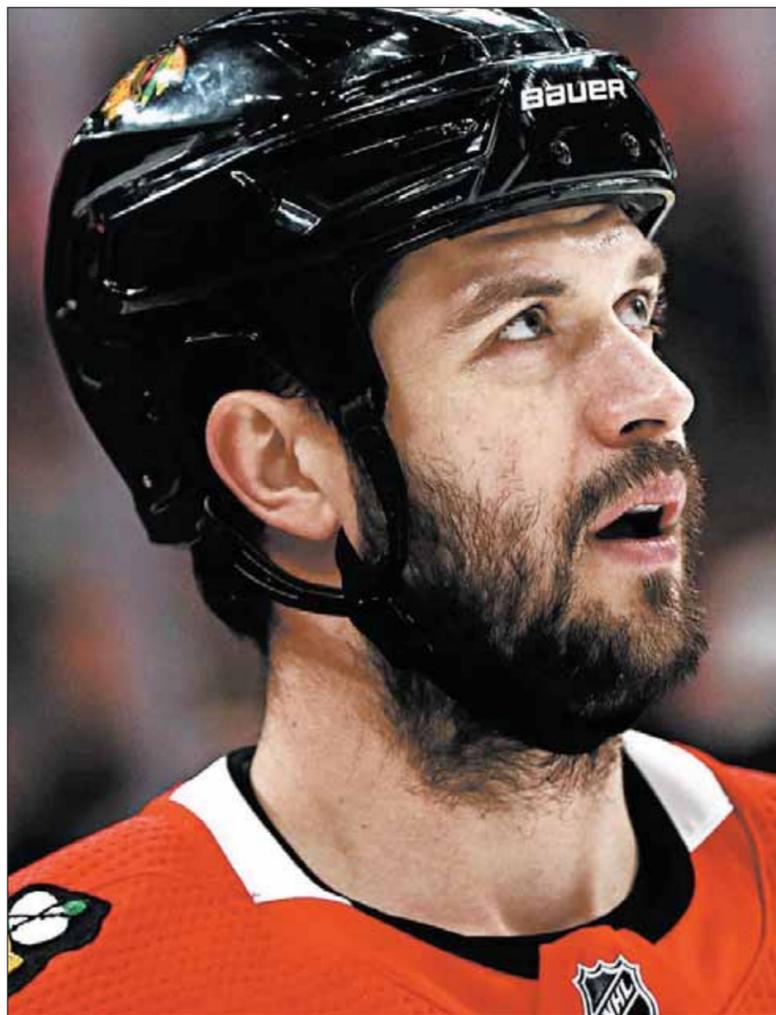
**Counterpoint:** Agreed. But who?

There are nearly two months and 24 games to go until the Feb. 24 trade deadline. For those who believe the Hawks' season is over, that's going to seem like waiting for another Christmas Day.

If that's the case, you're going to find coal in your stocking when the deadline passes.

The Hawks have three players scheduled to be unrestricted free agents next summer — Erik Gustafsson, Corey Crawford and Robin Lehner — and there's a problem with each of them being part of a trade-deadline deal.

In hindsight the Hawks should have dealt Gustafsson after his 60-point performance last season, but they were shooting for the playoffs and needed him for that to happen. Perhaps they could get back a first-round pick for him from a contender that wouldn't mind giving up a pick in the late 20s, but even that seems like a stretch with Gustafsson having such an inconsistent season.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

With an undisclosed injury, could defenseman Brent Seabrook have played his last game

Crawford isn't going anywhere. He has a full no-movement clause and isn't having the kind of season that would lead a contender to believe he's the answer. Crawford has a pedestrian .905 save percentage, and it's .877 over his last eight appearances.

There are two issues with trading Lehner. First, the Hawks likely want to keep him beyond this season. Second, the Wild and perhaps the Sabres could be in the market, but there aren't many contending teams that need a No. 1 goalie.

Beyond those three, the Hawks don't have much to offer. Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith aren't going anywhere because they have no-movement clauses and because the Hawks aren't crazy enough to anger a fan base already simmering with rage.

Brandon Saad has one year remaining on a contract with a reasonable \$6 million salary-cap hit and would be an attractive piece, but he's dealing with an ankle injury. Not to mention he has been one of the Hawks' best players this season and they likely want him around next season. They've given no indication they intend to embark on a full rebuild despite tons of evidence they're already in one.

If they do go down the rebuilding route, trading Alex DeBrincat, Dylan Strome, Kirby Dach or Adam Boqvist in the right deal should be on the table. None of them should be untouchable.

**Point:** NBC Sports' Pro Hockey Talk ranking Patrick Kane the 15th-best player of the decade is about right.

**Counterpoint:** What the hell were they thinking?

Forget about the Stanley Cup argument. This is a list of the top individual players, and five of the top 15 — Erik Karlsson, Connor McDavid, Henrik Lundqvist, Steven Stamkos and Victor Hedman — never won a Cup.

Kane's best seasons have come when the Hawks have been at their worst. This is about individual play, not team play.

Let's stipulate that the top five of Sidney Crosby, Alex Ovechkin, Karlsson, Patrice Bergeron and McDavid did, in fact, have had better decades than Kane. It's clear to anyone who watches McDavid that he's the best player on the planet and has been for several seasons. That's enough to lift him into the top five despite playing only about half the decade.

After that is where the discussion gets incredibly tedious trying to separate one player from another. The next three on the list — Evgeni Malkin, Lundqvist and Anze Kopitar — have not been demonstrably better than Kane, who with 797 points is on track to finish the decade with the most points in the league.

All four have been dominant in their way. This is the group in which Kane needed to be slotted.

The players NBC ranked after Kopitar and ahead of Kane — Stamkos, Zdeno Chara, Victor Hedman, Duncan Keith, Nicklas Backstrom and Jonathan Toews — are all fantastic players. None was better than Kane, who has been constantly brilliant over the last 10 years. Only the 2011-12 season possibly could be described as close to disappointing.

Where NBC really messed up was saying Kane's off-ice problems "will always detract from (being one of the decade's best offensive players) and be a part of his story."

Of course they always will be a part of Kane's story. But NBC raising them in an article about what happened on the ice had no place in the story.

**Point:** Brent Seabrook should return to the lineup when he's healthy.

**Counterpoint:** Dennis Gilbert and Adam Boqvist should be playing every game even when Seabrook returns.

Seabrook participated in the morning skate Dec. 18 at the United Center before a game against the Avalanche. During pregame media availability, Jeremy Colliton revealed that Seabrook would be a healthy scratch against the Avs.

No injury was mentioned. According to Colliton, it was purely a coaches decision.

The Hawks announced about 4 p.m. the next day, a few hours before playing the Jets, that Seabrook was "undergoing further medical evaluations" and did not travel to Winnipeg. Colliton later said Seabrook was dealing with some "nagging" injuries.

Seabrook hasn't played or practiced since that morning skate. General manager Stan Bowman told the Daily Herald an announcement was "coming soon" but gave no hint about what Seabrook's medical issues entail.

Seabrook, 34, has four seasons left on a deal that carries a \$6.875 million cap hit and has a full no-movement clause. Even if he is willing to waive the no-movement clause, it's hard to imagine other teams taking on his contract without significant sweeteners.

If he is dealing with a serious health issue that requires going on long-term injured reserve, that would provide the Hawks cap relief during his stay there.

It's too soon to know how this will play out. It's possible Seabrook will take a few games to get right and return to the lineup. But even when he is able to play again, the Hawks have six defensemen ahead of him on the depth chart.

Rookies Gilbert and Boqvist need to be playing every game.

The worst-case scenario is Seabrook has played his last game with the Hawks. No matter how much the Hawks need to shed Seabrook's contract, that would be an unfortunate way for one of the Hawks' greatest players to end his career.

## White Sox

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Encarnacion had a .244/.344/.531 slash line with 18 doubles, 34 homers and 86 RBIs in 2019. He was out from Aug. 3 to Sept. 3 because of a right wrist fracture. Sixteen of his homers came as a designated hitter.

That production is much more than what the Sox got out of their designated hitters.

The group combined for a .205/.285/.356 slash line and 17 homers in 2019. Yonder Alonso had the most at-bats (146) at DH and had a .164 average with six homers and 18 RBIs in 42 games before he was designated for assignment June 28.

The Sox options at DH in 2020 could include Encarnacion, Jose Abreu, James McCann, Zack Collins and Yasmani Grandal. Abreu had three homers and 19 RBIs in 127 at-bats as a DH in 2019. McCann hit .156 with six RBIs in 45 at-bats as a DH, while

Collins hit .267 with two homers and 11 RBIs in 45 at-bats as a DH.

Encarnacion also played 57 games at first base in 2019.

The three-time All-Star (2013-14, '16) has a .263/.352/.499 career slash line with the 414 homers and 1,242 RBIs in 1,916 games.

He has had success at Guaranteed Rate Field, slashing .283/.387/.475 with seven homers and 27 RBIs in 32 games.

He'll join a roster that added two-time All-Star catcher Grandal on Nov. 21 and

former Rangers outfielder Nomar Mazara on Dec. 10. The Sox also re-signed Abreu, have another All-Star catcher in McCann and a young core featuring batting champion Tim Anderson, third baseman Yoan Moncada and left fielder Eloy Jimenez. Top prospects Luis Robert and Nick Madrigal are expected to play a role during the season.

The active offseason also has included signing pitchers Dallas Keuchel and Gio Gonzalez, moves that could make the Sox a factor in the American League Central.

## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	23	7	.750	—
Philadelphia	21	10	.677	½
Toronto	21	10	.677	½
Brooklyn	16	13	.552	5½
New York	7	24	.226	15½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	22	8	.733	—
Orlando	13	17	.433	9
Charlotte	13	20	.394	10½
Washington	9	20	.310	12½
Atlanta	6	25	.194	16½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	27	5	.844	—
Indiana	21	10	.677	5½
Chicago	12	20	.375	15
Detroit	11	20	.355	15½
Cleveland	9	21	.300	17

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	21	10	.677	—
Dallas	19	10	.655	1
San Antonio	12	17	.414	8
Memphis	11	20	.355	10
New Orleans	8	23	.258	13

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	21	8	.724	—
Utah	18	12	.600	3½
Oklahoma City	15	14	.517	6
Portland	14	17	.452	8
Minnesota	10	19	.345	11

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	24	6	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	22	10	.688	3
Sacramento	12	18	.400	12
Phoenix	11	19	.367	13
Golden State	8	24	.250	17

## WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Boston 118, Toronto 102  
Philadelphia 121, Milwaukee 109  
Golden State 116, Houston 104  
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, late  
New Orleans at Denver, late

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
New York at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.  
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
San Antonio at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
Portland at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at Boston, 3 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m.  
Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

## 76ERS 121, BUCKS 109

**MILWAUKEE:** G. Antetokounmpo 8-27-2-4 18, Middleton 12-21 2-2 31, B.Lopez 4-8 0-0 11, D.Ivinzenzo 3-5 0-0 6, Matthews 2-5 0-0 4, Brown 3-4 1-1 7, Connaughton 2-5 1-1 5, Ilyasova 3-5 0-0 7, Korver 1-4 0-0 3, R.Lopez 1-4 0-0 2, Hill 6-7 0-0 15. Totals 45-95 6-9 30.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Harris 8-16 1-1 22, Horford 3-12 2-2 11, Embiid 11-21 6-6 31, Richardson 7-20 0-0 18, Simmons 7-10 1-2 15, Ennis III 1-6 0-0 2, Korkmaz 5-10 2-4 16, Scott 1-3 0-0 3, Burke 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 44-101 12-15 121.

Milwaukee	30	18	25	36	—109
Philadelphia	38	31	31	21	—121

**3-Point Goals:** Milwaukee 13-33 (Middleton 5-9, Hill 3-3, B.Lopez 3-5, Korver 1-2, D.Ivinzenzo 0-2, R.Lopez 0-3, G.Antetokounmpo 0-7), Philadelphia 21-44 (Harris 5-7, Korkmaz 4-5, Richardson 4-11, Embiid 3-6, Horford 3-7, Scott 1-3, Ennis III 0-4). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Milwaukee 47 (G.Antetokounmpo 14), Philadelphia 49 (Embiid 11). **Assists:** Milwaukee 23 (G.Antetokounmpo 7), Philadelphia 29 (Simmons 14). **Total Fouls:** Milwaukee 15, Philadelphia 12. A: 21,028 (20,478)

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	22	7	9	53	130	100
Toronto	20	14	4	44	133	122
Montreal	18	13	6	42	121	117
Florida	18	13	5	41	127	121
Buffalo	17	14	7	41	115	119
Tampa Bay	18	13	4	40	124	111
Ottawa	16	18	4	36	106	123
Detroit	9	26	3	21	82	150

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	26	7	5	57	137	111
N.Y. Islanders	23	9	3	49	105	91
Philadelphia	21	11	5	47	121	106
Pittsburgh	21	11	4	46	120	96
Carolina	22	13	2	46	124	102
Columbus	17	14	6	40	98	106
N.Y. Rangers	17	15	4	38	114	118
New Jersey	12	19	5	29	91	128

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	24	8	6	54	118	99
Colorado	23	11	3	49	134	103
Winnipeg	21	14	2	44	113	107
Dallas	20	14	4	44	100	97
Nashville	18	12	6	42	126	116
Minnesota	18	15	5	41	118	126
Chicago	15	17	6	36	105	125

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Arizona	21	14	4	46	112	99
Vegas	20	14	6	46	122	118
Edmonton	20	16	4	44	117	124
Calgary	19	15	5	43	104	116
Vancouver	19	15	4	42	124	115
Anaheim	15	18	4	34	104	113
San Jose	16	20	2	34	101	133
Los Angeles	15	20	4	34	99	124

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

## WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

No games scheduled.

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Boston at New Jersey, 6 p.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
Toronto at New Jersey, 6 p.m.  
Columbus at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Minnesota at Colorado, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
Calgary at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
Vegas at Anaheim, 9 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.

## GOLF

## 2020 PGA SCHEDULE

**Jan. 2-5:** Sentry Tournament of Champions, Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course), Kapalua, Hawaii  
**Jan. 9-12:** Sony Open, Waialae CC, Honolulu  
**Jan. 16-19:** Desert Classic, PGA West (Stadium, Nicklaus Tournament) and La Quinta CC, La Quinta, Calif.  
**Jan. 23-26:** Farmers Insurance Open, Torrey Pines GC (South and North), San Diego  
**Jan. 30-Feb. 2:** Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale (Stadium), Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**Feb. 6-9:** AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Pebble Beach GC, Spyglass Hill GC, Monterey Peninsula CC (Shore), Monterey Beach, Calif.  
**Feb. 13-16:** Genesis Invitational, Riviera CC, Los Angeles  
**Feb. 20-23:** WGC-Mexico Championship, Chapultepec GC, Mexico City  
**Feb. 20-23:** Puerto Rico Open, Coco Beach Golf & CC, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico  
**Feb. 27-March 1:** Honda Classic, PGA National Resort & Spa (Champions), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.  
**March 5-8:** Arnold Palmer Invitational, Bay Hill Club and Lodge, Orlando, Fla.  
**March 12-15:** The Players Championship, TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.  
**March 19-22:** Valspar Championship, Innisbrook GC (Copperhead), Palm Harbor, Fla.  
**March 23-26:** WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Austin CC, Austin, Texas  
**March 26-29:** Corales Puntacana Resort and Club Championship, Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales), Punta Cana, Dominican Republic  
**April 2-5:** Valero Texas Open, TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks), San Antonio  
**April 9-12:** Masters, Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.  
April 16-19 RBC Heritage, Harbour Town Golf, Hilton Head Island, S.C.  
**April 23-26:** Zurich Classic of New Orleans, TPC Louisiana, Avondale, La.  
**April 30-May 3:** Wells Fargo Championship, Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.  
**May 7-10:** AT&T Byron Nelson, Trinity Forest GC, Dallas  
**May 14-17:** PGA Championship, Harding Park GC, San Francisco

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## HOW AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

## Wednesday

**1. Gonzaga** (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Detroit, Monday, Dec. 30.  
**2. Ohio State** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 West Virginia, Sunday.  
**3. Louisville** (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Kentucky, Saturday.  
**4. Duke** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Brown, Saturday.  
**5. Kansas** (9-2) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Sunday.  
**6. Oregon** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama State, Sunday.  
**7. Baylor** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Jackson State, Monday, Dec. 30.  
**8. Auburn** (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Sunday.  
**9. Memphis** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. New Orleans, Monday.  
**10. Villanova** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Monday, Dec. 30.  
**11. Michigan** (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. UMass Lowell, Sunday.  
**12. Butler** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday.  
**13. Maryland** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Bryant, Sunday.  
**14. Michigan State** (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Western Michigan, Sunday.  
**15. San Diego State** (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal Poly, Saturday.  
**16. Virginia** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Navy, Sunday.  
**17. Florida State** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Alabama, Saturday.  
**18. Dayton** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Florida, Dec. 30.  
**19. Kentucky** (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Louisville, Saturday.  
**20. Penn State** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Cornell, Sunday.  
**21. Washington** (9-2) vs. Houston, late. Next: vs. UCLA, Jan. 2.  
**22. West Virginia** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Ohio State, Sunday.  
**23. Texas Tech** (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Cal State Bakersfield, Sunday.  
**24. Arizona** (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Saturday, Jan. 4.  
**25. Iowa** (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kennesaw State, Saturday.

## MEN'S SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY

**WEST**  
Ball St. 61, Portland 46  
Boise St. 72, UTEP 67  
Georgia Tech vs. Hawaii at Honolulu, H.I., late  
Houston vs. Washington at Honolulu, H.I., late  
**FRIDAY**  
Coppin St. at Mt. St. Mary's, 6 p.m.  
Mass.-Lowell at Loyola (Md.), 6 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
American U. at Georgetown, 11 a.m.  
Bucknell at La Salle, 1 p.m.  
Coll. of Charleston at Drexel, 1 p.m.  
Marist at Columbia, 1 p.m.  
Northeastern at Towson, 1 p.m.  
Fairfield at Wagner, 3 p.m.  
Longwood at George Washington, 3 p.m.  
Niagara at Syracuse, 6 p.m.  
UNC-Wilmington at Delaware, 6 p.m.  
**SOUTH**  
Brown at Duke, 10:30 a.m.  
Alice Lloyd at Morehead St., 11 a.m.  
Long Beach St. at Florida, 11 a.m.  
Piedmont at W. Carolina, 11 a.m.  
Milligan at Mercer, noon  
Milwaukee at N. Kentucky, noon  
St. Peter's at Hampton, noon  
New Orleans at Memphis, 12:30 p.m.  
Wisconsin at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m.  
N. Alabama at Florida St., 1 p.m.  
Thomas (Ga.) at UAB, 1 p.m.  
Louisville at Kentucky, 2:45 p.m.  
E. Kentucky at E. Carolina, 3 p.m.  
Hofstra at James Madison, 3 p.m.  
Mobile at S. Alabama, 3 p.m.  
Carver at Jacksonville St., 4 p.m.  
William Peace at UNC-Greensboro, 4 p.m.  
Piedmont Int'l. at Charleston Southern, 4:30 p.m.  
Belmont at W. Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.  
Cumberland at Murray St., 7 p.m.  
**MIDWEST**  
Cent. Michigan at Purdue, 11 a.m.  
Youngstown St. at IUPUI, 11 a.m.  
Cent. Arkansas at Marquette, 1 p.m.  
Green Bay at Wright St., 1 p.m.  
Toledo at Bradley, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Oakland, 2 p.m.  
FIU at Minnesota, 3 p.m.  
Louisiana-Monroe at Butler, 3 p.m.  
Cleveland St. at Ill.-Chicago, 3:12 p.m.  
Midland at Creighton, 5 p.m.

## HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

## Wednesday

**1. UConn** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wichita State, Thursday, Jan. 2.  
**2. Oregon** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Corban, Saturday.  
**3. Oregon State** (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal State Bakersfield, Sunday.  
**4. South Carolina** (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Kentucky, Thursday, Jan. 2.  
**5. Stanford** (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. UC Davis, Saturday.  
**6. Baylor** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Monday, Dec. 30.  
**7. Louisville** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sunday.  
**8. Florida State** (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.  
**9. N.C. State** (11-0) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Sunday.  
**10. UCLA** (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Sunday.  
**11. Texas A&M** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Sunday.  
**12. Maryland** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Michigan, Saturday.  
**13. Kentucky** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 South Carolina, Thursday, Jan. 2.  
**14. Indiana** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. 19 Michigan State, Saturday.  
**15. Mississippi State** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Little Rock, Sunday.  
**16. DePaul** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Sunday.  
**17. Gonzaga** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, Sunday.  
**18. Arizona** (11-0) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Sunday.  
**19. West Virginia** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cornell, Tuesday, Dec. 31.  
**20. Arkansas** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. UT Martin, Sunday.  
**21. Missouri State** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. William Jewell, Tuesday, Dec. 31.  
**22. Tennessee** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Howard, Sunday.  
**23. Michigan** (9-2) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Maryland, Saturday.  
**24. Miami** (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.  
**25. Texas** (7-4) did not play. Next: vs. NW State, Sunday.

## WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY

**EAST**  
NC Cent. at LIU Brooklyn, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Penn St., 1 p.m.  
Michigan at Maryland, 7 p.m.  
**SOUTH**  
N. Dakota at New Orleans, 11 a.m.  
Yale at N. Carolina, noon  
Florida A&M at LSU, noon  
Holy Cross at N. Florida, noon  
Presbyterian at UNC-Asheville, 1 p.m.  
C. Michigan at Bethune-Cookman, 1 p.m.  
Charleston S. at SC-Upstate, 1 p.m.  
Hampton at Winthrop, 1 p.m.  
High Point at Campbell, 1 p.m.  
Gardner-Webb at Longwood, 2 p.m.  
Alabama St. at Mississippi, 2 p.m.  
Jacksonville St. at Auburn, 2 p.m.  
Md.-E. Shore at Charlotte, 3 p.m.  
Faulkner at S. Miss., 4 p.m.  
Cumberland University at Murray St., 5 p.m.  
**MIDWEST**  
Purdue at Ohio St., 11 a.m.  
Oakland at Detroit, 11 a.m.  
IUPUI at Youngstown St., noon  
Iowa at Nebraska, 1 p.m.  
N. Kentucky at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
UIC at Cleveland St., 1 p.m.  
Chicago St. at Valparaiso, 1 p.m.  
Wright St. at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.  
Rutgers at Wisconsin, 2 p.m.  
Northwestern at Illinois, 2 p.m.  
Texas Rio Grande Vall. at Kansas St., 2 p.m.  
Michigan St. at Indiana, 5 p.m.  
Grand Canyon at California, 9 p.m.

## NFL

## AFC

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-New England	12	3	0	.800	396	198	6-1-0	6-2-0	8-3-0	4-0-0	5-0-0
x-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	308	245	4-3-0	6-2-0	7-4-0	3-1-0	3-2-0
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	263	353	5-3-0	1-6-0	3-8-0	3-1-0	1-4-0
Miami	4	11	0	.267	279	470	3-5-0	1-6-0	3-8-0	1-3-0	1-4-0

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-Houston	10	5	0	.667	364	350	5-2-0	5-3-0	8-3-0	2-2-0	4-1-0
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	367	317	4-4-0	4-3-0	6-5-0	2-2-0	2-3-0
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	341	335	5-3-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333	262	377	2-5-0	3-5-0	5-6-0	0-4-0	1-4-0

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
z-Baltimore	13	2	0	.867	503	272	6-1-0	7-1-0	9-2-0	4-0-0	4-1-0
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	279	275	5-3-0	3-4-0	6-5-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Cleveland	6	9	0	.400	312	360	4-4-0	2-5-0	6-5-0	0-4-0	3-2-0
Cincinnati	1	14	0	.067	246	397	1-6-0	0-8-0	1-10-0	0-4-0	0-5-0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
y-Kansas City	11										

## SPORTS



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Top story of the year: Tiger Woods reacts with a massive shout as he wins the Masters to cap a memorable comeback.

## STORY OF THE YEAR

# Tiger's comeback is personal, athletic

By **EDDIE PELLIS**

Associated Press

A green jacket. A heart-melting embrace. A stirring return to the top of golf by one of the sport's all-time greats.

In choosing Tiger Woods' victory in the Masters as the Associated Press sports story of the year, voters went with the uplifting escape of a great comeback over options that were as much about sports as the issues that enveloped them in 2019: politics, money and the growing push for equal pay and equal rights for women.

The balloters, a mix of AP member sports editors and AP beat writers, elevated Woods' rousing victory at Augusta National over the runner-up entry: the U.S. women's soccer team's victory in the World Cup. That monthlong competition was punctuated by star Megan Rapinoe's push for pay equality for the women's team and an ongoing war of words with President Donald Trump.

Rapinoe's efforts to use sports as a platform to discuss bigger issues was hardly a one-off in 2019. Of the top 12 stories in the balloting, only three — titles won by the Toronto Raptors, Washington Nationals and University of Virginia men's basketball team — stuck mainly to what happened between the lines.

All of the rest — including the blown call that cost the Saints a chance at the Super Bowl, a California law that threatens to upend the NCAA and Simone Biles' dominance in gymnastics' world championships, set against the backdrop of the sex-abuse crisis consuming the sport in the U.S. — were long-running sagas that went beyond a single day or event. They painted sports not as an escape from the world's problems but merely another window into them.

It's no stretch to say the whole of the Woods saga — namely, the sordid, pain-riddled, decadelong prelude to his victory at Augusta National in April — would fit into that category as well.

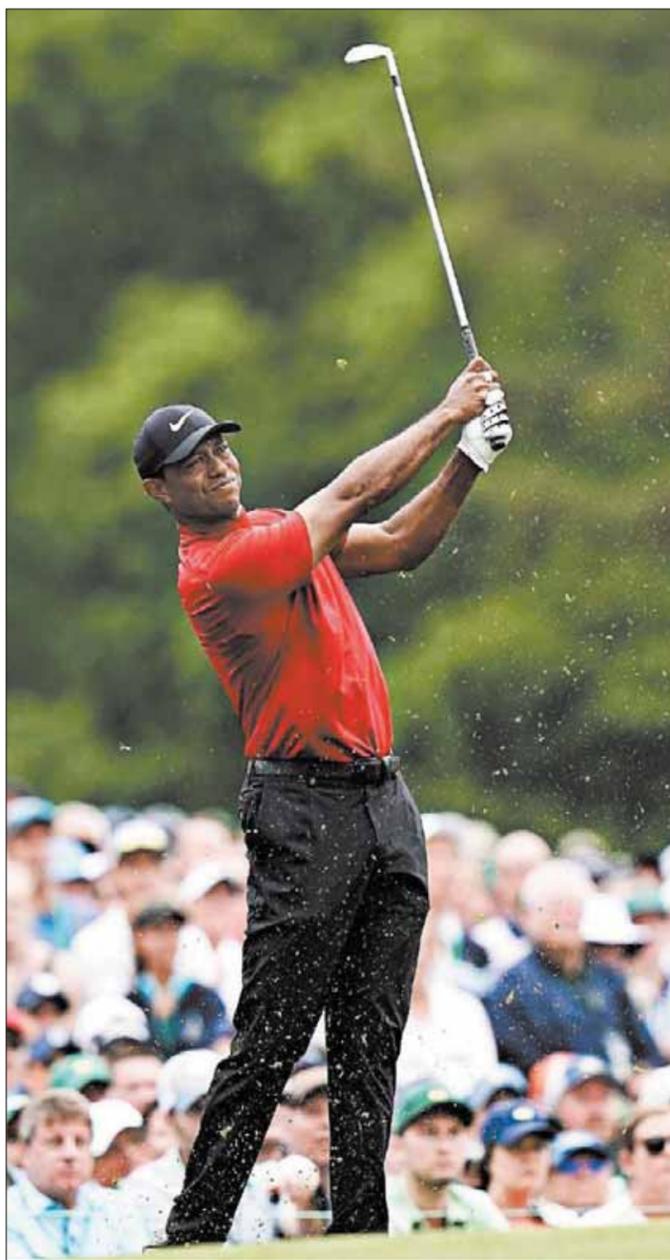
His downfall began in the wee hours the day after Thanksgiving in 2009, when he ran over a fire hydrant outside his house in Florida, triggering an avalanche of stories about infidelity that would lead to the breakup of his marriage and play into the near-destruction of his career.

Part 2 was the injuries. Woods came close but did not return to his dominant form after his return to golf following his breakup with his wife. And as time went on, his physical condition deteriorated. He didn't play in 2016 or 2017, and at the end of 2017, he conceded his back was so bad that his days of competitive golf might be behind him.

There were four risky back surgeries. Woods also required a good deal of inner healing after an embarrassing DUI arrest in 2017 that exposed his reliance on painkillers.

Through it all, Woods kept nurturing his love for golf. And eventually, he found his game again. He climbed his way back to the top. He had close calls in two majors in 2018 — the British Open and PGA Championship — and then won the season-ending Tour Championship, as good a sign as any that, at 43, he could take on the best and win.

But regular tournaments are not the majors, and no major is the Masters.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Tiger Woods hits on the 12th hole during the final round of the 2019 Masters.

It was on those hallowed grounds at Augusta National where Woods set the marker, starting a decade of dominance that would redefine the game. He blew away the field by 12 strokes in 1997 to win the first of what has become five green jackets and 15 major titles.

On that day, Woods came off the 18th green and wrapped himself in a warm embrace with his father, Earl, whose death in 2006 left an undeniable void in Woods' life.

Though there had been a handful of close calls between his U.S. Open victory in 2008 and the start of 2019, it was clear that if there was a single course where Woods could conjure the old magic and end a major drought, it would be Augusta National. As a four-time champion, Woods built a career on studying every inch of the layout, knowing every fault line and every sneaky twist and turn of the slickest greens on earth.

But where, at one time, he might have overpowered the course and intimidated the competition, in 2019 he simply outlasted them. He avoided mistakes while everyone else was

making them. Instead of taking a lead into the last day, then never giving anyone a whiff of hope, this was a comeback. He started the day two shots behind.

As AP golf writer Doug Ferguson wrote in his wrapup of the final day: "Woods never missed a shot that mattered over the final seven holes, taking the lead with a 5-iron to the fat of the green on the par-5 15th for a two-putt birdie, delivering the knockout with an 8-iron that rode down the ridge by the cup and settled 2 feet away for birdie on the par-3 16th."

When it was over, Woods came to the same spot where he had met Earl 22 years before. He scooped up his son, Charlie, and held him in a long embrace, then did the same with his 11-year-old daughter, Sam, and his mother, Tilda.

"For them to see what it's like to have their dad win a major championship, I hope that's something they will never forget," Woods said.

Very few golf fans will. And in a sports year dominated by weightier topics, Woods at the Masters stood out — a comeback story that left people smiling at the end.

## PLAYS OF THE YEAR

## So. Much. Drama.

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

Associated Press

Thousands of pro games, hundreds of thousands of college games, millions of high school games and billions of youth-league, rec-league, bar-league and whatever other sort of league games you can think of were contested in 2019.

That means there were probably trillions of plays.

Of those, we're picking nine as the best of the year.

It's a thankless task. Spoiler alert: Yes, we are missing some good ones. We're missing some very — very — good ones. Dwyane Wade's buzzer-beater to beat the Warriors. Gary Woodland using his wedge on the 17th green to clinch the U.S. Open. Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale throwing a no-look, behind-the-back pass for an assist. An outfielder for Liberty front-flipping over a wall to make a catch.

They were all fantastic. So were countless others.

But let's get to the ones that made the list.

### Tulane trickery

Imagine: Tulane beat Houston on a 53-yard touchdown pass with three seconds left — and that wasn't the one making this list. The play before did. Tie game, 18 seconds left, Tulane lined up as if it was going to kneel and send the game to overtime. Except the Green Wave decided to employ some trickery, and Amare Jones' 18-yard scamper got them near midfield — good enough for them to try the Hail Mary game-winner.

### Goalie swagger

Penalty kicks are an inhumane way to decide anything, especially a national championship. Katie Meyer didn't mind. The Stanford goalie was the star of the Women's College Cup, leading the Cardinal to the national title after stopping two North Carolina penalty kicks in the deciding shootout. She set the tone with a dive to her right to stop the first offering from the Tar Heels, then stoned them again in the sixth round with a dive to the left. Kiki Pickett then won it for Stanford with the deciding penalty kick.

### Another Yaz

Carl Yastrzemski won seven Gold Gloves for the Red Sox. His grandson Mike Yastrzemski is pretty good with the leather as well. The younger Yaz had some unforgettable moments in 2019 — homering at Fenway Park among them — but he turned in arguably the baseball play of the year with his game-ending catch for the Giants in a game against the Brewers. Yasmani Grandal represented the tying run for the Brewers, and he hit a sharp liner into left-center field. Yastrzemski got a good jump, dived and snared the ball to end the game just before it would have hit the grass.

### Colorful goal

The Blues had a comeback story for all time — going from being the worst team in the NHL midway through last season to winning the Stanley Cup. To get there, they needed some Maroon magic first. Patrick Maroon's goal in double overtime gave the Blues a win in Game 7 of their Western Conference semifinal series against the Stars. The Blues went on to beat the Sharks in six games, then needed another Game 7 to defeat the Bruins and win the Cup.

### Buzzer beaters

This is where these lists get difficult. Choosing one game-winning shot is impossible. But the best of the buzzer-beating bunch in 2019 was Kawhi Leonard, whose jumper from the deep right corner bounced, then bounced again, then bounced yet again, then bounced ONE MORE TIME before finally going in to give the Raptors a 92-90 win over the 76ers in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. You know the rest: The Raptors beat the Bucks for the East title, then topped the Warriors in six games for the NBA title.

### Golden Rose

This is how you finish a World Cup championship. Rose Lavelle of the U.S. took a pass just inside the midfield stripe in the 69th minute of the World Cup final against the Netherlands, a game the Americans were leading 1-0. She sealed the title in style, dribbling about 40 yards downfield as three Dutch defenders attempted to thwart her path and a fourth was just a couple of steps behind. Lavelle waited until the last possible second before taking a left-footed strike, threading the ball between the outstretched legs of two Netherlands players before it skipped past a helpless — and ordinarily fantastic — Dutch goalie Sari van Veenendaal.

### The triple-double

Due respect to James Harden, Russell Westbrook and anyone else in the NBA, the triple-double of the year was turned in by someone who stands 4-foot-8. Simone Biles, take a bow. If we're going to get technical, her triple-double is actually called a triple-twisting double backflip — which Biles pulled off during her floor routine multiple times this year. The rule in gymnastics is if you're the first one to execute a move, it gets named on your behalf. The triple-double in gymnastics is the Biles II; the plain old double-double ... well, that's the Biles, since she was the first to do that too.

### 'Kick' play

The 2019 season for the Dolphins was largely forgettable, except for one play in which a punter found a kicker for a touchdown. It happened against the Eagles, a play in which the Dolphins sent five players out to the left, four others to the right and had Daniel Kilgore snapping the ball to punter Matt Haack — who was basically in a shotgun quarterback stance. Haack darted to his left, and just as the Eagles were about to bring him down, he shovel-passed to Jason Sanders, the Dolphins kicker, who had slipped behind the defense. Sanders caught it, the Dolphins went on to win and it was the first time a kicker and punter combined for an NFL touchdown since 1964.

### Bounce oop

Just about anyone can throw a lob for a dunk in the NBA, particularly in the All-Star Game. The Warriors' Stephen Curry raised the bar this year. Curry took a pass from Joel Embiid on a fast break and — in less than a second — decided to set up Giannis Antetokounmpo for a dunk. Except a lob would be too boring. Instead, Curry hammered a pass off the court, then watched the ball ricochet several feet above the rim as it made its way toward the Bucks star. Antetokounmpo handled it as if they had been practicing the play for years, timing his jump perfectly to corral the ball and slam the dunk home. "Timing was unreal," Curry said. "His length, finishing it and getting it before it came down ... a pretty bang-bang play." The pass — and the play — was a little better than the rest in a year that had countless unforgettable moments.

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## Staying in siloes

Online classes are convenient for college football players, but some say logging on takes away from the academic experience

By MITCH STACY | Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow is a hero on LSU's Baton Rouge campus, but he hasn't seen much of it because he took graduate courses online. Justin Fields rarely has to step inside an Ohio State classroom building because he also does most of his school work online to accommodate his grueling football schedule.

Fields, a sophomore and the Buckeyes' Heisman Trophy finalist quarterback, said online classes allow him to split his time between studying at home or relaxing with Netflix and the Woody Hayes Athletic Center, where besides football facilities there is a new lavish lounge for players that offers made-to-order meals, massage chairs, video games on big screens and a cryogenic chamber.

"Usually the assignments are all due in the same day so that makes it easier for me," said Fields, who transferred from Georgia last January.

Online classes are a fact of modern college life. For football players with immense demands on their time nearly year round, working online helps them fit school in when it's convenient — especially during travel for road games — and to avoid having to mix it up with a bunch of other students clamoring for a selfie for their Instagram. The arrangement also allows them, if they choose, to spend most of their waking hours around teammates and others associated with the football program.

That can be good and bad. Some administrators interviewed by The Associated Press worry that too much screen time means athletes are not integrating themselves into the community and not getting the full college experience.

"You know, part of (higher education) is the exchange of ideas, collaboration, discourse, hearing criticism from other people and criticizing other people and learning to exchange ideas. I think that all happens within the classroom," said Matt Rhule, head

coach at Baylor, which limits online offerings for athletes.

"I think for our football players, the thing we want to do is we want to continue to integrate into the campus community, not continue to pull them out," he said.

The debate is likely to continue. Of the 46 Power Five conference schools that responded to an AP survey, 27 have no limits on how many online courses athletes may take. A dozen others have few online course offerings or limit how many athletes may take. Just six have no online offerings or prohibit athletes from taking them, including private schools Vanderbilt, Northwestern, Southern California, Texas Christian and Notre Dame. Michigan is the only public school among the Power Five conferences that doesn't offer online learning.

Burrow, who will be a top pick in the NFL draft in the spring, didn't go to LSU for the college experience. He already had that at Ohio State, where he earned his undergraduate degree in three years. With Dwayne Haskins Jr. likely to start at quarterback in the 2018 season, Burrow opted to take his two remaining years of eligibility elsewhere.

Burrow, who was awarded a master's degree in liberal arts on Friday, acknowledged his laser focus on football in Baton Rouge kept him sequestered. That's why he decided to spend a few minutes celebrating with fans post game at Tiger Stadium last month.

"I don't go to class. I take online classes so I don't get to see any of those people," he said. "And I kind of just wanted to see them for the first time and just thank them."

Some players say online work suits them because they can do a lot when they are awake and alert no matter the time of day or night.

"Sometimes I'll be in class and kind of zone out or something like that, and then totally miss what the teacher says," Michigan State senior defensive tackle Mike Panasiuk said. "But when I'm focusing and ready to go to work, stuff like that, I'm able to focus



MIKE STEWART/AP

LSU QB Joe Burrow is a hero on campus, but he hasn't seen much of it because he took courses online.



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Ohio State QB Justin Fields says online classes offer flexibility in a hectic schedule.

and maybe grasp some more things off that. There's studies I guess out there, when you're doing homework and stuff like that, people are engaged and some people are disengaged in a certain point in time."

Brian Russell, associate athletic director for academic services and student-athlete development at the University of Illinois, estimates that Illini athletes are taking about 20% of their courses online.

Russell said there is concern among administrators that online classes make it easier for someone other than the player to do the work. He said athletes taking online courses is "a red flag and high-alert area."

"Just from an industry standpoint, we worry daily and nightly how we monitor academic integrity in online courses," Russell said. "How are we ensuring stu-

dents are doing the work themselves? Are we ensuring if they do need additional tutoring or support, how is it their work and not the tutor's work? There are challenges there that are inherent to the online nature versus the system that we've built with compliance in in-person classes."

That proved to be the case with scandals at Mississippi and Missouri in recent years that involved tutors doing online coursework to keep athletes eligible.

At Ohio State, football coach Ryan Day insisted "we're aware of everything."

A weekly meeting involves going over every player's progress in every class.

"It's kind of different from the way we all grew up, not face-to-face but it gives those guys some more flexibility," he said. "So I think a good mixture of the in-person and also online classes

is good."

At Oklahoma State, many professors have strict attendance policies and don't cut any slack for athletes who have to travel to games, said Marilyn Middlebrooks, associate athletic director for academic affairs. So distance learning is sometimes a perfect fit.

"I get very heated when people make criticisms of online classes," she said. "It's simply another delivery system to help students get through schools. Ours are proctored exams, they have cameras on them, the kids understand all of the implications of taking an online class. It's worked beautifully for us."

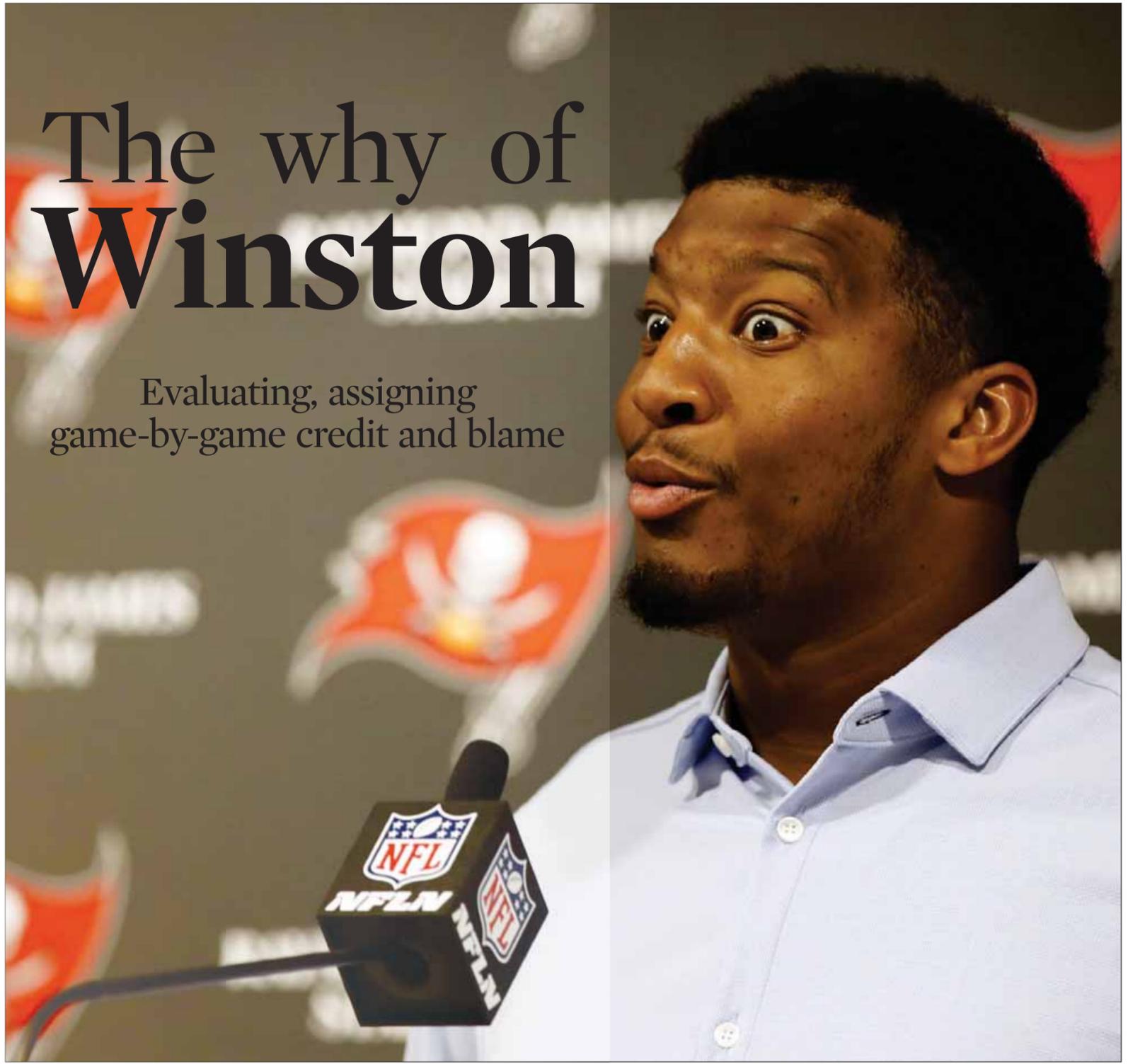
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## FOOTBALL

# The why of Winston

Evaluating, assigning game-by-game credit and blame



MARK LOMOGGIO/AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston speaks at a news conference after an NFL football game Saturday in Tampa, Fla.

BY JOHN ROMANO  
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA, Fla. — No matter what you think of Jameis Winston, you must admit this season has been unlike anything you've ever seen.

It was like watching a standup comic with perpetual amnesia. He was brilliant and he was awful, sometimes in the same hour. If you watched closely, you could see him learning and regressing simultaneously.

He threw for more yards and touchdowns than any Bucs quarterback in history. He also threw more interceptions than any Tampa Bay quarterback in 30 years, and he could still set a franchise record for sacks this weekend.

Fasten your seatbelts Tampa Bay, Jameis Winston is on the brink of history.

You could praise and criticize any part of his game and be right on target. He threw the ball recklessly, but he also held it too long. His deep passes were vastly improved, but crummy little out patterns were virtual invitations for interceptions.

The many ups and downs make it difficult to grade his season totals like some quarterback Rorschach test, so maybe the key to figuring out Winston's value is to critique him week by week. How many games did he cost Tampa Bay, and how many victories did he deliver?

We'll loosely grade each game based on his level of culpability or credit for the outcome. This isn't scientific and it isn't perfect, but then neither is Winston.

**Game 1: San Francisco 31, Tampa Bay 17** We didn't realize it at the time, but the 49ers were one of the NFL's best teams. Tampa Bay's offense struggled in the first half, but was only trailing 13-7 in the third quarter when Winston threw his first pick-six of the season. The Bucs survived that miscue and were trailing 23-17 in the fourth quarter when Winston threw another pick-six. **Verdict:** Heavily responsible for the loss.

**Game 2: Tampa Bay 20, Carolina 14** This game was a complete anomaly. It was one of the few times this season the coaching staff did not put the entire offense in Winston's hands. He had a season-low 25 pass attempts and did not throw an interception. He took the Bucs on a go-ahead touchdown drive in the third quarter and had another clutch scoring drive in the fourth. **Verdict:** Partial credit for the win.

**Game 3: New York Giants 32, Tampa Bay 31** Winston threw for 380 yards and three touchdowns, and his lone interception had no impact. With the Bucs losing 32-31 and 1:16 remaining, Winston drove the offense 66 yards to get in position for a short field goal with 13 seconds remaining. Rookie kicker Matt Gay missed the potential game-winner. **Verdict:** Zero responsibility for the loss.



JULIO AGUILAR/GETTY IMAGES

Jameis Winston scrambles during the second quarter of a football game against the Houston Texans at Raymond James Stadium on Saturday in Tampa, Florida.

bility for the loss.

**Game 4: Tampa Bay 55, Los Angeles Rams 40** The score makes it look like an offensive explosion, but Tampa Bay's defense contributed four takeaways that all led to touchdowns. Winston threw for 385 yards and four TDs, but also had his third pick-six of the season. **Verdict:** Significant credit for the win.

**Game 5: New Orleans 31, Tampa Bay 24** Tampa Bay's defense got chewed up by Saints quarterback Teddy Bridgewater. New Orleans had four touchdown drives of 75 yards or more. Winston was sacked six times and hit on several other pass attempts. He didn't have a great game, but didn't throw an interception. **Verdict:** Little responsibility for the loss.

**Game 6: Carolina 37, Tampa Bay 26** This was the first real shocker to Bruce Arians. Winston threw for 400 yards, but also had five interceptions and lost a fumble. The interceptions led directly to 17 Carolina points. **Verdict:** Totally responsible for the loss.

**Game 7: Tennessee 27, Tampa Bay 23** A real mixed bag, Winston threw for 301 yards and two touchdowns, but also had two interceptions and a fumble that led to a pair of easy Tennessee touchdowns. Even so, he led the Bucs to a third-quarter lead by going 3-of-3 for 53 yards on a touchdown drive. The defense then gave up the lead in the fourth quarter. **Verdict:** Partially responsible for the loss.

**Game 8: Seattle 40, Tampa Bay 34** One of Winston's better games. He was 29-of-44 for

335 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. He led the Bucs to a pair of game-tying drives in the fourth quarter before the Seahawks won in overtime. **Verdict:** Zero responsibility for the loss.

**Game 9: Tampa Bay 30, Arizona 27** Took the Bucs on a game-winning touchdown drive while trailing 27-23 in the final two minutes. Threw for 358 yards and one TD. **Verdict:** Significant credit for the win.

**Game 10: New Orleans 34, Tampa Bay 17** Threw for 313 yards and two touchdowns, but also had four interceptions, including a pair that led to New Orleans touchdowns. **Verdict:** Partially responsible for the loss.

**Game 11: Tampa Bay 35, Atlanta 22** Another 300-yard passing day with scoring drives of 75, 95 and 97 yards. Also rushed for 38 yards. **Verdict:** Significant credit for the win.

**Game 12: Tampa Bay 28, Jacksonville 11** Winston played a clean game with no interceptions and 268 yards passing. The Bucs defense probably played a larger role. **Verdict:** Partial credit for the win.

**Game 13: Tampa Bay 38, Indianapolis 35** Perfect example of the Winston duality. He threw for 456 yards and four touchdowns, and took the Bucs on three long drives in the last 20 minutes after trailing 35-21. But one of the reasons the Bucs were trailing was because Winston threw three interceptions, including another pick-six. **Verdict:** Partial credit for the win.

**Game 14: Tampa Bay 38, Detroit 17** The Bucs had no Mike Evans and virtually no running game, but Winston shredded the Detroit defense for 458 yards and four touchdowns. **Verdict:** Significant credit for the win.

**Game 15: Houston 23, Tampa Bay 20** Another pick-six. Another four-interception day. Completely outweighed the 335 passing yards. **Verdict:** Totally responsible for the loss.

If you count them up, Winston was the main culprit in three losses and contributed to two others. He gets significant credit for four victories, and partial credit for three others. There were three games where he was not a major factor in either the win or loss.

When you view it from this standpoint, Winston's interceptions do not look quite as bad because they were bunched together. About two-thirds of his INTs — 19 of 28 — were thrown in five games. That means he averaged roughly one interception in the other 10 games.

Still, it's simply not good enough. Your quarterback cannot give away that many games no matter how many 400-yard passing games he posts.



Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato performs alongside conductor Riccardo Muti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on May 2.

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# Best classical concerts of 2019

It was a banner year loaded with musical highlights

BY HOWARD REICH

The 10 most memorable classical music performances of 2019:

**Thomas Hampson with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 10 in Orchestra Hall**

Anything the great baritone sings is well worth hearing, but his work in American song stands in a category by itself. On this occasion, Hampson brought forth the profundities of three of Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs" and conjured a range of color in John Corigliano's "One Sweet Morning" and illuminated the poetry of Michael Daugherty's "Letter to Mrs. Bixby" (a bittersweet setting of President Abraham Lincoln's famous message to a grieving mother).

**Riccardo Muti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 20 in Orchestra Hall**

Never before had the CSO



Piccolo player Jennifer Gunn performs with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Center on June 13.

performed William Schuman's Symphony No. 9, "Le Fosse Ardeatine," which addressed a historic tragedy: the 1944 massacre of 335 Italian civilians by Nazi invaders. Schuman, one of 20th century's great American symphonists, penned a solemn work, and Muti's CSO captured its aura of horror and fear. The concert's inclusion of Mozart's Requiem underscored the grav-

ity of the occasion.

**Haymarket Opera Company's "Pimpinone," March 28 at the Studebaker Theater**

Can an early 18th century comic opera amuse a 21st century audience? Yes, indeed, as Haymarket proved in Georg Philipp Telemann's "Pimpinone." Originally written as a series of intermezzos to be performed

between acts of a more substantive opera, "Pimpinone" stood unequivocally on its own when fleshed out by Telemann instrumental works, deftly conducted by Craig Trompeter. The comic shtick between soprano Erica Schuller and baritone Ryan de Ryke deliciously captured the age-old story of a doddering old man succumbing to youthful charm and beauty.

**Evgeny Kissin and Itzhak Perlman, May 1 in Orchestra Hall**

With Symphony Center having been dark during a seven-week Chicago Symphony Orchestra strike, Chicagoans were eager to hear music in the grand old hall once again. Pianist Kissin and violinist Perlman turned the lights back on, each showing immense respect for the other and for the scores at hand. They brought vigor and stylistic sensitivity to Beethoven's Sonata for Klavier and Violin No. 9 in A Major, Op. 47; soaring lyricism and unmistakable intimacy of expression to Brahms' Violin Sonata No. 2 in A Major, Op. 100.

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JIM SPELLMAN/WIREIMAGE

Actor Eric Bogosian has come a long way since enduring an embarrassing moment on a movie set in Thailand in 1990.

**MY WORST MOMENT**

## Bogosian gets placed in foreign territory

Actor expected to speak some Vietnamese but didn't know language

BY NINA METZ

Co-starring opposite Adam Sandler in "Uncut Gems," Eric Bogosian describes the movie as a "subset of a certain kind of genre, which is basically the incorrigible gambler — which is Howard, the Adam Sandler character — who owes everybody money and is running around town hustling to keep all his balls in the air, and everything is closing in on him.

"The person he owes the most money to is me. And because Howard keeps wriggling out of my grasp and coming up with all these excuses why the money isn't forthcoming, I hire some guys to strong-arm him and he isn't taking it seriously — like, what are you guys going to do, kill me? And that is where we are when the movie begins."

He added: "I've seen the movie four times and I'm going to see it again tomorrow night, I like it so much. And I can't say that about everything I do. I did 60 episodes of 'Law & Order: Criminal Intent,' and the last one I get gunned to death and I've never seen that episode, understandably."

A longtime playwright and theater actor — you can see a sampling of his monologues performed by actors such as Michael Shannon, Peter Dinklage and Ethan Hawke on the website [www.100monologues.com](http://www.100monologues.com) — Bogosian does credit "Law & Order" for helping him finally shake off whatever anxieties he might have had about acting in front of the camera.

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# 'Phantom' much more than just entertainment

Musical was source of inspiration, strength for author's dying mother

BY NICOLE SCHNITZLER

The music box opens and a small stuffed monkey appears, slowly clapping two brass cymbals to produce a familiar melody.

I look down at my lap as the tears build. I look up at the chandelier, labeled "Lot 666," and the tears come faster.

We're not even five minutes into the show, and I am regretting my decision to come here alone — here, to the orchestra seating of Chicago's Cadillac Palace Theatre to see "The Phantom of the Opera."

A few weeks earlier I had asked my dad if he wanted to join me.

"I don't know, Nicole," he said. "It's just become too difficult."

I told him I would go by myself. "Oh, Cole — c'mon," he called me by nickname, his response a mix of guilt and pity. "You can't go alone."

I considered his words.

"It's OK," I reassured him. "I won't really be alone."

My mom was one of the first

audience members to see "Phantom" here in the United States, traveling to New York for its 1988 run — two years after it debuted in London's West End. Before then, she had devoted herself religiously to the soundtrack, which she listened to while driving, doing dishes or talking on the phone.

I was born in 1985, so it's fair to say that I lived just one year before "Phantom" fandom began at home. By 7, I was listening to "Masquerade" as I dusted the living room, "Think of Me" as we headed to soccer practice and, most embarrassingly of all, "All I Ask of You" when we gave rides home from junior high to any of my older brother's cute friends.

The second time my mom saw the show was in Los Angeles in 1989. She went alone — packed a bag, boarded a plane and flew four hours west — because she loved the musical that much.

And because she wanted to meet the show's star, Michael Crawford.

In the three years since the production had debuted, she had developed a crush on the actor, sending him fan letters and creating gift baskets brimming with chocolates, soaps and towels — all



The Schnitzler family on a "Phantom of the Opera" outing, including the author's father, Gene, brother Kevin, Nicole Schnitzler, mother Susan and brother Daniel.

tinged in some way with purple, his favorite color (which, in turn, became her favorite). When she arrived in LA, a friend of a friend helped to meet all of her requests in readying herself for the performance — haircut, highlights, nails and shopping.

My dad, who knew of all of this, didn't think to intervene —

no one did. They realized that, on some level, she needed it in order to keep going.

In 1985, just two months after I was born, my mom was diagnosed with lymphoma. The doctors advised her to start chemotherapy immediately to better her chances for survival. Instead, she chose to breastfeed her daughter,

and, a year later, listen wholeheartedly to Andrew Lloyd Webber's music.

If my mom had any inhibitions to begin with, in the face of cancer she abandoned them. She befriended Crawford's personal dresser for the show's tour, exchanging notes with her while she and the cast traveled. She got to know the theater manager for the Auditorium Theatre, working with her to organize a one-off production of "Phantom" for busloads of suburban Chicago teens with developmental disabilities — a mission inspired by Daniel, her then-19-year-old autistic son.

"At the end of the show," she noted with pride, "the ensemble applauded the audience." I heard later from my dad that some of the teens who could understand the show's storyline — and the dynamics of the Phantom's plight — had tears in their eyes at the curtain's close.

And when Sarah Brightman and Lloyd Webber came to Chicago for her solo concert, we went backstage so that I could sing "Music of the Night" for them. I was 4 then, and knowing

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## CELEBRITIES

## Megan Thee Stallion feels grateful

BY GARY GERARD HAMILTON  
Associated Press

Megan Thee Stallion's schedule has become so frenetic that she can spend days, or even longer, away from home, in a different city every night. While the grueling schedule may wear down some, she's not bothered by it, and not because she's as strong as her name suggests.

"I won't complain because I remember I used to be at home wishing I was leaving and going to do shows," said Megan, who was named one of AP's 2019 Breakthrough Entertainers of the Year. "I'm just grateful for everything that happened this year and the opportunities that a lot of people have given me."

The rapper from Houston burst onto the music scene this year with her album, "Fever," and instantly became a sensation.

She racked up singles such as "Big Ole Freak," "Cash (expletive)" with DaBaby, and her first No. 1 on Billboard's Rhythmic Songs chart, "Hot Girl Summer." The song, featuring Nicki Minaj and Ty Dolla \$ign, stemmed from a phrase Megan coined that became the hot phrase of the season.

Endorsements also blasted her way, including Coach, Puma and a management deal with the Jay-Z-founded Roc Nation. She also won an MTV Video Music Award, and just this month received the Powerhouse Award at Billboard's Women in Music Awards.

"Every day, they tell me, 'Megan you're doing a good job,'" the 24-year-old said, referring to her team. "I'm like 'Thank you,' but I got to work harder. I know I'm not where I want to be at yet, so I'm still trying to grind."

The year of peaks was not without valleys, none lower than the loss of her



RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

mother in March. While she doesn't talk about that in detail, Megan acknowledged: "This year has definitely been super crazy: a lot of ups, some downs."

Some may consider her omission from the recent slate of Grammy nominees another disappointment, but Megan brushes it off.

"You're not rapping because you want to win a Grammy," she said. "You're rapping because you want to rap."

Currently enrolled at Houston's Texas Southern, a historically black college and university, Megan also has married overt, unapologetic sex appeal with education.

"I really am kind of a little nerd, but I am very confident in myself and in my body," she said, adding that she wasn't trying to be a role model. "This is my regular life. But I'm really happy that it is inspiring girls, and it is making people want to further their education."

Megan Thee Stallion also signed on to star in the new season of NBC's "Good Girls," and says she'd eventually like to write her own horror film. But her focus is on her debut album, which she says will go beyond the sexual imagery for which she's known.

"My album, the songs that I've been recording for it so far, have been way more soft than my usual music — a little soft in my opinion," she said. "It's been a little more vulnerable. I feel like that's what my fans want to know at this point, so I'm giving y'all a little more insight on why I am the way I am."

**Dec. 26 birthdays:** "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh is 74. Humorist David Sedaris is 63. Actor-singer Jared Leto is 48. Singer Chris Daughtry is 40. Actress Beth Behrs is 34. Actor Kit Harington is 33.



## ASK AMY

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## Family braces for a high holiday

**Dear Amy:** As my home state prepares to legalize recreational marijuana, I feel as if a lot of us are unsure what to expect in certain social or familial situations. As a middle-aged adult who saw harmless pot smoking in college alongside truly frightening problems with marijuana and other substances, I am not a big proponent of recreational drug use.

In our family, we have an out-of-state close relative who is a daily user of marijuana, and from what we see on social media posts, he appears to be using from the moment he wakes up to right before falling asleep — seven days a week. In his mid-20s, he is unemployed, lives at home, and relies on his parents to purchase his drugs (legal in their state).

When he visits relatives in states where recreational use is not legal, he insists on bringing his drugs and being allowed to use them in our homes, or he threatens violence. His parents do nothing to stop this behavior and appear to be detached from the issue, while clearly enabling his use of drugs.

We don't want to tell his family they are not welcome on major holidays, nor do we want to further exclude an adult child who appears to have mental health issues on top of problems with drugs. Nor do we want our young children (or our homes or ourselves) exposed to constant drug use during a multiple-day visit.

What is a good (and healthy) way to approach this and other holidays where this is always an issue?

— Worried Relative

**Dear Worried:** Many people don't allow smoking of any kind inside their house, so that is one boundary you can easily establish. If marijuana is still illegal in your state, then you should not allow it on your property.

Your relative is a daily user; his threat of violence if he can't use is an indication of his substance use disorder/addiction (and/or other mental health issues, which apparently are not being addressed).

You should convey to these family members: "Marijuana use is illegal in our state. We don't allow drug use or any smoking in our home. We are looking forward to seeing all of you, and we are giving you a heads-up about what our boundaries are. Please respond and let us know that you understand."

Aside from the smoking issue, do not overly police this family member. If he threatens violence or is otherwise disruptive, you will have to ask him to leave your home; and his parents will have to face yet another consequence of their codependency.

I hope you can also urge his parents in the strongest possible terms to get help (for themselves). Nar-anon Family Group meetings or online support (nar-anon.org) could be a supportive and nonjudgmental eye-opener for them.

**Dear Amy:** What happened to responding, "You're welcome" when you thank someone for their service? The typical response I receive is, "No problem." While I am happy to hear that I did not cause them a problem (while performing their

job), I do not appreciate the response.

I don't ever say anything because I think the next thing I would hear is, "OK, boomer." Common courtesy is definitely a thing of the past.

— Just a Boomer

**Dear Boomer:** I realize that "no problem" is different than saying "you're welcome," but what does "you're welcome" really mean, anyway? You're welcome — to or for what?

"You're welcome" is part of a politeness formula we North Americans have used for about a century, but the formula is changing. When people say "no problem," they are not saying they did you a favor; they are saying it was their pleasure to serve you, and they are acknowledging your appreciation.

**Dear Amy:** "Upset Friend" told the disturbing story of a longtime friend who came up behind her and grabbed her privates. I agree that this would constitute assault. However, all parties had been drinking. She also mentioned that the man was retired. I am wondering if he is a black-out drunk, or possibly showing some signs of dementia.

— Worried

**Dear Worried:** Either (or both) of your theories could be correct, which is why the person who was assaulted should speak her truth about what happened that night.

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## Musical

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each word, tried my best to romanticize every syllable.

My gaze was on the floor most of the time, but on seeing Lloyd Webber's smile out of the corner of my eye, I looked up and sang directly back to him. He had bent over as to listen with intention, and, at the close of my performance, he clapped his hands, tapped his toes and said six words that would carry my confidence forward forever: "We should put her on stage."

The Phantom became a part of my mom's identity as I knew it.

When I heard Crawford and Brightman singing, it wasn't the Phantom and Christine — it was her, blasting the songs in her green Town & Country minivan, sweatpants-clad, humming along. When I saw the iconic "Phantom" poster, I no longer saw a white mask against a black background and broken mirrored-lettering — my mind wandered instead to the makeshift shrine my mom had created atop our living room piano, a multi-year showcasing of "Phantom" memorabilia, from a ceramic mask to a Jack-in-the-box Phantom in cape.

And then there was the framed photo of my brother Daniel shaking hands with Mark Jacoby, the actor who played the Phantom in the Auditorium production. The photo was taken at our Chicago suburban home because she had invited him for dinner. And — after becoming acquainted with my mom and her story — he actually came.

The music came to represent our mother-daughter relationship. The songs served as a soundtrack to our minutes in each other's company, our errands together acting as intermissions to the melodies when we beelined through the local grocery for doughnuts before school, visited the neighborhood Starbucks for fancy hot cocoa and



Actor Michael Crawford was a longtime lead of "The Phantom of the Opera."

shopped Marshall Field's to buy holiday Frango mints for loved ones. We were each other's plus ones for a show that, we both felt, was only just beginning.

My mom died in 1997. She had lived 10 years longer than the doctors had predicted.

We left the piano exactly as it was until we moved, nearly a decade after her death. We kept all of her tour letters, newspaper clippings, and photos bearing any association to "Phantom." It reminded us not only of her but also of her passion for life and love for the arts — and of the ability we all have to dive into our deepest vulnerabilities to draw close to something with which we, against all odds, can identify.

In her fight with cancer and feelings of isolation, pain and longing for change, it was within those 150 minutes that I believe my mom found it most — the ability to persevere. The experience for her, I imagine, was not unlike the moment Christine has in her dressing room, when

she stares into her mirror expecting to see herself but instead finds the Phantom — and a world of possibility and hope — reflected back to her.

It had been nearly 20 years since my mom died, but I was missing her more than ever. I had learned to deal with the grief then as best a 12-year-old could — but this resurfaced grief, arriving in front of me as a 32-year-old woman, was a grief that few cared to warn me about. I don't blame them. Because after coming face-to-face with the reality of how short life is, to consider the possibility of reliving grief decades after the fact is a sharp reminder of how long it is too.

I had just returned to Chicago after living in New York for five years. I had moved there to find myself, as many do — and to do so, I felt I should play many roles: neighborhood tour operator, florist, wine bar employee, restaurant publicist, French student, improviser, writer. In trying to realize the woman I could become, I had lost sight of myself — and, more pain-

fully, of my relationship to the most important woman in my life.

Returning to Chicago, I felt, might fix this. Perhaps I would find her again.

But time does not stand still.

The blue-brick sanctuary home that we had lived in was torn down and a new construction had taken its place. Macy's bought Marshall Field's and, despite its continued Frango chocolate production, didn't exude the corner fixture's decades-old magic. Starbucks now offered mobile ordering and elaborate Frappuccino concoctions that made hot cocoa look like a backup plan. The doughnuts tasted stale.

Somehow, through all of this, "Phantom" remained untouched.

When I listened to its music, I was there with her. Or she with me. Christine and the Phantom were right where we had left them — still dancing around one another in love, curiosity and heartache, and Christine was vocalizing everything I had been feeling for years: "Wishing

you were somehow here again, wishing you were somehow near; sometimes it seemed, if I just dreamed, somehow you would be here."

I had tried to become so many things to so many people, but after two decades this truth had remained: "Phantom" helped me to remember exactly who I was to exactly one person.

When I heard the production was returning to Chicago, I was determined. At my Bucktown apartment, I chose a black blazer and a high neck black shift dress. Then I went to the nightstand where I keep my mother's last bottle of Jessica McClintock perfume.

There was only a centimeter or two left. I rarely used it for fear of forever losing it, a bit had evaporated upon every opening; upon every encounter with its — her — jasmine-black currant notes. I removed the cap and let a single spray fall onto my wrist.

It is only now — at the theater, one scene in — that I reconsider my dad's

words. Maybe this is too hard. I try to breathe through my mouth to halt the tears.

"I won't really be alone," I had repeated to myself as I scrolled over one of the only remaining solo seats available for purchase. "She'll be with me. She would never, ever miss 'Phantom.'"

I reach into my purse for a Frango and imagine her next to me. I picture an intermission of Champagne and conversation — the show, yes, but also boys, fashion and where to go for dinner. As lights flicker, she would suggest we hit the bathroom, where we'd reapply lipstick.

We'd be entering a dark theater, but it wouldn't matter — we would do it because, as mother and daughter, this was something we could do together for no other reason than to be in each other's company for a few more minutes, and, in the mirror ahead, to see ourselves reflected back to the other.

My attention returns to Christine's story. Her mother died when she was just 6, and she is raised by her father, with whom she is extremely close. He tells her that once he's in heaven he'll send her an angel of music to guide her. She begins to sing.

"Think of me, think of me fondly, When we've said goodbye."

Remember me, once in a while, Please promise me you'll try."

I lift my hand to sweep away tears. In doing so, I make a conscientious effort to let my wrist graze my nose — a chance to encounter my mom's perfume, and a new truth:

Where she had found healing, I was finding it too.

"The Phantom of the Opera" plays through Jan. 5 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com

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# 2019's best jazz performances in Chicago

Latino-America Unida, 'Two Wings' among the finest

BY HOWARD REICH

The 10 most rewarding jazz performances of 2019:

**Greg Ward and Rogue Parade, Jan. 11 at the Green Mill Jazz Club**

Chicago saxophonist Ward celebrated the release of an exuberant album, "Stomping Off from Greenwood," in an ideal setting: the Green Mill, a high-energy room. If the recording stands as a high point in Ward's career, the live performance of its repertoire was still more striking. The cohesiveness of the ensemble sound, the alluringly dusky character of Ward's alto and the immensely appealing complexities of the repertoire underscored Ward's value to music in Chicago and beyond.

**Warren Vache and Russ Phillips, Feb. 8 at the Green Mill Jazz Club**

Great performance traditions never go out of date, as trumpeter Vache and trombonist Phillips eloquently proved. Though reveling in a pre-bop swing idiom, they made it sound new again, thanks to their creative solos and deep-seated musicianship. Joined by guitarist Andy Brown and drummer Phil Gratteau — both like-minded spirits — Vache and Phillips reminded listeners of the joys of two-horn counterpoint.

**Julien Labro, March 22 at the Green Mill Jazz Club**

No one has done more in contemporary times to



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Saxophonist Ravi Coltrane performs at Jazz Showcase in Chicago on April 4.

assert the accordion's place in jazz than Labro, a brilliant technician and thoroughly musical improviser. Like Art Van Damme before him, Labro transcends the instrument's presumed limitations. He did so repeatedly in this performance, most notably in the aptly named "Chutzpah," a genre-bending original dedicated to musical experimenter John Zorn. Labro transcended epochs and idioms, careening from conventional harmony to bracing chord clusters, from hard-charging single-note lines to gnarly counterpoint. By any measure, a tour de force.

**Ravi Coltrane, April 4 at the Jazz Showcase**

It cannot be easy bearing the surname of a father who has come to symbolize the most profound and aspirational aspects of the music. Yet Ravi Coltrane does so with remarkable grace, his Showcase per-

formance capturing the poetic lyricism and questing character of his art. Whether evoking the romantic tenorism of Ben Webster and Coleman Hawkins or pushing into less charted territory in music of Ralph Towner and Ornette Coleman, Coltrane reaffirmed his distinctiveness as improviser.

**"Two Wings," May 24 at Orchestra Hall**

So many musical and literary genres converged in "Two Wings: The Music of Black America in Migration" that at first one wondered whether any of this could make sense. Yet this massive performance piece by pianist-composer Jason Moran and mezzo-soprano Alicia Hall Moran, a married couple, cohered. The evening encompassed jazz, blues, gospel, ragtime, stride, classical, opera, funk and more. Add to this dramatic readings of contemporary and historic literature,

and you had a multifaceted portrait of the black experience in America. Singer Alicia Hall Moran proved as charismatic as she was versatile, segueing from one genre to another with utter naturalness.

**Freddy Cole, Aug. 29 at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park**

It takes a certain kind of courage to put on a show when you're almost 88 years old and arrive onstage in a wheelchair. Freddy Cole showed plenty of guts and grit in celebrating the centennial his brother, Nat "King" Cole, during the 41st annual Chicago Jazz Festival. Though Freddy Cole started tentatively, he gained momentum with each song, bringing easy swing rhythm to "Straighten Up and Fly Right," warm and lovely tones to "Sweet Lorraine," increased vocal heft to "Mona Lisa" and unexpected energy to "On the South

Side of Chicago."

**Latino-America Unida, Sept. 1 at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park**

What happens when some of the most accomplished musicians identified with "Latin jazz" convene in a single ensemble? We found out during the Chicago Jazz Festival's grand finale, which marked the first public performance of Latino-America Unida, a dynamic band staffed by MacArthur Fellow and Puerto Rican alto saxophonist Miguel Zenon, Chilean alto saxophonist Melissa Aldana, Cuban-born pianist David Virelles, Puerto Rican-born bassist Ricardo "Ricky" Rodriguez and Mexican-born drummer Antonio Sanchez. More polished than one might have expected of a fledgling ensemble, the band offered bristling performances of substantive compositions by each musician. Here's hoping they build on this powerful beginning.

**Thaddeus Tukes, Oct. 18 at the Green Mill Jazz Club**

Chicago vibraphonist Tukes outdid himself in this performance, which celebrated the release of his album "Let's Vibe." Switching between vibes and marimba, Tukes dispatched original compositions and jazz standards with fire and flair. Whether reveling in bebop language or traditional swing or Afro-Caribbean rhythm, Tukes expressed joy and optimism, commodities always in short supply.

**Jazz at Lincoln Center**

**Orchestra, Nov. 15 in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center**

Whenever Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra appear in Orchestra Hall, the place is packed, as it was on this night. As always, the musicians surveyed jazz repertoire with as much stylistic aplomb as technical acuity, offering thrilling corporate virtuosity in Dizzy Gillespie's "Things to Come," textural complexity in Dave Brubeck's "Blue Rondo a la Turk" and sleek phrasemaking in Jelly Roll Morton's "King Porter Stomp" (arranged by Fletcher Henderson).

**Marcus Roberts and Chicago Philharmonic, Dec. 8 at the Harris Theater**

You need a certain amount of gumption to reconceive George Gershwin's Concerto in F, a 20th-century American masterpiece. Pianist Roberts, who began reinventing Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" in 1995, proved even more daring in his reconception of the Concerto in F, a three-movement work that doesn't easily lend itself to jazz improvisation. But Roberts showed that the experiment can work, developing Gershwin's themes in ways that encompassed what has happened in jazz since the composer completed the piece in 1925. Leading his trio, Roberts brought the Concerto in F robustly into the 21st century.

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## Moment

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And on that front, he's been on roll these last few years, from Netflix's "The Get Down" to Showtime's "Billions" to HBO's "Succession."

When asked about a worst moment in his career, Bogosian recalled an early role in a project that was based on true events: "I had gotten a job in a big movie-of-the-week called 'Last Flight Out' that was set in Saigon in 1975."

**My worst moment ...**

"It was shot by NBC (in 1990), and in big movies like this where everything is happening far away — we shot it in Thailand — sometimes not all the casting is happening with the director. They had already put together a star-studded group: James Earl Jones and Richard Crenna, it was a huge cast.

"And the character I play was this guy named (Larry) Rose, who was a state department guy who was fluent in Vietnamese and saves all these people at the end of the Vietnam War — all these civilians who had been working for the United States government. I never met the guy, never

studied him or anything, I just went and did the lines.

"Anyway, they had already started shooting and they hadn't cast the part yet, and I got brought into LA and the producer casts me and the next thing I know, I'm on a flight to Thailand. So I get there and meet the director. His name is Larry Elikann and he has since passed away, but at the time he was a very successful movie-of-the-week guy.

"And he had a very distinctive style of directing. He was sort of this crotchety old (jerk) and literally every 45 minutes he would put two fingers up in the air, which meant he wanted a cigar. And then an assistant would run over and put a cigar in his fingers and light it. He chain-smoked cigars, to the point where his white beard turned yellow from the cigar smoke.

"So I arrive in Thailand all out of it because I've just flown across the dateline and all that stuff, and he meets me and he's decided right from the get that he hates me because I haven't been cast by him; I've been cast by the producer. I try to start having a conversation with him and I said, 'On each take I'll give you something different so that you'll have stuff to edit with.' And he goes, 'What are you talking about? Eric,

one take. One take. This is TV, nobody's watching this (garbage),' and off he walks.

"Now, this is a guy who had been nominated for Emmys about really important topics, and this movie was about a really important topic and I thought it should have all this gravitas. Anyway, Larry doesn't give a (crap) about any of that. He's just going to push out this movie (laughs).

"Now this character Rose is fluent in Vietnamese and I am not. And sure enough, I have a scene that's in Vietnamese. And it's with a guy who is Vietnamese, who had actually escaped Vietnam at the time when he was a boy, made it to California, and was now an actor in this scene. So I look at these pages and I say, 'How am I going to speak Vietnamese?' And they go, 'Don't worry about it. A vocal coach will work with you until you get it just perfect and then you'll do the scene.'

"So one morning, we're finishing up shooting something and they called lunch and then said after lunch we're doing Scene 57. So I go off to my trailer and I'm like, 'Scene 57? Wait a minute — Scene 57 is where I have to speak Vietnamese.'

"So I go back to the producer: 'How am I going to do this?' And he goes,

'Don't worry about it, the vocal coach is here and will work with you through lunchtime.' I was like, 'That's one hour! You think I'm going to learn how to speak Vietnamese in one hour?' And he goes, 'Yeah, yeah, don't worry about it.'

"So off I go with the person and I get no where. An hour later I go back to the set, we start shooting this scene and I'm with this kid who — I mean, this stuff is important to him. He's speaking Vietnamese and he's putting everything he has into the scene. It's his one scene in the movie, and he's talking to me and I start to get out a sentence and ... nothing. I mean, I just can't say it. I don't remember anything.

"And Larry is just like, 'Eric, come on, come on — we're losing light. Let's move it, c'mon, say it. C'mon, do it.' And I'm like, 'Larry, I don't even know what I'm saying. It's not coming out as anything.' And he goes, 'I don't care, c'mon let's just do it.'

"And at a certain point — and there's no way for you to write this down — but I just started going (makes gibberish sounds). I just started saying a bunch of crap, right? I don't even know what I'm saying. I was so embarrassed that I was putting my scene partner through this. And they recorded that as the scene.

"I can't imagine what Vietnamese people seeing this movie might have thought. It was just so offensive, given the fact that we were making a movie that was purportedly about this historic moment and about a man who was very sympathetic to the Vietnamese side of things. And then here we are, down in the mud just doing grind-it-out work where it's like, nobody cares. Just get it done.

"I don't know if they ever looped me (had someone overdub the correct dialogue), but it does make me cringe to think if they didn't cut that (crap) out that I'm just on-screen saying gobbledygook that's supposed to be Vietnamese. That has to be a low point in my career as an actor."

**Has anyone who saw the movie ever mentioned it to Bogosian?**

"No, no one's ever said anything to me about it. Who knows if you can even watch it at this point? I think it's lost to the sands of time.

"I had negative feelings about that whole shoot all the way through. I was pretty green at the time. Larry just didn't like me, and maybe he had a good reason to not like me.

"When I started as an actor, I mean I was kind of like raw talent and maybe

too full of myself. A lot of the stories that come from the earlier part of my career have to do with me not preparing, (just) basically arriving and thinking: It's the Great Me and here I am. I know my lines and I'm wonderful, so let's shoot this."

**The takeaway ...**

"I fault myself. Since that time I've learned to read call sheets (listing which scenes are filming the next day), so I know what's coming. Now I see a script and I instantly break it down. I break it down before I even agree to do the job because sometimes I see pitfalls that I don't want to deal with.

"It's just preparation overall. It's not their responsibility to get me ready — that's my job. I think there was probably a part of this where I was just lazy. It was going to be a lot of work and I was just going to wait for them to come up with somebody to help me.

"But no, the day you get the script — and this is true of any of the good actors out there — and you see four pages in Vietnamese? The next morning you're finding someone to coach you in Vietnamese."

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## Classical

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**Riccardo Muti with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, May 2 in Orchestra Hall**

There was an air of celebration and relief as Muti and the CSO played their first post-strike concert. The maestro led a radiant performance of a piece the orchestra hadn't played since Theodore Thomas, its first music director, was at the podium in 1894: Bizet's "Roma." Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato was radiant in a lyric scene from Berlioz's "The Death of Cleopatra"; and the orchestra sounded sumptuous in Respighi's "Pines of Rome."

**"Notorious RBG in Song," May 19 at Spertus Institute**

Though Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been celebrated in various media, there's



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Violinist Itzhak Perlman and pianist Evgeny Kissin perform at the Chicago Symphony Center on May 1. Chicagoans were eager to hear music in the grand old hall once again.

something uniquely personal about encountering her remarkable story through the art song. Soprano Patrice Michaels, the jurist's daughter-in-law, examined key moments in Ginsburg's journey through Michaels' telling song cycle, "The Long View: A Portrait of Ruth Bader Ginsburg in Nine Songs." And works by composer Stacy Garrop and Vivian Fung added new dimensions to our under-

standing of Ginsburg's rise.

**Jennifer Gunn, June 13 in Orchestra Hall**

CSO piccoloist/flutist Gunn's performance of Ken Benshoof's Concerto in Three Movements for Piccolo and Orchestra had been delayed by the orchestra's strike, which only heightened anticipation for the CSO premiere of a work written for her. The give-and-take between soloist

and orchestra said a great deal about Benshoof's craft, Gunn's mastery of the score and the orchestra's regard for her. The jazz-tinged finale underscored the work's all-American character.

**Gabriel Kahane's "Emergency Shelter Intake Form," July 5 at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park**

Singer-composer Kahane performed in the Midwest premiere of his magnum opus, which unflinchingly confronted an American social problem that continues to worsen: homelessness. Featuring Kahane, vocal soloists, choir and the Grant Park Orchestra, the piece vividly conjured the humiliations, fears and terrors that homeless Americans face, thanks to its vivid libretto and wholly accessible score. Grant Park Music Festival artistic director and principal conductor Carlos Kalmar skillfully

directed a large cast of musicians to dramatic effect.

**Leonard Bernstein's "Mass," July 20 at the Ravinia Festival**

Last year's Ravinia production of Bernstein's "Mass" was so well received that the festival revived it, this time to be filmed for TV broadcast in 2020. Once again, conductor Marin Alsop led a revelatory performance featuring an insightful work from baritone Paulo Szot; urgently delivered lines from Vocality and the Chicago Children's Choir, directed by Josephine Lee; and idiomatic playing of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and jazz and blues musicians. But Ravinia's Bernstein celebration didn't end there, the summer's tributes including Alsop leading the CSO in "Leonard Bernstein: Man for All Music" on July 27; and a rare revival of Bernstein's "Trouble in Tahiti,"

knowingly conducted by Alsop, on Aug. 22.

**"Dead Man Walking," Nov. 2 at Lyric Opera of Chicago**

This bold staging of Jake Heggie and Terrence McNally's masterpiece — inspired by Sister Helen Prejean's best-selling book — was a high point of the year. The shock of its opening scene, the spiritual struggles it subsequently explores and the importance of its ruminations on the death penalty make this more than just a landmark opera: It's a work of art that addresses our times as immediately as any news story and as deeply as any novel. The production at Lyric Opera told the story via harrowing visual detail and discerning musical performances.

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## BOOK REVIEW

## The legacy of 'Lady Chatterley'

Banned 90 years ago, now it's tame

BY RON CHARLES  
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Last month at a book club meeting in a tony Washington suburb, the subject was "Fleishman Is in Trouble," by Taffy Brodesser-Akner. It's a novel about the dissolution of a modern marriage. The long opening section shows newly liberated Toby Fleishman, age 41, gorging at the erotic smorgasbord now available to him through dating apps. "He was getting carried away," Brodesser-Akner writes, "which is an easy thing to do when your phone is literally dripping with the lust of women."

Lounging on sofas and upholstered chairs around the living room, the members of this book club were not particularly impressed or alarmed by Fleishman's antics. "There was just so much sex," one woman complained.

She didn't sound offended. She sounded bored.

Ninety years ago, "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was banned in the United States. Today, a popular literary novel can contain so many oral sex acts that readers yawn.

This is progress, mostly. But how did we get here?

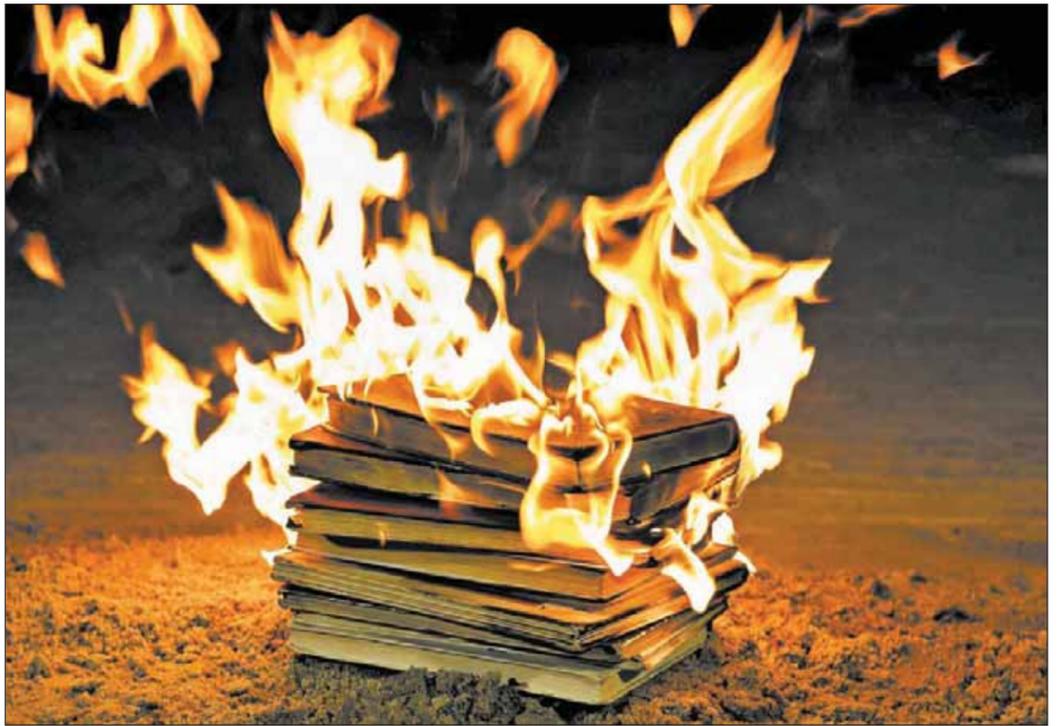
D.H. Lawrence's horny novel uses words we still can't print in a family newspaper, but as porn, it now feels limp, even a tad silly. If the "mystery of the phallos" doesn't spoil the mood, the dialect surely will: "Tha're theer right enough," the priapic gamekeeper says. "Yi, tha mun rear thy head! Theer on thy own, eh? an'

ta'es no count O' nob'dy! Tha ma'es nowt O' me." *Swipe left!*

It's hard to imagine what a stir "Lady Chatterley's Lover" caused in the late 1920s when Lawrence had it privately published and began mailing copies abroad. Governments around the world immediately banned the novel. Some booksellers caught selling it were jailed. In 1930, when the U.S. Senate considered loosening import restrictions on books, Sen. Reed Smoot (R-Utah) strenuously objected. Just days after Lawrence died in France, Smoot declared that "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was "written by a man with a diseased mind and a soul so black that he would even obscure the darkness of hell." He expressed concern that reading it could corrupt even the morals of U.S. senators, which is possibly the funniest thing anyone has ever said in Washington.

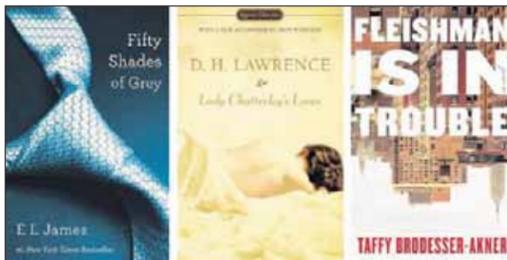
Of course, high-profile denunciations only increased interest in "Lady Chatterley's Lover" — censorship always does that.

Hopes for enlightenment rose in 1933, when Judge John Woolsey took up the case of another "foreign novel" that threatened America's fragile virtue: James Joyce's masterpiece, "Ulysses." Ruling against the government, Woolsey wrote, "In spite of its unusual frankness, I do not detect anywhere the leer of the sensualist." More important, he went on to articulate a test: "Whether a particular book would



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Times have changed dramatically from the days when "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was banned in the U.S.



tend to excite such impulses and thoughts must be tested by the court's opinion as to its effect on a person with average sex instincts."

And because everyone agrees on what "average sex instincts" are, the matter of obscenity was thereby settled forever.

Alas — no. "Lady Chatterley's Lover" stayed zipped up for another three decades until a foundational case in 1959 when Federal District Judge Frederick van Pelt Bryan ruled, "At this stage in the development of our society, this major English novel does not exceed the outer limits of tolerance." His wider comments — 60

years ago! — are of more interest to us today. "In one best-selling novel after another," he wrote, "frank descriptions of the sex act and 'four-letter' words appear with frequency."

Whether the judge was lamenting or celebrating this pervasive frankness, he was certainly right. People were already hyperventilating over Nabokov's "Lolita." The Summer of Love was just around the corner, along with Philip Roth and that much abused liver, John Updike's sexual mechanics, Erica Jong's "Fear of Flying" and a thousand other books testing "the outer limits of tolerance."

Prudes and libertines kept suing, and courts kept

ruling — and sometimes back-stepping — but the trend toward greater permissiveness was irreversible. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan's attorney general, Ed Meese, led a task force that climaxed with a 2,000-page jeremiad against pornography. But in a delicious irony, Christian bookstores refused to carry the book because it contained too many naughty words and illustrations. By the early 1990s, the Justice Department looked weary of harassing distributors of dirty books. And once the internet started pumping porn directly into American homes, the fight against offensive novels felt as antique as a prohibition against square dancing.

I confess, there are times when I miss the old limits and anxieties. Nowadays, the Literary Award's Bad Sex in Fiction Award is an annual eruption of mirthful derision, not flustered agitation. Sexual vulgarity feels quaint, faux-ironic, the bland lingua franca of corporate marketing. Hundreds of books use obscene

words in their titles. We have all mastered "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F—."

In the final days of 2019, we look back at a decade that embraced a series of BDSM novels by EL James. Spawned from "Twilight" fandom, her "Fifty Shades" trilogy became one of the most valuable literary franchises in history. The cultural influence of "Fifty Shades" was so dominant that every journalist on planet earth had to rewrite the same article about the rise of mommy porn. But James' real achievement was to make sexual excess dull.

Which brings us back to all those tiresome sex acts in "Fleishman Is in Trouble." That surfeit of pleasure is not a flaw of the novel. Brodesser-Akner is getting at something tragic, not erotic, about the way we app now. Despite the wonderful freedom of living in a less priggish society, there is a cost to abandoning the electric thrill of taboos, the spark of naughtiness.

## BOOK REVIEW

## A reminder of slavery's long reach through generations

BY RON CHARLES  
The Washington Post

"We have a ghost in here." That's how Toni Morrison writes in "Beloved" about the spiteful specter that haunts an old house in Cincinnati.

Her artful invocation of that ghost remains incomparable but also widely relevant to the history of African Americans in this country. The spiritual practices that kidnapped Africans carried with them to the United States affirmed the immanent presence of their ancestors. The trauma of the Civil War inflamed white Americans' interest in spiritualism. And Klansmen materialized the evil forces of racism as white-robed phantoms.

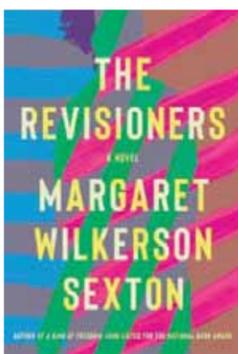
We have all kinds of ghosts in here.

Margaret Wilkerson Sexton takes on this legacy in her new novel, "The Revisioners." Spanning more than 160 years, the story begins in present-day New Orleans and immediately questions the presumptions of our self-satisfied social progress.

The narrator, Ava, is a biracial single mother trained as a paralegal but between jobs. Determined to save money, she accepts an invitation from her white grandmother to work as a companion.

Although their arrangement seems mutually convenient, it's fraught with unacknowledged tensions beyond the usual ones involved with caring for an older relative.

Ava's grandmother is a wealthy woman used to being waited on. In her confused moments, her mind slips back to an era much more openly racist. She's a troubling emblem of a nation determined to be gracious and think the best of itself but still capa-



## 'The Revisioners'

By Margaret Wilkerson Sexton, Counterpoint, 280 pages, \$25

ble of shocking outbursts of hatred.

For her part, Ava underestimates the pernicious influence of this setting: The grand house and everything about the way it functions silently confirm the hierarchy of employers and servants, whites and blacks. Ava's blurry position as paid help and loving relative leaves plenty of room for hurt feelings to fester.

Sexton explores these unspoken tensions brilliantly. Her subtle portrayal of a black mother's competing desires is layered with both pathos and wit. Ava wants her teenage son to be happy living with Grandma, but she doesn't "want him to become all golly gee" like Carlton from "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." She wants him to enjoy the fancy new school, but she's wary of the skinny white mothers who wear their enthusiasm for diversity like a badge of honor.

As Ava negotiates these racial complications of modern life, she takes comfort in the memory of her great-great-grandmother, a woman named Josephine who survived

slavery and went on to own her own farm. We hear from her as an enslaved child in 1855 and as a successful businesswoman in 1924. That structure is complex, but Sexton writes with such a clear sense of place and time that each of these intermingled stories feels essential and dramatic in its own way.

In the most distant storyline, young Josephine is a girl caught in the dehumanizing demands of plantation life. She's assigned to be a companion to the master's daughter, a job that mimics the outlines of friendship within a system of rape, torture and murder. Outside the master's house, Josephine is introduced to the spiritual work of the Revisioners, a subversive group of slaves who pray and sing and even foresee the future.

That life-or-death drama on the plantation provides the novel's most terrifying moments, which could easily have rendered the other sections slight by comparison. Instead, Sexton echoes and complicates Josephine's experience in each of the later two storylines in ways that feel both historically accurate and socially illuminating.

By the time we return to 2014, Josephine is a faded ancestor. But her spirit continues to hover over Ava — and the novel. This intermingling of stories makes an evocative point about the path that black Americans have followed over the past century-and-a-half. Each of these episodes is shattered by violence but also leavened by varying degrees of progress. The line stretching from Ava back to Josephine and beyond connects a collection of women attuned to danger, quick to adapt, remarkably hopeful about the future.

## BOOK REVIEWS

## Tech is changing our love lives — and our romance novels

BY SARAH MACLEAN  
The Washington Post

In the age of emoji and Instagram, Snapchat and texting, the handwritten love letter might be a thing of the past. But instead of bemoaning the loss, romance novels are reminding us that emotional intensity isn't disappearing along with paper and pen. In fact, contemporary romances are underscoring technology's most fascinating contradiction: What keeps people so separate IRL is providing endless possibilities for connection.

Andie Christopher's "Not the Girl You Marry" links ambitious event planner and romantic cynic Hannah Mayfield with journalist Jack Nolan, as both try to impress their bosses. So begins an impossible game of romance chicken: Hannah needs to prove she can be in a relationship, and Josh is writing an article on how to lose a girlfriend. What ensues is a hilarious and horrifying story that harnesses the worst bits of modern dating, and somehow all the best of it.

The best contemporary romance authors know that technology can inject a straight shot of chemistry into a relationship — even when partners are balancing life, work and saving the world. Adriana Herrera's "American Love Story" is a romance between professor and Black Lives Matter activist Patrice Denis and Assistant District Attorney Easton Archer, two characters whose lives and work make a relationship nearly impossible. The story navigates the complexities of privilege, purpose and power, all while exploring intense passion. Here Herrera uses technology to intensify and personalize a private relationship that



can't be made public.

In her audiobook original, "The A.I. Who Loved Me" (Audible), Alyssa Cole explores the possibility of love in the near future — with near humans. Heroine Trinity Jordan finds herself falling in love with her neighbor's nephew, Li Wei, only to discover that he is a "biosynthetic humanoid," a not-exactly-a-robot robot. Li Wei can feel love and emotion, and he's more than capable of feeling pleasure, but magnificently, he has no need for the emotional artifice in which humans find security. At one point, Trinity points out that he is alone, with no one to depend on, and he replies, "Lie detected. I have you." It's a wonderful moment for romance readers, and a hopeful one for technological skeptics.

But what about the relationships built on a hill of technological lies — filtered, angled selfies, cleansed Facebook posts, perfectly staged Instagram shots that force us into pristine personas that are impossible to escape? This is the question at the heart of Hannah Orenstein's "Love at First Like." Eliza Roth is one-part jewelry store owner, one-part Instagram influencer, and one-part messy rom-com heroine. When she accidentally posts a photo of an engagement ring on her Instagram account, things spiral out of control, and she's forced to find a fake boyfriend to keep her

reputation, her business and her life in order. Though Orenstein's book straddles the line between romance and commercial fiction, it strikes a powerful chord with a heroine struggling for balance in 2019.

Despite all the time we spend tethered to screens, the truth is that humans live with technology, not in it. Kate Clayborn's "Love Lettering" is a flawless representation of that truth. Heroine Meg Mack-worth is an artisan hand-letterer with a passion for fast-disappearing hand-painted signs in New York City. After a wedding invitation (and wedding) gone wildly wrong, she finds herself falling for the former groom — uptight financier Reid Sutherland, who lives in a world of concrete, chrome and glass. What ensues is a lush, languid romance that merges the nostalgic past with the technological present. Reid and Meg's relationship grows through a game in which they text photos of hand-painted letters from around the city, spelling words with images instead of letters. And in this tiny, magnificent, deeply romantic detail, readers are reminded that we are never more ourselves than when we are connecting with others, no matter the medium.

Sarah MacLean, a romance novelist, is the host of "Fated Mates" podcast.

# WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Peppermint Patty and Snoopy

**"Happy New Year, Charlie Brown"** (7 p.m., ABC): Good grief! Who assigns elementary-school children "War and Peace"? Charlie Brown's teacher, that's who. He has to read it over the Christmas break and write a report, but holiday distractions keep getting in the way. He ends up leaving a New Year's party and sitting outside to read, but that doesn't end well. Chad Allen provides the voice of Charlie Brown in this animated 1986 "Peanuts" special.

**"The Cincinnati Kid"** (7 p.m., TCM): Norman Jewison's 1965 screen adaptation of Richard Jessup's novel casts a charismatic Steve McQueen as Eric "The Kid" Stoner, a cocky young Depression-era poker player determined to prove himself the best at his game. Toward that end, he challenges reigning champion Lancey "The Man" Howard (Edward G. Robinson) to a high-stakes game. Joan Blondell earned a Golden Globe nomination for her supporting performance; Ann-Margret, Karl Malden and Tuesday Weld also star. Ring Lardner Jr. and Terry Southern co-wrote the screenplay.

**"Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors"** (8 p.m., NBC): Though she's not actually a star of it, country-music icon Parton is a huge factor of this 2015 TV movie — in the form of her nine-year-old self, portrayed by Alyvia Alyn Lind. Fellow singing star Jennifer Nettles and Rick Schroder play the young, Smokey Mountains-raised Dolly's parents, who were huge influences on her ... as was the very special coat that gives the movie and Parton's same-named song their title. Gerald McRaney also stars as her grandfather.

**"Doctor Who"** (8 p.m., BBCA): "Doctor Who" fans don't get a brand-new Christmas episode this year as they have so often in the past, but here's the next best thing: a recently reconstructed lost adventure from Season 4, "The Macra Terror," in which the TARDIS arrives on a human colony that appears to be a holiday camp. The level of happiness makes the Second Doctor (Patrick Troughton) and his companions (Anneke Wills, Michael Craze, Frazer Hines) suspicious, however. The episode uses surviving audio from 1967 accompanied by new animated visuals.

### TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Rosario Dawson; comic Dulcé Sloan.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Dolly Parton; Kacey Musgraves talks and performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Paul Rudd; actress Adrienne Warren.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

\* Subject to change

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## THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 26

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Young Sheldon ©	(7:31) The Unicorn ©	(8:01) Mom ©	Carol's Second Act ©	Evil: "Vatican III." ©		News (N) †
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Ellen's Game of Games ©		Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors (NR,'15) ***	Alyvia Alyn Lind, Jennifer Nettles. ©			NBC 5 News (N) †
	<b>ABC</b> 7	Happy New Year, Charlie Brown ©		The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition: "Pastry and Cookie Week." (N) ©				News at 10pm (N) †
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish: "Manternity." ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	† Closing Arguments		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©				
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Biking the Boulevards		Marcus and Viv		A Few Good Pie Places †
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	iHeartRadio		Legacies ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Cops ©
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek †	
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	The Game	The Game	Lakeview Terrace (PG-13,'08)		Samuel L. Jackson. Marshals †			
<b>FOX</b> 32	9-1-1: "Christmas Spirit." ©		The Moodys: "Episode 5; Episode 6." ©		Fox 32 News at Nine		Modern Family ©	
<b>Ion</b> 38	Chicago P.D.: "Captive." ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Anthem." ©		Chicago †	
<b>TeleM</b> 44	Decisiones: unos (N)		Decisiones: unos (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Chicago †	
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Date Night (NR,'10) **	Steve Carell, Tina Fey.			Noticiero (N)	Apocalipsis		
<b>WJYS</b> 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
<b>Univ</b> 66	† (6) Ringo (N)		La Rosa de Guadalupe		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Live PD Presents (N)		Court Cam	Court Cam	Live PD: Wanted (N) ©		PD Cam
	<b>AMC</b>	† National Lamp. Christmas		(8:15) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13,'89) ***				
	<b>ANIM</b>	Pit Bulls & Parolees (N)		Pit Bulls & Parolees (N)		Pit Bulls & Parolees: Forever Home (N)		
	<b>BBCA</b>	Doctor Who: "Blink." ©		Doctor Who: "The Macra Terror." (N) ©				Dr. Who †
	<b>BET</b>	† (5:30) Training Day ***		Creed (PG-13,'15) ***	Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. ©			
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	† Football	Ohio State		BTN Live ©			Iowa †
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC (N)		OC †
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Special Report (N)		AC 360 †
	<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
	<b>DISC</b>	Homestead Rescue ©		Naked and Afraid: "Deadly Aggression." (N) ©				
	<b>DISN</b>	Gabby	Gabby	Gabby	Roll With It	Roll With It	Andi Mack	Andi Mack
	<b>E!</b>	† Coyote Ugly (7:45) Coyote Ugly (PG-13,'00) *		Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia. ©				13 Going †
	<b>ESPN</b>	College Football: Quick Lane Bowl -- Pittsburgh vs Eastern Michigan. (N) (Live) ©						
	<b>ESPN2</b>	Boxing (N)		Boxing (N)		Boxing (N)		SportCtr (N)
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>	Restaurant: Im. (N)		Restaurant: Im. (Season Premiere) (N)		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	<b>FREE</b>	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	700 Club †
	<b>FX</b>	Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) **	Voices of Steve Carell.			Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) **		
	<b>HALL</b>	Reunited at Christmas (NR,'18)	Beverly Breuer. ©			Let It Snow (NR,'13)	Jesse Hutch ©	
	<b>HGTV</b>	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Christina on the Coast (N)		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunt Intl (N)
	<b>HIST</b>	American Pickers		American Pick. (N)		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers †
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	Christmas With the Kranks (PG,'04) **	Tim Allen.			Four Christmases (PG-13,'08) **		†
	<b>LIFE</b>	50 First Dates (PG-13,'04) **	Adam Sandler. ©			(9:03) The House Bunny ('08) **		†
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	Floribama Shore (N) ©		Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. †
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	American Ninja Warrior		American Ninja Warrior		Fight Sports †		
	<b>NICK</b>	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG,'08) ***				Friends ©
	<b>OVATION</b>	† (6) Man on Fire (R,'04) **	Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning.			Road House (R,'89) ***		
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 †	
<b>OXY</b>	An Unexpected Killer (N)		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide †	
<b>PARMT</b>	† (6:30) Scrooged (PG-13,'88) ***		The Goonies (PG,'85) ***	Sean Astin. ©				
<b>SYFY</b>	† (6) Pitch Black (R,'00) **				The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13,'04) **		†	
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan ©	
<b>TCM</b>	The Cincinnati Kid (NR,'65) ***	Steve McQueen. ©			The Opposite Sex (NR,'56) ***		†	
<b>TLC</b>	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Don't Look Away (N)		Dr. Pimple †	
<b>TLN</b>	Wealth		The Borrowed Christmas (NR,'14)		Life Today	Like You	IMPACT	
<b>TNT</b>	NBA Basketball: Knicks at Nets (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N Subject to			
<b>TOON</b>	† Steven Universe		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Ghost Adventures (N) ©				Ghost Adventures (N) ©		Ghost †	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King	King	
<b>USA</b>	† Harry Potter and Deathly	(7:58) Harry Potter and the	Deathly Hallows: Part 2				Mod Fam †	
<b>VH1</b>	† (4:30) All Eyez on Me **		To be announced					
<b>WE</b>	Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop †	
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	REAL Sports Gumbel		The Town (R,'10) ***	Ben Affleck. ©			Belichick †
	<b>HBO2</b>	Long Shot (R,'19) ***	Seth Rogen. ©			The Shop	Me, Myself & Irene (R) **	
	<b>MAX</b>	Hanna (PG-13,'11) ***	Saoirse Ronan. ©			(8:55) The Operative (NR,'19) †		
	<b>SHO</b>	Couples	Couples	Couples	Couples	Couples	Couples	Couples
	<b>STARZ</b>	† (6:19) Larry Crowne **		A Dog's Way Home (PG,'19) **				Johnson Fam. †
<b>STZNC</b>	† (6:27) In & Out ('97) **		Billy Madison (PG-13,'95) *				The Untouchables **** †	

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Dec. 26): Envision dreams coming true and plot your course this year. Persistent dedication can help you realize a personal ambition. Extra attention illuminates you this winter before barriers inspire new collaborative directions. Summer transitions lead to deepening romantic partnership.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. A dream you'd almost abandoned now appears possible. This new moon shines on your career. Take new territory. Experience pays.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Discover fresh terrain. Travels and studies flourish with this new moon. Your past work speaks well for you. A dreamy educational and cultural experience tempts.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Work together for common gain. Luck shines on your shared finances over the two-week new moon phase. Take advantage and harvest ripe opportunities.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Your relationship with your partner flowers with ease over the next few weeks. Strengthen the bonds that unite you. Share conversation for collaborative possibilities.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Take advantage of growing vitality to accomplish an incredible dream. Energize your efforts. Practice with renewed vigor. You can outsmart the competition.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Things come together. Love, romance and passion line up into a beautiful possibility. A mutual attraction grows. Develop and grow a matter of heart.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. You can realize a domestic dream. Something you've long wanted lies within reach. Changes made now have long-lasting benefit.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. If you get the word out, it will reach farther than you thought possible. Launch creative projects. Sign contracts. Create exciting possibilities and share them.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Lucrative opportunities beckon. Take advantage to forge a connection that provides long-term benefit. Monitor the budget to maintain positive balances. Harvest windfall apples.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Put your power and confidence to good use. Step into a new level of leadership for a cause that sings to you. Take charge.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Meditate on a dream or a vision for the future that inspires you. Adjust your plans to adapt. Doors open to support this possibility.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Teamwork gets results. Raise the level of your participation with community groups, clubs and friends. Together, you're a powerful force for good.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 732	♥ KJ2	♠ A10854	♥ 1096
♦ A Q 8 2	♣ 872	♦ 43	♣ J53
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ 6	♥ 83	♠ K Q J 9	♥ A Q 7 5 4
♦ J 9 7 5	♣ A K Q 10 6 4	♦ K 10 6	♣ 9

Today's deal is from the European Youth Team Championship held in Norway last summer. There are several different categories of competition separated by age. This deal is from an Under-26 match between the Netherlands and Poland. West was a young Polish player known to us only as Marcinowski.

**The bidding:**

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1♥	2♣	2NT*	Pass
4♣**	Pass	4♥	All pass

\*Invitational heart raise, at least three trumps  
 \*\*Shortness in clubs  
 Opening lead: Six of ♠

South contract can be defeated. At the other table, the Dutch West led the ace of clubs against four hearts. He shifted to a spade and got a spade ruff, but declarer had no trouble taking the rest of the tricks.

Marcinowski knew that only one club trick was available to the defense, and maybe not even that if South was void. He led his singleton spade at trick one and duly ruffed the spade return at trick two. His next move took a lot of nerve and would have been unthinkable had there been any chance to take two club tricks. The auction told him there was no such chance, so he took a deep breath and led a low club away from his ace-king-queen, and great was his reward when East produced the jack. East fired back another spade and the second spade ruff scuttled the contract. Nice defense!

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### Dilbert



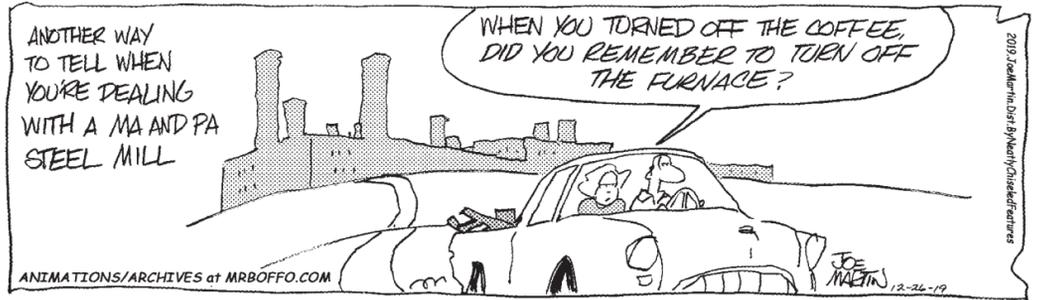
### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



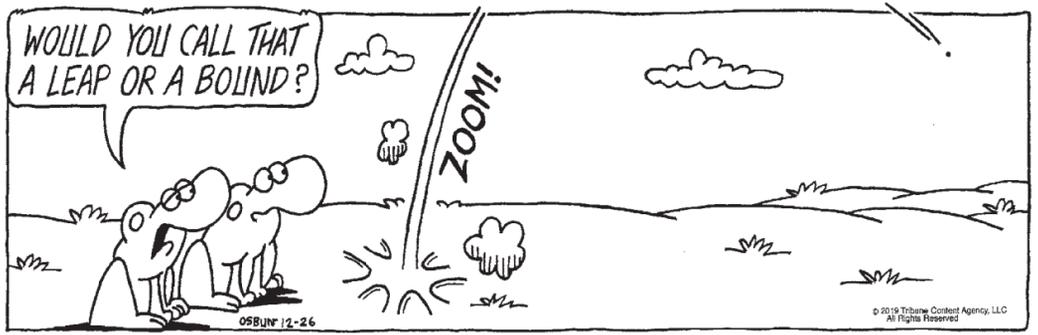
### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



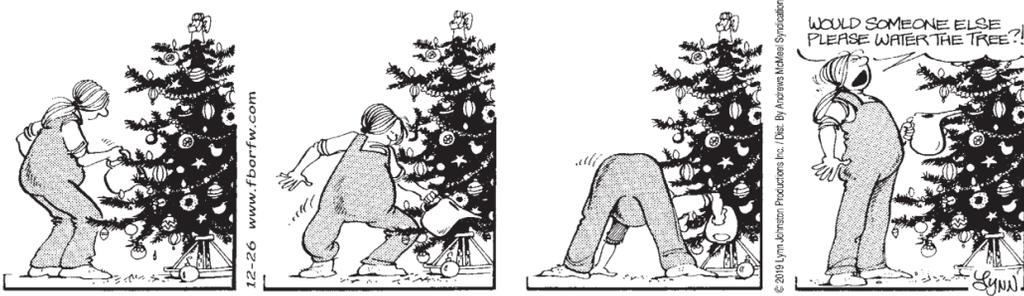
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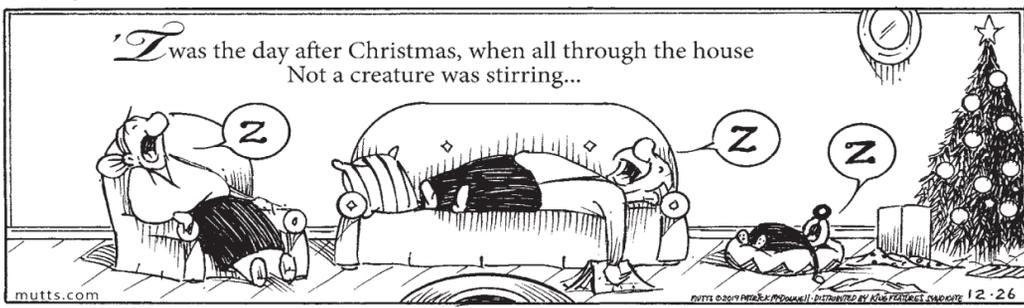
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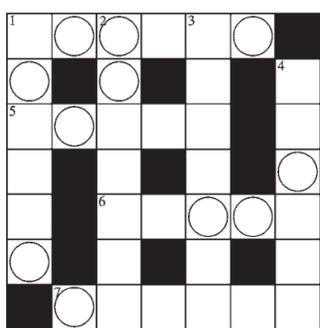
**Trivia Bits**

**Which country is landlocked between Spain and France?**

- A) Andorra
- B) Liechtenstein
- C) Swaziland
- D) Switzerland

Wednesday's answer: Yellowcake is produced during the processing of uranium ore.

**Jumble Crossword**



- ACROSS**
- 1. \_\_\_ line
  - 5. \_\_\_ Academy
  - 6. Trunk
  - 7. Stick
- DOWN**
- 1. Penalized
  - 2. Cherished
  - 3. Make bigger
  - 4. Earlier

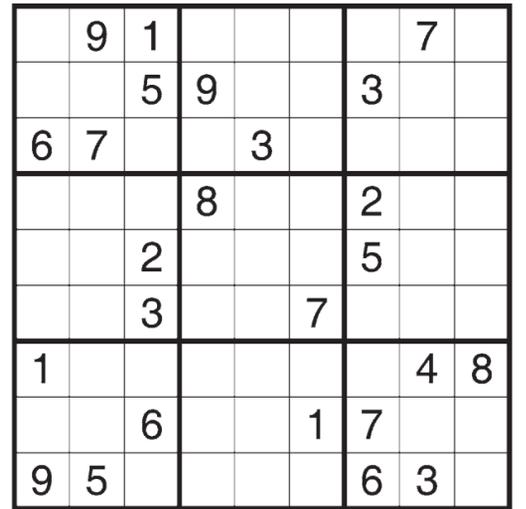
**CLUE:** The first human heart transplant was performed in \_\_\_ in 1967.



**BONUS** [Grid]

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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4	3	8	6	2	9	1	5	7
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3	8	1	5	4	7	2	9	6
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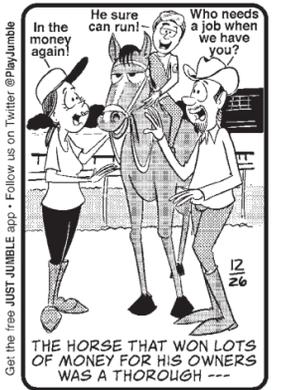
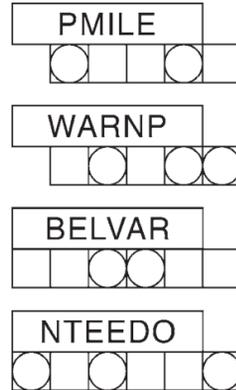
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday'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



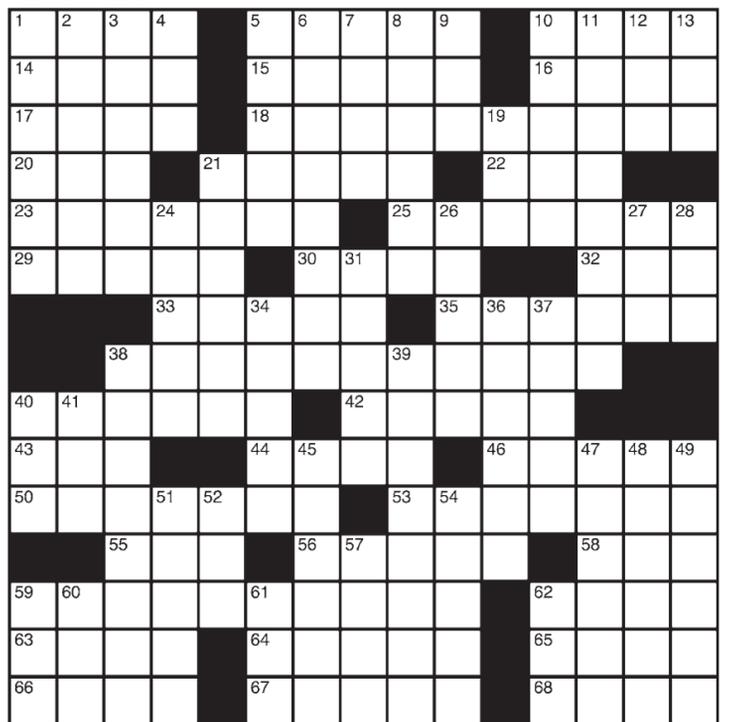
**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: RAINY VERGE DRESSY TIPTOE  
Answer: The kids awoke to find gifts under the tree and loved the way they were — PRESENTED

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- 1 [This is so frustrating!]
  - 5 Ceiling
  - 10 Mail often diverted to a separate folder
  - 14 Sainted pope called "the Great"
  - 15 Modern Persian
  - 16 Celestial bear
  - 17 Mosque bigwig
  - 18 Daring move
  - 20 Barnyard mom
  - 21 Bath-loving Muppet
  - 22 Priest's robe
  - 23 KITT on "Knight Rider"
  - 25 Hanging Gardens site
  - 29 "You can tell me"
  - 30 Inhabitants of a myrmecologist's farm
  - 32 Big time
  - 33 Thompson of "Thor: Ragnarok"
  - 35 Getty and Rockefeller
- Down**
- 9 Poetic contraction
  - 10 Like a soupuss
  - 11 Math test parts
  - 12 Inquire or require
  - 13 Novelist Rita \_\_\_ Brown
  - 19 File folder feature
  - 21 Prize
  - 24 Explosion maker, briefly
  - 26 Not separately
  - 27 Mine find
  - 28 A Bobbsey twin
  - 31 Rock bottom
  - 34 "Rizzoli & Isles" actress Alexander
  - 36 Nickelodeon sitcom starring Miranda Cosgrove
  - 37 Massenet opera about a Spanish hero
  - 38 "Hogan's Heroes" star
  - 39 Auto insurance giant
  - 40 Cold call?
  - 41 Fabrication
  - 45 In the prior month
  - 47 In great numbers
  - 48 Stressed out
  - 49 Elevated
  - 51 Let loose, as hogs
  - 52 \_\_\_ Tomé and Príncipe
  - 54 Chem. class data
  - 57 Not very much
  - 59 Rob Roy's refusal
  - 60 Boundary
  - 61 PC-to-PC hookup
  - 62 Rev

**Wednesday's solution**



**Down**

- 1 Top celebrity groupings
- 2 Ride-hitching fish
- 3 "Scram!"
- 4 Word for a guy
- 5 Scales aloft
- 6 Facial apparatus in a Dumas novel
- 7 Neighbor of Mauritania
- 8 Behind on bills

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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, DEC. 26 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 18° RECORD HIGH: 55° (1971) RECORD LOW: -11° (1983)

## Unseasonable warmth to knock out 1971 record

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 59 **LOW** 38

■ **Record-breaking warmth for Boxing Day—Record-tying 5th straight late-December 50°+ day**

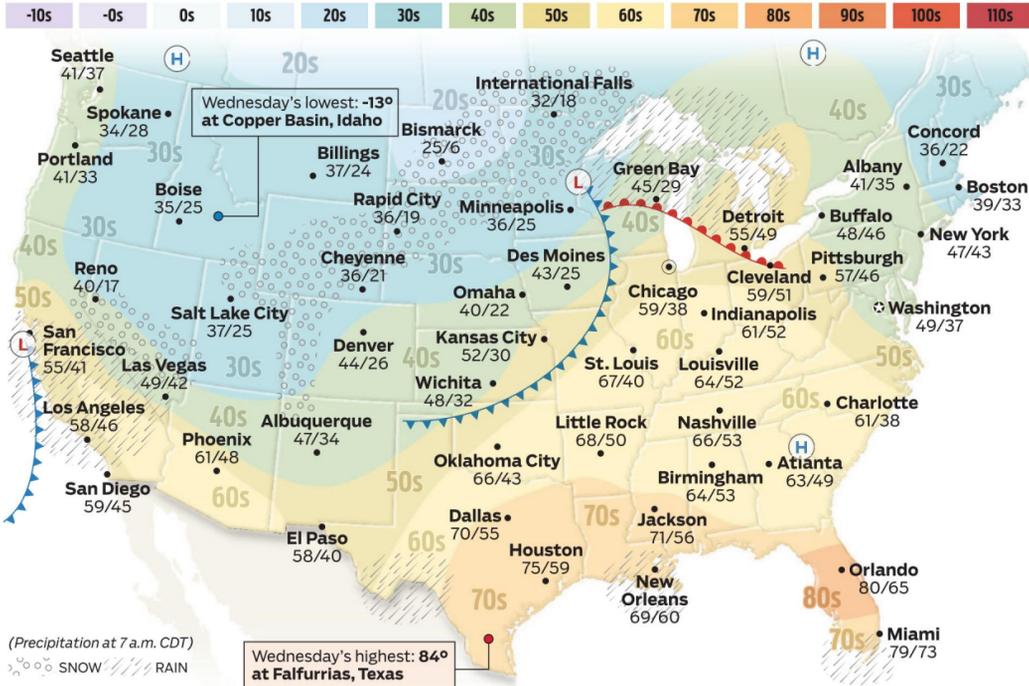
■ Some morning fog/haze gives way to another partly sunny and unseasonably mild day.

■ Afternoon highs top out around 60 breaking the old record of 55 set in 1971.

■ Gusty south-southwest winds 12-22 mph.

■ Mostly cloudy overnight. Winds shift into the west. Lows from the mid-30s well inland to around 40 downtown.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



The Chicago area enjoyed a "southern" Christmas as the city's balmy highs in the upper 50s and lower 60s were typical of Christmas Day weather in the Gulf states. The unseasonable warmth will continue Thursday with the Boxing Day 1971 record high of 55 expected to tumble. Thursday will mark the city's fifth straight 50-degree plus day, tying the record for late-December warmth, established Dec. 23-27 1971. The string of 50s should break Friday, though highs in the middle 40s will still be nearly 15 degrees above normal. The 50s will return for the weekend as Chicago lies in the warm sector of a winter storm slated to bring heavy snow to the upper Midwest. The bulk of the precipitation here should be liquid, with even a chance of thunder, but some flurries are possible Sunday night as colder air returns.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 27

**HIGH** 45 **LOW** 35

Much cooler than in recent days, but mid-40 highs still nearly 10 degrees above normal. Partly sunny. West winds 8-15 mph. Cloudy overnight, chance of showers late.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 28

**HIGH** 53 **LOW** 49

Cloudy, windy and mild with periods of showers, possibly a thunderstorm. South winds 10-20 mph bring a return of 50s. Showers continue overnight. Turning cooler.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 29

**HIGH** 53 **LOW** 26

After early morning highs in the low 50s temps fall through the day. Brisk west-southwest winds. Some showers overnight mix with or change to snow as readings drop below freezing.

### MONDAY, DEC. 30

**HIGH** 31 **LOW** 21

Sharply colder, but still seasonable under partly sunny skies. Highs struggle to reach freezing. Lingering flurries depart early, but snow showers continue in the Michigan/Indiana snow belts.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 31

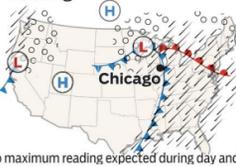
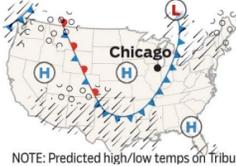
**HIGH** 32 **LOW** 21

Sunny and dry weather for New Year's Eve. Seasonably cold. Temps settle into the mid/upper 20s as 2020 begins.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

**HIGH** 37 **LOW** 25

A partly sunny and seasonably cold start to the New Year. Highs reach the mid and upper 30s with brisk west winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
What is Chicago's temperature variation during the course of the year?  
William Girard, Shorewood

Dear William,  
Chicago's temperatures range from a chilly 31/16 degrees in mid January to a warm 85/64 degrees in mid July. That is a range of 51 degrees from the coldest January days to the warmest July days. Those are average temperatures, but Chicagoans know that the actual temperatures that the city experiences exhibit considerably greater ranges. The highest reading ever recorded here is 109 degrees on July 23, 1934, at Midway Airport (but the official high that day was 94 degrees at the University of Chicago, which picked up an afternoon lake breeze that kept the day's high much lower). Chicago's lowest temperatures is 27 degrees below zero, recorded at O'Hare International Airport on Jan. 20, 1985.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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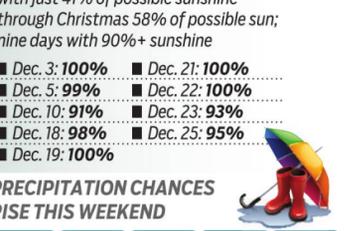
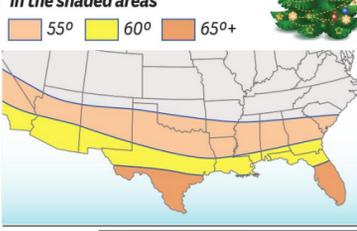
Hear Demetrius  
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Christmas warmth not the end; more mild days this weekend

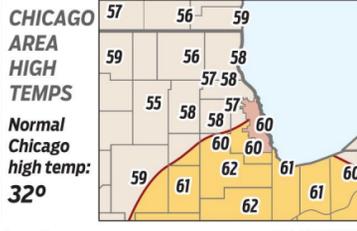
WEEKEND STORM MEANS HEAVY SNOW FOR UPPER MIDWEST BUT MORE WARMTH HERE Saturday high temperatures

CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS DAY HIGH TEMPERATURES Would be typical across the South in the shaded areas

CLOUDY DECEMBER SETTING—a shining example Historically Chicago's cloudiest month with just 41% of possible sunshine—through Christmas 58% of possible sun; nine days with 90%+ sunshine



- ### 2019 CHICAGO'S SECOND WARMEST CHRISTMAS
- 1982 64°
  - 2019 57°
  - 1956 56°
  - 1895 56°
  - 1971 55°



PRECIPITATION CHANCES RISE THIS WEEKEND

RAIN/THUNDER	RAIN/THUNDER	RAIN/THUNDER	SHOWERS/SPRINKLES	FLURRIES
15% SATURDAY	85% SAT. NIGHT	85% SUNDAY	25% SUN. NIGHT	20% MONDAY

OTHER WARM AREA HIGH TEMPS

Palos Heights	63°	Hickory Hills	62°
Joliet	62°	Valparaiso, Ind.	61°
Homewood	62°	Alsip	61°
Kankakee	62°	Griffith, Ind.	61°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives STEVE KAHN, BILL SNYDER AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

### MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	65	47	sh	56	48
Carbondale	sh	60	36	sh	47	37
Champaign	sh	62	35	sh	43	34
Decatur	pc	62	35	pc	43	34
Moline	pc	54	28	pc	43	34
Peoria	cl	63	31	pc	46	37
Quincy	cl	63	31	pc	46	37
Rockford	sh	56	29	pc	41	30
Springfield	sh	63	34	pc	48	40
Sterling	cl	55	27	pc	41	31
Indiana	sh	63	52	sh	57	44
Bloomington	sh	63	52	sh	58	50
Evansville	sh	57	31	pc	41	31
Fort Wayne	sh	62	49	pc	52	31
Indianapolis	sh	61	52	sh	55	39
Lafayette	sh	61	43	pc	49	35
South Bend	sh	59	38	pc	42	30
Wisconsin	pc	45	29	pc	34	26
Green Bay	pc	45	29	pc	34	26
Kenosha	sh	57	31	pc	41	31
La Crosse	cl	40	28	pc	36	26
Madison	pc	49	28	pc	38	27
Milwaukee	cl	55	30	pc	39	30
Wausau	fg	39	25	pc	29	20
Michigan	sh	55	49	pc	52	29
Detroit	sh	55	49	pc	52	29
Grand Rapids	sh	57	36	pc	39	30
Marquette	sh	42	31	pc	34	21
St. Ste. Marie	sh	39	33	sh	36	22
Traverse City	sh	32	34	sh	36	22
Iowa	pc	40	23	pc	40	29
Ames	pc	43	25	pc	41	34
Cedar Rapids	pc	46	27	pc	40	29
Des Moines	pc	43	25	pc	41	34
Dubuque	pc	46	27	pc	40	29

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	41	35	sh	45	37
Albuquerque	cl	68	53	ts	65	53
Albany	sh	41	35	sh	45	37
Amarillo	pc	61	38	sh	44	28
Anchorage	ss	19	-3	cl	1	1
Asheville	pc	66	36	sh	62	41
Aspen	pc	31	12	ss	33	14
Atlanta	pc	63	49	sh	62	53
Atlantic City	pc	51	43	sh	53	41
Austin	sh	72	56	sh	71	60
Baltimore	pc	48	38	sh	50	41
Billings	pc	37	24	pc	38	22
Birmingham	cl	64	53	sh	66	56
Bismarck	sh	25	6	pc	26	10
Boise	pc	35	25	sh	34	21
Boston	pc	39	33	sh	49	40
Brownsville	pc	76	62	pc	79	66
Buffalo	sh	48	46	sh	49	31
Burlington	cl	35	32	sh	43	34
Charlotte	pc	61	38	cl	62	44
Charltn SC	cl	65	54	sh	68	56
Charltn WV	pc	66	44	sh	59	45
Chattanooga	pc	62	47	sh	63	51
Cheyenne	pc	36	21	pc	36	20
Cincinnati	cl	64	50	sh	61	45
Cleveland	cl	59	51	sh	54	34
Colo. Spgs	pc	42	22	sh	34	26
Columbia MO	pc	64	34	cl	51	44
Columbia SC	cl	63	46	sh	65	51
Columbus	cl	61	49	sh	60	38
Corpus Christi	cl	72	60	cl	72	63
Dallas	cl	70	55	pc	71	61
Daytona Bch.	cl	75	63	sh	76	65
Denver	pc	44	26	pc	40	29
Des Moines	pc	43	25	pc	41	34
El Paso	su	58	40	pc	54	37
Fairbanks	sh	-17	-32	pc	-30	-34
Fargo	sh	24	9	pc	23	18
Flagstaff	ss	32	23	sn	30	15
Fort Myers	pc	83	68	sh	81	68
Fort Smith	pc	68	49	sh	65	57
Fresno	pc	53	36	sh	52	35
Helena	su	37	20	ss	34	19
Great Falls	su	35	25	pc	36	21
Harrisburg	pc	50	36	sh	49	36
Hartford	sh	44	32	sh	47	36
Havana	su	31	16	pc	32	15
Honolulu	pc	82	72	pc	81	73
Houston	pc	75	59	sh	72	65
Int'l Falls	sn	32	18	pc	27	14
Jackson	cl	71	56	sh	69	61
Jacksonville	pc	71	61	pc	75	64
Juneau	rn	40	33	rs	39	37
Kansas City	pc	52	30	cl	46	32
Knox	sh	49	42	pc	53	37
Lexington	pc	63	52	sh	59	50
Lincoln	pc	43	20	pc	44	33
Little Rock	pc	68	50	sh	64	56
Los Angeles	sh	58	46	su	65	44
Louisville	cl	64	52	sh	60	50
Macon	cl	63	50	sh	67	54
Memphis	pc	65	53	sh	65	55
Miami	sh	79	73	sh	79	72
Minneapolis	pc	36	25	pc	32	25
Mobile	cl	69	55	sh	67	61
Montgomery	cl	64	54	sh	67	57
Morgantown	pc	66	53	sh	64	51
New Orleans	pc	60	48	pc	68	62
New York	pc	47	43	sh	53	42
Norfolk	pc	55	38	sh	54	43
Norfolk	pc	55	38	sh	54	43
Okla. City	pc	66	43	sh	56	52
Oklahoma	pc	40	22	pc	43	35
Orlando	pc	80	65	sh	78	67
Palm Beach	sh	80	73	sh	78	72
Palm Springs	rn	49	45	pc	64	41
Philadelphia	pc	48	40	sh	51	38
Phoenix	cl	61	48	sh	53	43
Pittsburgh	pc	57	46	sh	55	37
Portland, ME	pc	34	25	rs	43	34
Portland, OR	cl	41	33	sh	44	35
Providence	cl	42	29	sh	50	37
Raleigh	pc	61	41	cl	62	43
Rapid City	pc	36	19	pc	38	23
Reno	pc	67	17	cl	41	22
Richmond	su	54	36	sh	55	40
Rochester	sh	46	43	sh	52	33
Sacramento	pc	57	31	pc	54	31
Salem, Ore.	pc	40	33	cl	45	33
Salt Lake City	pc	37	25	cl	32	23
San Antonio	sh	71	56	sh	70	59
San Diego	rn	59	45	su	62	46
San Francisco	pc	55	41	pc	54	42
San Jose	sh	85	76	pc	83	75
San Juan	pc	41	29	sn	35	22
Savannah	cl	69	55	sh	71	57
Seattle	pc	41	37	sh	45	37
Shreveport	pc	70	55	sh	67	62
Sioux Falls	pc	28	18	pc	37	30

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**PICKING  
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**New companies offer  
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# Get ahead of 2020 trends with these paint colors

BY JENNA SCHUSTER  
HomeAdvisor

Each year, leading paint brands make their picks for the colors of the year, with hues chosen to complement everything from interior design trends to wellness and our connection to technology. They're not just the colors you can expect to see on the cover of top home and garden magazines, but also the colors you can expect to find on kitchen appliances, furniture and the clothes on Fashion Week's runways.

Here, we've put together a few of the top-predicted hues for 2020 so you can start the new year — and your home decorating efforts — ahead of the trend.

## 1. Benjamin Moore: First Light

First Light is the ideal color to brighten up a dreary space. This pale pink shade mimics the first light of dawn and features subtle blue undertones. According to Andrea Magno, Benjamin



DREAMSTIME

Dark blues are a common theme among companies' 2020 color of the year selections.

Moore's director of color marketing and development, the color was chosen to represent a new dawn of idealism, design

and living. The happy, optimistic shade can function as a neutral in a large room, or you can use it as an accent color.

## 2. Sherwin-Williams: Naval

Naval is another color of the year inspired by the sun's path. This rich navy

shade reminds us of the night sky or the depths of the sea. This art deco-influenced hue works well on an accent wall or painted on kitchen cabinetry. Or, you can fill a whole room with the color for a dramatic, luxe makeover.

## 3. Behr: Back to Nature

Inspired by our desire to connect to nature, Behr's meadow-green hue looks to bring the outside inside. "Whether you're biking on a forest path, canoeing on a lake or walking on the beach, green is prevalent in nearly every outdoor landscape," says Erica Woelfel, vice president of color and creative services at Behr. "It is easily nature's favorite color." Try this shade on your front door for a breath of spring, or in your bedroom to help unwind.

## 4. PPG Paints: Chinese Porcelain

Dark blues are popular in 2020, and PPG Paints' Chinese Porcelain is no exception. This moody cobalt was chosen for its calm, restful appearance to help impart slowness and

realness into our lives, according to Dee Schlotter, senior color manager of the PPG paint brand. "The need for simplicity and escapism from technology is, in part, the reason that consumers are craving blues." Paint this shade in a foyer to create a grand entrance, or in rooms with white trim to make the color pop.

## 5. Valspar: 12 Natural Hues

This year, Valspar selected 12 separate colors of the year to create an earth-inspired palette. Winter Calm, Mint Whisper, Canyon Earth, Grey Brook, Tempered Sage, Desert Fortress, Secluded Garden, Bombay Peach, Pale Powder, Utterly Blue, Crushed Out and Secret Moss make up the collection of soft shades. According to Sue Kim, Valspar color marketing manager at Sherwin-Williams, natural hues are Earth's prescription for the chaotic, busy lives we live. With so many options to choose from, these gentle shades can go almost anywhere.

# Best practices in bed-making

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

Some homeowners believe the key to a well-designed and aesthetically pleasing bedroom is a well-made bed. While there are certainly some designer tricks of the trade, some flexibility and creativity can come into play in bed-making. Here are some tips on ways to dress a bed.

**Toss pillows:** Toss pillows are an interior designer

staple when it comes to creating an appealing bed. Gone are the days in which a bed had to be loaded with a pile of pillows. These days many designers suggest a simple stacking of sleep pillows against the headboard, while two to four decorative front pillows create a finished and elegant look. This is the perfect opportunity to infuse perfect opportunity to infuse pattern, color and texture.

**Headboards:** Often, headboards work in a space

because of space-saving needs. If you decide to use a headboard, this typically means pairing it with a metal frame. Metal frames can be unsightly, so you will want to make sure it is properly concealed. The best way to do this is with a proper bed skirt or bed skirt panels. Bed skirts can be box pleated for a more modern look or ruffled for a more traditional appearance. To ensure you cover the frame, the longer the drop the better. Many de-

signers opt to use bed skirt panels, which are four separate panels that are pinned or tacked along each edge of a mattress.

**Layering:** If you are looking for a luxurious plush bed, layering is the key. A popular technique used by designers involves layering a bed in the following order (bottom to top):

1. Mattress
2. Feather bed (if a softer bed is desired)
3. Mattress cover



DESIGN RECIPES

A headboard is dressed up with an extended drop bed skirt and oversize duvet. Finish off the look with toss pillows.

4. Bottom fitted sheet
5. Top sheet
6. Coverlet or blanket
7. Duvet cover (with

- duvet insert inside)
8. Throw and toss pillows to add a decorative touch

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# Color choice easy with fewer options

Paint companies offer a fix for customers who are overwhelmed

BY MICHELLE BRUNNER  
The Washington Post

Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by a fan deck in the quest to find the perfect paint color. When faced with thousands of options, it's difficult to narrow the field. A new wave of paint companies thinks the secret lies in offering fewer choices.

The aptly named Curator, an Irish brand that recently launched in the United States, offers a palette of 144 colors. Clare, founded by interior designer Nicole Gibbons, has 56. And Backdrop, started by husband-and-wife team Caleb and Natalie Ebel, offers just 50 choices.

These numbers are low compared with the major paint manufacturers. For instance, Benjamin Moore has over 3,500 colors; Sherwin-Williams offers 1,536 colors; and Behr has 1,559 colors, though it's worth noting that even Behr is getting in on the curation trend. The company recently launched an online tool called Behr Express, which features its 55 bestsellers, designed with millennials and first-time home buyers in mind. Could a less-is-more approach be the key to choosing a paint color?

There's a wealth of consumer behavior research to back up that theory. "Instead of being liberated by lots of options, people are paralyzed; they can't pull the trigger, and they end up with nothing," says Barry Schwartz, psychologist and author of "The Paradox of Choice." "If they do make a purchase, they often walk out thinking they made a mistake because one of the other options might be better, so they are less satisfied with their decision."

Frustration with too many options and too little guidance prompted the Ebels to start Backdrop. "The legacy paint manufacturers have always had this misconception that more is better, but what they've done is thrust the work of curation onto the customer," Caleb says.

The process of editing down the colors of the rainbow wasn't easy — after all, how does one



BACKDROP

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determine how many blues are necessary and how many are overkill? Each of these three companies used a different methodology.

For Dublin-based Curator, a division of the General Paints Group, the collection started with 29 options. Those initial hues were developed with Irish artists and craftsmen across a range of disciplines who often cited the history and landscape of the country as their muse. "Once we had those core colors, we worked on building the palette around them, making sure that we were covering the neutral space, the more vibrant shades and also the earthy tones in between," says Rachel O'Connor, Curator's ex-

port director. "We felt that 144 choices covered enough ground without being overwhelming."

Gibbons approached the task by considering the different rooms of the house and colors she saw people gravitate to as a designer. Unsurprisingly, the line is heavy on neutrals, a category equally attracts and stumps homeowners. "I tried to lean into palettes that I knew to be timeless and universally appealing," she says. "We started with about 600 colors, and narrowed it down to 55 by the time we launched."

For the Ebels, the winnowing down was a hands-on affair. "Our first filter was asking ourselves if we would put it on our walls," Caleb says. If the answer was yes,



CURATOR

Ancient Black, Kerr's Pink, Rose Mantle and Basking Grey are part of Curator's palette of 144 colors.

the couple then tested many of the hues in their own home. Once a color passed muster, they would take it to social media. "We had a focus group on a private Instagram account of 100 early supporters that helped us trim the final selection to 50," he says.

Andrea Magno, director of color marketing and development at Benjamin Moore, says curation isn't new to the paint industry, and she's quick to mention that the company has long offered color tools, cards and specific palettes to help sift through its robust catalogue. What is new to her: the marketing of fewer choices as both a selling point and a shortcut. "These days everyone is looking to simplify how they go about a task; by limiting the offering, you're appealing to a different type of customer," she says.

And there is a big difference between someone who wants a quick, foolproof recommendation for a warm neutral vs. a homeowner who is looking for a specific shade of green. For the latter especially, Magno sees the benefit to drawing from a pool of 3,500 colors. "We have all of the in-between shades that you might need to work with your lighting to get it just right."

Besides offering fewer colors, some of the newer companies diverge in another way. Hoping to eliminate the pain of multiple trips to the paint store, Backdrop and Clare have a direct-to-consumer model. Shipping is free on all Backdrop orders and on Clare

orders over \$100 (a gallon of Clare paint costs \$49, while Backdrop is \$59). Curator is available online and in bricks-and-mortar stores in select cities; a gallon costs \$90.

Purchasing paint online might seem risky because it's hard to gauge color accuracy looking at a computer monitor. That's why both Backdrop and Clare stress the importance of sampling, and they offer large repositionable stickers. Clare's offers 8-by-8-inch samples that cost \$2, and Backdrop's has 12-by-12 samples for \$3 each. Curator offers 8-by-6-inch cards for \$2.

The adhesive swatch is not limited to Backdrop and Clare: Samplize produces peel-and-stick samples painted by hand. Prices range from \$5.95 to \$7.95 for a 12-by-12-inch sticker and include colors from Benjamin Moore, Sherwin-Williams and Farrow & Ball. Hand-painted swatches are a recent development and offer a more accurate depiction of what a paint might look like on your wall than most printed examples. By eliminating messy sample pots, the swatches are designed to make picking the right shade easier.

And yet even with such user-friendly developments, it remains to be seen whether people actually want fewer choices. Schwartz says, "One of the things that's both striking and frustrating is that while people are tortured by too many options, if you ask them about it, they'll always say they want more."



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The hybrid amaryllis is a tender bulb with large, showy flowers that usually appear from February to April. It's easy to maintain indoors in a container.

## Tips for growing amaryllis: Be patient, don't overwater

BY TIM JOHNSON

I need some advice on how to grow amaryllis at home. I am looking for some winter color.

— Anna Schuett, Highland Park, Illinois

The hybrid amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) is a tender bulb with large, showy flowers that is easily grown indoors in a container. This bulb will not overwinter outside in this area. Most amaryllis plants are Dutch or African hybrids selected for flower size, color and ease of forcing. The usual flowering season is from February to April, but you can find them in flower during the winter holiday season.

Choose a standard-size flowerpot so that the large bulb has approximately 1 to 2 inches around the sides and at the bottom. These bulbs do not need much space for their roots. Use a well-draining potting mix to plant the bulbs in, and position the bulb so the top third or so of the

bulb sticks up out of the soil. The final level of the growing medium should be approximately 1/2 inch below the rim of the pot to facilitate watering. Your container should have a hole in the bottom for drainage.

Place the container where the temperature remains above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The warmer the temperature is, with 70 to 75 degrees for day and night being ideal, the faster the bulb will begin growing. Providing bottom heat by setting the pot on a propagation mat may help stimulate growth, especially if you keep your house temperatures cool. Water the bulb thoroughly after planting, and then water only when the top inch or so of the potting mix is dry to the touch. It is better to err on the side of watering less frequently until roots have developed, as watering too much can cause the bulb to rot. If the pot is covered with Spanish moss, it is best to lift the moss and pour water di-

rectly on the growing medium.

You will generally see growth begin in two to six weeks, with flowers developing in another six to eight weeks. Certain varieties of amaryllis may take more time to sprout. As long as your bulb remains firm, be patient and be careful not to overwater. Once the bulb sprouts, it is important to move it to a bright location such as a south-facing window with lots of sunlight. An application of a balanced fertilizer at intervals of 10-14 days is helpful after the new growth has emerged. Rotate the pot every two to three days to prevent the flower stalks from leaning toward the light. The flower stalks may require support to keep them from toppling over.

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## Don't worry about how your plants will handle winter

BY BETH BOTTS

When you're coping with harsh winter weather that lashes your face, makes driving treacherous and batters your house, should you also worry about your trees, shrubs and other garden plants?

Probably not, said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Most hardy plants are safely dormant at this time of year. "If you've chosen your plants well, they can probably handle a Chicago winter," she said.

Here are some tips from the Plant Clinic for handling winter in the garden.

### Snow is good for plants.

It provides excellent insulation because it contains far more air than ice. "A layer of snow will protect the roots of trees and shrubs and the crowns of perennials against bitter air temperatures," Janoski said. When the snow eventually melts in spring, it will provide moisture.

**Branches can take the weight of snow.** Trees and shrubs bent down by a heavy snow load can be an alarming sight. But most of the time they bounce back when the snow melts, Janoski said. You may do more harm than good by trying to brush the snow off, because the low temperatures may have made the wood brittle and easily breakable. "Go for a brisk winter walk outside, and let your shrubs recover by themselves," she said.

**Take care with salt.** Salt and other products for melting ice can dry out the tissue of plant stems and roots. "Use as little possible, just enough for safety," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist. "Don't spread salt instead of shoveling." When you shovel snow that may



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A layer of snow is good for plants, insulating their roots and providing moisture when it melts.

contain salt, try to dump it onto a patio or other paved area rather than at the base of trees or in beds or lawns. "When snow melts, you don't want that salty water soaking into the soil around your plants' roots," Yiesla said.

### Be wary of warm spells.

The biggest danger to plants in winter isn't cold, Janoski said. It's sudden temperature swings, from bitter cold to sudden warmth and back again. "Unfortunately, temperature swings are pretty common around here," she said. Freeze-and-thaw cycles can crack thin bark on young trees, push perennials up out of the soil or trick plants into sprouting or flowering prematurely. "The best preventive measure is a layer of mulch to insulate the soil, so plants don't respond to short-term changes in temperature," Janoski said.

If you didn't spread mulch in autumn, a good layer of snow will have the same insulating effect.

### Watch and take notes.

There's not much you can do now to mitigate the effects of winter weather on plants, Janoski said. Most preventive measures, such as spreading mulch or arranging burlap, need to be installed before the harsh weather hits. "What you can do is pay attention to see if any plants suffer," she said. "You can make plans to protect them next fall or to replace them if a Chicago winter is just too tough for them."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum ([mortonarb.org/plantadvice](http://mortonarb.org/plantadvice), 630-719-2424 or [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org)). Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum.*

# Stop water mess with garage floor drains

BY TIM CARTER  
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**Q: I'm about to build a new home with both an attached garage and a separate free-standing three-bay garage. The house I grew up in had floor drains in the garage and they were wonderful. My builder has never heard of garage floor drains and insists on sloping the concrete floor so all liquids flow to the doors. What would you do if you were me, and how do you install garage floor drains in your jobs?**

**A:** I can tell you, I live this nightmare each winter here in snowy New Hampshire. I didn't build the house I live in, and my garage doesn't have magical floor drains like the house I grew up in. Water melts from my car and truck and puddles down at the closed garage doors.

It's important to realize the building code is a set of minimum standards. You can always build things better than what the building code mandates. The building code is revised every few years, and I can tell you that some fantastic things have been forgotten or changed in past revisions.

I checked several citations of the International Building Code, and there was language that garage floors must slope to the door so liquids drain to the door or to a drain. Another key point is that cities or towns can make their own revisions to the code. What's acceptable in one town may not be allowed in another city nearby. You always need to check with your local code official and see what you can do.

This past year my daughter and son-in-law built a new home on Mount Desert Island, Maine. I specified that floor drains be put



TIM CARTER

If you're building a new garage, it's easy to install floor drains, a simple P-trap and a surface cleanout.

in the garage and made sure with the local building inspector that she allowed this. Not only did she permit the floor drains, she indicated the water from the drains could drain to the surface beyond the house just like downspout water from the roof.

The floor drains in older homes were piped in almost all cases with a simple P-trap, just like you might find under your bathroom sink. The U-shaped pipe under the drain created a water seal, but it also allowed sand and dirt to accumulate fast.

You had to be careful in older garages not to clog the drain line past the P-trap.

I installed modern side outlet box drains in my daughter's garage. These measure about 14 inches square and are about 10 inches deep. The drainpipe exits out the side of the box drain and the bottom of the pipe is about 1.5 inches up from the bottom of the box.

This allows sand and grit to settle out and not be carried into the drainpipe leaving the box drain. However, you need to keep

up with making sure this sand, dirt and grit never get any thicker than the 1.5-inch catch area.

Downstream from the box drains I installed a self-made P-trap using 90-degree fittings. I also used a tee fitting so I could create a surface cleanout that rises up from one end of the P-trap under the slab.

This cleanout allows my son-in-law, or a future homeowner, easy access into the P-trap using the hose from a wet/dry vacuum. If the P-trap gets clogged, it will be very easy to clean out.

Some people worry about oil getting into the floor drains and causing pollution of the ecosystem. That's a valid concern if you have a massive oil spill in a garage. I maintain this is a rare occurrence. If you're worried about oil pollution, you can install a commercial oil separator as part of your drainage pipe installation. And as for car and truck oil pollution, imagine how many gallons per day leak onto the roadways around your town or city from pesky drips from engines, transmissions and hydraulic hoses.

Common sense also is required if you have a car or truck that has a tired engine or transmission. If these do leak small amounts of oil, for goodness sake lay out some cardboard to soak up the leaks and replace the cardboard once it becomes saturated. There are also dry granular products made to soak up oil spills. You see this product at many gas stations when someone spills diesel fuel or other oil products.

It's very important to make sure the tops of the floor drains are about 2 inches below the primary level surface of the garage slab. The concrete contractor needs to create large shallow funnels around the floor drains.

The size of the funnel depends on the size of the car or truck. At the very least, the funnel should be a total of 10 feet wide and 22 feet long. Center the floor drains so they're exactly under the center of the car or truck when it is parked in the garage.

Another side benefit of having garage floor drains is that you can wash your car or truck inside on blistering hot days or in colder months. You can buy a special hose bib that has both a hot and a cold handle like an indoor sink. This way you can use warm water to rinse off your vehicle.

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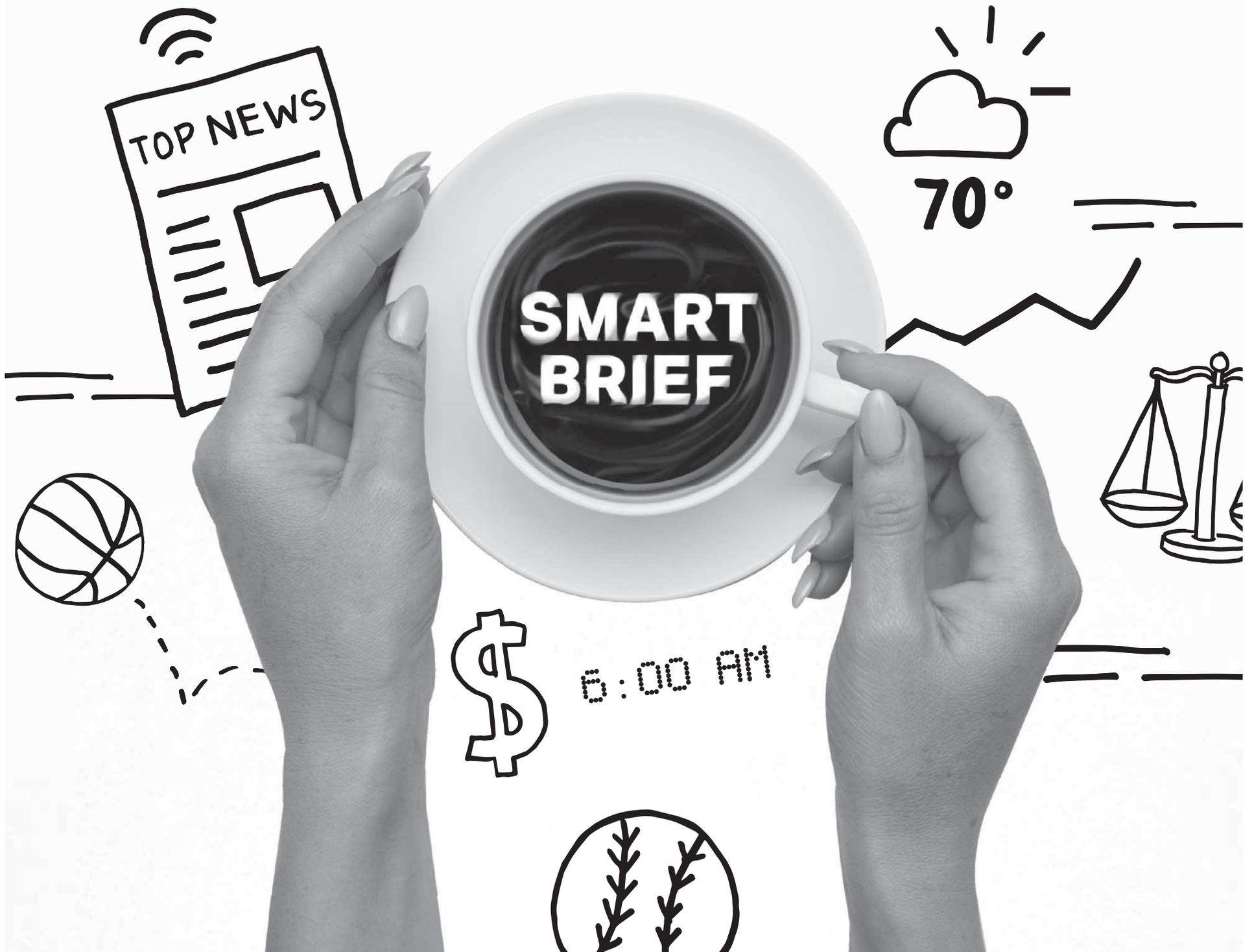


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**Install solar panels:** Harnessing the sun's energy to power your property is a long-term, low-risk investment — and it pays. Fitting your roof with solar panels can reduce your electricity bill by thousands of dollars over its life span — about 25 years — and it can also increase the overall value of your home.

**Energy-efficient lighting:** Lighting accounts for about 5% of household energy costs on average, according to the Department of Energy. By switching to energy-efficient lightbulbs, you'll get the same amount of light in your house for a fraction of the cost. Halogen bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps

(CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are a little pricier than traditional incandescent bulbs, but they'll save you money over time because they last longer and use less energy.

**Choose low-flow showerheads:** A low-flow showerhead is a simple energy hack that can lower your water consumption by as much as 40% — and help you save on your bill. Even though an eco-friendly showerhead uses less water, there are models that maximize flow so you don't have to suffer through a low-pressure rinse. If you need help swapping out showerheads, call in a local plumber.

**Hire an energy auditor:** Most energy-efficient improvements add value to your home in addition to saving you money on your utility bill. But if you're unsure about where to start, or would like to know precisely how much gas and electricity your house uses (and how to make it more cost-effective), a home energy assessment can answer those questions for you. There might be problems you aren't even aware of — and fixing them

can save you thousands. Homeowners report paying between \$205 and \$650 for a home energy audit, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

**Invest in insulation:** Imagine your heating and cooling costs slashed by 15%. That is the type of savings you can expect when you air seal your home and add insulation to problem areas throughout it, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Factors that influence overall savings include location and construction style of your home, with some homeowners cutting 20% off their yearly utility bill.

**Update home tech:** Power-saving outlets, smart thermostats, an energy monitor you can actually read — there are plenty of ways to upgrade the technology in your home to conserve energy and, ultimately, save money. Regulate your home's temperature, track your solar power production and stop home appliances from draining power when they're not in use. Every little bit helps shave dollars off your bill.

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The cost to hold a non-interest-bearing checking account has risen from \$1.77 ten years ago (the lowest average over the study's 21-year span) to \$5.61 this year. That's up ever so slightly from last year, but a bit below the peak of \$5.86, seen in 2015.

The average monthly fee for interest-bearing checking accounts is almost triple that, though, averaging \$15.05 this year. Ten years ago, it sat at \$12.55.

Overdraft fees are also approaching highs. The 2019 average is \$33.36, which is a smidge higher than last year's average and just below the two-decade record set in 2017. The average non-sufficient funds fee has increased 19 times over the study's 21 years, rising more than 50 percent from \$21.57 in 1998.

The cost to access ATMs also saw new high in 2019, continuing a trend of 15 consecutive records. For in-network ATMs, the average fee was \$3.09 this year, rising 2 percent over 2018. A decade ago, the average was \$2.22.

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This is a record high for out-of-network ATM fees, with the average charge rising 18 times since 1998. Ten years ago, the average was \$3.54, and over the study's 21-year span, total ATM charges have averaged 4.25 percent annual growth.

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