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A property owner next to this portion of the Dakota Access pipeline in Brown County is against the firm's push to nearly double the oil flow.

**More oil, more risk?**

Dakota Access pipeline owners press to pump more oil through Illinois. Critics worry expansion will increase risk of leak or devastating spill in state.

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

Oil has been flowing through the Dakota Access pipeline across Illinois since the summer of 2017, traveling underground from the Mississippi River to a hub in a tiny central Illinois town.

Every day, an average of 560,000 barrels of oil flows through the pipeline.

Now the company that owns the pipeline, which begins in North Dakota, wants to nearly double the volume, pumping up to 1.1 million barrels from the oil-rich Bakken region through South Dakota and Iowa into Illinois.

To increase the flow, the company wants to build a series of new pump stations along the 1,172-mile route, including in western Illinois, and upgrade its facilities where Dakota Access links up with other Midwestern pipelines.

In Illinois, the oil companies filed a petition for the upgrades with the Illinois Commerce Commission, seeking authorization to build a new pump station in Hancock County, north of Quincy, and replace and add

pumps at the oil tank complex in Patoka, about 80 miles east of St. Louis. The petition also requests authorization to build a new pump station on another pipeline at the southern edge of Illinois, near the town of Joppa on the Ohio River.

But the June filing drew objections from two environmental groups and a landowner with property near the pipeline. Save Our Illinois Land and the

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**Legal pot on Jan. 1 'changes everything'**

New year ushering in new era in criminal law, daily life across Illinois

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

This New Year's Day will be celebrated like no other in Illinois. At the stroke of midnight Jan. 1, possession and consumption of limited amounts of marijuana will become legal in Illinois for recreational use.

No doubt, some people will light up to celebrate. But, because only sales from licensed dealers will be authorized, it won't be legal to buy or sell cannabis until those stores open, starting at 6 a.m. at the earliest. That's when the real party will begin for some.

After a decadeslong push to legalize it, cannabis legalization in Illinois begins a new era in criminal law and daily life. As happened in the 10 other states that legalized commercial sales, long lines and short supplies are expected.

Only 35 stores have been authorized to open statewide — fewer than the number of Starbucks in downtown Chicago. That's about one store for every

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**Trump bucked range of GOP policies in 2019**

He's touting a grab bag of economic populism

BY JEFF STEIN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump shattered Republican orthodoxy on an extraordinary range of economic policies in 2019, setting up a more populist record for him to tout during a 2020 campaign in which Democrats already are slamming him for abandoning working people.

From trade to spending, from the Federal Reserve to paid parental leave, Trump has embraced policy changes that historically are more in line with the approach of Democrats than Republicans in establishing a forceful role for government in setting the terms of the economy.

It is a sharp contrast to his first two years, when his main

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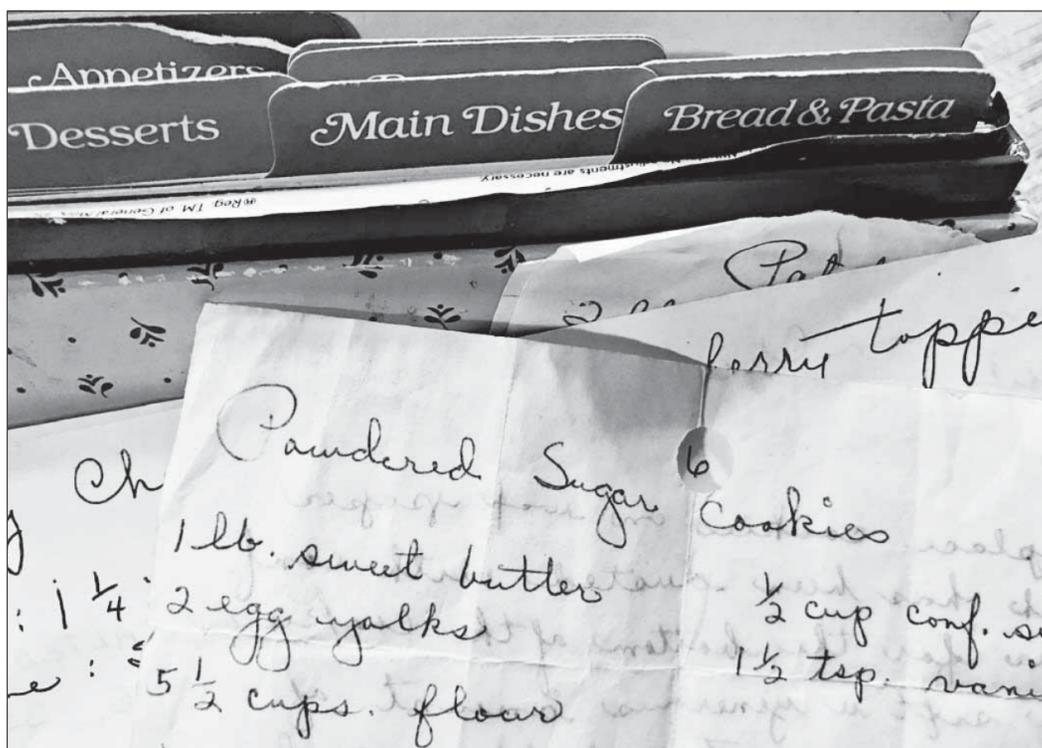
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DONNA VICKROY/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Columnist Donna Vickroy says history is a huge part of holidays, and recipes have the ability to stoke powerful memories.

# Handwritten recipes stir up powerful memories of past



DONNA VICKROY

They’re threadbare and fading and some of the dishes I don’t even like, but each Christmas I pull them out of storage and cherish the handwritten recipes my mother gave me so very long ago.

Each scrap of instructions is a portal back to when she was still with us, organizing our holiday menus, assigning grab-bag recipients and dropping not-so-subtle hints about what our father might leave for her under the tree.

As hectic as Christmas can be, quiet moments always seem to weave their way in, interrupting the chaos and stopping me in my tracks.

It’s as if nostalgia chases me, reminding me to put down the to-do list and remember that the holiday should be less about want and more about celebrating what we have. Because the clock is ticking more quickly these days.

I learned early on that Christmas Past has a way of meandering into Christmas Present, pausing the chaos and dimming the lights, as if to say, “Stop for a while and just be.”

In my teens, before I caught my pre-dawn bus for high school, I would sit on the sofa admiring the Christmas tree and reflecting on holidays gone by. Back then, the look back was silly and fun.

The time I’d asked for a book and received a whole box of them.

The Christmas Eve my dad worked late and my mother and all of us kids sat around a snowman candle singing carols.

The year — I think I was 10 — when I tried to become an entrepreneur by selling holiday cards to neighbors

only to have to bring in my mom for math help because I couldn’t figure out the tax.

Today, nostalgia rides a wave of tears.

History, our personal history, is a huge part of holidays. It’s a huge part of everything. And the trinkets, the customs and the recipes have the ability to stoke those powerful memories.

So even though the holiday, coming at the end of the year, makes us forward thinkers, pondering what to make, what to buy, what to resolve to change, at some point it will hold up a mirror and make us look back.

The older we get, that reflection will bring both sorrow and joy.

In youth, our focus is on expanding, growing a career, a family and a household full of things. As we age, the pendulum swings back and we find ourselves learning to live with less and with loss.

Life is only a series of moments, today here, tomorrow a memory.

It is with a heavy heart and a light spirit that we celebrate the moments we’ve had, the people we’ve loved, the memories that are unique to our story.

For me one of those moments comes when I pull out my recipe box.

Of course I can find instructions for just about any kind of cookie online but I want to admire the originals, the hand-written timestamps, some of them defaced with flour and dough debris, that remind me how lucky I am to miss the people who are now gone.

Foremost among them is my mother’s recipe for powdered sugar cookies. She gave it to me when I was first married nearly 40 years ago.

I’ve made them almost every year since, at first because the cookies are delicious, lately more so because I want to spend a few hours in her presence again.

I have never been a collector and I think a natural part of aging is want-

ing to rid yourself of unnecessary things.

My siblings have kept some of my mother’s ornaments and pieces of her extensive nutcracker collection. But all I’ve hung onto are these recipes.

Each year, I take them out of the box and, though many are barely readable, I spend a few moments delicately admiring the flowery, absolutely perfect cursive.

And then I bake.

Often, as I’m mixing, I tear up knowing that she was thinking of me when she grabbed pen and paper to write down these very words — butter, flour, enjoy.

Her penmanship is a credit to her schooling. Like a lot of Catholic elementary school graduates, she earned good marks in handwriting while attending St. Bernard’s on the South Side.

She also was an avid reader. She admired the written word and must have strived to make hers as special.

Writing, physical writing, was once a source of pride for people.

Today, when most communications are electronic, a hand-written note, even on a scrap of typing paper, seems special, personal, fleeting. And a hand-written recipe, well, that’s a treasure.

What do I want for Christmas?

Like a lot of people of a certain age, I want the intangibles.

Peace, kindness, good health and understanding.

And I want a few moments with lost loved ones.

In memory, in spirit, in writing. However I can get them.



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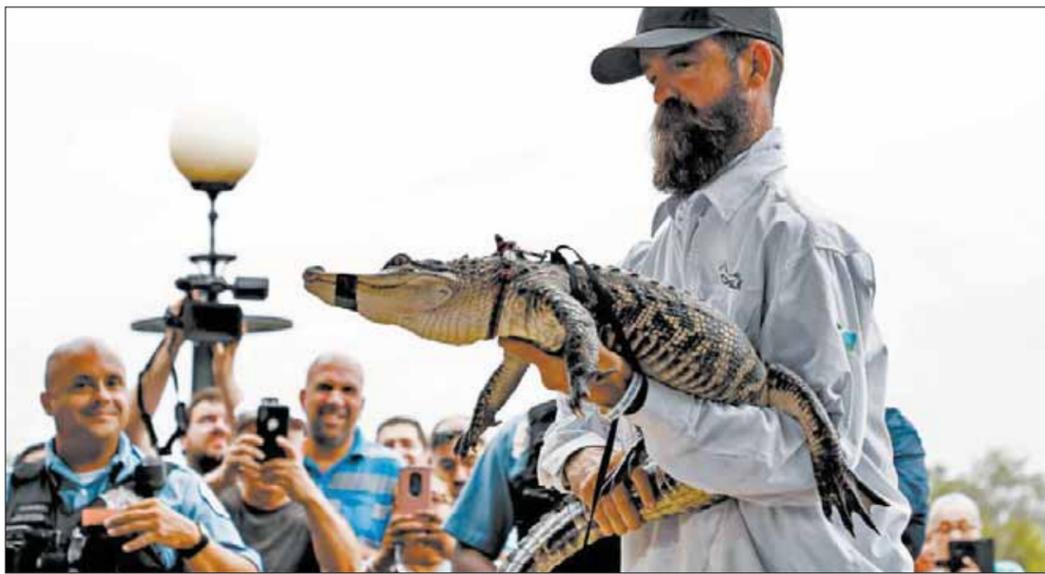
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Frank Robb, a professional trapper from Florida, displays the alligator nicknamed Chance the Snapper in July.

## An ode to the vanishing 2019, a year unlike any the world's ever seen



MARY SCHMICH

Two thousand nineteen  
Has now lurched to a close  
And where we're all headed  
Well, nobody knows.

The year that just passed  
Left us muddled and grumpy  
The news was alarming—  
Relentlessly Trumpy.

A government shutdown!  
The Mueller report!  
The president tweeting  
His livid retort!

And then came the shriek  
Of a loudly blown whistle  
That rattled the world  
Like a nuclear missile.

Our president talked to  
The head of Ukraine?  
Said, "Do us a favor"—  
To help his campaign?

"My phone call was perfect!"  
The president pouted  
But millions proclaimed  
That at last he'd been outed.

He cried, "It's a witch hunt!"—  
A cry like a screech—  
But Nancy Pelosi  
Said calmly: "Impeach."

Our politics felt like  
A national tumor  
Thank God we could laugh  
At the line, "OK, boomer."

The world was unrav'ling—  
Or so it could seem  
As migrants and refugees  
Fled in a stream

From Syria, Mexico,  
Yemen and more  
Escaping from poverty,  
Battered by war.

The Arctic was melting  
The climate was crazed—  
While Venice was drowning  
The Amazon blazed.

Thank God for young Greta,  
The passionate Swede  
Who warned that we're wrecking  
Our climate with greed.

And meanwhile in Paris  
Great Notre Dame burned  
While over in Britain  
The lib'rls were spurned.

In Hong Kong the protesters  
Fought to be free  
Reminding the world  
How tough freedom can be.

The dangers kept coming:  
Look, vaping's a killer!  
And Facebook is spying!  
And worse? Stephen Miller!

A trade war with China!  
Iranian threats!  
The menace of Putin!  
They gave us the sweats.

And shooters ran rampant  
In places of prayer  
From Christchurch to Poway  
Such cries of despair.

But all was not hatred  
And madness and fear  
The universe offered  
Much beauty this year.

In Congress, more women  
Were playing a role  
We got our first photo  
Inside a black hole.

The word of the year  
Was the singular "they,"  
A him or a her?  
It's whatever they say.

These miracles taught us  
To never say "can't"—  
Why, look at that burger—  
Your meat is a plant.

We listened to Lizzo  
And muted R. Kelly  
And bid "Game of Thrones"  
A goodbye on the telly.

And here in Chicago,  
We got a new story:  
The old guard was routed  
The new boss was Lori.

A breath of fresh air  
But a miracle? Not.  
The shootings continued  
The town reeked of pot.

Some pols got indicted  
The teachers said, "Strike!"  
The mayor's new budget's  
A thumb in the dike.

We stewed over Jussie  
(A star of "Empire")  
He claimed an attack  
But it seems he's a liar.

The top cop was fired  
(The mayor's tough stance)  
Thank God for the fun  
Of a gator named Chance.

Yet life, we remembered,  
Can vanish too fast  
Whatever the news  
It's assured not to last.

To Toni, beloved,  
We bid our goodbye  
Farewell to Elijah  
His death made us cry.

So long, Cokie Roberts  
So long, Doris Day,  
So long to the poet  
Who helped us to pray.

Her last name was Oliver  
(That I should mention)  
She taught us that prayer  
Is a form of attention.

And now our attention  
Is on what comes next  
Another election—  
A hope or a hex?

Elizabeth Warren  
Says, "I've got a plan!"  
For some it won't matter—  
They'll still want a man.

But will it be Trump?  
Will he fall to defeat?  
To Biden or Bernie  
Or young Mayor Pete?

The future's a mys'try  
Let's enter with hope  
Go boldly and calmly  
Don't let ourselves mope.

Remember the future  
Will come and then go  
And life's an adventure—  
So on with the show.

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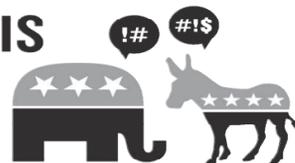
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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## Deputy's family organizes blood drive

Widow paying back kindness after on-duty death of McHenry's Keltner

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO

As other families settled into the holiday rush, family members of slain McHenry County Sheriff's Deputy Jake Keltner were figuring out how to deal with their first season without him.

Part of that was the decorating.

Howard Keltner, Jake's father, said it was more difficult than ever this year without his son, who was shot to death while on duty in March. What normally took Howard a day to complete, this year took three. But he still put out the 25-foot blow-up Santa Claus that his son, who lived just a block or so away in Crystal Lake, used to see from his back deck. That brought some lighter moments.

Helen Keltner, Jake's mother, wept when she went through old Christmas decorations Jake made as a child.

Becki Keltner, his widow, wanted to ensure that the Christmas season is joyful for their sons Caleb, 7, and Carson, 5, who this year asked for Legos and

Pokémon toys and reflected on funny holiday moments shared with their dad. She struggled to decorate her home without her husband, but the desire to make her children happy for Christmas pushed her through the task, she said.

"The holidays are hard, but we are getting through," Keltner said. "Thanksgiving was a hard day, but we hung out all together and we stuck together. We were OK."

Still, it has not been the same. Because of the boys' excitement for the season, decorations were put up and other preparations were made. But, Keltner said, it's been "hard for me to do it without him."

She recalled Jake's playful demeanor at Christmas-time.

"He was always really funny with gifts," she said. "He would get so excited to get people gifts. He would want to buy them and give to them right away. And we would always say we would just buy for the kids and then he would hide jewelry in my stocking."



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Becki Keltner holds onto a U.S. flag March 13 as pallbearers carry out the casket of her husband, Deputy Jacob Keltner.

Jake Keltner, 35, was killed March 7 while serving with the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force as it attempted to arrest a man in Rockford on warrants from three downstate counties. The man, Floyd Brown, of Springfield, faces federal and state murder charges.

Becki Keltner said the family still receives donations and gifts — boxes of teddy bears, handmade quilts and blankets, letters and money — from people within their community as well as from strangers as far away as Hawaii.

To pay back all the kind-

ness, she and her family have received since her husband was killed, Keltner has organized a blood drive in her husband's memory.

The blood drive, being facilitated through the American Red Cross, will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Jan. 9, at D'Andrea Banquets, 4419 Northwest Highway in Crystal Lake — coincidentally the same place where she married her college sweetheart in 2007. The hall management is donating the space for the blood drive, which falls on the same date as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Keltner said.

All who preregister will

receive a free T-shirt.

Although Jake Keltner did not survive his injuries, he received several pints of blood that allowed him to donate tissue, bone and heart valves through Gift of Hope as his final act of service, his wife said.

She is organizing the blood drive as part of National Blue Blood Drive sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors. The national organization helped Keltner plan her husband's funeral, and it facilitates special events for survivors of fallen police officers.

Keltner's goal is to get at least 200 donations of blood. As of mid-December 100 people had registered online at RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code "Keltner").

"Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, and every donation can save up to three lives," she said. "I feel like people have given me so much, supported me, and this is a way I could give back. I just thought this would be a really good way to do something positive."

She also hopes to



Keltner

continue on her late husband's example of teaching their sons that as they grow up, they should find ways to help other people. She wants to instill in her boys "service

over self," Keltner said. "We are trying to keep Christmas going for the boys to be happy, but it's hard sometimes," said Helen Keltner, who added that they still receive regular visits from their son's friends and sheriff's deputies.

The family also is celebrating the birth of a new grandchild this Christmas season, born to one of Helen and Howard's other two sons. The child's middle name is Jacob.

In this past year, Howard Keltner said, "We have gone through the worst of the worst and the highest of the highest. I don't know how we are doing it."

To that, Helen Keltner said, "Jake would be the first one telling us to move on and get on with our lives."

"We are getting there," Howard Keltner responded.

Amanda Marrazzo is a freelance reporter.

## AURORA'S 'CROSS MAN' RETIRING

Ministry honoring more than 27,000 victims of mass shootings placed him in national spotlight

BY LINDA GIRARDI

Greg Zanis, of Aurora, who has erected crosses for victims of mass shootings across the country, is retiring from the work that has often put him in the national spotlight.

He's made more than 27,000 crosses over the years as part of his Crosses for Losses ministry.

"I always felt this was my calling," Zanis said.

He said he believed his work "began to show a face of the victims" of shootings around America.

In the last year, he's acknowledged his ministry became increasingly harder to do.

"I leave a piece of my heart behind each time I go," he told The Beacon-News last spring.

"I had a breaking point in El Paso," he said of the Aug. 3, mass shooting outside of a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas. A gunman shot and killed 22 people and injured 24 others.

"I hadn't slept for two days, it was 106 degrees, and I collapsed from the pressure when I heard there were two more victims of the mass shooting," he said.

A trip earlier this month to the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, became a turning point, he said. Three people were killed, and eight others were injured in a shooting there.

"I got as far as Indianapolis and turned back. I decided I wasn't going to do this anymore," he said.

His work has also taken a toll on his family, he said.

"I was trotting around the country putting 5,000-6,000 miles on my truck not even thinking of my family missing me. I did it time and again. I jumped in my truck to go to the Paradise fire in California without telling anybody," Zanis said.

He recalled Orlando, Florida, where a gunman killed 49 people at a night club in June 2016. "After Orlando, it never stopped," he said of the mass shootings. "The country had me on the road for a while every week. I have driven 850,000 miles to put up crosses. I slept in my truck and never had the money to cover what I was doing."

Zanis has relied on his own resources and in recent years on donations. He received a donation of quality wood from a furniture manufacturer to make his crosses.

"I never made money. I always lost money on a steady basis. At one point last year, I was \$10,000 in debt, and somebody covered that for me. Now I am \$14,000 in debt," he said.

The first cross he made was for Nicholas "Nico" Contreras, a



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Greg Zanis stands at a display of crosses memorializing Chicago homicide victims in a vacant lot in the Englewood neighborhood.



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Family members, friends, and volunteers help carry over 700 crosses made by Greg Zanis along Michigan Avenue in Chicago in 2016. The crosses honored those killed that year in Chicago.

6-year old boy shot and killed in his grandparents' home in Aurora while sleeping in their back bedroom on Nov. 10, 1996.

Zanis erected crosses after the Columbine High School massacre in April 1999 in Colorado, where two students fatally shot 12 students and a teacher.

He also placed crosses for the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012 in Newtown, Connecticut, where

a 20-year-old shot 20 children and six staff members.

He made the trip with his crosses to Las Vegas in October 2017, when a gunman opened fire on a crowd at a music festival, killing 58 people and injuring hundreds of others.

He's also gone to the anniversaries of mass shootings, including Newtown and for the Northern Illinois University shooting in DeKalb that happened in February 2008.

It was Dec. 31, 2016, when hundreds of people carried more than 700 of his crosses in Chicago for each person slain in the city during the year. He has placed crosses on a lot in the Englewood neighborhood of Chicago for murder victims.

Earlier this year, he placed five crosses for victims of a mass shooting in his home town of Aurora after a disgruntled worker at the Henry Pratt Co. killed five employees and

wounded five Aurora police officers and an employee on Feb. 15.

Zanis has approached Lutheran Charities of Northbrook about taking over his ministry.

"I feel it is not the end of the ministry. It is the end of me doing it," he said.

He may take a year to train those interested in picking up where he left off, he said.

Lutheran Charities goes out to tragedies across the country much as Zanis has done. They approach families and loved ones of victims with its K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, founded in 2008.

Tim Hetzner, president and CEO of Lutheran Charities, said the group has been impressed with what Zanis has done.

"We met Greg probably 10 years ago responding nationally to disasters and crises, from Newtown on. He's an incredible man," Hetzner said. "We hope to carry on the good work Greg has done over the years in touching families and individuals who have experienced loss."

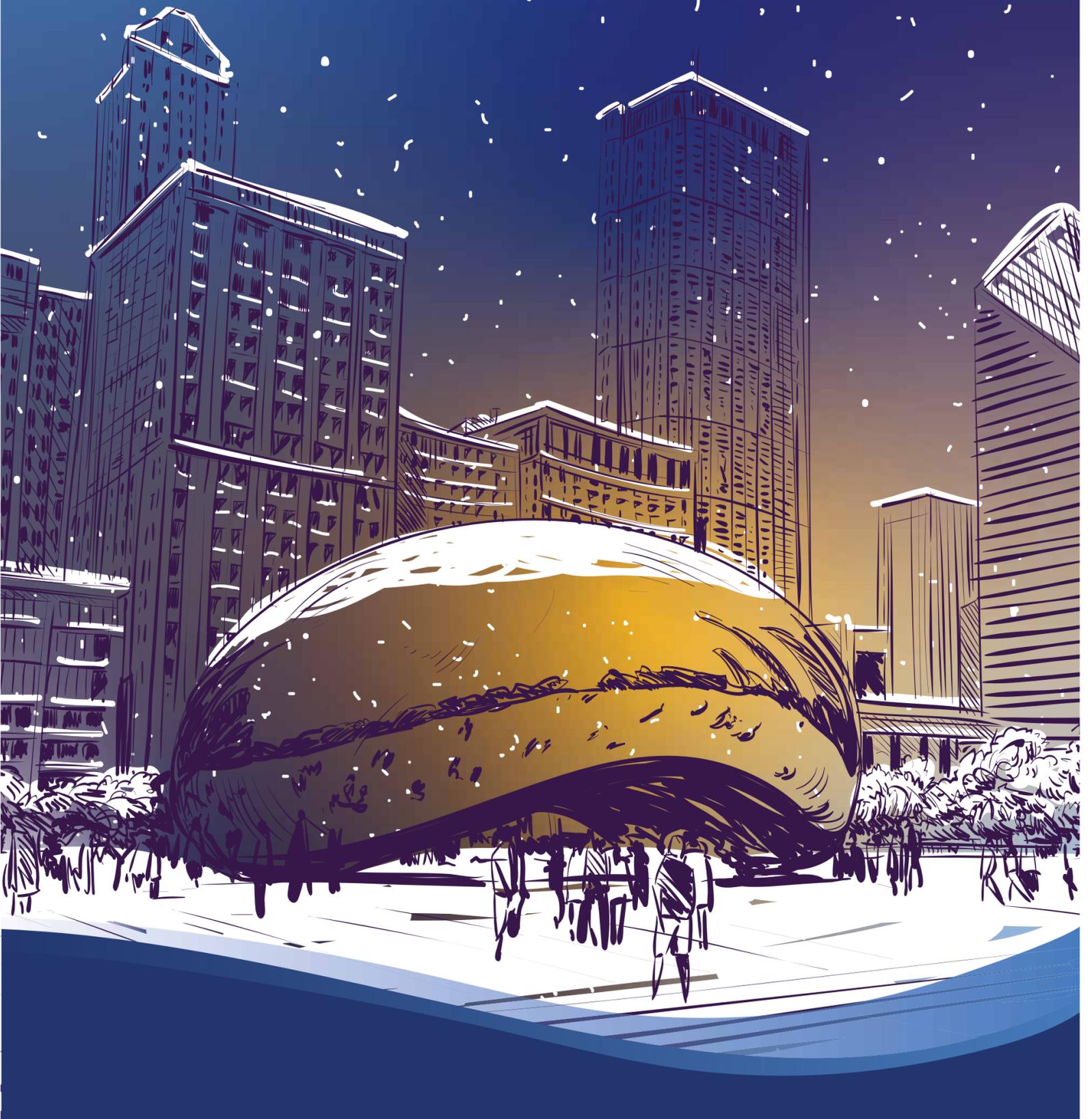
Comments of support and thanks have poured in on Zanis' daughter's Facebook page.

Zanis' work had a very direct meaning for him.

"I saw myself spreading love with crosses," he said.

Linda Girardi is a freelance reporter for The Beacon-News.

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over the years?



There's a classic movie many of us watch this time of year. *It's a Wonderful Life* is the story of George Bailey, who's about to end it all on Christmas Eve. His guardian angel, Clarence, intervenes and shows him what the world would be like if he hadn't been born. George is stunned to see the impact on those he loves — and on his town, too.

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# Pot arrests drop sharply ahead of legalization

Change in state law, attitudes spur dip in 5 largest suburbs

BY SARAH FREISHTAT, ERIN HEGARTY AND SUZANNE BAKER

Years before Illinois lawmakers moved to legalize recreational marijuana, police in the largest suburban communities were already making far fewer arrests for crimes such as possession and manufacture of cannabis, police department data shows.

Arrests for marijuana-related crimes dropped by between 63% and roughly 80% from 2015 to 2018 in the five largest suburbs — Aurora, Naperville, Elgin, Joliet and Waukegan, most of which include neighborhoods deemed by the state to have a high number of such arrests in the first place. The numbers through October project another decrease in 2019.

A 2016 change in state law to issue citations instead of arrests for small amounts of marijuana is a major contributor to the decline. But the decrease is also a reflection of changing attitudes toward marijuana and, in some cases, shifting police priorities well before state lawmakers moved to legalize weed in May, some



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Kenny Myles was once arrested for a marijuana infraction. He and two others are applying to open a dispensary in Aurora.

authorities said.

Though possessing and using certain amounts of marijuana will become legal in Illinois on Jan. 1, one police official said he wouldn't expect to see a seismic change in marijuana enforcement even after it becomes legal. Many marijuana arrests made by Joliet police already come during traffic stops, and in some circumstances, those still will be enforceable, Sgt. Christopher Botzum said.

Enforcement of the new law is a concern for the ACLU, Ed Yohnka, spokesman for the Illinois branch of the organization, said. The ACLU highlighted racial disparities in marijuana possession arrests in a 2013 report, and remains concerned that there could continue to be disparities as police enforce provisions of the new law that, while legalizing recreational marijuana, still put restrictions on consumption of

marijuana in public, transportation of marijuana and other areas, he said.

"This all has a really, really great chance to be beneficial for people all across the state of Illinois, and cut off a vehicle or means of accessing or interacting with the criminal justice system for many people," he said. "So, one's hopeful that that transition process is as smooth as possible. But it is, after all, a transition process, so one

doesn't know."

The recent drop in arrests in the largest suburban cities mirrors a statewide drop. But it comes after a decadeslong increase in marijuana arrests, which have made up the majority of all drug arrests in recent years, particularly in communities in the northern part of the state, excluding those in Cook County, according to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Police in several suburbs attributed the drop to a 2016 state law that decriminalized small amounts of marijuana, meaning those caught with 10 grams or less would face a citation similar to a traffic ticket rather than the possibility of jail time.

Steven Stelter, president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, said the change in the law made it harder for police to do their jobs.

"We arrest somebody for marijuana, and the courts just throw it out because they look at it as just a real minor offense," he said.

Though Stelter and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police continue to oppose legalization of marijuana, he said a drop in arrests didn't surprise him. The mindset in Illinois has changed since marijuana became legal elsewhere, he said.

"The real mindset is, 'What's the big deal?'" he said.

Kenny Myles has seen that change firsthand.

Myles, who lives in Montgomery, said he was arrested in 2007 by a northwest suburban police department and ultimately charged with possession of seven grams of marijuana, a misdemeanor, and with manufacture with intent to deliver of more than 200 grams, a felony.

The arrest had a significant effect on Myles' life. He said he lost his job when his bosses found out about the felony charge, and he couldn't rent an apartment because he couldn't pass a background check. He was about halfway through college at the time, but lost his federal financial aid because of the conviction and had to quit school for several years.

Myles, though, said he saw a change in public and law enforcement attitudes toward marijuana after that. In one example, he said roughly three years after his suburban arrest, he was caught smoking weed by Chicago police, who elected not to pursue any charges.

"I can tell the attitude as a whole community has changed," he said. "Me, having my run-ins, I'm still a little bit more shy to do certain things. But I do see it shifting."

Myles eventually found a job and finished his undergraduate degree and went on to get a master's degree in accounting. He, his wife and a business partner are now in the process of applying to open a marijuana dispensary in Aurora.

Though his manufacture charge was eventually expunged under the terms of his plea, the possession charge remains on his record and allows him to qualify as a social equity applicant for a dispensary license, he said.

The new law gives extra weight to social equity applicants, who must meet one of three criteria. That includes having a prior charge that would be eligible for expungement under the legalization law, such as

Myles', or living in a community deemed disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs because of its high marijuana-arrest rate or rate of people released from prison who had been charged with certain marijuana crimes.

Parts of Aurora, Joliet, Waukegan and Elgin have been identified by the state as having these high arrest or incarceration rates since 2009, though no Naperville census tracts were identified.

Of those five communities, arrests in Joliet dropped by 79% between 2015 and 2018 and in Elgin by 74%. In Aurora, they dropped by 69%, and in Waukegan, they dropped by 63%, a newspaper analysis of police department data shows.

Reporters requested data from each city's police department about arrests related to marijuana possession, delivery, manufacture and other crimes. The numbers each department provided showed in Joliet, arrests dropped from 233 in 2015 to 49 in 2018, and in Elgin, they dropped from 252 to 66 over the same period.

In Aurora, the state's second largest city, arrests dropped from 659 in 2015 to 202 in 2018, police department data shows. In Waukegan, they dropped from 201 to 74.

Conservative figures show marijuana arrests in Naperville dropped from 260 in 2015 to 42 in 2018. Those numbers show Naperville arrests dropped by nearly 84%, but police officials cautioned the figures could vary due to the nature of how arrests are classified.

Naperville Police Chief Robert Marshall attributed the drop to the 2016 change in state law, and said that and other actions by the courts sent a clear message on marijuana. As a result, Naperville officers started writing fewer city tickets for small amounts of marijuana, and excluding drug paraphernalia charges.

Aurora police Cmdr. Jack Fichtel said he recalled, from his time working on the street, that most people had "personal use" amounts of marijuana below 10 grams, so when the state decriminalized small amounts of marijuana police were no longer making those arrests. Around the same time, police saw an increase in the use of opioids, he said. Seeking to address public health concerns, Aurora police put more emphasis on opioids and related drugs, he said.

"There was definitely a shift," he said. "And, I think, society and culture, you don't hear about cannabis as you do opioids and heroin."

In Joliet, Botzum said police haven't changed the way they focus on crime, and they haven't seen a drop in marijuana use, though arrests are down.

"There hasn't been a concentrated effort to sit there and look at cannabis differently," he said. "It's just applying what the law states."

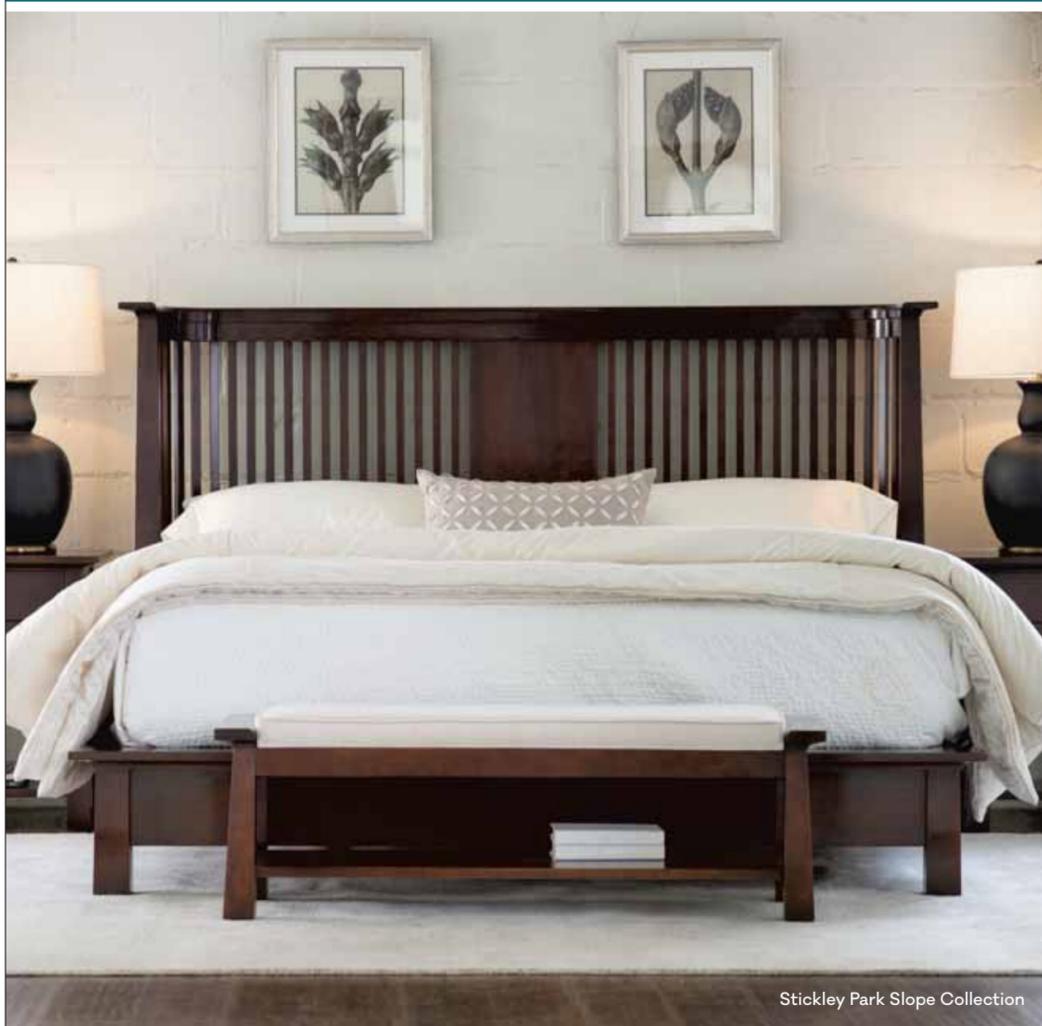
While Elgin, like Joliet and Aurora, attributed part of its drop in arrests to the state's decriminalization, Cmdr. Adam Schuessler said the decline there is also attributable to a 2015 Cook County decision to stop prosecuting certain low-level marijuana offenses. About a third of Elgin is in Cook County.

Waukegan police declined to say what they thought could be behind their drop or whether it could be due to the change in state law, saying they were "unable to interpret such trends in society."

Police in many departments don't expect arrests to be eliminated once recreational marijuana is legal. Schuessler anticipates focusing on drivers under the influence of weed and on youth vaping. Fichtel said he expects to find customers seeking to bypass dispensaries and taxes and instead buy marijuana on the black market.

"There's going to be a lot of issues," he said. "You look at other states and they've had a few things that they didn't anticipate. We're trying to read from what happened to them, so we are able to not reinvent the wheel."

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# Route 59 may be recreational pot divide

Aurora dispensary poised to open as Naperville says no

BY ERIN HEGARTY AND SARAH FREISHTAT

Recreational marijuana sales are banned in Naperville, and a group of residents stands strongly opposed to allowing them at any point in the future, but just across Route 59 in Aurora, a weed dispensary is poised for approval.

Naperville's mayor is neither surprised at the potential location nor worried about the close proximity to the city's border, though opponents of weed sales in Naperville say recreational sales would be a detriment to Naperville's brand and make the city less "family friendly."

Naperville City Council members in September voted to not allow recreational dispensaries in the city, but the issue will be put to voters in a referendum question on the March 17 primary election ballot. The Aurora City Council voted in October to allow sales.

Aldermen on Aurora's Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee this month voted to recommend a special use and rezoning for a retail building at 740 N. Route 59



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A crowd listens to comments during the Naperville City Council meeting Sept. 3 discussing whether to allow the sale of recreational marijuana in the city.

where Healthway Services, which does business as Zen Leaf, wants to open Aurora's first recreational dispensary.

If approved, busy Route 59 would be the only thing separating the Aurora dispensary from Naperville.

Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico said he can see why the first Aurora dispensary is proposed for Route 59, the road that serves as a dividing line between the two cities along some stretches.

"Route 59 is a major commercial corridor. It

certainly makes sense that's where it would be located. If Naperville approves it, I suspect that's where they would put it also," Chirico said. "I would likely do the same if I were one of their decision-makers."

Chirico said one of the arguments for allowing the sale of marijuana in Naperville is that it's going to be available to residents either way when it becomes legal statewide Jan. 1. Proponents question what the difference is in being able to buy recreational pot on the west side of Route 59 in

Aurora or on the east side of Route 59 in Naperville.

"Cannabis is going to be legal Jan. 1. It's going to be legal locally, we might as well take advantage of selling it legally," Chirico said.

Chirico said he's not worried the proposed Aurora site would hinder any potential Naperville dispensary's ability to open on Route 59.

"I think it's very likely there will be another one (along Route 59), if not us, by somebody," Chirico said.

Aurora Ald. Judd Lofchie, whose 10th ward

includes the proposed dispensary site, said it doesn't hurt that the city's first marijuana dispensary will likely be located across the street from Naperville, where recreational cannabis sales are banned for now.

The city of Aurora created zoning for marijuana dispensaries along major roadways in town and always expected to see dispensaries along Route 59 because it's one of the busiest streets in Aurora, Lofchie said. But now, he also anticipates drawing Naperville residents, which will bring extra tax revenue into Aurora, he said.

"We thought we'd get one or two on Route 59 because it's such a major thoroughfare. Naperville or Naperville not, it's just the busiest street in Aurora, I think," Lofchie said.

It's not going to hurt Aurora if Naperville decides not to allow recreational dispensaries in the city after the March 17 primary election, Lofchie said. "It's only going to potentially increase our revenues," he said.

Owners of the proposed dispensary on Route 59 have said the location along one of Illinois' busiest retail corridors would make it a "regional draw."

"We feel our retail model is a good fit for the location," said Anthony Marisco,

executive vice president for retail for Zen Leaf, earlier this month. "We like to think we're pioneers in the high-end retail part of this."

"This is a flagship location," Marisco said earlier in December. "We want to be pulling from many municipalities around here."

The Naperville Police Department will help in looking for any safety issues that may arise from the dispensary if it is approved.

"Our police departments regularly train together so we have a solid partnership," said Naperville police Chief Robert Marshall. "We will ensure the Aurora Police Department understands they can count on our department for any assistance they may need — traffic or enforcement-related."

"We will monitor activity at the dispensary for any safety-related concerns/impact within our jurisdiction," Marshall said.

Naperville police Cmdr. Mike Son said the Naperville Police Department is also putting officers through additional training and is in the process of writing policies and procedures for dealing with cannabis when it becomes legal Wednesday.

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28,000 of the estimated 1 million or so potential customers, though they won't all show up on one day.

As with the prohibition of alcohol a century ago, the ban on pot was meant to prevent crime and social decay, but critics said it instead financed organized crime and disproportionately put blacks behind bars, while people kept consuming illegally anyway.

"Prohibition doesn't work," was the mantra of the chief sponsors of the law, state Rep. Kelly Cassidy and state Sen. Heather Steans. The Chicago Democrats said the change will generate tax revenue and increase public safety by requiring testing of products for pesticides and contaminants like mold, and to ensure they contain the potency claimed.

Opponents of the law fear it will increase use and dependence, particularly among teens. While adult use has gone up in some states where pot's been legalized, teen use has remained fairly stable.

In any case, Day 1 weed sales are expected to be "off the charts," based on the experience in California reported by market researchers BDS Analytics, which described huge crowds in a festive mood lining up from the early morning. Sales stayed strong all that week.

In anticipation of high demand, many medical marijuana dispensaries, which get the first chance to offer recreational sales, have been expanding and remodeling.

Cresco Labs rebranded its stores under the name Sunnyside, with the stated mission on its website to "normalize responsible cannabis use." Green Thumb Industries renamed some of its five stores Rise, and expanded some of its sites, including the most popular store in the state in Mundelein. For opening day, both chains plan to offer tents, food and beverages to waiting customers, with Cresco renting a cafe near its site in Lakeview.

In west suburban Addison, the owners of EarthMed dispensary more than doubled the capacity of their facility by adding six new sales windows to their four existing windows. Their store was still a construction site two weeks before recreational sales, with plywood walls and black plastic tarp.

The work was designed to enlarge the customer area to make room for lines that already stretch out the door and into the street on busy days.

Growers and retailers alike have been stocking up for Jan. 1, and EarthMed founders Mike Perez and Gus Koukoutsakis said



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Jessica Ryan, director of cultivation, looks over product in the drying room at Cresco Labs in Joliet. Cresco Labs has rebranded its stores as Sunnyside.



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Luis Vargas, left, carries a ladder while Geoffrey Sands, center, and Corey Kelly build customer checkout windows at EarthMed medical cannabis dispensary in Addison on Dec. 13.

many products have been sold out for the past month or so. Consequently, they cut their menu of 800 products almost in half.

The owners limited the sale of flower to one-eighth of an ounce, to save supply for as many customers as possible.

"Due to a statewide flower shortage, some products may be limited to one a day," their website cautioned.

Yet the owners — who started as partners running the American Tap Pub & Eatery in Addison — are on a hiring spree, planning to increase their staff from 12 to more than 30 employees.

"We've had good luck with Starbucks workers," Perez said. "They can handle high volume, and they offer good customer service."

They also hope to open

recreational market. Future licenses will be awarded to small craft growers, again with preference to social equity applicants.

Robert Patterson, a medical cannabis patient from Villa Park who uses the drug to treat side effects from Crohn's disease, said in anticipation of recreational sales he's been stockpiling marijuana for about eight months.

"I'm a little concerned whether growers will maintain the medical supply," Patterson said. But he said all the advantages of a legal medical market will also apply to recreational customers.

"It works," he said. "I know where it's coming from. It's better stuff. It's legal. There are a lot of positives."

Researchers say the full effects of legalization

remain to be seen. The majority of cannabis consumers use it occasionally without incident.

But surveys of thousands of marijuana users in New Zealand, where pot is illegal, found that those who became dependent on cannabis experienced more problems with finances, in the workplace and in relationships, said study co-author Terrie Moffitt, a professor of psychology at Duke University in North Carolina.

"Once you legalize a drug, it changes everything," Moffitt said. "It changes the stigma, the risk of arrest, accessibility and frequency of use."

In general, BDS market analysts found people fall into three camps when it comes to weed: consumers, average age 39, who have used marijuana in the past six months; accepters, median age 49, who haven't used cannabis lately but would consider it; and rejecters, average age 56, who are not planning to use it.

Most of those who don't use pot say they don't like the way it makes them feel, BDS found, with 25% reporting it made them feel dysfunctional. Some of those who like it, on the other hand, use it throughout the day.

Marijuana possession remains illegal under federal law, but police aren't expected to enforce that ban. Under the new state law, adult residents 21 and older may possess up to 30 grams of flower, 5 grams of concentrates, and 500 milligrams of THC in infused edibles and other products, and visitors may have half that much.

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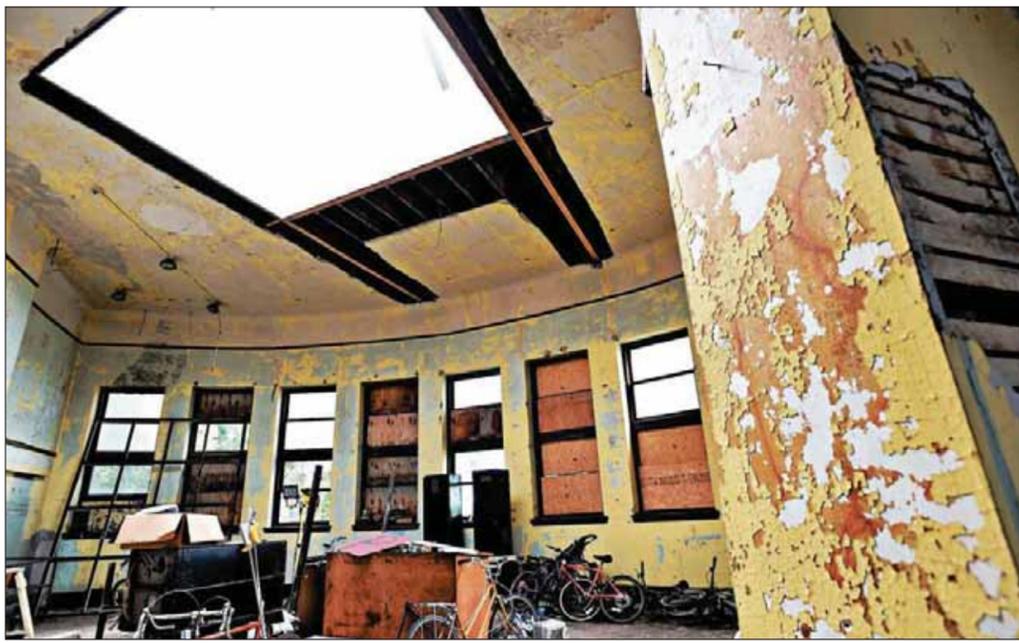
— Terrie Moffitt, a professor of psychology at Duke University

Only medical marijuana patients may grow their own, and any amount in a vehicle must be sealed and reasonably inaccessible while the vehicle is moving.

As for prices, they are expected to be high compared with other legal states and the illegal market. A 1-gram pre-rolled joint was going for \$15 to \$20 at some Illinois dispensaries for medicinal pot customers, while one-eighth of an ounce, a common purchase point, was often running around \$50 to \$60. Recreational prices are expected to be similar.

Taxes will add another 10% for products with up to 35% THC — the component of pot that gets users high — while cannabis-infused products such as edibles will be taxed at 20%, and products with more than 35% THC will be taxed at 25%.

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Waukegan's Carnegie Library has been without a purpose beyond storage since it was vacated in 1965.

## Waukegan OKs sale of library to parks

Carnegie building to house the city's historical society

BY EMILY K. COLEMAN

The proposed transformation of the 116-year-old Carnegie Library into a home for the Waukegan Historical Society is moving forward with the city of Waukegan agreeing last week to hand ownership over to the Waukegan Park District.

"All of us feel that it is in the best hands," Mayor Sam Cunningham said following the Waukegan City Council's unanimous vote approving the \$1 sale.

"I (say) this all the time: Stay in your lane. That wasn't our lane; it is yours. Now we can be the partners that you need us to be for this project to move forward."

The sale will be officially complete following some due diligence work, but Waukegan Park District Executive Director Jay Lerner said prior assessments and improvement completed by the Carnegie Preservation Project have



The Carnegie Library in Waukegan is where native son, author Ray Bradbury, went to read as a child.

officials optimistic about the results.

Built in 1903 using a Carnegie Foundation grant, the Carnegie Library served as Waukegan's public library until 1965 when it moved to its current location. The building has been vacant ever since, serving as a storage space for miscellaneous items, including donated bikes and art projects, as it slowly deteriorated.

The historic structure — where Waukegan native, author Ray Bradbury, went to read as a child — has been the focus of multiple restoration attempts over the years, but those bids

have always hit financial roadblocks.

This effort will be paid for using a \$5 million donation from a private foundation that Lerner said is seeking to remain anonymous, as well as park district dollars and donations made to the Waukegan Historical Society.

The foundation, which has "verbally 100 percent committed," has not set any requirements on what the project looks like and is not looking for any recognition, Lerner said.

The park district has a "general ballpark" idea of how much the renovation will cost based on a

feasibility study it had done in order to see if the building could be saved, Lerner said.

A firmer figure will come with the design phase, which Lerner said will start as early as this spring and will likely take a "good part of 2020" to complete.

While the details are still being worked on, the plan is to transform the Carnegie Library into a museum, housing the Waukegan Historical Society archives and exhibits, and potentially rotating exhibits like from the Field Museum or Kohl's Children's Museum to keep the museum fresh for repeat visitors, Lerner said.

The Carnegie Library will also provide water- and fireproof storage space that ensures the Waukegan Historical Society's artifacts are protected for future generations, he said.

The Waukegan Historical Society has been hampered by space constraints at its current museum, located in Bowen Park's Haines House, Waukegan Historical Society President Josh Bill has said.

## Oak Lawn traffic stop invasive, lawsuit claims

Body searches lead man to question intentions of cops

BY ZAK KOESKE

Oak Lawn police subjected an Oak Park man to unreasonable and increasingly invasive bodily searches after stopping him without cause as he drove through the village last year, a federal lawsuit alleges.

Tylus Allen Jr., 29, claims in a federal civil rights suit filed Dec. 2 that a routine traffic stop in Oak Lawn devolved into a humiliating and emotionally scarring experience after police strip-searched him and forced him to undergo a digital rectal exam and abdominal X-ray at the hospital despite lacking reasonable suspicion he was concealing contraband.

Allen's three-count suit alleges unreasonable search and accuses the officers of battery for ordering him to undress and "touching his buttocks" without consent.

Four Oak Lawn police officers, one Burbank officer, and the village of Oak Lawn are named as defendants.

An Oak Lawn spokesman declined comment. Burbank police did not respond to a request for comment.

Allen's suit claims he was lawfully driving in Oak Lawn on Dec. 2, 2018, when two village police officers pulled him over and demanded he exit his vehicle. After Allen complied, the officers searched him and his vehicle without legal cause or reasonable suspicion to do so, the suit claims.

Finding nothing, the officers requested that a K9 officer from Burbank come and conduct a search of the interior and exterior of Allen's vehicle, according to the suit. Again, the search turned up no contraband or evidence of criminal activity, the suit claims.

At that point, the officers charged Allen with reckless driving and brought him back to the police station

where he was ordered to change into clothes they provided and undergo a strip search that included "a thorough search," his suit alleges.

When the search found no contraband, police called an ambulance and had Allen taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center for a cavity search, according to the suit.

At Advocate, Allen alleges the officers falsely told an emergency room doctor they had found drugs in his vehicle during a traffic stop and asked the doctor to perform a digital rectal exam and X-ray of his abdomen. The doctor found no evidence of contraband or criminal activity, the suit claims.

It alleges police had no legal cause or reasonable suspicion to conduct any of the searches of Allen or his vehicle, and that he did not consent to any of them.

Allen, who claims he suffered great mental and emotional pain as a result of the episode, seeks an unspecified amount of damages.

Court records show police charged Allen with misdemeanor reckless driving and multiple traffic offenses in connection with the incident.

A criminal complaint alleges Allen drove across three lanes of traffic on Cicero in a single motion amid wet road conditions, cutting off multiple vehicles and causing them to brake abruptly to avoid a collision. He received traffic citations for improper lane use, failure to wear a seat belt and driving with an open container of alcohol, records show.

Allen pleaded guilty to the reckless driving charge in May and received four months supervision and a fine, according to court records. The traffic citations were dropped in exchange for his guilty plea. His attorney did not respond to a request for comment.

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# Patrick makes first visit as presidential candidate

BY RICK PEARSON

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick made his first homecoming visit to Chicago as a long-shot Democratic presidential contender on Saturday, declaring to a small group of pastors at a South Side church, "I already am a viable candidate."

But Patrick, who was born in Chicago and raised by his mother and grandparents at the former Robert Taylor Homes, acknowledged his late entry into a crowded race presents several hurdles — including qualifying for ballot access across the nation.

"I'm later. I'm not late. And the reason I say that is I'm not late until people vote. And when you consider the size of the undecided vote, not just what polls say but what people say when I meet them, it's clear that it's a wide-open field," Patrick said in an interview.

"This whole thing about late. People wait for others to say — pundits, pollsters — to tell them when it's time, what you're supposed to do, what the likely outcome is supposed to be," he said. "I think Democrats are so focused on beating (President Donald) Trump, and I understand that, but it's what happens the day after we beat Trump that really matters."

Candidates for president and, more importantly, their delegates for the national nominating convention in Milwaukee, file petitions on Thursday and Friday of next week to appear on Illinois' March 17 primary ballot. Democrats will elect 101 of the delegation's 184 convention delegates at the primary.

Patrick, who entered the race on Nov. 14, was booted from Michigan's March 10 Democratic primary ballot on Friday by state elections officials there for failing to gather the required number of valid petition signatures to qualify.

Patrick said his team



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People walk into the Prayer Center Church to attend former Massachusetts Democratic presidential hopeful Gov. Deval Patrick's meet and greet with local clergy in Chicago's West Woodlawn neighborhood on Saturday.

would try to fight the move to remove his name from the ballot in Michigan. But as for his Illinois operation, Patrick urged the 10 members of the ministry who appeared at the Prayer Center Church of Christ on East 62nd Street in Woodlawn to use their churches on Sunday to encourage parishioners to sign candidacy petitions on his behalf.

But Patrick wasn't sure how his campaign stood when asked if he would be able to file sufficient petitions for himself as well as a full slate of delegate candidates in Illinois — a sign of organizational strength among campaigns.

"I don't want to answer all of that yet because I don't have all those answers yet. I want to be absolutely clear. I'm not in the race to have a voice as they say. I'm in to win," he said.

Instead, Patrick said a key for him has to be a strong showing in two of the first four early states — New

Hampshire, which borders Massachusetts, where he still has name recognition, and South Carolina, which has large numbers of African American voters.

"When you think about the fact that other candidates have spent months and millions and haven't locked it down, don't ask me, ask them why they haven't gotten it done with all the time they've had," he said.

Patrick, 63, served two terms as Massachusetts governor from 2007 to 2015. He said he was prepared to run more than a year ago when his wife, Diane, was discovered with cancer.

But Patrick said his wife is now cancer free and, with her health improved and the lengthy Democratic field for president fluid, he jumped into the race while promising a more moderate form of progressive politics, similar to his friend, former President Barack Obama.

In announcing his cam-

paign, he said the 2020 election was about more than "removing an unpopular and divisive leader" in Trump but also was about "delivering" to voters.

But Patrick also has been under no illusions that his was a long-shot bid, calling his effort "a Hail Mary from two stadiums over." Lacking the financial resources of another late entry into the race, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Patrick is barely a blip in most polls, registering at or under 1%.

David Axelrod, Obama's senior White House strategist, also was a strategist for Patrick's campaigns for governor. But he, too, acknowledged Patrick faces an uphill challenge.

Noting that Patrick initially polled at 3% for the Massachusetts Democratic nomination for governor against an established party-backed candidate and a self-funder, Axelrod said, "He is a remarkable person

with an extraordinary personal story and an ability to move people with his words and his warmth. But in that race, he had more than a year to put it together.

"Had he gotten in (to the Democratic presidential race) when he first contemplated it, more than a year ago, he might well have been in the thick of this race. But by getting in late, he has made his job infinitely harder. Money is one issue. But a lack of time and a crowded field is even more so," said Axelrod, who heads the Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago.

Patrick, most notably, is opposed to "Medicare for All" as a replacement for private insurance and has instead promoted more expansive availability for health care. He also is opposed to creation of a wealth tax, pushed by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, to help reduce income inequality.

His upbringing in Chicago has been a significant part of his political biography, noting in his 2011 book, "A Reason to Believe," the lessons he learned in the city to fuel his rise in politics.

His listening session with pastors of African American churches on the South and West sides, he acknowledged, resembled the banter of black barbershops — something he said can be found across the country.

Asked by one member of the group about his African American agenda, Patrick said a goal was to move beyond job creation in impoverished neighborhoods to wealth creation with neighborhoods as stakeholders.

"It's about time we're asking this question for the community, not taken along for the ride," he said.

Patrick also promoted what he called his "democracy agenda," to be unveiled in coming days, to limit the influence of lobbyists and dark money, and attack voter suppression and gerrymandering of legislative districts.

He questioned whether U.S. democracy "can tolerate limitless abuse without breaking."

Patrick attended Milton Academy, an elite private school outside of Boston, and then went to Harvard University. After law school, he joined the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and led the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice in President Bill Clinton's administration.

But in a campaign in which candidates such as Warren and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders have attacked corporate wealth, Patrick's background includes corporate stints at Texaco, Coca-Cola and Bain Capital, the investment firm that once included former Republican presidential candidate and current Utah Sen. Mitt Romney.

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# For grandmother, it's hope, then heartache

Ohio man's hoax dashes brief optimism Pitzen finally found

BY SARAH FREISHTAT

Linda Pitzen heard the news from a journalist from Cincinnati: Someone had turned up outside the southern Ohio city claiming to be her missing grandson.

It was April, nearly eight years since Timothy Pitzen went missing. Linda Pitzen was anxious, cautious, but optimistic. Memories of the day she first learned her grandson had disappeared came flooding back.

Then her heart broke when she and her family learned it wasn't Timothy after all, but instead a man from northeastern Ohio whom authorities have said claimed to be the Aurora boy.

Through the rest of 2019, Pitzen has held out hope — as she has for all the years Timothy has been missing — that out of the heartbreak, something good will come. Echoing the thoughts Aurora police detectives expressed in the days after the hoax was exposed, Pitzen has continued to hope renewed attention on her grandson's case will bring in new information and new leads.

Timothy's disappearance as a 6-year-old haunted Aurora for years

before it took its latest twist earlier this year. His mother, Amy Fry-Pitzen, took her son out of school in May 2011, and they visited a zoo and water parks before she died by suicide. Her body was found in a Rockford motel room. She left behind a note saying she had left Timothy in the care of responsible adults who loved him, but he would never be found.

In the years since, Linda Pitzen has prayed part of that note would be proven true — that Timothy was in the care of responsible adults who loved him. She prayed her family would prove the other part of the note false.

So, when she heard someone was claiming to be her grandson, a rush of thoughts and emotions hit her. She hoped it was him, so the family could close one door and open a new chapter on a new kind of normal. But it had been eight years. What did he look like? What would he be like? Would he remember his family? She'd always thought a family had him somewhere and was raising him.

DNA tests ultimately proved the man was Brian Rini, then 23. He was charged with lying to a

federal agent, and his case is ongoing.

"I guess I didn't have to be anxious, did I?" Pitzen said from her northern Ohio home. "It didn't turn out that way."

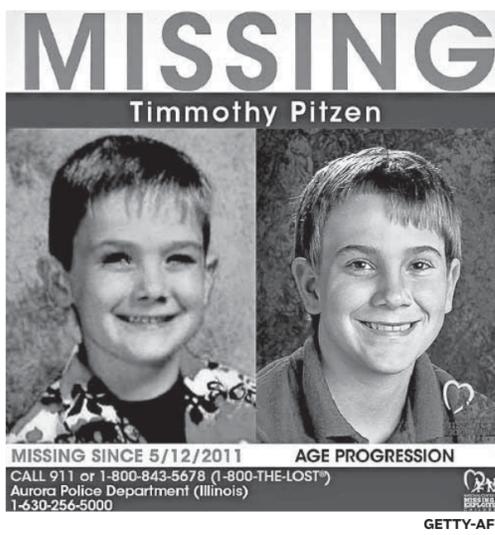
Part of Pitzen was relieved. The man claimed to be a victim of human trafficking, and she was glad that wasn't the case. But the man's "adventure," as she called it, hurt her family and opened up their old wounds, and it probably hurt Rini's own family too, she said.

Still, she said, the situation may have a silver lining.

"I think, in a way, this has been a blessing in disguise," she said. "Because it was a very hurtful thing that happened, it just broke all of our hearts all over again ... but it brought enough attention to it that people are looking again, and they're watching, and the age progression photos (of Timothy) are out there."

Timothy is one of 117 people currently listed as missing in Illinois. Aurora police Lt. Robb Wallers said the department is continuing to investigate his disappearance.

"This case over the years has been investigated by numerous detectives and is currently assigned to a veteran detective with extensive experience investigating cold cases," he said in a



This image shows Timothy Pitzen, left, and an "age progression" image of what Pitzen would look like at 13.

statement. "The Aurora Police Department to this day is still in contact with Timothy's relatives with our end goal of bringing peace to his family after all these years."

Police declined to comment on specifics of Timothy's case, including whether the April hoax generated any new leads, because it remains ongoing, spokesman Paris Lewbel said. But he said in any case there's a potential that a small piece of information can go a long way when combined with other information detectives have gathered over the years, and the police department's plea is for people to come forward with any information they have.

Pitzen's family keep hoping and looking, and wondering. Does he have long hair or short? Is he

heavy or skinny? He'd probably be tall, Pitzen guesses.

For years at Christmas, Pitzen bought Timothy a gift. The first year he was gone, it was a Thomas the Train toy she saw in a store and, before she realized what she was doing, she thought to buy it for her grandson.

She doesn't buy him presents anymore, but the family still prays for Timothy, Pitzen said.

"I believe he's out there," she said. "I may never see him again, but I just believe he's out there. I mean, I don't even know if he remembers who he is. I'm sure his name's not Tim anymore. But I just hope that we can be reunited sometime. You never know."

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# In Orland Park, the 'Triangle' undone

Village, developer continuing talks on master plan

BY MIKE NOLAN

More than a year after Orland Park picked a company to develop remaining land in its Main Street Triangle District, a master agreement that would, among other things, spell out what might be built there has yet to be finalized.

In early November 2018, village officials selected Structured Development to be the village's partner in building out about 9 acres of village-owned land in the Triangle, northwest of LaGrange Road and 143rd Street.

The selection started negotiations aimed at reaching a master development agreement that would dictate terms for the company to acquire the remaining property, specific uses for it and any financial incentives Structured is seeking from the village.

Going into the process, officials on both sides said it would be a complex deal to hammer out, although Orland Park Mayor Keith Pekau acknowledged it has taken longer than he anticipated.

"Discussions are still ongoing," he said. "It has taken longer than I'd have liked but we're getting close."

The 27-acre triangular area is bordered by Southwest Highway and Metra's SouthWest Service Line on the north and west, 143rd on the south and LaGrange on the east. The property includes Ninety/Fifty, a 295-unit apartment building; the University of Chicago Medicine Center for Advanced Care, which has a CVS pharmacy; a 500-space parking garage; and the 143rd Street Metra station.

The village has five sites available for development, as well as a 12,000-square-foot space on the first floor of the parking garage that could be used for commercial purposes.

Structured had said it envisioned a pedestrian-friendly mix of residential, commercial and office space.

Commercial real estate firm CBRE is marketing the property on behalf of Structured.

Pekau said a sticking point has been pre-existing agreements that give Triangle tenants a say in future development, but didn't describe those agreements as a major obstacle.

"I don't think that will stop things from happening" as far as reaching an overall development agreement, he said.

A representative with Structured did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Founded in 2002, Structured Development's resume includes high-profile developments in Chicago such as the nearly 1 million-square-foot NewCity mixed-use center in Lincoln Park.

Completed in 2016, the development at Clybourn and Halsted Street includes more than 390,000 square feet of retail and commercial space, as well as a 19-story, 199-unit luxury apartment tower, according to the company. The development includes a two-level Mariano's grocery store, 14-screen movie theater and 16-lane bowling alley.

In November 2017, Orland Park had agreed to a \$1 million sale of a 2-acre parcel in the Triangle, with plans for a two-story, 80,000-square-foot building.

The upper level would have been leased to privately held theater operator Cinopolis USA, which planned to open an eight-screen theater.

Those plans fell apart last year after Cinopolis dropped out, its decision due partly to plans for a 10-screen theater, to be operated by AMC, in an anchor space at nearby Orland Square Mall where a Sears store had been.

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The Sidewalk Heroes campaign's goal is to make sidewalks cleaner and safer for pedestrians to safely get to and from their destinations.

# Elgin campaign pushing for a few Sidewalk Heroes

Initiative by city, schools aims to have residents clear snow for safe foot travel

BY RAFAEL GUERRERO

The city of Elgin and School District U-46 are looking for "sidewalk heroes" this winter to clear the sidewalks of snow and ice.

Last week, the two government agencies introduced the new Sidewalk Heroes campaign to remind residents and others to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. The joint initiative's objective is to make sidewalks cleaner and safer for children walking to school, as well as for seniors, mail carriers, delivery drivers and others.

"We appreciate all our community members who keep their sidewalks clear, and we're hoping to inspire them to look for neighbors and areas that could use some extra help," U-46 CEO Tony Sanders said in a news release announcing the launch of Sidewalk Heroes.

The community campaign will encourage people who shovel snow or use snowblowers to

look around their neighborhoods for sidewalks that need clearing. According to a news release, these "good deeds" can be shared on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using the #SidewalkHeroes hashtag.

The social media posts posted

**"We need to educate, we need to encourage, we need to have fun and we need to reward people."**

— Molly Gillespie, City of Elgin spokeswoman

under the hashtag will be compiled after each snow event and officials will recognize outstanding posts. A winner will be selected shortly after, with prizes ranging from stickers to long-sleeve T-shirts. Elgin Police officers and snow plow drivers will also carry "Sidewalk Heroes" stickers with them that they will hand out whenever they spot a good Samaritan

clearing a sidewalk.

"We need to educate, we need to encourage, we need to have fun and we need to reward people," City of Elgin spokeswoman Molly Gillespie told the City Council at the Dec. 18 committee of the whole meeting.

Elgin has no ordinance requiring residents to shovel their snow. Gillespie said state statute language suggests municipalities encourage — but not force — residents to shovel snow and ice from their sidewalks and driveways. Gillespie said snow shoveling is not mandated because for some residents, shoveling may not be physically possible.

Washington Elementary

School principal Lori Brandes sees near her school and other neighborhood schools the perils students face when walking to school in winter weather. Brandes, Councilman John Steffen, and others have spent months working on Sidewalk Heroes, looking for ways to raise awareness on the matter.

"In a lot of cases, our students end up staying home because the kids can't get to school safely and they're having to walk in the streets to get to school," Brandes told council members.

School District U-46 family and community engagement coordinator Karla Jimenez said the district sent about 15,000 flyers to elementary school families just before classes ended for winter break about Sidewalk Heroes. While the campaign is a district and city initiative, the hope is this effort expands into the other U-46 towns and villages.

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— Deni Mathews, board chair of Save Our Illinois Land

## Pipeline

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Sierra Club filed objections to block the expansion, arguing that pumping more oil through the pipeline will increase the risk of spills and leaks along the rural route.

“I don’t trust these people to operate in a safe and rational manner,” said Bill Klingele, who owns farmland adjacent to the pipeline in Brown County in western Illinois.

The Dakota Access pipeline and the Energy Transfer Crude Oil pipeline, which delivers oil to the Gulf Coast, are collectively referred to as the Bakken pipeline, a joint venture between Energy Transfer, MarEn Bakken Co. and Phillips 66.

Since summer, the pipeline company and the environmental groups have been locked in legal wrangling with no immediate end in sight. The environmental groups are pushing for more information on why the increased oil flow is needed and objecting to the risks involved. The oil companies have highlighted the economic benefits of the project.

“The optimization of the pipeline will help allow for further development in the Bakken, economic growth in North Dakota and the stabilization of costs for the industry and consumers,” Lisa Coleman, a spokeswoman for Energy Transfer, said in an emailed response to questions. “Constructing pump stations is a safe and standard industry practice. The maximum operation pressure (MOP) for which the pipeline was designed, tested and permitted will not change. ... We constructed the Dakota Access Pipeline using all of the latest pipeline technology, and exceeded many regulatory requirements with additional safeguards.”

The fate of proposals to build additional pump stations and increase the pipeline flow in two of the three other states through which Dakota Access travels also are up in the air.

In Iowa, public utility commissioners required the pipeline company to file detailed answers to questions about how the upgrades will affect operations before they vote on the project. In North Dakota, where indigenous people and environmentalists clashed with authorities during 2016 protests at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation over pipeline construction, a mid-November public meeting drew dozens to the microphone.

A decision on the fate of the new pump stations in Illinois will not be made until after the new year. The next evidentiary hearings are scheduled for Feb. 10 and 11 in Chicago.

“My primary goal is for them to leave it (the oil) in the ground,” Klingele said. “But they’re not going to do that. These people are greedy.”

### Pressing for more volume

Dakota Access, in a June filing with the commerce commission, detailed its desire to increase pipeline volume and upgrade pumping infrastructure along the route. The simple reason for the changes, they say, is increased production and demand for crude oil.

In order to handle the increased flow, the company wants to build a \$35 million to \$40 million pump station near Carthage in western Illinois and add two pumps and replace two others at the pump and tank hub near the towns of Patoka and Vernon along U.S. Highway 51.

Those upgrades, the company says, will allow it to increase the daily flow through the pipeline to as much as 1.1 million barrels per day. The Williston Basin in North Dakota, which includes the Bakken region, is producing about 1.4 million barrels per day, up 29% from when the Dakota Access pipeline began operating in June 2017, according to a recent



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A mainline valve of the Dakota Access pipeline in Mount Sterling allows the company to shut off the flow of oil to a section of the pipeline if necessary.



Oil from the Dakota Access pipeline flows from the oil fields of North Dakota to a tank facility in central Illinois near the towns of Patoka and Vernon.



This mainline valve in Brown County is among a variety of valves used both above and below ground along the pipeline’s four-state route, according to the company.

company filing for the commerce commission. The company forecasts that production will continue to increase over the next five years because of advances in “recovery and drilling technology.”

Energy Transfer is the Dallas-Forth Worth area’s fourth-largest publicly traded company, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The increased flow, the company says, will not increase the risk of spills or leaks or increase the danger to workers or those who live near the pipeline.

“Our plan to optimize the pipeline’s capacity is well within the design parameters of the current system,” Coleman wrote. “The additional pumps and the enhanced safety controls along the route, i.e., surge tanks, will not change the risk profile of the pipeline or the maximum operating pressure. The Dakota Access pipeline will continue to operate safely at the optimized capacity.”

The company also noted that the pipeline’s Operations Control Center in Houston monitors the pressure, temperature, density

and flow of oil throughout the pipeline around the clock. The staff at the control center can remotely shut emergency valves or deploy field personnel to manually shut down the pipeline, Coleman said.

The Illinois Commerce Commission staffer assigned to the case has recommended the commission approve the plans for new pumping stations and facilities for additional capacity.

“I continue to recommend that the commission find that the planned additional pumping stations are necessary and will provide the security and convenience of the public in Illinois,” he testified.

Two labor groups, Laborers’ International Union of North America and its regional councils and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 702, have filed as intervening parties in the Illinois Commerce Commission case, urging the commissioners to approve the projects. The labor groups argue the new pump station construction would result in work for their members.

### Transporting oil by safest method

Khalid Aziz, an energy resources engineering professor emeritus at Stanford University, said he does not see any peril in the company’s push to deliver more oil through the pipeline. The company should know the maximum pressure the pipeline can handle, he said, based on the pipeline’s steel and thickness, and “is not going to increase the pressure beyond the safety standards that are established.”

“I don’t see why there is a controversy,” Aziz said. In Aziz’s opinion, if the pipeline company wants to increase flow because of increased demand for oil, “I don’t see that making the pipeline any less safe.”

Aziz stressed that pipelines “are the safest ways to transport oil” — much safer, he said, than by rail cars.

“I get really upset when people object to pipelines when oil is still being transported by rail,” Aziz said.

The pipeline companies have resisted providing specific information to the environmental groups regarding steps or equipment that

will be used to prevent pressure surges or that will ensure operating pressure will be within acceptable limits, saying such information is not within the scope of the commerce commission proceedings.

But Klingele, a retired engineer who lives in Joliet and owns 385 acres of Brown County farmland along with his two sisters, said he’s not convinced by the company’s arguments that increased flow will be safe or by the argument that pipelines are better than other forms of transport. He provided written testimony to the commerce commission in October outlining his objections.

“Statistics are great until oil is coming up in your land, your soil,” Klingele said in an interview with the Tribune. “Then statistics don’t mean anything.”

The SOIL group and Sierra Club also oppose expansion. SOIL, a group of Illinois residents, was formed in 2017 in opposition to the expansion of the Enbridge Line 61 project, which runs from Superior, Wisconsin to Flanagan, Illinois, 45 miles northeast of Peoria. SOIL members are opposed to the extraction of oil from the ground, and thus its transportation across the land. Group members said they want to push back against the development of more fossil-fuel-based industries, which they argue exacerbates climate change and does not benefit Illinois or the Midwest.

“This is our chance to say, ‘No, we’re not going to do this stuff here,’” said SOIL’s treasurer, Richard Stuckey.

SOIL’s board chair Deni Mathews said the group is concerned about all of the effects of pumping more oil through the pipeline.

“I just can’t imagine how you can almost double the capacity without increasing the risk,” Mathews said.

### Multistate debate

The debate over the pipeline upgrades has been taking place for several months across several states.

In North Dakota last month, a public hearing stretched on for more than 15 hours. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe is intervening, objecting to the plans. After commissioners heard from the company and the tribe, about two dozen members of the public commented on the proposal. The public service commission plans to hold a series of meetings before deciding on the project.

In between the start of the pipeline in North Dakota and its end in Illinois, the pipeline proposal faces different bars for approval. In South Dakota, the company does not need state approval because wording in the 2014 petition to construct the pipeline does not cap the amount of oil. There, the inclusion of the

words “or more” means the company only needs to receive approval at the county level for plans to build one new pump station along the route, according to Leah Mohr, deputy executive director of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

But in Iowa, the utilities board has pumped the brakes on the pipeline’s upgrades. In September, the board issued an order requiring Dakota Access to file a petition for an amendment to their original permit. The Iowa board, in its 13-page ruling, is requiring the company to provide a bevy of new information before it will consider whether to approve proposed upgrades to a pump station and increase the flow through the state. The Iowa Utilities Board specifically asks the company to address whether increased flow will increase the amount of oil that would be released in a spill and how an additive used to help with more flow will affect the longevity of the pipes.

In the ruling, the Iowa board noted that it initially approved a pipeline that could handle a capacity of 570,000 barrels per day.

“New facilities in (Illinois and North Dakota) would not be necessary if the Dakota Access pipeline was proposed and originally constructed as a pipeline that could transport up to 1,100,000 barrels of crude oil per day,” the Iowa board members wrote.

They concluded: “Since Dakota Access must build additional facilities in other states and modify the pumping station in Cambridge, Iowa, to transport the increased flow of oil, it is evident the existing pipeline was not designed, constructed, or approved to carry 1,100,000 barrels per day.”

Stuckey, the SOIL member, wonders how anyone in the Midwest, other than the company itself, would be helped by the plans, especially if the oil is headed for export to other countries.

“It begs the question, what is the benefit to Illinois, the Midwest, or the U.S., for that matter?” Stuckey said. “Who’s getting any benefit out of this at all? ... We get the risks, and the damage of the climate change.”

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# MSU student killed in South Side apartment

CPD: 19-year-old shot in apparent domestic incident

BY ALICE YIN, DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS AND MADELINE BUCKLEY

As soon as LYNIAH BELL got her acceptance to Michigan State University this year, she started planning.

The self-driven teen talked about driving east to visit the campus, to see if she could imagine herself as a Spartan in the fall. Her parents, who had known MSU was her dream school during college application season, were equally excited, said Bell's cousin, Sam Brown.

Bell ended up going there this year on an academic scholarship and continued to amaze her family with stellar grades while juggling a part-time job, Brown said. She was planning to major in business and journalism, and looked forward to traveling after graduation.

"She loved it," Brown said. "Sometimes it felt as if she's at home there and she was visiting us."

But Bell, 19, never made it to her second semester. While on home for winter break, she was shot and killed late Friday in an apparent domestic incident on the South Side, according to Chicago police.

Bell, of the Lawndale neighborhood, was shot in the head about 9:50 p.m. while in the bedroom of an apartment in the 8100 block of South Maryland Avenue in the South Side's East Chatham neighborhood, according to police and the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Police have a male acquaintance of Bell's in custody.

A witness told officers they heard a gunshot while the woman was in the bedroom, police said. The witness then found her with a wound to the head. The medical examiner's office ruled the death a homicide.

Brown said Bell was a "quiet but outspoken" woman who always knew how to motivate herself. At MSU, she approached every course with curiosity and dedication.

"She was very excited to learn," Brown said. "She loved the environment."

In a statement posted to its Facebook page, North Lawndale College Prep, a charter school on the city's West Side, said Bell was a 2019 graduate of the school and the school community was devastated to learn of Bell's death.

Bell was a Phoenix Pact scholar, a National Honor Society inductee and a participant of the theater club, according to the post. The school will be offering counseling for students.

"We just can't say enough good about the positive impact she had on the school community. She will be missed dearly, and our hearts grieve alongside her mother and family," the statement read.

Bell leaves behind a 13-year-old brother who was her best friend, Brown said. Their birthdays were in the same month. All of Saturday, Brown said, he tried to reminisce with Bell's brother on the good times they had with Bell, in an effort to keep his mind off the tragedy.

"I'm just trying to keep him uplifted," Brown said. "But when a child is 13 years old, they understand, but they don't understand. I believe he's pretty numb. I don't think it really hit him yet."

As for Brown, he said the death has "absolutely" changed the way he views Chicago gun violence. He never imagined he would be grieving his cousin like this, but it's made him want to be more involved in anti-violence movements throughout the city.

"Sometimes you ignore the violence a little," Brown said. "But once it hits home now it makes you want to be active."



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The Tyrone Pittman & The Fr. Clements Memorial Choir performs at the memorial service for the Rev. George Clements.

# Catholic priest known for activism remembered at Holy Angels service

Over a hundred pay tribute to Rev. George Clements

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

Mourners packed into pews Saturday morning at Holy Angels Church in Chicago's Bronzeville community to celebrate the life of the Rev. George Clements, a renowned Catholic priest and civil rights activist who was heralded at the service as a visionary, innovator and "fearless man of God."

Clements, who served as pastor at Holy Angels Parish from 1969 to 1991, died on Nov. 25 at 87. He had retired from active ministry in 2006.

More than a hundred people filled the church, spilling into an overflow room, for the funeral Mass that was presided by the Rev. Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago. About a dozen priests and



A program with an image of the Rev. George Clements sits on the piano Saturday at Holy Angels Church.

deacons led Perry into the church.

Clements is known as the first Catholic priest to adopt a child. He adopted his son Joey, then 13, in 1981. Joey Clements performed the first reading during the service. At the time of the adoption, the archdiocese said it did not violate Clements' vow of celibacy or any other vows. He later adopted three more sons.

With his own adoption as a guide, Clements

started the One Church One Child program, which helped reduce the number of black children waiting to get adopted across the state. Later, he pioneered programs to help inmates and those suffering from addictions.

Clements was active in the civil rights movement, marching with Martin Luther King Jr. in Chicago, Alabama and Mississippi. He was the second African American priest to be ordained in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the first black pastor of Holy Angels Parish.

His life also inspired a made-for-TV movie, "The Father Clements Story," that aired in 1987.

"He recognized that the black community was being systematically destroyed, and he fought back," said the Rev. Andrew C. Smith, who delivered the homily.

Clements also served at a number of other Chicago

parishes, including St. Ambrose Parish from July 6, 1957, to July 6, 1962; and St. Dorothy Parish from July 7, 1962, to June 19, 1969. In 1993, he was the resident priest at St. Sabina Parish. Outside Chicago, Clements served the Diocese of Nassau, Bahamas, in the West Indies from Sept. 1, 1991, to Oct. 17, 1993; and the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., from Oct. 18, 1993, to March 31, 2006.

Clements had been investigated this year in connection with allegations that he had sexually abused a minor in 1974, while he was pastor of Holy Angels. After an investigation, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services deemed the allegations unfounded, which means the agency did not find any current child victims, a DCFS spokesman said. An "unfounded" designation, however, does not speak to the credibility of the original allegation.



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Gillian Smith, left, and Sarah Conner, a Chicago couple, celebrate after their civil union ceremony in Wrigley Square at Millennium Park on June 2, 2011.

# Remember the good things that happened in the past decade



STEVE CHAPMAN

Ten years ago, America was in an awful way. It had been through a decade of terrorism, war and recession, which combined to create a pervasive sense of anxiety. The worldwide expansion of democracy had shifted into reverse.

At the end of the first decade of the 21st century, the U.S. economy was just beginning to climb out of the worst downturn since the Great Depression. Unemployment was at 10%. Americans were being killed in Iraq at the rate of three per week. The war in Afghanistan was going so poorly that President Barack Obama mounted a troop surge. Congress was bitterly divided over his proposed health insurance reform.

Throughout the world, the United States was losing influence. In his 2009 book "The End of the American Century," David S. Mason wrote that "in the past decade, and particularly since September 11, every aspect of this American dominance has begun to wane." It was not only foreigners who were disenchanted with us.

Americans were also beset with dread, confusion and outrage.

Today, we still have plenty of serious problems: climate change, the epidemic of opioid overdose deaths, mass shootings, the continuing battle over health insurance. Not to mention Donald Trump and everything associated with his poisonous presidency.

But the end of the decade is a moment to remember that good things have happened since it began.

■ The economy has enjoyed the longest expansion in American history, reducing unemployment to 3.5% and pushing up wages — without setting off inflation. The S&P 500 stock index has tripled. Home prices, which plummeted in the recession, have rebounded.

■ The U.S. left Iraq, and even after the return of American troops to fight the Islamic State in 2014, we have only about 5,000 military personnel there now — compared with 136,000 in 2009. The number of Americans fighting in Afghanistan is down from 51,000 in 2009 to 13,000. In 2009, the U.S. military lost 465 men and women in the two wars. This year, the number is less than 40.

■ The military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which banned openly gay members, was lifted by Obama in 2011. Same-sex marriage, which was allowed in only a handful of states and had been forbidden by state constitu-

tional amendment in most, gained nationwide constitutional protection thanks to a 2015 Supreme Court decision.

■ Twenty states have banned discrimination on the basis of gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodations. Only one state, North Carolina, enacted a "bathroom bill" to keep transgender people from using facilities matching their gender identity, and it eventually agreed to a federal court settlement overturning key elements of the policy. Both the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts decided to admit members based on their gender identity.

■ Osama bin Laden, mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, was killed by U.S. Navy SEALs in 2011, and Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi died during a U.S. military raid in Syria this year.

■ Obama banned the use of torture on suspected terrorists by the CIA, reversing the Bush administration's policy.

■ The Obama administration granted protection to some 800,000 undocumented foreigners who were brought here as children. Courts have blocked the Trump administration's attempt to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, whose fate is now in the hands of the Supreme Court.

■ A succession of killings of unarmed

black men by police helped focus lasting attention on America's persistent racial inequities. This year, some Democratic presidential candidates have endorsed reparations for slavery and Jim Crow. The city of Evanston recently decided to use revenue from cannabis taxes to pay compensation to black residents, who make up 17% of the city's population.

Trump has done immeasurable harm on all sorts of matters. But he has also created a powerful backlash that has manifested itself in annual women's marches, renewed awareness of the persistence of racism, and public support for modest gun regulations, climate-change legislation, immigration reform, the Affordable Care Act — and his impeachment.

It says something hopeful about the American character that for almost the entirety of his time in office, a majority of people have disapproved of this president's performance.

In 2019, it's easy to think our politics will never get better — just as in 2009, it was easy to think the economy would never get better. But when you hit bottom, most roads lead upward.

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BY JOE "WELL, NOT 'EVERYONE' EVERYONE" FOURNIER

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER STATING THAT REFUGEES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY CITIES AND JURISDICTIONS THAT, LIKE CHICAGO, ACTUALLY STATE THAT THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED, IS THIS ADMINISTRATION'S PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE WAY OF LETTING CITIES THAT SAY NOTHING REFUSE THOSE IN NEED.

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## CHANGE OF SUBJECT

BY ERIC ZORN



## Once again, readers prove smarter than the columnist when it comes to predicting the news. But there's always next year!

I'm all about looking forward as a new year is about to dawn.

Really, now, would it do any good to review my predictions for 2019? To refresh your memory that, in early January, I predicted that Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza would be elected mayor of Chicago (she finished fifth in the primary), that the General Assembly would not legalize recreational pot or a Chicago casino (it did), and the leading Democratic presidential hopeful going into 2020 would be former Texas U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke (who suspended his pathetic campaign Nov. 1)?

Would it be in the least illuminating to note that, out of 37 questions in my annual predict-the-news online survey, the hive mind of readers got 23 right and I got just 14 right, giving readers a 6-to-4 advantage over me since 2010, which is as far back as my records go?

Or to point out that just 3% of readers correctly picked Lori Lightfoot to win the mayor's race, while 80% of them joined me in predicting that President Donald Trump would pardon at least one person indicted or implicated in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation (he hasn't done so ... yet)?

Well, yes, I suppose it would. But only for the limited purpose of issuing the increasingly unnecessary reminder that the news is by and large unpredictable and the real reason to indulge in these sorts of exercises is to remind us to remain humble as we pause to contemplate the known unknowns that lie ahead.

A year from now we'll know if Trump was reelected, thus cementing conservative control of the judiciary for generations. We will know if Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx survived the Jussie Smollett scandal and if voters approved Gov. J.B. Pritzker's proposed constitutional amendment to allow the state to impose graduated income taxes.

We'll have a far better idea of the scope and the targets of the federal investigation into political corruption in Illinois. We might even have a verdict or some other resolution in the case against Ald. Ed. Burke, 14th, who was indicted by a federal grand jury on May 30 and is still awaiting trial.

We'll know if Trump pardoned or commuted the sentence of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, as he frequently promises/threatens to do, and we'll know if the economy has entered the recession that economists have long been forecasting.

Closer to home for me, we'll know if



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Alden Global Capital acquired a controlling share of Tribune Publishing. The hedge fund now owns 33% of the company and is known for making deep cuts in the staffs of the newspapers it acquires.

What do you think's going to happen? I've posted a link to more than 30 multiple-choice questions about the news of 2020 at [chicagotribune.com/zorn](http://chicagotribune.com/zorn), where you can register your guesses — "predictions" has come to sound a bit presumptuous under the circumstances — on everything from politics to sports.

I'll compare your answers with mine in an upcoming column, and if the fates and hedge funds allow, we'll reconvene here in a year to marvel at what we didn't see coming.

## Readers weigh in on decade to come

And what of the 2020s? A week ago in this space I hazarded a selection of guesses — fears and hopes — about life 10 years from now, and invited reader contributions. Here are a few:

■ **Eleanor Hall:** More and more states will permit doctor-assisted suicide.

■ **John Francis:** Former South Carolina Republican Gov. and United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley will become our first female president.

■ **Mark Stang:** As regulators continue to allow paralegals and other professionals to

offer services now performed by attorneys "the number of lawyers in the U.S. will drop by at least 25% from the current number of 1.3 million to less than 1 million."

■ **Eileen Burke:** The frequency of postal home delivery will drop to "a few times a week."

■ **Jens Zorn (my father):** Implantable devices will "communicate nerve impulses from one person to another," allowing for exact synchronization of movement that will have impact in the arts, sports and even law enforcement.

■ **Mary Kay Buysse:** As members of the leading edge of the baby boom generation hit their mid-80s the needs of this graying cohort will "put enormous pressure on all of our social, medical, financial and governmental systems. And we are not prepared for any of it, both as individuals and as a society."

■ **Jim Strickler:** The National League will get the designated-hitter rule, and an amendment to the U.S. Constitution will limit Supreme Court justices to single 18-year terms.

■ **Terry McGoldrick:** North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will not stage an unprovoked attack on another nation but will remain in power. Kids in 2029 won't even know what the words "cable TV" mean.

■ **Steve Schade:** New helmet technology will virtually eliminate concussions in all sports. Ink-on-paper reading will make a

comeback. Congress will reinstate a ban on assault weapons. The U.S. will rejoin international climate and nuclear treaties.

■ **Kathy Nellis** wrote to disagree strongly with my prediction that medical science won't make much progress on fighting the ravages of dementia-related illnesses, saying "continued funding and education about these diseases will certainly lead toward success in reaching this goal."

■ With similar confidence, **Charles Gradle** wrote to counter my weary resignation about the continuation of mass shootings. "As these mass shootings continue, the majority of the American people will come to be fed up with nothing being done about them," he wrote. "The voting public, especially with a Democratic president and Senate, will finally defeat the NRA."

I hope Nellis and Gradle are right (and Schade and Strickler, too, for that matter).

And I hope I'm right with my additional forecast that Major League Baseball will begin using electronic umpires for balls, strikes and plays at first base, that the Division I College Football Playoff will expand to eight teams and that college athletes will at last be allowed to cash in on the value they bring to their institutions.

I also hope I'm right that 5G broadband networks and beyond will become pervasive and make our current 4G networks seem like dial-up connections in retrospect, that the increased availability of delicious imitation meat will dramatically reduce the environmental harms caused by raising animals for food and that our phone giants will figure out a way to kill robocalls once and for all.

And I hope I'm wrong with my additional forecast that we won't get to 2030 without a major drone-enabled terrorist attack, that Chicago will have only one print newspaper at the dawn of the next decade and that certain social media sites will begin charging us — just a tiny bit at first — for maintaining the vast personal digital archives we have uploaded to them.

## Re: Tweets

The winner of this week's reader poll to select the funniest tweet was @JoshMalina with "My most boomer thing is my ardent desire to stick a comma into 'Ok boomer.'"

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Edith Rockefeller McCormick, members of the Chicago Zoological Society and other officials look over plans for what would become Brookfield Zoo at the the Palmer House on Jan. 21, 1931, in Chicago. In 1919, Rockefeller McCormick donated dozens of acres to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the creation of a zoo similar to what she had seen in Europe. From left are society President John T. McCutcheon, Anton Cermak, Lester Falk, Graham Aldis, E.H. Bean, Stanley Field, Rockefeller McCormick and George W. Dixon.

## A quirky visionary

### Edith Rockefeller McCormick reigned as a queen of Chicago's elite

BY RON GROSSMAN

**E**dith Rockefeller McCormick was certainly the most unconventional of Chicago's grande dames, but she was also a visionary — even if she wasn't always thinking straight.

Brookfield Zoo was made possible because Rockefeller McCormick wanted to bring to America what she had seen in Europe: a zoo where people and animals wouldn't be separated by bars, where elephants and apes were contained by moats and pits instead of cages. Dec. 30 marks the 100th anniversary of the announcement of her gift of between 60 and 150 acres to make that dream a reality. (Accounts of the total acreage varied.)

Upon hearing that Cook County's Juvenile Court, the nation's first, didn't have the money to pay probation officers, Rockefeller McCormick cut a check and that was that.

She provided financial support to James Joyce when he was writing "Ulysses," a novel considered a landmark of literary modernism.

Still, it wasn't their philanthropy that made Rockefeller McCormick and her husband, Harold Fowler McCormick, dream copy for newspapers.

"The McCormicks were noted for a certain not undistinguished goofiness," noted Arthur Meeker, a novelist and chronicler of Chicago's upper crust, to which he belonged.

In 1923, Rockefeller McCormick announced at a dinner party that, in an earlier life, she'd been the child bride of Tutankhamen, an ancient Egyptian king whose tomb had been recently opened. "Only the other day, while glancing through an illustrated paper, I saw a picture of a chair removed from the King's chamber," Rockefeller McCormick told reporters. "Like a flash I recognized that chair. I had sat in it many times."

She was actually a member of the industrial ruling class. Her father was John D. Rockefeller, the oil baron. Her husband was a son of Cyrus McCormick, inventor of the mechanical reaper that transformed farming.

Rockefeller McCormick's extravagant lifestyle put her at odds with her father, who was known for his frugality. She bought her dog a \$1 million diamond collar and matching tiara. She herself wore a \$2 million rope of pearls and a \$1 million emerald necklace.

Rockefeller McCormick and her husband each inherited sufficient wealth to sustain persistent flights of fancy plus finance proj-



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Edith Rockefeller McCormick at a costume ball in 1913. Her reign as a society leader in Chicago extended over many years.

ects that touched down on reality. At a banquet in her honor, Rockefeller McCormick explained that her donation for what would become Brookfield Zoo was motivated by a fascination with the psychology of animals, as the Tribune reported.

"This is a science of which little is known," she told guests at the posh Union League Club. "We must get nearer to animals to reach the human soul."

A decade earlier, she had gone to Zurich to be treated for depression by Carl Gustav Jung, a founding father of psychoanalysis. She contributed generously to Jung's institute and stayed in Europe for eight years, traveling and going from being Jung's patient and patron to a practitioner and teacher of his therapy, a methodology tinged with mysticism.

In his wife's absence, McCormick continued their patronage of Chicago's opera company and indulged his passion for sailing. Though he occasionally visited Rockefeller McCormick, their long separation begat rumors of a pending divorce.

On her return, Rockefeller McCormick denied and confirmed them in the same interview. "I can assure you that nothing is further from my mind," she told the Tribune. "If he finds entertainment in anybody's company it is all right."

She was accompanied by a Jungian psychoanalyst, who got \$50,000 to see her to her home, and she was met at the ship's dock by the business manager of the Chicago Opera Company.

The strain on the McCormicks' marriage was nothing new; it had been rocky virtually from their 1895 wedding day. Marital bliss hadn't accompanied fabled material comfort. Edith and Harold McCormick lived in a mansion at 1000 Lake Shore Drive furnished with a Persian rug that had belonged to the Russian czar Peter the Great. They dined on plates of gold that Napoleon had given his sister.

They had a second, 44-room home on the Lake Michigan shoreline in Lake Forest. Modeled after an Italian palazzo, and built at a cost of \$5 million, Villa Turicum was fully staffed at all times just in case they might show up. They rarely did, being preoccupied with the emotional fallout of Rockefeller McCormick's years abroad.

McCormick had become enamored of Ganna Walska, a Polish singer. He aimed to make her a star of the Chicago Opera Company, though her resume was thin. In Havana, she'd been pelted with rotten eggs during a 1917 appearance. Four years later, she backed out of a Chicago debut for which McCormick had bought every seat in the theater. She told



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Edith Rockefeller McCormick with her husband, Harold Fowler McCormick, in an undated photo. The two divorced in 1921.

the Tribune it was because of a dispute, an "artistic one between her and the opera director." Others said that in rehearsal Walska's voice didn't carry beyond the orchestra pit. She was said to be the model for the inept opera singer championed by a newspaper czar in Orson Welles' film classic "Citizen Kane."

For her part, Rockefeller McCormick had a human souvenir of her European stay. There she had met Edwin Krenn, an architect who moved in Jungian circles. He came to Chicago, and she made him her business manager and set him up as a real estate developer. As they were constant companions, it was assumed there was more to their relationship.

Yet their story didn't generate a fraction of the newspaper coverage of Harold McCormick's love life. He was still smitten by Walska, who had married a millionaire she had met on the voyage back to France. But that relationship hadn't flourished. They were each taking turns locking the other out of their posh Parisian home.

So when Rockefeller McCormick consented to a divorce, a McCormick-and-Walska nuptial looked imminent.

But first, McCormick, who was 15 years older than Walska, had a mysterious operation at Wesley Memorial Hospital. The transplant surgeon got a \$50,000 fee, prompting speculation that he had discovered a method by which "atrophying tissues might be infused with new life and vigor."

Whatever the doctor did, it didn't come with a lifetime guarantee for the marriage. In 1931, McCormick sued for divorce, charging Walska with desertion, as the Tribune reported. "Mr. McCormick testified that his wife preferred to live abroad; that she had rarely been in Chicago since their marriage, and not at all since

March, 1929."

Walska wasn't left penniless. She inherited \$3 million from the estate of the ex-husband she'd divorced to marry McCormick. Asked about the secret of her success in finding husbands — she had six, most of them well-heeled — Walska replied: "It's not trying. Most women try too hard."

By the 1930s, Rockefeller McCormick's fortunes were on a precipitous downslope. Whatever his financial skills, Krenn the Jungian architect couldn't protect her from the 1929 stock market crash. Her debts quickly outran her assets. Her mansion couldn't be kept up. She would have been destitute if it weren't for her brother, John D. Rockefeller Jr. He gave her an allowance of \$1,000 a day, and moved her into the Drake Hotel.

When she died in 1932, her remains were returned to the mansion for her funeral. The service attracted a mob of socialites and social climbers. "It was remarked that only the intimate friends progressed farther than the doorstep," the Tribune reported. McCormick came by to pay his respects, but Krenn was a no-show.

Rockefeller McCormick died two years before Brookfield Zoo opened to the public. That the zoo was built at all was something of a surprise; the onset of the Great Depression didn't stop its construction. Of all her passions, it alone continues to give visible testimony to her abiding self-confidence.

"My object in this world is to think new thoughts," Rockefeller McCormick reportedly said. And who is to say that she didn't?

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## EDITORIALS

# The 2010s: America's decade of jobs, opportunity, prosperity

The decade now coming to an end delivered an underappreciated benefit to Americans that they'd surely notice if it were missing: Extraordinary job growth.

While it's true, as we wrote in an accompanying editorial, that the 2010s don't yet have a defining cultural or political identity (Decade of tech? Global warming? Trump? Too soon to say), what's certain is 2019 marked the longest economic expansion in U.S. history. The economy's been growing for more than 10 years, since June 2009 when the Great Recession lifted.

**Economic growth begets job creation**, so think of the 2010s as the decade of expanding opportunity and prosperity for American workers. Yes, it's true.

In early 2010, the U.S. unemployment rate was a sobering 9.7%. Today, the jobless rate is 3.5%, the lowest in 50 years, and at a near-record low for African Americans and Latinos. Back in 2010, more than 6 million Americans had been out of work for more than six months. Today, that number is about 1 million. What does 3.5% unemployment mean? It means that if you want a job, chances are good you'll find one. The labor participation rate for people in their prime working years of 25 to 54 is 80.3%, the highest level in more than a decade. Nationally, there are many more job openings than unemployed people, according to the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There are now some American cities as nearby as Iowa — Ames and Iowa City — with jobless rates at or below 1.6%. Both are college towns, you might notice, but Dubuque checks in at 1.9%. Illinois has higher unemployment (3.9%) than Iowa (2.6%), Indiana (3.2%) and Wisconsin (3.3%), but people everywhere are working — both collecting paychecks and gaining experience that helps lead to career advancement. What a remarkably positive situation.

**The strength of the jobs economy is one of those good-news stories** that doesn't receive its due, even with the stock market in record territory. When the Brookings Institution asked 10 of its scholars to identify the most important stories in economics over the last decade, none mentioned the 50-year low in unemployment. They preferred to talk about the risk of low interest rates, income inequality and other issues. Not one word about job growth. Really?

Pessimism seems to be spread by econo-



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In early 2010, the U.S. unemployment rate was 9.7%. As 2019 draws to a close, the jobless rate stands at 3.5%, the lowest in 50 years.

mists and analysts who are so surprised by the longevity of this growth cycle that they spend their time trying to debunk it by anticipating the next recession. Their predictions have been wrong. Other skeptics, including those seeking the Democratic nomination for president, criticize the free market system for its excesses and instability.

Certainly this economy has weaknesses and shortcomings. There is always a potential recession lurking on the horizon or beyond, just as there is always disparity between those who become wealthy and those who struggle. But the wealthiest Americans aren't the only ones benefiting as the economy expands. Take stock prices, for example: Gallup polling suggests that about 54% of Americans own stocks either directly or via mutual funds, pension accounts and other retirement kitties. So with the S&P 500's gain for the year at about 29%, plenty of workers and retirees should be feeling more secure as well as prosperous.

**This decade's remarkable economic feat** is that even as the growth cycle ages and unemployment falls, employers continue to create jobs — for the benefit of all Americans. As more people go to work, competition for their services intensifies and wages rise.

The question business owners, policymakers and politicians should be obsessed with going forward isn't what's wrong with this economy, but how to keep the growth going. Because jobs, opportunity and prosperity — again, for the benefit of all Americans — are what matter most.

## What will the 2010s stand for?

Every decade eventually succumbs to a tidy political and cultural shorthand. Quick, picture the 1960s, '70s or '80s. The societal struggles of the time spring to mind, straightforward and clear. Like it or not, so do the fashions and hairstyles.

In the waning days of 2019, amid abundant reflections on the decade in news, arts and sports, the 2010s still look fuzzy. We remember too much that competes for attention. Forgetting hasn't yet sharpened our view. It's not yet time to consign Donald Trump, climate change, immigration or gun violence to the '10s — they might yet crest in the '20s.

**While the dividing lines of a decade blur** during the living of it, change over a mere 10 years can be profound. In 2009, the smartphone had not yet changed everything. Barack Obama was president, Oprah Winfrey hosted a talk show in Chicago and the Cubs were a century into a World Series drought with no end in sight. Richard M. Daley was mayor of Chicago, and Rod Blagojevich was a free man. People hailed cabs on the street. Next-day delivery was for urgent business.

The decade to come will likely complete its own cycle of dramatic change in the ways we work, shop and drive. For openers, the year ahead will bring a presidential election, a U.S. census, a Summer Olympics.

**Completing a year ending in 9**, people are poised for the reset of a stopwatch back at zero, undeterred by the hands raised in the back of the room by the U.S. Naval Observatory and other calendar sticklers. Because there is no year zero between 1 B.C. and 1 A.D., they inconveniently point out, the first year of a new decade ends in 1. Thus 2021 will begin the new decade, just as 2001 began the new millennium.

Whichever side you take on that — we plan to start counting the '20s on Jan. 1, 2020 — it's events, not math, that define decades. The aughts feel like they began on 9/11. Many issues the nation confronted in the '10s grew from the financial crisis of 2008.

**Taking these moments to reflect on blockbuster headlines** or hipster beards or skinny jeans not only imprints what was important, but also the opposite: It reminds us that not everything that shouts loudly for a moment holds lasting sway. Society reviews, incorporates, learns and leaves behind even events that seem shattering at the time, to make room for the new. Later, sometimes much later, it looks back and wrestles again with what it all signified.

If news is the first draft of history, the turning of a decade is something in between. What this decade wrought will be most clear when it's time for "The 2010s are back!" retro nights, complete with blocky rectangular eyeglasses, perfect for the necessary hindsight.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In the waning years of the Obama administration, Hunter Biden, whose life was in a downward spiral, took a job with the Ukrainian energy company Burisma, which was transparently attempting to gain influence with Hunter's father. The maneuver was unsuccessful for Burisma (which received no favorable treatment from the vice president), fairly successful for Hunter (who received a hefty paycheck for minimal work), and has left a residue of low-grade sleaze that Joe Biden's campaign has proven unable to scrape away. ...

Democrats have bitter experience with this sort of flaw. Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state is an eerily similar precursor. ... The email scandal was not just a Fox News narrative. It dominated mainstream news coverage of Clinton's campaign, because it was a real issue, albeit a small one. ...

Reporters aren't going to stop asking Biden tough questions about a legitimate ethical shortcoming just because his opponent's sins dwarf Biden's a thousandfold. Clinton's example suggests that an apology wouldn't do Biden much good. Maybe the solution is not to nominate Biden at all, though that strategy assumes Democrats can find somebody so pure nothing in their past can be turned into a Clinton-email or Burisma-level story. What if, instead of Biden, the nominee is Elizabeth Warren answering endless recursive questions about her decision to list her ancestry as Native American?

Opinion journalists are supposed to have snappy solutions to the problems we raise, but no easy answer presents itself. We are hurtling toward a recurrence of the 2016 nightmare.

**Jonathan Chait**, *New York Magazine*

### SCOTT STANTIS



# PERSPECTIVE



DISNEY PLUS

Baby Yoda drove almost twice as many average social media interactions as any of the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates.

## From Instagram to Baby Yoda, the 2010s entertained people



CLARENCE PAGE

As the 2010s come to a close, so does the moment I dread, trying to make sense of the past decade.

It's not easy to tell what distinguishes this decade from those that came before it.

This isn't the Roaring '20s with their jazz clubs and flappers. It's not the 1930s with that Depression. It's certainly not the 1960s, OK, boomer?

I expect the 2010s to be remembered as a political decade that spanned the gulf between President Barack "No Drama" Obama and President Donald "Mo' Drama" Trump.

It was a media decade that began with the birth of Instagram and ended with me still trying to figure out what Instagram is good for. ("Twitter for illiterates" sounds about right to me, although it does do a good job of distributing your neighbors' vacation photos in a format you can conveniently ignore.)

Its defining moment may well have come in November when Baby Yoda, the little green scene-stealing puppet in Disney Plus' "Star Wars" series "The Mandalorian," made news about itself. He — or she, we're never really

### But are they using the Force wisely?

told — drove almost twice as many average social media interactions, according to NewsWhip and Axios, as any of the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates.

W.C. Fields famously advised that actors refuse to work with children or animal acts. Baby Yoda seems to offer a bit of both. May the Force be with him. Or her.

I'll remember the 2010s as a media decade, a time when more people than ever before used the internet to do what former Federal Communications Commissioner Nicholas Johnson advised in the title of his 1970 book, "How to Talk Back to Your Television Set."

Today we grapple with the new challenges of separating real news from fake news on the internet, where political propaganda has been empowered by targeted marketing aimed at steering around the least persuadable to reach the most gullible audiences.

It is entirely appropriate that President Trump, a real-estate developer and reality-TV host, came to power in this new media age. He long ago perfected the art of relentless self-promotion across multiple media platforms — as varied as tabloid gossip pages and get-rich-now advice books.

That probably explains why he waited until 2016 to run for president, when the Democratic field would be cleared of the charismatic Obama.

After rolling through his Republican competitors, who failed to take him seriously enough until it was too late, he beat Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, who received more total votes but not in the right states to win the Electoral College.

Now a new crop of Democratic candidates is being judged, not the least on how well they come across on television. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg is going full-media-blitz. Instead of going on the road to run in the early primaries, he's using his fortune to buy millions of dollars in TV ads nationwide.

By Christmas, he reached 5% approval in the polls, which put him in fifth place, behind South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, who had 9%, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, 15%, Sen. Bernie Sanders, 17%, and former Vice President Joe Biden, 29%. He led Trump by six points in a head-to-head matchup in a Quinnipiac University poll, 48% to 42%.

It's too early to make too much of that, but if the charisma-challenged founder of Bloomberg News performs well enough when actual votes are cast, he could achieve yet another marriage of media and politics.

I wish I could feel happier about that. Unfortunately, the slow but steady takeover of politics and government by media and the big money it

takes to purchase big advertising remind me of another media studies book from a past era: the late Neil Postman's "Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business."

In that 1985 book about how media are reshaping our culture, he feared that we were wrong to congratulate ourselves for avoiding the authoritarian "Big Brother" horrors of George Orwell's "1984."

We should also remember, he reminded us, of Aldous Huxley's equally chilling "Brave New World."

Whereas Orwell feared those who would ban books, Postman wrote, Huxley feared "that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no one who wanted to read one."

His concern, like mine, is to have the sort of well-informed electorate on which democracy depends. Unfortunately, there also is the reality that the late Fox News chief Roger Ailes says in the Showtime miniseries based on Gabriel Sherman's bestseller "The Loudest Voice in the Room."

"People don't want to be informed," he says, "they want to feel informed."

Maybe so. But sometimes our feelings can fool us.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Climate crisis demands change

Given our zeitgeist in the 21st century, we must recycle with gargantuan diligence. But more important than recycling is that we change our economic system so that recycling is all but unnecessary.

Easy, no. Probable, no to nth power. Necessary, yes.

While we all participate in despoiling our earth, we simultaneously make futile recycling efforts. I am not deriding these efforts; it is necessary that we humans identify this horrendous problem unfolding in front of us. But given even the most modest of predictions by climatologists, the environment will be severely changed with a fatal or near-fatal effect on all life on earth unless we change our economic system.

We are not yet capable of fixing our own problems. How can we lead by berating a China, an India, a Brazil? We Americans have to do what is right.

It seems that when real problems are identified, the only real solution is "magic wand time." What about using the Iroquois



CAMILLE FINE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An overfilled recycling bin is seen at Riot Fest as the evening winds down in Chicago's Douglas Park on Sept. 14.

Seventh Generation principle? "What is the effect of making that gadget, seven generations down?" Such an economy would result in two things: full employment because to get the proper finished product, it would take planning and a full workforce; less income disparity, as profit becomes subservient to sustainability.

If you are reading this, the worst of times are beyond you, but we all have or know younger people, and they will produce younger people.

Unrecyclable waste, rising

temperatures and sea levels, Great Garbage Patches, putrid air, ad nauseam — without meaningful change, this is the world we are leaving for posterity.

— Len Tomasello, Elmwood Park

#### The silence of fewer birds

The decline in the number of songbirds is achieving the title's prediction of Rachel Carson's book, "Silent Spring."

— Rich Lange, Woodridge

#### A carbon tax can work

In the spirit of holiday giving, I'm asking those on the left and the right to each give a little, and work to pass serious legislation to address climate change. It is rare to have even a few days when there isn't extreme weather occurring somewhere. Australia, Brazil and California have had record fires, and our extreme weather events have resulted in ruined crops, flooded cities and dramatic increases in the costs of weather damage to property.

H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, was written by Republicans and Democrats, and would directly reduce fossil fuel use by gradually raising a fee on carbon fuels. All revenue is returned to citizens as a dividend, resulting in a socially just approach to climate change. Any small economic impact is offset by the health benefits of dramatically cleaner air, and by the double stimulus of Americans spending their dividend and by businesses investing in cleaner technology. Energy prices rise, but stay within ranges we have experienced before for many years.

Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs recently analyzed the act and showed that the EICDA works. Emission reductions of 36% to 38% by 2030 are projected, and

sulfur dioxide and mercury emissions from the power sector decline by an impressive 95%.

Please write your representative and tell him or her that it is time to pass H.R. 763.

— Tom Rausch, Glen Ellyn

#### Will Chicago reek of marijuana?

My family and I just returned from a ski trip in Colorado. We flew into Denver and rented a car. As we drove through the city and stopped for lunch on our way to the mountains, the pungent smell of marijuana lingered everywhere. We passed several dispensaries along the way. In the past, the smells of the city of Chicago have been a battle among chocolate, sewage and industry. We're not opposed to legalization, but we hope the new legal status doesn't overtake the city with the smell of weed.

— Mike Shannon, Park Ridge

#### McConnell reaps what he sows

Two words to respond to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's griping about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi not delivering the articles of impeachment to the Senate: Merrick Garland.

— Larry Michalski, Chicago

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# NATION & WORLD

## YEAR IN REVIEW

# Mass killings hit new high in 2019

41 incidents took place this year, leaving 211 dead

By LISA MARIE PANE  
Associated Press

The first one occurred 19 days into the new year, when a man used an ax to kill four family members including his infant daughter. Five months later, 12 people were killed in a workplace shooting in Virginia. Twenty-two more died at a Walmart in El Paso in August.

A database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University shows that there were more mass killings in 2019 than any year dating to at least the 1970s, punctuated by a chilling succession of deadly rampages during the summer.

In all, there were 41 mass killings, defined as when four or more people are killed excluding the perpetrator. Of those, 33 were mass shootings. More than 210 people were killed.

Most of the mass killings barely became national news, failing to resonate among the general public because they didn't spill into public places like massacres in El Paso and Odessa, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Jersey City, New Jersey.

The majority of the killings involved people who knew each other — family disputes, drug or gang violence or people with beefs that directed their anger at co-workers or relatives.

In many cases, what set off the perpetrator remains



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Melody Stout, from left, Hannah Payan, Aaliyah Alba, Sherie Gramlich and Laura Barrios comfort each other during a vigil Aug. 3 in El Paso, Texas. The mass shooting was one of 41 this year, and one of nine to occur in a public place.

a mystery.

That's the case with the very first mass killing of 2019, when a 42-year-old man took an ax and stabbed to death his mother, stepfather, girlfriend and 9-month-old daughter in Clackamas County, Oregon. Two others, a roommate and an 8-year-old girl managed to escape; the rampage ended when responding police fatally shot the killer.

The perpetrator had had occasional run-ins with police over the years, but what drove him to attack his family remains unknown. He had just gotten a job

training mechanics at an auto dealership, and despite occasional arguments with his relatives, most said there was nothing out of the ordinary that raised significant red flags.

The incident in Oregon was one of 18 mass killings where family members were slain, and one of six that didn't involve a gun. Among other trends in 2019:

■ The 41 mass killings were the most in a single year since the AP/USA Today and Northeastern database began tracking such events back to 2006, but other

research going back to the 1970s shows no other year with as many mass slayings. The second-most killings in a year prior to 2019 was 38 in 2006.

■ The 211 people killed in this year's cases is still eclipsed by the 224 victims in 2017, when the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history took place in Las Vegas.

■ California, with some of the most strict gun laws in the country, had the most, with eight such mass slayings. But nearly half of U.S. states experienced a mass slaying, from big cities like

New York, to tiny towns like Elkmont, Alabama, with a population of just under 475 people.

■ Nine mass shootings occurred in public places. Other mass killings occurred in homes, in the workplace or at a bar.

James Densley, a criminologist and professor at Metropolitan State University in Minnesota, said the AP/USA Today/Northeastern database confirms and mirrors what his own research into exclusively mass shootings has shown.

"What makes this even more exceptional is that

mass killings are going up at a time when general homicides, overall homicides, are going down," Densley said. "As a percentage of homicides, these mass killings are also accounting for more deaths."

He believes it's partially a byproduct of an "angry and frustrated time" that we are living in. Densley also said crime tends to go in waves with the 1970s and 1980s seeing a number of serial killers, the 1990s marked by school shootings and child abductions and the early 2000s dominated by concerns over terrorism.

"This seems to be the age of mass shootings," Densley said.

He and James Alan Fox, a criminologist and professor at Northeastern University, also expressed worries about the "contagion effect," the focus on mass killings fueling other mass killings.

"These are still rare events. Clearly the risk is low but the fear is high," Fox said. "What fuels contagion is fear."

The mass shootings this year include the three in August in Texas and Dayton that stirred fresh urgency, especially among Democratic presidential hopefuls, to restrict access to firearms.

While the large death tolls attracted much of the attention, the killings inflicted a mental and physical toll on dozens of others. The database does not have a complete count of victims who were wounded, but among the three mass shootings in August alone, more than 65 people were injured.

## Truck bombing kills 79 in Somalia, officials say

By ABDI GULED  
Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A truck bomb exploded at a busy security checkpoint in Somalia's capital Saturday, killing at least 79 people, including many students, authorities said. It was the worst attack in Mogadishu since the devastating 2017 bombing that killed hundreds.

The explosion ripped through rush hour as Somalia returned to work after its weekend. At least 125 people were wounded, Aamin Ambulance service director Abdiqadir Abdulrahman said, and hundreds of Mogadishu residents donated blood in response to desperate appeals.

President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed condemned the attack as a "heinous act of terror" and blamed the local al-Shabab extremist group, which is linked to al-Qaida and whose reach has extended to deadly attacks on luxury malls and schools in neighboring Kenya.

The bombing targeted a tax collection center, police Capt. Mohamed Hussein said, as a large plume of smoke rose above the capital.

**"With my own eyes, I have seen pieces of human beings and blood scattered around."**

— Osman Abdulle, a police sergeant

Bodies could be seen on the ground amid the blackened skeletons of vehicles. At a hospital, families and friends picked through dozens of the dead.

Most of those killed were university and other students returning to class, Mayor Omar Mohamud Mohamed said.

Witnesses described a ghastly scene.

"When the explosion happened, I was coming out of a nearby tea shop. With my own eyes, I have seen pieces of human beings and blood scattered around," said Osman Abdulle, a police sergeant. "I have collected the bodies of my fellow policemen, who I recognized. I have also seen a university bus reduced to ashes."

Another witness, Abdissalam Halane, said he had heard the blast and rushed toward it, hoping to help friends in the police force who were stationed at the checkpoint.

"Blood and the remains of bodies were everywhere," he said.

Somalis mourned the deaths of so many young people in a country trying to rebuild itself after decades of conflict. Two Turkish brothers were among the dead, Somalia's foreign minister said, and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan condemned the attack.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but al-Shabab often carries out such attacks. The extremist group was pushed out of Mogadishu several years ago but continues to target high-profile areas such as checkpoints and hotels in the seaside city.

Al-Shabab is now able to make its own explosives, its "weapon of choice," United Nations experts monitoring sanctions on Somalia said earlier this year. The group had previously relied on military-grade explosives captured during assaults on an African Union peacekeeping force.

Despite that advance in



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An explosion Saturday in Mogadishu left cars mangled, shops destroyed and dozens dead.

bomb-making, one security expert said the unlikely choice of target Saturday — a checkpoint at the western entrance to the capital — reflected al-Shabab's weakening capability to plan and execute attacks at will. Mogadishu recently introduced tougher security measures that Somali officials said make it more difficult to smuggle in explosives.

"It feels like they literally knew that their (car bomb) may not proceed through the checkpoint into the city undetected, considering the additional obstacles ahead, so bombing the busy checkpoint in a show of strength appeared to be an ideal decision," the Mogadishu-

based Ahmed Barre said.

Al-Shabab was blamed for the truck bombing in Mogadishu in October 2017 that killed more than 500 people, but the group never claimed responsibility for the blast that led to widespread public outrage. Some analysts said al-Shabab didn't dare claim credit as its strategy of trying to sway public opinion by exposing government weakness had badly backfired.

"This explosion is similar like the one in 2017. This one occurred just a few steps away from where I am and it knocked me on the ground from its force. I have never seen such an explosion in my entire life,"

witness Abdurrahman Yusuf said.

The attack again raises concern about the readiness of Somali forces to take over responsibility for the Horn of Africa country's security in the coming months from the AU force.

Al-Shabab, the target of a growing number of U.S. airstrikes since President Donald Trump took office, controls parts of Somalia's southern and central regions. It funds itself with a "taxation" system that experts describe as extortion of businesses and travelers that brings in millions of dollars a year.

The Washington Post contributed.



TARONGA ZOO

A rescued koala is seen in its temporary shelter at the Taronga Zoo in Sydney.

## Thousands of koalas feared dead in Australia wildfires

By TRISTAN LAVALETTE  
Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — Thousands of koalas are feared to have died in a wildfire-ravaged area north of Sydney, further diminishing Australia's iconic marsupial, while the fire danger increased in the country's east on Saturday as temperatures soared.

The mid-northern coast of New South Wales was home to up to 28,000 koalas, but wildfires have significantly reduced their

population in recent months. Koalas are native to Australia and are one of the country's most beloved animals, but they've been under threat due to a loss of habitat.

"Up to 30% of their habitat has been destroyed," Australia's environment minister, Sussan Ley, told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. "We'll know more when the fires are calmed down and a proper assessment can be made."

Images shared of koalas drinking water after being

rescued from the wildfires have gone viral on social media in recent days. "I get mail from all around the world from people absolutely moved and amazed by our wildlife volunteer response and also by the habits of these curious creatures," Ley said.

About 12.35 million acres of land have burned nationwide during the wildfire crisis, with nine people killed and more than 1,000 homes destroyed.

Fire danger in New South Wales and the Australian

Capital Territory was upgraded to "severe" Saturday, as temperatures rose over the region. Sydney's western suburbs reached 106 degrees, while the inner city is expected to hit 88 Sunday before rising to 95 Tuesday.

Two wildfires in New South Wales are at the "watch and act" level issued by fire services.

Canberra, Australia's capital, peaked at 100 degrees Saturday, with oppressive temperatures forecast for the next seven days. Meanwhile, New South

Wales Emergency Services Minister David Elliott has gone on an overseas family vacation in the wake of Prime Minister Scott Morrison's much-criticized family trip to Hawaii.

Morrison, who apologized for going away, eventually cut short his vacation and returned to Sydney last weekend.

Elliott said he will be briefed daily while overseas. "If the bushfire situation should demand it, I will return home without hesitation," he said.

# 'This is what need feels like'

For NY dairy farmers, falling milk prices and effects of Trump's trade war make putting food on the table a chore

BY ANNIE GOWEN  
The Washington Post

BERKSHIRE, N.Y. — The grocery list took Anne Lee hours to make, an exercise in her increasingly desperate effort to feed her family of seven.

"Chicken noodle soup?" she wondered as she sat at her kitchen table with a pen and notepad. "No, I'll make chicken and biscuits. That's more filling."

These days, Anne has about \$175 each month to spend on food, beyond the eggs, milk and meat that her family's dairy operation supplies. So this has become her monthly ritual, going through several drafts to create an affordable meal plan that keeps her husband and five kids from going hungry.

"I wish I could make lasagna, but it's expensive," she said. So are fresh vegetables, except for cheap bags of onions and potatoes. Even "fruit?" had a question mark next to it.

When Anne and her husband, Andy, took over his parents' 305-acre dairy farm in 2013, they made a good living. But years of falling milk prices, complicated by President Donald Trump's trade wars, have left the couple nearly \$200,000 in debt.

Farmers around the country are struggling to pay for basics like groceries and electricity as farm bankruptcies rise and farm debt hits a historic high. Calls from farmers in financial crisis to state mediators have soared by 57% since 2015.

"We're supposed to be feeding the world, and we can't even put food on our own table," Anne said.

She has had less and less money for groceries each month, until one day in October when there was hardly any food in the house, and she started to investigate options she never would have considered before, like food stamps and food pantries.

"This is what need feels like," she told her husband.

As she worked on the grocery list, her three girls, ages 9 to 13, wandered inside for lunch, clutching hats, gloves and a bunny named Snickers that they wanted to shelter from the cold. There were turkey leftovers from the Thanksgiving meal that only happened because Anne's sisters had brought most of the food. The girls served themselves.

"Mom, I need cauliflower for my soup — and peppers," said the oldest, Paige, 13, who makes dinner for the family some nights.

"That's a big wish list, OK?" said Anne, 40. "Let's see what we can make happen."

At one point she looked up from the grocery list and frowned.

"Is that your second sandwich?" she asked Brooke, 9. She was thinking about the only loaf of bread in the house — about her husband and her 15-year-old son, Jason, who had yet to come in from the barn and needed their lunch too.

Chastened, Brooke put the top back on the Miracle Whip.

It was Anne and Andy's 18th wedding anniversary, and in between the chores and list-making and snow falling, Anne wanted some time alone with her husband, even if it just meant climbing into his battered Ford pickup to ride into town to get fuel for the tractor. On their honeymoon, the college sweethearts built a bed for the back of Andy's truck and drove across the United States. There won't be anything like that or even a date night this year — "that takes moola," said Breanna, their 11-year-old.

Andy protested at first that Anne had too much to do at home, but by the time they were slipping along the icy road, one of his hands covered hers. After nearly two decades together, the pair still steal kisses until the kids squeal, "Get a room!"

They talked for a while about the custom butcher shop they are building on their property that they hope will one day make things easier financially. But Andy grew quiet when they drove past an empty dairy farm, animals gone, barn collapsed — out of business since the last farm crisis in the 1980s.

"I don't want to end up like that," he said.

The decline in the dairy industry — driven by global overproduction and drop in American liquid milk consumption — hit rural New York hard, with the state losing more than 1,100 dairy farms since 2012, according to federal statistics. Then, last year came retaliatory tariffs from Mexico and China on dairy products after Trump-imposed tariffs



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Anne Lee, 40, mucks out the main dairy barn during nightly chores Dec. 4 at the family's farm in Berkshire, New York. The family has 65 dairy cows.

on steel and aluminum, a \$125 million blow to New York's dairy farmers, according to one state estimate.

About a half-dozen farms have closed around the Lees, and the ones that remain are bad off, Anne says, though self-reliant farmers often don't discuss their troubles openly.

Anne handles the farm's finances and juggles the bills by cutoff date, with the top priority keeping the 65 dairy cows — their livelihood — well-fed. She's stopped answering the landline phone because it's always bill collectors. The electric company is threatening to shut off their service.

The decline in milk prices has meant a gradual diminishment of what once was a middle-class lifestyle for the Lees — and the food budget that went with it. First they gave up delivery pizza. Then the Sam's Club membership. Then regular grocery stores. Then apple and blueberry picking at nearby farms in the summer.

Now Andy, 39, misses the Little Debbie snack cakes Anne used to tuck into his sack lunch. Jason, a ninth-grader, went out and shot two more deer so the family would have more venison this winter. And then there's Paige, rarely a complainer, who vaulted to the eighth-grade honor roll for the first time recently by tuning out the stress at home and doing her homework in study hall. Anne has noticed that Paige doesn't eat half what she usually used to eat, but she hasn't asked her daughter about it. Some things are private.

The Lees got \$4,100 in federal bailout money this year, part of the Trump administration's \$28 billion trade aid package for hurting farmers, which has been criticized for benefiting large operations over family farms. A study by the nonprofit Environmental Working Group found that 60 percent of the money that flowed to New York state went to the top 10 percent of farmers.

The Lees are grateful for what they received, but it's not enough to make a difference when the milk check is down \$4,000 a month, Anne said.

In this part of New York — older, whiter, poorer than other parts of the country — voters chose Trump in decisive percentages during the 2016 presidential race, the Lees among them. Like many farmers, they think their taxes are too high, their creeks and streams are over-regulated and that Trump still has their best interests at heart.

"We've had unfair trade for years and years. Somebody had to fix it, and he's trying to fix it," Anne said.

Anne has tried to help out by getting several part-time jobs — agriculture survey taker, substitute school aide and teacher, liquor store assistant manager and a movie extra at Syracuse's film hub — which has been hard for Andy to accept.

"I'm supposed to be the primary provider in the house," he said. "Now I can't do that, my wife's got to do that? It means I'm not doing a good enough job."



Anne Lee makes calls as a part of her part-time survey research job. She applied for food stamps recently to help her husband and five kids.

He has been so down lately — so sure he's failing the farm that's been in the family since 1952 — that Anne couldn't bring herself to tell him what she was about to do. She'd quietly asked for a Christmas basket from the local community center and learned about a mobile food pantry in a nearby town where she won't be recognized.

Now she was going to apply for food stamps.

**Anne pulled up in front of the** Thomas P. Hoke Human Services Center, a low-slung building painted in red and white stripes. She stepped past the bearded man with a cane sitting on the steps — who seemed oblivious to the cold — entered the building and went through the metal detector.

She was there to finalize her application for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, and had thought there would be a helpful social worker on the other side of the door. Instead she found a documents kiosk and a clerk named Courtney with blue eyeglasses and metal gauges through her stretched earlobes. The waiting room was crowded with families, people coughing, babies crying.

"Put healthy food on the table" a sign on the wall said. Another: "Stop Medicaid Fraud."

"What are you trying to do today?" Courtney asked.

"I don't know; I've never been here. I just want to do my SNAP," Anne said. "Do I need to give my federal tax return or my state tax return or what?"

"Your guess is as good as mine," Courtney said.

Anne scanned her pay stubs from her various jobs, which last year earned her \$5,330. Then the Schedule F tax form that showed net farm income of -\$12,979.

"Is there anything I can do today to find out if I get approved?" she asked.

They'd get back to her in 24 to 48 hours, Courtney said. Or by Monday, someone else said later in the day when she called in to check. Or in three weeks when she'd be notified in the mail, a third person said.

Anne was skeptical about whether she would be approved for benefits, anyway. An estimated

197,000 farmers, farmworkers, fishermen and forestry workers use SNAP, according to a study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, but farmers say they sometimes find it difficult to qualify because of complicated rules governing self-employment income. And the Trump administration has long-term plans to tighten SNAP eligibility for many.

But Anne had hoped to get her benefits soon.

This is what need feels like.

The regulars at the monthly food giveaway outside a little white church in Richford, New York, start lining up at 6:30 a.m., holding their places in line with a kind of honor system of laundry baskets and wheeled grocery carts, then return to their cars to wait out of the cold. Anne showed up around 10, clutching grocery bags, and surveyed the place-savers stretched down the block.

"I'm not prepared for this," she said.

The night before, she'd curled up in the leaf-green wing chair she'd put in an upstairs closet and opened her rose-patterned journal.

"Tomorrow, we go to the food bank," she wrote. "Andy doesn't know. I'm afraid if he knows it will upset him. I am so nervous about going. I don't want people to judge me. I don't want someone to recognize me and the kids find out and get picked on at school. It is very nerve wracking. But my mom always said it's there for people that need a helping hand. Use it when you need to and help support it when you don't. So maybe I can help volunteer?"

Now she was shivering in line, jumping up and down, waiting for the food truck to arrive. Organizers with raw, gloveless hands tried to check everybody in, but the computer was running slow.

"Look at her, she's doing the hop, skip and jump," one of the regulars said about Anne.

Finally the truck, a mobile food pantry from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, pulled in and unfurled its doors, and the line began to move.

Volunteers passed out milk, eggs, apple juice, frozen vegetables, tomato soup, chickpeas, cornflakes, canned pears, potatoes and rice. Anne grabbed two bags of apples and six bags of grapes.

Fruit would be a question mark on the list no longer.

It was more than she could carry. It was almost more than could fit in the trunk of her car.

"Pretty good deal, huh?" said Peggy Andersen, one of the volunteers.

"I'm really excited," Anne said.

Anne was able to cross so many items off her master grocery list that once she got to Aldi she only spent \$73.12, and then another \$39.38 at the scratch-and-dent store that sells day-old bread and dented cans of food. She was \$62.50 under her \$175 budget. Now, she may be able to keep the lights on in the house and put a little toward the \$459 electric bill.

Back at home, the slate-blue farmhouse with the tin star over the door, the grocery bags covered the kitchen table, the pine bench where the kids sit and do homework, and the floor. There was so much food it would not all fit in the refrigerator, and some items would have to be stored on the side porch.

Andy came in from the barn for coffee and gave the spread a quizzical once-over, and Anne quickly copped to her stop at the food pantry. A complicated look passed over his face that she later explained was part relief — that she hadn't bought all of it herself — and part defeat that she had to ask for help.

"We gotta do what we gotta do, I guess," he said, and went back outside.

Later, the kids discovered the few treats Anne had bought at Aldi — \$1.49 onion bagels for Brooke, the fourth-grader, and \$1.49 off-brand cocoa rice cereal for Levi, the first-grader. They started eating fistfuls of the grapes.

"Mom, where did you get all these grapes?" Brooke asked.

"They gave them to us. At the food pantry," Anne answered.

"Tell them that we love them!" Levi said loudly.

**In the evenings, the children** put on their Carhartt coveralls and help Andy with chores in the barn, even Levi, working to unwind hay to feed the Holsteins from a bale bigger than he is. One night after chores, they paused to play before dinner. The kids slid down a small hill on a plastic sled and Grandpa's old Flexible Flyer, the dogs barking and following them down. Snowballs arced through the air, followed by shrieks and laughter. A fat little half-moon rose.

Pretty soon it was time to go in. The family gathered around the table, and Brooke made scratch-and-dent store hot cocoa with rainbow marshmallows for everyone as others started dishing up dinner, which was tangy crockpot chicken with canned carrots and baked beans.

Anne, scrolling through Facebook, saw a hopeful headline.

"Hey, Andy," she said. "Listen to this."

Anne, and then Brooke, began to read out loud a Farm Progress article that quoted two University of Wisconsin at Madison economists predicting a further rise in the price of milk and "good times ahead for dairy farmers."

A first phase of the trade deal with China still to be finalized might also bring some relief.

"So, is it going to be better for us in 2020?" Breanna asked.

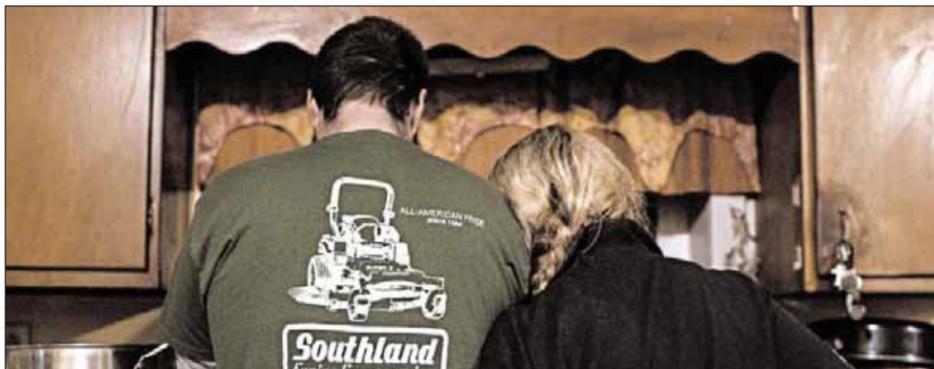
"It's always going to be better for us in 2020, and 2021, and 2022," said Anne.

"Have to be positive," said Andy. "We're all still together and we all still have a roof over our heads," Anne said.

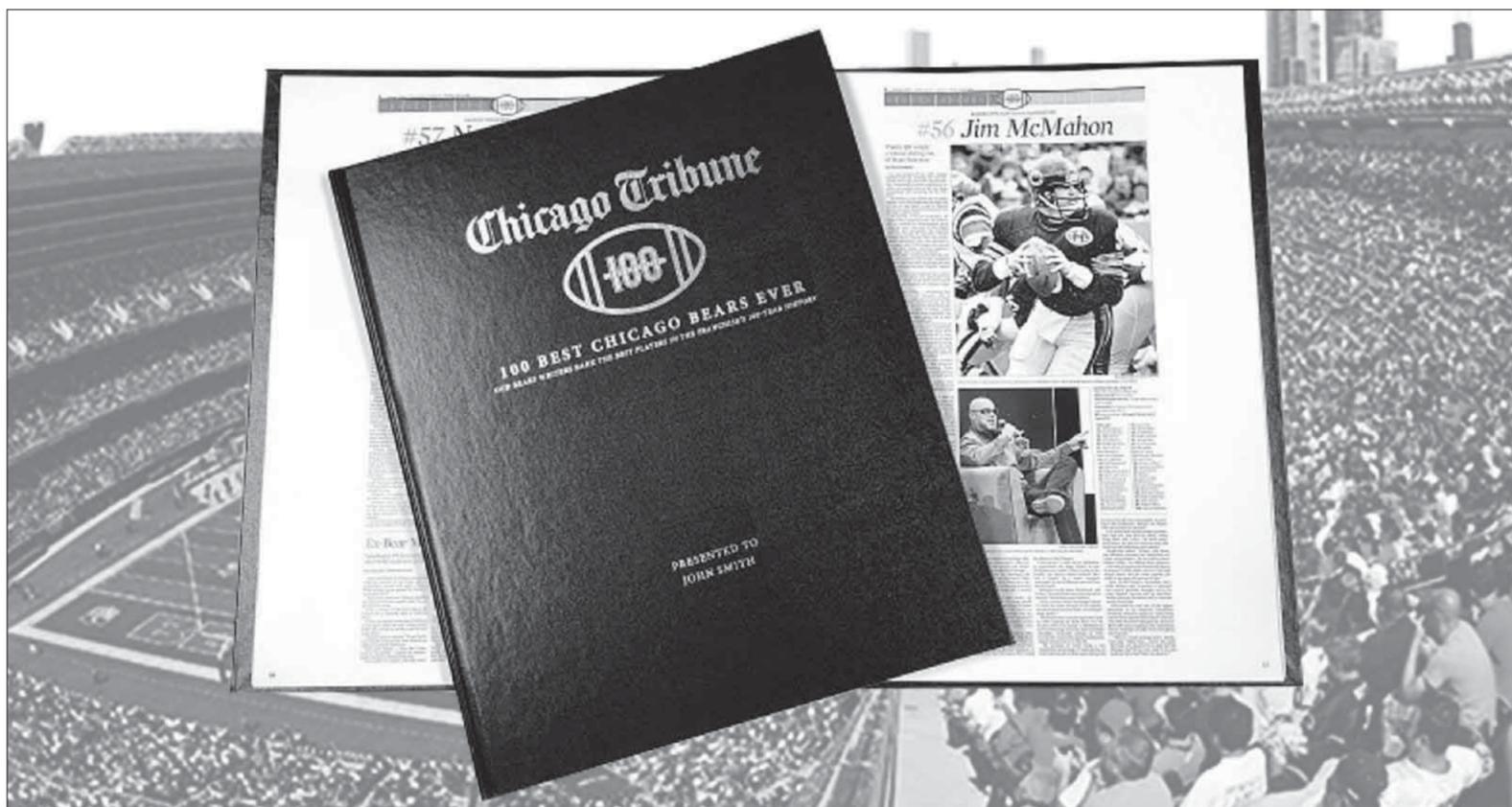
"I mean about milk prices," Breanna said.

"I guess that's what they're saying," Anne said.

Then Levi wanted to know if there were any baked beans left, and Anne put the phone down to help him get more food.



Anne Lee leans on her husband, Andy Lee, 39, as he washes dishes in the kitchen on their dairy farm.



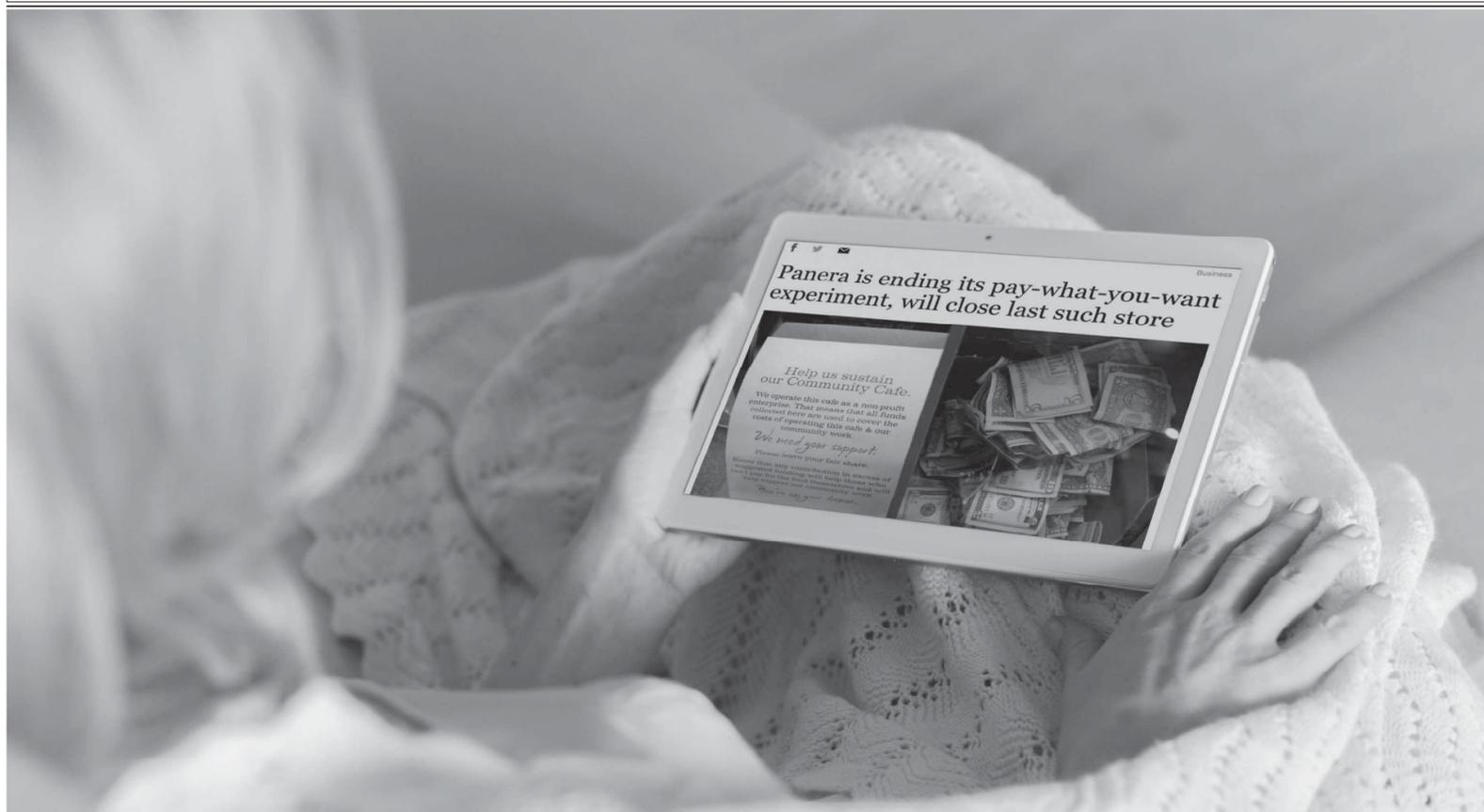
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# Sharp increase seen in processed meat recalls

Besides glass, consumers finding metal and plastic

BY KIMBERLY KINDY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Bits of metal, hard plastic, rubber and even glass are increasingly getting mixed and baked into processed meat products reaching consumers, triggering a record number of safety recalls, a Washington Post analysis of federal records shows.

So far this year, the Agriculture Department has announced 34 recalls involving 17 million pounds of meat products after stray materials were found in them.

In 2009, when there were five such recalls involving about 1 million pounds of processed meat.

Metal parts are breaking off machines that mix, chop and puree ingredients. Plant workers' rubber gloves are falling into the meat mixes. And bits of plastic and glass from meat packaging and ingredient containers are getting ground into the food.

The makers of some of the most beloved and recognizable ready-made food staples have issued the recalls, including Tyson Foods chicken tenders, Jimmy Dean sausages and Spam.

The stray items, which the USDA calls "foreign objects," typically are found after a consumer bites into a meat product, records show, sometimes chipping teeth in the process. The objects can cause choking and can injure the intestinal tract.

"There is this initial shock when you find something that clearly does not belong, such as a screw or shrapnel or packing material," said Robert Rausch, a New York food safety lawyer. "It's shock; it's disgust. The concern always is whether there were other pieces that you swallowed."

A number of changes are causing the recalls to rise, according to USDA and industry experts.

Manufacturers are revving up processing line speeds to increase production, sometimes using old equipment that breaks down under the added strain. Consumers are taking their complaints public, naming the companies on social media, often including photos of the contaminated food. And USDA reporting requirements for the contamination, in response to a congressional mandate, became more stringent in 2012.

The USDA acknowledges that consumer complaints about the contamination are

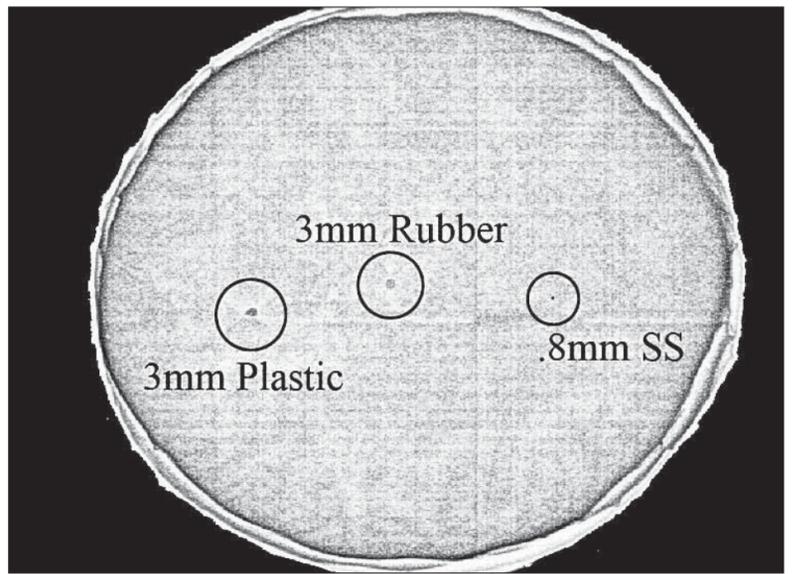
on the rise. It issued guidelines in March to food manufacturers to get them to respond more quickly to reported problems, saying companies sometimes issued recalls only after "multiple customer complaints."

Two months after the guidelines were issued, Tyson Foods announced what is said to be the largest U.S. processed meat recall ever for foreign matter contamination — metal shavings may have ended up in as much as 12 million pounds of chicken strips.

The recall was expanded once — adding nearly 11.8 million pounds of chicken strips to the original recall of 69,093 pounds — and involved six consumer complaints, three with "oral injuries," records show.

Details in USDA recall notices are sparse. Tyson Foods declined to respond to requests by The Washington Post for more specific information regarding victim injuries. It also declined to explain how the food became contaminated or how the problem was resolved.

The Post examined more than 150 USDA recall notices for foreign object contamination from 2009 to this year. For each recall, The Post recorded the manufacturer's name, type of food,



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A company that provides X-ray food inspection services shows tiny pieces of what the U.S. Department of Agriculture call "foreign objects" in this X-ray of a ham steak.

pounds of recalled product, type of foreign material and the manner in which the contamination was discovered.

The analysis showed the spike in recalls began in 2016. Pieces of plastic accounted for nearly half of the recalls for foreign objects and metal for nearly 25%. The rest of the recalled food was contaminated with either rubber, glass, cardboard or wood.

Processed meat products range from raw, marinated meat — considered semi-processed — to cooked products that are ready-to-serve after heating. Most

frequently recalled were sausages and breaded chicken products. Deli meats, beef stews, meat-filled burritos, hamburger patties and chicken pizza were also recalled.

Although many of the recalls involved millions of pounds of processed food, not all of it was necessarily contaminated. Companies stamp processing dates and locations on product packaging so when contamination is found, products produced at the same plant during the same time frame can be pulled for safety.

The USDA does not have the power to order a recall; it

can only recommend one based on what it knows about contamination of a product.

The industry is chafing at some of the 2012 federal reporting requirements. The regulation requires that companies provide more details to the USDA when they find contamination and that they do so faster.

The agency also requires notification when contamination doesn't reach consumers but is discovered midstream, such as when beef is mixed into stew in a processing plant or honey-glazed ham is sliced at a deli counter.



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Candidate Pete Buttigieg is challenging contributors to donate the smallest amount.

## Dem presidential hopefuls make final fundraising push

BY MICHELLE YE HEE LEE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidates are sprinting to hit their fundraising goals before the end of the year, a final test of their financial strength before primary voting begins in February.

While candidates typically bombard supporters during the last days of the fundraising quarter, their appeals this week come with a sense of urgency: The figures will signal to supporters and donors whether the candidates can survive the expensive early primaries.

So a few campaigns are taking a different approach to generate money over the next few days.

In an email to supporters Friday, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., one of the top raisers of the campaign so far, announced that she had amassed over \$17 million, about two-thirds of her previous quarterly total.

Candidates typically keep a tight lid on their hauls until after the fundraising deadline passes. But Warren's campaign made its figure public, then asked supporters to help the cam-

aign hit \$20 million in the next few days.

On Christmas Eve, Pete Buttigieg's campaign launched a contest for supporters to donate the smallest amount possible. "All you have to do to win is donate the smallest amount that nobody else donates. In other words, suppose you donate \$1.00. If someone else playing also donated exactly \$1, you both lose. We'll see if only one player donated \$1.01, and so on until we find an amount donated exactly once, and that's our winner," the email reads.

The South Bend, Indiana, mayor's campaign team billed it as a fun and geeky end-of-year game, in which supporters can challenge each other to donate the lowest amount. But the challenge drew ridicule among skeptics, who called it a "cynical ploy" to drive down the campaign's average donation amount amid criticisms of Buttigieg's frequent fundraisers with wealthy donors.

This year's large field of candidates, along with debate qualification rules that emphasize the candidates' ability to draw donors, have led to unusual candor among candidates about

how strapped for cash they are.

Candidates have pleaded with their supporters for cash, and they have even announced that they would shutter their campaigns if they do not meet a certain fundraising target. These tactics have worked so far for many, including Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., whose 10-day push at the end of the third quarter brought in a much-needed boost in donations.

The last day of the fundraising quarter is Tuesday; the campaigns' finance filings are made public through the Federal Election Commission on Jan. 31.

But candidates with large hauls typically reveal their figures early, setting the bar for the rest of the field and generating buzz around their finances. Candidates who hold off on revealing their numbers often face questions about their delay.

Longtime campaign fundraisers say the first two primary contests could cost upward of \$75 million per candidate, and fundraising and spending figures could indicate whether the campaigns will have enough money to face off on Super Tuesday in March.

## Trump

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achievements included cutting regulations and a significant tax overhaul that emphasized reducing corporate tax rates — traditional bastions of policymaking for the GOP.

Trump has still pursued cuts to government spending that pinch poorer Americans — tightening rules on food stamps and allowing states to reduce Medicaid enrollment, for instance — that have fueled constant Democratic accusations he has betrayed voters.

But the breadth of Trump's break with the GOP is striking.

On trade, Trump has reached a "Phase 1" trade deal with China that reportedly includes promises to buy far more in U.S. exports. He has completed a revamp of the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada that some liberals are cheering for labor protection and pharmaceutical policies.

Trump co-opted a demand from the left to urge the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates despite the relatively strong economy, a position the central bank ultimately adopted after seeing signs the economic expansion might waver.

The president has blown away traditional GOP concerns over the rising federal deficit, cutting bipartisan deals to expand government spending and even extend a new paid leave benefit to the federal workforce. He unilaterally implemented a farm bailout that could prove more expensive than the auto bailout was a decade ago — a move that conservatives had criticized as wasting taxpayer dollars.

And while taking action against President Barack Obama's health care law in court, the Trump administration has avoided moves to immediately blow up the law while pushing to allow states to import cheaper prescription drugs — a

longtime liberal position opposed by many Republicans.

Trump's steps away from conservative economic orthodoxy have been building since the 2016 presidential campaign, when he shocked GOP elites on his way to a blowout victory in the Republican primary. But in many ways they appeared to reach their culmination in 2019.

"The administration this year has appeared to change its focus away from working with Congress on more typical Republican proposals, and toward an increasing focus on populist priorities," said William Hoagland, senior vice president at the Bipartisan Policy Center and former Republican staff director for the Senate Budget Committee.

Some analysts say the emphasis on populist economics could upend the 2020 presidential election, as the issues that may have helped give Democrats control of the House in the 2018 midterms — particularly the attempt to repeal Obamacare and the Republican tax law — could recede while other White House initiatives become more prominent.

The Trump administration is likely to continue its aggressive trade actions in its fourth year, turning to negotiations with the United Kingdom, Europe, and possibly India and Vietnam, said Peter Navarro, assistant to the president for trade and manufacturing policy.

Democrats maintain Trump sold out his working-class base to the GOP donor class after his election, but the attack may grow less potent as the tax cut in particular loses its immediacy.

Trump's policy shift also illustrates his power over congressional Republicans.

Two core party constituencies for decades — free market traders and deficit hawks — are at risk of being effectively exiled from the GOP, as some Republican lawmakers quietly fume at being sidelined repeatedly over policy matters.

Trump's policies could still create longer-term risk. The surge in federal deficits and cuts to interest rates may limit the tools America has to respond to an economic downturn, should one arrive in the final year of Trump's first term or later.

And, politically, Trump could remain vulnerable on health care, a top concern among voters, having overseen a rise in both costs and the number of uninsured.

Trump may point to steady economic growth and historically low unemployment numbers, but critics say those are largely disconnected from his populist economic policies.

"Most of the jobs that have been created are in the services-type industries — his constituency in the middle of the country may not be helped by a lot of these policies," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFJ Union Bank. "And trying to change these forces of globalization — it won't have an impact for 10 or 20 years, if it happens at all. These are very slow-moving forces."

Kayleigh McEnany, a spokeswoman for Trump's reelection campaign, said: "Trump promised to change decades of failed trade policy, revive manufacturing, and bring relief to middle-class families. He has done all that and more."

Trump's policy opportunism may be novel for American politics, but his grab bag of economic positions fits a bigger global trend of conservative populists like Boris Johnson in the United Kingdom, who has pledged to increase spending on Britain's national health program.

"Populist forces are a global phenomenon. They cut across the traditional left-right cleavage. Many populists aren't traditional free-market neoliberals or fiscal conservatives in their economic policies," said Pippa Norris, a political scientist at Harvard.

Whether that will permanently remake the Republican Party, on the other hand, remains an open question.

## From Utah to NJ, angry turkeys' beef with humans is back

BY LAURA REILEY  
The Washington Post

In the video, the male turkey — snood engorged, tail feathers spread extravagantly — struts briskly after the U.S. Postal Service vehicle, circling the boxy white truck and lunging as the mail carrier inserts envelopes in each box along the block.

The viral video, with 7 million views and counting, is just one of the many examples of increasingly spirited human-turkey ker-

fuffles.

In Toms River, New Jersey, they have terrorized an over-55 community, attacking cars and pecking kiddie pools unto deflation. While wild turkeys have left their calling cards in communities in New Jersey, they have crashed through windshields in Florida, pecked their way into police stations in Massachusetts, and in Utah become such a nuisance that 500 were rounded up and relocated to the deep woods.

In the early 1900s wild

turkeys were almost eradicated from the United States, their dwindling numbers driven by unrestricted harvesting for meat and feathers.

And now they are back — in some cases, it seems, with a vengeance.

In the 1950s, wild turkey numbers were less than 500,000. There are now more than 6.2 million. They weigh 11 to 24 pounds, and run as swiftly as 25 mph and fly as fast as 55 mph.

So why so many angry birds?

Marcus Lashley, assistant professor in the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida, says some of what set the stage for the population explosion is counterintuitive.

"When I talk to people, most don't think of hunters being the drivers of conservation," he said. "There's an excise tax on hunting goods — guns and ammunition — and the money goes back into conservation at state agencies. And we wouldn't

have certain species if it weren't for established bag limits."

Lashley points to two pieces of legislation that established the framework for turkey population rebound: The Lacey Act of 1900 that banned trafficking in illegal wildlife, and the Pittman-Robertson Act in 1937 which added an excise tax for guns and ammunition that provides federal aid to states for management and restoration of wildlife.

More than \$7 billion has

been collected from manufacturers since enactment and made available to states.

Wildlife biologist Mark Hatfield, who works for the National Wild Turkey Federation, points to other factors.

"Urban and suburban settings are creating safe havens where hunting is not allowed," he said. "We're making good habitat in the suburbs, with nice open green spaces and lack of predators."



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One of the Navy's proposed construction cuts would decrease the number of Arleigh Burke-class destroyers like the one above from 12 to seven over the next five years.

## Navy considers shipbuilding cuts for upcoming budget

By DAVID SHARP AND LOLITA BALDOR  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — The Navy is proposing construction cutbacks and accelerated ship retirements that would delay, or sink, the Navy's goal of a larger fleet — and potentially hurt shipyards, according to an initial proposal.

The proposal would shrink the size of the fleet from today's level of 293 ships to 287 ships, a far cry from the official goal of 355 ships established in the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act.

According to a defense official familiar with the memo, budget negotiations are ongoing and no final decisions have been made. But the Navy is looking at a number of ways to cut costs to fund other priorities, the official said.

One of the proposed cuts would reduce the number of Arleigh Burke-class destroyers planned for construction from 12 to seven over the next five years, trimming \$9.4 billion, or about 8%, from the shipbuilding budget, the official said.

Another potential cut would decommission Ticonderoga-class cruisers more quickly over the next

five years, leaving nine in the fleet, rather than 13.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss preliminary budget planning discussions that have not been made public.

"Either option runs counter to the Navy's stated requirement for a 355-ship fleet, and would not be well-received on Capitol Hill given there's still consensus that the military and strategic threat from Russia and China is only increasing," said naval analyst Jay Korman of Avascent Group.

Defense analyst Norman Friedman said the proposal would represent a major reduction in anti-aircraft capability that is provided by destroyers and cruisers at a time when the Navy is facing more sophisticated threats from aircraft and missiles.

"If you were serious about facing down the Chinese, you'd probably want more of that than less," said Friedman.

Arleigh Burke-class destroyers are produced at two shipyards, Maine's Bath Iron Works, a General Dynamics subsidiary, and Ingalls Shipbuilding in Mississippi. A Bath spokesman declined to comment.

Republican Sen. Susan Collins and independent Sen. Angus King, of Maine,

called the proposal "an abrupt reversal of the Navy's plan to increase the size of the fleet."

The senators noted that Congress will have the final say, and they suggested that much of the funding is already in the works. Recently, Congress appropriated \$5.1 billion for three destroyers, and a \$390 million increase in advanced procurement for a down payment on an additional ship next fiscal year, they said.

The proposed cost cutting comes as the Navy works to modernize its ballistic missile submarine fleet, replacing aging current Ohio-class subs with new Columbia-class nuclear subs. That program is putting pressure on the shipbuilding budget.

The Navy reportedly has some wiggle room in reaching the 355-ship fleet size with the suggestion that the battle force could include unmanned, as well as manned, warships.

The Navy said the discussions are "pre-decisional" and subject to change. "We will not comment on future shipbuilding decisions until the budget request is submitted to Congress next year," said Cmdr. Clay Doss, a Navy spokesman.

## Iowa hate crimes suspect got breaks after earlier arrests

By RYAN J. FOLEY  
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — She was charged with stabbing one boyfriend in the chest in 2017 and, months later, with threatening another with a butcher's knife. She allegedly told her ex-husband that she was going to kill him during a child custody dispute.

Despite her violence and threats, chronic drug use and mental health problems over the last three years, Nicole Poole caught several breaks from Iowa's criminal justice system, court records show. The 42-year-old unemployed white woman was allowed to stay out of prison and treatment before she allegedly committed a shocking string of racially-motivated attacks this month.

Police allege that on Dec. 9, Poole intentionally drove her SUV onto a sidewalk to hit a 14-year-old girl outside a suburban Des Moines junior high school. She told police that she targeted the girl, who was hospitalized for two days with injuries, because she was Hispanic.

That same day, Poole is charged with driving over a curb to strike a 12-year-old black boy who was walking home from school in Des Moines. She allegedly fled after both crashes. But she was arrested later that day after going to a gas station where she called an employee and customers racial epithets, threw items at a clerk and left without paying. Police said that she admitted to using meth hours earlier and that she was "extremely fidgety" and had dilated pupils.

Poole is charged with two counts of attempted murder, assault in violation of individual rights and second-offense operating while intoxicated, among

other offenses.

Poole has been jailed since her arrest and is being held on a \$1 million cash-only bond. An assistant state public defender representing Poole declined to discuss the case.

While she faces up to 25 years behind bars for each attempted murder charge, Poole has avoided prison time for recent transgressions.

In July 2017, West Des Moines police officers responding to a domestic disturbance found Curtis Jones, a 60-year-old black man, bleeding from a severe laceration on his shoulder outside an apartment building, records show. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Poole admitted that she used a knife to stab Jones, her then-boyfriend, and she was arrested on charges of willful injury and domestic abuse assault with a dangerous weapon, according to a criminal complaint. Police called the attack unprovoked.

The charges — which carried more than a decade in prison — came at a terrible time for Poole. A month earlier, her probation officer recommended that she face jail time for repeatedly testing positive for drugs and alcohol and skipping mandatory treatment sessions over the last seven months.

Poole was put on probation in 2016 after fleeing from police and driving with a blood alcohol content of more than twice the legal limit. After the stabbing arrest, a probation agent cited Poole's "continued substance abuse and escalated threat to the public" in asking a judge to impose the one-year jail sentence that had been suspended.

But the prosecution collapsed after Jones denied

that he was stabbed and told doctors his wounds were cuts from glass, assistant Polk County attorney Thomas Miller said Friday. Miller said the office does prosecute domestic violence cases over the objections of victims in extraordinary cases, but that "it's not possible to do that in every case."

Under a plea deal, the stabbing charges were dismissed and Poole pleaded guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct for "loud and raucous noise." A judge in November 2017 gave Poole credit for jail time served after her arrest, 79 days, resolving the probation violations as well.

In January 2018, a judge noted that Poole appeared unstable and gave rambling answers during a hearing on whether her ex-husband should get custody of their daughter. Poole was not employed, would not cooperate with child welfare investigators and refused a drug test, the judge noted in awarding the ex-husband custody.

The next month, Poole allegedly bit her new boyfriend in the arm, picked up a butcher's knife "and repeatedly said she would kill him," a criminal complaint shows. The man fled the home and called police. Poole was charged with domestic abuse assault and harassment.

In a court filing, her attorney in that case said he was concerned that her "preexisting psychiatric diagnosis and the status of her mental health treatment" made her unable to stand trial. A judge ordered an expert to evaluate her and concluded in November 2018 that Poole was competent to stand trial.

But like the stabbing case, that prosecution ended after the victim refused to cooperate and the county attorney's office dismissed the charges in January 2019, court records show.



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The Newseum, located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, will close Tuesday.

## Newseum's shrine to free press partly done in by free museums

By ASHRAF KHALIL  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In 2008, the Newseum, a private museum dedicated to exploring modern history as told through the eyes of journalists, opened on prime Washington real estate.

Sitting almost equidistant between the White House and the Capitol on Pennsylvania Avenue, the glass-walled building became instantly recognizable for its multistory exterior rendition of the First Amendment.

Eleven years later that experiment is coming to an end. After years of financial difficulties, the Newseum will close its doors Tuesday. “We’re proud of how we did our storytelling,” said Sonya Gavankar, the outgoing director of public relations. “We changed the model of how museums did their work.”

The building was sold for \$372.5 million to Johns Hopkins University, which intends to consolidate its scattered Washington-based graduate studies programs under one roof.

Gavankar attributed the failure to a “mosaic of factors,” but one of them was certainly unfortunate timing. The opening coin-

cided with the 2008 economic recession, which hit newspapers particularly hard and caused mass layoffs and closures across the industry.

She also acknowledged that the Newseum’s status as a for-pay private institution was a harder sell in a city full of free museums. A Newseum ticket costs \$25 for adults, and the building is right across the street from the National Gallery of Art and within blocks of multiple Smithsonian museums.

“Competing with free institutions in Washington was difficult,” Gavankar said.

Another problem, organizers said, is that the Newseum struggled to attract local residents, instead depending on a steady diet of tourists and local school groups. Actual Washington-area residents, who do frequent the Smithsonian and elsewhere, mostly came on school trips and rarely returned as adults.

Claire Myers fits that profile. The D.C. resident recalls coming to the Newseum in high school in a senior-year class trip. She only returned in late December for a final visit because she heard it was closing at the end of the year.

“I do think part of the reason was because it’s a paid museum,” she said. “Why go out of my way to do this when I could just go to any other free museum?”

The \$25 price tag, Myers said, creates a pressure to set aside the whole day and take in every exhibit, whereas at one of the free Smithsonian museums, she knows she can come back another time to catch whatever she missed.

But Myers said she was deeply impressed by the exhibits, particularly the Newseum’s signature gallery of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs.

“I do wish it wasn’t going away,” she said.

Gavankar said the Freedom Forum, which originally maintained the Newseum in northern Virginia for years, would continue its mission in different forms.

The educational foundation maintains a pair of exhibits on the Berlin Wall in both Reagan and Dulles airports. Next year, those displays will be replaced by exhibits on the women’s suffrage movement.

The current Rise Up! exhibit on LGBTQ rights will move to a new long-term home in the Museum of Pop Culture in Seattle.

## Pennsylvania dioceses paid \$84M to 564 victims of abuse

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
Associated Press

Pennsylvania’s Roman Catholic dioceses have paid nearly \$84 million to 564 victims of sexual abuse, a tally that’s sure to grow substantially in the new year as compensation fund administrators work through a backlog of claims, according to an Associated Press review.

Seven of the state’s eight dioceses launched victim compensation funds in the wake of a landmark grand jury report on sexual abuse by Catholic clergy. The funds were open to claims for a limited time this year. They are independently administered, though each diocese set its own rules on eligibility.

To date, the average payout across all seven dioceses has exceeded \$148,000 — a fraction of what some adult victims of childhood abuse might have expected from a jury had they been permitted to take their claims to court. Under state law, victims of past abuse only have until age 30 to sue.

“These are all time-barred claims, so it’s not going to be the kind of numbers one sees in a courtroom,” said Camille Biros, who helps administer compensation funds for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and dioceses in Pittsburgh, Allentown, Erie and Scranton.

Lawmakers recently agreed to begin the lengthy process of amending the state constitution to allow a two-year window for civil suits otherwise barred by the statute of limitations, but there’s no guarantee that effort will bear fruit.

Childhood abuse victim David Zernhelt was unwilling to gamble that state lawmakers will follow through and give people like him access to the courts. Compensation fund administrators for the Diocese of Allentown recently



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Catholic clergy in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania towns launched victim compensation funds for sex abuse cases.

offered \$400,000 to Zernhelt, and he accepted it.

“It doesn’t make me rich,” said Zernhelt, 45, of Easton. “It creates a positive starting point for me. I can try to make my life a little bit better and put this behind me.”

The AP does not typically name victims of sexual abuse, but Zernhelt agreed to be identified.

Together, Allentown and the four other dioceses that hired Biros and veteran claims administrator Kenneth Feinberg to run their funds have received more than 1,500 claims, of which about 500 have been reviewed. Of those, 41 claims were rejected for lack of evidence or because they didn’t meet eligibility criteria, as some dioceses bar claims against religious order clergy, Catholic school officials and other lay leaders. Another 391 victims accepted financial settlements.

“We try to be consistent with the claims in terms of the nature of the abuse, how long it went on, the age of the child, the effect of the abuse. We consider all that and use our judgment to determine the settlement offer,” Biros said. “We want to make sure everybody is treated as consistently as possible.”

She said a torrent of claims arrived in the week leading up to a Sept. 30 deadline. Biros expects it

will take at least through June to work through the backlog.

The dioceses agreed to pay victims after the grand jury concluded that more than 300 predator priests had molested more than 1,000 children since the 1940s — and that church leaders systematically covered it up.

Zernhelt applied to the compensation program and told the fund administrator a horrific story of abuse.

He said the Rev. Thomas Kerestus assaulted him two to four times a week for five years beginning when Zernhelt was 13. Zernhelt said that he and his family reported Kerestus — who died in 2014 and is named in the grand jury report — but that the diocese swept it under the rug. He said he was also sexually abused by Gerald Royer, a defrocked priest also named in the report.

“It caused a lot of emotional pain, a lot of depression, a lot of PTSD,” Zernhelt said. “I felt like I was a survivor on the Titanic who was crying out for help for that boat to rescue me, and in the end the boat never came.”

The settlement represents a chance at a fresh start, but Zernhelt said the funds also allow the dioceses to get off easy.

“I feel that it’s a shield for the church to get a discount on paying the victims.”

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Biden explains why he would refuse to testify in Senate trial

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden sought Saturday to explain why he would defy a congressional subpoena if called to testify in the Senate trial of President Donald Trump, tweeting that he has always followed the law but that there was no “legal basis” for him to be called as a witness in the impeachment proceedings.

Some congressional Republicans have argued that Biden and his son

Hunter must provide testimony about their engagements in Ukraine. Democrats have said this is irrelevant to the question of whether Trump abused his power when he asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to launch an investigation into the Bidens.

White House officials and Trump allies ignored House subpoenas to testify at Trump’s direction. The House voted on Dec. 18 to impeach Trump.

### Plane on way to LSU-Oklahoma football game crashes, killing 5

ATLANTA — A small plane headed to a college football playoff game between LSU and Oklahoma crashed into the parking lot of a post office in Louisiana after takeoff Saturday, killing the daughter-in-law of one of the team’s coaches and four other people on board.

The Piper Cheyenne crashed about 1 mile from Lafayette airport, Federal Aviation Administration

spokesman Tony Molinaro said.

Six people were on board, said Fire Chief Robert Benoit. A survivor was being treated at an area hospital along with two people who were in the post office.

Steven Ensminger Jr., son of LSU’s offensive coordinator, said his wife, Carley McCord, died in the crash. “I just don’t feel like this is real,” he said. “I’m praying it’s not real.”

### Separate crashes kill at least 28, hurt 32 in Egypt, authorities say

CAIRO — Health authorities say nearly two dozen people were killed and eight others injured Saturday when a minibus collided with a truck on a highway in Port Said in northern Egypt.

Officials said the minibus was bringing the laborers from a garment factory in Port Said. The city is about 125 miles north of the capital, Cairo.

At least 22 people were killed in the crash, which

took place on a highway linking the cities of Port Said and Damietta, the statement said.

The workers were from Damietta.

In a separate crash, at least six people were killed and 24 others injured when a bus collided Saturday with another bus on a highway close to the Red Sea resort of Ain Sokhna, 75 miles east of Cairo, according to health authorities.



HAIDAR HAMDANI/GETTY-AFP

Iraqis launch rice paper balloons Saturday in Najaf to show solidarity with anti-government protests. An Iraqi group said hundreds of protesters have been killed since October.

## At least 490 protesters killed since October, Iraqi group says

BAGHDAD — At least 490 protesters have been killed in Baghdad and southern cities in nearly three months of anti-government rallies, Iraq’s semi-official human rights commission said Saturday.

Iraq has been roiled by protests since Oct. 1 in which demonstrators have taken to the streets to decry corruption, poor services and a lack of jobs. Protesters have also called for an end to the political system imposed after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. The uprisings prompted the resignation of former Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi last month. The protesters demand an inde-

pendent candidate to hold the post.

The leaderless protests — the most serious challenge for the ruling class in over a decade — were met with a crackdown by security forces. They dispersed crowds with live fire, tear gas and sonic bombs, leading to fatalities.

Faisal Abdullah, a member of the semi-official Human Rights Commission, said the 490 killed include 33 activists “assassinated” in targeted killings. More than 22,000 have been injured.

Abdullah said 56 protesters remain missing after reports they were abducted. Another 12 have

been released, he said, quoting data recorded by his group, the Iraqi government and a committee looking into abduction linked to the country’s Interior Ministry.

The Human Rights Commission doesn’t assign blame for the violence.

The United Nations has said it received credible allegations of deliberate killings, abductions and arbitrary detentions carried out by unknown armed men described as ‘militia,’ ‘unknown third parties’ and ‘armed entities.’

Iraqi politicians have warned of infiltrators seeking to co-opt the largely peaceful movement.

## Thousands in Paris protest pension reform plan

PARIS — Thousands of protesters opposed to the French government’s plan to revamp the retirement system marched through Paris on Saturday, the 24th day of crippling strikes.

In an unusual gesture, unions organizing the march asked yellow vest protesters to join them.

The march coincided with the 59th consecutive Saturday of marches by the yellow vest movement that seeks social and economic justice.

Brief scuffles marred the union march as individuals, some wearing masks, burned construction materials along the route.

President Emmanuel Macron wants to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64 and rid the complex system of 42 special categories.

The strikes have disrupted transport, hobbling Paris Metros and trains across the country as well as businesses.

## Police: Man, 60, dies after \$1 mugging on Christmas Eve

NEW YORK — A 60-year-old man who was kicked and punched while defending his partner during a \$1 mugging on Christmas Eve has died, the New York Police Department said Saturday.

Juan Fresnada died Friday at the Bronx hospital where he was taken in critical condition after the mugging early Tuesday, police said. Officers have released surveillance photos and videos in hopes of pinpointing suspects.

His partner, Byron Caceres, told the Daily News of New York that Fresnada suffered the fatal blows while trying to spare him and urging him to run to safety, which he did.

Police said the two men were walking in the Morrisania neighborhood of the Bronx around 1:30 a.m. when several muggers approached them and demanded their property. When they refused, they were attacked.

**Space record:** U.S. astronaut Christina Koch, 40, of Livingston, Montana, set a record Saturday for the longest single space flight by a woman, breaking the old mark of 288 days with about two months left in her mission.

Koch, an electrical engineer, arrived at the International Space Station on March 14. She broke the record set by former space station commander Peggy Whitson in 2016-2017.

Koch is expected to spend 328 days on board the space station before returning to Earth.

The U.S. record for longest space flight is 340 days set by Scott Kelly in 2015-2016. The world record is 15 months set in the 1990s by a Russian cosmonaut aboard the former Mir space station.

## OBITUARIES

**ROBERT L. PARKINSON** 1951-2019

# Health care exec also served as dean of Loyola's business school

By Bob Goldsborough

Robert L. Parkinson was the chief operating officer at north suburban-based Abbott Laboratories before becoming chairman and CEO of Deerfield-based Baxter International for almost 12 years.

Parkinson also was dean of the business school at Loyola University Chicago, where he had earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, and served as chairman of the university's board of trustees for six years.

"Bob Parkinson was generous with his time, talent and treasure. I was always struck by the way he engaged with everyone — no matter who you were at the university — listening attentively and really trying to connect with the individual by showing compassion and care," said Wayne Magdziarz, Loyola's senior vice president and chief financial officer. "He lit up when he had the chance to engage with your students. I think he always saw in them a hope-filled future."

Parkinson, 68, died of complications from pancreatic cancer on Dec. 19 at his home, said his wife of 43 years, Betty. A Northbrook resident since 1980, Parkinson had been diagnosed in early November, his wife said.

Born in Davenport, Iowa, Parkinson grew up on a family farm in Taylor Ridge, Illinois, near Rock Island. He graduated from Alleman Catholic High School in Rock Island and then earned a bachelor's degree from Loyola in 1973 and then an MBA. He worked in the university's housing office as an assistant hall director, and through that job met his future wife, who was a resident assistant.

Parkinson started his career at Evanston-based American Hospital Supply as a staff accountant. In 1976, Parkinson joined Abbott Laboratories' finance department. He later oversaw European operations and, in 1993, was named senior vice president of chemical and agricultural products.

In 1995, Parkinson was tapped to be senior vice president of all international operations and he shortly afterward became executive vice president of



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Robert Parkinson was a former dean of the business school at Loyola University Chicago.

Abbott's international operations.

In 1998, Parkinson was one of three finalists to become Abbott's CEO. Instead, the company promoted Miles White to the job, and it simultaneously promoted Parkinson to be second in command, as Abbott's president and chief operating officer.

Parkinson left Abbott in 2001. In 2002, Loyola hired him as dean of its business school.

"He viewed that as one of the greatest gifts of his career, because it was so different from being in the (for-profit) sector, and it was nice to be able to give back to his school," his wife said.

While dean, Parkinson focused heavily on job placement for the business school's graduates. He also established certificate programs for sports management and health care management, and he strengthened the school's ties with the Chicago business community.

In 2004, Parkinson returned to the health care industry as successor to Baxter CEO Harry Kraemer, who stepped down after the company repeatedly fell short of its earnings projections while facing intense competition in the blood therapies business.

"Clearly we have to get back to spending on R&D," Parkinson told the Tribune in 2004. "But that's not to say there aren't ample opportunities to bring products to the market in the meantime."

Parkinson worked to rebuild Baxter's credibility with Wall Street. He also oversaw the \$4 billion ac-

quisition in 2013 of Sweden's Gambro, which at the time was the world's third-largest manufacturer of kidney dialysis equipment, as well as a separate deal at the same time to acquire an investigational drug to treat hemophilia.

The deals made Baxter's portfolio "as strong today as any time in our history," Parkinson told the Tribune in 2013.

The biggest move that Parkinson made during his tenure was spinning off Baxter's biotech business as a new company, Baxalta, which a year later merged with British bio-pharmaceutical company Shire. That left Baxter to focus on medical products.

However, the spinoff also left Baxter with a slower-growing revenue base and resulted in layoffs. Parkinson decided to retire from Baxter at the end of 2015, during a period in which restless, activist investors had increasingly agitated for changes, including seats on the company's board.

Parkinson joined Loyola's board of trustees in 2005. He became the board's chair in 2013 and served in that role until his death.

"As a board chairman, he was thoughtful, incredibly smart and a solid strategic thinker," Magdziarz said. "He had a keen ability to bring out the best in university leadership and always asked the right questions. He challenged us to always do better and never accepted the status quo as an acceptable state."

In 2018, Parkinson and his family gave \$20 million to establish Loyola's Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health, which is aimed at offering a bachelor's degree program in public health, along with another dozen or more programs.

In addition to his wife, Parkinson is survived by two sons, Matthew and Robert L. III; two daughters, Erin Parkinson Stober and Rebecca; one sister, Connie; and three brothers, Tony, Brian and Mark; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held. Loyola will hold a mass of remembrance in Parkinson's honor in early 2020.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON DECEMBER 29 ...

**In 1170** Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in England.

**In 1800** Charles Goodyear, inventor of the vulcanization process that made possible the commercial use of rubber, was born in New Haven, Conn.

**In 1808** the 17th U.S. president, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

**In 1845** Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

**In 1851** the first American Young Men's Christian Association was organized, in

Boston.

**In 1890** the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as about 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

**In 1936** actress Mary Tyler Moore was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**In 1940**, during World War II, Germany began dropping incendiary bombs on London.

**In 1967** Hyundai Motor Co. was founded in Seoul, South Korea.

**In 1975** a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New

York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

**In 1989** playwright Vaclav Havel was elected president of Czechoslovakia by the country's Federal Assembly, becoming the first non-Communist to attain the post in more than four decades.

**In 1992** a St. Charles couple, David and Sharon Schoo, were arrested at O'Hare airport after returning from a nine-day Acapulco vacation and charged with leaving their two young daughters at home alone. (The girls later were adopted by another couple.)

**In 1996** war-weary guerrilla and government leaders in Guatemala signed an accord ending 36 years of civil conflict.

**In 1998** Khmer Rouge leaders apologized for the 1970s genocide in Cambodia that claimed 1 million lives.

**In 2004** President George W. Bush assembled a four-nation coalition to organize humanitarian relief for Asia and said the U.S. would help bankroll long-term rebuilding in the region leveled by a massive earthquake and tsunamis. **Also in 2004** militants launched coordinated car bombings and battle security forces in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; at least 10 militants were killed in the attack.

**In 2014** the Chicago Bears fired general manager Phil Emery and head coach Marc Trestman after a 5-11 season.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Dec. 28  
Powerball jackpot: \$200M  
Lotto ..... **7 20 21 30 48 49 / 23**  
Lotto jackpot: \$15.75M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **623 / 5**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **8209 / 1**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... **10 14 17 21 45**

Pick 3 evening ..... **660 / 5**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **3137 / 1**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... **17 10 28 31**

**Dec. 27**  
Mega Millions ..... **17 34 40 63 64 / 24**  
Mega Millions jackpot: \$50M  
Pick 3 midday ..... **816 / 4**  
Pick 4 midday ..... **9140 / 4**  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... **05 23 37 40 43**

Pick 3 evening ..... **468 / 4**  
Pick 4 evening ..... **1792 / 6**  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... **04 11 12 16 18**  
Dec. 31 Mega Millions: \$55M

**INDIANA**  
Dec. 28  
Lotto ..... **01 20 35 36 37 40**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **182 / 3**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **3449 / 3**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **829 / 2**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **6960 / 2**  
Cash 5 ..... **11 15 29 39 43**

**MICHIGAN**  
Dec. 28  
Lotto ..... **10 28 30 38 42 46**  
Daily 3 midday ..... **187**  
Daily 4 midday ..... **3613**  
Daily 3 evening ..... **212**  
Daily 4 evening ..... **9174**  
Fantasy 5 ..... **16 19 28 30 39**  
Keno ..... **01 02 08 15 18 22 26 34 43 47 49 50 53 55 61 64 69 71 72 75 76 79**

**WISCONSIN**  
Dec. 28  
Megabucks ..... **5 6 16 41 47 49**  
Pick 3 ..... **130**  
Pick 4 ..... **8480**  
Badger 5 ..... **7 10 12 22 24**  
SuperCash ..... **1 3 8 9 22 26**

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## In Memoriam



**Janice Aubin**

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**Mignon Sylvia Veronica Dargush 'Misty' Boddeker**

A little over a year ago, Mignon Sylvia Veronica Dargush Boddeker passed into God's arms on December 18, 2018. Known to friends and family as "Misty," she was a Godly woman who loved her family, her friends and neighbors, her church and her Lord.

Born in Chicago on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1927, to immigrant parents, Stanley J. Dargush and Leontine Dargush, Misty attended Chicago schools including Sayre Elementary, Steinmetz High School and Wright Junior College. She met and married Dale B. Boddeker on October 15, 1949, at Judson Baptist Church. Throughout Misty's life, she served others with love, devotion and joy. Her community contributions included serving as a PTA president, a Co-Group Fellowship Leader for 30 years with her husband at Calvary Church in Naperville, and a 50 year member of the Franklin Park Woman's Club.

Misty loved animals and nature, most especially dogs, clouds, flowers and trees. She was a wonderful storyteller and had great comedic timing. Misty was a gifted artist and an elegant writer. Daily, she sang how worthy the Lord was of adoration and praise. Her creative expressions touched countless lives throughout her life.

A funeral mass was held at St. Bernadette's Church in New Haven, CT, on December 27, 2018, and a second funeral was held at Calvary Church in Naperville, IL, on December 29, 2018. Misty was laid to rest at Mt. Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst, IL.

She is survived by her daughter, April Boddeker Waugh and son-in-law, Dr. Martin Waugh of both Washington, DC and East Haven, CT.

Misty loved the little ones. Some of her last earthly words were about how precious the little ones were. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14  
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**Joan Ava Gilbert Guilianelli**

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## In Memoriam



**Kenny Soderblom**

Husband, father, Veteran, musician and friend; who had a love for life, his country and his beautiful wife Leah and wonderful daughter Siri. There was no one like Kenny Soderblom.

Kenny came from a modest background. His father was a tool and dye maker and his mother was a beautician. His dad planned on him taking over the family business. When Kenny returned from World War II he knew he was going to be a musician. He could literally play any woodwind instrument he picked up. Starting with the clarinet in grammar school, he eventually fell in love with the tenor saxophone. He had a sixth sense when he played and could mesmerize audiences. Kenny played through high school and then enlisted into the army from 1944-1946. He served with the 399th Inf. Reg't 100th Inf. Division in World War II. He was proud to be an American and loved his country. After serving in the Army, Kenny went on to playing thousands of radio and television commercials and contracting orchestra's for top musicians and stars in the business. In addition to contracting he was also an integral part of the orchestra. To name a few: Burt Bacharach, Harry Belafonte, Natalie Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Quincy Jones, Henry Mancini, Frank Sinatra, Sonny & Cher, and The Temptations. He toured with Gerry Mulligan and Louis Bellson and accompanied giants such as Rosemary Clooney, Sarah Vaughan, Nancy Wilson, Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis, Jr., Liza Minnelli and Lena Horne. He led his own group at the Chicago Jazz Festival, performed with the Chicago Symphony and played with the CBS-Chicago Staff Orchestra. He appeared at Carnegie Hall numerous times and was the music director for Magic Mountain in California. He directed Jazz on the Bayfront for many years and created six heartfelt albums with his wife Leah.

Kenny had a vigor for life. He stayed active and in good health and traveled the world with Leah. Their most recent trip to Africa was an incredible experience. Kenny could be seen on safari taking photos alongside his wife during the day and enjoying the best of the best dinners and wine in the evenings.

From his charming grin to his kind hearted soul, Kenny was truly an amazing individual who lit up any room he was in. He leaves behind his wife Leah McCoy Soderblom, his daughter Siri Soderblom and miles of treasured musical memories earmarked by his distinctive sound.

Kenny's resonant voice and incredible musical talent will be missed along with his love of living life to the fullest.

A private memorial service will be held January 10th, 2020 at the Sarasota National Cemetery following with a celebration of life to be held at their home on Longboat Key.

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## Death Notices

### Basak, Raymond P.

Raymond P. Basak, 90, of Clearwater Beach, FL; loving brother of Dorothy (Gerald) Pospisil; dear uncle to Eileen (David) Gallagher, Judy Reminiec, Linda Baroska, Gerald Pospisil, Jr., John Pospisil, Edward Jr., Paul (Becky), Bruce, Daniel, Joseph (Sue) Basak, and Michael Basak; and fond great-uncle to many great nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday, December 30, 2019 from 9 am until the 11 am Prayer Service at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (four blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Interment will be 2:30 pm at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Discovery Charter School, 800 Canonic Drive, Porter, IN 46304 or Morton Plant Mease Foundation, 1200 Druid Road South, Belleair, FL 33756. Funeral Information and condolences can be given at [www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com](http://www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com) or (847) 253-0168.



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### Bez, Karen

Karen Helene Bez, 72, passed away suddenly on Dec. 22, 2019, in Chicago. Karen was born and raised in the Detroit area. She attended Lutheran West High School, graduated from Concordia University Chicago with a BA in education, and completed her Master's degree in social work at UIC. Karen was an elementary school teacher for several years before having, Jon, her only son. She returned to work administratively (as a secret union organizer) and eventually became a computer programmer. She found her true calling in social work. She went on to become a caseworker, supervisor, trainer, and curriculum writer for social workers across Illinois.

Throughout her life, Karen was involved in political and social issues. She actively worked for candidates by traveling to other parts of Illinois and neighboring states to help their campaigns. Karen was an environmentalist and supporter of immigrants. After she retired, she became an English literacy tutor for immigrants. Both professionally and personally, Karen was hugely invested in helping to eliminate racism from our culture. For over 40 years, Karen was a leader in teaching people Re-evaluation Counseling, a group that focuses on social reforms, including the elimination of racism.

Karen enjoyed playing games with her grandchildren (and letting them win), being in the company of her many friends and colleagues, playwriting, reading, traveling, gardening, fixing up houses, exuding positivity, and dreaming up possibilities. Karen is preceded in death by parents Carl and Margaret Bez and sister Loraine Faber. She is survived by son Jonathon Bez, his wife Maggie, and their children Greta and Theo; brother Richard Bez and his wife Jill; and sister Marlene Bez. Karen loved her very good friends Sunny Gold, Mary Kay McPolin, and the Muñoz Family. There was always a special place in her heart for the Florell Family. A memorial will be planned to celebrate Karen's life in the coming months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Aquinas Literacy Center in Chicago or the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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### Brandt, Richard J 'Dick'

Husband of the late Carmen Brandt, father of Ron (Jeanne), grandfather of Kyle and Glenn (Heather), and brother of Barbara Corica, the late Robert and Raymond, passed peacefully 11/13/2019. World War II veteran lived his last years in the Vines at Countryside in Elgin where he met numerous friends and enjoyed the many outings offered. He was also a Park Commissioner in Park Ridge for 8 years, first elected while in his 80's. Internment was private.

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### Brill, Aaron

Aaron Paul Brill, 91. Beloved husband of Beatrice nee Christenholz. Loving father of Francine (Dov "Dubi") Fishel, Melissa (Michael Finger) Stevens and Debra (Bruce) Kaufman. Cherished grandfather of Daphna (Mitchell), Gilead (Jen), Carin (Jordan), Joshua (Amber), Adam (Michelle), Zoe, Ari and Lee. Proud Great-grandfather of Naomi and Eli, and Asher. Dear brother of Elaine (the late Jack) Rosenthal. Service Tuesday, 2:00 pm at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Private burial was held at Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge. In lieu of flowers, donations to Israel Cancer Research Fund, (ICRF) 1 Northfield Plaza, Suite 235, Northfield, IL 60093 [www.icrfonline.org](http://www.icrfonline.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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### Bugler, Edward J.

Edward J. Bugler, age 93, WWII Navy Veteran, loving husband of Ester nee Eugenio, Beloved father of Eugene "Gene" (Blanca) Bugler, Susan (Anthony) Maddela and Michael Bugler (Rose Toles). Devoted grandfather of Andreas, Ethan and Genevieve Bugler and Charlotte and Gregory Maddela. Brother of Ferdinand Bugler and the late John (Colleen), Gerald (late Norma) and Robert Bugler. Visitation Monday, Dec. 30 at St. Gertrude Church, 1420 Granville Ave. at Glenwood, from 9:30am until time of Mass at 11:00am, Interment Calvary Cemetery. Funeral info: John E. Maloney Funeral Home 773-764-1617



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### Burnes, Roslyn

Roslyn Burnes, 93, loving wife of the late Sam Burnes. Beloved mother of Edward (Barbara), Don (Renee), and Carol (Michael) Stein. Dearest grandmother of David (Rachel) Stein, Jason (Amanda) Stein, and Joshua Stein, Jennifer Katz (Sam), Paige Burnes, and Kevin Burnes. Cherished great grandmother of Julia and Daniel Stein. Former director of woman's health club at Mayer Kaplan JCC. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made to Friedman Place, 5527 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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### Carbray, Carol K.

Carol K. Carbray, age 75, of LaGrange; beloved wife of George Carbray, Sr. for 55 wonderful years; loving mother of Julie Carbray (Thad Przybylowski), Karyn (Tom) Wolcott, George, Jr. (Linda) Carbray, & the late Christa (Mark) Johnson; proud grandmother of Jenna (Matt), Emily, Thaddeus, Carolina, Nate, Joe, Mae, Jack, Charlie, Wyatt, Jacob, & Cameron; loving aunt of Patricia (Bruce) Hill; lover of all animals, especially her beloved horse, Pagan. Visitation 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, January 2 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family & friends will gather at St. Cletus Church, 600 W. 55th St., LaGrange on Friday, January 3 for 10 a.m. Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Carol's name to the St. Cletus Food Pantry are appreciated. See full obituary at [hfunerals.com](http://hfunerals.com). Funeral information: (708) 352-6500

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### Chittenden, Carol L.

Carol L. Chittenden, 89, of Oakbrook, Illinois (formerly Elmhurst, Illinois), a truly beautiful person, passed away with her family by her side on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Born in Chicago on December 16, 1930 to Dr. Carl and Lillian Banks, she spent her childhood on the South Side and graduated from South Shore High School in 1948. Carol then attended the University of Illinois where she majored in Physical Education - Kinesiology and met the love of her life and best friend, Bill. Carol and Bill married in Chicago in 1952; a loving marriage that spanned the next 66 years. In 1953, Carol and Bill moved to Elmhurst where they raised their family. Carol was extraordinarily active in her community serving as a volunteer at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, a founding member of the Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, PEO, Panhellenic and many other community organizations. She generously supported the University of Illinois through fellowships in Applied Health Sciences as well as many other charitable organizations.

In 1977, Carol and Bill built a home in Kelly, Wyoming overlooking the mountains they loved so much. Carol soon became an active member of the Jackson, Wyoming community and made many friends throughout the valley. Carol will be remembered fondly by her family and her many, many friends as caring and compassionate with a sharp wit, a cheery disposition and the ability to make anyone feel welcome the moment she met them. She was a true partner in support of her husband's career and dedicated her life to Bill, her children and grandchildren and the communities where she lived. She is survived by her daughter Susan C. (James) Johnson, son William A. (Jill) Chittenden III, and grandchildren, William A. (Ayumi) Chittenden IV and Kelley Lynn Chittenden. A Memorial Service will be held 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2020 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 125 W. Church St., Elmhurst with a celebration of life reception to follow. Private interment at St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, [www.macular.org](http://www.macular.org) or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) are appreciated. Arrangements by **Ahlgim Funeral Home**. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgim.com](http://www.ahlgim.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 Hospice for their care of dad. 773-767-4730 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com).

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### Cohen, Velma Bronson

Velma Bronson Cohen, nee Biederman. Beloved wife of the late Milton "Buddy" Bronson and the late Hilliard Cohen; cherished mother of Maxine (Richard) Jason and Steve (Mia Young) Bronson; loving grandmother of Amy Feldman, Beth (Steven) Titiner, Debra (Anthony) Elman and Mindy (Todd) Weiss and great-grandchildren Dylan, Brady,

Ella, Drake, Michael, Rachel, Max, Aaron, David and Elise; dear sister of Helen (the late Irving) Snider and the late Elaine (Richard) Kohn; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Graveside services Monday 12 Noon at Memorial Park Cemetery-Makom Shalom South section, 9901 Skokie Blvd, Skokie (after entering cemetery go to southwest corner of the cemetery). Contributions in Velma's name to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org) would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals** 630-MITZVAH 630-648-9824, or [www.mitzvahfunerals.com](http://www.mitzvahfunerals.com)



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### Daniel, Karen L.

Karen L. Daniel, age 62 of Oak Park, was a nationally-known wrongful convictions attorney and clinical professor of law, who was responsible for the exoneration and release of numerous wrongfully-convicted persons. In her many years at the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law, she taught and mentored hundreds of students and earned the love and admiration of her clients, students, and fellow members of the legal community. Until recently she was the Director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions, and was recently named a Professor Emerita of Law at Northwestern University School of Law; beloved wife of Alan Goldberg; loving mother of Scott Goldberg Daniel; cherished stepmother of Julia (Daniel) Alamillo, Laura and Diana Goldberg; adored grandmother of Sophia; devoted daughter of Mary K. Daniel and the late Richard H. Daniel; dear sister of Kelly (David) Selva; treasured aunt and friend to many. Memorial Service Monday, 11:00 a.m. at Oak Park Temple B'nai Abraham Zion, 1235 N. Harlem Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302. In lieu of flowers, contributions to a member organization in the Innocence Network, [www.innocencenetwork.org/members](http://www.innocencenetwork.org/members). Information: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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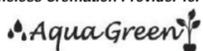


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## De Rosa, Antonio Michael

Antonio Michael De Rosa, age 38, suddenly, loving husband of Dawn (nee Dyehouse) and family. Cherished son of Fran (Geoff Stasch) De Rosa. Loyal brother of Derek (Alison) Pleva and Nicholas Pleva. Beloved grandson of Rose De Rosa. Beloved nephew of Rosann Rodrigo. Loving cousin of Lea (Kevin) Powers and Frank Rodrigo. Also many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation Monday 3pm until time of chapel service 8pm at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com)

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## Detro, Clair D.

Clair D. Detro, of Elmhurst. World traveler, age 88, beloved father of Dale and Diane (Szczeplaniak). Loving grandfather of Alissa and Daniel. Preceded in death by his wife and fellow world traveler, Joanne P. Detro nee Plumery. Clair was an Air Force veteran serving from 1949 until 1953. His hobbies included traveling, golf, pinocle, and fishing. At Clair's request, no services are forthcoming. Arrangements by **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard.

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## Dryer, Thomas C.

Thomas C. Dryer, age 68 of Homer Glen. Beloved husband of Angelina. Loving father of Matthew (Jamie) and Patrick (Melissa). Devoted grandfather of Lilly, Jackson, Jolie and Dylan. Cherished son of Mary and the late Alfred. Dear brother of Tim (Darlene) and Cathy (Ed) Hinz. Also nieces and nephews. Services were held. Member of Quigley South, Class of 1969. For info **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES** 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com).

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## Engdahl, Curlie Ann

Curlie Ann (nee Flowers) Engdahl, 94, of Elmhurst, formerly of Villa Park, passed away peacefully December 25, 2019. She was born in Paris, TN, on December 8, 1925, and married Robert Elmer Engdahl in 1945.

Curlie, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, was active in her church and the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Guild. She and Robert enjoyed traveling and sailing, culminating in a 'round-the-world voyage on their 38' sailboat.

Preceded in death by her husband and her parents, Mary D. (Fryer) and Walter Crawford Flowers, she is survived by her three children Cynthia Engdahl (Tony Sekera), Donald (Ruth) Engdahl and Susan (Donald) Hornbostel; her grandchildren, Matthew Hornbostel and Eric Engdahl; sister-in-law Adrienne (Richard) Berna and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebratory service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Steuerle Funeral Home [www.steuerlefh.com](http://www.steuerlefh.com) Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst, 232 S. York Road, Elmhurst, IL, 60126.

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## Federighi, Alfred

Alfred M. Federighi, 66 years of age, at rest December 26, 2019. Dear husband of Denise, nee Zogata. Survived by loving family members. Memorial visitation is Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at **Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Service at 11:00 am. Deacon Frank Kozar, officiating. Cremation was private. Info at 630-325-2300 or [www.adolfsservices.com](http://www.adolfsservices.com)



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## Feeley, Kathleen Anne

Kathleen Anne Feeley nee Durkin, age 84, of Glenview, IL. Beloved wife of the late John P. Feeley. Loving mother of Patrick (Patricia) Feeley, Sheila (John) Dodds, Anne (Mark) Dooley, Colleen (Tom) Paholak, Meaghan (Paul) Hourihane, Michael (Kristen), and the late Mary (John) Nugent. Proud grandmother of Kevin and Erin Feeley; Joseph and Timothy Nugent; Quinn, Chance, and Reese Dooley; Jack, Charlotte, and Paige Paholak; Brady Hourihane; Nora, Mia, and Brendan Feeley. Visitation Friday, January 3, 2020, 9:15 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Church, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment private Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (memo line: Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund), mail to: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Parish Ministry Center, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.

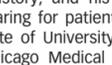


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## Feldman M.D., Sidney

Sidney Feldman, M.D. was in private practice in internal medicine and on staff at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center for 50 years. With no intention of retiring, he continued to make rounds at IMMC, care for patients, tell jokes, and teach until the age of 80, when he suffered multiple organ failure. With his extraordinary will to live, supported by outstanding medical care of IMMC staff, he battled -- rebounding again and again for over four years. Dr. Feldman was devoted to his family, friends, and patients; and admired and respected by them as well as his colleagues and trainees. We will miss his sparkle, wit, and intellect; his incredible knowledge of history; and his commitment to social service, caring for patients from all walks of life. A graduate of University of Chicago and University of Chicago Medical School, Sid was the devoted son of the late Henry and Dorothy Feldman, cherished son-in-law of the late Maurice and Tillie Schneiderman, beloved husband for 56 years of Rhoda, dear brother of Gilbert (late Ruth) Feldman, loving father of Howard Feldman, Judith (David Belofsky) Feldman, and the late Dr. Gregory Feldman; adored papa of Ariel, Samantha, Shelby and Geoffrey; dear brother-in-law of Irwin (Gail) Schneiderman; treasured uncle of Dr. Laura (Dr. Benjamin Friedman) Schneiderman, Steven (Dr. Nicole) Schneiderman, Laurie (Steve Gilles) Feldman, Heidi (Kevin Delgado) Feldman, and Steve Feldman. Service Monday, December 30, 10:30 a.m. at Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago. Interment Memorial Park, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Medical Missions for Children ([www.mmfc.org](http://www.mmfc.org)); 100 Cummings Center, Suite 128-G, Beverly, MA 01915; please specify "Greg Feldman Memorial Mission to Rwanda"; to Stanford University Greg Feldman BIL Fund ([makeagift.stanford.edu](http://makeagift.stanford.edu) or 866-543-0243); please specify "Stanford General Surgery Residency Greg Feldman Balance in Life Fund"; or to Anshe Emet Synagogue. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

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## Fernandez, Diane R.

Diane R. Fernandez, nee Klec, 66 years. Beloved wife of Robert. Devoted mother of Jeffrey and Jennifer. Dear sister of Gregory (Lynn) Klec. Visitation Monday 3-8 P.M. Funeral service Tuesday 11 A.M. at the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Retired Librarian at Oak Forest Library and active member of New Life Community Church in Oak Forest. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. (708) 824-9000 or [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)



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## Filipiak, Dennis

Dennis Filipiak, age 76. Passed away peacefully on December 26, 2019. Devoted son of the late Joseph and Helen, nee Kuncewicz; loving brother of Cynthia Filipiak. Longtime employee of the American Dental Association. Visitation Tuesday 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 10:00 a.m. at **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Symphorosa Church, Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For info: (773) 767-4730 or [www.rjmodellfh.com](http://www.rjmodellfh.com)

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## Fitzpatrick, Edward A.

Edward A. Fitzpatrick, age 80, of LaGrange Park, IL; formerly of Western Springs, IL. Beloved husband of Diane (nee McBride) for 56 years; loving father of Elizabeth (Adam) Waldo of Hinsdale, IL; Edward (Nora) Fitzpatrick of Whitefish Bay, WI; and the late Alison Fitzpatrick of Western Springs, IL; dear grandfather of Margaret & Ann & John Waldo; fond brother of Patricia Sarazen of East Greenwich, RI. Edward attended La Salle Academy in Providence, RI before graduating from the University of Rhode Island in 1963, then serving in the United States Army. A Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30am on Saturday, Jan. 11 at St. Cletus Church, 600 W. 55th St., LaGrange, IL. Interment private. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside, IL. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or [hjfnerals.com](http://hjfnerals.com)

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## Freund, Janet W.

Janet W. Freund, née Wolf, beloved wife of the late Gustav, loving mother of James and the late Erwin and the late Arthur Freund, and devoted long time friend of Martha Jo Mathews (Kansas, Fry family) died December 8, 2019 at age 105 after suffering a debilitating stroke in March of 2006. She is survived by her son, James, and his wife Donna, her grandchildren Joshua (wife Rose, great grandchildren Penelope Peach and Memphis James), Jessica (of Green Bay), Jillian Freund (of Madison, WI), and Andrea Freund (Santa Cruz, CA) and great-grandson Forest Arthur James Boffemmyer and her late daughter-in-law Emily Freund. Contributions can be made to Makom Solel Lakeside or to the charity of your choice. Private interment at Rosehill Cemetery. Memorial service will be held Sunday, January 5 at 10:30AM at Makom Solel Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Light refreshments will be provided. Info at **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH/630-648-9824 or [www.MitzvahFunerals.com](http://www.MitzvahFunerals.com).



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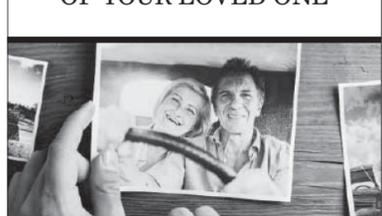
## Frey, Betty Ann

Betty Ann (Haas) Frey, of Palos Park, IL, passed away December 19, 2019. Born July 3, 1938, the dear daughter of the late Fred and Betty Haas. Former wife of the late Herman W. Frey. Loving mother of Lorraine (late Dr. Gerald) Bieneman, the late Sharon Marie, and Michelle (Michael) Grunauer. Beloved sister of Arlene Heilingoetter, Charles Haas, the late Edward Haas, Lorraine Gausselin, and the late Richard Haas. Dear aunt to many nieces and nephews and fond cousin to many. Loving Grandma Betty to Madison Hussey. Member of Society of Former FBI Women. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**.

A private celebration of life gathering will be announced to family and friends at a later date.

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## Gargiulo, DDS, Anthony William

Anthony W. Gargiulo, DDS, MS, of Three Oaks, Michigan, formerly of Chicago, died December 20th, 2019, in Naples, Florida after a brief hospitalization. Born in Chicago on May 21, 1930, he was the third son of the late Albert and Carmella Gargiulo, and brother to the late Alphonse Gargiulo and Albert Gargiulo.

After graduating from Crane High School on Chicago's West Side in 1946, Anthony enrolled at the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. He later transferred to and graduated from Roosevelt University in 1951 with a BS degree in biology. With a keen aptitude for the health sciences he enrolled at the School of Dentistry at Loyola University Chicago, where he began a decades long association. He was taught and mentored there by the late Harold Sicher, MD Dsc., who inspired him to specialize in the area of periodontics. He earned his DDS in 1956, and later received an MS and Certificate in Periodontics in 1959, all from Loyola.

Anthony lead-authored and co-authored a number of influential journal articles and texts through the years focused on issues in periodontics. His collaborators often included respected colleagues such as the late Balint J. Orban, DDS and Patrick Toto, DDS. After graduation from Loyola in 1959, Anthony joined the practice of the late John Kollar, DDS. Later, in partnership with Peter Roberson, DDS, the trio formed a preeminent practice specializing in periodontics on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

In addition to his dental practice, Anthony joined the faculty at Loyola as Instructor in 1959 and eventually became a full Professor of Dentistry, later appointed chairman of its Periodontics Department. While at Loyola Anthony became a trusted mentor and advisor to many students and faculty. He continued to teach there until the dental school closed in 1996. He served many professional appointments through the years including as President of the American Board of Periodontology from 1987-1988 and later as President of the Chicago Institute of Medicine, from 1989-1990. During his professional years Anthony lectured extensively, including internationally in Europe, Latin America and Asia. In 1975, he was awarded the Orban Memorial Award for his contributions to the specialty of periodontology.

In 1961, Anthony married fellow dentist, the late Gloria A. Alessio, DDS, who had an established dental practice in Berwyn, IL. Together the couple raised six children in Oak Park and River Forest, IL, including three who followed in their footsteps; two as periodontists and one as an equine dentist. The couple divorced in 1994. In 2009, Anthony married Jane Duboise of Chicago.

Apart from his dental practice, Anthony was an avid gardener who evolved as an enthusiastic weekend "farmer" after purchasing Berrywood Farm in Three Oaks in 1978. Each year with the help of his family, he raised a wide variety of herbs, flowers and vegetables and took on projects ranging from well-spring development, orchard revitalization, and horse-raising. "The Farm" embodied his vision for enjoying the outdoors with family and friends. Farming was his passion and hobby. He loved his garden, he always over-planted to share his bounty with friends and neighbors. Recently, The Farm became his full time residence. Anthony and Jane traveled extensively, however, he was always happy to return to his favorite place in the world, The Farm.

Anthony and Jane were 60-year ticket holders of the Lyric Opera of Chicago and involved in many of its fundraising efforts. They also loved evenings at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and visits to plays at the Goodman Theatre.

In addition to his wife Jane Duboise-Gargiulo, Anthony is survived by: his six children, Anthony Jr (Kathryn), Mark, Gloria (Adriano Pedrelli), Mia, Pia (Daniel O'Bryan), and Gian (Stephanie); five step children, Lanae (Ascal Bova), Arnold Silvestri (Ann Pascal), Laura (Thomas Johnson), Lynn and Leslie (Richard Snyder); over twenty grand-children and step-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Yolanda Gargiulo. Services are being planned at St. Ann Church, 414 8th Ave S, Naples, FL 34102 in the coming days, in Chicago later in January and in Three Oaks, MI in the spring.

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## Geminn, Sr., James P. 'Jim'

James P. "Jim" Geminn, Sr., age 72, Vietnam War U.S. Army veteran, a resident of Aurora, IL since 2000, formerly of Chicago, IL, passed away on Friday, December 27, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL. He was born April 11, 1947 in Chicago.

Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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## Hansen, Shirley Rose

Shirley Rose Hansen, nee Locashio, of Chicago, IL., passed away peacefully at home on December 25, 2019, with her family gathered around her. She was born on January 24, 1932, and is survived by her loving husband Ronald, to whom she was married for 67 years. She was the loving mother of Rick (Mitchelle), Re'Lynn (Doreen), and John (Julie) Hansen; devoted grandmother to Brian, Stephen (Carmy) and Hailee; sister-in-law to Marlene Paladino; first cousin to Cathy McAndrews; and aunt, cousin and friend to many. She is preceded in death by her beloved brother Joseph.

She began a successful business in Lincoln Park (Hansen Realty) along with her husband Ron. She had great adventures with Ron on trips to Mexico, Rio De Janeiro, and New Orleans. She was a music aficionado. She found great joy in having seen Pavarotti, Sinatra, and Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga in concert. She practiced Water Tai Chi and loved to sit under her umbrella at the family pool in Lakeside, Michigan to drink iced tea and take the world in. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Cure Alzheimer's Fund (ph: 781-237-3800) <https://curealz.org/giving/donate/> Family and Friends will gather for conversation at 10:30 with memorial services at 11:00 a.m., January 2, at St. Viator Parish: 4170 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60641.

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## Hartman, Kathleen P.

Kathleen P. Hartman, nee Winn, 67, of Poynette, WI, formerly of Edison Park, WI, formerly of Chicago, passed away on December 22, 2019. Beloved wife of James H. Hartman. Loving daughter of the late Mary Jane and Olin Winn. Graduate of Marywood Academy in 1970. Employee of World Com and Centel of Illinois, Park Ridge. A Memorial

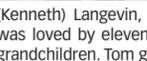
visitation will be held, Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 2:00 PM until time of Prayer Service at 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials to National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 1848, Longmont, CO 80602 appreciated. For further information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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## Heuss, Thomas Allan

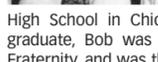
Thomas A. Heuss, 83, of Oak Lawn, IL passed away on December 21, 2019. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Merrill and Louise Heuss, his brother, Jon Heuss, and his wife of 58 years, Suzann Segessman Heuss. He is survived by his four daughters, Amanda (James) Sullivan, Rebecca (Timothy) Brzeczek, Elizabeth (Kenneth) Langevin, and Amy (Karl) Wilharm. Tom was loved by eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Tom grew up in Chicago, IL and graduated from Morgan Park High School. He graduated from the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (Michigan Tech) with a Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering in 1962. He worked his entire career for Republic Steel Corporation and retired in 1996. He was an active member of Salem United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn, served on various committees with the IL Conference of the UCC, and was a Member of the Michigan Tech alumni association. A Memorial Service to celebrate Tom and Sue's life together will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Salem United Church of Christ 9717 S. Kostner Ave. in Oak Lawn, IL. Greeting and Gathering will be at 10am and the Service at 11am. In lieu of flowers the family wishes any donations be directed to P.A.W.S. of Tinley Park ([pawstinleypark.org](http://pawstinleypark.org)).



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## Hickey, Robert Vernon

Robert Vernon Hickey, 81, passed away December 18, 2019. Beloved son of the late James and Violet (nee Buhle) Hickey. Loving father of Susan (John) Mickey and Bradley Hickey. Wonderful brother of Marilyn (Edward) Campbell and the late James Hickey. Beloved uncle and great-uncle of many. Robert was a graduate of Lindblom High School in Chicago. A University of Illinois graduate, Bob was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, and was the starting quarterback for the U of I football team from 57-59. He was honored to be named an "I" Man. Bob had many friends, always had a story and his laugh was heartfelt and contagious. He will be missed as "He was one of a kind." Memorials may be made to BethanyKids USA, P.O. Box 1297, Arlington VA. 24212, or [bethanykids.org](http://bethanykids.org). Services have been held. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com).



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## Howe, Anne Broeksmit 'Nancy'

Anne (Nancy) Broeksmit Howe came to the end of a long and joyous life with family at her side at the age of 95 on November 27, 2019 at Carol Woods Retirement Community, Chapel Hill, NC. Born April 25th, 1924 in Chicago to Mary Stillman Broeksmit and John Shaw Broeksmit, she attended the Francis W. Parker School and

Ferry Hall, graduating from Vassar College class of '45/44 with a degree in Mathematics. After college, Nancy taught in a one-room schoolhouse in West Virginia and learned to fly an airplane. After eleven years in Lake Forest and Winnetka, with connections to Lake Forest Academy and North Shore Country Day School, Nancy and her husband David Leavitt Howe moved in 1955 to Charlotte Country Day School, NC, raising nine children in a log home that is remembered by countless travelers, artists, friends and family for Nancy and Dave's free-thinking, welcoming, generous, and supportive spirit. Nancy was predeceased by her sons David and Fisher, her husband David, her daughter-in-law Dorothy Williams, and siblings Laura Thurston and John Shaw Broeksmit, Jr. She is survived by her sister Mary Weeks (Sinclair), her sister-in-law Jane Broeksmit, children John (Karen) of Skillman, NJ, Ben (Tricia) of St Petersburg, FL, Tom (Mary Head) of Putney, VT, Steve (Meg Ryan) of Northampton, MA, Sarah (Randy Best) of Durham, NC, Maria (David Lyons) of Annapolis, PA, Clarissa (Steinar Simonsen) of Wilmington, NC, and Jenn Browning of Pittsboro, NC, 21 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Friends are welcome to celebrate Nancy's life at Pleasant Green Community Center, Durham, NC on Saturday, March 7. Memorial contributions may be made by practicing thoughtful reduction of waste, minimizing energy consumption, and supporting worthy causes near you.

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## Jacobs, Phyllis Leaf

Phyllis Jacobs died on Thanksgiving Day in Palo Alto, California at the age of 92. She was a wife, mother and grandmother, a community leader, a world traveler, a gardener and a mensch.

She was born Phyllis Leaf on May 10, 1927 in Chicago, the daughter of Sol and Bertha Leaf, and the sister of Marshall Leaf.

A 1948 University of Michigan graduate, she married Alan J. Jacobs in 1949. Other men had proposed, but he was the one who made her laugh.

As he built a career in advertising at Bozell & Jacobs, she raised their four children in Highland Park. She was active in the League of Women Voters, Lakeside Congregation for Reform Judaism, the PTA and other groups.

Alan and Phyllis moved to Newport Beach, California in 1972, where they became leaders of the Pacific Community of Cultural Jews. They also were active in the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. She enjoyed gardening -- especially roses -- and traveled around the world with her husband.

After her husband's death in 2006, she carried on in Newport Beach until moving to Palo Alto in 2013 to be near her daughters.

Her older son, Peter Jacobs, died in 1998. She is survived by her children, Peggy (Rich Richardson), Joanne (John Wakerly) and David (Lisa), and her grandchildren, Allison Hunter, Alan and Lee Richardson and Virginia, Capella and Christopher Jacobs.

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## Kabel, Adam

Adam Kabel, 46, devoted son of Carole and the late Andrew Kabel; beloved brother of Scott (Christina) Kabel; loving uncle of Zoey and Hudson Kabel; cherished nephew, cousin, and friend to many.

Adam touched many lives and will be in our hearts forever. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Adam's memory may be made to The American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 30th at 11:30 am at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, IL. For information: 847-256-5700.



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## Kakavetsis, Konstantina

Konstantina Kakavetsis, 95, (nee Beltsos); Born in Monopoli, Kastoria, Greece; Beloved wife of Sotiri "Sam" Kakavetsis; Devoted mother of Chris (the late Theodora) and Bess James; Cherished grandmother of Jason, Steven (Lana), Amanda (Alex),

Winter, and Christopher (Melissa); and Great grandmother of Christian, Theodore, Noelle, and Juliette; Loving sister of the late Lazaros, Ekaterini, Vasiliki, Thanasis, and Achilles; Dearest sister-in-law of Konstantina, the late Petros, Harilaos, Aristides, and Vasilis; Dear aunt, cousin and friend of many here and in Greece. Visitation, Monday morning, December 30, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral service 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church 2350 E. Dempster St. Des Plaines, IL., interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory to Parkinson's Assoc. appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD., Info: 847-581-0536 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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## Korbus, Fred William

Korbus, Fred William, age 97, of Germantown, WI, formerly of Chicago, IL. Preceded in death by his wife Marilyn Ruth. Survived by his children Janet (Richard) Gnat, Robert and Wayne (D'Lane). Cherished grandpa of Sandy (Chad), Terry (Adam), Dustin, Megan, Lauren, and 4 great-grandchildren. World War II Navy fighter pilot recalled during Korean War, LCDR U.S. Naval Reserves, civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Member Naval Air Station Glenview flying club. Loved the outdoors; avid pilot, skier, swimmer, hiker, traveler. A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, January 4 at Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago from 9:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) appreciated.

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## Larmon, Sr., Michael J.

Michael J. Larmon, Sr., Age 72, Beloved husband of Linda nee Finnegan. Loving dad of Michael (Tricia Composno) and Lin Marie (Charles) Carey. Dear grandpa of Daniel, Heidi, and Jake Larmon, Tim (Chantel) Keast, and Riley, Bethany, and Brennan Carey. Dear great-grandpa of Lucas, Gwendolyn, Catherine, Noah, Aurora, and Amelia Keast. Loving brother of Joe (Laurie) Larmon and Mary (Donald) Stelter. Fond brother-in-law of James (Joan) Finnegan, Teresa (Robert) Lopez and the late Thomas (Patricia) Finnegan. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation, Monday, December 30, 2019, 3:00PM to 8:00PM at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook, IL. Funeral, Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 9:00AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to St. James at Sag Bridge Church, 10600 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL for 10:00AM Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Susan G. Komen Foundation are appreciated. For more information, 630-325-2300 or [www.adolf-services.com](http://www.adolf-services.com)

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## LeKander, Linda C.

Linda C. LeKander, 71, passed away December 25, 2019. Loving wife of Terry. Beloved daughter of the late Anthony and the late Christina. Cherished sister of Tina Bishop. Dearest aunt of Raymond and Bridget. Visitation Monday 12 - 8 P.M. at **Muzyka Funeral Home**, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622. Family and friends will gather at Muzyka Chapel on Tuesday 10:00 A.M. and then will proceed to Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL for the interment.

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## Lezak, Robert W.

Robert W. Lezak, age 78, of Downers Grove, formerly LaGrange. Loving father of Deborah de la Rosa, Sharon (Dana) Richardson, Carol (Holken) Decimus and Alison (David) Wetzell. Devoted grandfather of Ashley, Samantha, Kevin, Corey, Steven, Jessica, Alex, Brooke and Blake. Great-grandfather of Aniyah, Aaron, Jacob, Destiny and Anthony. Dear brother of John (Christina) Lezak. Beloved companion of Donna LeGros. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Friday Jan. 3 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Prayers 9 a.m. Saturday Jan. 4 at funeral home followed by Mass at St. Cletus Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. Funeral info 708-352-6500.

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## Man, Ronald Julius 'Rj'

Ronald J. Man, 83,R of Skokie, born and raised in Chicago, passed away December 26, 2019. Ron is preceded in death by his parents Pearl (nee Brown) and Clarence Man. Beloved and devoted husband of Sylvia (nee Fuchs) and loving father to

Charles and Judith. After graduating Senn High school, college, and serving in the Army Reserves, he worked various management jobs before joining the U.S. Postal Service from which he retired after 35 years. Ron was a member of bowling leagues, an avid Cubs fan, and stamp collector. He enjoyed long car trips and took great pride in sharing stories about the history of Chicago. He was a fan of old comedy movies and musical standards. For many years he volunteered annually for the MDA Telethon. In lieu of flowers, we encourage a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Graveside services will be held December 31, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Westlawn Cemetery 7801 West Montrose Avenue Norridge, IL 60706. Additional details can be found at the website of Goldman Funeral Group, 8851 Skokie Boulevard Skokie, IL 60077. 847-478-1600 .

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## Matthei, Mary N.

Mary Matthei died unexpectedly on November 18, 2019 in her home at the Sedgebrook community in Lincolnshire, IL. She was born Mary Nina Hoffman on March 12, 1928 in Chicago. She grew up on the South Side of Chicago and graduated from Chicago Teachers' College. She taught for a number of years in the Chicago Public Schools until she married Edward Matthei in 1951. She resumed her teaching career as a substitute teacher at Sacred Heart Academy after her school-age children left her with free time during the day and continued on in that role for many rewarding years.

She and Ed lived for decades in their house on Glenlake Ave. in the Edgewater Glen neighborhood on the north side of Chicago until they moved to Sedgebrook in Lincolnshire, where there were no longer two flights of stairs between the laundry and the closets and dressers upstairs. Mary was always an active participant in her various communities. She was active in the St. Gertrude's School Mothers' Club through all the years that her five children attended. She had a large part in organizing the first and subsequent ones of the series of legendary 1400 Glenlake Block Parties. She and Ed became very involved in St. Scholastica's activities during and after their daughters' attendance there and were given an award for their support of St. Scholastica's and the Benedictine Sisters' mission. She immediately became involved in lots of activities and governance once she moved to Sedgebrook.

She made friends easily and was a dedicated and loving friend to all she befriended, and she always went out of her way to support her friends when they were in need, whatever that need might be. She remained curious, active, and engaged in a variety of activities and interests through all her years. She constantly cultivated new interests and pursued longstanding older interests, perhaps the most surprising of which was her rekindling of what we later discovered was her great interest in following the Chicago Blackhawks—if you happened to call during a game, she'd usually tell you she'd call you back. Undoubtedly, her greatest joy was being surrounded by her family. She embraced her role as Mom, Grandma, and GG (great grandmother). Her warm unconditional love, acceptance, and gentle guidance were the greatest gifts she gave to us all: children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Another gift to us was simply her example and a model to emulate.

She is survived by her sister, Deborah Hutchens; her children Edward (Linda), Suzanne (Frank), Christie (Ray), Laura (Jim), and John (Erika); grandchildren, Amy, Thomas, Amanda, Caitlin, Leslie, Chris, Mitch, Waverly, Isabel, and Derek ; and by her great grandchildren, Isaac, Elliott, Evelyn, Emma, Chase, and Clayton. A memorial service will be held on Saturday morning, January 4, 2020 at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Ln., Deerfield, IL 60015. The family will receive visitors beginning at 9:00 AM before the 10:00 AM Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to one of her favorite charities: The St. Anthony Indian School, P.O. Box 486, Zuni, NM 87327. Please send checks with "In Memory of Mary Matthei" noted in the memo line.

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## McCarthy, Shawn

Age 50 of Round Lake Beach, IL was born October 13, 1969 and passed December 24, 2019. Preceded in death by his parents Dennis McCarthy and Delores Bartley. He is survived by his beloved daughters Amanda, Christine, Danielle and Marissa. Fond brother of Kathleen (Leone) Barrios, Lynn (Doug) Keating, Tracy Tumlin and Dennis McCarthy. His memory will be cherished by all his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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## McNulty, Hannah

Hannah McNulty, nee Douaire, 52, of Wilmette passed away peacefully December 22, 2019 in her home surrounded by family. Hannah was the devoted wife of Peter E. McNulty; loving mother of Finian J. and Maeve M. McNulty; dear sister of George F. (Melissa) Douaire and Daniel L. (Janet) Douaire; dotting aunt to her many nieces and nephews and a treasured friend to a fortunate group. Visitation, Sunday, December 29, 2019 3:00PM - 8:00PM at **Donnellan Family Funeral Services**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Monday, December 30, 2019 10:00 a.m. at Saints Joseph & Francis Xavier Church, 524 Ninth Street & Linden Avenue. Wilmette, IL 6009. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Loyola Academy Needy Family Fund Loyola Academy High School, 1100 Laramie Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Funeral Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990



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## McSweeney, Thomas J. 'Tom'

Thomas J. McSweeney, 89, of Scottsdale, AZ, surrounded by his loved ones, went home to Jesus on December 26, 2019. Tom was born on November 22, 1930. He is survived by his wife Kathy; his children, Linda (deceased) (Cam), Tommy (Julie), Janet (Jim), Peggy (Jerry), Jo, Steve, Sheila, 22 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren & his stepchildren George(Eleni ), Phil (Brehan) and Sis. Tom will be remembered by all for his frankness, humor and endless generosity. A celebration of life mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2020 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 10815 N. 84th St., Scottsdale followed by a private interment for immediate family. All are welcome to a luncheon to be held at the Ancala Country Club following the Mass. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of the Valley - Scottsdale.

A Memorial mass Will be held at St Pius Catholic Church in Lombard IL TBD

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## Meyer, Joan (Blakeslee)

Joan Blakeslee Meyer was born on February 16, 1929 in Cleveland, OH to Harold and Margaret Blakeslee. After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mundelein College, Joan married Raymond Meyer on April 11, 1953. Over the next several years, Joan taught art in 5 different parochial schools to help put Ray through Dental School. They spent most of their married life raising their family in South Bend, IN in a home they built on Harvest Drive, and in retirement they relocated to Naperville, IL to be closer to family.

In addition to raising four sons, Joan pursued her art throughout her 90 years. Her favorite mediums, including wood cuts, oil paint, and water colors, served as vehicles for her creative energies, as did her writing. After moving to Naperville, Joan's essays, poems, and interviews provided monthly content to the Riverplace Meanderings, their condo newsletter. Joan's signature warmth and openness made her the consummate "people person," a fact obvious to her dearly loved grandchildren, friends, and strangers alike. Her keen interest in those around her highlighted her intrepid curiosity and compassion, secured her many friends, and endeared her to every family member. And her geniality came with a spark: every game of Hearts Joan played demonstrated the origin of the fiercely competitive trait shared by the Meyer sons!

Joan departed this earth on December 19, 2019 in her home surrounded by her family. She is survived by her sons Michael, Mark, Joe, and John; daughters-in-law Lori, Jill, Sonja, and Sandy; grandchildren Katrina, Dylan, Sara, Annalise, Annie, and Katie; and life-long friend Sister Pat Murphy. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Hal, and her beloved husband of 65 years, Ray. The Meyer family would like to thank friend and caregiver, Sanaa Khenmedekh, for her love and dedication to Joan over the past 6 years. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants or The Morton Arboretum.

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## Moore, Evie "Louise" "Weezie"

Evie "Louise" Moore, Age 72, was born July 4th 1947, passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones on December 22nd 2019 in Corinth Mississippi. Daughter of (late) Harold E. Moore and (late) Evie M. Robinson. Dear Mother of Theresa Hannah, Bobby Watson, (late) Cynthia "Cindy" Watson, and Melissa "Missy" Hicks.

Cherished Grandmother of Nicole Hannah-Tellez, Jodi Hannah, Charlie Popov, Robert "Buddy" Watson, Meagan Johnson, Bobby Watson Jr., Cody Watson, Morgan Hicks, Tony Hicks, Dylan Watson, and Alton Watson.

Loving Great Grandmother of Jaida Regino, Caden Johnson, Eli Johnson, Timothy Tellez, Adi Johnson, Melina Popov, Witten Johnson, Hanna Tellez, Brianna Watson, Angelina Popov, Paisley Horn. Sister of (late) Alice Waddell, (late) Betty Thurmond, (late) Jerry Serratt, (late) Donald E. Moore, Rosie Moore-Gironda, Eugene Coffey, and Donald Moore. And so many friends all near and far, we all will love & miss her and cherish our memories with Louise. There will be no service. Please put forward an act of kindness in memory of "Louise" aka Weezie. <3

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## Morndini-Lemme, Virginia 'Ginny'

MORDINI-LEMME, VIRGINIA "Ginny" age 76 of Austin, TX formerly of Highwood, IL. At peace in Christ December 27, 2019 at her home. She was a teacher in the North Chicago School District. Devoted daughter of the late Anthony and Eleanor Morndini. Loving mother of Neil Lemme. Dear sister of Ronald Morndini. Visitation Monday, January 6, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. until time of service 10:00 A.M. at SEGUIN & SYMONDS FUNERAL HOME, 858 Sheridan Road, Highwood, IL. Interment following at Saint Mary Cemetery, Lake Forest. Info 847-432-3878

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## Moskal, Wanda J.

Loving mother of Pamela (the late Dennis) Komorowski; cherished grandmother of Joyce (Sam) Rannochio, Mary (Dariusz) Wiczorkiewicz, and Lisa (Jonathan) Toler; proud great-grandmother of Joseph Selby, Jason Selby, Jamie Selby, Ryan Wiczorkiewicz, and Benjamin Toler; loving great-grandmother of Wyatt Dennis; loving aunt, cousin, and friend of many. Preceded in death by her husband, the late Edward Moskal, and her dog, the late Kookie. Wanda was the proud owner and operator of Moskal Catering for many years. Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 30th, at 9:15am from Malec & Sons Funeral Home, 6000 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646, to St. Tarcissus Catholic Church for a funeral mass at 10:00am. Interment St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, Dec 29th from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information, please call (773) 774-4100 or visit [www.malecandsonsfn.com](http://www.malecandsonsfn.com)

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## Navarre, Kit

Kit "Christopher" Navarre, age 73, of Clarendon Hills and formerly of Jackson, MI; beloved husband of Debbie (nee Keeley) Navarre for 5 wonderful years; loving father of Bridgette (Jason) Thomas; proud grandfather of Gabrielle, Evan, & Charlie; dear brother of the late Joe (Margaret), Robert (the late Barb), the late Mary Louise (Jack) Lawrence, Bill, & Dick Navarre; proud uncle to many nieces & nephews, and a friend of many. A celebration of Kit's life will be held at a later date in his hometown of Jackson, MI. Donations in Kit's name to the Adult Surgical Heart Unit are appreciated. Checks made payable to Advocate Charitable Foundation; please include ASHU in the memo line, and mail to 3075 Highland Pkwy, Ste. 600, Downers Grove, IL 60515, or give online at [advocategiving.org](http://advocategiving.org). Kit's legacy was a life lived large; "it was a good run". Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: (708) 352-6500 or [hjfurnerals.com](http://hjfurnerals.com)

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## Newman, Edward Philip 'Ed'

Edward Philip Newman, a former commodities broker in the soybean meal pit at the Chicago Board of Trade and longtime resident of Hinsdale, IL, and Naples, FL, died unexpectedly on Saturday, December 14. He was 74.

Ed was born in East Orange, NJ, to David and Doris (Stern) Newman on July 7, 1945, and moved to Chicago as an infant. He grew up on the South Side attending Parkside School and graduating from Hyde Park High School.

After a year at UC Berkeley (where he was more committed to playing cards and selling sandwiches than attending classes), he transferred and graduated from Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa. He earned a master's degree in computer science from Texas A&M in 1970.

He met his wife, Susan Morris, while working at a small computer company in Dallas, Texas. They married in 1971 and returned to Chicago in 1973, where he joined his father, David, a longtime soybean oil trader, trading commodities at the Board of Trade.

This began a storied career in the markets. An excellent broker, he was in his element on the trading floor. Off the floor, the markets were never far from his thoughts. When driving through the midwest on road trips with his family, he would pull over to evaluate the state of crops to inform his work. Visiting with farmers and the local grain elevator operator in small town Missouri was another favorite research past time.

In the late 1980s, he led a short term mission trip for his church and discovered his favorite way to be of service to others. After that, he could frequently be found as the "team dad" corraling short term mission volunteers from churches all over the US in areas around the world from the Philippines to Central and South America and southern Africa.

He was happiest spending time with his family and being useful to others: serving on boards of organizations he supported, leading mission trips, and tirelessly performing any task (large or small) to benefit his community and church outside Cape Town, South Africa, where he lived much of the year for the last decade. He was unfailingly generous and was known for his personal integrity and loyalty, his penchant for hyperbole and his unique ability to talk endlessly on a wide variety of topics, the better to share his encyclopedic knowledge thoroughly and with nuance.

His daughters will remember him fondly in daily activities: enjoying ice cream and coffee in any season or temperature, appropriate use of the left lane in highway driving, composing a lengthy email, and creating (and endlessly stoking) a roaring fire whenever the opportunity presents.

He is survived by his daughters Caroline (Adam) Young of Fort Collins, CO, and Kate (Mark) Chittenden of Lafayette, CO, and four beloved grandchildren, his sister Carol (Peter) Gluck of New York, NY, nephews Thomas (Anne Langston) Gluck of New York, NY, and Will (Trista Gladden) Gluck of Hollywood, CA, nieces Jeanette (Michael) Stevenson of Columbia, MO, and Allison (Nathan) Williams of Savannah, GA, his former wife, Susan, of Downers Grove, IL, and seven grandnieces and nephews as well as his former sister in law, Donna (Preston) Wight of Edmond, OK.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's honor can be made to his favorite organizations: Extreme Response International ([www.extremeresponse.org](http://www.extremeresponse.org)), EncouragementLink (PO Box 11, Felch MI 49831), Living Hope ([www.livinghope.co.za](http://www.livinghope.co.za)) and King of Kings Baptist Church ([www.kingofkings.org.za](http://www.kingofkings.org.za)). Memorial services will be held at a future date.

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## Ormuz, Bronco Steve

Bronco Steve Ormuz, 74, passed away Wednesday, December 25, 2019 in Arlington, Texas. Services: Visitation and Rosary, January 1, 2020, 6-8pm, Wade Family Funeral Home, 4140 West Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, TX. Funeral Mass, January 2, 2020, 11am, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 5819 West Pleasant Ridge Rd, Arlington, TX - Burial following at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions: Disabled American Veterans. Bronco was born on March 23, 1945 in Zagreb, Croatia to Zlatko Ormuz and Marija Persi Ormuz. He emigrated to the United States at the age of 14 and became a US Citizen at the age of 20. He graduated from St. Francis De Sales High School in Chicago. Bronco married Marilyn Sue Lane on June 8, 1968 in Chicago, IL. He served in the US Army as a helicopter Crew Chief. He was a small business owner in South Chicago Heights in the 1970's and 80's. Bronco was preceded in death by his parents and two infant sisters, Bozica and Zlatica Ormuz. Survivors: Wife, Marilyn Sue Lane; sons, Bronco T. Ormuz (Tammy) and Nikolas M. Ormuz; grandson, Brandon Ormuz; brother, Vladimir (Val) Ormuz; sister, Gloria Slavica Ormuz; God-daughter, Amena Ljubas; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, some of which are in Croatia and Canada

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## Pappalardo, Lorraine

Lorraine Pappalardo, 90, of Huntley, died peacefully, December 23, 2019 with her family by her side. Visitation will be on Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 4-8 pm at **DeFiore Funeral Home**-10763 Dundee Road, Huntley. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 3, 2019 10:00am at St. Mary Catholic Church-10307 Dundee Road, Huntley. Entombment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Lorraine was born April 17, 1929 the daughter of Leo and Florence Pier Dominici. She married Charles Pappalardo on April 30, 1950. Lorraine was a loving wife, mother, great grandmother, sister and friend who will be missed by all who knew her. She worked at Siemens for many years and loved her job. Lorraine was a great homemaker who created a loving home filled with delicious food and baked goods. She even enjoyed cleaning up. She also enjoyed reading, playing cards, entertaining, visiting, watching Blue Bloods and the Hallmark channel. Her greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. We adored her and will miss her with all our being.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlene (James) Sherwin, her grandchildren, Nikole (Tom) Sherwin, and Michelle (Michael) Petrucci and by her 5 great grandchildren, Kiana, Janay, Gabriella, Mason and Alexander. She is survived by her sister, Mary Kullmann and brother, Roy (Rosetta) Pier Dominici and by many nieces and nephews and extended family.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, by her husband, Charles, daughter, Peggy, and brothers Robert, and Jerry, and sisters, Lydia and Agatha. For further information please call the funeral home at 847-515-8772 or online condolences may be directed to [www.defiorefuneral.com](http://www.defiorefuneral.com)

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## Pawlak, Theresa

Theresa Pawlak (nee Gamperl) passed away peacefully at her residence in Springfield, VA. Proudly born in 1929 on the South Side of Chicago. She is survived by her children Barbara Gaynor (Kevin), Mary Myers (Richard), George Pawlak, Jim Pawlak (Crystal), and nine grandchildren: Margaret and Emily Myers, Jack and Ben Gaynor, Max and Aidan Pawlak, and Nathaniel, Mason and Trenton Pawlak. Ted Pawlak, her husband of 39 years, predeceased her in 2000. Therese graduated from Lindbloom High School, worked at Drover's Bank, Fairfax County Public Library, and Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute. The second youngest of nine and last surviving child of Austrian immigrants, Theresa valued family above all. Also surviving her are numerous nieces and nephews she loved dearly, especially Mike and Karen Gamperl, the entire Ward clan, the Pawlaks, and the Pinzke girls. Many traveled to Virginia to visit in her last years. She joins Ted and her best friend Loretta on the other side.

Our home was noisy and full of life, and friends were always welcome, even if they arrived in the middle of dinner. Therese loved books, especially espionage novels, playing cards, dancing, and movies, especially movies starring old Gene Hackman. The afternoon before her last hospitalization was spent at a luncheon with good friends from Shari Drive. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Demaine Funeral Home, 10565 Main Street, Fairfax, VA. A Mass of Christian burial will be offered at St Bernadette Catholic Church, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield VA on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 10:30am. Raise a bottle (not a can) of beer to her memory. In lieu of flowers, donate to charity of your choice.

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## Phillips, William Nicholas 'Nicky'

Age 36 of Fort Collins, Colorado formerly of Highland Park and Deerfield passed away suddenly December 12, 2019 in Westminster, Colorado. He was born May 10, 1983 in Highland Park and graduated from Deerfield High School, class of 2001. Beloved son of William and Ramona nee: Ladurini. Dear brother of Michael. Private Services were held at SEGUIN & SYMONDS FUNERAL HOME, 858 Sheridan Rd., Highwood, IL 60040. For more information please call: 847-432-3878

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## Richter, Patti Sue

Patti Sue Richter (nee Kurkowski), age 55, of Bolingbrook, IL passed away surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, December 21, 2019. She was born on May 28, 1964 in Chicago, IL. Patti was a truly caring, devoted, and warm-hearted woman—she passionately loved life, nature, and her friends and family. Patti is survived by her loving husband, Michael Richter; daughter, Ashley Richter; sisters, Betty Kurkowski and Shirley (Jack) Brown. She was preceded in death by her mother Gloria Palumbo, sisters Janet Hallam and Peggy Kurkowski. Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church Green Trails, 2701 Maple Ave., Lisle. Memorials in Patti's name may be made to the Rush Copley Foundation [www.rushcopley.com/giving/donation/](http://www.rushcopley.com/giving/donation/) and chose "make a gift to Waterford Place". Arrangements entrusted to **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Info: 630-922-9630 or [www.beidelmankunschff.com](http://www.beidelmankunschff.com)



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## Rogan, Maureen E.

Maureen Elizabeth Rogan, 54, longtime East Lakeview resident, passed away peacefully at home, December 22, 2019. Born at West Point, NY, Maureen grew up in Middleton, WI and earned her B.S. in Political Science from University of Wisconsin-Madison before embarking on a long career in event planning, most recently at Mayer Brown. Beloved wife of 23 years of Vincent Michael Cozzi. Devoted mother to Aidan Rogan Cozzi and Cameron Rogan Cozzi. Loving daughter of John Francis Rogan and the late Anna May Rogan (nee Cogan). Beloved baby sister of Suzanne, John "Jack" (Judy), Kathleen, Patricia, Colleen (Antonio Cazares), Michael (Sue), Kevin, and David Rogan. Beloved aunt, colleague, running pal, tennis partner and friend of many. Celebration of Life, Sunday, December 29th from 2-5pm at Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, 60614. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Maureen Rogan to: Malnati Brain Tumor Institute, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 420 E. Superior St., 9th Floor, Attn: Nicole Langert Chicago, IL 60611, or online: <https://secure.ard.northwestern.edu/s/1479/282-giving/form-bc.aspx?sid=1479&gid=282&pgid=25780&cid=43076&appealcode=FSMOG&dids=212.452> Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com).



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## Roggenbuck, Patricia

Patricia Roggenbuck (nee Sullivan), wife of Arthur Roggenbuck, of Green Lake, WI passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 after a short but courageous battle with cancer at the age of 83. [www.butzinmarchant.com](http://www.butzinmarchant.com)

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## Rohde, Georgette

Georgette Rohde (nee Clark), 78. Beloved wife of Edwin; loving mother of Shannon (Kerry O'Boyle) Rohde, and Parker Rohde; proud grandmother of Mason, and Clark Rohde O'Boyle. 1st Exec Director of Near North Montessori; Retired teacher from Mather H.S.; Admin ASST to Dean of DePaul School of Music; Long time member of Moody Church. Memorial services to be held after the Holidays. For information call **Barr Funeral Home** (773) 743-4034 or leave a condolence at [BarrFuneralHome.com](http://BarrFuneralHome.com)

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## Ryan, Elizabeth "'Betty'"

Elizabeth J. Ryan, age 96, of Wilmette. Beloved daughter of the late Captain John J. and Elizabeth nee Corcoran Ryan. Dear sister of Margaret Fisher, the late John J. Ryan, the late Virginia (the late Christian) Fisch, the late Raymond (Katherine) Ryan Sr., the late Marian Ryan, O.P., and the late Michael Ryan. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, January 3, 2019, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 4, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847)675-1990.



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## Ryan, John Gately

RYAN-John Gately Ryan, 77, died peacefully in Hinsdale, Illinois on Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Jack lived his life with an unflinching devotion to his family and his faith. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, friend, and colleague. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Judith (Cusack), five adoring children, John Gately Jr. of Western Springs, IL, Magdalene (Todd) Nelson of Western Springs, IL, Patricia (William) Knox of Bronxville, NY, Thomas (Anne) Ryan of Chicago, IL, and James Hayes (Deanna) Ryan of Chicago, IL. He is also survived by eleven beautiful grandchildren: Jack, Charlie, Patrick, Andrew, Elizabeth (Teddy), Ryan, Michael, Lizzie, Cate, Elle, and Reese who loved to spend time with their beloved Da. He is also survived by his brothers Thomas and James and his sisters, Sue and Kerry, and their spouses. He was predeceased by his brother Richard and sister Joan. Jack was a proud member of the Gately family. His grandfather, James Gately, was the owner of Gately's People Store in Chicago which was described as "the biggest store on Michigan Avenue." Jack began his career at retailer Carson Pirie Scott. Soon after, he opened Heritage Bank of Schaumburg with his brother, Thomas, and presided as Chairman of the Board. Jack was also an active resident in Sea Pines, Hilton Head Island, SC, Loblolly Pines, Hobe Sound, FL and The Burr Ridge Club, Burr Ridge, IL. Jack was a graduate of Xavier University where he also received a Business Graduate Degree. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Michael J. Fox Foundation, [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org). A visitation will take place on January 4, 2020 from 10:30-11:30 am in the Fireplace Room at Saint Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. 4th Street, Hinsdale, Illinois. A funeral mass of Christian burial will follow at 11:30 am. Interment Private. Arrangements by Sullivan Funeral Home. 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com).



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## Schmidt, Thomas H.

Age 90 of Lake Forest. At peace in Christ December 24, 2019. Born March 26, 1929 in Evanston, Illinois to the union of Hubert John "Hip" and Adeline "Jerry" (Fitzgerald) Schmit and Tom remained a lifelong North shore resident. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1950 serving four years during the Korean Conflict and worked for 41 years for Northern Illinois Gas Company as a trencher on the North Shore. He was a member and Past Commander of the Highwood VFW Post 4741 and was a member of The Evanston American Legion post 42.

Devoted son of the late Hubert and Adeline Schmit from Evanston. Dear brother of the late David (Mary Jane) Schmit of Wilmette. Fond uncle of Amy (William) Lambrecht of Wilmette and Michael T. (Karen) Schmit of Medina, Ohio. Dear uncle, cousin and friend to many to include the Swarthout, Lord and Munro families. Visitation Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 9:00 AM until prayers at 11:00 A.M. at SEGUIN & SYMONDS FUNERAL HOME, 858 Sheridan Road, Highwood to the Church of Saint Mary, 175 East Illinois Road, Lake Forest, mass 11:30 A.M. Military honors following. In lieu of flowers memorials to a veteran's charity of your choice. Info: 847-432-3878

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## Schmidtlein, Richard William 'Dick'

Schmidtlein, Richard (Dick)  
Aug 30, 1930 - Dec 9, 2019  
Dick Schmidtlein, 89, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Annapolis, MD and born in Chicago, IL died on Dec 9, 2019. Funeral memorial service mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 7900 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota FL, at 10:30 a.m. on February 1st, 2020

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## Schmitt, III, George J.

Age 88, born on November 24, 1931 in Chicago, IL, passed away unexpectedly in Castle Rock, CO. on December 1, 2019. George is survived by his wife, Beverly Schmitt; his children, Phillip (Gracie) Schmitt of Elon, NC, Karen (Chris) Montgomery of Apex, NC, and Dianna Schmitt of Aurora, CO; and his five grandchildren, Catherine, George, Emma, Andrew, and Richard. George is also survived by his brother John Schmitt, his sister Mary Starr, and the mothers of his children, Elaine Gilman and Barbara Schmitt. George was preceded in death by his parents Victor Schmitt and Bernice (Cultra) Logan, and his daughter Victoria Schmitt. George was commissioned in the Army in an active reserve unit and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1955. He was third generation Bottled Water Patriarch preceded by his grandfather George Schmitt II and his father Victor Schmitt. George was President of Hinckley & Schmitt Water from 1965 to 1996 and was monumental in the growth of Bottled Water in Chicago, the United States, and the World. He was one of the founding members of The International Bottled Water Association and is enshrined in their Bottled Water Hall of Fame. George was an avid golfer and a member of a number of Clubs in his lifetime. Of note are Geneva Golf Club, Chicago Golf Club, Denver Country Club, and Castle Pines. Some of his highlights included Geneva Golf Club Men's Champion, a hole in one, and a Chicago Golf Club Senior Championship. George served on numerous Boards of Directors and was a Philanthropist donating to The Lawrenceville School, Dartmouth College, and Tori B. Schmitt Foundation. Interment will be private.

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## Sharp, O.S.B., Sr. Ann

Sr. Ann Sharp O.S.B., devoted daughter of the late John and Helen, nee Huber, Sharp. Dear sister of the late Virginia, John, William, James and Robert. Aunt of 6 nieces and nephews. Devoted member of the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago since 1939. Family and friends will gather at St. Scholastica, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago on Monday, Dec. 30th for visitation from 9:45am until time of the Mass of the Resurrection at 10:30am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For information 773-736-3833 or visit Sr. Ann's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

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## Siegel, Florrie Brown

Florrie Brown Siegel, age 104. Beloved wife of the late Albert Brown and the late Mandel Siegel and his caring children Morton Siegel and Sue Shames. Loving mother of Vicki (Tom) Horwich and the late Martin Brown. Proud grandmother of Jamie (David) Thompson, Douglas Horwich and Dustin Brown. Cherished great grandmother of Lyla Thompson and Zoe Thompson. She will be remembered for her love of family, her beautiful smile, her loving kindness, and her positive outlook on life. Private family service was held and Celebration of Life will take place on Sunday, January 12th, at noon at Northmoor Country Club, 820 Edgewood Road, Highland Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Thresholds, 4101 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfnfo.com](http://www.cjfnfo.com)

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## Simon, Ernest

Ernest Simon, 84, beloved husband of the late Eileen nee Shapiro for 50 years; loving father of Bonnie Peluse and Cheryl Simon; cherished Papa of Sarah Peluse; brother of Errol Simon; fond brother-in-law of Beverly (the late Robert) Fox. Chapel service, Monday, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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## Slack, Patricia Mae

Patricia Mae Slack, nee Moreau beloved wife of the late Lowell E. Slack. Loving mother of Deborah (Skip) Currey-Boyd, David (Cathy) Slack, the late Douglas Slack, Diane (Terry) Greco, Daniel (Bari) Slack, Denise (Tom) Mortellaro-Ryan and Dayle (Ryan) Ellis. Cherished grandmother of Brian (Christine) Currey, David (Brittany) Currey, Catherine (Tyson) Beauchamp, Dillon Slack, Ashley (Brian) Curtin, Nicholas (Jackie) Greco, Trent and Brooke Greco, Jordan (Jim Carey), Skylar and Ryan Slack, Sam, Rachael and Gabrielle Mortellaro, Audrey and Graham Ellis. Devoted great grandmother of Joseph, Gavin, Kinsley, William, Emerson, Cullom, Benjamin, Madilyn, Maeva, Breeilyn, Finley and Hadley. Fond Sister of Lolly (the late Ralph) Buckingham and Aunt of Susan Buckingham (John Dwyer) and Mark (Bobbi) Buckingham.

Patricia was a long-time resident of Mount Prospect and member of St. Raymond de Penafort church, residing the past few years at Addolorata Villa in Wheeling. Visitation Sunday December 29, 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Monday December 30, 10:00 A.M. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 A.M. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations requested to Ronald McDonald House, Chapter Business Office, 1301 W. 22nd St., Suite 905, Oak Brook, IL 60523 [rmhc.org](http://rmhc.org) or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 [mercyhome.org](http://mercyhome.org) Funeral info 847-255-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com)

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## Soble, Lois

Lois Soble, nee Sakover, 81, beloved wife and friend of the late Jerrold "Jerry" for over 61 years; loving mother of Paulea (Richard) Jacobs, Jill (Frank) Soble-Moreno and Jon (Marcy) Soble; cherished grandmother of Stacy (Garrick) Allen, Blair (Melanie) Mislich, Lisa Jacobs, Logan and Olivia Soble; adored great-grandmother of Riley Allen and Tatum Mislich; dear sister of the late Diane Schwartz; treasured aunt of Joel and Ira and favorite aunt of Marc, Cindi, Risa and Gabi. Chapel service Monday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Jewish Women International ([jwi.org](http://jwi.org)) or your favorite charity. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Sprafka, Carol Jean

Carol Jean Sprafka (nee Pressler), age 75, a Naperville, Illinois resident since 1973, passed away on December 21st after a long battle. She was born March 6, 1944 in Hull, Iowa. Dearest to her heart was her beloved husband of 51 years, John, whom she married July 4, 1968. Loving mother of John Jr. (Melissa) of Missouri City, Texas, Patti Wagner (Tom Beata) of River Forest, Illinois, Ann Stuart (Colin) of Harvard, Illinois. Adored grandmother of Jack and Mark Sprafka. Cherished sister to Jim Pressler (Sue), and aunt to Katherine and Ted (Sarah). Loved by extended family members and very dear friends and neighbors. Devoted daughter of the late Edward and Bertha (nee Wolff). Carol grew up in Hastings, Nebraska. She graduated with the Class of 1962 from Hastings Senior High. She received a Bachelors of English and Education from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln where she was an active member in the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She pursued her passion of literature and received a Masters of Library Science from Dominican University, Illinois. Carol taught for 46 years and devoted herself to teach people of all ages. Carol's life-long passion for education included scholastics, health and spirituality. She loved gardening, yoga, dancing, and cooking. She was a very giving soul who's motto was to "Pay it Forward". A memorial will be planned for a later date.

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## Stangl, Lillian

Lillian Stangl (nee Bischof), 97 of Schaumburg, formerly of Evergreen Park and Chicago. Lillian passed away peacefully at her home on Christmas day. She was the loving wife of the late Ernest (1980); dear mother of Janet DeZwaan and Susan (Eugene) Wagner; cherished grandmother of Edward Wagner; dear twin sister to Margaret Fordham and she was preceded in death by 4 brothers and sisters. There will be a private interment held at Evergreen Cemetery in Evergreen Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements made by **Grove Memorial Chapel** - 847-640-0566 or [grovememorialchapel.com](http://grovememorialchapel.com)

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## Stojack, James N.

James N. Stojack, 83, passed away December 26, 2019. Beloved husband of Maureen nee Shea for over 53 wonderful years. Loving father of Kristina Stojack, Matthew (Carol) Stojack, Kerri Stojack. Cherished grandfather of Benjamin (Julie) Stojack. Fond uncle of many. Dedicated civilian employee for the Chicago Police Department for 48 years. Proud graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago. Visitation will be Thursday, January 2, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Funeral services will begin on Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home, then proceed to St. Rosalie Catholic Church, Harwood Heights for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Info: 708-456-8300

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## Szymczak, Valentine Carl

Valentine (Val) Carl Szymczak, Feb. 14, 1939 - Dec. 16, 2019. Devoted husband and brother, Val left us peacefully in the arms of the Lord, on Mon., Dec. 16th, at the age of 80. Val was the devoted husband of Anita for 35 years; he is survived by his sister, Joyce Sutay, and brother, Dan; brother-in-law, Bob, and sister-in-law, Donna; niece Nicole and nephew Brian. He is preceded in death by his wife, Anita, Baby, Joseph, his parents, Lucille and Samuel, and his brother, Nick. Born and raised in Chicago, Val served two years in the U.S. Army after which he met and married the love of his life, Anita. As parishioners of St. Gregory Catholic Church, he and Anita were devoted to the Legion of Mary. In 2019 Val moved to Arizona to be closer to his sister. Val will certainly be remembered as being born on Feb. 14th, the same birthday and name as his Grandfather Kuffel. Others will remember him as a devoted baseball fan with an amazing recall of players and statistics. He was religious, kind, sensitive, and inquisitive; Val had an engaging smile and personality that could brighten the lives of others.

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## Thomas, Armand

Armand Thomas  
July 28, 1931 - December 18, 2019  
Armand Thomas, 88, passed away in his home in Carbondale, Colorado on December 18, 2019 in the presence of his family. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and beloved grandfather. He will be dearly missed, but will remain in our hearts forever. He married Nancy Pactor in Chicago in 1953. They ran a pharmacy in Chicago for 40 years and raised their family in Wilmette.

Armand is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Steven (Nancy) Thomas of Superior, Colorado; daughter, Betsy (Mark) Gatehouse of Greensboro, North Carolina; grandson, Rick (Dori) Thomas of Chicago; and granddaughter, Libby (Jason) Hartmann of Aspen.

In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to the charity of your choice.

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## Trost, Todd J.

Todd J. Trost, age 75, Navy Veteran; devoted son of the late Theodore and Cecile Trost; dear brother of Ted (Laverne) Trost; dear uncle of Brian (Cheryl), Jeff (Katherine), Julie (Jay) and Kelly (Jereme); loving great uncle to many. Visitation Saturday 9:30 A.M. until time of Funeral Service 10:30 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60467. Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-532-3100

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## Ullrich, Irmi

Irmi (Irmgard) Ullrich, born November 24, 1934 in Tuttlingen, Germany, passed peacefully on Christmas Day after a brief illness. Irmi was preceded in death by her husband Max Ullrich, her parents Rudolf Dieringer and Antonie Dieringer, as well as her brother Rudolf Dieringer. She is survived by all the people whose lives she touched, especially her sisters, Marlies Acker and Antonia Dieringer; her children, Claudia Boyle, Christopher (Debbie) Ullrich, Andrea Ullrich and Alexander (Vanessa Mesia) Ullrich; her grandchildren, Amanda (Mark) Hauser, Elyse Boyle, Thomas Boyle, Ryan Ullrich, Jacob Ullrich, Maggie Ullrich, Katie Ullrich and Benjamin Mesia Ullrich; and her great-grandchildren, Addison and Emerson Hauser. Visitation Monday, December 30th, 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., at Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect. Visitation Tuesday, December 31st, 9:00 A.M. until Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Irmi's name may be made to The Epilepsy Foundation, Angel Wings Foundation ([angelwingsfoundation.net](http://angelwingsfoundation.net)), Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, or Doctors Without Borders. Information call 847-255-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com)

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## Waage, Gerald A.

Gerald A. Waage, Army Veteran age 83; beloved father of Ken (Jody); cherished grandfather of Erica (Cezary); proud great - grandfather and friend to many. Visitation, Sunday from 5 to 8 P.M. **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 Talcott Rd. Park Ridge, Interment Private. For info [www.nelsonfunerals.com](http://www.nelsonfunerals.com) or (847) 823-5122

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## Welch, Nancy Marshall

Nancy Marshall Welch, 87, Deland Florida, passed away on December 20, 2019, surrounded by her children. She was born September 19, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois to Howard Andrew Welch, Sr. and Silvia Ann Grigsby Welch. She is survived by her eight children: Nancy Eileen Ogburn, White Springs FL; Peggy Jean Symons, Deland FL; Katherine Lynn Newman (Howard) Gables By The Sea, Florida; Ralph Wallace Symons (Karen P.) Mobile AL; Elizabeth Anne Dykeman, NP (John, EDS) Sautee Nacoochee, GA; Michael Alexander Symons; Dr. Karen Lee Symons, Deltona, FL; John Andrew Symons (Frances) South Mills, NC; 23 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren. She is also survived by three siblings: Dr. Michael Francis Welch (Erin), Coronado Island, CA; Dr. Marian Welch O'Neill (Dr. Bernard), Overland Park, KS; Dr. Sylvia Annette Welch (Deborah), Piermont, NY; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Howard A. Welch, Sr. and Sylvia Ann Grigsby Welch; her godfather, His Excellency Bishop John George Bennett; her brothers Dr. Howard A. Welch, Jr., and Dr. John Bennet Welch; and her grandson Ryan Dominic Symons.

Nancy grew up in Wilmette, Illinois and attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School and New Trier High School. She was a member of New Trier's orchestra and band, playing the glockenspiel for the band and bassoon for the orchestra. An avid knitter, she made afghan squares for service men's blankets in high school. She graduated in 1950. Nancy also enjoyed years as a Mariner Scout on Lake Michigan. Earning a music scholarship, she attended University of Arizona where she played bassoon for the university, and also for the Tucson Symphony (1950/1951). Nancy married, had 8 children and become a single parent to the children as a young woman of 29 years old. Her love of music was a source of comfort to her during those years and she played classical pieces on the piano once all her children were in bed. Nancy played the organ as well for Marine funerals at the USMC chapel in Cherry Point, NC, and for mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Miami, FL and St. Andrews Catholic Church in Orlando, FL. Nancy was employed as a commercial rater in the insurance industry for over 40 years. She had a love for Kerry Blue Terriers and was accompanied through her life by many beloved Kerry Blues. She was an officer in the Kerry Blue Club of Dallas, TX in the 1990's and was a dedicated volunteer for a public television station in Dallas, writing copy for items to be auctioned, before her retirement to Florida. She brought immense joy into the lives of her children and will be dearly missed.

Services: Funeral Mass to be held at 12:00pm on Friday January 3, 2020 at St. Frances Xavier, Wilmette, IL. Interment will follow at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Evanston, IL. Arrangements in Illinois are under the direction of Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home, Wilmette, IL, ph (847)251-8200

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: Alzheimer Association North and Central Florida Chapter, <https://www.alz.org/cnfi/donate> Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com)

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## Weller, Shirley H.

7/13/1935 - 11/22/2019  
Survived by many cousins, friends and special friend Joey. Following her mother's footsteps, Shirley entered the nursing field which she loved. She was devoted to her church and to missionary work. She retired from Northwestern University. Her last years were spent at Lincolnwood Place where she found another home and family. Thank you Lincolnwood. Shirley was an extraordinary woman who will be missed by all. She is now with her beloved parents, Walter and Ellen, many friends and feline friends including Socrates. A celebration of her life will take place on January 5 at 1 pm at Hemenway United Methodist Church in Evanston, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Hemenway Church would be appreciated.

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## Whitacre, Jack R.

Jack R. Whitacre, age 90; beloved husband of Diane Whitacre, nee Dames; loving father of Brad (Kandi) Whitacre, Lee (Kevin) O'Hara and Todd (Sarah) McCarthy; cherished papa of Jackson, Jared, Ally, Aidan and Ferghus. Memorial Visitation Sunday, January 5th, 3:00PM to 8:00PM at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan** Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove. Family and Friends will meet for a Memorial Mass Monday, January 6th, 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Church, 4801 Main St., Downers Grove. Interment Private. Memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, [www.mercyhome.org](http://www.mercyhome.org) are appreciated. 630/968-1000 or [www.adams-winterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adams-winterfieldsullivan.com).

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## Williams, Joan C.

Joan C. Williams, of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late Richard T. Williams; dear mother of Matthew, Brendan, Catherine (Brian) Lanucha, Ian (Karen), Marian (Sig) Froelich and the late Patrick (Sarah); loving grandmother of Lauren, Evan, Richard, Mary Elizabeth, Sade, Faye, William, Alexander, Wilhemina, Brigid and Caitlin; cherished great grandmother of Ava. Family and friends will gather at St. Martha Church 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton Grove, IL on Monday December 30th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. to visit. Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Sign online guestbook at [www.simkinsfh.com](http://www.simkinsfh.com) 847-965-2500

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## Zenchina, Edward

Reverend Dr. Edward Zenchina, 92, was born in Chicago January 26, 1927 and passed away December 25, 2019. Rev. Zenchina was the son of the late John and Rose (nee Misina) Zenchina; brother of Irene (Rudolph) Sayotovich; uncle to James and Ronald Sayotovich of Lanz, Michigan. Having resided in Phoenix and Chicago, Rev. Zenchina studied at Moody Bible Institute and the Lutheran Bible Institute. He received a Bachelor of Theology degree and an honorary doctorate degree from American Divinity School. He served in the chaplain program at several hospitals in the Chicago area. An active reader and student of the Lutheran religion, he continued to be an active member of American Academy of Religion, Evangelical Theological Society, Kierkegaard Society, and the Scottish Reformation Society until late in life. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a Funeral Service at 12:30 p.m., at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 300 N Ridgeland Ave, Oak Park. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Info: 708-456-8300

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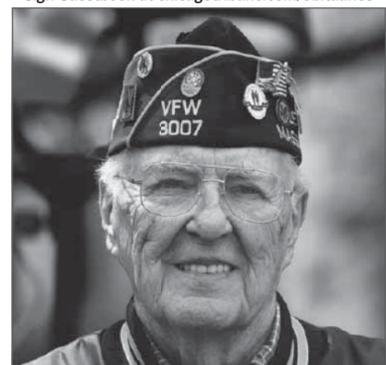
## Zolt, Nancy J.

Nancy Jenny Zolt (née diSpenza), "Shanzy", 100, formerly of Lincolnwood, passed away peacefully December 20, 2019. Born Vincenza dispenza on Chicago's west side, Nancy worked as a hostess and waitress at the Edgewater Beach Hotel and also on Madison Street. She was glamorous and always the life of the party. Beloved wife of the late Max "Mickey" Zolt; devoted and proud mother of her two boys Ted "Teddy" (Sandi) Makowan and Michael Zolt; loving grandmother "Nani" of Christine (Pete) DeWitt-Slater, David Makowan, and Liliana "Lili" Zolt. Loving great-grandmother of five, former mother-in-law of Christine Kutt, aunt of Francis "Tootsie" McMenamin and Paul Ciavarelli, great aunt of Nancy Jo Weckler, Joe DesPlaines Jr., John McMenamin and others. Preceded in death by parents Biaggio dispenza and Acastina diSpenza (née Ardzizzone) and four siblings: Minnette "Minnie", Josephine "Josie", Joseph Sr., and Maimi. Services were held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association, <https://alz.org/>. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com).

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SUNDAY, DEC. 29

NORMAL HIGH: 32°

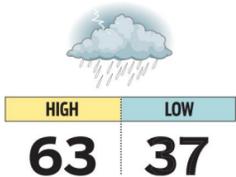
NORMAL LOW: 18°

RECORD HIGH: 63° (1984)

RECORD LOW: -15° (1880)

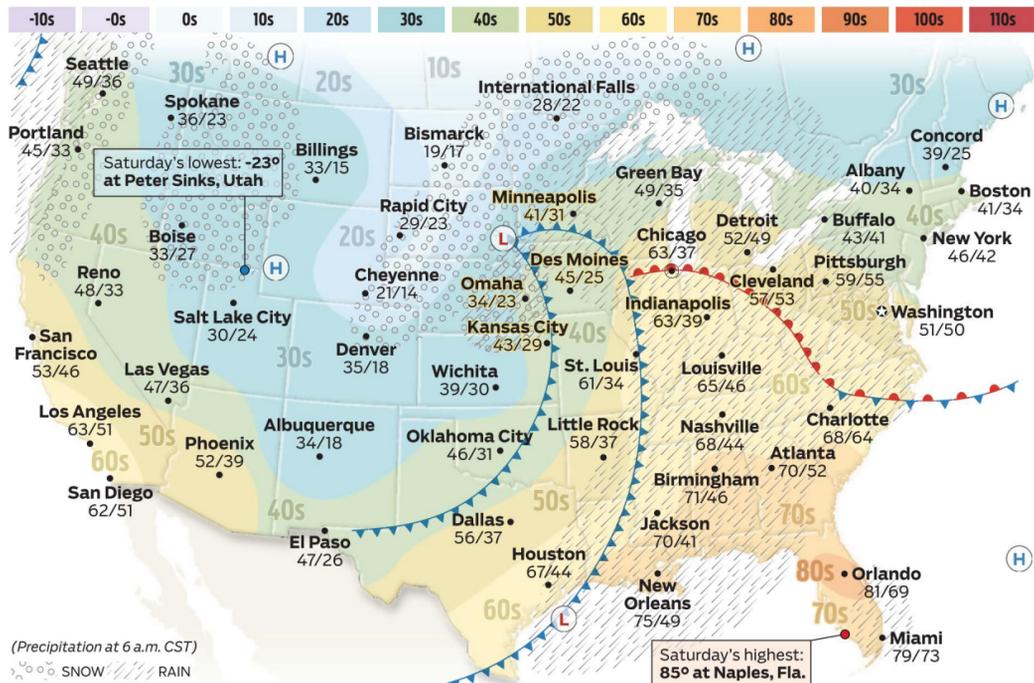
## More record warmth on way for late December

### LOCAL FORECAST



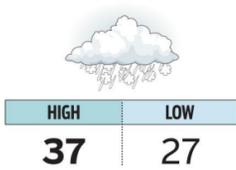
- Possible record warmth for the second time in four days
- Windy and unseasonably mild. A possible record high in the lower 60s.
- Highs reach the low/mid-60s threatening the 63-degree record high set in 1984.
- Gusty south winds increase to 15-25 mph.
- Morning showers and thunderstorms ease giving way to a partly sunny afternoon. Chance of more showers/thunderstorm by evening.
- Periods of rain, possibly a thunderstorm overnight. Turning colder as winds shift west. Lows 35 to 40.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



The city's second round of record-breaking warmth in four days arrives Sunday in the wake of some morning showers and thunderstorms. While a potent winter storm tracks from southeast Colorado to the upper Great Lakes, bringing heavy snow to portions of the Plains and upper Midwest, Chicago, will be in the storm's warm sector, and the beneficiary of another potentially record-breaking 60-degree plus day. Since 1870, there have been only three years with multiple 60s in the Dec. 26-31 time frame — 1875, 1982, and 1984. Like Thursday, the warmth will be fleeting as colder air arrives Sunday night. Seasonal reality will return with the temperature downturn, setting the stage for a period of snow Monday night and early Tuesday that could bring some small accumulations.

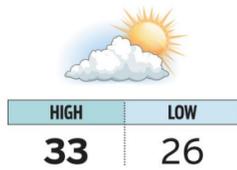
### MONDAY, DEC. 30



Very windy and much colder. Gusty west winds to 35 mph. Rain early could mix with or change to light snow before ending. Slowly falling temps. Chance of more snow late at night.



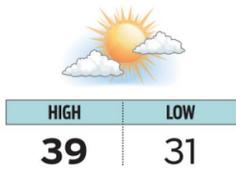
### TUESDAY, DEC. 31



Windy and cold New Year's Eve. Lingering snow ends during the morning. Some accumulation is possible. Mostly cloudy and cold. Highs in the lows 30s. Dry overnight. With temps in the upper 20s as 2020 begins.



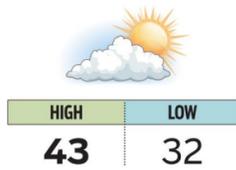
### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1



A mainly sunny start to the New Year. West-southwest winds ease as temperatures climb to near 40, about seven degrees above normal.



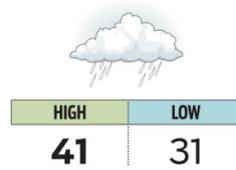
### THURSDAY, JAN. 2



Clouds dominate the day. Chance of some rain developing in the afternoon and evening. Above normal temps continue as highs reach the lower and middle 40s.



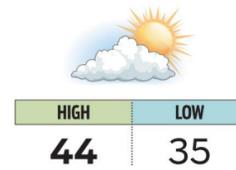
### FRIDAY, JAN. 3



Cloudy with a little rain or snow mainly early. Highs cluster around 40. Becoming partly cloudy overnight with lows in the upper 20s/lower 30s.



### SATURDAY, JAN. 4



Mainly cloudy and a bit milder as south winds increase to 10-20 mph. Highs climb into the lower/middle 40s, levels 10-15 degrees above normal.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 Has there ever been a year like this, where the monthly snowfall total for October exceeded snowfall totals for both November and December? Thanks.  
 Dave Landsittel

Dear Dave,  
 Surprising, it has happened twice before. This October produced 4.6 inches of snow, nearly an inch more than November's 3.7 inches and far more than December's current total of 0.5 inches. In 1989, October delivered 6.3 inches of snow, while November brought 3.9 inches and December 5.4 inches. In 1967, the snow season following the city's benchmark 23.0 inch Jan. 26-27 blizzard got off to a rousing start with 4.4 inches of snow. However, November could only muster 1.2 inches and December just 2.7 inches. The snow seasons following the city's five snowiest Octobers all ended up producing below normal seasonal snowfall.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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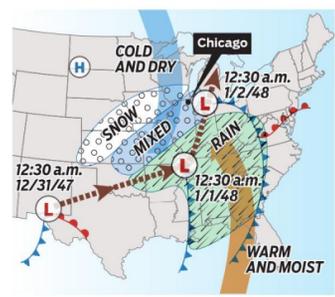
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## Sliding into 1948: New Year's Day ice storm cripples Chicago

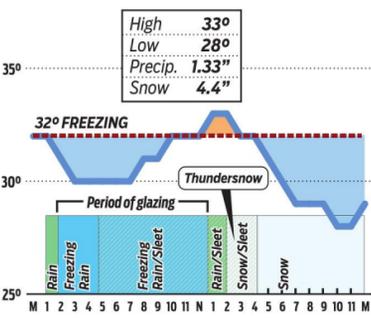
New Year's Eve in 1947 in Chicago was dry and seasonably cold, but a lowering overcast, brisk northeast winds and a falling barometer were ominous signs. Following the New Year's Eve revelry, a steady rain began around 1 a.m., and with temperatures hovering around freezing the city was quickly coated with glaze. The rain continued and mixed with sleet, adding to the icing woes. Utilities were devastated as strong northeast winds gusting to more than 60 mph downed iced-coated trees and power lines, plunging areas into darkness and knocking out communications. The high winds also toppled numerous radio towers, broke windows and sent 20-foot waves crashing onto Lake Shore Drive. All traffic in the city was ordered off the impossibly slippery roads as hundreds of accidents resulted in seven fatalities. After nearly 11 hours of glazing, the freezing rain changed to heavy, wet snow (briefly accompanied by thunder), with nearly 4.5 inches accumulating on top of the half-inch or more of glaze. The 1948 New Year's storm remains the city's worst ice storm on record.



### STORM TRACK Dec. 31, 1947, to Jan. 2, 1948



### WEATHER TIMELINE OF JAN. 1, 1948



### CHICAGO-AREA LIQUID PRECIPITATION



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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### MIDWEST CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	61	36	pc	45	31
Carbondale	sh	60	32	pc	36	26
Champaign	sh	60	32	pc	36	26
Decatur	sh	60	32	pc	35	28
Moline	sh	59	31	sh	34	25
Peoria	sh	59	31	sh	34	26
Quincy	sh	56	31	pc	35	29
Rockford	sh	58	31	ss	34	25
Springfield	sh	60	32	pc	35	29
Stirling	sh	55	30	sh	32	24

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	40	34	sh	36	34
Albuquerque	pc	34	18	pc	37	24
Amarillo	pc	43	20	ss	45	21
Anchorage	sn	20	20	ss	31	28
Asheville	sh	63	51	pc	59	32
Aspen	cl	17	-4	su	22	-1
Atlanta	sh	70	52	pc	58	39
Atlantic City	sh	50	45	pc	56	40
Austin	pc	66	38	pc	64	36
Baltimore	rn	49	48	sh	57	42
Billings	ss	33	15	su	34	24
Birmingham	ts	71	46	pc	55	37
Bismarck	ss	19	17	pc	23	14
Boise	ss	33	27	pc	34	26
Boston	pc	41	34	pc	38	36
Brownsville	pc	77	50	pc	70	57
Buffalo	rn	43	41	pc	52	35
Burlington	cl	35	29	pc	33	30
Charlotte	rn	68	64	sh	67	40
Charlottesville	sh	70	64	ts	69	47
Charlottesville	sh	67	52	pc	57	36
Chattanooga	rn	69	48	pc	58	38
Cheyenne	pc	21	14	su	25	14
Cincinnati	pc	63	46	pc	49	32
Cleveland	rn	57	53	sh	58	35
Colo. Spgs.	su	32	13	su	34	13
Columbia MO	sh	53	31	pc	36	30
Columbia SC	sh	71	67	sh	70	43
Columbus	rn	61	49	cl	52	33
Concord	cl	33	25	pc	31	24
Corpus Christi	cl	73	47	su	67	49
Dallas	pc	56	37	su	57	35
Daytona Bch.	sh	78	66	sh	78	54
Denver	pc	35	18	su	37	17
Des Moines	sh	45	25	pc	31	24
Dubuque	sh	54	29	ss	34	24
El Paso	su	47	26	su	50	30

### WORLD CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	ss	-7	-8	sh	-2	-6
Fargo	sn	30	17	ss	21	11
Flagstaff	pc	32	11	pc	21	15
Fort Myers	sh	82	70	pc	81	66
Fort Smith	pc	52	35	su	50	32
Fresno	cl	57	44	pc	56	39
Grand Junc.	pc	28	8	pc	28	5
Great Falls	pc	30	18	su	28	5
Harrisburg	rn	46	43	rn	52	38
Hartford	cl	42	34	pc	37	35
Helena	pc	28	14	su	31	28
Honolulu	pc	83	72	su	83	73
Houston	ts	67	44	su	65	42
Int'l Falls	sn	28	22	ss	25	10
Jackson	ts	70	41	su	57	36
Jacksonville	sh	79	69	ts	77	50
Janeau	sh	41	39	rn	42	29
Kansas City	sh	43	29	sh	35	20
Las Vegas	pc	47	36	pc	50	37
Lexington	rn	64	48	cl	51	36
Lincoln	ss	31	23	pc	29	23
Little Rock	rn	58	37	su	53	34
Los Angeles	pc	63	51	pc	60	49
Louisville	rn	65	46	pc	50	35
Macon	sh	74	60	pc	67	40
Memphis	ts	60	39	su	51	35
Miami	pc	79	73	sh	78	70
Minneapolis	sh	41	31	pc	32	22
Mobile	ts	71	51	su	65	43
Montgomery	ts	74	50	pc	60	38
Nashrom	ts	68	41	pc	56	36
New Orleans	ts	75	49	su	61	45
New York	rn	46	42	cl	47	41
Norfolk	sh	62	57	sh	72	44
Oklahoma City	pc	46	31	su	50	28
Oklahoma	ss	34	23	su	27	24
Orlando	sh	81	69	ts	79	59

### WORLD CITIES

SUN./MON.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	sh	80	72	sh	81	70
Palm Springs	pc	59	44	sh	57	47
Philadelphia	rn	49	44	rn	53	39
Phoenix	pc	52	39	sh	58	46
Pittsburgh	rn	59	55	sh	60	37
Portland, ME	pc	40	27	sn	32	22
Portland, OR	sh	45	33	pc	46	35
Providence	cl	44	34	rn	36	35
Raleigh	sh	70	64	ts	73	42
Rapid City	pc	29	23	pc	34	16
Reno	rn	48	33	sh	42	28
Richmond	rn	57	56	ts	71	43
Rochester	rn	39	37	rn	49	35
Sacramento	rn	52	41	su	60	38
Salem, Ore.	rn	43	34	pc	45	35
Salt Lake City	pc	30	24	pc	33	21
San Antonio	pc	69	36	pc	65	36
San Diego	pc	62	51	pc	62	47
San Francisco	rn	53	46	su	55	44
San Juan	pc	84	76	pc	83	75
Santa Fe	pc	26	11	su	31	16
Savannah	sh	73	65	ts	75	45
Seattle	pc	49	36	pc	47	41
Shreveport	rn	60	39	su	59	36
Sioux Falls	sn	33	20	ss	23	18
Spokane	pc	36	23	pc	34	29
St. Louis	sh	61	34	sh	40	30
Tucson	su	51	33	pc	61	43
Syracuse	rn	41	36	pc	42	34
Tallahassee	sh	73	65	sh	70	43
Tampa	sh	80	70	ts	76	59
Topeka	sh	38	28	pc	36	27
Turkey	su	53	33	pc	61	43
Tulsa	pc	47	32	pc	52	30
Washington	rn	51	50	sh	68	43
Wichita	pc	39	30	pc	43	27
Wilkes Barre	rn	39	35	pc	42	33
Yuma	pc	59	41	sh	56	47

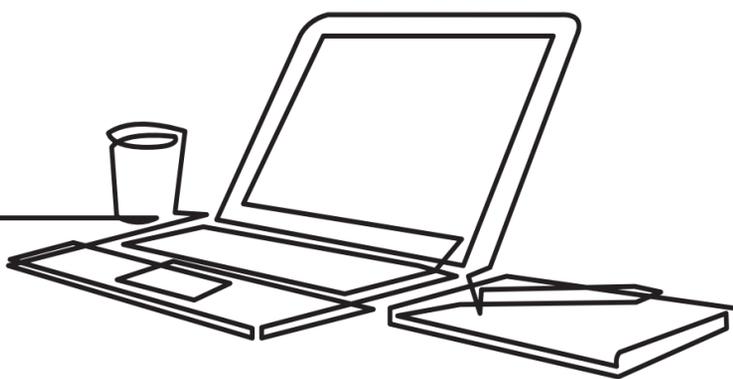
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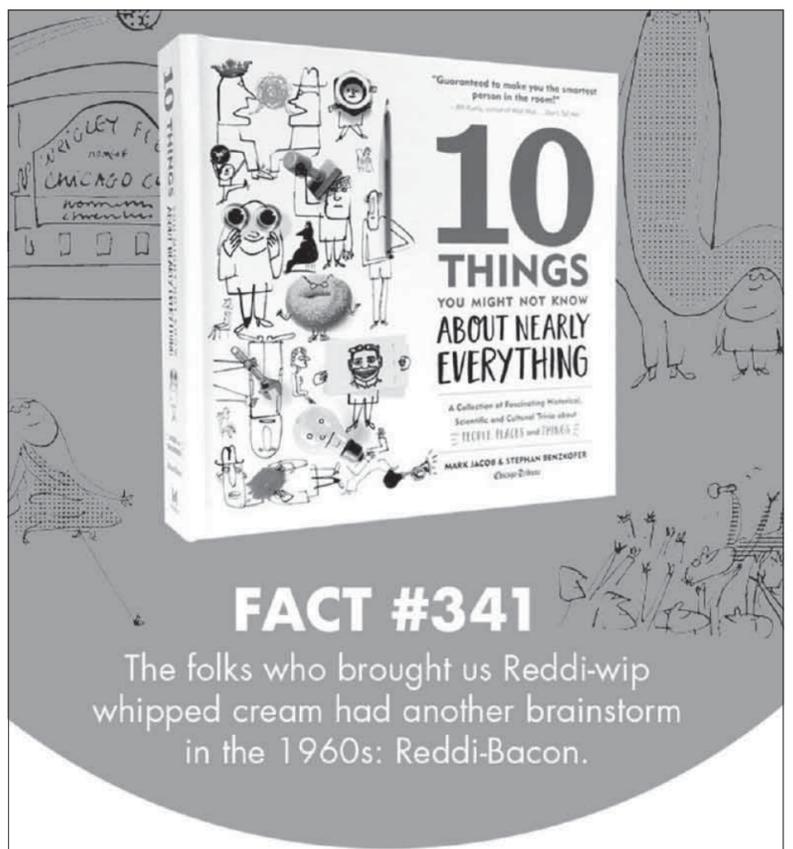
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A bicyclist pedals east on West Cortland Street on April 8 near the Lincoln Yards site on the North Side of Chicago.



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A Boeing 737 Max 8 airplane is seen under construction at Boeing's assembly facility in Renton, Wash.



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Workers roll joints at Cresco Labs in Joliet on Dec. 17. In 2019, Illinois became the 11th state to legalize recreational pot use.

## TOP 10 LOCAL BUSINESS STORIES OF 2019

**W**ith a new governor and mayor, several pieces of legislation passed this year that created business opportunities for Chicago in the marijuana and gambling industries. But not everything was about growth. Illinois soybean farmers struggled with a mix of bad weather and tariffs, and Johnson Publishing, the former owner of Ebony and Jet magazines, filed for bankruptcy.

Here are the top 10 local business stories of 2019:

**Illinois legalizes weed:** The state became the 11th in the nation to allow recreational marijuana use, with sales set to start Jan. 1, and companies rushed to cash in on the potential business opportunity. Illinois approved licenses for cultivation centers to grow recreational cannabis, and dispensaries to sell it. Chicago-based weed companies expanded their offices and hired more employees. By year's end, before recreational sales even had begun, the industry had consolidated. And through it all, advocates pushed for increased diversity in weed businesses and more opportunity for people harmed by the war on drugs.

**Real estate megaprojects take shape:** Two megaprojects — Lincoln Yards on the city's North Side and The 78 in the South Loop — were approved, despite local groups opposing the use of tax increment financing. The two projects will continue the development of the Chicago Riverwalk and create thousands of permanent jobs once they secure key tenants. Meanwhile, The Old Post Office opened to initial tenants in

October. Uber Technologies, Walgreens and Ferrara Candy are among the companies moving into the renovated building.

**Fair workweek law, higher wages:** Chicago moved to raise its minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2021, four years ahead of when the state meets that threshold. Tipped workers, who collect a lower wage and sometimes struggle to make ends meet, joined the movement, and some groups sought legislation that would require those service workers get the full minimum wage. The ordinance that passed left the subminimum wage in place, though it will rise to \$8.40 an hour July 1 and \$9 in 2021. A separate city ordinance now requires employers to provide an advance work schedule to employees.

**Tech sector optimism:** The city notched gains in tech employment. Uber Technologies said it was looking to add more than 2,000 employees as it moved its offices into

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Big and Little's server Maria Montesdeoca prepares drinks at the restaurant's Logan Square location on July 5. Chicago moved to raise its minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2021.



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Betsy Overland holds a sign Sept. 20 as vehicles drive by as she and other registered nurses rally near the University of Chicago Medical Center, where nurses held a strike.



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Registered nurse Claire Nelson uses a hand sanitizer before seeing a patient at Elmhurst Hospital on Nov. 25. Infections are a major problem in hospitals, and some, such as Elmhurst Hospital are tackling this by installing technology to track when and where employees wash their hands.

## Technology is helping doctors, nurses track their hand washing

Some area hospitals are using devices to improve hygiene

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Running from patient room to patient room, it can be surprisingly easy for doctors and nurses to forget to wash their hands, especially if they're dealing with an emergency.

Hospitals have been working to boost hand hygiene for years, but health care providers still wash or sanitize their hands only about half as much as they should, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Now some Chicago area hospitals are trying a new tack to help them remember — tracking technology.

The University of Chicago Medical Center,

Elmhurst Hospital, Edward Hospital in Naperville, Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park and MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn are all investing in technology that can monitor hand washing and hand sanitizing — sometimes down to the individual employee — through electronic sensors.

The new approach to hygiene comes as employers across a number of industries use technology to

keep tabs on worker activity.

Some wonder whether hospital employees will chafe at being tracked. Questions also remain about whether it will reduce infections. But proponents say the hand hygiene technology is an effective way to hold hospital workers accountable for cleanliness and keep patients

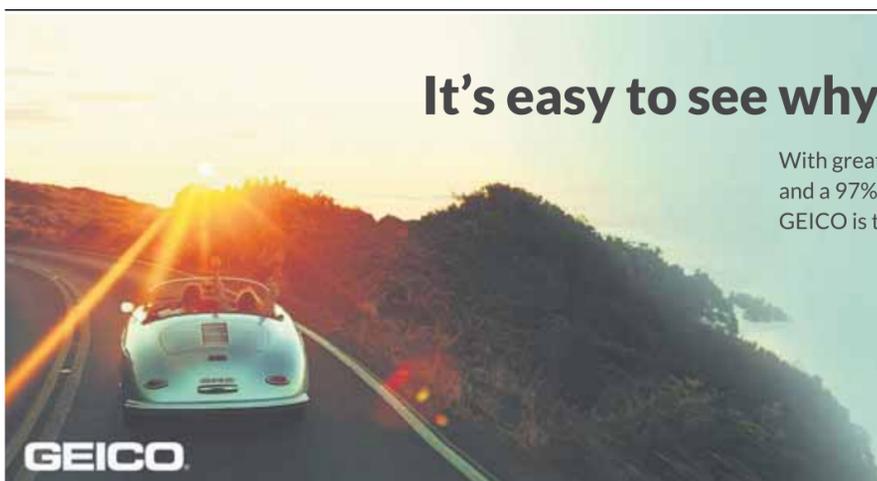
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# Laws keep US pot growers from going global

## Federal regulations prohibit product from being shipped to other countries

BY MARKIAN HAWRYLUK  
Kaiser Health News

DENVER — In a large warehouse, LivWell Enlightened Health feeds its cloned cannabis plants a custom blend of nutrients, sprays them with filtered water and pumps extra carbon dioxide into the air, and releases three types of insects to clear unwanted pests without the use of toxic pesticides.

Every part of the growing process is meticulously documented and evaluated to refine the process.

After 20 years of experience, legal marijuana growers in the U.S. have the reputation of creating the best product in the world, scientifically grown and tightly regulated for quality and safety.

The crop would be in high demand internationally — perhaps the centerpiece of a new U.S. industry — if not for the regulatory conundrum in which growers operate.

Because marijuana is legal in many states but still illegal federally, marijuana growers are unable to ship their products to other countries or even other American states that have legalized the drug. So while U.S. cannabis firms have driven product innovation and mastered large-scale grow operations, they restlessly wait for the export curtain to lift.

Instead Canada has emerged as

the dominant exporter in the burgeoning global marijuana trade, which ArcView Market Research and BDS Analytics estimated at \$14.9 billion in sales for 2019. Companies are raising capital and building international trade ties despite Canada's unlikely climate to be an agricultural pot haven.

"Canada has a huge advantage, because they can fill a gap," said Rezwana Khan, vice president of global corporate development for cannabis seed supplier DNA Genetics.

**California's growers have been** developing legal marijuana products since 1996, longer than everywhere but Amsterdam. Khan describes the state as "the epicenter of cannabis culture."

California's cannabis seeds have been distributed all over the world, and many foreign firms are trying to reproduce the quality of West Coast marijuana.

The genetics and sophistication underlying the U.S. cannabis industry lead to better-quality and higher-potency flowers for those who smoke marijuana and innovations in oils, tinctures and edibles.

"The world wants that technology," said Michael Sassano, CEO of Solaris Farms, the largest cannabis hybrid greenhouse in Nevada. "The Netherlands had a big jump; they could have done anything. But the U.S. is the one that

turned the industry into what it is today, with all the products we make, not Canada."

The other draw of American-grown cannabis, according to Denver-based cannabis law expert Bob Hoban, is that foreign customers value the regulatory oversight that ensures the product is safe and unadulterated.

"It's being regulated by a government agency, which is not necessarily what's happening around the rest of the world," Hoban said.

**But because federal law prohibits** the sale and use of marijuana, growers have not had easy access to the banking system. LivWell had to pay cash for its HVAC system. And with sales limited to in-state retailers, it hasn't been cost-effective to invest in automation for its production line. Most of its processing and packaging is done by hand.

The patchwork of legalization means cannabis isn't always grown where it's easiest to grow, in warm climates with limited rainfall. It's grown where it's legal. California, Oregon and Colorado grow most of the country's authorized marijuana as legally isolated islands.

That leaves cold Canada as a somewhat odd choice to be the world's leader in marijuana exports.

When Canada legalized marijuana in 2018, its firms could be listed on the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ. So Canadian companies represent a back door for U.S. firms to access capital and export markets, and

for smaller firms, a potential exit strategy. Many U.S. marijuana growers are positioning themselves as attractive acquisition targets for Canadian firms eyeing the U.S. market.

Canadian firms are using their head start to sign trade deals and secure licenses to sell marijuana internationally. While the market remains limited, at least 30 countries — including Mexico, Germany and Italy — have legalized medical marijuana. And the numbers are growing as scientific studies have demonstrated its utility for pain control, nausea and glaucoma.

"There's more than enough time for American companies to catch up," said Kris Krane, president of 4Front Ventures, which grows and sells marijuana in nine states. "But the longer that we wait, the longer we continue to maintain this unsustainable prohibition, the more difficult it's going to be for American companies to catch up."

**Changing public sentiments** about marijuana in the U.S. have many American cannabis firms readying for the day they can legally sell their products elsewhere.

"If the state borders do break open, we're preparing for that," said Sassano, who also is board chairman at Soma Pharma, a holding company based in Dublin that distributes medical cannabis products to pharmacies across Europe.

That means an industry that began mainly as small mom-and-pop growers and retailers must

now consider its corporate hygiene and whether it's meeting legal requirements to sell in these new markets.

LivWell is building large-scale indoor cannabis growing rooms in Colorado and Oregon designed to scale up production for interstate or international commerce. The new rooms have 30- to 40-foot-high ceilings and state-of-the-art LED lighting cool enough to sit close to the plants.

"Then you farm vertically," said Dean Heizer, LivWell's chief legal strategist. "We learned that from the microgreens that people are farming in old cities and in old skyscrapers. If you can cultivate in cubic meters, you can scale. If you're cultivating in square feet, you can't."

With 11 states plus Washington, D.C., approving recreational use and 33 states legalizing medical marijuana, industry insiders believe marijuana may be legalized nationally in the near future, greatly expanding their market.

In November, the House Judiciary Committee passed a bill with more than 50 co-sponsors that would effectively make marijuana legal in the U.S. Though unlikely to pass Congress immediately, it is seen as a sign of hope for the future.

"It's just a matter of time," Krane said. "How much time is very much a question of debate."

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The Old Post Office earlier this year. San Francisco-based Glassdoor was recruiting 500 workers while expanding its office floor space in the Fulton Market district. Google said it would expand its finance team in Chicago, creating hundreds of jobs. Plus, two local tech companies went public — wireless internet firm Cambium Networks and Sprout Social, a company that provides software for businesses to manage their social media accounts.

### Boeing Max 737 plane woes:

The board of Chicago-based Boeing ousted CEO Dennis Muilenburg Monday as the company continued to deal with the aftermath of two deadly crashes of its 737 Max jets in October 2018 and March 2019, which killed 346 people. The Federal Aviation Administration grounded all Boeing 737 Max jets in March and the model has yet to be approved to return to the skies. Major carriers like United, American and Southwest airlines repeatedly juggled their schedules, and Congress demanded answers from company executives.

### Former Outcome Health execs face criminal charges:

Four former executives face criminal charges for their alleged roles in a nearly \$1 billion fraud scheme at the Chicago company. The charges followed a tumultuous couple of years for Outcome, which installs screens and tablets in doctor's offices and waiting rooms that run pharmaceutical ads and educational content. Three of the charged former executives, including former CEO Rishi Shah, former President Shradha Agarwal and former Chief Operating Officer Brad Purdy, pleaded not guilty to their alleged roles in the scheme. But the fourth, Ashik Desai, pleaded guilty and is cooperating with the government's investigation. The four face a combined 26 counts of fraud, the most serious charges carry penalties of up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

**Farmers struggle:** Farmers said it was a nightmare of a year as they grappled with volatile prices, high production costs, unpredictable weather and trade uncertainties. After President Donald Trump imposed steep tariffs on steel and aluminum imported from other countries in 2018, China hit back with its own 25% retaliatory tariff on U.S. soybeans. Illinois is the largest producer of soybeans, and China, the state's biggest buyer, stopped purchasing them. Some soybean farmers said they were able to break even thanks to federal assistance offered to those affected by the trade war. Bad weather didn't help. An unusually rainy year delayed crop production throughout the state.

### Johnson Publishing goes bankrupt:

The former owner of Ebony and Jet magazines filed for bankruptcy over the summer. The company sold its Ebony photo archives for \$30 million, and the buyer, a consortium of foundations, said it would donate the



Glassdoor recruiter Brianna Kelly uses her standing workstation at the company's Chicago office on March 28. Glassdoor, a jobs recruiting and review website based in San Francisco, is expanding its Chicago office in Fulton Market. Chicago notched gains in tech employment in 2019.



A photo of Billie Holiday is displayed, part of the Ebony archives that was sold for \$30 million as Johnson Publishing filed for bankruptcy.

collection to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and other museums to ensure public access. Linda Johnson Rice, the daughter of Ebony founder John Johnson, resigned as chairman emeritus of the Ebony Media board, stating in an email to the new owners, a Texas private equity firm, that the magazine brands were not living up to their legacy in the African American community.

### Gambling expansion in the state:

In the spring, Illinois lawmakers bet big on a massive gambling expansion bill in hopes that it would spur a pipeline of much-needed revenue for both the state and Chicago. The legislation, among other things, called for construction of a large casino facility in Chicago, with about 4,000 gambling positions that include slot machines and table games. But dreams of having a

Las Vegas-style attraction in the city were put on hold after consultants, hired by the state to conduct a feasibility study, found the high tax burden would not be attractive for developers and the five locations proposed by the city would not draw big crowds. Sports betting and five new casinos across the state are also under construction, while several other gaming establishments in Indiana are expanding.

### Labor strife:

Unionized workers staged a wave of walkouts as they demanded better contracts from employers and city leaders. The Chicago Teachers Union went on strike in October for more than two weeks, demanding smaller class sizes and more nurses and social workers at every school. After negotiations with city leaders, the union received a five-year contract that answered many of its demands. More than 2,200 University of Chicago Medical



Gamblers place bets on Chicago sports teams Sept. 4 during the opening of The Book at the Horseshoe Hammond Casino in Hammond.



Former Outcome Health President Shradha Agarwal, left, and former CEO Rishi Shah are seen Dec. 16 at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after pleading not guilty to alleged roles in a nearly \$1 billion fraud scheme.

Center nurses went on strike in September. In November, nurses voted to authorize another strike, but that one was averted after the union reached an agreement with the hospital. Hospital service workers at Mount Sinai Hospital

also planned a walkout in early November but called it off after reaching an agreement with their hospital.

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Registered nurse Claire Nelson talks with patient Darcey Jones, 64, of Glendale Heights, after Nelson used hand sanitizer with a sensor at Elmhurst Hospital.

## Hygiene

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healthier.

On any given day, about 1 in 31 hospital patients have an infection acquired while in the hospital or one developed after surgery. In 2015, there were about 633,300 health care-associated infections in acute care hospitals across the country, and about 72,000 patients with those infections died, according to the most recent CDC data.

Good hand hygiene “truly is the No. 1 way to prevent the spread of infection,” said Annemarie Schmocker, manager of infection prevention at Elmhurst Hospital. “If you’ve performed hand hygiene and done it well, we know that we’re mitigating that risk of transmission.”

Elmhurst Hospital and Edward Hospital in Naperville installed technology made by Ravenswood-based company SwipeSense in late fall. Employees who work with patients, including nurses, doctors, therapists, transporters and housekeepers, will all soon wear a square badge around their necks to track when they have — or haven’t — cleaned their hands when visiting patients.

When an employee cleans his or her hands, a sensor below the soap or alcohol dispenser recognizes the badge and captures that data. Small devices plugged into the walls of patient rooms also detect when an employee has entered and exited a room. The data is routed to SwipeSense, and hospital managers can see the data in real time through an online dashboard. The company also gives managers regularly scheduled reports.

Health care providers might need to clean their hands as many as 100 times in a 12-hour shift, before touching patients, after touching patients or their immediate environments, and after contact with blood, body fluids or contaminated surfaces, according to the CDC.

Vivian Giordano, an advance team lead nurse, called the new sensors a good way to prevent infection, though she admitted that using so much sanitizer can dry her skin.

“It kind of reminds staff not to fall behind on hand washing,” Giordano said. “Running in and out of the rooms, it’s easy to forget.”

Until now, the hospital, like many others, tracked hand hygiene through “secret shoppers,” employees who sat near patient rooms, taking note of which workers cleaned their hands and which didn’t. But that method captured only a small fraction of what was really going on, said Pamela Dunley, president and CEO of Elmhurst Hospital.

“This is much more pre-



Advance team lead nurse Vivian Giordano explains the SwipeSense hand washing tracker at Elmhurst Hospital.

cise,” Dunley said.

MacNeal Hospital has been using SwipeSense since 2016. When it first started testing it for the company, the hospital’s employees were cleaning their hands less than 30% as often as they should, said Dr. Chuck Bareis, chief medical officer at MacNeal. Now the hospital has more than 70% compliance, he said.

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital is in the process of installing a system made by Minnesota-based Ecolab that will allow it to track employees’ hand hygiene, and Loyola University Medical Center is piloting the same system.

The University of Chicago Medical Center uses a system made by Gojo Industries, the company behind Purell. That system does not track individual employees but records the number of times soap and sanitizer is dispensed and the number of times employees exit and enter patient rooms, said Emily Landon, the hospital’s med-

ical director for infection control.

When the hospital started using the system in 2014, employees were cleaning their hands only about 20% to 30% as often as they should, Landon said. Now, most of the hospital is at 50% to 60% compliance, with some units at 100% compliance, she said.

On occasion, the hospital has caught workers cheating, such as by going from dispenser to dispenser to boost their numbers, Landon said. The hospital doesn’t use the data to discipline employees, but rather tracks compliance and lets them know when the numbers fall too low, she said.

“People don’t make a conscious decision (not to clean), it’s just not a habit,” Landon said.

That’s not to say, however, that such technologies are foolproof, or beloved by all.

An Atlanta-based company, Georgia-Pacific, plans next year to launch a product that will consist of a

small hand sanitizer device that attaches to an employee’s uniform and can report data to the cloud. It will give employees hourly goals for hand sanitizing and measure how well they’re performing.

It will not, however, track exactly where each employee cleans his or her hands, said Amna Handley, the company’s director of clinical development.

“Clinicians do not like nor do they want to be tracked while they’re in the hospital,” Handley said. “It’s just not a very respectful approach.”

SwipeSense devices primarily track hand cleaning in patient rooms, not in employee spaces such as bathrooms or break rooms.

Elmhurst Hospital has no plans to discipline employees based on hand hygiene data, though managers may talk to workers who seem to be having issues. Elmhurst conducts investigations when patients develop infections, and hospital leaders will look through the SwipeSense data as part of those investigations, Schmocker said.

MacNeal Hospital also hasn’t used the technology to discipline employees, Bareis said, though hospital leaders are considering it.

Hospital leaders say mitigating circumstances might keep some workers from cleaning their hands. Maybe a doctor was running into a patient’s room to respond to an emergency. A nurse might have had her hands full while entering a room. Or maybe an employee was entering and exiting an empty patient room repeatedly in a short time span, cleaning it or preparing it for another patient.

It can also be difficult to gauge whether such systems are reducing infec-

tions across hospitals because infections can have many causes. Hospitals also have many ways to prevent infection, such as machines that steam clean rooms and processes for preparing patients for surgeries.

In general, health care-associated infections have become less common — hospital patients were about 16% less likely to have such infections in 2015 than 2011, according to the CDC.

MacNeal leaders suspect better hand hygiene might have helped reduce infections from *C. difficile*, a bacterium that can cause diarrhea and life-threatening colon inflammation, Bareis said.

University of Chicago Medical Center saw the risk of MRSA and *C. difficile* in its intensive care units decrease slightly as hand hygiene improved, Landon said. The hospital reported nine cases of MRSA and 181 cases of *C. difficile* in 2018, according to data submitted to Medicare.

MRSA and *C. difficile* are the two of the most common health care-associated infections, according to the CDC. Health care-associated infections tend to be more common in patients with compromised immune systems, such as cancer patients, and patients in intensive care units, Landon said.

Whether the new technologies will improve infection rates is “the million-dollar question,” Bareis said. It’s an important question, he said, because such technologies don’t come cheap.

SwipeSense declined to say how much it charges for its system, saying it depends on bed counts and which applications a hospital chooses. Gojo Industries also declined to give specific figures. Ecolab said costs

can vary, but its system generally runs about \$800 a bed annually.

“It’s not cheap, I can tell you that,” said Dunley, with Elmhurst Hospital. “But a patient getting sick is not cheap either.”

Infections often mean longer, more expensive hospital stays for patients. And hospitals with higher rates of health care-associated infections can face consequences ranging from lower grades from hospital rating groups to financial penalties from the federal government.

More than 25 Illinois hospitals faced payment reductions from the federal government for ranking in the bottom 25% of acute care hospitals nationwide when it came to hospital-acquired conditions for the 12 months ending in September.

Over the last 10 years, nearly 2% of claims to the Doctor’s Co., which provides medical malpractice insurance, have involved health care-associated infections, said Jacqueline Ross, an analysis and coding manager for the company.

SwipeSense said its own data show hospitals can reduce health care-associated infections by as much as 55% during the first year of using the technology.

Local hospital leaders are hopeful they’ll see positive results. At Elmhurst Hospital, many employees said they don’t see the technology having a big impact on their behavior because they were already cleaning their hands — but they welcome the reminder.

“If they’re tracking it, you’re going to think about it way more than if they’re not,” said Elmhurst nurse Claire Nelson.

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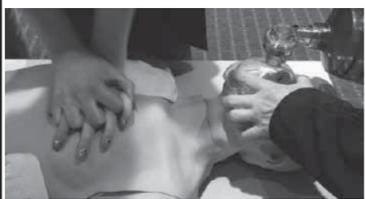
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The cost to hold a non-interest-bearing checking account has risen from \$1.77 ten years ago (the lowest average over the study’s 21-year span) to \$5.61 this year. That’s up ever so slightly from last year, but a bit below the peak of \$5.86, seen 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.

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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2071.72	1565.76	S&P MidCap		2071.72	2058.98	2062.88	-2.73	-0.1	+24.0	▲+25.3	
33081.31	24129.49	Wilshire 5000		33081.31	32809.79	32976.82	+165.59	+0.5	+28.1	▲+29.1	
1681.68	1266.93	Russell 2000		1681.68	1666.19	1669.03	-2.87	-0.2	+23.8	▲+24.8	
420.72	327.34	Dow Jones Stoxx 600		420.72	417.56	419.74	+1.34	+0.3	+24.3	▲+24.8	
7727.49	6536.53	FTSE 100		7665.40	7559.63	7644.90	+62.42	+0.8	+13.6	▲+13.5	

## Most active

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Chesapeake Energy	85	-10
Gen Electric	11.18	+16
Ford Motor	9.36	-12
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.91	-34
Bank of America	35.35	+39
Rite Aid Corp	20.30	+6.27
Uber Technologies	30.17	-28
AT&T Inc	39.24	+0.9
Snap Inc A	16.03	+48
McDermott Intl	1.49	+38
Transocean Ltd	6.57	+68
Callon Petrol	4.71	+16
US Steel Corp	11.14	-78

## NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Adv Micro Dev	46.18	+2.03
Inpixon Corp	.08	-0.1
FuelCell Energy	1.27	+4.9
Apple Inc	289.80	+10.36
Intra-Cellular Ther	35.23	+22.79
Microsoft Corp	158.96	+1.55
Proteostasis Tehrep	2.23	+9.9
Onconova Therapeut	.41	+10
Pain Therapeutics	5.21	+2.96
Micron Tech	54.03	-1.03
Intel Corp	60.08	+1.13
Comcast Corp A	45.10	+1.01
Cisco Syst	47.77	+3.2

## EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE
Alps Alerian MLP	8.57	-0.3
Dir Dly Gold Bull3x	33.38	+5.76
Dir Dly Gold Bear3x	5.89	-1.44
iPath Sh Term Fut	15.23	+1.9
iShares Brazil	47.31	+1.06
iShares Silver Trust	16.58	+5.4
iShares Emerg Mkts	45.07	+4.9
Invesco QQQ Trust	213.61	+1.90
SPDR S&P500 ETF Tr	322.86	+2.13
SPDR S&P O&G ExpPdtm	23.39	+1.7
SPDR Financial	30.77	+0.9
VanE Vect Gld Miners	28.87	+1.74
VanE Vect JrGoldMin	41.38	+3.07

## Largest Companies

Based on market capitalization			
STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	
AT&T Inc	39.24	+0.9	
Abbott Labs	87.40	+7.4	
Adobe Inc	330.79	+3.18	
Alibaba Group Hldg	215.47	+3.22	
Alphabet Inc C	1351.89	+2.30	
Alphabet Inc A	1354.64	+3.42	
Amazon.com Inc	1869.90	+83.30	
Anheuser-Busch InBev	83.12	+1.13	
Apple Inc	289.80	+10.36	
Bank of America	35.35	+3.9	
Berkshire Hath A	338920.06	-929.98	
Berkshire Hath B	226.14	-1.7	
Boeing Co	330.14	+2.14	
Chevron Corp	120.30	+6.2	
China Mobile Ltd	42.07	+8.7	
Cisco Syst	47.77	+3.2	
Citigroup	79.67	+1.16	
CocaCola Co	55.35	+3.8	
Comcast Corp A	45.10	+1.01	
Disney	145.75	-1.13	
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.89	-0.5	
Facebook Inc	208.10	+1.80	
FEMSA	94.74	+2.3	
HSBC Holdings PLC	39.00	+1.1	
HSBC Holdings prA	26.71	+1.7	
Home Depot	219.97	-1.22	
Intel Corp	60.08	+1.13	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	139.14	+1.90	
Johnson & Johnson	145.75	-3.1	
MasterCard Inc	300.74	+2.17	
Merck & Co	91.50	-0.8	
Microsoft Corp	158.96	+1.55	
Novartis AG	95.37	+1.08	
Oracle Corp	53.46	-1.4	
PepsiCo	137.54	-3.8	
Pfizer Inc	39.32	+0.9	
Procter & Gamble	126.09	+1.7	
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.10	+7.03	
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.09	+9.1	
SAP Se	173.31	+5.7	
Taiwan Semicon	58.46	+5.3	
Toyota Mot	141.28	-6.9	
UnitedHealth Group	295.97	+3.38	
Verizon Comm	61.53	+5.9	
Visa Inc	189.39	-1.31	
WallMart Strs	119.59	-7.0	
Wells Fargo & Co	53.92	+5.9	

## How the region's Top 100 companies fared

Ranks based on market capitalization of public companies headquartered in Illinois and north-west Indiana as of Friday, December 27, 2019

RANK/COMPANY	CAP	CLOSE	WEEK	1-YR	Market capitalization		Stock	
					in millions of dollars	\$ change	% return	
1 Boeing Co	185,799	330.14	▲+2.14	+7.7				
2 Abbott Labs	154,563	87.40	▲+7.4	+27.2				
3 McDonalds Corp	149,240	198.17	▲+1.03	+16.0				
4 AbbVie Inc	131,910	89.20	▼-0.9	+5.7				
5 Caterpillar Inc	81,948	148.28	▲+7.1	+21.8				
6 Mondelez Intl	79,593	55.28	▼-1.2	+39.8				
7 CME Group	72,668	202.78	▲+2.76	+14.4				
8 ITW	58,216	181.13	▲+8.2	+50.0				
9 Deere Co	55,077	175.81	▲+1.16	+24.1				
10 Walgreen Boots Alli	52,408	59.02	▲+6.3	-10.4				
11 Exelon Corp	44,143	45.41	▼-0.4	+5.2				
12 Baxter Intl	42,912	84.05	▲+1.56	+32.8				
13 Kraft Heinz Co	38,613	31.62	▼-6.0	-23.2				
14 Allstate Corp	36,240	111.87	▲+2.9	+40.6				
15 Equity Residential	30,061	80.95	▲+6.5	+26.6				
16 Motorola Solutions	27,662	161.45	▲+4.4	+46.0				
17 Discover Fin Svcs	26,629	84.95	▼-1.75	+50.0				
18 Arch Dan Mid	25,774	46.30	▲+5.1	+17.0				
19 Nthn Trust Cp	22,669	106.99	▲+3.9	+34.5				
20 United Airlines Hldg	22,361	88.37	▼-9.1	+6.5				
21 Ventas Inc	21,555	57.83	▲+3.8	+2.1				
22 CDW Corp	20,684	143.96	▲+0.4	+83.1				
23 Grainger WW	18,178	337.47	▼-1.2	+23.7				
24 Gallagher AJ	17,673	94.75	▼-6.7	+35.0				
25 Dover Corp	16,773	115.47	▲+4.8	+71.6				
26 ConAgra Brands Inc	16,633	34.18	▼-8.9	+61.2				
27 TransUnion	16,078	85.39	▲+0.7	+54.2				
28 Ulta Salon Cosmetics	14,471	253.17	▲+2.67	+3.8				
29 Zebra Tech	13,613	256.00	▲+3.51	+66.8				
30 CBOE Global Markets	13,164	118.84	▼-1.8	+27.9				
31 IDEX Corp	13,129	172.62	▲+1.25	+41.2				
32 CNA Financial	12,071	44.46	▼-1.9	+8.8				
33 LKQ Corporation	10,992	35.87	▼-0.6	+45.0				
34 Packaging Corp Am	10,579	111.77	▼-6.6	+39.6				
35 CF Industries	10,338	47.55	▼-7.3	+16.6				
36 NiSource Inc	10,194	27.29	▼-4.7	+12.3				
37 US Foods Holding	9,165	41.77	▲+6.1	+34.5				
38 Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	9,126	65.59	▲+2.9	+77.5				
39 Jones Lang LaSalle	8,928	173.25	▲+7.4	+35.8				
40 Hill-Rom Hldgs	7,570	113.39	▼-1.4	+32.2				
41 Aptargroup Inc	7,352	115.02	▲+0.6	+26.7				
42 Old Republic	6,742	22.21	▼-1.8	+16.0				
43 CDK Global Inc	6,641	54.71	▼-4.2	+19.9				
44 Paycity Hldg	6,512	121.70	▲+0.4	+107.9				
45 Morningstar Inc	6,507	152.02	▼-1.77	+40.2				
46 Equity Lifesty Prop	6,327	69.51	▲+2.9	+47.0				
47 Ingredion Inc	6,285	94.15	▲+2.67	+5.9				
48 IAA Inc	6,192	46.38	▲+0.2					
49 Middleby Corp	6,160	109.73	▼-1.50	+9.2				
50 Stericycle Inc	5,835	64.04	▲+4.4	+77.1				
51 First Indl RT	5,245	41.32	▲+2.0	+47.0				
52 Kemper Corp	5,110	76.68	▼-1.17	+19.6				
53 Brunswick Corp	4,958	60.78	▼-7.9	+37.0				
54 Littelfuse Inc	4,677	192.02	▲+1.48	+16.8				
55 GrubHub Inc	4,486	49.06	▲+0.8	-32.3				
56 Cabot Microelect	4,136	142.14	▼-8.6	+64.0				
57 Wintrust Financial	4,038	70.77	▼-8.8	+9.4				
58 RLI Corp	4,022	89.71	▼-1.78	+35.4				
59 Equity Commonwhl	3,975	32.61	▲+2.1	+21.4				
60 Envestnet Inc	3,754	71.56	▼-1.9	+46.5				
61 John Bean Technol	3,636	114.83	▲+1.60	+64.6				
62 Hyatt Hotels Corp	3,317	90.68	▲+1.91	+37.1				
63 Anixter Intl	3,144	92.97	▲+5.00	+69.9				
64 GATX	2,961	84.36	▼-5.8	+21.2				
65 Navistar Intl	2,906	29.29	▼-5.2	+14.8				
66 Retail Prop Amer	2,833	13.26	▲+1.4	+25.2				
67 TreeHouse Foods	2,686	47.79	▼-6.1	-5.4				
68 Teleph Data	2,671	24.86	▼-0.6	-21.7				
69 Fst Midw Bcp	2,535	20.06	▼-1.3	+21.5				
70 Stepan Co	2,248	99.93	▼-0.7	+39.5				
71 Federal Signal	1,962	32.43	▲+0.6	+66.5				

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male  
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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

**Buyer (Original & Promotional)**

**Application Filing Period:** December 20, 2019 through January 17, 2020. **Examination Date:** February 1, 2020 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of buyer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, acquires routine services, supplies and materials utilizing the informal bid process for services with a dollar value less than \$10,000 and materials, supplies and equipment with a dollar value less than \$25,000. **Pay:** \$72,075.12 per year

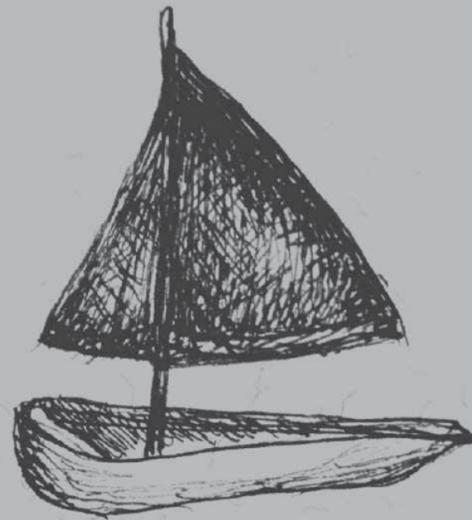
**Senior Buyer (Original & Promotional)**

**Application Filing Period:** December 20, 2019 through January 17, 2020. **Examination Date:** February 1, 2020 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of senior buyer practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, acquires complex services, supplies and materials utilizing the formal bid process for services with a dollar value of more than \$10,000 and materials, supplies and equipment with a dollar value of more than \$25,000. **Pay:** \$87,792.38 per year

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**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 40 CFR 403.8(f)(2)(viii), the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) herewith provides notification to the public of those industrial dischargers to its system which were determined to be significant violators of applicable Pretreatment Standards or Other Requirements during the period from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018.

The District also herewith commends the efforts of those industrial users which demonstrated exemplary and consistent performance by maintaining compliance with applicable Pretreatment Standards or Other Requirements during the period from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018.

**DISCHARGERS DEMONSTRATING EXEMPLARY COMPLIANCE**

The significant industrial users identified below demonstrated exemplary performance with regard to maintaining compliance with applicable Pretreatment Standards and Other Requirements. These industrial users were not the subject of any enforcement actions taken by the District for noncompliance during the report period. The District commends these industrial users for their efforts.

NAME	MUNICIPALITY
9W Halo OpCo L.P.	Chicago
A T A Finishing Corp	Skokie
A-Wire Corporation	Chicago
Abbott Molecular, Inc.	Des Plaines
Accent Metal Finishing Co.	Schiller Park
Accurate Anodizing	Cicero
Ace Anodizing & Impregnating Inc	Hillside
Acme Finishing Company, LLC	Elk Grove Village
Al Bar-Wilmette Platers	Wilmette
All-Brite Anodizing Company	Northlake
Allied Tube & Conduit Corp	Harvey
Alisco-American Linen Division	Chicago
Alsip MiniMill, LLC	Alsip
Aluminum Coil Anodizing Corporation	Streamwood
American Bottling	Northlake
American Nameplate Co.	Chicago
American Plating & Manufacturing	Chicago
American Sugar Refining, Inc.	Chicago
American Wheel Corporation	Bedford Park
Ampel Inc	Elk Grove Village
Anthony Marano Company	Chicago
Aramark Uniform and Career Apparel, LLC	Chicago
ArcelorMittal Riverdale LLC	Riverdale
Ardagh Glass Inc.	Dolton
Art Metal Finishers	Chicago
ARYZTA LLC	Northlake
Ashland, LLC	Calumet City
Automatic Anodizing Corporation	Chicago
B & B Pullman Properties, LP	Chicago
BBJ Rentals, Inc.	Niles
Belmont Plating Works, Inc.	Franklin Park
Best Cutting Die Co., Etch-A-Die Division	Skokie
Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc.	Cicero
Block & Company Inc	Wheeling
Blommer Chocolate Co.	Chicago
BNSF Railway Company	Cicero
Brad Foote Gear Works	Cicero
Bridford Foods	Chicago
Bright Metals Finishing Corporation	Chicago
Caravan Ingredients	Dolton
Carl Buddig CBQ, LLC	South Holland
CBSL Transportation Services, Inc.	Chicago
Cedar Concepts Corporation	Chicago
Century Plating Company, Inc.	Chicago
Chem-Plate Industries, Inc.	Elk Grove Village
Chicago American Manufacturing, LLC	Chicago
Chicago Powdered Metal Products Company	Schiller Park
CID Recycling and Disposal Facility	Calumet City
Cintas Corporation	Maywood
Cintas Corporation	Bedford Park
Cintas Corporation No. 2	Justice
City of Chicago-Sawyer Water Purification Plant	Chicago
Clean Harbors Recycling Services of Chicago, LLC	Chicago
CMP Anodizing, Inc.	Elk Grove Village
CMP Anodizing, Inc.	Elk Grove Village
Congress Development Company	Hillside
Cro-Mat Company	Lincolnwood
Dana Container Inc.	Summit
Darling Ingredients Inc.	Blue Island
Des Plaines Landfill	Des Plaines
DME Manufacturing Company	Skokie
Domestic Uniform Rental Company	Chicago
Dyma-Burr Chicago, Inc.	Northlake
Eagle Electronics Incorporated	Schaumburg
Ebro Foods, Inc.	Chicago
Edsal Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Chicago
Edsal Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Chicago
El Milagro Tortilla	Chicago
El Milagro, Inc.	Chicago
Elkay Manufacturing Company	Broadview
Empire Hard Chrome	Chicago
En-Chro Plating, Ltd.	Melrose Park

NAME	MUNICIPALITY
Enameled Steel & Sign Co.	Chicago
Engis Corporation, Inc.	Wheeling
Envirite of Illinois, Inc.	Harvey
Ex-Cell Kaiser, LLC	Franklin Park
Expert Metal Finishing, Inc.	River Grove
Express Container Services of Lansing, LLC	Lansing
Fareva Morton Grove, Inc.	Morton Grove
Faspro Technologies, Inc.	Elk Grove Village
Ferrara Candy Company	Bellwood
Five Star Laundry - Chicago, LLC	Chicago
Flying Food Catering, Inc.	Schiller Park
Focal Point LLC	Chicago
Focal Point LLC	Chicago
Foodliner Inc.	Chicago
Foodliner, Inc.	Franklin Park
Forest Plating Co.	Forest Park
Fotofab, LLC	Chicago
FUJIFILM Hunt Chemicals, USA, Inc.	Rolling Meadows
Gate Gourmet Unit 239	Schiller Park
Gelita USA, Inc.	Calumet City
General Circuits d/b/a Delta Precision Circuits, Inc	Elk Grove Village
Great Lakes Coca-Cola Distribution, LLC d/b/a	Niles
Great Lakes Coca-Cola Bottling	Alsip
Great Lakes Coca-Cola Distribution, LLC d/b/a	Des Plaines
Great Lakes Coca-Cola Bottling	Elk Grove Village
Great Northern Instore	Alsip
Greenlee Diamond Tool Company	Chicago
Griffith Foods, Inc.	Chicago
H. Kramer & Co.	Chicago
Harbor View	Chicago
Hinckley Springs	Chicago
Hinckley Springs	Chicago
Horween Leather Co.	Chicago
HV Manufacturing Company	Wheeling
Imperial Plating Company, Inc.	Chicago
IMS Engineered Products, LLC	Des Plaines
Ingredion Incorporated - Argo Plant	Bedford Park
Innophos, Inc.	Chicago
Innova Division of Griffith Foods, Inc.	Chicago
International Silver Plating, Inc.	Glencoe
James Precious Metals Plating	Chicago
Jernberg Industries, LLC	Chicago
Jewel Food Stores	Melrose Park
JLO Metal Products, Inc.	Chicago
Jonas Enterprises, Inc.	Chicago
Kellogg Company	Chicago
Keystone Automotive Division of LKQ Corporation	Alsip
Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals, LLC	Chicago
Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals, LLC-Argo	Argo
Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals, LLC-Argo-Harlem	Forest View
Koch Foods, Inc.	Kraft Heinz Company
Koppers Incorporated	Stickney
Kraft Heinz Company	Glensview
Lake Landfill Gas Recovery	Northbrook
Land O'Frost	Lansing
Lifeway Foods, Inc.	Morton Grove
LSG Sky Chefs	Des Plaines
Magnetic Inspection Laboratory Inc	Elk Grove Village
Manan Medical Products	Wheeling
Mandel Metals Inc. d/b/a U.S. Standard Sign	Franklin Park
Marathon Cutting Die, Inc.	Wheeling
Material Sciences Corporation-Plant 2	Elk Grove Village
Meadows Golf Club, The	Blue Island
Mech-Tronics	Melrose Park
Mech-Tronics Corporation	Melrose Park
Medi-Physics Inc. d/b/a GE Healthcare	Arlington Heights
Metal Impact LLC	Elk Grove Village
Metal-Matic Inc.	Bedford Park
Method Electronics Inc	Rolling Meadows
MicroLink Devices, Inc.	Niles
Micron Metal Finishing, LLC	Bridgeview
Midwestern Rust Proof, Inc.	Chicago
Mondelez Global, LLC	Chicago
Morgan Services, Inc.	Chicago
Morton Grove Pharmaceuticals	Morton Grove
MRC Polymers, Inc.	Chicago
Nalco Water Pretreatment Solutions, LLC	Glenwood
National Container Group, LLC	Chicago
National Technology Inc	Rolling Meadows
Navistar, Inc.	Melrose Park
Nestle Professional Beverages	Chicago
Robert Plating Co-Plant 2	Chicago
Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation	Rolling Meadows
O & K American Corporation	Chicago
OSI Industries, LLC	Chicago
Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC	Chicago
Paxton Landfill-HEPA Remediation Section	Summit
Precision Plating, Inc.	Elk Grove Village
Precision Plating Company, Inc.	Chicago
Premcor Alsip Distribution Center	Alsip
Pro-Tec Metal Finishing Corp	Chicago
Progress Rail Locomotive Inc.	McCook
Progressive Coating	Chicago
Q.C. Finishers, Inc.	Franklin Park
Quam Nichols Co.	Chicago
R & B Powder Coatings	Chicago

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R & R Research d/b/a E J Somerville Co.	Melrose Park
R. C. Industries, Inc.	Chicago
Regis Technologies, Inc.	Morton Grove
Reliable Plating Corp	Chicago
Rich Products Manufacturing Corporation	Niles
River Bend Prairie	Dolton
RoHS Compliance Services, Inc.	Elk Grove Village
Roman Decorating Products LLC	Calumet City
Roscoe Company	Chicago
S & C Electric Co.	Chicago
Saporito Finishing Company	Cicero
SB Boron Coporation	Bellwood
Senior Flexonics	Bartlett
Sipi Metals Corporation	Chicago
Sloan Valve Co.	Franklin Park
South Chicago Packing LLC	Chicago
Specified Plating Co.	Chicago
Stampepe Meat, Inc.	Bridgeview
Superior Carriers Inc	Markham
T.A.C. Inc.	Summit
Taylor Prepared Foods, Inc.	Chicago
Three J's Industries, Inc.	Elk Grove Village
Tootsie Roll Industries, LLC	Chicago
Trend Technologies, LLC	Elk Grove Village
Tri-Fin, LLC	Elk Grove Village
Tru-Vue, Inc.	McCook
Underswriters Laboratories, Inc.	Northbrook
Unilever Illinois Mfg., LLC	Chicago
Unitach Industries	Elk Grove Village
United Displaycraft	Des Plaines
United Electronics Corporation	Franklin Park
United Re-Manufacturing Company Inc.	Schiller Park
UOP LLC	McCook
V & V Supremo Foods, Inc.	Chicago
Vanee Foods Company	Broadview
Vanee Foods Company, Inc.	Berkeley
Vee Pak, Inc.	Countryside
Vegetable Juices, Inc.	Bedford Park
Viant Wheeling, Inc.	Wheeling
VP Finish, Pariso Inc	Chicago
VP Finish, Pariso Inc	Chicago
W.R. Grace & Co.	Chicago
Water Integrated Treatment Systems LLC	Dolton
Water Saver Faucet Co.	Chicago
Weber-Stephen Products LLC	Palatine
Weber-Stephen Products LLC	Palatine
West Town Plating Inc.	Cicero
Western Springs Water Plant	Western Springs
Wheatland Tube - Division of Zekelman Industries, Inc.	Chicago
Wieland Metals, Inc.	Wheeling
Wynright Corporation	Oak Lawn
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# Resolve to break bad work habits

Bad habits at work can lead to dings in your professional reputation, or even damage to your career progress. Let's look at some of the most problematic habits that people tend to develop at work, potentially endangering everything from productivity to the job itself, and strategies for overcoming them.

## Always late

It was the subway. Traffic. A freak earthquake. Whatever the reason was today, it doesn't change the fact that you were late. Everyone has commute issues sometimes, but regular lateness is a problem. It suggests you don't have the discipline to show up on time, or that you don't care enough to be on time (even if that's not the case).

**The solution:** Adjust your routine. If you hit your snooze button three times, set your original alarm earlier. If your daily Starbucks stop makes you late, either bring your coffee or adjust your schedule. Look at your daily routines, and identify what you can change, and what you can move around to make sure getting to work on time is your priority.

## Procrastination pro

You may be able to get everything done at the last minute (flashbacks to writing those final papers at 4 a.m. the night before they were due), but if you do that at work regularly, you could be impacting your coworkers. If someone's waiting on you to do something, and you wait until the last second to do it/send it, you're putting that person at a disadvantage. Again, stuff happens, but if this becomes a pattern, it undermines your colleagues' trust in you and your ability to work toward shared goals.

**The solution:** Set timelines, with check-in points and smaller goals throughout, so that you're not doing everything at once at the end, in a panic.

## Liar!

"I never got that email!" "Oh, I thought Smith was supposed to be handling that?" Or there are more serious ones, like throwing someone else under the bus when a problem or mistake was your fault. Whatever the lies are (little white lies or more serious ones), they can have major consequences for your job and your career. At the very least, you don't

want a reputation as a liar. At worst, you could be severely disciplined or fired for lying.

**The solution:** Be honest. If you didn't get something done on time, own up to that, as well as why, and what you're doing to make sure it gets done. If you made a mistake, admit it and come up with a plan on how to avoid that next time.

## Negative Ned

There's honesty, and then there's being Debbie Downer. If you're always griping and sniping, you risk getting a reputation as someone who's difficult to work with.

**The solution:** Find the positive. Sometimes things will just suck. In times like those, don't start venting to the nearest coworker, or sit at your desk muttering curses under your breath. You can vent outside work to loved ones, your dog, your therapist — anyone who's not on the job with you.

## Smack-talker

This one is related to being negative. If your coworkers think you're just going to say nasty things about them behind their backs because you never have anything nice to say, why would they trust you?

**The solution:** Resist your inner Mean Girl (and that goes for non-girls as well), and don't say anything about anyone that you wouldn't want repeated to their face. In email or office instant messaging, don't write anything you wouldn't want broadcasted to the entire company.

## Project overreach

On its face, this one seems like it would be a good thing—you're such an efficient employee that you're doing four things at once! However, it means you're doing four things at once, and are giving each one a quarter (or less) of your attention. This is especially problematic if you're multitasking while talking or meeting with others. They can tell you're not really paying attention, and if you miss a necessary detail because you're too busy replying to an email while talking to your coworker, that can have consequences.

**The solution:** Set aside specific times for specific tasks, especially ones that require in-person conversations or face time.

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"I actually liked working at the mall during Christmas. I worked at Woodfield, which is this huge mall in Schaumburg, and people were friendly for the most part. They were just in a hurry and worried about their budgets. I worked in a toy store and actually liked helping people find gifts for their kids. Sometimes, you could help them find something that wasn't a top-10 gift. You'd talk to them and come up with some ideas and then they'd get something a little different. I liked that. I learned that to really give people what they want, you have to talk to them." - Victor Kurtzner, Chicago

"I think what I learned is that you can pretty much skate by if you get a job at a large retail place. I used to work at a big clothing chain when I was in high school and we would hire extra people for the holidays and they would just sort of stand there pretending to fold clothes for an hour or two. I always would make it a point to go up to them and give them some awful job, like clean out the dressing rooms or take out the cardboard for recycling when it was 10 below outside. I learned that if you're hired to do a job, then do the job." - Sam Farrell, Racine, Wisconsin

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## It's that time... resolutions!

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Smith believes that that's why many people decide against running New Year's resolutions in the first place. "They treat their resolutions as if they are tangible goals," she says. "But a good list of resolutions shouldn't be a list of where you want to be but instead it should be a list of how you want to get there."

For example, Smith says you shouldn't list a resolution to become a manager by the end of the year. Instead, you should list the behaviors and strategies that you can put into place in 2017 to put yourself in a position to become a manager. "A resolution list is based on what you resolve to do as an individual, not the rewards you'll receive if you begin to embody those behaviors."

## Practical matters

Dakota Green, a marketing associate, dropped out of a LinkedIn group recently because her online peers were creating a common list of resolutions that she considered to be a bit misguided. "Everything was about getting a bonus or a huge increase in salary and I thought to myself 'how is this helpful when it's so obvious?' Of course we all want more money. I was hoping for something more practical, maybe goals I could set for

myself that would help me stay motivated or help me find new ways to be creative," Green says.

So Green decided to make her own set of resolutions. "I'm not generally a resolution type of person but I am a list person. I make lists for myself each night for the day ahead and I'm actually pretty good about sticking to those lists so I figured that a New Year's resolution list might actually work for me," she says.

One day, Green says she went out with her manager and two co-workers for an impromptu lunch and they discussed the things they wanted to accomplish in the year ahead. "It wasn't really a formal business lunch," she says. "We all go out to eat together at least once a week but for some reason, this time we really talked about work, which usually doesn't happen."

Green and her co-workers decided to have lunch the next day to continue their talk.

"We took things a step further by offering each other some advice. Talking about what our goals were and then taking some time to actually list some of the things we needed to do to get to those goals was kind of an eye-opener," Green says. "You always set these expectations for yourself but you don't necessarily fill in the blanks about how to get there."

Smith says most people make resolutions based on their perceptions, so it's helpful to learn if those perceptions are grounded in reality. "You may think that your work needs to be more creative but your co-workers may think that your creativity is already strong," she says. "Maybe they'd like it if you were a bit more organized. You need to take their perceptions and balance them with your own."

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## Career advice, quoted – some of 2019's best

Asking someone to tell you about their job can go one of two ways: They give you the quick answer, usually something of the “it’s a job” variety, or they go all in, sharing every piece of minute detail about who they work with, the perils of their commute and the latest conflict they had with the boss. For us, the latter option is always preferred.

Here’s a look at some of the more interesting quotes we collected in 2019:

“I do volunteer work for my church. I do volunteer work for the Lord. My job is not part of my volunteer work. My job is not part of my charity. ... And getting paid later — don’t get me wrong, it’s helpful and it’s the right thing to do — but getting paid later puts me in a bad spot. For every \$100 I get late, I’m \$110 in debt.”

— Laura (last name withheld), a Transportation Security Administration employee at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport on being contractually obligated to work without pay during last January’s budgetary shutdown

“Unless you’re in upper management, you’re going to either make lateral moves with the hope of getting a promotion or you’ll get a job that’s one level up from where your current job, and I’ve found that a job that’s one level up from where you are is basically the same job. ... You’re competing for promotions with people who’ve been there for years. It’s like running a race. If you start two miles behind someone in a marathon and you’re both good runners, it’s going to be tough to catch up.”

— Jane McCarthy, looking back at what she called her “standstill” career upon her 2019 retirement

“I’ve interviewed people who are literally looking over my shoulder, out the door. Whenever I saw that, my feeling was ‘fine, keep looking, ‘cause that’s where you’re headed.’”

— Joan Hickman, a career coach in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on the importance of properly concluding a job interview

“I get so much done between 8 and 10 in the morning that I can pretty much coast for the rest of the day. I’m not saying that to come across as lazy or unmotivated, I’m just saying that if you took the average employee and condensed everything they do in the day, I’m guessing that it would come down to two or three hours. People waste a lot of time, myself included. I mean, there are days when I start looking up stuff on Google or I get angry about that something that’s happening politically and my day is

shot. That’s why I stay off of all social media networks until noon so I can do as much as possible before I get sucked into the world of Donald Trump and Kylie Jenner.”

— Stephanie Washington, Indianapolis, on how she stays focused at work

“I felt bad for his wife and kids because he was spending all this time on the phone with me. I finally told him to not worry about us and to go spend time with his family. Probably overstepped my zone a bit but we were friends, so I thought it was just a casual comment. He didn’t. He snapped. ‘My family doesn’t need me! You need me!’ Who says things like that? The guy left for a new job a few years ago so I have no idea if he ever got over himself.”

— Jean S., an administrative assistant for a large creative firm in Chicago, on her former manager’s habit of micromanaging while on vacation

“I really felt a kinship with my co-workers at my last job that I didn’t feel with my own family if I’m being honest. ... We’d been through so much together that I couldn’t imagine being competitive with people I really cared for. But then a friend — OK, thought she was a friend — on my team used a couple of difficult projects to make me look incompetent. Not cool. I thought there was still something to be said about teamwork, that not everything had to be cutthroat, but I was wrong. She used me as a scapegoat to get a promotion.”

— Sandra Elm, a graphic designer in Boise, Idaho, on the reality of potentially being betrayed by friends at work

“Women head into jobs today with their eyes wide open. If they feel any hint of sexual harassment, they will call it out, at least that’s the hope. I know we’re not there yet but it’s coming. Soon, they’ll not only call harassment out but they’ll call it out at the top of their voice. They’ll call it out in very public ways and perhaps most importantly, they’ll call it out by name.”

— Jamie Dokovna, an attorney with Becker & Poliakoff in Miami, on the legacy of the #MeToo movement in the workplace

“It’s like the ‘SpongeBob’ cartoons when SpongeBob and Patrick are working on something and things are just flying above their heads in constant motion. I’d grab a pile, ask for a quick yes or no and then throw it into the recycling bin.”

— Gerald Kaplan, an organization expert in Toronto, on his “no-pause” approach to helping employees eliminate clutter  
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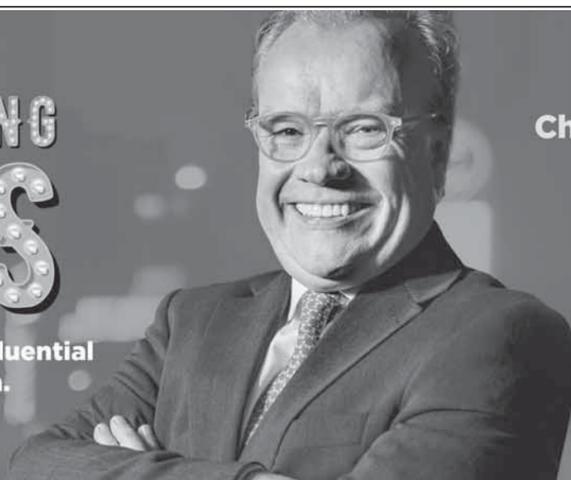
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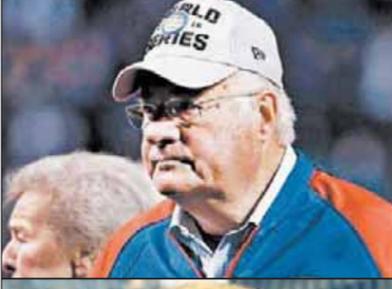
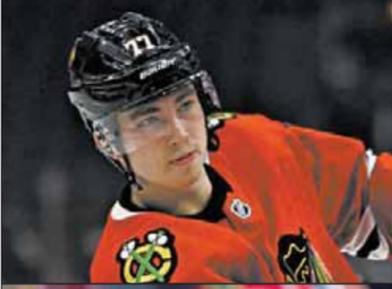
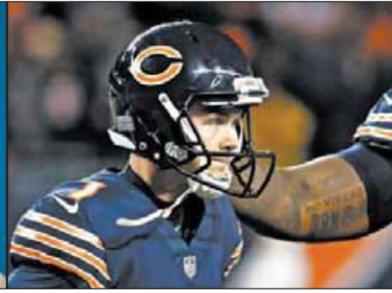
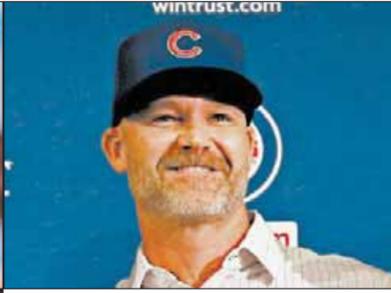


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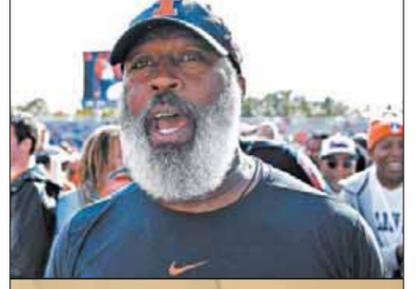
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## 'Next step' a big stumble

Mitch Trubisky's checklist of 2019 goals left too many important boxes unchecked.

Sixteen weeks ago, on a gorgeous Thursday morning, the buzz in Chicago was intensifying and spreading, a football-crazed city juiced up with excitement for the fall.

The Bears were back, baby!

Reigning division champions. Super Bowl contenders. Hosts of the NFL's 100th-season kickoff party. The in-transition Packers were visiting. And so many signs were pointing to continuation of the fun and achievement that defined 2018.

Man, oh, man, a potentially electric five-month experience seemed to be taking shape.

The Bears had an elite defense, the reigning NFL coach of the year and a developing offense eager to take the next step. Quarterback Mitch Trubisky, meanwhile, had the keys to the party bus and the organization's trust that he could skillfully steer the Bears through the regular season, into the playoffs and perhaps, in the grandest of scenarios, all the way to South Florida for Super Bowl LIV.

Over the spring and summer, the Bears' most important voices — including coach Matt Nagy and general manager Ryan Pace — promised everyone that Trubisky had advanced past the introductory curriculum of playing quarterback in the NFL and was ready for accelerated courses.

The Bears emphasized the need for Trubisky to make steady, incremental improvements. But they believed he would show command of the offense and lift the play of everyone around him.

Two days before the season, on a roof deck at Halas Hall, Pace expressed his belief in Trubisky.

"We're very proud of where he's at right now and the trajectory that he's on," Pace said. "It's his confidence, his knowledge in the offense, his ability to operate fast, see the field and process things. It's the command he has with the entire offense and with his teammates. You can just feel that."

And as that Thursday in September arrived, an optimistic curiosity lingered about what Trubisky's 2019 developmental leap should look like.

During an appearance on WMVP-AM 1000 about eight hours before the season kicked off, I was asked how I would define Trubisky "taking the next step." This was my answer:

"No. 1, it's making the dips in the roller coaster less pronounced. There are going to be dips. We can't avoid that. But it's making sure that they're not massive dips where the whole city is pulling its hair out not knowing which Mitch Trubisky you're going to get on a week-in, week-out basis.

"No. 2, it's the ability to consistently hit big plays. Matt (Nagy) has been pounding this touchdown-to-checkdown mentality forever. This is 202 Matt Nagy offense where you need to be able to see the things that are dialed up for you and make the throws to make them happen.

"And No. 3, it's winning games. You can't rely on Eddie Jackson in the fourth quarter of a game at Detroit to get you a pick-six to rescue you. Now, that was a Chase Daniels start (on Thanksgiving 2018). But you know what I'm saying. The defense bailed the offense out on more than one occasion last year. And there's going to come a point where games are close in the fourth quarter and it's up to Mitch to either lead them to a go-ahead score or to seal a game where they're leading by four and you go down and you put that touchdown on and make it 11 and the game's over. So it's being that closer as well as those other two things that I talked about."

The bar was set.

Now here we are, heading into the season finale against the Vikings on Sunday in Minneapolis, and the progress report can be crafted.

**No. 1:** Those dips in the roller coaster? Try to keep the corn dogs and funnel cakes down if you can. Because this season has been wildly disorienting. In Great America terms, Trubisky's dips have been nothing like the Whizzer. This has been like riding Raging Bull with a broken safety harness, then immediately doing dizzy bats and taking three consecutive spins on Goliath.

Trubisky's first performance was an alarmingly erratic night in a spirit-crushing 10-3 loss to the Packers. The Bears scored only three points on 12 possessions, were booed periodically and lost when Trubisky stared down Allen Robinson and threw an interception in the end zone. Trubisky posted a 62.1 passer rating, and Chicago felt its stomach drop.

Trubisky's second 2019 showing at Soldier Field came Sunday night. The Bears again went without a touchdown. Trubisky didn't get past 100 passing yards until the 11th play of the fourth quarter. Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs thoroughly out-classed the Bears in a 26-3 win. Trubisky labeled the night as "embarrassing."

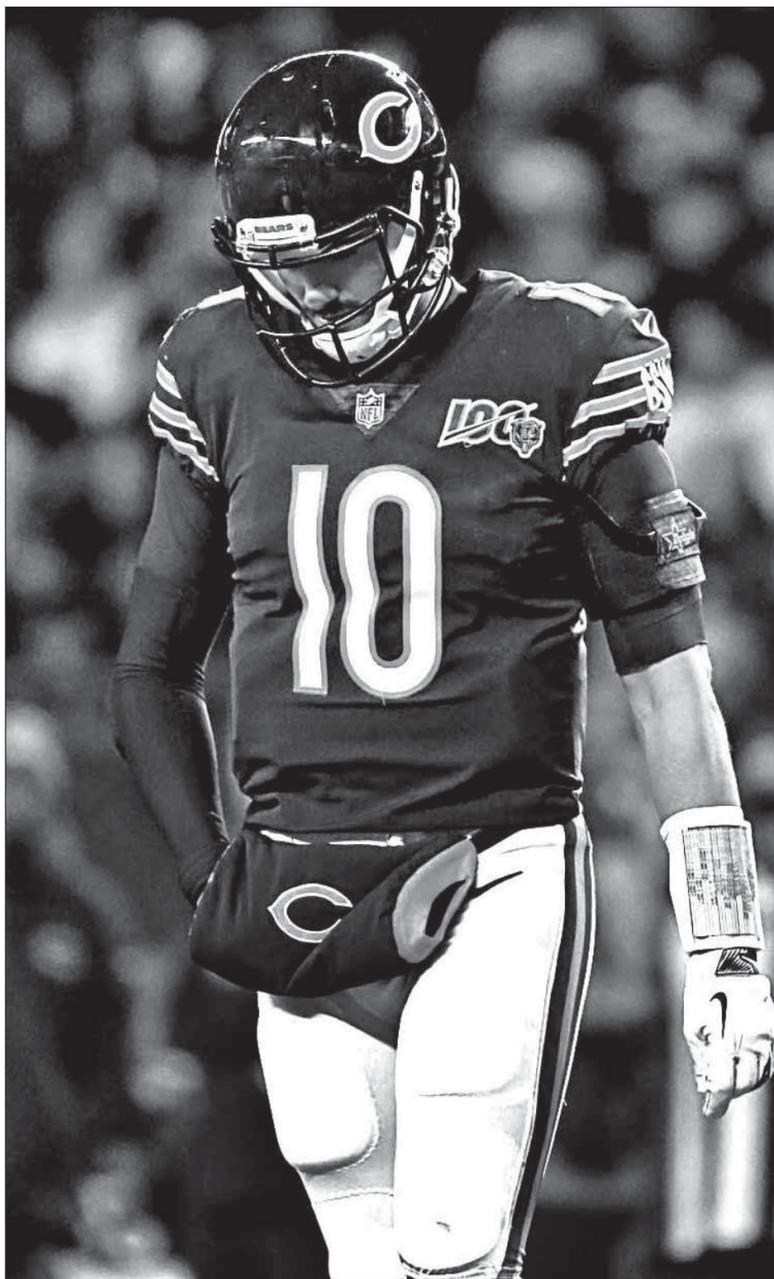
Ugh.

Has Trubisky enjoyed some encouraging highs in between? Certainly. For a 13-minute span of the second quarter in Week 3, he carved up the Redskins defense with ease on his way to a 20-for-23, 173-yard, three-touchdown first half.

He led a game-winning touchdown drive on Thanksgiving in Detroit with a series of confident, clutch throws.

He added the Cowboys with both his arm and his legs in Week 14, accounting for 307 total yards and four touchdowns in a heartening win.

But there was also an abysmal perform-



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky still has countless areas to improve before he can be relied on to consistently guide the offense and capitalize on opportunities.

ance in a blowout loss to the Drew Brees-less Saints in mid-October. There was repeated sloppiness, a surplus of missed opportunities and two turnovers the next week against the Chargers. There was a 9-yard first half in Philadelphia and a stunningly slow start against the floundering Giants.

There have been four first halves in which the Bears didn't score and 10 in which the offense didn't score a touchdown. (For the math majors in the group, that's two-thirds of the time!)

Bottom line: This roller coaster hasn't been safe or all that fun and isn't recommended for those with weak stomachs, vertigo or heart problems.

**No. 2:** What about that touchdown-to-checkdown growth that was supposed to surface in Trubisky's third season? What about his ability to consistently create big plays in the passing game? What about the ability to make game-changing throws frequently?

Trubisky's latest inexcusable misfire came in the second quarter Sunday, a potential 46-yard touchdown to Allen Robinson that became an incompletion when Trubisky — on a play designed to move the pocket, which gave him all night and then some to operate — threw 2 yards too far to an open target. Costly misfire. Trubisky acknowledged as much. Again.

A day later, Nagy didn't need a deep-dive analysis of Trubisky's mechanics or the intricacies of the play. His assessment was direct: "It's one where we would all just say he missed."

And the teaching point for Trubisky? "The lesson," Nagy said, "is that you want to hit 'em. I know it's simple. I'm just saying when you get opportunities in a game, those are ones there where we all want to do our job."

Too many times, Trubisky just hasn't hit the big play. At times, he hasn't seen it. And all too frequently, he has seen it and missed the throw.

According to Next Gen Stats, Trubisky has completed only 42.7% of passes thrown at least 10 yards past the line of scrimmage. He has only 15 completions of at least 30 yards, which ranks 18th in the league. (Jameis Winston has an NFL-best 29.) Trubisky has only three touchdown passes of 20 yards or longer, which ranks 30th. (Mahomes leads the league with 14.)

With all of that taken into account, it's hard to identify progress in the touchdown-to-checkdown department.

**No. 3:** Last, how should we view Trubisky as a closer, as the primary reason the Bears find ways to finish off victories? He succeeded against the Cowboys this month. And his late fourth-quarter touchdown drive to beat the Lions on Thanksgiving deserves a nod of recognition, with Trubisky delivering third-down completions of 35 and 32 yards on that march and showing command and moxie in a do-or-die situation.

And if you're really feeling generous,

Trubisky's lone completion on a game-winning drive in Denver — a 25-yard strike to Robinson to set up a 53-yard field goal with 1 second left — means something. But don't forget that came in a game in which Trubisky didn't top 100 passing yards until that final completion.

So what about the other games in which Trubisky had a golden opportunity to be a closer but couldn't deliver?

Cross off the losses to the Saints, Eagles, Chiefs and the second game against the Packers. The offense's early ineptitude put the Bears in chase mode. In those four games, the offense scored a total of six first-half points and the Bears led for an aggregate 5 minutes, 2 seconds after the first quarter.

The opener against the Packers counts as a missed opportunity. The Bears had the ball six times in the second half with a chance to take the lead or tie the game and never could capitalize, with Trubisky's end-zone interception the biggest blunder.

The Week 11 road game against the Rams also qualifies as a headache. Trubisky's final four possessions came with the Bears trailing 10-7. The results: 30 total yards, one first down and four punts.

And while, yes, it's true the Bears had a makeable 41-yard field-goal attempt on the final play to beat the Chargers in Week 8 — a kick set up by a nifty 11-yard Trubisky scramble — it's fair to acknowledge they never should have trailed a struggling and injury-riddled team in the final moments at home.

Three stalled drives inside the red zone in the first half were frustrating. But they were nowhere near as troublesome as Trubisky's missed 58-yard touchdown strike to Taylor Gabriel with 9:39 to play and the Bears ahead 16-10. That was a chance to deliver the dagger. On the next snap, Trubisky fumbled and gave the Chargers a short field for their go-ahead 26-yard touchdown march. It was his second turnover in the fourth quarter after an interception on a forced pass to Trey Burton a series earlier.

And don't forget, Nagy had so little faith in Trubisky in the final stages of that game, he refused to use all the time the Bears had to set up an easier field-goal attempt for Eddy Pineiro. With 43 seconds left and first down at the Chargers 21-yard line, the Bears opted to kneel. And when Nagy was asked after the loss whether he had considered throwing a pass to advance the ball before the game-ending kick, he acted as if he had been asked whether he considered drinking a Big Gulp of Palmolive. So, yeah. It's hard to give Trubisky high marks for that day.

In summary, this hasn't been Quarterback 202. This hasn't been the "next step" the Bears were advertising and fans were counting on. This hasn't been a year that has pushed the organization any closer to winning a Super Bowl, even though the window of opportunity seemed wide open just four months ago.

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## BEARS

## NFL 100 All-Time Team has 8 Bears players, Halas

BY CHRIS BOGHOSSIAN

The NFL 100 All-Time Team is complete.

The league on Friday night revealed the final 10 players — quarterbacks — on the team, and not surprisingly, no Bears were among them. But the NFL's oldest franchise did land eight players in the top 100.

Running backs Walter Payton and Gale Sayers, tight end Mike Ditka, guard Danny Fortmann, defensive ends Doug Atkins and Bill Hewitt, linebacker Dick Butkus and return specialist Devin Hester were the franchise legends named to the team as the league celebrates its 100th season.

All eight were among the top 24 on the Chicago Tribune's top 100 players in Bears history and are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Notable Bears who didn't make the NFL list include fullback Bronko Nagurski, who was No. 3 on the Tribune's list, quarterback Sid Luckman (No. 5), linebacker Bill George (No. 6), center/linebacker Bulldog Turner (No. 7), defensive lineman Dan Hampton (No. 9), linebacker Brian Urlacher (No. 10), linebacker Mike Singletary (No. 12) and defensive end Richard Dent (No. 14). All eight are in the Hall.

Alan Page, the longtime Vikings defensive tackle who played the last 3½ seasons of his 16-year career with the Bears, also was named to the top 100.

Bears founder George Halas was named one of the 10 greatest coaches in league history. Halas coached the Bears for 40 years in four 10-year stints from 1920-67, compiling a 318-148-31 record (.682 winning percentage) and leading the team to six NFL championships.

Bill Belichick, Paul Brown, Joe Gibbs, Curly Lambeau, Tom Landry, Vince Lombardi, Chuck Noll, Don Shula and Bill Walsh were the other coaches named to the team.

A 26-person panel made up of coaches, team and front-office executives, former players and media members selected the team, revealed over the last six weeks on NFL Network.

Quarterbacks named to the team Friday evening were Sammy Baugh, Tom Brady, John Elway, Brett Favre, Otto Graham, Peyton Manning, Dan Marino, Joe Montana, Roger Staubach and Johnny Unitas.

Left off the list were the Saints' Drew Brees, who is the all-time leader in passing yards, touchdown passes and completion percentage, Steve Young, a Hall of Famer who led the 49ers to three Super Bowl titles, and the Packers' Aaron Rodgers.

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# A free-fall in free agency



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Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara goes into the "good signing" column, but he has too few comrades who have thrived with the Bears.

## Lesson of the decade: Bears must build winner from within

The Bears began the decade battling to remain competitive with an aging defense constructed by Lovie Smith. They will end the decade Sunday in Minneapolis, win or lose, frustrated that their rebuilding effort and first success since Smith's exit after the 2012 season has stalled.



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On the Bears

In between, the Bears were a constant churn of mediocrity through the 2010s, never able to get traction or sustain modest success. Entering Sunday's meaningless game against the Vikings, who are locked into the No. 6 seed in the NFC playoffs, the Bears have a 75-84 regular-season record, one playoff win and just two postseason appearances over the last 10 seasons. They've had more last-place finishes in the NFC North (four) than winning seasons (three).

There have been plenty of top-10 lists and all-decade retrospectives, but the overarching lesson the Bears should have learned over the last 10 years is clear: The key to a turnaround does not lie in free agency. That's no way to build the core of a roster, and it can't be used to fuel a rebuild.

The Bears have spared no expense when it comes to player procurement and have hit on some very good players in free agency.

Defensive end Julius Peppers, the first free agent the franchise signed this decade, was probably the most impactful. He was selected to three Pro Bowls as a Bear and helped lead the team to the NFC championship game in his first season.

Defensive end Willie Young was a shrewd addition by former general manager Phil Emery in 2014 who turned into a very good player. Ditto Ryan Pace's signing of Akiem Hicks in 2016. It's impossible to imagine where the passing offense would be without the addition of Allen Robinson a year ago.

Then there's a long list of free-agent flubs, guys who hit the jackpot with the Bears and provided little in return, several never playing another down of football elsewhere. Getting a contract from the Bears was winning the football lottery for their agents. It's a reminder that, just as the draft is an inexact science, the open market can lead to just as many busts.

Free agency is often viewed as a quick option to upgrade rosters, but *caveat emptor* — buyer beware — always applies. Free agents are almost always on the street for one reason or another. The four free agents who landed the biggest contracts in March made marginal impacts with their new teams this season:

- DE Trey Flowers, Lions, 5 years, \$90 million, \$56 million guaranteed, 3-11-1 record, last in NFC North.
- LB C.J. Mosley, Jets, 5 years, \$85 million, \$51 million guaran-

teed, 6-9 record, third in AFC East.

■ QB Nick Foles, Jaguars, 4 years, \$88 million, \$50.125 million guaranteed, 5-10 record, last in AFC South.

■ S Landon Collins, Redskins, 6 years, \$84 million, \$44.5 million guaranteed, 3-12 record, last in NFC East.

Those four teams enter this weekend with a combined 17-42-1 record. It's worth wondering if all have some level of buyer's remorse. The Jaguars benched Foles for rookie sixth-round pick Gardner Minshew.

The Bears haven't used free agency only to plug a hole here or there. They've dipped in to fill the most important positions on the roster: edge rusher, offensive tackle, wide receiver and, of course, quarterback.

The club has become more draft-driven in recent seasons. The Bears began the decade with 15 draft picks as Week 1 starters in 2010, a total that declined to nine by 2014, Emery's final season as GM. There were only six draft picks in the starting lineup to open Pace's first season in 2015, a number that climbed to 12 in 2018 and 14 this season.

Not only did the Bears pay quarterback Mike Glennon \$16 million in 2017, they've paid Chase Daniel \$10 million over the last two seasons to be a caddy for starter Mitch Trubisky. Jason Campbell picked up \$3.5 million as a backup in 2012. If you consider Trubisky was only bidding his time as a rookie in 2017 until Glennon stumbled — which took only four games — the last time the Bears turned to a backup

quarterback whom they had drafted was Week 15 of 2007, when Kyle Orton replaced Rex Grossman. That's another indictment of the club's serial mismanagement of the position.

Pace referred to "dangerous waters" when discussing free agency in February, and the Bears stumbled again by paying running back Mike Davis \$3 million this season. A plan to use him never materialized. At least he was released in time to potentially net a compensatory draft pick.

Tight end Trey Burton was guaranteed \$22 million when he signed in 2018, and the Bears paid tight end Dion Sims \$12 million for two seasons. The club's swing in free agency in 2017 — signing Glennon, Sims, wide receiver Markus Wheaton, safety Quintin Demps and cornerback Marcus Cooper — was a colossal failure. They earned \$44.5 million combined.

In Pace's defense, he inherited a roster with more holes than he could fill via the draft, and he has done well with free-agent additions such as inside linebacker Danny Trevathan, cornerback Prince Amukamara, right tackle Bobby Massie and return specialist Cordarrelle Patterson.

The Bears may very well need to consider free agency at quarterback this offseason. They run the risk of a disastrous 2020 season if the offense struggles similarly under Trubisky. There will be other spots to consider in free agency as well, but the Bears have proved over the last decade that winning in March doesn't translate to playing the following January.

**MIXED BAG**

Here's a review of notable good and bad signings over the last decade.

- 2019:** Good: KR Cordarrelle Patterson. Bad: RB Mike Davis
- 2018:** Good: WR Allen Robinson. Bad: TE Trey Burton, QB Chase Daniel, WR Taylor Gabriel, K Cody Parkey
- 2017:** Good: CB Prince Amukamara. Bad: CB Marcus Cooper, S Quintin Demps, QB Mike Glennon, TE Dion Sims, WR Markus Wheaton
- 2016:** Good: DL Akiem Hicks, RT Bobby Massie, ILB Danny Trevathan. Bad: ILB Jerrell Freeman
- 2015:** Good: CB Tracy Porter. Bad: OLB Pernell McPhee, S Antrel Rolle, WR Eddie Royal
- 2014:** Good: DE Willie Young. Bad: DE Jared Allen, DE Lamarr Houston
- 2013:** Good: TE Martellus Bennett, LT Jermon Bushrod, LG Matt Slauson
- 2012:** Bad: RB Michael Bush, QB Jason Campbell
- 2011:** Bad: RB Marion Barber, P Adam Podlesh
- 2010:** Good: CB Tim Jennings, DE Julius Peppers. Bad: TE Brandon Manumaleuna, RB Chester Taylor

**Scouting report**

**Irv Smith, Vikings TE**  
Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Irv Smith, 6-foot-2 and 242 pounds, is a rookie the Vikings selected in the second round (50th overall) after he caught 44 passes for 710 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior at Alabama.

Some thought the addition of Smith would signal the end of Kyle Rudolph's career in Minnesota, but the veteran agreed to a pay reduction to return for a ninth season. The Vikings have relied on the tandem a lot, and Smith has 35 catches for 300 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's the future for the Vikings at the position, more so as a receiver than a run blocker," the scout said. "Not that he can't run block because he's coming from Alabama, where he's obviously well-coached to be a complete player. It's one area of his game he needs to improve on, but he's had a bunch of reps this year doing it. He's improved as a run blocker, but the reason he was drafted — and higher than a lot of people thought — was because of his receiving traits. He can work underneath and in the middle of the field in the short to intermediate passing game and has enough juice to get down the field."

"He plays with pretty good balance as a receiver. He can still get a little stuck in his breaks. Based on his playing time, I think they really like him there. He's a good fit for Kevin Stefanski's offense. It's really about opportunity and fit for him there. He's going to block on the edge and catch the ball in space, and when he gets the ball, he can move pretty well. Smith can look a little stiff as an athlete at times in terms of detailed route running, but he's a good athlete. He could get better in the next few seasons."

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x-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	308	246	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	4	0	.733	420	287	4-3-0	7-1-0	8-3-0	3-1-0	5-0-0
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	298	403	5-3-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Denver	6	9	0	.400	266	301	4-3-0	2-6-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	2-3-0
L.A. Chargers	5	10	0	.333	316	314	2-6-0	3-4-0	3-8-0	2-2-0	0-5-0

NFC

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	351	337	5-3-0	3-4-0	2-2-0	6-5-0	4-1-0
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	387	305	4-3-0	3-5-0	1-3-0	6-5-0	4-1-0
N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	324	417	2-5-0	2-6-0	1-3-0	3-8-0	2-3-0
Washington	3	12	0	.200	250	388	1-7-0	2-5-0	1-3-0	2-9-0	0-5-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	416	331	6-2-0	6-1-0	4-0-0	8-3-0	4-1-0
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	.467	436	421	2-5-0	5-3-0	2-2-0	5-6-0	2-3-0
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	353	377	3-5-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	5-6-0	3-2-0
Carolina	5	10	0	.333	330	428	2-5-0	3-5-0	3-1-0	2-9-0	1-4-0
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	353	293	7-1-0	5-2-0	3-1-0	9-2-0	5-0-0
x-Minnesota	10	5	0	.667	388	282	6-1-0	4-4-0	3-1-0	7-4-0	2-3-0
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	259	279	4-4-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	6-5-0	3-2-0
Detroit	3	11	1	.233	321	400	2-5-0	1-6-1	1-3-0	2-8-1	0-5-0
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-San Francisco	12	3	0	.800	453	289	6-2-0	6-1-0	3-1-0	9-2-0	4-1-0
x-Seattle	11	4	0	.733	384	372	4-3-0	7-1-0	3-1-0	8-3-0	3-2-0
L.A. Rams	8	7	0	.533	363	340	4-3-0	4-4-0	2-2-0	6-5-0	2-3-0
Arizona	5	9	1	.367	337	411	2-5-1	3-4-0	2-2-0	3-7-1	1-4-0

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched home-field advantage



ADAM HUNGER/AP

Eli Manning's 16-year career with the Giants, which will probably end Sunday, included a pair of Super Bowl victories.

# Manning's Giants goodbye likely here

BY TOM CANAVAN  
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The man who has been the face of the Giants since 2004 is probably going to make his final appearance for them Sunday.

Eli Manning's 16-year career with the Giants, in which he helped restore the team as a title force in the NFL and led it to two Super Bowl victories, likely will come to an end. The Giants will try to spoil the Eagles' bid to win the NFC East.

If it is the end, Manning will leave with almost every Giants passing record; two NFL championships; two Super Bowl MVPs; a streak of 210 consecutive starts between 2004-17; a Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award; and the respect of his teammates.

No doubt the last eight years have been tough. The Giants have made the playoffs once since winning the championship for the 2011 season, and that's taken a toll on his tenure and his prospects for selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

That's just the stuff on the surface. To his teammates, friends and coaches, Manning will always be the player's player, a classy, giving guy, a family man and a football intellect who wanted nothing more than to help his teammates win games.

What's little known is Manning the prankster, the quiet imp who found a way to get his teammates to laugh.

The pranks are legendary. The No. 1 overall draft pick in 2004 — by the Chargers before a quick trade to the Giants — would borrow a teammate's cellphone and change the language. He would put a dye in the socks of his offensive linemen that would turn their toes blue for weeks.

Former center Shaun O'Hara made the mistake of getting into a disagreement with his quarterback and found his car coated with petroleum jelly and baby powder. Try to get that off.

Make no mistake, Manning isn't going out the way he would like. First-round pick Daniel Jones will be the starting quarterback Sunday in a game that may decide the division title.

Manning will be standing on the sideline watching, like he has most of the season. He lost his starting role after the second game, although he did write a heart-warming final chapter at home in leading the Giants to a 36-20 win over the Dolphins two weeks ago.

Though disappointed, Manning never hesitated to help Jones, the No. 6 overall choice in the draft.

"To have a guy like that to work with every day and to learn football, learn how the NFL works, has been ... I've been fortunate to be in that position," Jones said. "He's a fun guy to hang out with, he's a fun guy to come to work with; you learn a lot just hanging around him. I've been lucky to be around him."

Veteran receiver Golden Tate III has been amazed by how Manning went out of his way to help the 22-year-old who took away his job.

"With everything that has gone on with him and D.J. he stayed consistent to who he is, still the witty, funny guy, jokester," Tate said. "He has remained upbeat and we all noticed that and appreciated it. I can't say I would've handled the situation the way he did, with the New York media and being that guy for so long until all the sudden it's not."

Manning, who earned \$23.2 million in the final year of his contract, hasn't disclosed his future plans. It's obvious he doesn't want to be a backup. With the right team and a good offensive line, he can still make plays.

"He is really special for a lot of the reasons that won't ever go down on a stat sheet, in my opinion," said offensive coordinator Mike Shula, who seemed on the verge of tears talking about Manning. "The kind of guy he is, the way he handles things, watching him how he is with you all, with his teammates, with coaches, handling the situation earlier this year. It's just unbelievable. I'll never forget it."

Manning wasn't shy about saying he did not want to be drafted by the Chargers in 2004. That opened the door for Giants GM Ernie Accorsi to acquire the Mississippi quarterback and younger brother of then-Colts

star Peyton Manning. It gave the Giants a franchise quarterback for years and years, something they had not had since Phil Simms in the 1980s and early '90s.

New coach Tom Coughlin waited nine games before benching future Hall of Famer Kurt Warner and making Manning his starter. As a rookie, Manning went 1-6 after taking over on a team that finished 6-10 after going 4-12 the year before. But it laid the groundwork for the Giants to win the NFC East the following season.

The Giants won their third Super Bowl in franchise history in 2007, when Manning hit Plaxico Burress on a 13-yard TD pass with 35 seconds remaining to knock off the previously undefeated Patriots 17-14. The touchdown was set up by David Tyeer's famous helmet catch after Manning eluded a rush.

The second title came in '11 when Manning led another late drive to knock off Tom Brady and the Patriots again. Ahmad Bradshaw scored on a 6-yard run with 57 seconds to play to cap an 88-yard drive that was ignited by a 38-yard pass to Mario Manningham. He made an over-the-shoulder catch and barely stayed in bounds right in front of Bill Belichick.

Special teams coordinator Thomas McGaughey joined the Giants in 2007, left in 2010 and returned to the organization last year when Pat Shurmur was hired as coach. He said Manning was the same guy when he returned. He was first in the building each morning, eating breakfast around 6:15 a.m. and then doing whatever had to be done while helping out where ever needed.

"He's going to be definitely missed around here," McGaughey said. "He's a legend in his own right. I've got to thank him before he gets out of here for giving me a ring, because he did a heck of a job in that '07 season."

"All of the memories and just being around E all of time, especially back then when I first got here. Just watching him grow as a quarterback, and now just to come back and to see him as the old man in the building, just the old grizzly veteran, who is a guy that just loves ball. He just loves ball."

PREDICTIONS

## Week 17

BY SAM FARMER | Los Angeles Times

Last week vs. the spread: 9-6-1 | Season: 127-106-7

**Jets (6-9) at Bills (10-5)**

Noon Sunday | Pick 'em | O/U 36½

The Jets have shown signs of life, but the Bills are headed to the postseason and have more on the line. The Bills defense is legit.



**Bills 24, Jets 20**

**Chargers (5-10) at Chiefs (11-4)**

Noon Sunday | Chiefs by 9 | O/U 45½

Has any team won five games as the Chargers have, but not one coming within the division? The Chiefs need to maintain momentum.



**Chiefs 33, Chargers 23**

**Dolphins (4-11) at Patriots (12-3)**

Noon Sunday | Patriots by 16 | O/U 44½

This could be more competitive than expected. If the Dolphins can run the ball better, they might take advantage of the Patriots' shortcomings.



**Patriots 28, Dolphins 20**

**Browns (6-9) at Bengals (1-14)**

Noon Sunday | Browns by 2½ | O/U 43

Both teams have been eliminated. Despite their record, the Bengals aren't always terrible. Still, the Browns have more firepower.



**Browns 24, Bengals 20**

**Saints (12-3) at Panthers (5-10)**

Noon Sunday | Saints by 13 | O/U 44½

The Panthers seemed to shut it down after Ron Rivera was fired. The Saints are on a roll, and still have a chance at the No. 1 seed.



**Saints 34, Panthers 20**

**Packers (12-3) at Lions (3-11-1)**

Noon Sunday | Packers by 12½ | O/U 43½

The Packers are playing for seeding. The Lions don't scare anyone with their third-string QB, wobbly offensive line and vulnerable defense.



**Packers 31, Lions 17**

**Bears (7-8) at Vikings (10-5)**

Noon Sunday | Bears 3½ | O/U 36

The Bears will hang around, but the Vikings need to bounce back and regroup after a bad loss to the Packers on Monday night.



**Vikings 28, Bears 23**

**Falcons (6-9) at Buccaneers (7-8)**

Noon Sunday | Pick 'em | O/U 47½

The Bucs can put up a lot of offense. The Falcons three-game win streak will end.



**Buccaneers 33, Falcons 26**

**Raiders (7-8) at Broncos (6-9)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Broncos by 3½ | O/U 41

It looks like a long shot for the Raiders to make the playoffs, but it's quite conceivable. The hardest box to check is beating the Broncos.



**Broncos 28, Raiders 23**

**Steelers (8-7) at Ravens (13-2)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Steelers by 2 | O/U 37

Even resting players, the Ravens are playing too well. The Steelers are vulnerable on defense.



**Ravens 24, Steelers 20**

**Titans (8-7) at Texans (10-5)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Titans by 6 | O/U 44

Ryan Tannehill, Derrick Henry and A.J. Brown will give the Texans all they can handle. Watch for the visitors to come in and send a message.



**Titans 28, Texans 24**

**Colts (7-8) at Jaguars (5-10)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Colts by 5½ | O/U 41½

The Colts are better at home than on the road, but they have enough to win this one.



**Colts 30, Jaguars 18**

**Redskins (3-12) at Cowboys (7-8)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Cowboys by 13 | O/U 46

The Redskins are playing hard under Bill Callahan. Still, the Cowboys will bounce back.



**Cowboys 27, Redskins 20**

**Eagles (8-7) at Giants (4-11)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Eagles by 3½ | O/U 44½

With all their weapons healthy, the Giants can look pretty good. But they do have problems on pass defense, so go with Carson Wentz.



**Eagles 31, Giants 28**

**Cardinals (5-9-1) at Rams (8-7)**

3:25 p.m. Sunday | Rams by 6½ | O/U 45

The Cardinals are capable of upsetting better teams, and Brett Hundley at QB isn't a huge step backward. The Rams are playing for pride.



**Rams 31, Cardinals 23**

**49ers (12-3) at Seahawks (11-4)**

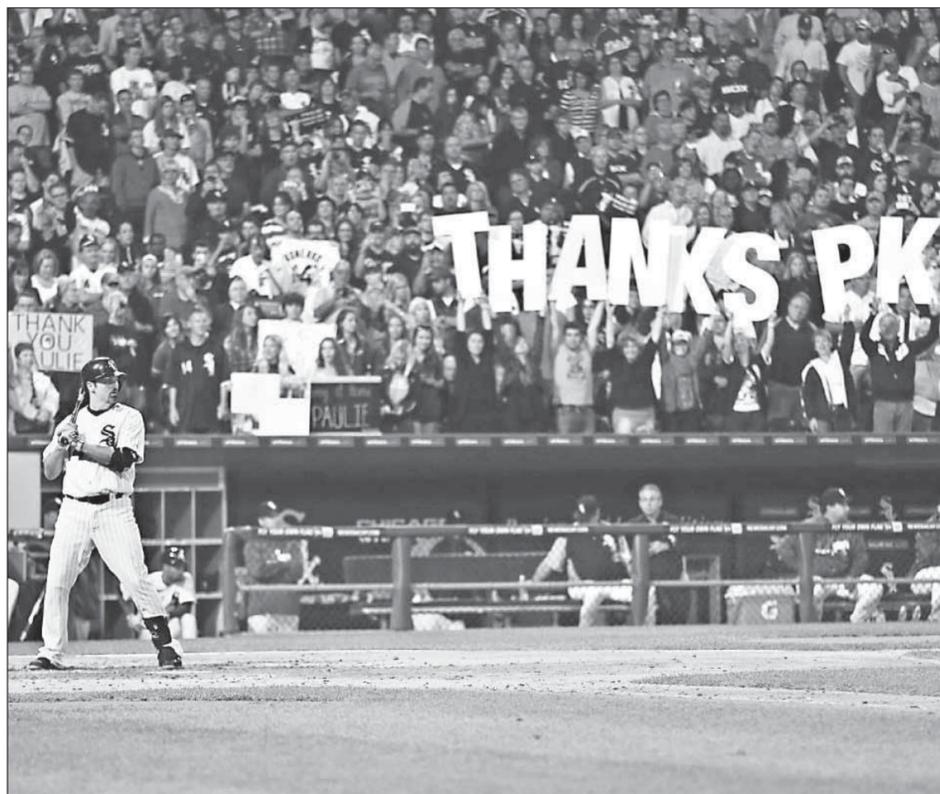
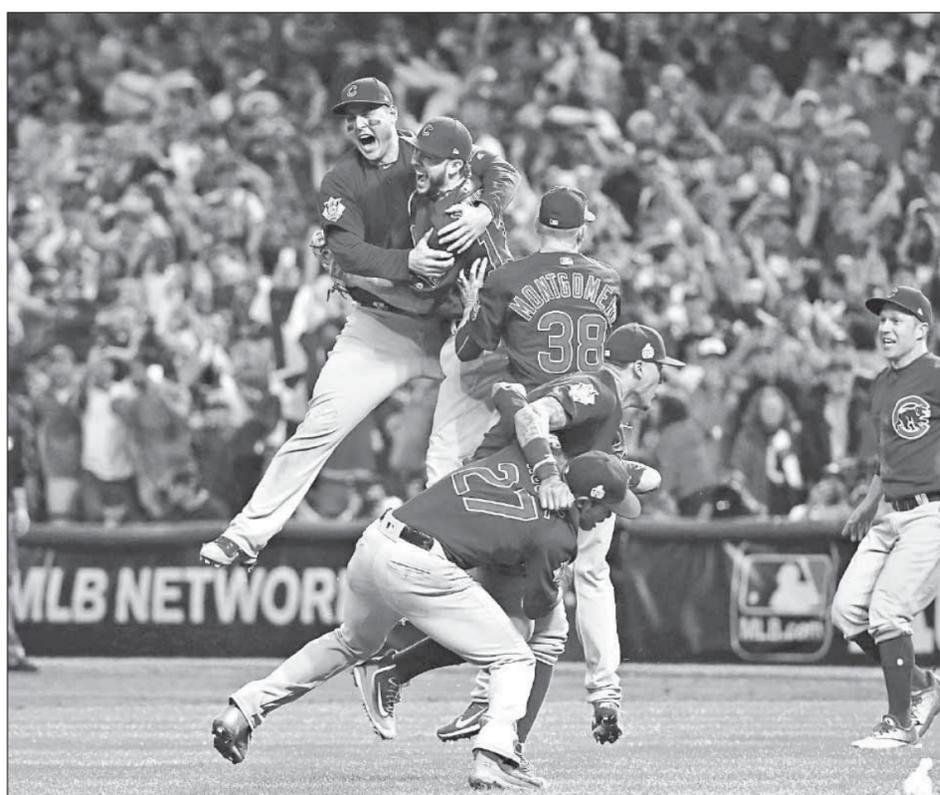
7:20 p.m. Sunday | 49ers by 3 | O/U 46½

Signing Marshawn Lynch is interesting, but can the Seahawks rekindle their running game? The 49ers should do enough to win.



**49ers 31, Seahawks 27**

CUBS AND WHITE SOX



From top to bottom: The 2010s brought a World Series to the Cubs, an unforgettable playoff homer from Kyle Schwarber, a White Sox rebuild fueled by Eloy Jimenez and a farewell to fan favorite Paul Konerko.

# The decade was so Cub

Meanwhile, it was the worst of times for the Sox

The 2010s weren't the greatest decade in Cubs history in terms of winning percentage, though it certainly felt that way for most Cubs fans, most of whom weren't around in the 1930s, the last time they played as well over a 10-year stretch.



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On baseball

the lack of many postgame drinking and dining options within walking distance remains an obstacle with no foreseeable solution. Hawk Harrelson is gone, but Steve Stone is still around to live on TV broadcasts.

And while it might not have been the worst decade in White Sox history, the Sox's .459 winning percentage in the 2010s was as bad as most of their fans have experienced and the worst for the franchise since the '30s, when they won at a paltry .446 clip.

Where the Cubs and Sox will go in the 2020s is anyone's guess, but here's a look at what Chicago baseball fans experienced over the last 10 years and what lies ahead in the next decade.

**What Sox fans will remember**

Only an absurdist novelist could invent the goings on at 35th and Shields in the 2010s. The Ozzie Guillen-Ken Williams feud that led to Guillen's departure to Miami. The disastrous signings of the two free-agent Adams — Dunn and LaRoche — and the addition of teenager Drake LaRoche to the clubhouse that led to another heated controversy. The surprising decision to hire Robin Ventura as manager and the not-so-shocking decision to rebuild after four years of diminishing returns. The brilliance of Chris Sale on the mound, interrupted briefly by the craziness of Sale tearing up uniforms before a game or ripping management over Drake LaRoche. In the end we'll remember Tim Anderson's bat flips, Paul Konerko's farewell, Jose Abreu's consistency and Lucas Giolito's remarkable turnaround, along with an entire decade of not making the postseason.

**What Cubs fans will remember**

Where they were, who they were with and which loved ones they were thinking of on Nov. 2, 2016, when the Cubs finally ended the 108-year championship drought with their Game 7 World Series win in Cleveland. Kris Bryant to Anthony Rizzo for the final out. Jason Heyward's rain delay speech. Joe Maddon pulling Kyle Hendricks. Even Rajai Davis' home run off Aroldis Chapman, the "oh, (bleep)!" moment of truth to remind Cubs fans nothing ever comes easy. Aside from the World Series, there was also the "Schwarbomb" from Kyle Schwarber that landed on top of the video board during the 2016 NLDS clincher over the Cardinals and that earned a plexiglass cover as if it were a moon rock. Jake Arrieta's dominance in the 2015 turnaround season. Maddon's theme trips. "Try Not to Suck." They'll probably forget much of the first half of the decade, including the last year of the Mike Quade era. But we can't forget Carlos Zambrano's explosions or John Lackey's sneer or the 2015 opening-night fiasco at Wrigley Field in which bathroom issues led some fans to treat the ballpark like an outdoor urinal.

**What's the same for the Sox since 2010**

Pitching coach Don Cooper remains a constant. He's a living, breathing monument to the Sox's status-quo approach to most personnel decisions. General manager Ken Williams was bumped upstairs to executive vice president, handing Rick Hahn the reins for the last seven sub-.500 seasons. Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf is still in charge, though less talkative and seemingly more impatient as 2005 gets farther away in the rearview mirror. The ballpark nickname, "The Cell," is long gone, replaced by the nickname-proof Guaranteed Rate Field, where the arrow on the logo was pointing down, an ominous sign for the new era. The Sox have yet to post a winning season since the name change. Attendance stabilized a bit during the rebuild and should increase after an offseason spending spree. Still,

**What's the same for the Cubs since 2010**

Almost no one but the Rickettses, Pat Hughes and Len Kasper. With veteran bullpen coach Les Strode let go after the 2019 season, the Cubs waved goodbye to their last uniformed link from the aughts. Wrigley Field survived the decade intact, albeit with some drastic cosmetic surgery, including the video board that ended the "Old Wrigley" era. Amazingly, the Rickettses have so far declined to sell naming rights to Wrigley. Can that last another decade? President Crane Kenney gave up a share of his power when Theo Epstein became president of baseball operations in 2011, but Kenney succeeded in his vision to modernize Wrigley Field and deliver his oft-cited "wheelbarrows of cash" for new revenue streams. Instead of complaining the Cubs won't spend, fans now wonder why the billionaire owners won't go over budget to win in 2020. WGN is gone as a broadcast partner after a lifetime of televising Cubs games, replaced by the much-hyped and still-unaired Marquee Network. Notable fan Ronnie "Woo" Wickers is still here, albeit without the amplified, ear-splitting chanting from his glory days of wooing. Murphy's, Bernie's and the Cubby Bear are still Wrigleyville pillars, though the competition for pre- and postgame drinking options is much greater than it was.

**What to expect from the Sox in the 2020s**

You have to believe the Sox will become an annual contender by the mid-'20s if Luis Robert, Eloy Jimenez, Michael Kopech, Yoan Moncada, Nick Madrigal and Andrew Vaughn are all together and meeting expectations and the offseason additions of Yasmani Grandal and Dallas Keuchel pay off. At least one championship seems attainable if all goes to plan, though rebuilds are harder than the Astros, Cubs and Royals made it look in the 2010s. GM Rick Hahn will be around for most of the decade, but the big question is whether manager Rick Renteria can hang on if the Sox don't climb to respectability this year. It wouldn't be surprising to see Jose Abreu as the Sox manager in the late 2020s, even with an interpreter by his side. That's assuming Paul Konerko doesn't want to return to the game by then, as he would be an obvious choice as a future Sox manager. The educated guess is Don Cooper will still be around as Sox pitching coach at the end of the '20s, just because.

**What to expect from the Cubs in the 2020s**

There's no reason a team with the Cubs' resources shouldn't be able to contend the rest of the decade and win another World Series. The so-called "window of opportunity" should remain open a few more years, making this offseason a key to the Cubs' future. Theo Epstein is a motivated architect who hasn't really begun to make changes outside of new manager David Ross and the coaching staff. Expect a busy start to 2020. As for the Rickettses, they aren't going anywhere soon. The four siblings all seem to enjoy the family toy just as much as when they bought it in a Sam Zell-orchestrated money dump. Crane Kenney, their top adviser, is also entrenched and might one day get his own statue in Gallagher Way — if Tom and Todd Ricketts make it happen. Few of the current players will be around in 2029, with the possible exception of Javier Baez, their next megadeal candidate. Ronnie Woo will still be here, naturally, just because.

**SOX AND CUBS BY THE DECADE**

SOX Decade	Wins	Losses	Pct.
1900s	744	575	.564
1910s	798	692	.536
1920s	731	804	.476
1930s	678	841	.446
1940s	707	820	.463
1950s	847	693	.550
1960s	852	760	.529
1970s	752	853	.469
1980s	758	802	.486
1990s	816	735	.526
2000s	857	764	.529
2010s	743	876	.459
All time	9,082	8,931	.502

CUBS Decade	Wins	Losses	Pct.
1870s	253	194	.566
1880s	691	395	.636
1890s	711	654	.521
1900s	879	592	.598
1910s	826	668	.553
1920s	807	728	.526
1930s	889	646	.579
1940s	736	802	.479
1950s	672	866	.437
1960s	735	868	.459
1970s	785	827	.487
1980s	735	821	.472
1990s	739	813	.476
2000s	807	811	.499
2010s	817	803	.504
All time	11,082	10,488	.514

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## 20 FOR 19 A LOOK BACK AT THE BIGGEST STORIES IN CHICAGO SPORTS

### The star-studded summer

**20** Records. That's probably the key word to use when discussing women's soccer in 2019. The U.S. women's national team won its fourth World Cup — with Chicago Red Stars players Alyssa Naeher, Julie Ertz, Morgan Brian and Tiarna Davidson contributing in key moments (see: Naeher's penalty save against England). Locally, the Red Stars shattered their club attendance record in the National Women's Soccer League and, thanks to the uncanny goal-scoring ability of Sam Kerr, reached their first NWSL final. Things took a sour turn, however, despite the best efforts of the supporters group Chicago Local 134, who traveled in numbers to Cary, N.C., for the final. The defending champion North Carolina Courage scored early and often to send the Red Stars to a 4-0 defeat. A few weeks later, Kerr left the Red Stars for English side Chelsea.

### The lottery luck

**19** The Blackhawks might not have struck lottery gold in 2019, but they hit lottery bronze. After missing the playoffs and finishing with the 12th-worst record in the NHL, the Hawks — who had just an 8.2% chance of moving into the top three — landed the No. 3 pick. The Devils selected center Jack Hughes first, and the Rangers picked forward Kaapo Kakko at No. 2 before the Hawks — picking in the top 10 for the second straight year — took Kirby Dach, an 18-year-old center from Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. General manager Stan Bowman called the stroke of luck a “game-changer.” The Hawks chose Dach instead of center Alex Turcotte, an Elk Grove Village native, and Bowen Byram, regarded as the top defenseman in the draft. The pick was a bit of a surprise considering the 6-foot-4 Dach didn't have a dominant season for Saskatoon of the Western Hockey League, finishing third on his team in scoring. After missing the start of the season because of a concussion, Dach made his NHL debut Oct. 20 against the Capitals at the United Center, starting at center on the first line with Patrick Kane and Dylan Strome. “It was pretty cool,” Dach said. “Grew up watching Kaner play and how successful he's been in his career, and Strome is coming into his own way and how good of a player he is. They made it easy.” After six games, the Hawks were convinced Dach was here to stay. “He's shown he can help us and he's only going to get better,” coach Jeremy Colliton said. Dach had four goals and three assists in a five-game stretch in November but followed with 15 straight without a point.

### The funk

**18** In November 2018, the Blackhawks fired legendary coach Joel Quenneville after a 6-6-3 start, replacing him with Jeremy Colliton. The Alberta native was 33 — the youngest coach in the NHL — when the Hawks promoted him from the Rockford IceHogs, their AHL affiliate. After a 4-2 loss to the Bruins on New Year's Day at Notre Dame Stadium, the Hawks were 15-21-6. That defeat in the NHL's annual Winter Classic was the first of seven in eight games, and missing the playoffs for the second consecutive season — after nine straight postseason appearances, including three Stanley Cups — seemed inevitable. But the Hawks won seven in a row and 10 of 12, getting back to .500 for the first time in two months. The second-half surge continued with a five-game winning streak, capped by Corey Crawford's 2-0 shutout of his hometown Canadiens on March 16 in Montreal, pulling the Hawks within five points of the final Western Conference playoff spot with 11 games remaining. But they lost seven of those 11, finishing at 36-34-12 — and out of the playoffs again. “We had to scratch and claw for everything we got,” Colliton said of the Hawks' second-half surge. “It's just that the hole we were in was too big.”

### The goodbye

**17** Addison Russell's 2019 began with him finishing a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic-violence policy. It ended with the infielder looking for work. The Cubs on Dec. 2 severed ties with Russell, who at 22 in 2016 was voted a starter for the National League All-Star team and hit three postseason home runs to help the Cubs win their first World Series since 1908. Team President Theo Epstein said the decision to not tender Russell a contract “simply because the role we expected him to play for the 2020 Cubs was inconsistent with how he would have been treated in the salary-arbitration process.” Russell was accused of physical and emotional abuse of his now ex-wife, Melisa Reidy, in social media posts dating to June 2017. MLB placed Russell on paid administrative leave Sept. 21, 2018 before suspending him a few weeks later. Epstein subsequently said the Cubs would support Reidy and require all team employees to go through a domestic-violence prevention program. After his suspension, Russell rejoined the Cubs on May 8 as a part-time second baseman and backup to Javier Baez at shortstop, and he received boos from Wrigley Field fans in his return. His lack of power and occasional lapses in the field and on the base paths resulted in him being optioned to Triple-A Iowa on July 24. Russell rejoined the Cubs on Aug. 16 and took over at shortstop on Sept. 2 after Baez suffered a hairline fracture of his left thumb. But six days later Russell was beamed by a pitch from the Brewers' Adrian Houser and missed 14 games. In five seasons with the Cubs, Russell hit .237 with 60 home runs, 253 RBIs, a .308 on-base percentage and .704 OPS. “We wish Addison and his family well,” Epstein said.

### The turnaround?

**16** Year 3 of the White Sox rebuild saw another losing record (72-89) but also some baby steps toward respectability, particularly in the encouraging development of young players Lucas Giolito, Yoan Moncada and Eloy Jimenez in addition to batting champion Tim Anderson. Giolito went 14-9 and made the All-Star team; Moncada raised his average 80 points to .315 while cutting his strikeouts by 63; and Jimenez hit 31 home runs as a rookie — none more memorable than a ninth-inning, two-run shot June 18 to beat the Cubs at Wrigley Field. Still, the clearest sign the Sox might be getting serious about contending again may have come in November, when they shelled out a team-record \$73 million in a four-year contract for free-agent catcher Yasmani Grandal, a two-time All-Star with the Dodgers and Brewers. They followed that in December by agreeing to a deal with former American League Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel, reportedly for three years and \$55.5 million. While neither was the earthshaker that signing Manny Machado would have been, those deals could wind up a milepost in the Sox's emergence from the tunnel of rebuilding.

### The email apology

**15** Sports owners often find themselves on the wrong side of history. With most professional leagues failing to integrate until the late 1940s, issues of racism and inclusion were present from the start. Many of the values that led to white-only leagues still exist in sports ownership, with the NFL's exile of Colin Kaepernick serving as the most visible example. Chicago wasn't free of its own scandal, as Joe Ricketts, patriarch of the family that owns the Cubs, came into focus when his emails were exposed by Splinter News. In the messages, Ricketts shared conspiracy theories and engaged in racism and Islamophobia. He responded with “great laugh” to a joke including the N-word, stated that “Muslims are naturally my (our) enemy” and casually disrespected former President Barack Obama. Ricketts and his oldest son, team Chairman Tom Ricketts, issued separate statements condemning the words and actions. Joe Ricketts, 77, who sent more than 20 racially charged emails in the Splinter News transcript, wanted to explain that he believes “bigoted ideas are wrong.”

### The ‘absolute original’

**14** Chet Coppock, the pioneering Chicago sports broadcaster who flamboyantly wore his bravado like his hip-length raccoon coat, died on April 17 as a result of injuries suffered as a passenger in car accident outside Hilton Head Island, S.C. He was 70. Even at 6-foot-6, he was determined to make his public persona larger than life, and he was always hustling. He once said he believed Will Ferrell's Ron Burgundy character in the “Anchorman” movies was based on him. “I was a frustrated pro wrestler,” Coppock told the Tribune in 2006. “The other kids wanted to be Ernie Banks; I wanted to be ‘Nature Boy’ Buddy Rogers.” At a memorial service, Blackhawks President John McDonough described Coppock as “vulnerable, candid, self-deprecating, caring and an absolute original, a Rembrandt.” “He described himself,” radio executive David Abrams eulogized, “as part pro wrestler, part carnival barker, part hustler and part journalist.”

### The Sox snub

**13** The White Sox made no secret of their pursuit of Manny Machado, one of the two marquee free agents of 2019, along with Bryce Harper. They traded for Yonder Alonso, Machado's brother-in-law. They signed Jon Jay, Machado's close friend. They offered \$250 million over eight years with incentives and options that could have driven the value to \$350 million. But instead of moving to the South Side, Machado headed to San Diego, accepting a 10-year, \$300 million deal from the Padres. Sox general manager Rick Hahn took Machado's decision hard. “I'm fortunate I can mope around a little bit today and be pissed off and feel whatever range of emotions I'm guessing most Sox fans are feeling,” he said. Losing out on Machado left the Sox short on star power and pop at the plate.

### The big question mark

**12** Ben Zobrist, the 2016 World Series MVP who helped the Cubs end their 107-year championship drought, spent most of the 2019 season away from the team. The Eureka, Ill., native, who joined the Cubs in 2016 on a four-year, \$52 million free-agent deal, was placed on the restricted list May 8, five days before he and wife Julianna Zobrist filed for divorce in separate states. He spent the bulk of the summer handling family matters in Nashville, Tenn. The Cubs announced in late July that Zobrist would attempt a comeback, and the switch-hitting utilityman reported to Class A South Bend on Aug. 2, the first stop in a four-team, 13-game minor-league stint. The Cubs reinstated Zobrist on Aug. 31, making him eligible for the postseason roster, and he returned to the lineup three days later. “I didn't know if I would come back at all, just because I'm not sure how much more baseball I'm going to be playing anyways. But the timing is right for me to be here now,” Zobrist said on Sept. 1. But the veteran's presence couldn't stop the Cubs from fading down the stretch, ending a four-year playoff run and fueling major offseason changes. Zobrist, 38, is a free agent and is unsure whether he'll return for a 15th major-league season.

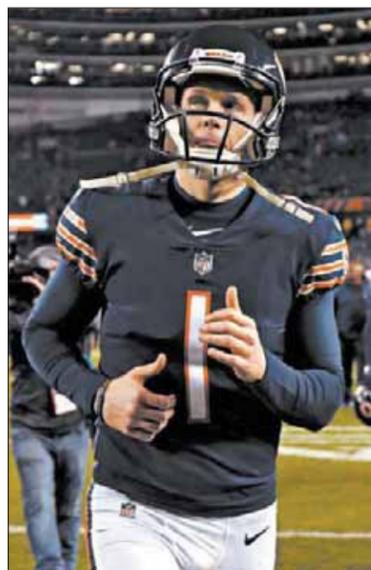


Former catcher David Ross, visiting with Joe Maddon before a Cubs game in 2017, succeeded his



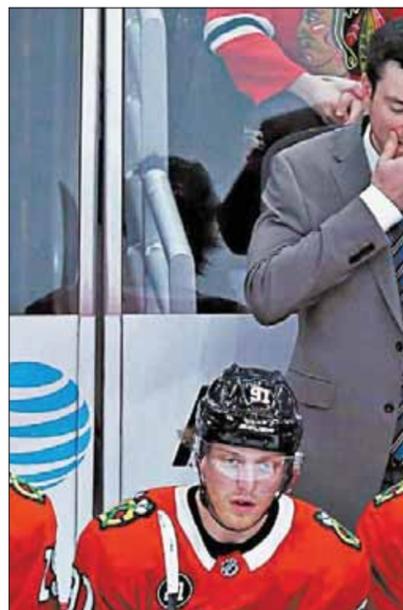
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Bulls GM Gar Forman, vice president John Paxson and coach Jim Boylen, at media day Sept. 30, have pleaded for patience during their seemingly never-ending rebuilding project.



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Kicker Cody Parkey trots off the field after the Bears' “double-doink” loss to the Eagles in the playoffs Jan. 6.



Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton had a rough



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former manager after the Cubs flopped down the stretch and missed the playoffs.



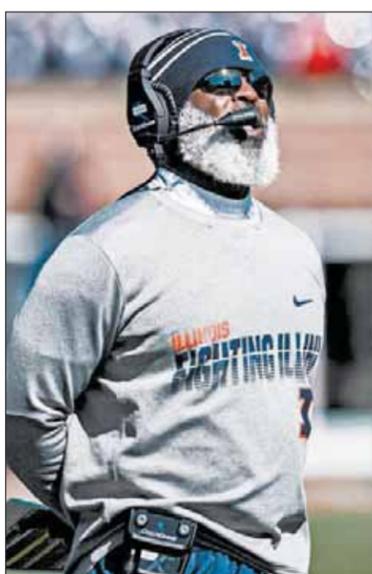
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Former White Sox outfielder Harold Baines and ex-Cubs closer Lee Smith pose during a news conference for the Baseball Hall of Fame last December.



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in first season after replacing Joel Quenneville.



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Lovie Smith went from the firing line to taking Illinois to its first bowl since 2014. The Illini will play Cal in the RedBox Bowl.

## The expanded netting

**11** In the fourth inning of a May 29 game between the Cubs and Astros at Minute Maid Park, Albert Almora Jr. lined a foul ball into the seats along the third-base line. The ball struck a girl in the head. She suffered a fractured skull, subdural bleeding, brain contusions and a brain edema, according to the family's attorney. After the incident, the crowd quickly went silent as Almora, visibly shaken, went to one knee near the batter's box. "I want to put a net around the whole stadium," Almora said later. The accident fueled the demand for expanded netting. Among the first teams to do so was the White Sox, who in July stretched the nets to the foul poles. In December, baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said all 30 teams will expand netting to protect fans by the start of the 2020 season.

## The return

**10** The Chicago Fire as you knew them are long gone. First, billionaire and Morningstar founder Joe Mansueto became the majority owner by shelling out a reported \$204 million to buy out Andrew Hauptman's share. Then came the worst-kept secret in Major League Soccer: A return to Soldier Field starting in 2020. But to get there, the Fire needed to agree to a \$65.5 million deal with the village of Bridgeview to leave SeatGeek Stadium, the team's home since 2006. And if that already wasn't a big year, coach Veljko Paunovic was fired after four seasons in charge. But of all the changes, nothing compares to the team's rebrand in which they ditched their Florian cross-like crest for a much-mocked and much-derided oval badge dubbed the "Fire Crown" for — wait for it — "flames inverted to become a crown." As for another disappointing season in which the Fire missed the playoffs and need to rebuild their squad? Some things never change.

## The Hall of Famers

**9** Chicago's 2019 connections to the Baseball Hall of Fame actually began in December 2018, when a special committee elected former White Sox outfielder/DH Harold Baines and former Cubs closer Lee Smith for induction. The Baines selection was particularly controversial in the age of advanced metrics, as his numbers in gauges such as wins above replacement and OPS+ fell far short of greatness in many's eyes. Nonetheless, Baines and Smith were on the stage in Cooperstown, N.Y., in July, joining Mariano Rivera and others in entering the Hall doors. And the 2020 ceremonies will retain a Chicago flavor after longtime Sox voice Ken "Hawk" Harrelson in December was named the winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for contributions as a broadcaster. You can put it on the board.

## The drought is over

**8** After a 23-point loss at Minnesota on Oct. 5 dropped Illinois to 2-3, the only talk about the postseason was speculating who might replace coach Lovie Smith in December. The Illini had lost a home game to Eastern Michigan, had blown a 14-point second-half lead against Nebraska and were barely competitive against the Gophers. Though the skid reached four games the next week against Michigan, a second-half rally from a 28-7 halftime deficit seemed to spark something. Illinois pulled off one of the biggest shockers of the college football season by toppling then-No. 6 Wisconsin on James McCourt's 39-yard field goal, tacked on one-sided wins over Purdue and Rutgers, then erased a 25-point deficit at Michigan State to become bowl-eligible for the first time since 2014. A 19-point home loss to rival Northwestern in the finale left a bit of a bad taste, but it didn't last long as the Illini learned they're headed to the Redbox Bowl in Santa Clara, Calif., to take on Cal.

## The tanking of the tanking

**7** When the Bulls decided to offload Jimmy Butler in 2017, they committed to a particular existence, a future devoid of playoff appearances and championship contention. At the time, Bulls executive vice president John Paxson said, "We've set a direction." The plan was simple: Rebuild through the draft and land a franchise-altering talent. Of course, only one year later it became clear they were in for something more taxing. The Bulls played through an abysmal 2018-19 season that centered on firings, trades and general growing pains. But all was well and good, because they had a strategy and just needed to chart the course. So, they plodded along with Paxson, general manager Gar Forman and head coach Jim Boylen in tow, hoping the NBA draft lottery would serve Zion Williamson on a ping-pong platter. What their tanking season delivered instead was the No. 7 pick in a three-man draft. Coby White was the selection, and while he has had bright spots, the rookie still needs time to become a player, and, predictably, the front office — which has gotten off scot-free to this point — continues to preach patience as fans await an on-court product resembling what they were promised.

## The bat flip

**6** Tim Anderson had quite a year with the bat. It got going on April 17, when Anderson launched Royals pitcher Brad Keller's fastball into the Guaranteed Rate Field's left-field bleachers and heaved his bat down the third-base line. "It was a bomb," Anderson said. "I smoked it, so I got excited. I wanted to help the bat boy out a little bit, so I threw it to him." Later, Keller plunked Anderson, the benches cleared and both players were ejected.

Anderson was later suspended one game. The bat flip set off a social media blaze, with some criticizing Anderson. But he was steadfast. "They don't want me to have fun," he said. "I think it's cool when you bring excitement to the game." Anderson punctuated his season at the plate by becoming the first Sox player to win the league batting title since 1997, finishing with a .335 average. Finally, the Sox announced in December that at the May 30 game, they will give away bobbleheads commemorating his bat flip.

## The new network

**5** The Cubs on Feb. 13 officially announced the long-anticipated, much-discussed plan to start their own cable television channel. The Marquee Sports Network, in partnership with Sinclair Broadcast Group, will launch in February of 2020. Many of the details remain unknown, such as which TV services will carry it, what it will cost, who the on-air talent will be and what exactly the programming will consist of beyond games and pre- and postgame shows. (Contracts with announcers Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies are being finalized.) One thing that's certain is that WGN-9's 72-year run covering Cubs games is over. WGN's last broadcast was Sept. 27, the Cubs' 8-2 win over the Cardinals in St. Louis. At the end of that telecast, WGN ran its final farewell, this time concluding with Harry Caray saying: "So long, everybody!"

## The bet

**4** A 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision opened the door for states to legalize betting on sports, and cash-strapped Illinois didn't take long to walk through, hoping to generate hundreds of millions annually in tax revenue and license fees. The state legislature on June 2 passed a comprehensive gambling expansion bill that included legalizing sports betting, and Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed it into law June 28. As 2019 winds down, the Illinois Gaming Board is finalizing license application rules, with sportsbooks at casinos and racetracks — and virtual sportsbooks online — expected to go live sometime in 2020.

## The big flop

**3** The Bears couldn't have entered their 100th season with higher expectations. Coming off a 12-4 season in which they won the NFC North championship under first-year coach Matt Nagy, the sky was the limit. All-Pro pass rusher Khalil Mack led the NFL's No. 1 scoring defense, and quarterback Mitch Trubisky was expected to take a step forward behind an improved running game. At the Bears100 Celebration in June, Hall of Famers, including Dan Hampton, gushed about the potential for greatness in the 2019 Bears. Then, on the NFL's opening night at Soldier Field, the offense laid an egg in a 10-3 loss to the Packers. It was a sobering defeat and a bad omen. The Bears won their next three games, including a 16-6 beating of the Vikings, in which Trubisky went down with a shoulder injury. Then came the meltdown. They dropped four in a row, beginning with a stunning loss to the Raiders in London. Trubisky returned the following week, but his struggles continued and his confidence seemed to diminish weekly. The running game was practically nonexistent, and Mack was often invisible. By Thanksgiving week, the Bears were 4-6, and their playoff hopes were on life support. They managed to put together three straight wins late in the season, but it was too little, too late.

## The 'double doink'

**2** Cody Parkey's 43-yard field-goal attempt with 10 seconds left hit the left upright, then the crossbar, then fell cruelly short. The "double doink," as dubbed by NBC's Cris Collinsworth, abruptly ended a special Bears season with a 16-15 loss to the Eagles in a wild-card-round playoff game. Four days later, Parkey appeared on NBC's "Today" show, where the hosts oddly patted the much-maligned kicker on the back for being a class act. Soon after, the Bears released Parkey and embarked on a highly unusual kicking competition, the peak of which saw eight hopefuls put through simulated pressure situations at Halas Hall. The search went on all summer, but the ultimate winner wasn't even part of that eight-man battle. Eddy Pineiro, acquired from the Raiders for the low, low price of a conditional 2021 seventh-round draft pick, was the last man standing.

## The collapse and fallout

**1** On the morning of Sept. 17, the Cubs were in a good place. They trailed the Cardinals by two games in the National League Central and led the Brewers by one for the second wild-card spot. Nine days later — thanks to bullpen implosions (most staggering were Craig Kimbrel's blown saves), bad baserunning and untimely hitting — the Cubs' postseason dream was over, having lost nine in a row. It was one of the most stunning end-of-the-season collapses in franchise history. "It is what it is," manager Joe Maddon said. "You don't cry, you don't sulk, you don't do anything. You come back and play the next game. I have no issues with our ballclub." On Sept. 29, Maddon, after five seasons as manager, was gone. "We're in transition at different levels of the organization," Cubs President Theo Epstein said. "And so sometimes you're left with a choice between status quo or change. This status quo was a great status quo — this status quo by a Hall of Fame manager. But sometimes change can still beckon. That's where we are." Twenty-five days later the team hired David Ross to replace Maddon.

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## Rookie gets comfort from father's advice

When Gilbert got called up, he called up his dad in search of wisdom

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

Dennis Gilbert's trip to Buffalo, N.Y., over the holiday break was full of everything he loves about home.

He spent with friends and his huge extended family — aunts, uncles, cousins and grandma — who have sent him supportive texts since Gilbert rejoined the Blackhawks on Dec. 5.

The only odd part happened as he was leaving town. A stranger stopped him at a Tim Hortons in Buffalo and paid for his cup of coffee.

"He said: 'Good luck the rest of the season,'" Gilbert said. "I never had something like that happen, so that was ... nice."

Gilbert, 23, had better get used to being recognized in Chicago as well. In a remarkably short time, the rookie defenseman who was the Hawks' third-round pick in 2015 appears to have carved out a home on their blue line.

The most recent opportunity presented itself when Duncan Keith suffered a groin injury in early December. The Hawks recalled Gilbert, who played in the season opener while Calvin de Haan and Calvin Murphy were injured hurt, from Rockford for the second time.

Gilbert had played in four NHL games when the latest chance arrived. But something felt different about the opportunity. He wasn't expecting it.

So before the Dec. 5 game against the Bruins in Boston, he called his dad, Dennis Sr., to tell him of his recent call-up and shared his anxiety.

If it sounds as if they have a strong relationship, they do. Dennis Sr. is a retired Buffalo police officer who was also his son's high school football coach.

He knew just what to say to calm his son.

"I didn't want to make a mistake or be the reason why something horrible happened," Gilbert said. "And my dad just said, 'You don't know if it's going to be a day, a week or the rest of your life. ... Might as well go up there and have fun and enjoy yourself. And if you get sent down, then at least you go, OK, I did it the way I wanted to and felt comfortable and wasn't afraid of the moment.'"

"And that's honestly what I did. I was like it's a bigger arena and there's a lot better players, especially the high-end guys, but just play like it's an American (Hockey) League game or a big college game that you get amped up for. So that's what I tried to do. I just felt more comfortable from that conversation."

And it has showed on the ice. Gilbert has played in 12 straight games and seemingly improved with each one. At 6-foot-2, 220 pounds, the physical Gilbert has thrown his body around with abandon. He has 23 blocked shots since getting recalled, including 14 in the last five games.

And yes, he has dropped the gloves — he has been involved in four scraps in the last 11 games. But Gilbert doesn't fight to impress coaches or become an enforcer, a role largely extinct in the NHL.

What Gilbert will do — and has done in his four fights this season — is stand up for teammates. So when the Islanders' Ross Johnston crosschecked him late in the third period Friday night and appeared to want to drop the



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Blackhawks defenseman Dennis Gilbert (39) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against the Islanders on Friday.

gloves, Gilbert didn't oblige.

Not when Gilbert thought Johnston was just trying to show his coaches how unhappy he was that the Islanders were getting thumped — the Hawks won 5-2.

"Why would I risk breaking my hand or an orbital bone just to let him prove that?" Gilbert said. "The biggest thing was if he takes a shot at me there, we get a power play and the game's over. It's over already, but now it's really over. So why would I get in a fight? If you do it to someone else, that's how you get me to react."

Later in the third, with Gilbert on the bench, the Islanders' Matt Martin took a cheap shot at Patrick Kane, and several Hawks — including Slater Koekoek and Connor Murphy — were all over Martin immediately.

"It was great to see Kooks get in there and mix it up and Murphy jump in and Kaner giving him a shot," Gilbert said. "That was awesome. We're not going to back down. He's one of the tougher guys in the league, but we're going to stick up for each other and play hard. I like that. That was my favorite part of the game, to be honest."

Hold on a second: The goal he scored in the first period — the first of his NHL career that came on a nifty backhand in the slot — wasn't his favorite part?

"No," Gilbert said. "Just closed my eyes there."

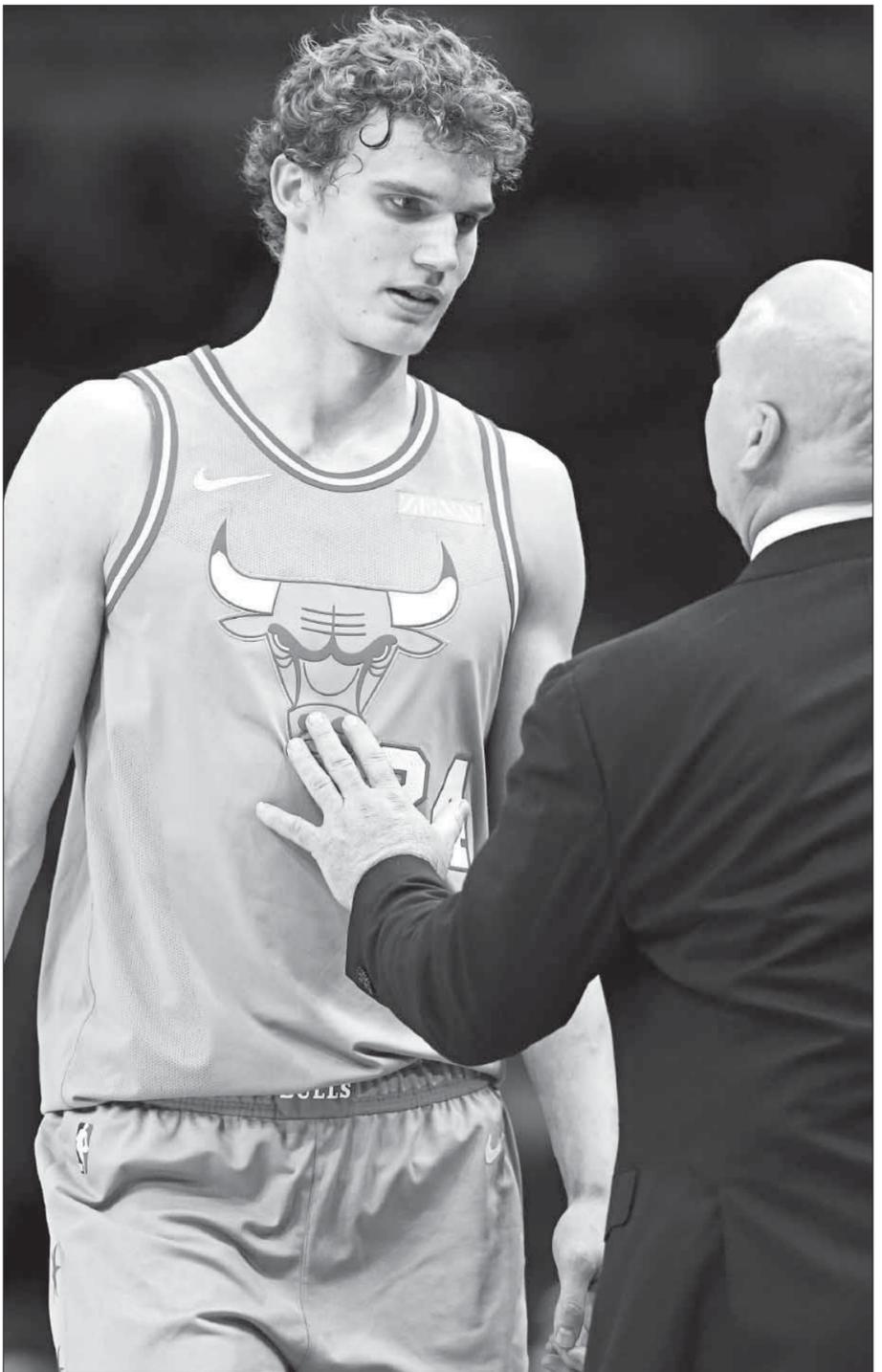
That team-first, workmanlike mentality is partly why Gilbert's teammates have taken to him — and why Jeremy Colliton doesn't want to take him out of the lineup. Gilbert asserted himself so quickly that Colliton made veteran Brent Seabrook a healthy scratch to keep Gilbert on the ice.

Gilbert's strong play likely played a role in Seabrook deciding to take care of nagging injuries to his right shoulder and both hips rather than spend frequent nights as a healthy scratch.

"He brought physicality and that grittiness, toughness right when he came up," Murphy said of Gilbert. "Every game it seems like he's gotten more confident with the puck and skating and making plays and reading plays. And when he's out there controlling his shifts more, it's fun to see. He's a great guy and a great teammate. He's funny. ..."

"So it makes it fun on the D-side to be on the bench with him. And it fires guys up — the toughness and the sacrifice he's willing to give, whether it's blocking shots or fighting any night and any person. It speaks a lot, and you gain a lot of respect from your teammates and even from the league when you do that. We're lucky to have him."

## BULLS



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BULLS 116, HAWKS 81

## Lauri lights it up

The Bulls swept their three-game season series against the Hawks with Saturday night's 116-81 win at the United Center. Lauri Markkanen scored 25 points and made 4 of 9 3-pointers to lead six Bulls in double figures. Zach LaVine added 19 points, and Coby White scored 18 off the bench. John Collins led all players with 34 points for the Hawks, who trailed 35-19 after one quarter.

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## Building zone

Bulls further ahead in rebuild, but the Hawks have youth

By PHIL THOMPSON

When the Bulls and Hawks took the court Saturday night at the United Center, neither look liked the team they envisioned before the season.

Trae Young didn't travel to Chicago after rolling his right ankle Friday against the Bucks, the second time this season an ankle injury has sidelined the second-year point guard. For the Bulls, Kris Dunn started in place of Otto Porter Jr. (broken left foot) for the 14th time this season.

At least the Hawks had John Collins back for the third game since returning from a 25-game suspension for performance-enhancing drugs, and Bulls big man Lauri Markkanen played despite an illness.

The Bulls and Hawks, both youthful teams at different stages in their rebuilds, have been forced to temper expectations. The Bulls hoped to be a playoff contender but are 13-20 after their 116-81 victory Saturday. The Hawks simply wanted to show improvement but are 6-27, three games worse than at the same point in 2018-19.

Here's how the teams compare.

**1. The Bulls are young, but in some ways the Hawks are younger.**

**Bulls:** The Bulls are further along with key pieces such as Zach LaVine, Markkanen and Dunn having at least three years of experience, but they also rely heavily on second-year big Wendell Carter Jr. and rookie Coby White.

And they've show in fits and starts that they're still learning on the job.

Coach Jim Boylen said he and executive vice president John Paxson focus on individual player evaluations in their talks.

"What I try to do is take a thought or idea or a notion that I have and work on it in practice," Boylen said. "I just don't say we're going to get better on this and then not go work on it. We usually show it in the film room and then we go out and try to work on it."

**Hawks:** With all due respect to Boylen, who often makes note of the Bulls being the third-youngest team in the league, the Hawks' average age is boosted by 42-year-old Vince Carter and 31-year-olds Evan Turner and Chandler Parsons.

All of their core — Trae Young, Kevin Huerter, Collins, De'Andre Hunter, Cam Reddish and Bruno Fernando — were all acquired within the last two seasons.

Hawks coach Lloyd Pierce has been through this sort of "process."

"I've been through seven top-five picks straight in the draft between here and Philly. ... The more picks you acquire, the more assets you acquire, the younger you're going to get."

And with youth, he said, "it's going to take a while. You go into the season understanding what the situation is."

**2. In terms of starting line-ups, neither team can keep it together.**

**Bulls:** They hitched a lot of their hopes onto Porter when they acquired the wing in a trade last season, but he has played in only nine games, and his injury figures to keep him out at least into January. Chandler Hutchison filled in for a while but has been battling injuries all season too.

The Bulls, however, have been better equipped to compensate for their losses. Dunn has helped raised the defensive intensity of the starters and brings other attributes that aren't necessarily

the strong suit of the sharpshooting Porter.

**Hawks:** Injuries and Collins' suspension have thwarted their hopes of seeing and evaluating Young, Collins and Kevin Huerter together.

"I joked to (vice president of basketball operations) Rod Higgins, one of our pro scouts (and a former player, on the plane last night. I said, 'What is that now? Four and a half games that John and Trae have played together?'" Pierce said.

That doesn't give coaches much in terms of a sample size.

"As you're trying to build and grow some chemistry among the group, it's hard when you're missing a body," Pierce said.

**3. Both teams are sorting out roles for key players.**

**Bulls:** Dunn has stepped in at small forward and has worked on improving his 3-point shot. Boylen asked White to play more point guard when Dunn was promoted to the first team, hence some of White's shooting struggles for stretches as he tried to adjust.

The team also has been trying to form chemistry with new point guard Tomas Satoransky.

**Hawks:** They used to back youngsters such as Huerter with veterans such as Kevin Bazemore, but many of those vets play for other teams now. Huerter has had to take on other roles, such as playing point guard in the second quarter to help spell Young, who's no longer backed by Jeremy Lin. Huerter summed up the situation perfectly by reflecting on his circumstances.

"Lot of new faces in here," he said. "I was a new face here last year. ... I just trying to do what I can, obviously helping these guys but still learning to do things myself. It's definitely a little bit different, forced a couple of us to grow up a little bit quicker. We're trying to do a lot of things on the fly."

## FIRE

## Pelzer to oversee scouting

By JEREMY MIKULA

The Fire continued building their technical staff Saturday, announcing the hiring of Sebastian Pelzer as technical director.

The team said Pelzer, 39, will work on "all aspects" of the Fire's soccer operations, including domestic and international scouting. He also will assist the members of the technical and coaching staff and with budgeting and salary-cap compliance. Contract details were not revealed.

Pelzer was the second hiring in as many days for the Fire, who on Friday named Raphael Wicky as coach. Like Wicky, Pelzer previously worked with Fire sporting director Georg Heitz. Pelzer was a consultant at Heusler Werthmuller Heitz AG, the sports and business consulting agency Heitz co-founded.

"I have worked closely with Sebastian in the past, and we see football in the same way. We share a similar perspective," Heitz said in a statement. "I'm excited that he has chosen to join us. He is the type of teammate and colleague we wanted to bring to this club. Sebastian has a great eye for talent, he is a great communicator and he knows the intricacies of the sport."

Pelzer, a native of Trier, Germany, spent the majority of his playing career in the second and third divisions of Germany.

The Fire said Eddie Rock will continue in his role as senior director of soccer operations. Rock and Alex Boler, senior manager of team operations, were among the few staff members retained after former coach Veljko Paunovic was fired last month.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF LSU 63, OKLAHOMA 28

## Tigers take charge

Heisman winner  
Burrow throws  
7 TDs in blowoutBY PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Joe Burrow turned in the greatest performance yet in his Heisman Trophy season, throwing for seven touchdowns and 493 yards as No. 1 LSU romped to a breathtaking 63-28 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma in the Peach Bowl semifinal game Saturday.

The Tigers (14-0) headed to the national championship game clicking on all cylinders, having dismantled the Sooners (12-2) with a first half for the ages.

Burrow tied the record for any college bowl game with his seven TD passes — which all came before the bands hit the field for the halftime show at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Justin Jefferson was on the receiving end for four of those scoring plays, also tying a bowl record.

For good measure, Burrow scored an eighth TD himself on a 3-yard run in the third quarter, thoroughly dominating his expected duel with Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts, the Heisman runner-up.

All that as the Tigers played with heavy hearts. Shortly before the game, LSU offensive coordinator Steve Ensminger learned that his daughter-in-law, broadcaster Carley McCord, was among five people killed in a plane crash in Louisiana.

The small plane went down shortly after takeoff for what was supposed to be a flight to Atlanta for the game.

Ensminger had tears running down his cheeks during warmups, but he was in his usual spot high above the field when the game kicked off, calling plays along with passing game coordinator Joe Brady.

It was a brilliant, poignant performance in the face of such tragedy.

“He’s the MVP right now,” LSU head coach Ed Orgeron said of Ensminger in a halftime interview with his team leading 49-14.

LSU needed only three plays to race 42 yards for its first score — a perfectly thrown ball over Jefferson’s shoulder for a 19-yard TD less than 3 minutes into the game.

Oklahoma briefly put up a fight. Hurts’ 51-yard pass to CeeDee Lamb set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Kennedy Brooks that tied the score at 7.

After that, the rout was on.

The Tigers’ potent spread offense made this one look much like the Harlem Globetrotters carving up the Washington Generals, only it was the Sooners playing the hapless victim. At times, it was hard to tell if Oklahoma was actually trying, but that was merely a reflection of Burrow’s precision and the excellent protection that gave him plenty of time to throw.

Jefferson hauled in a 35-yard pass for touchdown No. 2. Then a 42-yarder for No. 3. And, finally, a 30-yard scoring strike that left him counting off four fingers for the crowd — all before the midway point of the second quarter.

Terrace Marshall Jr. contributed to the onslaught with TD catches of 8 and 2 yards. Tight end Thaddeus Moss — the son of NFL Hall of Fame receiver Randy Moss — made his daddy proud by getting free behind the secondary, hauling in a pass and shoving off a fast-closing defender to complete the 62-yard scoring play.

“What a tremendous job by everybody,” Orgeron said. “One team, one heartbeat. Everybody in our organization. We got tremendous play by Joe Burrow and have a great coaching staff.”

It was a miserable finale for Hurts, who closed out a nomadic college career that began with him leading Alabama to a pair of national championship games before losing his starting job to Tua Tagovailoa. After graduating, Hurts transferred to Oklahoma for a one-and-done final season that produced some dazzling numbers but ended short of the ultimate goal.

Running for his life most of the game, Hurts was largely stymied on the ground and through the air. He ran for a pair of touchdowns but gained just 43 yards with his legs. He was held to 15 of 31 for 217 yards passing, giving up a brilliant, leaping interception to Kary Vincent Jr. that quickly brought the LSU offense back on the field as the Tigers were blowing the game open. “We needed to take advantage of every opportunity we had against a team like this,” Hurts said. “We failed to do that.”

Playing for the first time in a city where the Braves have become notorious for their flops in the Major League Baseball playoffs, the Sooners turned in a familiar performance.

They have made the College Football Playoff four times in the six-year history of the format, but have yet to win a game.

Most troubling, they were competitive in just one of those games, an overtime loss to Georgia in the Rose Bowl two seasons ago. That could affect the way the selection committee views the Sooners the next time they’re in the mix — or any other Big 12 school, for that matter.



Joe Burrow threw for seven TDs and ran for another score in leading LSU to a win Saturday.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

## Hard to top

Ohio State’s Garrett Wilson catches a pass over Clemson cornerback Derion Kendrick during the first half of the Fiesta Bowl on Saturday night in Glendale, Ariz. The Buckeyes looked to end the defending national champions’ reign and earn a spot opposite LSU in the national championship game. For the result and coverage, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)



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Notre Dame running back Tony Jones Jr. is knocked out of bounds by Iowa State linebacker Mike Rose on Saturday.

BOWL ROUNDUP

Irish leave  
no doubt in  
rout of ISUND closes out 11-win season,  
brings momentum to 2020BY FRED GOODALL  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — So much for the notion that No. 15 Notre Dame didn’t have anything to play for in the Camping World Bowl.

A year removed from an appearance in the CFP national semifinals, the Fighting Irish closed out another double-digit-win season with arguably their best all-around performance in a 33-9 victory over Iowa State on Saturday.

“I’m just so proud of our football team,” coach Brian Kelly said. “2019 will be one that I’ll always remember, for a group of guys that just loved to play the game. They had such a strong brotherhood.”

“They did not listen to what the naysayers had to say about them. The negative tone, the negative people out there. All they cared about was playing the game. It was clean. It was about competing. Always looking to better themselves.”

Ian Book threw for 247 yards and a touchdown, Tony Jones Jr. scored on an 84-yard run and game MVP Chase Claypool had seven receptions for 146 yards and a touchdown for the Irish (11-2), who finished with a six-game winning streak after losing to Michigan to tumble out of contention for a playoff berth.

Notre Dame also lost to Georgia in September. But Kelly said the team remained focused.

“Even this week (we heard) ‘Notre Dame is not ready to play,’ he said. “(We) used that as another form of motivation to show people wrong. They just read this team wrong. It’s just so satisfying that this group has been rewarded with 11 wins. They overcame adversity, lived the life lessons of it. They’re not perfect. They never pretended to be perfect and never wanted to be but always strived for excellence.”

Book completed 20 of 28 passes without an interception, including a 27-yard touchdown throw to Claypool, who went over 1,000 receiving yards for the season and recovered a fumble on special teams to set up an early field goal.

Iowa State (7-6) lost to four ranked teams — Iowa, Oklahoma, Baylor and Oklahoma State — by a combined 11 points and was hoping to end its fourth season under Matt Campbell with a signature win for a once-downtrodden program.

“When we got here there wasn’t even a thought that we could compete with teams like this,” Campbell said. “There was no thought that we could compete with the best teams in our conference. And to be quite honest with you, I don’t know if there were a lot of people that thought we could compete with our rival in our own state.”

Brock Purdy was 17 of 30 for 222 yards and no interceptions for the Cyclones, but he was unable to get his team into the end zone after throwing for a school single-season record 27 touchdowns. The sophomore quarterback left the game in the closing minutes with what Campbell described as a high ankle sprain.

Connor Assalley kicked field goals of 41, 26 and 42 yards.

“I think why you’re so disappointed is because you feel how close you really are to where you want to be,” Campbell said. “Getting over that hump, taking that next step, that’s a great challenge.”

The Irish, who won 10-plus games in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 1991-93, outtrashed the Cyclones 208-45.

**Penn State 53, Memphis 39:** All-America linebacker Micah Parsons led the big blitz for Penn State, and he had Brady White all wrapped up when the Memphis quarterback suddenly flipped away the ball — right into the hands of Garrett Taylor.

On a day when the Nittany Lions’ defense gave up its most points and yards all season, Taylor turned that gift into a 15-yard interception return for a touchdown on Saturday in Arlington, Texas, in the highest-scoring Cotton Bowl ever.

“A huge momentum shift,” Taylor said.

Journey Brown ran for 202 yards with two long touchdowns, but the Parsons-created pick six came three plays after Brown was stopped short on a fourth-and-1. Taylor put the 10th-ranked Nittany Lions (11-2) up 45-36 going into the fourth quarter.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Willie Parker of Eastern Michigan is tackled by Illinois players Dele Harding (right) and Tymir Oliver on Sept. 14.

### REDBOX BOWL

# Illini got defense in order

Turnaround came after dropping to 2-4

By SHANNON RYAN

REDBOX BOWL

At Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.  
Illinois vs. California  
3 p.m. FOX-32

SAN FRANCISCO — The sign in Illinois' defensive meeting room hasn't come down since the new Smith Center training facility opened in the fall. It reads "128."

That was the Illini defense's ranking last year — out of 130 FBS teams — after allowing 508.4 yards per game. Illinois was seventh-worst in scoring defense at 39.4 points per game.

"It's been documented how bad we were the year before," coach Lovie Smith. "We didn't run from that. Sometimes you're so bad it puts (things in) a focus."

So Smith focused on turning the unit around. And eventually, it worked.

The Illini defense this season ranks 80th nationally and is a big reason Illinois is making its first bowl appearance since 2014. The Illini (6-6) face California (7-5) in the Redbox Bowl on Monday in Santa Clara, Calif.

Illinois ranks third nationally with 28 takeaways: 16 fumble recoveries and 12 interceptions, four of which were returned for touchdowns to rank second in that category. Its 25.4 points allowed per game rank 51st in the nation.

"It was a group effort," said linebacker Dele Harding, who is second nationally with 147 tackles and has three forced fumbles and two interceptions.

But it looked as if Illinois was headed for another losing season. The Illini dropped four straight to fall to 2-4, allowing 39.5 points per game. In the six games since, including losses to Iowa and Northwestern to end the season, the Illini cut that nearly in half, giving up only 20.2 points per game.

Signature wins against Wisconsin and Michigan State featured key defensive plays.

Linebacker Jake Hansen forced two fumbles that led to touchdowns in a 24-23 upset of the then-No. 8 Badgers on Oct. 19. In a 25-point comeback victory against Michigan State on Nov. 9, safety

Sydney Brown returned an interception 76 yards for a touchdown. It was one of four turnovers in the 37-34 victory that made Illinois bowl-eligible.

"We don't believe it's a good defensive game unless you take the ball away," said Smith, who took over defensive coordinator duties this season. "You can't wait for a turnover."

The former coach of the NFL's Bears has a reputation of building strong defenses. He plans to continue coaching the defense next season.

"Every year I've coached, I've liked it and I've been involved," Smith said earlier in the season. "I don't plan on making any changes. There's a reason you become a head coach. You have an expertise ... on one side of the ball. Why quit doing it?"

During a 25-point rally in a loss to Michigan, Harding said the defense found its identity.

"It followed into next week's game (against Wisconsin)," he said. "We hit the ground running."

For Cal's Justin Wilcox, facing another defensive-minded coach adds an exciting element to the bowl. As a young coach, he studied Smith's defenses.

"He's just got a super reputation," Wilcox said. "He's an excellent coach. We had a media event, and I got to spend part of the day with him. I probably bothered him — I was asking so many questions. But it was really cool for me to be able to talk with him."

Cal has also made defense its calling card under Wilcox, who was Wisconsin's defensive coordinator in 2016. The Bears rank 34th in scoring defense, allowing 22.9 points per game. Linebacker Evan Weaver leads the nation with 173 tackles, and the Bears rank 26th in rushing defense at 123.1 yards per game.

"Possessions," Wilcox said, "will be at a premium in this game."

## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	23	8	.733	—
Toronto	22	10	.688	1
Philadelphia	22	12	.657	1½
Brooklyn	16	15	.516	6½
New York	9	24	.273	14½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	24	8	.750	—
Orlando	14	18	.438	10
Charlotte	13	21	.382	12
Washington	9	22	.290	14½
Atlanta	6	27	.182	18½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	29	5	.853	—
Indiana	21	12	.636	7½
Chicago	13	20	.394	15½
Detroit	12	21	.364	16½
Cleveland	10	22	.313	18

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	22	10	.688	—
Dallas	21	10	.677	½
San Antonio	13	18	.419	8½
Memphis	12	21	.364	10½
New Orleans	10	23	.303	12½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	22	9	.710	—
Utah	20	12	.625	2½
Oklahoma City	16	15	.516	6
Portland	14	19	.424	9
Minnesota	11	20	.355	11

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	25	7	.781	—
L.A. Clippers	23	11	.676	3
Phoenix	12	20	.375	13
Sacramento	12	20	.375	13
Golden State	9	25	.265	17

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Denver 119, Memphis 110  
New Orleans 120, Indiana 98  
Toronto 113, Boston 98  
Chicago 116, Atlanta 81  
New York 107, Washington 100  
Houston 108, Brooklyn 98  
Cleveland 94, Minnesota 88  
Milwaukee 111, Orlando 100  
Miami 117, Philadelphia 116 (OT)  
Dallas 141, Golden State 121  
San Antonio 138, Detroit 109  
Phoenix 112, Sacramento 110  
L.A. Lakers 128, Portland 120  
Utah 120, L.A. Clippers 107

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

Oklahoma City at Toronto, 5 p.m.  
Charlotte at Memphis, 7 p.m.  
Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
Sacramento at Denver, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
Miami at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Utah, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.

## BULLS 116, HAWKS 81

**ATLANTA:** Collins 14-26 4-4 34, Hunter 2-9 0-6, Fernando 2-6 0-0 4, Huertler 2-12 2-6, Reddish 1-5 0-0 2, Bemby 2-5 0-0 5, Carter 0-4 2-2, Crabbe 2-8 0-0 5, Turner 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 1-1 0-0 2, Len 4-4 0-3 10, Goodwin 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 32-86 8-18 81.  
**CHICAGO:** Dunn 2-6 0-0 4, Markkanen 8-14-6-25, Carter Jr. 4-8-3-4-13, LaVine 7-15 2-2 19, Satoransky 5-8 0-1 11, Th.Young 3-7 3-4 10, Gafford 3-5 0-0 6, Kornet 1-1 0-0 3, Arcidiacono 0-3 0-0 0, Harrison 0-3 2-2 2, Mookoka 0-2 0-0 0, Valentine 2-4 0-0 5, White 8-11 0-0 18. Totals 43-87 15-19 116.

Atlanta	19	24	22	16	—
Chicago	35	29	19	33	81

**3-Point Goals**—Atlanta 9-34 (Len 2-2, Hunter 2-4, Collins 2-6, Bemby 1-2, Crabbe 1-7, Carter 0-3, Reddish 0-3, Huertler 0-5), Chicago 15-31 (Markkanen 4-9, LaVine 3-7, Carter Jr. 2-3, White 2-3, Satoransky 1-2, Th.Young 1-2, Valentine 1-2, Arcidiacono 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None.  
**Rebounds**—Atlanta 39 (Collins 8), Chicago 51 (Carter Jr., Satoransky 8). **Assists**—Atlanta 24 (Reddish 6), Chicago 22 (Satoransky 6). **Total Fouls**—Atlanta 16, Chicago 15. **A**—21,496 (20,917)

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	23	7	9	55	133	100
Toronto	21	14	5	47	142	131
Florida	19	13	5	43	132	125
Tampa Bay	19	13	4	42	129	115
Montreal	18	14	6	42	125	122
Buffalo	17	15	7	41	115	122
Ottawa	16	18	4	36	106	123
Detroit	9	27	3	21	86	155

## METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	27	8	5	59	143	118
Pittsburgh	23	11	4	50	131	102
N.Y. Islanders	23	10	3	49	107	96
Carolina	23	14	2	48	133	111
Philadelphia	21	12	5	47	122	112
N.Y. Rangers	19	15	4	42	124	125
Columbus	17	14	7	41	99	108
New Jersey	12	19	6	30	95	133

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	25	8	6	56	123	103
Colorado	23	14	4	50	140	112
Dallas	21	12	4	46	103	99
Winnipeg	21	14	3	45	117	112
Minnesota	19	15	4	43	124	130
Nashville	18	14	6	42	132	127
Chicago	16	17	6	38	110	127

## PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	21	15	6	48	129	123
Arizona	21	15	4	46	113	103
Calgary	20	15	5	45	109	117
Vancouver	20	15	4	44	127	117
Edmonton	20	17	4	44	118	129
Anaheim	16	18	4	36	100	117
San Jose	17	20	3	37	109	137
Los Angeles	16	21	4	36	104	129

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 5, Detroit 4  
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Carolina 6, Washington 4  
Dallas 3, Colorado 2 (SO)  
Tampa Bay 5, Montreal 4  
N.Y. Rangers 5, Toronto 4 (OT)  
Vancouver 3, Los Angeles 2  
Vegas 4, Arizona 1  
San Jose 6, Philadelphia 1

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

Winnipeg at St. Louis, 2 p.m.  
Chicago at Columbus, 4 p.m.  
New Jersey at Ottawa, 4 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Minnesota, 5 p.m.  
Buffalo at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Montreal at Florida, 6 p.m.  
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.  
Dallas at Arizona, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.  
Vancouver at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.

## MONDAY'S GAME

Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

## HURRICANES 6, CAPITALS 4

Washington	0	2	2	—	4
Carolina	1	3	2	—	6

**FIRST PERIOD:** 1, Carolina, Wallmark 8 (Niederreiter, Dzingel), 10:38 (pp). **Penalties:** Boyd, Was (Holding Stick), 8:30; Jensen, Was (Tripping), 9:35; Teravainen, Car (Hooking), 11:50.

**SECOND PERIOD:** 2, Carolina, Foegele 7 (Slavin, Staal), 0:08; 3, Washington, Dowd 4 (Hathaway, Carlson), 3:26; 4, Carolina, Hamilton 13 (Foegele), 5:12; 5, Washington, Ovechkin 24 (Eiler, Orlov), 9:56 (pp); 6, Carolina, Foegele 8 (Martino, Fleury), 13:02 (sh). **Penalties:** Staal, Car (Kneeing), 8:27; Edmundson, Car (Tripping), 11:12; Jensen, Was (Kneeing), 15:43; Svechnikov, Car (Slashing), 17:29.

**THIRD PERIOD:** 7, Washington, Kuznetsov 13 (Carlson, Backstrom), 2:00 (pp), 8, Carolina, Necas 9 (Dzingel, Haula), 3:20; 9, Carolina, Svechnikov 17 (Foegele), 15:58 (en). **10,** Washington, Gudus 2 (Hagelin), 18:47. **Penalties:** Foegele, Car (Tripping), 1:11.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Washington 7-13-9-29; Carolina 11-7-11-29.

**POWER PLAYS:** Washington 2 of 5; Carolina 1 of 3.

**GOALIES:** Washington, Holtby 17-6-4 (28 shots-23 saves). Carolina, Mrazek 15-8-2 (29-25).

**A:** 18,680 (18,680). **T:** 2:30.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Gonzaga** (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Detroit, Monday.  
**2. Ohio State** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 West Virginia, Sunday.  
**3. Louisville** (11-2) lost to No. 19 Kentucky 78-70, OT. Next: vs. No. 17 Florida State, Saturday.  
**4. Duke** (11-1) beat Brown 75-50. Next: vs. Boston College, Tuesday.  
**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.  
**8. Auburn** (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Sunday.  
**9. Memphis** (11-1) New Orleans 97-55. Next: vs. Tulane, Monday.  
**10. Villanova** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Monday.  
**11. Michigan** (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. UMass Lowell, Sunday.  
**12. Butler** (12-1) beat Louisiana-Monroe 67-36. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.  
**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** (13-0) beat Cal Poly 73-57. Next: vs. Fresno State, Wed.  
**16. Virginia** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Navy, Sunday.  
**17. Florida State** (11-2) beat N. Alabama 88-71. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Tue.  
**18. Dayton** (10-2) beat Grambling State 81-53. Next: vs. North Florida, Monday.  
**19. Kentucky** (9-3) beat No. 3 Louisville 78-70, OT. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.  
**20. Penn State** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Cornell, Sunday.  
**21. Washington** (10-3) did not play. beat Hawaii 72-61; beat Houston 75-71. Next: vs. UCLA, Thursday.  
**22. West Virginia** (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 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.  
**25. Iowa** (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kennesaw State, Sunday.

## SATURDAY'S SCORES

**EAST**  
Catholic 75, Misericordia 61  
Coll. of Charleston 76, Drexel 65  
Columbia 69, Marist 54  
Fairfield 66, Wagner 54  
George Washington 78, Longwood 65  
Georgetown 80, American U. 60  
Northeastern 61, Towson 45  
La Salle 71, Bucknell 59  
LIU Brooklyn 125, Centenary (NJ) 84  
Penn St.-Altoona 76, Methodist 65  
St. Joseph (Conn.) 91, S. Poly 56  
Wesley 97, Emory & Henry 75  
Wheaton (Mass.) 82, Staten Island 62

## SOUTH

Florida 102, Long Beach St. 63  
E. Carolina 82, E. Kentucky 74  
Hampton 70, St. Peter's 67  
Hofstra 82, James Madison 76  
Jacksonville St. 67, Carver 38  
Mercer 104, Milligan 53  
Morehead St. 102, Althea Lloyd 46  
Morningside 91, Southeastern (Fla.) 82  
N. Kentucky 74, Milwaukee 64  
S. Alabama 76, Mobile 47  
UAB 82, Thomas (Ga.) 49  
Wash. & Lee 79, St. Mary's (Md.) 65  
W. Carolina 108, Piedmont 47  
Wisconsin 68, Tennessee 48

## MIDWEST

Aquinas 78, Calumet 65  
Bradley 78, Toledo 66  
Cornorstone 68, Grace Christian 59  
Creighton 91, Midland 54  
Illinois Tech 72, Hope 58  
Marquette 106, Cent. Arkansas 54  
Minnesota 89, FIU 62  
Oakland 84, Detroit 71  
Olivet 87, Westminster (Pa.) 77  
Purdue 97, Cent. Michigan 62  
Salisbury 88, Marietta 80  
UIC 71, Cleveland St. 66  
Wright St. 90, Green Bay 84  
York (Pa.) 87, Ohio Wesleyan 77  
Youngstown St. 83, IUPUI 73

## WEST

Arizona St. 98, Texas S. 81  
E. Washington 79, Weber St. 77  
Colorado St. 87, Doane 62  
UNLV 64, E. Michigan 49  
Utah St. 129, E. Oregon 61  
Cal St.-Fullerton 77, UCLA 74  
Boise St. 103, CS Northridge 72  
Wyoming 82, Nebraska Wesleyan 68

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

**EAST**  
Bryant at Maryland, 11 a.m.  
Cornell at Penn St., 11 a.m.  
NIJT at UConn, Noon  
Holy Cross at Siena, 1 p.m.  
Duquesne vs. Marshall at Cleveland, 1:30 p.m.  
Lehigh at Princeton, 3 p.m.  
Boston U. at Merrimack, 5 p.m.

## SOUTH

Liberty at LSU, 1:30 p.m.  
VMI at SC-Upstate, 1 p.m.  
Appalachian St. at NC State, 3 p.m.  
Tennessee Tech at Mississippi, 3 p.m.  
Rhode Island at Middle Tenn., 3:30 p.m.  
FAU at S. Florida, 4 p.m.  
Md.-E. Shore at Virginia Tech, 5 p.m.  
Richmond at Alabama, 5:30 p.m.

## MIDWEST

Alabama A&M at Notre Dame, 11 a.m.  
W. Virginia vs. Ohio St. at Cleveland, 11 a.m.  
Campbell at Ohio, 1 p.m.  
Mass.-Lowell at Michigan, 1 p.m.  
NC A&T at Illinois, 1 p.m.  
Texas A&M-CC at Nebraska, 1 p.m.  
Abilene Christian at Wichita St., 2 p.m.  
Lindenwood at SIU-Edwardsville, 2 p.m.  
Hartford at Northwestern, 3 p.m.  
Kennesaw St. at Iowa, 3 p.m.  
Missouri Baptist at SE Missouri, 4 p.m.  
S. Dakota St. at Nebraska-Omaha, 4:30 p.m.  
S. Dakota at W. Illinois, 4:30 p.m.  
Arkansas at Indiana, 5 p.m.  
Tulsa at Kansas St., 5 p.m.  
Bethune-Cookman at Saint Louis, 6 p.m.  
W. Michigan at Michigan St., 7 p.m.

## HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. UConn** (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wichita State, Thursday.  
**2. Oregon** (11-1) did not play. Next: beat Corban 125-42. Next: vs. Colorado, Fr.  
**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. 13 Kentucky, Thursday.  
**5. Stanford** (11-1) did not play. beat UC Davis 67-55. Next: vs. Wash. St., Fri.  
**6. Baylor** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Monday.  
**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** (10-2) beat No. 23 Michigan 70-55. Next: at Northwestern, Tuesday.  
**13. Kentucky** (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 4 South Carolina, Thursday.  
**14. Indiana** (11-2) beat Michigan State 79-57. Next: at Rutgers, Tuesday.  
**15. Mississippi State** (11-2) 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.  
**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.  
**22. Tennessee** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Howard, Sunday.  
**23. Michigan** (9-3) did not play. lost to No. 12 Maryland 70-55. Next: vs. Penn State, Tuesday.  
**24. Miami** (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.  
**25. Texas** (7-4) did not play. Next: vs. NW State, Sunday.

## ODDS

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at Memphis 3 217½  
at Denver off off  
at LA Lakers off off

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**SP**  
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at Penn St 20½  
at Indiana 5½  
at Colorado 17  
Duquesne 7  
at Marshall 6½  
at Stanford 13  
at NC State 12½  
at Mississippi 22½  
at New Mexico 12½  
at Texas Tech 20  
Rhode Island 8½  
at South Florida 9  
South Dakota 4½  
at Neb.-Omaha 2  
N. Dakota St 8½  
Harvard 2½  
at La-Laf. off  
at Michigan St 25½  
at Kansas St 6½  
at Oregon St 14  
at Alabama 5

## NHL

**SUNDAY**  
at St. Louis -178  
at Columbus -145  
at Ottawa -130  
at Minnesota -110  
at Florida off  
at Boston -232  
at Tampa Bay off  
at Arizona off  
Philadelphia -115  
at Calgary -148

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**BOWL GAMES**  
SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER MONDAY  
W. Kentucky 3 53½  
W. Michigan

## MUSIC CITY

4 62½  
Louisville

## REDBOX

6 44  
Illinois

## ORANGE

14½ 55  
Virginia

## BELK

2½ 46½  
Kentucky

## SUN

4 53½  
Florida St

## LIBERTY

2½ 52½  
Kansas St

Sept. 5 GB Lost 10-3	Sept. 15 @DEN Won 16-14	Sept. 23 @WAS Won 31-15	Sept. 29 MIN Won 16-6	Oct. 6 OAK Lost 24-21	Oct. 13 OPEN DATE	Oct. 20 NO Lost 36-25	Oct. 27 LAC Lost 17-16	Nov. 3 @PHI Lost 22-14	Nov. 10 DET Won 20-13	Nov. 17 @LAR Lost 17-7	Nov. 24 NYG Won 19-14	Nov. 28 @DET Won 24-20	Dec. 5 DAL Won 31-24	Dec. 15 @GB Lost 21-13	Dec. 22 KC Lost 26-3	Dec. 29 ▼
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# Bears at Vikings

NOON SUNDAY AT U.S. BANK STADIUM | FOX-32 | BEARS BY 3 1/2 (O/U 36)



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Expectations were sky-high when coach Matt Nagy gets his 2019 defense excited on stage during the Bears100 Celebration Weekend.

## BIG STORYLINE

# 100th season will end with a thud

BY DAN WIEDERER

At the end of a highly anticipated season, the Bears are left to deal with a meaningless finale.

The Bears will play a buzz-free game against the Vikings on Sunday afternoon in Minneapolis, then return home and scatter fairly quickly for the offseason.

End of season. End of story. Deep sigh. It's all so routine, so empty, so familiar. This is the official and unceremonious end to the Bears' 100th season.

It wasn't supposed to be like this on the regular season's final weekend, with so little to be excited about and even less to play for.

This was supposed to be a time of grand celebration, one of the NFL's charter franchises preparing for the postseason, readying to host at least one January game, locking its focus on a return to glory.

You remember all the anticipation, all the excitement, all the belief from February through August. Much of Chicago was intoxicated by realistic visions of returning to the Super Bowl.

A winning season felt like a given. The biggest question was how much winning there would be. Even for a franchise that has had inexplicable difficulty sustaining any kind of high-level success, the forecast for 2019 was warm and sunny.

That was the consensus. And that was certainly the expectation for the most optimistic die-hards. This was the franchise's 100th season, the perfect stage and setting for a storybook run.

The Bears had one of the NFL's fiercest defenses to lead them. Difference makers from front to back. An All-Pro game-wrecker in Khalil Mack.

They also had the league's reigning coach of the year, Matt Nagy, to guide an



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Coach Matt Nagy walks to the locker room after the Bears lost to the Rams on Nov. 17 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

offensive breakthrough while developing Pro Bowl quarterback Mitch Trubisky. After a 12-4 run to a division championship in 2018, even if that record would be difficult to match, another step or two in the right direction seemed inevitable.

Remember that high-energy June weekend in Rosemont? The Bears100 convention that simultaneously served as a celebration of the team's history and as a pep rally for 2019?

Near the end of that event's opening ceremony, Nagy told a supercharged audience that he and his team welcomed the expectations. "You think there's pressure?" Nagy said. "Of course there is. But we like pressure. Let's go get this thing!"

Not long after, Nagy yelled, "Boom!" and dropped the mic and set off a mini Club

Dub celebration on stage.

That adrenaline rush continued on the opening day of training camp, when Tarik Cohen zipped onto the Olivet Nazarene University campus in his Slingshot, the flashiest arrival of a day in which Super Bowl talk continued to circulate.

"Everybody's expecting us to do more this year," Cohen acknowledged. "You know, take it to the Super Bowl. That's what we expect of ourselves."

Seven weeks later, with the rival Packers in town, with fighter jets roaring overhead and with Jim Cornelison crushing the national anthem, the Bears' 100th season began with unmistakable electricity. It felt captivating. It felt like a launching pad.

But then Nagy's team lost that opener 10-3. It lost four straight games in midseason. It has lost eight times overall.

The defense has been pretty good but not nearly as good as advertised. And the offense, with four months of inconsistency and too many Trubisky errors, remains a clunky and unproductive operation that has fans arguing over how to divvy blame between the quarterback, the offensive-minded head coach and the general manager who invested in both.

Last summer, no one had that uncomfortable debate penciled on the itinerary for the first few days of 2020.

This was supposed to be a season of confirmation that the Bears had opened a window of opportunity for the next several years. Instead, their playoff hopes died a week and a half before Christmas, and they find themselves stuck in third place.

Now this is all that is left. Fairly meaningless Week 17 business. This buzz-free game against the Vikings. A chance to finish .500.

These are final unsatisfactory stages of the franchise's 100th season.

## THREE KEYS

# Infusing meaning into meaningless

BY DAN WIEDERER

The Bears and Vikings meet again Sunday in Minneapolis in a game that doesn't have any big-picture significance for either team. The Bears will be closing out a disappointing 2019 campaign and hoping to finish a third-place season at 8-8. The Vikings, meanwhile, are a wild-card team turning attention to next week's postseason duties. Still, the game will be played. And here are three keys for the Bears to avoid ending their season on a three-game slide.

**1 Apply the pressure. Don't let up.**  
*Pregame analysis:* The Vikings were a mess up front in Monday night's 23-10 home loss to the Packers.

Quarterback Kirk Cousins was sacked five times and hit seven times. Za'Darius Smith recorded 3 1/2 of those sacks, and the Packers moved him around effectively to get them. Smith beat left tackle Riley Reiff for one sack, right tackle Brian O'Neill for another and rookie center Garrett Bradbury for the other 1 1/2. In other words, there should be weaknesses for Khalil Mack and the Bears pass rushers to expose. Mack had a strip-sack in the Bears' Week 4 win over the Vikings that led to a gift field goal. Nick Kwiatkoski also had a strip-sack in that victory. The Vikings — potentially playing without running backs Dalvin Cook and Alexander Mattison again — become especially vulnerable when they lack a running game.

**2 Take care of the football.**  
*Pregame analysis:* The Vikings are fourth in the NFL with 30 takeaways and had three more in Monday's loss to the Packers. Safeties

Anthony Harris and Harrison Smith have nine of the Vikings' NFC-best 17 interceptions and are chess pieces that coach Mike Zimmer has used creatively and wisely. For what it's worth, the Bears are the only opponent that has gotten out of a game against the Vikings without a turnover. Chase Daniel completed 22 of 30 passes for 195 yards and a touchdown in the first meeting and played within himself. Mitch Trubisky would be wise to review that film to gain a clearer view on how to stay steady against an aggressive and opportunistic defense.

**3 Summon some purpose, passion and pride.**  
*Pregame analysis:* The first game of the Matt Nagy era that had nothing at stake didn't go well last weekend.

The Bears lost by 23 at home to the Chiefs with a performance players and coaches described as sloppy and embarrassing. Nagy emphasized that there's a difference between lack of effort and lack of focus and that his team suffered far more from the latter than the former. But now what? How will the Bears keep themselves locked in for a Week 17 road game that is little more than a bridge to the offseason? How will they avoid the careless penalties and clunky execution errors that characterized last week's showing? For a team that prides itself on its resolve, unity and ability to dial in, Sunday will be a major test of concentration.

## PREDICTIONS

# Which team has less to play for? Pretty much a dead heat

### BRAD BIGGS (8-7)

It's hard to say how the Bears will take this game. They had a dud at home against the Chiefs after the playoff dream was extinguished in Green Bay the week before. The Vikings have to be mindful of their health as they look ahead to wild-card weekend. Figure they turn to reserves at some positions, and that allows the Bears to eke one out before turning their attention to offseason moves in 2020.

### RICH CAMPBELL (7-8)

This matchup is hard to pin down because it has a preseason feel. There are no playoff implications for either team. The Bears will try to muster focus a week after lacking it against the Chiefs. The banged-up Vikings are looking ahead to wild-card weekend. I can only guess what that means for Sunday, other than both sides will be glad when the fourth-quarter clock shows 0:00. Matt Nagy's team is 3-0 against the Vikings, and the Bears should have an edge playing their starters against Vikings backups. The guess here is the Bears barely get to the elusive 20-point mark and end the season on an uptick. But nothing would surprise me.

### COLLEEN KANE (10-5)

It's hard to know which team has less to play for, but I think it's the Vikings, who should be more concerned about staying healthy for the playoffs than tuning up for them. Playing for .500 isn't much, but the Bears seemed genuinely upset after the embarrassment against the Chiefs, so perhaps there's a little motivation left to fuel a win.

### DAN WIEDERER (9-6)

It's a different kind of wild card for both teams, who have to figure out how much Sunday means to them. It's hard to know how much the Bears have left in the tank physically, mentally and emotionally.

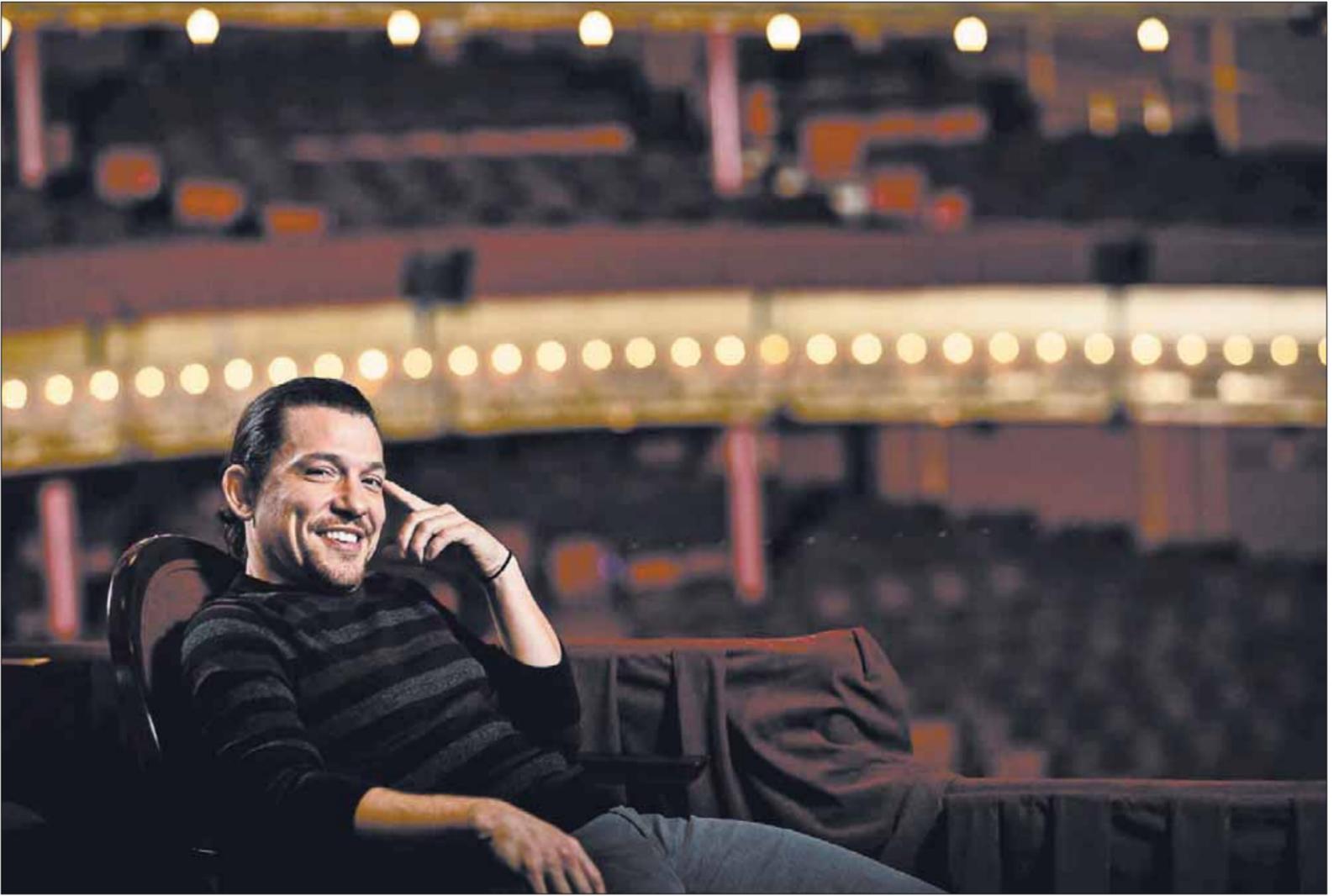
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**ART** Hebru Brantley, **Page 3**



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**MUSEUMS** Julie Rodrigues Widholm, **Page 6**

# Chicagoans of the Year 2019

Starting in the 1980s, the writers and editors of the Tribune's Arts and Entertainment staff have looked back at the year and celebrated the achievements of people who have significantly enriched the arts in their communities.

2019 was a volatile year in many respects. Institutions were under pressure from within and without and the American culture was as polarized as never before. Artists took to the streets to expose their joyful works. Blockbuster shows were grounded by individuals showing real-life courage during heartbreaking events. Young artists took impressive and creative leaps. New leadership inspired their organizations to new heights. During the last week of 2019, we take a final look back at the year that was and recognize a few individuals (and a couple groups) who made a difference.

Certainly, the year was filled with challenges — financial, personal and creative — and this year's class met them with distinction on stage, screen, streets, city hall, gallery walls, concert halls, in the pages of books, online and in our communities.

Here are our Chicagoans of the Year in the Arts for 2019.



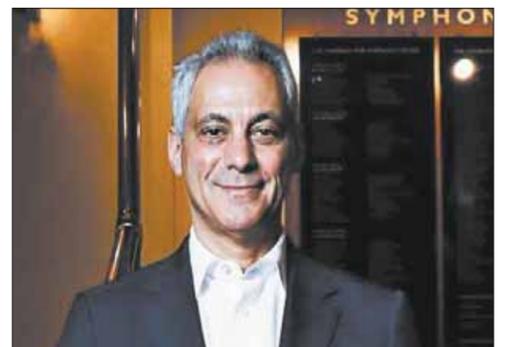
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**MUSIC** Hideout co-owners Tim and Katie Tuten and Jim and Mike Hinchsliff, **Page 4**

## CHICAGOANS OF THE YEAR | 2019

THEATER Miguel Cervantes

## Hamilton was never just a role

BY CHRIS JONES

For three years and three months, Miguel Cervantes has starred as Alexander Hamilton in Chicago's dedicated production of "Hamilton" at the CIBC Theatre, the most financially and, arguably, artistically successful show in the history of the city. With more than 1,500 performances under his belt, Cervantes has played this role more than any other Alexander anywhere in the world, and for far longer than Lin-Manuel Miranda, the man who created the musical version of this historic character and originated his performance and, of course, the renaissance of the Founding Father himself.

Accomplishment enough, surely, for Cervantes to be the Chicagoan of the Year in theater. But that is far from the whole Cervantes story.

Cervantes achieved this career milestone while caring, with his wife, Kelly, for a young family, including a 3-year-old daughter, Adelaide, who died in her mom's arms in October after suffering from a rare and very severe form of early childhood epilepsy, diagnosed just as Cervantes was about to assume the biggest role of his career.

Even as the Cervantes looked after their own daughter, they became a highly influential spokesperson for the Chicago-based CURE, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy. If there was a public event in his honor, Cervantes invariably would turn attention to this cause. He gave speeches, as did Kelly, showed up at benefits, raised money, organ-



Miguel Cervantes plays the title character in "Hamilton" at the CIBC Theatre in Chicago.

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ized auctions, increasing epilepsy awareness at every turn. In short, he leveraged his own local celebrity, and that of the musical in which he found himself, to help other people.

"My work in 'Hamilton,' Chicago and the struggles we have had as a family are all, for me, forever linked," Cervantes said. "I will never forget the audience response on the Tuesday night when I came back to the show a few days after Adelaide had died and came out on stage and said the line, 'I'm Alexander Hamilton.' It had never been like that before. Everyone was supporting Kelly, Miguel and (our son)

Jackson. I cannot tell you how much it meant to me that Chicago did that for us. I hope this city can understand how important they were to me, beyond the show and the support we've gotten for 'Hamilton.' Our experience here will never be re-created. Wherever we might go next."

Unlike most actors in touring shows, then, Cervantes embraced his new home, becoming a Chicagoan. The Cervantes family bought a house in Bucktown, planted a yard and took advantage of Chicago's schools and world-class medical care. They lived a quiet life. Yet eight times a week, Cer-

vantes was at the center of the biggest show here in a generation.

"I was a fan of Miguel long before I was an employer of Miguel," Miranda said in an interview this week. "He is just one of those guys that can carry an entire show on his back. It came as no surprise to me that he performed the role longer than anyone else."

"Miguel," said the producer Jeffrey Seller, "is our rock, our leader, the beloved spark plug of our Chicago 'Hamilton.' And even now, he's still on fire."

"Honestly," Cervantes said, "this has not just been a show for me. When people in Chicago think back

on their 'Hamilton' experience, I will be the little fellow they will be thinking about. Honestly, I am just an actor, just a guy with a job who got lucky, who was in the right place at the right time, and while I am sure I will be in 'Hamilton' again, it never will be quite like this."

No actor in a Broadway show playing in Chicago ever has stuck around so long, nor become so part of the cultural fabric of a city, even as castmates have come and gone as the 'Hamilton' brand increased its visibility exponentially. "Obviously," Cervantes says, "I knew all about Chicago's reputation as a theater town. But I had no

idea of the appetite here, and I did not know the people of this city would get behind someone in the way they all got behind me."

Indeed they did. For very good reason. Cervantes was Alexander Hamilton in Chicago. From the beginning.

We'll all remember his name.

For the 2019 Chicagoans of the Year, the Tribune asked each recipient the following questions about the decade of arts in Chicago.

**Q: Looking back over the last decade, what do you think was the most important event that impacted the Chicago arts scene?**

A: I've not been in Chicago very long, but it seems like the arts is thriving in the city. To have been part of something, 'Hamilton,' that has been a part of a social and political movement has been a highlight of my life.

**Q: Looking ahead to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed for Chicago arts? And what person or institutions are best equipped now to have an impact on this issue?**

A: I think politics and the social and political divides that are so apparent in society now will shape how artists create in the next decade. Climate change and fear for our future will be a huge driving force as well.

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ARCHITECTURE Gensler

## Firm revived Post Office, filled a need

BY BLAIR KAMIN

Chicago's Old Post Office wasn't just a white elephant when the Gensler design firm began drawing up plans to revitalize the massive structure. It was a wounded white elephant.

None of the elevators worked. There were no lights in the stairwells. The limestone facade, which straddles the Eisenhower Expressway, was crumbling. Old mail-processing equipment was everywhere, making the place feel like an abandoned factory.

Three years and more than \$800 million later, Gensler has played an instrumental role in turning the once-hulking structure into what is shaping up as a thriving office hub. With remarkable speed, the building's developer, New York-based 601W Cos., has leased sizable chunks of the 2.5 million-square-foot interior to such high-profile tenants as PepsiCo and Walgreens.

But the impact of this reinvention is civic as well as commercial. It's eliminated an eyesore at the gateway to downtown and rekindled appreciation for a building that remains deeply ingrained in the life of Chicago.

Back when the structure at 433 W. Van Buren St. was America's largest post office, the building's workers shipped goods from Sears and Montgomery Ward around the nation. When its main portion was constructed in the early 1930s, a hole was left in the middle of it, anticipating how the Eisenhower would run through that opening in 1956. In time, traffic reporters turned the building's name into a synonym

for "downtown Chicago" with such sentences as, "It'll take you an hour from Route 53 to the Post Office."

"We felt like the entire city was rooting for the project," said Gensler principal Sheryl Schulze.

"No pressure."

For their exemplary efforts on this adaptive re-use project, the Tribune recognizes Schulze, as well as Gensler principal Grant Uhler and design director Leslie Ventsch, as Chicagoans of the Year in architecture. The three led a team from Gensler, a global architecture and design firm that opened its Chicago office in 1995. About 140 people from the firm worked on the renovation.

In addition to solving functional challenges, like the fact that the building's first floor was split in half by the expressway, the designers successfully balanced the often-conflicting agendas of preserving the past and making way for the future.

For starters, nearly 1.2 million tons of material, much of its postal processing equipment, had to be removed from the building's interior. But this was no ordinary gut rehab.

Working with the Evanston firm of McGuire Igeski & Associates, the Gensler team restored the dazzling Art Deco lobby along Van Buren. A booklet for tenants meticulously identified other historic features, including mail chutes, vaults and scales, to be preserved. Retaining them will allow the developer to qualify for tens of millions of dollars in historic-preservation tax breaks.

New escalators literally overcame the expressway



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Gensler global design firm principals Grant Uhler, left, and Sheryl Schulze and design director Leslie Ventsch in the revitalized Old Post Office over the Eisenhower Expressway.

barrier, ferrying tenants to a second-floor "Main Street" that routes them to the rest of the building. A boatload of amenities, from a bar with a bocce court to a vast rooftop deck, compensated for the dullness of the surrounding area. And the building's massive floor plates — a single floor can fit up to 2,000 workers — satisfied the current desire for wide-open work areas that encourage people to collaborate.

On the exterior, Gensler teamed with the Chicago office of Wiss, Janney, Elstner architects to repair or replace scores of lime-

stone panels. More than 2,000 windows were replaced with new ones that are both energy-efficient and replicate the profile of the originals.

Satisfying the historic preservation and real estate leasing agendas was a "delicate dance," said Uhler, who first worked on the Old Post Office in 2000 when another developer was eyeing the building. It had been shuttered in the mid-1990s after a modern replacement opened to its south.

The Gensler team views the project as a model of architectural recycling

whose lessons can be applied to other historic buildings in Chicago and around the nation. Adapting old buildings to new uses, they correctly reason, saves time (the building is already there).

It also saves urban character, and, as Ventsch points out, makes way for "new history," like the weddings that are now planned in the Old Post Office's elegant lobby.

That shift — from "white elephant" to white wedding gowns — is a most revealing sign of the sparkling remake the Gensler team has wrought.

For the 2019 Chicagoans of the Year, the Tribune asked each recipient the following questions about the decade of arts in Chicago:

**Q: Looking back over the last decade, what do you think was the most important event that impacted the Chicago arts scene?**

A: The launch of Art on theMART in 2018 marked a major milestone in Chicago's public art offering, adding to the array of plazas and installations that hold great meaning for the culture of our city. Not only does the program allow the entire community to explore and enjoy the intersection of architecture, art and digital media in a new and exciting venue unlike any other, it solidifies the presence of art within one of the city's next great attractions for residents and visitors alike: the redeveloped Chicago Riverwalk.

**Q: Looking ahead to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed for Chicago arts and what person or institutions are best equipped now to have an impact on this issue?**

A: Everyday public access to intentional art and design experiences is one of the pillars that uphold Chicago as a world-class city. It remains one of the resounding successes of our local culture, achieved via successful partnerships between civic leadership; private companies; non-profits and the architects, designers and artists who conceptualize and realize the projects. The opportunity remains, however, to continue unearthing and nurturing art and design talent with a broader variety of backgrounds and perspectives. We see many organizations and programs on the leading edge of this opportunity, among them Marwen, iNOMA, the ACE Mentor Program, Theater Gates and Chicago Loop Alliance's ACTIVATE, to name a few.

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**JAZZ** Heather Ireland Robinson

## Keeping the beat at the Jazz Institute

BY HOWARD REICH

The Jazz Institute of Chicago reached a milestone in 2019: Its golden anniversary.

Since 1969, the nonprofit organization has been presenting concerts, educating young musicians and otherwise advocating for the music. And since 1979 it also has been programming the Chicago Jazz Festival (which is produced by the city's Department of Special Affairs and Cultural Events).

It fell to Heather Ireland Robinson to oversee the anniversary celebrations and, perhaps more important, to position the organization for its future. These would have been formidable tasks for anyone — all the more for someone who became executive director so recently, in March 2018.

Robinson, however, didn't miss a beat in becoming the face of the organization.

What was her goal in celebrating the Jazz Institute's 50th?

"We were using this moment to (ask): How do we keep a frame on the past but keep the innovators of the future inspired and nurtured?" says Robinson.

She did so through several major events, starting with a marathon Jazz Institute Birthday Bash featuring the Makaya McCraven Sextet at the Promontory (June 28) and a busy lineup of jazz, storytelling, dance, discussion, film events and more at the University of Chicago's Logan Center for the Arts (June 29-30).

Artists young and old, traditional and visionary converged here, crystallizing the Jazz Institute's mission of celebrating jazz history but encouraging its continuous development and evolution.

"We were using this moment to (imagine) what



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Heather Ireland Robinson led the Jazz Institute of Chicago through several ambitious 50th anniversary events.

people will say about this moment in jazz in 2069," says Robinson.

Other celebrations of the organization's anniversary — at the Chicago Jazz Festival on Labor Day weekend and a gala on Oct. 30 — similarly underscored an embrace of the music's

past, present and future.

All of which raises a key question: Where is the Jazz Institute today?

"My concept is that we are continuing to break down barriers and increase access to the music through our residency programs in the schools, and of course

through JazzCity," she adds, referring to the organization's long-running concert series presented in conjunction with the Chicago Park District.

"We're continuing to develop musicians through our education programs but also offering them the

opportunity to teach. We're putting musicians in the schools. We're using the mentor vibe to make sure that that link to the past exists."

At the same time, Robinson wants the Jazz Institute to continually ask itself: "Who is carrying the mantle into this next decade and beyond?"

"My job is to create the right environment. It's a petri dish for people to have voice, whether it's in concerts, educational opportunities, whatever.

"We'll nurture the creative voice of the music in the next five to 10 years."

Specifically, Robinson and the organization plan to revive its summertime jazz camp next July, renaming it the Straight Ahead Jazz Exchange. Also coming back next year: the club tour during the Chicago Jazz Festival.

What does Robinson believe she has been able to accomplish during this early stage of her tenure?

"It's been great to reach new audiences," she says, citing the aforementioned Promontory concert. "At least 60 percent of the people there had not been to any Jazz Institute of Chicago programs.

"The same with the (Logan): There were new faces that came in. They became part of the Jazz Institute of Chicago family. We're broadening the audiences.

"The question is: How do we authentically connect with younger audiences? We've gotten two new board members that reflect that demographic.

"We also got a lot of new corporate sponsorships for the gala."

In the end, says Robinson, "We're making sure that the people still have access to the music."

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of the Year, the Tribune asked each recipient the following questions about the decade of arts in Chicago:

**Q: Looking back over the last decade, what do you think was the most important event that impacted the Chicago arts scene?**

A: I think organizations are working together, and funders are starting to see the importance of social justice and the role of African Americans in the entire arts scene. I think that's really important. And also that funders are starting to recognize that there's a need for general operating (expenses).

**Q: Looking ahead to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed for Chicago arts? And what person or institutions are best equipped now to have an impact on this issue?**

A: Access. I think everybody deserves the arts. ... Not everybody is going to be an artist. But every child deserves and needs some kind of creativity.

I would hope the schools could do that, because every child is in school. That's going to be the most important thing. Having a creative outlet and having creativity as part of your life makes you a better doctor, a better lawyer, a better person for yourself and your community. That will be important in 2020, especially in an election year.

And the more arts organizations that can be connected to the infrastructure — churches, schools, libraries, parks — the better.

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**ART** Hebru Brantley

## Our superhero dreams have found a home

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

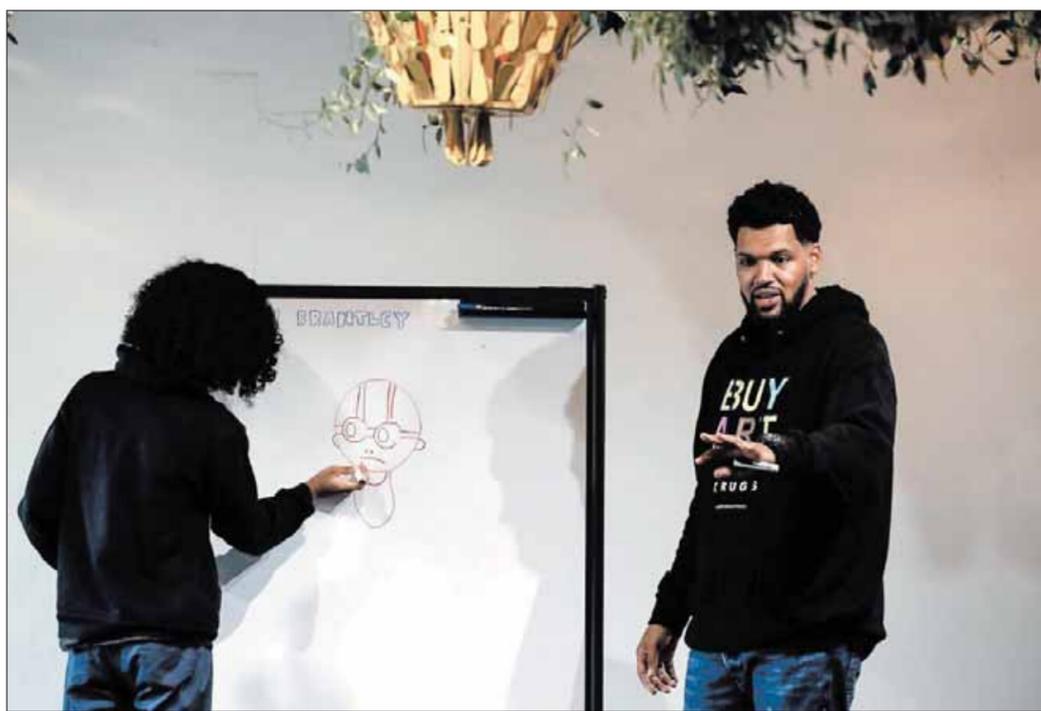
As the creator of Flyboy and Lil Mama, Hebru Brantley has left his mark on pop and black culture in a way much like a song sticks with you long after the music has stopped. You hum it when you least expect. When you walk around Chicago and see Flyboy murals and Brantley artwork, they reinforce that entrancing rhythm so it sticks to your subconscious.

A Flyboy mural on a building? Bop your head. A 2014 lakefront sculpture exhibit known as "The Watch," done as an homage to the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II? Tap your foot. A mural of running Flyboys commissioned by Nike on the side of a Wicker Park running store? Clap your hands.

Brantley has been leaving his mark on Chicago in ways that look at the black experience past, present and future ever since Flyboy and Lil Mama were introduced to the world by the Pilsen-based artist about seven or eight years ago. Now images of the aviator-goggle-wearing kid sit in celebrities' homes and recently graced the skin of a limited edition Wilson basketball (which promptly sold out at Wilson.com and hebrubrantly.com).

This year, the artist brought it all together with Nevermore Park — a place where nostalgia, imagination and escapism met in 19 interactive gallery experiences with Flyboy and Lil Mama at the center. With Nevermore, Brantley wanted to make art relatable, and it worked. Nevermore Park extended its days of operation for an extra month to make sure schoolchildren would have free access to the space.

"The intention was to be able to inspire and for other people to latch on to that



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Artist Hebru Brantley teaches a class at the Museum of Contemporary Art. "Anything for the youth, I'm there," said Brantley, whose Nevermore Park art experience brings nostalgia, imagination and escapism together in 19 interactive galleries.

and go forth and make their own versions," he said. "These things are needed. I'm not a one-stop shop for this ... the more we have, especially in Chicago to explore different forms of creative expression. It's invaluable. We need this. Kids on the South Side, West Side and North Side need that, adults need this — it's important."

"Chicago through and through" Brantley created an atmosphere that broadened the narrative of art and what it looks like and how youth can get on board. We caught up with Brantley at Common's Common Ground Foundation annual fundraising event at the Museum of Contemporary Art in early December. The foundation's mission is to em-

power high school students from underserved and overlooked communities to become future leaders. Brantley led a master class for the youth in attendance. He spoke to youth about his artistic journey, art in its different forms and the potential to be able to monetize your art.

"It's really about how do you set yourself up so you start to think that way and grow a business from being a creative?" he said. "Anything for the youth, I'm there."

"To have someone like Hebru come and reach back to the kids is amazing," said Leslie Pappas, executive director of the Common Ground Foundation. "Chicago breeds creativity and to have people go out in the world and

keep coming back to Chicago to make sure that the youth have touch points and interface with them ... it's really, really wonderful. Bringing kids out to Nevermore is amazing. He has a heart for kids and does so much for youth in Chicago. We couldn't do an art event without Hebru."

We spoke with Brantley about his year of creativity and what 2020 will bring. The interview has been condensed and edited.

**Q: Is it possible that Nevermore will extend into 2020?**

A: I'm optimistic in saying yes. The great thing that we've been able to do is engage with CPS and different programs. We took care of all the tickets on Wednesdays, so we've been

able to get busloads of kids through the space. I know it sounds corny that I say I do that for them, but I really do. Seeing them watching them — that sense of wonder, even if they don't fully get it or grasp what this is in its total awesomeness, they just really take to it and really engage with it in a very special way, so that's like the battery to me, I gotta keep the journey going.

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**Q: Looking over the past decade, what was the most important event that impacted the Chicago art scene?**

A: I don't know about events, so I can't necessarily quantify it to one singular moment. I tend to look at two or three individuals a lot for inspiration — Kerry James Marshall, Theaster Gates and Nick Cave — three Chicago art rock stars that I just have always looked up to. Not to say that these three guys are the end-all, be-all, but all of these things are happening at once. It's funny, I was in the airport the other day and somebody asked me where I got my shoes from and I told them MCA Chicago and his response was: "Man, Chicago gets everything." And for me, that blew my mind because that's totally not the narrative that I grew up on. But when he said it, I was like that's kind of true now. We are kind of the epicenter of black creativity and we're hitting it in film, television, entertainment, music, visual arts and fashion — we're kind of on fire right now, so I'm loving that.

**Q: Looking forward to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed in the arts and what person or institutions are best equipped to have an impact on that issue?**

A: I think one, which is no new issue — is underfunding of these arts programs and the ability for these kids to enjoy that as they would gym or lunch. I think that's the thing that definitely needs more attention, more focus. Now more than ever, the arts are so crucial. I think it's going to take a few individuals to step forward and put their money up and then hopefully they can potentially lead the charge to something being done about that.

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MUSIC Tim and Katie Tuten, Jim and Mike Hinchsliff

## Hideout and friends make an impact

BY GREG KOT

The Hideout is the little club that could. It's one of the smaller clubs in a city saturated with music venues, but few have had a bigger impact on their community, a community that's like family.

Hideout co-owners Tim and Katie Tuten are a married couple, and fellow owners Jim and Mike Hinchsliff are twins. They have watched musicians who have performed at the club in their 23-year history become parents whose children have also come of age on its stage. They've thrown fundraisers for countless charities, staged political rallies, spearheaded civic organizations and hosted everyone from Chicago stalwarts (Mavis Staples, Jeff Tweedy, Mayor Lori Lightfoot, the Mekons, Eleventh Dream Day, Billy Corgan) to up-and-comers-turned-stars (Neko Case, Andrew Bird, jazz luminaries Ken Vandermark and Makaya McCraven).

In addition, the club may be the only bar in Chicago with an in-house "classroom" — which makes sense, because Tim Tuten is a longtime Chicago schoolteacher. The Hideout High School provides informal classes on civic issues, from pot legalization to gerrymandering.

"Little micro-communities have sprouted out of the club, like (the science-meets-comedy talk show) 'A Scientist Walks into a Bar' and the Soup and Bread program that has generated \$90,000 for food pantries and two cookbooks (by three Hideout regulars: author Martha Bayne, designer Sheila Sachs and illustrator Paul Dolan)," Katie Tuten says.

In that sense the Hideout embodies the vital role that clubs play in Chicago: independent, civic-minded platforms for creativity and self-expression. The club's owners were key in organizing the Chicago Independent Venue League (CIVL) with some of their



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Hideout co-owner Tim Tuten (front center, in red), flanked by fellow owner (and wife) Katie Tuten and co-owner Jim Hinchsliff, are joined by club regulars from the music and arts community outside the venue. The club plays a pivotal role in the city as a civic-minded platform for self-expression.

peers in the music scene. It arose in response to the proposed Lincoln Yards development that initially aimed to bring in Live

Nation venues as part of a \$5 billion program to gentrify the Hideout's formerly industrial neighborhood. The organization staged rallies and brought renewed scrutiny to the project and the adverse impact it would have on the city's music scene.

"I see it as a good thing that the clubs organized themselves to push back," Mayor Lori Lightfoot told the Tribune a few weeks after assuming office. The Lincoln Yards developers "made a commitment to the clubs in response to CIVL, led by Katie and Tim Tuten of the Hideout. Whatever is put in there,

and as long as I'm mayor, we're going to make sure that nothing there has an adverse impact on those local clubs."

Tim Tuten realizes that development is inevitable, but that the clubs are turning the tide in making the city newly aware of the independent music scene's vitality and its pivotal role in defining Chicago's cultural identity.

"We're not the next cool thing, because the Hideout (building) goes back 100 years," Tim Tuten says. "It's part of a tradition. It's a city of neighborhoods, not a city of mega developments. We sent a message to the city that we're models of how a city can grow through the clubs."

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Tim Tuten: "The 'event' that keeps coming to mind for me is that our punk-rock friends now have grown-up kids that are now the rockers. Jeff Tweedy and (his son) Spencer, Jon Langford and (his sons) James and Tommy, Sima and Liam Cunningham (the children of Peter Cunningham), Twin Peaks, Whitney, Spun Out, Matt Rizzo (son of Eleventh Dream Day's Rick Rizzo and Janet Bean), and

all of the Kids These Days (band members) who have grown up: Vic Mensa, Macie Stewart, Greg (Landfair), Donnie (Nico Segal). Even Chance (the Rapper) would pop in once in a while. I love that Chicago has produced some of the greatest talent in America, in the last decade. And so many of the 'kids' went to CPS and started playing in our clubs. The support and nurturing that our community provided has actually worked."

**Q: Looking ahead to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed for Chicago arts and what person or institutions are best equipped now to have an impact on this issue?**

Tim Tuten: "Chicago has to deal with the major question of sustainable, green, neighborhood development, instead of the past dependence, or submission to mega-developments that always include 'entertainment zones' that are run by (national concert promoters) AEG or Live Nation. Chicago needs to stand up to this banal onslaught of Starbucks-style music venue franchises, and support its local legacy venues and owner-operated theaters, restaurants and clubs. Mayor Lightfoot understands the nuance of our cultural and economic identity, but she needs to show leadership by fully embracing and promoting it."

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FILM Jennifer K. Reeder

## The wonder years viewed through a new lens

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

In tune with her next feature project, a movie about a teenage shape-shifter, filmmaker and University of Illinois-Chicago professor Jennifer K. Reeder embodies a creative life of fluid transformations. The Ohio native, who grew up in "an amateur filmmaking Super 8 family" with four siblings, currently serves as interim director of UIC's School of Art and Art History.

In addition to a slew of early, experimental short works, some featuring Reeder playing an avenging superheroine named White Trash Girl, she has directed two features to date, both under the auspices of Newcity's Chicago Film Project. In 2017 came "Signature Move," a wry romantic comedy set in Chicago's Indo-Pak community with a *luchadora* wrestling subplot. This was followed by Reeder's 2019 release, "Knives and Skin," now streaming on IFC Midnight. The 2019 release more directly springs from the filmmaker's earlier works concerning the dark shadows and beautiful solidarity Reeder finds in female adolescence.

"Knives and Skin" drew a staggeringly wide range of critical response, from rapture to disdain. Just the way Reeder likes it. "It's a polarizing film," she told me in a recent interview in a Greektown restaurant. She acknowledges parts of it are, in her word, "lumpy." But its dreamlike atmosphere, compared frequently to David Lynch but indebted to plenty of other inspirations, represents the film



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Jennifer K. Reeder, filmmaker and professor, at home in Hammond, Indiana, with cat Zephyr in the background.

she set out to make, and the feeling of loss and family fissures she wanted to convey.

Her feature work so far has been sleekly produced on micro budgets: "Signature Move" cost around \$300,000 to make, and the "Knives and Skin" production costs barely doubled that. Reeder, who lives with her partner and three children in Hammond, Indiana, now finds herself in the happy position of a third feature, currently in the writing stages. She wants to call it "A Girl and Other Small Stains"; the French producers (affiliated with the foreign distributors of "Knives and

Skin") are pushing for the more straightforward "Perpetrator."

Reeder likens her shape-shifter teen protagonist to a blend of "Cat People" and the recent, pungent Andrea Arnold drama "Fishtank." Compared to the ensemble story structure of "Knives and Skin," this one's designed to showcase a prominent lead role, and to attract a strong young actress of some bankability. The budget, Reeder says, will fall in the \$3 million to \$5 million range, and the early drafts of the script set the story in New Orleans.

"We're obsessed with youth on so many levels," she says, "and yet we want

to crush it in actual young people. Listen to how so many parents talk about teenage girls: 'She's out of control,' 'She's a beast,' 'She's wild.' That feels so problematic and potentially damaging." The next film, Reeder says, turns that sort of language inside out.

With "Knives and Skin," she says, "I was like: 'Hear me! This is my voice!' I didn't get the ear of everyone, but enough of the right people heard me, and the film got a theatrical release in 30 cities and a full VOD release worldwide. I'm pinching myself. And now that I've gotten the ear of some people, I want to get the ear of more people."

In the meantime, Reeder has an agent on one coast and a manager on the other, and no intentions of relocating to either. Living in Northwest Indiana, and teaching and working in Chicago, she says, "sets me apart. But so many people in LA and New York have deep Midwestern connections. I feel like I'm connected to this secret network of coastal moviemaking people who have roots here. I want to stay connected to those cities, but I love returning to my house, and my yard. It's quiet. I can think. And write."

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asked each recipient the following questions about the decade of arts in Chicago:

**Q: Looking back over the last decade, what do you think was the most important event that impacted the Chicago arts scene?**

A: The launch and rise of Cinespace Chicago Film Studios (in the Douglas Park neighborhood). That facility, which is family-owned, has brought a LOT of new film and TV to Chicago and kept a LOT of talented cast and crew from leaving for LA or New York. Cinespace has been a game-changer for the filmmaking industry here, and it's only going to gain momentum.

**Q: Looking ahead to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed for Chicago arts and what person or institutions are best equipped now to have an impact on this issue?**

A: We're living in a brutal world and I say often that in these hard times, art and culture will save us. This is a bold statement but it's not naive. I'd like to see the city designate more funds to individual artists and projects. Our new mayor should make arts and culture funding a priority. There's a broad spectrum of films being made here in Chicago, and I'd like to see the process recognized. Not just the profile.

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CLASSICAL Rahm Emanuel

## CSO and its union brought together

BY HOWARD REICH

Last April, it looked as if the remainder of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's season would be canceled — and that the next one was in question.

The longest strike in CSO history had stretched seven weeks, with both management and labor having exchanged sharp words in public.

In what turned out to be the strike's final days, however, then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel stepped into the crossfire, called both sides to City Hall for negotiations and ended an acrimonious chapter in the orchestra's long history.

No other development in Chicago's classical music scene commanded as much attention locally and internationally, and no one did more to resolve the conflict than Emanuel.

Whether you loved or loathed Emanuel's mayoralty, there's no dispute among the parties involved that his contribution was critical to ending the walk-out, which focused on pensions plans and salary.

"We were in a stalemate, and I think it was really helpful to have an independent mediator — a high-profile mediator," says Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association President Jeff Alexander.

"I think he certainly was an important factor," says CSO bassist Stephen Lester, who chaired the musicians' negotiating committee. "He was a crucial factor in getting the settlement."

So why did Emanuel decide to step in?

"The CSO is a great cultural institution for the city of Chicago, and you didn't want to see the strike drag on," says Emanuel.

"It had gotten to the point where (opposing



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Former Mayor Rahm Emanuel played a critical role in ending the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's seven-week strike.

sides) weren't hearing each other. Even though they had a federal mediator, it needed somebody ... to bridge differences that I thought were bridgeable.

"If I didn't do it, it would just continue. And for the incoming next mayor, this would be 12th out of the top 10 things to do."

But why did Emanuel wait until the seventh week to intervene?

"Because it wasn't ready," he says. "It's like a wine. It was at that time ready to be uncorked."

The day before negotiations began at City Hall, Emanuel asked each side for an executive summary of their positions, recalls Alexander.

Once Emanuel's negotiating session began, "He didn't have any papers with him — he was clearly fully

briefed on the matters," says Alexander.

Says CSO bassist/negotiator Lester, "I had the pleasure to work with him in sidebar caucuses a couple of times, so I was impressed by his knowledge of the situation, his knowledge of pensions. He said he negotiated many contracts in the city, and we understood and respected that."

Though Emanuel acknowledges that "this was not my first negotiation, it was my first negotiation as a third party," he says.

And he wasn't sure how it would end well.

"It was a flip of the coin, a jump of the ball — could have gone either way," says Emanuel. "It was no guarantee. ... But it was worth the risk."

Because Emanuel had

been a lame duck since announcing in 2018 that he wasn't running for reelection, one could argue that he didn't have much to lose. He believes, however, that if negotiations had failed, "they would have blamed the mayor."

At the same time, as outgoing mayor, his leverage clearly was limited.

"My chief of staff begged me not to do this," says Emanuel. "He said: You don't have the political clout anymore. The (land-ing) gears are down."

Yet April 26 — the day both sides met in City Hall — proved to be the turning point.

"We started in the morning ... and we were making progress for sure," says CSOA president Alexander.

"And in the late afternoon (Emanuel) said: We

really need to finish this up — I have to leave for Sabbath. We were very close. We all took that seriously. When he left us, we weren't quite finished.

"He made some very heartwarming departing comments to all of us together, and the association and the union stayed for about another 90 minutes and finished things up."

The next day, the musicians' union ratified the contract, and the CSOA board approved it.

Where does Emanuel place this win among what he considers his achievements as mayor?

"I would put that in the Top 5 — ending a strike."

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the decade of arts in Chicago:

**Q: Looking back over the last decade, what do you think was the most important event that impacted the Chicago arts scene?**

A: Eighty-two percent of our (school) kids now get arts and culture. We went from a third to 80-some percent. We were picking between music or math, and our kids can get both. I'd say the heads and tails of this is arts education in our schools is now seen as the gold standard.

Arts in the parks, through our Night Out in the Parks, is bringing free great art to our neighborhoods. The Chicago Architecture Biennial, arts education and Night Out in the Parks and all that moving into our neighborhoods, not just downtown.

If I could have two answers: I think what Ashley (Wheeler) has done at Joffrey Ballet, specifically reinterpreting old works anew, is one of the most significant things that has happened, and making Joffrey a center of attention internationally.

**Q: Looking ahead to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed for Chicago arts? And what person or institutions are best equipped now to have an impact on this issue?**

A: Whether Night Out in the Parks, or the 50 for 50 (Campaign) where we did sculpture in every ward or arts education — stay with that spirit.

City government can do that.

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## WATCH THIS: SUNDAY



Willa Fitzgerald

**"Dare Me"** (9 p.m., 12 a.m., USA; 11 p.m., E!): Adapted from a best-selling novel by Megan Abbott, who serves as writer and executive producer here, this new drama explores teen angst and power dynamics in the cutthroat world of high-school cheerleading. Set in a small Midwestern town, the story follows the volatile relationship between best friends Addy and Beth (Herizen Guardiola and Marlo Kelly, respectively), whose bond is tested by newly arrived coach Colette French (Willa Fitzgerald), who has been tasked with whipping their squad into championship shape.

**"Killer Siblings"** (6 p.m., 8 p.m., OXY): In a new episode, the murder of a correctional officer at first seems to be a clear-cut act of vengeance. Subsequent investigation, however, exposes a clandestine love triangle. After he learns his wife is having an affair, a cuckolded husband hatches a plan to kill her lover, enlisting the help of his brothers to carry out the scheme.

**"Flirty Dancing"** (7 p.m., FOX): Shut up and dance! That appears to be the mantra for this new dating series hosted by actress and dancer Jenna Dewan ("The Resident"), in which a blind date starts out with dance lessons for some perfect strangers. Each person is taught half of a dance routine, then taken to a romantic location where, without saying a word, they perform the dance twice, once with each of two different partners. A full date follows with whichever partner provides the better connection.

**"Ray Donovan"** (7 p.m., 12:30 a.m., Showtime): In a new episode called "The Transfer Agent," Mickey (Jon Voight) finally learns the truth behind why the heist was so badly botched. Elsewhere, Ray and Molly (Liev Schreiber, Kerry Condon) are ready to do whatever it takes to track down Sandy (Sandy Martin) and Mickey. Eddie Marsan, Pooch Hall and Dash Mihok also star.

**"Duff's New Year's Eve Cake-Off"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Host Duff Goldman rings in the New Year a couple of days early as four professional bakers compete in a variety of unconventional baking and design challenges in which flavor is only — pardon the expression — the icing on the cake. The bakers are challenged to capture and convey a theme of change across the years in their cakes, but the cakes themselves also must transform from old to new. Judges Dan Langan and Waylynn Lucas put their heads together to decide who earns the \$10,000 grand prize.

**"Lost in the Wild"** (10 p.m., 2 a.m., TRAVEL): Adventures that take an unexpected turn for the worst is the unifying theme of this new eight-episode docu-series featuring veteran explorer J.J. Kelley and journalist Kinga Philipps, who retrace each ill-fated journey to find some answers. In the series premiere, "Hike Into Hell," Kelley and Philipps try to solve the mystery of what happened to Dutch tourists Lisanne Froom and Kris Kremers, who vanished in 2014 while hiking on a trail in Panama. Months later, their belongings are found, along with a few bones.

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## MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS 2	*(6:30) 60 Minutes (N)	The Unicorn ©	The Unicorn ©	Carol's Sec-ond Act ©	Carol's Sec-ond Act ©	All Rise: "Pilot." ©	©	
	NBC 5	(7:15) NFL Football: San Francisco 49ers at Seattle Seahawks. (N) (Live) ©							©
	ABC 7	Kids Say the Darndest Things ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		News at 10pm (N) *	
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish: "Hope." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	Weekend News (N)	Instant Re-play (N) ©	Chicago's Best	
	Antenna 9.2	Two Dads	Two Dads	Growing	Growing	Johnny Carson ©			
	Court 9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	PBS 11	Victoria on Masterpiece: "A Show of Unity." ©		Victoria on Masterpiece: "A Coburg Quartet." ©		Call the Midwife: "Holiday Special." ©		©	
	CW 26.1	Batwoman ©		Supergirl ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	The U 26.2	A Christmas Village (NR,18)	Madeline Leon.			Evolution (PG-13,01) ***			
	MeTV 26.3	Columbo: "Columbo and the Murder of a Rock Star."				Jeffersons	C. Burnett	D. Van Dyke	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ©	
	Bounce 26.5	*(5) Black or White ** ©		Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,05) **		Kimberly Elise. ©			
	FOX 32	Flirty Dancing: "Episode 1: Octavius & Erin." (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Bless the Harts ©	(8:31) Family Guy	Fox 32 News at Nine		Final Word (N) *	
	Ion 38	NCIS: Los Angeles		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Ghosts."		Chicago *	
	TeleM 44	*(6) Finding Dory (16) ***		John Wick 2 (R,17) ***		Keanu Reeves, Common. ©		Noticiero	
	MNT 50	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Dateline *	
UniMas 60	* Maze Run	Snow White and the Huntsman (NR,12) **	* Kristen Stewart.		XXX **		Martin ©		
WJYS 62	Ever Increasing Faith		Truth of God		Poi-News		Van Impe (N)		
Univ 66	Fútbol	(7:45) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)					Fútbol		
CABLE	AE	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	
	AMC	Forrest Gump (PG-13,94) ****	Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. ©					Cast Away *	
	ANIM	North Woods Law: Uncuffed: "Reckless Rider." (N)				North Woods Law		North-Law *	
	BBCA	Doctor Who ©		(8:05) Doctor Who ©		(9:10) Doctor Who ©		Dr. Who *	
	BET	*(6:55) White House Down (PG-13,13) **	Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. ©					Martin ©	
	BIGTEN	College Basketball (N)				B1G Show	B1G Show	B1G Show	
	BRAVO	Housewives-Atlanta (N)		Married to Medicine: "Reunion." (N) ©				Blind Date	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)			SportsFeed ©		News *	
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Special Report ©		The Nineties: "The One About TV." © *			
	COM	*(5:20) 21 Jump Street (R)		Wedding Crashers (R,05) ***		Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. ©			
	DISC	Alaska: The Last Frontier (N) ©				Alaskan Bush: Off Grid (N) *			
	DISN	Roll With It	Roll With It	Gabby	Gabby	Star Wars	Big City	Raven	
	EI	* Fifty Shades of Grey **		Fifty Shades Darker (R,17) **		Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. ©			
	ESPN	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©		NBA (N)		NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Lakers (N) *			
	ESPN2	* Cornhole Champ. (N)		ACL Pro/College Alumni Cornhole Invitational (N)				SportCtr (N)	
	FNC	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		The Next Revolution (N)		Police Emergency		Life *	
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Duff's New Year's Eve (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery *	
	FREE	* Captain America: The Winter Soldier		The Jungle Book (PG,16) ***		Neel Sethi. © (SAP) *			
	FX	*(6) Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R,17) ** *				Weekly (N)	The Weekly	Deepwater *	
	HALL	Christmas at Dollywood (NR,19)	Niall Matter. ©			The Mistletoe Secret (NR,19) © *			
	HGTV	Holmes & Holmes (N) ©		Holmes & Holmes (N) ©		Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	
	HIST	American Pickers		(8:02) American Pickers		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers *	
	HLN	Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row Stories ©		Death Row *	
	IFC	*(6) Trading Places (R,83) ***		Trading Places (R,83) ***		Dan Aykroyd. © *			
	LIFE	Sleeping With My Student (NR,19)	Gina Holden. ©			(9:03) Killer Grandma (NR,19) © *			
	MSNBC	(6:00) Kasie DC (N) ©		Red, White & Who? ©		Dateline: "Vanished." © *			
	MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	(8:31) Ridiculousness	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
	NBCSCH	* Postgame	NHL Hockey: Philadelphia Flyers at Anaheim Ducks. (N) (Live)			Heartland *			
	NICK	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG,13) ***	Anna Farris ©			Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
	OVATION	*(6) Road House (R,89) **	Kelly Lynch			Point Break (R,91) ***	Patrick Swayze. © *		
	OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN		20/20 *	
	OXY	Criminal Confessions ©		Killer Siblings: "Vues."		Snapped ©		Snapped *	
PARMT	*(5) Titanic (PG-13,97) ****	Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. ©			Jumanji (PG,95) *** © *				
SYFY	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword (PG-13,17) **	Charlie Hunnam.			Futurama	Futurama *			
TBS	* Batman	Batman & Robin (PG-13,97) **	Arnold Schwarzenegger. ©				Batman *		
TCM	Bells Are Ringing (NR,60)		Judy Holliday. ©		(9:15) Born Yesterday (NR,50) ****				
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "I Don't Have a Choice." (N)				(9:03) 90 Day Fiancé (N)		Don't Look *		
TLN	IMPACT	Manna Fest	In Grace	Turning Point ©			Insights		
TNT	Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13,17) ***	Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher. ©							
TOON	Apple	Apple	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty		
TRAV	Bermuda Triangle: The New Secrets ©				Expedition Bigfoot (N) ©		Lost- Wild		
TVL	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		
USA	* Law & Order: Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order		Dare Me (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Law-SVU *		
VH1	*(6) Coming to America (R,88) ***		White Men Can't Jump (R,92) ***		Wesley Snipes. *				
WE	Law & Order: "Narcosis."		Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Stiff." ©		Law *		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Married		
PREMIUM	HBO	His Dark Materials ©		Rise of the Planet of the Apes *** ©		(9:45) Hellboy (19) ***			
	HBO2	True Lies (R,94) ****	Arnold Schwarzenegger. ©			Thoroughbreds (17) ****			
	MAX	Deadpool 2 (R,18) ****	Ryan Reynolds. ©			Get Carter (R,00) * Sylvester Stallone. *			
	SHO	Ray Donovan (N) ©		Shameless (N) ©		The L Word (N)		Work- Pro.	
	STARZ	Dublin Murders (N) ©		(8:08) Dublin Murders		(9:13) Dublin Murders		Da Vinci *	
STZENC	* Sorcerer's Apprentice		Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG-13,10) **				Colombiana *		

## CHICAGOANS OF THE YEAR | 2019

MUSEUMS Julie Rodrigues Widholm

## Piloting the rising DePaul museum

BY STEVE JOHNSON

The DePaul Art Museum was closed, as it usually is on Tuesdays.

But when a DePaul University student who works there walked up to the front door with friends and family members in tow, she was greeted by none other than museum Director Julie Rodrigues Widholm, who had just opened the clear glass front door for a package delivery.

The student was embarrassed for not remembering the hours. Widholm insisted she and her group come in, anyway.

"This is where it feels like a small museum," the director said.

DPAM is small in size, perhaps, in its handsome brick building beside the Fullerton "L" stop on the university's campus in Lincoln Park. But its ambition has been grand since Widholm took over in 2015, mounting a breathtaking schedule of up to nine exhibitions a year.

"That museum was pretty sleepy before she got there, and now it feels like it's really an important part of the circuit for anybody following contemporary art in the city," said Michael Darling, chief curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art, the museum where Widholm, as she put it, "grew up" in the art world.

DPAM is coming off its biggest attendance year, welcoming more than 14,000 people in fiscal 2018-19, a 40% boost over the previous year. Widholm's work there has drawn attention from critics, including freelance art critic Lori Waxman in the Tribune, who credited her with mounting "a series of solo shows as hard-hitting in their politics as they have been seductive in their presentation."

And the spring and summer exhibition curated by Widholm, "New Age, New Age: Strategies for Survival," garnered the most press the museum born in 2011 has yet received, said Widholm, 44.

Part of that was the canny inclusion of works by famed TV painter Bob Ross, shown for the first time in a contemporary art



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DePaul Art Museum Director Julie Rodrigues Widholm.

museum in "New Age," according to DPAM.

But another part of it was the nerve struck by the show's examination of how the 1960s and '70s New Age movement lives on and finds new threads in the work of current artists, said Widholm.

"It really resonated with sort of a younger generation who are really interested in tarot and astrology and kind of making sense of the world post-Trump," she said. "I really think the timing was perfect."

The show came out of Widholm's long-standing curatorial philosophy of being out in the world,

visiting with artists, seeing what they make.

In recent years, she said, "I had been observing in artists' work these references to sort of New Age aesthetics and philosophies. And so we had an opening in the schedule, and I just determined, now's the time. Let's just do it."

The show also fit with another one of Widholm's hallmarks, "a deep commitment to diversity and inclusion," as she put it in the museum's most recent annual catalog. "In 2018/19, our exhibitions featured primarily artists of color, women and LGBTQ artists."

and she finished with a double major in art history and political science.

"I just really got involved and fell in love with museum work," interning at the school's museum, she said. "For me, contemporary art in museum spaces became a space where international affairs and culture came together."

Graduate school at the School of the Art Institute followed, and then a 1999 one-year research assistant job at the MCA led to her being hired there full time as a curator and rising through the ranks, as Darling put it.

A highlight there, said Widholm, was co-curating the haunting first career retrospective of the revered Colombian artist Doris Salcedo. "Her work is so germane to art history, to the current political moment, to aesthetic conversations," the curator said as the 2015 show prepared to open.

"She was just a really great colleague and just a really even-keeled person and very caring, but also willing to share her frank opinion on things," Darling said. "She has a really good bedside manner with artists, which is of course a key part of the job. And I think she just does a really good job of getting out into studios and seeing artists and having a real empathy for what they're doing."

When the opportunity at DePaul came up, it seemed the right fit at the right time, especially because the position allowed her to also hold the title of chief curator, said Widholm, who lives in Oak Park with her family.

DePaul's is, she pointed out, the city's newest art museum, "and as a 21st century museum, we are in a position to question traditions and practices within museums, especially as an academic art museum to sort of bring our audiences in with us as we question, OK, how have museums done things in the past? ... Historically museums' foundations are kind of as colonial institutions and supporting a kind of white patriarchy. So for us it's a matter of tapping into the mission of the university at

large around helping marginalized populations and communities. Giving them greater visibility is at the core of what we're trying to do."

She's enthusiastic about a March show, curated by the University of Florida art museum, that caught her eye, "The World to Come: Art in the Age of the Anthropocene."

"And I'm really excited about our fall 2020 season where we're turning over the entire museum to Latinx and Latin American holdings from the collection," she said, which will begin a "multiyear Latinx initiative" meant to address a gap she and her staff have identified in art museums across the country.

"I just can't underestimate what a privilege it is to be able to lead an art museum, and I take it very seriously," she said. "I really think that we have to be intentional and mindful about who's getting space in our cultural institutions."

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A: Art Design Chicago (the yearlong 2018 event that sponsored dozens of exhibitions and public events related to the city's visual arts legacy).

**Q: Looking forward to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed in the arts and what person or institutions are best equipped to have an impact on that issue?**

A: All arts institutions need to address issues of equity and inclusion in a meaningful way so that our institutions remain vibrant and relevant. More specifically, I believe we all need to give more space to intersectional Latinx artists and experiences which have been marginalized for decades and will shape the future of our country.

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DANCE Jorge Pérez and Irma Suárez Ruiz

## Leaders moved Ensemble Español forward

BY LAUREN WARNECKE

Dame Libby Komaiko found Spanish dance by happenstance, auditioning for José Greco on a whim in the 1960s. The Evanstonian wasn't Spanish, yet she paved the way for one of the world's best Spanish dance organizations: Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater.

Komaiko founded the company in 1975, and groomed current executive director Jorge Pérez and artistic director Irma Suárez Ruiz as the next generation of leaders for the ensemble. Pérez and Ruiz have been at the helm for several years, but Komaiko remained a trusted mentor and advisor until the final days of her life. At age 69, she died Feb. 2, 2019, of pneumonia.

Losing the founder removes the north star of any dance company, yet even as company members grieve, Ensemble Español appears stronger than ever. Indeed, it was a season that yielded seven world premieres, extraordinary concerts in Skokie, St. Louis, at the Auditorium Theatre, and at Northeastern Illinois University, where the company has been in residence since the beginning. World-renowned dancer/choreographer José Barrios spent four weeks as a guest artist, conducting classes and workshops, and making new choreographies. And the formation of the Dame Libby Komaiko Legacy Fund edges the company closer to a major goal: pro-



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Irma Suárez Ruiz, artistic director, and Jorge Pérez, executive and associate artistic director of Ensemble Español, here at their "home" auditorium at Northeastern Illinois University. The group is dedicated to preserving Spanish dance.

viding full-time salaries and benefits for all the dancers.

"All we wanted to do was dance," says Ruiz, who saw a concert at Northeastern 40 years ago and has been with the company ever since. Komaiko, Ruiz and Pérez — who met Komaiko in 1985 when he got an on-campus job in her office — might have stumbled across this dance form, but the company didn't reach this level of success by accident. "When I wake up, my first thought is coming to work and trying to make the best of my day," says

Ruiz. "We live Ensemble."

The unceasing drive and harnessed passion Ruiz and Pérez bring to their jobs have catalyzed Ensemble Español to become a major player in Chicago's concert dance scene. And the company is unique in its dedication to preserving not just flamenco, but the full spectrum of Spanish dance styles as well, including classical, folkloric and contemporary dance. During their 40th anniversary season, a tour to Spain affirmed this mission when the National Ballet of Spain

endorsed the company for its efforts to preserve and promote the art form.

What makes Chicago an apt international hub for Spanish dance? "Why not?" said Ruiz. "Thank goodness José Greco made that stop at the Palmer House," Pérez said. "With Chicago's cultural richness, we can see how they embraced the Ensemble and Dame Libby's work early on," adding that an important key to their success has been the ongoing partnership with Northeastern, and the university's unique

Spanish dance-focused curriculum.

"Being side by side with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, the Joffrey Ballet and Giordano Dance Chicago, the vision for that to happen is what we're shooting for right now," says Pérez. "The caliber of work is there, the production value is there, we have an audience following. ... We definitely don't want this to be the best kept secret. It's no longer about how we do the work, but how do we share the work?"

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**Q: Looking back over the last decade, what do you think was the most important event that impacted the Chicago arts scene?**

Pérez: We lost the Chicago Dancing Festival. That was huge. What fills that void? Stomping Grounds continues to grow and show the city that way, including so many amazing organizations that we look up to and admire for their work: Muntu Dance Theater, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company, Trinity Irish Dance, Chicago Human Rhythm Project and Natya Dance Theatre.

**Q: Looking ahead to 2020, what is the most critical issue that needs to be addressed for Chicago arts and what person or institutions are best equipped now to have an impact on that issue?**

Pérez: Artists need the financial support to be seen in the light of these amazing theaters we have right in our own backyard, and to do more outreach work which helps to sustain the art form. You don't want to say that it boils down to money, but artists need to get paid.

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## BOOKS

## REVIEW

## Women wrote 2019's best in fiction

Works by Steinberg and Ginzburg merit more praise

BY CHARLES FINCH

At some point after the presidential election in 2016, I began to read many more novels by women than by men. It wasn't a choice made out of principle, or the simulation of principle — or even a choice. It was a desire, and like all desires involuntary, difficult to trace to any single source. I wasn't trying to be an ally, and in fact even the idea of explicit alliance had quickly come to seem poisoned to me, a waiver out of the true responsibility of reflecting on privilege that you could acquire by repeating the word *privilege* often enough to the right audience.

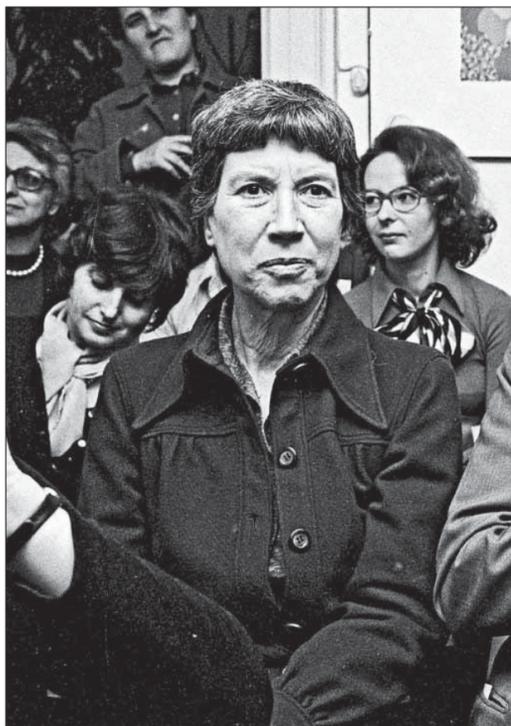
Perhaps it was as simple as curiosity. A president who was so openly adversarial toward women — and seemingly not just in his actions, which were only less mannerly variants of an existing systemic misogyny, but psychologically — gave their perspective a different charge, a different urgency. I'm to blame for needing to be galvanized into that attention ("the rarest and purest form of generosity," Simone Weil once wrote in a letter to a friend). But I'm lucky to have been, since nearly all the most resonant, lingering fiction I read in 2019 was by women, including "Ducks, Newburyport" by Lucy Ellmann and "Everything Inside" by Edwidge Danticat.

Yet here, too, you arrive at a problem: To read such work through such a flimsy frame as "books by women" would be an insult, while not to acknowledge that they're *by and about* women, that they clarify elements of lived female life that most men have probably never understood, would be a false piety — and a missed opportunity.

Maybe for readers of either sex the solution is as simple as operating within that tension: reading women writers as writers first, yet without losing sight of their status as a beleaguered class, besieged, exhausted, and their voices at just this moment in history of a particular and tragic necessity.

At least, that was how I tried to read two of my favorite books to receive less notice this year than Ellmann's or Danticat's or Colson Whitehead's or Sally Rooney's: "Machine" by Susan Steinberg, and "Happiness, as Such," a work of the 1970s by Natalia Ginzburg, newly (and superbly) translated into English by Minna Zallman Proctor.

"Machine" is Steinberg's



VITTORIANO RASTELLI/GETTY 1980

Natalia Ginzburg is the author of "Happiness, as Such," a powerful 1973 novel released in a new English translation in 2019. Her book is one of many by women that helped to define the cultural moment.

first novel after three collections of short stories. Its narrator is an unnamed woman recalling a summer of her adolescence. She and her friends were "the stars of the shore," as she writes, but their celebrity was shadowed by the apparently accidental drowning of "a local girl ... a knock-out." This divided mood is representative — the girl and her friends are beautiful, clever and funny, but attuned with piercing anxiety to the scrutiny of their peers, and how it's colored by sex. "The guys don't want us looking like them; they want us looking small and weak; to the guys, I like to seem small and weak; to the girls, I like to seem something else; to the girls, I like to seem terrifying; like a supernova."

Steinberg writes in this style throughout her novel, in quick lines broken by semicolons. It's a perfect formal choice: the semicolon, its brief pause without the rest of a full stop, mirroring the painful and halting growth of being a teenager, the instability of that time of life, the discontinuities within what has perhaps previously seemed like a continuum.

The great courage of "Machine" is that it fuses the exhilaration and fear of female sexuality — the immense power and ultimate powerlessness. ("Our father would teach my brother that the most effective way to manage girls was just to wear them down," she writes ominously.) It's a book obsessed, as teenagers are, with "how a body from afar



### 'Happiness, as Such'

By Natalia Ginzburg, translated by Minna Zallman Proctor, New Directions, 176 pages, \$15.95

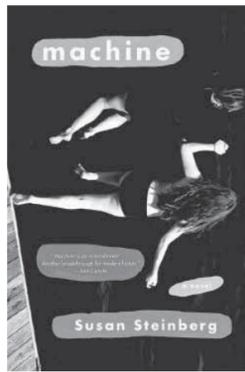
is something; and a body from inside that body is something else." Steinberg describes this sensation so closely that you almost begin to inhabit the book physically.

The plot she offers is secondary. The local girl's death aside, Steinberg's narrator's family is falling apart, her father sneering and cruel, her mother checked out, her brother lately distant. These are clichés of teen angst, and slightly unforgivably they're moneyed, picturesque clichés of teen angst, in the vein of Bret Easton Ellis or certain songs by Lana Del Rey. But the book's negligible plot is eclipsed by its careful memory of what late girlhood looks like. "Were I in charge," Steinberg's narra-



NOAH DOELY PHOTO

Susan Steinberg is the author of "Machine," an imperfect but inventive and immersive piece of fiction — one likely to be well remembered long after 2019.



### 'Machine'

By Susan Steinberg, Graywolf, 144 pages, \$15

tor says, "the summer would go backward; we would start out split and end up not."

If "Machine" is an imperfect but inventive and immersive piece of fiction, "Happiness, as Such," by the Italian writer Natalia Ginzburg, whose renown on these shores has steadily grown since her death in 1991, belongs to a different class: It's a masterpiece.

Like Steinberg's novel, its form is one of fracture, allusive and metonymic. In a series of letters and scenes, "Happiness, as Such" depicts an affluent family fretting together over its beloved prodigal son, Michele, who has had to leave Italy because of his dangerous political associations; the book was published in 1973, during that country's fear-filled "Years of Lead," when terrorist organizations were in full flower on both the left and

right.

Michele's mother, Andrea, is the book's spirit, cynical, harsh, funny, thwarted, bereft. "It was snowing out, and her birthday, she was forty-three years old," Ginzburg says at the novel's beginning. After composing a brooding and hilarious letter to Michele, Andrea goes into her living room, "wearing tobacco-brown trousers and a beige sweater. She sat in the living room by the lit fire but she didn't read Pascal's *Pensées*. She didn't read anything and she didn't watch the snow out the window because suddenly she felt like she hated the snowy landscape with its shapes. Instead she put her head in her hands and then rubbed her feet and calves through the thick tobacco-brown socks and that's where she spent the whole morning."

The wobbly rules of adolescence as Steinberg portrays it have matured, like a municipal bond, into something else: society. This brief, humane passage captures the frustration of being an adult woman who must still live by those rules — stuck on the watchful periphery of the overwhelming male world of action, but nevertheless required to construct its retreats and domestic comforts, to solve its problems. *Andromache* by the fireplace.

Imperceptibly, "Happiness, as Such" coils more and more tightly around us, so that its last pages become unexpectedly yet inevitably devastating. In tones of increasing distance, as the

novel passes, Michele's old friends, lovers and above all his family commune to discuss him. His own letters are short and deeply uninteresting — "I've become very proficient at servicing boilers and washing dishes," he reports — and what Ginzburg's actually investigating are the women who must negotiate the actions of impetuous men. In one comic subplot, Michele's sisters have to figure out what to do with a huge folly of a seaside tower that their father intended as his legacy to Michele — who has no interest whatsoever in it.

Ginzburg is a powerful writer. She has impeccable command of character, plot, form, symbolism (that tower!) and timing. Her observations of human psychology dart through your preconceptions — "the time we spent together was wonderful because it didn't have anything to do with true love," one of Michele's lovers says, a characteristically acute line — and her characters constantly turn against their own thoughts, capable of love and hate simultaneously, doubt and faith. In certain moments they have a nearly Shakespearean force of life. Yet I think of her as belonging more in a line of existentialists from Albert Camus to Ben Lerner, writers whose dispassionate prose has a sense that such restraint is only required because huge emotions — sorrow, sympathy, love, humor, rage — are being martialled just beneath the text.

Clearly it would be a mistake to read Ginzburg as a "woman writer." At the same time, she captures things about the lives of women that other novelists of her era — John Updike here, in Italy Alberto Moravia — cannot touch, the loose network of emotions, fears and boredoms that women inhabiting a patriarchal world have in common.

And the bravery that asks Michele, in free flight, may wind up in danger, in a scrap, but he will never wind up on the edge, watching himself, waiting to be needed or disposed of. "I'll confess that I already packed my bag to come to you," his sister Angelica writes him in a letter, after he's told her it's better not to visit him in England. "I want to see you, not just to talk about you but also to talk about me. I'm going through some things too. But, as you say, that will have to be for another time." Maybe that time has come.

Charles Finch is the author of several novels, including "The Last Passenger," forthcoming in February.

## AUDIOBOOK REVIEWS

## John le Carré narrates his own book — and it's a treat

BY KATHERINE A. POWERS | The Washington Post

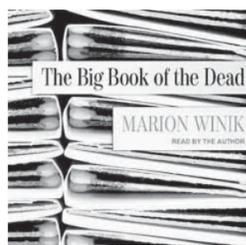
"Agent Running in the Field" by John le Carré, narrated by the author, Penguin, 9½ hours

John le Carré, master of espionage and gifted voice actor, gives an outstanding performance narrating his 25th novel, a spy thriller set in England's torrid summer of 2018. As Brexit and a visit from the American president create havoc, spy handler Nat has been relegated to heading British intelligence service's substation for has-beens and screw-ups called "Haven." Nat, a champion badminton player, is challenged to a match by a young, Brexit-hating, Trump-loathing man named Ed, another of le Carré's passionately idealistic innocents. One thing leads to another, and the rest of le Carré's distinctive ingredients come sifting in: queasy loyalties and disillusion, enemy agents' unholy infatuation with one another, and cynical, high-level scapegoating. Cryptic, exciting and witty in its portrayal of mannerisms, the novel is further enhanced by its author's delivery. His rich, woodwind baritone mutates effortlessly into arrogant old-boy bray, industrial Midlands clunk and the brittle tones of "one of those upper-class girls who grew up with ponies." The plot does execute a few improbable maneuvers, but that is more than compensated by the perfect unity between story and narrator.



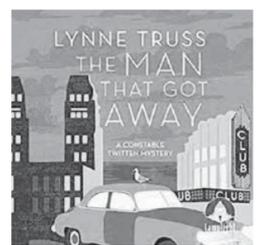
"The Big Book of the Dead" by Marion Winik, narrated by the author, Tantor, 5 hours

Marion Winik's reminiscences of dead family members, friends and occasional others is as much a memoir as it is a salute to those who have lived. There is sadness here but also humor and wit and an overall feeling of engagement with life. Set in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, New Orleans and finally, Baltimore, the 125 pieces evoke changes in social milieu and way of life, from Bohemianism and drug use to motherhood, widowhood and purpose. Winik narrates the book herself in a bold, pleasantly low-pitched voice, her delivery exceptionally expressive of the emotions her fine, concise writing conjures. Each person — and, in some cases, animal — is captured in an eloquent vignette, at times high-spirited or melancholy and moving. Among her subjects are her mother, the long champ; her first, much-loved husband, who lost his battle with AIDS; her stillborn baby; a philandering hookup (who actually may not be dead); Rocco, a cat; Leslie, a personable goldfish; and the man whose life taught her that it's "necessary and gorgeous to be who you are" — which could be the central message of these marvelous portraits.

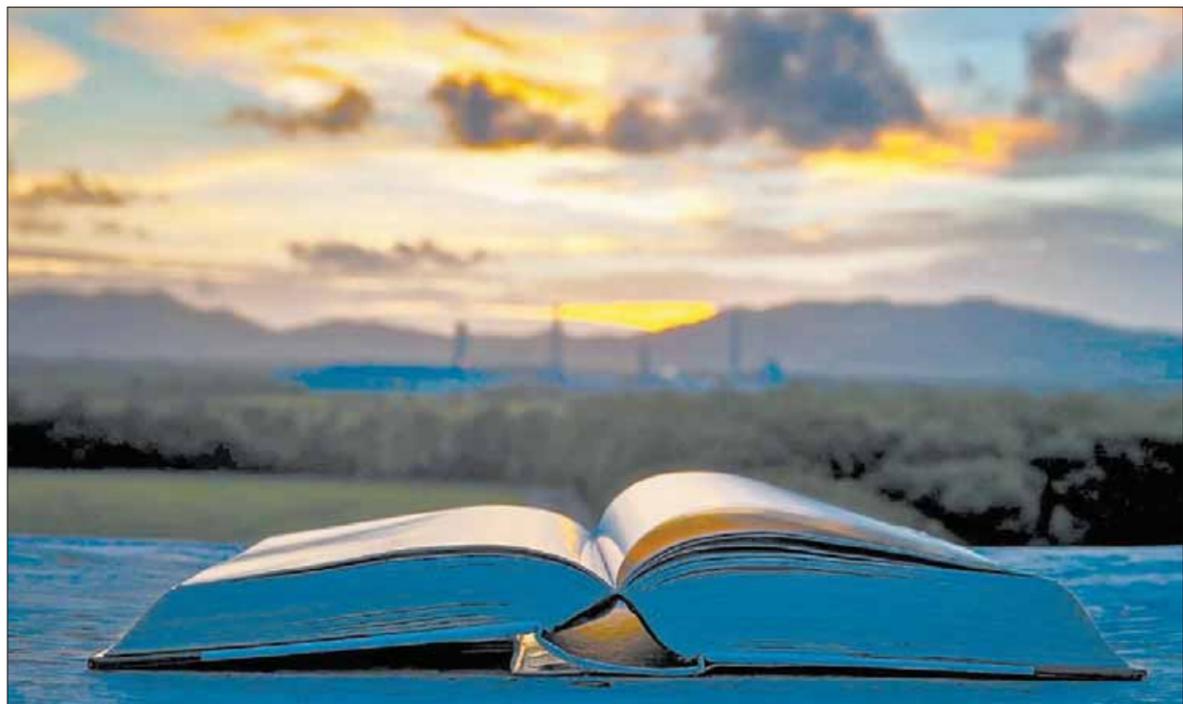


"The Man That Got Away" by Lynne Truss, narrated by Matt Green, Lamplight, 7½ hours

This is Lynne Truss' second novel starring Constable Twitten. It is summer 1957 in the English seaside town of Brighton and young Twitten has become a devotee of Nancy Mitford's "No-blesse Oblige," in which the elements of "U" (upper-class) and "Non-U" (not upper-class) locutions were set before a class-obsessed English public. Twitten insists, unheeded, that the book could be a valuable forensic tool in identifying criminals — and so it turns out to be. But that vindication comes long after the madcap plot has wended its way through the town's seedier holiday attractions and bumped up against a ragtag selection of miscreants, among the police-station charlady and "criminal mastermind," Mrs. Groynes. Matt Green narrates this deft caper with a fine selection of voices and infectious enthusiasm for its many about-turns. He sounds as baffled as we are by where this is all heading — and as pleased too, when we find that a group of supposed musicians are, unknown to each other, operatives from Interpol, New Scotland Yard, MI5, Brighton Police and Mrs. Groynes' gang.



Katherine A. Powers reviews audiobooks every month for The Washington Post.



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As 2019 draws to a close and uncertain times lie ahead, Biblioracle columnist John Warner finds solace in his inbox, a reminder that love of reading can unite us.

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# Books unite us in uncertain future

BY JOHN WARNER

As we close out the year, I can't help but reflect on the strange times in which we live — and, sadly, I think we should prepare for stranger and perhaps scarier times ahead.

I genuinely fear for where we're going to be collectively as a country a year from now. I wonder if I'm living through the end of a democratic republic that represents the will of the people in the United States. I worry that our planet won't be able to sustain life as we know it today.

In this atmosphere, books are a balm — a means of escaping the anxiety of life — and a shield as they offer a method to gain deeper understanding so we can forge the best path forward. I do not know who I would be without reading. A love of books is one of the greatest gifts I received from my upbringing, and I cannot imagine a life separated from them.

That said, by far the coolest book-related thing to happen to me this year was winning Philip Roth's old clock radio at auction. I'm looking at it as I type. I occasionally use it to listen to NPR. I haven't even switched the time to correct for daylight savings, and yet, for some reason, I

love having it.

I've been thinking a lot about why owning an old clock radio that once sat in the house of a great writer pleases me so much, and I realize the pleasure is similar to what I feel when someone writes me for a recommendation.

It's human connection over a shared interest, across a divide. I do not know and have never met the vast majority of my Biblioracle correspondents, and yet we have this thing in common. I think reading through the requests are my most hopeful moments in any given week. Just look at these people and all of those books they've read — and they're coming to me for more.

Amazing too are the notes I get from readers about a particular column, where they tell me whether they agree (or not).

We need to start a club for those of us who do not understand the genuflection over Malcolm Gladwell because we are more numerous than we seem to have known. When I wrote in an October column about how art still manages to bind us together, I heard from multiple people who said they felt the same way and even saw the Tribune's Sunday Arts & Entertainment section as a beacon of light in a

dark world.

Amazing. After writing about my appreciation for the audacity of Lucy Ellmann's "Ducks, Newburyport," a correspondent emailed in the style of the book: one long sentence of amazing verbosity coupled with grammatical integrity.

Amazing. Even the reader who seemed to have dusted off a rarely used Twitter account to declare they were never going to read me again after I had expressed disapproval of President Donald Trump reminds me of the ways we are connected. That someone would go to the trouble of finding me online just to make sure I knew that they thought I was wrong ... amazing.

I worry about our president, who seems to believe reading us apart is his most effective reelection strategy, but when my anxiety and fear ratchets up, I'm going to keep coming back to my Biblioracle inbox.

It reminds me what we share.

*John Warner is the author of "Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities."*

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## Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

1. "Land of Wolves" by Craig Johnson
2. "Shake Hands Forever" by Ruth Rendell
3. "Ducks, Newburyport" by Lucy Ellman
4. "Machines Like Me" by Ian McEwan
5. "The Overstory" by Richard Powers — Patricia N., Vernon Hills

Patricia is the correspondent who wrote me the amazing response about "Ducks, Newburyport," which more than merits a recommendation. In this case, I'm going out on a limb for a book that frustrated me as much as it pleased me as I was reading it, yet it has still stuck with me in the years since. I think Patricia will be pleasantly provoked by it: "Version Control" by Dexter Palmer.

1. "Three Wishes" by Liane Moriarty
2. "Reasons to Be Cheerful" by Nina Stibbe
3. "Circle of Friends" by Maeve Binchy
4. "Babette's Feast" by Isak Dinesen
5. "The Hypnotist's Love Story" by Liane Moriarty — Carol B., Chicago

It's been a while since I recommended "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" by Chicago's own Kathleen Rooney, so I'm going to remedy that failure by telling Carol that she should read it next.

1. "Educated" by Tara Westover
2. "Perfect Little World" by Kevin Wilson
3. "We Are Called to Rise" by Laura McBride
4. "Mr. Know-It-All" by John Waters
5. "Less" by Andrew Sean Greer — Diana P., Deerfield

I am not clear as to what kind of sorcery Sally Rooney is practicing in her novels. On the surface, they seem flat and uneventful, but I have found both of her books utterly riveting and have carried them around with me for days after completion. This list makes me think Diana would take to Rooney's most recent offering, "Normal People."

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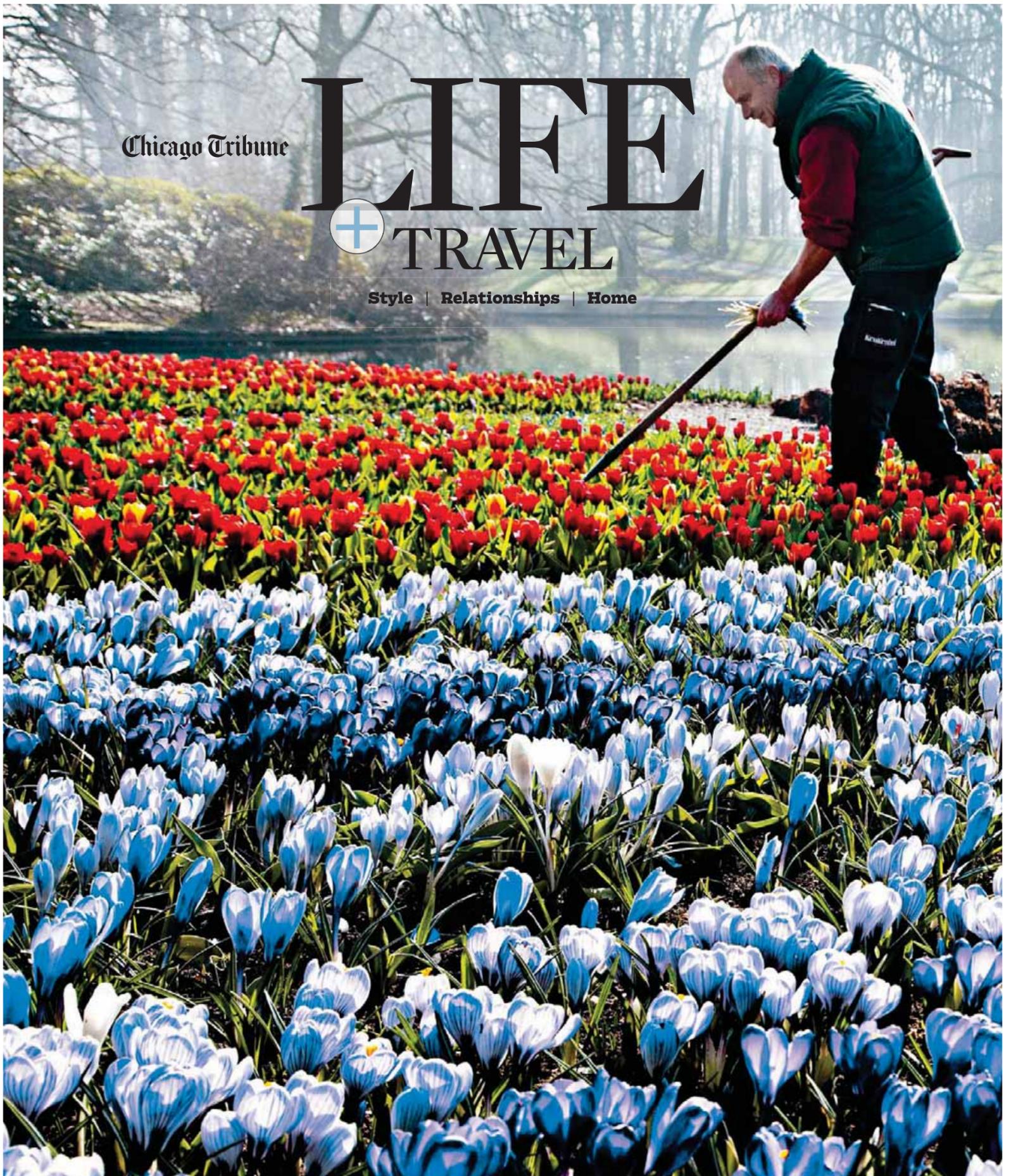
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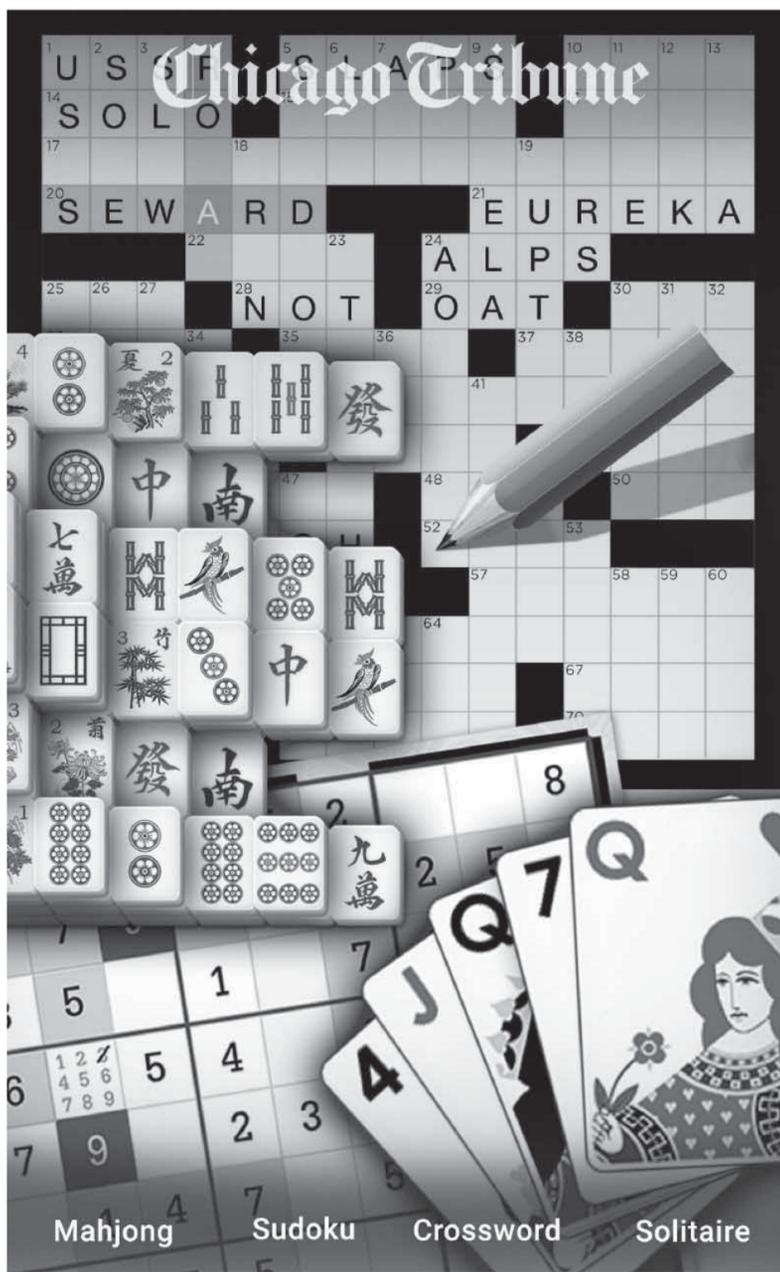
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## ASK AMY

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### She is safe but stifled by loving mom

**Dear Amy:** I am a single, 35-year-old woman with a successful career. I am an only child. I work in a safe area and live about 10 minutes from my parents.

My mother has been a devoted homemaker ever since I was born, and she is one of the sweetest, smartest and most caring people I have ever known. However, she tends to worry constantly about the people she loves.

Well into my late 20s, if I did not call her the minute I left work, she would be worried sick and would even send my father to check on me. We had some stressful conversations, and it got better. However, I still feel stifled. For instance, I tend to travel with friends, but I also have taken a couple of solo trips. I have gone to very safe places and have stayed in touch with my parents during these trips.

My mother recently said that she had serious anxiety when I have taken these trips. She insists that I never travel alone again.

She recently became so anxious about an outing I was taking with friends to our very safe downtown area that she insisted that I carpool with them instead of using my own transportation.

I have tried telling my mother how stifled I sometimes feel. She says that I am being oblivious to my own safety as a single woman and that she would not worry if I had a husband to protect me.

I am not in a rush to marry the wrong person simply to gain a bodyguard, and I have never put my life on hold with the travels and activities I enjoy.

It would be one thing if my mom were a manipulative person, but since she is so sweet, it is a bit tougher for me to know how to view this. Am I being oblivious about my own safety?

— Loving Daughter

**Dear Daughter:** Your close and loving relationship with your mother may have prevented you from going through the important developmental stage that most children experience when they are teenagers — when they rebel, push back and differentiate from their parents.

These “stressful conversations” you have had with your mother regarding her extreme anxiety and control are a delayed effort on your part to create a life that is appropriately separate from hers.

And she may be very sweet, but she is also using her anxiety to manipulate you. Under-

stand and come to terms with this. You are going to have to be emotionally brave and tougher with your mother regarding the impact of her fearful behavior on your life.

This level of worry and control IS stifling for a 35-year-old. But even if it weren't, you have the right to your own feelings and reactions!

Lovingly push back. Urge your mother to seek outside therapeutic help for her extreme anxiety, which does seem quite beyond the norm.

**Dear Amy:** I was married for 30 years when my husband filed for divorce. I was in surgery that day.

We have four daughters. I feel truly defeated that their father treats me so poorly. I don't have any brothers or sons. My father divorced my mom for a woman 40 younger than he.

For the sake of myself and our daughters, is it worth it asking my ex for a second chance to start over?

Our daughters have only seen failed marriages in their lives. Their dad has no compassion or empathy that I know of.

— Second Chance

**Dear Second Chance:** I understand your impulse — to try to show your daughters what a successful marriage might look like — but begging their father for a second chance is not the way to do it.

Your daughters might be better served by watching you make your own way in the world, using your own second chance to build an independent and fulfilling life, complete with the opportunity to meet and match with a person who treats you as you deserve to be treated.

**Dear Amy:** “Queasy in Florida” described a dinner partner at her retirement community who picked her teeth at the table. I cannot believe that you suggested that Queasy should embarrass this woman in public! An anonymous note would be much better!

— Upset

**Dear Upset:** I would never suggest that someone embarrass anyone in public. I suggested that “Queasy” speak with her, privately, through “a discreet message, delivered in person” after the meal.

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# BALANCING ACT

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## The people who shaped and inspired me in 2019

As we bid farewell to 2019, a year that brought us to our knees in grief and to our feet in triumph and to quiet reckoning as we tried to make sense of it all, I offer my annual list of people I loved meeting in the course of this job. There are 10(ish). I could have included triple that number, but your time and my space is limited.

### Rosie Quinn

Rosie Quinn, 8, was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease alopecia when she was 2. All of the hair on her head and body fell out within three weeks and never grew back. Her mom, Paula, had one of Rosie's drawings made into a headscarf when Rosie was starting to grow tired of strangers' stares and questions. "I put it on and I looked in the mirror and I was smiling for five minutes straight," Rosie told me. "Then I said, 'I want to give this to all the bald children!'" Now she and her family run Coming Up Rosies, a charity that turns children's artwork into scarves and superhero capes.



### Ellen Smith

Ellen Smith opened a box of letters that she and her sisters stashed in a vodka box when they helped their mom downsize. Inside were decades upon decades of letters. Letters between Smith's mom and dad. Letters to her mom from her mom's best friend, Millie. Letters to her mom from her fiancé, Bern, who was killed in World War II. Her beautiful story reminded me to never underestimate the power of the written word and to cherish the sacred things that are passed down to us.



### Molly Pinta

Molly Pinta was in sixth grade when she started a gay-straight alliance at her Buffalo Grove middle school. After attending the Aurora Pride Parade with her parents at the end of that school year, she decided she wanted to help every LGBTQ kid find community and acceptance. In June — at age 12 — she organized the first-ever Buffalo Grove Pride Parade. This kid is headed in the right, loving, just direction — and taking the world with her.



### Chuck Wagner

Chuck Wagner spent the summer traversing the country on a farewell tour to his beloved wife, Lorraine — a tour that she planned in exacting detail before she died at age 73. I met him during his Chicago stop, and he told me the highlights of their love story, which will inspire and guide me for all my days. "She did this for us," Wagner said, about the trip his wife planned out. "Her love for our family is never-ending. And we're following it to a T."



### Beth Finke

Beth Finke teaches memoir writing classes to Chicago senior citizens, nudging her students to contemplate and celebrate their rich and storied lives, even as they preserve them for future generations to see. She lost her sight at age 26, which, she said, gives her a certain kinship with her classes. "I think I can relate to this feeling of knowing you're capable, but other people don't see you that way." I love the way she quietly, beautifully disproves all that.



### Dinee Simpson

Dinee Simpson is the only black, female organ transplant surgeon in Chicago, and she spends her days saving lives and healing generations of wounds and mistrust that have resulted from the mistreatment of African Americans by the medical community. "I had patients cry," Simpson told me. "I had patients hug me. The reaction was incredible, simply because I looked like them." Her story is a reminder that representation can change, and often save, lives.



### Highland Park hockey players

Parker Hara, Jack Elbaum and Sam Shachtman, all hockey players for the Highland Park Giants, passed a car accident on Interstate Highway 294 on their drive to a tournament. On their drive home, lights and sirens were still on the scene. Illinois State Trooper Christopher Lambert, 34, had been killed at the scene. The three teens contacted Lambert's wife, Halley Martin Lambert, and organized an event to raise funds for her family and raise awareness about safe driving. "Obviously, being seniors in high school, we're busy sometimes," Elbaum said. "It can be challenging to carve out some time to help. But it's completely worth it."

### Gillian Fealy

Gillian Fealy fell in love with the sport of triathlon and opened a shop, Live Grit, that catered to first-timers. Then she started an organization, Live Grit Soars, that trains kids from some of Chicago's underserved communities to join the sport. "We added 'soars' because that's what we want them to do — soar," Fealy said. "Whatever that means, wherever they want to go, whatever they want to do, let it be their decision. Not the world's decision." And away they go.



### Uncomfortable journey travelers

Evanston resident Nina Kavin started planning an "uncomfortable journey" to Montgomery, Alabama, two years ago, when she first read about plans to build the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. In September, she and two busloads of 105 Evanston residents — black, white, Asian, Latinx, Jewish, Christian, doctors, teachers, social workers, police officers, ages 18 to 80 — made the journey together. "I want to go and peel the scab off," Bruce King told me before they left. "I want to open this wound so I can free flow and cry like a baby and go deeper than I've ever imagined possible in the healing process that needs to take place in America." Talking with King and his fellow travelers was a highlight of my 2019. Reconnecting with them to hear how the trip shaped and changed them is at the top of my to-do list for 2020.

Wishing you all a healthy, peaceful, joy-filled new year.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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### Robert King

Robert King was driving home from work when traffic on Lake Shore Drive slowed to a crawl. He saw a mangled vehicle and pulled over to see if anyone needed help. A man asked for a ride to the hospital, and King obliged. The man, it turned out, was Kofi Atiemo, an organ transplant surgeon from Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The mangled vehicle was an organ transplant vehicle. A patient was prepped and waiting to be transplanted with its contents. "We only have a few hours that these organs are capable of being transplanted," Kevin Cmun, president and CEO of Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network, told me. "Robert's quick action and his generosity to stop and help on his Saturday night, that saved lives."



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Kim Greenberg poses for a portrait with her kids, from left, twins Gianna and Bruno, 1, and Briella Rossi, 2, in their living room on July 11 in Chicago.

# 'It was like she was hugging me through the phone'

Where new moms can find the support they need in the Chicago area

BY DAWN REISS

Kim Greenberg knew something wasn't quite right. Last year, she had just given birth to twins and had a daughter who hadn't yet turned 2.

She knew things would be tough, but this was more difficult than she had ever imagined.

"I was arguing a lot with my husband," says Greenberg, who lives in the Portage Park neighborhood of Chicago. "We were ready and we were not. I think we covered all of our bases except for us. We didn't manage ourselves."

Greenberg's parents noticed and staged a family intervention, she says, to figure out if Greenberg needed help.

At first, Greenberg denied any problems. But a few weeks later she approached her gynecologist. After admitting she was struggling, Greenberg asked him for advice. He handed her a phone number to a free confidential 24-hour crisis hotline (866.364.MOMS), commonly called "the MOMS line," which is linked to NorthShore University HealthSystem Perinatal Depression Program.

Illinois residents can call and be screened for symptoms of baby blues, a mild form of depression that frequently occurs in most women after childbirth, as well as perinatal depression and postpartum psychosis. Callers can also receive information and referrals for support groups, doulas, lactation consultants, home visiting programs, psychotherapy and psychiatric care says

Jo Kim, the director of the Perinatal Depression Program.

Greenberg became one of the 1,045 callers the MOMS line served in 2018, a program that has seen nearly 11,000 callers since its inception in 2003.

After listening to her options, Greenberg decided to call Beyond the Baby Blues, a nonprofit group in Evanston that offers free six-week prenatal and postnatal therapeutic support groups.

"I told myself, 'I don't need this, but I'm going to call anyway,'" Greenberg recalls.

She ended up talking to Nancy Segall, the clinical director and co-founder of Beyond the Baby Blues.

"She was so heartfelt and said all the right things," Greenberg says. "She told me what I was feeling was completely normal, that relationships and having three kids in diapers is hard and she wanted to help me move forward and provide a support system. There was no judgment. It was like she was hugging me through the phone."

Greenberg soon joined an in-person, six-week postpartum group, led by Libby Rosencrans, a licensed clinical professional counselor and Terri Drews, a social worker.

What Greenberg found was a safe place to have a conversation. Even though no one had the exact same concerns, Greenberg says there was unity in discussing the complicated subjects that come after childbirth.

"Everybody had their own concern or thing that was bothering them," Greenberg says. "It



Kim Greenberg and her kids play in the backyard.

was a trustworthy circle. You could say anything and it didn't matter. It was amazing."

Besides finding friendship, Greenberg says Beyond the Baby Blues helped her bond faster with her kids, which she wasn't doing before therapy, and find a therapist for couples counseling.

If the group hadn't been available, Greenberg isn't sure what she would have done.

"I probably would have kept everything inside," Greenberg says. "I'm not a smoke and mirrors kind of person, but I probably would have said 'Everything was great,' when inside I was dying."

Greenberg is far from alone.

Many moms who recently gave birth, whether it's their first child or not, find having a therapist or nurse-led group gives them more support.

"Just being able to admit that it's easier to go to work than being a parent can make a huge difference," says Linda Szmulewitz, a licensed clinical social worker and facilitator of The Chicago New Moms Group who runs fee-based group sessions for new and second-time moms. "It doesn't mean you are going to do things differently or don't love your children, but being able to share that and feel like other people feel the same way gives so much relief."

That's why some hospitals host nurse or therapist-led new parent drop-in groups that are free and

open to parents and other caregivers, even if the mom didn't deliver at the hospital.

Dawn Johnson, a nurse practitioner and perinatal education coordinator for Women's and Children's Services at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago hosts a 10 a.m. Tuesday new moms support group. Parents check in at the hospital's front desk before going to a large room where they can spread out blankets and play with their babies on the floor. Conversations are driven by parent questions and include discussions, which Johnson helps facilitate, about sleep patterns, milestone developments, breastfeeding as well as tips for returning to work.

"It's letting moms know they are not alone," Johnson says. "It's having the support of other mothers and the reassurance that everything they are going through is a process that takes time."

Her advice: Don't wait until your babies are older because many parents regret not coming sooner.

That's something Susan Bard, a registered nurse and system coordinator of perinatal education for Edward-Elmhurst Health, recommends to parents who attend her 10 a.m. Wednesday group called Cradle Talk that meets in a rented space at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Naperville.

Led by Bard or another registered nurse, the group features a rotation of guest speakers with

topics ranging from healthy sleep habits, pets and babies, wills and trusts, and relationships in the new normal.

Learning a new way of life is challenging for all parents, especially if their friend circle is in a different place says Linda Huelke-Pfleger, the perinatal mental health coordinator for Edward-Elmhurst Health, who leads a behavioral health support group called Nurturing Moms that helps women who are experiencing anxiety, depression or adjustment transitional issues.

That's why receiving validation and support from other people who are experiencing the same thing is especially important. Her group, Nurturing Moms, meets at 11:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, and at 12:15 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays at Elmhurst Hospital.

Discussions range from sharing birthing stories and emotional concerns to tips on co-parenting and finding balance and a path to wellness.

"It's better than wandering around Target trying to figure out where to go," says Huelke-Pfleger, a licensed clinical professional counselor. "Even if you're an introvert, come to a gathering with other moms so you can feel included, and like someone else gets what is going on in your life."

Dawn Reiss is a freelance writer.

## SOCIAL GRACES

# How to politely decline an invite from an old boss

BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN

**Q: Your former boss reaches out to you and wants to have lunch. You're not interested in meeting, but you also don't want to professionally burn a bridge. What is the best way to respond?**

A: Many times in our professional journey, we work for people we like, and for others ... not so much.

I do not believe in burning bridges with people, but many

times our schedule is filled, and we have to learn to prioritize. If it is not an urgent matter and doesn't necessarily concern us, we can feel free to decline the invitation.

Of course, we should do it in a sincere and polite manner. Using etiquette and behaving on a refined level shouldn't be mistaken for weakness. We should firmly decline, but on a positive note and with a pleasant manner.

For example, "I really appreciate your invitation, and it has been a pleasure to work with you

in the past! I would love to meet with you but my schedule is pretty busy at this time, and I won't be able to see you. If we have lunch together in the future, I prefer it to be when we both have more flexible schedules and will be able to talk."

— Maryanne Parker, *etiquette expert*

A: It's a good idea to think through your decision before you respond, especially if you're not interested in meeting. Identify and examine why don't you want

to spend time with your old boss.

Once you've made your decision and you've decided not to go, here's how to respond.

However your former boss communicated with you, thank him or her for reaching out and communicate clearly that the lunch date won't work for you.

If you're open to it, you can ask your former boss to keep you in mind in the future.

The key to responding is to stay honest. You don't need to make up an excuse that isn't true. You also don't owe your ex-boss an



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explanation.

— Dr. Melanie Ross Mills, *relationship and friendship expert, temperament therapist, melanierossmills.com*

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## THE KIDS

HOW TO KEEP THEM BUSY THIS WEEK

## Soak up the holiday flower shows

BY WEB BEHRENS

## Tuesday

## KOHL'S NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

This New Year's Eve party is so popular, it happens twice! Boogie to a live band in the morning, or to a DJ spinning in the afternoon. Make party hats and noise-makers, decorate frames for family photos — and, of course, explore the museum, open exclusively for partygoers. At the climax, count down to “midnight” and revel in an enormous confetti drop. 8:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-3 p.m. at Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview. \$30-\$35. [tinyurl.com/ycr6hcf](http://tinyurl.com/ycr6hcf)

## Wednesday

## HOLIDAY FLOWER SHOW: 'ICE AGE'

Many venues close for New Year's Day, but the city's two conservatories stay open — a great opportunity to soak up the holiday flower shows. “Ice Age” in Lincoln Park features a fir tree with lights, hundreds of white poinsettias, a woolly mammoth sculpture and (in case you're still not sold) model trains, chug-chug-chugging through the scenery. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Jan. 5 at the Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Drive. Free. [tinyurl.com/spa3fcp](http://tinyurl.com/spa3fcp)

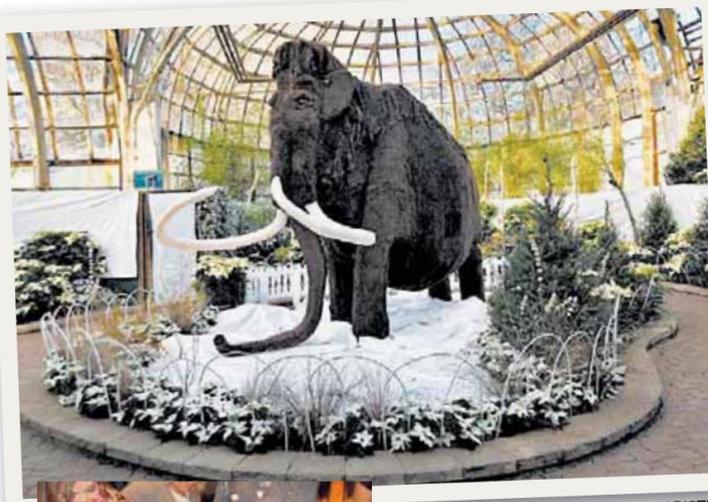
## CHICAGO WOLVES SKATING RINK

Tucked into the mini “park” in Rosemont lies the Chicago Wolves rink, surrounded by a number of fun establishments, including iFLY and the Hofbrauhaus (and just steps away from the 12-screen AMC cinema). It's open for recreation — with extended hours, even! — on New Year's Day, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Longer hours continue through Jan. 5, after which the rink is reserved for hockey Mondays through Saturdays. From Jan. 6 to Feb. 23, skating is available Sunday evenings, plus Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 20) and Presidents Day (Feb. 17). Chicago Wolves Ice Rink (inside Parkway Bank Park), 5501 Park Place, Rosemont. Free; bring your own skates, or rent a pair for \$8. [tinyurl.com/q52gub](http://tinyurl.com/q52gub)

## Thursday

## FLURRY DAYS

Coinciding with the winter break, Kohl Children's Museum offers special Flurry



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Days programming and extended hours, open till 7 p.m. through Jan. 5. In addition to special indoor activities, take train rides through the Habitat Park Light Trail, 5-7 p.m. Jan. 2-5. If you go Saturday afternoon (Jan. 4), there's a special bonus: Demos by sled dogs and their humans at 1 p.m. Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview. \$13; train rides cost an additional \$4, which includes a light-up bracelet and hot cocoa. [kohlchildrensmuseum.org/special-events/flurry/](http://kohlchildrensmuseum.org/special-events/flurry/)

## 'AMAZING POLLINATORS' &amp; POP-UP HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

Winter break wanes, but this outing will make these interstitial first days of 2020

seem almost as special as the end of December. Ten days remain to catch “Amazing Pollinators,” the immersive Nature Museum exhibit where visitors take on the role of bees, butterflies, bats and other creatures. Play games and complete missions to get through the colorful maze, which depicts various ecosystems. Once you've finished, Jan. 2 visitors can treat themselves to a special concoction from the one-day-only pop-up hot chocolate bar. “Amazing Pollinators” runs through Jan. 12 at Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Drive. Typically \$9, \$7 for students, \$6 for kids 3-12; Thursdays are suggested donation days for Illinois residents. [tinyurl.com/w89p264](http://tinyurl.com/w89p264)

## Friday

## EAGLE WATCH

The southwest suburban Four Rivers Environmental Education Center used to be open by appointment only, but it kicks off regular public hours with this two-day celebration of bald eagles, which frequent the area during winter. Dress for the weather to take a guided hike looking for the raptors, then enjoy family activities indoors. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 3-4 at Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, 25055 W. Walnut Lane, Channahon. Free. [tinyurl.com/tfxr735](http://tinyurl.com/tfxr735)

## JUICEBOX: DUKE OTHERWISE

One of the city's best free programs for families, Juicebox greets the new year with this Madison-based troubadour. A pro with guitar (and tap shoes too), the much-lauded Duke Otherwise writes whimsical tunes such as “What Kind of Hairdo Do You Do?”; “Yodeling Lament”; and “Slow Monster.” As with all Juicebox events, the all-ages show takes place twice: 11 a.m. Friday at the Chicago Cultural Center (Preston Bradley Hall), 78 E. Washington St.; and 11 a.m. Saturday at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. Free. [tinyurl.com/y5nxmt9d](http://tinyurl.com/y5nxmt9d)

## Saturday

## LOGAN CENTER FAMILY SATURDAY: TECHNOLOGIC TAKEOVER

The Logan Center in Hyde Park offers a monthly Family Saturday, with two hours of drop-in activities for all ages. Get familiar with family-friendly programs and apps 2-4 p.m. at Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St. Free. [tinyurl.com/k5deh4m](http://tinyurl.com/k5deh4m)

## Sunday

## CONCERTS FOR KIDS WINTERFEST

Starting at 11 a.m. and running till 3 p.m., bands hit the stage at the top of every hour. Groove to the Ice Cream Vendors, Jodi Koplin's Jigglejam, Music for New People, and Wendy and DB. For extra fun, get glitter tattoos or make art at the crafts stations. At Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. \$7. [tinyurl.com/tzle2mc](http://tinyurl.com/tzle2mc)

Web Behrens is a freelance reporter.

## At this workshop, you learn to write your own obituary

BY LIZ MAYES

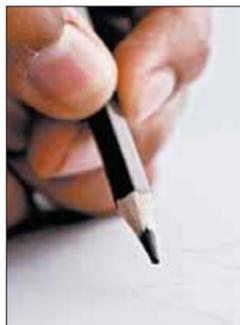
Special to The Washington Post

On a Monday evening in September, seven people gather at the Rhizome, a house that has been converted into a community arts space in the District of Columbia. They range in age from late 20s to early 70s, and come from an array of professions. They're all here for an unusual writing exercise: one where people — typically of the healthy, nondying variety — hammer out the text for their own obituaries.

The group's facilitator is Sarah Farr, 43, a trained death doula. In the spring of 2017, she formed Death Positive DC and began hosting regular events: “death cafes,” where people sit around and chat about death, often over cake; and obituary writing workshops like this one. (Death cafes are free or donation based; obituary writing workshops cost \$10.)

Farr opens the workshop by tracing the history of obituaries in American journalism and outlining their shifting cultural significance through major events such as the AIDS crisis and 9/11. She brings up the role that race and gender have played in the obituary sections of newspapers. She also encourages the group to think about how the advent of social media and memorial websites have changed the way deaths are reported. She shares examples of funny, viral obituaries and dives into the ethics of adult children publishing unflattering obituaries of their parents.

Then, educated about obituaries and ready to craft their own, the participants are set loose. They wander to different corners of the house or outside to the porch, and they begin to write.



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Obituary writing workshops are part of an expanding suite of activities that fall under the umbrella of the “death positive movement.” Based on the belief that cultural avoidance of discussing death is harmful, the movement encourages people to speak more openly about dying. It had been rumbling for several years before it gained a name and solidified into an official movement. In 2011, a man named Jon Underwood — who would later die at age 44 — held his first death cafe in his basement in London. He envisioned the meetings as a refuge from what he saw as a pathologically death-averse culture.

After Underwood and his mother published an online guide for holding death cafes, the idea quickly spread and was enveloped into the growing death positive movement. Since then, according to Death Cafe's official website, there have been more than 9,700 death cafes held in 66 countries. Anyone can host their own death cafe, as long as they abide by the guidelines set out by Underwood.

Farr has seen attendance at her death cafes rise markedly over the years. Her first death cafe, held in November 2016, saw about 15 attendees. Recently, her meetings have topped out at 50.

After about 20 minutes, Farr calls the group back together. Nadia Raikin, 60, volunteers to share what she's written. As she reads, her dry, cool humor is palpable: “Well, I am dead now. But at least I lived for a while, which is better than nothing.” She pauses to smile as a chuckle goes through the room. “But I'm happy I got to experience life, and that my mom, upon blessings of my grandma, decided to keep me. I was born out of a force of nature. I guess I died when nature or God called me back.”

An older man named Chris is next. “Chris lost his life in a car accident on Nov. 1, 2020, nine days before his birthday. He was 75,” he says as the others listen. Tall with gray hair, he speaks in a gentle, straightforward voice, sketching out the story of life, marriage and work.

“He was a humorous, easygoing man who drank a little too much but never caused any trouble when the drink got the better of him. He always felt intense empathy with the underdogs of the world, which he felt a member of. But he was happy and comfortable with this identity.” He stops reading abruptly and looks up from the page. “Anyway, blah, blah, blah. What did you all think?”

“I loved it,” Farr says. “I think it could be a great jumping-off place for a memoir.”

After a few more people share their obits, the group breaks for another round of writing. For the middle-aged and younger participants, it can be a forward-looking exercise. Jill Eckart, 40, says, “I took it as an opportunity to create what might be possible in the next half of my life. I have about hopefully 45 to 50 more years left. With the end in mind, what do I want that space to look like?”

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# Give yourself a breather

A little free time can do some good for your health and family

BY CINDY DAMPIER

The holidays are over (barely), so it's time for a little self-congratulation: You got the gifts, you did the decorating, you entertained the family, you attended the winter concert, you baked cookies with the kids, you flirted with your spouse ... give yourself a high-five!

And please, please give yourself a breather. Your health, and your family's well-being, depend on it.

As stress and its costs to individuals and society come under increasing scrutiny, experts are lining up to point the finger at a burgeoning problem: the stress brought on by today's intense parenting styles. "We live in an age of intensive parenting," says Chicago author Rachel Bertsche, author of "The Kids Are in Bed: Finding Time for Yourself in the Chaos of Parenting." "And people feel, for many different reasons, all this pressure to be with their kids all the time and do the absolute most for them."

Bertsche's book, which arrives on shelves Jan. 7 (you can catch her in person at Lincoln Square's Book Cellar for a launch event Jan. 8) is a practical, well-thought-out argument for a different approach — one in which parental free time is a priority. "What I'm trying to say is that everyone benefits, parents as well as kids, when you take time to step away, refuel and take care of yourself," she says. Luckily, she has a few key pieces of advice that will help you make that happen.

**Think in 20-minute chunks.** Bertsche says

many people conceptualize free time as an hour or more — but breaking that thought pattern can open your eyes to the free time you do have. "You may have trouble finding an hour to do something for yourself," she says, "but you probably have smaller chunks of time in your day. If you're willing to accept that, you can actually get a lot of benefit from a smaller amount of time. Twenty minutes is kind of a magic number for a lot of things: think about the 20-minute nap, for instance. You can get a lot out of 20 minutes."

**Watch out for mental load.** In a survey of parents conducted for Bertsche's book, "71% of parents said their open time didn't feel free because of mental load," she says. "Imagine you're getting a massage, but you spend the time thinking about all the things that you should be doing or need to get done while you're getting that massage. That's mental load, and it's not relaxing." When you find a 20-minute chunk of free time, Bertsche says, give yourself the permission to set aside those thoughts. "Too often," says Bertsche, "people don't let themselves lean into the free time and actually enjoy it."

**Keep a list handy.** In her research for the book, Bertsche discovered that parents who find themselves with some unexpected free time (like that 20 minutes you spent just waiting outside a ballet class, or a pocket of time when your partner takes the kids to the park) suffer from a common problem — they don't know what to do with it. "As parents, we're



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Multitasking may seem like a standard part of parenting, but an absence of free time can seriously impact parental health.

just so wiped from making decisions for little people every second, that having to make one more choice about what to do with free minutes just seems like too much," Bertsche says. "The pressure to use the time wisely is the thing that makes us end up doing nothing at all."

That's why Bertsche recommends that you keep lists of things you like to do that can be done with little to no prep beforehand. "Here are things I like to do for me: Watch a TV show, read a book, go for a walk," she says. "You can keep it simple, and when you have 20 minutes, check your list. It takes a little bit of the

work out of it and that helps. Anything you can do to remove the mental load." Bertsche also uses this tactic for couple time, keeping a similar list of date night ideas, to erase the chore of planning time together.

**Invest in relationships.** Bertsche spends plenty of time on advice for making couple time a priority. But she also points out the relationship many parents think of as "a luxury, rather than a necessity" — friend time. In her research, the 15% of parents who reported a healthy balance of free time versus kid time also reported that they

made more time for friends and spent more time away from social media and screens than other parents. "Time spent with friends is a huge benefit to our physical and mental health," she says. "We should really think of it like exercise, something that we need to prioritize for our health." And, like exercise, she notes that "you never feel worse afterward" when you commit to spending some friend time.

**Remember, it's for the kids.** If you're determined to sacrifice yourself and every minute of your time on the altar of parenting, in

spite of evidence that free time is as good for you as broccoli, maybe this argument will sway you: You're really doing it for the kids. "When you ask kids what they want," says Bertsche, "they say they want parents who are less stressed. Not parents who are there all the time but thinking about 1,000 different things." In other words, you can't be at your best for your children if you never invest in your own resilience and calm. Finding free time means building up your reserves to meet parenting's daily challenges.

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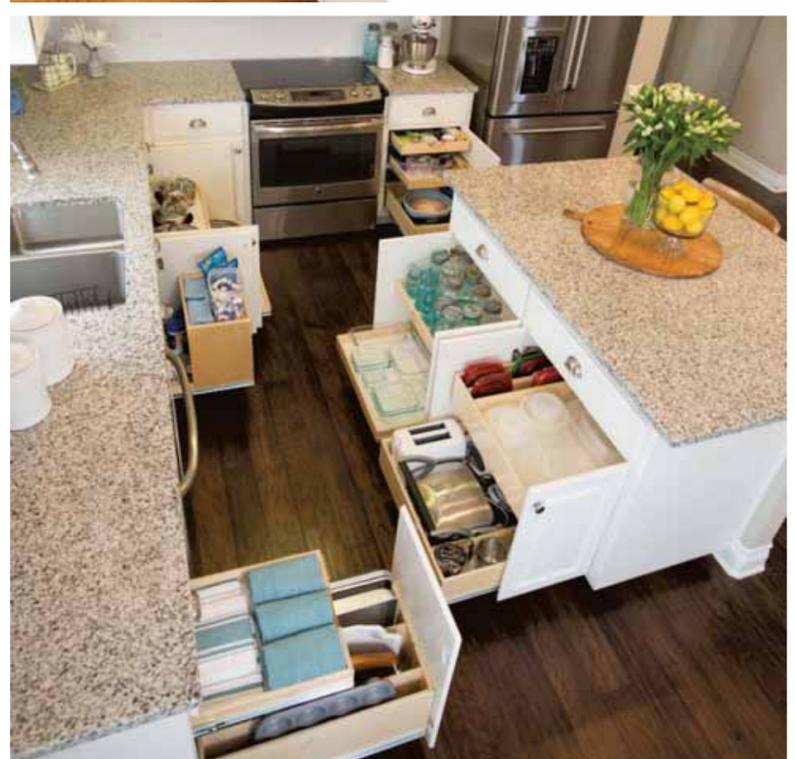
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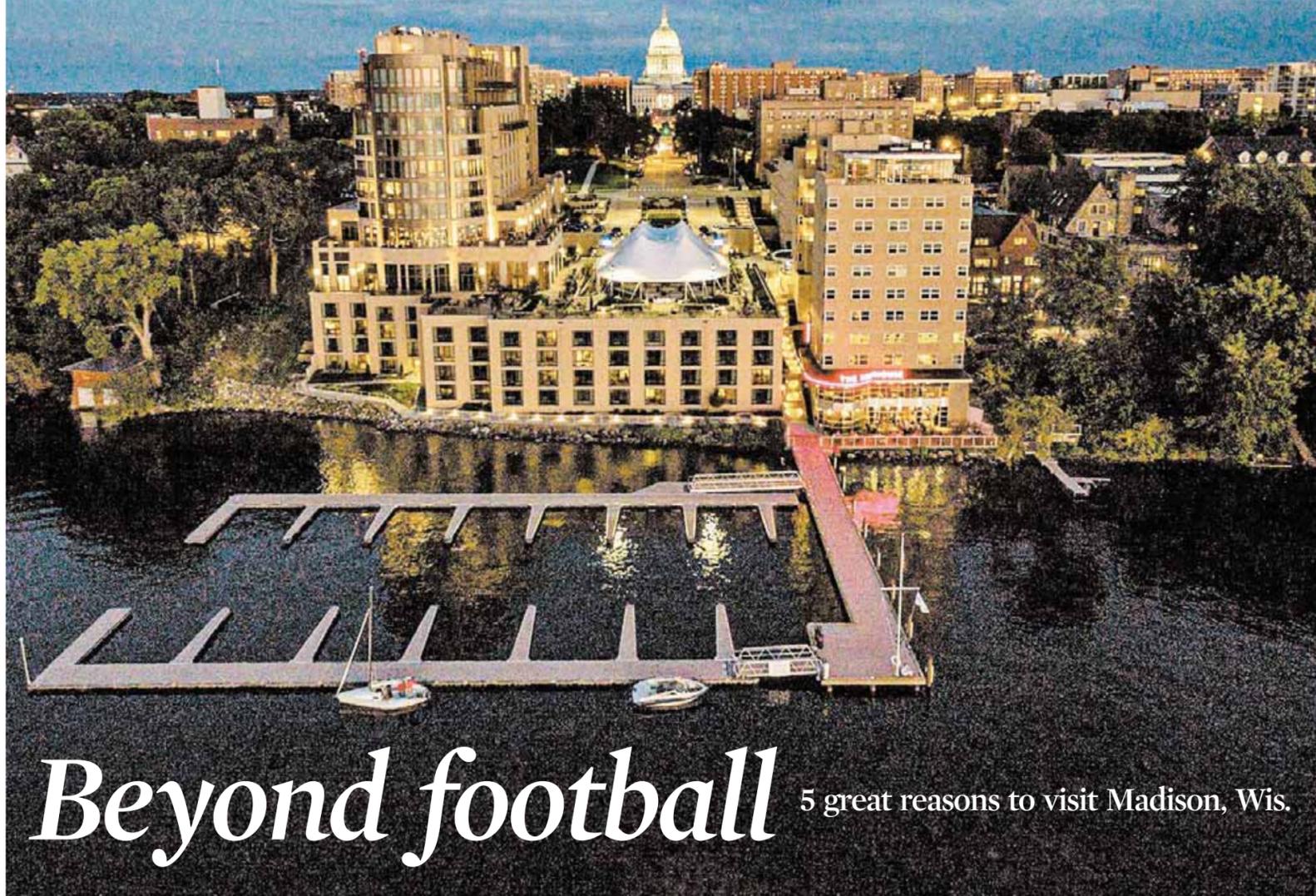


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## Beyond football 5 great reasons to visit Madison, Wis.

KYLE HULSE

The iconic Edgewater Hotel faces both Lake Mendota and the Wisconsin State Capitol.

BY PATTI NICKELL

MADISON, Wis. — Recently, my friend Rebecca, a University of Wisconsin graduate and fellow football fan, invited me to Madison for a football weekend, Big 10-style.

Despite the less than stellar weather, it was quite an experience. Rain was in the forecast when the Badgers took the field against Kent State at Camp Randall, the university's 80,000-seat stadium. As stadiums go, this is one of the more unique ones, situated on the grounds of what was once a Civil War Union training camp. If you are wondering who Randall was, it was Alexander Randall, the governor at the time who went on to become postmaster general of the United States.

We made it through the first half before it began to pour, but the rain didn't seem to quench the spirits of the noisy red-clad spectators who munched on brats and joined mascot Bucky the Badger in cheering on their team and its Heisman contender Jonathan Taylor.

If Taylor is an overachiever on the field (he ran for four touchdowns in the first half alone), consider this. His off-the-field aspiration is to be an astrophysicist, a desire he's had since childhood when his mother took him to a lecture by Neil deGrasse Tyson.

As impressed as I was by Taylor, Wisconsin football and the fans' passion — sure to be on full display Jan. 1 when the Badgers make their 10th appearance at the Rose Bowl — I was even more impressed by Madison itself. On the way in from the airport, a large billboard welcomed me to "Mad Town," and over the course of the weekend, I discovered that Mad Town is indeed very welcoming.

Everywhere I went, people were genuinely eager to show off their city. And why not? Madison routinely tops the list of "Best Places to Live" in the U.S. While it's undoubtedly a great place to live (U.S. News & World Report has ranked it No. 12), it's also a great place to visit. Here are five reasons why.



MONONA TERRACE COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER

The Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center offers expansive views and is a popular site for events.

**1 It is one of only two major American cities located on an isthmus between two bodies of water** (the other is Seattle). In Madison's case, it's two lakes: Mendota and the smaller Monona, which offer plenty of recreational activities, from swimming in the summer to ice fishing in the winter. My experience of Mendota came from staying at its lakeside hotel, the Edgewater (more on it later), while my experience of Monona came on a two-hour brunch excursion courtesy of Betty Lou Cruises. The cruise was the perfect way to see the lakefront estates lining Lake Monona and to realize that as rural as they appear — isolated by trees and with private docks — they are actually just 15 minutes from downtown.

**2 Madison is the site of both the state university and the state capital.** The University of Wisconsin occupies a beautiful campus, part of which borders the lake. Follow the students' lead and head for nearby Capitol Square and its slew of restaurants, entertainment options and unique shops. Dominating one end of the square is the Wisconsin Capitol building, the tallest building in Madison and visible from almost anywhere in the downtown area. The impressive domed structure soars more than 284 feet, making it just one yard shorter than the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. Be sure to make your way to its observation deck for a bird's eye view of the city.

**3 Madison has a number of "Essential Experiences" designed to give visitors an insider's view of the city.** My Essential Experience was the previously mentioned Betty Lou cruise, but it could just as easily have been learning how to build a Wisconsin cheese board or meeting the cows that provide milk for the cheese at Sassy Cow Creamery. I'm sorry I didn't have time for Bitters Boot Camp at the Avenue Club and Bubble Up Bar, or for navigating the world of mustard at the National Mustard Museum. Did you know there's even a dessert mustard? I wasn't able to do the Garden to Glass experience at Olbrich Botanical Gardens (it's only offered through September), but I was able to catch GLEAM, a neon sculpture installation now in its fifth year. The pieces, seen in all their shimmering glory throughout the artistically lit garden, are spectacular. Some, like Breathe, depicting a young girl who — depending on which direction you viewed it from — was either blowing the seeds off a dandelion or smelling a rose, were just for admiring. Others — such as Color Currents — where participants created a constantly changing mural using their bodies and motion, were interactive.

**4 When it comes to "supper" it's a family affair in Madison.** One of the city's most charming traditions is the supper club, beloved by locals and visitors alike. I was told that a traditional Wisconsin supper club is frequently found in obscure, out-of-the-way locations, often hidden in a grove of trees in the Northwoods. This dates back to Prohibition when those wanting liquid refreshment with their dinner found it prudent to enjoy it away from prying government eyes. These days you can have your adult beverage out in the open, but the appeal of the supper club has never waned. On the night I dined at Avenue Supper Club, it resembled a cross between Sunday dinner with the whole family and a pep rally. The latter because red and white streamers were suspended from the ceiling and "Go Badgers" shirts were donned by staff and customers alike. The former because everyone in the restaurant seemed like one big happy family. While the Avenue has been modernized, it retains its traditional feel with plenty of beer, brats and cheese curds, Friday night fish fries and Sunday roast or chicken. You can't really say you've experienced Madison unless you've eaten at Avenue or one of the city's other supper clubs.

**5 It has a world-class hotel in the Edgewater.** "I'll meet you at the Edgewater" has been a commonly heard phrase since the hotel opened in 1948. Beautifully situated on the shores of Lake Mendota, next to the University of Wisconsin campus and facing Capitol Square, the Edgewater is the kind of hotel that every city should have — equal parts history, charm and genuine hospitality. Madison's only urban resort is actually two hotels linked by an open-air courtyard that in summer is the site of concerts and other social gatherings, and an inside passageway for colder winter months. The original structure is Art Moderne with its round windows and rectilinear curves reminiscent of a steamship. A 2014 multimillion dollar renovation re-opened with a second hotel tower featuring rooms, a spa and the Boathouse Restaurant. While the accommodations are spacious (most have at least a partial view of the lake); the food at its three restaurants (in addition to the Boathouse, there's Augie's Tavern, a casual pub, and the more formal Statehouse) delicious, and the staff uber friendly and helpful, it's the hotel's history that will delight you. Over the 71 years of its existence, famous guests from Carrie Underwood to the Dalai Lama have signed the hotel register, and many of them have become part of Edgewater lore. Sammy Davis Jr. reportedly fished from his hotel balcony; Elton John commandeered the piano in Augie's for an impromptu concert, and Elvis Presley rented out two floors and departed with an Edgewater clothes hanger as a souvenir.

**It's hard to stop with just five reasons to visit Madison.** There's its Frank Lloyd Wright connection — you can see his legacy in his own design, the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. There's its local brewery trail and cheese factory tour. There's its blossoming music scene. And who knows — some day there may be a Heisman Trophy-winning astrophysicist.

# Mark the calendar

A globetrotter's guide to the world's big events in 2020

BY MARGARET BACKENHEIMER

In the coming year, many annual celebrations are staging special golden anniversary editions. Check out these — and more — on our calendar of top events worth traveling to in 2020.

## JANUARY

■ **5:** Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam — Ho Chi Minh City Marathon. Runners put the Saigon River under foot via the formidable Phu My Bridge.  
 ■ **17-19:** Miami Beach, Florida — Art Deco Weekend. Ocean Drive overflows with awesome architecture and events.  
 ■ **20-26:** Greensboro, North Carolina — U.S. Figure Skating Championships. A fan fest is icing on the cake at America's top skating competition.  
 ■ **25-26:** Aviemore, Scotland — Aviemore Sled Dog Rally. One thousand dogs and 250 mushers old and young glide through the Highlands.  
 ■ **31-Feb. 9:** Saranac Lake, New York — Saranac Lake Winter Carnival. From Arctic Golf to Snowflake Volleyball, let these winter games begin.

## FEBRUARY

■ **1-8:** Galway, Ireland — European Capital of Culture Opening Event. Galway's year of special events gets cracking, with Rijeka, Croatia, sharing the reins.  
 ■ **8:** San Francisco — Chinese New Year Parade. A 288-foot Golden Dragon stomps the streets as the Year of the Rat scurries in.  
 ■ **8-March 29 (weekends):** Near Apache Junction, Arizona — Arizona Renaissance Festival. Maidens, mermaids and jousting knights revel in a medieval amusement park.  
 ■ **21-March 7:** Jerez de la Frontera, Spain — Jerez Flamenco Festival. Theaters and bars reverberate with passionate flamenco music and Spanish dance.  
 ■ **25:** New Orleans — Mardi Gras. The Crescent City sounds its final toot on Fat Tuesday.

## MARCH

■ **19-21:** Hong Kong — Art Basel Hong Kong. More than 200 galleries display East-West historical and cutting-edge works.  
 ■ **19-22:** Seattle — Taste Washington. Palate-pleaser concludes when 235 state wineries and 65 local restaurants host a weekend Grand Tasting.  
 ■ **20-April 12:** Washington — National Cherry Blossom Festival. D.C. blooms with a big parade and Japanese street festival.  
 ■ **21:** Rena to Lillehammer, Norway — Birkebeinerrennet. Historic cross-country ski race concludes in former host city of the Winter Olympics.  
 ■ **21-May 10:** Lisse, Netherlands — Keukenhof. Some 7 million tulips, daffodils and other bulbs flash their color with the arrival of spring.

## APRIL

■ **4:** Elmira, Ontario — Elmira Maple Syrup Festival. With pancakes, music and pony rides for the kids, this is a festival that sticks with you.  
 ■ **22:** Worldwide — Earth Day 2020. "Climate Action" is the all-encompassing theme on the golden anniversary of this very green observance.  
 ■ **23-25:** Albuquerque, New Mexico — Gathering of Nations. "North America's Biggest Powwow" celebrates Native American heritage with dance, music and crafts.  
 ■ **23-26:** Charleston, South Carolina — Charleston Race Week. Three hundred keelboats take to the water for this three-day regatta.  
 ■ **24:** Plymouth, Massachusetts — Plymouth 400 Commemoration Opening Ceremony. Festivities mark arrival of Pilgrims four centuries ago.

## MAY

■ **8-9:** Owensboro, Kentucky — International Bar-B-Q Festival. Rack-and-spit spectacle includes the Mutton Glutton Sandwich Eating Competition.  
 ■ **8-17:** Rochester, New York — Rochester Lilac Festival. The "Largest lilac collection in the U.S." is the backdrop for 135 concerts and a huge parade.  
 ■ **9-16:** The Hague — Invictus Games. Wounded warriors compete in 10 sports, from archery to wheelchair rugby.  
 ■ **12, 14, 16:** Rotterdam, Netherlands — Eurovision Song Contest. Performers from over 40 countries sing for the bling at 65th vocal blowout.  
 ■ **16-Oct. 4:** Oberammergau, Germany — Oberammergau 2020. Passion play performed entirely by locals runs but once every 10 years.

## JUNE

■ **12-July 12:** 12 cities across Europe — Euro 2020. Brexit or no Brexit, this soccer tournament with massive worldwide audiences opens in Rome and closes in London.  
 ■ **13-20:** Detroit — North American International Auto Show. A showroom for tire-kickers, rolling out myriad new vehicles, from the cool to the surreal.  
 ■ **24-28:** Pilton, England — Glastonbury 50. Arts festival in the Vale of Avalon celebrates golden anniversary, with Diana Ross on stage.  
 ■ **24-July 3:** Aspen, Colorado — Aspen Ideas Festival. Deep thinkers produce (sometimes) great notions on pressing issues.  
 ■ **27-28:** San Francisco — San Francisco Pride Parade & Celebration. Golden anniversary edition hails the "Generations of Hope."

## JULY

■ **4:** Bristol, Rhode Island — Bristol Fourth of July Celebration. Nation's oldest July Fourth event sounds the trumpets in "America's most patriotic town."  
 ■ **17-Aug. 4:** Cooktown, Australia — Cooktown Expo 2020. Celebration of the arrival of iconic explorer James Cook 250 years ago includes a rock music festival.  
 ■ **23-26:** Key West, Florida — Hemingway Look-Alike Contest. The sun also rises on Papa's 40th get-together, featuring arm wrestling and a running of the bulls.  
 ■ **24-Aug. 9:** Tokyo — Games of the XXXII Olympiad. Summer Olympics adds new twists with medals in baseball/softball, karate, sport climbing, surfing and skateboarding.  
 ■ **29-30:** Chincoteague, Virginia — Chincoteague Pony Penning. Carnival and raffle accompany annual wild pony swim from Assateague Island.

## AUGUST

■ **1-8:** Tregaron, Wales — National Eisteddfod of Wales. Ceredigion County showcases all things Welsh, including Cymanfa Ganu, a sacred music festival.  
 ■ **7-16:** Sturgis, South Dakota — Sturgis Rally. The 80th motorcycle romp features a scenic Black Hills run from Deadwood to Custer State Park.  
 ■ **13-23:** Edmonton, Alberta — Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival. Cutting-edge performers fill 50 venues in the theaters and alleys of the Canadian city's historic district.  
 ■ **14-Sept. 6:** Utrecht, Netherlands, to Madrid — Vuelta a Espana. Top athletes tackle the 75th running of one of the three Grand Tours of world cycling.  
 ■ **30-Sept. 7:** Black Rock Desert, Nevada — Burning Man. The transitory art community ponders the multiverse and more.

## SEPTEMBER

■ **5-7:** Denver — A Taste of Colorado. Half a million fans jam Civic Center Park to rock in the Rockies.  
 ■ **11-20:** Bath, England — Jane Austen Festival. Fans don silks and satins at scores of Regency costumed events.  
 ■ **16-19:** Canton, Ohio — NFL Centennial Celebration. Pro football gives itself a party spotlighting 100 years on the gridiron.  
 ■ **19-Oct. 4:** Munich, Germany — Oktoberfest. Tents are pitched and beer barrels tapped for "the largest folk festival in the world."  
 ■ **22-27:** Haven, Wisconsin — Ryder Cup. American and European golf teams clash at Whistling Straits.

## OCTOBER

■ **8-18:** Perry, Georgia — Georgia National Fair. Full-fledged fair combines midway rides and concerts with livestock exhibits and quilts.  
 ■ **9-12:** Augusta, Bangor and statewide, Maine — Maine Statehood Bicentennial Grand Finale Weekend. The 200th birthday bash commemorates "the Maine thing."  
 ■ **9-17:** Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia — Celtic Colours International Festival. Fiddlers, bagpipers, clog dancers and Gaelic singers join in "an island-wide ceilidh."  
 ■ **9-18:** Stockholm — Stockholm Jazz Festival. Swedish swing in 60 venues with emphasis on improvisational and world music.  
 ■ **17:** Fayetteville, West Virginia — Bridge Day. Three hundred BASE jumpers take the plunge from the 876-foot New River Gorge Bridge.

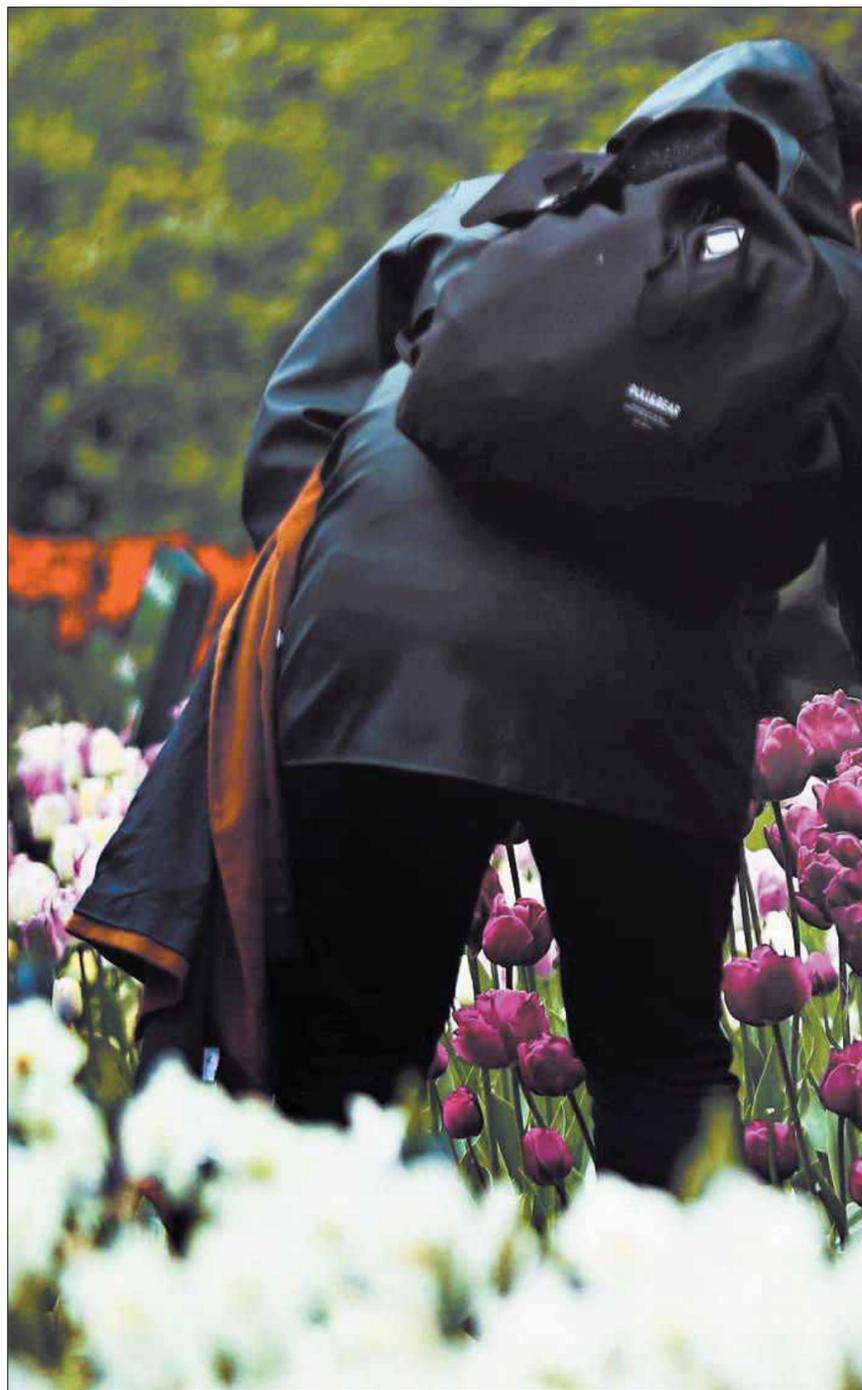
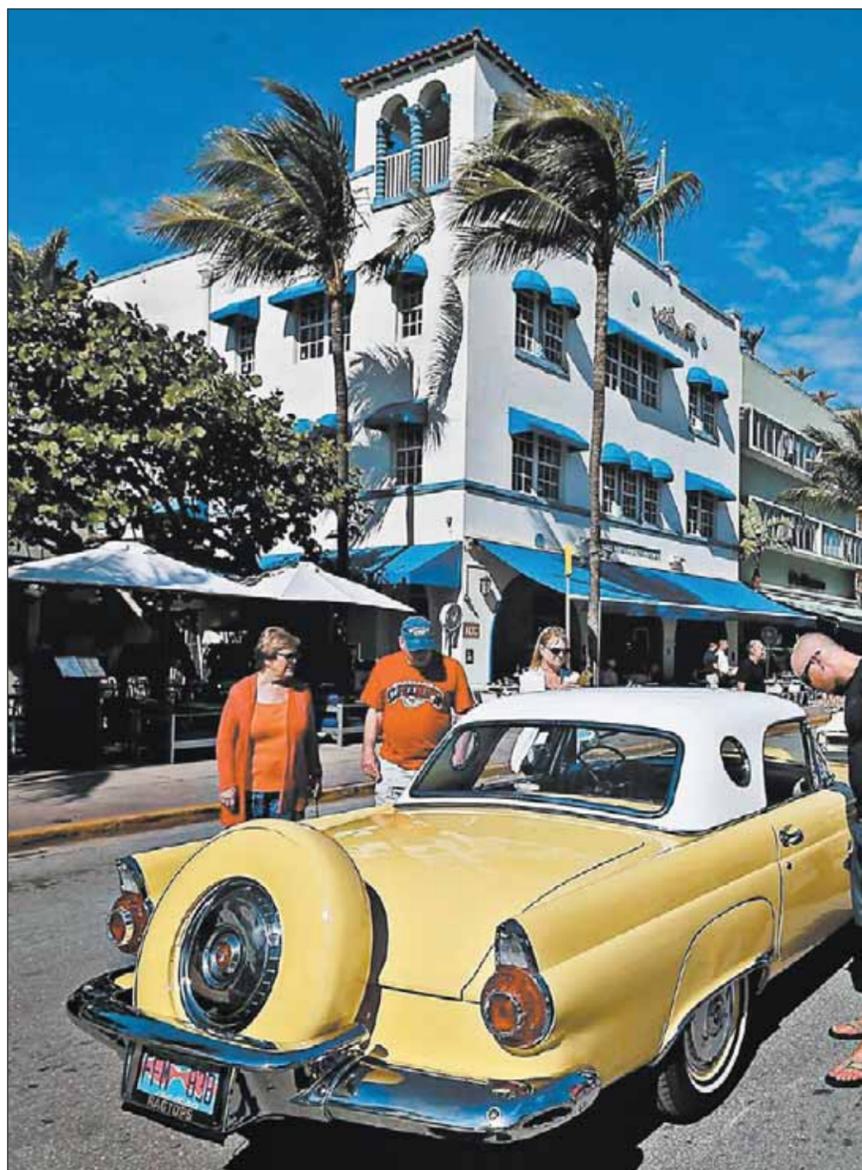


Photo ops abound in Holland's colorful Keukenhof gardens, open from March 21 to May 10.



Visitors check out some vintage cars during Art Deco Weekend in Miami Beach, Florida.

## NOVEMBER

■ **6-15:** Kailua-Kona, Hawaii — Kona Coffee Cultural Festival. The 50th annual coffee-bean bash on Hawaii's biggest island has its perks, including seed-to-cup farm tours.  
 ■ **15:** Toronto — Toronto Santa Claus Parade. One of the world's oldest and jolliest holiday processions is decked out with Celebrity Clowns.  
 ■ **20-22:** Milwaukee — Holiday Folk Fair International. Dancers representing over 30 nations usher in the festive season.  
 ■ **26:** Dallas — Turkey Trot. Thanksgiving walks and runs serve as warm-ups to turkey day.  
 ■ **28-Dec. 6:** Guadalajara, Mexico — Guadalajara International Book Fair. 2,280 publishers from 47 countries make this Latin America's largest page-turner.

## DECEMBER

■ **4-6:** Galveston, Texas — Dickens on the Strand. The Victorian reincarnation promises a Dickens of a time with parades, costumes and bed races.  
 ■ **7:** Milan, Italy — Opening Night of La Scala. See and be seen as the famed 1778 opera house raises the curtain.  
 ■ **12:** San Jose, California — Beethoven Birthday Bash 2020. The party honors "the greatest orchestral composer of all time" on his 250th.  
 ■ **14:** Chile and Argentina — Total Solar Eclipse. Moon blocks sun across a 56-mile-wide band of Earth in this astronomical showstopper.  
 ■ **14-Jan. 5:** Throughout the Americas — Christmas Bird Count. Mass tabulation depends on sharp-eyed citizen census takers.

Dates are subject to change. Check in advance to confirm details. Margaret Backenheimer is a freelance writer.



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Participants in Jane Austen Festival's Grand Regency Costumed Promenade dance on the lawn of the Georgian Royal Crescent terraced houses in Bath, England.



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Next June marks the 50th anniversary of San Francisco Pride.



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The North Side Skull and Bone Gang hit the streets in the early morning hours of Mardi Gras in New Orleans' Treme neighborhood, just outside the French Quarter.



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Thousands of people descend on Nevada's Black Rock Desert for the annual Burning Man festival, a self-described "crucible of creativity."

NEWS TO USE

# Snow fun in Will County

BY PHIL MARTY

Here are some of the more interesting events, deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

**The Plum Creek Nature Center** in Beecher holds its annual Snow Day Festival on Jan. 18. Located in Will County's Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve, the event will include an ice sculptor, snowshoes to try out, sledding, a snowball fight area, exhibits in the nature center and more. If you don't have your own sled, tubes will be available. If there isn't sufficient snow, other activities will be on tap. [tinyurl.com/w6f8vag](http://tinyurl.com/w6f8vag)

**Bald eagle watching** has become a popular activity across the Midwest during the winter months, with many towns and conservation areas holding special events. Here are some to check out:  
 ■ Jan. 3-4, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Eagle Watch 2020, Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, Channa-

hon. [tinyurl.com/tfxr735](http://tinyurl.com/tfxr735)  
 ■ Jan. 4, Bald Eagle Watch, Clinton, Iowa, and Fulton, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/v68po7h](http://tinyurl.com/v68po7h)  
 ■ Jan. 4, Alton Audubon Eagle Ice Festival, Alton, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/rprw5ao](http://tinyurl.com/rprw5ao)  
 ■ Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Eagle Meet and Greet, Alton, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/uv3be8l](http://tinyurl.com/uv3be8l)  
 ■ Jan. 10-12, Bald Eagle Days, Rock Island, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/wsf4v8](http://tinyurl.com/wsf4v8)  
 ■ Jan. 14, 18 and 25, Feb. 1 and 8, Eagle Watches, Rock Island, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/wsf4v8](http://tinyurl.com/wsf4v8)  
 ■ Jan. 18-19, Bald Eagle Appreciation Days, Keokuk, Iowa. [tinyurl.com/vfdqyww](http://tinyurl.com/vfdqyww)  
 ■ Jan. 24-26, Eagles in Flight Weekend, Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, Indiana. [tinyurl.com/wh8dfyx](http://tinyurl.com/wh8dfyx)  
 ■ Jan. 25-26, Bald Eagle Watch Weekend, Starved Rock State Park, Oglesby, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/qun7aq](http://tinyurl.com/qun7aq)  
 ■ Jan. 25, Bald Eagle Day, Muscatine, Iowa. [tinyurl.com/tcv328y](http://tinyurl.com/tcv328y)  
 ■ Multiple dates, Bald Eagle Days at Pere Mar-



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Sledding is just one of the activities slated for the annual Snow Day Festival in Will County on Jan. 18.

quette State Park, Grafton, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/wmu9woy](http://tinyurl.com/wmu9woy)  
 ■ Until March 15, Bald Eagle Watching in the Cache River Wetlands, Cypress, Illinois. [tinyurl.com/qwzqcfl](http://tinyurl.com/qwzqcfl)  
 ■ All winter, best places for winter eagle viewing in Missouri. [tinyurl.com/ybpk6gkv](http://tinyurl.com/ybpk6gkv)

**Hardy athletes can get competitive** in the cold in the Arctic Warrior Challenge 2020 in St. Germain, Wisconsin. The Jan. 11 event will include 5K and 10K snowshoe races in multiple divisions and 5K and 10K obstacle courses. The obstacle course includes a snow tunnel crawl and fat-tire bike trek,

among other things. [tinyurl.com/tl87r8z](http://tinyurl.com/tl87r8z)

**The Kalamazoo, Michigan, Reptile & Exotic Pet Expo** will be held Jan. 18 at the Kalamazoo County Parks and Expo Center. Reptiles, amphibians and other exotic pets will be for sale, as well as related supplies. [tinyurl.com/rdrxera](http://tinyurl.com/rdrxera)

**The ice rink** at The Edge-water hotel in Madison, Wisconsin, is open for the season. Special themed nights will be held, and Friday night is family skate night with a fish fry at The Boathouse restaurant. Skate rentals are available. [tinyurl.com/sj5h3mo](http://tinyurl.com/sj5h3mo)

**Fans of the Ann Arbor**

**Film Festival**, which will be March 24-29 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, can purchase festival passes at a reduced rate through Dec. 31. A festival pass is \$115 per person, and a weekend festival pass is \$65. [tinyurl.com/s67pwso](http://tinyurl.com/s67pwso)

**More than 25 Missouri state parks** will offer guided First Day Hikes on Jan. 1, celebrating the beginning of the new year. [tinyurl.com/uzs2v8y](http://tinyurl.com/uzs2v8y)

**If you've marveled at the works of art** turned out by professional ice carvers, you might want to head to Carmel, Indiana, for its Festival of Ice. Scheduled for Jan. 10-12, the event will have the pros at work as

well as a chili cook-off, ice bar and DJ music on Saturday. [tinyurl.com/y9pootvj](http://tinyurl.com/y9pootvj)

*Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time. Listings are not an endorsement. Send tips at least a month in advance to [ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com](mailto:ChicagoTribTravel@gmail.com).*

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**GEOQUIZ ANSWER**

**Samoa (Apia) and Kiribati (Christmas Island).** It takes 26 hours for the New Year to encompass all time zones.

## Crackdown on unruly passengers on international flights starts Jan. 1

BY HUGO MARTIN  
Los Angeles Times

Passengers who make trouble on international flights beware. An amendment to a global treaty will soon make it easier for countries to prosecute passengers on international flights who cause disruptions, delays or threaten the safety of the flight by tussling with other passengers or flight attendants. Incidents involving unruly passengers had become less frequent but

the offenses had become more serious, according to a study by an international airline trade group two years ago. But about 60% of the onboard crimes have gone unpunished, the study found. The problem stems from a 1963 agreement among 186 countries, known as the Tokyo Convention, that gave jurisdiction over prosecuting an unruly passenger to the nation where the plane is registered. That means that a flyer who gets drunk and belligerent on an

American Airlines flight to France can be prosecuted only in the U.S., where American Airlines is registered, not in France, where the plane lands. Nigeria recently joined with 21 other countries to ratify an amendment to the Tokyo Convention, giving the amendment the necessary support for the change to go into effect Jan. 1. The amendment allows countries where the plane lands to prosecute a troublemaker on an international flight.

"Everybody on board is entitled to enjoy a journey free from abusive or other unacceptable behavior," Alexandre de Juniac, director general and chief executive of the International Air Transport Association, a trade group for the world's airlines, said in a statement. "But the deterrent to unruly behavior is weak." In 2017, there were 8,731 incidents of unruly passengers on flights operated by airlines that are members of IATA, compared with 9,837 in the previous year.



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# France's Gothic cathedrals survived centuries



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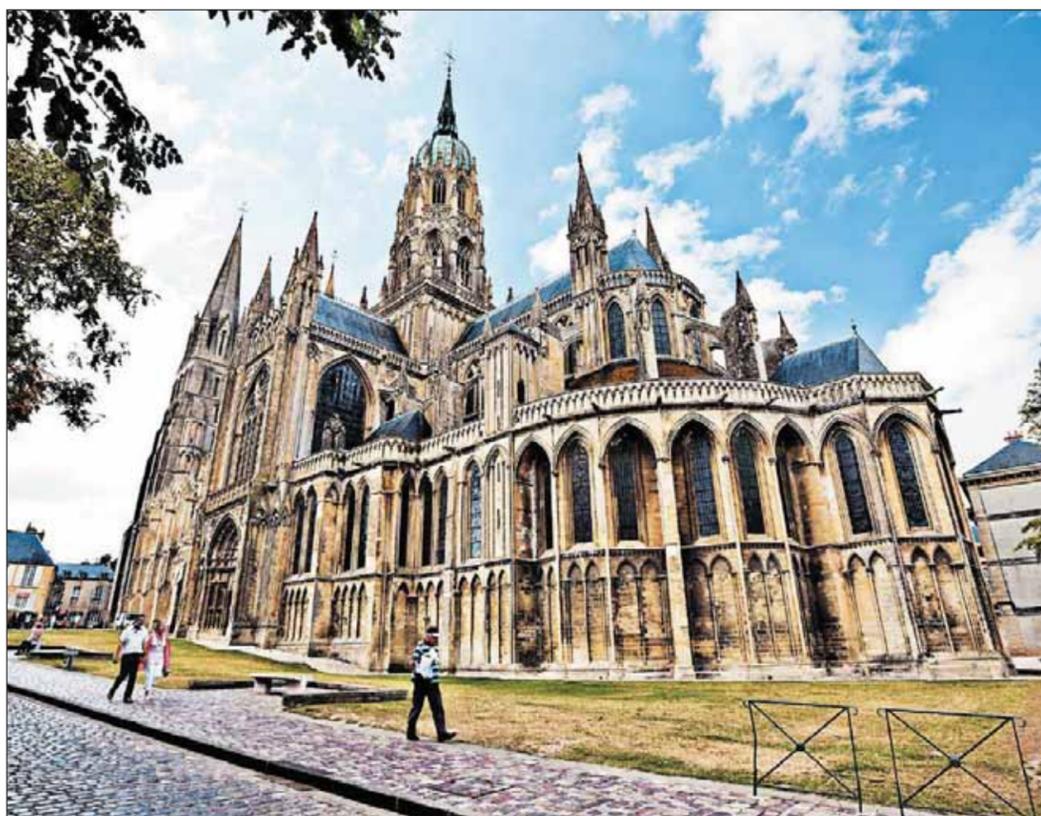
Though visiting Paris' Notre-Dame cathedral won't be possible for the foreseeable future following a devastating fire, there are plenty of fine examples of Gothic cathedrals — and other Notre-Dames even — that you can see in France.

When traveling in France, I can't help but marvel at the towering Gothic cathedrals that mark the centers of many towns. I like to imagine what it was like to be a pilgrim 600 years ago, hiking for days to a particular church on a particular holy day — and feeling the awe when the soaring spire of the cathedral finally appeared on the horizon.

Nowadays, you can hop on a train in Paris and in an hour arrive in Chartres, home of arguably Europe's best example of pure Gothic. Officially known as the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Chartres — it's one of more than a hundred churches dedicated to "Our Lady" ("Notre-Dame") scattered around France — it too experienced a harrowing fire, burning to the ground in 1194.

The Gothic style, which evolved in France in the Middle Ages from heavier Romanesque architecture, is marked by pointed arches (allowing churches to grow higher and more dramatic on the outside while making space for stunning stained-glass windows on the inside) and counterweight "flying buttresses" — stone beams that stick out of the church and support the roof by pushing back inward.

While mostly made of stone, many Gothic churches feature a wooden roof or spire, making them susceptible to fires. Amazingly, Chartres' cathedral took just 30 years to rebuild,



DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI/RICK STEVES' EUROPE PHOTOS

The centerpiece of a small town, Bayeux's cathedral is as large as Paris' Notre-Dame.



The pointed arches of Gothic cathedrals allow for dramatic windows, such as the ones in Chartres' cathedral.

astonishing when you consider it took centuries to build cathedrals such as Paris' Notre-Dame. What you see now is a unity of architecture, statuary and stained glass that captures the spirit of the 13th century (known as the "Age of

Faith") like no other church of that era.

At the time of Chartres' fire, the church owned the veil supposedly worn by Mary when she gave birth to Jesus, making this small town a major player on the pilgrim circuit. While the

veil was feared lost in the fire, it was found days later unharmed in the crypt and — whether miracle or marketing ploy — became the impetus to rebuild quickly. You can still view the veil, along with many statues dedicated to Mary, but the highlight for me is the Blue Virgin Window. The central window behind the altar, it shows Mary dressed in the famed "Chartres blue," a sumptuous color made by mixing cobalt oxide into the glass.

Beyond Chartres, you can find two classic examples of Gothic cathedrals in Normandy. In contrast to small-town Chartres, Rouen was France's second-largest city in medieval times. While its cathedral was also dedicated to Mary, it's more famous as a landmark of art history. Visiting today, you'll see essentially

what Claude Monet saw as he painted 30 different studies of this Flamboyant Gothic (mid-14th century) facade at various times of day, capturing "impressions." You can see several of these paintings at the Orsay Museum in Paris.

The building you see today was constructed between the 12th and 14th centuries, though lightning strikes, wars (the cathedral was accidentally bombed in World War II), and other destructive forces meant constant rebuilding. Inside, you'll see a chapel dedicated to Joan of Arc (she was convicted of heresy in Rouen and burned at the stake in 1431) and several stone tombs that date from when Rouen was the capital of the dukes of Normandy (including one containing the heart of English King Richard the

Lionheart).

Bayeux's cathedral — as big as Paris' Notre-Dame — dominates this small town. Its two towers were originally Romanesque but later capped with tall Gothic spires, while the west facade is structurally Romanesque but with a decorative Gothic "curtain" added. Historians believe the Bayeux tapestry, the 70-foot-long embroidery telling the story of William the Conqueror's victory in the Battle of Hastings, originally hung above the nave.

Heading the other direction, the most impressive Gothic cathedral in eastern France is in Strasbourg, where its venerable church — also a "Notre-Dame" — is a true jaw-dropper.

This Gothic spectacle somehow survived the French Revolution, the Franco-Prussian War, World War I, and World War II. The interior is worth savoring slowly, with its wide nave, exquisite gold-leaf organ and elaborately carved stone pulpit. The marvelous stained glass, 80% of which is original, dates as far back as the 12th century. The exterior, with its cloud-piercing spire (at 466 feet, it was the world's tallest until the mid-1800s) and red sandstone (from the 13th and 14th centuries), stands out from the other great Gothic churches in France.

Gothic churches are resilient. The ingenuity of design has meant France's great cathedrals have survived wars, fires and Mother Nature. While the country's most famous Notre-Dame in Paris is slowly repaired, there are plenty of other places to savor these dramatic architectural wonders.

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## TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

# Hey, what happened to my Vrbo deposit refund?

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT  
King Features

I need your help with a Vrbo deposit refund. I booked a house in Mallow, Ireland, through the vacation rental site earlier this year. I paid \$306, the first half of my deposit. Two days later, within the refund period, I canceled my rental.

Vrbo charged my credit card a day after I canceled. According to Vrbo, I was entitled to 100% of my refund.

The owner claims Vrbo hasn't given him the deposit. I've called Vrbo three times. Each time they say they will get back with me in three days and that they will give me back my deposit. I never hear back.

Vrbo now claims it isn't responsible for the initial payment — the owner is. Both the owner and Vrbo claim that neither of them has the deposit. I did notice that Vrbo changed its policy from giving the owner the initial deposit payment to keeping it until the customer stays. This change happened on the same day I canceled. I wonder if there was a computer glitch?

My deposit is now in limbo. Please help!  
— Linda Sattler, Ann Arbor, Michigan

A: You should have your Vrbo deposit refund by now. I'm sorry you don't.

The terms of your rental are in your confirmation. In your case, you booked your vacation rental more than three months before your arrival. (Vrbo's refund policies range from "relaxed" to "strict." Payments may be nonrefundable or fully refundable, depending on your host.)

Initially, it looked like your theory about the computer glitch might be true. Perhaps Vrbo lost your deposit while it was changing policies. But I reviewed the paper trail between you and Vrbo, and it looks as if that's not the case. Vrbo maintained that the host had your deposit.

You spent a lot of time on the phone to get this Vrbo deposit refund sorted

out. I always recommend creating a paper trail between you and the company, by which I mean, put everything in writing instead of calling. You can find the information for all the Vrbo executives on my consumer advocacy site.

I asked Vrbo about your case. A representative apologized for your "negative experience." Vrbo's records suggest you didn't book your rental through its site. (Your records say otherwise.)

"This appears to be the result of a marketplace transaction between this consumer and the owner or manager of an individual vacation home," she added.

In other words, Vrbo definitely doesn't have your money. Interestingly, the rental you booked in Ireland has vanished from

Vrbo. The owner removed it from the platform. A few days later, however, you received a note from Vrbo informing you that it had submitted a request to its accounting department to process a "concession payment" equal to your deposit.

Lesson learned: When you're booking through an online vacation rental site, always, always pay through the site. If an owner tries to lure you into an offline transaction, you're not protected.

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## CELEBRITY TRAVELER

# Alberta city stole Arlen's heart

BY JAE-HA KIM  
Tribune Content Agency

Diagnosed with a pair of rare disorders that kept her in a vegetative state for four years, Victoria Arlen began her recovery nine years ago, relearning how to walk, eat and speak. In 2012, she won four medals (including a gold) at the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

A former competitor on "Dancing with the Stars," Arlen is the author of "Locked In: The Will to Survive and the Resolve to Live," which was made into an ESPN Films documentary, and she models for Jockey. In early 2020, she will make her debut as one of the co-hosts of "American Ninja Warrior Junior."

An edited version of our conversation follows.

**Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?**

A: Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. I am a huge fan of the lake and mountains and Lake Winni has both. It's my favorite place to run away to. The lake, or really anywhere near the water, is a getaway for me.

**Q: To someone who was going there for the first time, what would you recommend that they do during their visit?**

A: Definitely go to the lake or visit Meredith or Wolfeboro, which are filled with the cutest shops and delicious restaurants.

**Q: What untapped destination should people know about?**

A: Schladming, Austria,



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is a beautiful mountain town that is filled with beautiful culture, delicious food and views that'll take your breath away. Plus, the skiing is amazing.

**Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?**

A: That the world is a beautiful place and we are all in this together. Everywhere I've gone, I have seen over and over again just how alike we all are and how we are all trying to navigate life.

**Q: Where is the most romantic destination?**

A: Banff, Alberta (Canada). That place truly stole my heart. Just thinking about it is making my heart smile.

**Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?**

A: I've always gone home (to New Hampshire) for the holidays. And especially now that I live in California, I really appreciate it all the more.

**Q: What are your five favorite cities?**

A: Boston, Banff, New York City, Chicago and St. Andrews (Scotland).

**Q: Where have you**

**traveled to that most reminded you of home?**

A: Going to St. Andrews really reminded me of home. My family is from there and there was something so special about being there. It just deep down felt like home.

**Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you're on the road?**

A: Room service always is my guilty pleasure.

**Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?**

A: I usually check the weather religiously, so I make sure I pack accordingly. One time, I did not do that and there was a blizzard and I was not prepared. Kind of scarred me, so I never fail to check the weather.

**Q: What is your best vacation memory?**

A: My best vacation? I have some pretty amazing vacation memories with my family. I think more recently I went to one of my dear friend's wedding in Puglia, Italy, and I brought my parents. We had so much fun and explored the entire southern coast of Italy.

*For more from the reporter, visit [www.jaehakim.com](http://www.jaehakim.com).*

**HOME**

MAKE YOUR SPACE

# Millennial, HGTV-approved

What are young homebuyers looking for? Move-in ready, open floor plans

BY MICHELE LERNER  
The Washington Post

They're here. Millennials, a generation now larger than the baby boomers, were battered by the financial crisis as they started their careers and delayed some of the milestones that accompany homeownership, such as marrying and starting a family. But in 2018, millennials represented the largest cohort of home buyers at 37%, according to the National Association of Realtors' 2019 Home Buyers and Sellers Generational Trends Report.

Millennials are not likely to compromise on the condition of a home, which is in part because of their lack of experience as homeowners says Danielle Hale, chief economist for Realtor.com.

Brian Kee, 36, and his wife, Eliana Kee, 33, purchased a three-bedroom, townhouse-style condo for \$515,000 in the Shirlington area of Arlington, Virginia, upgrading from the nearby condo they owned for six years now that they have a child.

"The single-family homes we saw were small, needed a lot of work and sold fast," said Kee.

"For us, the neighborhood and commute were more important than the size of the place," he said. "We also like that it was move-in ready and we didn't have to do any work."

"Millennials want almost instant HGTV-approved living," says real estate agent Michelle Sagatov. "They're not usually willing to put in elbow grease on making something their own through a renovation. As long as it's on trend enough, they're happy to just bring their furniture and their toothbrush and move in."

"Buyers don't want to have to do any renovation, especially not right away," Sagatov says.

Lauren Demeter, 31, and her husband, Landon Rordam, 32, who bought a single-family house in Arlington earlier this year, said they quickly realized their initial idea of purchasing a fixer-upper



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Eliana Kee stands near her kitchen in Arlington, Virginia. She and her husband, Brian, liked that the home, which they purchased for \$515,000, was move-in ready.

would take too much time and money.

"We had been renting a 670-square-foot, one-bedroom apartment for years and wanted more space," Rordam says. "The amount of money it would cost to rent something larger was too much, so we decided it was time to buy."

The couple initially wanted a fixer-upper to invest in, but they decided to look for something that was well-maintained and didn't require any work.

"We found a 2,600-square-foot Tudor-style home with a detached garage that had already been converted into an office on the main level with a guest room upstairs," Demeter says. "We prioritized a single-family home with at least three bedrooms and we wanted to be within walking distance of Metro since I work

downtown."

"The older generation wants a shorter commute, but most of the younger buyers I work with have much more flexibility in their jobs," Sagatov says. "They work from home often, take advantage of telecommuting and go into the office a couple of times a week."

That job flexibility means access to the Metro is less important to younger buyers than access to a fitness center, parks, coffee shops and restaurants, she says.

"Outdoor living is a big part of the social fabric for millennials," says Kerron Stokes, a real estate agent in Denver. "A space for a fire pit or a covered patio where you can entertain a few friends is ideal."

Tech-savvy millennials like the convenience of technology that they can control remotely,

Heminger says, such as the ability to buzz someone in to deliver a package or someone who will walk their dog.

"Millennials grew up in the digital age, which gave them a thirst for instant information at their fingertips and virtual communication," Stokes says. "Appliances such as smart thermostats, smart doorbells and more that can be controlled from an app are all the rage."

A simple step that sellers can take is to swap out standard outlets for ones that include USBs for charging, Stokes suggests. A USB outlet costs \$7 to \$9 per switch, he says.

"Constantly being on a smartphone drains a lot of power," Stokes says. "When your home offers a charging hub or outlet for people, especially in unconventional rooms like the kitchen,

they are more likely to stop and take a second look."

Stokes also suggests hiring an electrician to install an electrical outlet in the garage if possible, to allow for an outdoor refrigerator, charging toy batteries and electric cars.

"Millennials crave smart security systems that don't require a monthly subscription," says Yuri Blanco, broker and owner of Re/Max Executives in Boise, Idaho. "Any new technology that comes at a low cost is a major bonus to this age group."

"The walls are coming down for millennials," Blanco says. "For this generation, it's all about open floor plans. Millennials who are having children want an open area for them to run around and also love entertaining, which means kitchens, living rooms and dining rooms that are connected attract them."

"Barn doors and 'rail system' doors are here to stay, partly because they don't take up space by swinging out," Stokes says. "Another popular option for new construction is pocket doors that disappear into the wall system and fit into the whole open floor plan concept."

"In recent years, we are seeing millennials prefer modern, sleek designs with clean lines and minimalist aesthetics," Blanco says. "To them, less is more. Homes that have new, stainless-steel kitchens and simple cabinetry draw millennials in."

Neutral colors are in, particularly light and whitewashed gray and cream, Blanco says.

"To accompany the neutral colors, we are seeing millennials gravitate toward bolder pops of color on accent walls," Blanco says. "An accent wall that is colorful or covered in a unique wallpaper will be enticing to millennials."

Top priorities for most millennials are the same as any other generation: They want an affordable house in good condition in a convenient location. That's not surprising at all.

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## STYLE

WHAT TO WEAR NOW

## Menswear department may disappear

BY ALEXIS BENVENISTE  
Bloomberg

While gender-free clothing has been on runways and in fashion magazines for years, building a retail space around the concept was until recently seen as financially risky. Now, some companies are out to prove that the cultural fulcrum has shifted enough to give it a try.

According to Pew research, 35% of Generation Z knows someone who identifies as non-binary and prefers gender-neutral pronouns — and millennials and even Generation X aren't far behind. Retailers, and in particular clothes sellers, have taken notice.

"I do believe gender-neutral fashion is the future," said Fashion Institute of Technology professor Dawnn Karen. "I feel like we're moving towards that."

Holding itself out as the first gender-free store in New York, The Phluid Project in Manhattan's Soho neighborhood is part of this nascent segment. The space is a combination store, cafe and event space geared toward the LGBTQ community.

Phluid Project founder Rob Smith, 54, spent 30 years as a retail executive before opening the store. While Phluid has been up and running a few years now, only recently has the concept of making a commercial go of gender-free clothing spread to bigger corporate retail.

The ascent of Generation Z, Smith said, is the moving force. "There is a paradigm shift that is currently happening in our society. An unlearning and a relearning," Smith said. "By next year, Gen Z (will account) for one-third of the national population, which accounts for 40% of U.S. spending power. It's time to change with the times and generations, because their voice and power is undeniable.

"It became clear to me," Smith said, "that there was a need to shatter the historic infrastructure of companies we're operating under."

On a visit to the Phluid Project earlier this year, there were none of the traditional signs to send you to specific clothing departments. Nongendered mannequins stood atop tables, sporting dresses, pants, shirts and graphic tees that say, "They Power," a reference to the pro-



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noun preference of many nonbinary individuals.

The company said that, after spending its first year focusing on establishing the brand and a unique open sales floor experience, it's now looking to better develop its social media and e-commerce platforms, as well as strategic partnerships.

This summer, Phluid partnered with HBO and its series "Euphoria," a drama about growing up in Gen Z America, and set up several pop-ups across the country, offering shoppers a capsule collection and panel discussions. Phluid also has a partnership with French clothing label Equipment on a gender fluid collection.

Big clothing retailers like H&M are starting to incorporate gender fluidity into a larger retail strategy, launching collections

such as Denim United and last year's collaboration with Eytys. Still, H&M doesn't plan to completely eliminate gendered clothing or gendered clothing sections. LVMH-owned Sephora also started a campaign this summer aimed at an image of broader inclusiveness.

Fifty-six percent of Gen Z consumers already shop outside of their gender, ignoring clothing that's labeled and categorized into gendered sections, according to a study by advertising agency J. Walter Thompson. Smith is very much acquainted with how those decisions are made. Before the Phluid Project, he worked for Nike, and eventually moved on to become an executive vice president at Macy's, and then Victoria's Secret. He also served on the board of shoe-seller Steve Madden.

"I started to share the idea with friends and business partners and got a cold reaction," Smith said of the Phluid Project's beginnings. "It is difficult, and understandable, to go to investors with an unproven concept."

"Other brands have to worry about losing customers because their concepts and missions are often antiquated," Smith said. "We are a blank canvas."

His store not only sells gender-neutral clothing, it seeks to guarantee that its clothing comes from designers who support the gender-free clothing mission. The store's original clothing only makes up 50% of its inventory. The rest is made by designers aligned with the company's mission and concept. The store doesn't shop vintage or buy from wholesale.

The Phluid Project isn't the lone retailer in this space. Labels such as Radimo and Official Rebrand — which emphasizes sustainability — are on the same path.

According to Business of Fashion's 2018 State of Fashion research, 66% of millennials worldwide are willing to spend more on brands that are sustainable. In response to this data, Official Rebrand is "turning unsold goods into new, one-of-a-kind collections," said MI Leggett, its founder. Official Rebrand modifies donations with design and alterations, including by painting clothing with phrases and figures.

"The first pieces came from my own closet," Leggett said. "Now I take clothing donations from friends, family, and clients commissioning custom work."

## 2nd pair of frames for events? Not needed

ELLEN WARREN  
Answer Angel

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** I can't see without my glasses, so there's no question that I must wear them even for the dressiest occasions. (Contact lenses don't work for me.) But should I buy a special pair for fancy events? If so, what should they look like? My everyday glasses are round and tortoiseshell. They seem kind of casual for a formal event.

— Jo B.

**Dear Jo:** Prescription eyewear is so expensive. Even if you get a bargain on the frames from online places like Warby Parker, by the time you pay for the prescription lenses and the no-scratch coating it's easy to spend \$300 or \$400. So, not many of us can afford to have a second pair just for fancy evenings out. Anyhow, it is totally unnecessary! Oprah shows up at the most elegant of events wearing big black frames. Same goes for Demi Moore, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Anne Hathaway, Jane Fonda and Tina Fey. And I think we can agree that all of them can afford any eyewear they want.

Let's say that you have more money than you know what to do with and you've decided to splurge on evening glasses. Sure you can pop for some glitzy ones slathered in rhinestones and sparkle. Or crazy-colored ones to match your outfit. That will definitely get you some attention. But, if you're trying to wear the most unobtrusive glasses possible, then wire frames, clear frames, no frames at all (like Elizabeth Warren) or neutral shades like beige or taupe are your best bets.

**Dear Answer Angel Ellen:** What is the correct order for applying makeup?

— Suzanne B.

**Dear Suzanne:** Sunscreen should go on first. Followed by moisturizer, if you use it. You can skip a step if you use moisturizer that also has sunscreen SPF 30 or greater. That's a two-fer. While not everyone will agree, the makeup artists I talked to say that next comes eye makeup — brows, eyeliner, shadow and mascara. Then concealer if needed. After that, apply lipstick. (Some pros prefer doing the lips before eyes.) Blush is the last to go on since only when the rest of the face is complete will you know how much more color you want, if any.

**Dear Answer Angel:** Many of the places I shop have stacks of sequin skirts for sale. Gold, silver, copper, colors. They look like they'd be fun to wear, but are they just for evening? Could I wear one in the daytime?

— Toni B.

**Dear Toni:** You might get some stares — depending on where you live and work — but yes! Sequins for daytime are a thing this season. The way to wear them in daytime is to dress them down. Wear the skirt with a T-shirt or a basic buttoned-up cardigan and casual shoes, boots or booties. You'll be totally on trend and definitely a standout.

## Angelic Readers 1

**Marv R.:** "I use and advocate V-neck undershirts so that the undershirt doesn't show at the neckline in a man's button shirt. At some point fairly recently, the manufacturers decided to make the neck opening on V-neck undershirts smaller so that the undershirt would still show when men had the top shirt button unbuttoned. More recently, the manufacturers introduced a solution to the problem they created. The different manufacturers offer V-neck undershirts with a deep V. You definitely need to seek out



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Jane Fonda is among the celebrities who show it's OK to wear black eyeglass frames to even the most elegant of events.

undershirts marked as deep V to meet the no-show objective."

## Angelic Readers 2

**From Ellen:** I was surprised by how many of you had experienced the same problem as reader Jan C., who wrote asking for reader solutions to her problem. She had a toenail removed and wanted to show off her polished nails but couldn't get the polish to adhere to the bare skin. Apparently losing a nail is not uncommon and you've got plenty of helpful hints for her:

**Cindy M. says** her local salon used acrylic power to fashion a nail on the bare spot: "Lasts for a few months and cost just \$5 plus tip."

**Pat F. writes:** "When I lost my toenail I bought artificial fingernails. The thumb fit my big toe so I glued it on and kept my pedicure."

**Jeanette did the same:** "Unless I bump it, the nail stays for a month or more."

**Rita D. and Mary P.** also recommend the fake nail solution.

**Kris N.** bought cute colored and patterned Band-Aids and put a fresh one on whenever her toes were showing.

**Susan K.** says with a base coat and a top coat, regular nail polish stays on her no-nail toe for three weeks.

**Rosemary F.** suggests to tape the skin and polish the tape.

## Reader Rant 1

**From Alice S.:** "I think cellphones should be sold with a giant warning that states: 'Do not use when driving, walking across a street or walking in a parking lot.' Today, as I was backing out of a store's parking lot, it was a good

thing that I had good reflexes and good brakes. An idiot, with his head down and his cellphone up, walked right in back of my moving car. Fortunately, I was able to stop."

## Reader Rant 2

**Robin D. writes:** "What is it with athletic clothing manufacturers that are making such short shorts for women? It is almost impossible to find shorts in 7- to 9-inch inseams. And if you can find them, there are no pockets for cellphones, keys, etc. I live in a 55-plus community, and all the women say the same thing. Clothing manufacturers are missing out on a huge market of active adult women."

## Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to [answerangel@mac.com](mailto:answerangel@mac.com).

# THE GOODS

YOUR HUNT IS OVER

## Warm up with tropical prints

By DAVID SYREK | Chicago Tribune

The spring fashion runways were an explosion of bold tropical prints. Fendi showed leafy bucket hats and matching jackets in shades of green and black; giant palm leaves clashed with polka dots at Dolce & Gabbana; and Jennifer Lopez revived her iconic jungle print dress first seen at the 2000 Grammy Awards at the Versace show. Designers are also bringing the tropical trend home — from Jonathan Adler's sunny ceramics to Amanda Lindroth's rattan and raffia-wrapped serving pieces. So let the sun shine in and warm up your winter.



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Megan Walendzinski holding Molly



Julie Schultz, left, holding Phoebe and Carrie Burnett holding Molly

## CANDID CANDACE

BY CANDACE JORDAN



### Helping rescue animals One Tail at a Time

More than 600 animal lovers descended on Morgan Manufacturing, many with costumed dogs in tow, to support the 11th annual Houndstooth Ball on Nov. 22. The event raised over \$250,000 and benefited One Tail at a Time, a nonprofit dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of dogs and kittens in need, adopter support and community outreach.

Guests enjoyed a dinner buffet from some of Chicago's top vegan restaurants and brands, including No Bones Beach Club, Upton's Breakroom and Miyoko's Creamery. Canine attendees enjoyed complimentary pampering. A silent auction featured more than 100 packages, and a live auction included a rescue ride-along with OTAT executive director/co-founder Heather Owen.

Emceed by Elliot Bambrough (of WGN-TV), the program opened with a welcome from Owen. She spoke about the nonprofit's efforts to date. An Isolation Center, which opened in 2018, takes in sick dogs from local Chicago shelters and has rescued over 300 dogs so far. The Rudy Stewart Training & Behavior Center opened this summer and gives positive reinforcement training to dogs who need extra time and effort to settle in to new homes. A "mO-TAT" or Mobile OTAT adoption truck will be on the road early next year with the intent of reaching people who don't have access to shelter animals. And the Ellis Veterinary Clinic is scheduled to open early next year as well.

"There are so many wonderful dogs in shelters just waiting for someone to take a chance on them, and my biggest worry is that someone's best friend or family member is waiting in the shelter and won't make it out because we didn't try hard enough," Owen said. "Another very important part of our work keeps pets with the families that love them. We also have programs and events to help people with limited resources pay for veterinary care that they otherwise might not be able to afford."

*Freelance writer Candace Jordan is involved in many local organizations, including some whose events she covers.*

**MORE ONLINE:** Find more photos and video of this event at [www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace](http://www.chicagotribune.com/candidcandace)



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Heather Owen, One Tail at a Time co-founder



Justin Terzo and Tanya Terzo



Alli MacGregor and Kristin MacGregor with Altas Grey



Christopher "Fred" Frederick with Jennie Cimino holding Arana



Blake and Kelly Wolfe holding Belle



Christina Brown, Randall Fassbinder with Cali



Kim Theobald, Melissa Fisher, Laura Slivka and Amy Constanzo

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## Judge guests' drunkenness when they head for the door



JUDITH MARTIN  
Miss Manners

**Dear Miss Manners:** When having guests over for dinner, I am unable to find a gracious way to refuse alcohol to those who will be driving. I generally don't give it as an option when asking what they would like to drink, but they often request a glass of wine nonetheless. I personally would prefer not to serve any alcohol to a designated driver.

**Gentle reader:** Those who have lost someone close due to a drunken-driving accident may protest that manners are irrelevant in this situation. To them, Miss Manners points out that a polite solution is more likely to be effective — not just today but in the future — in which you have not, through abandoning manners, lost a friendship.

What you cannot do is to offer alcohol to some guests and not others. It is rude and ineffective. Rude, because you are publicly questioning a guest's judgment before he has done anything wrong. Ineffective, because your guest is likely to take offense, which may make him less amenable to guidance now and socializing in future.

The time to assess the situation is when the guest is preparing to walk out the door. If you are uncertain of a guest's condition, ask, "Are you OK to drive?" Follow up on an answer that is positive but does not allay your concerns. Someone who is visibly impaired has forfeited the right to be treated as a sober adult. You can appeal to any accompanying person, call

a cab, confiscate keys — or all three.

Miss Manners acknowledges that this solution does not address the drinking itself, which is why she offers a second solution: Don't serve alcohol to any guests. Should they request it, you should mention you don't have any, and suggest other drinks.

**Dear Miss Manners:** A number of friends are hosting parties to raise funds to support a candidate for president. I have already given what I can to this specific cause. May I use my prior donation as "credit" and still attend my friends' parties?

**Gentle reader:** Unfortunately, donations to parties like these are often the price of admission — and past donations are not likely to live on in the memory of campaigners who are trying to raise funds. Perhaps you can gently suggest that to the friends whose parties you will be declining: "I am afraid that we have met our budget for donating to this particular candidate, but here is hoping that when she wins, we will all be able to celebrate together."

**Dear Miss Manners:** When I am in crowded restaurants, I always wait until I am close to the door or away from people before putting on my coat. I worry that hair or lint will land on someone's plate. Where should one put on a coat in crowded places where people are eating?

**Gentle reader:** Coats can be donned anywhere between the table and the car. Miss Manners recommends, however, that you choose a spot that minimizes the risk not only of stray lint, but of smacking fellow customers in the face with your coat tails, knocking the soup off of a

waiter's tray or demonstrating that you have absconded with the flatware.

**Dear Miss Manners:** When two couples go out for drinks and sit at a bar, do the two women sit in the middle, or the two men?

**Gentle reader:** It depends. Which of the two have more to discuss?

**Dear Miss Manners:** Twice a year, I visit a man who has worked in my industry since before I was born. He's something of a mentor. When we meet on the weekends, it is at his country home, and members of his staff serve lunch and then drive me back.

My spouse thinks I should bring a gift when visiting anyone at home. I wouldn't have a clue what to give a business acquaintance, particularly someone of exceptional wealth, so I send a handwritten thank-you card a few days later. Should I be doing more?

**Gentle reader:** While a present is not strictly necessary, Miss Manners takes issue with some of your reasoning: 1. That rich people only like expensive presents and 2. That you could not possibly guess what a man you frequently visit and who shares an interest in your industry might like. Thoughtful thank-you letters are sufficient. But the occasional small present, like a book or token that references something you have talked about, would also be exceptionally charming.

To send a question to the *Miss Manners* team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to [missmanners.com](http://missmanners.com) or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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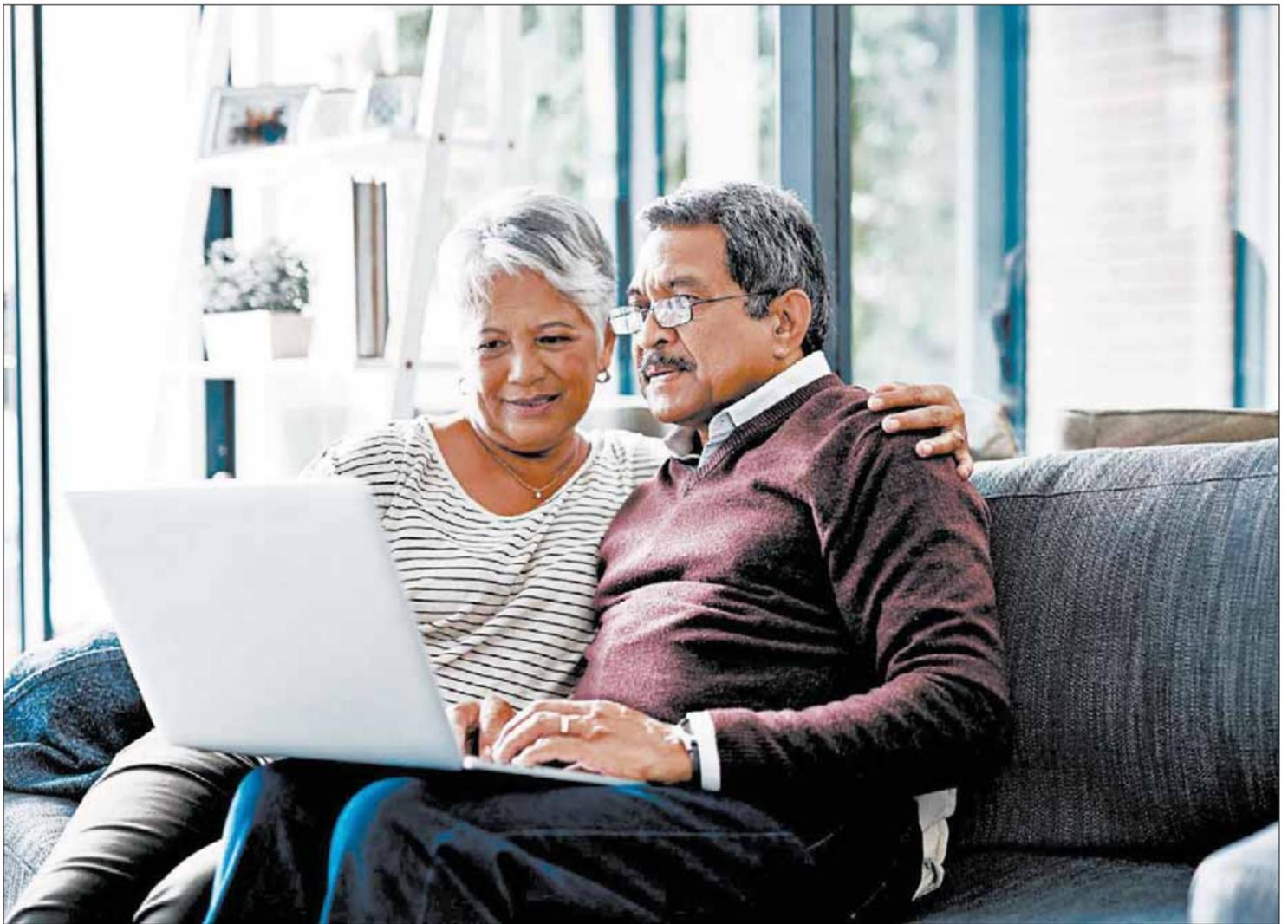
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Calculating how home equity will factor into retirement funding requires careful tracking of your home expenses.

## BANKING ON HOME EQUITY?

Better check those expenses if you're thinking about using it for retirement

BY JOANNE CLEAVER

**C**ynthia Del Medico has owned her Park Ridge home for 33 years and she's starting to wonder exactly what kind of return she and her husband might get from it if they sell it.

Though they love their neighborhood and the school district, they no longer have children in public school. Federal tax reforms passed in 2017 wiped out the bit of savings they had gained from the now-defunct property tax deduction. While the house has risen in value over three decades, so have the expenses of ownership.

"I don't think you can say that a house is a great investment any more, given the taxes and the cost for repairs," she said. Del Medico would know better than most how to estimate the return on a purported investment in homeownership: In her late 50s, she has long been an adjunct lecturer in business and accounting at Oakton Community College, which has campuses in Skokie and Des Plaines.

The commonly held definition of an investment is money put to work with expectation of getting more back. Homeownership, though, involves a more complicated calculus than the



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Personal finance experts agree that a house occupies its own column in an owner's net worth calculations.

simple rules of thumb for return. Houses soak up cash for mortgage interest, maintenance, association fees, taxes and other expenses. Meanwhile the potential return pivots on capturing a market value framed by many factors outside owners' control, from community economic growth to buyer whims about landscaping and style.

One thing that personal finance ex-

perts agree on is that a house occupies its own column in an owner's net worth calculations. Net worth is what you own minus what you owe. Overall, that means adding up the current value of everything you own, from the house to retirement savings to cash to your car, and subtracting all loans, from the mortgage to credit cards. If you own more than you owe, you likely have a positive

net worth. Conversely, if you owe more than you own, you have a negative net worth.

Your personal residence is neither an investment that belongs in the same category as, say, money you've put into funds for eventual retirement income. Nor is it an income-producing asset, as are rental properties that deliver cash (along with associated expenses) on a regular basis.

The house you live in requires cash to keep it operating, but eventually, say advisers and financial experts, you will at least get to sell the house and recoup much if not more, of what you spent along the way on taxes, maintenance and the like.

"I see it more as forced savings," said Mary Rojas Carlson, an associate professor in the business, management and marketing program at the College of DuPage. "Eventually, you'll downsize and that's when people get their equity as savings."

One factor is unique to your personal residence: the fact that if you weren't living in your house, you would have to pay to live somewhere else.

To fine-tune your actual return on homeownership, factor in how much you would have to pay in rent for a comparable space, said Jeff Slater, an executive vice president and senior vice president of residential mortgage lending

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### ELITE STREET

## Billy Corgan's childhood home sells for \$238K

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

The four-bedroom, 1,531-square-foot raised-ranch-style house in west suburban Glendale Heights where Smashing Pumpkins founder and frontman Billy Corgan spent much of his preteen and teenage years sold Oct. 15 for \$238,000.

Corgan, who now owns and lives in a mansion on Lake Michigan in Highland Park, lived in the Glendale Heights house for eight years — from 1977 until graduating from Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream in 1985.

Built in 1969, the house has 2½ baths, a fireplace in the living room, an eat-in kitchen, a lower level with a family room and new



Corgan

wood laminate flooring throughout. Outside on the 0.17-acre parcel is a two-tiered deck.

Corgan's father, blues and rock guitarist William

Corgan Sr., and his stepmother, Penelope Corgan, bought the house in 1977. After the couple's divorce in 1983, Corgan, his brother and his half-brother continued living in the home with Penelope Corgan.

Penelope Corgan sold the house in 1986 for \$79,900 to a family that then sold the home in

2014 for \$170,000. The 2014 buyers first listed the home Aug. 28 for just under \$240,000. They went under contract in just two weeks and did quite well on the sale.

Listing agent Chris Welter of @properties told Elite Street that the sellers realized such a strong return on the sale of the house because the "market value changed" in that part of Glendale Heights.

"That area kind of blew up," he said. "They sold at a great time."

**'Making a Murderer' lawyer lists Wheaton mansion:** Noted attorney Kathleen Zellner and

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VHT STUDIOS

Billy Corgan's former home has 2½ baths, a fireplace in the living room, an eat-in kitchen and a lower level with a family room.

# It's difficult to prove a dishonest disclosure form

BY ILYCE GLINK AND SAMUEL J. TAMKIN  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: When do you have enough evidence to pursue a seller disclosure case?**

**We purchased a "re-modeled" home early last year. We discovered after doing some deep property cleaning that the sellers had purposely hid major termite damage on all kitchen base cabinets.**

**The sellers apparently glued a false top over the original base and painted it. As I was cleaning, my thumb went through the board because it was so thin. Upon further investigation, we discovered the entire base of the cabinets had just crumbled.**

**The sellers said they had a termite inspection a month before we moved in, and there was a sticker on the cabinet indicating that it passed. We have had termite traps since we have been here, and while this is clearly old damage (we haven't seen any active termites), this is just one of the many, many issues they had bandaged over.**

**We're sick over their flat-out lying on their seller disclosure statement. Do we have a seller disclosure case, or do we have to add this to the already large pile of cash (\$10,000-plus) we have had to fork out due to their lies?**

A: Just because you believe the sellers knew of an issue does not mean that they actually did. Sam has seen plenty of situations where buyers honestly believed that sellers were deceiving them, but there are very few cases where deception can be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

What does it take to prove the sellers lied on a



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Termite damage.

seller disclosure form? Here's a situation Sam faced in his law practice: The buyers had a large plumbing problem within a month after closing. The new homeowners called a plumber to fix the problem, and fortuitously it was the same plumbing company the sellers had used when they owned the home. The very same plumber came out who had warned the sellers that they had a major issue. In fact, he had advised the sellers that the cheap fix they requested would result in a big, expensive problem in the near future. Because the same plumber has advised the sellers — and had all the documentation — the sellers paid up.

In a second situation, a listing broker who sold his own home represented to the buyer that there was no asbestos in the home. However, shortly after the buyers moved in, they discovered there was actually quite a bit of asbestos in the home. The listing broker tried to say that he had no knowledge of asbestos. The court, however,

took the view that the real estate broker had years of experience selling real estate and should have known better. In this situation, too, the seller had to pay up.

We know termite damage is costly, and we understand that it appears the sellers papered over a known problem. But you'll need more than just speculation to prove your case. You need to prove the sellers knew or should have known about the problem if you're going to collect.

Did the sellers use a carpenter or tackle the renovation work themselves? Your case would benefit if you found out that the sellers had carpenters come in to hide the problem and if you were able to talk to those carpenters. You can check with local exterminators to find out if any of them ever treated the home and when. Some states keep records of the application of the chemicals used to rid a home of termites; you may discover your home is on that list. If you find anything that ties your seller to treatment for termite or wood-boring insects to the home, you may be closer to having an action against the seller.

You should know that some states limit the time a buyer has to sue a seller for violating disclosure requirements, typically two to four years. You'll need to find out what the time limit is in your state. Given that you have \$10,000 invested into solving the problem, you might want to talk to an attorney in your area who has some expertise in seller disclosure issues.

*Ilyce Glink is the CEO of Best Money Moves and Samuel J. Tamkin is a real estate attorney. Contact them through the website ThinkGlink.com.*

# Fewer homebuyers stuck paying above the asking price

BY CARLA FRIED  
Rate.com

For homebuyers and sellers, the original list price is the conversation starter, yet rarely the final word — only about 15% of homes in the largest metro areas sold for the seller's original asking price during 2019's second quarter, according to real estate data firm CoreLogic.

Discounted sale prices occurred on 61% of homes sold, CoreLogic reported, up from 57% in late 2018.

Tight markets subject to bidding wars and sale prices above the ask, of course, get the most attention these days.

And those conditions continue, to varying degrees, in San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis, Denver, Boston, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., according to CoreLogic data.

But sale prices below the list price were common in Miami (80% of sales below list), Chicago and Houston (70%) and other major markets. Buyers and sellers need to be aware of the new reality.

Another real estate company, Knock.com, which helps people buy and sell with bridge financing, expects discounts to list price to increase in 2019's fourth quarter. Two in three home sales in the quarter will come in below the list price, and the average discount will be near 4%, Knock estimates.

Knock predicts that more than 80% of home sales in Miami will come in under the list price, and the average discount will be near 6%. In Chicago, Houston, New Orleans and Hartford, Connecticut, at least 75% of home sales are expected to be at a final price that is below the original list price. The average discount in those markets is forecast to be about 5%.

The cause isn't a soft



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A seller's must-have price needs to be rooted in current market conditions.

market. Of the aforementioned areas, only Chicago price gains have failed to keep pace with inflation over the past year. Some of the markets where buyers are enjoying strong negotiating leverage are also among the best for first-time homebuyers.

Whether you are a seller setting your list price, or a buyer readying a bid, understanding the current relationship between list price and final sale price in your market — and in your price range — is key to walking away with a deal you feel good about.

This is a basic analysis every agent should provide. Recent home sale prices for "comparable" nearby homes is an important metric, but a good agent will also provide information on how that price compares to the original list price.

As a seller, your must-have price needs to be rooted in current market conditions.

What you paid for your home, while intensely important to you, has absolutely no bearing for a buyer. Yet many home sellers are victims of their own "anchoring" bias. You paid X for the house and won't sell unless you can get X plus. Or six months ago, your neighbor sold for Y so you are determined to get at least Y. In reality, what you will get will reflect current market

conditions. What is the most recent comparable sale price? How is the local economy? Where are mortgage rates?

As a buyer, knowing the list-to-final price ratio is a valuable piece of negotiating intel. If a home is reasonably priced and 5% discounts are common, you might make a first and final offer with that discount. Or if negotiations typically go another round in your area, an offer at a 7% to 8% discount gives the seller room to negotiate back toward a 5% markdown.

A 2015 academic paper suggests an intriguing pricing strategy for sellers. Once you get close to deciding on your list price, avoid lots of zeros in the actual list price you settle on. In an experiment, researchers found that when a list price was precise rather than rounded (and slightly higher than the rounded price) it triggered the least aggressive offers from buyers.

For example, if you decide \$300,000 is the right list price, the research suggests that pricing at a precise number such as \$301,750 will get you a higher offer (and ultimate sale price) than if you start the negotiation at the round figure of \$300,000. Of course, if you are planning on buying another home, you can use that intel to your advantage.

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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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**HOME OF THE WEEK**

# Near West Side home with Crestron home automation: \$2.5 million

**ADDRESS:** 1109 W. Washington Blvd., Unit 5D in Chicago  
**PRICE:** \$2,500,000  
 Listed on Nov. 20, 2019

This 3,159-square-foot Near West Side residence has three bedrooms and three-and-a-half bathrooms. The 28-unit building was designed by Booth Hansen Architects and has a doorman. The home includes a private elevator, 10-foot ceilings, 7-inch wide plank flooring, custom built-ins, a limestone fireplace, motorized Lutron shades throughout, 8-foot solid core doors, Crestron home automation and Nanawall that folds open to a private terrace. The custom kitchen includes a 60-inch Subzero refrigerator and freezer, 48-inch Wolf range and walk-in pantry with a sink and wine tower. The residence includes an indoor, heated parking spot.  
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APARTMENT HUNT

# Paragon's co-working lounge a real draw

Boasts views of city skyline and Lake Michigan

BY PAMELA DITTMER MCKUEN

Stroll through the co-working lounge at The Paragon apartment high-rise in the South Loop, and you feel like you're in a library. It's that quiet.

More than a dozen residents are spread out amid the massive space, hunched over laptop computers and smartphones. Several more are camped out behind the glass walls of private conference rooms where they hold meetings or make phone calls without disturbing anyone. Some are working in small groups, but most are engaged in individual pursuits.

The co-working lounge is one of the building's most popular amenities, said general manager Hailee McCririe.

She estimates between 15% and 20% of residents work exclusively from home.

"So many people work remotely today," she said. "They need a place of their own. We provide a quiet environment with fresh fruit and water. Residents can work from home in the comfort of their home but be outside their apartment."

The Paragon has 500 apartments in a 47-story tower clad in faceted glass. The first move-ins arrived in May.

Like many buildings within the Wabash Arts Corridor, The Paragon sports a large mural on its facade. The colorful abstract titled "The 1000 Wall" was painted by German street artist Claudia Walde, also known as MadC.

"A cool feature of the South Loop is we're consid-



DAVE BURK PHOTOS

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Apartments at The Paragon range from studios to three bedrooms configured into 33 floor plans.

ered downtown Chicago but with all the benefits of a neighborhood feel," McCririe said. "There's a lot of community here, but it's only a quick ride to anywhere else in the city."

## The units

Apartments at The Paragon range from studios to three bedrooms configured into 33 floor plans. They are located on Floors 8 through 46. Garage parking is on Floors 3 through 6. Street-level commercial space is under development.

All units are finished with plank flooring, washer and dryer, window shades, closet organizers and programmable thermostats. They also are equipped with app-based, smart-home technology that

allows residents to automate lights, music and more.

Kitchens have stainless steel appliances, quartz counters, mosaic backsplashes and contemporary duo-tone cabinets with glossy white uppers and espresso lowers.

A two-bedroom model is a corner unit measuring 1,125 square feet. It opens to a foyer flanked by laundry and coat closets. An L-shaped hallway leads past a full bath with shower and veers into a great room with floor-to-ceiling windows on two sides. The kitchen is defined by an appliance wall and a peninsula with breakfast seating. The master bedroom has both walk-in and linear closets, and is connected to a private bath with shower



The Paragon, located at 1326 S. Michigan Ave., has 500 apartments in a 47-story tower clad in faceted glass. The first move-ins arrived in May.

and dual vanity. The second bedroom has a linear closet.

## The amenities

Most of the communal amenities at The Paragon are clustered on the seventh and 47th floors. In addition to the co-working lounge, the seventh floor is designed for residents to relax and socialize. The outdoor deck, which is anchored by a heated swimming pool, is segmented into spaces for sunning, lounging, grilling,

dining and dog play. Indoor amenities include a lounge, kitchen, library, game room and spa with steam, sauna and whirlpool baths.

The 47th floor also has indoor and outdoor lounges with views of the city skyline, Lake Michigan and Museum Campus. There's also a 24-hour fitness center with yoga studio and workout videos on demand.

Elsewhere in the building are bicycle storage, car-charging stations, package pickup and dog wash. Wi-Fi is complimentary in common areas.

## The Paragon

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**Apartments:** Prices based on availability and subject to change. Studio, 533 to 689 square feet, from \$1,815; one-bedroom, 645 to 1,192 square feet, from \$2,275; two-bedroom, 1,055 to 1,163 square feet, from \$3,935; three-bedroom, 1,739 to 1,777 square feet, from \$7,190.

**Lease terms:** 12- to 18-month lease terms; \$50 application fee and \$500 administration fee.

**Renter's insurance:** Required.

**Utilities:** Utility package ranges from \$75 to \$125 a month and includes gas, water, sewer and trash. Resident pays separately for electricity, cable and internet.

**Parking:** Onsite garage parking \$275 a month.

**Pets:** Two-pet maximum. Breed restrictions apply. One-time pet fee of \$500, plus \$30 a month.

**Smoking policy:** Nonsmoking.

## The folks behind it

The Paragon was developed and is owned by Murphy Development Group of Chicago and CIM Group of Los Angeles with architect Solomon Cordwell Buenz of Chicago. Management is by Bozzuto Group of Greenbelt, Maryland.

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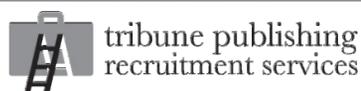
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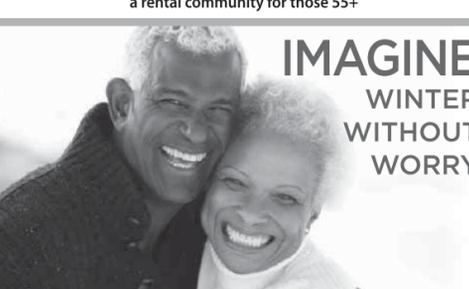
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Noted attorney Kathleen Zellner and her husband, Robert, on Dec. 13 listed their four-bedroom, 7,396-square-foot Georgian-style mansion on 4.2 acres in unincorporated Wheaton for \$2.1 million.

## Elite

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Zellner, who began her law career working as an appellate clerk and for a plaintiff and criminal defense trial lawyer, opened her own law firm in 1991 and since that time has drawn attention for representing high-profile clients and specializing in wrongful conviction cases. She has won

the freedom of several men who were convicted of murder, and in 2018 she was shown on Netflix's true crime documentary show "Making a Murderer," which focused on her client, convicted murderer Steven Avery.

Zellner and her husband bought their Wheaton property in 1992 for \$400,000 and set about building the mansion, which was completed in 1995. It has four full baths, two half-baths, eight fireplaces, a marble foyer, a circular staircase, a kitchen with high-end appliances, 12-foot ceilings on the first floor, 10-foot ceilings on the second floor, quarter-sawn oak wood floors, two

laundry areas, and a basement with a media room, an exercise room, a wine cellar and a sauna.

The Zellners' listing agent, Pattie Murray of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Koenig-Rubloff, could not be reached for comment.

**Mansion once owned by Pampered Chef founder listed:** A six-bedroom, 12,076-square-foot mansion in southeast Hinsdale that Pampered Chef founder Doris Christopher once owned was listed Dec. 17 for \$5.999 million.

Christopher founded the Addison-based kitchenware

company in 1980 and sold it to Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway in 2002. She bought the 19-room, Colonial-style mansion with her then-husband, Jay, for more than \$6.3 million in 2003. The couple, who divorced in 2012, first listed the mansion in 2010 for \$6.8 million and later reduced their asking price to below \$5 million. They wound up selling the mansion in 2014 for \$3.3 million.

Now, the buyers of the mansion in 2014, James F. Conlan and his wife, Mary, have redone the mansion and are trying to sell it for far more than they paid for it. The mansion, which was built in



COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR

The 12,076-square-foot mansion in southeast Hinsdale once owned by The Pampered Chef founder Doris Christopher was built in 1956.

1956, has eight full baths, three half baths, custom millwork in each room, a first-floor master suite, a two-story family room with a pub-style bar, a sunroom with a bespoke mosaic-tiled floor and a conservatory ceiling, a two-story library and an elevator. Outside on the 1.86-acre property is a pool.

Listing agent Kris Berger of Compass declined to comment on the listing, while James Conlan did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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## Equity

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with Lombard-based Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp.

"Look at where rents are going over the next several years, compared to the mortgage itself as a stable expense, though other costs of homeownership are going up, like taxes," said Slater. "The comparison helps you see how quickly you'll build equity and when the break-even period is for net equity." (Use an online calculator such as the one offered by Bankrate.)

Deducting rent for a comparable space from the cost of ownership clarifies what you're actually paying specifically for homeownership, as opposed to paying for shelter, thus sharpening the cal-

culatation of return over the time you own the house.

One big factor that buyers can control is how much to put down. Down payment programs — mainly geared for first-time buyers — can trim the initial costs so that homeowners gain more, proportionally, as the property presumably appreciates, said Sean Moss, senior vice president for Downpayment Resource, a national platform for local and regional down payment assistance programs.

Though often buyers have to invest time in homeownership preparation classes to qualify for a grant or other form of down payment help, that's time well spent if it also lets the buyer accumulate additional savings for moving, closing costs, initial improvements and an emergency fund, said Moss.

The emergency fund is especially critical because it insulates financial investments from unexpected housing expenses. "Hopefully people aren't tapping retirement assets, like 401(k) accounts, for emergencies or down payments," said Moss.

If property appreciation is especially important to you, make related factors top priorities for properties you are considering buying.

Carlson said that the most important factor for appreciation is to buy in an area that's growing. A lively local real estate market ensures that values don't stagnate due to low turnover of properties, and also drives support for important amenities such as quality public schools, municipal services, and the likelihood that neighbors will invest in their own houses, maintaining values for all.

Carlson and Del Medico recommend additional tactics for building equity — and potential return — quickly: paying off the mortgage ahead of schedule by making additional payments, which by law must be applied to the loan principal; monitoring neighborhood trends for improvements to keep the property current without over-improving; and having a Plan B if another unexpected downturn drags down home values, as it did in the 2008 recession. For instance, that might mean working with a financial adviser to protect investments to ensure you have enough potential cash to cover a move to a retirement home or relocation, even if your house sells for less than expected.

Above all, said Del Medico, don't try to estimate a potential return on homeownership by

simply multiplying the down payment by a blue-sky projection of appreciation. As the 2008 recession proved, even historical trends can reverse. Instead, she and Carlson recommend, focus on the factors you can control to ensure that the potential return is not sapped by the cost of ownership.

"You have to live in a house a long time for it to pay off," said Del Medico, citing the final hit to return: the agents' commission and other costs of selling, typically borne by the seller more than the buyer. "You have to look at it also as an investment for your family. There are things — like schools and great neighbors — that you can't quantify."

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This affordable ride offers impressive gas mileage. **Page 5**

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The 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Z71 is unveiled in Detroit earlier this month.

# Even bigger

### Despite climate change concerns, GM's next generation of SUVs gets heavier, larger

**BY TOM KRISHER**  
Associated Press

MILFORD, Mich. — Global concerns about climate change are not stopping General Motors from making large SUVs for U.S. drivers.

GM this month rolled out the next generation of its big truck-based SUVs with more space and features. They're also heavier, with only a small improvement in gas mileage.

The 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban will come out the middle of next year. They'll be longer and weigh more because customer research showed a need for more interior space.

"People wanted a greater ability to haul families and their cargo, so that was the baseline that set our decision-making process," said Dwight Schoenefeld, lead development engineer on the SUVs.

But Dan Becker, director of the Safe Climate Campaign, a Washington environmental group, said GM and other automakers spend billions on advertising to convince people to buy the thirsty and highly profitable trucks and SUVs.

"GM claims that they are merely meeting consumer

demand for gigantic vehicles, but most consumers don't use their pickups and SUVs for lumber and machinery but to haul lattes home from Starbucks," he said.

The length of the Tahoe will grow nearly 7 inches to almost 211 inches. The Suburban gains just over an inch in length to nearly 226 inches. The extra length, though, enabled engineers to raise the Tahoe's cargo space behind the third row by 67% to 25.5 cubic feet. Suburban rear cargo space rose about 5% to 41 cubic feet.

Both also will have more legroom in the third-row seats, making them more comfortable for adults, GM said.

The Suburban and Tahoe also get a raft of new features, including standard automatic emergency braking and a 10-inch touch screen. A new air suspension with optional magnetic ride control improved the handling and ride, GM said.

All of the features, though, will add 50 to 200 pounds, depending on options, to the SUVs.

Mileage will get "incrementally" better, Schoenefeld said. GM said it doesn't have government-certified mileage num-

bers yet. All versions will have 10-speed automatic transmissions, more efficient than the current six-speed gearboxes. GM will offer a 355-horsepower 5.3-liter V8, a 420-horsepower 6.2-liter V8 or a more efficient 277-horsepower, six-cylinder 3-liter diesel engine.

The new SUVs, unveiled at an arena in Detroit, also will get stop-start technology that shuts off the engine at stop lights, and the engines will be able to run on as few as two cylinders to save fuel.

Currently, the GM SUVs are among the least-efficient new passenger vehicles on the road, and the mileage hasn't improved much in the past decade. For instance, a two-wheel-drive Tahoe in 2010 with a 5.3-liter V8 engine and six-speed transmission got 15 miles per gallon in the city and 21 on the highway, according to the fueleconomy.gov website. The 2020 version of a two-wheel-drive Tahoe with the same engine and transmission got the same city mileage but improved by one mpg on the highway.

Edmunds.com analyst Jessica Caldwell said climate change may be a concern for

some buyers of truck-based SUVs, but it's not the biggest factor. Most big SUV buyers, she said, need space and towing capacity.

"As long as fuel prices remain relatively low, buyers are less likely to go out of their way to seek alternatives," she said. Edmunds provides content to The Associated Press.

The overwhelming majority of climate scientists, organizations of professional scientists and peer-reviewed research show that heat-trapping gases from burning coal, oil and gas are causing the climate to change with worsening weather extremes, rising seas and changes in ocean chemistry.

The Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the U.S. National Climate Assessment calculate that nearly all the warming — nearly 2 degrees globally since the late 1800s — is from greenhouse gases. The five hottest years on record are the last five, with this year on pace to be the second-warmest, after 2016, according to U.S. science agencies.

Transportation accounts for 23% of global heat-trapping carbon emissions, the Panel on

Climate Change found in a 2014 report.

U.S. government fuel economy standards haven't forced mileage of truck-based SUVs to improve very much, said John German, a senior fellow with the International Council on Clean Transportation. Big trucks only have to improve about 1.5% per year from 2017 through 2021, versus about 4% for cars, he said.

Under the regulations, which are likely to be frozen by the Trump administration at 2020 levels, GM doesn't have to hit 1.5% for every truck model because they are weighted by sales numbers and can be offset with improvements in other areas, he said.

GM, Caldwell said, has dominated the non-luxury big SUV segment over the years with entries from Chevrolet and GMC, which will introduce its versions later. U.S. sales of big SUVs shot up in 2016 and have stayed above an annual pace of 340,000 per year ever since.

GM also has promised 20 fully electric vehicles globally by 2023.

David Koenig in Dallas and Seth Borenstein in Washington contributed to this report.

## Vietnamese billionaire's aim: Selling EVs in U.S.

**BY NGUYEN KIEU GIANG AND K. OANH HA**  
Bloomberg

The billionaire behind six-month-old Vietnamese auto startup VinFast plans a feat even Toyota and Hyundai couldn't pull off during their early days: sell a car in the U.S.

Pham Nhat Vuong, the Southeast Asian country's richest man and now in charge of the new automaker, is so intent on exporting electric vehicles to the lucrative American

market in 2021 that he's plowing as much as \$2 billion of his own fortune to reach that goal. His cash would account for half the capital investment of VinFast, which this year began delivering cars to Vietnamese consumers with BMW-licensed engines and aims to expand into electric vehicles.

"Our ultimate goal is to create an international brand," the 51-year-old tycoon said in an interview at the Hanoi headquarters of the car company's parent

Vingroup, which Vuong founded and holds the title of chairman. "It will be a very difficult road and we will have to put in a lot of effort. But there's only one road ahead."

The homegrown cars made under Vuong's sprawling real estate-to-hospitals conglomerate face an uphill battle to succeed overseas. Carmakers such as India's Tata Motors and Malaysia's Proton Holdings struggled to win over consumers away from their home turf.

Even in Vietnam, VinFast Trading and Production has formidable competition from established foreign players such as Toyota, Ford and Hyundai.

VinFast follows a long list of Chinese automakers that have had ambitions to sell vehicles in the U.S. for more than a decade. Some Chinese brands have exhibited at American auto shows in recent years.

"We have the desire to build a Vietnamese brand that has a world-class reputation," Vuong said.



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Vingroup CEO Pham Nhat Vuong is using as much as \$2 billion of his own fortune to achieve his vision.



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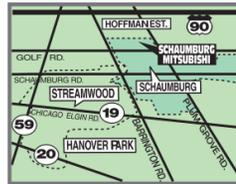
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HYUNDAI

The 2020 Hyundai Kona is affordable and gets impressive gas mileage.

## Hyundai Kona a spirited ride

By BARRY SPYKER  
Tribune News Service

The Hyundai Kona enters its third year in 2020 flush with the usual attributes: low-end pricing, good fuel economy and Hyundai's popular 10-year powertrain warranty.

But, practicality aside, the Kona, especially the top-line Ultimate, is equally about personality, a spirited turbocharged ride, cool color schemes and surprisingly upscale features like a wireless phone charger and head-up display — normally found in pricier crossovers.

The new Kona gets some modest changes, like adaptive cruise control in the Ultimate and some higher-end features available on lower trim levels. A new color, Sunset Orange, has been introduced and automatic emergency braking now is standard. An electric Kona also is now available.

The Kona turns heads, with its narrow row of LED lights resembling eyebrows over the fenders. Headlights are clad in gray vinyl and fog lights are set low on the bumper.

It looks ready for fun and that begins when you hit the gas pedal. The Ultimate is equipped with a 1.6-liter turbocharged inline 4-cylinder engine capable of 175 horsepower. But it's the high torque available at low speeds that makes it feel brisker than many in its class. It gets 195 pound-feet of torque at

### 2020 HYUNDAI KONA ULTIMATE FWD

Price:  
**\$27,750**

**Powertrain:** 1.6-liter turbo four, mated to 7-speed dual-clutch automatic  
**Fuel economy:** 32 mpg highway, 28 city for 30 combined on FWD; 29 highway, 26 city for AWD

1,500 to 4,500 rpm.

Paired to a 7-speed twin-clutch transmission, the Kona gets to 60 mph in 6.8 seconds. That's not blazing fast, but it is arguably best in the subcompact class. Available in front-wheel or all-wheel-drive, it also has good road manners with reasonably little lean on corners and curves. The ride is unusually smooth with a multilink suspension absorbing most of the road bumps.

It delivers all this while going easy on the drink: 32 mpg highway, 28 city for the front-wheel-drive and 26-29 for the optional all-wheel power.

The cabin offers decent comfort for five and it's pretty classy looking for this segment, too. Seats are trimmed in leather, heated in front, and offer 8-way power adjustments for the driver. Rear seats are not as roomy for taller folks.

The cargo area is among the smaller in the segment,

too, with 19 cubic feet behind the seats and only 45.8 with the rear seats (60-40 split) folded down. There is some hidden storage under the cargo floor, though.

Some upscale features are startling for an economy car. A wireless charging pad, seldom found in this class, eliminates wires getting caught in console lids. And a head-up display with driver data is another unexpected treat. It also has rain-sensing wipers, heated side mirrors with turn signals, power sunroof and tilt and telescoping wheel.

An 8-inch touchscreen hosts the infotainment and is one of the easier to learn. It responds quickly to inputs and comes with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity. Tunes are heard via an 8-speaker Infinity sound system.

Impressive tech continues in Hyundai's expanded safety package, including automatic emergency braking, lane-keep assist and a driver-drowsiness monitor. Ultimate trim adds adaptive cruise control with pedestrian detection and parking sensors.

If the best cargo space is essential to your needs, better to shop around. Otherwise, the fun and feature-laden Kona Ultimate is a good one to keep on your subcompact shopping list. When neighbors drop by, there'll be lots more to talk about than mileage.

## Can brighter headlight bulbs short out battery?



BOB WEBER  
Motormouth



NISSAN

A Nissan Versa owner is wondering about replacing her headlight bulbs to help her see more clearly at night.

**Q: I've never had good night vision and have always replaced my standard headlight bulbs with brighter ones. I recently took my 2016 Nissan Versa to the dealer for service and asked about replacement bulbs. The tech told me that it couldn't be done because it would short out the battery.**

**I've never had a problem with this in any other car. Can you please advise me on this?**

—L.Z., Chicago

**A:** Short out the battery? I have never heard of such a thing. Your car uses a number H11 bulb available from various companies. Sylvania, for instance, offers the H11 bulb of various brightness (and cost). Their brightest is the zXe line.

**Q: I recently read about G.W. of Chicago who owns 2019 Subaru Forester direct-injection engine. There are a couple of things that can be done, proactively, to avoid and remove some valve deposits, including the use of Top Tier gasoline or an aftermarket additive containing P.E.A. (polyether amine) a.k.a. Techron or others.**

**Using the additive every 7,000-10,000 miles (about every second oil change) should mitigate issues and reduce, eliminate and sometimes clean most deposit build-up. This will help avoid tearing the engine down. Using this regimen also keeps the injectors clean, allowing them to atomize fuel and improve**

**mileage. Concerns of water vapor (moisture) and potential oil vapor are addressed by engine management systems and driving. Their effect can be mitigated by allowing the engine to warm up and driven to burn off as things reach normal operating temperatures.**

—T.W., Mokena, Illinois

**A:** T.W. is a longtime chemist in the automotive field and one I have called on frequently to help us answer readers' questions. By the way, amines are molecules that feature nitrogen, which may be a clue to gasoline brands that advertise having them, such as Shell, Chevron (Texaco), BP and more. Look for Top Tier brands.

**Q: I have a niece who bought a GMC Envoy with more than 200,000 miles on it. In general, it starts and runs well except for the automatic transmission, which I think has sloppy late shifts. I checked the fluid and it's up to level but is darker than normal and does have a toasted scent. She is the third owner and I suspect it's never been changed.**

**Normally I would advise having the fluid changed, but I fear fresh fluid might dislodge all kinds of gunk and clog up the innards. She took it to a shop that turned her away based on the high mileage. What advice would you give?**

**A:** Worn out automatic transmission fluid (ATF) could be the cause of the shifting problems. Fresh fluid may help or cause problems as you state. Now, with that many miles, the transmission may soon fail due to worn out fluid. Your decision may boil down to pay now or pay later. Roll the dice? Your call.

**Q: Here in Pennsylvania we do yearly inspections both for the vehicle's roadworthiness and emissions. I was caught off guard the other day with an anomaly in a Bridgestone tire that had 16,000 miles on it. The inspector found a tiny nail on the inner edge of the tire and would not pass it and said it could not be repaired. So, \$150 later I'm back in service.**

**Just curious if you think this was legitimate from the local Toyota dealership?**

—J.M., Allentown, Pennsylvania

**A:** What you call the edge is properly known as the shoulder of the tire. Punctures in the shoulder should not be repaired. The area between the shoulders — the part of the tire that meets the road — may be repaired.

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NEW 2019 RAM

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Lease: **\$259** PER MO. | 36 MOS.<sup>^</sup>



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I HAVE SOMETHING FUNNY TO SHOW YOU.

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WHAT'S THE PROTOCOL IN THIS SITUATION?

SHOULD I JUST SIT HERE AND STARE AT HER PAWING AT HER PHONE?

I CAN'T TALK BECAUSE SHE'S FOCUSED ON HER TASK, AND IT WOULD BE RUDE TO WALK AWAY.

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WOULD IT BE AN INSULT TO LOOK AT MY OWN PHONE AND MENTALLY CHECK OUT FROM THIS USELESS INTERACTION?

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AH! I FOUND IT! OKAY, GOOD.

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WAIT, THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT ONE. IS THIS WHY PEOPLE FAKE THEIR OWN DEATHS?

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

SHOULD WE OR SHOULDN'T WE? UH...

THE KIDS ARE AT THE MOVIE WITH MY SISTER, SO WE HAVE THE WHOLE AFTERNOON ALONE. THAT'S TRUE!

I MEAN, THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T, RIGHT? WE'RE TWO CONSENTING ADULTS!

PLUS, I KNOW WE'LL BOTH FEEL BETTER AFTERWARD! WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE. WIN? WHAT DID YOU THINK I MEANT?

**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman

17-29 BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

DON'T FORGET TO CROP OUT THE BACKGROUNDS.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

GRAMPA, HOW COME YOU HAVE LIPSTICK ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD?

THAT'S WHERE GRAMMA KISSED ME.

OH, SHE DOESN'T HAVE VERY GOOD AIM, DOES SHE?

WELL, LEGEND HAS IT, IF YOU KISS A BALD MAN'S HEAD IT'LL BRING GOOD LUCK.

SMACK!

OH, I FORGOT... YOU ALSO HAVE TO BRING HIM A COOKIE.

**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler

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Though not the strongest or most talented, Brian Caesar was by far the greatest bro of the Roman Empire

**Frazz** By Jef Mallett

WHATCHA UP TO? INTROSPECTION.

AS THE YEAR WINDS DOWN I LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT HOW IT WENT DOWN.

GOOD CHOICES, BAD CHOICES. ISN'T INTROSPECTION TYPICALLY A LITTLE HEAVIER ON THE INTRO-PART?

PROGRESS AND STRUGGLES; WHAT WAS EARNED AND WHAT JUST HAPPENED. APOLOGIES NEEDED, THANKS OWED. ULTIMATELY, WHETHER YOU LEFT THE YEAR BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT.

THAT'S VERY COOL. HOW IS IT TURNING OUT? YOU DID FINE.

YOU SUSTAINED A PENCHANT FOR AWKWARD QUESTIONS, BUT YOU DID FINE.

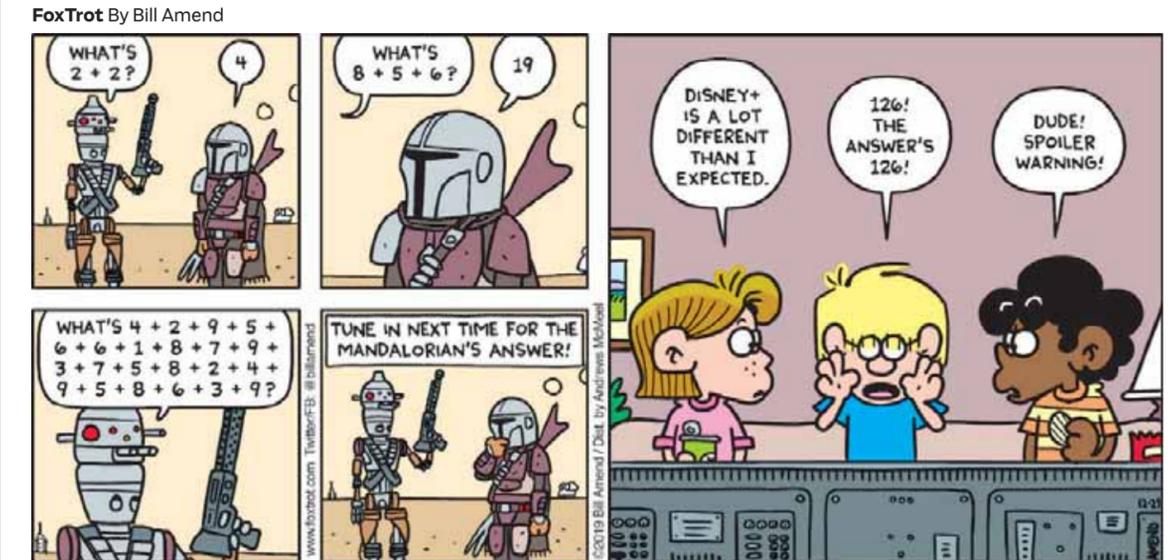
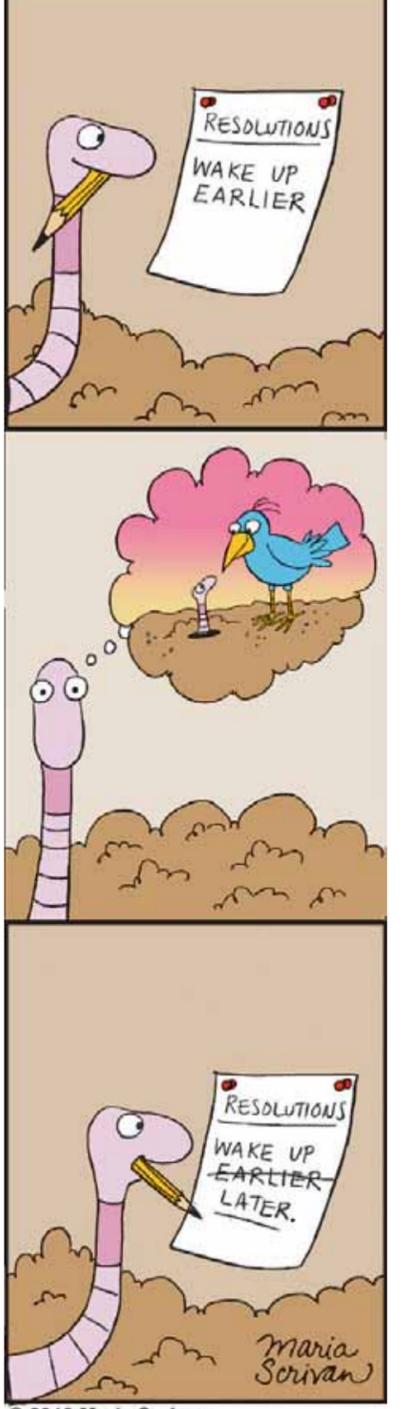
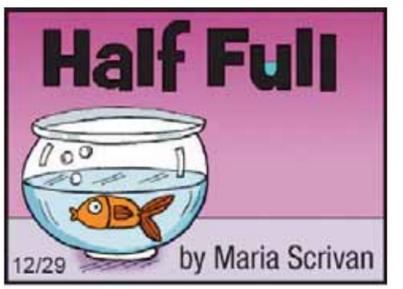
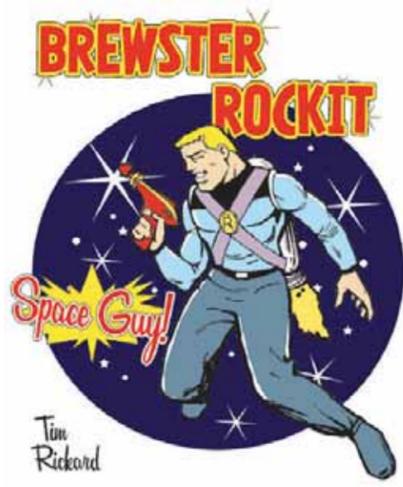
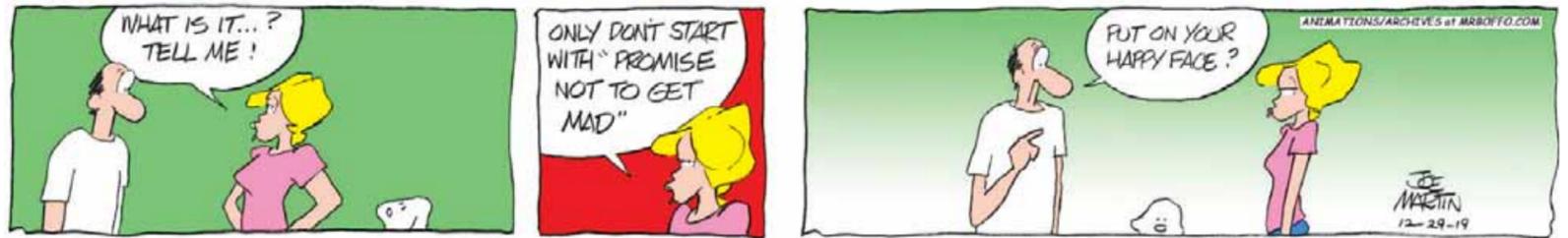
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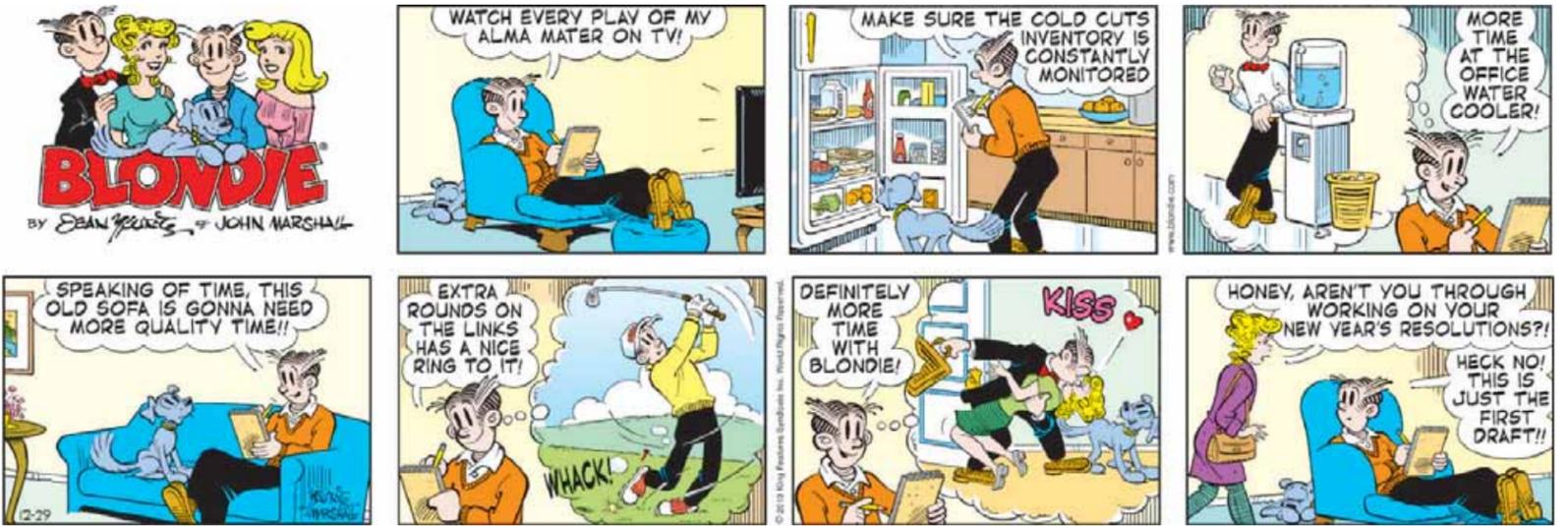
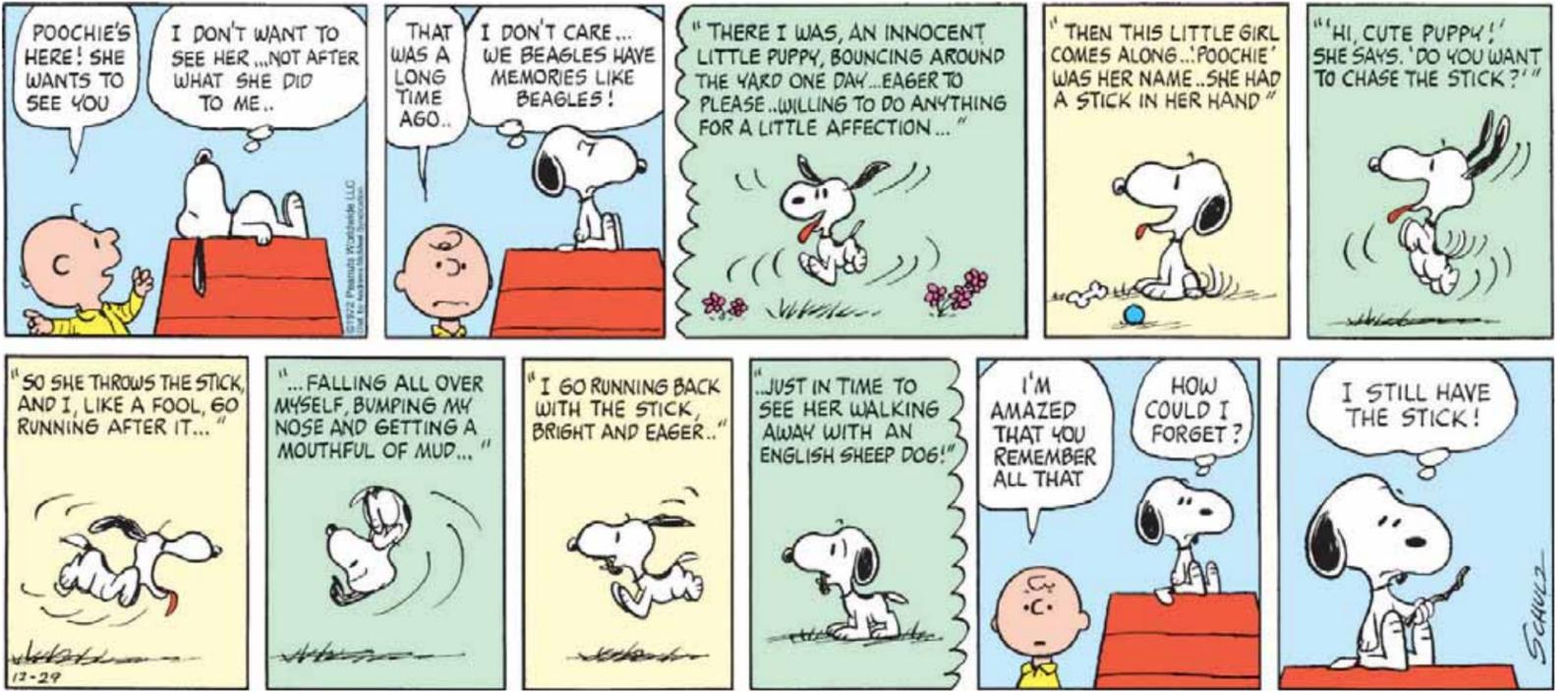
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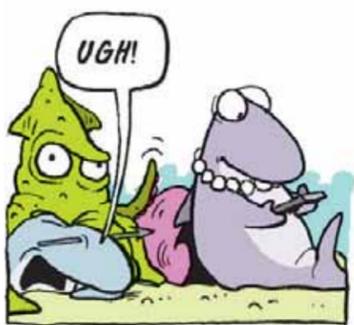
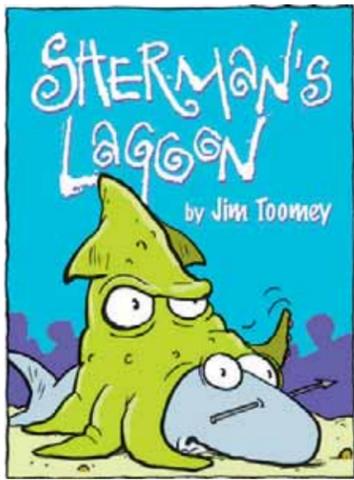


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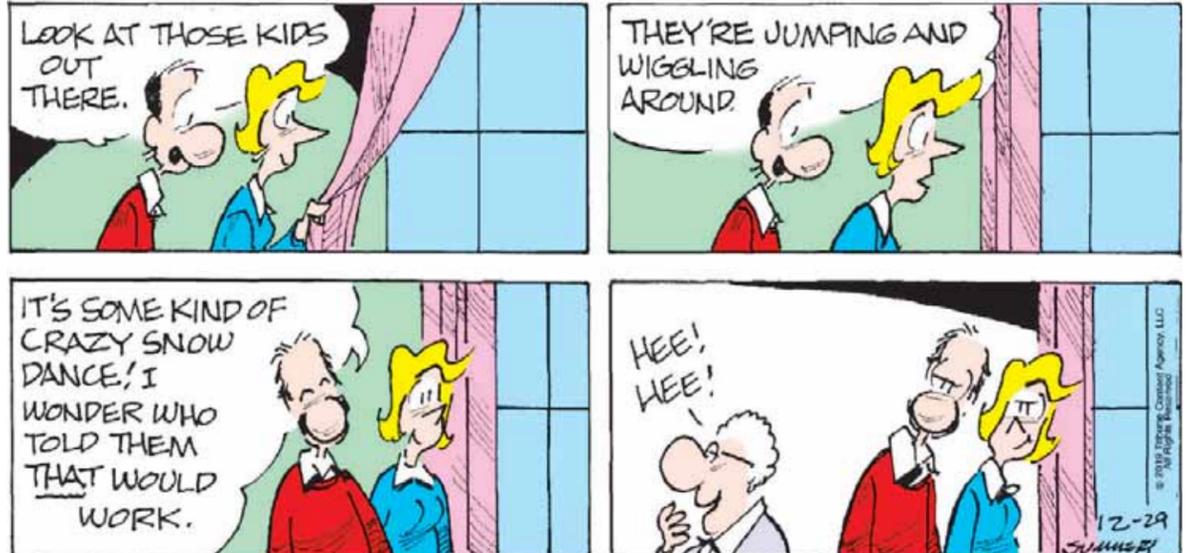




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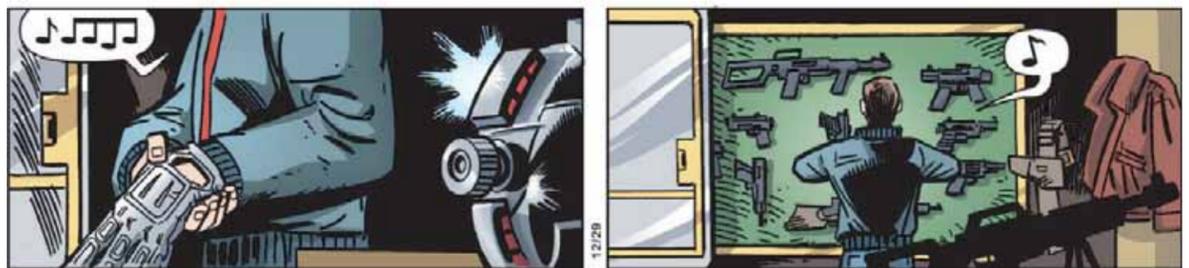
**FIRST RESPONDERS ROLL OF HONOR**

**STEPHEN J. BALLARD**

WHILE RESPONDING TO A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE CALL, CORPORAL BALLARD, AN 8-1/2-YEAR VETERAN WITH THE DELAWARE STATE POLICE, WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED BY ONE OF THE TWO SUSPECTS. THE SHOOTER THEN KILLED CORPORAL BALLARD AND FLED. ONE SUSPECT WAS ARRESTED ON SCENE, AND THE OTHER WAS SHOT BY POLICE AFTER A STANDOFF AT HIS HOME. CORPORAL BALLARD IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DAUGHTER, AND PARENTS.

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-LT WALTER REYER



Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Prickly City By Scott Stantis





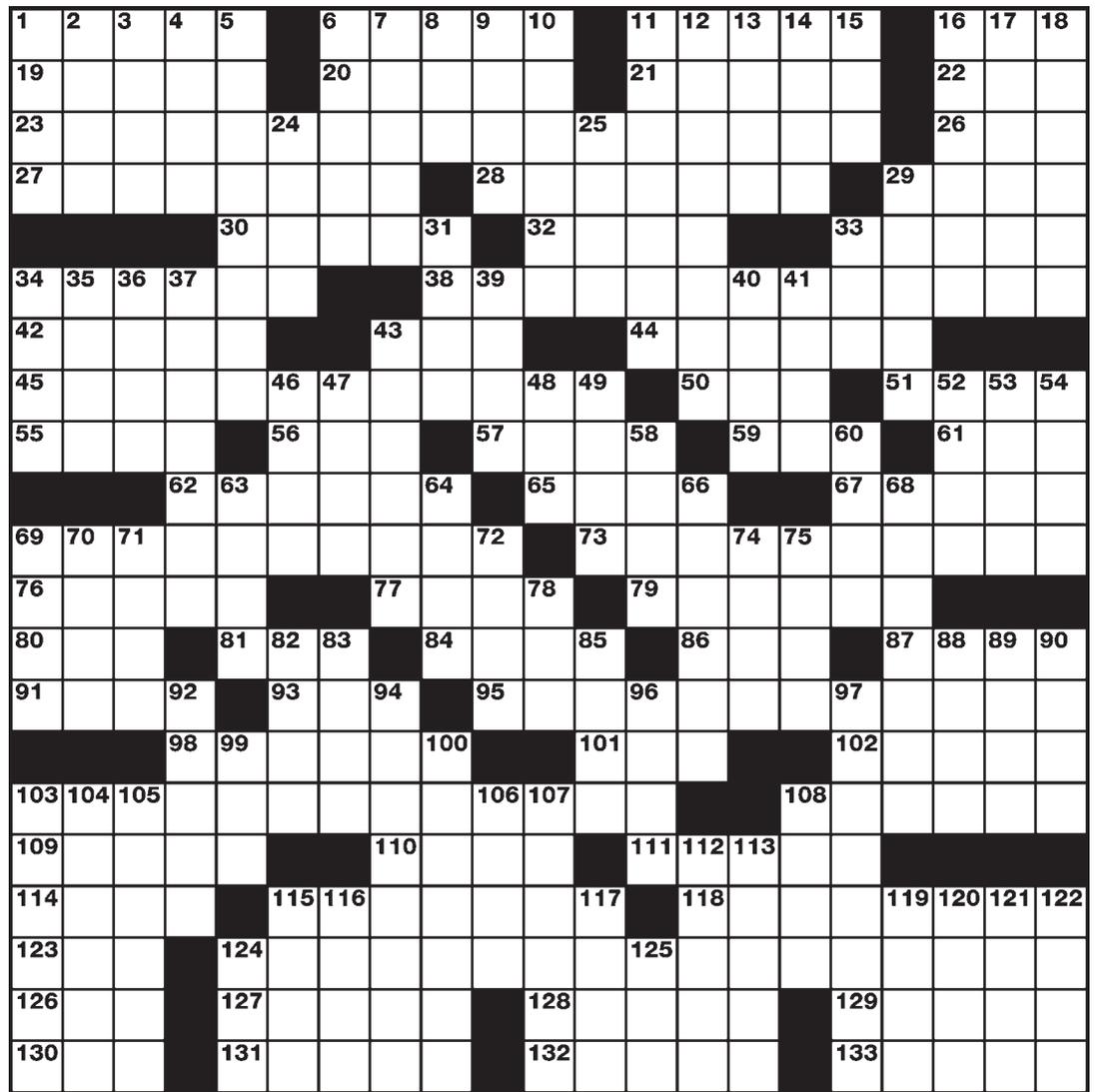
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## AFTERTHOUGHTS: Last-minute wordplay

BY DOUG PETERSON | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN  
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(Crossword editor Stanley Newman is on vacation until Jan. 5. Please enjoy this updated crossword from 2009.) 12/29



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### Across

- 1 Put on an act  
6 Steers clear of  
11 Mohawk Valley city  
16 O'Hare arrival  
19 Garlicky sauce  
20 Measure of purity  
21 Big wheel  
22 Hearth residue  
23 CD problems on a coast-to-coast trip?  
26 One of the ladies  
27 Aired  
28 Pride member  
29 Squabble  
30 Actor Milo  
32 Smartphone ancestors: Abbr.  
33 Bizet genre  
34 Look at casually  
38 Gallery exhibit of defective lumber?  
42 Asterisk's key  
43 Educ. auxiliary  
44 Map explanation  
45 Former freeway exits near the Gateway Arch?  
50 Consist of  
51 *My Name Is* \_\_\_ (Jason Lee sitcom)  
55 Golf-ball holders  
56 Twosome  
57 Light-bulb circler  
59 Allen-wrench shape  
61 Name for an unknown  
62 Totalities  
65 Smear  
67 2009 Peace Nobel

- 69 Where shades can be found?  
73 Seaside sand dunes?  
76 Peer's title  
77 Drains of energy  
79 Boors  
80 Lennon's lady  
81 Matched, as a bet  
84 Vintage soda pop  
86 Life story, briefly  
87 Firecracker feature  
91 Enjoys a buffet  
93 Unruly bunch  
95 Pithy complaints?  
98 Largest city on the Illinois  
101 World Cup team  
102 Satellite circuit  
103 Word contest signals?  
108 Guatemala gala  
109 Brunch time, perhaps  
110 Cap'n's subordinate  
111 Very short putt  
114 Host  
115 Fuel-mining site  
118 Scholarly paper  
123 Long-running CBS franchise  
124 Losing one's ability to be shocked?  
126 Set of parts  
127 Future flowers, perhaps  
128 Short skirts  
129 Dazzling success  
130 Recite  
131 Bin contents  
132 "Curiouser and curiouser!" speaker  
133 Snifter parts

### Down

- 1 Fiction alternative  
2 Ending for billion  
3 \_\_\_-Aid  
4 Ultimatum ender  
5 Leisure-suited *Simpsons* character  
6 Teensy bit  
7 Terre \_\_, IN  
8 Spigoted vessel  
9 L.A. Dodgers' league  
10 Sign of rank  
11 Disentangle  
12 Has an afternoon snack, in Britain  
13 Long-billed wader  
14 Speeder stoppers  
15 Sit-up muscles  
16 Modern artist Johns  
17 F equivalent  
18 Greek consonants  
24 Job for a sleuth  
25 *Return of the Jedi* sage  
29 Trench-making tool  
31 Encouraging start  
33 Possess  
34 Second to none  
35 Ceremonial act  
36 Eyeball rudely  
37 List of notables  
39 Soccer great Mia  
40 Grimm goon  
41 Have a hunch  
43 Introductions  
46 Mega-celebrity  
47 Toni Morrison novel  
48 Sci-fi vehicle  
49 Shot in the dark  
52 Economist Smith

- 53 Cavort  
54 Idyllic meadows  
58 One of Donald's nephews  
60 *Rio* \_\_\_ (John Wayne film)  
63 Female turkeys  
64 Duration  
66 Cote cries  
68 Cost of leaving  
69 Wind-quartet member  
70 Papa's mama

- 71 Moderate pace  
72 On \_\_\_ (without a contract)  
74 Fashionable  
75 Cry of derision  
78 HBO alternative  
82 Mine, in Marseille  
83 Dog-eared  
85 "It's my turn"  
88 City areas, informally  
89 Rotisserie rod  
90 Are: Sp.

- 92 Spread apart  
94 Swing Era ensembles  
96 Hushed "Hey!"  
97 Newly invented words  
99 Stately shader  
100 Do away with  
103 Arranges in piles  
104 Iran, formerly  
105 Ill will  
106 *SportsCenter* ailer  
107 Conundrum

- 108 Lord's holding  
112 Room at the top  
113 Regular writing  
115 Signal giver  
116 \_\_\_-day (common vitamin dose)  
117 Plug away  
119 Mediator's skill  
120 Land in the ocean  
121 Cyberjunk  
122 More-or-less figs.  
124 Q-U connection  
125 One, for openers

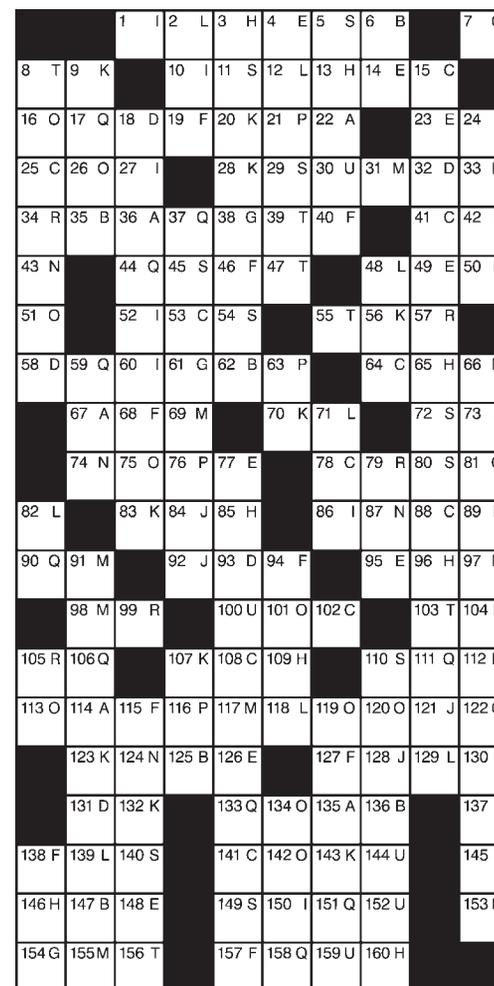
## Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

## Clues

Clues	Words
A. Measuring device	22 36 114 67 135
B. Small grommet	6 136 125 62 147 35
C. Laconic: 3 wds.	108 41 141 25 78 64 88 53 102 15
D. Indonesian currency	112 32 58 131 18 93
E. Tree-threatening insect: 2 wds.	95 14 4 77 126 148 104 23 49
F. Hermione Granger portrayer	68 19 115 46 127 138 157 40 94 73
G. Resell, esp. tickets	122 38 154 81 61
H. Emphasize repeatedly: 2 wds.	146 13 153 33 96 109 65 3 160 85
I. Come near	52 1 86 27 60 10 137 150
J. Something to shed or bottle	92 128 145 121 84

K. Confronted with: 4 wds.	20 143 123 56 9 107 83 28 50 70 132
L. Occasionally: 3 wds.	129 42 12 118 71 82 48 24 2 139
M. Trumpet flourish	69 98 31 155 91 117
N. More ardent	124 66 74 97 87 43
O. Gradually: 3 wds.	26 101 113 75 16 51 142 119 120 134
P. Beer mug	116 130 63 76 21
Q. Behave carefully: 3 wds.	44 7 17 106 133 158 151 90 111 37 59
R. Disapprove of	79 99 89 105 34 57
S. 'Man of a thousand voices'	80 29 110 45 11 72 140 149 5 54
T. Athletic award	103 156 47 55 39 8
U. Special loved one?	144 159 100 30 152



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## Fruitarian

BY CHARLES PRESTON

## Across

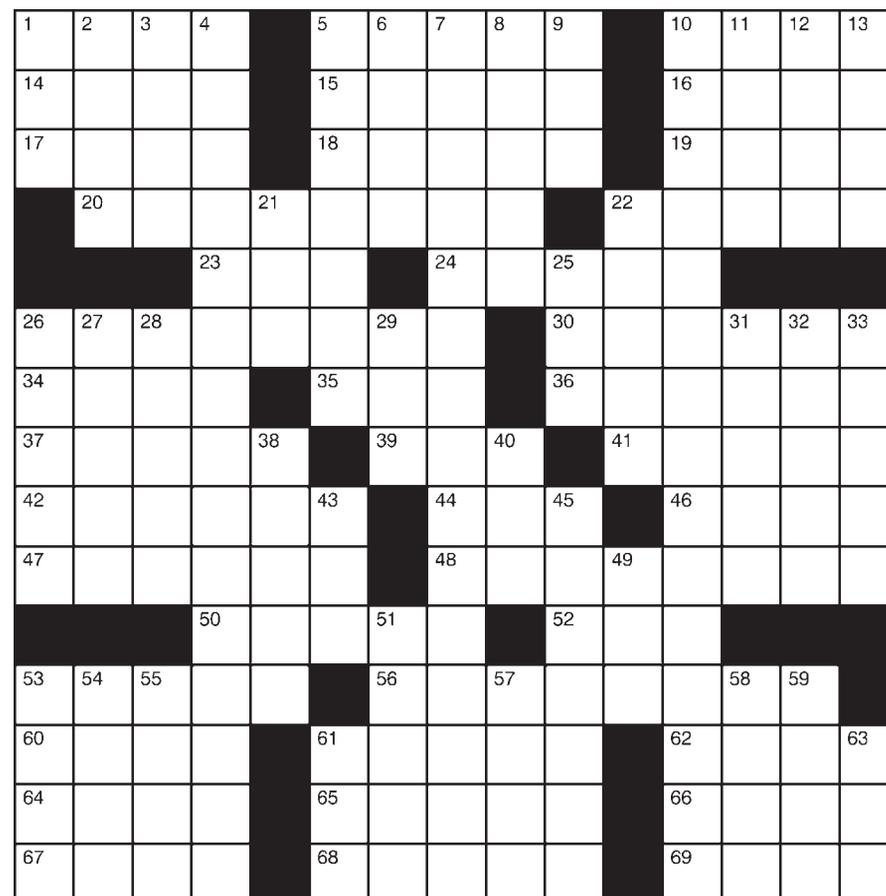
- 1 There ought to be \_\_\_
- 5 Actress Normand
- 10 Kind of test
- 14 Asian desert
- 15 Europe's boot
- 16 Meat paste
- 17 Payment for Charon
- 18 Masterless samurai
- 19 Entreaty
- 20 Raisin grapes
- 22 Violinist Mischa
- 23 NYC subway
- 24 English hymn writer
- 26 Resort near Tampa
- 30 Pentose sugar
- 34 Shore-dinner item
- 35 Robot drama
- 36 Boat basin
- 37 Choir members
- 39 Valuable person
- 41 Kind of power
- 42 Double-breasted coat
- 44 Dance step
- 46 Past of to be
- 47 Ball, in Paris
- 48 Neglected
- 50 Equilateral parallelogram, for short

- 52 Burglarize
- 53 Indian bigwigs
- 56 Persons from whom property is conveyed
- 60 Mediterranean port
- 61 Pickling fluid
- 62 Two-wheeled carriage with springs
- 64 Emulated Caruso
- 65 Permitted
- 66 Decorated tinware
- 67 Fictional pirate
- 68 Assays
- 69 North Sea feeder

## Down

- 1 Past
- 2 Tennis strokes
- 3 \_\_\_ *Ben Adhem*
- 4 Dutch King of England
- 5 Turret with a fine view
- 6 Like \_\_\_ of bricks
- 7 Some small Latin American countries
- 8 Beethoven's *Für* \_\_\_
- 9 Waterfall: Scots
- 10 Fruit dessert
- 11 Placid
- 12 Willow

- 13 Campus figure
- 21 Shpt. units
- 22 Inventor Howe
- 25 Branch
- 26 Mesa cliff
- 27 Tree-lined passage
- 28 Tropical burrowing mammal
- 29 Harbor sight
- 31 Lubricated
- 32 Kind of drum
- 33 Like some seals
- 38 Clockmaker Thomas, *et al.*
- 40 To a \_\_\_
- 43 Old auto
- 45 City features
- 49 Very long time
- 51 Curie or Romanian queen
- 53 Antarctic Sea
- 54 Saroyan hero
- 55 Grey or Marple
- 57 Monogram pt.
- 58 Piccadilly Circus figure
- 59 Word with white or fire
- 61 Sandwich favorite
- 63 For each



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## Horoscopes

**Today's birthday** (Dec. 29): Consider and plot your course this year. Lay solid foundations for personal flowering. Winter victory leads to a shift in plans with a partnership. Self-reflection illuminates another view next summer, inspiring new levels of love, romance and collaboration. Share efforts, resources and passion for common purpose.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Support a community cause close to your heart. Make a delightful discovery. Connect with like-minded friends and visualize winning. Play with a great team.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Dive into a professional challenge. Navigate unexpected circumstances and adapt with agility. Get feedback from a wider circle. Consider consequences before acting.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Travel and explore. Don't rely on unstable sources, connections or transportation. Make reservations in advance. Avoid overindulging or overspending. Take photos of your adventures.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Changes could necessitate budget revisions. Collaborate on financial plans, insurance, taxes and investments. Envision the future you want and plot your course together.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Spend time with someone attractive. Creative collaborations lead to positive outcomes. Brainstorm and come up with ideas for valuable solutions. Discover new efficiencies.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Prioritize your health, energy and fitness. Demands for your attention could seem overwhelming. Nurture your immune system and get plenty of rest. Schedule carefully.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Relax and enjoy time with people you love. Play music, games and sports together. Clean up any messes. Artistic creativity flowers. Young people inspire.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Focus on fun with family. Handle household chores and cleaning. Share domestic joys and simple pleasures like home-cooked comfort food and a good movie.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Creative arts and practices satisfy. Paint, draw, sculpt or write. Tell your story. Edit your message. Add illustrations, photos or videos. Share far and wide.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Pursue a lucrative opportunity. Negotiate a great deal and get terms in writing. Don't be afraid to challenge the status quo. You've got this.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. You're looking good. Consider what you really want and articulate that vision for best results. Resources are available. Stand for a personal cause.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Recharge from recent public events and gatherings by settling into a peaceful sanctuary. Meditate and rest. Contemplate eternal questions. Beauty feeds your spirit.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

## Bridge

**Q.1**—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 8 2 ♥ A 10 ♦ A Q 10 8 7 5 4 ♣ 9

South	West	North	East
1♦	1♥	Pass	1NT
?			

What call would you make?

**Q.2**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J 8 7 4 3 ♥ A 10 ♦ 10 5 ♣ A K 6

With the opponents passing, you open 1S and partner responds 1NT. What is your rebid?

**Q.3**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 5 4 3 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ K Q 6 4 ♣ A K 8

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

**Q.4**—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 ♦ Q J 4 3 2 ♣ 10 3 2

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent overcalls 1H. What call would you make?

Answers in Monday's comics pages.

— Bob Jones  
tcaeditors@tribpub.com

## Word Game

This game challenges you to find as many words as you can, as quickly as you can, in one master word.

**MALLEABLE (MAL-ee-uh-bul):** Capable of being shaped.

Can you find 20 or more words in MALLEABLE?

**Average mark:** 15 words  
**Time limit:** 30 minutes

**Here are the rules:**

1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of an "s," such as "bats" and "cats," are not used. 3. Use only one form of a verb — either "pose" or "posed," not both. 4. Proper nouns and slang terms are not used.

**Answers to the word game:**

bell; belle; blame; llama; bale; ball; balin; beam; labe; lama; lamb; lame; able; ale; ambe; ameba; male; mall; meal; abeam;

— Kathleen Saxe,  
distributed by Andrews  
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## Last week's crosswords

### "COUNTRY COOKING"

ALAMO	MRED	SINS	SPAY
SOLID	YOKE	IRINA	HITE
SWEDISH	MEATBALLS	ELAM	
TEXASTE	AYN	AGLARE	
STAR	ENGLISH	MUFFIN	
TWO	STOPLOSS	HAIL	
OOPS	ACT	CAT	LTCOL
FRENCH	FRIES	ONES	ORSO
UNCOLORED	PARA	LINEAR	
AMA	HEMAN	ENGAGE	
GERMAN	CHOCOLATE	CAKE	
SEAHOG	LAPIS	EVA	
ATTIRE	ARIE	FIRES	AWAY
STUN	SIRE	SPANISH	RICE
HOPED	DIS	AGT	EMMA
	OREO	PALISADE	PER
CANADIAN	BACON	DINA	
ANALOG	ERA	SANDTRAP	
MIMI	HUNGARIAN	GOULASH	
ETES	TREAD	ALOE	RAPID
LAST	LONE	NABS	ESTAS

### "Geographic"

PLAY	TRADE	RAFT	
AONE	HOWES	ILIA	
CROSSES	ONES	SMIND	
KEN	ABEL	MITES	
	PIES	PAIN	
CAROLS	BESTIAL		
AMIS	SLOTH	VIA	
MANHATTAN	ISLAND		
PIG	TOADY	INGE	
	NOWHERE	CANTON	
	HEST	PRIG	
ARDEN	CLOD	ARO	
FOREST	PRESERVES		
AVAL	AREAS	IONS	
REBS	GEESE	ANO	A

### "At the Helm"

ESPY	ASCENT	ABCTV	JEB
CHOU	PURDUE	MEARA	ADO
HOOK	LINEAN	SINKER	CBS
OWL	IANS	IDEE	YOKES
	AMERICAFI	RSTER	TIRE
BARONY	MAMET	AIRINGS	
ASEA	SCOLDS	ATTEST	
AHAB	THEARAB	PIETA	HAM
	DONNE	DIOR	CREMA
BRONSON	STEEL	SHABBY	
ROBO	CAVEMAN	DIET	ZOLA
ELVISH	EPOXY	LATEXES	
ALITO	AGOG	QUESO	
DSO	COLAS	CRUNCH	TIMES
	UTAHAN	THEIST	NADA
EPSILON	ARENT	MTS	SNOW
POCK	KANGAROO	COURTS	
IMHIP	DIAL	OCTA	CPU
PEI	OCAPTA	INMY	CAPTAIN
ELL	DOLPH	RAILAT	APED
NOD	SEEYA	ENZYME	PESO

## Last week's Quote-Acrostic

ERIC PFANNER: PROFIT PERK:

Unanimous business world agreement is highly unlikely for a top Japanese executive's utterance: 'Being profitable means we will pay corporate taxes and thus contribute to society. This makes me very happy!'

## Last week's Sudoku

4	3	5	2	9	6	7	1	8
7	9	6	3	1	8	4	2	5
1	8	2	4	7	5	3	9	6
8	2	3	6	4	1	9	5	7
5	7	4	8	3	9	2	6	1
6	1	9	7	5	2	8	3	4
9	6	7	1	2	4	5	8	3
3	5	8	9	6	7	1	4	2
2	4	1	5	8	3	6	7	9

## This week's Jumble

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TIMELY SWERVE MAGNET

The TV show where they determined the winning lottery numbers was —

**DRAWING  
TO A CLOSE**

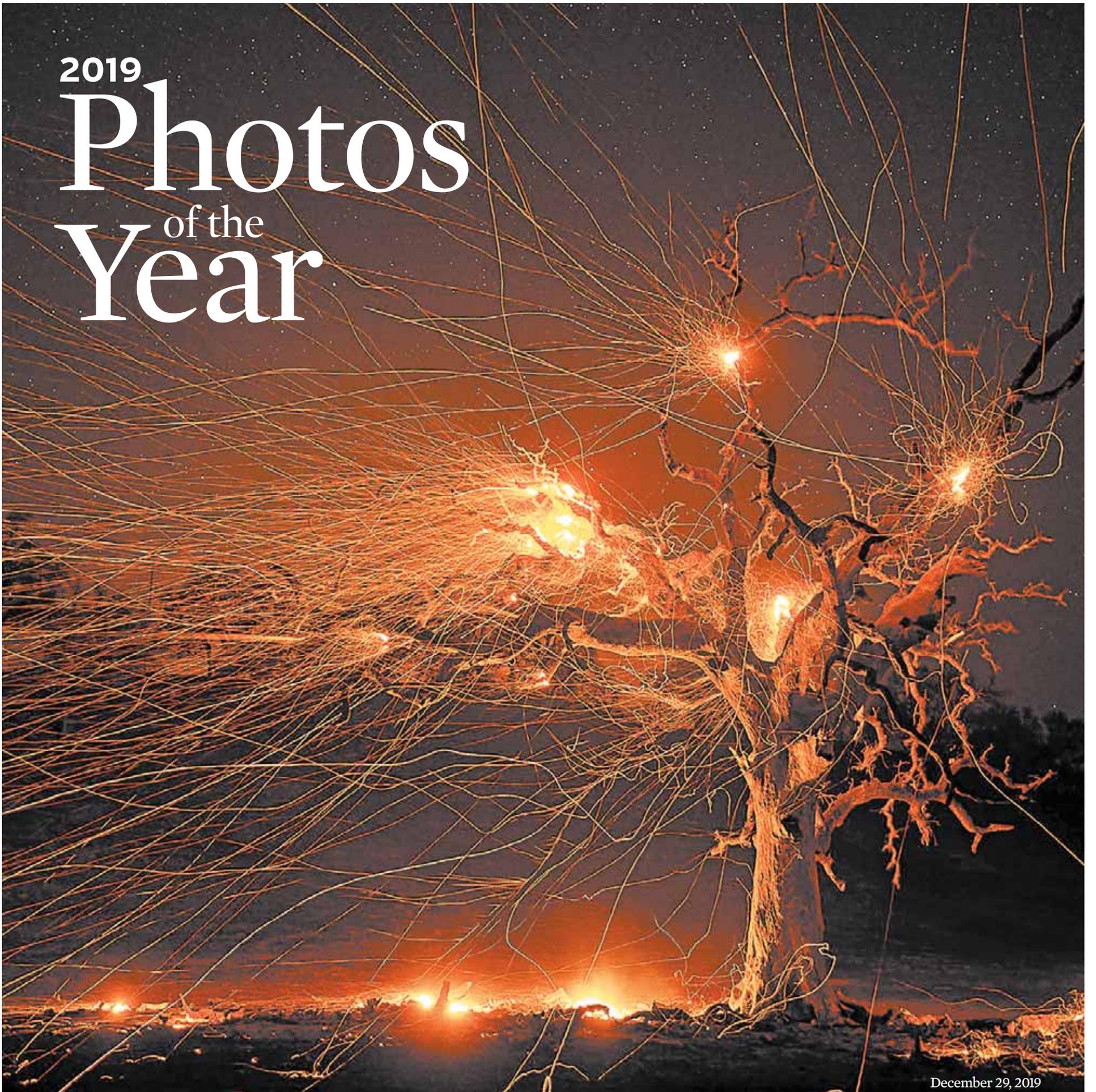


2019

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Year



December 29, 2019



## PHOTOS OF THE YEAR 2019

It's with great appreciation for the fine craft of photography that we present to you the 2019 Photos of the Year. Dedication to capturing the perfect image to go with a story or event, or to spring into action when news breaks (such as the image below), is what being a professional is all about — delivering compelling pictures that stand out in a world of imagery. Here's to this collection of the very best of 2019. Enjoy!



## ON THE COVER

**OCT. 29:** A tree burns during the night in a time exposure image during the Kincade Fire near the Sonoma County, Calif., community of Kellogg.

PAUL KITAGAKI JR./  
SACRAMENTO BEE/TNS

## What makes this photo worthy of prominence in the 2019 Photos of the Year?



TOM FOX/DALLAS MORNING NEWS/TNS

**JUNE 17:** Dallas Morning News photographer Tom Fox was at the Earle Cabell Federal Building in downtown Dallas on a routine assignment — get a photo of a defendant in a fraud case. **What happened next was far from routine:** A heavily armed masked gunman started firing. Here, a security guard and a civilian run for cover as bullets ricochet off the building. The gunman, Brian Isaack Clyde, 22, was killed by police officers who responded to the scene. No one else was injured. Most photographers are dispatched to the scene of a crime. It's not often they're standing by when events unfold, making this one of the most unique Photos of the Year 2019.

**SEPT. 16:** Frankie Paulino uses his vaping device at Dearborn Street and Jackson Boulevard in Chicago. Paulino believes that excessive vaping is bad and prefers the mint flavor.

ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**APRIL 10:** White House press secretary Sarah Sanders is reflected on White House adviser Kellyanne Conway's sunglasses before departing the White House en route to Houston.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/  
ABACA PRESS/TNS



**AUG. 2:**  
Janelle Monae  
performs at  
Lollapalooza  
in Chicago.

ERIN HOOLEY/  
CHICAGO  
TRIBUNE



**MAY 6:** Lady Gaga  
attending the Metropolitan  
Museum of Art Costume  
Institute Benefit Gala in  
New York.

JENNIFER GRAYLOCK/PA WIRE/  
ZUMA PRESS/TNS



**JAN. 6:** D'Arcy Carden arrives at the  
76th Annual Golden Globes at the Beverly  
Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

JAY L. CLENDENIN/LOS ANGELES TIMES





**AUG. 30:** Ronnie Wood (from left), Mick Jagger, Charlie Watts and Keith Richards — the Rolling Stones — perform at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.

AL DIAZ/MIAMI HERALD

**AUG. 26:** Taylor Swift arrives at the red carpet at the 2019 MTV Video Music Awards at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

ANTHONY BEHAR/  
SIPA USA/TNS



**May 17:** Grumpy Cat, arguably the internet's most popular cat and one of its first viral memes, has died. The furry sensation's family announced her death on Twitter. Grumpy Cat, real name Tardar Sauce, was handed a Lifetime Achievement Award at The Friskies in New York.

REX/REX FEATURES/  
ZUMA PRESS/TNS



**SEPT. 22:** Phoebe Waller-Bridge, winner of the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series and Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series for "Fleabag," in the press room of the 71st Emmy Awards at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

ARIANA RUIZ/PRENSA  
INTERNACIONAL/  
ZUMA PRESS/TNS





**FEB. 8:** Kiss bassist Gene Simmons performs with the band during their End of the World Tour at the Save Mart Center in Fresno, Calif.

CRAIG KOHLRUSS/FRESNO BEE

**March 5:** Armando Christian Perez, who goes by his celebrity name "Pitbull," holds a press event at his newly opened restaurant in Miami Beach.

MATIAS J. OCNER/MIAMI HERALD



**SEPT. 22:** Stellan Skarsgard and Jared Harris pose in the press room at the 71st Primetime Emmy Awards held at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

STHANLEE B. MIRADOR/  
SIPA USA/TNS



**SEPT. 30:** Pax Jolie-Pitt (from left), Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt, Vivienne Marcheline Jolie-Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt and Knox Leon Jolie-Pitt at Disney's "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" world premiere at the El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

STHANLEE B. MIRADOR/  
SIPA USA/TNS



**JULY 20:** People take photos of a Saturn V rocket that is projected on the Washington Monument as part of the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 and man's first walk on the moon.

STEVE EARLEY/  
VIRGINIAN-PILOT



**JAN. 17:** Priscilla Lang with her daughter, Opal Lang, while Opal awaits a heart transplant at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.

BRIAN CASSELLA/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JUNE 6:** Daphne is one of the seahorses that Rog Hanson is studying in Alamitos Bay, Calif. Hanson teamed with dive instructor Ashley Arnold two years ago to keep watch over a small colony of Pacific seahorses.

CAROLYN COLE/  
LOS ANGELES TIMES



**JAN 14:** Rain gathers on a window as pedestrians stand under umbrellas along Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles.

ALLEN J. SCHABEN/  
LOS ANGELES TIMES





**OCT. 23:** A great grey owl, Freya, at the Thorp Perow Arboretum near Bedale North Yorkshire in England. Covering 100 acres, The arboretum's Bird of Prey and Mammal Center offers flying demonstrations and the chance to meet meerkats, wallabies, pygmy goats and Shetland sheep.

CHARLOTTE GRAHAM PHOTOGRAPHY/  
ZUMA PRESS/TNS

**JULY 9:** An alligator-like creature floats in the Humboldt Park Lagoon, in Chicago. The juvenile gator, about 5-feet long, was eventually captured and relocated under the name, Chance the Snapper.

ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**MAY 18:** Best man Kyle Zulpo provides shelter from the rain to bride Claire Petrucci after taking wedding party pictures by the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. The groom, left, ran ahead of them to the limousine.

JOHN J. KIM/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**MAY 31:** A trio of dogs — Craig, Creek and Caddo, from Cherokee County Oklahoma — jump up and down on the windows as dozens of dogs rescued from Oklahoma tornadoes are cared for at PAWS in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood.

ANTONIO PEREZ/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**JULY 12:** New Fresno, Calif., police officer Taylor Andrus spends a tender moment with her daughter, Mika, after the pinning ceremony at the department's Swearing In and Promotional Ceremony at City Hall.

JOHN WALKER/FRESNO BEE



**JULY 11:** Ryan Keegan reads a book in a hammock along Lake Michigan at North Avenue Beach in Chicago.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**JUNE 13:** Sisters Tah'Siah (left) and N'Deirah outside the Little Haiti Cultural Complex's Caribbean Market while taking a break from helping out at Via Vegan. The Caribbean Market in Miami is a hub for commercial, artistic and social activities that enriches the area's offerings for visitors.

CARL JUSTE/MIAMI HERALD



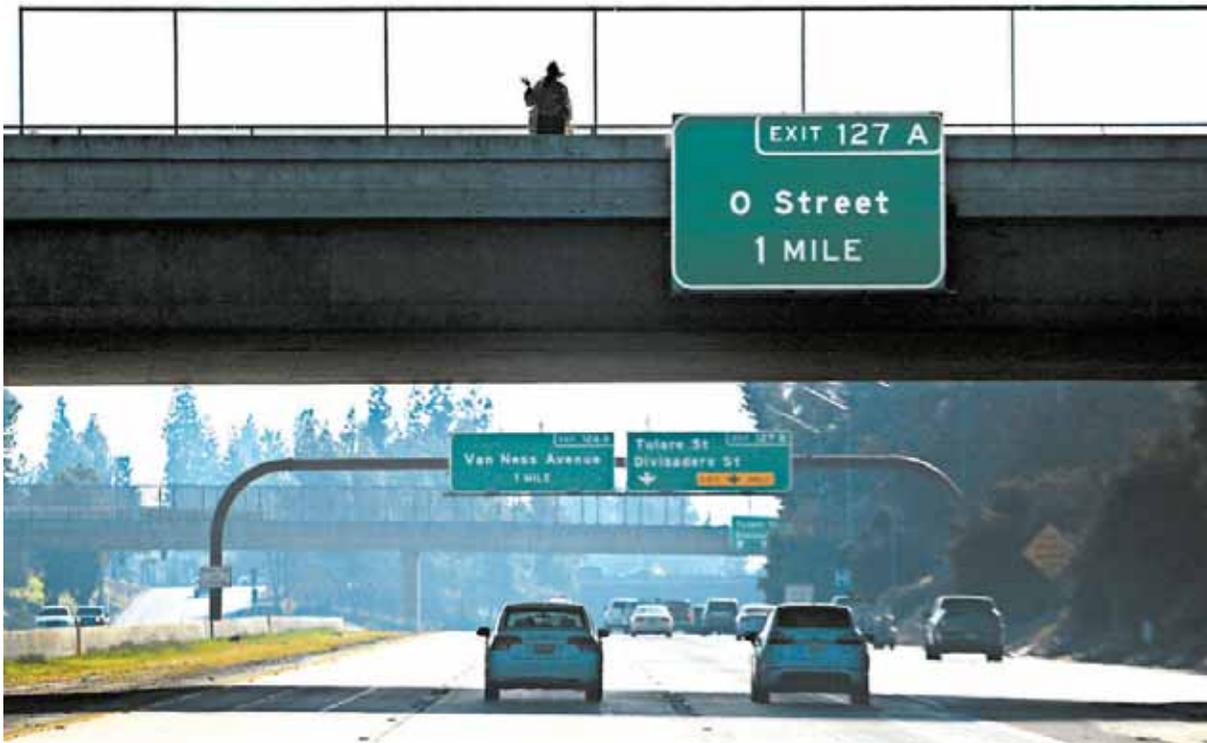
**AUG. 12:** A hare runs on a moor near Ripon, North Yorkshire in England as the Glorious 12th, the official start of the grouse shooting season, gets underway.

OWEN HUMPHREYS/ZUMA PRESS/TNS

**APRIL 25:** Naomi Osaka of Japan in action against Su-Wei Hsieh of Taiwan during their match at the Porsche Grand Prix in Stuttgart, Germany. Osaka won in straight sets.

MARIJAN MURAT/ZUMA PRESS/TNS





**JAN. 2:** Cheryl “Monique” Turks of Fresno, Calif., waves from the Belmont Avenue overpass at Highway 41 in Fresno.

CRAIG KOHLRUSS/FRESNO BEE

**SEPT. 25:** Prince Harry and Meghan, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, hold their son, Archie, during a meeting with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mrs. Tutu at their legacy foundation in Cape Town, South Africa, on day three of their tour of Africa.

TOBY MELVILLE/  
PA WIRE/ZUMA PRESS/TNS





**JUNE 27:** Patrick Connolly gets a face full of muddy water as he drives a tank at Tank America in Melbourne, Fla.

STEPHEN M. DOWELL/  
ORLANDO SENTINEL



**JAN. 6:** Winner Ryoyu Kobayashi of Japan, during the finals of the Ski Jumping World Cup at the Paul Ausserleitner Schanze in Bischofshofen, Austria.

IMAGO/ZUMA PRESS



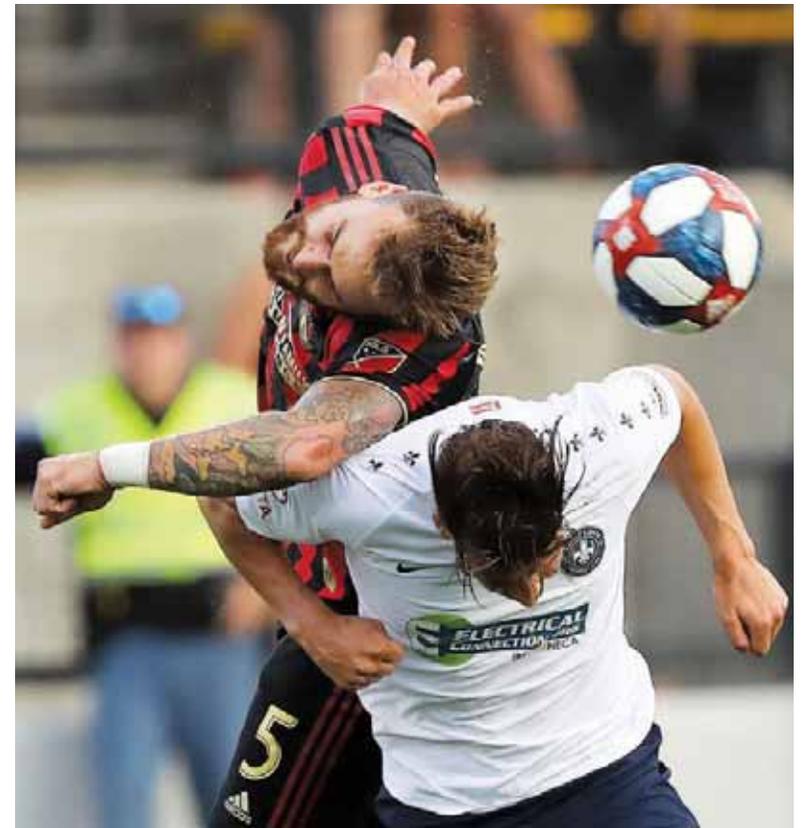
**AUG. 31:** A time-lapse photo captures star trails seen above the Joshua Tree National Park.

RINGO CHIU/ZUMA PRESS



**OCT. 6:** NFL fans throw a football before the Chicago Bears and Oakland Raiders play at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**JULY 10:** Atlanta United defender Leandro Gonzalez Pirez collides with St. Louis forward Russell Cicerone as they battle for the ball in a U.S. Open Cup quarterfinals soccer match.

CURTIS COMPTON/AJC.COM



**MARCH 10:** Spanish bullfighter Octavio Chacon is tossed by a bull during bullfighting at Fallas' Fair.

JUAN CARLOS CARDENAS/EFE/ZUMA PRESS

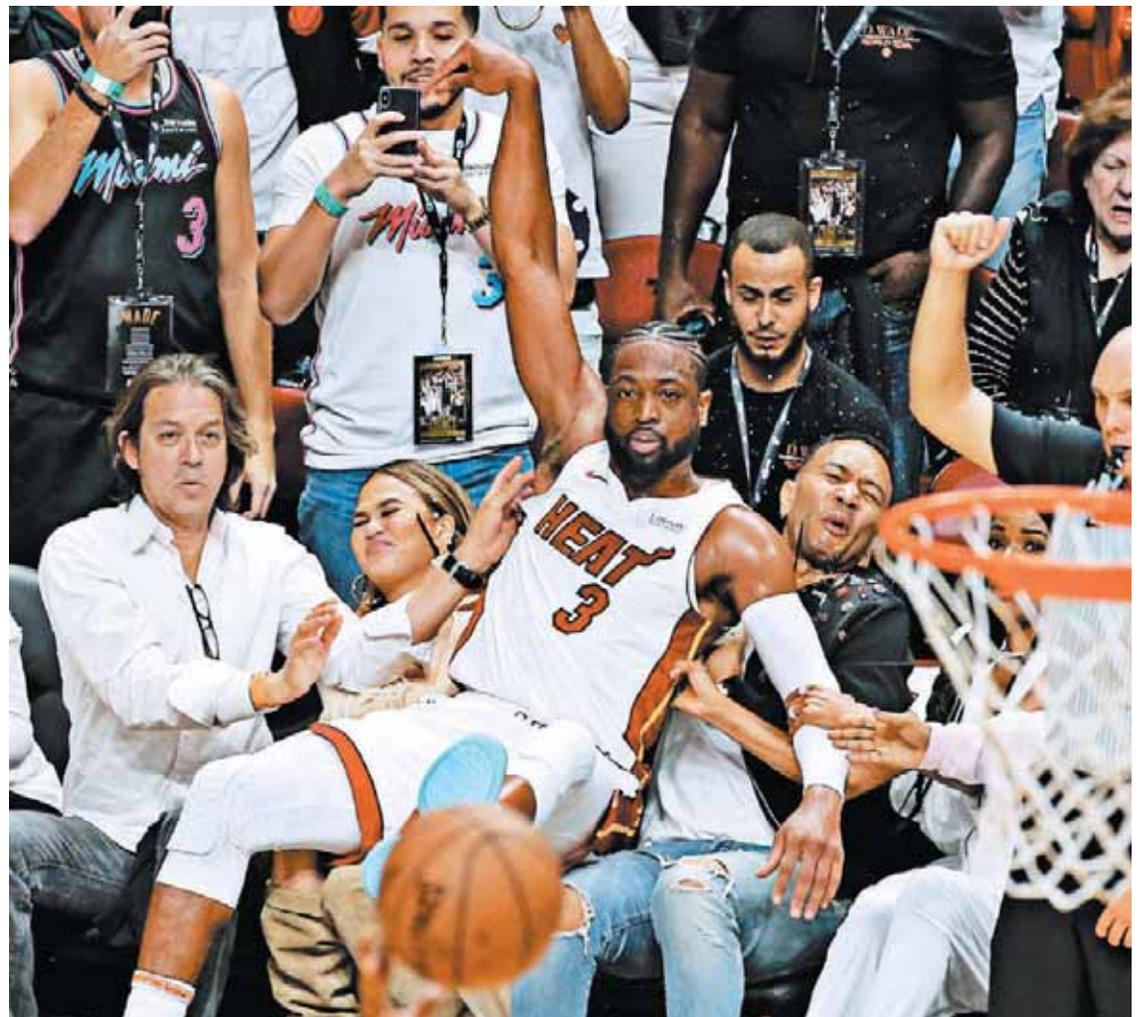


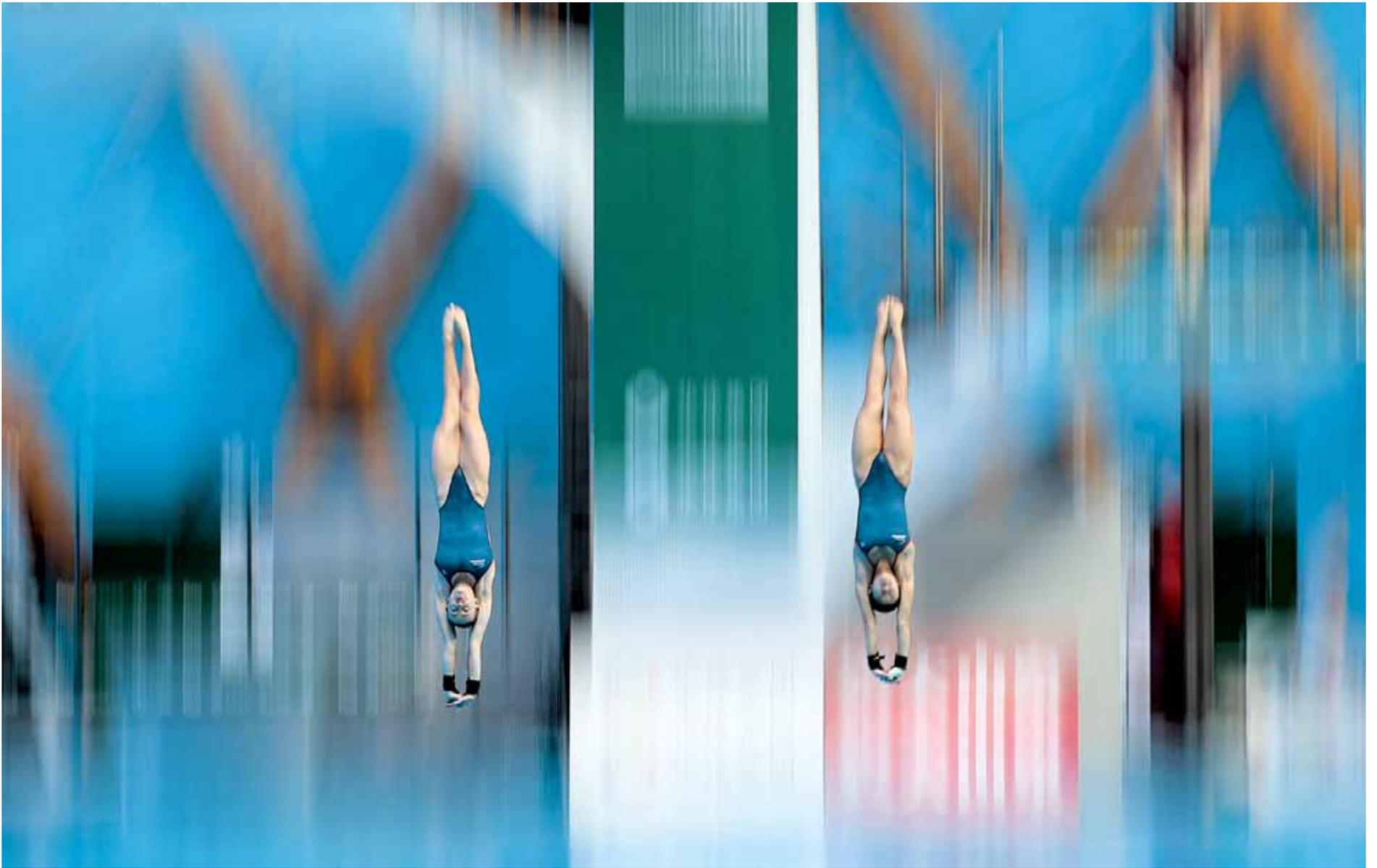
**SEPT. 5:** Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) fumbles the ball but recovers it as Chicago Bears inside linebacker Danny Trevathan (59) flips over in the third quarter at Soldier Field in Chicago. The Packers beat the Bears 10-3.

JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**APRIL 9:** Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade crushes singer John Legend and his wife Chrissy Teigen after Wade missed a basket in the fourth quarter as they play the Philadelphia 76ers at the AmericanAirlines Arena in Miami.

CHARLES TRAINOR JR./MIAMI HERALD





**MAY 10:** Divers during a training session in the women's 3m springboard synchro event at the 4th meet of FINA/CNSG Diving World Series 2019 at Kazan's Aquatics Palace in Kazan, Russia.

YEGOR ALEYEV/TASS/ ZUMA PRESS

**APRIL 22:** Former Fresno State and NFL tight end Bear Pascoe pursues his second career as he competes in the final round of the John W. Jones Sr. Memorial Steer Wrestling, kicking off the 105th Clovis Rodeo.

JOHN WALKER/FRESNO BEE





**FEB. 3:** Adam Levine and Maroon 5 perform during the Super Bowl LIII halftime show at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

ANTHONY BEHAR/SIPA USA

**AUG. 31:** A tearful Coco Gauff of the United States and Naomi Osaka of Japan speak following their women's singles third round match on day six of the 2019 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows - Corona Park in Queens, NY.

ANTHONY BEHAR/SIPA USA





**SEPT. 10:** A dog looks for a taste of beer while sitting in the outfield seats on Dog Day at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago. The Chicago White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 7-3.

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JAN. 12:** Zach Laszkiewicz, of Westchester, Ill., slips after attempting a field goal at the Goose Island Beer Co. Field Goal Challenge, held outside the brewery in Chicago on Saturday. A hundred contestants got a chance to kick a 43-yard field goal for a prize of two 2019 NFL game tickets anywhere in the United States; no one was successful.

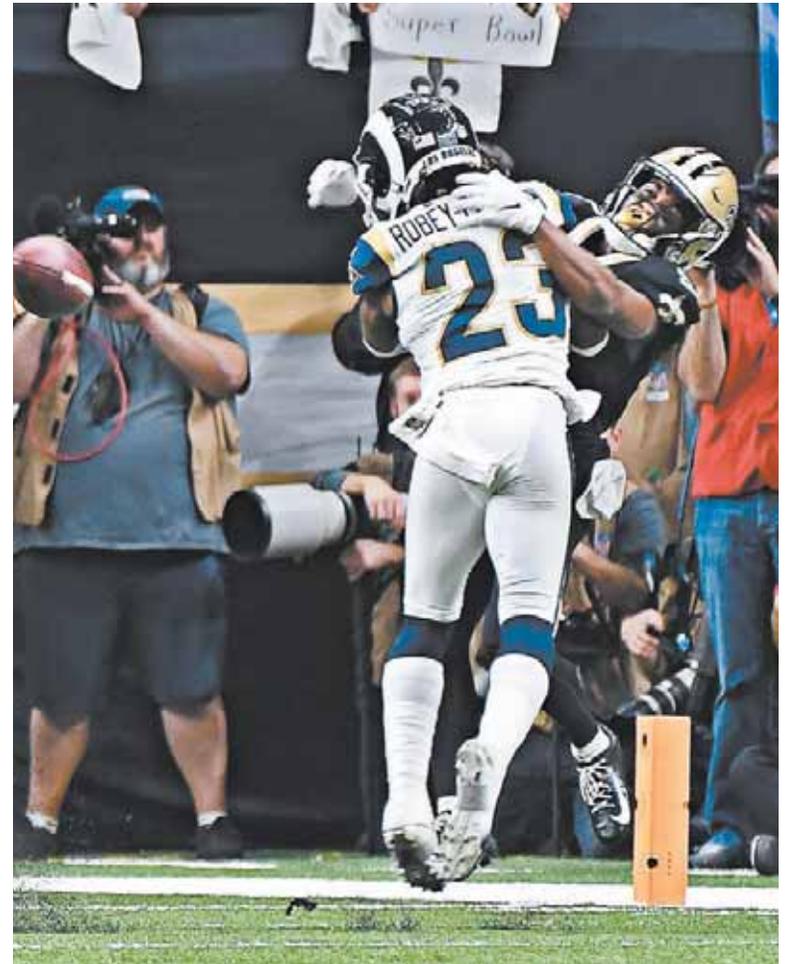
JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE





**JULY 7:** Midfielder Megan Rapinoe hoists the FIFA Women's World Cup to fans while celebrating with the U.S. women's soccer team during a championship celebration at L.A. Live's Microsoft Square in Los Angeles.

ALLEN J. SCHABEN/LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS



**JAN. 20:** Los Angeles Rams cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman defends New Orleans Saints receiver Tommylee Lewis in the NFC Championship game at the Superdome in New Orleans. No penalty was called and the play led to challenge changes for the next season.

WALLY SKALIJ/LOS ANGELES TIMES



**JULY 10:** Allie Long, Alex Morgan, Ashlyn Harris, Megan Rapinoe and Julie Ertz of the Women's World Cup championship soccer team during the parade and celebration for the U.S. Women's National Team's win at the 2019 World Cup in the Canyon of Heroes in Manhattan, New York.

ANTHONY BEHAR/SIPA USA



**FEB. 3:** New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and quarterback Tom Brady celebrate after Super Bowl LIII at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. The Patriots defeated the LA Rams 13-3.

ANTHONY BEHAR/SIPA USA/TNS



**AUG. 5:** Chicago Bear Taylor Gabriel stops to sign autographs following Bears Training Camp in Bourbonnais, Ill.

STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**OCT. 30:** The Washington Nationals celebrate after defeating the Houston Astros 6-2 in Game 7 of the World Series at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

ELSA/GETTY/TNS



**JAN. 5:** North Dakota State head coach Chris Klieman celebrates victory in the NCAA Division 1-AA National Championship against Eastern Washington at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas. NDSU won, 38-24.

BO RADER/WICHITA EAGLE/TNS

**OCT. 20:** Chicago Bears cornerback Prince Amukamara knocks a ball down in the end zone as New Orleans Saints wide receiver Ted Ginn is unable to make a catch in the second quarter at Soldier Field in Chicago.

JOSE M. OSORIO/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**NOV. 3:** "The Minnesota Speedos" huddle up as they played a game of football outside Arrowhead Stadium before a game between the Minnesota Vikings and Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

ELIZABETH FLORES/  
9MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/TNS



**FEB. 3:** New England Patriots linebacker Brandon King (36) lies in the confetti on the field after beating the Los Angeles Rams, 13-3, in Super Bowl LIII at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

GINA FERAZZI/  
LOS ANGELES TIMES



**MAY 14:** President Donald Trump walks to Marine One from the Oval Office.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/TNS



**APRIL 22:** First lady Melania Trump poses for a selfie with a young girl during the Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/TNS

**MAY 29:** Special counsel Robert Mueller resigns after making a statement about the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election at the Justice Department in Washington, DC.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/TNS



**FEB. 5:** House Speaker Nancy Pelosi looks at President Donald Trump during the State of the Union address to a joint session of the U.S. Congress on Capitol Hill.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/TNS

**JAN. 3:** Incoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi smiles as a young girl reacts to Pelosi's vote for herself during the 116th Congress and swearing-in ceremony on the floor of the US House of Representatives at the US Capitol.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/TNS





**APRIL 26:** Guests wave at President Donald Trump on the South Lawn of the White House.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/TNS

**MAY 6:** President Donald Trump presents golf legend Tiger Woods with the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, during a ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/TNS

**MARCH 8:** First lady Melania Trump and son Barron depart the White House en route to Fort Benning, Georgia.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/  
ABACA PRESS/TNS





**MARCH 17:** Mourners of victims of the crashed Ethiopian Airlines plane react beside a funeral car during the mass funeral at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The crash of Flight ET 302 minutes into its flight to Nairobi on March 10 killed 157 people onboard and caused the worldwide grounding of the Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft model involved in the disaster.

SAMUEL HABTAB/AFP/GETTY

**JAN. 15:** A man helps a grieving woman rise to her feet while waiting for information near a crime scene in the 500 block of North Springfield Avenue. A man was found fatally shot inside a sedan, in the East Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**SEPT. 25:** Trenton and Kentnilla Blackful are surrounded by well-wishers in the 15800 block of Paulina Street in Harvey, Ill., as the Blackfuls mourn the death of their daughter Kentayvia Blackful, who was shot and critically wounded two days earlier.

TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**OCT. 31:** A group of children view a crime scene in the 3700 block of West 26th Street in Chicago, where a 7-year-old girl was shot while trick-or-treating. The girl was taken to Stroger Hospital in critical condition. She survived and was released from the hospital 2 weeks after the shooting.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE





**JAN. 16:** The snow-cloaked Sierra range looms over Orosi, Calif., and the Crusaders of the Divine Church of Christ. Ten days later, bad air obscures the range on Jan 26, 2019. Sight of the Sierra Nevada from Tulare County all but disappeared at the end of January as the San Joaquin Valley floor became choked with soot and dust, creating air pollution ranking the worst in the nation.

JOHN WALKER/FRESNO BEE



**SEPT. 3:** Great Abaco, Bahamas: In this handout image provided by the Ministry of Defense, an aerial view shows damage caused by Hurricane Dorian on Great Abaco Island in Great Abaco, Bahamas.

LPHOT PAUL HALLIWELL/  
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE



**OCT. 28:** The Getty fire burns west of the 405 freeway as seen from the southbound side of the freeway before Getty Center Drive in Los Angeles.

MEL MELCON/LOS ANGELES TIMES

**OCT. 31:** Firefighters work to keep flames from spreading as the embers blown by the wind threaten to burn other homes in the North Park neighborhood at the Hillside Fire in San Bernardino, Calif.

MARCUS YAM / LOS ANGELES TIMES



**SEPT. 3:** The NOAA GOES-16 satellite showing a night view of catastrophic Hurricane Dorian as it begins moving up the coast of Florida as a Category 2 storm in the Atlantic Ocean. Dorian pounded the Bahamas as a Category 5 storm with winds of 185 mph on its way toward the coast of Florida.

NOAA



**MARCH 6:** A time exposure captures a series of lightning strikes above Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara, Calif. An atmospheric river fueled winter storm slammed the region with heavy rain, hail and thunderstorms, producing stunning lightning shows in the Southern California sky.

MIKE ELIASON/  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE



**JAN. 20:** The town of Pacifica, just south of San Francisco, is ground zero for the issue of coastal erosion. On Jan. 20-21, the combination of ocean surge and a king tide caused high waves. Some homes and apartment building have already been lost to the forces of nature.

CAROLYN COLE/LOS ANGELES TIMES



**JULY 15:** From left, Reps. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass., Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., and Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., conduct a news conference in the Capitol Visitor Center responding to negative comments by President Trump that were directed at the freshman House Democrats.

CAROL GUZY/ZUMA PRESS



**MAY 15:** A picture shows rubble and the cross at the altar inside the the Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral after it sustained major fire damage the previous month. The fire destroyed the roof and steeple of the 850-year-old Gothic cathedral. Images of the ancient cathedral going up in flames sparked shock and dismay across the globe as well as in France, where it is considered one of the nation's most beloved landmarks.

PHILIPPE LOPEZ/POOL/AFP

**JAN. 30:** Chicago firefighters work on a hydrant after battling a blaze in the 2500 block of S. Sacramento Avenue in Chicago as sub-zero temperatures blanket the city.

TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE





**MAY 27:** Boris Johnson passes anti-Brexit placards in Westminster, England.

TOM NICHOLSON/  
LONDON NEWS PICTURES/ZUMA PRESS



**OCT. 8:** Chicago police Officer David Salgado uses his attorney's suit jacket to shield himself from the camera while exiting the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after attending his federal corruption trial in Chicago.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**AUG. 18:** Demonstrators with umbrellas march in Hong Kong. In the former British crown colony, protests against the influence of Beijing entered a new round.

GREGOR FISCHER/DPA/ZUMA PRESS

**AUG. 13:** Hospital staff and protesters participate in a peaceful sit-in demonstration in the lobby of the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sha Tin, Hong Kong to express their opposition to violent tactics employed by Hong Kong Police.

ADRYEL TALAMANTES/ZUMA PRESS



**NOV. 11:** A pro-democracy protester is detained by riot police in Hong Kong. Anti-government protesters organized a general strike as demonstrations in Hong Kong stretched into their sixth month with demands for an independent inquiry into police brutality, the retraction of the word “riot” to describe the rallies, and genuine universal suffrage.

ANTHONY KWAN/GETTY IMAGES



**JULY 5:** Thousands of protesters at a “Hong Kong Mothers” rally. They demanded the total withdrawal of the extradition bill and release of all the activists who were arrested during the anti-extradition bill protests.

CHAN LONG HEI/  
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**JULY 18:** A grief-stricken Lifeng Ye, center, the mother of slain University of Illinois scholar Yingying Zhang, is supported by a friend Lin Guiping, left, and Yingying's boyfriend Xiaolin Hou during a press conference at the U.S. Courthouse in Peoria, Ill., after Brendt Christensen was sentenced to life in federal prison without the possibility of release for killing Yingying Zhang.

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**MAY 30:** Chalise Scholl, 37, poses for a photograph in her home bedroom in Peoria, Ill. Scholl was diagnosed with stage 4 cervical cancer in December of 2018. She died in August.

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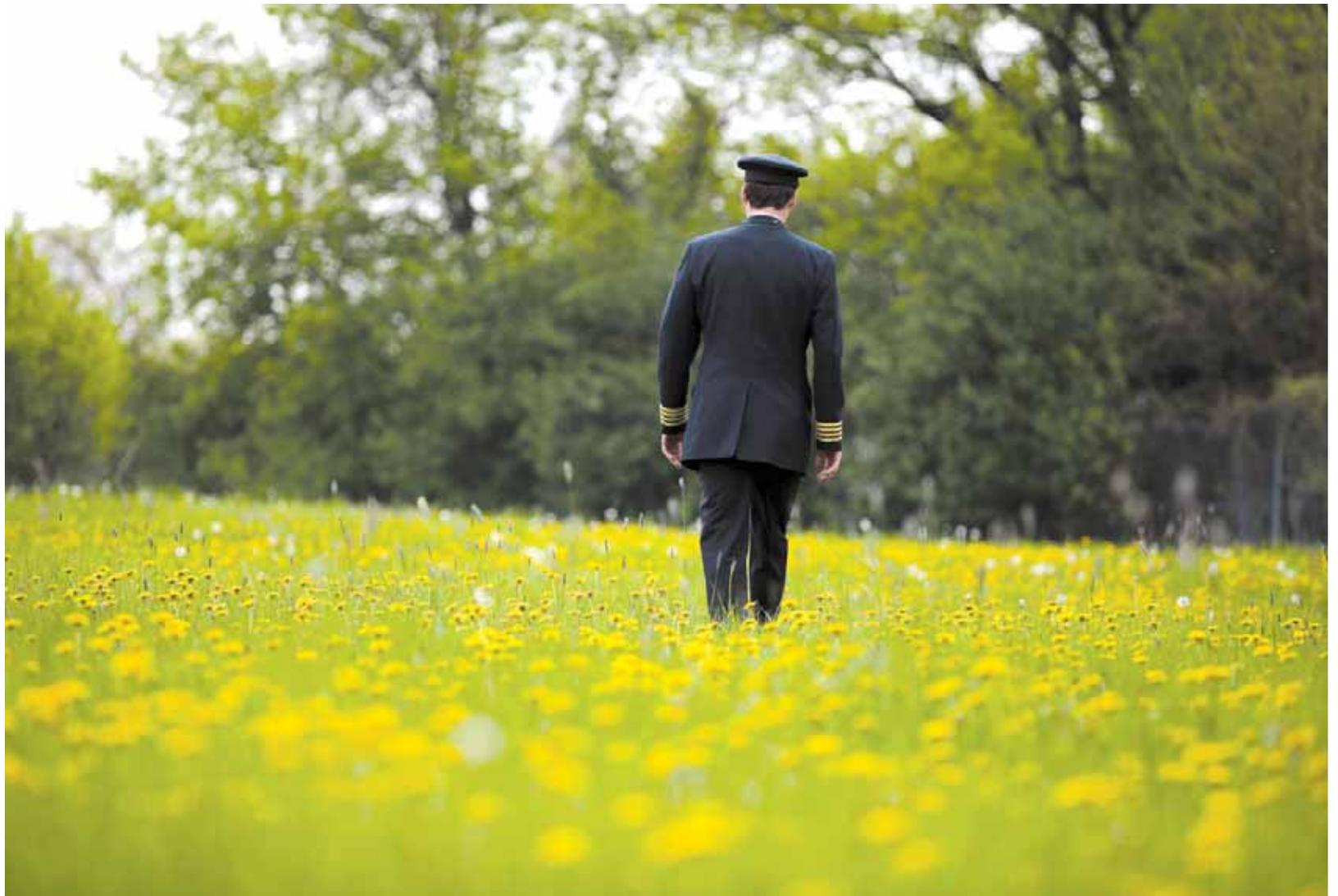


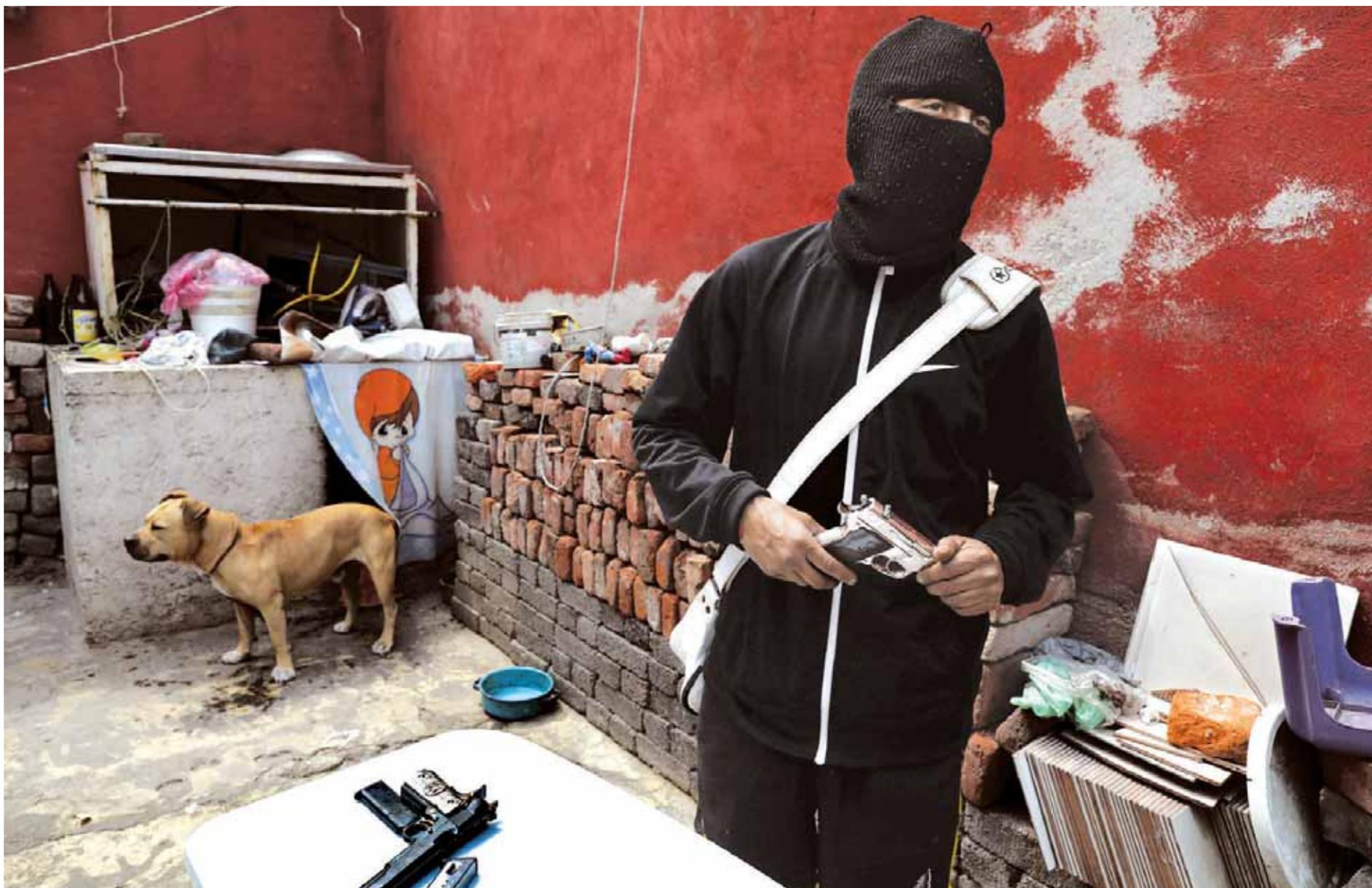
**APRIL 11:** Cindy Lynn of Los Angeles with a mural of Nipsey Hussle near the Marathon Clothing Company before the start of the Nipsey Hussle Celebration of Life procession in Los Angeles.

GARY CORONADO / LOS ANGELES TIMES

**MAY 16:** Kevin Moncrieff walks in the field where American Airlines flight 191 crashed nearly 40 years ago, in Des Plaines, Ill. Moncrieff is a pilot for United Airlines. His father, John "Jack" Moncrieff, was one of 273 victims who lost their lives due the crash of Flight 191 in 1979.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE





**APRIL 29:** A black market arms dealer and paid hit man, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, is shown with a Smith & Wesson pistol, manufactured in Springfield, Mass., and a Colt Gold Cup National Match .45 Pistol, made in Hartford, Conn. The dealer is preparing to make a sale before heading out to meet a client in Colonia Tepito, Mexico City. Tepito is a notoriously crime-ridden neighborhood north of the city's historic center. The majority of guns circulating in Mexico were purchased legally in the U.S. and smuggled across the border.

GARY CORONADO/LOS ANGELES TIMES

**FEB 13:** Fighters of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham militant group hold their weapons at the front lines of the armed opposition overlooking the Syrian government-held city of Aleppo.

ANAS ALKHARBOULTI/DPA/ZUMA PRESS



**MAY 5:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy seen making a gesture as he walks to his office after his inauguration ceremony at the Ukrainian Parliament building in Kiev, Ukraine.

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**JULY 8:** A protester holds up a sign of Jeffrey Epstein in front of the federal courthouse in New York City. Epstein was charged with one count of sex trafficking of minors and one count of conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of minors. He committed suicide in his jail cell on August 10.

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**MARCH 14:** 2020 Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders greets the crowd at the Royal Family Life Center in North Charleston, S.C. Sanders received 26 percent of the South Carolina Democratic vote in the 2016 race, eventually losing the nomination to Hillary Clinton.

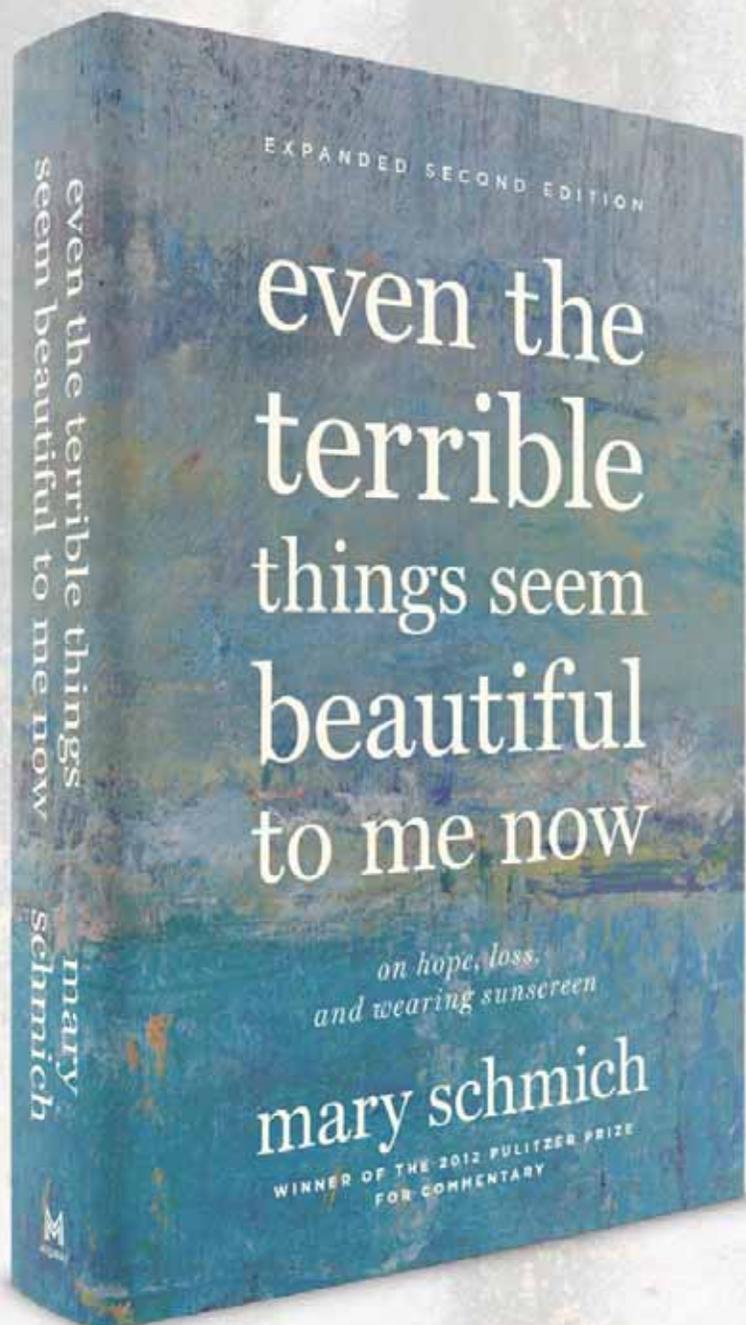
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**OCT. 3:** John Earnes (left) talks with his attorney, San Diego County Alternate Public Defender John O'Connell, during his arraignment. Earnes is accused in the killing of Lori Gilbert Kaye and the injuring of others at the Chabad of Poway Synagogue, April 27, and pleaded not guilty. The charges include murder with special circumstances, and hate crime charges for the attempted murder of the others injured in the attack.

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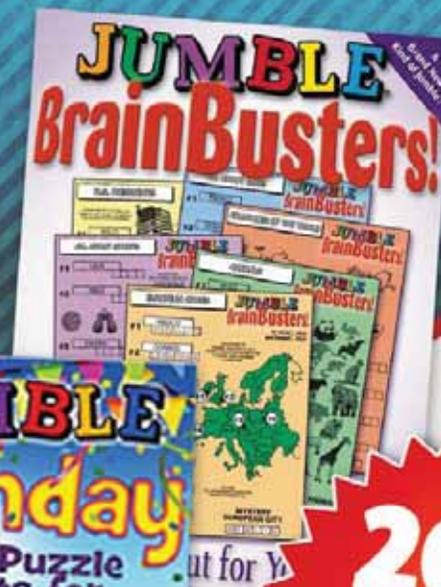
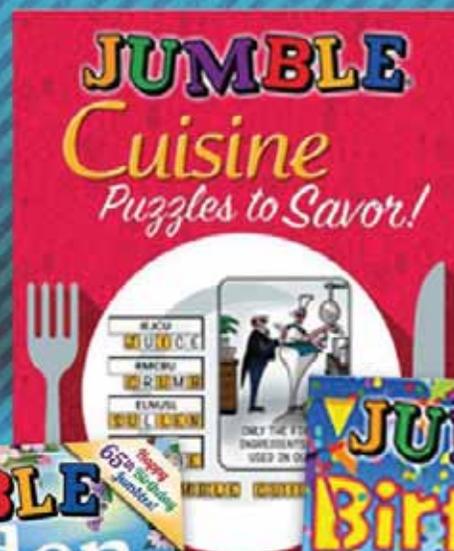
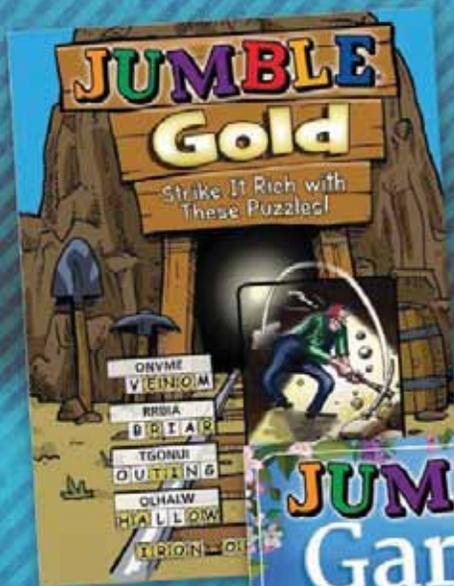


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# 'A STORY FOR OUR TIME'

# 'It's a horror story that has to be told'

## Mark Ruffalo on playing lawyer who took on DuPont

BY LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mark Ruffalo learned about corporate attorney Rob Bilott, who for 20 years battled DuPont to expose the harmful effects of the chemical PFOA, along with most of the country: in 2016 through an article in *The New York Times Magazine*.

A cold call from a West Virginia farmer in 1998 who believed his creek was being contaminated and his animals poisoned by DuPont runoffs began the long investigation that ended in 2017 when DuPont and Chemours Co. agreed to pay more than \$600 million in a class action lawsuit on behalf of thousands.

Ruffalo was captivated and immediately set out to acquire the rights to make Nathaniel Rich's "The Lawyer Who Became DuPont's Worst Nightmare" into a legal thriller in which he'd play Bilott.

"It's a horror story that has to be told," Ruffalo said. "It's a story for our time."

The result is "Dark Waters," directed by Todd Haynes and co-starring an impressive ensemble including Anne Hathaway, Tim Robbins, Bill Camp, William Jackson Harper and Bill Pullman. Bilott also wrote a book about the ordeal, "Exposure," which hit shelves in October.

DuPont said in a statement that it believes the film "misrepresents things that happened years ago, including our history, our values and science." The company also said it supports regulating the chemicals spotlighted in "Dark Waters."

Ruffalo spoke to *The Associated Press* about the film. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

### Was it difficult to get the rights?

I was in the process of acquiring the rights after reading (the article) and I got a call from my



SCOTT GRIES/INVISION

To get the rights to the *New York Times Magazine* story, Mark Ruffalo teamed up with the film production company he worked with for "Spotlight."

friends at Participant Media who said, "Hey, I think we're actually bidding against each other for this story. We love it. Would you like to join forces with us?" I'd done "Spotlight" with them and I was like, "I would like that." And then we started to develop it. This thing happened in record time. It (usually) takes five to seven years to get a movie made.

### Why did you think of Todd Haynes to direct?

We'd been bumping into each other for years and I'd been such a big fan of his. I thought he would do something really beautiful with this. It needs that kind of

spaciousness and depth to really make it work because there's so much legalese and data that unless we're attached to this character and really understand him, no one will stay with this story. (Haynes) would figure out a way to bridge 20 years in a movie elegantly and he would make the most gorgeous version of this movie.

### When did you meet Rob Bilott and start to develop a relationship with him?

Very early on. While we were in talks of acquiring the story, I wanted to talk to him about it. I was on the phone with him for quite some time laying out my

vision for it. But I wanted to know more. I felt like the whole story wasn't really in that *New York Times* article. Especially concerning his relationship to (his law firm) Taft and what that must have been like and how difficult that must have been.

### When you read that initial story, did you have a late-night moment like Rob does in the movie where you're throwing out all the Teflon products?

Yes. I (changed) everything. I have a water filter on the house. I've stopped buying even my favorite progressive sports brands that use PFOA in their water-

proofing.

### What are you hoping audiences take from this?

Just having the knowledge. Knowledge is power. Before you didn't know so you couldn't even make a choice. We were living with this stuff. It was all around us and we had no idea so we couldn't even decide whether it was something we wanted in our life or not. There's power in that, just being able to say, "Hey I don't want this in my life. This causes six diseases so I'm not going to cook on this anymore, I'm not going to buy these products anymore. I'm going to find the alternative."

## ANSWER ANGEL

## Bringing back some fashion classics



ELLEN WARREN

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** Can I still wear the beautiful hand-knit Fair Isle sweater my mom bought me on her trip to Scotland. Or is it hopelessly passé?  
— Brenda P.

**Dear Brenda:** What's old is new again. Classic Fair Isle sweaters — named for a tiny island off the coast of Scotland — are back in a big way. These sweaters — often associated with the après ski set — are known for their multicolored patterns, usually focused around the neck and shoulders. They became popular almost a century ago when the clotheshorse Prince of Wales (who became, briefly, King Edward VIII) wore one in 1921. Fast-forward to 2010 when *Glamour* magazine issued a “Trend Alert: Fair Isle sweaters are everywhere.” And they're everywhere again. *Bazaar* Magazine had a full-page spread on them this fall featuring sweaters starting at \$415 (Isabel Marant) and escalating to a ridiculous \$5,475 (Brunello Cucinelli). If those numbers make you laugh out loud, I saw a rack of Fair Isle sweaters at H&M for \$39.99.

*And another question about an oldie/goodie fashion favorite ...*

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** You know those big cozy shearling-lined boots, Uggs? Are they still in style?  
— Shannon M.

**Dear Shannon:** I'm not giving up my Uggs, and you shouldn't either. They're warm, comfy to walk in and easy to put on and take off.



DREAMSTIME

What's old is new again as the classic Fair Isle sweaters named for a tiny island off the coast of Scotland are back in a big way.

Are they flattering? Not really. Are they high style? Nope. Are they great in rain, slush and snow? Mine leak like crazy. But in many climates and dry situations they're perfect.

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** I have a collection of Converse sneakers in lots of colors, mostly low tops. My question is, what color socks should I wear with them? In the summer I'd just go sockless, but now that cold weather is here I'm really at a loss. Are white socks OK, or should I start collecting socks in lots of colors too?  
— Susan C.

**Dear Susan:** Colorful socks would look great with

those Converse Chuck Taylor shoes. I'm thinking that those “Chucks” are crying out for what are called “turn cuff” socks, where the cuff turns down like the anklet socks you wore with Mary Janes when you were a little girl. I found some good choices in Crayola brights by Sierra Socks on amazon.com. (Think purple socks with red shoes; red socks with Kelly green shoes for the holidays.) But, the same style cuffed socks in white would work well too.

**Dear Answer Angel**

**Ellen:** All my adult life I've been collecting Christmas tree ornaments. I bought them on my travels here and abroad, at craft fairs

and church bazaars. I'm downsizing and not that keen on putting up a big tree anymore. The kids are grown and have their own trees. And, here's the hard part: They don't want my ornaments, even though some of them belonged to their great-grandma. To me, they're precious. My kids (and their kids) couldn't care less. Mind you, these aren't expensive hand-blown glass ornaments but I love them and want them on display this and future Christmases. I wouldn't rule out gifting them to a good home. Any ideas?  
— Elizabeth A.

**Dear Elizabeth:** Boy, is this a familiar story. Many of us are paying on a storage

locker for all the precious stuff the kids don't/won't want. Without much cost or effort, you could select a dozen or so of your ornaments and decorate a small prelit artificial tabletop tree for your home. Voila. No nasty needles to clean up. With the remaining ornament mother lode, how about checking with a senior center, nursing home or local hospice about offering to lend them your ornaments for the season? If you have the time and inclination, you could even offer to decorate their tree. Then, if you liked the place and the people and it felt right, you could at some point offer to donate the ornaments to them. I would hold on to your most precious senti-

mental ones — just a few — in case your kids start getting nostalgic.

**My Mistake**

I was wrong when I wrote in a recent column that you couldn't shop online at the popular Ten Thousand Villages fair trade, ethically sourced stores. The website, [tenthousandvillages.com](http://tenthousandvillages.com), is great and ready to fill all orders. Thanks to readers (and fans of the store) who pointed out my error: Bonnie Z., Kathryn K., Karen H. and Kathryn J.

**Angelic Readers 1**

**O. V. writes:** “I couldn't agree more with your reader and fellow Goodwill shopper Nancy C., who recommended washing her ‘dry clean only’ thrift store finds in cold in the ‘wool only’ washer setting (if there is one), then hang dry. I would add that fine cashmere comes out beautifully when washed in baby shampoo. I also use baby shampoo to wash my Hermès scarves. (Not bought at Goodwill, more's the pity.) Sending them to the laundry is a huuuuuge no-no. The chemicals make the silk ‘crunchy,’ and the ironing flattens the hand-rolled hem, the mark of a couture piece. A small basin filled with cold water and a handful of ice cubes, a capful of baby shampoo, swish around, no soaking and voila! You just saved yourself the outrageous price Hermès charges for cleaning scarves. Works every single time with all good silk pieces.”

**From Ellen:** I just hand-washed a thrift store find cashmere sweater in baby shampoo and air-dried it and it came out softer than ever.

## THE GOODS

## Wake up winter

BY JESSICA MOAZAMI | Chicago Tribune

Looking for a mood boost during the dreary months? Adding bold, bright colors to your home can be an instant fix, but for a fresh take, try unexpected, clashing color combinations inspired by the runway. Take it from designers Prabal Gurung, Carolina Herrera and Versace, who mixed and matched bright reds, fuchsias, teal blues and electric yellows to create some of the best — and most eye-opening — looks of the season.

Jessica Moazami is a freelance stylist.



IKEA

Ikea's Gubbroera two-tone rubber spatulas bring high style to your kitchen. \$1.99 each, [ikea.com](http://ikea.com)



GETTY

Prabal Gurung's red satin ruffle dress and yellow bow.



KARTELL

Christophe Pillet's Shibuya Vase for Kartell comes in four bright color combinations and its removable lid transforms it from a vase to a bowl. \$180, [amara.com](http://amara.com)



HAY's Elegant, tinted glass Moroccan Vase, is perfect on its own but even better filled with flowers. \$75, [hay.com](http://hay.com)

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BEND GOODS

Create your own color clash by pairing different pieces of brightly colored furniture together. Bend Goods' Cono Table (\$360) in electric blue and Farmhouse Lounge (\$510) in orange. [bendgoods.com](http://bendgoods.com)



GETTY

A super saturated hot pink and teal look from Prabal Gurung.



LOUIS VUITTON

Louis Vuitton's thermoformed knit Horizon Soft 55 rolling luggage puts a bold twist on the iconic monogram pattern by pairing berry and orange. \$3,100, [louisvuitton.com](http://louisvuitton.com)

# How style and love look after age 60

BY DARCEL ROCKETT  
Chicago Tribune

Sometimes you feel like donning 1950s rockabilly wear, and other days you want to be a cowboy wizard.

True story when you talk to photographer and filmmaker Ari Seth Cohen, the mind behind the blog, the book and the film “Advanced Style” — media about the fashion-forwardness of the over-60 set in New York City and around the world. His recent work, “Advanced Love,” is a compilation of photos and profiles of couples from around the world, sharing their stories and lessons about relationships and falling in love.

Since Cohen started the blog in 2008, names, faces and their colorful wardrobes have reflected colorful personalities.

“All the women that I photograph tend to live artful lives. It’s really about their spirit, and the style is just a reflection of the energy, the curiosity and all these things that they put into their daily lives,” said Cohen, 38. “I made a film a few years back, and a lot of women in that film have become some of my best friends now. I’m inspired by the way that they live their lives.”

We sat down with Cohen to talk about his passion for all things vintage and not going quietly into that good night as one ages.

**Q: How did this all begin for you?**

A: I studied art history and always had an interest in style, spending so much time with my grandmother and her encouraging me to be creative when I grew up in Southern California. I spent a lot of time taking care of her after college. She encouraged me to move to New York, and when she passed, it just so happens that one day I borrowed my roommate’s camera and started to photograph people on the streets of New York who were over the age of 60 — really as a way for me to deal with the loss that I was experiencing.

And after a month or so, I realized the images that I was taking



ABRAMS BOOKS

Ari Seth Cohen focuses on style and love over age 60 with his blog, book and film “Advanced Style” and his latest book, “Advanced Love.”

had the power to possibly change people’s ideas about getting older. I was seeing women in their 80s and 90s walking around the city looking wonderful and feeling great, and I wanted people to have an alternative perspective to beauty and also see that there’s a different side of aging that we don’t necessarily see.

**Q: Do you find that these older fashionistas find fashion effortless?**

A: I think that it’s different for everyone, but at a certain age, you might have a collection of treasures to pull from. It’s not that it takes effort — it’s that it’s something that the women enjoy every morning getting up and deciding, “Who do I want to be today, what do I want to express?” Looking at your mood for the day.

I think there’s a lot of fear of getting older, a lot of fear of creative expression. And if we look at ourselves and the people we were

when we were younger and realize that it’s really about joy and expressing it without judgment, especially when you get older, that’s all what it’s really about.

**Q: Does something like nature versus nurture apply in fashion?**

A: I think it’s a little of both. If you talk to the women that I photograph, they were taking bows off presents and tying them in their hair, tying it around their waists. Some of them lived through the Depression, and they had to be creative with what they wore, but they all had an individual style. But that does change and develop as they get older. Sometimes it can be a refined eccentricity; it can be a refined elegance.

I think it’s about the comfort in knowing who you are, and that often happens as you get older. You know who you are and what you want to represent to the world. It kind of becomes ampli-



Photographer, filmmaker and author Ari Seth Cohen

fied. Sometimes people no longer care what others think — they don’t have to please their partners or certain careers that might have restricted them from wearing certain things.

**Q: How has your life changed since you started this project?**

A: I’ve made incredible friendships with people who have taught me incredible lessons. I think we all want to have things figured out at a certain point of our lives, and I think these women really teach you that that never happens. The thing that you learn is, you’ve got to always keep learning, growing and continuing the journey. The moment you think you have it figured out is the moment that you don’t have it figured out.

Each person has a different perspective and has lived a different life, and I’m kind of a sponge for all their information. I think older people should be our teachers and the ones we look toward, but in our society we’re kind of taught to treat them as invisible and really ignore them. But hopefully with the books and the film, that’s changing a bit, but we can do it in our daily lives as well.

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NEW RAVENNA/AP

Mosaic maker New Ravenna has launched the Bright Young Things collection, inspired by the glamorous, jazzy exuberance of London's social scene in the 1920s.

## Designers create new takes on British history

BY **KIM COOK**  
Associated Press

Britain's political climate may be gloomy, but on the decor front the sun is shining. Young designers and established firms are crafting furniture, lighting and accessory collections that celebrate vintage patterns, tweak the traditional and offer a new take on British history.

There are porter's chairs, for instance, from the rebel luxury brand Jimmie Martin. While the classic chairs' interiors are upholstered in luxe velvets and leathers, the cowl-like hooded backs are covered in graffiti. The effect is a little rococo, a little rock 'n' roll.

There are lighting fixtures from Lee Broom, who began his career as a teenage protégé of fashion designer Vivienne Westwood. The Carousel pendant's ring of gunmetal or brass cylinders is tipped with opal glass diffusers. Broom's inspiration? "The nostalgic merry-go-rounds

of a traditional British fairground."

Glasgow design house Timorous Beasties is known for avant-garde takes on traditional patterns for wallcoverings and fabrics. There's Bloomsbury Garden, a lush flora and fauna pattern that celebrates the fashionable and famous London neighborhood. Get it in wallpaper, fabric or cushion form. Here too is the Thistle pattern, with the Scottish flower's tufts and spikes placed against saturated hues like crimson, aubergine and earth.

Lancashire legacy wallpaper firm Graham & Brown was also inspired by Bloomsbury when creating its paper of the year. In this case, it was the Bloomsbury set, a group of early 20th century artists, writers and thinkers who pushed against the constraints of Victorian and Edwardian society. Bloomsbury Neomint is a lush, country-garden floral print on a soigne, pale green back-



GRAHAM BROWN/AP

Graham & Brown's Lancashire wallpaper is a lush country garden floral print on a pale green background.

ground. A complementary paint color has also been created: Adeline, a deep bottle-green (named for Bloomsbury group member Virginia Woolf, whose first name was actually Adeline.)

Mosaic maker New Ravenna has launched the Bright Young Things collection, inspired by the glamorous, jazzy exuberance of London's social scene in the 1920s. Patterns evocative of art deco and the bohemian spirit of the era are translated into tumbled, polished stone trimmed with brushed metallics.

Even teacups have been given a refresh. Royal

Worcester, one of England's oldest porcelain makers, has Hannah Dale's whimsical Wrendale Designs collection, inspired by the artist's Stoke-on-Trent studio home. Woodland bird and animal watercolor drawings are printed on fine bone china.

Royal Doulton references the year John Doulton started the London pottery company with the new 1815 collection of handcrafted porcelain tableware, trimmed with vibrant hues and stamped with the date.

Designer Timothy Oulton is known for updating iconic pieces like chesterfield sofas and lounge

chairs by playing with scale or adding dramatic upholstery. Side tables reference old leather school trunks, British aircraft or regimental drums. It's all done with reverence for the original pieces.

"We take inspiration from a range of eras and cultures, but I've always had a fascination for British craftsmanship," Oulton says. "My dad opened his own antiques shop when he retired from the Army, and that's where I fell in love with the classic British craftsmanship ethos that pervaded the late 19th and early 20th century. Things were built to last generations."

At the height of the British Empire, he says, "British artisans had access to any beautiful material from anywhere in the world, and the stuff the British made had this unique sense of permanence and purpose."

He's got a soft spot for one British item, and it's not a piece of furniture.

"There's a guy named Ben Shillingford who started making lighters for Dunhill in 1949 and I've bought every one that I can — I have around 200," says Oulton. "They're presented beautifully, all made by one man, by hand, and I'm still spellbound when I look at one of them."

# Choosing an airport? Price is only one factor

BY ROBIN SAKS  
FRANKEL  
NerdWallet

When booking a flight to a city with more than one airport, how do you know which one to choose? If you're like a majority of Americans, you're guided in part by your wallet.

More than 7 in 10 U.S. airline passengers (72%) say ticket price is a key deciding factor when choosing an airport to fly into or from, according to a survey commissioned by NerdWallet and conducted online by The Harris Poll among more than 1,800 U.S. adults who have ever flown on an airplane.

But travel experts suggest you shouldn't decide based on ticket price alone. Before locking in a reservation, here are other factors to consider.

## Availability of direct routes

Compare a direct flight against one with a layover. The latter might save you money, but cost you in comfort and convenience as you squeeze into a puddle-jumper and have to gate-check your carry-on.

"Living on the west coast of Michigan, we have a lot of choices of airports," Heather Houtman, a travel adviser and owner of Winsome Travel Design in Holland, Michigan, says via email. Airports in Houtman's region include Gerald R. Ford International in Grand Rapids, Capital Region International in Lansing, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County, and Chicago's O'Hare International and Midway.

"What we consider is availability of direct flights, times of departures and arrivals, and least of all is price."

## On-time record

When you have choices



BILL SIKES/AP 2018

Seventy-two percent of airline passengers say ticket price is a key deciding factor in choosing an airport to fly into or from, according to a survey.

among airports, one may be cheaper or more convenient to fly into — but what will it cost you in time? Some airports are notorious for late departures, "ground stops" that delay all arrivals or both. The Bureau of Transportation lets you search on-time statistics by flight number.

For example, the 9:15 p.m. JetBlue flight from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, might be more convenient to your hotel than flights from LaGuardia to, say, Palm Beach International. But per Bureau of Transportation statistics, among flights with delayed arrivals of more than 30 minutes, that LaGuardia-to-Fort-Lauderdale route

was the most consistently delayed flight in the U.S. in June 2019.

## Security checkpoint wait times

If you're on a tight schedule, the amount of time you'll spend standing in security lines counts. Fortunately, there are tools that can help.

Say you're flying out of Chicago and have a choice between O'Hare and Midway. You can download the Transportation Security Administration's MyTSA app and see which one tends to have the shorter security line wait time for your travel window.

Keep in mind, too, that having Global Entry or TSA Precheck can help expedite the airport security process.

## Getting to and from the airport

Even if you're saving upfront on your ticket, factor in the expense and ease of getting from the airport to where you need to be. An airport a bit farther from the city center might cost less to fly to, but you may end up spending more time and money to get to your final destination.

When traveling to Washington, D.C., "I will always fly into Reagan over Dulles," says Melissa Terrio, who travels several months of the year for her job as director of graduate recruiting and admission at the Foisie Business School in Worcester, Massachusetts. "By the time you get from Dulles into D.C., it's

more expensive in the end because there's limited public transportation and a taxi can be cost-prohibitive."

## The stress factor

When you have a choice between arriving at a bustling hub or a smaller regional airport, the latter option can be less stressful, Melita Siemak, a travel adviser and owner of Pacific Heights Travel in Manhattan Beach, California, says via email.

Large airports can be overwhelming. Gates can be farther apart, lines can be longer, crowds can be bigger and louder.

"Sometimes smaller makes it easier to get through the airport," Siemak says.

## Second chances

What if your flight gets canceled or overbooked? It can be less of a problem if your departure airport has multiple options to get you to your destination in time for a business meeting or a bedtime story.

Someone trying to get to Cleveland after missing their flight from New York's Kennedy Airport might be out of luck, as there may be only a handful of direct flights a day between JFK and Cleveland Hopkins International.

But if you miss your flight from New York's LaGuardia, there often are more nonstop options to that Cleveland airport, increasing your chances of catching a later plane.

# Kentucky Native

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- 1. NYSE speculator
- 5. Tolerate
- 10. Tell all
- 14. Pond scum
- 15. Was eclipsed
- 16. Hollywood's Barrett
- 17. Historical Shakespearean actor
- 20. Detestable thing
- 21. Commencement
- 22. Arctic
- 23. Cast assignment
- 25. Flaming
- 29. Dolor
- 32. Amorphous mass
- 33. Eaglet's abode
- 34. Salt Lake City athlete
- 36. Historical DC sight
- 40. Yaounde-Cairo dir.
- 41. Kremlin tomb
- 42. Cornelia \_\_\_ Skinner
- 43. Unsilts
- 45. Ivanhoe heroine
- 47. Grande and Bravo
- 48. Actress Arthur
- 49. Fictional uncle
- 52. Florist's source
- 57. Historical debater
- 60. Lemony
- 61. Cut
- 62. \_\_\_ Porsena
- 63. Wields
- 64. Search
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- 2. NC college
- 3. Muslim bigwig
- 4. Declaim with vehemence
- 5. Each
- 6. Soothing
- 7. Author Chase
- 8. C-E filler
- 9. Wynn and Asner
- 10. Literary family name
- 11. Lorelei Lee's creator
- 12. Room lead-in
- 13. Thai money
- 18. Corker
- 19. Sarawak's island
- 23. ) or (, briefly
- 24. Take \_\_\_ view
- 25. Up to
- 26. Louver
- 27. Recluse
- 28. TV network
- 29. Teamster units
- 30. Retinue
- 31. Besmirch
- 33. Baxter and Frank
- 35. Memorable lioness
- 37. Getting on a bit
- 38. \_\_\_ -mutton sleeve
- 39. Brouhaha
- 44. Breaks out
- 45. Verbal riposte
- 46. Wahiawa's isle
- 48. Has significance
- 49. Q-V connection
- 50. Flt. data
- 51. Belittling word
- 52. Acquire
- 53. Give the eye
- 54. Gland follow-up
- 55. Noted puppeteer
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- 58. Respectful abbreviation
- 59. \_\_\_ -Isenberg, Germany

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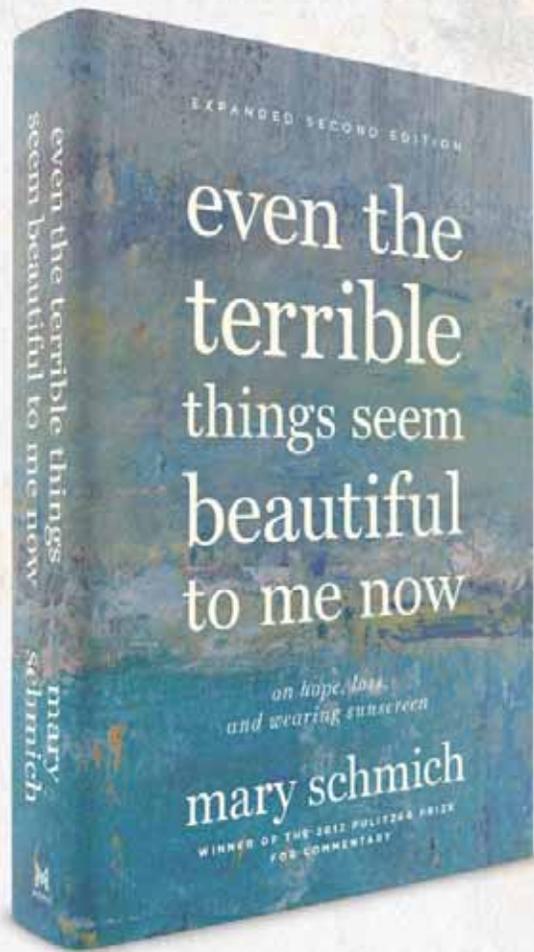
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**JULY 9:** An alligator dubbed “Chance the Snapper” is seen in the Humboldt Park Lagoon. The male, 5-foot-3-inch gator eluded capture for a week before a trapper brought in from Florida successfully snagged him.

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s the decade comes to an end, we reflect on the past 12 months of engaging stories and photographs delivered to your phones, desktops and homes. The images are often serious in nature, telling the tragic story of AJ Freund, a trick-or-treater caught in gang crossfire, or a police officer sent to prison for killing Laquan McDonald. Other times, these photographs capture our imaginations or invoke memories, showing kids taking their first boat rides on Lake Michigan or the elusive Chance the Snapper silently gliding through the Humboldt Park

Lagoon on his way to becoming the most famous alligator in Chicago history.

As we document the city's daily rhythms, Chicago Tribune photojournalists are often first to witness the history-making moments. Lori Lightfoot's victory speech, a walk-off home run, legalization of recreational marijuana, a murder sentence handed down, and possible checkmate at a grade school chess tournament are all important moments recorded in an instant.

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—Todd Panagopoulos, Director of Content/Visuals

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On the cover:  
**AUG. 2:** Janelle Monáe performs at Lollapalooza during the four-day music festival in Grant Park.  
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

“For us, it’s sort of the silver lining in an incredibly cold time that we get to see this unbelievable beauty that we didn’t really expect.”

— Mary Eysenbach, director of conservatories at the Chicago Park District



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**JAN. 29:** The sun rises over the lake as a lone visitor walks along an icy pier at 31st Street Beach during last winter’s polar vortex.

**JAN. 31:** Despite the pains of the polar vortex, there was beauty to be found as ice created intricate patterns on the inside of windows at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

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E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JULY 14:** The Rev. Alonzo Batts Jr. stands in front of the Greater Lily Baptist Church in the Fuller Park neighborhood of Chicago, where the 1919 Race Riot took place 100 years ago.



RAQUEL ZALDIVAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**MARCH 18:** “Hijab is part of me, a part of who I am, something I can call basically home,” said Saeda Sulieman, a college student from Oak Lawn, discussing what it’s like to wear the hijab. “If I don’t wear the hijab, I feel less secure, less powerful.”



**JAN. 15:** A portrait of mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot, who went on to defeat Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on April 2 by sweeping all 50 of Chicago's wards in a resounding victory.  
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**JAN. 17:** Priscilla Lang feeds her daughter, Opal, who was awaiting a heart transplant at Lurie Children's Hospital. Several months later, Opal got the transplant and a new baby brother delivered by her mother three days later.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JULY 27:** Maynard Welch, second from left, gives a ride on Lake Michigan to Lynnette Williams, from left, Piper Alexander and Sophia El-Amin as part of the Museum Shores Yacht Club's Harbor Education Life-Safety Mindset project, which teaches personal development and leadership skills.



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**SEPT. 28** St. Ethelreda Catholic School seventh-grader Keiara Taylor, left, whispers to classmate Samantha Chalmers during a chess match against a fellow classmate at a McDonald's restaurant in the 9500 block of South Halsted Street.



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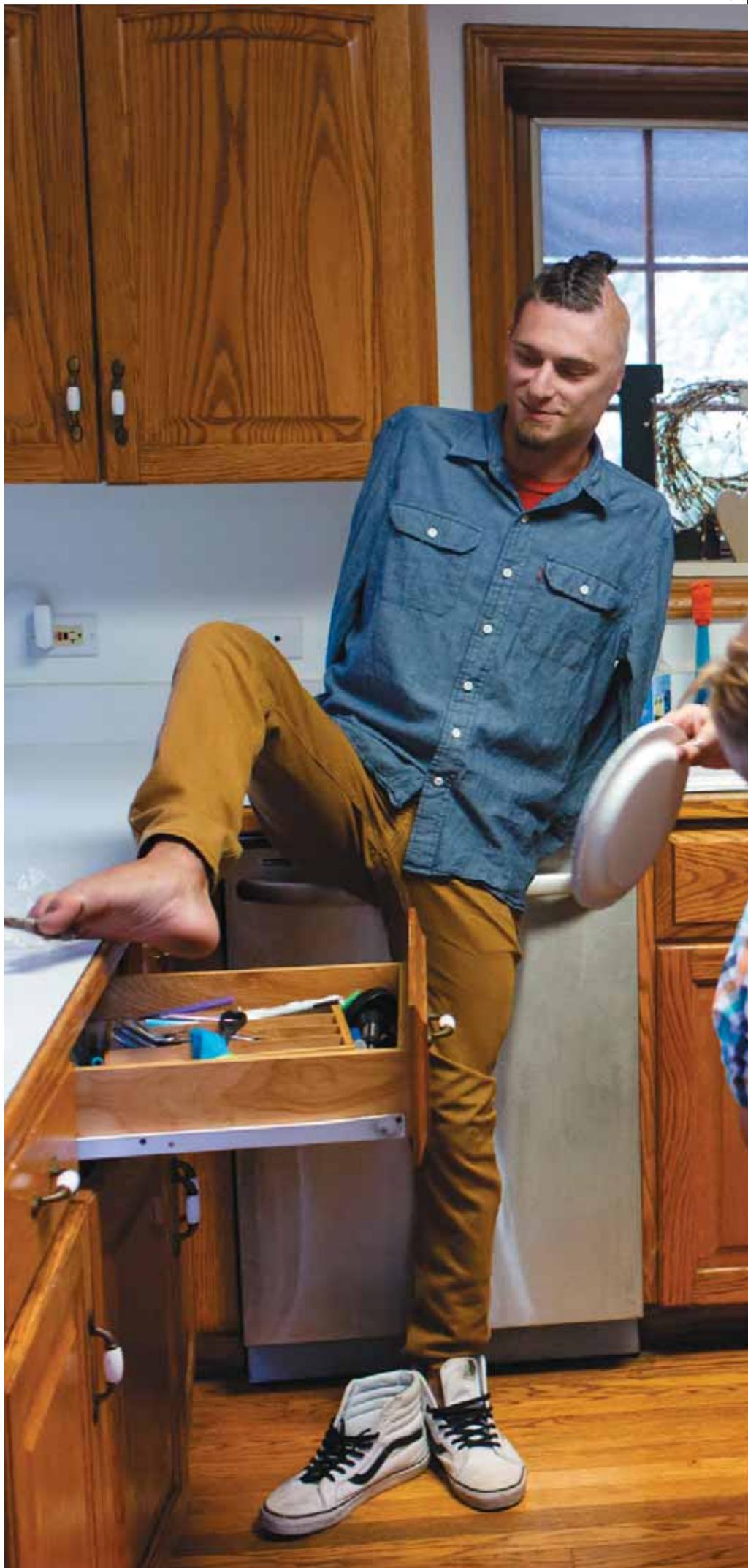
**FEB. 6:** Rosie Meyer, left, and Nikky Ulrich give the three-finger salute as they participate in a troop meeting at the American Legion Hall in Lake Forest. In February, the Boy Scouts of America began accepting girls from fifth grade through high school into a newly named program called Scouts BSA.

“I keep asking,  
how does a man  
who put safety above  
anything else related  
to his job  
end up electrocuted?”

— Jeanette Zulauf



**AUG. 21:** Jordan Zulauf, left, pulls silverware out of a kitchen drawer while his aunt Jeanette Zulauf makes lunch for the family in West Chicago. Comcast subcontractor Robert Zulauf died of electrocution and nephew Jordan lost his arms in an accident with a power line.  
BRIAN CASSELLA/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE







ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**FEB. 28:** Golden Gloves boxer Vivian Gutierrez, left, rides home from school with her sister Dulce in Chicago.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**MAY 18:** Best man Kyle Zulpo provides cover from the rain for bride Claire Petrucci while the groom ran ahead after taking pictures by Shedd Aquarium.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**MAY 16:** United Airlines pilot Kevin Moncrieff walks in the Des Plaines field where American Airlines Flight 191 crashed nearly 40 years earlier, killing his father, John Moncrieff, one of 273 crash victims.



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**JULY 2:** Members of froSkate gather at the Logan Boulevard Skate Park, 2430 W. Logan Blvd., for their weekly meet-up. The group offers skateboard sisterhood for women of color and members of the LGBTQ community regardless of whether they're just starting out or are more seasoned.

“They said there was a 98% chance she would be clean, never want to do it again. Well, she must have been the 2%. She got back here and within two months, she met up with the crowd again and they got her using.”

— Don Martin



**JUNE 20:** Don Martin watches his grandson Zaden play on a basketball hoop in Ottawa, Ill. Don and Diann Martin are raising their grandchildren after their daughter Nickie Martin died of a drug overdose in April. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE







TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**FEB. 21:** After posting bail, “Empire” actor Jussie Smollett leaves the Cook County Jail. Smollett had been charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly lying to police when he said he was the victim of a racist and homophobic attack in Streeterville on Jan. 29. Cook County prosecutors later dropped the charges.



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**MAY 31:** Sen. Heather A. Steans, from left, Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy, Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson and Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth celebrate in Springfield after the Illinois House approved a bill to legalize recreational marijuana.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**SEPT. 16:** Frankie Paulino, of Chicago, uses a vaping device at Dearborn Street and Jackson Boulevard. Paulino believes excessive vaping is bad. Reports emerged this summer about mostly young patients flooding hospitals with a mysterious respiratory illness linked to vaping.



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**JUNE 3:** Terrence Haynes leaves the Kankakee County Courthouse with his mother, Gail Gray, after a hearing in which a judge declared him innocent of murder after the state's attorney agreed Haynes had spent nearly two decades in prison for a crime he didn't commit.



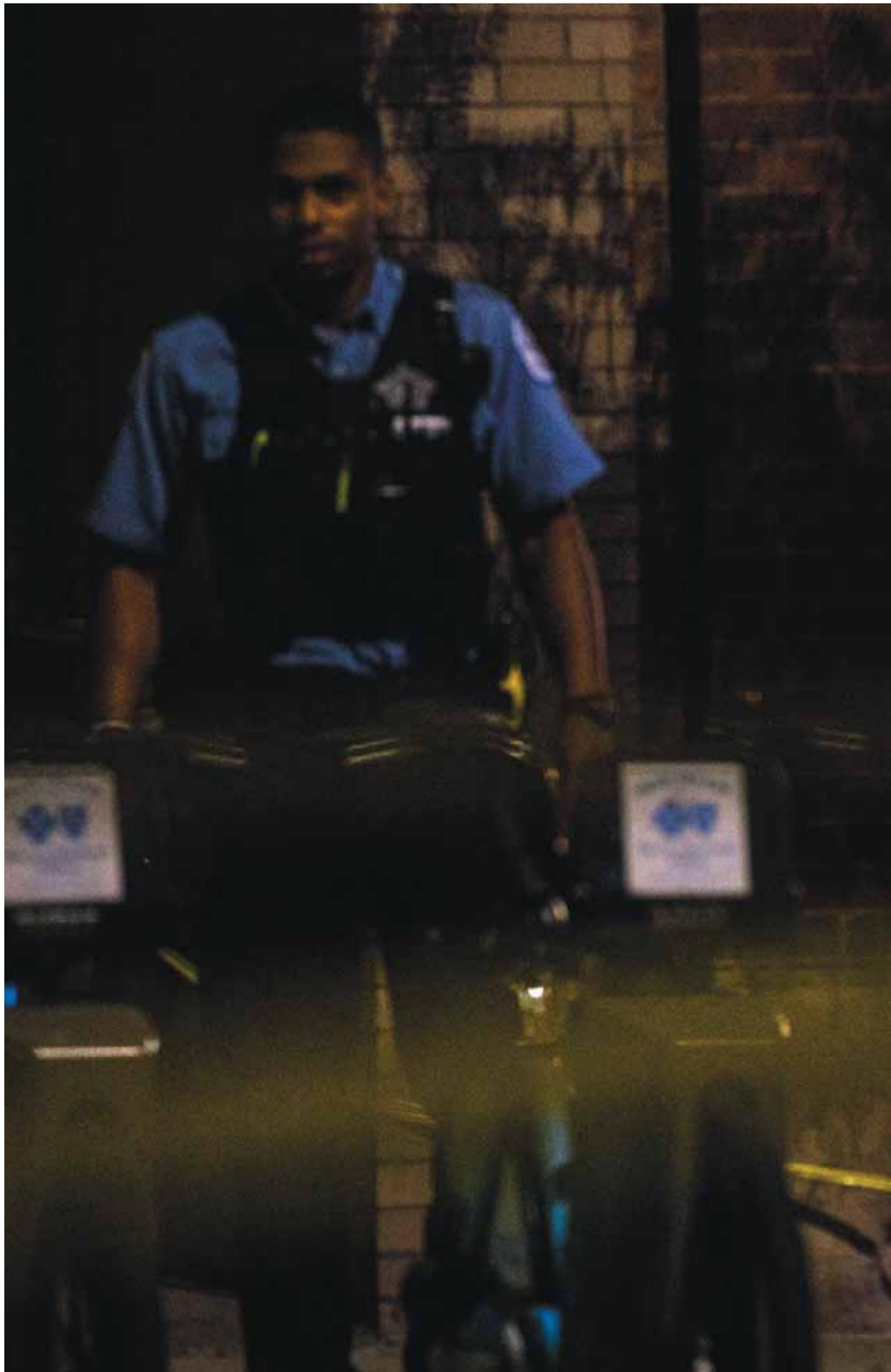
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**APRIL 20:** Andrew Freund and JoAnn Cunningham, parents of 5-year-old AJ Freund, embrace during a vigil for AJ at Crystal Lake Beach. Cunningham pleaded guilty Dec. 5 to first-degree murder in the beating death of her son.

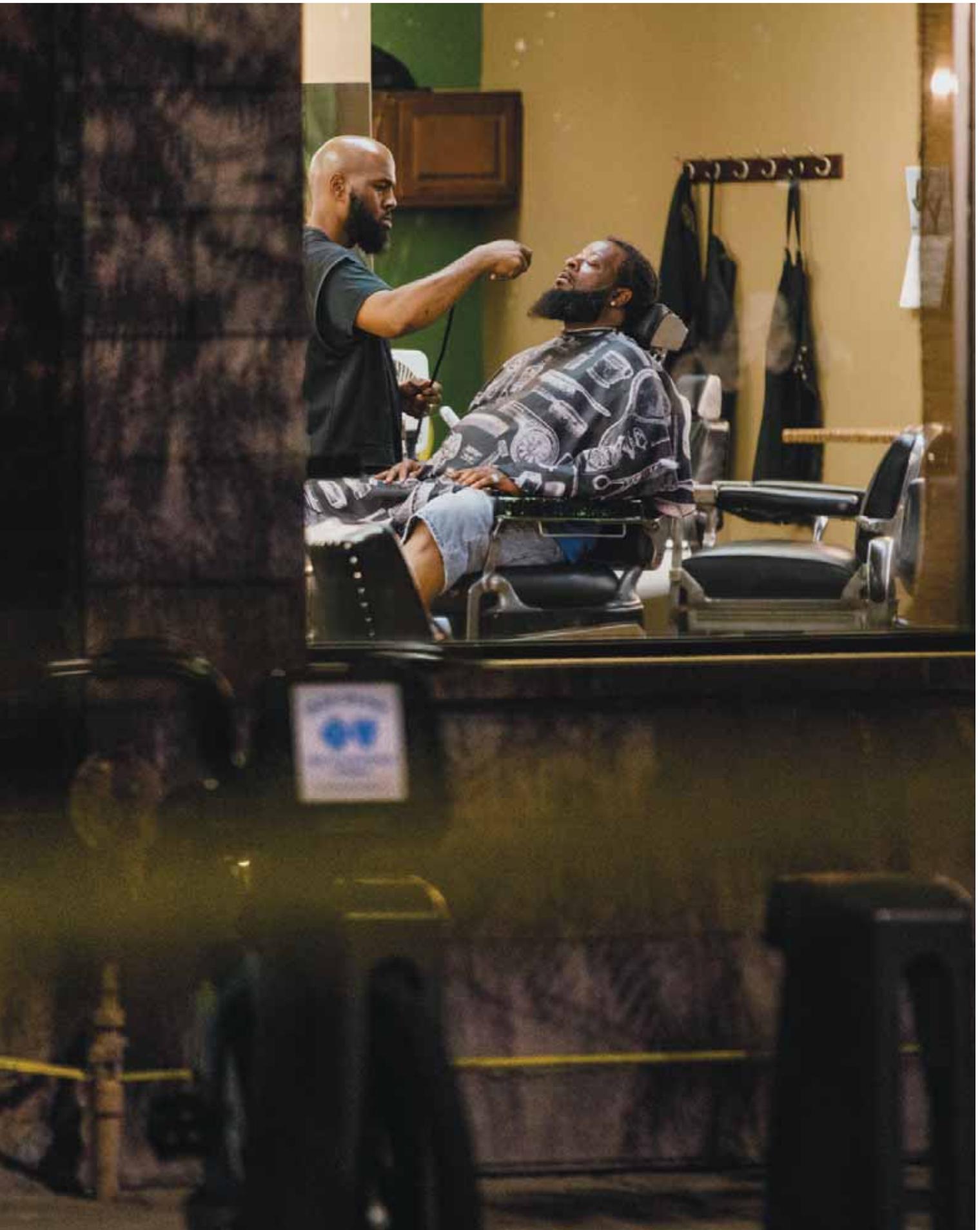


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**OCT. 30:** Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey and Vice President Stacy Davis Gates share a hug after speaking to the media at the CTU center after a tentative contract agreement was reached between CTU and the city. The strike was the longest in decades as 11 days of classes were canceled.



**JULY 6:** A patron gets a haircut near the scene where three people were shot in the 4600 block of South King Drive. At least 18 people were shot over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.  
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE





JOSÉ M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**MARCH 29:** Family members embrace near the casket of Chicago police Officer John Rivera outside the Church of the Annunciata. Rivera, 23, was off-duty when he was fatally shot while sitting in a parked car in the River North neighborhood.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**MARCH 11:** DeShawnti Hillard cries during a vigil in the 7300 block of South Aberdeen Street for Deon Williams, 13, who was killed a day earlier at a relative's house in Englewood in a shooting that Deon's father said he believes was an accident.



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JAN. 18:** Former Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke cries as his daughter Kaylee testifies at his sentencing hearing at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in the shooting death of Laquan McDonald. Van Dyke was sentenced to nearly seven years in prison.



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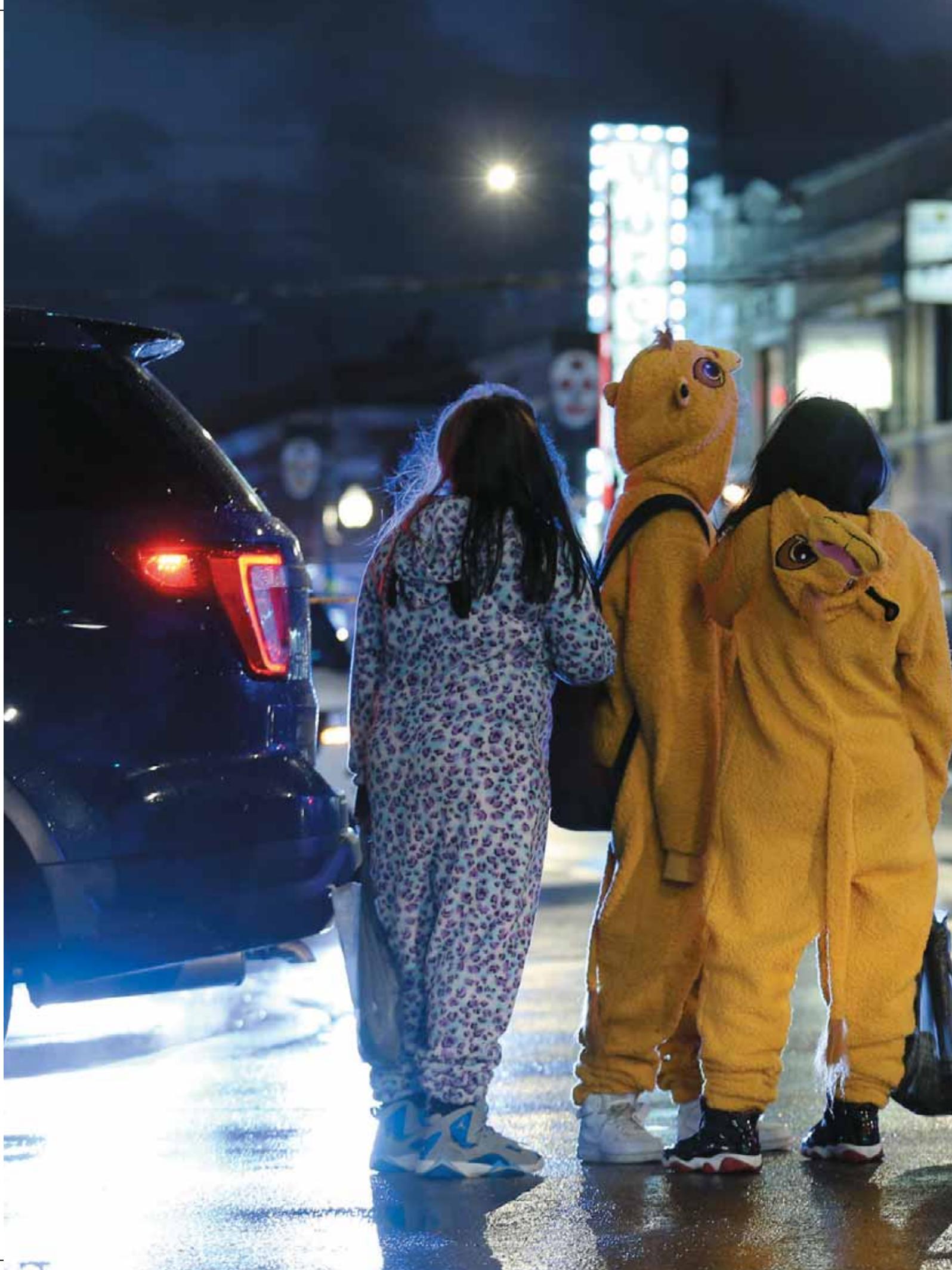
**JAN. 3:** Ald. Edward Burke leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after turning himself in. Burke was charged with attempted extortion for allegedly using his position as alderman to try to steer business to his private law firm from a company seeking to renovate a fast-food restaurant in his ward.





BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**OCT. 8:** Chicago police Officer David Salgado uses his attorney's suit jacket to hide himself from a camera while exiting the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after attending his federal corruption trial.





On  
Thursday night,  
El Nopal Bakery  
was swarmed  
with parents  
and children  
in costumes  
waiting their  
turn for a cookie  
and cake pop  
when the  
shooting started.

— *Chicago Tribune*



**OCT. 31:** A group of children look at a crime scene in the 3700 block of West 26th Street, where a 7-year-old girl dressed in a Minnie Mouse costume was shot while trick-or-treating. The girl, who was taken to Stroger Hospital in critical condition, survived the shooting.

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AUG. 8: Quarterback Mitch Trubisky, center, and the Bears head out onto the field before a preseason game against the Carolina Panthers at Soldier Field.  
CHRIS SWEDA/  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



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**AUG. 5:** Cubs shortstop Javier Baez holds up a phone with the words “no panic” while celebrating in the dugout after hitting a home run during the seventh inning against the Oakland Athletics at Wrigley Field.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JULY 2:** Marley Crabbe, from left, Sabrina Poole and Lea Selquist celebrate after an unsuccessful penalty kick by England during a watch party in Lincoln Park for the U.S. women’s team’s semifinal match in the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup.

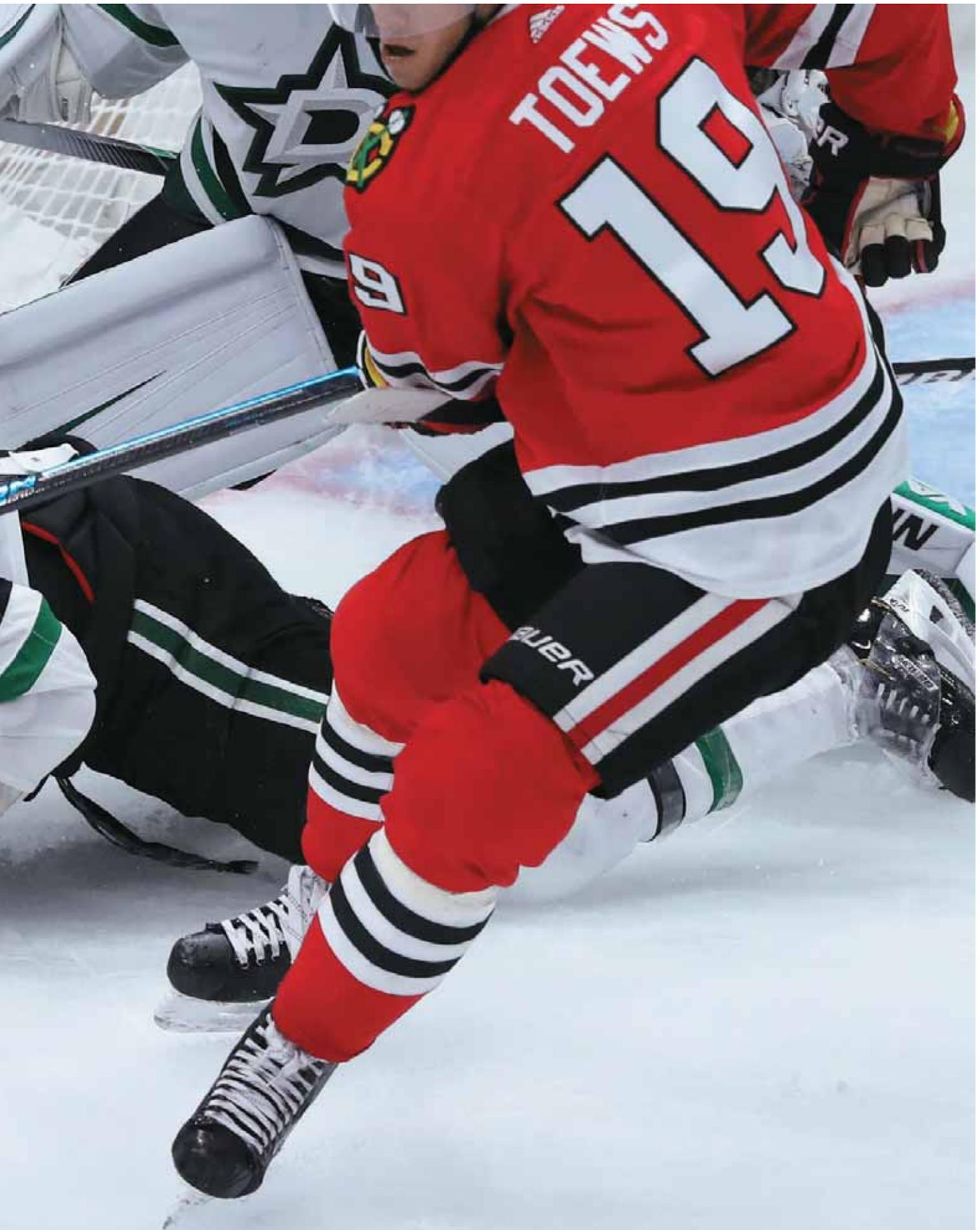


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**APRIL 26:** White Sox player Tim Anderson, front, celebrates his walk-off solo home run in the ninth inning of a game against the Detroit Tigers at Guaranteed Rate Field.



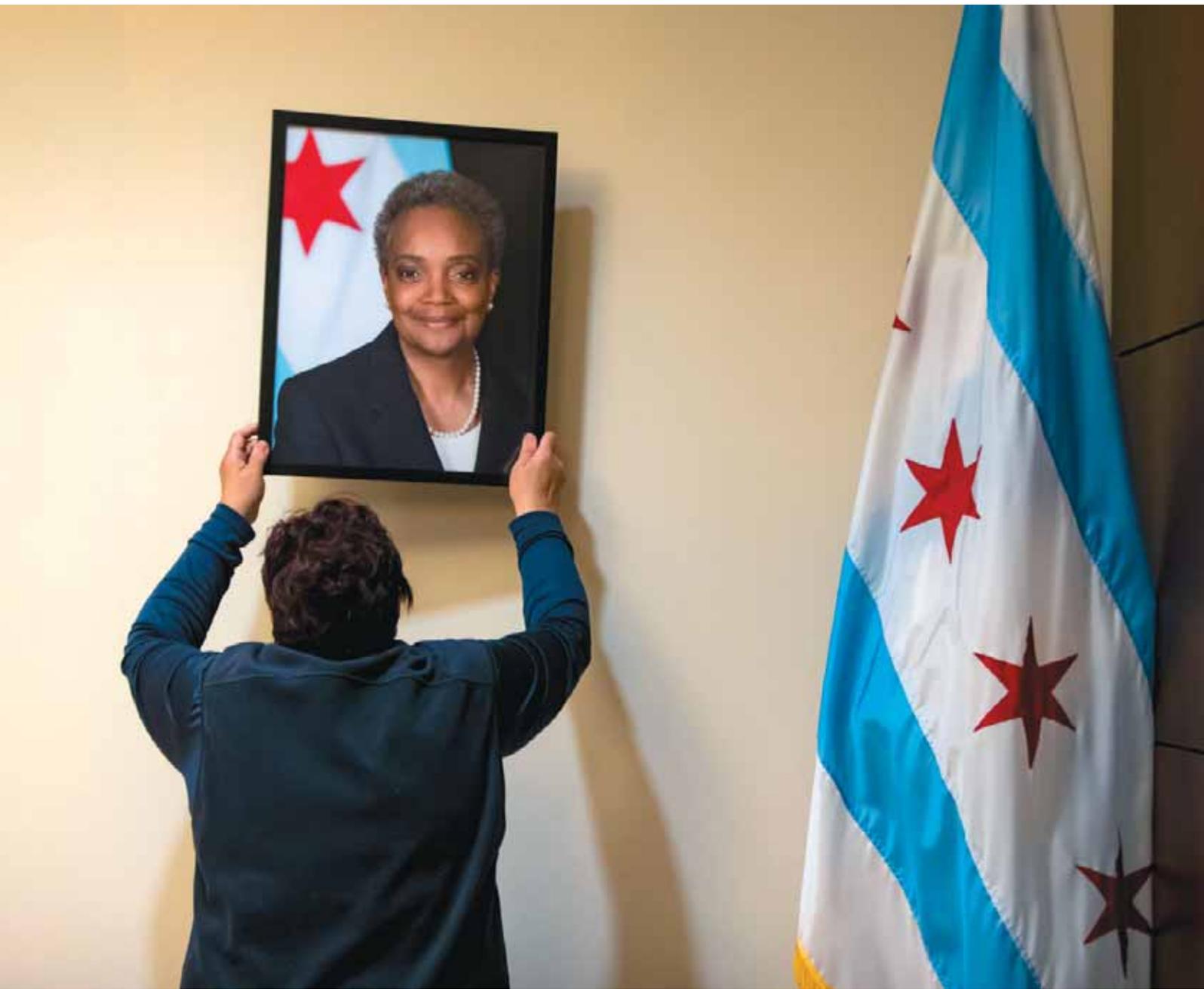
**FEB. 24:** Dallas Stars defenseman Ben Lovejoy is hit in the face with a stick by Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews in the third period during a game at the United Center.  
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**MAY 13:** Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel stands at his desk during his final week in office. Lori Lightfoot was inaugurated as the new mayor May 20.



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**MAY 20:** A portrait of Mayor Lori Lightfoot is put up on display outside the council chambers at City Hall after her inauguration that day.

“Black and brown kids,  
low-income kids,  
every kid in this city  
should grow up  
knowing they can  
pursue anything, they  
can love anyone —  
that’s my  
Chicago dream.”

— *Lori Lightfoot*



**MAY 20:**

Lori Lightfoot, right, is embraced by her wife, Amy Eshleman, after being sworn in as mayor of Chicago as U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Cox stands by at Wintrust Arena. “Get ready because reform is here,” said Lightfoot, the city’s first black woman and first openly gay mayor.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE







**NOV. 5:** Idris Lockett dresses as Mayor Lori Lightfoot in his Chicago home. The popularity of Idris' Halloween costume landed him a lunch with the mayor at City Hall on Nov. 4.

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**AUG. 14:** Visitors ride an aerial tram over the carnival midway area at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.



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**MAY 27:** Beachgoers enjoy the Memorial Day weather at 31st Street Beach before rainstorms moved into the area, along with tornado warnings and hail.



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**JAN. 11:** Lin-Manuel Miranda waves the Puerto Rican flag after the opening night performance of “Hamilton” in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the musical had a special three-week run with Miranda reprising his role as Alexander Hamilton.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JULY 23:** Debo Balogun takes a break at the lakefront in his Rogers Park neighborhood. Balogun was one of 10 actors in the Tribune's Hot New Faces of 2019 feature, highlighting the city's emerging theater talent.



**JAN. 23:** At Brass Heart, 4664 N. Broadway, the Ham & Eggs course is served with a poached quail egg, a square of pan de mie, coins of breakfast sausage and dots of maple-vinegar gel, all in a country-ham consomme decanted tableside.  
JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**APRIL 3:** Jimmy Papadopoulos, chef of Bellemore restaurant at 564 W. Randolph St., was among the chefs honored in Phil Vettel's Critic's Choice Dining Awards. Bellemore also ranks 12th on Vettel's list of Chicago's 50 best restaurants.  
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**MAY 29:** Clouds gather over the state Capitol in Springfield.

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STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**JAN. 3:** U.S. Reps. Lauren Underwood, from left, Jahana Hayes, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Barbara Lee, Ann McLane Kuster and Jan Schakowsky, of Illinois, take a selfie in Washington.

“Both Democrats and Republicans should want to get to the bottom of whether the president put our national security at risk for his own political gain.”

— U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos



**SEPT. 25:**

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy meets with U.S. President Donald Trump at the InterContinental Barclay hotel on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly session in New York.

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**FEB. 17:** Central American migrants walk along the Mexican bank of the Rio Bravo, which divides the cities of Eagle Pass, Texas, and Piedras Negras in Coahuila, Mexico. During the previous week, President Donald Trump had invoked a “national emergency” to tap military and other funds for barrier construction.



MATT MCCLAIN/WASHINGTON POST

**NOV. 13:** U.S. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Adam Schiff, left, talks with Rep. Devin Nunes during an impeachment hearing for President Donald Trump.



MATT MCCLAIN/WASHINGTON POST

**NOV. 20:** U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland takes a break from testifying before the House Intelligence Committee during impeachment hearings for President Donald Trump.



ANTHONY WALLACE/AFP

**NOV. 18:** Protesters run for cover after riot police fired tear gas in Hung Hom district in Hong Kong, where pro-democracy protests lasting many months showed no sign of stopping.



GEOFFROY VAN DER HASSELT/AFP

**APRIL 15:** The steeple and spire of Notre Dame Cathedral collapse as smoke and flames engulf the structure during a massive fire. The rebuilding of the spire has created a great deal of controversy.



AL DRAGO/GETTY

**OCT. 24:** The flag-draped casket of U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, of Maryland, makes its way through National Statuary Hall during a memorial service at the U.S. Capitol. Cummings died Oct. 17 at age 68.



RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

**SEPT. 3:** Volunteers rescue several families who arrived on small boats from the rising waters of Hurricane Dorian in Freeport, Bahamas, where the storm's punishing winds and muddy, brown waters devastated thousands of homes, crippled hospitals and trapped people in attics.



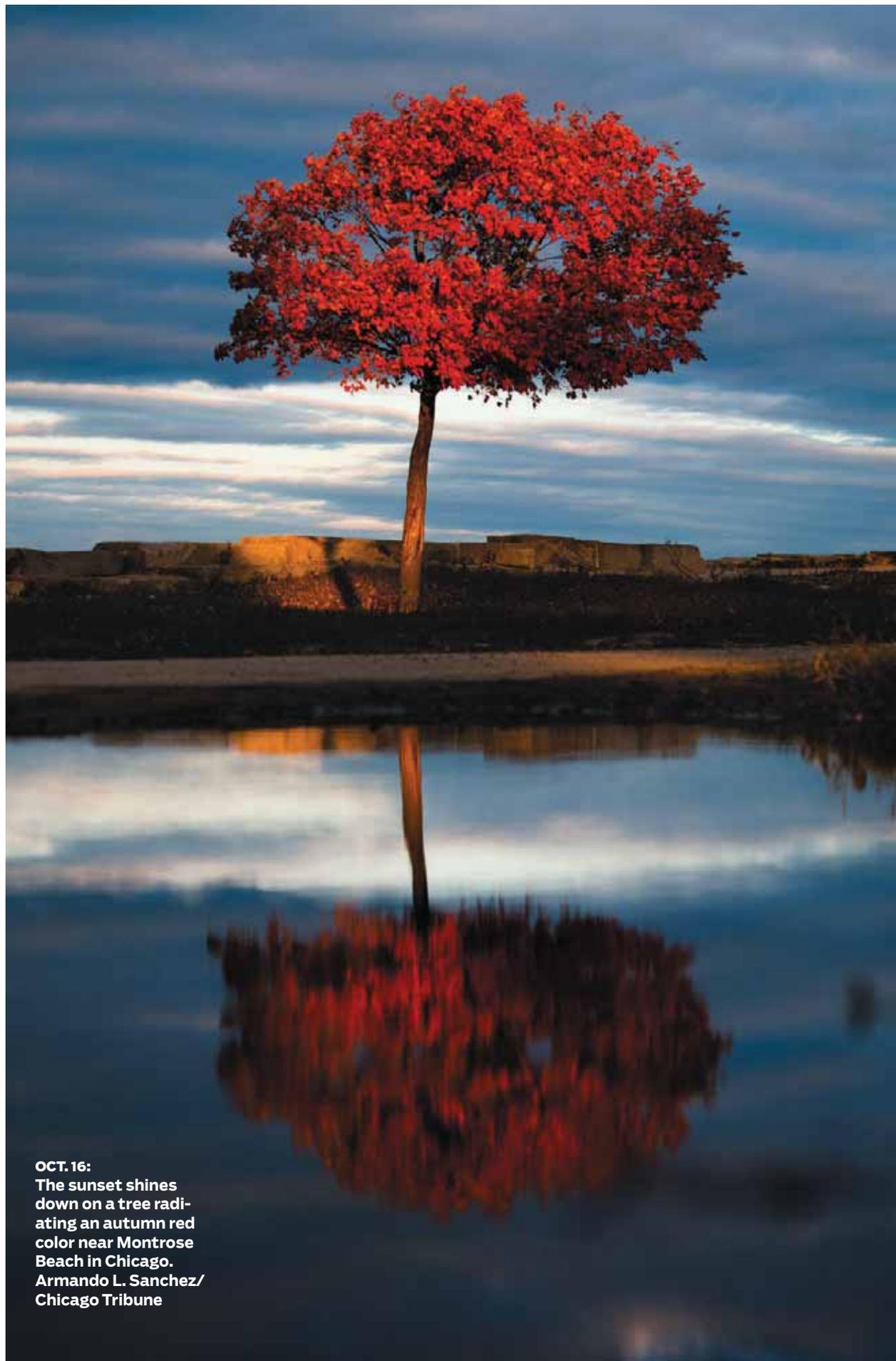
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**OCT. 29:** A tree burns during the night in a time-exposure image of the Kincadee Fire east of California Highway 128 in the Sonoma County community of Kellogg. The fire started Oct. 23 and burned 77,758 acres before it was extinguished Nov. 6.



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**OCT. 16:** Amanda Weiler, dive program manager, left, and Ross Cunning, coral research biologist, both with the Shedd Aquarium, collect coral samples at the Yellow Banks coral reef near Exuma in the Bahamas from aboard the Shedd's research vessel working on coral reef restoration.



**OCT. 16:**  
The sunset shines down on a tree radiating an autumn red color near Montrose Beach in Chicago.  
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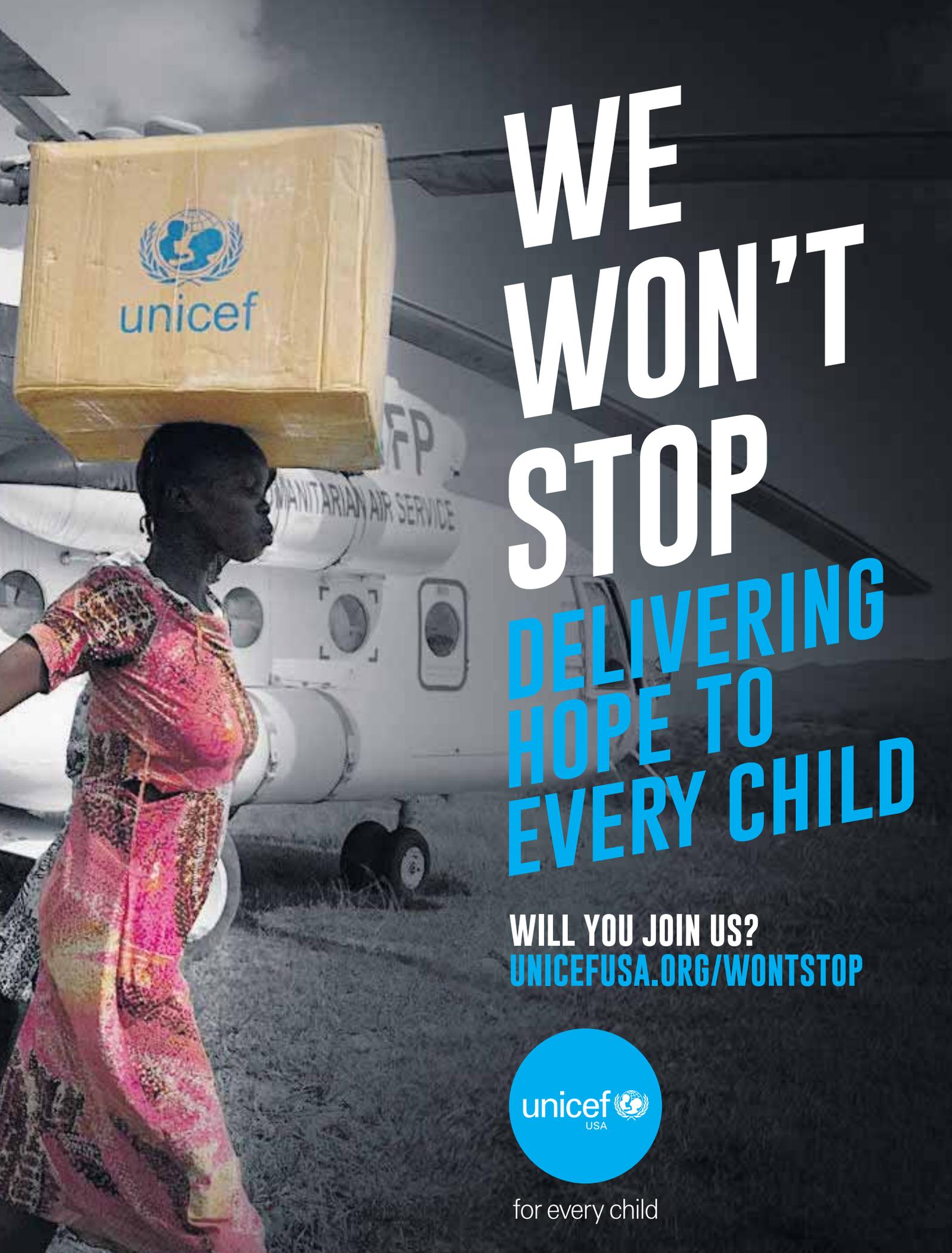


Schoolchildren taking a break in Côte d'Ivoire. UNICEF is pioneering a program there that converts plastic waste into bricks to build schools and health centers.

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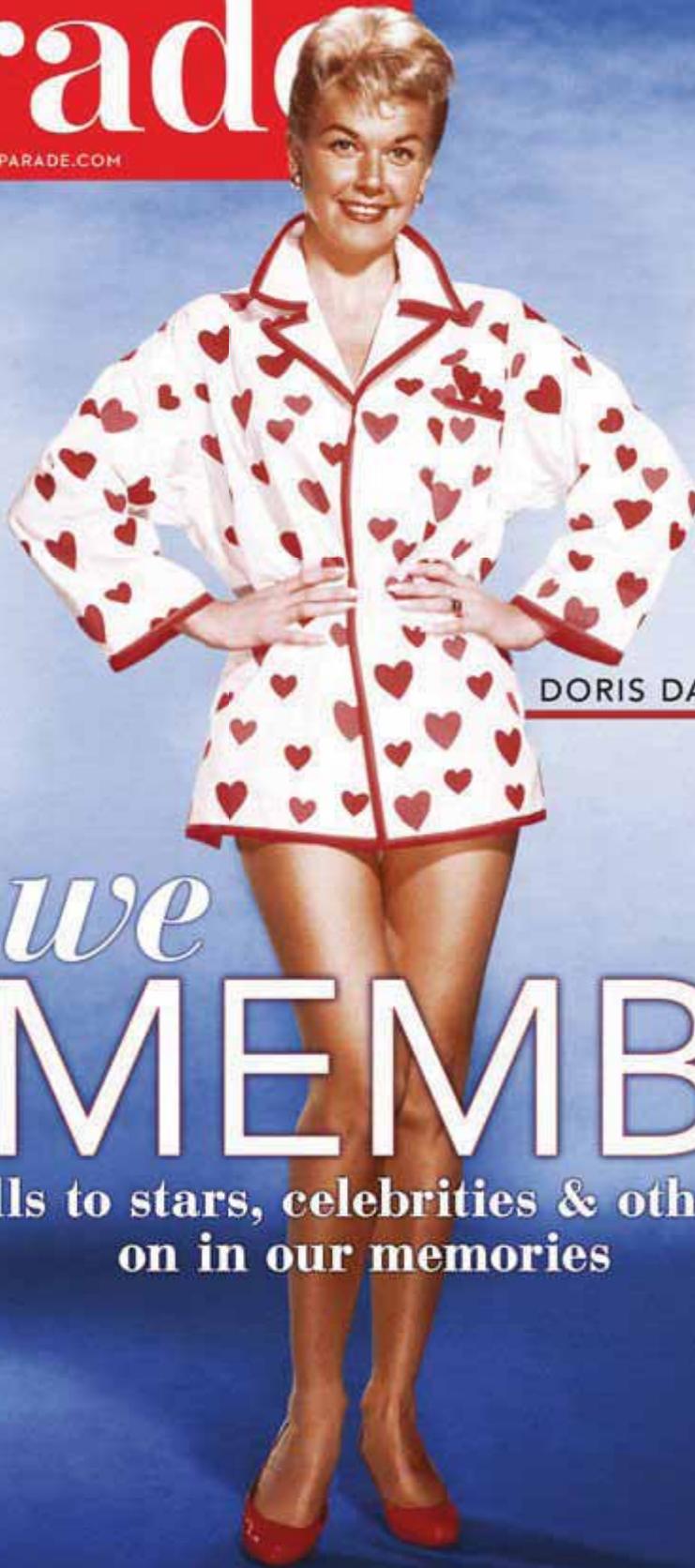
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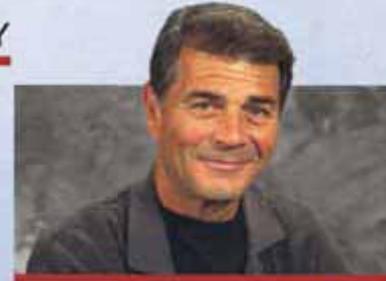
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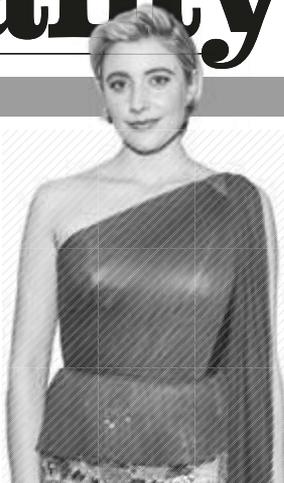
# Personality Parade

## LITTLE WOMEN ON THE SCREEN

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### GRETA GERWIG

The double Oscar nominee for *Lady Bird*, 36, is getting Oscar buzz again for *Little Women* (in theaters Dec. 25). Gerwig directed the new movie, based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott about the March sisters—Jo (**Saoirse Ronan**), Meg (**Emma Watson**), Amy (**Florence Pugh**) and Beth (**Eliza Scanlen**)—in 1860s New England.



**What about this 150-year-old story speaks to us today?** I thought there was an opportunity to bring out what's still fresh and wonderful about the book—all of these big, inappropriate and ambitious ideas that these girls had—and then also give Louisa May Alcott an ending she might have liked. She never wanted Jo to get married.

**Your approach is to look back at their childhood through the lens of adulthood.** I wanted to start the movie in the thick of it when they're adults, all separated from each other. [Their] childhood is this snow globe that they want to get back into, but it's also something they want to figure out in order to move forward in their adult lives.

**What great advice did she get from Meryl Streep? Go to [Parade.com/gerwig](http://Parade.com/gerwig) to find out.**

**You had Alcott's astrological chart done. What do you have in common with her?** We have a few things in common: being strong-willed, artistically inclined. But her chart was a lot lonelier than mine. She was more of a lone wolf. I think in some ways I wanted to try to keep her company. But she was, as all great artists are, ahead of her time.

**You and partner Noah Baumbach are co-writing a Barbie film. How does that sit with your feminist sensibilities?** Get ready—it does. Margot Robbie [who plays Barbie] is such an amazing actor and producer, and she has a very specific idea of how to come at this. Barbie's on board to do something radical.

### ADAM SANDLER Like You've Never Seen Him

Sandler is getting rave reviews for his starring role in the crime thriller *Uncut Gems* (in theaters now). It's the story of New York City jeweler Howard Ratner (Sandler) trying to score big as a con man who runs into all sorts of unsavory characters. "I only got one face, I only got one voice, but I tried to think differently [for Howard]," says Sandler, best known for his goofball performances in comedies like *The Waterboy*, *Little Nicky*, *Happy Gilmore* and *Billy Madison*.



Hollywood has been "big" on Louisa May Alcott's classic novel for more than a century.

**1933** Katharine Hepburn starred as daughter Jo in this early version—but it wasn't the first. There were silent movies as early as 1917.



**1949** The star-studded cast included **Elizabeth Taylor** (Amy), **Janet Leigh** (Meg), **Margaret O'Brien** (Beth) and **June Allyson** (Jo), with former silent film star **Mary Astor** as Mrs. "Marmee" March.

**1978** Some recognizable TV names—**Meredith Baxter**, **Susan Dey**, **Eve Plumb** and Robert Young—helped make this NBC miniseries a hit with fans.



**1994** **Claire Danes** made her feature film debut in this adaptation, which also starred **Winona Ryder**, Kirsten Dunst, Christian Bale and Eric Stoltz.

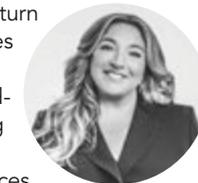


**2018** **Lea Thompson** starred—as Marmee—in this modern retelling, released in theaters to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the first publishing of Alcott's novel in 1868.



### Supernanny to the Rescue

Supernanny **Jo Frost** makes her return to television for 20 all-new episodes (Jan. 1 on Lifetime) in which the child-rearing expert helps stressed-out parents tackle issues, including postpartum depression, ADHD, kids obsessed with electronic devices, blended families struggling with children acting out and military and first-responder spouses facing separation. "These families are very vulnerable," Frost, 48, says. "I go into a family's home to support them, be a voice for children who need to be heard and find solutions to problems."



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# Stay Healthy



## THESE 6 THINGS ARE BAD FOR YOUR EYES

You're protecting your eyes from the sun, but do you know about these other dangers?

By Sheryl Kraft

"Although some causes of vision loss can't be prevented, many can be avoided by taking simple precautions," says Jeffrey Goshe, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute. Here's how to protect yourself from activities that can endanger your eyes.

**EATING TOO MUCH JUNK FOOD** Here's another reason to live by the advice "everything in moderation": Too much junk food may affect your sight. A 2019 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine* reported that it happened to a teenage boy. The teen's steady diet of potato chips, french fries and deli meat deprived his body of some of the essential vitamins and nutrients for eye health (called "nutritional optic neuropathy," a form of malnutrition), including vitamin B12, vitamin A, iron, calcium, magnesium and copper. At 17, he was declared legally blind.

While this boy's vision issue is extreme, good nutrition matters for all of us: Eating foods high on the glycemic index (like refined starches and sugars) could contribute to the development of age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of blindness in adults over 60, according to a study published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

**2 NOT CLEANING YOUR CONTACT LENSES** Dirty contacts can cause severe eye infections, like Acanthamoeba or fungal keratitis, or other chronic damage. That's why you should always rub your lenses, even if you use a "no-rub" solution to clean and disinfect, says Goshe. This helps clear them of proteins from your tears, dust, pollen and other particles.

**3 USING OLD MASCARA** It may look and smell OK, but using too-old mascara puts you at risk for a serious eye infection. Although usually safe when you first purchase it, the tube—which is dark and moist inside—offers bacteria a friendly breeding ground and may put you at risk for an infection (at best) or temporary or permanent blindness (at worst). To keep your eyes safe, experts say to toss your mascara after three months. And never share with family or friends or use a communal tester at a beauty counter.

**4 NOT WEARING SAFETY GLASSES** Fact: Almost half of all eye injuries happen at home. That's why it's important for anyone using tools, machinery, landscaping equipment or anything capable of creating high-velocity projectiles (and that includes opening a champagne bottle and cooking with oil or grease!) to wear protective eyewear to prevent injuries, says Goshe. Surveys show that only 35 percent of people wear protective eyewear while doing home repairs or projects, yet taking this simple step goes a long way—wearing it can prevent 90 percent of eye injuries. Tip: Bystanders are at risk too, especially small children or grandchildren who stand by watching others mow or cook.

**5 IGNORING FLASHES OR FLOATERS** Almost everyone has the occasional floater, which is not the sign of a problem, says Craig See, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Cleveland Clinic. Those specks, transparent threads or cobweb-like images that drift across the line of vision are usually caused by age-related changes or conditions such as diabetes, inflammation in the back of your eye or bleeding in your eye. Though painless, they're not always harmless: A sudden increase in floaters and/or blurry vision, or "flashes" usually seen in your peripheral vision (and most noticeable in the dark), could indicate a retinal tear or detachment, which can threaten your sight and cause permanent vision loss. Retinal tears or detachments are treated with surgery or lasers, but your vision will stand a better chance of recovery if you act fast.

**6 HANGING AROUND SMOKERS** You know that smoking or being exposed to secondhand smoke can cause heart disease and lung cancer, but did you know it could harm your sight too? Smokers have three to four times the risk of developing age-related macular degeneration than nonsmokers. Smoking also increases the risk of cataracts. If you smoke 15 or more cigarettes a day, your chance of developing cataracts, which can cloud and impair your vision, is three times greater than that of a nonsmoker.

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## Consumer Brief Summary

This summary contains risk and safety information for patients about EYLEA. It does not include all the information about EYLEA and does not take the place of talking to your eye doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

### What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a prescription medicine that works by blocking vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). VEGF can cause fluid to leak into the macula (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye responsible for sharp central vision). Blocking VEGF helps reduce fluid from leaking into the macula.

### What is EYLEA used for?

EYLEA is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
- Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)
- Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)

### How is EYLEA given?

EYLEA is an injection administered by your eye doctor into the eye. Depending on your condition, EYLEA injections are given on different schedules. Consult with your eye doctor to confirm which EYLEA schedule is appropriate for you.

### Who should not use EYLEA?

Do not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, inflammation in the eye, or are allergic to aflibercept and/or any other ingredients in EYLEA.

### What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?

- EYLEA must only be administered by a qualified eye doctor. Injection into the eye with EYLEA can result in an infection in the eye and retinal detachment (separation of retina from back of the eye). Inflammation in the eye has been reported with the use of EYLEA. If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, seek immediate care from an eye doctor
- In some patients, injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your eye doctor may monitor this after each injection
- There is a potential risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA
- Serious side effects related to the injection procedure with EYLEA are rare but can occur including infection inside the eye and retinal detachment
- You may experience temporary visual problems after receiving EYLEA and also during and/or after the eye doctor visits that will follow. Avoid driving or using machinery until your sight has recovered

- Because EYLEA is composed of large molecules, your body may react to it; therefore, there is a potential for an immune response (allergy-like) in patients treated with EYLEA

### What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

#### EYLEA can cause serious side effects, including

- See important safety information listed under “What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?”

The most common side effects include

- Increased redness in the eye
- Eye pain
- Cataract
- Vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment
- Vitreous floaters
- Moving spots in the field of vision
- Increased pressure in the eye

There are other possible side effects of EYLEA. For more information, ask your eye doctor.

**It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.**

**You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.**

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### What should I tell my eye doctor before receiving EYLEA?

- Tell your eye doctor if you have any medical conditions
- Tell your eye doctor if you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your unborn baby
- Tell your eye doctor if you are breastfeeding. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your baby. You and your eye doctor should decide whether you should be treated with EYLEA or breastfeed, but you should not do both

### How is EYLEA supplied?

EYLEA is supplied in a clear, colorless to pale yellow solution. It is provided in a pre-filled glass syringe or glass vial containing the amount of product required for a single injection into the eye, which is 0.05 mL (or 2 mg of the medicine product).

### Where can I learn more about EYLEA?

For more information, talk to your eye doctor and see the full Prescribing Information at [EYLEA.com](http://EYLEA.com).



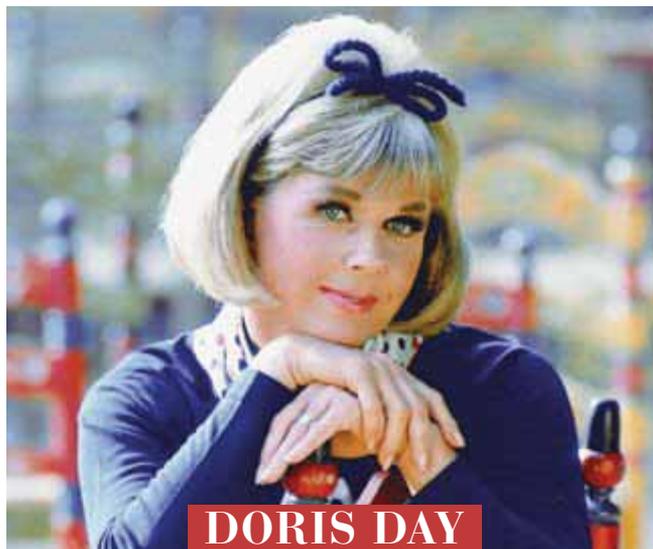
# WE REMEMBER

## Fond farewells to stars, celebrities and others who'll live on in our memories

BY SAMUEL R. MURRIAN

**W**hy look back? “It’s always been important to remember,” says Ben Mankiewicz, a host on TV’s Turner Classic Movies network. “It’s more than just nostalgia. Acknowledging our history and celebrating it is critical to moving forward as a society. It makes it particularly important to acknowledge where we came from. Celebrating the lives of great artists is a huge part of it.”

We forge a unique and powerful bond with public figures and celebrities, says Mo Rocca, a correspondent for *CBS Sunday Morning*, host of TV’s *The Henry Ford’s Innovation Nation* and author of the recent book *Mobituaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving*. “People who we see on TV, I think especially, become part of our lives,” he says. “We mourn them. Maybe not in the same way we mourn family members, but they’re a part of us.”



**A**n icon of the big screen, the actress, singer and animal welfare activist rose to prominence in the golden age of Hollywood, best known for pictures made with co-star Rock Hudson. She sang in many movies, but most memorable may be her haunting rendition of “Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be)” in Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. Day was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004, and was 97 when she died May 13. “She managed to be sunny without ever being saccharine, and I think that’s a very hard thing to pull off,” says Rocca. “And her sensitivity and kindness to her friend Rock Hudson, at a time when people were terrified by AIDS, just reminded us why we loved Doris Day.”

**Doris Day turned down the role of Mrs. Robinson opposite Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*.**

What songs by Ringo, Elton and Wham! mention Doris Day? Go to [Parade.com/goodbye](http://Parade.com/goodbye) to find out and for more fond farewells.

Son of Henry, brother of Jane and father of Bridget, the New York City-born actor **PETER FONDA**

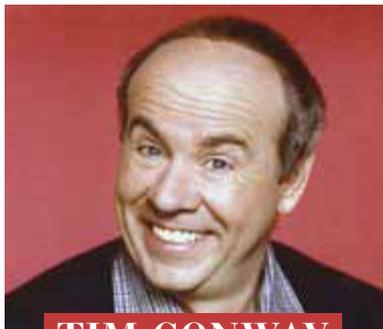


cut his teeth in theater and established himself as a key figure in the counterculture movement in the 1969 movie *Easy Rider*, which he produced, co-wrote and starred in. He died Aug. 16 at 79 in Los Angeles. In a statement shortly after his death, sister Jane said, “He was my sweet-hearted baby brother. The talker of the family. He went out laughing.”

TV journalist and author **COKIE ROBERTS**



died Sept. 17 at 75. Her decades-spanning career as political reporter included spots with NPR and ABC. Growing up, Rocca would see Roberts at church: “Every Sunday at noon mass, she would be a few minutes late, because she came in from the taping of *This Week With David Brinkley*. She would go right to the front and sing with the choir. That tells you something about her dedication and her willingness to put herself out there, in a really good way.”



## TIM CONWAY

The co-star of Carol Burnett's iconic variety show (for which he won four Emmys) passed away May 14 at 85. Among Conway's most unforgettable *Carol Burnett Show* sketches: "The Dentist" opposite Harvey Korman. Look it up on YouTube; you'll laugh 'til it hurts.

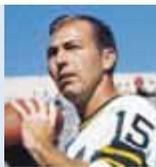
**"I spend a lot of time thinking of the hereafter—each time I enter a room, I wonder what I'm here after."**

—Tim Conway

"Nobody says 'the Great Conway and Korman,'" says Mankiewicz. "But maybe they should."

"Like his erstwhile partner Don Knotts," says Rocca, "Tim Conway was one of those funny people who was both wildly popular and a comedian's comedian. I think it's because he so clearly did what he did simply because he loved cracking people up."

Famous Green Bay Packers QB and coach **BART STARR**—the only quarterback in NFL history to win three consecutive league championships—died May 26 at 85.



Baltimore civil rights activist **REP. ELIJAH CUMMINGS** passed away Oct. 17 at 68. He integrated a segregated South Baltimore swimming pool when he was 11.



## PETER MAYHEW

English-American actor Peter Mayhew played Chewbacca in all of the character's *Star Wars* appearances from 1977 through 2015's *The Force Awakens*. This year's *The Rise of Skywalker* is dedicated to the memory of Mayhew, who died April 30 at 74.

**Chewbacca was inspired by George Lucas' dog, who liked to ride in copilot position in the director's car. Mayhew got the role, in part, because of his unusual height: 7 feet 3 inches.**



## CAROL CHANNING

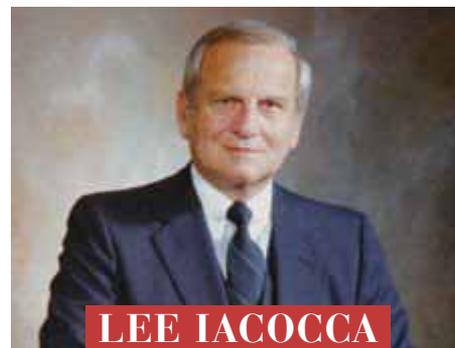
An American Theater Hall of Fame inductee, Channing broke through as Lorelei Lee in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* in 1949. She won a Tony for *Hello, Dolly!* in 1964, then continued performing well into her 90s. She died on Jan. 15 at 97. "I can think of no greater loyalty than that which Carol Channing had for the role of Dolly Levi. She played that role for nearly 5,000 performances," says Rocca. "I have a real affection for the troopers and the survivors—people who just keep going for sheer love of performing. She was one of those."



1992 and '96 presidential candidate billionaire **ROSS PEROT** died July 9 at 89.



Original Mouseketeer **KAREN PENDLETON** died Oct 6 at 73.



## LEE IACOCCA

Best known for the development of the Ford Mustang and Pinto, auto exec Lee Iacocca also co-authored several books, including an autobiography and *Where Have All the Leaders Gone?* He died July 2 at 94. "He represents America's comeback during one of this country's worst recessions, in the early '80s," says Rocca. "There was a forcefulness and a warmth about him. Because he was a child of two Italian immigrants, there was something so American about him."



Scene-stealing **GEORGIA ENGEL** (*The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*) died April 12 at 70.

Heiress, artist, author, actress and fashion designer **GLORIA VANDERBILT** was eulogized by her son, newscaster Anderson Cooper, in a CNN broadcast following her death on June 17 at 95.



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## Ask Marilyn

By Marilyn vos Savant

Is it possible for an adult with naturally blond hair to have brown eyes?

—Margaret Flinn, Normal, Ill.

Inheritance of eye color is more complicated than we had once thought. So the answer is yes, but the combination is extremely rare.

I am inspired by the quizzes in your column to submit this one. What do these words have in common (other than having six letters): abhors, adopt, almost, begins, bijoux, biopsy, chimps, chinos, chintz?

—Richard Lederer, San Diego, Calif.

Ah, a question from my verbivore friend (also known as Attila the Pun and Conan the Grammarian)! What do you think, readers? The answer appears below Numbrix.

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Complete 1 to 81 so the numbers follow a horizontal or vertical path—no diagonals.

75	25	21	15	13
77				9
79				1
63				37
61	55	49	47	45

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Answer: The letters in each word appear alphabetically.

# The Invention of the Year

## The world's lightest and most portable mobility device

*Once in a lifetime, a product comes along that truly moves people. Introducing the future of personal transportation... The Zinger.*

Throughout the ages, there have been many important advances in mobility. Canes, walkers, rollators, and scooters were created to help people with mobility issues get around and retain their independence. Lately, however, there haven't been any new improvements to these existing products or developments in this field. Until now. Recently, an innovative design engineer who's developed one of the world's most popular products created a completely new breakthrough... a personal electric vehicle. It's called the **Zinger**, and there is nothing out there quite like it.

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***"I can now go places and do things that I wasn't able to go or do before. It has given me a new lease on life and I am so happy I found it!"***

***—Dana S., Texas***

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The first thing you'll notice about the **Zinger** is its unique look. It doesn't look like a scooter. It's sleek, lightweight yet durable frame is made with aircraft grade aluminum. It weighs only 47.2 lbs but can handle a passenger that's up to 275 lbs! It features one-touch folding and unfolding— when folded it can be wheeled around like a suitcase and fits easily into a backseat or trunk. Then, there are the steering levers. They enable the **Zinger** to move forward, backward, turn on a dime and even pull right up to a table or desk. With its compact



Available in Green, Black and Blue (shown)



The Zinger folds to a mere 10 inches.

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**SUPER COUPON**

**HARDY**

**POWDER-FREE NITRILE GLOVES**  
PACK OF 100 • 5 mil thickness

Customer Rating ★★★★★

12¢ PER PAIR

~~\$7.99~~ **\$5.99** **SAVE 59%**

COMPARE TO VENOM **\$14.97**

ITEM 37050, 64417, 64418, 61363, 68497, 61360, 61359, 68498, 68496 shown

54140430

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**RAPID PUMP® 1.5 TON LIGHTWEIGHT ALUMINUM FLOOR JACK**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

1 SELLING JACKS

Weights 33 lbs.

~~\$799~~ **\$599** **SAVE \$91**

COMPARE TO K TOOL **\$151.42**

ITEM 64552, 64832/64980/64545 shown

54153552

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**4000 WATT MAX. STARTING GAS POWERED GENERATOR**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

10 hour run time

Not available in AZ, OH, OK and VA.

~~\$3599~~ **\$2999**

COMPARE TO HONDA **\$1,939**

ITEM 63080, 69729, 56172/56174/63078 shown

5413899

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

# 25% OFF

ANY SINGLE ITEM\*

**TWO DAYS ONLY**  
Valid Tuesday, December 31, 2019 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020

54199210

Limit 1 coupon per customer per day. Save 25% on any 1 item purchased. \*Cannot be used with other discount coupon or any of the following items or brands: Inside Track Club membership, Extended Service Plan, gift card, open box item, 3 Day Parking Lot Sale Item, compressors, floor jacks, safety, storage cabinets, chests or carts, Italian, welders, Admiral, Atlas, Bauer, Central Machinery, Corona, CoverPro, Daytona, Diamondback, Earthmate, Fisher, Hercules, Ikon, Light, Lites, Puma, Predator, Predator, Viking, Vulcan, Zenith. Not valid on prior purchases. Non-transferable. Original coupon must be presented. Valid 12/31/19 and 1/1/20 only.

**SUPER COUPON**

**3-IN-1 PORTABLE POWER PACK WITH JUMP STARTER**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$599~~ **\$499** **SAVE 44%**

COMPARE TO SUPERSTART **\$89.99**

ITEM 38391/64083, 56349/62376/62306 shown

54165025

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**TWO TIER EASY-STORE STEP LADDER**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

225 lb. capacity

~~\$299~~ **\$199** **SAVE 40%**

COMPARE TO WERNER **\$33.88**

ITEM 67514, 54167933

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**46" MOBILE STORAGE CABINET WITH SOLID WOOD TOP**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

15,704 cu. in. of storage  
1200 lb. capacity

~~\$259~~ **\$229** **SAVE \$69**

COMPARE TO FRONTIER **\$299**

ITEM 64023/64012 shown

54168650

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

# 20% OFF

ANY SINGLE ITEM\*

**Now thru February 22, 2020**

54137778

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**SUPER COUPON**

**588 LUMEN TACTICAL FLASHLIGHT**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$14.99~~ **\$9.99** **SAVE 83%**

COMPARE TO STREAMLIGHT **\$9.99**

ITEM 64799/63934 shown

54170249

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**14" ELECTRIC CHAINSAW**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$499~~ **\$399** **SAVE 50%**

COMPARE TO CRAFTSMAN **\$80.74**

ITEM 64498/64497 shown

54171042

LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**WIRELESS SECURITY ALERT SYSTEM**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$149~~ **\$99** **SAVE 69%**

COMPARE TO FIRST ALERT **\$32.99**

ITEM 61910/62447/93068 shown

54507573

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

# FREE

WITH ANY PURCHASE

OVER 5,000 5 STAR REVIEWS

**SUPER BRIGHT LED/SMD WORK LIGHT/FLASHLIGHT**

• Super-Strong, Ultra-Lightweight Composite Plastic  
• Magnetic Base & 360° Swivel Hook for Hands-Free Operation  
• 3-AAA Batteries (Included)

ITEM 63878/63991, 64005/69567/60566, 63601/67227 shown

**COMPARE TO PERFORMANCE TOOL **\$13.92****

54137768

Cannot be used with other discounts or prior purchases. Original coupon must be presented. Valid through 2/22/20 while supplies last. Limit 1 FREE GIFT per customer per day.

**SUPER COUPON**

**10 FT. x 20 FT. PORTABLE CAR CANOPY**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$1199~~ **\$999** **SAVE \$99**

COMPARE TO SHELTER LOGIC **\$199**

ITEM 63054, 62858 shown

54172945

LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**4 PIECE, 1" x 15 FT. RATCHETING TIE DOWNS**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

400 lb. working load

~~\$129~~ **\$69** **SAVE 69%**

COMPARE TO KEEPER **\$22.80**

ITEM 62322/61524, 53056/63057/63150/56668/63094 shown

54175002

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**1 TON CAPACITY FOLDABLE SHOP CRANE**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

Room extends from 34" to 45"  
Crane height adjusts from 69-5/8" to 82"

~~\$189~~ **\$139** **SAVE \$90**

COMPARE TO GOPUS **\$229.99**

ITEM 69512, 61858 shown

54175240

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**CLICK-TYPE TORQUE WRENCHES**

• Reversible  
• LIFETIME WARRANTY

Customer Rating ★★★★★

Item 239 shown

~~\$1099~~ **\$999** **SAVE 88%**

COMPARE TO HUSKY **\$89.97**

ITEM 61277/63881/2696, 61276/63880/807, 62431/63882/239 shown

54179937

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**ULTRA-LIGHT, CRUSH PROOF WEATHER-RESISTANT LOCKABLE CASE**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

8-1/8" L  
5-5/8" W  
3-3/4" H

~~\$139~~ **\$99** **SAVE 74%**

COMPARE TO PELICAN **\$39.95**

ITEM 64550/63518 shown

54180663

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**3/8" x 50 FT. RETRACTABLE AIR HOSE REEL**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$79~~ **\$59** **SAVE \$39**

COMPARE TO KOBALT **\$99**

ITEM 64685, 69265/62344, 93897 shown

54189093

LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**DIMMABLE LED SUPER BRIGHT LIGHT SWITCH**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

~~\$49~~ **\$39** **SAVE 49%**

COMPARE TO PREMIER **\$6.97**

ITEM 64485, 54186493

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**SUPER COUPON**

**20 GALLON, 135 PSI OIL-LUBE AIR COMPRESSOR**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

4.0 SCFM @ 90 PSI

~~\$199~~ **\$174.99** **SAVE \$75**

COMPARE TO PORTER-CABLE **\$249.99**

ITEM 56241/64857 shown

54190014

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 2/22/20\*

**DON'T MISS OUR 3 DAY JANUARY BLOWOUT SALE** FRIDAY JAN. 10 SATURDAY JAN. 11 SUNDAY JAN. 12 **Save up to 93%**

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