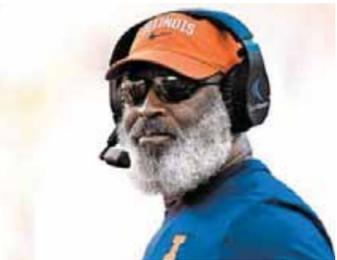


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Illinois population drops for 6th year

As consecutive streak continues, state has lost more residents than any other this decade

BY CECILIA REYES

Illinois' population decreased in 2019 by an estimated 51,250 people, or 0.4%, marking the sixth consecutive year the state has lost residents, according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Since the turn of the decade, Illinois has lost more residents than any other state, with a drop of about 159,700 people, or 1.2% of its population. Only three other states have shrunk since 2010: Connecticut, Vermont and West Virginia — with West Virginia losing the largest share of its

residents, a 3.3% decline.

Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, has lost an estimated 532,463 people since 2010, or 14.3% of its population.

Population losses in Illinois have been compounding since 2014, when the state began a steady, though not precipitous, decline. Illinois is the sixth-most-populous state in the nation, after California, Texas, Florida, New York and Pennsylvania, which

passed Illinois in 2017. Ohio is seventh, followed by Georgia and North Carolina.

As Illinois' population has eroded, potentially weakening its political and economic power, the trend has become a frequent topic of political discussion.

Contacted for comment about the new census numbers, the administration of Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker released a statement ticking off various

measures intended to help keep and attract Illinois residents.

"Illinois' unemployment rate is at a historic low and we are continuing to create jobs in every region of the state," the statement said. "Illinois is back and the Pritzker administration is proving that when you build relationships, work together and focus on solutions you can create positive

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Nicholas Stankus finishes a medical marijuana sale Monday at the Sunnyside dispensary on North Clark Street in Chicago.

Expect shortage once
marijuana sales start

Recreational pot 'no different than the launch of anything new'

BY ALLY MAROTTI

With less than 48 hours to go until marijuana shops open their doors to the public, operators are figuring out what to do if they run low on weed.

For months, dispensaries have been bracing for a shortage. Nearly every state that allows recreational marijuana has had stores run out or run low during the first days of sales.

Some Illinois dispensaries say

they're already having difficulty keeping enough weed in stock for the medical marijuana patients they currently serve. And demand for marijuana should only grow during the early days of recreational sales, when long lines of customers are expected to wait for hours in the cold. As Illinois dispensaries await their final shipments of marijuana before sales start Jan. 1, many are preparing to limit how much customers can buy as a way of

managing supply.

"We've been planning ahead and stocking up," said Neal McQueeney, principal officer of Midway Dispensary near the airport. "Since they signed the law, everybody's been really working toward limiting the inevitable shortage ... to make sure if you can't get everything you want, at least you get something."

Dispensary operators say marijuana flower, the dried buds that can be smoked, could be among



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Cresco Labs employee Teri Kortz sorts cannabis in a processing room in Joliet on Dec. 17.

the first items to sell out.

The marijuana industry has spent months preparing for the rollout of legal weed. Many of the state's 21 growing facilities are expanding capacity, but construction takes time, and so does

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Family mourns lost
promise of daughter

19-year-old shot to death while home on break from Michigan State

BY WILLIAM LEE, JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ, MORGAN GREENE AND KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS



Bell

family's life to see this young lady go (to) prom and for her to go and seek her dreams," recalled Bell's cousin Joseph Wright.

On Monday, just six months after that triumphant moment, Bell's family gathered at a Cook County courthouse to hear how the young woman with a brilliant future ended up dead from a gunshot wound, allegedly at the hand of her boyfriend.

Lafayette Hodges, an 18-year-old with numerous run-ins with the law, told police he was playing with a revolver he thought was empty when it went



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Evelyn Hightower and Darius Bell talk about their daughter, Lyniah Bell, who was home for winter break when she was shot and killed.

off and Bell was struck in the head, just two days after Christmas. Hodges held his hands to his head as he appeared in court on charges of involuntary manslaughter.

While Bell's family expressed outrage that more serious charges including murder wer-

en't filed against Hodges, prosecutors said the teen described the shooting as an accident. There were no records of domestic violence between the pair and no one inside the apartment heard fighting.

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Church
security
took out
gunman

Congregant, firearms trainer, ended attack with a single shot

BY JAKE BLEIBERG
Associated Press

WHITE SETTLEMENT, Texas — A man who trained others in his Texas church to use guns to protect the congregation fatally shot a gunman seconds after he opened fire during a service, the Texas attorney general said Monday.

Jack Wilson fired a single shot, quickly ending the attack that killed two people at the West Freeway Church of Christ in the Fort Worth-area town of White Settlement. More than 240 congregants were in the church at the time.

Wilson's bio on Facebook listed him as a former Hood County reserve deputy and a firearms instructor. He posted about the attack a few hours after it happened, saying the event "put me in a position that I would hope no one would have to be in. But evil exists, and I had to take out an active shooter in church. I'm thankful to GOD that I have been blessed with the ability and desire to serve him in the role of head of security at the church."

Speaking outside the church, Attorney General Ken Paxton said authorities "can't prevent mental illness from occurring, and we can't prevent every crazy person from pulling a gun. But we can be prepared like this church was."

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Monday identified the attacker as Keith Thomas Kinnunen, 43. His motive is under investigation.

Investigators searched Kinnunen's home in River Oaks, a small nearby city where police said his department's only contact with the suspected gunman was a couple traffic citations.

"He didn't exist until yesterday," Deputy Police Chief Charles Stewart said.

But Kinnunen appeared to have more serious brushes in other jurisdictions. He was ar-

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2020 predictions: GOP legalizes crime, Baby Yoda ruins economy



REX HUPPKE

Greetings, fellow Americans, and welcome to this year's edition of Rex Huppke's Can't-Be-Doubted 100-Percent-Guaranteed Grade-A Take-It-To-The-Bank New Year's Predictions.

This annual column — beloved by all Americans, according to me — is the most reliable of all new year prognostications, as evidenced by the fact that I have never once admitted any of my predictions were wrong, even if they were wrong. (Which they definitely weren't.)

Let's get right to business. Here are things that will absolutely, without question, happen in 2020.

To protect Trump, Republicans will declare crimes "legal"

Not long into the new year, the impeachment of President Donald Trump will move to a trial in the U.S. Senate where he will be acquitted by Republican lawmakers, all of whom had their spines removed over the holidays.

Having dodged removal from office, Trump will feel emboldened and will continue to act like a wealthy, powerful man who has never been held accountable for any of his actions. This will result in the president averaging one impeachable offense per week and force Republican lawmakers to fundamentally alter the definitions of the words "crime" and "wrong."

By executive order and with full GOP support, crimes will be ruled "totally legal" and "totally cool."

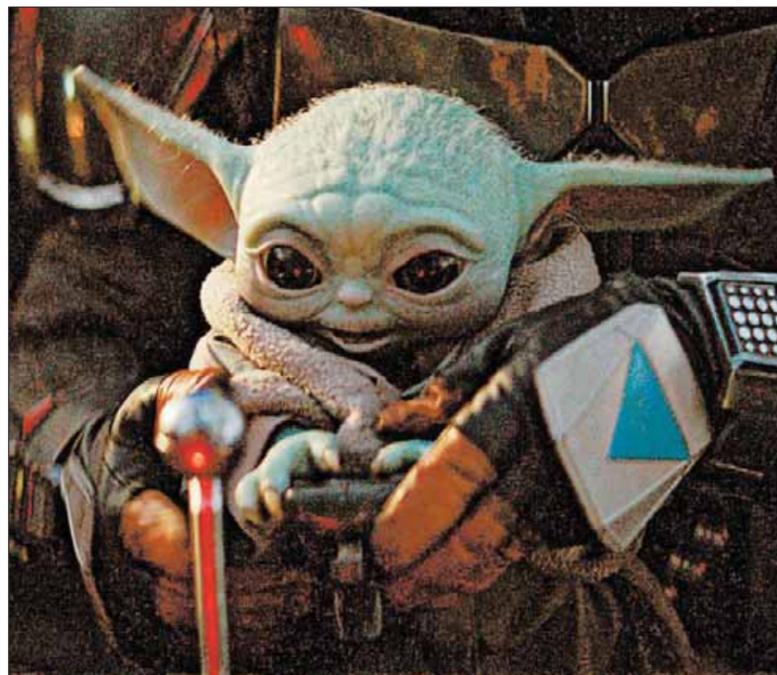
Also, "wrong" will be referred to as "right," which is pretty much the way Republicans have viewed things since Trump took office anyway.

Trump supporters will reach "maximum aggravement"

Having grown addicted to the delusional belief that they are a persecuted minority, supporters of President Trump will begin requiring unsafe levels of "aggravement rhetoric."

To keep his base frothy and intellectually anesthetized, Trump will continue to preach that the rest of the world is out to get them, causing them to effectively overdose on faux-woe.

This will cause a physiological change that rewires the brains of the MAGA crowd and makes them all



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Baby Yoda is a breakout star of "The Mandalorian" TV series on Disney Plus.

realize how ridiculously they've been behaving.

They will celebrate by demanding Trump be held accountable for his ongoing crimes, but it will be too late because crimes will already be legal.

I will receive a complimentary trip to Guantanamo

The aforementioned emboldening of Trump will lead him to the next logical step in the authoritarian playbook: Lock up the journalists.

Because of the first two predictions in this column, I'll be one of the first to receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Guantanamo Bay.

I will eagerly accept the offer because I haven't had a vacation in forever, and will then spend the remainder of my days telling the cockroaches in my cell why they shouldn't use the Oxford comma.

America will switch to an entirely Baby-Yoda-based economy

Enamored with Baby Yoda, the charmingly adorable character from the "Star Wars"-based Disney Plus series "The Mandalorian," Americans will lose their collective minds early in the year as Baby Yoda merchandise hits the shelves.

Demand will be so high that a Baby Yoda black market — nicknamed "The Dark Side" — will form, leading fans to cash in retirement accounts just to get their hands on a 6-inch plush version of the big-eared, Force-wielding baby.

Soon the value of Baby Yoda products will eclipse the value of gold and cause

the stock market to collapse. Friends and families will turn on each other, and food will be available only to those who possess an object bearing the green baby's likeness.

Fortunately, I won't have to worry about a thing because I'll be in Guantanamo with my cockroach friends.

Democrats will create a perfect candidate, possibly through cloning

Unable to find a 100% pure presidential candidate, the Democratic Party will resort to a mix of gene-splicing and cloning to create a youthful-yet-experienced, progressive-but-appealing-to-moderates, smart-but-not-annoyingly-smart hybrid candidate who checks all the necessary boxes. (No easy trick, as there are roughly 5,500 boxes.)

The candidate-clone will be created from the DNA of each current candidate, with the percentage of each person's DNA based on that person's current polling numbers.

The Frankenstein's monster candidate will, of course, go completely mad and start stealing everyone's Baby Yoda dolls. But it won't matter because crimes are legal and the creature will still be considered a measurable step up from Trump.

Conservatives will find another whippersnapper to demonize

After growing weary of attacking and patronizing 16-year-old Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg, conservatives will seek out a new young person to blame for forcing them to think about things.

After flailing a bit, they will eventually land on 6-year-old kindergartner James Flintlock of Wappingers Falls, New York, who will receive brief internet fame for writing a three-sentence story about keeping lakes clean, titled "Fishes Needs Kleen Wawa To."

Democratic lawmakers will invite James to read his innocent and painfully adorable story on the floor of the U.S. Senate, at which time Republican Senators will march out in protest while Fox News host Sean Hannity promotes a theory that James is the love child of George Soros and Hillary Clinton.

He will become a hashtag in right-wing Twitter circles — #LameJames — and upon returning home will ask his parents why "the mean men" all like to yell so much.

More than 60% of Fox News' programming for the remainder of the year will be devoted to James-related scandals.

I will wish readers a Happy New Year, and be grateful

This is one prediction I know will be right.

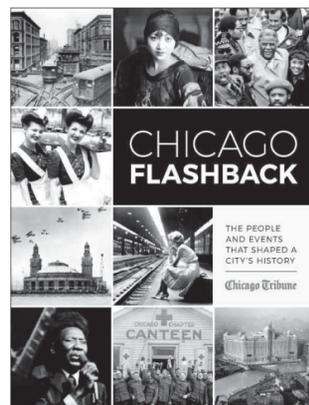
I realize we don't all agree — not even close — and I know some enjoy the columns and some find them dreadful. But I truly appreciate everyone who takes the time to read, and I feel lucky and blessed to have one of the best jobs in the world.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020. From my family to yours: Happy New Year!

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Committeeman hopeful exits race

Embattled Ald. Carrie Austin off 34th Ward ballot

BY GREGORY PRATT

Embattled South Side Ald. Carrie Austin has withdrawn her petitions for reelection as 34th Ward committeeman, according to the Chicago Board of Elections.

Austin needed a minimum of 925 signatures on her petitions to appear on the ballot for the Democratic Party post but turned in 1,423. An objection was filed that suggested she had just 516 valid voter signatures, or 409 fewer than the minimum. Election observers note that such a large margin likely would have been difficult to overcome, and she has since withdrawn her candidacy.

In a letter accompanying her withdrawal, Austin quoted the Bible: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens."

"People of faith often say, 'When God closes a door, he opens a window,' and pours out a blessing you don't have room to receive," Austin wrote. "While I do not know His future plans for me, I welcome the journey. I know only He will show me what He wants me to accomplish. The English author Geoffrey Chaucer is credited with first saying that, 'All good things come to an end.' And, so they do."

But, Austin added, "I remain the proud alderman of the 34th ward of the city of Chicago, a public trust and service that I have appreciated since 1994. I will continue to do the people's work in that capacity."

The withdrawal is just the latest setback for Austin, who's had perhaps



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Ald. Carrie Austin speaks during a Chicago City Council meeting Dec. 18.

the roughest year of any Chicago City Council member other than indicted Ald. Edward Burke.

FBI agents raided Austin's Far South Side ward office in June, hauling out boxes and files. Austin, the longtime 34th Ward alderman, has not been charged with any crime and has denied any wrongdoing.

Federal authorities have been investigating the circumstances surrounding the construction and recent sale of a West Pullman home to Austin by a developer in her ward, the Tribune previously reported. The Tribune obtained part of a subpoena, issued by a grand jury, that sought re-

ords relating to "the construction, purchase, financing, rental, or ownership of, and/or work on," a home in the 12200 block of South Laffin Street in Chicago, including billing and payment information.

Austin herself introduced and voted for the 2016 zoning change that allowed the home to be built, city documents show. Later that year, a building permit for the home, located in a development called the Renaissance Estates, estimated it would cost \$300,000 to build.

Records show Austin bought the home last October from JTA Development Inc. for \$236,000, and that Austin took out a

mortgage with Wintrust for \$231,353. According to the Cook County assessor's office, the house — a 2,915-square-foot one-story masonry home with 3.5 baths and a two-car garage — is now worth \$508,000.

The 1.6 acres the house sits on is valued at an additional \$388,000 — but land records show Austin only owns about one-seventh of the acreage. In addition to investigating Austin's home purchase and campaign finances, the federal grand jury probe also includes a look at the alderman's family members, her longtime chief of staff, campaign contributions and food stamp assistance, according to a

subpoena previously reported on by the Tribune.

Records released by the State Board of Elections show that the U.S. attorney's office also served the agency a grand jury subpoena on June 27 seeking records related to the 34th Ward Regular Democratic Org, Citizens for Carrie M Austin-Alderman 34th Ward and Friends of Carrie Austin 34th Ward Committeeman. A letter included with the subpoena notes it involves an official criminal investigation.

Austin, the second-longest serving alderman, once was a top City Council leader and ally to former Mayors Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel. But Mayor Lori Lightfoot stripped Austin of her Budget Committee chairmanship earlier this year, instead creating the new Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity, and naming Austin to its helm.

Austin initially was non-committal about the new post, saying she didn't want to run a committee "that don't have no teeth."

"If it's not going to have any effect, I don't need that," Austin said. "I don't need a pansy (committee), nah."

Austin's political committee reported paying \$40,000 to a downtown law firm this summer, according to a campaign finance report.

Citizens for Carrie M Austin-Alderman 34th Ward filed its quarterly report for the period covering July 1 through Sept. 30 and disclosed \$40,000 paid to downtown law firm Clark Hill on July 9.

Austin did not return a message seeking comment about the committeeman's race.

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Bar puts blame on alleged victim

Says woman suing over sex assault is half at fault

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

A River North restaurant and nightclub, responding to a lawsuit by a woman who alleges she was sexually assaulted in an alley outside the business, has raised a potential defense in court papers that the woman was as much as 50% or more at fault for what happened.

In its response, El Hefe, a Mexican restaurant and club at 15 W. Hubbard St., argued the woman, identified only as "Jane Doe" in the lawsuit, became "overly intoxicated" and didn't take "adequate and proper steps necessary to protect her own safety" at the restaurant on the night of Oct. 18.

The woman's attorney, John Chwarzynski Jr., said by telephone Monday that El Hefe's response amounted to victim blaming.

"They put her in this position and now they want to blame her for it, and it's absolutely appalling," Chwarzynski said.

But Lissa Druss, a spokeswoman for El Hefe, cautioned that the restaurant's filing on Dec. 26 was "simply procedural in nature."

"El Hefe ownership group takes this report and any report of a sexual assault very seriously," Druss said in an email on behalf of Arizona-based Riot Hospitality Group, which also owns restaurants in Scottsdale and Tempe. "We have been working vigorously to get the facts of this report, including working very closely with the Chicago Police Department to attain ALL the facts."

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, alleged that restaurant staff and security guards tossed the woman out of the establishment into a dark alley and stood nearby as she was sexually assaulted by another bar patron.

The suit alleged that a bartender who served alcohol to the woman — some purchased by the other patron — noticed the woman's condition "rapidly deteriorating" and believed the woman had been drugged.

An unknown man continued to make sexual advances toward the woman even after she threw up inside the bar and rebuffed efforts by the bartender to intervene, according to the suit.

Workers from El Hefe then escorted the woman out of the restaurant because of her condition, taking her out of a back door and into a dark alley with the unknown man, according to the suit. Security guards for El Hefe stayed about 100 feet away as he sexually assaulted the woman then flagged the security guards before leaving the woman in the alley, the suit said.

Within days of Jane Doe's lawsuit, another woman filed a lawsuit against the same restaurant, alleging she too was sexually assaulted inside El Hefe in the fall of 2014.

Elizabeth Capra, who publicly shared her story, alleged she believes she was also drugged when she went to the bar to watch a Chicago Bears game with friends.

Capra, who is also represented by Chwarzynski, told reporters earlier this month that she came forward after viewing video that surfaced of the woman who alleged she was sexually assaulted in October.

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What you need to know for New Year's Eve travel

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND MARY WISNIEWSKI

Just in time to dampen New Year's Eve festivities and hamper holiday travel, winter finally is making its presence known in Chicago with snow late Monday, followed by temperatures as low as 20 degrees Tuesday night when revelers ring in 2020, forecasters said.

Anywhere from 1 to 3 inches of snow was expected, with the highest totals likely closer to the Wisconsin border, said Ricky Castro, a National Weather Service meteorologist. He said snow, plus wind and reduced visibility in some places, had the potential to foul up Tuesday morning's inbound commute.

"It'll be a wintry start to the year, coming in the wake of the really mild weather we had for over a week. The skies should clear out (Tuesday) night, but it'll be much colder than it's been," Castro said. "Nothing unusual at all for this time of year, but it'll be in the 20s for people out celebrating the new year."

And because even Tuesday's daytime high shouldn't much exceed freezing, if at all, most of the snow will remain as the clock winds down on 2019, an already dangerous time to be on the roads. In anticipation of slick surfaces, coupled with a spike in impaired motorists on the roads on New Year's Eve, the Chicago police and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications are urging Chicagoans to take advantage of free or reduced fares on public transit.

In a news release asking residents to be aware of

street closures and to anticipate large crowds downtown, Rich Guidice, director of the OEMC, said the Police Department is to add 1,300 additional officers Tuesday night, "to serve as a visible deterrent, particularly in the busy entertainment districts," which include the areas around Navy Pier and the Chicago River, where two separate fireworks displays are scheduled at midnight.

"As always, we will work with our public safety partners to monitor conditions across the city, and make adjustments if necessary," Guidice said.

Castro said the main snow event should taper off by 6 or 7 a.m. Tuesday, but flurries could continue well into the afternoon, making it more challenging to keep roadways cleared.

"It'll be enough to whiten the ground and probably cause some travel issues (Tuesday) morning. I wouldn't say it's a significant snow event, but certainly — we'll also have fairly windy conditions — it could be enough to cause some lower visibility in spots," Castro said.

But there are still plenty of easy, free or inexpensive ways to make it to and around the city safely without chancing the roads.

For the first time in Metra's history, the commuter railroad will join the CTA in offering free rides across its system on New Year's Eve, to help attract revelers who might otherwise get behind the wheel.

Rides will be free on every Metra train that arrives or departs downtown Chicago stations after 6 p.m. Tuesday. On New Year's Day, Metra will offer a \$5 unlimited ride pass.

"Public transit is the safest way to travel, and

Metra would like to do its part to encourage our riders to celebrate responsibly and leave the driving to us," said Metra CEO Jim Derwinski in a statement.

You cannot, however, pursue your New Year's festivities while riding Metra: The railroad is banning alcohol on all trains after 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The CTA will continue its long-running practice of offering free rides on all buses and trains beginning at 10 p.m. Tuesday until 4 a.m. Wednesday. The CTA also is offering extra service to accommodate the crowds going to Navy Pier for fireworks, with greater capacity and more trains on the Red and Blue lines; greater capacity and later service on the Purple, Green, Brown and Orange lines; and later service on the Yellow Line.

There also will be extra service on several bus routes, including the #4 Cottage Grove, #22 Clark, #79 79th, #141 Sheridan, #29 State, #65 Grand, #66 Chicago and #124 Navy Pier.

Pace also is to continue its practice of providing free bus and ADA paratransit rides during the height of festivities, according to spokeswoman Maggie Daly Skogbakken. Free rides will be offered from 10 p.m. on Tuesday until 4 a.m. Wednesday. The agency offers limited bus service during those hours, but ADA paratransit service operates 24/7 in the city of Chicago, she said in a statement.

About 39% of roadway fatalities over the New Year's Eve holiday are alcohol-related, compared with the average of 29% over the course of a year, according to the National Safety Council, an Itasca-



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based safety advocacy group.

The group estimates that beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, and ending at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, 163 people could be killed in roadway crashes nationwide.

Those who choose to drive should check their route against the city's list of closures before hitting the road.

The main event drawing tens of thousands of merry-makers is the Chicago River fireworks display, which is separate from the Navy Pier fireworks display on Lake Michigan, Guidice said.

The midnight riverfront fireworks show takes place along the Main Branch from Wolf Point near the Franklin/Orleans Bridge to east of Columbus Drive, he said.

Upper Wacker Drive and bridges along the Main Branch of the Chicago River will be closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic in advance of the fireworks — as early as 11 p.m. — and during the display.

City officials said the following also will be closed from 11 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Wednesday:

- Upper Wacker Drive between Lake Street and Lake Shore Drive
- Franklin/Orleans Street Bridge

- Wells Street Bridge
 - LaSalle Street Bridge
 - Clark Street Bridge
 - Dearborn Street Bridge
 - State Street Bridge
 - Wabash Street Bridge
 - Michigan Avenue Bridge
 - Columbus Drive Bridge
- Several areas along the river up to and around the lake also will close to pedestrians, many as early as 4 p.m., officials said. Also, sidewalks will close to pedestrians on one side of each of the following bridges, leaving the other side open to foot traffic until about 11 p.m. when they will be closed for the duration of the fireworks, according to the OEMC:
- Franklin/Orleans Street Bridge (west sidewalk)
 - LaSalle Street Bridge (east sidewalk)
 - Clark Street Bridge (east sidewalk)
 - Dearborn Street Bridge (east sidewalk)
 - State Street Bridge (east sidewalk)

At 10 p.m., the Chicago Riverwalk will be closed off. No viewing is allowed from the Riverwalk, city officials said.

Increased security measures also will be in place for watercraft, according to the OEMC.

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Stroger drops out of race for water reclamation board

BY LOLLY BOWEAN AND GREGORY PRATT

Former state lawmaker and onetime Cook County Board President Todd Stroger on Monday withdrew as a candidate for commissioner on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board.

His decision to drop out of the race comes shortly after his petitions were challenged for not having enough valid signatures.

Last week, a lawyer for his objectors argued that Stroger's petitions needed to be reviewed to make sure that all of the signatures were legitimate and that

they were collected properly.

Stroger's attorney argued that the objectors needed to appear in person before a hearing officer to explain in detail their challenge. The matter was set to have a hearing Monday morning.

But an hour before that hearing was scheduled to

take place, Stroger submitted a letter withdrawing from the race, documents show.

The decision to withdraw marks an abrupt end for Stroger's latest political comeback effort. Earlier this year, Stroger made a splash by endorsing former rival Cook County Board

President Toni Preckwinkle for Chicago's mayor against Lori Lightfoot.

Neither Stroger nor his attorney were available for comment on Monday afternoon.

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Todd Stroger files petitions Dec. 2 for the water reclamation board election.

Sales

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growing marijuana.

Bedford Grow started making plans to triple capacity at its growing facility in Bedford Park as soon as Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the recreational cannabis law last summer, said Paul Chialdikas, vice president of sales and marketing. But the marijuana grown in the new space isn't expected to be delivered to stores until

April.

In the meantime, the marijuana it provides to dispensaries is selling out almost immediately, Chialdikas said. The marijuana products he made available to dispensaries last week sold out in 12 minutes.

A year ago, a batch of Bedford Grow's products would not have sold out, let alone in a matter of minutes, Chialdikas said.

But the marijuana industry in Illinois has changed drastically from a year ago,

in part because the number of medical cannabis patients in the state has doubled. Those patients will be shopping at the same stores as recreational customers.

To help manage inventory and meet demand, MedMen plans to limit recreational sales to four hours per day at its dispensaries in Evanston and Oak Park starting Jan. 2. Spokesman Christian Langbein said the restricted hours are temporary, and come after a full day of sales on Jan. 1 to

everyone.

Illinois law requires dispensaries to make sure they have enough cannabis for medical patients. That means if supplies run low enough, retail locations may sell only to medical patients. Illinois lawmakers have raised concerns about potential shortages, and the Pritzker administration has said it will monitor supply to make sure medical cannabis patients have enough.

Supplies are already running tight.

"It's getting a little bit harder to keep some of even the medical inventory in stock," said Kris Krane, president and co-founder of 4Front Ventures, which owns a growing facility in Elk Grove Village and Mission South Shore dispensary in the South Chicago neighborhood. "(There's) just not that much available on the wholesale market."

Mission plans to put a spending cap of \$300 in place for recreational customers, and reassess after the first day of sales based on inventory. There will be no spending cap for medical patients, Krane said.

The dispensary's menu will be available online, and at ordering kiosks on the main retail floor. If a certain product sells out, that product will no longer be visible on the menu.

"It's so hard to anticipate exactly what demand is going to be," he said. "We'll plan as much as we can at least for the first couple of days, but we're going to have to continue to adjust as we go along."

Eventually, nearly 946,000 Illinois residents — more than 9% of people

over age 21 — could become cannabis consumers, according to a study commissioned by Illinois lawmakers and conducted by consulting firm Freedman and Koski earlier this year. Out of the roughly 114 million visitors to Illinois each year, almost 11 million are expected to buy weed.

In comparison, less than 54,500 medical patients bought weed at dispensaries in November, according to the state's data.

Two weeks ago, Mindful Dispensary in Addison started limiting medical patients to buying 1/4 an ounce of marijuana flower per day. The store has flower in stock, it just can't get enough to supply demand, said co-owner and general manager Kurt Berry.

And that is just serving medical patients. Berry said the shop won't start selling to recreational customers for a few months, after it has time to complete renovations.

"We're holding our own right now, but when you flip the switch on New Year's Eve and there's suddenly a million new buyers, I think there's going to be a problem," he said. "Quite frankly, I'm happy to be on the sidelines for the first couple of months."

Medical patients have also been buying marijuana products "at an impressive rate" at Dispensary 33 in the Uptown neighborhood, said general manager Paul Lee.

Sales are up because patient count is up, Lee said. People also are getting excited about recreational sales, and could be stocking

up before all the new customers come in. Edibles and joints sell out quickly, he said.

Still, Lee said he doubts his store will completely run out of marijuana product.

"Even if you run out of one product, you should be able to have a dozen more ... to pick from," he said.

Besides the popular flower, dispensaries will also sell edible chocolates, various flavors of gummies, cannabis-infused patches and rubs for sore muscles, tinctures that can be dropped under the tongue, and concentrates in various forms.

Chicago-based Cresco Labs makes about 600 different marijuana products, and has been increasing capacity at all three of its grow facilities around the state, said spokesman Jason Erkes. A new machine at one of its facilities can churn out tens of thousands of cannabis-infused gummies per day.

Expansions are still underway at two of the company's growing facilities, Erkes said. But once growers finish their expansions, they'll constantly be harvesting marijuana and bringing products to market.

"It's no different than the launch of anything new when there's a lot of anticipation, whether it's a shoe, a phone or a new chicken sandwich," he said. "There's no way to initially meet the demand, but it'll catch up quickly."

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Bell

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Prosecutors did note that Hodges changed his version of what happened, first claiming that he was play fighting with Bell when the gun fired.

Bell had spent several days of her winter break with Hodges at his family's apartment that included nine other relatives, according to prosecutors. On Friday, Hodges came home with a friend who he said gave him a revolver, according to Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy.

In a bedroom, Hodges played with the gun, first pointing and pulling the trigger at his friend and then at himself. When he pointed the gun at Bell, it fired and a bullet struck her in the head, Murphy said. Hodges' family called 911 while he fled the apartment with the gun, prosecutors said. Someone placed a white blanket over her body.

Outside the courthouse, Bell's relatives said they barely knew Hodges, adding that some within the family didn't approve of him because of his legal troubles. They were also displeased by photos they said they'd seen of him posing with guns on social media. Hodges, who has a juvenile conviction, isn't le-



Darius Bell, 13, talks about his sister, Lyniah Bell, who was home on winter break when she was shot and killed, allegedly by her boyfriend, as he played with a revolver.

gally allowed to own or possess a firearm.

"Who wants their daughter with someone who has a criminal past and who uploads (photos of) guns on Facebook?" Bell's cousin's Sam Brown wondered as he spoke with reporters.

"I don't wish the death penalty for him ... but he should get at least 45 (years)," said another cousin, Ann Hightower-Brown. "He shouldn't be out in five years. I think that's ridiculous!"

Hodges faces a maximum of five years in prison if convicted.

Later, Bell's mother and father gathered with friends and relatives to share memories of the woman they said was like "everybody's grandchild."

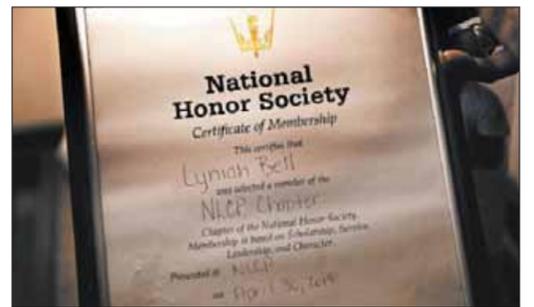
"She loved taking pictures," said her mother, Evelyn Hightower, pointing to a photo of Bell from a visit to WGN-TV studios. "I'm very proud of her. Her legacy will live on. I'm very proud to have

Lyniah Bell as my daughter."

Her father, Darius Bell, described her as a family-oriented young woman who cared for her younger brother and enjoyed fast food.

Hightower remembered how Bell "loved going to Chuck E. Cheese, even though she was too old." The family lovingly nicknamed her "fat baby," she added.

Bell's younger brother, Darius Bell, 13, said he and his older sister spent time together watching television shows and competing with one another in rap



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This certificate shows Lyniah Bell's National Honor Society membership. She was a Michigan State University student.

battles. Bell was the older of two children. "She kicked me out of her room everyday," Darius joked.

Clutching photos of her daughter and the teen's National Honor Society certificate, Hightower sat next to the elder Bell on a couch in her living room. Bell held his hands together and looked at the floor as he talked about Hodges.

"We constantly let her know that we didn't approve," Bell said of his daughter's relationship. "They were on two different paths. After a while of her not comprehending what I was saying, I stopped because I didn't want to push her to him."

Bell said he hoped the relationship would fizzle once she left for college.

"Death never entered my mind, not one time," the elder Bell said. "I was thinking she got shot because

someone was trying to get to him."

Hodges' court-appointed attorney sought a cash bail and electronic monitoring, pointing out that Hodges surrendered to police hours after the shooting. She added that Hodges sought education at three area schools but was forced to quit to help support his large family, which includes several young children.

But Circuit Judge Arthur Wesley Willis ordered Hodges held on \$50,000 bail, saying his history with guns made a lesser bail amount impossible. The judge also found Hodges in violation of bail in a case earlier this year in which he allegedly punched and bit Chicago police officers trying to serve an arrest warrant.

Hodges will be held in Cook County Jail without bond.



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U.S. Census data shows Illinois' population dropped by 51,250 people in 2019, continuing a steady decline.

Residents

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change."

Bryce Hill, a policy analyst at the conservative Illinois Policy Institute, said he hoped the heightened attention to the state's population decline will motivate more Illinoisans to stay and push for change.

"It's not too late," Hill said. "Illinois is not doomed, but we need some serious policy decisions and reform."

In examining population trends in Illinois over the past year, the Tribune found that a decrease in the number of people moving to Illinois from other states and countries has exacerbated the impact of declining birthrates and increasing numbers of people moving out of the state.

The data released Monday shows that the state's well-known problems with domestic migration losses (losing residents to other states) were slightly mitigated by positive net international migration. Arrivals to Illinois from other countries outnumbered international departures, causing Illinois to gain about 1.5 people per 1,000 residents. But domestically, more people left Illinois for another state than the reverse, causing a loss of about 8.3 people per 1,000. That rate was the fourth worst for any state in 2019, behind New York, Hawaii and Alaska.

When the domestic and international migration rates are combined, the flow of people into and out of Illinois caused a net migration loss of about 6.8 people per 1,000 residents in the past year.

The new numbers offer only net migration estimates and do not allow comparisons between how many people left Illinois and how many moved in. But in September, the Tribune reported that Illinois ranked worse nationally on attracting new residents from other countries and states than on losing residents to other states.

Census data on the number of people moving in and

out of Illinois relies on a survey and is produced separately from the census division that releases population estimates. The most recent available survey data, for 2018, shows that Illinois continued to rank poorly on in-migration; it ranked 46th among the states in terms of attracting new residents from other states and countries.

The same data shows that Illinois actually improved last year on the rate of domestic out-migration, or people moving out of Illinois to another state. In 2017, Illinois ranked as the 21st worst state, with a rate of 26.8 people leaving Illinois per 1,000 residents. By 2018 the rate had fallen to 24.2, and the state's ranking improved, to the 32nd worst.

The census data released Monday offers some hints of how the changes in Illinois' population may affect the state's political representation, though the final determination will be based on the full census count in 2020. Eighteen people now represent Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"We've known for a while that the projections are that we would lose one district possibly or more, but we won't know that until we have the actual number for the census," a spokesman for the Illinois State Board of Elections said.

One possible result, he added, is the loss of a congressional district in the southern part of the state.

The decennial census count also affects the distribution of public funds. Anita Banerji, the director for Forefront's Democracy Initiative, a nonprofit that is receiving funding from Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration to conduct 2020 census outreach, said she hopes the new population loss numbers will magnify the importance of an accurate census count.

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Man accused in stabbings charged with hate crimes

Journals found in suspect's home had anti-Semitic language

By RYAN TARINELLI, JIM MUSTIAN AND LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

MONSEY, N.Y. — Handwritten journals containing anti-Semitic references were found in the home of the man charged with federal hate crimes Monday in the stabbing and slashing of five people celebrating Hanukkah at a rabbi's house north of New York City, authorities said.

Grafton E. Thomas, 37, was held without bail after appearing in federal court in White Plains on five counts of obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs by attempting to kill with a dangerous weapon and causing injuries in the Saturday attack. Authorities said a bloodstained 18-inch machete was recovered from his car.

The bearded Thomas, his ankles shackled, shuffled into the courtroom in a prison jumpsuit, telling a judge who asked him if his head was clear that he was "not clear at all" and needed sleep. But he added: "I am coherent."

His court-appointed attorney, Susanne Brody, said Thomas has issues with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

The stabbings on the seventh night of Hanukkah come amid a series of violent attacks targeting Jews in the region that have led to increased security, particularly around religious gatherings.



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Grafton Thomas has been charged with stabbing five people at a rabbi's home.

A criminal complaint said journals recovered from Thomas' home in Greenwood Lake included comments questioning "why ppl mourned for anti-Semitism when there is Semitic genocide" and a page with drawings of a Star of David and a swastika.

A phone recovered from his car included repeated internet searches for "Why did Hitler hate the Jews" as well as "German Jewish Temples near me" and "Prominent companies founded by Jews in America," the complaint said.

Defense attorney Michael Sussman told reporters he visited Thomas' home and found stacks of notes he described as "the ramblings of a disturbed individual" but nothing to point to an "anti-Semitic motive" or suggest Thomas "intentionally targeted" the rabbi's home.

"My impression from speaking with him is that he needs serious psychiatric evaluation," Sussman said. "His explanations were not



Kim Thomas, center, mother of Grafton Thomas, sits with Rev. Wendy Paige, right, and attorney Michael Sussman, left, at a news conference Monday in New York.

terribly coherent."

Thomas' family said he was raised to embrace tolerance but has a long history of mental illness, including multiple hospitalizations.

"He has no history of violent acts and no convictions for any crime," his family said in a statement. "He has no known history of anti-Semitism and was raised in a home which embraced and respected all religions and races. He is not a member of any hate groups."

In a release, U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman said Thomas "targeted his victims in the midst of a religious ceremony, trans-

forming a joyous Hanukkah celebration into a scene of carnage and pain."

Thomas served in the Marines and was president of his class at a high school in Queens, Sussman said. He attended William Paterson University between 2005 and 2007, the university confirmed, where he played football as a walk-on running back.

Thomas' family said his mental health deteriorated over the years. He would hear voices and have trouble completing sentences at times, Sussman said.

In court papers filed in a 2013 eviction case in Utah, Thomas said he suffered

from schizophrenia, depression and anxiety and his "conditions are spontaneous and untamed."

Thomas was arrested within two hours of the Saturday night attack in Monsey. When police pulled his car over in Manhattan, he had blood all over his clothing and smelled of bleach but said "almost nothing" to the arresting officers, officials said.

The criminal complaint said authorities recovered a machete under the front passenger seat that appeared to have traces of dried blood on it; a knife recovered from the rear of the seat appeared to have

dried blood and hair on it.

According to the complaint, Thomas, a scarf covering his face, entered the rabbi's home next door to a synagogue and said "no one is leaving." He then took out a machete and started stabbing and slashing people in the home packed with dozens of congregants, the complaint said.

The five victims suffered serious injuries and at least one was in critical condition with a skull fracture, the complaint said. The rabbi's son was also injured.

On Sunday, Thomas pleaded not guilty to five counts of attempted murder and one count of burglary.

Guaidó's buzz fades as Maduro holds firm

Despite US support, opposition leader lost ground in 2019

By SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Tour operator Alejandro Palacios joined hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans protesting in the streets early this year, wanting to believe things would finally change in the country as upstart opposition leader Juan Guaidó rallied international support and promised a swift end to President Nicolas Maduro's rule.

To Palacios, Guaidó seemed different from past opposition leaders who had challenged Maduro and his predecessor, the late Hugo Chávez, over 20 years of increasingly authoritarian socialist rule.

The United States and dozens of nations had thrown their support behind the youthful congressional leader, recognizing him as the country's legitimate president, arguing that Maduro's reelection was invalidated by fraud and a ban on most opponents.

And there seemed to be signs that the military might heed Guaidó's repeated calls for soldiers to abandon

Maduro. A few joined him in the streets in a quickly quelled uprising. The U.S. and other nations sent caravans of aid to Venezuela's borders to be distributed by Guaidó's backers, and they were put in charge of many Venezuelan embassies and assets abroad.

Then February turned to March, and the months marched by. No international aid made it through Maduro's blockade. The military stayed loyal. Even the nation's catastrophic economy began to improve slightly. Maduro remains in power.

"Here we are today, like nothing ever happened," said a disillusioned Palacios, 26, who has watched relatives pack up and leave in desperation while he stayed behind to care for his parents living on a government pension constantly shrinking under the world's highest inflation.

Palacios no longer answers the opposition leader's call to protest, nor do most of the others who once filled the streets.

Cracks have even appeared in Guaidó's base of support in the National Assembly, the only major institution controlled by the opposition. His reelection as congressional president is no longer assured and

legislators' official terms expire in a few months.

Throughout, the 36-year-old Guaidó has admitted no mistakes, and neither he nor his backers in Washington have offered a fresh strategy to rescue their floundering battle to unseat Maduro. The Trump administration has continued to pile economic and travel sanctions onto Maduro's inner circle, but so far with little effect.

"We're up against a dictatorship," Guaidó told The Associated Press. "I think that is central."

Guaidó said he remains focused on winning over the military, the linchpin of support for Maduro, and he dismissed the idea of further negotiations with the socialist administration — talks his side says Maduro has used to defuse protests without making concessions.

He also said he favors boycotting legislative elections in 2020 as long as the electoral board running the vote remains packed with Maduro loyalists.

Still, Guaidó insists his domestic and international support will only grow.

Guaidó, the hand-picked successor to then-detained opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, leapt onto the stage last January at a dark moment in the once-wealthy



Juan Guaidó declared himself interim president in January, but Nicolas Maduro hasn't left.

nation's history. Despite sitting atop the world's largest proven oil reserves, the nation is plagued by gasoline shortages, most homes don't have reliable drinking water or electricity, and there are shortages of food, medicine and spare parts.

Roughly 4.5 million people have left the country, figures that rival mass migration from war-torn Syria.

Seizing on the nation's desperation, Guaidó drew masses into the streets 11 months ago when he claimed to be Venezuela's legitimate interim president after congress declared Maduro's reelection

illegal.

The bold move overnight turned Guaidó into the nation's most-popular politician since Chavez burst onto the political scene in the early 1990s. More than 60% of Venezuelans viewed him favorably in February, according to Caracas-based polling firm Datanalisis.

Today that support has sunk by 20 percentage points, said Leon, a sign Venezuelans are starting to think that removing Maduro from power may be impossible.

Maduro, whose approval ratings in the other polls have dipped closer to 10%,

has proved more resilient than many expected.

Maduro also appeals to many Venezuelans who still mistrust an opposition seen as corrupt and elitist and who honor the memory of Chavez, who died before the economic collapse hit home.

In January, the National Assembly must decide whether to extend Guaidó's tenure, and he said he is confident he has the backing to be reelected as assembly president. Analysts say appointing any alternative would be devastating for the opposition.

Trump ally may have broken Venezuela sanctions, US officials say

By JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

MIAMI — Erik Prince, a major Republican donor and founder of controversial security firm Blackwater, has been referred to the U.S. Treasury Department for possible sanctions violations tied to his recent trip to Venezuela for a meeting with a top aide of President Nicolas Maduro, two senior U.S. officials said.

There's no indication that Prince, whose sister is Education Secretary Betsy

DeVos, will be sanctioned for the meeting last month in Caracas with Venezuela's Vice President Delcy Rodriguez.

But the fact the visit was flagged underscores the concern of officials in the Trump administration over what appeared to be an unauthorized diplomatic outreach to Maduro. This, as support for opposition leader Juan Guaidó inside Venezuela — if not Wash-

ington — appears to be waning.

The U.S. officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they aren't authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Little has been revealed about Prince's surprise trip to Caracas last month. But the mere presence in Venezuela of a businessman with long-standing ties to the U.S. national security establishment prompted questions

about whether he was there to open a secret back channel to Maduro on behalf of the Trump administration, something the State Department has strenuously denied.

It also marks something of a reversal for Prince, who earlier in 2019 was thought to have been pitching a plan to form a mercenary army to topple Maduro.

A person familiar with Prince's visit said he had been asked to travel to Venezuela by an unidentified European businessman

with long-standing ties to the oil-rich nation. The person said Prince did not discuss any business nor receive anything of value during his trip — actions that would have violated U.S. financial sanctions on Maduro's socialist government.

The purpose of the trip was to meet key players in the crisis-wracked nation, not to serve as an emissary for the Trump administration, according to the person, who isn't authorized to discuss the visit and

spoke on condition of anonymity.

The person said Prince, a former Navy SEAL, continues to support the Trump administration's goal of removing Maduro but believes State Department efforts to reach that goal have failed and new alternatives — which the person did not specify — need to be tried.

Before traveling, Prince notified the National Security Council and Treasury Department about his plans and received no objections, the person said.

Church

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rested in 2009 on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Fort Worth and in 2013 for theft, according to Tarrant County court records.

He was arrested in 2016 in New Jersey after police found him with 12-gauge shotgun and rounds wrapped in plastic in the area of an oil refinery, according to a the Herald News Tribune in East Brunswick. It was not immediately clear how those charges were resolved.

Paxton joined other Texas officials in hailing the state's gun laws, which allow weapons in places of worship.

He said the church's security team was formally organized after a measure was enacted this year that affirmed the right of licensed handgun holders to carry a weapon in places of worship, unless the facility bans them.

"The big emphasis came after they realized they are able to protect themselves," Paxton said.

That law was passed in the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history, which was also at a church. In the 2017 massacre at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, a man who opened fire on a Sunday morning congregation killed more than two dozen people. He later killed himself.



WEST FREEWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST/AP

In a frame from livestreamed video, churchgoers take cover as an armed congregant, top left, engages a man, top center, who opened fire with a gun.

In a livestream of Sunday's service in White Settlement, the gunman can be seen getting up from a pew and approaching someone at the back of the church before pulling out a gun and opening fire. Congregants can be heard screaming and seen ducking under pews or running.

"I think you can see by the video, that that guy was surrounded rather quickly by more than just a few people," Paxton said.

Isabel Arreola told the Star-Telegram that she sat near the gunman and that she had never seen him before. She said he appeared to be wearing a disguise, and he made her uncomfortable.

She said the man stood up, pulled a shotgun, fired and was quickly shot.

"I was so surprised because I did not know that so many in the church were armed," she said.

Sunday's shooting was

the second attack on a religious gathering in the U.S. in less than 24 hours. On Saturday night, a man stabbed five people as they celebrated Hanukkah in an Orthodox Jewish community north of New York City.

Before the shooting, the gunman had drawn the attention of the church's security team because he was "acting suspiciously," minister Jack Cummings told The New York Times. He said the team is com-

posed of congregants who are licensed to carry guns and practice shooting regularly.

Cummings said the church added the team because of "the fact that people go into schools and shoot people."

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Monday identified the dead as Anton Wallace, 64, of Fort Worth and Richard White, 67, of suburban River Oaks.

Wallace's daughter,

Tiffany Wallace, told Dallas TV station KXAS that her father was a deacon at the church and had just handed out communion when the gunman approached him.

"I ran toward my dad, and the last thing I remember is him asking for oxygen. And I was just holding him, telling him I loved him and that he was going to make it," Wallace said.

Her father was rushed to a hospital but did not survive, she said.



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Iraqis walk on a U.S. flag Monday during a demonstration to denounce the previous night's attacks by U.S. planes on bases belonging to Hezbollah brigades.

Iran-backed Iraqi militia vows revenge for US strikes

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An Iranian-backed Iraqi militia vowed Monday to retaliate for U.S. military strikes in Iraq and Syria that killed 25 of its fighters and wounded dozens, raising concerns of new attacks that could threaten American interests in the region.

The U.S. attack — the largest targeting an Iraqi state-sanctioned militia in recent years — and the calls for retaliation, represent a new escalation in the proxy war between the U.S. and Iran playing out in the Middle East.

The Iraqi government said it will reconsider its relationship with the U.S.-led coalition — the first time it has said it will do so since an agreement was struck to keep some U.S. troops in the country. It called the attack a "flagrant violation" of its sovereignty.

The U.S. military carried out the strikes Sunday against the Iranian-backed Kataeb Hezbollah militia, calling it retaliation for last week's killing of an American contractor in an attack on an Iraqi military base that it blamed on the group.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the strikes send the message that the U.S. will not tolerate actions by Iran that jeopardize American lives.

In a partly televised meeting Monday, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi told Cabinet members that he had tried to stop the U.S. operation "but there was insistence" from American officials.

U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper called the Iraqi leader about a half-hour before the strikes to tell him of U.S. intentions to hit bases of the Kataeb Hezbollah militia, Abdul-Mahdi's office said in a statement Sunday night, adding that the premier urged him to call off the plan.

The U.S. military said "precision defensive strikes" were conducted against five sites of Kataeb Hezbollah, or Hezbollah Brigades in Iraq and Syria. The group, which is a separate force from the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, operates under the umbrella of the state-sanctioned militias known collectively as the Popular Mobilization Forces. Many of them are supported by Iran.

"Our battle with America

and its mercenaries is now open to all possibilities," Kataeb Hezbollah said in a statement around midnight Sunday. "We have no alternative today other than confrontation and there is nothing that will prevent us from responding to this crime."

The Iraqi government condemned the U.S. attack, calling it a "dangerous violation of the rules of engagement that govern the work of U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq" by taking unilateral military action without the approval of Iraqi authorities.

In a strongly-worded statement, it said the attack targeted Iraqi forces operating in an area on the front lines of the war against the Islamic State group and fighters who played an instrumental role in defeating the extremists in eastern Syria and western Iraq.

The Iraqi statement said the U.S. attack violated the "goals and principles" of the international coalition fighting IS. Iraq would "re-view its relationship" with the U.S.-led forces in the country, in order to better preserve "the sovereignty and security of the country," it added.

China convicts 3 researchers who gene-edited 3 babies

BY KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BELJING — A Chinese scientist who set off an ethical debate with claims that he had made the world's first genetically edited babies was sentenced Monday to three years in prison because of his research, state media said.

He Jiankui, who was convicted of practicing medicine without a license, was also fined \$430,000 by a court in the southern city of Shenzhen, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported. Two other researchers involved in the project received lesser sentences and fines.

The verdict said the three defendants had not obtained qualification as doctors, pursued fame and profits, deliberately violated Chinese regulations on scientific research and crossed an ethical line in both scientific research and medicine, according to Xinhua. It also said they had fabricated ethical review documents.

The court also confirmed a third birth, saying the researchers were involved in the births of three gene-edited babies to two women. It said all three scientists pleaded guilty during the trial, which Xinhua reported was closed to the public because of privacy concerns.

He, the lead researcher, shocked the scientific world when he announced in November 2018 that he had altered the embryos of twin girls who had been born the same month. He described his work in exclusive interviews with The Associated Press.

The announcement sparked a global debate over the ethics of gene editing. He said he had used a tool called CRISPR to try to disable a gene that allows the AIDS virus to enter a cell, in a bid to give the girls the ability to resist the infection. The identity



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He Jiankui takes part in a question and answer session at the International Summit on Human Genome Editing.

of the children has not been released, and it isn't clear if the experiment succeeded.

The CRISPR tool has been tested elsewhere in adults to treat diseases, but many in the scientific community denounced He's work as medically unnecessary and unethical, because any genetic changes could be passed down to future generations. The U.S. forbids editing embryos except for lab research.

He, who is known as "JK," told the AP in 2018 that he felt a strong responsibility to make an example, and that society would decide whether to allow the practice to go forward. He disappeared from public view shortly after he announced his research at a conference in Hong Kong 13 months ago, apparently detained by authorities, initially in an apartment in Shenzhen, a city in Guangdong province that borders Hong Kong.

It wasn't clear if the three-year term includes any of the time he has already spent in custody.

A Chinese scientist said the sentence should have been harsher to deter others. Kehkooi Kee, a Tsinghua University researcher who conducts gene-editing research on stem cells, also said that He should be held responsible for any fallout from the

experiment on the lives of the babies and their families.

Dr. William Hurlbut, a Stanford University bio-ethicist whose advice He sought for more than a year before his experiment, said he felt sorry for the scientist.

"I warned him things could end this way, but it was just too late," Hurlbut wrote in an email addressed to the AP; the director of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, Dr. Francis Collins; and gene-editing pioneer Jennifer Doudna at the University of California, Berkeley.

"Sad story — everyone lost in this (JK, his family, his colleagues, and his country), but the one gain is that the world is awakened to the seriousness of our advancing genetic technologies," Hurlbut wrote.

Dr. Eric Topol, who heads the Scripps Research Translational Institute in California, noted it's almost unheard of for a scientist to get imprisoned "but in this case the sheer recklessness and unethical behavior warranted it." Topol praised China for standing up "for proper medical research conduct."

Before setting up a lab at the Southern University of Science and Technology of China in Shenzhen, He studied in the U.S.

Doctors: Sanders can handle presidency

BY WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

Bernie Sanders suffered "modest heart muscle damage" during his October heart attack but has since been doing well and should be able to continue campaigning for president "without limitation," according to letters released Monday by his primary care physician and two cardiologists.

"He is currently entirely asymptomatic, his heart function is stable and well-

preserved, his blood pressure and heart rate are in optimal ranges," wrote Martin LeWinter, attending cardiologist at University of Vermont Medical Center in Sanders' home state.

LeWinter wrote that the 78-year-old Vermont senator continues to receive "several" medications that patients commonly take after a heart attack and that he sees "no reason" why Sanders can't campaign as normal and handle the stress of being president,

should he win next year's election.

"While he did suffer modest heart muscle damage, he has been doing very well since," LeWinter wrote.

Sanders, the oldest candidate in the 2020 presidential race, had vowed to release detailed records by the end of the year and did so the day before New Year's Eve.

A separate letter from Brian Monahan, the congressional attending physician in Washington, said

several medications that Sanders received after his heart attack, including a blood thinner and beta blocker, "were stopped based on your progress."

"Your heart muscle strength has improved. You have never had symptoms of congestive heart failure," Monahan wrote in a letter to Sanders.

He added that Sanders had a successful graded exercise treadmill examination monitoring heart function, muscular exertion and oxygen consumption.



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders arrives Monday for an event in West Des Moines, Iowa.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

New law requires training on sexual harassment

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Companies will be required to provide annual workplace training on how to recognize and prevent sexual harassment or face hefty fines under a new state law that takes effect Jan. 1.

The mandate is part of an omnibus bill called the Workplace Transparency Act, which Illinois lawmakers passed in response to the growing number of sexual misconduct allegations being made in a variety of industries.

The law initially requires companies with more than 15 workers to provide annual training aimed at preventing sexual harassment in the workplace. Starting July 1 next year, businesses with at least one worker will have to comply.

"A lot of employers are panicking," said Kimberly Ross a Chicago-based attorney for FordHarrison LLP, a law firm focused on labor

and employment.

Ross said some businesses are worried about how they should set up their training programs and who they need to train.

The new law specifies that, at a minimum, training include definitions of sexual harassment, examples of conduct that is unlawful, and examples of appropriate and inappropriate conduct by a supervisor. The training sessions should also review federal and state laws, employees' rights and available remedies, and a list of responsibilities companies have in handling claims.

According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, more than 500 sexual harassment charges were filed in Illinois last year compared to about 350 charges made in the state in 2017.

Under the law, the Illinois Department of Human Rights is tasked with creating a curriculum that will

be available free of charge to businesses that can use it for training or as a model when developing their own training.

Mo Green, the department's director of public affairs, said the curriculum will be released by end of the first quarter. The department is also looking to create online training videos, which will be revealed at a later date, he said.

Only employers — a category that includes both companies and nonprofits — with employees working in the state will be required to offer training, Green said. Additional guidance will be issued later next year regarding how quickly a company should train a new hire, he said.

Businesses can face steep fines for not complying with the law. An employer that has fewer than four workers could pay \$500 for a first offense. The fine can climb to \$3,000 on the third offense. For companies with

more than four workers, the penalties for the first offense start at \$1,000 and go up to \$5,000 on the third offense.

Companies have until December 31, 2020 to provide training, and the human rights department said it has several ways of determining compliance. Any time it investigates charges against a company, the department will verify whether or not onsite training is taking place. It will also confirm a training program is in place when companies register to compete for state public contracts. Employees can also report companies that aren't complying.

The law also calls for the training to be "interactive," and one local human resources firm that offers harassment prevention training using skits said the requirement could spur business.

"The way it's been done in the traditional sense hasn't been effective," said

Laurie Huspen, the owner of Valuable Resources Co. in Gilberts. "We are cautiously optimistic. It's always an important topic."

The company has provided harassment, bullying and discrimination prevention training to manufacturing companies, schools, insurance companies, municipal park districts and private equity firms.

Since 2012, Huspen has been offering a 90-minute workplace training session in the form of live theater called Taboo Topix. Huspen hires a small group of actors who reenact workplace conduct considered unlawful or inappropriate. Huspen starts the training by going over legal definitions and laws, and actors perform the skit.

Workers are put in small groups to discuss issues raised in the performance, and Huspen's team suggests techniques employees can use to prevent harassment, bullying or discrimination.

"Ours is very interactive. Ours is very engaging. It's an experience rather than watching a video," Huspen said. "We are not here to just check the box."

Amy Cramer, a managing partner who works on employment discrimination cases for Cramer Law Group in Chicago, said the law gives victims more of a voice.

"There is now more power placed back into the employees hands," she said.

In addition to the mandated training, the law extends protections to contract workers, limits the use of arbitration and nondisclosure agreements, and requires restaurants and bars to equip certain staff with sexual harassment prevention training, Cramer said.

"It has a lot of opportunities to make changes," Cramer said.

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Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co. shuts down after New Year's Eve

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co., which carried thousands of sightseeing tourists through the city and played a role in several citywide celebrations, will offer its last ride Dec. 31.

Coach USA, the Paramus, New Jersey-based transportation service company that owns the fleet of San Francisco-style trolleys, said it will cease operations of both the trolley business and the Indiana Airport SuperSaver business. Chicago

Trolley & Double Decker had operated for more than 25 years and was one of a handful of trolley tour operators in the city.

Sean Hughes, Coach USA North America director of corporate affairs, said it was a "business decision" to shutter the trolley and airport transportation service. Hughes declined to comment further.

Some 150 employees will be affected by the closures, Hughes said.

Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co., founded in 1994,

took visitors on sightseeing tours of local landmarks. The trolleys operated a "hop on hop off" service where riders could board and get off at 12 different locations downtown. The company also rented its tourism vehicles out for events and parades.

The trolleys have played a role in some iconic Chicago moments.

Shutting down parts of Magnificent Mile to celebrate the first show of her 24th season on air, Oprah Winfrey rode on top of one

of the company's double-decker buses during a street party broadcasting her show in 2009.

The Cubs traveled from Wrigley Field to Grant Park atop double-decker buses from Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co. in a parade celebrating the team's World Series triumph in 2016. The Blackhawks also used the trolley and double-decker service for the Stanley Cup Parades in 2010, 2013 and 2015.

A Los Angeles-based private equity firm Variant Equi-

ty acquired Coach USA on April 16 in a deal valued at about \$271.4 million.

The other line of business that's being shuttered — the Indiana Airport SuperSaver shuttle — provided rides to O'Hare International and Midway International airports from Michigan City, Portage, and Highland, Indiana, and from Crestwood, Illinois.

Hughes said Megabus, an intercity bus service that is also operated by Coach USA, will continue to operate in the Chicago area, including

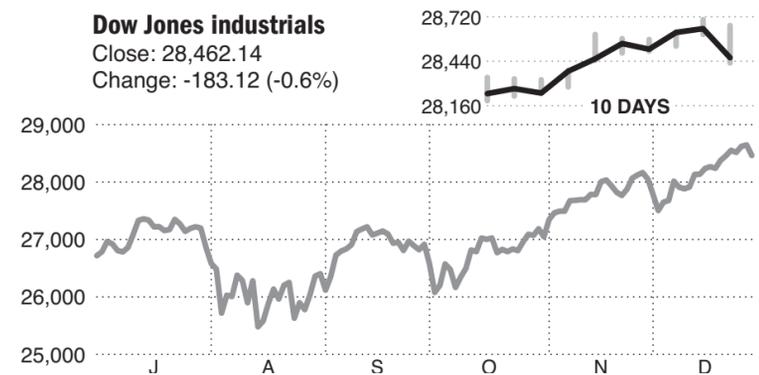
its service from the University of Notre Dame to and from O'Hare and Midway airports on weekends and major school breaks.

The company is asking customers with tickets for trolley tours after Dec. 31 to call 773-648-5000 to request a refund. The number can be reached between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 28,664.69 Low: 28,428.98 Previous: 28,645.26



Nasdaq
-60.62 (-0.67%)

Close 8,945.99
High 9,006.36
Low 8,909.19
Previous 9,006.61

S&P 500
-18.73 (-0.58%)

Close 3,221.29
High 3,240.92
Low 3,216.57
Previous 3,240.02

Russell 2000
-4.88 (-0.29%)

Close 1,664.15
High 1,670.22
Low 1,658.05
Previous 1,669.03

10-yr T-note
+0.02
to 1.89%

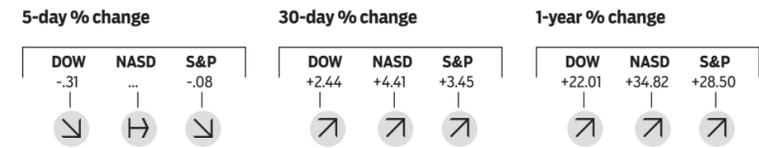
Gold futures
+0.20
to \$1,514.50

Yen
-0.57
to 108.83/\$1

Euro
-0.0013
to .8927/\$1

Crude Oil
-0.04
to \$61.68

Major market growth and decline



FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	560	564.50	551.50	556	-.25
		May 20	562.50	566.50	554.50	559	+0.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	389.25	392	386.75	388.25	-1.75
		May 20	396.25	398.50	393.75	395.25	-1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	929	941	927.25	939.50	+10
		Mar 20	941.50	953	939.50	952.50	+11
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 20	34.70	35.22	34.66	35.17	+0.44
		Mar 20	34.99	35.52	34.95	35.45	+0.41
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 20	296.00	298.30	295.20	297.50	+2.10
		Mar 20	300.70	303.30	300.20	302.30	+1.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 20	61.71	62.34	61.09	61.68	-.04
		Mar 20	61.49	62.14	60.84	61.44	-.09
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	2.247	2.258	2.182	2.186	-.045
		Mar 20	2.189	2.199	2.155	2.157	-.016
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 20	1.7453	1.7602	1.7175	1.7283	-0.090
		Feb 20	1.7462	1.7584	1.7142	1.7240	-0.0207

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	86.80	-.60	Envestnet Inc	N	70.67	-.89	McDonalds Corp	N	196.91	-1.26
AbbVie Inc	N	88.52	-.68	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.81	-0.20	Middleby Corp	O	109.37	-.36
Allstate Corp	N	111.77	-.10	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	69.75	+0.24	Mondelz Intl	O	55.00	+0.01
Apartgroup Inc	N	115.76	+0.74	Equity Residential	N	80.72	-.23	Morningstar Inc	O	150.45	-1.57
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.12	-.18	Exelon Corp	O	45.38	-.03	Motorola Solutions	N	160.96	-.49
Baxter Intl	N	83.43	-.62	First Indl RT	N	41.31	+0.22	NIsource Inc	N	27.52	+0.23
Boeing Co	N	326.40	-3.74	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.38	-.21	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.32	-.67
Brunswick Corp	N	60.11	-.67	Gallagher AJ	N	94.90	+0.15	Old Republic	N	22.31	+1.0
CBOE Global Markets	N	119.25	+0.41	Grainger WW	N	338.25	+0.78	Packaging Corp Am	N	111.72	-.05
CDK Global Inc	O	54.54	-.17	GrubHub Inc	N	48.30	-.76	Paylocity Hldg	O	119.52	-2.08
CDW Corp	O	142.78	-1.18	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	113.55	+0.16	RLI Corp	N	90.15	+0.44
CF Industries	N	47.36	-.19	IAA Inc	N	46.45	+0.07	Stericycle Inc	O	64.22	+1.8
CME Group	O	199.18	-3.60	IDEX Corp	N	172.33	-.29	TransUnion	N	84.74	-.65
CNA Financial	N	44.47	+0.01	ITW	N	179.91	-.15	US Foods Holding	N	42.01	+2.4
Cabot Microelect	O	143.35	+1.21	Ingredion Inc	N	93.27	-.88	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	251.35	-1.82
Caterpillar Inc	N	147.52	-.76	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	174.02	+0.77	United Airlines Hldg	O	87.96	-.41
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	34.04	-.14	Kemper Corp	N	77.21	+0.53	Ventas Inc	N	57.98	+1.5
Deere Co	N	174.16	-.89	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.71	+0.09	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	58.91	-.11
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.53	-.42	LKQ Corporation	O	35.70	-.17	Wintrust Financial	O	70.73	-.04
Dover Corp	N	115.24	-.23	Littelfuse Inc	O	192.01	-.01	Zebra Tech	O	254.11	-1.89

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Enegy	.83	-.02
McDermott Intl	.75	-.74
Gen Electric	11.08	-1.10
Ford Motor	9.25	-1.11
Bank of America	35.15	-.20
Nokia Corp	3.69	+0.06
Rite Aid Corp	15.99	-4.31
Transocean Ltd	6.80	+2.3
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.91	...
Sthwstn Energy	2.33	+0.06
Callon Petrol	4.82	+1.11
Uber Technologies	29.74	-.43
AT&T Inc	39.04	-.20
Energy Transfer L.P.	12.71	-.28
Snap Inc A	15.89	-.14
Teva Pharm	9.72	-.24
Annaly Capital Mgmt	9.42	-.08
Macy's Inc	16.77	+0.26
PG&E Corp	10.80	+3.36
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.48	-.41
Vale SA	13.19	-.03
US Steel Corp	11.24	+1.0
Yamana Gold Inc	3.95	+1.1
EnCana Corp	4.64	+0.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	39.04	-.20
Alibaba Group Hldg	212.91	-2.56
Alphabet Inc C	1339.14	-15.75
Alphabet Inc A	1339.71	-14.93
Amazon.com Inc	1846.89	-22.91
Apple Inc	291.52	+1.72
Bank of America	35.15	-.20
Berkshire Hath B	225.76	-.38
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.48	-.41
Facebook Inc	204.41	-3.69
HSBC Holdings pRA	26.65	-.06
JPMorgan Chase	138.63	-.51
Johnson & Johnson	145.30	-.45
MasterCard Inc	297.72	-3.02
Microsoft Corp	157.59	-1.37
Procter & Gamble	124.47	-1.62
Taiwan Semicon	57.85	-.61
Visa Inc	187.83	-1.56
WalMart Strs	119.40	-.19

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.48	-.22	+27.1
American Funds AMCRnBaIA m	28.47	-1.12	+19.7
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	52.12	-.34	+25.8
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	63.43	...	+18.7
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	61.86	-.43	+28.1
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.98	-.45	+28.7
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.20	-1.0	+18.9
American Funds InvAmrcA m	39.45	-.27	+24.4
American Funds NwPrsptvA m	47.12	-.40	+30.6
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	48.06	-.26	+26.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.04	...	+10.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.62	-.18	+23.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	193.38	-.97	+25.1
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.68	...	+6.1
Fidelity 500IdxInvsPmm	111.69	-.63	+32.2
Fidelity Contrafund	33.68	-.11	+30.9
Fidelity InvMGrdBd	11.59	...	+10.3
Fidelity TlMktIdxInvsPmm	90.31	-.49	+31.7
Fidelity USBDIdxInvsPmm	11.94	...	+9.0
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.35	...	+16.3
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.95	...	+9.6
PIMCO IncI2	12.05	...	+8.3
PIMCO IncInstl	12.05	...	+8.5
PIMCO TlRetInvs	10.36		

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EDITORIALS

Will a 6th year of population loss jolt voters to change?

New census numbers show another Illinois Exodus. How's your tax burden? Your home's value?

Preliminary numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau released Monday demonstrate once again the shrinking state of Illinois. For the sixth straight year, the state's population dropped while every bordering state's population grew.

The early numbers show Illinois' net population dropped from July 2018 to July 2019 by 51,250, down slightly from last year's net loss of 55,757 residents, an updated number. The figures continue to confirm a sorry trend. The state is bleeding residents while each of its six neighbors — yes, we're counting Michigan, which shares a lake border with Illinois — has grown every year since 2011.

It's not the weather pushing people out of this state to ... other Midwest states. It is loss of opportunity, high taxes and frustration at fiscal mismanagement by government leaders that penalizes taxpayers. Who is going to pay for all the pension debt, interest on the debt and the mountain of unpaid bills at the Illinois comptroller's office? Taxpayers who stay.

Since 2013, the last year Illinois' population grew, the state's net population has plummeted by more than 223,000 residents. That number includes births, deaths, and domestic and international migration. That means it also reflects the Illinois Exodus about which we have been writing, urging state leaders to implement pro-growth policies. We've pushed legislators to allow voters to loosen the Illinois Constitution's pension clause to protect what government workers have earned so far, but also allow lawmakers to scale back future benefits. That would ease income



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Workers from the Reebie Storage & Moving company carry away the belongings of the van Slee family who moved from Chicago for a life in California in March 2016.

and property tax pressure across the state. It would give frustrated residents a reason to stay.

But elected leaders, including Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, don't support putting pension reform on the ballot. Higher taxes? They're on board for that. Both of their spending plans for the next fiscal year include a smorgas-

bord of tax hikes. None of them can reverse decades of government overpromising and overspending. Thus, the exodus.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa have grown every year since 2011, with Indiana expanding by 36,722 net residents over the last year. What does Indiana offer that Illinois doesn't? Lower taxes, more stable

home values, balanced state budgets and funded pension systems. Not better weather.

Missouri grew by 15,805 residents this year; Wisconsin by 15,028; Iowa by 6,452. Ten states lost population: Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, West Virginia and Illinois.

The census numbers released Monday indicate that 104,986 residents moved out of Illinois in 2019. That's a slight drop from 2018, when 113,699 moved away, and 2017, when 114,678 left the state. Those are domestic outmigration figures that don't include births, deaths, international migration or residents who moved to Illinois from other states. When you hit the total button, you get Illinois' net one-year loss of 51,250 people. The Census Bureau releases these preliminary figures each December and updates them as new information becomes available.

Bottom line: Illinois' population figures are headed in the wrong direction for the sixth straight year. Next year when the Census Bureau counts the population nationally, Illinois stands to lose one, possibly two, seats in the U.S. House. Less muscle in Washington, D.C. Fewer taxpayers back home to shoulder the tax burden. Fewer students in classrooms. Fewer consumers. Fewer home buyers and renters.

Next year also brings another election cycle. Seats in House Speaker Michael Madigan's chamber will be up, along with one-third of the seats in the Senate. What say you, voters? How's it going in Illinois? Ready for a change yet?

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Hypocrisy of smoking age

There is now a federal law prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to anyone younger than 21.

President Donald Trump signed the bill, stating, "We have to take care of our kids, most importantly, so we're going to have an age limit of 21 or so, so we'll be coming out with something next week, very important on vaping."

So now people under 21 are kids. Interesting that we use them as the backbone of our armed services, which requires many of them to make life-or-death decisions, yet they are "kids" when it comes to making their own decisions on tobacco.

If you remember back in the 1970s, many states lowered the drinking age to 18 or 19 while the Vietnam War raged on, but then later raised the age.

To me, this isn't a tobacco issue, as I have been vehemently anti-smoking all my life. This is a hypocrisy issue in which our legislative and executive branches of government feel they can restrict tobacco and alcohol sales to members of an age group

who are treated as adults when needed to defend our country but treated as "kids" when politicians need to invoke a "holier than thou" attitude, especially conveniently a year before elections.

— P.J. Walsh, Chicago

Expanding pipeline a horrible idea

The Tribune article ("More oil, more risk?," Dec. 29) about the dispute arising from the request from the company that owns the Dakota Access pipeline for a permit to nearly double the volume of oil transported through the pipeline in Illinois, emphasizes the arguments about safety issues.

Will the pipeline leak or not?

But for me, the outstanding reason to oppose that expansion permit is that the project will exacerbate the climate crisis. The climate crisis is here, and is already causing massive human suffering, financial loss and death. It will get worse.

Even here, in Illinois, the U.S. Department of Agriculture this year declared

every county a primary natural disaster area because of flooding.

Damage to crops and farmers has been severe. At this time, to expand the extraction and transportation of oil is to carry on as if none of this is happening. It is irresponsible.

We must ask the commissioners of the Illinois Commerce Commission to do the right thing and to deny this permit.

— Mary Shesgreen, Elgin

Steelmaker let off easy for pollution

The article in the Dec. 28 edition ("Groups want US Steel to pay bigger fine for chemical spill") about groups complaining about the too-tiny fine assessed against U.S. Steel for polluting Burns Waterway and environs was right on. The organizations argue that a fine of a mere \$601,242 would be wholly inadequate to prevent such pollution in the future. The way I see it, what must have happened was that someone just slashed the last three zeros from that figure, because a fine of

\$601,242,000 might have a chance to accomplish that objective. Unless, of course, even that size of a fine would be mere chump change for the recalcitrant steelmaker.

— David Cady, Chicago

Al Capone smiling in the afterlife

So now the once-great state of Illinois is making money off gambling and drugs. Somewhere Al Capone is smiling. Seems his only problem was he was ahead of his time.

— Don Weber, Minooka

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

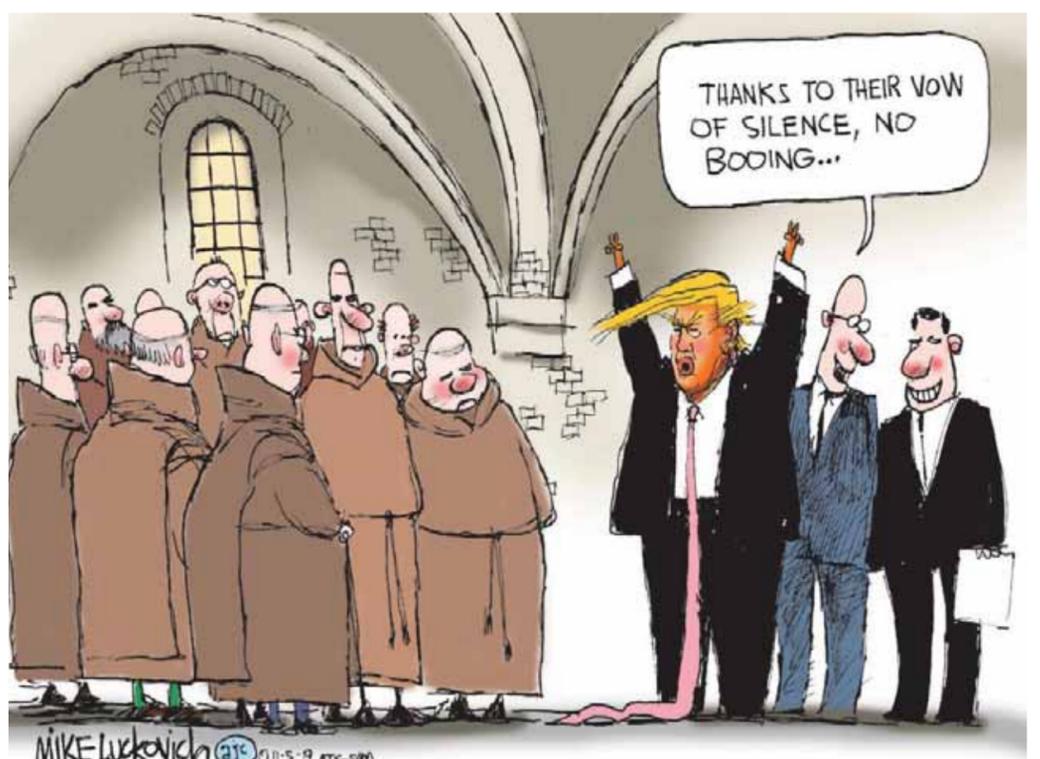
Let nobody tell you that the second decade of the 21st century has been a bad time. We are living through the greatest improvement in human living standards in history. Extreme poverty has fallen below 10% of the world's population for the first time. ... Global inequality has been plunging as Africa and Asia experience faster economic growth than Europe and North America; child mortality has fallen to record low levels; famine virtually went extinct; malaria, polio and heart disease are all in decline. Little of this made the news, because good news is no news. ... What about the great recession, the euro crisis, Syria, Ukraine, Donald Trump? How can I possibly say that things are getting better, given all that? The answer is: because bad things happen while the world still gets better.

The quantity of all resources consumed per person in Britain fell by a third between 2000 and 2017 ... The productivity of global agriculture is rising so fast that human needs can be supplied by a shrinking amount of land. ... By 2050, it's estimated that an area the size of India will have been released from the plow and the cow. Land-sparing is the reason that forests are expanding ...

A modern irony is that many green policies advocated now would actually reverse the trend toward using less stuff. A wind farm requires far more concrete and steel than an equivalent system based on gas. Opposition to nuclear power has hindered the generating system that needs the least land, least fuel and least steel or concrete per megawatt.

Matt Ridley, The Spectator (London)

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Dancers perform Robyn Mineko Williams' "Echo Mine" at the Harris Theater in 2019.

49 moments in 2019 worth remembering

Several were funny, others poignant, and all were satisfying



CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Here's what I remember from 2019: Laughing out loud at the very last image of the murder mystery "Knives Out," an ingeniously placed shot of a Latina nurse contently gripping a novelty coffee mug ("My House, My Rules, My Coffee") as several generations of her employers bicker nearby.

Laughing even louder at the sardonic imagery of Chicago-based Jessica Campbell's enormous mural at the MCA, part of her first solo show, which wittily dug into the life of Canadian painter Emily Carr and the toil of women in the arts a century ago (and now).

Enjoying a cone of Mint Avalanche at Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream on the far Northwest Side, which transformed last fall into an unexpected tribute to the transgressive John Carpenter classic "They Live" — complete with Orwellian signage ("Obey," "Consume"), an elaborately painted mural and feuding mannequins dressed as Roddy Piper and alien invaders.

Swinging constantly between bemoaning the fact that the excellent new Mike Leigh film "Peterloo" was primarily an Amazon Prime experience — and that two very good Steven Soderbergh movies, "High Flying Bird" and "The Laundromat," landed on Netflix, then vanished down its bottomless well — and appreciating that these movies have a home at all.

Losing myself inside the stirring, operatic blast-furnace monologues of "King Hedley II," a 1980s-set August Wilson experiment of sorts, given new resonance at the Court Theatre.

Becoming addicted to the only TikTok meme worth wasting time with — random trios of adults and teenagers (and octogenarians) lip-synching to a single 15-second snippet from "Heathers: The Musical" that goes, in its entirety: "Martha Dumptruck in the flesh / Here comes the cootie squad / Shut up Heather /



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Sandra Harrison of Orlando and Camilla McGugan London, both dressed as Ah-soka Tano, attend "Star Wars" Celebration at McCormick Place in Chicago.



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Ronald L. Connor, left, Kelvin Roston Jr. and A.C. Smith starred in "King Hedley II" at Court Theatre in September.

Sorry Heather / Look who's with her / Oh my god."

Wondering how many people were watching "A Black Lady Sketch Show" on HBO and its seriously underrated, perfectly pitched, alternately loving and lacerating parodies of soul food restaurants, female-empowerment gurus and Africa-fetishizing "pre-PhDs," all of it written and played by a cast of black women, each of whom seems like the Next Big Thing. Especially Ashley Nicole Black, a

Northwestern grad and Second City instructor who found a brief kind of second fame this year. Via Twitter, she asked Elizabeth Warren to design a plan to save her dating life. Warren replied, then Black reported: "We have a plan to get my mom grandkids. It's very comprehensive and it does involve raising taxes on billionaires."

Being weirdly riveted by the pleasantly slight on-stage banter from the cast of "Clueless," reunited for a couple of hours on a nice Saturday after-

noon at C2E2 in McCormick Place.

The chilling opening pages of Patrick Radden Keefe's "Say Nothing," which uses the 1971 abduction of a housewife to tell a true-crime history of the Troubles in Northern Ireland: "He kept close to his mother, shuffling along, and she clung to him, not wanting to let go ..."

The low, dramatic lighting and aching old-school design of Ciccio Mio in River North, that rare tribute to "authentic" last-century ethnic dining rooms that doesn't pander or "improve."

Wandering through the newish Lincoln Park gallery Wrightwood 659 and watching it cement itself on the Chicago art scene with "About Face: Stonewall, Revolt and New Queer Art," an ambitious, generational survey of LGBTQ artists that larger museums should covet.

Sitting on the 147 bus way past my stop because I could not resist the headlong rush of Stephen King's masterful novel "The Institute," another of his late-career high points.

Watching the "Watchmen" on HBO (which more than earned its subscriber fee this year), the rare superhero adaptation with no interest in that hideous buzzphrase "fan service"; instead it took a rule-breaking comic classic as the cue into a history of fascism in America.

Humming along to the rollicking, loose-limbed beat of Bob Segar's "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man," the soundtrack for Brad Pitt's breakneck cruise through 1960s Los Angeles in "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," Quentin Tarantino's gentlest, most humane work.

Grinning like an idiot at Eddie Murphy and Co.'s open-hearted performances in the delightful "Dolemite is My Name," which shares some vital DNA with that Tarantino movie — both are moving portraits of filmmakers and artists struggling to make the kind of disposable, low-rent entertainment that audiences love for a time and Hollywood forgets.

Driving along the stark industrial waterfront of Whiting, Ind., then seeing, looming up seemingly out of nowhere, an enormous colorful spot (you read that correctly) dangling from the even larger colorful man-beast affixed to the front of the new Mascot Hall of Fame.

Enjoying, despite interior lights warning of aimless jam-band noodling

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10 dumbest things celebrities said during 2019

Comments ranged from thoughtless to cruel to ridiculous

By GINA SALAMONE
New York Daily News

They're famous for their films, TV shows and music, but sometimes celebrities make more headlines for the jaw-dropping, controversial or cringeworthy things they say.

Here are 10 times that Hollywood heavyweights put their foot in their mouth in 2019.

1. Kanye West's sickening self-praise

No stranger to nonsensical rants and an inflated sense of self, the rapper who made the 2013 album called "Yeezus," which included a song called "I Am a God," was at it again this year. While joining televangelist Joel Osteen on stage at a Sunday church service in Houston in November, West proclaimed, "The greatest artist that God ever created is now working for Him." He added, "I'm here in service to God. No weapon formed against me shall prosper."

2. Barbra Streisand's Michael Jackson misstep

Babs took a lot of heat after her tone-deaf comments about two men — Wade Robson and James Safechuck — accusing Michael Jackson of sexually assaulting them as children.

"His sexual needs were his sexual needs, coming from whatever childhood he has or whatever DNA he has," Streisand told British newspaper The Times in a piece out last March. "You can say 'molested,' but those children, as you heard say (grown-up Robson and Safechuck), they were thrilled to be there. They both married and they both



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TV host Kelly Ripa, whose reported net worth is \$75 million, drew criticism for a comment that her college-age son is living in "extreme poverty," a result of him paying his own rent.

have children, so it didn't kill them."

3. Kelly Ripa's cluelessness

As college students across the county struggle to pay tuition, the TV host — who boasts a reported net worth of \$75 million — thought it would be funny to joke that her son Michael Consuelos was living in "poverty" now that he's an NYU student and living in Brooklyn.

"He hates paying his own rent, and he is chronically poor," Ripa said on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" in October. "I don't think he ever really experienced, you know, extreme poverty like now."

4. Pete Townshend stains late bandmates' legacies

Fans of The Who guitarist "Won't Get Fooled Again" if they ever thought Townshend missed having his late bandmates, drummer Keith Moon and bassist John Entwistle, around

for gigs.

"It's not going to make Who fans very happy, but thank God they're gone," the British rocker told Rolling Stone in an interview out in November, adding they "were ... difficult to play with."

Townshend also threw in that the two "never, ever managed to create bands for themselves. I think my musical discipline, my musical efficiency as a rhythm player, held the band together."

5. Kid Rock's obscene Oprah rant

The President Trump-loving rapper/country crooner's crass onstage rant at a Nashville bar in November was only made worse by the fact that its target was Oprah. Apparently under the influence of alcohol, Kid unleashed an ugly tirade of profanity too coarse to even be bleeped.

6. Justin Bieber's bizarre fight challenge

Who knew that the Biebs had it in for Tom Cruise? The answer is neither one of them, but that didn't stop the singer from challenging the "Top Gun" star to a row back in June.

"I wanna challenge Tom Cruise to fight in the octagon," Bieber tweeted at the time. "Tom if you don't take this fight your (sic) scared and you will never live it down. Who is willing to put on the fight?"

He even tagged Ultimate Fighting Championship President Dana White, but days later said he was just joking and that Cruise would "probably whoop my a—in a fight."

7. Roseanne Barr attacks #MeToo accusers

There's no shortage of controversial or offensive things Barr has spewed, so just take your pick. The comedian incited groans again in March when she referred to women who shared their stories of sexual harassment or assault as



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During a November appearance on stage in Israel, comedian Louis C.K. made a joke about the Holocaust.

"hos" during an interview with conservative commentator Candace Owens.

Barr said that a woman had recently told her, "Well they were there in the (hotel) room 'cause they thought they were gonna get a job 15 years ago." Barr said she responded, "It's like well, 'cause they're hos."

8. Louis C.K.'s abhorrent humor attempt

This isn't the best way to stage a comeback. Comedian Louis C.K., who admitted to masturbating in front of women in 2017 at the height of the #MeToo movement, has since returned to stand-up comedy with an international tour.

But a Holocaust joke he made in November, while earning applause from the crowd in Israel, didn't go over well with the rest of the world.

"I'd rather be in Auschwitz than New York City," he cracked. "I mean now, not when it was open."

9. Madonna's melodrama

When Madonna's interview with New York Times Magazine didn't turn out exactly as she'd hoped, she threw a hissy fit and declared that she felt "raped" by it.

Of the June article, titled

"Madonna at Sixty," the singer posted on Instagram: "The journalist who wrote this article spent days and hours and months with me and was invited into a world which many people don't get to see, but chose to focus on trivial and superficial matters such as ... never ending comments about my age which would never have been mentioned had I been a MAN! ... sorry I spent 5 minutes with her. It makes me feel raped!"

10. Kim Kardashian's roundabout realization

Who knew all it would take was a White House visit to get Kim K. to stop posting endless scantily clad selfies? The reality show star, who's had to mingle with politicians as she's taken up criminal-justice reform activism, explained the reasoning.

"I realized I could not even scroll through Instagram in front of my kids without full nudity coming up on my feed pretty much all the time," Kardashian told The Cut in November. "And I definitely contributed to that ... I also did think, like, 'OK, I'm here in the White House and then the next day I was posting, like, a crazy bikini selfie.' And I was thinking, 'I hope they don't see this. I have to go back there next week.'"

What are requirements to earn nod as best picture?

Chances enhanced by success in some other categories

By GLENN WHIPP
Los Angeles Times

Oscar voting begins the day after New Year's, meaning academy members should be busy powering through movies and preparing their hangover remedies so they can be good to go on Jan. 2.

We're pretty sure about the movies that will be nominated for best picture. But which film will go on to take the top prize at the Oscars?

Judging from the early slates of winners and nominees for other awards, you could make a case for six movies. Each one needs things to break a certain way on Oscar nomination morning to bolster its chances in what remains a fairly fluid race.

Here are the six leading contenders, along with the nominations they hope to earn and nominations they need to earn when the motion picture academy reveals its choices Jan. 13.

'PARASITE'

Optimal Oscar nominations morning: Eight nods (picture, director, supporting actor, original screenplay, cinematography, film editing, production design, international film)

Nomination it needs: Song Kang Ho for supporting actor.

"Parasite" earned a SAG Awards ensemble nomination, and Song has taken a couple of critics prizes, including an honor from the Los Angeles Film Critics Assn. If he can land a supporting nod, it would indicate support from the acting branch voters, the academy's largest bloc, and boost the movie's profile in a prominent category.

A solid overall nominations count would help too, meaning that "Parasite" could use recognition for its cinematography, production design and editing. Nominations in all three would be ideal; two would



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A scene from Bong Joon-ho's "Parasite," which should be one of the contenders for best picture of 2019.

be welcomed. A shutout would likely mean that Bong Joon-ho's acclaimed film won't be the first foreign-language movie to win best picture.

'THE IRISHMAN'

Optimal Oscar nominations morning: 11 nods (picture, director, lead actor, twice in supporting actor, adapted screenplay, cinematography, costume design, film editing, production design, visual effects)

Nomination it needs: Robert De Niro for lead actor.

De Niro failed to snag a nod at the Golden Globes and SAG Awards, leading to speculation that voters are latching onto Al Pacino's showy turn as the belligerent Jimmy Hoffa and Joe Pesci's subtle work playing mob boss Russell Bufalino at De Niro's expense.

Lead actor is the season's most competitive category. De Niro, playing a passive character doing others' bidding in "The Irishman," will have to elbow his way through competition that includes Leonardo Di-

Caprio, Adam Driver, Joaquin Phoenix, Christian Bale and Antonio Banderas. Voters who watch "The Irishman" in a single sitting will appreciate the cumulative power of De Niro's performance and feel the impact of its abject ending.

But how many people are watching this 3 1/2-hour movie straight through? We'll have that answer soon enough.

'ONCE UPON A TIME ... IN HOLLYWOOD'

Optimal Oscar nominations morning: Nine nods (picture, director, lead actor, supporting actor, original screenplay, cinematography, costume design, film editing, production design)

Nomination it needs: Leonardo DiCaprio for lead actor.

DiCaprio faces the same problem as De Niro — too many noteworthy performances and just five slots to contain them. And, like De Niro, he has often found himself overshadowed by a castmate.

Brad Pitt's swaggering

minimalist turn, which could easily be considered a co-lead, has found favor with critics groups, though DiCaprio did pick up nominations from SAG Awards voters and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

"Once Upon a Time" could still prevail without DiCaprio along for the ride. But to have both its A-list leads nominated would help reestablish the credentials of a movie that premiered in the summer, i.e., a lifetime ago in terms of awards season chronology.

'1917'

Optimal Oscar nominations morning: 10 (picture, director, adapted screenplay, cinematography, film editing, production design, score, sound editing, sound mixing, visual effects)

Nomination it needs: Sam Mendes and Krystina Wilson-Cairns for original screenplay.

A movie can win the best-picture Oscar without earning any acting nominations. ("The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" was the last one to do it.) A movie can win without a screenplay nod. (Re-

member when "Titanic" was king of the world?)

But if it's shut out in both areas, you can forget about writing that acceptance speech. You won't need it.

Mendes' immersive war movie "1917" features superb acting. But good as he is, George MacKay isn't going to bump De Niro, DiCaprio or any of the other actors from movies that arrived much earlier in the season. That leaves screenplay as the make-or-break category, and it's on the bubble there as its streamlined storytelling might be a little shy on the word count for writers branch voters.

'MARRIAGE STORY'

Optimal Oscar nominations morning: Eight (picture, director, lead actress, lead actor, supporting actress, original screenplay, film editing, score)

Nomination it needs: Noah Baumbach for director.

Baumbach should land a nomination for his original screenplay, but the director field will prove more challenging. Martin Scorsese

("The Irishman"), Quentin Tarantino ("Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood") and Bong are locks, leaving Baumbach and his partner, Greta Gerwig ("Little Women"), competing against Mendes, Pedro Almodóvar ("Pain and Glory"), Lulu Wang ("The Farewell") and, if the "Jojo Rabbit" cult has any pull, Taika Waititi for the remaining two spots.

You don't need to look far to find a best-picture winner whose director didn't earn a nomination — snubbed filmmaker Peter Farrelly bounded up to the stage just 10 months ago to collect the Oscar for "Green Book." But approval from the directors branch would allow "Marriage Story" backers to trumpet it as a cinematic achievement and not just a feat of writing and acting. In a competitive year, it's an essential nomination.

'JOJO RABBIT'

Optimal Oscar nominations morning: Six (picture, director, supporting actress, adapted screenplay, production design, costume design)

Nomination it needs: Waititi for director.

Like "Green Book," "Jojo Rabbit" won the People's Choice prize at Toronto, catapulting Waititi's sentimental satire into the best-picture race. The movie has divided critics and audiences, scoring a middling 58 on review aggregator Metacritic and grossing just over \$20 million at the box office in a release that saw it play at nearly 1,000 locations.

But those who love "Jojo" are all in ("a warm hug of a movie"), likely to put it at the No. 1 spot on their best-picture ballots. And Waititi has established a devoted following for directing films as diverse as "Hunt for the Wilderpeople" and "Thor: Ragnarok."

If he earns a nod for directing "Jojo," the movie is back in play. And if he somehow earns an acting nod for playing Hitler, turn out the lights. The movie is going to win best picture.

WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Ryan Seacrest

“Dick Clark’s Primetime New Year’s Rockin’ Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2020” (7 p.m., ABC): Actress Lucy Hale, who previously hosted coverage of New Orleans festivities during this special, gets an upgrade this year to co-host from the plum Times Square location with host Ryan Seacrest, who returns for his 15th year in this gig. Emmy and Tony Award winner Billy Porter (“Pose,” “Kinky Boots”) picks up the Big Easy coverage from Hale.

“The Thin Man” (8:15 a.m., TCM): For many revelers, ushering in a New Year includes partaking of any variety of adult beverages, with champagne being a fizzy favorite. TCM gets an early jump on this holiday spirit with a six-movie marathon of “The Thin Man,” starring the incomparable William Powell and Myrna Loy as everyone’s favorite tippling sleuths, Nick and Nora Charles. The original 1934 film finds Nick and Nora on the trail of a missing inventor (William Henry).

“A Toast to 2019!” (7 p.m., NBC): Most people probably would agree with the suggestion that 2019 was a pretty intense year, especially in terms of political developments, but thankfully “Today” co-hosts Hoda Kotb and Jenna Bush Hager employ a light touch as they page through the year’s headlines in this new two-hour year-end special. Expect moments of undeniable poignancy, mixed with exhilarating stories of triumph (see: gymnast Simone Biles, among others).

“Fox’s New Year’s Eve With Steve Harvey: Live From Times Square” (7 p.m., FOX): Maria Menounos and Rob Gronkowski join host Steve Harvey for the festive coverage from the heart of Manhattan, with LL Cool J featuring DJ Z-Trip headlining the scheduled entertainment. The Village People also will appear, attempting to break the current record for the world’s largest “YMCA” dance.

“New Year’s Eve Live With Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen” (7 p.m., 12:30 a.m., CNN): Anderson Cooper has been hosting his cable news network’s New Year’s Eve coverage from Times Square in New York since 2002, and for the third consecutive year Cooper’s real-life BFF — Bravo network executive Andy Cohen — will provide half of the banter.

“NBC New Year’s Eve Special 2020” (9 p.m., NBC): Carson Daly (“The Voice”) returns to Times Square for NBC’s coverage of the festivities in New York and elsewhere around the country as Americans eagerly await the dropping of the iconic ball at the stroke of midnight in New York City. This year, Daly is joined by Julianne Hough as his co-host. Scheduled performers included Stephen “Twitch” Boss, X Ambassadors, Brett Eldredge, Ne-Yo, Leslie Odom Jr. (“Hamilton”), Blake Shelton, Gwen Stefani, The Struts and Keith Urban.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Tim Robbins.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Helena Bonham Carter; Lady Antebellum performs; actress Lucy Lawless; actor Bret McKenzie; Stephen Colbert: The Newest Zealander.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (12:10 a.m., NBC): Actress Jennifer Lopez; Camila Cabello talks and performs.*

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ahead, the Zappa-esque, definite jam-band tendencies of Vampire Weekend’s latest fun record, “Father of the Bride,” played with an unabashed joyfulness at Northerly Island, on Father’s Day.

Admiring — speaking of exuberance on Northerly Island — Kanye West’s joyfully messy Sunday Service, a stage-free, rainy morning celebration of the talents of others. West, saying little himself, gave the show to choruses and marching bands and the audience itself.

Doubly admiring — and speaking of Kanye — his (somewhat naive, somewhat sweet) plans to build a village of “Star Wars”-inspired domed houses on his property near Malibu. The idea was to use the space to ease homelessness, but Kanye didn’t have permits to make it reality.

Stumbling across North Pole Exhibitions a few blocks from home, in Rogers Park; if it doesn’t ring a bell that’s because the exhibition space is one flag pole, in a family’s backyard.

Kacey Musgraves bluntly telling the audience at Lollapalooza she admires them for attending large gatherings because of all the mass shootings. Then she asked the crowd to shout in unison “Somebody ... do something,” and the sound was deafening.

Steppenwolf’s Tracy Letts bringing enormous complexity to the most cardboard of supporting roles, The Man Holding the Purse — first in “Ford v. Ferrari” (playing Henry Ford Jr.), then in “Little Women” (playing the skeptical publisher of Jo’s first stories).

The polite little boy who was walking up to strangers and handing out plastic skeleton hand-shaped baggies filled with candy at Los Pilsen’s annual Dia De Los Muertos procession.

Which reminds me — feeling pleasantly surprised by Fiesta Ravinia, the lively

Mexican heritage festival (and orchestra-soundtracked “Coco” screening) that took over the North Shore institution for one day and never felt as if it was pandering to underserved audiences.

Watching Bob Dylan drive a bus, just one of the remarkable archival moments in Martin Scorsese’s hoot of a documentary, “Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story.”

Standing before the welcome everydayness of the photographs of Chicago’s Cecil McDonald, whose spring show “In the Company of Black” deserved more attention for its intimate study of African Americans doing nothing but thinking, listening and watching.

Loving the deep dive (sorry) into “Moby-Dick” miscellany at the Newberry Library’s winter exhibit about the enduring relevance of Herman Melville — in particular, those accounts of his 1840s journey to Illinois and the lack of attendance at his Chicago lectures.

Shaking my head in awe at Cate Blanchett’s commitment to absurdity, playing a Marina Abramovic-like performance artist on the IFC satirical series “Documentary Now!” She tied herself to a wall, lapped up milk, set stuff on fire. My vote for performance of the year.

Poking through the always surprising Instagram account of Northwestern University’s Transportation Library, which draws on its 500,000-item archive to post antique Northwestern Railway ads, old airline holiday cards, 1940s Evanston bus schedules ...

Sensing the hair rise on my head (and the audience collectively tense) whenever Lupita Nyong’o, in a performance for the ages, unleashed a croaky, graveyard groan in “Us.”

Spotting a T-shirt in Andersonville reading “Gay But Not Happy” during Pride Month.

Tearing up as the entire Marvel Universe seemed to assemble for the rousing

finale of “Avengers: Endgame,” which gave a decade of corporate synergy a brief flash of heart.

Holding my daughter’s hand as she stood in her seat for an hour, hypnotized by her first theater experience, the mythical “Ajijaak on Turtle Island” at the Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival, a collaboration between Heather Henson (daughter of Jim) and Ty Defoe, a performance artist from the Ojibwe and Oneida communities of Wisconsin.

Wondering if Chicago’s John Mulaney should be writing Broadway musicals, based on nothing but his “Bodega Man” sketch on “Saturday Night Live,” a rousing six-minute sendup of musicals and city life, from “Rent” to “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.”

Being transfixed by “Echo Mine” at the Harris Theater, choreographer Robyn Mineko Williams’ sort-of eulogy to Hubbard Street Dance founding member Claire Bataille told like a dream, as a near-survey of dance styles and movements not entirely connecting.

Going home to New England and getting a haircut at seven in the morning as the entire barbershop (packed even early) intensely absorbed “The Irishman” on a widescreen TV.

The inverted frozen waves and geometric glass jewels that appeared along the Lake Michigan waterfront last January, carved into chainlink fences and blasted into the sand.

This passage from Chicago gallery owner/author John Corbett’s memoir, “Pick Up the Pieces: Excursions in Seventies Music”: “My seven-year old classmates wore POW and MIA bracelets; the father of one kid in my year was shot down during Nixon’s Christmas bombing of Hanoi; the same kid nearly immolated our entire class and their families on a field trip by pouring cooking oil into a tube feeding oxygen into the common tent; my father took me to the airfield to sit in an F-4 Phantom

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 31

	PM	MOVIES					
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: “Friendly Fire.” ©	FBI: “Invisible.” ©	FBI: “Apex.” ©	News (N) †		
	NBC 5	A Toast to 2019! (N) ©				NBC New Year’s Eve Special 2020 (N) ©	NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC 7	Dick Clark’s Primetime New Year’s Rockin’ Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2020: “Part 1.” (N) ©				Dick Clark’s Primetime New Year’s (N)	News at 10pm (N)
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	Family Classics †
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	
	Court 9.3	† Closing Arguments		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © †			
	PBS 11	Live From Lincoln Center: “N.Y. Philharmonic: Celebrating Sondheim.” (Season Finale) (N) ©		Call the Midwife: “Holiday Special.” ©		Hall & Oates †	
	CW 26.1	iHeartRadio Music Festival Night 2 ©				Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil: “Dying to Be Hot.”	Tamron Hall ©			The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next			Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek †
	Bounce 26.5	Lethal Weapon 3 (NR, ’92) *** Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. ©				Lethal Weapon 4 (R) *** †	
	FOX 32	Fox’s New Year’s Eve With Steve Harvey: Live From Times Square: “Part One.” (N) ©				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds: “Hamelin.”	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal †
TeleM 44	† (6) The Bourne Ultimatum (’07) *** ©	The Bourne Legacy (PG-13, ’12) *** © †					
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago †	
UniMas 60	† (6) Jack the Giant Slayer	Gladiator (NR, ’00) *** Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. †					
WJYS 62	Israel	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Será anunciado				Será anunciado †		
CABLE	AE	Live PD: “Top 40 Moments of 2019, Part 1.” ©				Live PD © (Part 2 of 2) †	
	AMC	† Hunger	The Hunger Games (PG-13, ’12) *** Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. ©				
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: “Oyster Heist.” (N)				Lone Star Law: “Trashed.”	Lone Star †
	BBCA	† (6:55) Doctor Who ©	Doctor Who: “The Day of the Doctor.”			(9:40) Doctor Who © †	
	BET	† (5) BET Star Cinema	Dreamgirls (PG-13, ’06) *** Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles. © †				
	BIGTEN	† College Basketball (N)	BIG Show	BIG Show	BTN Football in 60 ©		Divided †
	BRAVO	† (6) Fifty Shades Darker (R, ’17) ** ©				Fifty Shades of Grey (R, ’15) ** Dakota Johnson. †	
	CLTV	Sign-off					Sign-off
	CNN	New Year’s Eve Live With Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen (N) (Live) © †					
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
	DISC	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N) ©			Guardians-Glades (Season Premiere) (N)	Moonshine †
	DISN	Gabby	Gabby	Raven	Raven	Raven	Big City
	EI	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City
	ESPN	† (6:30) College Football: Valero Alamo Bowl -- Utah vs Texas. (N) (Live) ©					SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	† (6) Professional Fighters League: Championship. (N) (Live)					Football
	FNC	Who Can Forget? 2019	Patriot Awards			Sam Houston-Texas Fight	Bret Baier †
	FOOD	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive			Diners, Drive	Diners †
	FREE	† (6:55) Iron Man (PG-13, ’08) *** Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard. © (SAP)					700 Club †
	FX	Jurassic World (PG-13, ’15) ** Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. ©				The Hangover Part III †	
	HALL	Picture a Perfect Christmas (NR, ’19) Jon Cor ©				Christmas at Graceland: †	
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©	Love It or List It ©			Love It or List It ©	Love-List †
	HIST	Oak Island: Drilling Down	Oak Island: Drilling Down			Oak Island: Drilling Down	Oak Island †
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	† (6) Ferris Bueller’s Day Off (’86) *** Ferris Bueller’s Day Off (PG-13, ’86) *** © †					
	LIFE	50 First Dates (PG-13, ’04) ** Adam Sandler. ©				(9:03) The House Bunny (’08) ** © †	
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show			The Last Word	Global †
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculousness ©	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	† SportsTalk	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Calgary Flames. (N) (Live)			
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Most Musical Family	Most Musical Family		Musical †
	OVATION	† (6) Movie					
	OWN	The Haves, Nots	The Haves, Nots			The Haves, Nots	The Haves †
	ODY	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D.: “Politics.”	Chicago P.D.: “Monster.”			Chicago †
	PARMT	The Sandlot (PG, ’93) ** Thomas Guiry, Mike Vitar. ©					Dirty Grandpa (R, ’16) † †
	SYFY	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan ©	
TCM	That’s Entertainment! (G, ’74) *** Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby. ©					That’s Ent. 2 †	
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper			Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple †	
TLN	Way-Master	Studio 5	Focus on	GEN Voices	Life Today	Insights	
TNT	The Accountant (R, ’16) ** Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick. ©					Jack Reacher †	
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV	The Dead Files: “A Haunting Brought Home.” (N) ©				Famously Afraid ©	Fa. Afraid †	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU †		
VH1	Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13, ’05) ** Kimberly Elise. ©				Booty Call (R, ’97) *** †		
WE	Law & Order ©	Law & Order: “Release.”	Law & Order: “Deadlock.”			Law †	
WGN America	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	
PREMIUM	HBO	Shazam! (PG-13, ’19) *** Zachary Levi. ©				(9:15) Aquaman (PG-13, ’18) *** © †	
	HBO2	I, Robot (PG-13, ’04) ** Will Smith. ©				A Nightmare on Elm Street (’10) *** †	
	MAX	The Beauclaire and the Beast (PG, ’97) ** ©				(8:50) Crazy Rich Asians (’18) *** †	
	SHO	Ray Donovan ©				Shameless (R, ’08) *** †	Inside NFL †
	STARZ	† (6:15) The Intruder † ©	Dublin Murders ©			(9:02) Men in Black: International †	
STZNC	† (6:36) Half Baked (’98) †	Proud Mary (R, ’18) †	Taraji P. Henson. †		(9:32) Notorious (R) *** †		

tom Jet cockpit; another Phantom crashed in a field a mile from our house, the huge mushroom cloud drawing attention away from a new show called “Sesame Street”; I found the boot of one of the airmen killed in the crash, foot included, while hunting for salamanders.”

The sardonic laughter (plus everything else) of Florence Pugh in “Little Women.”

Keeping my daily date with “Ducks, Newburyport”; Evanston native Lucy Ellmann’s mammoth and mostly-single sentence novel about the politics, family issues and cultural flossam crossing our minds; it read like a pleasant chore and played like an incantation.

Watching and rewatching (then watching again) the first episode of Hulu’s “Pen15,” a perfect remembrance of the middle-school years, as told by a pair of adult actresses

(Anna Konkle and Maya Erksine) casually playing themselves among actual ‘twens.

Also rewatching (maybe a dozen times) a brief skit on Netflix’s “I Think You Should Leave With Tim Robinson” where an awkward office worker (comedian Patti Harrison) latches on to a light joke about “Santa coming early this year” and seems unable to let it go. Robinson (a Second City and iO veteran) doesn’t play the scene for absurdity but, ingeniously, an uneasy compassion as an office reacts to the public meltdown of a colleague.

Witnessing a culturally diverse, and often female “Star Wars” fandom blow past stereotypes and toxic reputations and deliver a show of force at Celebration, the gigantic Lucasfilm-sanctioned “Star Wars” convention that took over McCormick Place for five days last spring.

Choking up at The Washington Post’s gripping, necessary Super Bowl commercial (narrated by Tom Hanks), a moving reminder for Americans about the value of newspaper journalism.

Loving that great genuine smile on the face of Chicago hip-hop artist Ric Wilson as he invited the Lane Tech College Prep marching band on the stage during his Pitchfork set.

Trick-or-treating in 3 inches of snow.

Looking for the time to do most of those things you just read.

Then finding Jenny Odell’s bestseller “How to Do Nothing” placed on my desk and being reminded, via William James: “My experience is what I agree to attend to, only those items which I notice shape my mind — without selective interest, experience is an utter chaos.”

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 31): Envision the world you want this year. Personal ambitions flower with dedicated attention. Winter breakthroughs help you navigate a barrier with a partner. Let go of a limitation next summer, motivating an exciting Solstice collaboration. Discover a shared passion and realize it together.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Secrets could be revealed. Listen and observe quietly. Get especially productive behind closed doors. Consider different options and make plans and determinations. Capture creative ideas.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Discuss brilliant ideas with friends and family. Celebrate what you're building together. You can adapt to unexpected circumstances.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. A professional opportunity presents a challenge. Follow an elder's advice. Let others know what's needed and what's at stake. Innovation provides long-term benefit.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Romantic dreams of travel and adventure entice you to explore. Study a fascinating subject up close. Follow a brilliant hunch. Everything seems possible.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Collaborate to build foundations for future growth. Contribute to shared ventures and profit together. Rising tides float all boats. All for one and one for all.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Strategize with your partner. Find a perfect compromise that includes favorite elements for each of you. Charm and be charmed. Enjoy the magnificent company.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Your work is gaining respect. Positive change comes through communication. Gossip can come back to bite you. Set realistic goals, then practice and prepare.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Romance arises in conversation. Discuss matters of the heart. Share your passions. A loved one's crazy idea might even work. Express your love and affection.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Home and family draw you in. Invent fun possibilities and share them. Cook up something delicious. Discover magic in unlikely places.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Creative ideas percolate and bubble. Write and communicate. Make and renew connections with people you love, admire and respect. Invent something brilliant together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Keep costs down to generate fabulous results, under budget and on time. Moneymaking ideas abound; follow those with greatest potential.

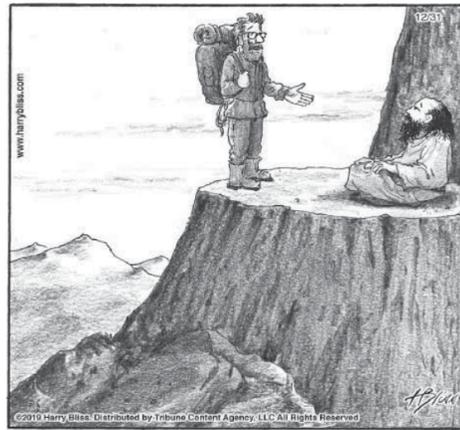
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Take charge of your destiny. What do you want to create this year? Explore options and speculate with people you love on what could be possible.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North	♠ Q 8	♥ J 5 3	♦ J 10 7	♣ A J 9 8 2
West	♠ J 10 9 7 4 2	♥ 8 2	♦ K Q 8 5	♣ 5
South	♠ A K	♥ A K 7 6	♦ A 6 3 2	♣ Q 10 4
East	♠ 6 5 3	♥ Q 10 9 4	♦ 9 4	♣ K 7 6 3

A routine auction leading to a routine contract. Declarer expects to romp home with four or five club tricks, depending on who has the king, and five top tricks in the other suits. Something happened on the way to the romp.

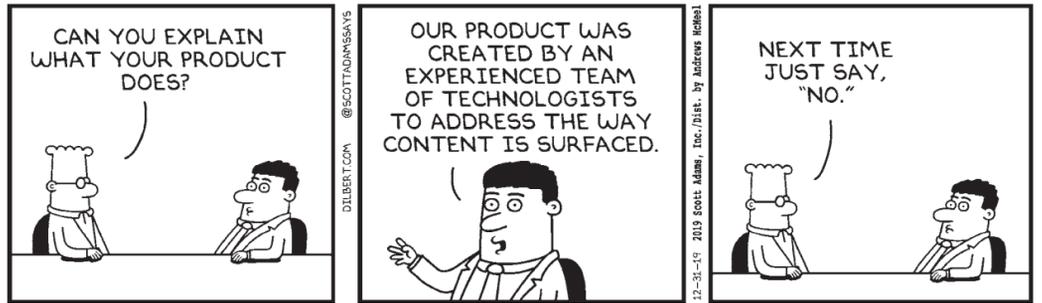
South won the opening spade lead with his king and ran the 10 of clubs, winning the trick as East ducked his king. South continued with queen of clubs, and the first sign of trouble came when West discarded an encouraging diamond. East correctly ducked this also. Declarer was now down to only three club tricks and the contract was in jeopardy. South countered by leading a club to dummy's ace, followed by the jack of clubs to East's king. South brilliantly discarded the ace of spades on the fourth club!

The defense could no longer play spades without giving declarer an entry to the long club. Responding to West's first discard, East shifted to the nine of diamonds, ducked to West's queen. South won the heart shift with his king and led a low diamond toward dummy. That did it! West won and led another heart, but South won with his ace and led a low diamond to dummy's jack. He cashed the last club and the queen of spades for his eight and ninth tricks. Well done!

Note that South never took a trick with either the ace of spades or the ace of diamonds. Had he taken a trick with either card, his contract would have failed.

— Bob Jones
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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



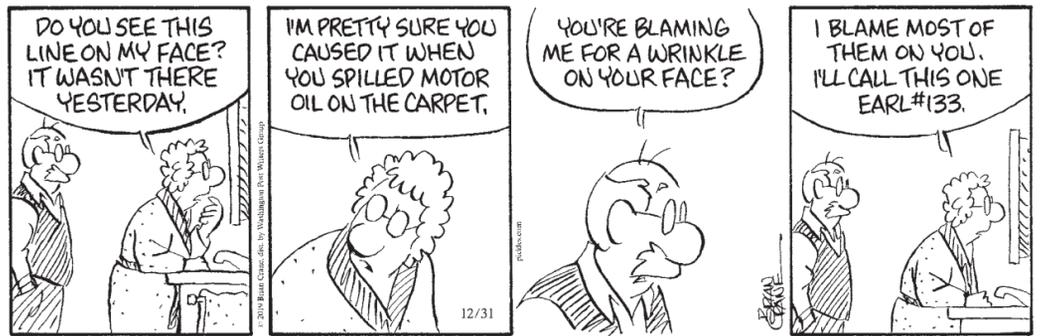
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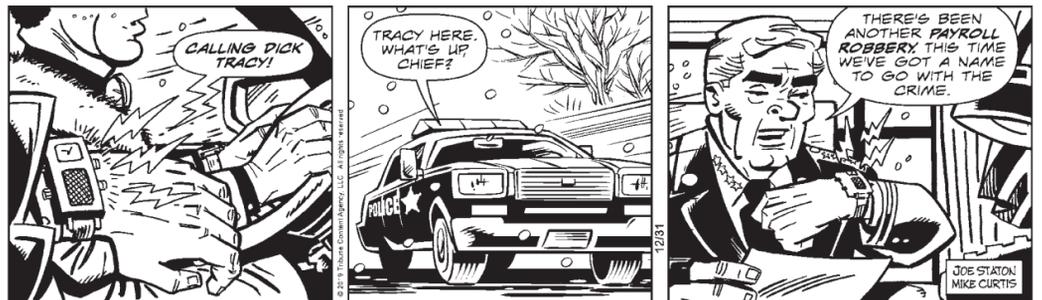
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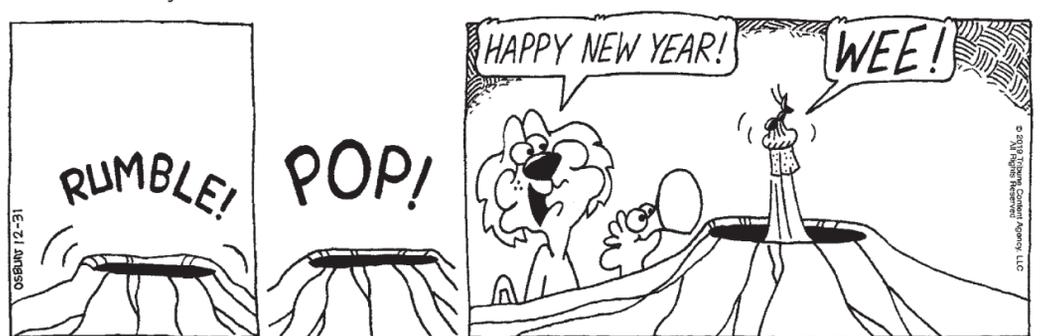
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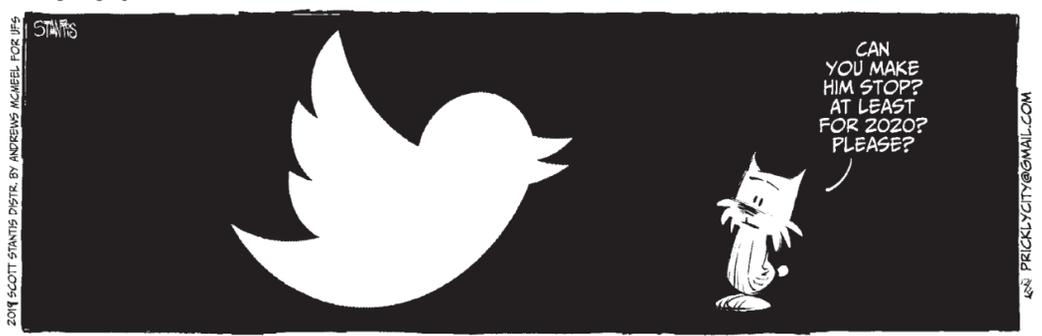
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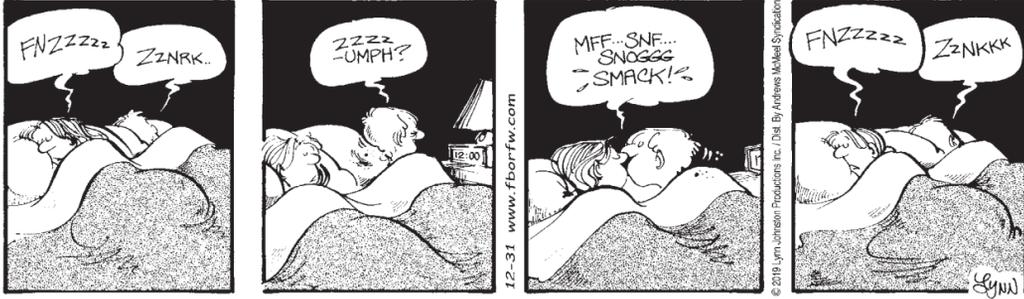
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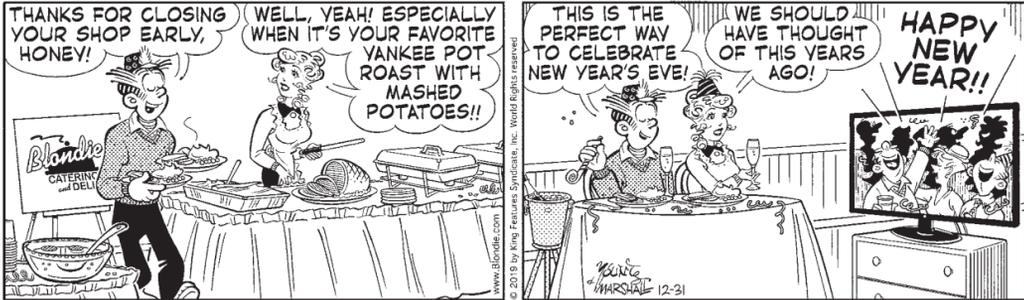
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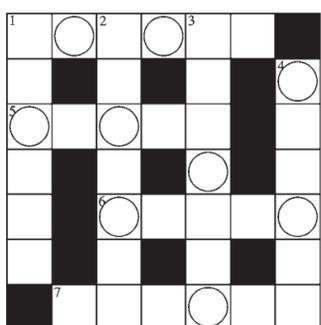
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

The word "hysteria" comes from the ancient Greek for what body part?
 A) Arm
 B) Brain
 C) Mouth
 D) Uterus
 Monday's answer: John Sylvester White played high school principal Mr. Woodman on "Welcome Back, Kotter."

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Larynx site
 5. Thin cookie, biscuit
 6. Cut apart
 7. Dodged

CLUE DOWN
 1. In the direction of
 2. Non-compliance
 3. Reached, showed up
 4. Fearful

ANSWER
 ORHAT
 FEAWR
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 DULDEE

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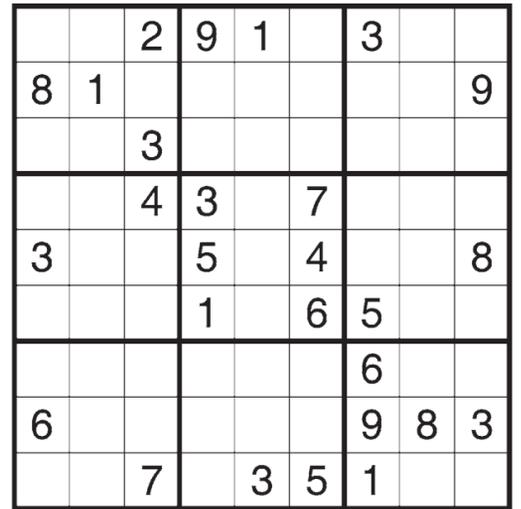
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1A-Throat 2D-Rhinal 3D-Writhed 4D-Scared 5B-Swallowfish
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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4	5	3	7	6	1	2	9	8
6	8	9	3	5	2	7	1	4
1	7	2	8	9	4	6	5	3
8	9	1	6	4	3	5	2	7
2	4	6	5	7	9	3	8	1
5	3	7	2	1	8	4	6	9
3	1	4	9	2	5	8	7	6
7	2	8	1	3	6	9	4	5
9	6	5	4	8	7	1	3	2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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PIWRE

FEXRIP

NABREN

Answer here



Monday's answers

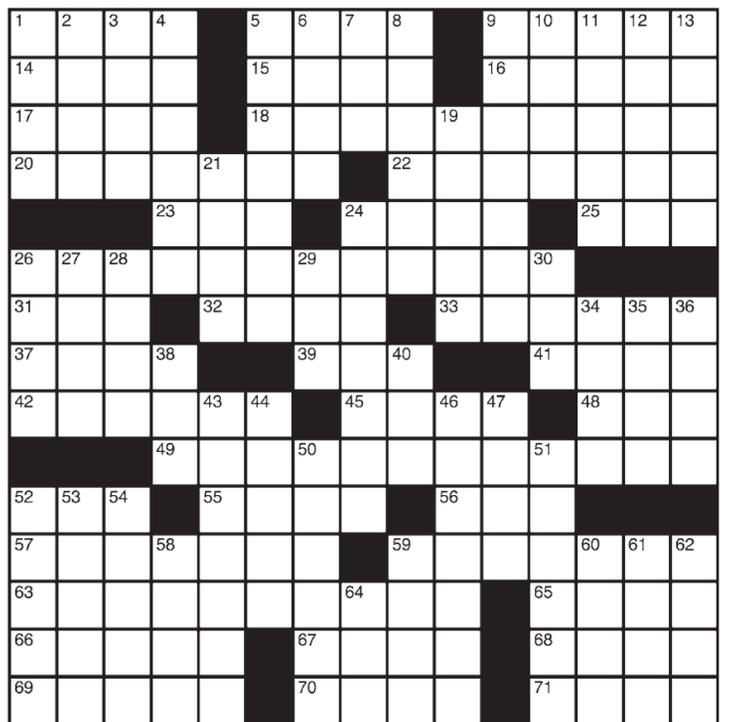
Jumbles: STOMP BRINE STORMY GLANCE
 Answer: The mimes had worked together for years and enjoyed being — SILENT PARTNERS

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Crossword

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Across
 1 "In Her Shoes" actress Cameron
 5 "Flanders": Defoe novel
 9 Dethrones
 14 With the bow, to a violinist
 15 Furniture giant
 16 Still standing, as a bowling pin
 17 Like worn tires
 18 Remote control insert
 20 Like waterlogged sneakers
 22 "Love It or List It" option
 23 Pie ___ mode
 24 Inoculation fluids
 25 Chicago-to-Indianapolis dir.
 26 Grievance filed with a consumer protection org.
 31 Source of iron

Down
 10 Golden rule preposition
 11 Storage structures
 12 Corvette quartet
 13 Fashion sense
 19 High-altitude home
 21 ___ gin fizz
 24 Holmes and Poirot
 26 Animal that sounds dull
 27 Puff pastry cheese
 28 Karate skill award
 29 Some govt. heads
 30 Adorns with Charmin, for short
 34 Scored 100 on
 35 Tweed's caricaturist
 36 Gothic window feature
 38 Go after in court
 40 Chinese leader who hosted Nixon
 43 Quick comebacks
 44 "How cool!"
 46 School assignments
 47 Annoying sort
 50 Gives rise to
 51 Up the creek
 52 Made a solemn promise
 53 Sadat of Egypt
 54 Not familiar with
 58 Sacred wading bird of ancient Egypt
 59 Thumb-typist's message
 60 Ward of "CSI: NY"
 61 Rip
 62 Sweeping story
 64 Briny expanse

Monday's solution
 DIANA ELLIS LAG
 ADLIB POISE ALL
 LAUNCHANGLE TOO
 MESA GHERKINS
 ELI HEAT SENSE
 XANTHANGUM ROOT
 INURE TOPTEN
 TAMARI ALISON
 MOSAIC INTRO
 CUSP ARCHANGELS
 UNCLE SEEM RYE
 SWEETPEA EARN
 TIN HANGINTHERE
 ONE ILLIED AESOP
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REDBOX BOWL CALIFORNIA 35, ILLINOIS 20



TONY AVELAR/AP

Illinois quarterback Brandon Peters throws a pass under pressure from California safety Daniel Scott, left, and linebacker Kuony Deng (8).

'A lot to build on'

Illini find positives but lose bowl game to end below .500

BY SHANNON RYAN

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Illinois quarterback Brandon Peters rumbled toward the first-down marker on fourth-and-17. He dived and stretched out his arms

to extend the football while everyone else in Levi's Stadium seemed to understand the Redbox Bowl game was out of reach by this point.

Peters was knocked out of bounds by a California defender and writhed on the Levi's Stadium sideline for a few moments until the call came. He was just short — effort be damned.

So was Illinois. The Illini fell 35-20.

"I was just trying to give my team a chance to keep the ball moving," Peters said. "I gave it everything I had."

Peters' lay-it-on-the-line attitude is exactly what Illini coach Lovie Smith wants for the program as it attempts to build on its first bowl appearance in five years.

"We're going to go into next season with that play Brandon tried to make," Smith said. "To-

day, we didn't play well."

Illinois was out to prove its improvement this season wasn't just a baby step but the start of a movement to catapult the beleaguered program to college football relevancy.

Illini fans, players and coaches would be right to say the team moved in a positive direction this season. But Cal made the out-

Turn to *Illinois*, Page 4

WHITE SOX

'Winning window' attracts Keuchel

Newly signed lefty likes White Sox's chances — and their catchers

BY LAMOND POPE

Dallas Keuchel faced the White Sox in August while pitching for the Braves. He plunked Jose Abreu twice but still came away with the win.

He also came away impressed with the Sox.

"I can definitely tell that lineup is ready to go this year and in years hopefully extended," Keuchel said Monday during a conference call.

Keuchel looks to do his part on the mound and in the clubhouse for the Sox after officially signing a three-year, \$55.5 million deal. The contract includes a team option for 2023.

Keuchel said the team's "willingness to win" was one of the factors that influenced his decision.

"They are really pushing toward opening that winning window," Keuchel said, "and I think in the AL Central, there is about a three-to-five year gap right now to really push it."

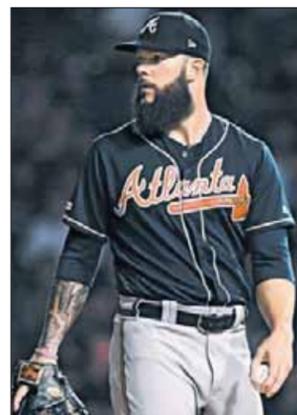
Under terms of the agreement, Keuchel will receive \$18 million each season from 2020-22, while the Sox hold a \$20 million option for 2023 with a \$1.5 million buyout.

"We view this as the next logical step in our process," Sox general manager Rick Hahn said, "one that was a high priority for us entering this offseason, and that being adding someone who not only helps stabilize the rotation but someone who is going to be a key contributor inside the clubhouse as well."

Keuchel will be looked upon to guide a young staff that features returning starters Lucas Giolito, Reynaldo Lopez and Dylan Cease.

The Sox eventually will have Michael Kopech, who missed all last season recovering from Tommy John surgery, and Carlos

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Dallas Keuchel, pitching for the Braves last summer, will help solidify the rotation on the South Side this season.

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KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears general manager Ryan Pace, at the Bears100 Celebration in June, has a lot of reckoning to do this offseason.

BEARS

After this, honesty is the only policy

Pace must be forthright in acknowledging flaws of disappointing team

Here we are once again, in an empty Week 18 of a wayward season, with the general manager and head coach of the Bears preparing to hold court at Halas Hall to unpack their last four months.

As more than a third of NFL teams prepare for the playoffs — that exhilarating party for which the Bears are so often left off the guest list — Ryan Pace and Matt Nagy will sit together on a dais at Halas Hall on Tuesday morning for their end-of-season news conference.

In so many ways, this season



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

was a mess for the Bears. And an arduous clean-up process needs to begin as soon as possible. For Pace and Nagy, there's plenty of explaining to do and a lot more hustle and focus needed to get everything under control.

Bears fans' hopes have been dashed yet again.

As Pace enters the PNC Center at Halas Hall on Tuesday, he

MORE COVERAGE

Mack embraces offseason 'grind' after first season since 2014 without at least 10½ sacks. **Page 3**

should understand that the organization is counting on him to express a clear vision for getting things right while a restless fan base wants to hear his honest admission of this team's myriad flaws.

Fans deserve the general manager's full candor. Pace hasn't held a news conference since Sept. 2. That was before any of this season's eight losses, back

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PAUL SULLIVAN

HOF vote: Just 1 sure thing

Procrastinating baseball writers who seemingly can't work without being on deadline have one more job on tap this year.

More than 400 eligible voters for the Baseball Hall of Fame must submit their 2020 ballots by New Year's Eve or forever hold their peace.

The Class of 2020 will be announced Jan. 21, with the induction slated for July 26 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Former catcher Ted Simmons and late union leader Marvin Miller were selected in December by the Modern Baseball Era Committee and will join the selection, or selections, of the Baseball Writers' Association of America on stage.

Here are four things to know about the 2020 election:

1. Only 1 player is a shoo-in.

After Yankees legend Derek Jeter makes it as a first-ballot selection, it's anyone's guess as to whether he'll be joined on stage by any player besides Simmons.

The average ballot last year included eight names, and nearly 43% of the voters used all 10 of their allotted votes, so there's a good chance at least one more nominee will make the cut.

This year's favorite to make it in on his last chance on the BBWAA ballot is Larry Walker, who finished at 54.6% last year and has a clearer path with no first-time candidates outside of Jeter expected to get in. Players need to be on 75% of the ballots for induction.

If he isn't voted in this year, Walker stands a good chance of getting in down the road by a Veterans Committee vote, as Lee Smith, Harold Baines and Alan Trammell have done recently.

Outside of Walker, the next-best chance seemingly belongs to Curt Schilling, who inched up to 60.9% last year, named on 259 of the 425 ballots. Schilling and Roger Clemens are the only two eligible pitchers with 3,000 strikeouts or more not in the Hall.

Clemens, one of the two most prominent PED-tinged contenders along with Barry Bonds, was at 59.5% last year. Bonds finished with 59.1% of the vote.

It remains to be seen if they can overcome the steroid stigma, though obviously both had Hall of Fame careers by numbers alone.



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Former Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter is a slam-dunk choice as a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

2. The ballot is padded with unqualified names.

Last year 16 players fell off the ballot by receiving less than 5% of the vote, and 11 received zero votes, including Ted Lilly, Travis Hafner and Jon Garland.

Among the head-scratching names on the 32-player 2020 ballot are Heath Bell, Chone Figgins, Brad Penny, Carlos Pena and Jose Valverde. Does any of them ring a bell to the average fan? It probably wouldn't hurt the Hall to shorten the list of candidates instead of padding it with players who have no chance.

3. Former Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa will be on the ballot for the 8th time.

After garnering 8.5% of the vote last year, Sosa barely has stayed above the necessary 5% to remain on the ballot. But he never has received any real support, unlike Bonds and Clemens, who would be locks without PEDs attached to their names. Outside of Sosa, the two most prominent local candidates are former White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko and former Cubs left fielder Alfonso Soriano, neither of whom is expected to receive much support.

4. Derek Jeter could be the 2nd player named on every ballot.

Last year Mariano Rivera became the first player in history named on 100% of the ballots, receiving all 425 votes. Jeter deserves to be the second.

Because voters are afforded anonymity, no one had to explain why he didn't vote for Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Tom Seaver, Greg Maddux or a couple of dozen others who deserved 100% of the votes.

At least the ballots now have a box for writers to check and make their votes public 14 days after the announcement, which most do.

Many votes already are known, thanks to modern technology and a fan named Ryan Thibodaux, who introduced his Hall of Fame tracker website, potentially changing the way voters look at the ballot. The website tracks writers' picks and provides daily updates on the voting.

As of Monday evening, Walker stood at 86.7% and Schilling 80% each with 25.5% of ballots known. If voters knew that Walker or Schilling were close to getting in and were undecided, would it affect their decision?

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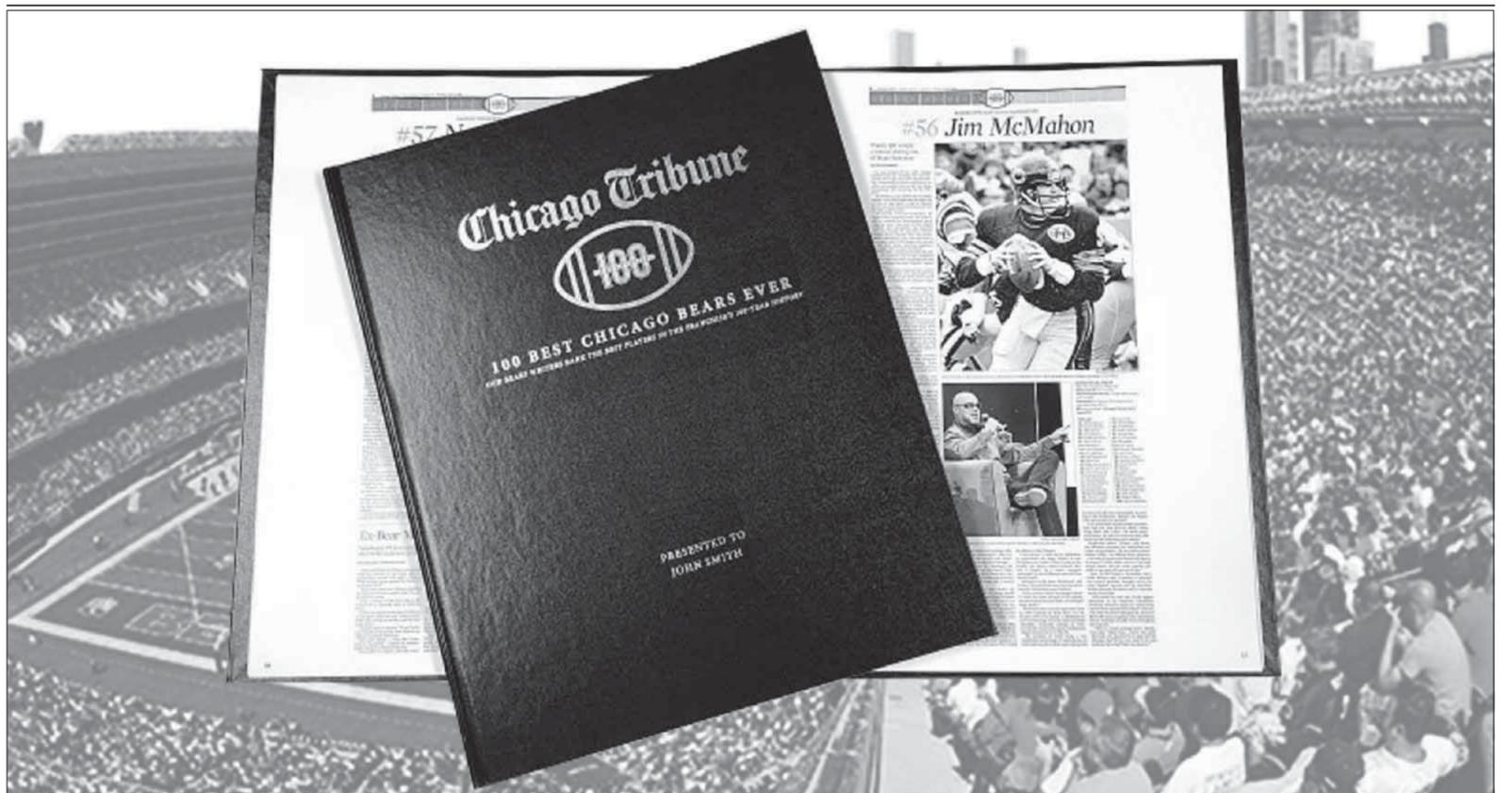
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Bears' local TV ratings down 9% year to year

Just as the 2019 Bears tailed off, so did their TV ratings — a 9% year-to-year drop in their local TV ratings.

Sunday's season-ending victory over the Vikings on FOX-32 averaged a 19.9 household rating in the Chicago market, according to Nielsen estimates.

That's a 39% drop from their 2018 regular-season finale at Minnesota and their lowest local rating since they closed out 2017, also in Minnesota, with a 16.9.



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Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack is blocked by Vikings offensive tackle Rashod Hill in Sunday's game at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Mack revels in 'therapy'

After posting mediocre stats, he embraces offseason 'grind'

BY COLLEEN KANE

Sunday's game against the Vikings seemed like a good opportunity for some stat padding.

Locked into the NFC's No. 6 seed, the Vikings turned to their backups, and that included making starting tackles Riley Reiff and Brian O'Neill inactive.

Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack could run over the reserves and finish with double-digit sacks for the fifth straight season, right?

Not quite. Mack had another quiet game Sunday to finish with his worst season statistically since his rookie year in 2014.

It wasn't quite the Rams game — in which Mack was shut out of the stats book — but his name was far down the list of Bears defensive players after he finished with only one assisted tackle.

His performance Sunday left him with 8½ sacks this season, his first season without at least 10½ sacks since 2014. His 47 tackles and eight tackles for a loss were career lows, and he had 14 quarterback hits, his lowest since 2014. He recorded five forced fumbles to bring his career total to 20, but four of those came in the Bears' first four games.

Mack — the man the Bears signed to a six-year, \$141 million contract in 2018 — acknowledged two weeks ago that this "definitely wasn't what I wanted to put on film all year." He didn't even want to talk about being selected for his fifth Pro Bowl, likely because his and the Bears' season didn't turn out as expected.

So he will head into the offseason searching for answers about how he can make a bigger impact in the years ahead.

"I'm going to start with myself, pick up the film like I do after every season and work on the things I need to work on and get ready for the next one," Mack said. "My therapy is being a part of the grind. My grind is not going to stop this year. I

can't take too many breaks. I'm looking forward to it in that sense."

As Mack's coaches noted multiple times this season, they are sure to see many reasons for his decline in production when they review. That includes facing multiple blockers and game plans tailored to minimize his effect on quarterbacks. And it likely has something to do with Akiem Hicks, the Bears' intimidating force on the defensive line, missing 11 games with injury.

On Sunday, Vikings quarterback Sean Mannion, filling in for starter Kirk Cousins, had only 21 passing attempts, and many came out of his hand quickly before Mack had a chance to beat his blocker.

One of Mack's best opportunities came on third-and-9 in the second quarter. Mack dipped his left shoulder to slip past Vikings tackle Aviante Collins. Meanwhile, Leonard Floyd had surged through two blockers to get in the face of Mannion, who quickly threw a low pass that bounced off the hands of Bears outside linebacker Aaron Lynch.

It was the kind of exciting play the Bears expected more of from their pass rushers this season. And because Mack couldn't make more of them, he'll have extra motivation heading into this off-season.

"I can't really explain how I'm going to use (it as motivation)," Mack said, "But I'm going to use it."

The motivation isn't all about his stats, though. Mack has played in two playoff games with the Raiders and Bears — both losses. Helping his team get back into the postseason is foremost in his mind.

"(Double-digit sacks) means something," Mack said. "But at the same time, it's a whole other mindset I'm in right now at this stage in my career as far as wanting to play in the playoffs and get to a championship."

It seems that one of those goals could only help the other.

Bears' 1st picks at Nos. 43, 50

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears' spot in the 2020 draft order and their opponents for next season are set now that the regular season has concluded.

The Bears will have the 43rd and 50th picks in the 2020 draft. The better of those two second-round selections is via the Raiders, who included it in the 2018 trade in which the Bears acquired Pro Bowl edge rusher Khalil Mack.

The Bears sent their 2020 first-round pick to the Raiders as part of that deal, meaning the Raiders have the 19th pick via the Bears.

The Bears currently have seven picks in the 2020 draft, which will be held in Las Vegas. They have picks in the second, fifth, sixth and seventh rounds; the Raiders' second-round pick, a conditional pick from the Raiders believed to be in the fifth or sixth round; and a sixth-round pick they received from the Eagles in the Jordan Howard trade.

The full seven-round draft order won't be finalized until after the NFL awards 32 compensatory picks. Last year, the league did so on Feb. 22.

The Bears are hoping to get at least one, which seems likely. It would be their first compensatory pick since 2009, the NFL's

2020 OPPONENTS

Next season, the Bears will host:

- Packers
- Lions
- Vikings
- Buccaneers
- Saints
- Giants
- Colts
- Texans

They will visit:

- Packers
- Lions
- Vikings
- Falcons
- Panthers
- Rams
- Jaguars
- Titans

The full schedule with dates and times will be released in April.

longest active drought.

For the Bears, their two picks near the end of the top 50 — which are their only picks in the top 100 — represent opportunities to upgrade an offense that finished 29th in the NFL in points per game, 29th in total offense and 31st in yards per play.

General manager Ryan Pace's second-round picks have been: nose tackle Eddie Goldman (39th), center Cody Whitehair (56th), tight end Adam Shaheen (45th), guard James Daniels (39th) and receiver Anthony Miller (51st).

The Bears' opponents for 2020 became set earlier in December as teams in the NFC locked into third place in their respective divisions.

NFL POWER RANKINGS

Ravens finish No. 1

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune



1. Ravens 14-2 (last week: 1): The Ravens became the NFL's greatest rushing offense of all time with 3,296 yards, surpassing the 1978 Patriots (3,165).



2. Saints 13-3 (2): The Saints played six weeks without future Hall of Fame QB Drew Brees and managed to win 13 games and earn the NFC's No. 3 seed.



3. 49ers 13-3 (4): The 49ers locked down the No. 1 seed in the NFC with a road win over the Seahawks. It's the first time the 49ers have been the top seed in the NFC since 1997.



4. Chiefs 12-4 (3): The Patriots' losing to the Dolphins allowed the Chiefs to rise to the No. 2 seed in the AFC. Arrowhead Stadium is a difficult place for opponents to play.



5. Packers 13-3 (6): Has a 13-win team ever generated less buzz than these Packers? They earned the No. 2 seed in the NFC, and the week off will certainly help.



6. Patriots 12-4 (5): As good as they have been in the Bill Belichick/Tom Brady era, the Pats have never reached the Super Bowl when they've had to play in the wild-card round.



7. Seahawks 11-5 (8): The injury-riddled Seahawks limp into the postseason having lost three of four, but their wild-card game comes vs. an Eagles team with even more injuries.



8. Texans 10-6 (7): The AFC South champion Texans are playing the respect card this week as they prepare to host the Bills in the wild-card round.



9. Bills 10-6 (9): The Bills enter the playoffs having lost three of four, although they rested some key players in Sunday's loss to the Jets as they were locked into the AFC's No. 5 seed.



10. Titans 9-7 (11): The Titans secured a wild-card berth with a season-ending victory over the Texans. They will be dangerous with QB Ryan Tannehill and RB Derrick Henry.



11. Vikings 10-6 (10): Vikings coach Mike Zimmer gave his front-line players Sunday's game vs. the Bears off to ensure their health for the wild-card-round game in New Orleans.



12. Rams 9-7 (12): The Rams averaged 29 points over the final five games, sparking hope that they solved some of the issues that plagued the offense much of the season.



13. Eagles 9-7 (13): Carson Wentz was criticized, but he willed the banged-up Eagles into the playoffs late, leading a team past the Giants on Sunday to secure the NFC East title.



14. Steelers 8-8 (14): The Steelers ran out of gas at the end of the season with fill-in QBs Devlin Hodges and Mason Rudolph, losing their final three games.



15. Bears 8-8 (16): The Bears struggled badly across the board, failing to score an offensive TD in the first half of 11 of their 16 games, including Sunday's win vs. the resting Vikings.



16. Cowboys 8-8 (17): Jerry Jones' next move will be fascinating after a disappointing season ended with a blowout victory over the Redskins. Coach Jason Garrett and his staff are not expected to return.



17. Falcons 7-9 (18): Owner Arthur Blank chose continuity with GM Thomas Dimitroff and coach Dan Quinn after the Falcons rallied from a brutal start to the season.



18. Broncos 7-9 (21): The Broncos won four of their final five, and there is optimism that first-year coach Vic Fangio has sparked a turnaround.



19. Buccaneers 7-9 (15): Bruce Arians was asked if the team could win in 2020 with a different QB other than Jameis Winston. "Oh, yeah ..." he said. Stay tuned.



20. Raiders 7-9 (20): The Raiders have played their last game in Oakland. The team will train there during the offseason and then officially move to Las Vegas in August.



21. Jets 7-9 (23): The Jets closed with six wins in their final eight games, but their wins came against less-than-elite foes. Second-year QB Sam Darnold had an up-and-down season.



22. Jaguars 6-10 (25): The Jags won two of their final three, but should wins over the Raiders and Colts count for much? It will be interesting to see what the team does at QB.



23. Colts 7-9 (19): A season plagued by injuries and rocked by the retirement of Andrew Luck came to a frustrating end when the Colts were blown out by the Jags.



24. Cardinals 5-10-1 (22): Vance Joseph will return as defensive coordinator after the Cards ranked last in yards allowed per game (402.0) and fifth worst in points allowed (27.6).



25. Dolphins 5-11 (27): Brian Flores did a nice job down the stretch, but the Dolphins' future is pinned to what they do at QB as veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick isn't a long-term option.



26. Browns 6-10 (24): Wash. Rinse. Repeat. The Browns are at it again as they wasted no time in canning coach Freddie Kitchens at the end of his first season, one filled with turmoil.



27. Chargers 5-11 (26): The Philip Rivers era could be over, but it doesn't make sense for the Chargers to move on until they land a better option, right? Injuries affected the team.



28. Giants 4-12 (28): GM Dave Gettleman survived, but coach Pat Shurmur didn't make it to a third year, sending the Giants on their third coaching search in five seasons.



29. Panthers 5-11 (29): RB Christian McCaffrey became just the third player in NFL history to top 1,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards in a season.



30. Redskins 3-13 (30): Dan Snyder sent team president Bruce Allen packing. That made the Redskins a slightly more attractive destination with Ron Rivera expected to be hired.



31. Lions 3-12-1 (31): The Lions closed out a disastrous season by blowing another lead Sunday at home in a loss to the rival and division champion Packers.



32. Bengals 2-14 (32): The Bengals can begin charting a future with LSU QB Joe Burrow, whom most everyone expects the Bengals will select with the No. 1 pick in the draft.

NFL

Redskins to name Rivera coach

News services

The Redskins will name Ron Rivera their next head coach, according to multiple reports Monday. Rivera, 57, was fired by the Panthers on Dec. 3. He went 76-63-1 in almost nine full seasons, earning two coach of the year awards and making the playoffs four times and the Super Bowl once.

The Redskins fired Jay Gruden midway through this season after an 0-5 start. Bill Callahan was the interim coach for the rest of the season and the team went on to finish 3-13. The Redskins last made the playoffs in 2015.

They fired Bruce Allen as president of the team Monday. The team was 62-97-1 with only two playoff appearances and zero playoff victories during his tenure.

Giants fire Shurmur: The Giants fired coach Pat Shurmur on Monday and elected to keep GM Dave Gettleman after the two combined for nine wins over the last two seasons.

Co-owner John Mara said it was a gut instinct to fire Shurmur after the Giants (4-12) lost their regular-season finale to the Eagles on Sunday.

Mara added the decision to keep the 68-year-old Gettleman was based on giving him the chance to finish a major overall of the roster and the scouting system and to increase use of analytics while spending his first year on the job fighting cancer.

Mara added there's no denying the team made the wrong choices in hiring Ben McAdoo in 2016 as coach and Shurmur in 2018. The four-time Super Bowl champions have missed the playoffs seven times in eight years.

Manning may retire: Two-time Super Bowl MVP quarterback and four-time Pro Bowler Eli Manning wouldn't reveal details regarding any decision he will make on his football future when he met with the media Monday in likely his last official duty with the Giants.

"Everything's an option," Manning said. He clarified that by expressing that returning to the Giants for a 17th season as a backup to Daniel Jones wasn't an option, saying "backing up isn't fun."

It's unlikely that Manning, who turns 39 on Friday, would have many options to start somewhere if he decides to continue playing. He plans on having heart-to-heart conversations with his wife Abby, his parents and likely even getting feedback from his brothers, Peyton and Cooper.

Seahawks lose LB: Seahawks starting linebacker Mychal Kendricks suffered a torn ACL during the team's loss to the 49ers on Sunday night and will miss the rest of the playoffs. Rookie third-round pick Cody Barton is expected to take his place at the strong-side linebacker position. Wide receiver Jaron Brown will be out two weeks with a knee sprain.

The Seahawks visit the Eagles in the NFC wild-card round Sunday.

Extra points: Broncos GM John Elway said rookie Drew Lock showed enough in his five-week audition to earn the nod as the Broncos starting QB next season. Lock, a second-round pick out of Missouri, went 4-1 as a starter and completed 64.1% of his passes with seven TDs and three INTs. ... The Raiders signed four-time Pro Bowl G Richie Incognito, 36, to a two-year, \$14 million contract extension that includes \$6.35 million guaranteed.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Illinois' Reggie Corbin runs for a touchdown against California in the second half of the Redbox Bowl on Monday. The Illini fell to Cal 35-20.

Illinois

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matched Illini look like they still have an Everest climb before they think about competing for championships.

Illinois ended its season with a third straight loss after a midseason turnaround lifted hopes in Champaign. The Illini (6-7) haven't won a bowl game since 2011 — the last season it finished with a winning record.

With Smith also fulfilling the role of defensive coordinator, they made creating turnovers a calling card this season, recording 28 takeaways to rank third in the FBS entering Monday's games. The spectacular plays helped cover some defensive warts that were exposed by the Golden Bears (8-5).

For the first time this season, Illinois failed to take away the ball.

"We had opportunities," safety Sydney Brown said. "It just comes down to executing punching at the ball, ripping out the ball. I don't think we did enough of that today."

Illinois defense was flagged for four pass-interference calls — all in Illinois territory with three on plays starting at the 5-, 9- and 19-yard lines. Brown was responsible for two, and Cal scored on all of the drives involving the interference penalties.

Also, linebacker Milo Eifler was ejected in the fourth quarter on a questionable targeting penalty.

Cal quarterback Chase Garbers picked apart Illinois' secondary and faced almost no pass rush, helping him to stellar day of 272 yards and four touchdowns on 22-of-31 passing.

Running back Christopher Brown Jr. (120 yards on 20 carries) became the ninth opponent to rush for at least 100 yards this season against Illinois.

"We didn't get a whole lot of pressure today," Smith said. "You have to win one-on-ones. (Players have) to cover better. There were a lot of opportunities today. Basing our season on today, there are a lot of things we could talk about. Basing it on what happened this season, I like a lot of the pieces we have coming back."

Illinois churned out 450 yards of offense but struggled to find

the end zone with six receivers on the injured list. Peters completed 22 of 37 passes for 273 yards and a touchdown, finding nine teammates to connect with.

He also rushed for 68 yards on eight carries.

Illinois' season felt like driving on the steep San Francisco streets.

After a four-game losing streak, Illinois put together upsets that will likely go down as classics with a field-storming victory against Wisconsin and a comeback victory at Michigan State that made the team bowl eligible.

But the season also was marked by confounding losses to Eastern Michigan, Nebraska and a regular-season finale thud at home to Northwestern.

After 3-9, 2-10 and 4-8 records under Smith, players said this season qualifies as adding bricks to the foundation of a rebuild.

"It didn't hit me until I got to the locker room and I saw a couple (seniors) crying," senior linebacker Dele Harding said. "It wasn't the way I wanted to go out, but I'm proud of the guys, fighting the whole season and getting to this point. Looking into the

future, it's just a stepping stone."

A 97-yard touchdown drive before halftime typified Cal's offensive efficiency. Garbers completed four passes of at least 16 yards en route to a 3-yard touchdown pass to Brown for a 21-10 lead.

Illinois made its second field goal of the half — a 30-yarder by James McCourt — to close to within 21-13 at the break.

The Illini had taken a 10-7 first-quarter lead on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Peters to Daniel Barker before things unraveled. Cal outscored Illinois 28-3 before a 6-yard Reggie Corbin touchdown with eight minutes remaining.

The Illini had reason to believe they could pull off another improbable comeback after a last-second win against Wisconsin and a 25-point comeback win at Michigan State.

This time, Illinois fell short. But Smith said his focus was already on next season.

"There's a lot to build on," Smith said. "The bar has been set. There was a lot of fun going into the first bowl game and we're looking forward to what the future will bring."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Louisville QB helps guide win in bowl

Associated Press

Micale Cunningham threw for 279 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 81 yards, and Louisville capped coach Scott Satterfield's debut season by beating Mississippi State 38-28 Monday in the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

The Cardinals (8-5) rallied from a 14-point deficit by scoring 31 straight to finish their big turnaround from 2-10 last season. Louisville also finally beat Mississippi State on the field for the first time in six tries, though the series now is tied 3-3 thanks to a pair of forfeits by the Bulldogs in the 1970s.

Mississippi State (6-7) had been trying to finish the season with a three-game winning streak for the first time since 2013 and only the third time since the end of World War II. Instead, the Bulldogs go home having lost a bowl game in each of coach Joe Moorhead's two seasons.

The Cardinals had four sacks and recovered two fumbles, one returned 31 yards for a TD by safety Khane Pass.

Javian Hawkins led Louisville with 105 yards rushing, and he ran for a TD late. The Cardinals outgained Mississippi State 510-366.

Louisville was poised to take control on its opening drive, going from the Cardinals 3 down the field. Cunningham hit Dez Fitzpatrick on a 19-yard pass only to be stripped of the ball by linebacker Willie Gay Jr., with linebacker Tim Washington recovering for the Bulldogs just short of the end zone.

Hilltoppers win on 53-yard FG:

Freshman Cory Munson kicked a career-long 52-yard field goal with no time left after a rules review to give Western Kentucky a 23-20 victory over Western Michigan in the First Responder Bowl in Dallas.

The Hilltoppers (9-4) drove 36 yards in 27 seconds before Munson kicked his third field goal in four tries. The game appeared headed to overtime when Ty Storey's desperation heave was knocked down by the Broncos. But the Broncos were hit with a five-yard defensive substitution penalty and Munson was awarded an untimed down after a video review determined that Western Michigan had 12 players on the field as it switched between its field goal unit and regular defense.

"We knew we could make the kick when we saw they had 12 men on the field and might get penalized," first-year Western Kentucky coach Tyson Helton said. "I wanted our true freshman Cory Munson to get a chance to kick it, and he did. It was a great kick."

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when the team's high hopes were shared by much of the outside world.

Now? After so much disappointment? After a third-place, 8-8 letdown? Now there's growing unrest across a city that's starting to feel like it has been duped yet again.

Because of that, it's imperative that Pace offers a comprehensive, unfiltered and forthright explanation of why, in his mind, the season went off course.

It's OK for Pace to follow Nagy's lead in setting a tone of optimism for 2020. But the reasons he offers for hope can't be hollow.

Pace, for example, can't wiggle away from very specific and direct questions about Mitch Trubisky's regression by simply stating that there are more problems than just the quarterback. Of course that's the case. Obviously.

But the franchise quarterback Pace traded up for in 2017 also played poorly for huge chunks of his third NFL season, and a general manager's trained eye should have detected the reasons. So what were they?

In a similar vein, Pace also will have to be sincere and direct with his annual review of Nagy.

The honeymoon has ended for the Bears coach across much of

Chicago. Which, in some ways, is a tad strange. Two years ago, Bears fans would have been giddy to sign up for a two-season run that would feature 20 wins and a .750 winning percentage in NFC North games.

Nagy deserves credit for that achievement, for instilling belief in his team and for making sure this group's resolve never caved in.

Unfortunately, though, the biggest reasons he was hired were to ignite the offense and lift Trubisky to new heights. And he hasn't succeeded in either of those tasks.

The Bears just finished Nagy's second season averaging 296.8 yards and 17.5 points per game, ranking 29th in both categories. In two seasons, Nagy's offense has failed to score 20 points on its own 19 times in 33 games.

Pace has an obligation to explain why he believes those failures have been so extreme and so persistent. And he must also openly detail the areas in which Nagy must improve in his role as the offensive overseer and play-caller.

Bears fans deserve to know the criteria under which the coach will be evaluated in 2020.

Pace isn't a stranger to end-of-season news conferences that are layered in disappointment. This is the fourth time in his five seasons that the Bears have missed the playoffs. Thus the routine of making a public apology and promising better results

should be well-rehearsed.

This time, though, the outside skepticism of the Bears' internal optimism has intensified.

In that context, there's not much Pace can say Tuesday that will restore the outside world's faith in the direction the Bears are headed. This will be the general manager's ninth news conference of 2019. And taking inventory on the first eight, it's easy to find a surplus of empty promises and misguided confidence.

Last year at this time, for example, Pace emphasized the valuable momentum the Bears generated in 2018 and how continuity within the offense would lead to noticeable improvement.

That improvement never came.

At the combine last February, Pace expressed faith in his tight end group, saying the Bears had "a good variety of people there" while also promising to strengthen the depth. As the season ended, not a single Bears tight end registered 100 receiving yards for the entire year.

Pace also expressed confidence last winter that the Nagy-Trubisky union would become the biggest catalyst to the offense's breakthrough.

"Matt is more familiar with Mitch and what he's comfortable with," Pace said. "Mitch is naturally going to get better at things with reps and experience. We all smile when we talk about going into the offseason and them

spending more time together. And Mitch spending more time with the receivers. It's not just the offensive system, it's the chemistry with the other players. That was all new last year so it's exciting to have that going forward."

None of that amounted to much.

Along the way, Pace also expressed confidence about Mike Davis' potential in the running game; about Trey Burton's recovery from offseason sports hernia surgery; about the value of cohesiveness on the offensive line.

A trifecta of "Not so much." When Week 1 arrived, the Bears GM again was asked to specify why he felt such optimism in Trubisky's continued development.

"I feel like it's just his overall confidence in the offense," Pace said. "You can feel him operating faster, and I think that comes with knowledge and comfort in the offense, with the scheme and then also with the players he's playing with."

Seventeen weeks later, Pace will be bombarded with old questions about Trubisky's inconsistency and new ones about the quarterback's contract status and any Plan B options the team might consider.

Most importantly, Pace will be asked to see the franchise's big-picture reality and describe exactly what it looks like. One way or another, his description should be telling.

SETON HALL 74, DePAUL 66

Late cold spell sinks Demons

BY JAY COHEN

Associated Press

Almost everything has gone right for DePaul early this season.

But Monday night at Wintrust Arena, almost everything went wrong late as the Blue Demons fell to Seton Hall 74-66 in the Big East opener for both schools.

Charlie Moore's two free throws gave DePaul a 66-65 lead with 2 minutes, 36 seconds left, but the Pirates (9-4) closed the game with a 9-0 run. Myles Powell sparked the winning sequence with three free throws after he was fouled by Romeo Weems on a 3-point attempt.

The Blue Demons (12-2) missed their last seven shots from the floor and struggled when Seton Hall turned up its intensity.

Paul Reed had 17 points and nine rebounds for DePaul (12-2), which won each of its meetings with Seton Hall last season by a combined five points. Moore had 13 points but also eight turnovers.

Powell scored 27 points in his return to the lineup after suffering a concussion Dec. 14.

DePaul will next take the floor when it hosts Providence on Saturday.

BULLS



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BUCKS 123, BULLS 102

3 of a kind

Chris Middleton scored 25 points and Giannis Antetokounmpo had 23 as the Bucks beat the Bulls 123-102 on Monday night at the United Center. It was Milwaukee's third victory over the Bulls this season in as many games. Zach LaVine (above) led the Bulls with 19 points. Lauri Markkanen and Coby White each scored 18, Wendell Carter Jr. had 10 points and 11 rebounds and Tomas Satoransky had seven assists. The Bulls trailed just 55-52 at the half, but the Bucks took control in the third quarter, outscoring them 40-25. Antetokounmpo, returning from a two-game absence with a back injury, had a relatively quiet first half with 12 points but began to dominate the lane in the third quarter. He finished with 10 rebounds, helping the Bucks to a 59-43 advantage on the boards. The Bulls shot just 37.4% compared with 54.8% for the Bucks, and the visitors also enjoyed a whopping 24-8 edge in free throws. Incredibly, the Bulls didn't get a single trip to the line in the first half. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Recovery mode

Markkanen finds antidote, but work remains to be done

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Lauri Markkanen spent Friday lying around trying to rest and regain his energy after flu-like symptoms struck him Thursday night.

Still feeling the effects Saturday, the Bulls forward admitted he still wasn't 100%, but he played against the Hawks and led the Bulls with 25 points.

It summed up Markkanen's season nicely. He has made a strong recovery this month after going through a sick period in October and November.

He was shooting 21% from 3-point range in October and 33% from the field in November, but this month he's shooting 40% on 3-pointers and 51% from the field. He's averaging 17.6 points this month after scoring 11.9 in November.

Getting more open looks off fast breaks has helped, and it's no accident that Markkanen's turnaround has coincided with him playing with the same starting unit for about a month now. Early season injuries caused some roster turbulence, but Kris Dunn's insertion into the first unit and point guard Tomas Satoransky's increasingly aggressive handling of the offense has benefited everyone.

"It kind of gets me in the rhythm to just get a couple of free ones in transition, get a layup or a dunk," Markkanen said after Saturday's 116-81 win against the Hawks. "It can get you going when you get the easy ones out of the way. Obviously the 3-point shot feels more comfortable too."

Bulls coach Jim Boylen said, "We didn't think the offensive sluggishness with him would last. Historically, it doesn't. And it hasn't."

Still, Markkanen's not 100%, physically or statistically.

The Bulls sent Markkanen home from practice on Sunday — "He just didn't feel right," Boylen said.

And Markkanen's game isn't all the way back in all phases.

Rebounding, running the floor and defense are all areas in which both Boylen and Markkanen said they want to see improvement, and the results have been mixed.

Markkanen's still a little more than two percentage points down from last season's 3-point shooting, and he's getting about two fewer rebounds per game than last season's average of nine — just the opposite of where the Bulls thought he'd

be with rebounding such a focus in camp. Yet his defensive rating, which was 112.3 last season, has improved to 105.1.

"He tries to get the most out of his practice time and work time," Boylen said. "He has focused on defense and rebounding better, which I think gets you lost in the game. And your offense comes around."

"Sometimes when you try to make the offense work for you, it doesn't. He's focused on making others better and trying to play the right way at the defensive end."

Not to take too much away from Markkanen's progress on both ends, but his six best net ratings have come against the Hawks and Pistons, the worst team in the league and the fifth worst in the Eastern Conference, respectively. Three of those games were in December.

Monday night was expected to be a different matter against the Bucks, the opponent in two of his worst games this season. He had his third-lowest net rating (-29.3) in the Bulls' previous home game against the Bucks, a loss on Nov. 18.

The Bucks were expected to test Markkanen, especially with Giannis Antetokounmpo returning after missing two games with a back injury. And like the Bucks, the Jazz (Thursday) and Celtics (Saturday) are top 10 in defensive rating.

Still, just as Boylen showed patience with Markkanen's offense, he's confident the forward will continue to make strides on defense as well as with rebounding, fast breaks and facilitating for others.

"That's one of the reasons we put in this system," Boylen said.

"When I saw him play in EuroBasket for his national team (Finland), he handled the ball, brought it and created for people from a defensive rebound," Boylen said. "It's something he's done for us. And it's something he can do."

"We are playing in a little different system with a little different spacing than we had last year. But I'm hoping he can have more of those opportunities."

"He has (run) without the ball better the last month. He has gotten ahead of the ball better the last month and given us some opportunities."

As Markkanen sees it, as the starting unit becomes more cohesive, his overall game gets healthier.

"Everybody's figuring out their role and doing a good job of it, just knowing when to attack and when to assist on where the open guy's going to be," he said. "That obviously helps when you're playing with the same guys."

BLACKHAWKS

Nylander stays upbeat, though ice time drops

Rookie plays season-low 7:19 in victory over Blue Jackets

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

CALGARY, Alberta — Just when Alex Nylander appeared to be making a push toward becoming a consistent player, the Blackhawks rookie forward took a step backward.

On Friday against the Islanders, Nylander played a season-high 17 minutes, 53 seconds and was active on the ice, keeping his feet moving and providing quality shifts while playing on a line with Patrick Kane and Ryan Carpenter.

But Nylander played only two shifts after the first period in Sunday's 3-2 shootout win over the Blue Jackets — including none in the third period or overtime — and ended up on the ice for a season-low 7:19.

Nylander, 23, has struggled to score on a consistent basis, but for the most part coach Jeremy Colliton has focused on his work ethic and skating ability, not how often he gets his name on the scoresheet.

The belief is that once Nylander starts to do the right things on a daily basis, the points will come.

But Nylander found himself benched most of the game against the Blue Jackets, though he wasn't quite sure why. He said after Monday's practice at the Saddledome, where the Hawks will play the Flames on Tuesday, that he had not yet had a

conversation with anyone on the coaching staff about why he sat most of the game.

"I don't really know why," he said. "I don't know what happened. Just got to keep my head high and stay positive and obviously want to get back and be the guy that's a threat every time I'm on the ice."

Colliton has shown a lot of patience with Nylander, who was acquired last summer from the Sabres for defenseman Henri Jokiharju. He has five goals and nine assists in 39 games while being a healthy scratch just once — back in the third game of the season.

But Colliton's patience could be wearing thin. He has continually preached for players to be smart, keep their shifts short and put their teammates in a good position when they come off the ice. Nylander's final shift of the game lasted 1:38, by far his longest of the game.

"I just think he's got to be involved," Colliton said. "He doesn't have to run people over, but (he has to) win races, win puck battles, be heavy on his stick. That's what it takes to have positive shifts."

Despite being born in Calgary, Nylander said the city doesn't hold an emotional attachment for him. He has been here only a couple times since moving away shortly after he was born when his father, former NHL player Michael Nylander, was traded by the Flames.

"I'm just trying to focus on every shift to play good and play hard, and if I'm doing that then good things will happen for me and in the game," he said.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Smith's tale worth telling Lehner

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

CALGARY, Alberta — Zack Smith didn't want to reveal the story he told Robin Lehner moments before the Blackhawks goalie headed back to his net before Sunday's 3-2 shootout win over the Blue Jackets.

He did provide a hint, however.

"It wasn't PG," Smith said.

And it wasn't a spur-of-the moment decision by Smith, who had been thinking of a way to keep Lehner from focusing on his troubles in shootouts. Lehner is one of the NHL's top goalies but has the worst career shootout save percentage of any goalie who has faced at least 40 attempts.

"I was trying to think of a story to tell him to just get his mind in a different place instead of going to that same feeling," Smith said. "Because he obviously wasn't feeling confident (in shootouts), there was no secret in that. Just trying to tell a story to get him thinking and kind of get his head away from where it usually is."

Kane earns 6th straight All-Star bid:

Patrick Kane on Monday was selected to play in the NHL All-Star Game for the sixth straight season — and ninth overall. No other Hawks were chosen. Robin Lehner was beaten out by the Jets' Connor Hellebuyck and the Blues' Jordan Binnington to represent the Central Division.

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 - 26 Civilized; suave
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 - 34 Alcoves
 - 35 Word before Korea or Carolina
 - 36 Hit a tennis ball in a high arc
 - 37 ___-all; panacea
 - 38 Minute
 - 39 Brief life sketches
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 - 60 Chums
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 - 62 Actor Richard
 - 63 Auction-lover's site
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 - 2 Thrown for a ___; stunned
 - 3 Meditative exercise
 - 4 Coeur ___, Idaho
 - 5 Kitchen appliances
 - 6 "___ Dong! The witch is dead..."
 - 7 Terminal-to-plane passage
 - 8 Massiveness
 - 9 Consequence
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 - 11 Dharma's love
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- 29 Keats and Yeats
- 30 ___ into; collides with
- 31 Classic by Homer
- 32 Lasso's end
- 33 Actor Buddy
- 35 Burn
- 38 High schooler
- 39 Sheets & blankets
- 41 Respiratory bug
- 42 Coin made of zinc
- 44 Like formal wear
- 45 Early ___; those up with the sun
- 47 More clever
- 48 Garment for Surperman
- 49 Fictional captain
- 50 "...with boughs of holly, ___"
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- 53 Word with crackers or pop
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Nicholas Castellanos, then a Cub, rounds the bases after homering Sept. 13 against the Pirates. He'd be a great addition for the Sox.

Don't stop now, boys

Why the White Sox should sign Castellanos — and take a good offseason to another level

As long as White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf is in a spending mood, he might as well go for broke now and sign free-agent right fielder Nicholas Castellanos.

The more the merrier. White Sox general manager Rick Hahn, who already has spent over \$190 million on four free agents this offseason—including the returning Jose Abreu — confirmed Monday there's still more money available to spend if the Sox find the right fits.

Hahn still is looking to upgrade the bullpen, and seemingly has a new right fielder in recently acquired Nomar Mazara.

But how could he turn down a chance to upgrade with Castellanos if the price is right, especially if it's a short-term deal?

And as long as he has agent Scott Boras on the Sox hotline — the agent was just on the conference call introducing newly signed starter Dallas Keuchel — Hahn might as well take a good offseason to another level.

Boras, who already has gotten his clients over \$1 billion worth of contracts this winter, declined to say whether Castellanos was a good fit on the South Side, sticking with the broader selling point that he "fits in a lot of lineups."

"Certainly he'd be a very valuable addition to any club," Boras said. "It's pretty rare when you have 27-year-old free agents. You don't do too many of those. I think there has been less than 10 of those since 2000. He's a guy that really can help a club, short term, long term."

"I think we've yet to see the best of Nick. He really got going with the Cubs. I think having a lineup around him, that certainly he'd be a valuable component to any club."

Hahn already acquired a left-handed-hitting outfielder in Mazara, so the presumption is the Sox might get a short-term, right-handed hitter to platoon with their "work-in-progress" guy. They've already agreed to sign Edwin Encarnacion



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the
White Sox

as their DH, so the presumption is they don't need another right-handed bat anyway.

But forget about presumptions. The Sox already sent the message they plan to contend for the American League Central in 2020, so the plan should be to keep upgrading whenever they get a chance — not waiting until the July trade deadline to see how it all pans out.

The Keuchel signing was the most important of Hahn's tenure because it signals the rebuild is over, and it's time to win now.

Hahn, of course, made the obligatory remark Monday that this is not all on Keuchel, which is true. But fair or not, he's their version of Jon Lester, the big free-agent signing Theo Epstein made five years ago that sent the message the Cubs were ready to win. Then they did.

While the \$55.5 million contract obviously is reason enough, Keuchel said he was drawn to the Sox by the signing of catcher Yasmani Grandal to a four-year, \$73 million deal. Assuming the money is the same, Castellanos should be drawn to the Sox by these signings and the fact he already has made a name for himself in Chicago after a great stretch run performance on the North Side.

With 2020 almost here, the free-agent market has lapped the previous two off-seasons in creating interest, aided by the fact Boras had several of the biggest names and a few rebuilding teams, including the White Sox and Reds, were ready to engage.

Boras reiterated his theory that the focus on analytics in front-office decision-making led teams to explore trades first, slowing the free-agent market before this year.

"The consequence of that was the predictive qualities of the analytics revolution have proven out to be, I think, less than what was anticipated," he said. "And the other aspect of it was we ended up with just a gross number of noncompetitive teams that drove down the interest level of

fans.

"Attendance dropped. TV ratings dropped. And it created a real negative storm in the game. This offseason I think there was more of a return to getting name players signed that fans relate with, so they can market their teams, increase the season ticket base and really create more of an enthusiasm around each individual club ... because basically it's good business.

"I think it was very, very clear in this free agent market that we've kind of returned to a norm we've experienced in three or four years past, and I think we've seen many, many clubs that were not in the free-agent market — maybe as many as six or seven — that were in the market this year.

"And that certainly helped the demand and competitiveness for players, top level pitchers like Dallas, to get signed early."

If the White Sox are as successful in 2020 as they hope to be, it'll be proof positive the rebuild worked despite setbacks such as arm injuries to Michael Kopech and Carlos Rodon. Keuchel said he sees parallels in the rebuilding White Sox and the successful Astros rebuild he was a major part of from triple-digit losses to a World Series in 2017.

But he also delivered a warning to the young Sox core that can't be understated: Even when a rebuild seems to have turned the corner, it can just as quickly go in the other direction.

"You've got to really appreciate the winning moments because you don't always know when exactly that's going to be," Keuchel said. "I remember when we made the playoffs in '15, kind of shocked everybody, beat the Yankees in the wild-card game. And then we missed the playoffs in 2016 because we kind of got ahead of ourselves because we really didn't see the moment.

"That's the key. You've got to stay in the moment. But some of these young guys have got to appreciate exactly what is going on because it's not every day that these young cats come in and really perform on the big league level year-in and year-out without some veteran leadership."

Hopefully the "young cats" will heed that advice.

Keuchel, who was also teammates with catcher James McCann at Arkansas. "And I think that's really going to be a strength for us this year, and hopefully for years to come."

Keuchel said he already has talked to Grandal, Giolito and Gonzalez. He also reached out to Abreu.

"I wanted to make sure that he wasn't coming to get me and trying to come and whup my butt," Keuchel joked, referencing the two hit-by-pitches.

In addition to the Keuchel, Grandal and Gonzalez moves, the Sox traded for outfielder Nomar Mazara from the Rangers and reportedly reached a one-year deal with designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion. Bullpen help could be on the way as the Sox continue to position themselves to make a jump in the AL Central.

"Let's finish the offseason," Hahn said when asked if the Sox are a championship-caliber team in 2020. "Let's get ourselves to spring training, get everybody healthy come opening day and then assess where we are against not only our own expectations, but what else is in our division."

WHITE SOX

5 things to know about new Sox hurler

By TIM BANNON

There's a new beard in town. The White Sox have signed Dallas Keuchel to a three-year, \$55.5 million deal.

Keuchel, who turns 32 on Wednesday, went 8-8 with a 3.75 ERA in 19 starts in 2019 after finally signing with the Braves on June 7.

He spent his first seven seasons with the Astros and won the American League Cy Young Award in 2015, when he went 20-8 with a 2.48 ERA in a career-high 232 innings. He's a two-time All-Star.

Here are five things to know about Keuchel, which is, by the way, pronounced "KY-kull."

1. He honed his attention to detail on the lawns of Tulsa, Okla.

As a teenager, according to a story in the Houston Post, he mowed lawns for about \$20 to pay for, among other things, his love of Air Jordans.

"I used to do a big circle in my parents' front lawn," he said. "It was the best-looking lawn in the cul-de-sac, probably in the neighborhood. So I take great pride in that."

But it was when he mowed his grandfather's lawn that he needed to be most careful.

"My grandpa was the most meticulous, just because he liked it a certain way," Keuchel said. "So if I didn't do it, he made sure to let me know. I didn't really get that talk too many times."

2. He majored in apparel studies.

At the University of Arkansas, Keuchel majored in apparel studies, which the school's catalog says, "opens the door for your career in fashion merchandising, product development, brand management, quality assurance and general clothing and textiles."

Not only was he one of the few athletes in that department, he was one of the few men.

"One of the coolest things was it was me and 99% females," Keuchel told the Houston Chronicle.

"But as I took a few classes my first semester, I kind of switched over to the thought process that it would be cool if I were to play professional baseball and make the big leagues and be able to do something like (shoe design) after my career was over with."

3. He is part of Astros postseason lore.

The Astros had not won a postseason game since 2005 — the year the White Sox swept them in the World Series.

Then in 2015 the Astros secured a wild-card spot on the last day of the regular season and faced the Yankees in the winner-take-all game. Keuchel, pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his career, confounded the Yankees for six innings of three-hit ball, and the Astros advanced with a 3-0 win.

Two years later, Keuchel started five playoff games for the Astros, including two in the World Series (Games 1 and 5, each against the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw) en route to the title.

Overall, including last year's National League Division Series with the Braves, Keuchel has pitched 59 2/3 postseason innings over 12 games, winning four and losing two. His career playoff ERA is 3.47 with 52 strikeouts and 20 walks.

4. The beard started on a dare.

He started to grow the beard in 2014 on a dare from two friends. As the beard grew, so did his success, so superstition intervened and he didn't want to cut it.

But he also says he didn't do it to draw attention.

"I don't have the beard to be noticed," Keuchel said. "It's just I can't let it go right now."

Jim Stevenson, the Astros scout who discovered him, had another view.

"He thinks it's the greatest thing that's ever happened to him, his beard," Stevenson told the Houston Chronicle. "In his mind, he thinks it's attractive. I think it's the ugliest thing I've ever seen. He's a good-looking kid under that."

5. He has 4 Gold Gloves.

Keuchel won the fielding award in 2014, '15, '16 and '18, becoming the first AL pitcher to win four in a five-year span since Kenny Rogers won four from 2002 to '06. (Mark Buehrle won Gold Gloves from 2009-12, the first three with the White Sox and the fourth with the Marlins.)

Keuchel went the entire 2018 season without an error (he also did that in 2013 and '16). A ground-ball pitcher, he led all AL pitchers in total chances with 41.

"I never expect to win, but I'm very confident in my ability," Keuchel said. "I pitched a full year and the soft contact was there. I'm pretty good with my glove. That's something I've always taken pride in."

Keuchel

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Rodon, who underwent Tommy John surgery in May.

"You couldn't ask for a more perfect group to work with with all the young talent the White Sox have," Scott Boras, Keuchel's agent, said.

The team also recently added veteran free-agent starter Gio Gonzalez.

When it comes to leadership, Keuchel said, "I just try to be myself."

"I try to remember these conversations and these opportunities and these moments throughout the course of my career," he said.

"I know that at some point through different guys' careers, they are going to come to that point or different situation that's kind of similar. I really want to reiterate and be there for those guys because no one guy is going to make a whole team in baseball go.

"I want there to be five guys in the

rotation clicking at the same time with the right mindset. I want the infielders and the outfielders to do the same thing. Really, I just think back to certain moments and certain times and try to pull from those and, believe it or not, that usually works out with some of these guys and usually sticks with some of these younger guys."

Keuchel, who turns 32 on Wednesday, spent his first seven seasons with the Astros and won the American League Cy Young Award in 2015, when he went 20-8 with a 2.48 ERA in a career-high 232 innings. He went 8-8 with a 3.75 ERA in 19 starts last season after signing with the Braves on June 7.

Keuchel is a two-time All-Star (2015 and '17) and has four Gold Gloves (2014-16, '18). He has an 84-71 record with a 3.67 ERA in 1,302 career innings.

Keuchel's arrival is part of an active offseason for the Sox. It started with the signing of catcher Yasmani Grandal on Nov. 21.

"As a pitcher I'm going to be drawn to the backstop situation first because, well, you win and lose with the catchers," said

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	22	8	.733	—
Philadelphia	23	12	.657	1½
Toronto	22	11	.667	1½
Brooklyn	16	16	.500	7
New York	9	24	.273	14½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	24	9	.727	—
Orlando	14	19	.424	10
Charlotte	13	22	.371	12
Washington	10	22	.313	13½
Atlanta	7	27	.206	17½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	30	5	.857	—
Indiana	21	12	.636	8
Chicago	13	21	.382	16½
Detroit	12	22	.353	17½
Cleveland	10	22	.313	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	22	11	.667	—
Dallas	21	11	.656	½
San Antonio	13	18	.419	8
Memphis	13	21	.382	9½
New Orleans	11	23	.324	11½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	23	9	.719	—
Utah	21	12	.636	2½
Oklahoma City	17	15	.531	6
Portland	14	20	.412	10
Minnesota	12	20	.375	11

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	26	7	.788	—
L.A. Clippers	23	11	.676	3½
Phoenix	13	20	.394	13
Sacramento	12	21	.364	14
Golden State	9	25	.265	17½

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 101, Orlando 93
 Washington 123, Miami 105
 Minnesota 122, Brooklyn 115, OT
 Milwaukee 123, Chicago 102
 Utah 104, Detroit 81
 Phoenix 122, Portland 116
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Boston at Charlotte, 2 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Indiana, 2 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
 Cleveland at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Denver at Houston, 6 p.m.
 Golden State at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

BUCKS 123, BULLS 102

MILWAUKEE: G. Antetokounmpo 8-14-6-6
 23, Middleton 9-19-6-7, B. Lopez 5-9-0-0
 1, Bledsoe 5-8-4-5, DiVincenzo 1-4-0-0
 2, Connaughton 3-4-0-0, Ilyasova 5-8-3-4
 14, Korver 3-4-0-0, R. Lopez 5-8-1-1
 11, Wilson 0-2-0-0, R. Lopez 5-8-1-1
 11, Hill 2-3-0-0-5. Totals 46-84-20-24
 12-30.

CHICAGO: Dunn 1-6-2-4, Markkanen 6-12-1-2
 18, Carter Jr. 5-9-0-10, LaVine 7-23-1-19
 19, Satoransky 4-11-0-10, Young 2-8-0-0
 5, Gafford 4-7-0-1-8, Kornet 1-1-0-0-3
 1, Arcidiacono 1-2-0-0-2, Harrison 0-0-0-0-0
 0, Mooka 0-3-0-0-0, Valentine 2-7-0-0-5
 5, White 7-18-1-2-18. Totals 40-107-5-8-102.

Milwaukee	31	24	40	28	— 123
Chicago	20	32	25	25	— 102

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 11-32 (Korver 3-4, Connaughton 2-2, Bledsoe 1-2, Hill 1-2, G. Antetokounmpo 1-3, Ilyasova 1-3), Chicago 17-44 (Markkanen 5-9, LaVine 4-9, White 3-6, Satoransky 2-6, Young 1-3). **Rebounds**—Milwaukee 59 (Ilyasova 11), Chicago 43 (Carter Jr. 11). **Assists**—Milwaukee 29 (G. Antetokounmpo 6), Chicago 26 (Satoransky 7). **Total Fouls**—Milwaukee 17, Chicago 20. A—21,954

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	24	7	9	57	136	102
Toronto	21	14	5	47	142	131
Florida	20	13	5	45	138	130
Tampa Bay	20	13	4	44	131	116
Montreal	18	15	6	42	130	128
Buffalo	17	16	7	41	117	125
Ottawa	16	10	5	37	111	132
Detroit	9	28	3	21	87	157

METROPOLITAN	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Washington	27	8	5	59	143	118
Pittsburgh	24	11	4	52	136	104
N.Y. Islanders	24	10	3	51	110	97
Philadelphia	22	12	5	49	124	113
Carolina	23	14	2	48	133	111
N.Y. Rangers	19	15	4	42	124	125
Columbus	17	14	8	42	101	111
New Jersey	13	19	6	32	99	136

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis	26	8	6	58	127	104
Colorado	23	12	4	50	140	112
Dallas	22	14	4	48	107	101
Winnipeg	21	15	3	45	118	116
Minnesota	19	16	5	43	125	133
Nashville	18	14	6	42	132	127
Chicago	17	17	6	40	113	129

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas	21	15	6	48	129	123
Vancouver	21	15	4	46	132	119
Arizona	21	16	4	46	115	107
Calgary	20	16	5	45	111	122
Edmonton	20	17	4	44	118	129
Anaheim	16	18	5	37	101	119
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
MONDAY'S RESULTS
 Pittsburgh 5, Ottawa 2
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Boston at New Jersey, noon
 N.Y. Islanders at Washington, noon
 Anaheim at Vegas, 2 p.m.
 Toronto at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Montreal at Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Florida at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 San Jose at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Colorado, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at Arizona, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

PENGUINS 5, SENATORS 2

OTTAWA: 0-2-0-2
PITTSBURGH: 2-2-1-5
FIRST: 1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 8 (Guentzel, Johnson), 0-27, 2, Pittsburgh, Simon 3 (Hornqvist, Blandisi), 11-44. **Penalties:** Sabourin, Ott (Roughing), 7:16; Malkin, Pit (Roughing), 7:16.
SECOND: 3, Ottawa, Paul 3 (Jaros, Sabourin), 4:21, 4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 9 (Rust, Guentzel), 6:02, 5, Ottawa, Paul 4 (Brown, Chabot), 15:58, 6, Pittsburgh, Hornqvist 6 (McCann, Marino), 16:51. **Penalties:** Blandisi, Pit (Hooking), 13:11.
THIRD: 7, Pittsburgh, Guentzel 19 (Malkin, Rust), 6:55. **Penalties:** Rust, Pit (Interference), 13:51; Tkachuk, Ott (Roughing), 19:40; Tkachuk, Ott (Misconduct), 19:40; Pageau, Ott (Roughing), 19:40; Malkin, Pit (High Sticking), 19:40; Rust, Pit (Misconduct), 19:40; Borowick, Ott (Misconduct), 19:40.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Ottawa 4-14-8-26. Pittsburgh 15-10-8-33. **POWER PLAYS:** Ottawa 0 of 2; Pittsburgh 0 of 1.
GOALIES: Ottawa, Hogberg 1-1-2 (33 shots-28 saves). Pittsburgh, Jarry 12-5-0 (26-24).

ALL STAR GAMES REVERSERS

ATLANTIC DIVISION
 F Tyler Bertuzzi, Det; F Anthony Duclair, Ott
 F Jack Eichel, Buf; F Jon. Huberdeau, Fla
 F Auston Matthews, Tor;
 F David Pastrnak, Bos
 D Victor Hedman, TB; D Shea Weber, Mon
 F Frederik Andersen, Det; F Patrick Kane, Chi
METROPOLITAN DIVISION
 F Mathew Barzal, NYI; F Jake Guentzel, Pit
 F Kyle Palmieri, NY; F Artemi Panarin, NYR
 F Travis Konecny, Phi; D John Carlson, Was
 D Dougie Hamilton, Car; D Seth Johnson, CBJ
 G Braden Holtby, Was; Jon Korpiaso, CBJ
CENTRAL DIVISION
 F Nathan MacKinnon, Colo
 F Ryan O'Reilly, STL; ark Scheifele, Wpg
 F Tyler Seguin, Dal; F Patrick Kane, Chi
 D Roman Josi, Nas; D Alex Pietrangolo, STL
 G Jordan Bennington, St; F Eric Staal, Min
 G Connor Hellebuyck, Wpg
PACIFIC DIVISION
 F Logan Couture, SJ; Matt Tkachuk, Cgy
 F Leon Draisaitl, Edm; F Arne Kopitar, LA
 F Connor McDavid, Edm*
 F Elias Pettersson, Van; J. Silfverberg, Ari
 D Marc-Andre Fleury, VGK (5th)
 * Fan-elected captain, Jan. 24-25, St. Louis

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

1. **Gonzaga** (14-1) beat Detroit 93-72. Next: at Portland, Thursday.
 2. **Duke** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Tuesday.
 3. **Kansas** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 West Virginia, Saturday.
 4. **Oregon** (11-2) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Thursday.
 5. **Ohio State** (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Friday.
 6. **Baylor** (10-1) beat Jackson State 83-57. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
 7. **Louisville** (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Florida State, Saturday.
 8. **Auburn** (12-0) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
 9. **Memphis** (12-1) beat Tulane 84-73. Next: vs. Georgia, Saturday.
 10. **Villanova** (10-2) beat Xavier 68-62. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
 11. **Butler** (12-1) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.
 12. **Michigan** (10-3) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Michigan State, Sunday.
 13. **San Diego State** (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. Fresno State, Wednesday.
 14. **Michigan State** (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday.
 15. **Maryland** (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Saturday.
 16. **West Virginia** (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Kansas, Saturday.
 17. **Kentucky** (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
 18. **Florida State** (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Tuesday.
 19. **Virginia** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
 20. **Dayton** (11-2) beat North Florida 77-59. Next: at La Salle, Thursday.
 21. **Penn State** (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Iowa, Saturday.
 22. **Texas Tech** (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
 23. **Iowa** (10-3) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Penn State, Saturday.
 24. **Wichita State** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina, Wednesday.
 25. **Arizona** (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Saturday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

EAST
 Albany (NY) 67, Columbia 66
 Buffalo 84, St. Bonaventure 79
 Coll. of Charleston 75, Delaware 63
 Drexel 71, UNC Wilmington 66
 Fordham 62, Coppin St. 56
 Hofstra 75, Towson 67
 New Hampshire 70, Dartmouth 56
 Penn 81, Howard 62
 Pittsburgh 87, Canisius 79
 Rutgers 94, Caldwell 49
SOUTH
 Georgia 78, Austin Peay 48
 Green Bay 73, N. Kentucky 59
 La. Tech 80, S. Miss. 49
 Memphis 84, Tulane 73
 Mississippi St. 96, Kent St. 68
 N. Carolina 70, Yale 67
 Northeastern 88, James Madison 72
 Stetson 63, S. Carolina 56
 Vanderbilt 76, Davidson 71
 William & Mary 74, Elon 73
MIDWEST
 Akron 85, UMass 79
 Cleveland St. 82, IUPUI 80
 E. Michigan 88, Concordia (Mich.) 53
 Loyola of Chicago 66, Valparaiso 63
 Miami (Ohio) 119, Wilberforce 52
 Missouri 91, Chicago St. 33
 Seton Hall 74, DePaul 66
 Wright St. 82, Milwaukee 70
 Youngstown St. 70, UIC 64
SOUTHWEST
 Oklahoma 91, Texas Rio Grande Valley 72
 TCU 87, George Mason 53
 Texas 89, High Point 58
 Texas A&M 58, Texas Southern 55
 Harvard 84, San Francisco 81, OT

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: vs. Tampa Bay, Friday.
 3. **Oregon State** (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Friday.
 4. **South Carolina** (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Kentucky, Thursday.
 5. **Stanford** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
 6. **Baylor** (10-1) beat Morehead State 94-47. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
 7. **Louisville** (12-1) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
 8. **Florida State** (13-0) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Thursday.
 9. **N.C. State** (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday.
 10. **UCLA** (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Friday.
 11. **Texas A&M** (12-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Arkansas, Thursday.
 12. **Maryland** (10-2) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Tuesday.
 13. **Kentucky** (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 4 South Carolina, Thursday.
 14. **Indiana** (11-2) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Tuesday.
 15. **Mississippi State** (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Thursday.
 16. **DePaul** (11-2) did not play. Next: at Providence, Friday.
 17. **Gonzaga** (12-1) did not play. Next: at BYU, Thursday.
 18. **Arizona** (12-0) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.
 19. **West Virginia** (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cornell, Tuesday.
 20. **Arkansas** (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Texas A&M, Thursday.
 21. **Missouri State** (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. William Jewell, Tuesday.
 22. **Tennessee** (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Thursday.
 23. **Miami** (9-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.
 24. **Arizona State** (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Tuesday.
 25. **Texas** (8-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Friday.

MEN'S AP TOP 25

RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	Pts	LV
1.	Gonzaga (63)	13-1	1621	4
2.	Duke (1)	11-1	1516	4
3.	Kansas (1)	10-2	1497	5
4.	Oregon	11-1	1361	6
5.	Ohio State	11-2	1277	2
6.	Baylor	9-1	1267	7
7.	Louisville	11-2	1196	3
8.	Auburn	12-0	1159	8
9.	Memphis	11-1	1055	9
10.	Villanova	9-2	970	10
11.	Butler	12-1	883	12
12.	Michigan	10-3	880	11
13.	San Diego State	13-0	780	15
14.	Michigan State	10-3	747	14
15.	Maryland	11-2	720	13
16.	West Virginia	11-1	719	22
17.	Kentucky	9-3	674	19
18.	Florida State	11-2	531	17
19.	Virginia	10-2	506	16
20.	Dayton	10-2	483	18
21.	Penn State	11-2	312	20
22.	Texas Tech	9-3	175	23
23.	Iowa	10-3	137	25
24.	Wichita State	11-1	135	—
25.	Arizona	10-3	113	24

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25

RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	PTS	LV
1.	UConn (19)	10-0	722	1
2.	Oregon	10-1	703	22
3.	Oregon St. (5)	12-0	680	3
4.	South Carolina (1)	12-1	661	4
5.	Stanford	11-1	622	5
6.	Baylor	9-1	614	6
7.	Louisville	12-1	576	7
8.	Florida State	13-0	560	8
9.	N.C. State	12-0	503	9
10.	UCLA	12-0	497	10
11.	Texas A&M	12-1	445	11
12.	Maryland	10-2	406	12
13.	Kentucky	11-1	376	13
14.	Indiana	11-2	344	14
15.	Mississippi St.	12-2	316	21
16.	DePaul	11-2	291	16
17.	Gonzaga			

OBITUARIES

ROBERT COOPER 1951-2019

Production manager worked at Reader for more than 25 years

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

In more than 25 years with the Chicago Reader, Bob Cooper worked as the production manager for the alternative weekly newspaper, guiding the transition from artfully fitted-together waxed strips of text to the computer age.

Dave Jones, who was production director, said he and Cooper worked closely together for years. Both enjoyed being part of a diverse staff and part of the free alternative's efforts to tell long-form literary-style stories outside mainstream media.

"We really had a sense of mission there in the heydays of the alternative press," Jones said. "Putting out some stories that other papers wouldn't touch. It felt kind of missionary in that respect."

Cooper fit in well. "He was a very countercultural guy," Jones said, "(but) solid as a rock, extremely dependable."

Cooper, 68, died Dec. 21 in Astoria Place in Chicago after a long battle with Parkinson's disease, according to his wife, Sandra Goplin. The two, who lived in the Avondale neighborhood, were together since 1985 and married in 2001.

Cooper grew up in Wildwood, an unincorporated area in Lake County, and attended Warren Township High School in Gurnee. His interest in the arts was kindled in high school, according to his brother Wayne.

"Once he got to high school, he started drawing and making art and playing music," his brother said. He also became involved in school plays, "to the point where got the leads" in some of the productions.



FAMILY PHOTO

Robert Cooper joined the Reader in 1977.

His interest and performances in plays and musicals continued as he began studies at Northwestern University. He eventually transferred to Illinois College in Jacksonville, where he got a bachelor of arts degree.

Cooper joined the Reader in early 1977, and with a break in the mid-1980s, continued there until he retired about 2006, his wife said. He was a master at manipulating those long one-column wide strips of copy called galley.

"It was all very old-school until about 1982 or 1983, when we started shifting into computer stuff," Jones said.

Anne Marie Harm, who started in late 1986 as a production assistant under Cooper, remembers the pre-computer days.

"It was a combination of manual technical production skills," she said, "like pasteboard and waxing (long galley strips) and sticking it down and lining it up."

"We were designing and producing display ads and designing and producing editorial features — the whole paper. Then we went

through that transition to desktop publishing on a Mac."

Harm said as a new — and slightly scared — production assistant, she learned how little she knew of the skills known in those days as keylining and pasting.

"What stood out, Cooper was always a safe harbor," she said. "Always peaceful, always calm, always positive and pleasant. I could really trust him, go to him no matter what."

Jones said that peaceful approach gave the man he called "Coops" time and energy for pursuits outside the office that included music — he was a guitarist in several bands — and writing, both science fiction and children's stories.

"He was constantly writing and sending out science fiction stories," Jones said.

Few if any of those stories ever found a publisher, but one of his children's stories became a book collaboration with an illustrator.

"He was very happy when he went to a local bookstore and it was there on the shelf," Wayne Cooper said.

The easygoing community at the Reader matched Cooper's personality, his brother said.

"It wasn't like the normal corporate environment, (but) kind of loose and laid back," Wayne Cooper said. "What impressed me (about Bob) was the diversity of his interests and how he enjoyed trying new things — one day he went skydiving — and his love of music and writing."

His wife and his brother are Cooper's only direct survivors. Another brother, Randy, died in 2016.

Private services are being planned.

pleaded guilty to charges in connection with the blaze.)

In 1994, Bosnian government officials and Bosnian Serb leaders signed a U.N.-brokered cease-fire agreement.

In 1997, Michael Kennedy, a son of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado; he was 39.

In 1999, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced his resignation.

In 2000, the United States finally agreed to sign a treaty creating the world's first permanent international war crimes tribunal, joining most other countries of the world.

In 2003, a car bomb ripped through a crowded restaurant hosting a New Year's Eve party in Baghdad, killing eight Iraqis.

In 2004, President George W. Bush pledged \$350 million to help tsunami victims and didn't rule out sending even more U.S. aid to help people recover from what he called an "epic disaster."

In 2006, Sara Jane Moore, who took a shot at President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco in 1975, was paroled after 32 years behind bars.

In 2012, the Tribune Co., owner of eight dailies, including the Chicago Tribune, 23 TV stations and other assets, emerged from bankruptcy after more than four years.

In 2014, 36 people were killed in a stampede during a New Year's Eve celebration along Shanghai's historic waterfront.

In 2016, Mariah Carey ushered in 2017 with a botched performance on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest" on ABC; Carey blamed the show's producers for technical difficulties, while Dick Clark Productions called Carey's claims "absurd."



Chicago Tribune Death Notices
Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Brumley, Lyle Eugene

Lyle Eugene Brumley passed away peacefully on December 17, 2019 in his Allen, Texas home shared with his wife of 56 years, Barbara (née Treat) since their relocation from Hinsdale, Illinois in July 2018. In a wake of sadness for no longer having him in our physical midst, he leaves endless memories of laughter; mischievous shenanigans; so many tools, clocks, and model trains that he loved to tinker with; and a lifelong prioritization of family and loved ones over everything else as anything that truly mattered. A committed scholar, he graduated from Grinnell College in 1961, where he met the love of his life, Barbara. He earned his masters in biology at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago in 1963. After a year of teaching comparative anatomy at Loyola University of Chicago he enrolled in the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine (Champaign-Urbana), where the second and third year students were surprised to discover the new first-year student was also the author of one of their textbook chapters. His studies led to a 50-year career as a small animal private practice veterinarian in Chicagoland and Ottumwa, Iowa (his hometown), as well as a full-time stint as Chief of Staff of the Illinois Animal Welfare League in Chicago Ridge, where he continued to work part-time for a number of years. He was also a long-time member of the Chicago, Illinois State, and American Veterinary Medical Associations. He was an active volunteer in his community, as a member of the Rotary Club of LaGrange and serving many other organizations and roles that included School Board President (Maercker School District 60), and Homeowners Association President (Golfview Hills). He was likewise an exuberant parent participant in and organizer of numerous activities with his three children. His faith was also important to him; he was a five-decade member of the First Congregational Church of LaGrange (Illinois), where he was again an avid volunteer and also a joyful member of the choir, where his beautiful tenor voice was enjoyed by many, and where he would delightfully harmonize from the pew when he was not singing with the choir. In his church and his community he formed lifelong friendships he treasured, surrounding himself and his family with compassionate, loving friends who enjoyed the parties he and Barb hosted, the sparkle in his stories and his eyes, and outings together that typically involved travel (including by boat and/or motorhome). He hummed when he was happy, which was often; he could gently correct with a single glance of his ocean-blue eyes; and he loved deeply. He is survived by his wife Barbara (Treat), brothers Lynn Brumley and Lee (and Joanie) Brumley and a stepbrother Gary McCaughey; his children Janet (and Scott) Abramson of Lucas, Texas, Diane (and Kirk) Marty of Leawood, Kansas, and David (and Allison) Brumley of Ladera Ranch, California; 12 grandchildren who delighted in him and vice versa; and numerous cousins and distant relatives throughout Iowa, all whom he cherished. While a great light has been extinguished from our lives with his passing, we are grateful for his peaceful exit from this world, and imagine he is singing and laughing again with loved ones who preceded him. Memorial services in LaGrange, Illinois and Iowa will be planned in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Plus McKinney (c/o Kindred at Home Foundation, Dallas, at curohealthservices.com/donate); Grinnell College (alumni.grinnell.edu/give); First Congregational Church of LaGrange (fc-clg.org/get-involved/donations/); or Lovejoy High School (Lucas, TX) for its choral music department (foundationforlovejoyschools.org/donate). Each of these organizations provided him so much happiness during his wonderful life and great comfort during his final weeks. May God rest his soul.

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Calcagno, Anna Josephine
Anna Calcagno, age 88, passed away peacefully with family members at her side on December 28, 2019. She was born on October 30, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois to the late John and Marie Edenhofer. A loving sister, she was extremely close to the late John (Audrey), the late Marie "Mitzi" Dini (Ray), the late Arthur (Carol), the late Carl "Ray", William (Nancy), the late Dorothy "Dolly" Karp (Mike) Jeannie Onnezi (Pierre), and Paul Edenhofer.

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Cernock, Gertrude M.

Gertrude M. Cernock (nee Tresselt), age 97, of Western Springs. Beloved wife of the late William F. Cernock, MD. Loving mother of the late Thomas W. (Susan) Cernock, Robert E. Cernock, Deborah L. Burns, and Barbara M. Cernock. Devoted grandmother of the late Laura A. Cernock, the late Lisa (Mitch) Thomas, Michael Cernock, Karen (Daniel Preece) Cernock, Lori Cernock; David Cernock; Carolyn (Christopher) Talbott, and Brian Burns. Dear great-grandmother of Rachel, Brett, Harrison, Isabelle, Louisa, Hannah, Riley, Joshua, William, Emma, Kathryn, Jacob, and Jack. Beloved cousin of Marilyn Spagnola and Gerald Mulac. Gertrude was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Emily Tresselt. Gertrude was a longtime volunteer at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center and served as past president of the Women's Board at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center. She was an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church. Gertrude also enjoyed singing for many years with the Tower Chorus. Visitation 2:00 to 8:00 PM Friday, January 3rd at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Family and friends to gather at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4370 Woodland Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558 for 10:30 AM Celebration of Life Service Saturday, January 4th. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church at the above address or to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 North Ridge, Chicago IL 60660. For further service information: 708-352-6500 or HJfunerals.com

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Coleman
See Ronald D. Stout notice.

Cooper, Patricia Robinette
Patricia Robinette Cooper (nee Oldham) age 78 of Rosemont, Illinois passed away on December 22, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Hugh Cooper for 47 years. Loving mother of Ronald, Robin, Christopher, Karen, Robert (Amanda), Michael, Melissa and the late Kevin Cooper. Cherished grandmother of Brian Cooper, Jessica Kinchus, Max Cooper and Ava Grace Cooper. Great grandmother to Edward Thomas Phillips, Ethan Robert Phillips, Aiden Stephen Kinchus and Abigail Ruby Kinchus. Dear sister of James, Claude Niles, Jay (JD), Jessica Louise (Jessie) and Mary Agnes (Maggie). Proud aunt of many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Cousin to many. She is survived by her dear and loving school mates; Judy Miller, Maryann Schlesman, Mary Szyszka and Doris Barys and many other friends. Visitation on Friday, January 3, 2020 beginning at 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**, 745 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Funeral service on January 4, 2020 at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by burial in Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst, Illinois. For info please call 847 699-9003 or ghillsfuneralhome.com.

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Dalpia, Rev. Gino M., C.S.
Rev. Gino M. Dalpia, C.S. age 93 years died peacefully on December 27, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois. He was born the first child of the late Firmino and Gelinda (Rauzi) Dalpia in Melrose Park, Illinois on December 2, 1926. Ordained as a Scalabrinian Missionary priest in Rome, Italy in 1951. Beloved brother to the late Mary (late Robert) Baroni, Rev. Alex Dalpia, C.S., the late Julius (Lorraine) Dalpia, Angelina (Erminio) Ruffolo, Therese (the late Richard) Dvorak, Gemma (Ronald) Winters, Rose (William) Scallise, Joseph (Carolyn) Dalpia, and Ann (George) Hicks. A devoted uncle to 47 nieces and nephews, and 89 great nieces and nephews. All those who were touched by Fr. Gino will miss him, a gentle, caring, giving missionary priest with a deep devotion to God and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. During his priesthood, he had many roles including being a pastor, associate pastor, professor, novice master, spiritual director for seminarians and executive director of the Italian Cultural Center. He served in several locations in New York, the Chicago area and in Rome, Italy. The last 10 years he has been an associate pastor at Santa Maria Addolorata Church in Chicago, Illinois. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, 1101 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois 60160. Funeral to follow Friday, January 3, 2020. Family and Friends are to meet directly at Santa Maria Addolorata Church, 528 North Ada Street, Chicago, Illinois 60642. An open casket Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. till time of Mass of Christian Burial celebrated promptly at 11:00 a.m. Interment to immediately follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois. Funeral Arrangements are being handled by **Russo's Hillside Chapels**. For additional information please call (708) 449-5300. In Lieu of Flowers, Donations may be made to the Scalabrinian Missionaries, 546 North East Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60302.

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Duginski, Helen A.
Helen A. Duginski, age 101 of Tinley Park, IL. Beloved wife of the late Florian F. Duginski. Loving mother of David (Mary Ann) Duginski and Joanne (Ted) Keskey. Cherished grandmother of David J. (Megan) Duginski, Dara (the late Ron) Simek, Debra (Andrew) Cecere, the late Sandra Keskey, Krista (Jerome) Schatzles, and Karen (Carl) Graves. Proud Gigi of 12 great grandchildren. Caring aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday January 2, 2020 from 9:00-10:00 AM at St. George Church 6707 175th St, Tinley Park, IL. Mass of Christian burial at 10:00AM interment in Resurrection Cemetery. For more information www.vandenberghfuneralhome.com or 708-532-1635

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Goldufsky, Carl S.
Carl S. Goldufsky, 75, passed away Monday, December 30, 2019 at his home in Mundelein, IL. He was born June 26, 1944 in Chicago, IL where he was a former graphic artist at the Chicago Tribune for many years. Carl enjoyed his summers riding around the back roads on his Harley. Surviving is his beloved wife of 47 years, Linda Reiser; a brother, Brian (Marti) Goldufsky and by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph & Faye Goldufsky and a brother, Arthur. A visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by a service at 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2020 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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ON DECEMBER 31 ...

In 1775, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army Gens. Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act admitting West Virginia to the Union.

In 1869, Henri Matisse, one of the foremost painters of 20th century art, was born in Le Cateau, France.

In 1877, President and Mrs. Rutherford Hayes celebrated their silver anniversary (technically, a day late) by re-enacting their wedding ceremony in the White House.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1884, cosmetics executive Elizabeth Arden was born in Woodbridge, Ontario.

In 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.

In 1908, Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal was born in present-day Buchach, Ukraine.

In 1946, President Harry Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1961, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid.

In 1972, Major League baseball player Roberto Clemente was killed when a plane he chartered and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico; he was 38.

In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years.

In 1978, Taiwanese diplomats struck their colors for the final time from the embassy flagpole in Washington, marking the end of diplomatic relations with the United States.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Dec. 30
Lotto 13 69 17 23 / 4
Lotto jackpot: \$16M
Pick 3 midday 306 / 6
Pick 4 midday 6312 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday 18 26 28 35 43
Pick 3 evening 085 / 8
Pick 4 evening 0028 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening 15 20 21 29

Dec. 31 Mega Millions: \$55M
Jan. 1 Powerball: \$220M

WISCONSIN
Dec. 30
Pick 3 975
Pick 4 5228
Badger 5 9 12 13 17 29
SuperCash 6 23 26 28 29 30

INDIANA
Dec. 30
Daily 3 midday 729 / 4
Daily 4 midday 4127 / 4
Daily 3 evening 352 / 8
Daily 4 evening 0510 / 8
Cash 5 8 20 30 32 40

MICHIGAN
Dec. 30
Daily 3 midday 316
Daily 4 midday 5697
Daily 3 evening 593
Daily 4 evening 5424
Fantasy 5 18 20 25 34 36
Keno 5 6 8 9 13 15 17 22
26 29 34 44 45 48 53
54 58 59 64 72 76 80

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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).

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Holland, Eugene Paul 'Gene'

Eugene P. Holland went to be with his Lord peacefully on December 26, 2019, at home in Chicago, IL. Gene was born April 3, 1935, in Niagara Falls, NY. Remembering with love, Gene Holland whose faith has blessed him as a father, husband, brother, volunteer and community leader. His legacy lives through his family and numerous accomplishments. Upon receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Valparaiso University in 1956, Gene went on to become an accomplished structural engineer in Chicago. Always the consummate professional, Gene worked tirelessly to become a nationally recognized leader in his field. Gene will be remembered for the enthusiasm he showed towards his many hobbies from reading, enjoying fine wine and art, as well as sailing the waters of his beloved Lake Michigan. He relished competing in sailing competitions such as the Mackinac races and the Southern Ocean Racing Conference and Key West Week off the coast of Florida. The son of the late Bessie and Edgar Holland, Gene is survived by his former wives Joan SeEVERS of Arlington Heights, IL, and Jayne Westendorp-Holland of Chicago, IL, as well as sisters Judy Sarazen of St. Petersburg, FL, and Beverly DuBois of Windom, TX. He was the dear father of Christine (Robert Halberg) Compton, Kelly (Jeff) Thut, John (Renee) Holland, Kiah Westendorp-Holland and Britton Westendorp-Holland. Gene is survived by eight grandchildren as well as six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Holland and grandson Brandon Compton. Memorial visitation from 4:00 until 8:00 pm, Friday, January 3, at **Glueckert Funeral Home**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 am, Saturday January 4, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 111 W. Olive Street, Arlington Heights, IL. In lieu of flowers, all memorials should be directed to the Eugene P. Holland Endowment Fund at Valparaiso University in C/O **Glueckert Funeral Home**, Ltd. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Hubard, Judith 'Judy'

Judith "Judy" Hubbard (nee Leber), 76, of Wonder Lake, died Saturday, December 28, 2019. Wife of the late James A.; mom of Steve, David, and the late Diane and Joy; grandma of Christopher (Megan) and Daniel; great grandma of six; sister of Charles "Charlie" and the late Patricia; aunt of Carol Brooks, Howard Splinter, and Christopher and Timothy Leber; and good friend of Carrie. Visitation Saturday, January 4, from 12 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 4 p.m., at The Orchard Church 768 Ridgeview Dr., McHenry, IL. Private interment Windridge Memorial Park, Cary, IL. Memorials to Feed My Starving Children, www.FMSC.org, or to the family, appreciated. Online condolences, www.HamsherLakeside.com, information, 847-587-2100.

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Kaple, Frank T.

Frank Thomas Kaple, 78, US Army passed away peacefully on Dec. 26, 2019 at home with his family. Frank was born in Chicago at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Niles in 1959 and from The University of Notre Dame in South Bend in 1963 with a degree in Business Administration. He was a CPA and had a practice—Kaple, Jensen & Assoc. in Hinsdale. After retiring from his practice he returned to work part time for Dieck, Aremos & Assoc. in Waukegan. Frank is survived by his wife, Barbara (nee Smigielski) of 57 years, his sister Joyce Cain and five sons: Brian (Wendy), Frank (Linda), Mark (Anne), Richard (Nadine) and Patrick (Amanda) and 10 grandchildren—Mackenzie, Joseph, Owen, Margaret, Riley Lynn, Luke, Penelope, Marlow, Henry, Maximilian and a great-grandson, Miles. He was preceded in death by his parents Edwin and Alice (nee Ehrenheim) Kaple. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 am January 4th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E Maple Ave, Libertyville. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 8:00pm January 3rd at **McMurrugh Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Pl, Libertyville. In lieu of flowers a donation to Notre Dame College Prep High School in Niles would be appreciated. Attention: Mary Beth Ficht, Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund. Funeral info (847) 362-2626 & www.Libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Krieger, Dorothy Julia

Dorothy Julia Krieger nee Murawski, December 28, 2019. Age 94. Late of Lansing, IL. Beloved mother of Kathleen (Jerry) Goldman and Kurt Krieger. Cherished grandmother of Julie (Aaron) Gaby and Amanda Goldman. Preceded in death by sisters, Marie Skonicki, Fran Gwazda, Carrie Skonicki, Josephine Plugge and Stephanie Panfil. Resting at the TeWS-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy. Homewood, Thursdays, January 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Prayers Friday, January 3rd, 10:15 a.m. to Infant Jesus of Prague Church, Flossmoor Road and Leavitt Ave., Flossmoor. Mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment Holy Cross Cemetery. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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McClowry, Daniel Joseph

Daniel Joseph McClowry, age 72. Beloved husband of Michaele (nee Lovelace). Devoted father of Allison (Richard) Cable, Sean (Ena Shin) McClowry, Joshua (Erin) Zissler, Lara (Jared) Dilley and Michael (Trisha) Zissler. Loving grandfather of Ty, Zack, Anderson, Aidan, Elliott, Leia, Emmett and Alistair. Dear brother of Joan Quillman, Alice Feeney Doherty, James McClowry, Richard McClowry, Celeste Keefe, Joseph McClowry Jr., Therese McClowry and Laura Showalter. Visitation Thursday 3-9 PM at the Palos Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Friday 11 AM service at the funeral home. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.palos-gaidasfh.com (708) 974 4410



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Mitros, Kevin E.

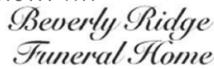
Kevin E. Mitros, age 65, beloved husband of Anne Connelly- Mitros; proud father of Colleen (Ryan) Manuszak and Nora (Hunter) Serrato; devoted son of the late Edward and Margaret Mitros; loving brother of the late Mary and James Mitros; dear nephew of Kathleen Flynn; cherished son-in-law of Gene and Anna Connelly; loving brother-in-law of Kathleen (Don) Urchell and John (Heidi) Connelly; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Providence Catholic High School, 1800 W. Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox, IL 60451, would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-532-3100.



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Noonan, James P.

James P. Noonan, age 63. Beloved husband of Maureen, nee Smith. Dear father of James (Barb), Matthew and Michael (Emily). Loving grandfather of Jimmy, Patrick, Ella, Madelyn and Lucy. Dear brother of Mary Beth, Patrick CFD (Elizabeth), Terry (Cathy), Kevin and Cathy Wiley. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud member of Local 134 IBEW for many years. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. John Fisher Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411



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O'Heir, Helen L.

Helen Louise O'Heir (nee Schultz), 73, of Chicago. Beloved wife of 50 years to William, loving mother of Tracy (Ruben Mbon), Julie (Christian Schaeffer), Mary (Daniel Lamm), and Matthew, loving grandmother of Helen and Audrey. Dear sister of William (Andrea) Schultz. Preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Helen (nee Barbutas) Schultz. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Helen devoted many years to teaching and religious education in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Funeral Friday 10:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave to St. Christina Church, Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org>). Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411



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PAPANEK, THOMAS FRANK

Beloved father, and friend, Thomas Frank Papanek passed away on December 26, 2019 from congestive heart failure. He was living with his devoted partner and loving caregiver, Karen Carson, in Chesterton, Indiana and will be remembered by her family and special friends, the Peretins.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Thom used his creative talents in a career in advertising, at Benton & Bowles, Leo Burnett, and his own creative studio in Chicago.

Sailing brought Thom, a life-long sailor, profound happiness that he was eager to share. His deep appreciation for music covered many genres and he played multiple instruments. Thom's gentle nature was manifested by his love of dogs.

Thom was born on January 1, 1942 in Chicago, son of Lillian Bursik and Samuel Papanek Jr, and brother to Samuel Papanek III. He is survived by his children Jeff and Sara, from his marriage with their mother Patti; and Julie Papanek Grant, from his marriage with her mother Meryl.

A gathering of family and friends, honoring Thom's life, will be held at a later date in 2020. Donations in his memory should be made to organizations that extend the joy of sailing to aspiring youth and disabled sailors.

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Pappas, Pollyanna

Pollyanna Pappas formerly of Oak Brook. Beloved wife of the late James Pappas; loving mother of Diana Bradbury and the late Angie (Tom) Plank; proud grandmother of Brett and Adam. All to meet Friday, January 3, 2020 at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester at 11:00 a.m. until time of service 11:30 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Director. For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Pepper, J. David 'Dave'

J. David "Dave" Pepper, 59, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at his home in Barrington, Illinois. He was born in Evanston on January 15, 1960 to Richard and Roxelyn Pepper. He was a civil engineering graduate of Iowa State University, where he met his wife, Katy. Dave served as CEO of Pepper Construction Group and lived his life in service to others and was widely known for his kindness and generosity. Dave's life centered around his family and friends. He enjoyed cooking, boating and travelling and frequently said that being part of his family was the best leadership lesson of his life. He believed that values shape lives, particularly through unexpected turns, and Dave instilled honesty, gratitude and openness into the culture of Pepper Construction, which he led from 2003. Dave was known as a champion of education and held multiple leadership roles including president of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Education and Research Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to improving the science of construction. Dave was also involved in workforce readiness and school mentoring programs. Most recently, Dave served on the Providence St. Mel School Board of Trustees; the Dominican University Board of Trustees; Junior Achievement of Chicago's Board of Directors and Executive Committee; and served as a Management Trustee to the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters and supported their educational programs over several decades. Dave also actively served the community as a member at St. Michael's Episcopal church and was a member of the Economic Club of Chicago; The Chicago Club; the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation and The Commercial Club of Chicago. Dave leaves behind his loving wife Katy and their three children, Ali, Lauren and Colin; as well as his parents, Richard and Roxelyn Pepper; brothers, Stan, Dick and Scot; sisters, Lynda and Lisa; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and relatives. A memorial visitation will be held Friday, January 3, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church located at 647 Dundee Avenue in Barrington. The memorial service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 4 at the church. Additional parking will be available across the street at St. Matthew Lutheran Church located at 720 Dundee Avenue. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dave's memory can be made to Bishop Anderson House at 312-563-4825 or donate online at www.bishopandersonhouse.org/donate/ and St. Michael's Youth Program at 847-381-2323 or info@stmichaelsbarrington.org. For information, please contact **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, Barrington, 847-381-3411. For online condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com.

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Stout, Ronald D.

Ronald D. Stout, Age 50, Born into Eternal Life on December 27, 2019. Beloved husband of Lisa (nee Marte). Loving father of Kyle Stout. Beloved son of Patricia (nee White) and Timothy Coleman. Dear brother of Timothy Coleman and Colleen (Michael) May. Fond uncle of Eevee May and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Ron will also be missed by his canine companions, Leo and Buddy. Visitation Thursday, January 2, 2020, 9:00am-10:30am at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Proceeding from funeral home at 10:30am to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am. Private interment. Memorials to KT's Kids, 1930 West Bradley Place, Chicago, IL 60613 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfnh.com



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Vernon, Charles Roe 'Charlie'

Charles Roe Vernon, 66, of Evanston, on December 20, 2019. Born October 27, 1953, Charlie was a creative, funny, undaunted, and fearless person who connected with a wide variety of people and found beauty in art, nature, and everyday life.

Growing up in Lake Forest, Charlie loved theater and performance. He earned a BFA in dance from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he met his wife and made many lifelong friends in Unit One, a living-learning experimental residence. After college, he moved to Chicago, where he first was the Chicago Reader dance critic and then created his own work, primarily from 1977 through 1983 as the Charlie Vernon Performance Company, as well as an Urban Gateways teaching artist. In 1979, he co-founded Link's Hall Studio, which restaged one of his pieces for its 40th anniversary celebration, a great joy for him. The recipient of five National Endowment for the Arts Choreographic Fellowships, his was the first Chicago company to perform at New York's Dance Theatre Workshop, and he was selected as young choreographer in residence at the 1982 American Dance Festival.

Beginning in 1983, Charlie had a successful career in residential real estate as a salesman and managing broker. Affiliated with several companies over 36 years, his primary home was Baird and Warner.

Charlie is survived by his wife and best friend of over 40 years, Marybeth Schroeder; their three sons, Ted Vernon, Elliot Vernon, and Greg Vernon; and two granddaughters, Lily and Isabella Vernon and their mother Sok Theary Nak. He adored his family, often saying, "I always wanted a noisy house."

Additionally, he is survived by his five siblings, Marybeth's three brothers, six in-law siblings, 20 nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, John and Margaret Vernon, and by two nephews.

A celebration of Charlie's life is planned for Sunday, January 12, at 2 pm at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge, Evanston. The family asks that those attending wear something colorful, in honor of Charlie's style. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Charlie Vernon Performance Fund at the Evanston Community Foundation (www.evanston-forever.org).

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York, Alan Michael

Alan Michael York 59, of St. Charles, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly in Geneva, Illinois, on December 24, 2019.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Mathew 5:4

For further information on Alan York's life and the Memorial Service details, please go to www.moss-funeral.com.

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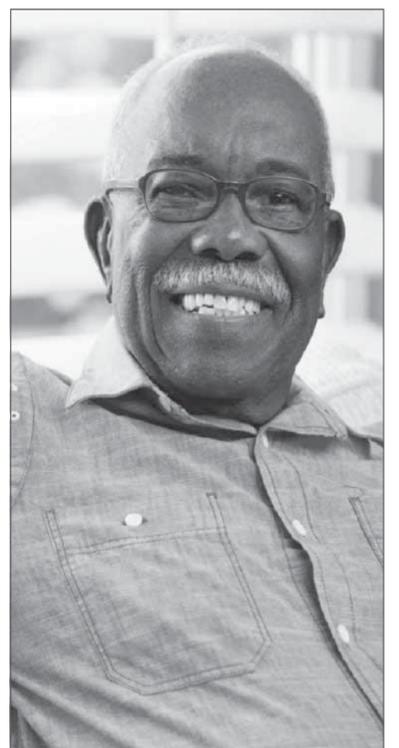


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Alyyah Hernandez Nathan Hernandez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Jennifer Hernandez (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00875 19JA00874**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Fernando Fernandez (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **August 09, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/22/2020**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 5, 2019 6557166

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Audrina Correa-Montanez AKA Aydrina Correa-Montanez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Adreyanna Correa (Mother) AKA Adreyana Correa AKA Andrea Pena AKA Anna M. Cruz AKA Andreyanna Correa AKA Maria Pena AKA Sereena Cruz**

JUVENILE NO.: **15JA00403**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 27, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/22/2020**, at **11:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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December 12, 2019 6557220

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Byrant A Blake

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD01618**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Byrant Blake (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **October 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Linda Paeul** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/14/2020** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 60 COURTROOM 12 ,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 11, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Cameron Rollins

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD00721**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Victor Rollins (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **May 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence Sharkey** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/15/2020** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13 ,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
November 20 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jakolbi D Lard

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD00722**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Jeffery Walker (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **May 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence Sharkey** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/15/2020** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13 ,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
November 20 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jermaine K Hill

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD01413**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Rosa Rodriguez (Mother)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **September 06, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Lana Charisse Johnson** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/14/2020** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 68 COURTROOM 3 ,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 11, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jermaine K Hill

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD01413**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 11, 2019 6552371

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kamaree A Collins

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD01756**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **November 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Cynthia Ramirez** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/14/2020** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 52 COURTROOM 5 ,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 2, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Liliana G Lara

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD01456**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Juan Lara (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **September 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence Sharkey** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/14/2020** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13 ,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
November 13, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Liliana G Lara

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD01456**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Juan Lara (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **December 10, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Terrence Sharkey** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **01/14/2020** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13 ,

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December 12, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Liliana G Lara

A MINOR
NO. **2019JD01444**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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December 12, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Neveah Henderson Nailah Henderson Messiah Ellis Noah Ellis Alayah Henderson AKA Alayah Fortineaux

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Francisca Henderson (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01042 19JA01043 19JA01044 19JA01045 19JA01234**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 28, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patrick Murphy** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/22/2020**, at **10:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 11, 2019 6557213

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Princeton Sims

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Shavaughn Sims (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00306**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Stephon Parker (Father) Any and All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **April 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Robert Balanoff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **01/22/2020**, at **1:30 PM** IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 17, 2019 6557231

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Sincere Candler

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Arkevia Candler**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA00635**

CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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TUESDAY, DEC. 31 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 68° (1875) RECORD LOW: -10° (1967)

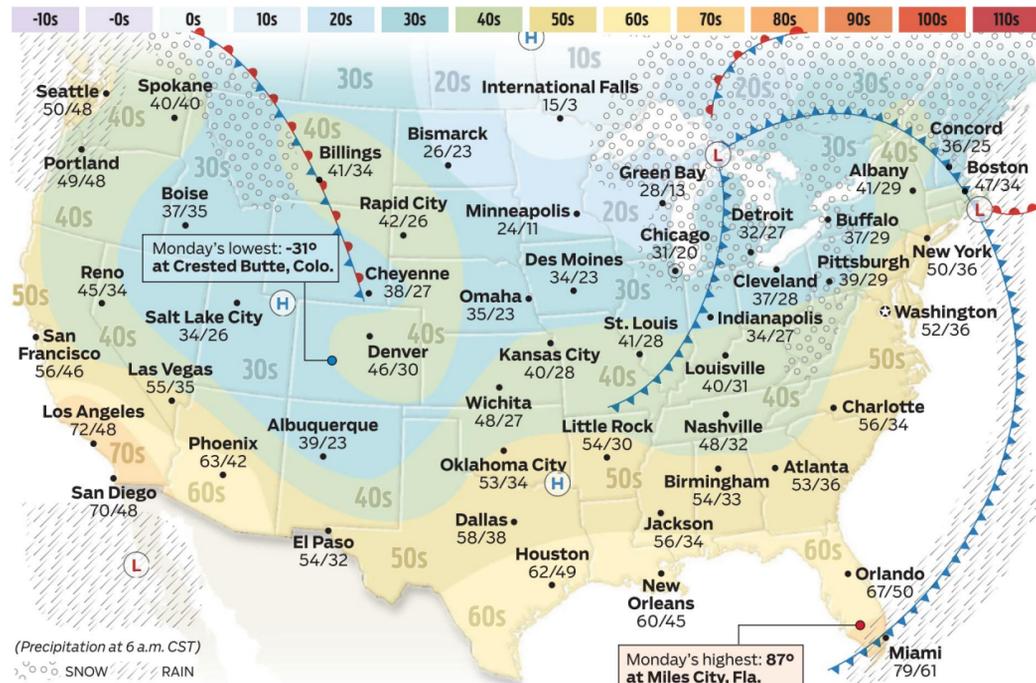
Push of polar air brings New Year's Eve chill

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 31 **LOW** 20

■ Taste of winter visits the region as mammoth storm system departs the Great Lakes.
 ■ Gray skies open the last day of 2019. Light snow/flurries linger early, especially along I-88 and points north. Temps hover in the low-mid 20s.
 ■ Brisk W winds of 20-25 mph lower wind chills to single digits much of day.
 ■ Periods of sun emerge by midday.
 ■ Seasonable. Temps peak near freezing.
 ■ Clearing with diminishing winds at night. Lows mid teens W-N suburbs, to low 20s downtown.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Monday evening, a strong low pressure center was located over eastern Lake Superior. The circulation associated with this system was immense, extending from Hudson Bay in Canada to the Gulf coast, and from the Rockies to the Appalachians. Polar air wrapping around the storm center swept across the Chicago area, bringing plunging temperatures. At 4 p.m. Sunday, the temperature at O'Hare International Airport stood at an April-level 54 degrees. By 4 p.m. Monday, it was 25 degrees colder, with light snow falling. Polar air will remain in place through New Year's Eve, providing a seasonable chill. Clearing skies and slowly diminishing winds are expected to allow temps to dip to the low and mid 20s by midnight. The new year is forecast to dawn sunny and cold, but mild air is set to return in the latter half of the week.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

HIGH 40 **LOW** 33

High pressure brings a bright, crisp start to 2020. Turning windy and milder. Temps in the teens-low 20s early reach late day highs near 40. SW winds increase to 15-25 mph by afternoon.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

HIGH 46 **LOW** 39

Some sun early, then clouds overspread the region as low pressure organizes to the west. Winds turn S 15-20 mph, bringing an influx of mild, moist air. Rain likely to arrive overnight.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

HIGH 45 **LOW** 29

Dismal. Weather system brings extensive low clouds, rain and fog. Temps hover in the low-mid 40s, then begin to fall late. Rain changes to snow/flurries in the evening. S winds 10-20 mph shift NW.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

HIGH 30 **LOW** 18

Wintry. Considerable cloudiness, windy and colder. Occasional light snow or flurries dust the area. Morning temps hover near freezing, then slowly fall. NW winds 20-30 mph and gusty.

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

HIGH 34 **LOW** 24

High pressure drifts across the region providing tranquil weather. Some patchy mid-high clouds, otherwise sunny. Temps climb above freezing. Winds become SW near 10 mph. Not as cold overnight.

MONDAY, JAN. 6

HIGH 33 **LOW** 30

Filtered sun in the morning gives way to thickening cloud cover. Afternoon temps hover around freezing. Snow or rain possible late in the day or at night. E-SE winds 10-20 mph.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 How long have Chicago's temperature and precipitation records been kept?

James Chan, Chicago

Dear James,
 Chicago's official weather records began on Nov. 1, 1870, under the jurisdiction of the Army Signal Service within the Department of War. The Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce, as the National Weather Service was first called, was established by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into existence by President Ulysses S. Grant on Feb. 9, 1870. At the time, the Chicago office was one of 20 that began operation in the U.S. The agency was renamed the Weather Bureau in 1890 and transferred to the Department of Agriculture, then to the Commerce Department in 1940. Its name was changed to the National Weather Service in 1970.

Write to: ASK TOM
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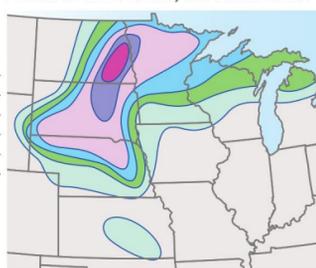
Hear Demetrius
 Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Mild temps return late week after first snow cover in 5 weeks

BLIZZARD WALLOPS PARTS OF THE PLAINS, UPPER MIDWEST

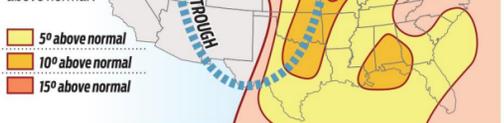
Sunday-Monday snow totals

Jamestown, N.D.	26"
LaMoure, N.D.	24"
Montpelier, N.D.	21"
Jud, N.D.	20"
Webster, S.D.	18"
Watertown, S.D.	17.5"
Brooks, Minn.	16"

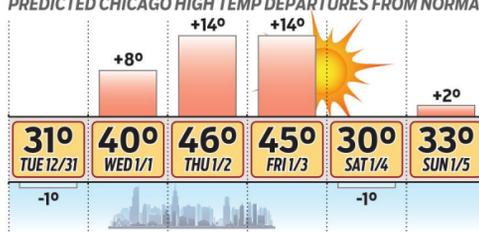


LATER THIS WEEKEND: EASTERN U.S. TEMPS TO SURGE

Predicted jet stream Thursday
 Thursday high temps: how much above normal?



PREDICTED CHICAGO HIGH TEMP DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL



OVERNIGHT AND TUESDAY MORNING SNOWFALL

Estimated accumulations
 Chicago's first city snow cover in 5 weeks



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives TOM SKILLING, PAUL MERZLOCK, BILL SNYDER, BRENT BROCK AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

MONDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	42	29	Midway	48	30
Gary	49	31	O'Hare	48	29
Kankakee	38	32	Romeoville	45	29
Lakefront	48	30	Valparaiso	48	31
Lansing	40	30	Waukegan	48	30

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Mon. (through 4 p.m.)	0.08"	0.06"
December to date	1.46"	2.19"
Year to date	49.45"	36.83"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Mon. (through 4 p.m.)	0.3"	Trace
Season to date	9.1"	6.9"
Normal to date	9.3"	9.8"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Wind	W 30 kts. SW 20-30 kts.
Waves	3-5 feet
Mon. shore/crib water temps	39°/36°

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 30	2019	2018
Area covered by snow	38.2%	38.7%
Average snow depth	3.0"	2.6"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	10 days	8 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Monday's reading: Good
 Tuesday's forecast: Good
 Critical pollutant: Particulates

TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:18 a.m.	4:29 p.m.
Moon	10:56 a.m.	9:59 p.m.

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:01 a.m.	3:56 p.m.
Venus	9:25 a.m.	7:14 p.m.
Mars	4:06 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Jupiter	7:07 a.m.	4:13 p.m.
Saturn	8:04 a.m.	5:23 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:15 p.m.	17.5° SW
Mars	5:45 a.m.	14.5° SE
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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