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Iran targets US troops in Iraq

Tehran fires series of missiles at 2 bases in retaliation for Soleimani's killing

BY NASSER KARIMI
AND LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iran struck back at the United States for the killing of a top Iranian general, firing a series of surface-to-surface missiles early Wednesday at two Iraqi bases housing U.S. troops and warning the United States and its allies in the region not to retaliate.

The strikes by Iran were a

major escalation of tensions. Hostilities have been rising steadily across the Mideast following months of threats and attacks after President Donald Trump's decision to unilaterally withdraw America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Iranian state TV said the attack was in revenge for the killing of Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani, whose funeral procession Tuesday in his hometown of Kerman prompted angry

calls to avenge his death, which drastically raised tensions in the Middle East.

Soleimani's killing and Iran's missile strikes also marked the first time in recent years that Washington and Tehran have attacked each other directly rather than through proxies in the region. It raised the chances of open conflict erupting between the two nations, which have been foes since the days immediately after Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of a Pentagon briefing, said there were few, if any, casualties from the attacks.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard warned the U.S. and its regional allies against retaliating over the missile attack against the al-Asad Air Base in Iraq's western Anbar province. The Guard issued the warning via a statement carried by Iran's state-run IRNA news agency.

"We are warning all American allies, who gave their bases to its terrorist army, that any territory that is the starting point of aggressive acts against Iran will be targeted," the Guard said. It also threatened Israel.

Al-Asad Air Base was first used by American forces after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled dictator Saddam Hussein. It later saw American troops stationed there

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RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Residential
freeze near
606 will be
put on ice

Lightfoot puts pause on aldermen's plan to curb development by trail

Plans to put a 14-month freeze on residential development along The 606 have been delayed, and the proposed ordinance is headed for changes after Mayor Lori Lightfoot raised concerns about its legality.

In a statement, Lightfoot's office on Tuesday said the ordinance, introduced in December by two aldermen whose wards include portions of the elevated trail, was being put on hold.

Co-sponsors of the proposal, Ald. Roberto Maldonado, 26th, and Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, had hoped it would be approved at Tuesday's meeting of the City Council's Committee on Housing and Real Estate. They previously told the Tribune they sought for it to be voted into law by the full City Council at its Jan. 15 meeting.

The proposed ordinance called for a 14-month moratorium on tearing down, constructing or redeveloping residential buildings into single-family homes, in an effort to slow gentrification along the trail. The moratorium, which would have been in effect Feb. 1 through March 31, 2021, also would have put all zoning changes on hold.

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Joey Magyar, now 20, of Elk Grove Village, demonstrates how he was restrained when in school at a hearing by state lawmakers Tuesday.

Lawmakers urged to make
secluding students illegal

Educators and advocates detail overuse of isolated timeout, restraints in schools

BY JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS AND JODI S. COHEN

This story is the result of a collaboration between the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.

Educators testifying before Illinois lawmakers Tuesday urged an end to the practice of secluding students inside small

rooms but said it would take a cultural shift as well as a new law to end years of misuse.

At the first legislative hearing on two reform bills — one in the House, one in the Senate — educators and advocates also pointed to the need for state

officials to hold schools accountable and require robust training for employees.

"Schools have become very punitive in how they're dealing with students with disabilities. This is their go-to method for not doing homework, not putting their shirttail in. You're just seeing some very abusive use," said Zena Naiditch, CEO of the disabilities watchdog group Equip for Equality.

The nearly three-hour joint

House and Senate education committees hearing came after a Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois investigation, "The Quiet Rooms," revealed the misuse and overuse of "isolated timeout" and physical restraint in public schools throughout the state.

The investigation included the review of 35,000 instances of seclusion and restraint from September 2017 through early December 2017.

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'We have great programs;
you just can't get into them.'

Families struggle to get developmentally disabled adults service

BY MARIE FAZIO

Charlene Synoga has spent the past year searching in vain for someone to help her 23-year-old son Jason.

Nonverbal and on the severe end of the autism spectrum, Jason needs to be bathed, dressed, fed and constantly supervised. But Synoga wants more for her son. She wants him to learn "everyday skills" — washing the dishes, grooming himself,

crossing the street, going to the grocery store — and is hoping to find a day program that will teach him.

So far, she said she has been rejected by 12 programs. After she thought she finally found one, she said she then realized the provider was woefully understaffed: Two staff members working with 11 young adults with severe disabilities confined to a classroom.

"I want my son to be able to get back to his routine," Synoga said. "His whole life has changed so much, he's miserable. ... It's so

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Charlene Synoga says she has been rejected by 12 programs in the last year as she seeks support for son Jason, who is nonverbal and autistic.

McConnell: GOP
has votes for trial

The Senate majority leader said he has votes to start an impeachment trial and postpone a decision on witnesses or documents that Dems want. **Nation & World**, Page 10

An arms race for
co-working spaces

Chicago could get more than 50 new co-working spaces this year. New perks — child care, yoga, blow-outs, beer — are part of the arms race for nice spaces. **Business**



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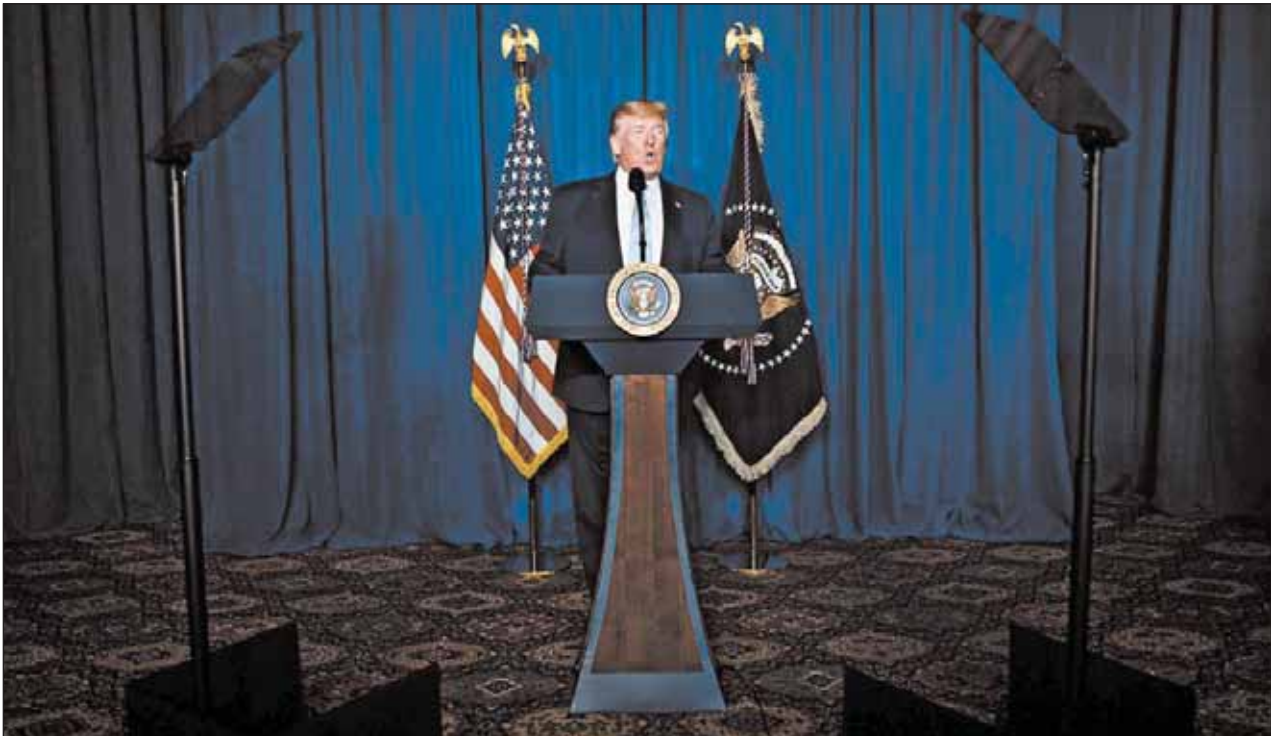
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President Donald Trump delivers remarks on Iran while at his Mar-a-Lago property in Palm Beach, Florida, on Friday.



JOHN KASS

Hell or high water, if there's war with Iran, Trump's done

One of two things will cost President Donald Trump his reelection: a recession or a war with Iran.

The economy, so far, is thrumming along. But Trump's decision to kill Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the murderous architect of Iran's expansion into Iraq and Syria, a truly evil man with the blood of hundreds of Americans on his hands, may very well have put us on the path to war with Iran.

And that would break Trump's base. He'd be done in 2020.

On Tuesday evening, Iran launched more than a dozen missiles at two bases in Iraq hosting U.S. troops. Trump has said he would respond to such attacks, the only question is how.

The never-Trumpers, the stalwarts of the pro-war wing of the Bush Washington Republican establishment, loathe Trump. They supported America's disastrous, never-ending wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

They sold us on the invasion of Iraq by shrieking about all those weapons of mass destruction that were never found.

Now they sing Trump's praises for his killing of Soleimani. Trump voters hear them sing their song, and they worry.

For the pro-war Republican establishment wants an end to the Iranian regime, come hell or high water. It sees a nuclear Iran as an existential threat, to Israel and to the entire Middle East.

"If the Iranians hit American targets and American interests and American allies, we will respond militarily," said former Trump loather, now supporter, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, speaking before Tuesday's Iranian missile launch.

"If they hit us again, I would not want to be working in an Iranian oil field," Graham said, "because I think the president is determined to bring this regime to its knees if they continue to be provocative."

Graham doesn't have to worry about dodging bullets. Neither do I, sitting comfortably while typing.

But isn't this how wars begin? Slowly, then all at once.

Republicans say war with Iran won't happen. Democrats are busy selling fear because fear is all they have left, and they insist that it might. These are politicians, meaning they have double-jointed spines.

Americans voters aren't as supple. Americans vote their bank accounts. The economy is doing spectacularly well for many. But if it fades and goes south in a recession, Trump will lose independent voters and the election.

And what of Trump's base? They're the forgotten, the people mocked by the Washington elites and Washington media as "deplorables." They're loyal now, yes, but they don't want another war in the Middle East.

They've had enough of wars. And he'd lose them if another war begins. Iran must surely know this and fold that into its calculations.

In 2016, Trump assumed control of the Republican Party by taking the same anti-Bush path as Sen. Rand Paul, the Kentucky Republican and non-interventionist.

Trump campaigned against those endless Middle East wars. The Republican Bush pro-war wing, the never-Trumpers, never forgave him. Yet now, with Soleimani dead, they praise him.

Americans can handle the killing of Soleimani. Especially the loved ones of those who lost their legs or arms or lives to Soleimani's IEDs.

What Americans don't want is war, troops on the ground, and that is where Trump is being led.

As I was writing this, a father of an American combat soldier who served in Afghanistan called me.

"This is a game changer. Trump is taking out their leaders. We don't mind that," he told me. "You go after the decision-makers who orchestrate or sponsor violence and terror from a safe distance. It changes the dynamic. What I do mind is our own guys' boots on the ground. We don't want another war."

One rule of politics is that all politicians lie. But if you lie to your base,

and they know it, you're lost.

Think back to the 2016 campaign, with Trump fighting it out with the Bush family, condemning their wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as wasteful of American blood and American treasure.

A movie was out in theaters, "Hell or High Water," released in 2016, a modern Western film about bank robber brothers played by Chris Pine and Ben Foster, and a Texas Ranger—Jeff Bridges—who tracks them down.

It was a fine film. There was a line in the movie that explained the Trump base in that 2016 election. And it holds the key to his 2020 reelection campaign.

It was painfully true then and it is now. It wasn't dialogue. It was graffiti, scrawled in blood-red paint on a sun-bleached wall in a hot, dusty, dying town, a desperate cry of the forgotten:

"Three tours in Iraq and no bailouts for people like us."

It was a highly political movie that didn't mention politics, a story of archetypes, of "deplorables" in flyover country, the part of red-state America that the media and political elites don't care all that much about, except when the people are to be used as props.

The bank robber brothers in the movie are fictional, but their America is real, the America of the forgotten, the people who play by the rules and went to war themselves, and sent their sons and daughters to war when their country asked it of them.

Now they're done with wars. If this spins out of control, Democrats who hate Trump and the establishment Bush Republicans who now praise him will have accomplished their goal:

The end of Trump.

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Why we should not harm Iran’s cultural sites



RON GROSSMAN

When the U.S. Army invaded Sicily in 1943, Lt. Col. Mason Hammond raced around the island in a beat-up Jeep, intent on preventing its cultural heritage from becoming a casualty of war. Discovering that the National Library in Palermo was damaged by Allied bombing, exposing its collection of rare books to looters, he had American troops assigned to guard them. Other GIs were set to stringing barbed wire around Sicily’s ancient temples.

Before World War II, Hammond was a professor of classics at Harvard University, a position he returned to after the war. His treatise “Latin: A Historical and Linguistic Handbook” has long sat on my bookshelves. On Monday, I needed to hold it in my hands.

It witnesses how far we’ve come from a president who gave Hammond his wartime assignment to President Donald Trump’s announcement that the U.S. has selected 52 targets “important to Iran and Iranian culture” to be hit if there is a violent response to our assassination of Iran’s Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

The British government, generally our most reliable ally, quickly said it wanted no part of such a barbarous strategy. Even more remarkably, Defense Secretary Mark Esper has distanced himself from Trump by noting that “the laws of armed conflict” prohibit striking cultural sites.

But in responding to his critics, Trump doubled down on his threat, asking: “They’re allowed to kill our people, they’re allowed to torture and maim our people, they’re allowed to use roadside bombs and blow up our people and we’re not allowed to touch their cultural sites?”

The answer is — or should be — “Yes.” Not because it’s forbidden by international law, but because that is not who we are. Vandals destroy other people’s cultural heritage. Civilized nations don’t. That’s why Hammond and other American professors traded tweed jackets with leather patches for Army uniforms and served in the American Commis-



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Lt. Daniel Kern and German conservator Karl Sieber examine Jan van Eyck’s “Adoration of the Mystic Lamb,” also known as the Ghent Altarpiece. This photo was part of the “Monuments Men: On the Frontline to Save Europe’s Art, 1942-1946” exhibition held at the Smithsonian’s Archives of American Art.

sion for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in War Areas during World War II.

One moment they were teaching Art History 101 or submitting a Ph.D. thesis to a scholarly journal. The next they were tagging along with infantry units and tanks on European battlefields. Some were hardly spring chickens. Hammond was 40 when he safeguarded Sicily’s priceless heritage.

Some of his colleagues’ exploits were celebrated in George Clooney’s 2014 film, “Monuments Men.” It follows members of the Historic Monuments commission as they try to stop the Nazis from stripping French museums of artistic masterpieces. Adolf Hitler wanted them for the colossal memorial to himself that he intended to build in Linz, Austria, close to his birthplace.

Though the Historic Monuments Commission largely stymied Hitler’s plans, its establishment was opposed with an

argument similar to Trump’s justification for holding hostage Iran’s cultural heritage: War takes precedent over cultural niceties. But the U.S. then had a president committed to preserving, not targeting, the great monuments of civilization.

When America entered WWII, the presidents of the Archaeological Institute of America and the College Art Association, the directors of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Gallery, told Supreme Court Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone that masterpieces of Western art were at risk. Of its own accord, the Army couldn’t be expected to protect them. Its priority was defeating the Nazis.

Stone wrote to Franklin D. Roosevelt, urging him to proclaim “to the world, friends and enemies, our government’s practical concern in protecting these symbols of civilization from injury and spoliation.”

Myriad memos marked “urgent” were landing on the president’s desk. Our battleships lay on

the bottom of Pearl Harbor. The Japanese defeated our army in the Philippines. But Roosevelt read Stone’s letter, and thus was created the Historic Monuments commission.

Its front-line troops had to be one of the oddest military units ever created: a phalanx of art historians. Word went down the chain of command to scour the ranks for soldiers with needed skills. Others such as Hammond volunteered. Former professors gave ordinary GIs a quickie course in Western civilization, and the artistic casualties of World War II were less than they could have been.

At this point, the consequences of Trump’s declaration of war on Iranian civilization are up for grabs. Maybe he will quietly shelve it, just as he did his bid to buy Greenland. Or maybe there could be a tug of war between Trump and his advisers and Secretary Esper and the generals. If so, someone should read Trump a letter that Gen. Dwight Eisen-

hower sent to his field commanders when U.S. troops were battling the Nazis in Italy during World War II.

“Today we are fighting in a country which has contributed a great deal to our cultural inheritance, a country rich in monuments which by their creation helped and now in their old age illustrate the civilization which is ours. We are bound to respect those monuments as far as war allows.”

Let’s hope and pray that Trump would listen to Ike’s words and come to a similar conclusion about Iran’s heritage.

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Lessons from my retreat: Chaos never surrenders



DAHLEEN GLANTON

I almost completely unplugged for seven days. I understand, of course, that putting it that way is an immediate giveaway that I failed.

The important thing, though, is that I tried. And in doing so, I learned a powerful lesson.

Tucked away at a retreat in the Arizona mountains, where daily meditation, yoga stretch classes and workshops on how to bounce back from stress were the daily norm, it seemingly would have been easy to escape from the real world.

I didn't turn off my phone, but I ignored it as much as possible. I answered only one phone call from a friend. I didn't check emails. I didn't look at text messages. I didn't go on social media. (Well, except for that one time I went on Facebook to adjust the settings so that friends could post "Happy Birthday" on my timeline.)

I didn't listen to the radio. I didn't pick up a newspaper. I didn't turn on the TV. (To be honest, someone else turned it on one evening and I ended up watching that episode of "The Twilight Zone" where William Shatner's car breaks down in a small town and he ends up addicted to a fortunetelling machine in the diner.)

But as hard as I tried, pieces of information managed to find their way into my quiet zone. I chose to check out of reality for a while, but not everyone else there had.

Seated at dinner with a table of mostly strangers on my birthday, I explained that my gift to myself this week was to be oblivious. For the brief period I was I was on vacation, I didn't want to think about whether I might have to return to subzero temperatures in Chicago wearing only the light jacket I'd traveled with. I didn't want to fret over the dysfunction in Washington. I didn't want to worry about chaos anywhere in the world.

For seven days, I wanted to pretend as though everything was as perfect everywhere as it was at the retreat, nestled beneath a range of snow-capped mountains, far away from the sounds and lights of a city. I didn't want to think for a moment about anything of substance.

I created a comfortable little cocoon, and I convinced myself that, with the stress I endure daily in the real world, I deserved a chance to snuggle up inside, at least for a little while.

I wanted to experience what it feels like to wake up in the morning, peaceful and full of expectations that my day would go exactly as it had been planned. I wanted to breathe normally — not with the rapid heartbeat that accompanies the anxiety of living in the midst of constant volatility. I wanted to laugh without feeling guilty that my happiness came at someone else's expense. I wanted to see the world as it should be — full of hopefulness, compassion and excitement over what tomorrow might bring.

My desire was to focus only on myself, paying attention to my well-being and my desire to live a calmer and more balanced life in 2020, I told the people at my table. They turned and looked at me wistfully. I immediately knew something was up.

"So you really don't want to know what's going on?" one man asked.

"Right," I answered.

"Then absolutely nothing is going on, nothing at all," he said. Others chimed in, reinforcing his lie in foreboding tones that indicated my self-created fantasy land would go up in flames once I stepped off the plane at O'Hare.

Later that evening, in bed, I wondered what it could be. My mind drifted from one extreme scenario to another. Then I caught myself. This wasn't supposed to happen in my happy place. So I shoved it aside and fell asleep.

In the real world, that doesn't happen. I can never simply will stressful thoughts away. They follow me throughout the day and into the night, often appearing in my dreams. When I awaken, they have already settled in my neck and shoulders, ready to start anew.

This time, it was different. Perhaps it was because of the like-minded people who surrounded me at the retreat.

For the most part, my newly acquired friends seemed to purposely elude conversations about politics. Though many were keeping tabs on the news, they were more interested in talking about which psychic at the retreat gave the most accurate readings or describing how zip lining 40 feet above the desert floor had been such a spiritual experience that it brought them to tears.

Not once did the presidential election come up — until a visiting renowned psychic, named Maggie, held her annual New Year's Eve seminar giving a sneak peek into the coming year.

As the packed room sat quietly, clinging to her every word, Maggie predicted that Donald Trump would lose the 2020 election. She had been right in 2016 when she predicted that he would win as well as last year, when she predicted his impeachment, according to those who were there.

She seemed sure that Joe Biden would be the next president and an African American woman, likely Stacey Abrams from Georgia, would be vice president. But her prediction came with a warning.

"There will be drama on Election Day," she said. "And it might not be decided that day."

Maggie had a little something for conservatives too. She predicted a change in the Supreme Court by the end of the year. There would be one vacancy for sure and possibly two, she said.

That's when cracks began to show in the facade I was hiding behind.

For a few brief days, I managed to escape from reality and bury my head in the sand. It was an illusion that came crashing down as soon as I got into a car in Chicago headed home. I turned on my phone and the news feed was buzzing.

There was indeed chaos. It had always been there, even when I chose to ignore it.

The world is a very fragile place and it keeps on churning, whether we pay attention or not. That's a lesson we must never forget.

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Steelmaker doctored tests after toxic spill, says report

ArcelorMittal's self-monitoring program ripped

By MEREDITH COLIAS-PETE

ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor has developed a practice of manipulating toxic readings required after a summer fish kill — by retesting and sending the lower score to regulators, according to a state report.

The steelmaker has attempted to redo daily ammonia and cyanide tests that spike above its allowed permit levels, in some cases after it already submitted results to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, a recent letter stated.

Such a move "undermines the integrity" of its self-disclosures, questioning its ability to police itself, IDEM Northwest Regional Office Deputy Director Rick Massoels wrote in a Jan. 6 letter to the steelmaker.

It was not allowed under state rules and there was no justification for it, he said.



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Biology researchers from Indiana University Northwest take water samples for testing last year.

The agency "cannot feel confident" in their reports, he added.

"ArcelorMittal's self-monitoring program is either capable of generating valid results based upon one analysis of a given sample or it is not," Massoels wrote.

The steelmaker has been required to do daily testing after an equipment failure caused a toxic spill in August into the Little Calumet River that killed 3,000 fish, closed beaches and idled a local water plant.

A spokesman said the company was working on its response Tuesday.

"What that shows is that there is a pattern" of industrial pollution, said Howard Learner, executive director of Chicago-based Environmental Law & Policy Center Executive Director, one of two groups that recently sued for federal Clean Water Act enforcement.

"ArcelorMittal is a serial polluter," he added.

Other tests picked up traces of cyanide and am-

monia from Burns Harbor outfall 002, it said.

"As referenced in the August, September, and October 2019 Reconnaissance inspection report, there are concerns that an unpermitted wastewater stream is entering Lake Michigan through Outfall 002, based on the periodic detections of cyanide in grab samples initiated at IDEM's direction in August of 2019," it said.

After employees conducted tests, the cause was not clear, the steelmaker told regulators.

On Sept. 24, IDEM ordered the steelmaker to add ammonia-nitrogen to its daily cyanide testing at outfall 002. It added total phenols, fluoride, and traces of zinc, lead, silver, copper, boron, iron, chemical oxygen demand, a month later, it said.

ArcelorMittal is one of the Calumet Region's largest employers with other locations including one of North America's largest steel mills at Indiana Harbor in East Chicago.



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Firefighters comfort a coyote rescued from Lake Michigan near Randolph Street and Lake Shore Drive on Tuesday.

Crews give coyote safe harbor

Emergency crews rescued a coyote from Monroe Harbor in downtown Chicago midday Tuesday, authorities said.

Marine unit officers responded to a marine distress call regarding an animal in the water in the 100 block of North Lake Shore Drive, according to police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli. Two animal control units also responded.

Fire Department crews were dispatched to the area about 11:20 a.m. to help with an animal in the water, said

Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. Fire crews rescued the animal, said fire spokesman Larry Merritt.

The animal could be seen on a stretcher, wrapped in a blanket, next to Monroe Harbor on Tuesday.

Chicago Animal Care and Control took possession of the coyote, Merritt said.

— Javonte Anderson

Chicago airports help weed out your weed

'Amnesty boxes' let you lose pot before flying federal skies

By ALLY MAROTTI

O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport have installed boxes for travelers to dispose of recreational marijuana before they get on the plane.

The cannabis amnesty boxes, as they're called, are stationed just past each Transportation Security Administration checkpoint, said Maggie Huynh, a spokeswoman for the Chicago Police Department.

The police aren't targeting travelers with cannabis, and it's not illegal to have it at the airport, Huynh said. But possessing marijuana is still illegal under federal law, and air space is regulated by the federal government.

The boxes give people an opportunity to ensure they're not breaking federal law and won't run into an issue when they land at their destination, Huynh said.

"We're not encouraging



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Amnesty boxes were installed at O'Hare and Midway airports as legal weed sales began last week.

people to bring cannabis through the airports at all," Huynh said. "But if for some reason you have it on you, we have those amnesty boxes out there so that you can dispose of it prior to getting on the airplane."

TSA doesn't search for weed at security checkpoints, according to its website. But its agents are obligated to report any violations of federal law to local police, TSA spokeswoman Sari Koshetz said. TSA agents will not weigh the

amount in someone's possession before turning them over to police, Koshetz said.

"In the event a substance that appears illegal is discovered during security screening, our officers will refer the matter to a law enforcement officer, who then follow their own procedures," Koshetz said.

Illinois residents can legally possess up to 30 grams of marijuana, or about an ounce, in Illinois and out-of-state residents can have half that.

The boxes are owned by the Department of Aviation and serviced by the police. Police officers will regularly empty the boxes, file a report for the items inside and dispose of any surrendered marijuana like they would narcotics, Huynh said.

The boxes were installed at each airport last week, just as legal weed sales began in Illinois.

Chicago airports weren't the first to install marijuana disposal boxes.

McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas has amnesty boxes outside of

the terminals where passengers can surrender marijuana or anything else they don't want to take through security.

Airports in other states that allow recreational marijuana give travelers additional options. In Juneau, Alaska, police give passengers stopped with legally purchased marijuana a chance to leave it somewhere for safekeeping, like in their car or with a friend.

Illinois' first day of recreational marijuana sales on Jan. 1 marked one of the strongest showings of any state in the history of pot legalization. Shops sold more than \$10.8 million worth of recreational weed in the first five days of sales.

A handful of shops — including one near Midway Airport — had to halt recreational weed sales as they deal with product shortages. Some dispensaries don't expect recreational sales to start again until later this week.

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hard because this isn't fair to him. He could still be learning things."

Some of his medical conditions, including thyroid disease and severe psoriasis, have worsened recently, and she blames the stress he has been under since he finished school last year. Frustrated at being cooped up, he often hands her his coat over and over until she takes him for a drive around the neighborhood. Sometimes he hits himself on the head repeatedly or tries to run away. He has gained a lot of weight.

"You can see the boredom in his eyes," she said.

Nearly 20,000 people with disabilities in Illinois are on a waiting list to receive state aid after they age out of the state's public education system, the Tribune reported last month. Most wait years before they are selected.

While the state is working to reduce the wait time by making funding more readily available, many people are still being left in limbo. Once they are off the list, some like Jason, are being turned away by programs that don't have enough room or staff to handle their needs.

A single mother, Synoga works full time at home. She uses the state aid she receives from the Department of Human Services to pay someone to watch Jason while she keeps searching for a program.

"It's really, really hard," she said. "Every day is a rough day. They're our kids, we want what's best for them. ... What is out there for the low-functioning?"

She said she's considering moving to another state — a decision others in her situation have made.

Illinois ranks among the worst states in the country for how it cares for people with developmental disabilities, according to Ancor, a national association of more than 1,600 private providers of services to people with disabilities. Since 2011, the state has been under a federal court order to do better. The question is, how much better can the state afford to be?

The state spends at least \$400 million a year on services and aid for the developmentally disabled, according to Allison Stark, director of the Human Services Department's division of developmental disabilities. She estimates Illinois would have to double that amount to eliminate the wait for services.

There aren't enough community programs and group homes, said Stark, who served as CEO of a community provider before being hired by the state. Some providers, strapped for resources, are unwilling to accept people who need highly skilled care.

"There has been a significant lack of investment in our community capacity for service providers, so that is a huge component to this problem," Stark told the Tribune. "We want to fund more families and individuals to services, but we need to have services that they can go into that they want."

Advances in medical care are helping people with disabilities live longer, further straining resources, she noted. "I wish I had an easy answer for why Illinois is in the state that we're in," Stark said. "Part of it is that we're now in the process of investing more than we probably have in the past, and there has been a renewed commitment to trying to address the wait list."

'Reasonable pace'

There are roughly 19,500 people on a waiting list the state keeps of those who want state aid and services. About 8,200 of them are actively seeking services and about 11,300 anticipate needing services sometime in the future. Generally, no one under 18 is selected unless there is a "crisis situation" such as homelessness or abuse or neglect, according to Stark.

Under a "reasonable pace" provision in the court order, the state has promised that by 2025, no person will wait more than five years after their 18th birthday to receive state aid to pay for home care, job coaches or other services. The current wait is as long as seven years. Stark said the department is on track to reach its target.

But families will still likely have problems finding programs near them or staffed well enough. A monitor appointed by the federal court has found the department out of compliance several times over the availability and quality of group homes and day programs in some parts of the state. The monitor also found services lacking for people with intense medical, behavioral or physical needs, and inadequate monitoring of services.

Ronnie Cohn, the court monitor, said a study on the quality and availability of community services is underway, with results expected in February. She acknowledged that whittling down the wait list "really is not that meaningful if you have nowhere to go."

Sherri Schneider runs Family Benefit Solutions, an organization



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Nick Redfern, who has autism, is seen with his mother Susan Redfern in their Aurora home in November of last year.



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Charlene Synoga kisses her son, Jason, 23, at their Chicago home. Personal support worker Breanna Hart, left, helps Synoga care for her son.

that helps families navigate the complex benefit system and find services. Selection from the waiting list can feel like "winning the lotto," but the thrill is short-lived for families who struggle to find programs that match their needs.

"They may say they're taking people off the list, but there's not enough services for all these people," Schneider said. "Even though the state is selecting people, they're not creating enough community capacity. ... We have great programs; you just can't get into them or there are not enough programs."

One of Schneider's clients was selected from the waiting list to move her son into a group home. She cares for him alone, and she occasionally is injured by his aggressive behavior. Sometimes

out of public education, according to Garber Bronfeld, co-founder of IPADDUnite, a networking and advocacy group.

"Those with higher needs are often left scrambling for nothing," she said. "All of a sudden, you're 22 and there's nothing."

To help people while they are still on the list, the state Department of Rehabilitation Services offers job training and employment support. The state also funds grants, including the Illinois Lifespan program, which provides information, resources and family support.

But again, the funding, availability and geographic reach are limited, according to Meg Cooch, CEO of Arc of Illinois, another advocacy group.

She said the state has improved

"I want my son to be able to get back to his routine. His whole life has changed so much, he's miserable. ... It's so hard because this isn't fair to him. He could still be learning things."

— Charlene Synoga

he needs to go to the emergency room to be calmed down. The client has spent the last four years contacting and visiting agencies throughout the state, but no one will take him, Schneider said.

'Scrambling for nothing'

There are more than 300 providers of adult services, but the availability and scope differ across the state and even across Chicago.

Nancy Hughes' son Zachary made it off the list months ago when his behavioral problems grew worse. He was physically harming himself and losing skills he had learned in school.

But Hughes said her son hasn't received state funding yet because services must first be in place. "The program options for people on the South Side of Chicago are limited and don't have the capacity to do individual services that many adults with autism need," Hughes complained.

Gary Hake, director of an agency that covers 31 counties in southern Illinois, said service providers there face the same issues. "They're underfunded and having a hard time recruiting staff," he said.

Ellen Garber Bronfeld said it took a year to set up funding for her son to work at Perk Center Cafe in Glenview, a not-for-profit coffee shop that provides employment and vocational training to people with developmental disabilities. It has taken other families she knows two to four years to find agencies that will take them.

Some parents have quit their jobs and sought better services out of state once their children aged

the process in the past year. Families are notified six months before a person is expected to make it off the list so they can at least begin looking and planning.

However, schools differ in how much guidance and preparation they offer to parents as people transition from public education to adult services. In rural areas, especially, there can be a lack of communication between the state, schools and families.

"It's a fragmented system," Cooch said. "The disability services and schools don't always communicate."

June Oosterhoff-Hoops works with the families of 14- to 21-year-old students at the Elim School in Palos Heights to ensure they're on the wait list for services. When they're selected, she helps them choose adult programs in the community.

Since the court order, more of her students are getting access to funding. But a lot of them are being turned away from programs.

"What we're finding is that many of our students get denied based on the fact that programs are saying we just don't have support based on our current funding stream," she said. "It's frustrating for our families to have funding and get denied from multiple placements and they don't know what to do."

'Not a minimum wage job'

Experts in the field say a key problem is the low reimbursement rates the state pays providers.

Caretakers in group homes and

staff at day programs are barely paid minimum wage, which creates a revolving door of staff as administrators struggle to find qualified people.

"This is not a minimum wage job and yet they're getting paid, sometimes, less than minimum wage," said Schneider, of Family Benefit Solutions. "If I can make more at Taco Bell, why would I want to change someone's diaper and help them out? ... It's a very hard job, and people quit."

In Illinois, the average number of people living in a group home is up to the federal maximum of eight, compared with the national average of two to three, Schneider said. The quality of life can suffer in larger group homes because there aren't enough staff to accommodate everyone.

"If there are six people living in a group home and four wish to go bowling, due to low staffing levels it is common for everyone to have to go bowling even if they do not wish to," she said.

One family has tried to move their son from a state-operated developmental center into a community group home three times, Schneider said. Each time he was moved back to the center because he didn't have enough support. One of the times, there was funding for a staff professional to help their son but no funding for a rapid response team in case of a crisis.

"Many organizations are hesitant to serve more difficult cases due to the low rates and the inflexibility of the services that are vital to meet their needs but are not available," Schneider said. "He didn't fail, the system failed him. I believe everyone should be able to live where you want to live and eat when you want to eat and turn the lights on when you want to turn the lights on."

One provider, who asked not to be identified, said the lack of resources forces agencies to make difficult decisions, including the closing of group homes. One of the homes was in Cook County and cared for eight people, several of them with intensive needs who required around-the-clock support.

With only one staff member working in the home at a time, the agency asked administrators to step in and lend a hand to support shifts.

To begin to remedy the issue, the state increased the reimbursement rate by 3.5%, retroactive to July, and initiated a study on rate structure, according to Barry Taylor with Equip for Equality, a major advocate for people with disabilities that's been involved in the legal action. It has also hired an outside consultant make recommendations.

"The state to its credit is now, I think, looking very seriously at an issue that needed looking at for decades," Taylor said. "Obviously the ideal would be that people would receive services as soon as they turn 18, and I wish we were at that point and hopefully we will be that down the road, but what we're trying to do is ensure that this is done responsibly with the capacity."

The governor's office released a statement saying, "it took years to get to where we are today" and that Gov. J.B. Pritzker was "working every day to ensure our government is working for those who need it most." He gave no details.

Crossing state lines

Anne Higley's son was diagnosed with autism when he was 3. For years the family lived in southern Illinois and traveled to St. Louis for his medical care. When he was in seventh grade, they moved to Bloomington, Indi-

ana, in search of a more inclusive school system, better transition services, future employment opportunities and support for their son.

"We pretty much knew we would not receive those things in Illinois," Higley said. "It's a painful lack of services for families."

Finding better options in Indiana, they decided to stay. Higley's son, now 25, attends college where he's studying criminal justice. He has access to tutors and will start receiving waiver services in January, which Higley said will allow him to receive behavioral support services and have someone to help him as a personal assistant.

According to the Department of Human Services, more than 1,353 people were removed from the wait list this year because they moved out of state. It's not known how many of them left in search of better services, but Illinois ranked 44th in a recent report on how well states' Medicaid programs serve people with developmental disabilities and their families.

"We are behind in Illinois comparatively," said Josh Evans, president and CEO of Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities. "But the benefit of being behind is we can look at what other states have done. ... You can't make these changes overnight."

In Michigan, ranked 13th, there is no wait list for community-based services. Special education laws allow people to stay in school until 25. Services are supposed to begin within 14 days of a diagnosis, said Lynn Sutfin with the Michigan Department of Human and Health Services.

Wisconsin coordinates its home and community-based programs for people with developmental disabilities with the physically disabled and the elderly. This creates "a larger pool of funds to generate savings to support the continued expansion of home and community-based services and elimination of the wait list," said Curtis Cunningham, assistant administrator for the state's long-term care benefits and programs.

Wisconsin plans to eliminate the wait list by July 2021, he added.

After the Tribune reported on the length of the wait list, Taylor expressed concern that it would discourage people from signing up. He said those caring for adults with disabilities have more reason to be hopeful than they have in the past.

"I do have hope that the new administration is committed to improving the issues," he said. "But it takes more than just philosophical commitment, it takes resources ... fiscal commitment."

Nick's future

In its story last month, the Tribune wrote about Nick Redfern who had been on the wait list for nearly seven years. Shortly after the story appeared, Nick's mother got the call: Nick would be selected from the list in July.

"Having the letter, having the notification that we can get things going ... there will be some hope again," Susan Redfern said.

While "cautiously optimistic," she is bracing herself for more waiting as she searches for programs willing to take Nick, who needs one-on-one attention.

She wants a program that will allow her son to build relationships with others. "My hope for my son and all the others is that they get things going for them that are useful and fulfilling," Redfern said, "And get them out in the community like everyone else."

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Adam Grunin walks through the lobby of the Rolling Meadows Courthouse on the first day of his trial Tuesday.

Trial in 100-mph Wheeling crash that killed teen begins

Man faces reckless homicide charge in 2018 collision

By George Houde
Chicago Tribune

It was a busy but fun Saturday for Michele Lendino and her two daughters as they drove to a sporting goods store to buy swimsuits and then on to lunch at a well-known hot dog stand in Wheeling. They would stop and pick up Tony Lendino, her husband and father of Alyssa and Amanda, and go on to the Superdawg drive-in on Milwaukee Avenue. It was July 21, 2018, and the Mount Prospect family was enjoying a warm summer day, according to testimony Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court. A year and a half later, Michele Lendino took the witness stand in the trial of the driver accused of smashing into the family vehicle as it was stopped for a light at Milwaukee and Hintz Road in Wheeling. Alyssa was killed. Twelve-year-old Amanda and Tony Lendino were seriously injured. Michele, who was driving, received a facial laceration. Adam Grunin, 32, of Wheeling, who is charged



Michelle and Tony Lendino lost their 16-year-old daughter, Alyssa, in a 2018 crash that also injured another daughter.

with reckless homicide, was driving over 100 mph when he hit the Lendino's Chevy Equinox, prosecutors said. His jury trial began Tuesday in Rolling Meadows branch court. Michele Lendino began weeping softly as Assistant State's Attorney Shilpa Patel asked her to identify photos of Alyssa, a popular 16-year-old Hersey High School student who was on the swim, track and bowling teams. Lendino described the awful sound of the crash and how her vehicle spun around from the impact. "The car stopped," Michele Lendino. "I looked around and thought I had lost my whole family. I started screaming."

The force of the impact shoved the Lendino vehicle into the intersection where it struck a pickup making a left turn. Michele Lendino said she was able to kick open the driver's side door and get out of the car. "I kept screaming," she testified. In opening statements, Assistant State's Attorney Mike Clarke said Grunin was fleeing from another crash that occurred seconds before he struck the Lendino vehicle. In that collision, Grunin's car struck a vehicle driven by a young mother with her two young children in rear child seats and sped off, Clarke said. "Alyssa died because of this man's actions," Clarke

told the jury. Defense attorney Steven Weinberg argued that Grunin suffers from epilepsy and had a seizure as he was driving. He said there was no drug or alcohol involvement in the case and that his client was undergoing evaluation for abnormal brain waves detected six days before the crash. "He had a seizure," Weinberg said. "(Prosecutors say) he was fleeing an accident, but he wasn't able to stop." Grunin was on anti-seizure medication at the time but had no driving restrictions, authorities said. He worked as a third-shift accounting clerk at a hotel, Weinberg said. Other witnesses said they saw Grunin's car traveling south on Milwaukee Avenue "extremely fast" until it struck the rear of the Lendino vehicle. One witness, a truck driver for an appliance store, had dashcam video of the crash that was played for jurors. The trial will continue Wednesday before Judge Joseph Cataldo. Grunin faces up to five years in prison and \$25,000 in fines if convicted of reckless homicide. George Houde is a freelance reporter.

Property tax relief proposals in draft report criticized

Ill. Republicans say their ideas ignored in task force plan

By Jamie Munks
and Dan Petrella

Illinois House Republicans bashed recommendations in a draft report from a legislative task force looking for ways to provide property tax relief, setting the stage for a partisan battle on a major issue facing lawmakers when they return to Springfield later this month. The task force created by the General Assembly last year was supposed to issue its report by Dec. 31 but missed the deadline, with a draft of recommendations from the 90-member panel leaking out Tuesday. The proposals in the draft report are wide-ranging and include recommendations to consolidate school districts, merge units of local government, shorten the life of tax increment financing districts and reexamine the property tax caps that apply to some government entities. But Republicans said the draft — which their leaders on the task force received Dec. 23 — ignored many of their ideas. "Democrats' failure to provide any property tax relief is another clear indication of history repeating itself in Illinois," House GOP leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs said in a statement Tuesday. "With soaring new taxes hitting Illinois families across the state, the time is now to offer real property tax relief and fix this flawed system." Rep. Sam Yingling, the Grayslake Democrat chairing the task force, said Tuesday evening that the draft copy of the report shared with multiple media outlets was not finalized, and was still awaiting edits and input from Republicans. "We want and need input from Republicans," Yingling said. "This has to be done with all four caucuses moving forward, and all input is needed. That's where we left it." Republicans have scheduled a news conference for Wednesday morning to address what they're characterizing as the "Democrat failure" to reduce high property taxes. Chicago Democratic Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a member of the task force, called the property tax issue "enormous" and said earlier Tuesday she hoped it doesn't become a "partisan football." While it's a tough issue to address, "it can be done," Feigenholtz said. "A lot of substantive work has been done, and we should continue to plug along and not get into partisan bickering about it or internal drama." Broad property tax relief has proven a difficult issue for the General Assembly to address. Last spring, lawmakers considered a proposal that would have frozen property tax rates if voters approved a constitutional amendment to restructure the state's income tax collection system, moving to a graduated-rate income tax, and if the state took on a larger share of funding education. Some Democratic lawmakers voiced concern about supporting the graduated income tax, a cornerstone of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's agenda, if it wasn't tied directly to property tax relief. But that measure didn't advance out of the House, and the task force was instead created to find solutions for alleviating the property tax burden on Illinois property owners. The constitutional amendment will be put to voters in November. There was discussion among the four caucuses about taking time beyond the Dec. 31 deadline before issuing the final recommendations, Yingling said. "Given the weight of this topic, the four caucuses had decided to take more time before releasing the final report," Yingling said. In a message to House Republicans last week, Durkin said the final report should go before the full task force for consideration before being submitted to the General Assembly. jmunks@chicagotribune.com dpetrella@chicagotribune.com

Chicagoans mobilize, seek donations after earthquake hits Puerto Rico

By Jessica Villagomez

Chicagoans have once again mobilized in an effort to send aid to Puerto Ricans after a strong earthquake near the island's southwestern coast caused power outages and a series of collapsed homes in nearby towns early Tuesday. The 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Puerto Rico before dawn Tuesday, killing at least one man and injuring eight other people in the southern part of the island, The Associated Press reported. The quake is part of a series of tremors

along southern Puerto Rico over the last 10 days, according to seismologists, who have not been able to predict when the quakes will stop or what their severity could be. The bulk of the damage is in the southern coastal region, from Ponce west to the municipalities of Yauco, Guayanilla, Lajas and Guánica. Puerto Rico's main airport and hospital have been operating normally, using generator power. Blackouts and continued tremors have reignited fears from Hurricane Maria in 2017, when large parts of

the island lost power for months. Cristina Pacione-Zayas, a co-chair of the Puerto Rican Agenda of Chicago, said the organization learned from its fundraising efforts in 2017 and is prepared to send aid as soon as possible. "A lot of the issues (from Hurricane Maria) kept us vigilant. Rebuilding the island has been an ongoing effort," she said. Pacione-Zayas said the organization has a representative on the island and is communicating with local nonprofits and municipal governments to assess

the damage and the best ways Chicagoans can help. The organization is seeking monetary donations because it found them to be most effective during hurricane relief efforts, Pacione-Zayas said. "We learned that physical resources can't be moved swiftly or be strategic in instances like this. Sometimes they just need an influx of dollars," she said. Online donations can be made at at www.puertoricanchicago.org starting Tuesday afternoon. The quakes first began

Dec. 28 along the southwest region in Lajas Valley, Montalva Point and the Guayanilla Canyon, according to seismologists. A 5.8 magnitude quake collapsed an estimated five homes in Guánica early Monday and heavily damaged dozens of others. The quake was followed by a string of smaller temblors. The Puerto Rican Agenda is seeking to aid Guánica, where the group has heard rumors of a collapsed school building. Pacione-Zayas said much of the island had just started to rebuild structures destroyed by Hurricane Maria and the earthquakes have hindered that progress. In addition to the physical damages, Pacione-Zayas said that residents on the island may struggle with continued trauma and "high-intensity fear" during a natural disaster. "The saddening thing about it is that the island is still recovering," she said. Associated Press contributed. jvillagomez@chicagotribune.com Twitter @JessicaVillag

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The only exceptions would be for the demolition of unsafe buildings or to accommodate affordable housing developments.

“Mayor Lightfoot is committed to working with the City Council to expand affordable housing in a way that considers the unique needs of every community,” mayoral spokeswoman Eugenia Orr said in an emailed statement. “After review of the proposed ordinance, there were questions and concerns about the alderman’s proposal, as it would unilaterally ban zoning changes in areas near the 606, as well as halt any building permits in the area. We remain engaged in conversations with Alderman Maldonado and other aldermen in the area regarding potential changes to the draft ordinance.”

Maldonado and Ramirez-Rosa said the freeze would provide time to formulate long-term policies to slow or stop the loss of lower- and middle-income residents to rising home prices, property taxes and rents near The 606.

The 2.7-mile recreational trail, also known the Bloomingdale Trail, was built atop abandoned rail lines. Since opening in 2015, it has been embraced by Chicago bicyclists, joggers and pedestrians. Developers, home sellers and real estate investors also have taken notice.

A study by the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University found that in a large portion of the proposed moratorium area, median home prices rose from \$97,000 in 2012 to \$461,500 in mid-2019.

The area affected by the



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An aerial view of The 606 trail in Chicago on 2015 shows the western end of the trail looking east toward downtown Chicago.

proposal would be from Western Avenue on the eastern one-third of the trail to Kostner Avenue a few blocks west of the trailhead. The zone would extend about a half-mile north of the trail to Palmer Street and a half-mile south to Hirsch Street. The proposal was an alternative to a previous idea to impose steep demolition and deconversion fees near the trail. That proposed ordinance was tabled because of concerns from the city’s law and planning departments about whether it would withstand legal

challenges.

The aldermen previously told the Tribune the new measure is needed to stop the teardowns and redevelopment of two- and three-flat buildings into large single-family homes while measures are devised to preserve affordable housing in the area.

It’s unclear when the vote on a revised version of the ordinance might occur, but it will be after the Feb. 1 effective date initially proposed.

Maldonado and Ramirez-Rosa did not respond to requests for comment

Tuesday.

Since details of the proposal emerged, critics have questioned whether the moratorium would reduce housing costs, or if it would instead reduce the available supply of housing and thus push up costs. Opponents also said it could push high-priced housing development into other areas, among other unintended consequences.

There also are questions about the fairness of stopping current owners from redeveloping their properties — or selling them to developers — while others

have cashed in by selling real estate in the area.

“To have a moratorium on this large an area of the city, for nothing more than a political agenda, it’s bad for the city and bad for the tax base,” said George Haldes, a real estate broker and landlord who grew up less than 100 feet from what is now The 606. “People that own property and live there, they should be allowed to sell their house and downsize, move to a warmer climate or whatever. This moratorium will prevent them from selling at a market rate.”

Haldes owns residential and commercial properties within the proposed moratorium zone, including his boyhood home, where his daughter now lives. He applauded Lightfoot’s move to hold up the ordinance.

“It protects the city from having to defend that ordinance from a legal challenge,” Haldes said. “And if there is a legal challenge in state or federal court, I believe the ordinance would be overturned.”

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Seclusion

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December 2018. Reports showed that students, most of them with behavioral, emotional and intellectual disabilities, were often isolated and restrained as punishment in violation of state law.

Reporters reviewed more than 50,000 pages of incident reports showing that while in seclusion, children cried to be let out, tried to pry open the doors, and urinated and defecated. School workers kept logs of the incidents and often included the children’s own words as they promised to behave and screamed for their parents.

“Some of the specifics in those articles were truly horrifying and we need ... to do what we can to protect students in the classrooms,” said Illinois Sen. Ann Gillespie, D-Arlington Heights, sponsor of the Senate legislation that would ban seclusion.

The day after the investigation was published, state education officials banned schools from putting students in locked seclusion rooms alone. The emergency rules initially also banned face-down restraints on the floor, known as prone restraints, but a later amendment allowed them temporarily in emergencies until school employees get training on other techniques. Proposed permanent rules would take effect this spring.

“The bottom line is the only reason this is happening is because we had a newspaper that came out and showed how atrocious things were that were being done,” said Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison.

At Tuesday’s hearing, some lawmakers questioned whether there are times when schools should be able to use seclusion “therapeutically,” including when a staff member is with a student.

“There’s no evidence that shows seclusion rooms are effective for disciplinary actions nor for therapeutic intervention — like, zero,” Kyle Hillman, director of legislative affairs for the National Association of Social Workers, told legislators. He urged the lawmakers to ban seclusion altogether rather than making exceptions or special allowances.

“If a single mother, particularly of color, was lock-



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Outlawing school seclusion, as well as rules by the state board, is crucial, said Zena Naiditch, right, with Deborah Kennedy of the disabilities watchdog group Equip for Equality.



State Sen. Ann Gillespie, D-Arlington Heights, the sponsor of the Senate legislation that would ban seclusion, asks questions at Tuesday’s hearing.

ing their child in a closet, standing outside while the child was screaming, defecating itself repeatedly, this body would be asking for criminal charges,” Hillman said. “This is happening in our schools, and we’re looking for ways to still make this possible for them to do it.”

Instead, state officials should be adding social workers, behavioral experts and other trained staff to schools, and requiring more and better training on how to help students in crisis, according to educators, advocates and a parent who spoke at the hearing.

The proposed legislation in both the Illinois House and Senate would make the use of seclusion in schools illegal. Having a law in addition to the rules set by the state board is crucial, Naiditch told lawmakers, “so that over time, when the spotlight disappears, we don’t have the schools and educators and (the Illinois State Board of Education) in

the future weakening those protections.”

Several people who testified urged lawmakers to ensure that schools are held accountable if they violate the law.

While a 20-year-old Illinois law required schools to document incidents of seclusion and restraint, it did not require that the information be provided to state education officials. The emergency rules announced in November now require schools to alert ISBE within two days of using seclusion or restraint. School districts also were required by Dec. 20 to send the board data on their use of seclusion and restraint dating back two school years.

ISBE officials said they received thousands of emails from schools with data and other records that will be used to look for worrisome patterns, said ISBE legal officer Trisha Olson. ISBE officials also are considering whether to

ask the state for funding to create a new department that would investigate complaints about seclusion and restraint and other issues.

State education officials are currently investigating complaints against nine school districts. The governor’s office filed eight complaints against seven districts named in the ProPublica Illinois-Tribune report, and ISBE opened another investigation last month based on a complaint that a school this past fall was unnecessarily restraining students in their seats with lap belts and causing distress.

A school’s funding can be affected if ISBE finds it was at fault. State investigators also can refer individual employees to law enforcement if they believe they committed crimes against children.

Some lawmakers were incredulous that the state board had not previously been monitoring seclusion, even though the last time

the U.S. Department of Education calculated state-level seclusion totals, in 2013-14, Illinois had the most incidents of any state. Illinois education officials have said the law did not require schools to alert them about their use of seclusion and restraint.

“You mean to tell me we’ve known this for the last four or five years and we haven’t done anything about it? Where is the oversight, right? Who is going to make sure they monitor what’s going on and enforce this?” asked Rep. Fred Crespo, D-Streamwood, vice chairman of the House education committee.

Some educators asked lawmakers to clarify what they were seeking to ban, specifically asking about spaces where children can go voluntarily to calm down and where there can be weighted blankets, swings and other tools to help. Those spaces typically are called movement or sensory rooms.

“Our schools have many children with sensory needs that use sensory tools and access therapeutic space to support emotional regulation. Would this type of service to the student be no longer available to them?” asked Sally Sover with the Illinois Association of Private Special Education Centers, which represents about 50 schools that serve students with autism, aggressive behavior and other disabilities.

Sensory rooms and other calming areas students use voluntarily and with an adult are allowed in Illinois schools, according to a 31-page document that ISBE provided to schools last month to guide them on the use of seclusion and restraint.

The agency’s proposed rules would require that staff members receive eight hours of training annually that includes de-escalation and trauma-informed care. Some educators said that’s not enough.

“We see that as wholly insufficient,” said Dan Montgomery, president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers. “When you are not trained fully, repeatedly, consistently over time, when bad things happen, emotions kick in and that’s when things really go haywire.”

Officials from the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance, which advocates for school administrators and school boards, suggested that seclusion is

appropriate for some types of children and told legislators that the schools spotlighted in “The Quiet Rooms” weren’t representative of most schools. That drew a rebuke from Rep. Jonathan Carroll, D-Northbrook, who shared a personal story of his own traumatic experience with seclusion as a child.

“I don’t think it’s productive for us to start circling the wagons and protecting our members. I understand why you’re on the defensive,” he said.

The Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization in Mount Prospect was the only school to have a representative speak on seclusion and restraint. Superintendent Judy Hackett asked lawmakers to take a “balanced approach” and emphasized the need for mental health services and other help.

The district documented putting students in seclusion 1,086 times from September 2017 through early December 2018, according to the ProPublica Illinois-Tribune analysis. During the same period, students were physically restrained more than 2,000 times. District officials did not respond to a request for comment last month about the findings.

A 20-year-old man who attended the hearing said he hadn’t planned to speak but told how he was physically restrained against a wall at his suburban school — an experience he said continues to affect him. Joey Magyar, who now lives in Elk Grove Village, even acted out the restraint so lawmakers would retain that image and understand how helpless he felt.

A parent also shared her story, speaking about her daughter and the need for reform.

“It’s a complex issue with many, many layers, and it has been a crisis for the most vulnerable children for many, many years,” said Vanessa Fawley, of Wilmette, who said her daughter has autism. Fawley is also an advocate with an organization called Latinas United in Love for Autism.

“You need to listen to the parents,” she said. “You need to listen to us. As parents, we live it every day.”

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McConnell secures GOP trial votes

Senate leader says plan on witnesses will be made later

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WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday that he has secured the Republican votes needed to start President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial and postpone a decision on witnesses or documents that Democrats want.

McConnell is expected to launch the third impeachment trial in the nation’s history as soon as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sends the articles of impeachment to the Senate.

“We have the votes,” McConnell told reporters. He said the question of new witnesses will be addressed later “and not before the trial begins.”

The GOP leader told senators at their closed-door lunch Tuesday that he has support for his plan, which is modeled after President Bill Clinton’s impeachment trial 20 years ago. It would start the trial first and postpone votes on witnesses until later in the process.

“He has 51 (votes), for sure,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a top ally of the president, exiting the meeting. Republicans hold the majority in the Senate 53-47.

Democrats are ramping up pressure on Republicans to insist on hearing from former national security adviser John Bolton and other witnesses, and not to go along with McConnell’s



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Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is expected to start the trial as soon as the House sends the articles of impeachment.

proposal to postpone voting on new testimony.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer called it a “trap” and a “cover-up.”

“Whoever heard of a trial without witnesses and documents?” Schumer, D-N.Y.

He asked Trump what he has to hide. “Witnesses and documents: fair trial. No witnesses and documents: cover-up.”

Just four GOP senators would be needed to deny McConnell his majority, but he appears to have locked up the votes. GOP leaders conducted a whip count Tuesday to gauge support. Several GOP senators have indicated they want to hear from Bolton and other wit-

nesses, but they are standing with McConnell’s plan for starting the trial.

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, said Tuesday that the Clinton process “provided a pathway” to start the trial and consider witnesses “down the road.” He said he supports it.

“I’m comfortable with that process,” Romney said. “And at this stage, I’d like to hear from John Bolton and other witnesses with the right information, but that process will accommodate that.”

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, has also said she supports McConnell’s approach. Others say they are not sure they even need to hear from Bolton or other

witnesses, blaming the House for not forcing them to testify. Trump had instructed White House officials not to comply with the House investigation.

“It’s not that I don’t want to hear from him,” Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., said. “I want to hear from him when the House is willing to do their work and have the same agreement with the ambassador on their side of the Hill.”

Trump faces charges that he abused the power of the presidency by pressuring Ukraine’s new leader to investigate Democrats, using as leverage \$400 million in military assistance that is critical for the ally as it counters Russia at its bor-

der. The funding for Ukraine was eventually released but only after Congress intervened.

From the Oval Office, where Trump was meeting with the prime minister of Greece, he railed against the impeachment proceedings, as he often does, as “a totally partisan hoax witch hunt.”

Trump insisted “there was absolutely nothing done wrong” in his interactions with Ukraine.

Republicans are expected to acquit Trump of the charges, but Democrats say fresh evidence, including Bolton’s willingness to testify, only increases pressure for new witnesses and documents.

Bolton apparently com-

pared the administration’s actions toward Ukraine to a “drug deal” he wanted no part of, a shadow diplomacy being concocted by the acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and Ambassador Gordon Sondland, according to House testimony.

Bolton left the administration in September.

Democrats also want documents about the withheld aid to Ukraine that the White House refused to turn over to House investigators, defying congressional subpoenas.

With a 53-seat majority, McConnell has only loose control over the impeachment proceedings, where decisions on witnesses or documents can be made with a 51-vote majority.

Pressure will mount on senators up for reelection from swing states in 2020, including Collins, Tillis, Iowa GOP Sen. Joni Ernst and Colorado GOP Sen. Cory Gardner, who are being closely watched for their votes by a deeply divided country. Protesters are showing up at the Capitol.

McConnell deflected a question Tuesday on whether Trump acted appropriately with Ukraine, saying he had nothing more to add on that issue. He acknowledged the votes on witnesses and documents will be “the most contentious” part of the proceedings. “There will be, I’m sure, intense discussion,” he said.

The GOP leader has come under criticism for saying he was not an impartial juror but rather was working in total coordination with the White House on the trial strategy.



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A house wobbles after a 6.4 quake hit near the island Tuesday in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico.

6.4 quake hits Puerto Rico in heavy seismic activity

By DANICA COTO
Associated Press

GUAYANILLA, Puerto Rico — Thousands of people fled their homes on Puerto Rico’s southwest coast on Tuesday after a 10-day string of earthquakes crescendoed in a powerful magnitude 6.4 tremor that crushed an elderly man, injured at least eight other people and sent buildings tumbling to the ground.

Hours after the predawn quake cut power to the entire U.S. territory, a large swath of southern Puerto Rico was shaken by smaller quakes late into Tuesday afternoon. Seismologists said there was no way of knowing when the series of quakes would ease, prompting Puerto Ricans to stay with friends or family or sleep outdoors far from the coast, fearful of collapsing buildings or a tsunami.

“I’m stringing up my hammock,” said Miguel Santana, a 38-year-old resident of the southwest coastal town of Guayanilla.

Alexandra Colberg, 27, moved out of her deeply cracked home in the nearby town of Guanica with her

husband and four children, packing their mattresses, a refrigerator, a set of curtains and their clothes into two pickup trucks.

“What do I do with this?” asked her 9-year-old son, holding a tiny pink bucket with a pet fish that survived the earthquake.

“We need to go, because if not, we could end up falling down there,” Colberg said as she gestured to the ground floor from the second story of her home. She and her family soon left for the mountain town of Hormigueros, where Colberg’s grandmother lives.

Most of the damage occurred in Guanica, where a three-story school collapsed. Preparing to start a 12-hour shift to protect it from looters was Maria Mercedes Alcazar, a 63-year-old private security guard who said she didn’t fear earthquakes, but her children, aged 37 and 42, were jittery.

A friend who dropped Alcazar off at the school, 49-year-old construction worker Mario Cruz, said he remains terrified.

“I’m not right, emotionally,” he said. “I don’t want to feel another one.”

The morning quake cut

electricity to the island as power plants shut down to protect themselves. Authorities said two plants suffered light damage and they expected power to be restored later Tuesday. Puerto Rico’s main airport was operating normally, using generator power.

Puerto Rico’s governor, Wanda Vazquez, declared a state of emergency and activated the territory’s National Guard. She said about 300,000 households remained without running water late Tuesday, and several hundred people were in shelters.

“We’re talking about an event that Puerto Rico hasn’t experienced in 102 years, and we’re talking about something that we can’t predict,” she said.

Tuesday’s quake was the strongest to hit Puerto Rico since October 1918, when a magnitude 7.3 quake struck near the island’s northwest coast, unleashing a tsunami and killing 116 people.

Puerto Rico is in an area prone to quakes, but Tuesday’s quake was unusual because it struck just off the southern coast, said John Bellini, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado.

US says Flynn deserves up to 6 months in prison

By ERIC TUCKER
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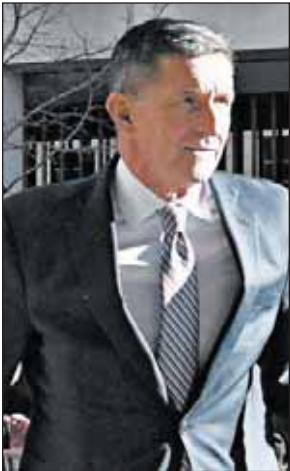
WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s former national security adviser Michael Flynn deserves up to six months behind bars, the Justice Department said Tuesday, reversing its earlier position that he was entitled to avoid prison time because of his extensive cooperation with prosecutors.

The government’s sentencing memo is a sharp rebuke to Flynn’s new legal team, which for months has attacked special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation and accused prosecutors of withholding information that they said was favorable to their client. A judge rejected those arguments last month.

Any prison sentence for Flynn would continue a precipitous fall for the former Army lieutenant general, who after a long career in Iraq and Afghanistan was entrusted with shaping the Trump administration’s national security policy but became entangled early on in the FBI’s investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and Russia. Flynn, who led “Lock Her Up” chants directed at Hillary Clinton during the Republican National Convention, is the only former White House official to have been charged in Mueller’s Russia investigation.

The sentencing recommendation bookends Flynn’s path from valued, high-level government co-operator to a defendant who prosecutors say no longer deserves any credit for helping the government.

“Indeed, the government has reason to believe, through representations by the defendant’s counsel, that the defendant has retreated from his acceptance of responsibility in this case regarding his lies



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The U.S. attorney says ex-Trump adviser Michael Flynn should go to prison.

to the FBI,” prosecutors wrote in seeking a sentence of up to six months.

“For that reason, the government asks this Court to inquire of the defendant as to whether he maintains those apparent statements of innocence or whether he disavows them and fully accepts responsibility for his criminal conduct,” they added.

Sidney Powell, a lawyer for Flynn, did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. Defense lawyers will submit their own filing later this month.

Flynn was to have been sentenced in December 2018 for lying to the FBI about his conversations with the then-Russian ambassador to the United States, including about his request that Russia not escalate tensions with the U.S. in response to sanctions imposed by the Obama administration for election interference.

But the hearing was abruptly postponed midway through at Flynn’s request after scathing criticism from U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan raised the prospect that he might send him to prison, even though prosecutors hadn’t recommended that punishment. Flynn asked that the hearing be put off

so that he could continue cooperating with prosecutors in hopes of avoiding any prison time.

The case has taken a tumultuous turn since then.

The Justice Department opted not to have Flynn testify in the Virginia trial of a former business associate, saying that just before trial, he had changed his account and contradicted his own past statements. The decision denied Flynn a chance to be credited for that cooperation.

He also fired his lawyers and replaced them with new ones who have taken a strikingly contentious stance toward Mueller’s investigation, accusing FBI agents of effectively entrapping Flynn when they interviewed him at the White House and saying prosecutors had withheld documents and other information favorable to Flynn. Sullivan rejected each of the defense arguments in a lengthy opinion last month.

Flynn was seen as an important figure in the FBI’s investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia. He was interviewed at the White House days after Trump was inaugurated and pressed about his conversations during the presidential transition period with then-Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.

Flynn is one of a half dozen Trump associates charged in the Mueller investigation, and at the time of his December 2017 guilty plea, he was the closest adviser to agree to cooperate with the probe. All six have either pleaded guilty or been found guilty in a jury trial. Mueller found substantial contacts between Trump aides and Russia, but did not ultimately allege a criminal conspiracy to tip the 2016 election.

Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 28.

Iran

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amid the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. It houses about 1,500 U.S. and coalition forces.

State TV said the operation's name was "Martyr Soleimani."

It said the Guard's aerospace division that controls Iran's missile program launched the attack. Iran said it would release more information later.

The U.S. acknowledged another missile attack on a base in Irbil in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region.

An official said 15 missiles were fired in total at the al-Asad and Irbil bases. Ten struck al-Asad, one hit Irbil and four missiles failed to hit their targets.

U.S. officials have been bracing for Iran to respond to the killing of its most powerful general, noting heightened military readiness in the country and preparing for a possible "tit-for-tat" attempt on the life of an American military commander.

They warned ships across Mideast waterways crucial to global energy supplies about the "possibility of Iranian action" against U.S. maritime interests in the region.

Trump ordered the Jan. 3 strike against Soleimani, head of Iran's elite Quds Force, after the death of an American contractor in Iraq and the storming of the U.S. Embassy compound in Baghdad.

U.S. embassies and consulates from Asia to Africa and Europe have issued security alerts for Americans.

The U.S. Air Force launched a drill with 52 fighter jets in Utah.

Mourning in Iran took a deadly turn Tuesday when a stampede took place in Soleimani's hometown of Kerman as his coffin was being borne through the city in southeastern Iran, said Pirhossein Koulivand, head of Iran's emergency medical services.

According to Iranian news reports at least 56



ARASH KHAMOOSHI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Mourners light candles at a vigil Tuesday for Gen. Qassem Soleimani in Tehran, Iran. Soleimani was killed in a U.S. drone attack Friday.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Troops secure facilities at al-Asad Air Base during a presidential visit in 2018. Iran fired missiles at the base and another one in Irbil. There is no official word on casualties.

people were killed and more than 200 were injured as thousands thronged the procession.

Soleimani's burial was delayed because of concerns about the huge crowd

at the cemetery, the semiofficial ISNA news agency said.

Trump and his top advisers have also been under pressure to disclose more detail about the intelligence

that led him to order the killing of Soleimani.

So far, Trump and top national security officials have justified the airstrike with general statements about the threat posed by

Soleimani, who commanded proxy forces outside Iran and was responsible for the deaths of American troops in Iraq.

But the details have been scarce.

Trump said his decision saved American lives and that members of Congress will be briefed on the reasons for the U.S. attack.

"We saved a lot of lives," Trump said. "They were planning something."

Senators will receive a briefing Wednesday. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, CIA Director Gina Haspel and Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are expected to speak. The House is also expected to be briefed this week.

Pompeo said it was clear that Soleimani was continuing his efforts to build a network of activities "that

were going to lead potentially to the death of many more Americans."

Meanwhile, the U.S. said it would not issue a visa to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif to attend a U.N. meeting this week.

The U.S., which has severely restricted the movements of Iranian diplomats in New York in the past, contends there was not enough time to process the visa request. As the host of the U.N. headquarters, the U.S. is supposed to allow foreign officials to attend such meetings.

"This is because they fear someone will go there and tell the truth to the American people," Zarif said. "But they are mistaken. The world is not limited to New York. You can speak with American people from Tehran, too, and we will do that."

Soleimani's killing risks US push to end IS revival

Americans shifting focus to protecting troops, embassy

BY ROBERT BURNS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's national security team knew that killing Iran's most powerful general could hurt efforts to mop up and head off any revival of the Islamic State militant group — and that is just what has happened.

Days after Gen. Qassem Soleimani was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad, the U.S. troops in Iraq to fight the Islamic State are now focused on their own defense, guarding American bases and the U.S. Embassy from an expected Iranian response. The fight against the militants is now on hold, and a Trump foreign policy achievement is in doubt.

"When we looked at this operation we knew there would be consequences," said Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "We knew there'd be risk."



Milley

But he said the threat of attack on U.S. interests was too great to not act.

The Islamic State, called IS, evolved in Syria after U.S. troops withdrew from Iraq in 2011; its fighters swept back across the border in 2014, captured wide swathes of western and northern Iraq and imposed brutal rule over a self-declared "caliphate."

A U.S.-led coalition ousted the group from the last of its territory in Syria in March 2019, but thousands of fighters scattered throughout the region.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper agreed Tuesday that "the suspension of activities in Iraq" against IS was foreseen as a possible outcome of killing of Soleimani.

Two days after a missile launched from a U.S. drone killed the general in Baghdad on Jan. 3, shortly after he arrived, the U.S.-led military coalition in Iraq announced a pause in its yearslong partnership with Iraqi forces against IS remnants. The focus shifted to protecting coalition troops and the U.S. Embassy, in

anticipation that Iran would try to avenge Soleimani's death by attacking.

Ketti Davison, a retired Army intelligence officer with experience in Iraq, said there is no doubt that the fight against the militants has been undercut.

"The counter-ISIS campaign was already strained," said Davison, an intelligence expert at the Institute for the Study of War. The effort in Syria has been hampered since Turkey invaded northern Syria in October, complicating U.S. cooperation with Kurdish fighters and giving the Russian military a wider role in the country.

Russian President Vladimir Putin showed up Tuesday in Damascus for a meeting with President Bashar Assad. Official statements during the previously unannounced visit made no mention of Soleimani, but the timing was conspicuous.

The Iraq campaign also has been sidetracked by recent civil unrest that diverted the attention of Iraqi security forces previously focused on IS.

"The counter-ISIS mission is truly at risk, not just in the short term," Davison



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Syrian President Bashar Assad, left, meets Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday in Damascus. The timing of the previously unannounced visit has raised a few eyebrows.

said, adding, "It's hard to see how we can stay on the offensive with our Iraqi partners to defeat ISIS in this kind of circumstance."

To complicate matters further, the U.S. military presence in Iraq forms the logistical support foundation for U.S. efforts in neighboring Syria.

The U.S. has 650 to 750 troops in eastern Syria working with the Syrian Democratic Forces to continue the fight against the Islamic State. It was unclear Tuesday the extent to which the suspension of U.S. and coalition support operations in Iraq will limit operations in Syria. Esper

said he has received no indication from commanders of a "material impact" in Syria.

Trump called Soleimani "a monster" who deserved to be killed, adding that Soleimani was planning "a very big attack." He and others have said U.S. intelligence showed that danger clearly, but they have not provided details.

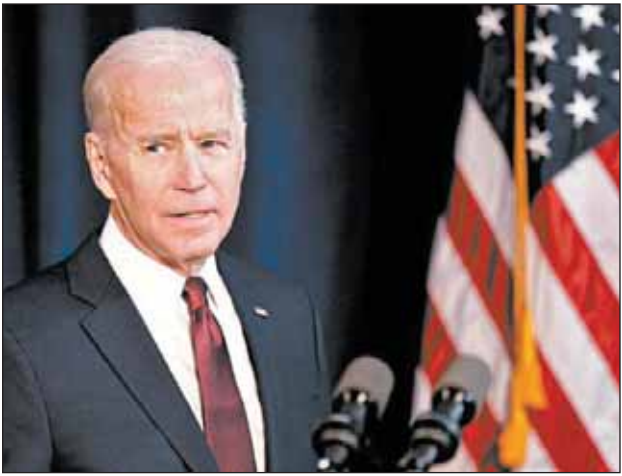
And in the aftermath, the durability of the defeat of IS is in doubt, and the group has new breathing room.

Although the U.S. military during the Obama administration developed and began executing the strategy that eventually elimi-

nated the IS group's hold on large portions of eastern Syria and northern and western Iraq, Trump has insisted he deserves full credit for the territorial defeat. He has made it a feature of his reelection campaign, but national security experts say the group's remnants in Syria as well as Iraq are still a threat and could stage a comeback.

That is why the U.S. and its coalition partners have remained in Iraq. Iran's longtime goal has been to force the U.S. out, giving it a freer hand there.

The U.S. had about 5,200 troops in Iraq before the Soleimani killing.



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Former Vice President Joe Biden said President Donald Trump did not have a clear Iran policy.

Biden: Trump is 'dangerously incompetent'

BY BILL BARROW

Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden said Tuesday that President Donald Trump's escalation of tensions with Iran proves him to be "dangerously incompetent" and puts the U.S. on the brink of war.

Speaking in New York, Biden said Trump used a "haphazard" decision-making process to order the killing of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani and has failed to communicate the

rationale to Congress or U.S. allies around the world. Biden said Trump instead offered "tweets, threats and tantrums" that prove the Republican president to be "dangerously incompetent and incapable of world leadership."

"Democracy runs on accountability," Biden said, urging Trump to consult with Congress on acts of war, as required by the Constitution.

The former vice president's remarks were part of his second major foreign

policy address of the campaign. This one comes less than a month before the Feb. 3 Iowa caucuses begin.

But the moment presents challenges for the 77-year-old candidate with nearly five decades in Washington.

Progressives hoping to make the world less militaristic point to Biden's 2002 vote authorizing the U.S. invasion of Iraq, suggesting that muddies his warnings about another Middle Eastern war. Alternately, Trump and Republicans cast Biden as indecisive or weak, seiz-

ing on his opposition to the 1991 U.S. mission that drove Iraq out of Kuwait and his reluctance about the raid that killed Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden in 2011, when Biden was President Barack Obama's No. 2.

Biden himself has been inconsistent in his pitch to voters, confident that criticism of Trump and contrasts with less-seasoned Democrats are enough.

In Iowa last weekend, Biden called the Iran crisis "totally of Donald Trump's making."

When democracy is loosely translated

US seen to prop up problematic leaders in Latin America

By **TRACY WILKINSON AND PATRICK J. McDONNELL**
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A president in Latin America skirts term limits to run for office again.

He wins, but allegations the election was rigged ignite mass street protests.

A team from the hemisphere's main diplomatic body — the Organization of American States — finds widespread fraud and recommends new elections.

That chain of events unfolded in recent years in both Honduras and Bolivia.

But when it came to the U.S. response in each place, the Trump administration appeared less concerned about fraud than another question: Was the leader in question friend or foe?

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo recently described its Latin America policy as “realism, restraint and respect.”

“I’m proud of what we’ve done in the region,” he said in a speech last month. “There is more democratic cooperation in our hemisphere today than at any point in history, and we’re proud of the fact that we have been a part of helping them get to that place.”

But current and former U.S. officials say the administration’s stated goals of supporting democracy and fighting corruption in Latin America have been subsumed by the outside influence of ideologues inside the White House.

Geopolitical concerns, of course, have often beat out principle when it comes to U.S. policy in Latin America, most notably when the region was a Cold War battleground.

Now as then, experts say, the pursuit of short-term political gains such as certain election results has the potential to waste U.S. mon-



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Police detain backers of former President Evo Morales last year in Bolivia. Washington declared support for his successor.

ey, prop up corrupt or oppressive governments and undermine U.S. authority in the region.

U.S. government actions “are no longer grounded in coherent policy,” said Benjamin Gedan, a former National Security Council official who is deputy director of the Latin America program at the nonpartisan Wilson Center think tank in Washington. “The real credibility problem here is for U.S. foreign policy.”

That could make it difficult for the administration to deal with the unrest now sweeping many parts of Latin America — from Chileans protesting economic inequality to Colombians demanding an end to corruption and violence.

The contrast between its handling of election fallout in Honduras and the nearly identical scenario in Bolivia offers a stark lesson in how the Trump administration

approaches the region.

Even as votes were being counted in Honduras in December 2017, the U.S. congratulated Juan Orlando Hernandez on victory.

The endorsement, which came despite OAS recommendations for new balloting because of rampant election fraud, shocked numerous Latin American leaders as well as Democratic lawmakers in the United States.

In a briefing at the time, a senior State Department official falsely contended that the OAS was changing its assessment about malfeasance and that the U.S. recognition of Hernandez was appropriate.

The U.S. stance was widely seen as a reward for Hernandez, a right-wing politician who has played by the U.S. rules and heaped praise on President Trump. He had complied with U.S. demands to help cut off the

flow of immigrants into the United States.

And days after the election, Honduras became one of only a handful of countries that voted with the U.S. in the United Nations in support of Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv.

Trump has continued support for Hernandez, who visited senior administration officials in Washington last month despite having been named by federal officials as a co-conspirator in his brother’s drug-trafficking trial.

A Manhattan court in October found Tony Hernandez guilty of running a “state-sanctioned” multimillion-dollar operation funneling drugs into the United States. Juan Orlando Hernandez has denied involvement.

The U.S. approach to Bo-

livia after its presidential election Oct. 20 could not have been more different.

There, the Trump administration opposed Evo Morales, the left-wing indigenous leader who has frequently denounced what he considers U.S. “imperialism” in the region.

The U.S. embraced OAS findings denouncing election fraud and celebrated when Morales fled the country Nov. 12 after losing support of the military — a departure his supporters call a military coup.

Trump administration officials quickly congratulated Bolivia on its ouster of Morales and heaped praise on Jeanine Anez, a conservative senator who waved a Bible and declared herself interim president while future elections are arranged.

There is still no date for another election, while the interim government has moved to reestablish diplo-

matic relations with Washington, expel dozens of Cubans and cut ties with the socialist government in Venezuela.

“We support @JeanineAnez in Bolivia as she works to ensure a peaceful democratic transition through free elections,” Trump tweeted Dec. 17. “We denounce the ongoing violence and those that provoke it both in Bolivia and from afar. The U.S. stands with the people of the region for peace and democracy!”

Gedan, of the Wilson Center, said that while the Bolivian election appeared to be seriously flawed, the administration rushed to judgment without adequate examination of the evidence. “They treated the findings (prematurely) as gospel,” he said.

Venezuela, which plays a far bigger role than Honduras or Bolivia in the region’s geopolitics, has presented an entirely different set of challenges to the United States.

The Trump administration would like to remove Nicolas Maduro, Venezuela’s socialist leader, in the name of restoring democracy.

But, thanks to the loyalty of the military, Maduro has been able to hang on to power despite helping drive the country into economic crisis and a concerted U.S. effort to prop up an opposition-led government.

Venezuelan security services were systematically groomed in ideology under Maduro and, more important, the late Hugo Chavez, a former army commander who ruled the country from 1999 until his death in 2013.

Francisco Santos, the Colombian ambassador to Washington who has been active in the Venezuela crisis, contrasted the situation with Bolivia, where the chief of the armed forces turned against Morales.

“There has been some fracturing in Venezuela, but the top guys are still there,” he said.

Mexico City residents rattled by plastic bag ban

New law has people returning to old ways to carry purchases

By **DIEGO DELGADO**
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — For centuries, Mexico City residents brought warm tortillas home in reusable cloths or woven straw baskets, and toted others foods in conical rolls of paper, “ayate” mesh or net bags, or even string bundles.

People in Mexico’s sprawling capital city may have to return to those old ways: With the new year, a new law took effect banning the plastic bags that became ubiquitous over the last 30 years. Some say they are ready and willing, and grocery stores are promising to promote reusable synthetic fiber bags, but others are struggling to get their minds around how the ban will work in practice.

“We have a very rich history in ways to wrap things,” said Claudia Hernandez, the city’s director of environmental awareness. “We are finding that people are returning to baskets, to cucuruchos,” she said, referring to cone-shaped rolls of paper once used to wrap

loose bulk goods like nuts, chips or seeds.

Some Mexico City residents still use traditional ayate bags, or tortilla towels or baskets, and many — especially the elderly — pull two-wheeled, folding shopping baskets through grocery stores. Some merchants still use old sardine cans to measure out bulk goods.

Under the new law, grocery stores will be fined if they give out plastic bags. Most are offering reusable shopping bags made of thick plastic fiber, usually selling them for around 75 cents.

“They are not giving them away, they are selling them, and that is what I don’t agree with,” said city subway worker Ernesto Gallardo Chavez, who wondered what would happen if he went grocery shopping after Jan. 1 and forgot to bring his reusable bags.

“Just imagine, I forget my bag and I buy a lot of stuff,” said Gallardo Chavez. “How do I carry it all, if they don’t give you bags anymore?”

Like most city residents, Gallardo Chavez thinks protecting the environment is “very good.” But plastic bags in Mexico City are almost never really single-use: most city residents have

bought garbage cans and wastepaper baskets just the right size to be lined with supermarket bags. And the bags are commonly used to clean up after dogs on sidewalks.

“We use the bags for garbage, to separate it into organic and inorganic, and then take it out to the garbage truck,” he notes.

Hernandez, the environment official, said people should get out of the habit of putting their garbage in plastic bags. “They can take it out (to the garbage truck) directly in garbage cans.”

But that is complicated, given the city’s stubborn water shortages. It’s all very well to tell city residents not to line their trash cans with plastic bags, but washing out a kitchen receptacle every couple of days after use because it doesn’t have a plastic liner will takes its toll on water supplies.

Not to mention the widespread habit of tossing used toilet paper into wastepaper baskets to spare the strain on many homes’ aged and insufficient plumbing. Used toilet paper is not the kind of thing you can turn over loose to the trash collector.

Data analysis specialist Daniel Loredó said he is hoarding his last remaining



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

A man carries his purchases as he leaves a grocery store on Jan. 1 in Mexico City. A new city law in which stores stopped providing disposable plastic bags went into effect that day.

plastic shopping bags precisely for that purpose.

But he and his roommates have already taken steps to build up a supply of reusable bags and make sure whoever goes to the grocery store is carrying a few. But for poorer city residents, forgetting to do so even one day could carry a high price in a country where the 75-cent reusable bag costs the equivalent of an hour’s worth of the minimum wage.

“I think this will be a challenge, because these bags represent an additional cost, and maybe not every-

one can bear that cost quite as easily,” Loredó said.

Aldimir Torres, the leader of the country’s Plastic Industry Chamber, called the new law “cheap populism,” noting that it was drawn up without having clear guidelines about what kind of “compostable” bags would still be allowed.

The law leaves the door open to using plastic bags “for reasons of hygiene,” presumably for items like deli meats or cheese. It also allows for bags that biodegrade very quickly, but sets no specific standards for them.

“This was a law that was copied and put together in a rush, without consulting people who really know about this issue,” Torres said.

Hernandez acknowledged there was still a lot of work to be done on alternatives.

But the law, she claimed, had to be rushed into effect.

“I don’t know why, but sometimes we need a little more pressure in order to take action,” Hernandez said, noting the bag ban “is an invitation, a provocation to rethink they way we consume.”

Huge study finds no strong link between baby powder and cancer

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
Associated Press

Federal government-led research found no strong evidence linking baby powder with ovarian cancer in the largest analysis to look at the question.

The findings were called “overall reassuring” in an editorial published Tuesday with the study in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The analysis involving 250,000 women isn’t definitive but more conclusive research prob-

ably isn’t feasible because a dwindling number of women use powder for personal hygiene, the editorial said.

Health concerns about talcum powders have prompted thousands of U.S. lawsuits by women who claim asbestos in the powder caused their cancer. Talc is a mineral similar in structure to asbestos, which is a known human carcinogen, and they are sometimes obtained from the same mines. The cosmetics industry in 1976 agreed to make sure its talc products

do not contain detectable amounts of asbestos.

Smaller studies investigating a possible link between talcum powder and cancer have had conflicting results.

The new analysis pooled results from four long-running studies involving 250,000 U.S. women, who were asked periodically about their use of powder in the genital area. About 40% said they did. During 11 years of follow-up, 2,168 women developed ovarian cancer, with similar num-

bers in those who used powders and those who didn’t.

These kinds of observational studies cannot determine cause and effect, and the study’s lead author Katie O’Brien said a more rigorous study would require randomly assigning a large group of women to use talc powders over many years and comparing the results with those who didn’t use powders.

The researchers found hints of a potentially small increased risk for cancer for

women who had never had a hysterectomy or fallopian tube-tying surgery. The American Cancer Society’s Susan Gapstur said that fits with one theory for how genital use of talc might be risky: With a pathway not blocked by surgery, powder particles could potentially travel into the fallopian tubes and ovaries and cause irritation, inflammation and DNA damage that could lead to cancer.

The U.S. lawsuits have targeted leading baby powder maker Johnson & John-

son. Although several juries have reached multimillion-dollar verdicts against the company, they have been overturned or appealed. J&J says its powder is routinely tested to ensure there’s no asbestos.

J&J did recall a batch of baby powder in October after U.S. government testing found trace amounts of asbestos in a single bottle. The company paid for more testing by outside labs, which it said found no asbestos in the bottle and other samples.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Crews race to contain blazes in Australia as damage bill soars

BALMORAL, Australia — Bolstered by cooler weather and desperately needed rain, exhausted firefighters in Australia raced to shore up defenses against deadly wildfires before the blazes flare again within days when scorching temperatures are expected to return. The first hints of the financial toll from the disaster began to emerge on Tuesday. The Insurance Council of Australia said the estimated damage bill

had doubled in two days, with insurance claims reaching \$485 million. Many Australians have focused their fury on the prime minister, whose response to the crisis has been roundly criticized as lax and at times, dismissive. Morrison faced particularly fierce backlash for taking a family vacation to Hawaii in the midst of the disaster. Hundreds of millions of wild animals are believed to have been killed.

Facebook bans deepfakes in fight against misinformation

LONDON — Facebook says it is banning “deepfake” videos, the false but realistic clips created with artificial intelligence and sophisticated tools, as it steps up efforts to fight online manipulation. But the policy leaves plenty of loopholes. The social network said late Monday that it’s beefing up its policies for removing videos edited or synthesized in ways that aren’t apparent to the av-

erage person. The problem of deepfakes is building urgency as experts and lawmakers try to figure out how to prevent deepfakes in the U.S. presidential election in November. The U.S. tech company has been grappling with the rise of deepfakes after facing criticism last year for refusing to remove a doctored video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi appearing to slur her words

Police, Secret Service mum about Mar-a-Lago incident

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — There was an unspecified incident involving the Secret Service at President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, but authorities would not say Tuesday what happened — the latest in a series of incidents at the club since the president took office three years ago. Palm Beach police records show officers were called to Mar-a-Lago on Monday night to assist the

Secret Service but most of the report is redacted, including the name of the individual who was contacted. Police spokesman Michael Ogradnick said the Secret Service is the lead investigative agency in the matter and his department has no comment. The Secret Service asked that a request for comment be submitted by email. It did not immediately respond to the email.



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Members of the opposition accused Maduro and his allies of a parliament coup after Juan Guaidó and opposition legislators were prevented from joining legislative sessions.

Venezuela opposition charges congress and swears in leader

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó pushed through rows of national guardsmen blocking congress to retake his seat on Tuesday, and in a darkened building without power, he pledged to press forward in his bid to topple the country’s socialist president. The man recognized by the U.S. and over 50 other nations as Venezuela’s rightful president burst through the National Assembly’s wooden doors along with several dozen opposition lawmakers after navigating their way past state security officers wear-

ing helmets and carrying shields. “We want to regain Venezuela, damn it!” Guaidó said as he pressed through the crowd of guards, lawmakers and journalists. Once inside, he led opposition lawmakers in boisterously singing the country’s anthem. Shortly thereafter, electricity in the building went out, but legislators continued in the dimly lit assembly, shouting into microphones that did not work to declare Guaidó the president of the only opposition-controlled federal institution. “This is a show of what

can happen when we are united,” Guaidó yelled. The dramatic meeting followed several days of upheaval in which government-backed lawmakers announced they were taking control of the National Assembly. The legislature is the opposition’s lone national platform and remains a thorn in President Nicolas Maduro’s quest to consolidate power. Internal feuds, corruption scandals and a failed try at dialogue with Maduro’s government have left opposition lawmakers scrambling to find a unified path forward.

Pompeo: I won’t run for open Kansas Senate seat

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has told Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell that he won’t run for an open Senate seat from Kansas this fall, two people close to McConnell said. Pompeo’s decision complicates Republicans’ chances of holding what should be a guaranteed seat in the deep red state as they battle to retain their slim Senate majority in November’s elections. The news, disclosed on Monday, came days after the U.S. used an airstrike authorized by President Donald Trump to kill Qassem Soleimani, Iran’s most powerful general and leader of that country’s elite Quds force. That makes this an awkward time for Pompeo to leave his post. The Kansas seat is being vacated by GOP Sen. Pat Roberts, 83, who’s served in the Senate since 1997, the House since 1981.

In Panama: The Panama Canal’s watershed experienced its fifth driest year of the last seven decades in 2019, officials said this week, underscoring warnings that climate change poses a major challenge to the recently expanded waterway, a major driver of the Central American nation’s economy. Monday’s annual report from the Canal Authority said that the watershed received about 20% below the historic average precipitation. The watershed is a network of rivers and creeks covering about 1,280 square miles. “Due to population growth in the canal region and the effect of those populations ensuring the quality of water in the watershed is another big problem,” Paton said.

US Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., files resignation

SAN DIEGO — Republican U.S. Rep. Duncan D. Hunter submitted his resignation Tuesday, effective Jan. 13, after pleading guilty to a corruption charge, leaving one of the GOP’s few remaining House seats in heavily Democratic California. Hunter’s departure ends

his family’s political dynasty in which he and his father, Duncan L. Hunter, represented the San Diego County district for nearly 30 years. The combat Marine veteran — a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump — served 11 years in Congress. His two-page letter of

resignation to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi lists his accomplishments and doesn’t mention his criminal conviction. Democrats captured a string of GOP-held House seats in California in 2018, leaving Republicans with seven districts among the state’s 53 House seats.

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EDITORIALS

A Chicago-area soldier's death in Kenya reminds us why the US fights terrorism

With the Middle East consuming Americans' short attention span for global affairs, it's easy to lose sight of how vast our U.S. military presence is, with nearly 800 bases around the world.

Henry "Mitch" Mayfield Jr., a 23-year-old Army specialist from south suburban Hazel Crest, was stationed at one of those bases — the Manda Bay airfield on a remote island in Kenya's Lamu County, about 60 miles down the coast from the border with Somalia. Mayfield was killed early Sunday in an attack on the base by al-Shabab, a Somali extremist group affiliated with al-Qaida. Two unidentified U.S. contractors also were killed, and two other Americans were injured in the attack on the base, which is also used by Kenyan forces.

The attack came just days after a U.S. drone strike killed Iranian military commander Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani outside the Baghdad airport, a move that has sparked calls for retaliation from Iranian authorities and has heightened global fears



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Henry Mayfield holds a picture of his son, Army Spc. Henry Mayfield Jr., at his home in Hazel Crest on Monday. Mayfield Jr. was among those killed in an attack in Kenya.

that tensions between the U.S. and Iran could lead to war.

Initial jitters that al-Shabab may have targeted the American base in Kenya as a show of support for Iran have been dis-

counted, though the group remains a formidable threat on its own. A U.S. Africa Command spokesman told The Associated Press that al-Shabab "has their own agenda and have made clear their desire to attack U.S. interests."

Yet an AFRICOM statement also noted that "other nations, including Iran, seek influence in the Horn of Africa."

The base where Mayfield served with fewer than 150 other U.S. personnel provides training and counterterrorism support to East African forces, according to AFRICOM. It is part of a larger U.S. strategy since 9/11 to increase our military presence in Africa, to contain extremist groups such as al-Shabab in Somalia, Boko Haram in Nigeria and other groups directly or loosely affiliated with al-Qaida or Islamic State.

This recent attack, and Mayfield's death, remind us that Islamist terrorism remains a scourge that demands our diligent, persistent attention — and justifies a strong U.S. military presence in Africa.

Al-Shabab, which emerged in Somalia in

2006 as a radical youth militia, uses terrorism to further destabilize an already long-fragile national government. The extremists impose a version of Shariah, the strict Islamic law that calls for stoning to death women accused of adultery and cutting off the hands of thieves, in the vast areas of southern Somalia under its control. It has been increasing its attacks within Somalia and in neighboring Kenya in recent years.

In response, the Trump administration in 2017 escalated operations against al-Shabab, conducting more airstrikes against the group in 2019 than in any previous year. Success is hard to gauge, but al-Shabab has not shown signs of weakening.

Sunday's attack, and Mayfield's death, remind us that the scourge of Islamist terrorism will never be easily eradicated, whether it is in the Middle East, Africa, Asia or here on American soil. Although the U.S. must assess the effectiveness of its drone and missile strategy in Somalia, the Pentagon is right to maintain a muscular presence in Africa.

Recreational weed in Illinois: Smooth start, but if the positive buzz fades ...

Chicagoans previously have been willing to stand in long lines to buy a new smartphone, or a trendy chicken sandwich. Would anyone burn hours waiting to purchase newly legalized recreational marijuana?

You better believe it. Illinois cannabis shops sold nearly \$11 million worth of product in the first five days of sales. Demand was so strong that some shops had to stop selling recreational weed. Customers made more than 271,000 purchases, the Tribune's Ally Marotti reports. There haven't been that many people in Chicago getting high at once since the last Grateful Dead concert at Soldier Field. (No more stoner jokes in this editorial. Promise).

Out of curiosity, we checked the archive to see how locals behaved on Dec. 5, 1933, when Prohibition was lifted, and sure enough, the bars were jammed. "Chicagoans drank a mighty toast in legal liquor to the demise of prohibition," the Tribune reported, "and drank it in the main like gentlemen and ladies." The novelty of consuming a formerly illicit substance is a powerful draw.

As for what happens next, we can't predict: Illinois has just joined the national movement to legalize recreational cannabis. Our own view is that Springfield rushed into the weed business for the tax revenue, instead of waiting to sort out the regulatory and enforcement complexities. If shops running out of product is the worst that happens, Illinois can consider itself lucky. If problems arise, we expect public officials and law enforcement to react quickly.

The law says users won't be able to smoke in public places, such as on side-



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Customers wait in a long line outside Sunnyside dispensary in Lakeview on the second day of recreational cannabis sales Thursday.

walks and in parks. But Chicagoans, for example, will be able to use cannabis in backyards and on balconies. Police officers will have discretion to educate residents on the law. Will they do so fairly and equitably? How will officers detect when a driver is pot-impaired? Just a few of the intricacies to be determined on the fly.

Another significant question for Illinois under the influence of weed: What are the odds of this multibillion-dollar, highly regulated industry leading sooner rather than later to corruption investigations and indictments? A Tribune editorial at the end of Prohibition raised a similar concern: "Politics and liquor naturally mix

because privileges will make money and politics can grant them."

The state projects that taxes could raise \$375 million annually after the program grows for five years. That would be good news for Illinois' tight budgets. If there's bad news, here's hoping it's limited to a few months of tight supplies.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Oh, no. Julian Castro now is pulling out. There goes the Latino. *Hasta la vista.*

Earlier, Kamala Harris dropped out. For those who fantasize that she is African American, there went the African American — whose lineage actually hails from Jamaica (Dad) and India (Mom). ...

True, Liz Warren checks off an Affirmative Action box as an American Indian, but the other 1,023 parts among the 1,024 segments of her blood are pure White bred. ... All the color has been bleached out of the field.

As for Andrew Yang, just listen to all the voices (of race-conscious Democrats); not a one of them regards Yang as a Person of Color. ...

OK, if one wishes to grasp at non-plastic straws, there still is Cory Booker. The memo to drop out still has not reached Spartacus at Gladiator Academy, but the moment of departure looms. The Democratic Powers have made clear that, under their rules, he simply does not merit standing on the stage with the White People. ...

If Irving Berlin were alive to put it to words, he'd be lyricizing about this year's unfolding field of remaining Democrat presidential aspirants: *I'm dreaming of White Aged Democrats ...*

Dov Fischer, The American Spectator

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PERSPECTIVE



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Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski signed a brief filed with the Supreme Court arguing that two major decisions upholding abortion rights should be “reconsidered.”

Lipinski bravely poked the pro-choice bear. Let’s see how that works out for him.



ERIC ZORN

Part of me admires the aggressive stance that Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski of Western Springs just took in opposition to abortion rights, a move faithful to his own principles.

His party is solidly and increasingly in favor of abortion rights — Democrats for Life found just seven members of Congress to endorse in 2018, down from more than 40 in the late 1990s — and he’s currently in the fight of his political life against two supporters of abortion rights who are challenging him in the March 17 primary. One of those challengers, Marie Newman of La Grange, lost to Lipinski by just 2.2 percentage points in a head-to-head matchup in 2018.

Lipinski, who took office in 2005 and is running for a ninth term in a district that includes part of Chicago’s Southwest Side and nearly three dozen south and western suburbs, has never made a secret of his opposition to abortion. He is a co-chair of the House Pro-Life Caucus. He has voted against funding for embryonic stem

cell research and for a federal ban on abortions after 20 weeks. Last June he attended the Campaign for Life fundraising gala in Washington.

So there was no need for Lipinski to add his name to the list of more than 200 members of Congress, all but two of them Republicans, who signed a brief filed Jan. 2 with the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that two major decisions upholding abortion rights — including the landmark *Roe v. Wade* ruling from 1973 — should be “reconsidered and, if appropriate, overruled.”

Few would have noticed or cared if he’d taken a pass. After all, more than 30 Republican members of the House didn’t sign the brief for one reason or another. Neither did 13 Republican members of the Senate, including Cory Gardner of Colorado and Martha McSally of Arizona, both of whom oppose abortion rights yet are seen as politically vulnerable in the November election.

The blowback against Lipinski was inevitable. Saturday evening, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot tweeted, “I support a big tent but there’s no room under the flaps for anyone who is actively seeking to deny women control over our bodies. Time to leave @danlipinski.” Monday morning, abortion rights supporters rallied outside Lipinski’s district office in Lockport, some wearing costumes

from “*The Handmaid’s Tale*,” a dystopian series based on a novel in which women in the future have no reproductive rights.

Like I said, part of me admires the consequences-be-damned quality of Lipinski’s decision to sign the brief knowing it would energize his opponents not only in the district but nationwide, where abortion rights groups are raising money in an attempt to defeat him. The pragmatic approach would have been to try to downplay the issue — particularly in a year when access to abortion is in great peril from an increasingly conservative judiciary — but he took the risky stand rooted in his long-held principle.

Respect.

Strong disagreement, but respect. Lipinski’s commitment to preventing women from obtaining abortions is so strong and so heartfelt that he signed a transparently disingenuous document designed to give the Supreme Court cover to roll back abortion rights.

The brief he signed was filed in *June Medical Services v. Gee*, an upcoming case about a Louisiana law that requires doctors who provide abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. It’s a medically unnecessary demand that’s part of a larger national initiative to harass and regulate clinics out of business, an

effort that fools no one but has given some judges the pretext they need to curtail access to abortion.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1992 that such laws couldn’t place an “undue burden” on a woman’s access to abortion services. Lipinski and his Republican friends are now arguing that there is such disagreement among lower court judges about what “undue” means that it demonstrates “the unworkability of the ‘right to abortion’ found in *Roe*” and the need for the justices to consider overturning *Roe* and related rulings, which would allow many states to regulate legal abortion right out of existence.

Nevermind that those disagreements are rooted in the pretense that conservative lawmakers are animated by concern for patient safety. And for the most part I’m dismayed that even someone animated by principle would sink that low to advance it.

But by sticking to his guns even though he may simply shoot himself in the foot, Dan Lipinski has helped clarify that the future of abortion rights is at stake in the 2020 elections. Even his critics should thank him for that.

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Trump upholds tradition of lying to Americans about war



STEVE CHAPMAN

Donald Trump’s administration has been a fountain of lies from his first day in office. But the U.S. attack that killed an Iranian general promises to turn that fountain into a tsunami.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo claimed the drone strike on the Baghdad airport was urgent because intelligence indicated Qassem Soleimani presented “imminent threats to American lives.” But he was curiously reluctant to supply evidence.

The New York Times reported, “According to one United States official, the new intelligence indicated ‘a normal Monday in the Middle East’ — Dec. 30 — and General Soleimani’s travels amounted to ‘business as usual.’” The Washington Post divulged that Pompeo had been pressing Trump to kill Soleimani for months.

Why should anyone believe what the secretary of state says? He was deliberately misleading Sunday when he scoffed at the idea that Trump might order the destruction of Iranian cultural sites — something the president had threatened before and reiterated even after Pompeo denied it.

Trump himself has been a paragon of dishonesty on Iran, even more than on most subjects. He pulled out of the nuclear



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President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington on Tuesday.

deal, which he falsely said Iran was violating. Under the agreement, he said, Iran would be “free to go ahead and create nuclear weapons” after seven years. In fact, it stipulated “that under no circumstances will Iran ever seek, develop or acquire any nuclear weapons.”

He tweeted that Barack Obama “gave Iran 150 Billion Dollars and got nothing.” Obama agreed to unfreeze Iran’s own assets, which amounted to a fraction of that amount, in exchange for the effective dismantling of its nuclear program.

Americans should know by now that when our leaders take us into wars, they will do it on the basis of disinformation.

President Lyndon Johnson got the authority to escalate in Vietnam by exploiting a minor 1964 naval incident in the Tonkin Gulf to accuse North Vietnam of “open aggression on the high seas” — which was false.

Johnson campaigned that year on a promise not to “send American boys 9 or 10,000 miles away from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves.” In 1965, he did exactly that. His successor, Richard Nixon, expanded the war with a lengthy bombing campaign in neighboring Cambodia, undertaken in secrecy.

Like Johnson and Nixon, this president and his subordinates believe that deceit is essential to gain support for military action. Mike Pence said Soleimani’s killing was justified because his Quds Force assisted al-Qaida in the 9/11 attacks — a conclusion rejected by the 9/11 Commission.

But Pence took a lesson from the Bush administration, which justified the Iraq War on the spurious claim that Saddam Hussein was responsible for the 9/11 attacks. Repetition of the charge soon convinced most Americans, though Bush himself later had to admit it was baseless.

Obama felt no compulsion to tell the truth about the war in Afghanistan, which he promised to end in his first 16 months but never did. A report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction quoted an Obama National Security Council official on the administration’s repeated claims of progress: “The metrics were always manipulated for the duration

of the war.”

Obama justified his intervention in the Libyan civil war as a way to prevent the slaughter of civilians, but eventually —without saying so — expanded the mission to regime change. It succeeded, but Libyans have gone on killing one another.

During World War I, the leftist writer Randolph Bourne argued that “war is the health of the state.” What has become clear since then is that war depends on deception — about the reasons for committing to combat, the reasons for continuing to fight when it goes badly and the reasons the effort was necessary despite its ultimate failure.

Politicians apparently realize that if citizens are to be mobilized in support of wars of choice, they must be fed a diet of lies. Even that may not work: Last summer, a Gallup Poll found that only 18% of Americans favored military action against Iran. A HuffPost/YouGov survey found that only 43% approved of the strike against Soleimani.

But if public support doesn’t materialize, we can be sure the administration will concoct more fictions. There is a long history of presidential mendacity when it comes to matters of war. No one is better suited to uphold that tradition than Trump.

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PERSPECTIVE

Is the big tent of Dems too big, as Ocasio-Cortez says? Only to small minds.



CLARENCE PAGE

Can a political party be too inclusive? Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez apparently thinks so.

In a lengthy New York magazine profile this week, the New York congresswoman responded with a groan when asked what role she might play as a member of Congress if former Vice President Joe Biden is elected president.

“Oh God,” she said of the man who has been leading the pack of her party’s hopefuls in national polls. “In any other country, Joe Biden and I would not be in the same party, but in America, we are.”

That may sound sarcastic, but it also happens to be true. That’s not a bad thing. It also happens to be a very good reason for us Americans to have a two-party system.

But that’s not good enough for AOC and some others on the party’s left-progressive wing.

She mocked the “big tent” strategy by which candidates in both parties have tried to grow and diversify their voter appeal. “Democrats can be too big of a tent,” she said.

She even went so far as to suggest that the Congressional Progressive Caucus expel members who stray from the progressives’ party line. Other Democratic caucuses in Congress require applications, she said. But her wing will “let anybody who the cat dragged in call themselves a progressive,” she complained. “There’s no

standard.”

“Anybody who the cat dragged in?” Ah, the impatience of youth.

I think former President Barack Obama had the right idea when he warned fellow Democrats against ideological “purity tests.” Ocasio-Cortez apparently thinks purity tests are a fine idea.

For years I have encouraged Republicans to broaden their reach and compete again for voters of color and other constituencies that used to feel more welcome in the party of Abraham Lincoln. Instead, we have seen the Grand Old Party’s activists escalate their demonization of “RINOs” — Republicans in Name Only — in their ranks. Now I am disappointed to hear similar ideological purity promoted on the left.

“DINOs?” I don’t think so.

But don’t get me wrong. Unlike some commentators, I don’t want to dislike AOC. I think she brings a youthful energy and excitement to national politics on the left that provides a much-needed counterbalance to the barnstorming extremism of President Donald Trump on the right.

Unfortunately she also brings with her ideology an all-or-nothing attitude that can get in the way of her achieving her own goals. Even Sen. Bernie Sanders, whom she has endorsed for president, knows the value of compromise enough to vote with the Democrats in the Senate and run for president in their primaries.

For examples of how extremism can backfire, she need look no further than her Republican colleagues. The tea party movement rose up on the heels of Obama’s 2008 election with a zeal for spending cuts — which all but evaporated after Trump’s election.

The federal government’s budget deficit ballooned to nearly \$1 trillion in 2019,

the Treasury Department announced in October. That’s the fourth year in a row of deficit growth, despite a sustained run of economic growth. Apparently deficit spending is only a sin to Republicans in Congress when Democratic presidents do it.

Ocasio-Cortez bristled in the New York profile at the suggestion that her movement is following a tea party model. “For so long, when I first got in, people were like, ‘Oh, are you going to basically be a tea party of the left?’ ” she said. “And what people don’t realize is that there is a tea party of the left, but it’s on the right edges, the most conservative parts of the Democratic Party.”

Yet, she expressed frustration that her fellow Democrats haven’t been more candid about that. “It’s like we’re not allowed to talk about it,” she said. “We’re not allowed to talk about anything wrong the Democratic Party does. I think I have created more room for dissent, and we’re learning to stretch our wings a little bit on the left.”

Indeed, but try to avoid getting them clipped. At the risk of sounding like the pragmatic old man that I am, I think Ocasio-Cortez should learn from her faction’s successes but avoid the hazards of overreach.

As the left-progressive Rev. Jesse Jackson preached to fellow Dems during his two presidential runs in the 1980s, “It takes two wings to fly” — a left wing and a right wing. Right on, Reverend. Right on!

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Ruling will hobble renewable power

Carol Browner’s commentary, “Federal setbacks to nuclear energy will harm climate and raise costs in Illinois” (Jan. 3) states that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission wants to take the subsidies supplied by taxpayers in Illinois away from them by requiring subsidized power sources to bid higher prices in the Illinois wholesale electricity market. This not only will rob users of the money contributed to the subsidy, but also deny them lower prices in their monthly electricity bill. This double dip transfers money away from citizens to the already extraordinarily wealthy class of fossil fuel stockholders and magnates.

But it is no different from what we have come to expect. So it’s normal. Right?

— Jan Boudart, Chicago

Nuclear plants stand in Illinois’ way

Carol Browner has noteworthy credentials in the environmental field, but her understanding of the energy situation in Illinois seems inadequate.

Just because Illinois has many nuclear plants does not mean that it has to continue to rely on them for its power needs. Indeed, a portion of the nuclear energy produced in the state is exported to other states.

She fails to acknowledge the financial burdens Exelon has — through its political clout — imposed on ratepayers to make its aging nuclear plants stay profitable and the limitations it and ComEd have placed in the way of rapid expansion in the state of the only truly carbon-free and safe energy sources: wind and solar.

The combination of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ruling and the investigations into alleged corrupt lobbying by Exelon and ComEd present the governor and the state legislature with an opportunity to get out from under both of these constraints on their ability to plot a course toward meeting ambitious but necessary goals for renewable energy.

— Elliot Zashin, Evanston

Nuclear energy provides solutions

I was glad to see former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner’s commentary. As Browner writes, we need smart solutions to climate change, not things that make us feel good. We need solutions that have proved their effectiveness, and nuclear energy has done that, in spades, wherever it has been aggressively deployed. A quick look at electricityMap.org can show you the carbon dioxide emissions of electric grids around the world. Comparing the figures of France (lots of nuclear) with Germany (lots of wind and solar, but closing down nuclear) demonstrates this fact.

Most of the clean electricity that Illinois produces comes from our six well-run nuclear plants. Exelon, which operates these plants, has indicated that its Illinois fleet of nuclear reactors is at risk of closing due to market pressures. However, allowing any of these plants to be prematurely closed will result in a huge spike in CO2 and particulate emissions, which will injure the health of the planet. This is because the clean energy they produce would be replaced with fossil fuel.

The state Future Energy Jobs Act, which became effective in 2017, provided Exelon with a very modest rate increase for electricity sold by the Quad Cities and Clinton nuclear power stations. The continued operation of these plants has prevented emissions equivalent to over a million cars being added to the road. The cost was small — my electric bill for a suburban house includes a mere \$1 per month to cover my share. We can afford this, and we can and should provide similar relief to keep Exelon’s other Illinois nuclear plants running. Doing so is far cheaper than building new clean energy sources from scratch.

I encourage all Illinois citizens to contact their state representatives and Gov. J.B. Pritzker, and ask them to support any legislation that will keep these clean, reliable plants running. Our environment depends on it.

— Alan Medsker, legislative outreach coordinator, Generation Atomic, Arlington Heights

English language is always changing

In her letter, Judy H. Thompson (“Honor people — and the English language,” Jan. 6) decries the increasing use of the word “they” for the third-person singular because “we cannot change a singular pronoun to a plural.” By the same logic, I assume she routinely uses “thee” and “thou” for the second-person singular instead of the widely accepted “you.” Most of us dropped “thee” and “thou” a long time ago. English changes with the times. We are not stuck in Geoffrey Chaucer’s day.

— Thomas Gregg, Chicago

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The Australian flag flies above Parliament House as smoke shrouds the capital of Canberra last week.

Dispatch from Canberra, where the air is thick with toxic smoke, politics and climate debates

BY PETER PAPATHANASIOU

Greetings from Canberra, Australia’s capital city. Surrounded by native bushland and replete with parks and greenery, we are normally a picture of health and vitality, of cleanliness and purity. But since the beginning of 2020, we have the unenviable honor of being the world’s most polluted city.

Located in the country’s southeastern corner, Canberra is deep within Australia’s most catastrophic bushfire zone. For the last six weeks, Canberra has had fires burning to the north near Sydney’s Blue Mountains, and to the east on the New South Wales South Coast. And now, with temperatures forecast to hit 107 degrees Fahrenheit and high winds, the fires are massing to the south and west, creeping up from the Snowy Mountains. Our small city is surrounded, and people are worried. More than worried, in fact, given the memory of the deadly 2003 bushfires still fresh in mind. People are prepping and taking drastic measures in case the situation escalates.

As the father to three young sons ages 4, 2 and 5 months, and the son to a mother who is 89, I find myself caught in the middle, caring for those most susceptible to the hazardous bushfire smoke. The ultrafine particles lodge in their vulnerable lungs and make breathing difficult. Mum’s eyes sting, her throat burns, her voice is hoarse. Both she and her grandsons have been confined indoors during this time, which is especially frustrating for energetic young boys who want to play outside. All I can do is apologize to them and find another board game or picture book or stream another cartoon show.

During the month of December, I was

glued to the particulate matter readings of Canberra’s Air Quality Index, or AQI, that are reported hourly from three measuring stations. Hazardous air quality is considered 200 or above. In this period, Canberra’s air quality exceeded 200 on at least nine occasions, with the highest reading of 1,413 on Dec. 21. It was around this time that hardware stores across town sold out of P2/N95 particulate filter masks. Only these could offer protection from the toxic bushfire particles in the air.

And then, on New Year’s Eve, the NSW South Coast bushfires flared disastrously. Located 90 minutes to the east of the capital, this is normally the region where much of Canberra spends its summer holidays, so the sleepy coastal towns and idyllic beaches were at their busiest. At 8 p.m. on Jan. 1, following a day’s worth of wind, Canberra’s AQI hit the terrifying mark of 5,185. This is 25 times worse than what is considered hazardous and earned our city of 400,000 residents the undesirable distinction of being the world’s most polluted city, surpassing such metropolises as Delhi (population 30 million) and Kolkata (15 million) in India, Lahore (10 million) in Pakistan, and Shenyang (7 million) in China.

Such dirty air has created an eerie end-of-world feeling in what is normally rated as Australia’s most livable city ahead of overcrowded Sydney and Melbourne. The streets are deserted. Public pools and major tourist attractions have closed. Sporting events have been postponed. Department stores sold out of air purifiers. Businesses suspended trading.

Such was the level of concern that the Australia postal service stopped all deliveries to Canberra to protect its outdoor workers from the toxic air. So much for

those who had ordered P2/N95 masks in the mail.

With fires still burning, a political debate raged alongside. The Australian government remains enamored with coal as its primary source of energy production. The 2020 Climate Change Performance Index recently ranked Australia worst of 57 countries on climate change policy. When the bushfires were increasing in intensity before Christmas, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison went on a family holiday to Hawaii. After the new year, he visited devastated bushfire zones, but some residents refused to shake his hand.

With the NSW South Coast being evacuated, a wave of “climate refugees” began arriving in already strained Canberra. Long queues formed at petrol stations, supermarkets sold out of bottled water, bank ATMs were emptied of cash. I was soon receiving messages from friends outlining their prepping arrangements: “We have seven days of food and water, both cars fully fueled plus an extra 50 liters in jerrycans, a thousand in cash, torches, batteries, radio, firefighting gear, and go-bags packed.” It was enough to scare the living daylight out of me.

Eyeballing the smoke cloud sitting dolorous and heavy from our living room window, and watching the TV news channel for regular updates, I would explain it all to my sons as best as I could, and silently apologize for the future we’re leaving them. Theirs, hopefully, will be the generation to properly tackle climate change since all ours could do was squabble as to its existence.

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Doctor urges seniors to carry medical alert device

Seniors snap up new medical alert device that comes with no monthly bills

People don't always do what their doctor says, but when seasoned veteran emergency room physician, Dr. Philip B. Howren says every senior should have a medical alert device, you better listen up.

"Seniors are just one fall away from being put in a nursing home," Dr. Howren said. "With a medical alert device, seniors are never alone. So it keeps them living independently in their own home. That's why seniors and their family members are snapping up a sleek new medical alert device that comes with no monthly bills ever," he said.

Many seniors refuse to wear old style help buttons because they make them look old. But even worse, those medical alert systems come with monthly bills.

To solve these problems Universal Physicians, a U.S. company went to work to develop a new, modern, state-of-the-art medical alert device. It's called "FastHelp™" and it instantly connects you to free unlimited nationwide help everywhere cell service is available with no contracts, no deposits and no monthly bills ever.

"This slick new little device is designed to look like the pagers doctors wear every day. Seniors love them, because it actually makes them look important, not old," Dr. Howren said.

FastHelp is expected to hit store shelves later this year. But special newspaper promotional giveaways are slated for seniors in select areas. ■



■ **NO MONTHLY BILLS:** "My wife had an old style help button that came with hefty bills every month and she was embarrassed to wear it because it made her look old," said Frank McDonald, Canton, Ohio. "Now, we both have FastHelp™, the sleek new medical alert device that our grand-kids say makes us look 'cool' not old," he said. With FastHelp, seniors never have to worry about being alone and the best part is there are no monthly bills ever.

Seniors born before 1956 get new medical alert device with no monthly bills ever

It's just what seniors have been waiting for; a sleek new medical alert device with no contracts, no deposits and no monthly bills that instantly connects you to free unlimited nationwide help with just the push of a button for a one-time \$149 price tag that's a real steal after today's instant rebate

The phone lines are ringing off the hook.

That's because for seniors born before 1956, it's a deal too good to pass up.

Starting at precisely 8:30am this morning the Pre-Store Release begins for the sleek new medical alert device that comes with the exclusive FastHelp™ One-Touch E 911 Button that instantly connects you to unlimited nationwide help everywhere cell service is available with no contracts, no deposits and no monthly bills ever.

"It's not like old style monitored help buttons that make you talk to a call center and only work when you're at home and come with hefty bills every month. FastHelp comes with state-of-the-art cellular embedded technology. That means it works at home or anywhere, anytime cell service is available whether you're out watering the garden, driving in a car, at church or even hundreds of miles away on a tour or at a casino. You are never alone. With just a single push of the One-Touch E Button you instantly get connected to free unlimited help nationwide with no monthly bills ever," said Jack Lawrence, Executive Director of Product Development for U.S. based Universal Physicians.

"We've never seen anything like it. Consumers absolutely love the sleek new modern design and most of all, the instant rebate that practically pays for it and no monthly bills ever," Lawrence said.

FastHelp is the sleek new medical alert device with the best of combinations: a quality, high-tech engineered device that's also an extremely great value because there are no monthly bills ever.

Better still, it comes with no contracts, no deposits and no monthly bills ever – which makes FastHelp a great choice for seniors, students and professionals because it connects to one of the largest nationwide networks everywhere cell service is available for free.

And here's the best part. All those who already have an old style monitored medical alert button can immediately eliminate those monthly bills, which is why Universal Physicians is widely advertising this announcement nationwide.

"So if you've ever felt a medical alert device was too complicated or expensive, you'll want to get FastHelp, the sleek new medical alert device with no monthly bills," said Lawrence.

The medical alert device slugfest was dominated by two main combatants who both offer old style monitored help buttons that come with a hefty bill every month. But now Universal Physicians, the U.S. based heavyweight, just delivered a knockout blow sending the top rated contenders to the mat with the unveiling of FastHelp. It's the sleek new cellular embedded medical alert device that cuts out the middleman by instantly connecting you directly to highly trained 911 operators all across the U.S. There's absolutely nothing to hook-up or install. You don't need a land line and you don't need a cell phone. Everything is done for you.

"FastHelp is a state of the art medical alert device designed to make you look important, not old. Old style monitored help buttons you wear around your neck, or require expensive base station equipment or a landline are the equivalent of a horse and buggy," Lawrence says. "It's just outdated."

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deadline ends.

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CONS: Consumers can't get FastHelp in stores until later this year. That's why it's so important for seniors born before 1956 to call the National Rebate Center Hotline within the next 2 days. For those who miss that deadline, the sleek little medical alert device will set you back over \$300 bucks.



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An open workspace inside a WeWork office is seen Monday at 1 S. Dearborn St. in Chicago.

Kicking off arms race for co-working spaces

Perks — child care, blow-outs, yoga, beer — are part of the attraction of shared office areas

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

Shaniqua Davis is a seasoned co-worker — but not in the traditional sense, working alongside fellow employees or shooting the breeze at the office water cooler.

Davis, 29, is the new definition of co-worker — one who rents a desk alongside strangers, takes meetings on sofas in cozy common spaces and steps into a tiny phone-booth-like space when she needs privacy.

In the past two years in Chicago, she's had plenty of locations to try as she builds her diversity recruiting business, Noirefy. Davis has set up shop at 1871, WeWork, Novel, came close to joining The Wing and now is back at WeWork.

Co-working, she said, has given her an office, an attractive and centrally located meeting space for clients and a venue for networking. She likes getting out of her home office a few days a week and having somewhere to be in the morning, and working in a space that doesn't look like a traditional office.

"I'm a small company ... I'm only one person. Usually people like me aren't doing co-working spaces (because they are expensive), but I've figured out the kinks," Davis said. "I love working in co-working spaces. It's flexible."

Davis' experience illustrates the allure of co-working, a workplace phenomenon that has caught on with freelancers who want a communal table to sit at, entrepreneurs looking for a space to take meetings and large corporations trying to free themselves from long-term leases and expensive office remodels.

WeWork's internal strife aside, co-working's upward trajectory continues but the industry is changing. Big shared office space



Anna Cerniglia, an art consultant, works out of the Hoxton Hotel's new co-working space "Working From_ Fulton Market" in Chicago on Dec. 20.

players like WeWork and Industrious are blanketing chosen cities with locations or acquiring competitors. Regus, which outnumbers its competitors in co-working locations around the world fourfold, is making investments to keep up with current trends.

Meanwhile, newcomers to the shared office space industry are moving away from the one-size-fits-all approach and going after specific niches.

Changing demographics are on the industry's side. By 2025, 40% of working-age individuals will work as freelancers or independent contractors or for a small organization, according to Robert O'Brien, a global real estate and construction expert at Deloitte.

"One of the things that has really driven



Vanessa Abron, who runs Agency Abron, a marketing and communications firm, stands near her workspace at WeWork in Chicago's River North neighborhood on Dec. 3.

growth in co-working has been changes to the workforce," he said. "The fact that there are more freelancers and virtual workers and people who can work for an organization of any size, but work from a distance."

At the end of November, Chicago had 94 co-working spaces occupying about 3.4 million square feet. By the end of this year, that number is expected to jump to 163 spaces and 4.2 million square feet, according to a report from Newmark Knight Frank and Chicago Creative Space.

Amenities and services are increasingly important in the co-working arms race. The offerings depend on the clientele co-working operators are wooing: blow-dry salons, yoga studios, child care, laundry services, nice

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Pier 1 closing up to 450 locations

Sales underway at half of home decor chain's 24 Chicago-area sites

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports is closing nearly half its 942 stores as it struggles to draw consumers and compete online.

The home decor company said Monday it is closing up to 450 stores and will also shutter distribution centers. It didn't say where the store closures would occur, but it operates stores in the U.S. and Canada. Pier 1 also plans layoffs at its corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.

Pier 1 operates 24 stores in the Chicago area, and storewide sales are underway at 12 of them, according to the company's website.

Pier 1 didn't say how many workers will be affected.

The moves had some investors wondering if a bankruptcy filing was imminent. Also Monday, Pier 1 added two members to its board with expertise in corporate restructuring.

Pier 1's shares fell 17% to close at \$5.18 Monday. They fell another 6% in extended trading following the announcement of the store closures.

Pier 1 named a new CEO with a background in corporate turnarounds in November. Robert Riesbeck previously served as the company's chief financial officer.

"Although decisions that impact our associates are never easy, reducing the number of our brick-and-mortar locations is a necessary business decision," Riesbeck said Monday in a statement.

Pier 1 said sales in its most recent quarter fell 13% to \$358 million as store traffic fell. It reported a net loss of \$59 million for the quarter, which ended Nov. 30.

The company — which was founded in California in 1962 — has been trying to revamp its cluttered stores and change its offerings to appeal more to younger customers. But it is struggling to compete with budget-friendly home decor sites like Wayfair.

Chicago Tribune staff contributed.

Jewel-Osco president steps down after a year

Gossett to be replaced by former executive at grocery store chain

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Paul Gossett quietly stepped down as president of Jewel-Osco in the fall, just over a year after he took the reins of Chicago's largest grocery chain following the sudden death of his predecessor, Doug Cygan.

Gossett, a longtime Albertsons executive who moved to the Chicago area from the Boston area for the job, "left the company to pursue other opportunities," Mary Frances Trucco, a spokeswoman for Albertsons-owned Jewel-Osco, confirmed in an email Tuesday. The company did not publicly announce the leadership change when it happened and Trucco did not provide any other information about Gossett's departure.

Mike Withers, who served as president of Jewel-Osco from 2014 to 2017, has returned to take Gossett's place, Trucco said. Withers, who started with Albertsons in 1976 as a courtesy clerk, since 2017 has served as executive vice president of retail operations



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Peppa Pig playland to open in Rainforest Cafe site

World of Play will have 14 areas based on the preschool-age show

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Rainforest Cafe's red-eyed tree frog and gorilla are out at Woodfield Mall. Now, it's Peppa Pig's turn.

Peppa Pig's World of Play, based on the hit kids' animated television show, is moving into Rainforest Cafe's old space at the Schaumburg mall this summer.

The 15,000-square-foot space, designed for preschool-age children, will have 14 play areas based on the show, which follows the adventures of a 4-year-old British pig, her family and friends with names like Suzy Sheep and Rebecca Rabbit.

Woodfield Mall will be the third Peppa Pig-themed play center in the U.S., operated by U.K.-based Merlin, which runs theme parks and attractions in 25 countries, including



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Rainforest Cafe on Dec. 19 at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg. The restaurant will be replaced with Peppa Pig's World of Play.

Legoland Discovery Center, which also has a Schaumburg location.

"By giving fans a unique opportunity to step into the incredible world of this hugely popular little piggy and encour-

aging them to discover, explore and play together, we are confident that Peppa Pig World of Play will become a popular destination for families in the Chicago area," Ben Brinded, group development director at

Merlin Entertainments, said in a news release.

Prices have not been finalized but will be similar to those at locations in Texas and Michigan, where tickets for an adult and child under 8 years old start at \$22.50 for a two-hour visit. The Woodfield Mall location will also have a cafe and Peppa Pig-themed store.

Woodfield Mall's Rainforest Cafe closed Jan. 1 when its lease expired, according to parent company Landry's Restaurants. The company said it was working to relocate employees to other restaurants in the area including Rainforest Cafes in Chicago and Gurnee, Morton's The Steakhouse, McCormick and Schmick's, Bill's Bar and Burger, and Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

Rainforest Cafe opened at Woodfield in 1995. The chain also has locations in Gurnee and downtown Chicago.

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Anchor away: Macy's in Spring Hill Mall to close

BY ERIN SAUDER

The Macy's store in Spring Hill Mall is closing, the second anchor store to announce departure plans since November.

West Dundee officials were notified the retailer expects to close its doors by February.

It did not come as a huge surprise, Village President Chris Nelson said.

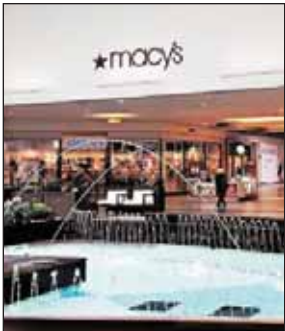
"Every January we brace ourselves for the discussion because Spring Hill is in a class B market where, comparatively, Woodfield Mall is considered A class," Nelson said. "They have four times the population surrounding it than we do in West Dundee with Spring Hill Mall."

"Our demographics are still very good but we're in an era where B class malls struggle because there is so much competition, not only from online sources but other types of shopping environments."

Spring Hill Mall is in both West Dundee and Carpentersville, with the Macy's store on West Dundee's side.

The news comes on the heels of November's announcement that anchor store Sears was closing in February.

The challenges facing



ERIN SAUDER/COURIER-NEWS

With the departure of the Macy's, the only anchor store remaining at Spring Hill Mall will be Kohl's.

class B malls are what prompted West Dundee officials to begin discussing a long-term plan in 2018 to serve as a framework for the entire Spring Hill Mall area, including the properties that extend outside of the mall footprint.

One element of the plan includes developing a new mixed-use "Main Street," anchored by a civic building such as a library, which would have some visibility from West Dundee's actual Main Street.

"We recognize the 4-acre mall concept is severely challenged even in class A markets like Woodfield and Oak Brook," Nelson said.

"So for us, when we first started talking about the

plan for the redevelopment of Spring Hill Mall, we did anticipate a retail footprint that would be lessened and that it would be more of a campus setting."

Spending at the shopping center has tapered over the last several years, he said.

"(A decrease was noticed) beginning with the recession in 2007. So the impact is not as great as it would have been if the store closed in 2000 as opposed to 2020," Nelson said. "Over the years we've been successful in diversifying the economy in town."

"We have more office developments, which can support existing dining opportunities. But we need to add some density as well and I think we've done that."

West Dundee's equalized assessed valuation has increased fairly substantially, Nelson said.

"So the impact on the average taxpayer should be negligible. Broadly, it does put some pressure on us to continue our efforts to seek other developments for the spaces there," he said.

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Illinois employers warned state of nearly 1,500 layoffs last month

Chicago Tribune

XPO Logistics Supply Chain Inc. plans to lay off 530 people and close its Shorewood facility, the largest layoff among the nearly 1,500 job cuts employers in Illinois reported to the state last month.

XPO operated the Shorewood site for Hostess, which decided to close the facility, XPO said in its letter to the state warning of the layoffs. The layoffs will start on Jan. 24. XPO, based in Greenwich, Connecticut, provides logistics and supply chain services to other companies.

The Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act requires

businesses with more than 75 workers to give the state 60 days' notice when closing a plant or laying off more than a third of their workforce.

Eleven companies, including XPO, warned the state of layoffs in December. Other layoffs reported in the Chicago area include:

- Airport Supersaver, which provided rides to O'Hare International and Midway International airports from locations in Indiana and Illinois, said it would lay off 52 employees.
- Coach USA, the New Jersey-based parent of Airport Supersaver, said late last month it was ending the shuttle service.

- Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co., which is also owned by Coach USA and is also shutting down, warned of 91 layoffs.

- Chicago Lakeshore Hospital, an Uptown psychiatric hospital, warned of laying off 275 employees.

- H&M International Transportation, a trucking and transport company, said it was laying off 76 employees, citing a lost contract.

- Rock Sugar, a restaurant in Oakbrook Center, said it was closing and laying off 94 employees.

- Alco Manufacturing Holding Corp., a manufacturer in Machesney Park, warned of laying off 49 employees.

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bathrooms and showers, wine, beer and chic networking events are all designed to keep tenants happy and paying rent. Members of Working From... Fulton Market at the Hoxton can grab a \$25 discounted room at the luxury hotel.

"It's all about creating a great tenant experience," said Deloitte's O'Brien. "You're basically taking what hospitality organizations have tried to do by creating a great guest experience and now applying it to co-workers in a work environment."

An awareness of what certain tenants are craving is part of what led Alicia Driskill to found EvolveHer, a women-only co-working space in the Loop that offers events to help women mentor and be mentored, child care through a partnership with another business and a podcasting studio. Co-working "is just going to continue to grow," Driskill said. "Giant corporations and organizations and gyms, hotels ... everyone is building out workspace toward saturation and there's a demand for personalization."

Co-working operators willhome in on a niche because "it's not just about the space but the impact you can create," Driskill said.

Co-workers want to be part of a community, and the search for one will drive the growth of co-working locations, Deloitte's O'Brien said. "They feel connected to it and they are disciples, helping the community grow," he said.

Operators "will focus more on the user experience, differentiating themselves from their competitors and using technology to understand what their customers want and how to operate efficiently," O'Brien said.

Anna Cerniglia's experience as she connects with new artists and artwork is what drew her to Working From... Fulton Market at the Hoxton Hotel in the Fulton Market district.

The art consultant and entrepreneur gravitated

toward the 2-month old space for its high-end design, comfort and quiet. The in-house design team curated the co-working space with custom-designed soft lighting, contemporary furniture in warm tones and high-gloss cabinets and brass fixtures in the kitchens. There's a yoga studio and beverages for sale, like wine and beer.

"I feel very special here," she said. "When I go to another space and they have a restaurant, I'm always regretting how much I spend. ... I feel like here, they are kind of helping you. You can just get a free cup of coffee when you want."

Cerniglia likes co-working so much that she has started her own space, Art/Work, in the West Town neighborhood geared specifically to people who work in servicing the art industry.

The rise of newcomers is prompting companies with longer roots to adapt. IWG, the parent company of industry mainstay Regus, which has locations all over the world, is launching a new brand of short-term high-end rentable office spaces called No18. In Chicago, the space will be located on the top two floors of 110 N. Wacker and, according to its website, will be a "cosmopolitan" space filled with "quirky furniture and chic art" for members.

An in-house report by Regus found flexible workspaces and co-working could bring \$127 billion to local economies in the U.S. over the next decade. "It's important to always remain relevant," said Michael Berretta, vice president of network development at IWG, which owns Regus. "The focus is always going to be around a professional work environment that's coupled with an interesting experience."

Industrious, which now has eight locations in the Chicago area after acquiring the three Assemble locations in 2018, has started a new brand, Canvas, designed for companies with 20 to 200 employees. "They are designed for Fortune 500 companies who might be opening in new markets to move into co-working spaces rather than sign new leases," said Marie Adrian,

Industrious' Midwest regional manager.

While cool amenities and services are important, co-working operators also need to make money, which has led several operators to team up with landlords. Co-working businesses get a partner to help share the costs, and landlords get access to a pipeline of future tenants who may need more space as their businesses grow.

For most entrepreneurs, picking which space to settle down in is a matter of both the finances and the feel of the space.

Teddy Heidt, who runs The Gauge Collective, a digital marketing freelance community, left WeWork and recently settled at Working From... Fulton Market because he found it quieter, more communal and offered a more affordable and flexible leasing arrangement, he said. "It's more open here and pushes us to be more communicative and social with each other," Heidt said. "I don't work with the people around me, but we've turned this into a type of cohort where we refer each other to people who may be interested in our work."

Vanessa Abron, who runs Agency Abron, a public relations, marketing and communications firm, said despite the slight uptick in rent in the three years she's been at WeWork, she's staying the course with the co-working space where, ironically, she's already put down some roots.

Abron, who works from the River North WeWork location, feels "light and airy, like I can take on the world," when she walks to her desk in the morning. WeWork allows her to bring in the dog, Millie, she often takes care of for a friend. She regularly hosts networking events in the space and hangs out in the common area where she meets other "co-workers" who have helped her with her business.

But it's not all perfect, she said. "I do hate that they got rid of the beer and no one will tell me where it went," she said. "I can't get a consistent answer."

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for Albertsons' East region, based out of the company's Boise, Idaho headquarters.

Gossett, 58, had been leading the Albertsons-owned Shaw's and Star Market grocery chains in the Boston area when he was tapped to succeed Cygan, whom he called a "friend and confidant." Cygan, a well-liked Albertsons

lifer who had become president of Jewel-Osco just a year earlier, died July 5, 2018, at the age of 55 after a brief illness.

Gossett's LinkedIn page lists his role as president at Jewel-Osco as ending in October. It doesn't list a new job. Public records show he and his wife, Lori, bought a house in Batavia in October 2018. Gossett could not be reached Tuesday.

Itasca-based Jewel-Osco, which has 188 stores mostly in the Chicago area,

has held onto its 26% market share in a crowded local grocery market that has been pressured by intense price competition and the rise of delivery. In addition to Kroger-owned Mariano's, it must contend with the growth of discount grocer Aldi, which has expanded to 160 stores in the Chicago market and is attracting new shoppers with its remodels, and independent grocers like Pete's Fresh Market, which is expanding into more suburbs.



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US trade deficit falls 8.2% to smallest level since '16

November gap at \$43.1 billion, Commerce Dept. reports

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit fell in November to the lowest level in more than three years as U.S. exports rose while imports declined, putting the country on track to see the first annual decline in the trade deficit in six years.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that the gap between what America sells and what it buys abroad narrowed by 8.2% in November to \$43.1 billion, the smallest deficit since October 2016.

Through the first 11 months of 2019, the trade deficit is 0.7% smaller than in the same period in 2018. If that trend holds in December, the country will finish 2019 with a deficit slightly below last year's \$627.7 billion imbalance, which had been a 14.1% jump over 2017.

That would mark the first year-to-year improvement since the deficit narrowed in 2013.

Economists said the third monthly decline in the trade deficit should give a boost to overall growth as measured by the

gross domestic product in the fourth quarter.

Andrew Hunter, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said he believed GDP growth would come in around 2% in the October-December period with the trade improvement providing much of that strength.

But he cautioned that the improvement was built on a number of special factors that will not be repeated such as the end of the General Motors strike, which boosted auto exports.

Still, he said with global manufacturing starting to improve, the worst of the trade slump may be over.

“The stabilization in global manufacturing activity and the trade truce with China suggest that the drag on the U.S. economy from weak growth overseas has now run its course,” Hunter said.

The politically sensitive deficit with China declined by 15.7% to \$26.4 billion. Through the first 11 months of 2019, the U.S. trade deficit with China, the largest with any country, is 16.2% lower than the same period in 2018.

Trump withdrew a new round of tariffs covering popular consumer items such as cellphones that had been scheduled to go into effect in December after progress was made in reaching a so-called phase one trade agreement. That deal is scheduled to be signed Jan. 15 in Washington.

While Trump sees the U.S. trade deficit as a sign of economic weakness that can be overcome with tougher trade deals, mainstream economists said the deficit reflects an economic reality that doesn't yield much to changes in government policy: Americans consume more than they produce, and imports fill the gap.

Imports and exports of petroleum both fell in November but imports declined by a larger amount, pushing up the size of the U.S. surplus in petroleum to \$832 million, the third straight month the country has run a petroleum surplus and the largest amount on record going back to 1978.

In November, the United States ran a \$63.9 billion deficit in the trade of goods such as autos, food and appliances.

But it ran a \$20.8 billion surplus in services, including education and banking.

Uber rolls out PIN code to raise safety

By **CATHY BUSSEWITZ**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Uber is offering riders a four-digit code to help ensure they're getting into the right car.

The ride-hailing company rolled out the new feature across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday and said all riders in those two countries will be able to use PIN codes by the end of the week.

The development follows the death of 21-year-old Samantha “Sami” Josephson, who was killed in March after getting into the car of a man impersonating an Uber driver. Her body was later found in the woods 65 miles away.

Since then, states have been pushing for additional safety requirements for Uber drivers. In New Jersey, where Josephson grew up, the state passed a law requiring ride-hailing drivers to display identification signs on the car's front windshield and rear window.

With the new feature, Uber sends a four-digit PIN code to the rider. Then, before getting into the car, the rider tells the driver the pin code. The driver enters the pin code into the app, and if everything matches up, the rider gets a notification that says “your ride is verified.”

“They can see the confirmation before getting into the vehicle and they don't have to take the driver's word for it,” said Rebecca Payne, senior product manager at Uber, who helped develop the feature.

Uber has long provided riders with license plate numbers and the make and model of cars, and the PIN code offers an additional layer of security, Payne said. But the best way to ensure you're getting into the right car is to check the license plate, she said.

Ride-hailing companies that cater to children have long used four-digit PIN codes to help parents ensure their children are getting into the right car.



DREAMSTIME/TNS

After the holidays, many consumers are dealing with returns, travel delays and service contracts — with little to show for it.

‘Your call is important to us ... ’

Not really because many companies try to wait you out, study shows

By **JACKIE CROSBY**
Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — If you think customer service has gone to the dogs, guess what? Many companies don't care.

Research from the University of Minnesota posits that many businesses intentionally make it hard for consumers to complain — and it works.

“There may be profitable advantages for the firm to induce customer hassles,” said Yi Zhu, an associate marketing professor at the Carlson School of Management and co-author of a report on customer service frustrations. “If they refund everything, they're going to lose money.”

With the busy holiday shopping season coming to a close, more consumers are finding themselves dealing with returns, travel delays and such things as service contracts for cable TV or smartphones.

Zhu decided to apply academic rigor to the subject after being put through the ringer by a large airline company. His co-author, Anthony Dukes, a marketing professor at the University of Southern

California, was feeling frustrated from dealing with a bank over a mortgage issue.

“Why do all these companies use similar ways to beat you up, to make it harder to talk to somebody to get a refund?” Zhu wondered. “That was the starting point to think academically about this.”

The two essentially set out to test the old marketing saw, “Please hold. Your call is important to us.”

The answer: Maybe not so much.

Companies deliberately employ inefficient, multistep processes hoping that you will give up so they can avoid giving you a replacement or refund, according to the report, published in the May issue of Marketing Science. As a “collateral benefit,” companies avoid the labor costs of hiring people who might be able to solve your problem.

“If you have this tiered design, you can definitely improve your profit — and you can definitely (tick) people off in the process,” Zhu said.

For context, Zhu said he and Dukes relied on anecdotal stories and other published reports rather than independently measuring customer service models across various industries. But they were able to develop a mathematical model around a “unit hassle cost,” which they defined as the level of annoyance or frustration a person experiences when

being inconvenienced.

Customers with less severe complaints find that the additional hassle of speaking with a manager is not worthwhile.

Zhu and Dukes demonstrated how a company's tiered customer-service operation “exploits customer hassle costs” to screen claims and reduce the number of payouts. The authors acknowledge that this process also enables companies to screen out illegitimate claims.

“You call them, most of the time you don't talk to a real person,” Zhu said. “You wait in the queue because they claim there are lots of calls, maybe they say they'll call you back in an hour. You finally talk to somebody and they say, ‘I don't have the authority to resolve your issue.’ You wait while they transfer you to someone of higher rank. And then you have to repeat what you've already said.”

U.S. consumers spend an average of 13 hours a year waiting on customer-service calls, according to one report the authors cite, published in 2013.

A 2017 “Customer Rage” study, conducted by Arizona State University, found that while companies are making it easier than ever to buy products and services, nearly eight in 10 consumers who complained about a problem in the past year still weren't happy with the way it was handled.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

IKEA to pay \$46M in Calif. boy's death

PHILADELPHIA — IKEA has agreed to pay \$46 million to the parents of a 2-year-old boy who died of injuries suffered when a 70-pound recalled dresser tipped over onto him, the family's lawyers said Monday.

Jozef Dudek, of Buena Park, California, died in 2017 of his injuries, and his parents sued the Swedish home furnishings company in a Philadelphia court in 2018.

In the lawsuit, the Dudeks accused IKEA of knowing that its Malm dressers posed a tip-over hazard and that they had injured or killed a number of children, but that the company had failed to warn consumers that the dressers shouldn't be used without being anchored to a wall. The dresser was recalled in 2016, according to the suit.

Boeing: More 737 Max training good

Boeing said Tuesday it is recommending that pilots receive training in a flight simulator before the grounded 737 Max returns to flying, a reversal of the company's long-held position that computer-based training alone was adequate.

The recommendation is based on changes to the plane, test results and a commitment to the safe return of the Max, Boeing said.

The 737 Max has been grounded worldwide since last March after two crashes killed 346 people.

Boeing's interim CEO, Greg Smith, said in a statement that Boeing decided to recommend simulator training because of the importance to Boeing of gaining public and airline confidence in the Max.

Japanese issue arrest warrant for Ghosn's wife

By **MAKIKO INOUE**
AND **EIMI YAMAMITSU**
The New York Times

TOKYO — Japanese authorities on Tuesday said they issued a warrant for the arrest of Carole Ghosn, the wife of Carlos Ghosn, taking direct aim at the family of the fallen auto magnate as they seek to bring him back to the country to face criminal charges.

Prosecutors in Tokyo said they had obtained an arrest warrant for Carole Ghosn, 53, on suspicion of giving false testimony. In a written statement, they said Ghosn had testified in April that she did not know a person who was involved in Carlos Ghosn's case, even though she was in communication with that person while

the person was wiring money between companies at Ghosn's request.

The statement did not disclose the identities of the person or the companies.

The Ghosn family could not immediately be reached for comment.

Carlos Ghosn, the architect of the Nissan-Renault-Mitsubishi auto empire, faces charges of financial wrongdoing in Japan. But he fled the country Dec. 29 and reappeared in Lebanon. Ghosn is a Lebanese national, and the nation does not extradite its citizens.

Carole Ghosn is believed to be in Beirut, the Lebanese capital, where she was photographed with her husband on New Year's Eve. It is not clear how a Japanese arrest warrant would affect her ability to return to the United States, which has an

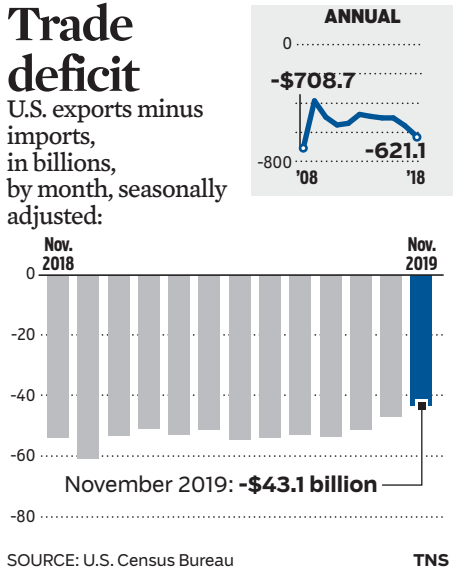
extradition agreement with Japan, or to travel to other countries with extensive ties to Japan.

Japanese officials prompted Interpol, the international criminal information clearinghouse, to issue what is known as a red notice, which is issued internationally for individuals wanted for prosecution or to serve a sentence. But red notices essentially function as a diplomatic request for help, not as an international arrest warrant, and they do not obligate governments to comply.

On Tuesday, Nissan broke its silence on Ghosn's flight, saying in a statement that an internal investigation found “numerous acts of misconduct,” and it could continue to cooperate with authorities in investigating him.

Trade deficit

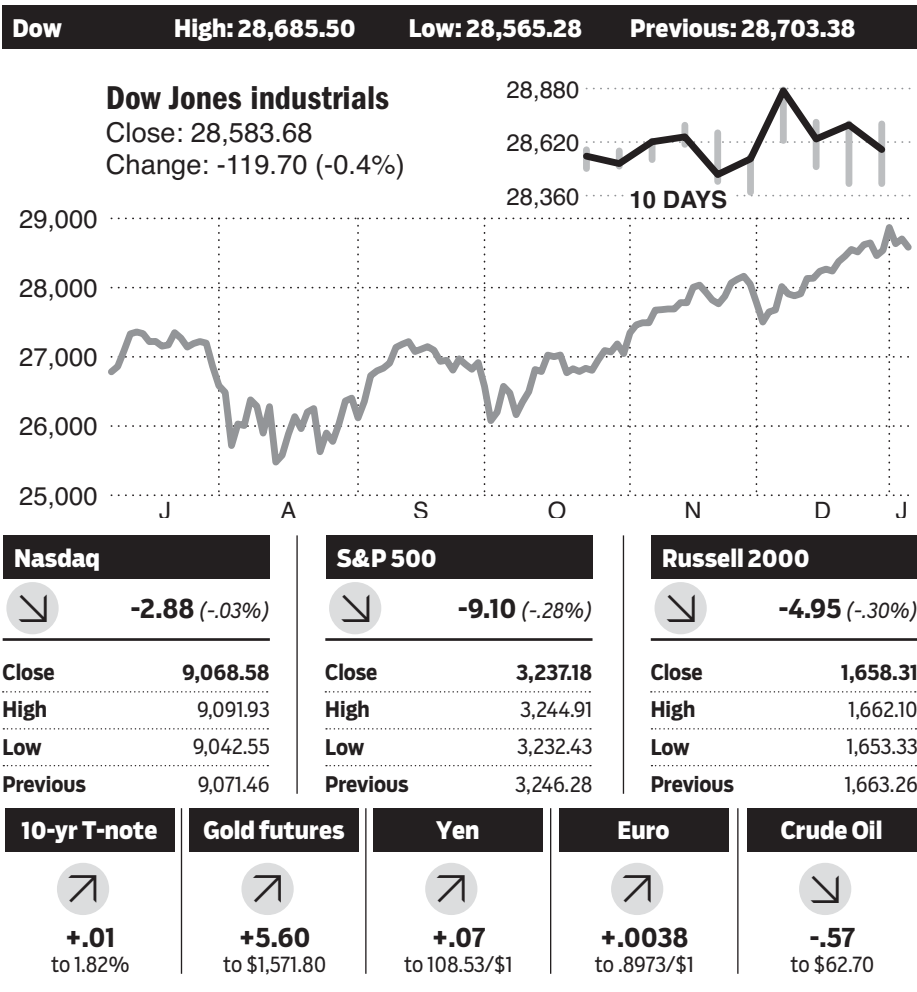
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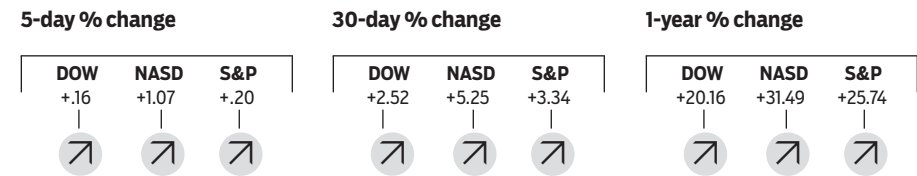
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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



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COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	549.50	551	545.50	550.25	+.25
		May 20	553.50	554.25	549.25	553.25	-.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	385	385.75	383.50	384.50	-.25
		May 20	391.50	392.25	389.75	391.50	...
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 20	933.50	935	928.75	935	+.25
		Mar 20	944.75	947.50	937.75	944	-.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jan 20	34.28	34.46	34.20	34.46	+.22
		Mar 20	34.52	34.78	34.44	34.74	+.22
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jan 20	297.80	297.80	295.70	296.40	-1.30
		Mar 20	302.80	304.00	300.40	301.30	-1.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Feb 20	62.91	63.15	62.11	62.70	-.57
		Mar 20	62.67	62.92	61.96	62.51	-.53
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	2.149	2.178	2.102	2.162	+.027
		Mar 20	2.144	2.166	2.103	2.153	+.019
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 20	1.7471	1.7514	1.7057	1.7222	-.0322
		Mar 20	1.7590	1.7612	1.7168	1.7333	-.0319

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	85.86	-.48	Envestnet Inc	N	72.85	+.69	McDonalds Corp	N	202.63	+.30
AbbVie Inc	N	88.89	-.51	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.28	-.51	Middleby Corp	O	108.28	-.68
Allstate Corp	N	112.19	-.97	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	69.06	-.95	Mondelez Intl	O	53.92	-.23
Archgroup Inc	N	112.91	-1.14	Equity Residential	N	79.83	-1.20	Morningstar Inc	O	151.80	-1.76
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.11	-.55	Exelon Corp	O	45.68	+.05	Motorola Solutions	N	165.72	-1.20
Baxter Intl	N	85.49	+.20	First Indl RT	N	41.13	-.14	NiSource Inc	N	27.63	+.24
Boeing Co	N	337.28	+3.54	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	65.56	-.33	Nthn Trust Cp	O	105.82	+.58
Brunswick Corp	N	57.29	-.87	Gallagher AJ	N	94.72	-1.03	Old Republic	N	22.12	-.22
CBOE Global Markets	N	118.22	-1.97	Grainger WW	N	337.84	+.35	Packaging Corp Am	N	104.85	-1.12
CDK Global Inc	O	54.85	-.23	GrubHub Inc	N	48.63	-.62	Paylocity Hldg	O	129.40	+.59
CDW Corp	O	140.92	-.16	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	113.11	-.41	RLI Corp	N	89.45	-2.29
CF Industries	N	45.58	-.42	IAA Inc	N	48.27	-.05	Stericycle Inc	O	62.63	+.12
CME Group	O	204.99	-.40	IDEX Corp	N	170.81	-2.13	TransUnion	N	89.05	+.72
CNA Financial	N	44.41	-.41	ITW	N	177.81	-.73	US Foods Holding	N	40.50	-.43
Cabot Microelect	O	146.13	+4.38	Ingredion Inc	N	91.72	-1.20	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	253.09	+2.14
Caterpillar Inc	N	146.38	-1.96	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	172.71	-1.03	United Airlines Hldg	O	86.77	-.93
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.32	-1.20	Kemper Corp	N	76.10	-1.05	Ventas Inc	N	57.18	-.48
Deere Co	N	173.74	-3.07	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.76	-.55	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	59.29	-.30
Discover Fin Svcs	N	81.49	-.91	LKQ Corporation	O	34.67	-.19	Wintrust Financial	O	69.62	-.79
Dover Corp	N	116.11	+.32	Littelfuse Inc	O	191.93	+4.54	Zebra Tech	O	256.47	-1.54

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS		
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	12.05	-.09
Chesapck Engy	90	+.03
Ford Motor	9.25	+.09
Apache Corp	32.51	+6.87
Nokia Corp	3.95	+.01
Bank of America	34.62	-.23
Uber Technologies	32.81	+1.23
AT&T Inc	39.25	+.15
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.83	-.07
Yamana Gold Inc	3.93	+.06
Snap Inc A	17.03	+.25
Freepor McMoran	13.05	+.20
Callon Petrol	4.73	-.15
Macy's Inc	17.67	+.57
Transocean Ltd	6.89	-.28
Pfizer Inc	38.75	-.13
Vale SA	13.23	+.09
CenturyLink Inc	12.73	-.12
Hecla Mng	3.41	+.10
General Motors Co	35.15	-.69
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.88	-.22
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.29	-.58
Sprint Corp	5.14	-.09
Shstwn Stk	2.36	+.01

LARGEST COMPANIES		
Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	39.25	+.15
Alibaba Group Hldg	217.63	+.99
Alphabet Inc C	1393.34	-.87
Alphabet Inc A	1395.11	-2.70
Amazon.com Inc	1906.86	+3.98
Apple Inc	298.39	-1.41
Bank of America	34.62	-.23
Berkshire Hath B	225.92	-1.07
Exxon Mobil Corp	70.29	-.58
Facebook Inc	213.06	+.46
HSBC Holdings prA	26.96	-.06
JPMorgan Chase	135.88	-2.35
Johnson & Johnson	144.98	+.88
MasterCard Inc	300.21	-1.02
Microsoft Corp	157.58	-1.45
Procter & Gamble	121.99	-.76
Taiwan Semicon	58.32	+.93
Visa Inc	188.69	-.50
WalMart Strs	116.56	-1.09

TREASURY YIELDS		
DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.52	1.52
6-month disc	1.51	1.52
2-year	1.53	1.53
10-year	1.82	1.81
30-year	2.30	2.28

SPOT METALS		
	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1571.80	\$1566.20
Silver	\$18.316	\$18.097
Platinum	\$966.00	\$960.40

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE		
A U.S. Dollar buys ...		
Argentina (Peso)	59.7265	
Australia (Dollar)	1.4558	
Brazil (Real)	4.0646	
Britain (Pound)	.7622	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3005	
China (Yuan)	6.9452	
Euro	.8973	
India (Rupee)	71.904	
Israel (Shekel)	3.4682	
Japan (Yen)	108.53	
Mexico (Peso)	18.8758	
Poland (Zloty)	3.80	
So. Korea (Won)	1167.86	
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.05	
Thailand (Baht)	30.31	

FOREIGN MARKETS		
INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3104.80	+21.4/+7
Stoxx600	417.67	+1.0/+3
Nikkei	23575.72	+370.9/+1.6
MSCI-EAFE	2031.56	-10.9/-5
Bovespa	116661.90	-216.0/-2
FTSE 100	7573.85	-1.5/-0
CAC-40	6012.35	-1.2/-0

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS		
Based on total assets		
FUND	NAV	CHG IN \$ 1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.85	-.03 +25.1
American Funds AmronBaIA m	28.55	-.07 +18.5
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	52.42	-.11 +24.0
American Funds CptIncBldrA m	63.25	-.22 +16.2
American Funds FdmItInvsA m	62.30	-.11 +26.2
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	51.73	-.05 +26.5
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.20	-.07 +17.4
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	39.76	-.13 +23.2
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	47.52	-.06 +28.5
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	48.15	-.21 +24.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.06	-.01 +9.8
Dodge & Cox IntStk	43.80	... +19.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	195.49	+.62 +22.4
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.68	-.01 +6.3
Fidelity 500IdxInPm	112.29	-.30 +29.5
Fidelity Contrafund	13.90	-.02 +28.7
Fidelity InvMGrdeBd	11.61	-.02 +10.0
Fidelity TtMktIdxInPm	90.78	-.23 +28.6
Fidelity USBldIdxInPm	11.96	-.01 +8.9
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.34	-.01 +13.1
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.97	-.01 +9.3
PIMCO Inc2	12.05	... +7.8
PIMCO IncInstl	12.05	... +7.9
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.39	-.02 +8.7
Schwab SP500Idx	49.51	-.13 +29.5
T. Rowe Price BCGR	126.59	-.01 +29.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	74.61	-.06 +29.7
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	298.83	-.81 +29.5
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	39.36	-.07 +20.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.51	-.17 +30.4
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	79.04	-.34 +23.0
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	95.03	+.07 +36.4
Vanguard HCAdmrl	87.41	-.06 +20.6
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	14.54	+.01 +7.0
Vanguard InsIdxInPm	290.90	-.79 +29.5
Vanguard InsIdxInPmPlus	290.92	-.79 +29.5
Vanguard InstTSMInPls	68.82	-.16 +28.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	104.17	+.40 +30.2
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	220.73	-.05 +28.1
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	144.81	+.22 +25.9
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.74	... +5.8
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	79.18	-.18 +22.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.61	-.05 +16.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.90	-.02 +18.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	36.54	-.06 +19.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.57	-.04 +20.8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.09	-.02 +9.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxInPm	11.09	-.02 +9.1
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	22.72	-.02 +8.4
Vanguard TtInBldxInPm	34.09	-.03 +8.4
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	29.88	-.03 +18.9
Vanguard TtInSldxInPm	119.50	-.10 +19.0
Vanguard TtInSldxInPmPlus	117.53	-.09 +19.0
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	17.87	-.01 +18.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	79.87	-.19 +28.5
Vanguard TtSMIdxInPm	79.88	-.20 +28.5
Vanguard TtSMIdxInPm	79.84	-.20 +28.4
Vanguard WngtNcAdmrl	74.91	-.35 +21.6
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	66.23	-.19 +16.1
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	64.80	-.12 +26.9

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OBITUARIES

GERTRUDE HIMMELFARB 1922-2020

Victorian England scholar argued for conservatives in 'culture wars'

BY HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Gertrude Himmelfarb, the matriarch of one of the right's most prominent families and a scholar of Victorian England who argued forcefully for conservatives in the modern "culture wars," died Monday night at her home in Washington, D.C. She was 97.

Himmelfarb was the widow of neoconservative "godfather" Irving Kristol. Her son, neoconservative publisher-commentator William Kristol, says the cause was congestive heart failure.

Few families contributed as much to modern conservatism, although they did so in different ways. While her husband helped organize an influential network of politicians, think tanks and media outlets, and her son became a leading Republican pundit and strategist, Himmelfarb concentrated on social criticism and history's lessons for the present.

In dozens of books and essays, Himmelfarb scrutinized the life and culture of England before, during and after the reign of Queen Victoria, from the philosophies of Jeremy Bentham and Edmund Burke to the novels of Charles Dickens and George Eliot.

Through debates of the past, she directly and indirectly addressed the so-called "culture wars" of recent decades.

She disputed the dull, corseted image of Victorian England, finding it a time of surprising dynamism and an admirable willingness to confront moral and ethical issues.

She challenged the idea that the poor and working class were more liberal than the rich and warned against the post-Victorian Bloomsbury circle of Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forster and other artists and intellectuals.

"Today more than ever, we have reason to be wary of the kind of 'civilization'

celebrated by Bloomsbury, which dismissed conventional morality as 'a ridiculous, absurd and antiquated fashion,'" she wrote in 1985.

Like her husband and other neo-conservatives, Himmelfarb was a political radical in her youth disgusted with the upheavals of the 1960s. Himmelfarb and her liberal opponents agreed that Victorian "virtues," as she preferred to call them, had been discredited in the 20th century.

Yet their fall was not a sign of enlightenment and open-mindedness, she often said, but of breakdown, a perspective that made her an important influence on advocates for "family values." In 2004, Himmelfarb received a National Humanities Medal "for her critical analysis of history, which has yielded insights into Victorian England and the foundations of our culture."

Himmelfarb was widely respected as an authority on the Victorian age, but opinions about her social and political views were, unsurprisingly, divided.

She was criticized for finding an "obvious connection" between the "homosexuality" of liberal economist John Maynard Keynes and his famous — and often misunderstood — observation that "In the long run we are all dead." In The New York Review of Books, Alan Ryan wrote that her conservative views damaged her standing as a historian.

"There is room for disagreement about the quality of Gertrude Himmelfarb's work as a historian and room for concern about the extent to which it has been damaged by her political preoccupations — some might say obsessions," Ryan, a Princeton University professor and political scientist, wrote in 2004. "What leaves no room for disagreement is the quality of her writing, which has a verve and sharpness absent from most academic prose."

A manufacturer's daughter, Himmelfarb was born

in New York City in 1922. She attended Brooklyn College as an undergraduate, while also studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The enemy at this time of her life was not the welfare state, but capitalism. She was a Trotskyist who attended meetings of the Young People's Socialist League, if only because she enjoyed the company of the "smartest people around."

One was a fellow traveler named Irving Kristol, who proposed to her after just four dates. They married in 1942. She received a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and her first book, "Lord Acton: A Study In Conscience and Politics," came out in 1953. Other works included "Victorian Minds," "The Idea of Poverty" and "Marriage and Morals Among the Victorians."

She taught for years at City College of New York and served at various times as an adviser for the Library of Congress, the National Council on the Humanities and the American Enterprise Institute.

Kristol and Himmelfarb remained together until his death in 2009 and had two children: Elizabeth and William. Himmelfarb, known privately as Bea Kristol, did allow for at least one modern detail in her life: she continued to write under her maiden name. The decision was practical, she would explain, not political, since she already was known professionally as Gertrude Himmelfarb. But it didn't keep reviewers from comparing her to her husband.

"Critics never fail to mention the fact that I am married to the notorious conservative Irving Kristol and so on," she told C-Span's Brian Lamb during a 1991 interview. "One critic the whole theme of his essay on me was Gertrude Himmelfarb is a brilliant historian so long as she's Gertrude Himmelfarb, but she fails dismally as soon as she becomes Mrs. Irving Kristol."

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 8 ...

In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1867, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in overriding President Andrew Johnson's veto of the District of Columbia Suffrage Bill, giving black men in the nation's capital the right to vote.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I.

In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

In 1965, the Star of India and other stolen gems were

returned to the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

In 1968, the Otis Redding single "Sittin' On The Dock of the Bay" was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer's death in a plane crash.

In 1975, Judge John Sirica ordered the release of Watergate figures John Dean, Herbert Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder from prison.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000 for the first time, ending the day at 2,002.25.

In 1993, seven people were found shot to death at a Brown's Chicken & Pasta restaurant in Palatine. (Juan Luna and James Degorski were later convicted and sentenced to life in prison

for the crime.)

In 2002, Ozzie Smith, regarded as the finest-fielding shortstop ever, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on his first try.

In 2003, a US Airways Express commuter plane crashed at the Charlotte, N.C., airport, killing all 21 people on board.

In 2004, Libya agreed to compensate family members of victims of a 1989 bombing of a French passenger plane over the Niger desert that killed 170 people.

In 2008, Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican John McCain won the New Hampshire primaries.

In 2011, a gunman allegedly attempting to assassinate U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., during a meet-your-congressperson event outside a grocery store in Tucson critically wounded the lawmaker with a shot to the head, killed six people including federal Judge John M. Roll and a 9-year-old girl, and wounded 12 others. The suspect, Jared Loughner, was tackled by witnesses at the scene, arrested and later placed in federal custody charged with several felonies.

In 2015, the Chicago Bears hired Ryan Pace as the team's new general manager.

In 2016, after a deadly pre-dawn shootout, Mexican naval special forces captured drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman in the Sinaloa city of Los Mochis six months after he had escaped from a maximum security prison.

In 2018, the Chicago Bears hired Matt Nagy as the team's 16th head coach.

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

Auwerda, Marion J.

Marian J. Auwerda, age 89, of Indian Head Park. Beloved wife of Henry Auwerda; loving mother of Vivian (Garry) Sannes, Kathryn (the late Dennis) Benakovich, Paul Auwerda, and Tim (Laura) Auwerda; dear grandmother of 4; great grandmother of 2; loving sister of 9 brothers and sisters; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering will be held on January 11 from 10am until time of service at noon, at Knollcrest Funeral home. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations, to the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, 4601 Forbes Blvd., Suite 130 Landham, MD 20706, are appreciated. For info call 630-932-1500 or www.knollcrest.net.

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Bayer, Jeanette

Jeanette Marie Bayer (nee Stis), age 78, at rest on New Year's Day, January 1, 2020. Beloved wife of Gary Bayer, loving mother of Gregory Bayer, Keith Bayer and Kristen Wolf and grandmother to Ava, Olivia and Jack Wolf, Connor and Grace Bayer and Joshua and Jeffrey Bayer. Sister of Georgia Fulks. She was born in St. Louis where she graduated from Washington University, taught school there and then moved to Lake Forest with her family where she loved life for forty years. Her special place was Puerto Vallarta, Mexico where she spent half the year and loved the sea, the mountains and the warm people. Visitation 5pm to 8pm, Friday, January 10, 2020 at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave., Lake Forest. Funeral Mass 10am, Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road in Lake Forest, Illinois. Interment following Funeral Mass. If you care to, please donate to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America

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Bedeker, James E. 'Jim'

James E. "Jim" Bedeker passed away on January 4, 2020, after a stubborn and hard fought battle against cancer.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Sally; his son, Michael; daughter-in-law, Brenda; his parents, Elmer and Juanita; and brothers, Jay Bedeker and Jeff Bedeker.

He is survived by his daughter, Cynthia (Patrick) Brankin; grandchildren, Cortney Bedeker, Tara Brankin and Michael Brankin; his brother, John (Sue) Bedeker; sisters, Janice Bedeker and Judy (Thomas) Mitchell; sister-in-law, Judy Stangland and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was born to the late Elmer and late Juanita in Streator and attended Newark High School. Jim was a father, grandfather, entrepreneur, inventor, truck driver, horseman and farmer.

After driving for a few years, post high school, Jim founded A&R Transport with one truck. Together with his trusted partner Paul Sweeden, Jim built A&R into the premier bulk plastic hauler in the country. When Jim sold the company it had grown to hundreds of trucks with 37 terminals in 19 states, serving customers all over the world. Jim also invented and patented many technologies used today in that industry.

Jim was a respected horse breeder in the Arabian and Friesian horse community. Together with his late wife Sally they travelled the world winning championships and making numerous friends.

Jim was most at home in his farm fields. He was a farmer at heart. He was constantly working on his crops — or at least as much as Mother Nature would allow. Despite the cancer that weakened him, Jim worked his fields until a few days before his passing. In all of his businesses, Jim's word was his bond. He preferred to do business with a handshake and expected others to be as honorable. Despite meeting several who conducted themselves otherwise, Jim always maintained his integrity.

Jim was devoted to his family. He stood by his wife Sally all the way until her passing and was the true embodiment of his marriage vows.

He loved spending time with his children, Mike and Cindi, their spouses and children. Jim was renowned for having crazy adventures after crazy adventure. Each of his grandchildren, Cortney, Tara and Michael, have numerous special memories of Grandpa Jim; be it in Paris, Puerto Rico, Disney World, Jupiter Island, Cave Creek or Illinois. There are not enough words to summarize Jim's life, legacy and the impact he had on so many people through his work and generosity. Jim lived his life full speed with an unstoppable work ethic. He loved a great joke (or practical joke) and loved to laugh. Jim was bigger than life and the world has lost a one of a kind person. He will be greatly missed.

Many thanks to the people who helped Jim and the family tremendously during this difficult time: Darren Sackman, Charity McMullin, Jenny (Bedeker) Gaworski, Shelly Daly, Miguel Gutierrez and Able Gutierrez as well as the staff of Joliet Area Community Hospice. Jim's family is forever grateful to you for your love, time and support.

Visitation for James E. "Jim" Bedeker will be held on Friday, January 10, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 1201 W. Route 6 (at Deerpath Drive), Morris, IL. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 600 E. Jackson Street, Morris where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will take place at a later date at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL.

In lieu of flowers, have a Miller Lite, a Bombay Sapphire Gin and Tonic or a glass of Caymus in memory of Jim.

For more information, please call (815) 942-5040 or visit his Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com



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Beuke, Matthew Fitzpatrick

Matthew Fitzpatrick Beuke, age 30; passed away January 5, 2020, surrounded at home by his loving family and friends who supported Matty through his long and courageous journey of ALS. Loving son of Richard and Annamarie Beuke; beloved brother of Peter (Katie) Beuke and Ricky (Nicole Morin) Beuke; dear uncle of Lily and Zoey Beuke; dearest grandson of Chuck and Elaine Beuke and the late Kane and Andrea Keirnan; fond nephew, cousin and friend of many.

Matty's journey with ALS began in June 2017. The support from his family and friends has been overwhelming these last 2 ½ years. The Les Turner ALS Foundation, Journey Care and the many people he had met along the way gave Matty the strength and courage to fight this insidious disease. On Sunday, Matty won the fight and passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. #MATTYMATTERS. Visitation Friday, January 10th, 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Sullivan Funeral Home**, 60 South Grant St. Hinsdale. Funeral Saturday, January 11th, family and friends to meet for an 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. John of the Cross Church, 5005 Wolf Rd. Western Springs. Private Family Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Matty's honor to, Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Ave. Skokie, IL 60077 or www.lesturnerals.org are appreciated. www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com or 630-323-0275.

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Bonnes, Katherine

Katherine Bonnes (nee Ray). Beloved wife of the late Walter "Jack" Bonnes. Loving mama of Mary Lou (John) Meschino, Frank (Amy) Bonnes, and Karen Bonnes. Proud grandmother of 12. Cherished great grandmother of 14. Dear sister of 11. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Caring friend of Ruth Svoboda. Retired from IIT after 25 years as a telecommunications co-ordinator and order and billing facilitator. Visitation Sunday 1 – 7 p.m. Funeral service Monday 11:00 a.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL. Interment Bethania Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to a veteran's organization of your choice would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

Robert J.

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Campbell, Richard E.

Richard E. Campbell 91, was born to the late Richard C. and Sigrid Campbell on October 17, 1928 in Chicago. He graduated from Mississippi College and served in the Korean war. He was a loving brother to the late Jean Osinga. After returning home, he met and married the love of his life June Glidewell on October 22, 1955. They had three children, Susan (Tim) Hennessy, Barbara (Hank) Deckinga, and Steven (Diane) Campbell. Their beloved grandchildren are Kelsey (Alan) Seaborg, Shea Hennessy, Timmy Hennessy, Alex Campbell and Erin Campbell. Mr. Campbell was co founder of Bellman-Melcor inc. with his dear friend and business partner Carl Osterman Sr. in 1962. He is fondly remembered as a long time baseball coach in the Palos Youth Baseball organization and loved to play golf and tennis. He was a lifetime "Superfan" of the Chicago White Sox, and later in life of professional golfer Justin Rose. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, January 11 2020 beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7800 South McCarthy road in Palos Heights. A memorial service will be held immediately afterward at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, donations would be graciously accepted for the Palos United Methodist Church/Palos Food Pantry, 12100 South Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights, IL 60463.

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Capitani, Joseph S.

Suddenly, beloved husband of Mary (nee Kessler); adored father of Joseph, Christopher, Margaret and the late Catherine; devoted son of Ethel (nee Dettling) and Joseph P.; son in law of Mary (nee Gormally) and the late Patrick Kessler; favorite brother in law of Michael (Violet), James (Lisa), Thomas, Kevin (Brigida), John and Patrick (Anne) Kessler; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Great friend of many. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy. Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, prayers at 11:30 a.m. going to St. Paul of the Cross Church for 12 noon Mass. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. Paul of the Cross Parish Educational Endowment Fund or to the Center of Concern. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Cerabona, Carmelo Carmen 'C.C.'

Carmelo (Carmen) "C.C." Cerabona, 96, Beloved Husband of the late Margaret M (nee Weinmeier). Loving father of Gale (Dave Dienethal) and Margaret (Randy) Hughes. Cherished Grandfather of Nicholas (Andrea) and Ryan. Blessed Great Grandfather of Samuel, Victoria, David and Daniel. Dear Brother of Marge Zelenka and the late Nick, Mike and Jerry. Retiree of Chicago Tribune, member of Chicago Mailers Union 2. Visitation Friday 2pm - 8pm and Prayers Saturday 9am at River Woods Funeral Chapels, 205 S River Rd Des Plaines, IL. Mass 10am at Our Lady of Ransom Church 8300 N Greenwood Niles IL. Entombment All Saints Cemetery 847-635-5000

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Pick 4 midday 7247 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday 02 07 21 24 32

Pick 3 evening 837 / 4
Pick 4 evening 1354 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening 03 14 21 22 43

Jan. 8 Powerball: \$258M
Jan. 9 Lotto: \$2.75M

WISCONSIN
Jan. 7
Pick 3 286
Pick 4 7339
Badger 5 06 09 11 18 31
SuperCash 01 12 19 32 34 37

INDIANA
Jan. 7
Daily 3 midday 635 / 0
Daily 4 midday 9189 / 0
Daily 3 evening 860 / 6
Daily 4 evening 0243 / 6
Cash 5 17 27 31 39 41

MICHIGAN
Jan. 7
Daily 3 midday 474
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Coffman, Walter W.

Walter W. "Wally" Coffman. Loving husband and childhood sweetheart of the late Mary Ellen "Meg" (nee Grant). Dear father of Marie (Dr. Nicholas) Sotiros, Tom Ret. CFD (Janet), John CFD (Tanya) Coffman and the late Patricia Nelson. Fond grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 8. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Chicago followed by Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Info. (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Colon, Linda

Linda Colon, age 70, of Westmont. Beloved wife of Ruben. Loving mother of Aaron (Becki) Colon and Brian (Amy) Columbus. Devoted grandmother of Carlos, Elena, Diego and Christopher Colon and Katherine, Gabi and Brian Columbus. Dear sister of Arthur (Maria) Verrier and the late William Verrier. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Friday January 10th at St. Joseph Church, 4801 Main St., Downers Grove. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Catholic Charities would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 630-964-6500

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Coyle, William

William "Bill" Coyle of Addison. Beloved husband of Rose nee Riordan. Loving father of Kevin (Shannon) Coyle, Laurie Coyle and Lynn Coyle and Mary (John) Lambrianakos. Cherished grandfather of Oriana, Brenna, Grace, Erin and Kiko. Dear brother of Marie Coyle and the late Jim Coyle. Funeral Mass Saturday, 10 AM at St. Joseph Church, Addison. Interment private. Visitation Friday 2:30 PM - 8 PM at Humes Funeral Home, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53). If desired, memorials to the church greatly appreciated. For info, www.HumesFH.com or 630.628.8808.



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Danaher, Ann Therese

Ann Therese Danaher, nee Doyle, age 78, January 5, 2020, lifelong resident of St. Gabriel Parish - Canaryville neighborhood; dearly beloved wife of the late Robert W. Danaher, CFD; devoted mother of Eileen (Ronald) Hacker, Maureen (Gabriel, OEMC) Caponera, Robert Danaher (OEMC), the late Kevin Danaher, Kathleen (Joseph, CFD) Caponera, and Colleen (Robert) Contreras. Loving grandmother, preceded in death by her first grandchild, Gabriel R. Caponera; survived by William and Kathleen Hacker, Kevin (Meghan) CFD and Matthew Caponera, Carl and MaryKate (CFD) Danaher, Gianna, Maria (CFD), and Eleanor Caponera, and Anthony, Andrew, and Annabella Contreras; Great Grandma Therese of Mikayla, Grace, Jenna, Gabriel, and Giuliana Caponera. Preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Eleanor (Coffey) Doyle; dear sister of the late Edward (late Donna) Doyle, Mary Jo (Charles, CFD, retired) Dineen, and John (Kathleen) Doyle, CPD, retired; fond sister-in-law of the late Neil (Maureen) Danaher, William (Jacqueline) Danaher, CFD, retired, and Mary Ann (late Gerald) O'Hare; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews; friend to many. Services at **McINERNEY CENTRAL CHAPEL**, 4635 S. Wallace St., Chicago, IL, where family and friends will gather on Thursday, January 9, 2020, from 2 to 9 p.m. Funeral Friday, January 10, 2020, 9:15 a.m., at chapel, to St. Gabriel Church, 600 W. 45th St., Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please visit **ANN THERESA DANAHER BOOK OF MEMORIES**. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or facebook.com/funeralmc. For information, (773) 268-0703.



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Delaine, Ruth Lee

Ruth Lee Delaine, 90, passed away on January 3, 2020. A celebration of life service will be held Friday, January 10, 2020 at 11am at New Hope Baptist Church, 5202 Watkins Drive, Jackson, MS 39206. Friends may visit family on Thursday, January 9, 2020, from 5:00 - 6:30pm at Lakeover Memorial Funeral Home, 1525 Beasley Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39206

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Dube, Ruth E.

Ruth E. Dube, nee Mareska, of Lexington Square, Elmhurst and longtime resident of Westchester, age 97. Beloved wife of the late Jerry Dube; loving sister of the late Edwin Mareska, Eleanor Simanek, Joseph Mareska and Harold Mareska; proud aunt of Chuck Simanek, John Mareska, Bill Mareska and the late Vivian Smircek and the late Joseph Simanek. Private Interment at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Memorials would be appreciated to Hinsdale Humane Society (www.hinsdalehumane.org). Arrangements entrusted to **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Engblom, Carolyn

Carolyn Engblom nee Swinton, 76. Lifelong resident of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Glenn A. (1998), dear daughter of the late John and Helen, loving sister of JoAnn H. (late Richard) Childers, fond sister in law of Rev. James Bauman, cherished aunt of Christopher (Lisa), Kevan, Bridget Bauman and Elizabeth (Grayson) Bastin. She also leaves many good friends. Ret. 20 yr. employee of Rotary International of Evanston as Director of Human Resources. Visitation Thursday, January 9, from 3 to 8 p.m. at **Grove Memorial Chapel**, 1199 S. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village. Chapel prayers Friday, 9:30 a.m. followed by 11 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Arthritis Foundation or the National Kidney Foundation are appreciated. For more info, 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Fink, Judith Perlmutter

Judith Perlmutter Fink, age 77. Beloved wife of the late Jerold. Dear sister of the late Susanne Perlmutter Spellberg. Devoted aunt of Dr. David Spellberg (Elisabeth Caplan), Philip Spellberg (Dianne Leland), Alan Spellberg (Audra Kaplan), Dr. Scott Emalfarb (Jami Marcus), Brian Emalfarb and Michelle Fine. Loving great-aunt of Sean, Jordyn (Derek), Leah, Claire, Jack, Joseph, Helen, and Nathan Spellberg, Hannah and Brandon Emalfarb, and Jordan and Rebecca Fine. Graveside service Thursday 3PM at Westlawn Cemetery (Memorial Section), 7801 W. Montrose, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Florek, Francis J. 'Frank'

Beloved husband of Leona F. (nee Christopher) Florek. Loving father of Karen (John) Schneeweiss & Christine Florek. Dear brother of the late; Edward (Betty) Florek, John (Quillan) Florek & Eva (Edek) Staniszewski. Kind uncle of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Thursday, January 9th from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Chapel prayers Friday, January 10th, 9:15 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Our Lady of the Woods Church in Orland Park, Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery in Justice. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Gallagher, Bridget M.

Bridget M. "Breda" Gallagher (nee O'Connell), age 87. Beloved wife of the late John P. "Jack" Gallagher; loving mother of Sheila (Larry) Schiffer and Sharon (Marcelo) Ariola; proud grandma of Matthew (Julie), Julie and Jane Schiffer, and Andrew (Elisha), Alex, Rea, and Gigi Ariola; cherished sister of James (Diana), the late John (Barbara, late Dor) late Bill (Joyce), & late Mike O'Connell, late Betty (James) DeBickero, and the late Mary (late James) Frey. Visitation Thursday, Jan. 09 from 3 to 9pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Funeral Prayers 10:15am Friday, Jan. 10 from the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs for Mass at 11am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654. Funeral Info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Haberberger, Mark J.

Mark J. Haberberger passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 4, 2020, following a short illness. Mark was a first generation German American and was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph F. and Irma (Teuber) Haberberger, his brother Glenn P. Haberberger, and his son Joseph Haberberger. He will be greatly missed by his devoted wife Linda S. Pensala, his children, Laura Haberberger, Tina March (Eric), Liisa Morley Miller (Donnie), Beloved Nieces, Shelly Plapp (Peter), April Zehm Ridout (Christopher), Angela Zehm Manrique (Ruben) and his nephew David Zehm. His sisters, Annette Haberberger Klotz (Michael), Iris Haberberger, Linda Sethi, and all of their children. Mark is also survived by many family members in Germany, including his cousins Helmut Haberberger (Irmgard), Veronica Haberberger Wolfe (Tony) and Herbert Speckner (Ilse). Mark was an avid genealogist and traveled to many parts of Germany, but his heart was always in Gunzendorf Bavaria and in the Haberberger family home #7. Mark graduated from Pius XI High School in 1977 and from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI in 1981, Summa Cum Laude, with a Political Science major and double minor in German and History, two of his lifelong loves. In 1985 Mark graduated from Cornell University Law School and began his law career at Whyte Hirschboeck in Milwaukee (currently Husch Blackwell). Mark then worked for Abbott Laboratories at Abbott Park, Illinois as in-house corporate legal counsel, followed by a distinguished twenty-year legal career as Senior Counsel at GE Healthcare, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Mark was admitted to practice as a lawyer in Wisconsin and Illinois. As an avid German family historian and genealogist, Mark made many visits to Germany following his first family trip to Gunzendorf, Bavaria, as a child in 1970. Mark was an active member of the greater Milwaukee German American community and the German American Chamber of Commerce, Midwest Chapter. Mark and Linda have also traveled to Finland many times, and he is an active member of the Finnish American Society of Milwaukee. Mark will be greatly missed for his warmth, incredible sense of humor, German singing, his strong friendships and his zest for life. Mark would like all of his family and friends to remember him on his birthday every September 21st with a smile and a "prost". Visitation and a service will be held at **Krause Funeral Home**, 21600 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53072 on Friday January 17, 2020 from 4-8 PM. Father Steve Lampe will officiate the service on Saturday January 18, 2020 beginning at 8:30 AM with a "Celebration of Mark's Life" Luncheon following the service at Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Iacopetti, Ralph

Ralph Iacopetti passed into eternal life on January 4, 2020 surrounded by the love of his family. He was the devoted father of Anthony Iacopetti and the loving son of Marina and Matteo Iacopetti. Ralph was the dear brother of Anntoinette, Marie, Andrea, Lucia, Giovanni, and Ines and the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Ralph came to America from Italy as a young boy to pursue his dream of being a barber. Since then he has resided both in Chicago and Glenview and has been a long-time business owner of Arena's Barber Shop in Glenview. Uncle Ralph's personality lit up every room. He was dear to many and his kindness was boundless. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at N.H.Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Road in Glenview. Family and friends will meet for funeral mass Monday, January 13 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street., Glenview. Interment private. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Iris, Madelyn 'Micki'

Madelyn "Micki" Anne Iris, Ph.D., nee Balter, 73, beloved wife of Mark for over 44 years; devoted mother of Ariel (Julia) and the late David; adored grandma of Daniel, Abby, and Jacob; dear sister of Sharon (Harvey) Kellman; fond aunt, cousin and friend to many. Micki was a noted gerentologist, past co-president of Keshet, and West Rogers Park's foremost Navajo maven. Synagogue service Thursday 10 AM at Beth Emet, 1224 Dempster Street, Evanston. Interment Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Keshet (keshet.org) or Cancer Wellness Center (cancerwellness.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Kanter, Loretta L.

Loretta L. Kanter, nee Cucci, age 76, of Chicago. Devoted mother of Jeffrey (Sarah) and Laura Kanter. Funeral Service and Interment are private. Funeral info: www.habenfuneral.com and to sign guestbook.

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Knaf, Laverne A.

Laverne A. Knaf, nee Rokusek, 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Louis R. Loving mother of Linda Redmond, Alan (Cindy) Knaf, and David (Christine) Knaf. Cherished grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 12. Dear sister of Kenneth (Darlene) Rokusek and the late Charlotte (late Calvin) Kaiser. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, January 8th from 3 - 8 P.M. Funeral service Thursday, January 9th at 10:30 A.M. at the **Becvar & Son Funeral Home**, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated. (708) 824-9000 or www.becvarfuneralhome.com

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Kopfman, Rosemary Ann

Rosemary Ann Kopfman nee Neeson, January 6, 2020, Age 92. Late of Homewood. Beloved wife of the late Emil R. Kopfman. Dear mother of William (the late Claire) Kopfman, Barbara (Edward) Heil and Cynthia Kopfman. Cherished grandmother of Sarah Kopfman, Samantha and Connor Heil. Loving sister of the late John (the late Doris) Neeson. Resting at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy. Homewood, Sunday, January 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral prayers 9:30 a.m. Monday, January 13th to St. Joseph Church, 17951 Dixie Hwy. Homewood. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.

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Lindgren, Lorraine Cecilia

Lorraine Cecilia Lindgren, 92, of Libertyville, passed away Jan. 4, 2020 at Advocate Condell Med. Ctr. Lorraine was a member of St. Joseph parish. Early on she had worked at Illinois Gear and Thybony Interiors. While at Spring Meadows she was a member of the board and volunteered in their Memory Care unit. She loved playing cards and dominos. She was the loving mother of Janine (Clayton) Bolke and Greg Lindgren; the proud grandmother of Gregory Walters and Lexi Bolke; step-grandmother of Kyle (Hillary), Amber, and Bailey Bolke; dear great-grandmother of Ava Weddel and Quinn Bolke; loving sister of Frank (Annette) Koziol and Dolores (Frank) Rutkowski; and the beloved aunt and great-aunt to many nieces and nephews. Lorraine was preceded in death by her devoted husband Richard. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 AM Friday Jan 10th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E Maple Ave, Libertyville. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Visitation will be 4-8pm Thursday Jan. 9th at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Pl (Rt 176, 1 Blk East of Rt 21) Libertyville. If desired, memorial donations made to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60654-9965 would be greatly appreciated. Funeral info (847) 362-2626 and libertyvillefuneralhome.com

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Linnen, Mary J

In loving memory, the family of Mary Joanne (Barry) Linnen, 91, of Hingham, MA, announces her peaceful passing on Sunday, December 29, 2019, on what would have been her 68th wedding anniversary to Thomas F. Linnen (deceased). Born on August 12, 1928 in Middletown, NY and raised in Carbondale, PA, Mary Jo was a daughter of the late Alice Cotter Barry and Walter E. Barry. Mary Jo earned a bachelor's degree in dietary science from Marywood College, Scranton, PA. She worked as a hospital dietician in Orange, New Jersey and Washington, D.C.

Mary Jo dedicated herself to raising her five children and creating a home life. No small feat as Mary Jo and the family successively made homes in Washington, DC; Bethesda, Maryland; Atlanta, Georgia; Signal Mountain, TN; Bartlett, Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights, IL, and Orchard Park, NY. In 1997, after her husband's retirement, they settled in Ponte Vedra, Florida. When her husband passed away in 2016, Mary Jo made Hingham her new home.

Mary Jo and her husband were grandparents to 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was a fun and imaginative grandmother who delighted in being part of her grandchildren's lives. Mary Jo also was an avid and frequent letter-writer to her children and grandchildren, appreciated by all. Mary Jo's passion for entertaining and creating an inviting home helped her to form a lovely network of close friends she and her husband developed along the way. Friendships were long lasting, no matter the locale. Mary Jo was a true friend, elegant hostess and a card-playing enthusiast.

Mary Jo was known for her social graces, hospitality and creative talents. While living in Orchard Park, NY, Mary Jo took her talents to another level and established her own business, Vintage Fashion. She was fascinated by period clothing. She was especially drawn to the clothes of the Victorian and the Roaring '20s eras. Mary Jo's Vintage Fashion shows helped non-profit associations raise money for their work.

Mary Jo is preceded in death by her parents Walter E. and Alice C. Barry; husband, Thomas F. Linnen; sister, Nancy A. Brennan; and youngest daughter, Mary Joanne Jr. Linnen (nicknamed Dodee); brother-in-law, Frank P. Brennan (Nancy); sister-in-laws, Rosemary E. Linnen (Herb), Burnetta G. Barry (Walt).

Mary Jo is survived by four children: Nancy A. Tartol (Jim), Paula M. Polsky (Bruce), Michele A. Linnen, Thomas F. Linnen, Jr. (Laura), and grandchildren: Zachary J. Tartol, Alexandra M. Schmitt (Michael), Sr. Eliya of the Child Jesus O.C.D. (given name Hannah Polsky), Elliot T. Polsky (Katherine), Michael A. Linnen and Samantha M. Leja (Joe); great grandchildren: Gabriella, Drew, and John Schmitt; and sibling: Walter C. Barry; brother-in-law, Ambrose J. "Herb" Linnen, in addition to several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Wake on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. at the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), HINGHAM. Funeral procession will begin Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 9 a.m. from the funeral home, followed by a Mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Hingham at 10 o'clock. Cremation will follow. The Rite of Committal will take place in Ponte Vedra, Florida at a later date. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Mary Jo's memory to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA), 801 Roeder Road, Suite 1000, Silver Spring, MD, 20910.

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Murphy, Helen

Helen Murphy, nee Bennett, 91, longtime resident of LaGrange Park, at rest January 4, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Phillip. Loving mother of Michael (Dena) Murphy. Loving aunt of several nieces and nephews and dear friend to many. Visitation will be held Saturday January 11 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home 17W201 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace. Burial to follow in Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Info. (630) 941-5860 or www.chapelhillgardenswest.com.

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Noga, Jerome H. 'Jerry'

Jerome H. "Jerry" Noga, age 69, formerly of Orland Park. Beloved husband of Nancy (nee Smenos), loving father of Melissa (Michael) Mounts, Jeff (Joyce) and Jeremy Noga. Cherished grandfather of Alexandria, Abigail, Evelyn and Charles Mounts, Lauren, Allison and Emily Noga. Cherished son of the late John and Lillian

Noga. Dear brother of Rev. John T. Noga (Pastor of St. Daniel the Prophet Church) and James (Ann) Noga. Special Uncle of Nicole Noga, Matthew and Andrew Smenos. Funeral Friday 9:30am from **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Alphonsus Church, Mass 10:30am. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3pm-8pm. In lieu of flowers donations in Jerry's name to The American Cancer Society appreciated. Former Grand Knight and 4th degree member of St. Michael Council #10858 K. of C., Cardinal Stritch Assembly #205, former Commissioner of Village of Orland Park Civic Center, longtime banker for several banking institutions, active parishioner at St. Julie Church and St. Alphonsus Church. 708-301-3595 or rjmodelafh.com.

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O'Hare, Sally D.

O'Hare, Sally D. was born in Chicago IL on January 20, 1930 and passed away on November 24, 2019 at the age of 89; Beloved wife of Robert (Bob) O'Hare; loving mother of late Michael (Ruth) O'Hare, Mark (Rita) O'Hare, late Christine (Jim) Taber and late Raymond (Colleen) O'Hare; cherished grandma of Georgia Lewis, Katy, Elizabeth, Ryan, Thomas and Audrey O'Hare; Great-grandmother of John C. Urquhart and Christopher R. Lewis. She was a beloved teacher for over 41 years to thousands of students. Rather than flowers she would have wanted prayers and kind thoughts for all. Entombment services will be Friday January 10, 2020 at St Adalbert's Catholic Cemetery at 11:30am located at 6800 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL and the Memorial mass will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at St Alexander Catholic Church at 11:30am, 7025 W 126th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463. Arrangements entrusted to Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonial-funeral.com

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O'Reilly, Richard 'David'

Richard "David" O'Reilly, age 66, passed away suddenly Jan. 3, 2020. Beloved son of the late Francis and Gertrude (nee O'Halloran) O'Reilly. Devoted brother of Francis Patrick (Carmen), Thomas (Maryann), Michael (Maureen) and Peggy (Stanley) Bachusz. Fond uncle and cousin to many. He was great friend to many people including his group of friends from Forest Park (too many to mention). David was a Truck Driver for over 25 years with the Chicago Public Schools. Visitation Thursday Jan. 9 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Immaculate Conception Church (Talcott & Harlem) for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Pappas, James

James Pappas 73 of Des Plaines was born on February 13, 1946 to the late Nikolas and late Angella Pappanikolau and passed away January 5, 2020. James was the beloved husband of Linda (nee Gayle) Pappas; loving father of Kristen (Monty Roberson) Pappas and Danielle (Brian) Witkowski; devoted grandfather of Henry James, Fiona Lynn and Violet Caroline; dear brother of Arthur (Carol) Pappas; fond uncle of Justin (Amy) Pappas, Nick Pappas, Kimberly Kern and great uncle of Tyler and Ashley; brother in law to Monica (Ric) Kern. Memorial visitation Saturday January 11, 2020 from 10am until time of memorial service 2pm at **Oehler Funeral Home** 2099 Miner St Des Plaines, IL. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com



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Pater, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Pater, beloved wife of the late David Moe; dearest daughter of the late Joseph and Quita (nee Hanlon) Pater; loving sister of Terese (Geoff) Schultz, Mary (Paul) Serio, Christopher Pater, and the late Michael Pater; Cherished aunt of Elizabeth (Dustin) Reichard, Emily Schultz, Michael (Molly) Serio, Dan Serio, Brian Serio, Tim Serio, Megan Pater, Evan Pater, and Ian Pater, Patricia was active with the GLADD Program at St. John Brebeuf Church and Alive Rescue in Chicago. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles on Friday from 9:00 am until time of service 9:30 am to St. John Brebeuf Church for 10:00 am Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the GLADD Program of St. John Brebeuf or the St. Vincent DePaul Society appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Purecki, Casey F.

Casey F. Purecki, age 88, passed away on January 4th 2020. Loving uncle of Thomas Antosz (friend of Claudia) and Nancy (Thomas) Staib. Great uncle of Caitlin and Alyssa. Dear brother of the late Genevieve (the late Edward), the late Tony (The late Rita) and the late Leonard Purecki. Casey was an Army Veteran in the Korean War and worked for the Railroad Retirement Board. Visitation Friday, January 10th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Saturday, beginning at the funeral home at 8:30 a.m. and will then proceed to St. Cornelius Church in Chicago for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300



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Roulo, Eileen C.

Beloved wife of the late Ronald H. Roulo Sr. Loving mother of the late Peggy (Thomas) Kevin, Ronald (Lana) Roulo Jr. and Pamela Stewart. Cherished grandmother of Charles Leonardo, Karie Leonardo, Drew (Robyn) Roulo, Brad (Jen) Roulo, Kelsey (Ryan) Carlson, Jacob (Cloe) Stewart and Adalyn Stewart. Adoring great grandmother of Oliver Stewart, Phoebe Stewart, Martin Roulo and Everett Carlson. Dear sister of Theresa Scott, the late; Margaret Hopkins, Walter DeRouin and Henry DeRouin. Kind aunt of many nieces & nephews. Eileen was born and raised in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood of Chicago attending St. Christina grade school and Morgan Park High School. Her and her husband Ronald raised her family primarily in the Palos Heights area where Eileen also enjoyed a successful career at Allstate Insurance as an Agent, operating her own agency in Crestwood before retirement. Visitation Friday, January 10th from 9:00 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 11:00 a.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 OR The Salvation Army, 615 Slaters Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314 would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Scola, Teresa 'Kolkana'

Teresa Scola nee Kolkana. Beloved wife of Bernard "Ben" Scola. Dear mother of Timothy (Christine) Powers and Katie Chleborad. Loving stepmother of Dan (Dianna), David (Charlene), Marie (Eric) Larsen, Alison (Charles) McLaughlin. Cherished grandmother of Matthew (Jessica), Christopher, Kaitlyn, David, AJ, Ellen, Megan, Kara, Brenna, Mary Kathryn, Ryan, Reagan, Haley, Alex, and Lily. Fond sister of Bill, Jim, Bernadette, Bonnie, Diana and Michael. Loving aunt of many. Visitation Friday 3:00 ~ 9:00 P.M. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Hwy. Mt. Prospect. Visitation continues Saturday from 11:30 A.M. until Mass 12:00 Noon at St. Cecilia Church, Golf Rd. (Rt. 58) & Meier Rd. Mt. Prospect. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. For info: (847) 255-7800 or www.FriedrichsFH.com

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Shear, Mark

Mark Shear beloved husband of Leslie nee Ferrier for 43 years; loving father of Courtney (Randy) Lerner; cherished Papa of Sydney and Sophie; devoted son-in-law of Phyllis and Hugh Ferrier. Graveside service, Thursday 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Tessaro, Lorraine

On December 31, 2019, Lorraine left this earth to be with her beloved family and friends. She was born in Chicago on January 14, 1931. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, John; daughter, Lisa; and sister, Irma. Left to treasure her legacy and so many happy memories are her daughters Linda (William) Brown of Hoffman Estates and Laura (Gary) Knight of Cary; grandchildren Jordan Knight, Michael Brown, Kevin Knight, Melissa (Vincent) Bucaro, and Caitlyn (Bennett) Blankenship; and great grandchildren Rose, Francesca, Vincent, Jr., Isabella and Cole. Lorraine is also fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends. Her greatest joys were spending time with her family, gardening, and enjoying the beauty of nature. Visitation will be on Saturday, January 11th at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m., followed by family eulogies. A private family burial is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 12th. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders.



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Turner, Laura L.

Laura L. Turner (nee Konicki), age 59, a resident of Safety Harbor, FL, formerly of Chicago's Western Suburbs, passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor, FL. She was born March 22, 1960 in Wheaton, IL. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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Unger, David

David Unger, age 85, of Riverwoods, IL passed away, surrounded by family, on January 7th, 2020. He led an exemplary life of living and loving.



He was a graduate of Northwestern University's Engineering School ('56) and The Harvard Business School ('58). Alongside generational colleagues, he expanded and modernized the family business (Midvesco, MFRI, Thermal Care, Perma Pipe Holdings, Inc), offering products and services for energy and environmental control. He loved to read, swim, ski, hike, play tennis, travel, and most of all, be surrounded by family. In the last three years of his life, he stayed connected with family and friends by travelling to Alaska, Orcas Island, New Orleans, Bethesda, Newtown, and Israel.

His marriage to Maxine Simon Unger was a shining example of the greatest love and lasted from their teen age until her death on their sixtieth anniversary. He enjoyed legendary friendships, some lasting 81 years, with memories that linger blissfully on. He was a hero to many, generous beyond compare, and continues to be an inspiration to all who were fortunate to enter his sphere.

He is survived by his children Judith (Jeffery) Golden, Rebecca Unger (Isak) Fishman and Michael Unger (Janet Metz-Unger); his grandchildren Emily Fishman, Charlotte Golden, Joseph Fishman, Nathaniel Unger, and Phoebe Unger; his sister (Sara Rosenbluth); and many beloved in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday January 10th at 11AM at Makom Solei Lakeside, 1301 Clavey Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Makom Solei Lakeside Library, www.mymakom.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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VINCENT C. S. J., SISTER ALICE

Sr. Alice Vincent, C. S. J., 87, beloved member of The Congregation of St. Joseph of LaGrange Park, celebrating 68 years of Religious Life. Loving daughter of the late Albondius and Adrienne Rose. Alice is one of 15 children, and she is survived by siblings, Daniel, Robert, Andy, Lawrence, John, Mary, Laurette and Lucille. She leaves one brother-in-law and 5 sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by siblings Eulalia "Susie," Sr. Juliette Vincent, S. S. M., Paul, Noel, Peter and Francis. Alice graduated from Hartford High School, White Water Junction, VT in 1950. She earned a Bachelor of Philosophy from DePaul University, Chicago in 1963. She was a graduate of the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at St. Luke Hospital, Chesterfield, MO in 1993. Alice was a primary grade teacher in the Archdiocese of Chicago for 37 years. She was a hospital chaplain at St. John's Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO for 16 years. Alice retired to LaGrange Park in 2007 and continued to do Congregational Ministry work as a volunteer until 2010. Sr. Alice continued in her ministry of prayer until her death. Visitation 3:30 to 9pm with Funeral Liturgy at 7pm Thursday, January 9, 2020 at The Congregation of St. Joseph Alexine Chapel, 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL 60526. Interment 9am Friday, January 10, 2020 from the Chapel to Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph (address above) appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com



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CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
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IN THE INTEREST OF
Jasmine McDuff

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Aisha McDuff
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA01292

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As the White Sox keep spending — on a former Cub, no less — the Cubs keep waiting for a ruling on their former MVP

Let's go! Sox make call to bullpen, sign reliever Cishek to 1-year, \$6 million deal

By LAMOND POPE

The back end of the bullpen was a strength for the White Sox in 2019.

They added another piece Tuesday, reportedly signing former Cubs reliever Steve Cishek to a one-year, \$6 million deal. The contract, according to ESPN's Jeff Passan, includes an option for a second season.

Cishek, 33, makes the short move from Wrigley Field to Guaranteed Rate Field.

He spent the last two seasons with

the Cubs, for whom he went 8-9 with a 2.55 ERA in 150 outings. He was 4-6 with a 2.95 ERA in 70 appearances in 2019. He had 57 strikeouts and 29 walks in 64 innings.

Overall, Cishek is 32-37 with a 2.69 ERA in 572 career outings — all in relief — with the Marlins (2010-15), Cardinals (15), Mariners (16-17), Rays (17) and Cubs (18-19).

Cishek's deal is the latest in a long list of offseason moves by the Sox.

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Slow & steady: After Bryant issue finally gets resolved, Cubs will make moves



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

It seems inconceivable that a grievance over a 2015 dispute remains unresolved, but here are the Cubs and Kris Bryant, nearly five years later, waiting and wondering.

Talk about the need for increased pace of play.

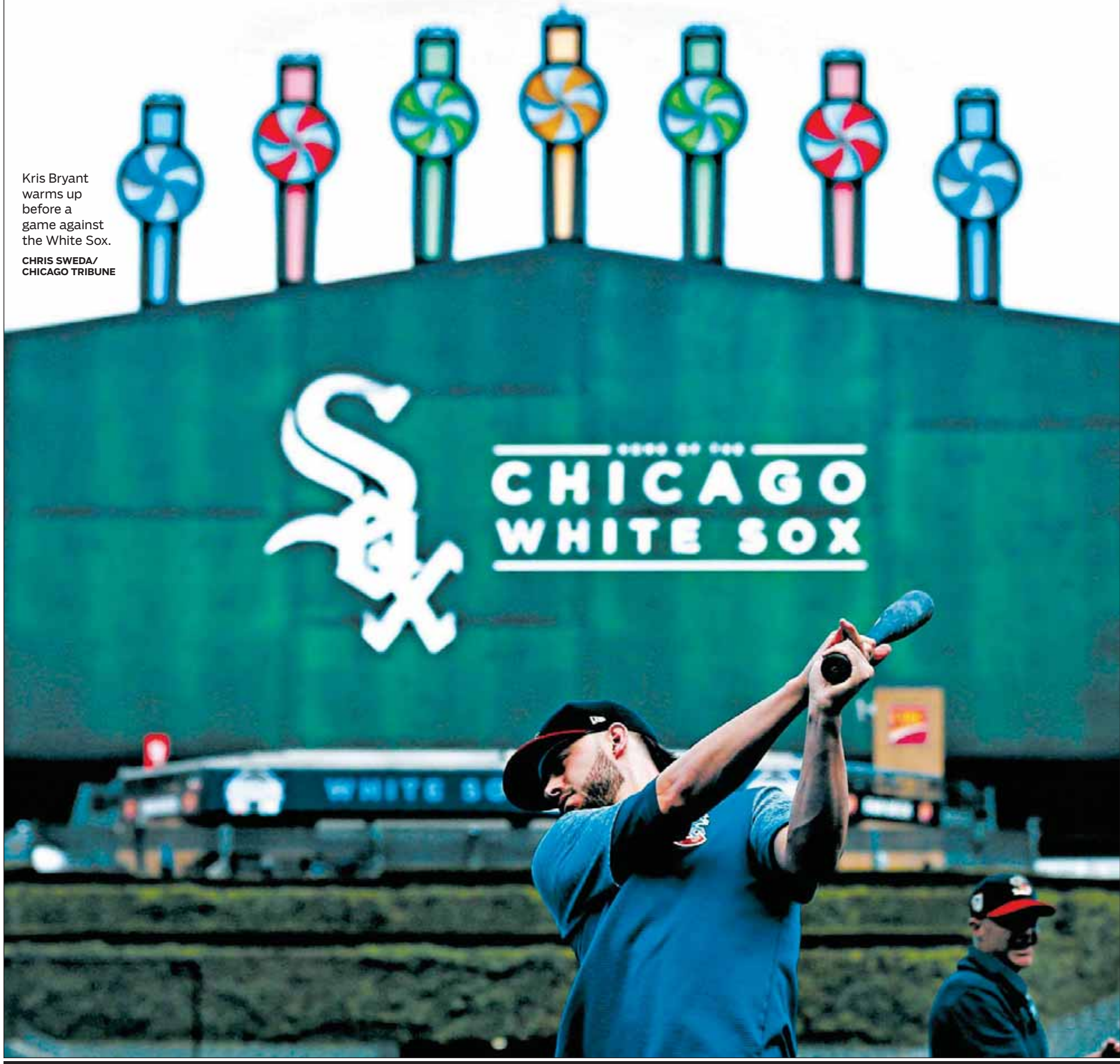
The Bryant service time issue drags on, leaving the Cubs in limbo as they await an outcome that will inform their short- and long-term future.

This was supposed to be the offseason of seismic change with a no-holds-barred approach to trades. Instead, the cost-conscious Cubs' most significant addition has been manager David Ross, a cheaper but not necessarily better version of Joe Maddon.

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Kris Bryant warms up before a game against the White Sox.

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FLAMES 2, BLACKHAWKS 1

Blackhawks sitting just 'a little bit behind the pack'

GM Bowman says team not close to making trade despite salary-cap space

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman praised Jeremy Colliton's coaching performance, said the team isn't close to making

a trade despite having millions in salary-cap space and stopped short of calling the Hawks a playoff contender in a wide-ranging news conference Tuesday at the United Center.

The Hawks have been beset by injuries all season but were still within six points of the



Bowman

final Western Conference wild-card spot entering Tuesday's game against the Flames.

Defensemen Brent Seabrook and Calvin de Haan are out for the season, Andrew Shaw and Drake Caggiula have been out since November with concussions and Duncan Keith,

Connor Murphy and Brandon Saad have all missed significant time.

"We're right there," Bowman said.

"We're a little bit behind the pack — a couple points. But it's a pretty tight pack that are fighting to get into that (last) spot. It's been basically half a season. We've got a lot of hockey left, so at this point I

think the biggest excitement is just the fact that even though we've had five veterans out of the lineup, we've had some young players step up.

"In particular, (Kirby) Dach and (Adam) Boqvist have taken a step forward and they've shown that they can help our team win.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Overhaul coming to NBCSCH

The gray chairs with tattered arms from “Sports Talk Live” that looked like a previous owner had dragged them to the curb? Already tossed and lost.

“A lot of what was in that studio, it’s just gone,” Kevin Cross, NBC Sports Chicago’s senior vice president and general manager, said Tuesday. “I’m sure the chairs from that set met a timely death.”

NBC Sports Chicago is overhauling its studio space for the first time in years, and it’s more than just an upholster-the-furniture and repaint-the-sets sort of deal.

This is not rearranging the set chairs. These changes are meant to herald a new era for the regional sports network and better distinguish it from peers such as ESPN or FS1 or Marquee Sports Network, which the Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group intend to introduce next month.

Work on the new studio began last month but kicked into high gear this week. The goal is to be ready for the White Sox season, which begins March 26, and you’ll barely recognize the place — or so Cross and company hope.

Their sports channel formally was relaunched in October with the end of the baseball season and the departure of the Cubs to launch Marquee after a 15-year partnership with the Sox, Bulls, Blackhawks and Comcast.

But the unveiling of the showy new studio at its Orleans Street headquarters will be how NBC Sports Chicago loudly announces its arrival.

“What’s going to be cool about this is it’s going to be visually stunning and dynamic and, as a former producer, I am so excited about this,” Cross said. “It’s a national quality-level set. It’s the level fans expect when they turn on TV looking for content.”

“This is a set that will hit those notes. We’re NBC Sports, NBC Sports Chicago. There’s a high level of quality that’s associated with the NBC brand. I’m just excited that our set is going to live up to that brand.”

Not only will there be no room for time-worn living-room chairs for folks such as David Kaplan and Jason Goff, there’s likely little tolerance for anything gray.

We’re talking video walls and a demonstration area with LED floors that can switch instantly from resembling an ice rink to a basketball court to a football field to a baseball diamond as desired.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
David Kaplan, left, and Jordan Cornette on the set of “Sports Talk Live” in 2017.

“I think it’s going to be one of the most-used areas of our set,” Cross said. “It’s going to give fans a new way for our analysts to explain the game to them, not just sitting behind a desk talking.”

“Now they can show it. You want to show rather than tell as much as you can and this set is really going to allow us to do more showing instead of just telling.”

NBC Sports regional sports channels in Philadelphia and San Francisco’s Bay Area already have versions of the new set, designed and built by the same group responsible for NBC’s Olympics studio set-up. Boston is getting its variation soon.

To this point, NBC Sports Chicago shows have originated from one quadrant of its studio or another. The new plan is free-flowing and open.

“The entire studio area can be used at any moment for the set,” Cross said.

While its facilities are rehabbed, NBC Sports Chicago studio content such as “Sports Talk Live” and Bulls and Blackhawks pregame and postgame will originate from temporary digs at NBC Tower, on location at the United Center and in bars and other locations in the area.

Because some of the old soon-to-be discarded sets will be used, some viewers of some shows may notice only subtle differences despite the displacement.

Subscribers of Dish and Sling will notice no difference because they have been without NBC Sports Chicago since the fall relaunch.

The two sides are still talking, but Cross said, “There really isn’t any dramatic difference than where we were a couple months ago.”

While it’s impossible to communicate with someone who can’t watch your programming, NBC Sports Chicago’s new setup is designed to convey information even to those who may see its programming in a bar or some other setting where they can’t hear what’s being said.

“It can cut through the clutter,” Cross said.

To that end, Cross recently sent 10 staffers to Philadelphia to look at how the new set’s display areas are being used there and brainstorm what can and should be done here.

“We want to maximize this set and, yeah, we’ll look at everything,” Cross said. “We’ll look at music. We’ll look at graphics. We’ll look at the whole thing. Over the next month and a half we’ll figure those things out.”

“What we’ve stressed is we don’t want to have a brand new house that looks amazing but not have the right furniture in it.”

Figuratively and literally.

LET’S PLAY 2

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ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

Is Eric Ebron worth a look at tight end? Had a real good year two years ago and fell off this year. One-year prove-it deal maybe? @danjnlte

The Bears need to consider every option at tight end. Ebron exploded in 2018 when he caught 66 passes for 750 yards with 13 touchdowns while playing barely more than half of the snaps for the Colts. He wasn’t nearly as productive this season without Andrew Luck at quarterback and elected to have ankle surgery late in the season. I suspect there will be enough interest for him to command a multiyear deal.

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NFL NOTES

Baylor’s Rhule to coach Panthers

News services

David Pepper is entrusting Baylor’s Matt Rhule to lead the Panthers out of what he views as a cycle of “long term mediocrity.”

The Panthers owner hired the 44-year-old Rhule on Tuesday to become the team’s next head coach. He replaces Ron Rivera, who was fired with four games remaining in the regular season.

The deal is worth \$62 million over seven seasons, with incentives to make even more for winning, the NFL Network reported.

The deal makes Rhule the sixth-highest paid coach in the NFL, according to Forbes. The five coaches ahead of him — the Patriots’ Bill Belichick, Seahawks’ Pete Carroll, Raiders’ Jon Gruden, Saints’ Sean Payton and Ravens’ John Harbaugh, have all won Super Bowls.

The team interviewed former Packers coach Mike McCarthy and Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy and had planned to talk with Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels and Vikings offensive coordinator Kevin Stefanski later in the week.

But Pepper made the decision that Rhule was his guy.

The Panthers met with Rhule at his home in Waco, Texas, on Monday, and Pepper liked what he heard and moved swiftly to make a hire. Rhule, who’s from New York City, had been scheduled to visit with his hometown Giants later in the week, and Pepper didn’t want to lose him.

According to reports, the Giants were finalizing a deal for Patriots wide receivers coach Joe Judge to become the team’s next head coach.

Judge, 38, was the youngest of the seven known candidates mentioned for the Giants’ vacancy and has been mentored by Belichick and Alabama coach Nick Saban.

As for Rhule, he has a history of rebuilding college football programs.

He was named Baylor’s coach on Dec. 6, 2016, after a sex scandal hit the program, resulting in the firing of Art Briles. The Bears went 1-11 in their first season under Rhule in 2017 with a depleted roster, but the team improved to 7-6 in 2018 and won a bowl game.

Baylor went 11-1 in the regular season in 2019 before losing to Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game and Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

Prior to Baylor, Rhule also helped rebuild Temple’s program, leading the Owls to back-to-back 10-win seasons in 2015 and 2016 after going 2-10 in his first season.

The Panthers are also a team in need of a major rebuild. They suffered seven-game losing streaks in the second half of the 2018 and 2019 seasons, and failed to reach the playoffs.

The Panthers last won a playoff game in 2015 when they went 17-1 before losing to the Broncos 24-10 in Super Bowl 50.



RAY CARLIN/AP

New Panthers coach Matt Rhule rebuilt Baylor in the wake of a sex scandal.

Browns close to coach hire: The Browns are the only team looking for a coach. That should make finding one a little easier.

ESPN reported Tuesday that the team plans to make a hire by the end of the week.

The Browns, who fired Freddie Kitchens after just one season, are in the second week of interviews and have scheduled meetings this week with Patriots offensive coordinator and former Broncos head coach Josh McDaniels and Vikings coordinator Kevin Stefanski. The Browns also asked the Eagles permission to interview defensive coordinator and former Lions head coach Jim Schwartz.

All of those interviews could be moved up now after the Rhule and Judge hirings.

Ravens’ Ingram misses practice: Running back Mark Ingram II didn’t participate in practice Tuesday ahead of the Ravens’ AFC divisional-round playoff game against the Titans on Saturday.

Ingram, the Ravens’ second-leading rusher behind QB Lamar Jackson, suffered a calf strain Dec. 22 against the Browns.

He practiced last week during the top seed’s bye week, but NFL Network reported that Ingram felt some tightness in his calf and pulled back to avoid injury.

The report said there’s still a chance Ingram will play Saturday.

Coach Jim Harbaugh refused to comment Tuesday on Ingram’s status.

“We’re not talking about any injuries this week,” Harbaugh said. “We’ll just wait and see. You’ll know on (Saturday).”

Redskins hire offensive coordinator: New Redskins head coach Ron Rivera will name Scott Turner, son of former Redskins head coach Norv Turner, the team’s offensive coordinator, SI.com reported Tuesday.

Scott Turner, 37, will replace Kevin O’Connell.

Turner served under Rivera as QBs coach in 2018 and 2019 with the Panthers and was the team’s offensive coordinator the last four games this season in the wake of Rivera’s firing.

NFL



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FILL IN THE BLANK

In two seasons, Matt Nagy’s performance as Bears coach has been _____.

BRAD BIGGS

Exhilarating then deflating

The great disparity between 2018 and 2019 creates questions heading into his third season. If you asked Bears fans when Matt Nagy was hired to replace John Fox if they would be happy with a 20-12 record through two years, I can’t imagine you would find one who would be disappointed. Had he followed an 8-8 first season with a 12-4 year, the vibe would be entirely different. But you can’t re-order history, and there is pressure for the Bears to be more competitive after Nagy’s offense was a tremendous disappointment. Most frustrating is that they didn’t find ways to adjust and improve during the season. Nagy’s contract runs through 2021, one more season than Ryan Pace, and while he’s not as closely linked to Mitch Trubisky as his boss is, he has to find a way to win with Trubisky and a defense that remains good.

RICH CAMPBELL

Unfulfilling because his offense hasn’t taken off

Nagy has established himself as a capable leader, and that absolutely counts for something. But he was brought here to ignite the offense and develop Trubisky. Those are his top two responsibilities, and the Bears went backward in both areas after first season. Nagy is unproven as the lead offensive strategist, play caller and quarterback coach, and that is unsettling after two seasons. Then again, Nagy has detailed a number of explosive plays the Bears failed to capitalize on because of Trubisky’s poor decision-making or inaccuracy. He is effectively saying, “See, this offense works!” But Trubisky’s regression can’t be separated from the job Nagy has done coaching him.

COLLEEN KANE

Not good enough

Nagy has done a lot of things well in his first two seasons. He helped instill a winning culture and brought the Bears back to the playoffs in 2018. He did a commendable job keeping his team from unraveling after a four-game losing streak in 2019. But his offense was rarely functional this season and finished 29th with 296.8 yards per game. He hasn’t done enough to elevate the play of quarterback Mitch Trubisky, whose regression this season was jarring. And he needs to prove he isn’t too stubborn to adapt when his plans aren’t working. Of the Big Three being questioned in this space — Pace, Nagy and Trubisky — Nagy, a year removed from being named NFL Coach of the Year, is the one who deserves the most patience to right his deficiencies.

DAN WIEDERER

A mixed bag

On the day Nagy was hired, if Bears fans had been promised a two-season surge in which the Bears won 20 games and posted a .750 winning percentage in NFC North games, they would have been doing cartwheels through Millennium Park. Nagy’s 20 victories are the most by any Bears coach in his first two seasons. The problem is that 2019 was such a major disappointment — a “regression” in the eyes of Ryan Pace — that faith in a quick turnaround has decreased significantly. Nagy’s leadership skills and positive energy are assets. And it’s ridiculous to completely discard the Coach of the Year honor he received for 2018. Still, Nagy arrived with the responsibility of enlivening the Bears offense and lifting Mitch Trubisky to new heights, and thus far he has failed on both assignments. In 20 of 33 games, including postseason, Nagy’s offense has failed to score 20 points.

Garoppolo’s preparation began with Patriots

As 49er faces 1st playoff start, role as Brady’s backup key

By JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

Jimmy Garoppolo’s postseason experience consists of a couple of garbage-time handoffs for the Patriots during the 2014 AFC championship game that is remembered far more for the controversy surrounding deflated footballs.

Garoppolo will carry a much bigger burden when he makes his first career playoff start for the 49ers as they host the Vikings on Saturday in their first playoff game since the 2013 season.

“I’ve seen the atmosphere in the building ramp up, the atmosphere of the coaches and players and everyone,” Garoppolo said Tuesday about the lessons he learned during his time with the Patriots. “Just a lot more energy in the building for sure.”

Garoppolo’s first full season as a starting quarterback in the NFL was a success as he helped lead the 49ers (13-3) to the playoffs for the first time in six years, earning the top seed in the NFC.

He had highs and lows, with Garoppolo’s 18 turnovers being the most by any playoff quarterback but his four fourth-quarter comebacks tying for the most in the NFL.

In all, the good outshone the bad moments. Garoppolo posted three games with four touchdown passes and ranked third in the league with 8.4 yards per attempt.

That performance helped justify the commitment the 49ers made to him following his 5-0 finish to the 2017 season after a midseason trade from the Patriots.

The 49ers rewarded Garoppolo with a five-year, \$137.5 million contract in the hopes that he would lead the team back to the playoffs and then shine on the big stage.

“He’s been the same guy here since day one,” tackle Joe Staley said. “He’s going to try to be the most prepared person he can be. He’ll practice the same way every day. He’s not going to try to reinvent anything. He’s not going to try to do anything different. He’s going to be the same person for this franchise that he’s been.”

The first season of the deal was hardly a success. He threw three interceptions in a season-opening loss to the Vikings and then suffered a season-ending knee injury in a Week 3 road loss to the Chiefs.

That injury contributed to coach Kyle Shanahan’s reluctance to put too much on Garoppolo’s plate early this season, relying more on a dominant defense and running game.

But as the defense regressed in the second half of the season and opposing defenses focused on shutting down the running game, Garoppolo showed the ability to carry a much heavier load.

He had a pair of four-touchdown games against the Cardinals, had a mostly flawless prime-time performance against the Packers, led the fourth-quarter comeback in a 48-46 road win over the Saints and beat the Seahawks, also on the road, in the regular-season finale to clinch the division title and top seed.

Now the 49ers are counting on Garoppolo to deliver in the postseason.

“I thought last week was a playoff game,” Shanahan said. “That was pretty intense when we played Seattle. He’s shown he can handle himself with poise. I think Jimmy has played some pretty big games.

“Anyone who’s around him in those games and talks to him, it’s not much different in those games than it is in a preseason game.”

Garoppolo has more playoff experience than most of his teammates, having served as Tom Brady’s backup in the Patriots’ Super Bowl-winning runs in the 2014 and ’16 seasons.

But the only time he made it on the field came in the closing minutes of the 2014 AFC championship game against the Colts, when he handed off twice in a 45-7 win. Brady was later suspended four games when the NFL said he directed equipment staffers to deflate footballs to make them easier to grip.

Receiver Emmanuel Sanders, who has played in Super Bowls for the Steelers and Broncos, said the key in the playoffs is sticking to the same formula that got teams there.

“I don’t have to talk to Jimmy about that,” Sanders said. “How many Super Bowl rings does that guy have? He knows. He knows what it takes to go all the way and win it all. He’s seen the preparation of one of the great quarterbacks of all-time. “At the end of the day he understands the process.”

NFL PLAYOFFS: DIVISIONAL ROUND



#6 **Titans** at #1 **Ravens**
7:15 p.m. Saturday, CBS-2

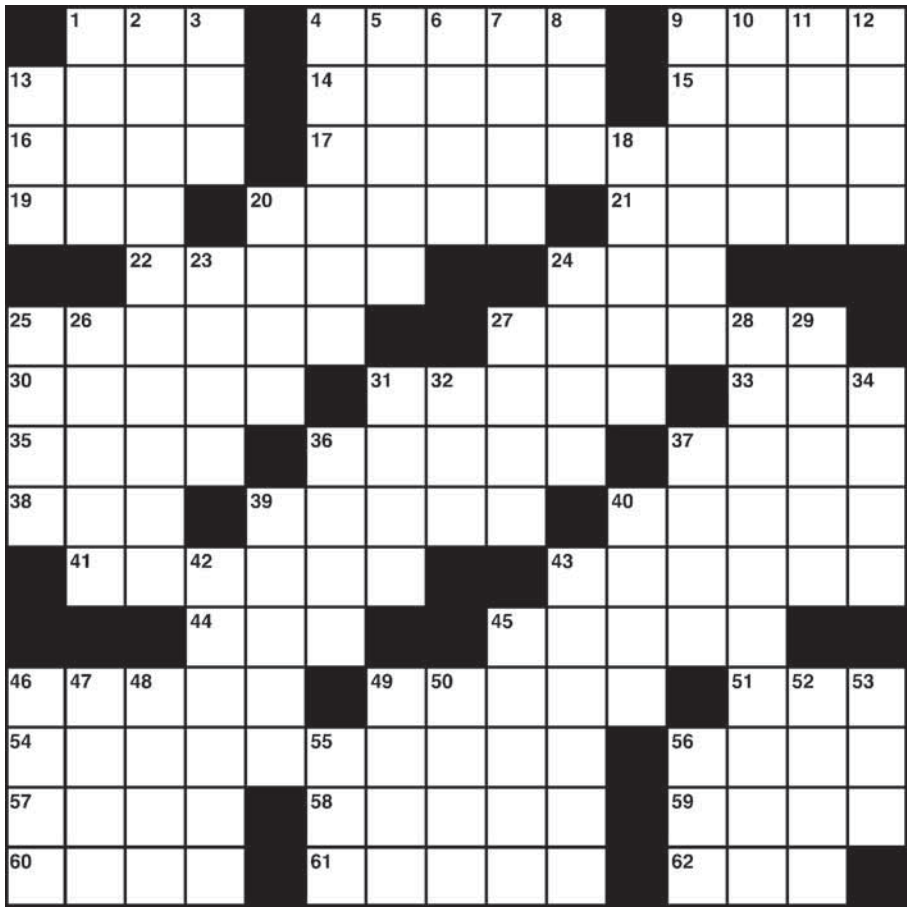
#4 **Texans** at #2 **Chiefs**
2:05 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2



#6 **Vikings** at #1 **49ers**
3:35 p.m. Saturday, NBC-5

#5 **Seahawks** at #2 **Packers**
5:40 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32

Crossword



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ACROSS

1 "Be quiet!"

4 Small cutting, as of holly

9 "___ well that ends well"

13 Command to a steed

14 Faye or Cooper

15 Chilly

16 "Little Red Riding ___"

17 Nervous wreck

19 However

20 Cash

21 Rejuvenate

22 Thrill

24 Atlas page

25 Children & teens

27 Sweet juice

30 Old saying

31 Fine-tune

33 Butterfly catcher's need

35 Hook, ___ and sinker

36 Lose one's life at sea

37 "The ___-Spangled Banner"

38 Truck scale division

39 ___ runner; current leader

40 Shoot from hiding

41 Innumerable

43 Cool creamy dessert

44 Phone inventor's initials

45 State of uncertainty

46 Laziness

49 Backbone

51 TV series for George Eads

54 Cease resisting

56 Street uprising

57 Kiln

58 Word attached to wall or news

59 Linden & Holbrook

60 Orangey drink

61 Ship poles

62 Past one's prime

DOWN

1 Loafer or moccasin

2 Folk singers' gathering

3 "I've ___ it!"; cry of frustration

4 Wooden shoes

5 Sky sight

6 Stand up

7 Unpleasant

8 Word of mild surprise

9 Agree to take

10 Money lent

11 Misplace

12 Massacred

13 "___ Do Fools Fall in Love?"

18 Racecourse

20 Barn mama

Solutions

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23 Theater box

24 Unkind

25 Sweet creamy drink

26 Verbal expression

27 Mr. Gingrich

28 Very aloof

29 Gathers crops

31 Trampled

32 Took first prize

34 Sequoia or sycamore

36 Dull in color

37 Ignore with contempt

39 Battle

40 Partial amount

42 PG or PG-13, e.g.

43 The Seven Dwarfs, by trade

45 Slightly more than a quart

46 Highlander

47 Mauna Loa's output

48 Daytime shop sign

49 ___ in the face; insult

50 June honoree

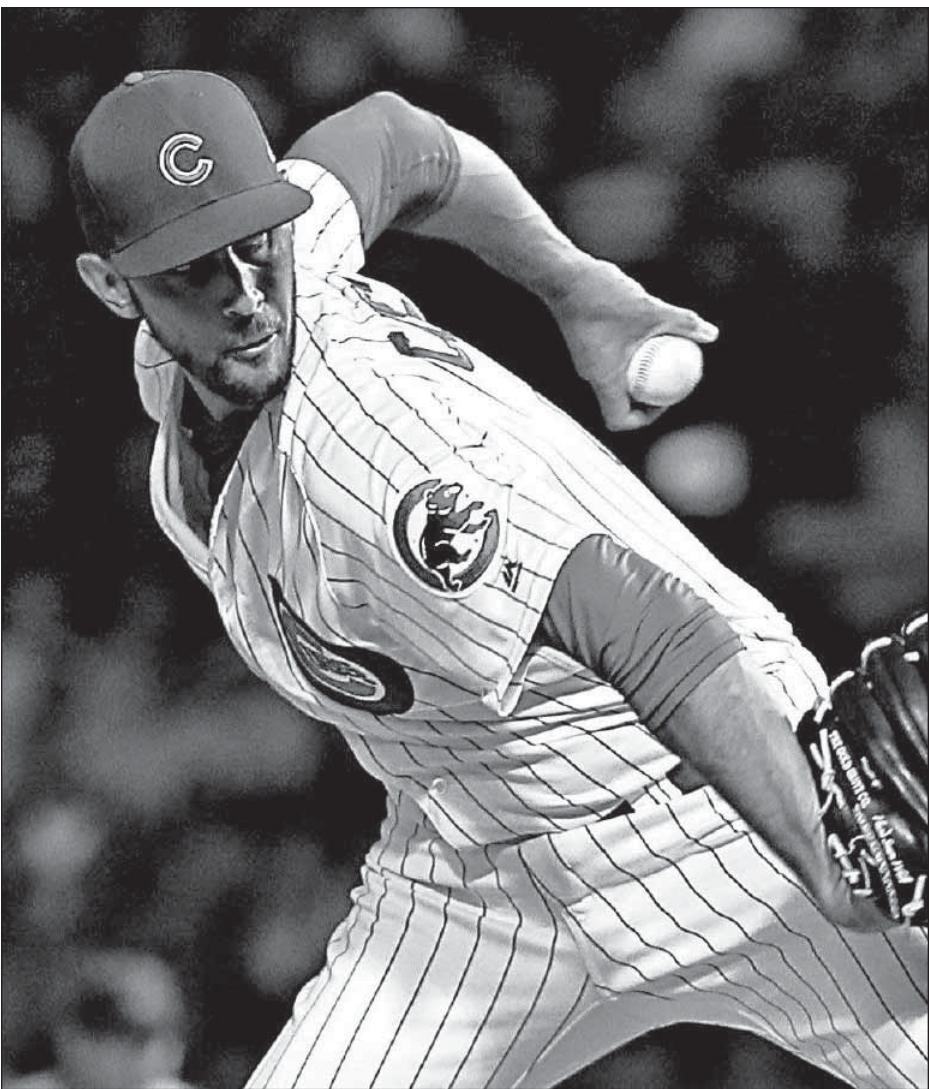
52 Auctioneer's cry

53 "Baby ___ You"; Beatles song

55 Pkg. delivery service

56 Letter from Greece

WHITE SOX



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Steve Cishek pitched the last two seasons for the Cubs before signing with the Sox.

Cishek

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They signed starting pitchers Dallas Keuchel and Gio Gonzalez and the top free-agent catcher in Yasmani Grandal, traded for right fielder Nomar Mazara and reportedly have a deal with designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion.

Sox general manager Rick Hahn recently discussed the desire for more bullpen help.

"We made it clear going into this offseason that adding a couple of starters was important, improving right field, improving our DH situation and our left-handed/right-handed balance in the lineup were our main priorities, and we feel good about the progress we've made along all those fronts," Hahn said Dec. 30.

"A couple times I alluded to, like all 29 other clubs, improving our bullpen would certainly be of interest to us this offseason.

... That would likely be a focus going into the new year."

The Cishek deal addresses that.

He joins a group of returning relievers that includes closer Alex Colome and setup men Aaron Bummer and Evan Marshall.

Colome tied for fourth in the American League with 30 saves in 2019 and went 4-5 with a 2.80 ERA in 62 appearances. He had 55 strikeouts and 23 walks in 61 innings and held batters to a .191 average, although that mark was .265 after the All-Star break.

Bummer had a 2.13 ERA and one save in 58 outings. He struck out 60 and walked 24 in 67 2/3 innings.

Marshall went 4-2 with a 2.49 ERA and 19 holds in 55 appearances. He had 41 strikeouts and 24 walks in 50 2/3 innings.

The Sox tendered contracts to the arbitration-eligible Colome and Marshall on Dec. 2.

Colome is projected by mlbtraderumors.com to earn \$10.3 million in arbitration, and Marshall is projected to earn \$1.3 million.

FACT #341

The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.

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FACT #84

A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #147

When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."

FACT #178

Genophobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238

Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279

Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302

Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408

Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s, used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459

When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

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CUBS

Haugh

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When ESPN’s Jeff Passan reminded everyone with a tweet Monday how little the front office has done this winter — Passan correctly labeled the Cubs as a “free agent straggler” that had spent \$0 — the hand-wringing resumed.

Relax, Wrigleyville.

If opening day were next week instead of March 26, Cubs fans could justify storming the gates of Gallagher Way. But patience is advised. Changes still could be in the offing.

Not until the Cubs get a Bryant decision can they consider any major moves. The Cubs expect news within the next week or so but privately have acknowledged frustration with the drawn-out process.

If an arbitrator rules in favor of Bryant and declares him a free agent at the end of 2020, he would, in theory, become harder to trade with free agency looming next winter. If the ruling sides with the Cubs, Bryant’s contract would continue to run through 2021 — an attractive two seasons of control for potential trade partners.

For those of us who believe the Cubs would be making a mistake trading Bryant — still among baseball’s top 25 players in my book — the team could win by losing the grievance. Forfeiting an extra year of control would sting Cubs President Theo Epstein but also would make teams more unwilling to give up top prospects for a lone season of Bryant.

The best possible outcome for a Cubs team serious about contending involves them striking a long-term contract extension with Bryant that’s back-loaded with big money. Alas, that also appears the most remote result. Too much contentious history exists between the team and agent Scott Boras, who represents Bryant, to stake much hope on that possibility.

If Bryant indeed loves Chicago and wishes to spend his entire career with the Cubs, now would be the time for him to remind Boras that the agent works for the player — before it’s too late and Bryant becomes an ex-Cub. Consider that the Cubs also could keep Bryant regardless of any ruling and re-evaluate everything around the All-Star break, when teams in the trade market often show more desperation for impact players.

Whenever the Bryant domino falls, it could trigger a series of moves within a payroll the Cubs will try to keep under the luxury-tax threshold of \$206 million. With baseball’s third-highest payroll in 2019, according to Spotrac.com, the Cubs paid a \$7.6 million penalty for exceeding the limit.

As a result, they strive to avoid becoming a repeat offender that carries heavier penalties — and the threat of penalizing the



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It seems inconceivable that a grievance over a 2015 dispute is unresolved but here are the Cubs and Kris Bryant, waiting and wondering.

Cubs through the amateur draft always looms. In a detailed analysis of the Cubs’ luxury-tax dilemma, Brett Taylor of Bleacher Nation estimated that the team could face as much \$25 million in additional cost if it goes over the luxury-tax threshold again in 2020. That’s not a number easily dismissed.

That said, it won’t be easy for Epstein to avoid going over the tax threshold in 2020 even after shedding as much as \$60 million in contractual commitments to Cole Hamels (\$20 million), Ben Zobrist (\$14 million) and others. At some point, Epstein figures to approach Chairman Tom Ricketts for

funds necessary to fill pressing needs — outfielder Nick Castellanos? — but the Cubs will be more frugal than many expected for the second straight winter.

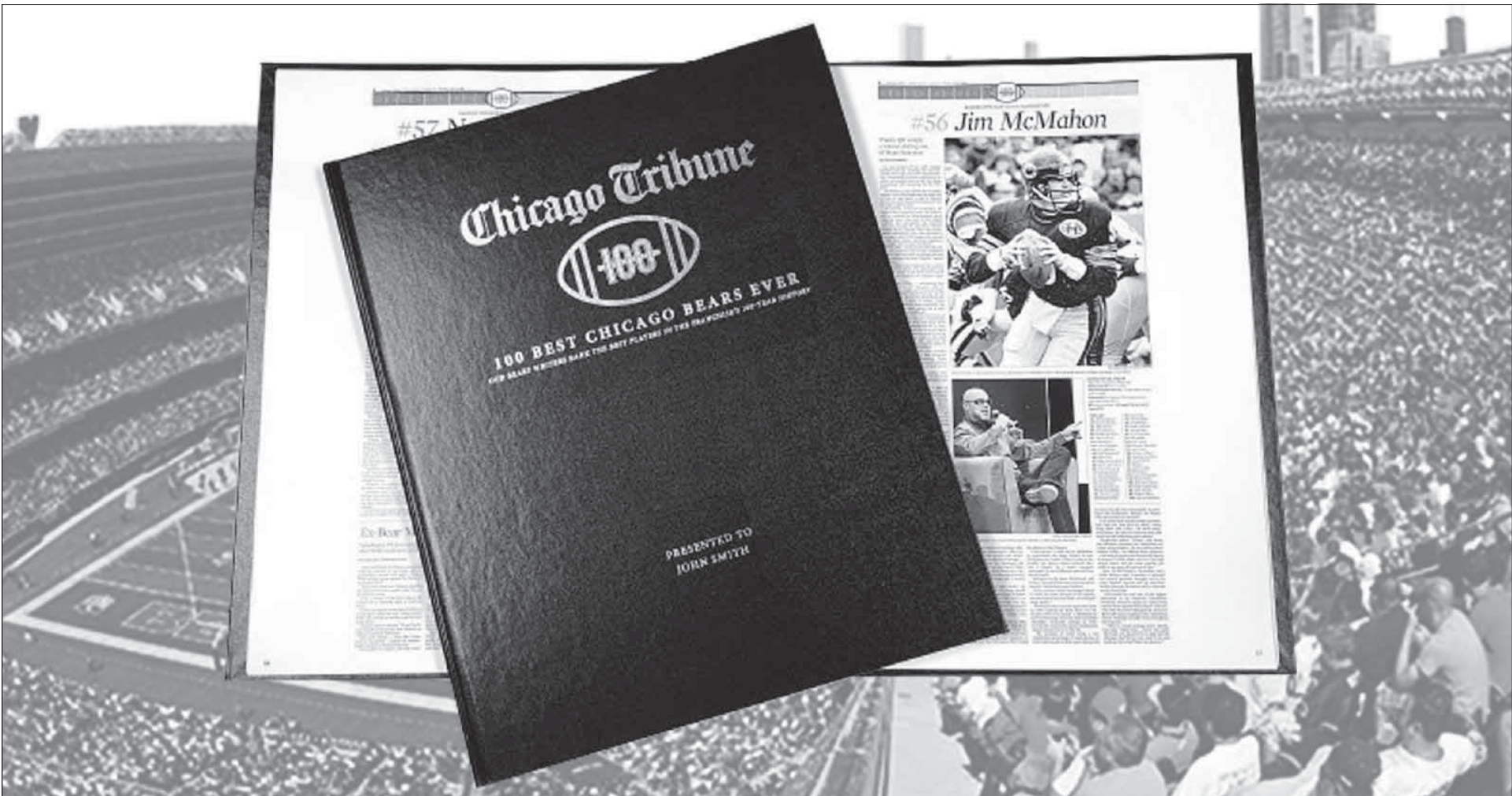
Arbitration awards means raises for players such as Bryant — who’s expected to make \$18.5 million — Javier Baez and Willson Contreras. Pitchers Yu Darvish (\$22 million), Jon Lester (\$20 million), Craig Kimbrel (\$16 million) and Tyler Chatwood (\$13 million) are expensive. So is outfielder Jason Heyward (\$23 million), the ultimate albatross.

This is what happens when teams fail to draft and develop their own starting

pitchers, the biggest blot on Epstein’s Cubs resume. Having to buy starting pitching during Maddon’s tenure has caught up to the Cubs. It’s like an NFL team forced to make tough roster choices once its franchise quarterback’s rookie contract expires. Not everybody can get paid, not every hole can be filled.

Everything hinges on a grievance that has taken far too long to settle.

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BLACKHAWKS

Bowman

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“I think they’re starting to take a step forward. And that’s really the biggest way our team’s going to improve is for those players to continue to progress and help the veterans because the veterans know what it takes to get into the playoffs and make a push because they’ve done it before. The young guys don’t, but if they keep on their path forward, it bodes well for the team.”

Seabrook and de Haan’s season-ending injuries have given Bowman a little over \$11 million in salary-cap space to play with that otherwise wouldn’t have been available. But in order to bring in new players — salary-cap flexibility or not — the Hawks would need to give up assets.

“We have the flexibility to do it,” Bowman said. “Right now we’re not chasing down any trades. Part of this time of the year is to have some conversations with other general managers to see where they’re at. Everyone’s trying to assess their team ... financially, we can fit some other players in. Whether we’re going to make moves or not, we’ll just have to see what comes down the pipe. We don’t have anything we’re close to right now.”

With the Hawks closer to a full rebuild than to being a Stanley Cup contender, Bowman is unlikely to give up draft picks or top prospects to try to improve a questionable bid for the playoffs.

But they likely wouldn’t need to give up more than a late-round pick if they acquired players from non-contending teams who are on expiring contracts. Bowman didn’t dismiss any possibility even as he pointed to how young players have ably filled in despite all the injuries.

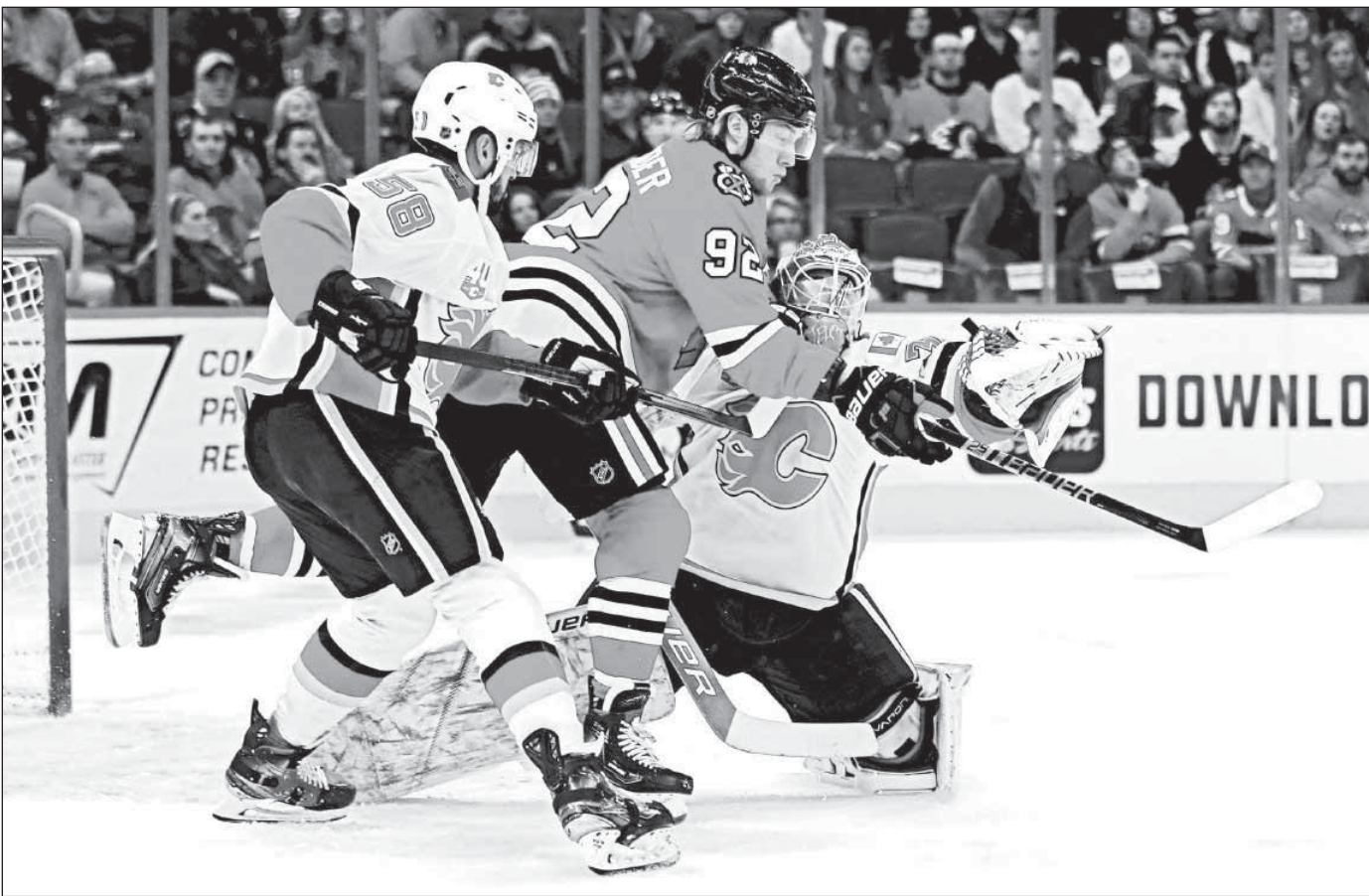
“We’ll just assess that as we go,” Bowman said. “I don’t think you can have just one approach. Part of my job is to look at all the different options. If it makes sense to add a player for adding assets, we’ll look at that. But we’re also looking at the team on the ice. It’s been nice to see some of the younger players come up from Rockford and fill in. The last couple weeks, Saad’s been missing and De Haan and Seabrook, Shaw, Caggiula — there’s five experienced NHL players that are out and we’ve found a way with other players. Sometimes it works that way and we’re hoping it continues.”

With six NHL coaches already fired this season — for on-ice and off-ice reasons — Bowman doesn’t appear remotely close to making it a seventh. Colliton, who turns 35 next week, is 49-46-15 since taking over for Joel Quenneville last season.

A promising second half last season when the Hawks came within a few points of making the playoffs, plus a series of offseason acquisitions raised expectations that the Hawks could return to the postseason after a two-year absence. But through the injuries, the distraction of assistant coach Marc Crawford’s month-long suspension plus down seasons by Jonathan Toews and Alex DeBrincat have hurt their chances.

Through it all, Bowman has come away impressed with Colliton’s positivity.

“Jeremy’s had a great approach to



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

FLAMES 2, BLACKHAWKS 1

Another one down

Elias Lindholm scored a pair of second-period goals to lead the Flames past the Blackhawks 2-1 on Tuesday night at the United Center. Dylan Strome left the game after injuring his right ankle early in the second period and did not return for the Hawks, who already have lost Brent Seabrook and Calvin de Haan for the season and were playing without Robin Lehner, Brandon Saad, Andrew Shaw and Drake Caggiula because of injuries. The Hawks twice killed 5-on-3 power plays. Corey Crawford made 26 saves, including an exceptional one during the Flames’ second two-man advantage that kept the Hawks in the game. Dominik Kubalik’s deflection of an Adam Boqvist shot gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead in the first period. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

things,” he said. “Even when things were frustrating where we weren’t getting the results early on, he stuck with it. Positive demeanor, communicates really well with the players — that’s the one thing, when you have a young team, you need to have a lot of information flow back and forth (with) the coaching staff. He’s done a great job of incorporating all of his coaches into the mix and making sure that our players are getting the information they need.

“He’s certainly settled into his role right now. It’s been a little bit over a year that he’s been behind the bench with us, and certainly his knowledge of the league, it’s one thing (to) study it from a distance, but now that he’s been through over a year and he knows the league better, that’s one thing that has helped him understand the different coaches you’re going against.

“You can study it from afar, but until you’re coaching against someone, you don’t really know their tendencies and adjustments in-game, and Jeremy’s done a very good job this year of making little changes to help our team win.”

Bowman declined to comment on whether contract talks had started with Robin Lehner, Dylan Strome, Erik Gustafsson or any of the Hawks who will be restricted or unrestricted free agents after the season.

He did discuss the performance of rookie Alex Nylander, who has had a disappointing season while the player Bowman traded for him — Henri Jokiharju — has turned into a dependable third-pairing defenseman for the Sabres.

Jokiharju, who won’t turn 21 until next summer, hasn’t missed a game. On the other hand, Nylander has been a healthy scratch four times, including three straight entering Tuesday’s game.

Nylander, who turns 22 in March, was expected to return to the lineup Tuesday. He has 14 points (five goals, nine assists) in 39 games.

“Alex had flashes where he was really effective and sometimes he needs to just gain more reliability both ways,” Bowman said. “But (I’m) still encouraged by what he’s shown, and if we can get his best game,

it can really impact us in a positive way. So if we can bring that out on a regular basis that will help the team.”

The team taking the ice every night is far different than the one Bowman envisioned when he was making his summer moves. But he professed faith in the organizational depth during an interview with the Tribune in October when he said, “I think we are deeper than we’ve been and we’ve got some players in Rockford who we think can help us here as well.”

Since then, Boqvist, Dennis Gilbert and Dylan Sikura, among others, have helped stabilize a teetering team and provided hope it can still make a playoff run.

“When there’s a player who goes down or multiple guys get injured, you have to have guys step up, and I think we’ve seen that over the past couple weeks,” he said. “Now we need that to continue ... because the team’s looking to build on something. And right now we’ve found a nice mixture of guys buying into their roles.

“When that happens, your team has a good chance to win.”



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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	25	9	.735	—
Toronto	24	13	.649	2½
Philadelphia	24	14	.632	3
Brooklyn	16	20	.444	10
New York	10	27	.270	16½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	26	10	.722	—
Orlando	17	20	.459	9½
Charlotte	15	24	.385	12½
Washington	12	24	.333	14
Atlanta	8	29	.216	18½
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	32	6	.842	—
Indiana	23	14	.622	8½
Detroit	14	24	.368	18
Chicago	13	24	.351	18½
Cleveland	10	27	.270	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	24	11	.686	—
Dallas	23	13	.639	1½
San Antonio	15	20	.429	9
Memphis	14	23	.378	16
New Orleans	12	25	.324	13
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	25	11	.694	—
Utah	24	12	.667	1
Oklahoma City	21	16	.568	4½
Portland	16	22	.421	10
Minnesota	14	22	.389	11
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	30	7	.811	—
L.A. Clippers	26	12	.684	4½
Sacramento	15	23	.395	15½
Phoenix	14	23	.378	16
Golden State	9	29	.237	21½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 115, Cleveland 113
Portland 101, Toronto 99
Oklahoma City 111, Brooklyn 103, OT
Memphis 119, Minnesota 112
Sacramento 114, Phoenix 103
L.A. Lakers 117, New York 87
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Miami at Indiana, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
New York at Utah, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 9 p.m.

LAKERS 117, KNICKS 87

NEW YORK: Bullock 3-9 0-0 7, Randle 5-16 4-6 15, Gibson 3-7 0-6, Barrett 9-19 1-2 19, Payton 6-9 0-0 12, Knox II 1-7 0-4 2, Portis 1-5 0-0 2, Robinson 3-3 2-2 8, Allen 0-2 0-0 0, Dotson 1-1 0-0 2, Ellington 1-5 0-0 3, Ntilikina 2-5 2-2 7, Trier 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 37-95 9-16 87.
L.A. LAKERS: Davis 2-8 1-2 5, James 9-19 7-7 31, McGee 2-4 2-2 6, Bradley 5-9 0-0 12, Green 4-8 1-2 11, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, Kuzma 6-11 2-2 16, Howard 3-3 1-2 8, Caldwell-Pope 5-7 2-2 15, Caruso 1-4 0-0 2, Cook 1-2 0-0 3, Daniels 0-10 0-0, Rondo 3-6 2-2 8. Totals 41-82 18-21 117.

NEW YORK	21	24	25	17	—	87
L.A. Lakers	26	36	23	32	—	117

3-Point Goals—New York 4-20 (Ellington 1-3, Randle 1-4, Bullock 1-5, Barrett 0-2, Knox II 0-2, Trier 0-2), L.A. Lakers 17-36 (James 6-12, Caldwell-Pope 3-4, Bradley 2-2, Green 2-4, Kuzma 2-6, Rondo 0-2).
Fouled Out—None. **Rebounds**—New York 47 (Randle 10), L.A. Lakers 48 (Howard 13). **Assists**—New York 15 (Payton 4), L.A. Lakers 27 (Rondo 10). **Total Fouls**—New York 20, L.A. Lakers 19. **A**—18,997 (18,997)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

POINTS IN PAINT/GAME	TM	GP	PPG
Giannis Antetokounmpo	Mil	35	17.8
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	37	15.7
Anthony Davis	LAL	34	14.1
Andre Drummond	Det	35	14.1
Clint Capela	Hou	29	13.0
LeBron James	LAL	35	12.5
Luka Doncic	Dal	32	12.1
Andrew Wiggins	Min	27	11.9
Russell Westbrook	Hou	31	11.9

SECOND CHANCE	PTS	TM	GP	PPG
Karl-Anthony Towns	Min	23	50	4.8
Hassan Whiteside	Por	34	48	4.8
Andre Drummond	Det	35	45	4.5
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	37	43	4.3
Rudy Gobert	Utah	34	39	3.9
Joel Embiid	Phi	31	39	3.9
Mitchell Robinson	NY	32	38	3.8
Giannis Antetokounmpo	Mil	35	37	3.7

source: nba.com; through Monday

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	25	8	11	61	146	113
Tampa Bay	25	13	4	54	156	127
Toronto	24	15	5	53	159	141
Florida	22	16	5	49	153	146
Buffalo	19	17	7	45	127	135
Montreal	18	19	7	43	139	143
Ottawa	16	22	5	37	118	149
Detroit	11	30	3	25	96	168

METRO.	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Washington	30	9	5	65	161	130
Pittsburgh	26	12	5	57	146	116
N.Y. Islanders	27	12	3	57	120	108
Carolina	25	16	2	52	145	123
Philadelphia	22	15	6	50	137	134
Columbus	21	15	8	50	117	121
N.Y. Rangers	20	18	4	44	138	141
New Jersey	15	20	7	37	109	148

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis	27	10	7	61	138	121
Colorado	25	15	4	54	159	130
Dallas	24	14	4	52	115	104
Winnipeg	23	16	4	50	133	131
Minnesota	20	17	6	46	133	144
Nashville	19	16	7	45	144	143
Chicago	19	19	6	44	128	143

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Arizona	25	16	4	54	133	114
Vegas	24	16	6	54	147	137
Edmonton	23	17	5	51	137	142
Calgary	23	17	5	51	125	135
Vancouver	23	16	4	50	143	134
San Jose	19	22	4	42	121	151
Anaheim	17	21	5	39	113	136
Los Angeles	17	23	4	38	112	140

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Carolina 5, Philadelphia 4, OT
Arizona 5, Florida 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 3, OT
Tampa Bay 9, Vancouver 2
Washington 6, Ottawa 1
Detroit 4, Montreal 3
N.Y. Rangers 5, Colorado 3
Boston 6, Nashville 2
St. Louis 3, San Jose 2
Calgary 2, Chicago 1
Columbus 4, Anaheim 3
Pittsburgh 4, Vegas 3
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

FLAMES 2, BLACKHAWKS 1

Calgary	0	2	0	—	2
Chicago	1	0	0	—	1

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Chicago, Kubalik 13 (Kane, Boqvist), 19:28.
Penalty: Hanifan, Cal (High Sticking), 3:54.

SECOND PERIOD: 2, Calgary, Lindholm 17 (Brodie, Tkachuk), 0:14, 3, Calgary, Lindholm 18 (Tkachuk), 16:01.

Penalties: Chicago bench, served by Quenneville (Too Many Men on the Ice), 10:52; Smith, Chi (High Sticking), 11:47.
THIRD PERIOD: None.
Penalties: Gustafsson, Chi (Tripping), 2:08; Smith, Chi (Slashing), 2:51; Hamonic, Cal (Hooking), 13:22.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Calgary 6-14-8—28. Chicago 14-12-6—32.
POWER PLAYS: Calgary 0 of 4; Chicago 0 of 2.
GOALIES: Calgary, Talbot 5-7-0 (32 shots-31 saves), Chicago, Crawford 7-12-2 (28-26).
A: 21,274 (19,717, T: 2:21).
Referees: Steve Kozari, Dean Morton.
Linesmen: Travis Gawryletz, Darren Gibbs.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Gonzaga (16-1) did not play. Next: at San Diego, Thursday.
2. Duke (13-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
3. Kansas (11-2) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Wednesday.
4. Baylor (12-1) beat No. 22 Texas Tech 57-52. Next: at No. 3 Kansas, Saturday.
5. Auburn (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
6. Butler (14-1) did not play. Next: at Providence, Friday.
7. San Diego State (15-0) did not play. Next: at Wyoming, Wednesday.
8. Michigan State (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
9. Oregon (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Arizona, Thursday.
10. Florida State (13-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
11. Ohio State (11-4) lost to No. 12 Maryland 67-55. Next: at Indiana, Satu.
12. Maryland (13-2) beat No. 11 Ohio State 67-55. Next: at Iowa, Friday.
13. Louisville (12-3) beat Miami 74-58. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.
14. Kentucky (11-3) beat Georgia 78-69. Next: vs. Alabama, Saturday.
15. Dayton (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. UMass, Saturday.
16. Villanova (11-3) beat Creighton 64-59. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
17. West Virginia (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Texas Tech, Saturday.
18. Virginia (11-3) lost to Boston College 60-53. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sat.
19. Michigan (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
20. Penn State (12-3) lost to Rutgers 72-61. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Saturday.
21. Memphis (12-2) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Wichita State, Thursday.
22. Texas Tech (10-4) lost to No. 4 Baylor 57-52. Next: at No. 17 West Virginia, Saturday.
23. Wichita State (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Memphis, Thursday.
24. Arizona (11-3) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Oregon, Thursday.
25. Colorado (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Sunday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Boston College 60, Virginia 53
Brown 79, Johnson & Wales (RI) 53
Cornell 100, SUNY-Purchase 68
Houston 78, Temple 74
Maryland 67, Ohio St. 55
Quinnipiac 80, Rider 61
Rutgers 72, Penn St. 61
SOUTH
E. Carolina 62, S. Florida 59
Florida 81, S. Carolina 68
Louisville 74, Miami 58
MIDWEST
Akron 84, W. Michigan 69
Ball St. 88, Buffalo 68
Bowling Green 78, Miami (Ohio) 76
Cent. Michigan 68, N. Illinois 67
Drake 65, Loyola of Chicago 62
Kent St. 84, Toledo 77
Missouri St. 67, Illinois St. 63
N. Iowa 68, Indiana St. 60
Ohio 74, E. Michigan 68
Providence 81, Marquette 80
S. Illinois 63, Valparaiso 50
Tennessee 69, Missouri 59
NCAA MEN'S NET RANKINGS

RK	SCHOOL	CONF	W-L
1	San Diego St.	Mtn West	14-0
2	Kansas	Big 12	10-2
3	Butler	Big East	14-1
4	Duke	ACC	13-1
5	Baylor	Big 12	11-1
6	Auburn	SEC	13-0
7	Gonzaga	WCC	16-1
8	Dayton	Atlantic 10	13-2
9	Wichita St.	AAC	13-1
10	Michigan St.	Big Ten	12-3

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WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

1. UConn (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Baylor, Thursday.
2. Oregon (12-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Friday.
3. Oregon State (14-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Arizona, Friday.
4. South Carolina (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Arkansas, Thursday.
5. Stanford (13-1) did not play. Next: Next: vs. California, Friday.
6. Baylor (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 UConn, Thursday.
7. Louisville (14-1) did not play. Next: at Miami, Thursday.
8. UCLA (14-0) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
9. N.C. State (14-0) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Thursday.
10. Texas A&M (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
11. Florida State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Thursday.
12. Indiana (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
13. Mississippi State (14-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.
14. Kentucky (12-2) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.
15. DePaul (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Friday.
16. Gonzaga (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Thursday.
17. Maryland (11-3) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
18. Arizona (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon State, Friday.
19. West Virginia (11-1) did not play. at Kansas, Wednesday.
20. Missouri State (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Drake, Friday.
21. Arkansas (13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Baylor, Thursday.
22. South Dakota (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Omaha, Saturday.
23. Tennessee (11-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
24. Michigan (11-3) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.
25. Princeton (12-1) did not play. Next: at Pennsylvania, Saturday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Lyndon St. 73, Delhi 55
Morrisville St. 72, Clarkson 64
Rhode Island 76, Richmond 70
Springfield 54, Smith 50
Swarthmore 63, Washington (Md.) 41

USA WOMEN'S COACHES POLL

RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	PTS	LW
1.	UConn (24)	12-0	788	1
2.	Oregon (5)	12-1	753	2
3.	Oregon State (3)	14-0	743	3
4.	Stanford	13-1	684	4
5.	South Carolina	14-1	653	5
6.	Baylor	11-1	649	6
7.	Louisville	14-1	613	7
8.	N.C. State	14-0	570	9
9.	UCLA	14-0	559	10
10.	Texas A&M	14-1	490	12
11.	Florida State	14-1	479	8
12.	Mississippi State	14-2	424	14
13.	Indiana	13-2	385	15
14.	Kentucky	12-2	378	13
15.	Gonzaga	14-1	346	16
16.	Maryland	11-3	334	11
17.	DePaul	13-2	311	17
18.	Missouri State	12-2	231	19
19.	Arizona	13-1	226	18
20.	West Virginia	11-1	197	21

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS

RK.	GOLFER	COUNTRY	Avg
1.	Brooks Koepka	U.S.	10.49
2.	Rory McIlroy	N Ireland	9.20
3.	Jon Rahm	Spain	8.10
4.	Justin Thomas	U.S.	7.97
5.	Dustin Johnson	U.S.	6.94
6.	Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	6.50
7.	Tiger Woods	U.S.	6.47
8.	Xander Schauffele	U.S.	6.05
9.	Justin Rose	England	5.99
10.	Tommy Fleetwood	England	5.51
11.	Patrick Reed	U.S.	5.23
12.	Webb Simpson	U.S.	4.88
13.	Adam Scott	Australia	4.79
14.	Gary Woodland	U.S.	4.66
15.	Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	4.59
16.	Tony Finau	U.S.	4.51

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DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota (11-6) at San Francisco (13-3), 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Tennessee (10-7) at Baltimore (14-2), 7:15 p.m. (CBS)
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Houston (11-6) at Kansas City (12-4), 2:05 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle (12-5) at Green Bay (13-3), 5:40 p.m. (FOX)

2020 DRAFT ORDER

Draft: April 23-25 at Las Vegas						
RK.	TEAM	W	L	T	Pct	OPP
1.	Cincinnati	2	14	0	.125	.553
2.	Washington	3	13	0	.188	.502
3.	Detroit	3	12	1	.219	.506
4.	N.Y. Giants	4	12	0	.250	.473
5.	Miami	5	11	0	.313	.484
6.	L.A. Chargers	5	11	0	.313	.514
7.	Carolina	5	11	0	.313	.549
8.	Arizona	5	10	1	.344	.529
9.	Jacksonville	6	10	0	.375	.484
10.	Cleveland	6	10	0	.375	.533
11.	N.Y. Jets	7	9	0	.438	.473
12.	Raiders	7	9	0	.438	.482
13.	Indianapolis	7	9	0	.438	.492
14.	Tampa Bay	7	9	0	.438	.500
15.	Denver	7	9	0	.438	.510
16.	Atlanta	7	9	0	.438	.545
17.	Dallas	8	8	0	.500	.479
18.	a-Pittsburgh	8	8	0	.500	.502
19.	b-Chicago	8	8	0	.500	.508
20.	c-L.A. Rams	9	7	0	.563	.535
21.	Philadelphia	9	7	0	.563	.455
22.	Buffalo	10	6	0	.625	.461
23.	New England	12	4	0	.750	.469
24.	New Orleans	13	3	0	.813	.486

BASKETBALL



BULLS TAKEAWAYS

Ankles, Doncic among issues in latest loss

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Luka Doncic put a hurt on the Bulls they won't soon forget in Monday's 118-110 loss to the Mavericks in Dallas.

Doncic posted a triple-double and scored 21 of his game-high 38 points in the third quarter — when the Bulls typically retreat into their shell. This time it had more to do with Kris Dunn's foul trouble.

Lauri Markkanen toughed out an ankle injury and led the Bulls with 26 points in nearly 36 minutes.

"You've just got to fight through," Markkanen said via NBC Sports Chicago. "I know it's just how much pain I can tolerate. It was nothing really significant with that ankle. I was good to go."

Coach Jim Boylen praised Markkanen's heart and looked for other silver linings in the Bulls' fourth straight loss.

"I saw a lot of good things," Boylen said via NBCSCH. "I like the way we ran. I think we had under 10 turnovers (they had nine) — we forced 15. We won the boards and a lot of good things."

Here are three takeaways from the game.

1. Wendell Carter Jr.'s ankle injury puts the Bulls in a serious bind.

Talk about bad luck with ankles. Markkanen and Zach LaVine were game-time decisions with left ankle sprains and played through them.

And during the game, Daniel Gafford rolled his left ankle after landing on Tim Hardaway Jr.'s foot 40 seconds before halftime. Carter sprained his right ankle in a similar way while trying to defend Dwight Powell's layup and was taken to the locker room in a wheelchair.

"X-rays were negative," Boylen said after the game via NBCSCH's broadcast. "So it's an ankle sprain as of right now unless something else pops up."

"While I was lying down on the ground, I'm like, 'Man, this is the exact moment where I was hurt last year.' And it affected a lot of stuff for myself and my team," Carter said via NBA.com, referring to the season-ending thumb injury he suffered almost a year ago. "I just pray to God I can come back sooner. My goal is to come back no later than the end of this month. That's what I'm looking forward to right now."

"But my mindset now is to come back by Wednesday (against the Pelicans in New Orleans). That's just the kind of the person I am. I want to help my team, the sooner the better. But it hurts a lot. Do as much therapy as I possibly can. See if I can go Wednesday. That's my mindset."

He is scheduled to have an MRI on Tuesday.

The Bulls already have a paucity of frontcourt players with Otto Porter Jr. out with a broken foot and Chandler Hutchison playing Monday for the first time since Nov. 27. Hutchison had no points, rebounds or assists in six minutes.

Now, without Carter, they lose their best middle man on offense and defense.

Markkanen occasionally plays center, but he's vulnerable as a rim protector and post-up defender. Gafford is a force as a shot blocker and rebounder, but his offensive game is limited.



Rose set to participate in All-Star Skills Challenge

Chicago Tribune staff

Derrick Rose will return to his hometown when NBA All-Star Weekend descends on the United Center. The former Bulls star has accepted an invitation to participate in the Skills Challenge, Shams Charania of The Athletic reported.

All-Star Weekend will be held from Feb. 14-16. The event is returning to Chicago for the first time since 1988, when the All-Star Game was played at Chicago Stadium. The Skills Challenge is part of the Saturday night events Feb. 15 at the United Center.

Carter doesn't have the all-around offensive game of some centers, but he's the most versatile the Bulls have.

Thaddeus Young could play center, but there are several reasons the Bulls might think better of starting him there if Carter misses extended time.

First, Carter has averaged 30 minutes, and Young, a 13-year veteran, has played 28 minutes or more only four times this season. It wouldn't be wise to wear him out in an already arduous January.

Second, Young has been a revelation playing small forward — he had 11 points, nine rebounds and three steals Monday — and the Bulls might be reluctant to disrupt that newfound chemistry.

And third, the Bulls would be better served keeping Dunn's defense with the first unit and Young's offense and leadership with the bench. An already inconsistent second unit might struggle with a Coby White-Gafford-Hutchison lineup.

Rose, now playing for the Pistons, was an obvious choice to participate in All-Star festivities. An Englewood native and Simeon graduate, Rose joined the Bulls as the No. 1 pick in the 2008 draft. He played seven seasons in Chicago and became the youngest MVP in league history at 22, eventually pushing the Bulls as far as the Eastern Conference finals in 2011 season.

The Bulls traded Rose to the Knicks in 2016, and he later played for the Cavaliers and Timberwolves before joining the Pistons in June on a two-year, \$15 million deal.

2. The Mavericks beat the Bulls with and without Luka Doncic.

Dunn picked up his fourth foul using his hands to get around a screen, and that forced the Bulls to replace him with Shaquille Harrison.

It didn't take long for Doncic to seize on the mismatch against the leaner Harrison, using his size and speed to beat him to the basket or daring him to come up to defend the 3 and punishing him with long bombs if he didn't — such as the 29-footer Doncic launched over Harrison for his 14th point.

"When (Dunn) gets in foul trouble, we're not as good defensively," Boylen said via NBCSCH. "I thought Shaq played his heart out."

On defending Doncic, Boylen said: "You've got to live with some of those shots. Some nights they go in and some nights they don't. I don't want us fouling him. I don't want us side-saddling him."

Bulls center Wendell Carter Jr. suffered an ankle injury and was helped off the court during Monday's loss to the Mavericks. RYAN MICHALESKO/TNS PHOTOS

The Bulls squandered perhaps their best opportunity with Doncic and the rest of the Mavericks first unit sitting to start the fourth quarter and the Bulls fielding Tomas Satoransky, Dunn (then LaVine after Dunn picked up a fifth foul), Young, White and Gafford.

Jalen Brunson, Delon Wright and Max Kleber all hit 3s, and Justin Jackson added six points to push the Mavericks' lead from four to 11 — all with Doncic seated.

3. What is Jim Boylen implying about the Bulls' skill level?

Boylen made a telling admission while trying to explain why his players missed open 3-pointers while the Mavericks rebounded those misses and made well-defended 3s on the other end.

"Sometimes a player's skill level is important," he said during the postgame interview on NBCSCH.

First, when isn't skill level important? Second, that sounds like an admission that the Bulls don't possess the same skill as better teams, at least when it comes to consistently making 3s (they shot 29%) or getting rebounds.

In one particularly bad sequence, the Bulls were down 95-90 with less than nine minutes left when they allowed the Mavericks to grab two straight long rebounds of missed 3-pointers and then Wright made them pay when he hit the third try.

"That was a big part of the game," Boylen said. "It was disappointing."

Illinois, DePaul sit atop state

BY SHANNON RYAN

Is this DePaul's year? Can Illinois end its NCAA Tournament drought? Will Loyola win a third straight Missouri Valley title?

Early in their conference seasons, trends are starting to emerge for Illinois' 13 Division I men's basketball programs. Here are the Tribune's state power rankings.

- 1. Illinois (10-5, 2-2 Big Ten):** Victories against Purdue and Michigan give the Illini two wins over top-25 teams in the Pomeroy ratings. Freshman center Kofi Cockburn has been a game-changer with 15 points and 9.3 rebounds per game.
- 2. DePaul (12-3, 0-2 Big East):** After building a 12-1 nonconference record with impressive victories at Iowa and Minnesota and at home against Texas Tech, the Blue Demons put themselves in a hole by dropping their first two conference games at home.
- 3. Loyola (10-5, 2-0 Missouri Valley):** A rocky 3-4 start had Ramblers fans worried, but they've won seven of eight, including knocking off MVC preseason favorite Missouri State on Saturday. Junior center Cameron Krutwig leads Loyola in scoring (16.5 ppg), rebounding (8.1 rpg) and assists (4.3 apg).
- 4. Bradley (10-5, 1-1 Missouri Valley):** Junior forward Elijah Childs reinjured his right hand and will require surgery. It's a tough deal for the surging Braves, who lose their top scorer (14.2 ppg), rebounder (9.1 rpg) and shot blocker (1.2 bpg).
- 5. Northwestern (5-8, 0-3 Big Ten):** Injuries have the Wildcats down to seven healthy scholarship players — another blow to a struggling young team that has lost four straight and dropped home games against Merrimack, Radford and Hartford.
- 6. Northern Illinois (8-6, 1-0 Mid-American):** The Huskies are coming off an impressive road win Saturday against Buffalo, which won the last two MAC titles and handed DePaul its only nonconference loss in December.

7. UIC (6-11, 1-3 Horizon): Jordan Blount and Marcus Ottey have returned to the lineup from injuries, but the Flames still are struggling to find chemistry — and to take care of the ball. Their 16.4 turnovers per game ranks 329th among 350 full-membership Division I programs.

8. Southern Illinois (7-8, 1-1 Missouri Valley): The Salukis have won five straight home games entering Tuesday night's game in Carbondale against Valparaiso.

9. Illinois State (6-8, 1-1 Missouri Valley): The Redbirds scored a season-low 19 points in the first half of a 67-55 loss Saturday at Southern Illinois.

10. SIU-Edwardsville (4-11, 1-1 Ohio Valley): The Cougars have won two of three after a six-game skid.

11. Eastern Illinois (7-7, 0-2 Ohio Valley): The Panthers are 2-3 during a stretch of seven straight road games. They will go 39 days between games in Charleston.

12. Western Illinois (4-9, 1-2 Summit): Opponents are scoring 80.8 points per game against the Leathernecks, who rank 341st in scoring defense.

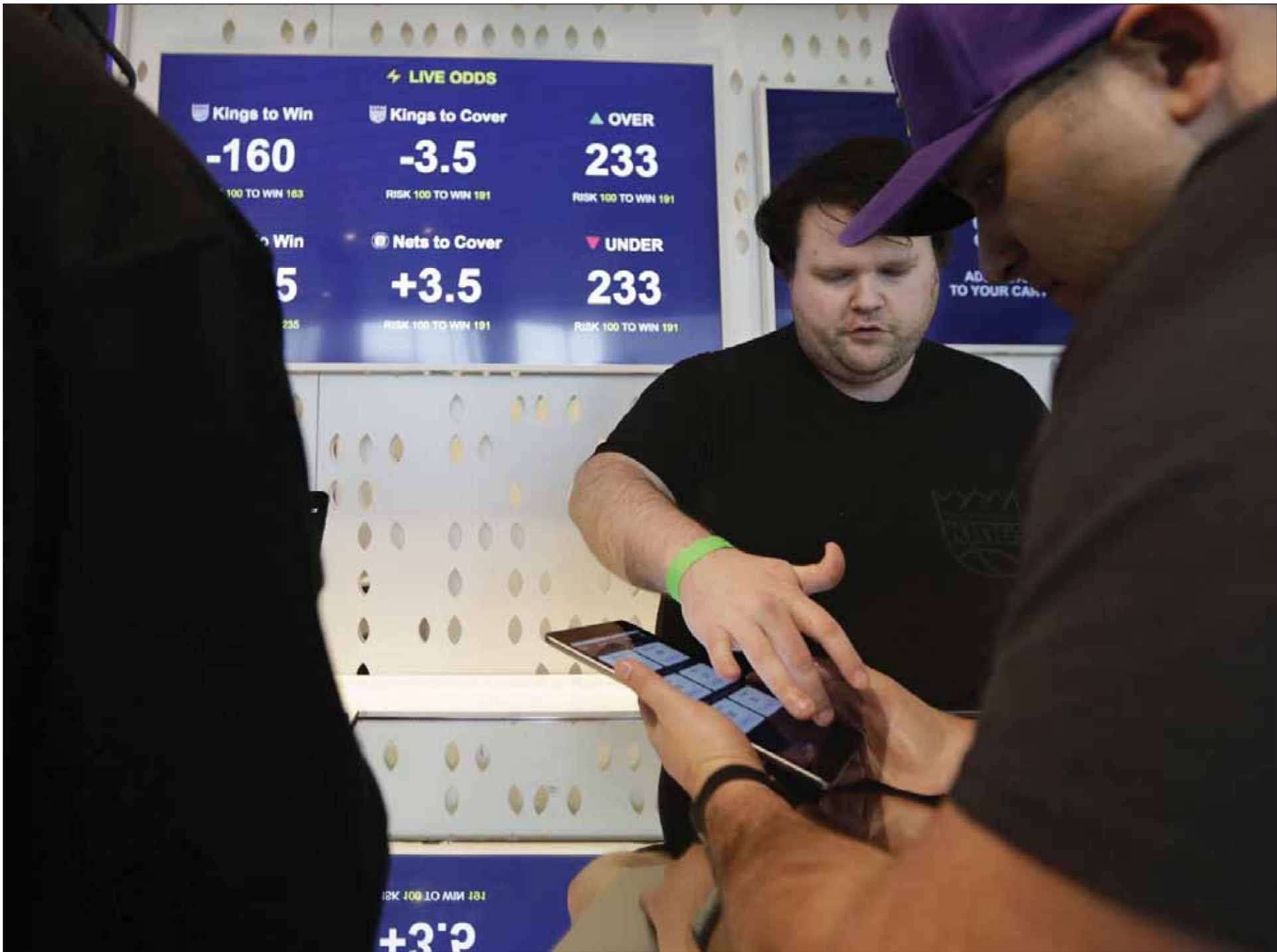
13. Chicago State (4-13, 0-2 Western Athletic): The Cougars already have surpassed last season's win total. But only one victory, at SIU-Edwardsville, came against a Division I team, and Chicago State ranks 352nd out of 353 teams in the Pomeroy ratings.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Kofi Cockburn is a big reason Illinois is off to a solid start, averaging nearly a double-double.

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RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

In this March 19, 2019, file photo, Zack Shelton, left, of Swish Analytics, explains how to place a bet at the Skyloft Predictive Gaming Lounge inside the Golden 1 Center, home of the NBA's Sacramento Kings, in Sacramento, Calif. Professional sports leagues have found a way to cash in by selling their official data to gambling companies, making the case that the leagues are creating new products for gamblers to bet on.

PLACE YOUR BETS

Leagues finally cash in on sports betting by selling data

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Professional sports leagues struck out in their quest for a cut of sports betting money by claiming they needed payments to help protect the integrity of games.

They also fumbled an attempt to claim a share of betting proceeds by saying the games are the intellectual property of the leagues, and that they should be compensated when others profit off them.

But with two strikes against them, the leagues may have hit on a way to cash in: selling their official data to gambling companies, making the case that the leagues are creating new products for gamblers to bet on.

Six of the largest U.S. bookmakers already use official league data under terms they negotiated directly with the leagues.

“Last year it was, ‘Here are the leagues with their hands out,’” said Scott Kauffman-Ross, senior vice president of fantasy and gaming for the NBA. “Now we realize there’s a lot we can offer each other. More and more operators are starting to see the value in this.”

While not delighted with the added expense, the companies see the value in using official data, particularly for in-game betting, the fastest-growing segment of sports betting in the U.S. In such instances, determining whether a running back gained 100 yards or 99 yards could be the difference between winning or losing a bet, and having the leagues’ data serve as the last word provides a level playing field for bettors and bookmakers alike.

“We’re collecting a lot of data,” said Chris Golier, vice president of business development for the NHL. “We are the only ones that can extract that kind of data and collect it. We’re putting chips in pucks, chips in shoulder pads. It’s a whole new manufacturing process to have a piece of rubber with a chip in it that can bounce off the wall. It’s going to be 2,000 data points a second. These things will turn into prop bets over time.”

NASCAR has invested heavily in technology it says is creating new betting opportunities — and the company feels it deserves to be paid for it.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

In this May 2, 2019, file photo, the DraftKings logo is displayed at the sports betting company headquarters in Boston.

“We are creating a market that hasn’t existed,” said Scott Warfield, NASCAR’s managing director of gaming. “How can we get our fans to watch an extra 30 to 45 minutes? We can when they’re betting on stage 2, or who’s leading in lap 100. There’s a lot to bet on. It’s taking that data and creating a new product that didn’t exist. I don’t physically know how you would do it without official data: (keeping track of) 36 cars going 200 miles an hour at the same time.”

The NFL has inked a deal with Sportradar to distribute official league data to bookmakers in the U.S. and in other countries.

DraftKings, FanDuel, William Hill, MGM Resorts, Caesars Entertainment and Betstars are among gambling companies that have reached individual deals with leagues to buy their official data. They generally do not reveal how much they pay for the information.

Why is this important? Sports betting has very small profit margins, typically between 5% and 7%. With state taxes, payments to technology partners, marketing and other expenses, even a seemingly small additional cost, such as a quarter of 1% of the amount bet, quickly adds up and affects the bottom line for bookmakers.

That is no small concern in what right now amounts to a gold rush in the year-and-a-half-old sports betting market in the U.S., with dozens of companies scrambling for market share — and the likelihood that not everyone in business today will be in the market in 5 years.

And in a trend already emerging, some bookmakers seeking to defend their profits are offering less favorable odds — and smaller payouts — to gamblers, something likely to accelerate if more bookmakers feel pressure on their bottom line.

Of course, gambling companies are under no obligation to use official league data, and several don’t. They can get it from a variety of sources, including aggregated data that they or a third party collect from a league website (a process known as data-scraping.) Or they could collect the data themselves from live events.

“Sports books have been running in Nevada for decades without official data,” said Seth Schorr, chairman of the Downtown Grand Las Vegas casino. “Having an NFL logo next to the data will not mean a thing.”

But those options are much slower than getting a flow of data from the league itself and would

be virtually unusable for the quick pace of in-game betting. The NBA’s Kauffman-Ross said his league’s games are simply too fast-paced to rely on third-party data.

“We collect our official data courtside as it happens,” he said. “The speed of that data is incredibly important. We have hundreds of lead changes. You can be one to two plays behind if you collect data off a broadcast feed. A player that hits a couple of 3-pointers can meaningfully change the odds.”

Numerous pro teams already are building spaces for fans to bet on mobile devices while they watch the games in person — even in places where sports betting is not yet legal. Those include the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, California, where the NBA’s Kings introduced fans to a contest to predict outcomes that would win them points toward merchandise — not quite sports betting, but not very far from what it will eventually look like if and when California legalizes it.

Those spaces, and others including arenas in Newark, New Jersey; Philadelphia and Washington, could use official league data in their offerings to fans.

Bookmakers want the freedom to pay for what they want, and strongly oppose the government-

mandated use of official league data in their operations. That is required by at least two states: Illinois and Tennessee.

“A lot of operators have an allergic reaction when you talk about federal legislative oversight of our industry,” said Joe Asher, CEO of William Hill US.

The leagues argue that they are creating new betting products by enhancing the data that they sell to gambling companies. That is part of the reason these companies have been willing to pay for a product instead of simply writing the leagues a check.

The PGA Tour says it is creating new betting opportunities through its complicated (and expensive) ShotLink technology.

“ShotLink gathers data from every shot; there are more than 30,000 shots in a golf tournament,” said Andy Levinson, senior vice president for tournament administration with the PGA Tour. “We’re collecting multiple data points, and they are going to be potential betting points. There’s going to be opportunities over a season to have millions of markets created in golf. You’re talking about distance, ball location, whether it’s on the fairway or in the rough. If a player has a 10-foot uphill putt, there’s going to be historical data on that shot. Our sport is perfect for it.”

“That requires 60 people every week; we have to lug 5 miles of cable,” he said. “We have cameras, laser systems around our greens. It’s an extremely expensive process.”

Baseball makes a similar pitch. “Baseball has always been a statistics-driven sport,” said Kenny Gersh, executive vice president of gaming and new business ventures for MLB. “Are the pitches breaking as much in the third inning as they were in the first inning? What’s the spin rate? We spent all this time and money to develop and implement this.”

Now, we can market betting products off of that data,” Gersh said. “My hope for baseball is that betting evolves, that you can make micro-bets: Is Aaron Judge going to hit a home run off Chris Sale in the seventh inning? What are the odds of that happening? We can market those tools so that sports books can offer a better product. We’re much better together than we will be apart.”

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Michigan State's Cassius Winston, center, stands with teammates during a moment of silence in honor of Winston's younger brother, Zachary, before the team's game on Nov. 10.

Brother's love in his heart

Michigan State's Winston playing through grief

By Jeff Arnold
The New York Times

The quiet gesture from Cassius Winston goes largely unnoticed amid the hysteria at the start of another Michigan State basketball game.

Just before tipoff, Winston greets his teammates at midcourt. Then he turns away, slaps his right hand toward the air in front of him, slides it near his left shoulder and leans forward, hopping into a shoulder bump.

The new pregame routine for Winston, the All-American point guard and team captain, isn't to pump himself up. It's a greeting he developed in high school, one he used almost daily. It is a handshake and one of the many examples of how his habits — and the Spartans' — have changed after the suicide of his brother Zachary in November.

"He's out there with me," Cassius Winston said, recounting how he and his younger brother developed the handshake. The shoulder bump was their third option for the finish. They were going to snap, but Zachary didn't know how. They were going to clap, but Cassius had a broken left wrist at the time. "He's out there with me on the floor, and we're going to make it through together."

Adjusting to the grief has not been easy for Winston or the team, which started the season ranked No. 1 and had regarded Zachary Winston, who played at Division III Albion College, as family. It has taken a toll, as well, on Tom Izzo, the Hall of Fame coach who has led Michigan State since 1995.

Izzo's tenure includes the highs of an NCAA championship and eight Final Four appearances, but no interpersonal challenge quite like the suicide of a player's family member.

"This is the hardest thing I've gone through," Izzo said, adding: "It has been way worse than I have let on."

Izzo has been slow at times to chastise Winston for on-court mistakes, fearful that it might be too much for the player to handle. Sometimes, when the team is celebrating a win in the locker room, the mood changes when Winston enters because, as Izzo said, "You don't feel good about feeling good."

Winston is aware of these moments, the sudden shifts. He tries his best not to allow the grief he is working through to dictate his team's feelings. When it happens anyway, he feels guilty for



Cassius Winston, right, and coach Tom Izzo embrace during Sunday's game against Michigan.

letting his sadness become too evident in front of teammates and coaches who mean well and are trying to help him heal. The university has assigned the team a grief counselor.

Izzo asks Winston to give him signs when things are OK or when they aren't. Sometimes, during practice, Winston's mind will wander, and he will think of his brother. Those are the times he struggles the most, he said.

He wants to be upfront with Izzo and his teammates, whose jerseys include a patch bearing Zachary Winston's nickname, Smoothie, which Winston also writes on his sneakers and in occasional Instagram posts. Sometimes being upfront is not possible because Winston doesn't

know how he feels.

"It's really confusing, and it's hard to really focus on one thing because your mind is just jumping all over the place," Winston said. "Usually you know yourself; you know when you're ready; you know when you're not ready. But when you're confused and when everything's happening so fast, it's kind of hard to stay focused."

Izzo said he has often felt devoid of good answers. In the past, he would turn to his former boss and mentor, Jud Heathcote, who led the program before he did. But the death by suicide has demanded a different level of understanding, Izzo said, because close family members sometimes blame themselves.

"I have no book for this. I'll look

up at Jud and say, 'Where's the chapter?' " Izzo said, adding an expletive directed at Heathcote, who died in 2017, to punctuate his frustration. "There's no chapter on suicide."

Izzo tells Winston to call him any time, if he needs someone to listen. But because he hasn't personally coped with the suicide of a loved one, he feels that he can only do so much.

Izzo sought advice from former NFL coach Tony Dungy, whose son killed himself in 2005. The former coach is among a number of people who have told Izzo that at some point, he needs to establish some normalcy for the team, whatever that may look like moving forward. (When contacted for this article, Dungy said he pre-

ferred to keep his communication with Izzo between them.)

Izzo checks in with Winston each night with calls or texts, knowing that those are the times when Winston is likely to be alone in his apartment. Sometimes their conversations turn to basketball. Mostly, they are not about wins and losses on the court.

"You lose, and there's people mad at you, and it's death to people, and we try to make games life and death, and they're not," Izzo said. "Even some of those things, as traumatic as they can be, they're not life and death. And this — what makes it different — is life and death."

Winston has pushed to maintain his leadership role with the team, while continuing to learn about himself with patience and persistence.

Time and his teammates have helped him heal. The process requires daily attention. Winston has learned to direct his sadness toward something positive. Some days are easier than others, but the process has allowed him to look at his life, basketball and his relationship with his late brother in a completely new way.

And in the moments when he needs reminding that he isn't alone, Winston, who graduated from Michigan State in three years with a bachelor's degree in advertising management and is pursuing a master's degree in sport coaching and leadership, remembers the elements of his new game day routine.

In addition to the handshake, he also calls his parents, Wendi and Reg, and his other brother, Khy, before each game to make sure they are in a good space emotionally.

"The more that you see him play, the more that you realize that even if he's not back to normal, that it's getting there," Khy Winston, a freshman at Albion College, told The Lansing State Journal on Sunday after his brother had a career-high 32 points against Michigan. "Every day is a different day. For today to be a good day is a good day for everyone. Just to see him finally get the groove back brings a smile to my face."

Cassius Winston said speaking with them gave him peace of mind before stepping on the floor. Still, his thoughts are never far from Zachary.

"All the memories I have of him are good memories, and that's all you can really ask," Winston said. "There's no bad memories. There's nothing I regret. I appreciate what he did in my life, and I appreciate our relationship, so that's my way of showing that I'm still out here, I'm still going hard for him, and one day we're going to see him again."

MY WORST MOMENT

Reaching the end before he should have



STEPHEN CHERNIN/AP

Although he has a long and successful resume of TV roles, Michael Imperioli remembers a time on stage when he inadvertently began reciting lines from the end of the play instead of the end of the first act.

While in a 2-character play, Imperioli jumped ahead an entire act

By NINA METZ

Though most famous for playing the gangster Christopher Moltisanti on “The Sopranos,” Michael Imperioli has a long resume of cop roles as well, from “Law & Order” to “Life on Mars” to “Detroit 1-8-7.”

That continues with NBC’s “Lincoln Rhyme: The Hunt for the Bone Collector,” based on the Jeffery Deaver novel about a forensic criminalist (Russell Hornsby in the title role) who experiences life-changing injuries while on the job but is coaxed

back to work from home using his intelligence and skills of observation and deduction.

“I play Det. Mike Sellitto, who was Lincoln’s partner at the time of his injury,” Imperioli said. “And now it’s several years later and I am kind of helping Lincoln come back to the NYPD and solve crimes, but now in a different capacity. I play more of an instinctual street guy who grew up in New York and made his way through the ranks of the NYPD, whereas Lincoln’s very intellectual and cerebral and has this whole understanding of history and science.”

Imperioli calls the series “very well-written, high-stakes, strange and off-beat.”

When asked to share a worst

moment in his career, he talked about performing in a play several years back in New York.

“It was in the Studio Theater at Fordham University at Lincoln Center,” he said. “For a while I pretended I was a student there so I could be in their plays.”

My worst moment ...

“I was doing a play called ‘The Woods’ by a Chicago native, David Mamet. This was a long time ago, probably 30 years ago. And ‘The Woods’ is a two-character play, a man and a woman at a lakeside cabin. It’s a two-act play and they’re both on stage the whole time, so there’s nowhere to

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POP TV/AP

Annie Murphy, Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara and Dan Levy from “Schitt’s Creek.” Dan Levy has become something of a screen heartthrob and LGBTQ standard-bearer.

The end is near

That can only mean heartache for the cast of ‘Schitt’s Creek’

By ROBERT LLOYD | Los Angeles Times

ORANGEVILLE, Ontario — To get to the Rosebud Motel, proprietors Johnny Rose and Stevie Budd, you drive northwest from Toronto for an hour, through fields of suburban McMansions, flat farmland giving way to rolling hills sheltering country estates with names like Windwood. At a certain point you turn right, climb a hill and round a corner, and there on your left, a little below the road, you will see it: the

signature location of the television show “Schitt’s Creek.”

You will also have to drive into the past. It is June 25, 2019, and “Schitt’s Creek” is finishing filming on its sixth and final season, which began Tuesday on Pop. In three days all will be as it once was — that is to say, the building will still be here, but the Rosebud Motel will be gone.

“Schitt’s Creek” tells the story of the Roses, a rich family that loses all its money and winds up living in two adjacent motel rooms in the moderately eccentric small town that gives the series its name. Stories of people who need to lose what they have to learn what they need are not new, but there is something espe-

cially original and touching about these characters, growing more real with each season, even as they remain outlandish, suspended between acceptance and a dream of escape.

Most of the main cast is working today. Catherine O’Hara and Eugene Levy, who play parents Moira and Johnny Rose, were on “SCTV” and in three Christopher Guest movies together. Annie Murphy and Dan Levy — who created the series with Eugene, his father, and continues to run it — play their adolescent adult children, Alexis and David. Emily Hampshire, who plays Stevie, Johnny’s business partner and David’s

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‘Shut up and entertain me’ has never felt more tone-deaf

Golden Globes host Ricky Gervais misses the point — speak out!



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

“Shut up and entertain me” has always struck me as a privileged, pampered demand.

This week, of all weeks, it also feels tone-deaf and unreasonable. But that’s what “Golden Globes”

host Ricky Gervais asked the attendees to do at Sunday’s awards show.

“So if you do win an award tonight, don’t use it as a platform to make a political speech,” he told the honorees and their guests toward the end of a crabby, scathing monologue. “You’re in no position to lecture the public about anything. You know nothing about the real world. Most of you spent less time in school than Greta Thunberg. So if you win, come up, accept your little award, thank your agent and your God and (expletive) off, OK?”

Plenty of the public echoed Gervais’ sentiments the following day. #HollywoodHypocrites trended on Twitter for a good

chunk of Monday as folks took gleeful digs at wealthy celebrities who swerve outside their entertainment lane — at awards shows, as activists, during political campaigns.

I don’t understand how a person can look around at this moment and think anyone — with any sort of platform — shouldn’t use that platform to advocate for a better, safer, healthier, more equitable world.

Australia is on fire. Millions of acres have been destroyed and millions of animals have been killed and two dozen people have died.

A string of violent, anti-Semitic

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PAUL DRINKWATER/NBC/AP

Host Ricky Gervais delivered a controversial admonition for honorees who dared to speak their minds Sunday at the Golden Globe Awards.

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Taylor Swift, left, and Janet Mock will be honored by GLAAD for their work promoting LGBTQ acceptance.

GLAAD shines light on Swift, Mock

Taylor Swift is adhering to the wisdom of her 2019 pop song, “You Need to Calm Down.” Instead of getting mad, she’s getting GLAAD in 2020.

Swift will receive the Vanguard Award at the 31st annual GLAAD Media Awards on April 16, while writer, director and producer Janet Mock (“Pose”) will receive the Stephen F. Kolzak Award.

The Vanguard Award celebrates Swift for using her platform to champion LGBTQ acceptance. Previous Vanguard Award recipients include Beyoncé and Jay-Z, Jennifer Lopez, Britney Spears and Kerry Washington.

“From boldly standing up against anti-LGBTQ elected officials to shining attention on the urgent need to protect LGBTQ people from discrimination through the Equality Act, Taylor Swift proudly uses her unique ability to influence pop culture (and) to promote LGBTQ acceptance,” GLAAD president and CEO Sarah Kate Ellis said. “In a time of political and cultural division, Taylor creates music that unites and calls on her massive fan following to speak up and call for change.”

Mock’s “Pose” script “Love is the Message” made history when she became the first trans woman of color to write and direct a TV episode. In June 2019, Mock signed a three-year multimillion-dollar contract at Netflix, making her the first out trans storyteller to land a deal of its kind at a major content company.

“Janet Mock is a trailblazing force for diverse and inclusive storytelling who has raised the bar for LGBTQ representation in Hollywood,” said Ellis. “She tells stories that need to be told.”

Mock is also an author whose books include “Re-defining Realness” and “Surpassing Certainty.”

— Variety



JOEL C RYAN/INVISION

Mr. Timothee Man: Bob Dylan will be executive producer of his own biopic, starring Timothee Chalamet, according to the Hollywood Reporter. James Mangold, who just did “Ford v Ferrari,” will direct. The script is based on Elijah Wald’s 2015 book, “Dylan Goes Electric.” Mangold directed the 2005 Johnny Cash biopic, “Walk the Line.”

The Goodbye Baker: A celebrity edition of popular British cooking format “Bake Off” has added an Oscar-winner to its ingredients. Richard Dreyfuss is in the lineup for “The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer,” which will air later this year. “Jaws” and “American Graffiti” star Dreyfuss won the Academy Award for best actor for his role in “The Goodbye Girl” in the late 1970s.

BAFTA nods: “Joker” has topped the nominations for the British Academy film awards, receiving 11 BAFTA nominations including best film, best actor for Joaquin Phoenix, and best director for Todd Phillips. Martin Scorsese’s gangster epic “The Irishman” and Quentin Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” were close behind with 10 nominations, including best picture. The awards will be announced Feb. 2.

Jan. 8 birthdays: Singer Shirley Bassey is 83. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 82. Guitarist Robby Krieger is 74. Actress Michelle Forbes is 55. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 47. Singer Jenny Lewis is 44. Actress Amber Benson is 43. Actress Gaby Hoffman is 38. Actress Cynthia Erivo is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Banker instructed to ‘flirt’ with client

Dear Amy: I brought a big client to the bank where I work. I partnered with a “relationship representative” (a female colleague) to build the account.

The rep informed me that she was having issues with the partnership and said she needed my help.

I spoke to the client, and we agreed to speak again at a later date.

Sometime after this, the rep and I saw him at a public event. I was truly shocked when the rep asked me to go “flirt” with the client. I am gay, as is the man in question.

I am afraid to say something, as my position is too low, and I may be terminated. What should I do?

— K

Dear K: You don’t say how you responded to this request in the moment, but your colleague’s suggestion is totally inappropriate, and you should register your discomfort.

Write down your account of exactly what happened, so you have a record, and take this to HR.

If you were terminated for bringing a very reasonable concern to the administration’s attention, then you would surely have a case of wrongful termination that I assume any employment lawyer would be happy to take.

I understand that banking is a “go-go” industry. Your bank’s “relationship rep” might skirt all sorts of boundaries in order to keep major clients happy, but if she can’t manage this professional relationship without calling upon you to flirt, then she isn’t very good at her job.

She could very easily claim that this was a joke.

The word “flirt” can have nonsexual connotations. Regardless of her intent, she should not make comments like this, or attempt to use you in this way.

You brought this big client to the bank, and your doing so means that you are valuable to the bank. Don’t underestimate your own value, both as an employee and as a person.

Dear Amy: My sister committed suicide after a complicated life, contentious divorce and custody battle. Her horrible ex-husband has always blamed me for her suicide.

I tried to help her and was dedicated to her (not him) while living abroad.

Their daughter, 21, who I am in touch with and see when I am in the U.S., is getting married, but she did not tell me, which is disappointing. Her dad forbade her from inviting me. She accidentally revealed it on Facebook.

Should I get her a present?

— Loving Aunt

Dear Aunt: I’m very sorry for this loss to your family. When people die by suicide, their death creates tremendous trauma, heart-break and relational challenges for survivors.

After your sister’s death, your niece was left with one parent, whom you describe as “horrible.” She is only 21 years old and has already been through a lot.

I don’t think this question is really about a wedding present. But to answer your question — yes, you should definitely give her a gift.

Your gift to her could be something as simple as just getting in touch to say how happy you are to learn that

she is getting married. The choice to start a family with a beloved person is a positive one for her, and this should be celebrated.

Express your desire to meet her significant other and don’t put any pressure on her regarding being invited to the wedding.

Extended family members can be important heroes to their younger family members — especially when there is loss and grief in the picture. You may never know the extent of your positive influence on your niece, but you should continue to attempt to keep the relationship going.

Dear Amy: More feedback to “Seen it All” about how customer service personnel should handle irate clients. I was in customer service for over 30 years.

The best way to get past the ire is to let the aggrieved customer have their say (rant), apologize and then ask, “What would you like me to do?”

This approach reliably defuses the situation. The complainer is distracted and taken “off their script” in order to reconsider their demand.

— Really Seen It All

Dear Really: I receive a lot of upset, irate and (sometimes) abusive “feedback” to my work. I agree that how you receive this can transform the experience. People really do need to be heard. “What would you like me to do?” is the perfect response.

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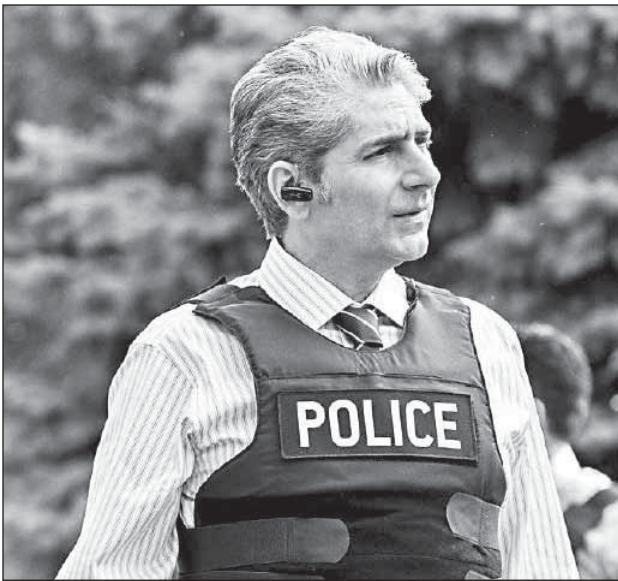
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hide — it’s just us talking to each other.

“Somewhere in the run of the play, I think it was not long after it opened, toward the end of the first act one night, I’m really into it and putting my all into it — and my co-star is looking at me very strangely. She’s responding to my lines very hesitantly and I’m thinking, ‘What is her problem? Is she forgetting her lines?’

“I’m just going full force and she’s giving me these odd looks. She’s responding correctly, but it’s very half-hearted and I’m like, she’s blowing it! What’s the matter with her? I shouldn’t have done this play with her!

“I was mad at her, like why am I acting with these college students when I’ve already been off-Broadway? Which was true. I had



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Michael Imperioli plays Det. Mike Sellitto in NBC’s “Lincoln Rhyme: The Hunt for the Bone Collector.”

already done some stuff off-Broadway and here I am acting with these college kids.

“I reach the last line of the first act and I walk off stage for intermission. And the minute I get backstage,

before I even confront my co-star — because I’m about to say, ‘What’s your problem? Get it together. We have a big audience out there!’ — I realize that I’m the one who blew it because I just forced my co-

star to perform the end of the play with me.

“There were 10 minutes left in the first act, and somewhere in there I switched gears and I started doing the end of the play instead of the end of the first act.

“And I just went white. And a cold sweat came over me. I was horrified. That feeling is the worst thing you can imagine. It’s a college studio theater, yes, but you still take these things very seriously. And I just remember that feeling of absolute horror.

“And my co-star is staring at me and I go, ‘I know what happened.’ (Laughs) And we have this intermission to somehow negotiate: OK, we can’t really repeat those lines because the audience just saw them, so what do we do? So we decided when we get to the last 10 minutes of the second act, we’ll make something up.

“So we made it up and improvised on the spot, a

new ending to the great David Mamet’s play ‘The Woods’ — I hope he doesn’t read this article because (laughs) it’s not something I’m proud of, to be honest. But nobody in the audience really noticed that we created an alternate version of the ending.”

Had Imperioli done improv before that night?

“A little bit. A bunch of students from my acting class, we started two companies — one was a theater company that produced plays, and the other one was this experimental group that did improv. Not so much improv comedy so much as improvisational acting exercises.

“So I had a little experience doing it, but not much.

“But this was improvising in the voice of David Mamet, keeping the vibe and the tone, which I guess we tried to do. It probably wasn’t very good (laughs). We somehow salvaged it because it wasn’t like peo-

ple were throwing stuff at us and walking out.”

The takeaway ...

“Trust the person you’re acting with. Don’t be so adamant about your own convictions — if you see them having some kind of problem, maybe figure out what it is.

“Actors blank out all the time. It’s a lot more difficult when you’re on stage, obviously. But it happens where you’ll go up a bit (forget a line) and someone else will pick up the slack and help you get you back on track.

“But that’s such a different thing than what happened to me. I didn’t even know what was going on (laughs). But at least I jumped to another scene from the same play — it wasn’t like I started doing lines from Arthur Miller or Tennessee Williams and yelling, ‘Stella!’ ”

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hate crimes swept through New York and other parts of the country during Hanukkah.

The United States and Iran may be headed toward war.

Harvey Weinstein, a former darling of Hollywood, stands trial in Manhattan for sexual assault. On the eve of jury selection, he was charged with four more counts of rape and sexual battery.

None of that pauses for an awards show. Asking the people in attendance to pretend otherwise strikes me as bizarre: They don’t check their free speech rights, their politics, their consciences or their humanity at the door.

If you don’t want to hear their thoughts, if their opinions strike you as coddled and clueless, if their wealth and station in life render them, to you,

unreliable narrators of history or the present, maybe don’t host — or watch — the show.

But turning people into performing machines (shut up and play your role; shut up and play your sport, shut up and play your instrument) fails to recognize the position that artists and art, entertainers and entertainment, athletes and sports play in both shaping and revealing our culture: Power. Race. Gender. Privilege. Progress. It’s all there, on those stages and playing fields, if we’re willing to pay attention.

And if we’re willing to pay attention, we also know that the people gathered at the Golden Globes are the very minds and voices we rely on to take our human suffering, our triumphs and complications and betrayals and achievements and turn them into the stories that help us understand, help us relate, help us remember.

Why should they be

silenced? Because they don’t live like most of us? Because their wealth inoculates them from so many of life’s slings and arrows? The same could be said of many of our elected leaders, our faith leaders, our business leaders. When the world is burning, who do we deem worthy of an opinion about it all? Who’s invited to the dialogue? Who gets a say in the problem-solving?

All hands on deck, I say. Look around and speak out from where you are. And if where you are is on a golden stage wearing a glittery gown in a gilded city, fine. You’ve commanded the spotlight. Point it where you think we need to look.

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Foxx, Jordan felt a higher power filming 'Just Mercy'

By GLENN WHIPP
Los Angeles Times

Michael B. Jordan was a kid, maybe 8 years old, maybe younger, when he first met Jamie Foxx. There's a 20-year age gap between the two of them. Sometimes, in conversation, Jordan will recall thinking of Foxx as an uncle or a big brother.

When Jordan moved to LA from Newark, New Jersey, to pursue acting full time in 2006, he called Foxx to get the lay of the land. At the time, Foxx was playing in a weekend basketball league at Santa Monica's Crossroads High School. "Come over and join," Foxx told him. Jordan, then 19, took him up on his offer, and his team won a championship in his first year.

"I think they only let him play one more year after that," Foxx says, putting an arm around Jordan. "They were very



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Michael B. Jordan, left, as a civil rights attorney, and Jamie Foxx as a man convicted of murder in "Just Mercy."

sensitive to him, because they thought it was unfair for him to look like that and then come and beat our ass on the court too."

Jordan laughs, noting he used to get a lot of grief about his name — until he

stepped on the court. "I'm always looking for that extra motivation," he says.

The camaraderie Jordan and Foxx established competing against each other paid off more than a decade later. Fresh off "Black

Panther," Jordan was producing "Just Mercy," an adaptation of civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson's memoir about his work in freeing wrongly convicted people. Jordan, playing Stevenson, pressed for Foxx to be cast as Walter McMillian, an Alabama man convicted of murdering an 18-year-old white woman despite a lack of evidence and an abundance of witnesses vouching for his alibi.

"He was like, 'I want you, and I want to remind people about you,'" Foxx says, sitting across from Jordan during a late lunch before the movie's September premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival.

When the first day of filming rolled around, Jordan was glad he'd made the call. The night before, he woke up in excruciating pain. His left side was numb and throbbing. Jordan figured it was a

pinched nerve. But the discomfort — which he calls the worst pain he has felt in his life — continued for a month.

That first day on set with Foxx found Jordan lying on the floor between takes of a scene depicting Stevenson and McMillian meeting in prison. Foxx sat down next to him, placed his Bluetooth speaker between them and began playing gospel songs of comfort, like Tamela Mann's "Change Me" or Fred Hammond's "No Weapon."

"I played the piano in church," Foxx says. "I know the songs. And you listen to those words ... this is the Deep South. And when you heard those words, up against what he was doing and what he was going through, that's God saying, 'I'm going to put a cross on you. This is your cross to bear for this movie.'"

Destin Daniel Cretton, who co-wrote and directed

"Just Mercy" (which opened in LA and New York on Christmas Day and will go wide on Jan. 10), didn't know the depth of the connection between Foxx and Jordan until they began filming their scenes together. He quickly realized he wouldn't have to offer much encouragement to his stars because they were already each other's biggest champion.

Ultimately, it was found that Jordan had a slipped disk in his back that was pushing against a nerve, causing the pain. The impact of the boxing scenes in the two "Creed" movies might have caused this. It might have been worsened by Jordan dropping weight after the "Creed" sequel to make "Just Mercy." Or, if you believe Foxx and Jordan, it might have been brought about by a higher power.

"God works in mysterious ways," Foxx says. "That's all I'm saying."

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best friend, is here. Chris Elliott and Jennifer Robertson, who play the Schitts, Roland and Jocelyn, are here. Absent are Noah Reid (David's fiancé and business partner, Patrick), Dustin Milligan (Alexis' veterinarian boyfriend, Ted) and Sarah Levy, Eugene's daughter and Dan's sister, who plays town waitress Twyla.

Dan Levy is not performing but is on set for questions, suggestions and last-days camaraderie. His vision transformed "Schitt's Creek" bit by bit from a fish-out-of-water comedy into something deeper, wider, more universal; in the bargain, he became something of a screen heartthrob and LGBTQ standard-bearer. The series, little noticed at first, gained traction when Netflix began streaming earlier seasons; it's going out as a legitimate sensation.

"It's beautiful, this part of Ontario," Dan says, monitoring the filming by video feed from around the corner of the building. "In the early days, people would camp because it's so long to get back to Toronto. The crew would set up little camping tents and fires. We'd play volleyball in the back when global warming hadn't hit us quite so hard and the ground was firm and not actually marsh-land."

Indeed, having rained the night before, there are muddy puddles to navigate in the dirt lot fronting the motel. Fleecy white clouds scud across a bright blue sky, providing enough intermittent shade to keep temperatures tolerable. "It's been terrible weather," says Dan, "and we've just been terrified. It was supposed to be raining all day today. We don't have any flexibility — there's so much to shoot in so little time and we have no budget for anything to change."

"It's been a real roller coaster of a week," says Murphy, taking a moment to talk in a room that smells of "mothballs and rat poison and the great outdoors." From the outside, one would imagine this to be the motel office, but it's a kitchenette that opens at the back onto a wide expanse of lawn. The rooms here, used to touch up hair or makeup, for costume changes, for walking out of a shot or into one, are even more cramped and dull than the ones into which the Roses crowd — or crowded. The interior sets, built on a soundstage in Toronto, have been struck.

Before "Schitt's" moved in, the Rosebud had been the dormitory for a basketball camp, and when someone tells you it needed airing out, it is clear they are speaking about years, not days or weeks.

"I thought I'd be sad," says Murphy, dressed as Alexis in party clothes, with hoop earrings you could toss a bean bag through. "But it's just made me a husk of a woman with no moisture left in her body. There's a part of all of us



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Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara in "Schitt's Creek," which has finished filming on its sixth and final season.

that's like, 'Oh, no! What have we done?' People are so deeply invested in the show and its message. But I think it's the right choice, and we were really, really lucky to be able to end the way Dan and the writers wanted to. All of the characters are going to be tied up in this beautiful little bow."

If you travel a little farther down the road past the motel, you come to a little village, which is not Schitt's Creek. (The buildings that serve for the series' other signal locations — the Rose Apothecary, the boutique David runs with Patrick, and the Tropical Diner, where Twyla works — are an hour to the east.) Here, in the miniature Hockley Community Hall (built 1894), lunch is being self-served. Eugene Levy, in shirtsleeves, is sitting with directors Jordan Canning and Andrew Cividino, both of whom are working today. Scenes for five different episodes are being shot, mostly in front of the motel, but also in a nearby field.

"It's hard," Eugene says, of the coming end. "But you can't go there. You can really slow down the day. You've got to redo makeup. Touch up the eyes again."

"I'll cry on Thursday," says Canning. "That'll be a tough one."

"This was a project I had to succeed in," says Eugene, "getting this idea off the ground, because it was the only time in his life Daniel came and said, 'Do you want to work on this with me?'"

"At the beginning, I was in a slightly different frame of mind, more kind of mentoring — 'This is what you have to do here. Be careful what you're doing there.' It didn't take long before I realized, 'All I have to do is give him some space and not crowd him with what I think.' I could not be prouder of what he's done, and I'm really glad I had the opportunity in my life to be able to say we had a good run working together, me and my kids — Sarah too. It's just been a joy."

Did Dan come to tell him he wanted to end the show?

"We had a conversation,

and he told me what he was thinking, and I said, 'I'm right there.' This is the natural end point for character growth, for the relationships, and anything after that is just more of the same. Then you get into the dangerous territory of diminishing returns. It's a clean out."

"I'm glad we're ending at the motel," says Hampshire, sitting cross-legged in a director's chair between takes. Where Stevie is guarded and contained, Hampshire is open and fleet, a fast talker, a runner, not a walker. Driving back from lunch, she had mentioned that the motel's clothesline had triggered a memory; now she is looking at it. "That was one of my first scenes. I remember I had the [cleaning] cart, and David and Alexis were there and I wanted to invite them to a tailgate party. And it just reminded me it was such a different relationship then. Fans do these compilation videos and they'll put in stuff from Season 1, and Dan will forward me one — 'You're such a baby' — and I'll forward him one — 'We're so old.'"

"We finished shooting in the office and were moving on to something else and Dan was like, 'That was the last time we were in that place,' and I'm like 'Oh! I'm glad he didn't tell before.' She's taking the stag painting that hung on that set home with her. "It's huge. It's going to fill my entire apartment."

It's expected that actors speaking to the press about their latest project will describe it as the best experience of their life. It does actually seem to be the case that the people of "Schitt's Creek" are crazy about their show and one another. "This is like being at camp with your best friends," says Hampshire.

"I do see a future in which a road trip movie needs to happen with me and Dan. I can't see us all not doing something else together." (In the near term, Dan has rented a villa in Italy and invited some of the cast over — it's there that he'll learn of the series'

first Emmy nominations in July. "We're going to see Elton John and just have some fun together, no deadlines, no sides to learn. It defuses the permanency of the last day of shooting.")

They have already had their wrap party. "There were a lot of people," O'Hara recalls, "wild, drunk and excited and emotional. And we've done a clip package at the party every year, but they did extra and they had moments from all six years, with Sarah Levy singing, 'There are places I remember...' There was a lot of crying."

"This year was sort of very anthemic, empowering, a lot of Queen," Dan says. "Noah sang Elton John's 'Daniel,' which was a loving tribute, but I'm pretty sure he dies in the song, so ... There's always a show-stopping Noah moment at the karaoke, because he can sing, and the rest of us just scream into mikes. I thought it would be sadder, but I think we've all decided that it's better for our sanity if we choose to be excited rather than melancholic."

"Love" is a word you hear a lot here, not in the casual, hyperbolic, verbal air-kissing Hollywood sense, but the real emotion, the spiritual state, the intentional action. "No one ever talked to me about how this show was going to be written from love and about love," says O'Hara. "It never came off as any kind of agenda. It's just the world that Daniel would love to live in."

She is fighting a cold. "It's really hard to keep my eyes open. My eyes just want to be asleep, closed."

Seated in the sun on a plastic chair on the walkway that runs the length of the motel, O'Hara is in full Moira regalia — though because Moira's outrageous wardrobe and wigs are considered spoilers, she is covered with an extra jacket and a hat. There is a newspaper photographer on the set today, and fans have gathered along the road that overlooks the motel. She is watching them watch her watching

them. Whenever anything they shouldn't see or hear is happening, anything that might give away the direction of the season, they will be asked to move away a little.

"It's such a surprise that I would wear black and white," O'Hara jokes.

"When we're actually doing a scene, I'm not thinking about [the end]. But then it hits me, looking around at this funny motel. I think as much about it being a place where the kids from basketball camp would stay. It started really rough. First and second seasons, it was, 'Please say "action" so I can get out of this room.' It's much nicer now."

"Our show is a bit of a late bloomer and I'm grateful for that," she says. "Who wants to peak early? [Viewers] are seeing the show that we did for ourselves, as opposed to doing things when you're aware of an audience. Even after the tour, Daniel said, 'OK, now I have to go back and write and forget that I saw this, forget I experienced this.'"

The tour: In September 2018, the cast gathered before a rapturous crowd at the Ace Hotel theater in Los Angeles for "Schitt's Creek: Up Close & Personal," an evening of stories, clips and games whose tickets had sold out quickly. Surprised and gratified, they took their live show on the road around North America to packed houses and standing ovations.

"They're there as much for each other as for us," O'Hara says of the fans. "It's almost that we don't have to be there, but we brought them together somehow."

One by one, scenes are written into history. Johnny and Stevie. Roland and Johnny. Stevie and Moira. Annie and Johnny. Moira and Johnny and Roland and Jocelyn. Small adjustments are made between takes: Stand a step back, come in a beat later, move a hair faster, struggle harder. Hampshire, pushing a cart down the walkway, comments on her own performance as she gives it: "I don't know why I got an accent there ... This is the room

I'm going to, I should stop here." O'Hara plays with the music of her lines, turning "vigilante" and "vandalization" over in her mouth, putting air between the syllables, stretching some out like taffy, pushing vowels into new shapes.

For all that the end is near, it's a pleasant day on a country road. Birds are singing. A school bus drives by, a hand waving out the window. Crew members pitch in egging a car for a scene. O'Hara's husband, production designer Bo Welch ("Men in Black," "A Series of Unfortunate Events"), is visiting, as is executive producer Andrew Barnsley. It's not a party, but there is something convivial going on alongside the work. Late in the day, production stops for several minutes, while O'Hara brings out a cake — someone is turning 25 — the cast and crew sing and Elliott tries to plant a kiss on the birthday boy.

"Hysterical tears are not the most productive thing to be experiencing when we have three pretty big days out here," Dan muses, "but I've found myself in the most random of times just completely falling apart. To people who don't know what's going on in my life, I look a little unstable. You get flooded by memories. Every little thing carries slightly more substantial weight than it did before."

Retiring the series "was a really tough decision, obviously, because I love these people and would love to work with them for 50 years," he says. "But I love the show more. Our viewers have such an intimate connection to it, and for them to question why we're still on the air is not a place that I ever want to find myself."

Who will be on hand when the last bit of footage is shot?

"Everybody. It's a big scene, actually. We always do a little bit of some Champagne and make a toast. But, yeah, it'll be messy. Annie legitimately called me saying she wants an EMS crew there."

"I'm not good with letting go of things, generally speaking. I'm the person who worries, 'What if I throw something out or give it away and need it later?' It's a similar thing I'm experiencing with this. But in a weird sort of philosophical way it's been an amazing exercise in appreciating what you have, respecting the process and letting go."

In fact, he isn't entirely letting go. "If we feel like there's more story to tell, then great — let's do a movie, let's do a holiday special. I'm by no means saying I would never want to revisit these characters. I would love to. I have been saying to our production design team, 'Document everything, 'cause if we have to rebuild this down the line, I want it saved for posterity.'"

"I don't know what will happen to this," Dan says, indicating the funny little motel that has been at the center of his life for six years. "If this were a bigger show, we'd have just bought the property by now."

The mystery of the Oscars

How do you really vote for a script?

BY WESLEY MORRIS
The New York Times

This is a story about the screenwriting Oscars and who'll probably lose them. But in order to tell it, let's go back to the 1983 Oscars, when the five original screenplay nominees were "Diner," "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," "Gandhi," "An Officer and a Gentleman" and "Tootsie."

Even with no "Personal Best," "Smash Palace" or "Shoot the Moon," it was a good year!

I'd have no problem boiling the five down to "E.T." and "Tootsie," and I'm not going to choose between them because I don't have to. (OK, fine: "Tootsie.") And yet John Briley won for "Gandhi."

But how did anybody know *that* was the best screenplay? Who read it? This is the central vexation of the original and adapted screenplay categories — along with the general moral confusion of the Oscars. (How does a person vote for the script about the thing from outer space instead of the love letter to one of John Lennon's heroes? Didn't the posters call "Gandhi" "A WORLD EVENT"?)

But it's also a real evaluative mystery. How do you know good writing that, as a moviegoer, you can't see and, as Academy voters, you're not obligated to read? (Consenting members can receive eligible screenplays and watch as they turn into furniture.) A scrupulous, perhaps even conscientious, nonvoter might track down copies of the options. (Now, the internet makes that a cinch.) And then what would you have? The pages used to shoot the movie? Or a final version based on the movie everybody saw?

Given what all happens to a film between a draft and a premiere, the shooting script (dialogue, descriptions of action, spaces, clothes, shots) might better be appreciated as a wish list — or a memoir. And the published thing based on the finished, edited, marketed movie? That's really a *transcript*.

An Oscar voter in 2020, choosing among the movies of 2019, needs to be discerning in some other way, probably in the most predictable way. Basically, we have in the judging process no real ethical guidelines. And yet maybe you don't need anything stronger than your gut.

To state the obvious: Good writing is in a movie's bones. You don't always need to read something to know it's there — although, please read screenplays; even a bad one can illustrate how well the rest of a movie works. A great one is its own work of literature.

But movies win for all kinds of reasons besides great writing: consolation, sheer verbiage, momentum. (That "Gandhi" win was part of an 8-for-11 dominance.)

So: How well written does the movie *feel*? In that sense, "Parasite" feels per-



Joe Pesci, left, and Robert De Niro in a scene from "The Irishman." Pesci was nominated for a Golden Globe for best supporting actor for his role in the film.

fect. It's a con-artist film — poor family connives its way into jobs serving a younger, wealthy quartet — and the con rides an elevator from comically to tragically desperate.

This is writing that has to work mechanically enough to earn the "trap" in "contraption." The family also needs to seem trapped not only as impos-

tors but, more crucially, as indigents. Acting can get this done.

But the writing — by director Bong Joon-ho and Jin Won Han — knows that being a great contraption isn't enough. The minute the kids figure out how to get their dad on the payroll, you know the writing wants to do the impossible.

I kept laughing at the nerve in this script. "Parasite" is so obvious, so literal and yet, to quote more than one of its characters, "so metaphorical" that nobody else has flung class-divide moviemaking this far past farce and disaster into heartbroken reality check. Some contraption-minded scripts would have been happy to argue that life is a game; this one argues for life as life.

Does anyone remember that "The Nightingale" by Jennifer Kent came out only a few months ago? It's as well directed as any movie currently drowning in prizes — more brutal than "The Irishman," angrier than "Parasite," filthier than the doings at the Spahn Ranch in "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood."

But Kent's sense of cinema here springs from the literary range of her screenwriting. A godawful rape and murder put a young Irish convict on a revenge odyssey through the Australian wilderness. What could have been a revisionist slog opens into a more ambitiously ambivalent buddy movie. The film's protagonist all but kidnaps a young, dark-skinned, indigenous man to guide her and becomes too dependent on his skill for her racism to deter their trip. The story keeps these two mad people on a parallel track with her maniac attacker, a British soldier, until they all wind up, armed, in the same town — a sour, revisionist Western.

Folks love original screenplays in which the characters do a lot of good talking. "Marriage Story"

doesn't have the plot wrinkles and hard left turns of some of Noah Baumbach's last few movies, but it's also got some of the best cross-talking anybody's done, movie-wise, in years — between the divorcing couple, sure, but especially among their attorneys, who understand in their competing way that ugly is the only way to win. Anytime the wife's lawyer (Laura Dern) speaks, in humble-brags and an electric feminist rant, I think she should actually thank the Academy on Baumbach's behalf.

Quentin Tarantino actually has thanked it. Twice. People love the paragraphs of dialogue he puts in characters' mouths. The writing in "Once Upon a Time" has paragraphs of all sorts — digression, voice-over, description — but they're shorter, purposeful.

The script re-creates a particular style of so-so entertainment that enters the memory raw and, over time, scabs into nostalgia. I love his fidelity to the fairy tale of the title. It lets him situate the outrageousness of the finale somewhere between four-alarm and false alarm.

Good original scripts are piled pretty high this year. With "Us," Jordan Peele boldly didn't go for the same social satire of "Get Out"; this movie is stranger and more oblique, and its gothic-horror ambiguities probably read less like "The Twilight Zone" and more like Edgar Allan Poe.

Joanna Hogg's "The Souvenir" — speaking of gothic, here's a sneaky piece of writing, about a film student and her seemingly posh older boyfriend, that's elliptical, almost diaristic. A single question, tossed off at a dinner, shatters the romantic mystery into tragic bits.

Trey Edward Shults' "Waves" is another tragedy where the writing feels remembered. It's full of regular teenagers whose speech is neither too truculent nor exalted but vividly common; people speak less in the second half and Shults' powers of descriptive observation take over.

The script for "Booksmart" is credited to four people — Emily Halpern, Sarah Haskins, Susanna Fogel and Katie Silberman — and bravo to whoever decided to stage the big fight between its two bestie protagonists at a public

event, where the surrounding party people only gradually realize the fight's for real.

"Ford v Ferrari" is the sort of screenwriting I love: original script, based on a true story, where everything is stock, stock, stock — except, amazingly, the cars — but where the writers have fun with the clichés. The movie is about two Formula 1 drivers in the 1960s and the mega-company that hires them to win, and it's a blast seeing speed repeatedly, shrewdly used to develop character.

The great thing about "Tootsie" — OK, one great thing about "Tootsie" — is that every scene is a tributary to the central stress: How mad will Julie and Julie's dad and America be when they find out Dorothy is just Michael? A friend told me recently that not only do professors teach the script, by Larry Gelbart and Murray Schisgal (with uncredited assistance by Barry Levinson, Robert Garland and Elaine May), they *diagram* it.

That's certainly one metric of excellence that would qualify "Parasite" as both an ornate textbook example and a work of modern art. And something entertaining like Rian Johnson's whodunit, "Knives Out," is a series of knots you'd need a Boy Scout to undo. I saw it a week before I started typing this and already don't remember who *dun exactly* what.

Lena Waithe's "Queen & Slim" is a screenplay about a political moment. Two strangers on a doomed internet date go on the lam after one of them shoots a white cop. They get helped by a pimp, his flock and two white people, then fall in post-traumatic love.

There's a diagram for that, and it looks like Morse code. Around the time the movie opened, I had dinner next to two very smart, successful writers who were "Queen & Slim" lovers. They made a case for the writing as a political fable.

"1917" epitomizes that sort of writing. Two British World War I soldiers are sent across enemy lines to warn a different platoon that it's walked into a German trap. The movie is a series of long, masterful, seemingly unedited takes (after a while you're in too much suspense to notice

those) where the smoothness of the camerawork matches the elegance of the writing, by Sam Mendes and Krysty Wilson-Cairns. The device with the camera can't haunt you as much if the writing itself doesn't feel like a dream.

Can we go back to the 1983 Academy Awards and the other writing category for a minute? The adapted screenplay Oscar went to "Missing," a based-on-true-events script by Costa-Gavras and Donald E. Stewart about an American couple trying to find their son who disappeared during the U.S.-backed overthrow of the Chilean government in 1973.

It's not a political thriller so much as a tense drama about how American foreign policy wrecked a family — and helped wreck Chile. This is a shrewd screenplay — it uses tragedy to retroactively indict political systems. It knows what it wanted from the book it's based on — a book most people hadn't read.

In other words, an adapted screenplay is even tougher to judge because you're not just "reading," you're reading *comparatively*, in theory anyway, holding a movie against its source material and subtracting what seems similar from what's different.

But come on: Few of us are doing any such thing. It's a lot easier and maybe wiser just to watch "The Two Popes" this year and wonder why, in the middle of a simmering theological confrontation between the two popes, do we get a big, interminable flashback to 1976 and Pope Francis being caught in the quagmire of Argentina's so-called "Dirty War"?

It's historically pivotal but dramatically lethal. The writer, Anthony McCarten — working from his book "The Pope" — couldn't have known that these scenes would rob us of the micro-climates of Anthony Hopkins' acting as Pope Benedict. But they do, and it's maddening.

Unlike McCarten here, Taika Waititi understands momentum. He can keep you laughing, but the comedy in "Jojo Rabbit" feels diversionary. The movie doesn't want you to overthink what it's up to.

The story follows a 10-year-old Nazi cadet named Jojo; his imaginary friend, Adolf Hitler; and the teenage Jew hidden in the kid's house, and it's based on Christine Leunens' novel "Caging Skies." I haven't read it, but the movie's gags and irreverence feel like Waititi specials (he did "Thor: Ragnarok"). Everything Jojo says is funny, but when the movie takes its turn past glib into grim, a residue of glibness remains.

The writing can't get far enough out in front of the Holocaust not to drown in a self-contented sense of romance. I'm not saying artists should give up using wit to reinterpret the Holocaust's atrocity. It's just that you'll risk the atrocity exposing your shallowness.

I also don't need another script about a gangster. But the writing for "The Irishman" is more than that. I love the melting sweep of

time in this movie. There are three or four magnificent showpieces arranged around dialogue, of course, but also intimacy, namely that long hotel room scene between Jimmy Hoffa (Al Pacino) and Frank Sheeran, his bodyguard (played by Robert De Niro), in which Hoffa spills out words and Sheeran just absorbs them all like sheets of Brawny.

The primary knock against the movie — that Anna Paquin as Peggy, one of Sheeran's daughters, is seen far more than heard — would seem to arise from the pages of the script Steven Zaillian took from Charles Brandt's better-named book. ("I Heard You Paint Houses"? That's a title!) I love Paquin, but I also love that she's a strong enough presence to be the silent-but-deadly force the script needs her to be.

And Peggy's linelessness exposes how absent Frank was in *her* life. These are his memories, and I'll bet he can't *recall* the sound of her voice, only the sting of her indicting gaze.

How easy would it have been to construct that movie as told to a reporter instead of to geriatric Frank's actual scene partner, who's too good and meaningful to spoil here?

"Hustlers" relies on the framing presence of the journalist who wrote the magazine story on which Lorene Scafaria's script is based. Why do movies do this? Some of my best friends are reporters but stop putting them in movies when you can't think of how else to handle exposition!

In truth, a good adapted script is practically original. Officially, Greta Gerwig's "Little Women" is the sixth movie of Louisa May Alcott's novel and the best-written. Gerwig has conflated the book's two halves in a way that honors the permeable boundary between adolescence and adulthood as a series of impressionistic joys and crises.

The Civil War's climes are more explicitly ambient here than in other versions, where they're all but non-existent. And there are images you can see wafting up from Gerwig's pages, like that breathtaking opening shot of Jo standing in a publisher's door, preparing herself to make a convincing first impression. (Gerwig doesn't raise the curtain so much as tear it open.)

What Alcott's novel needed, as a movie, is a filmmaker with her own sensibility (Gerwig is fond of throwaway profundities, wildness, physicality and human strangeness), somebody who hasn't adapted a beloved book just because it's beloved but because she's found in it something to say.

That, of course, is the thing about "Gandhi." It wants to be taken seriously. It wants to be lauded. In "Little Women," the whole point is how little the movie needs from us, that it's passionate and bracingly empathetic (to Amy, no less!) but also exhilaratingly independent. That said: It's a perfect, perfectly idiosyncratic screenplay, and the Academy should say so.

Jenkins case investigated on new MTV docuseries

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Friends and family of Kenneka Jenkins, who was found dead in a walk-in freezer at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont in 2017, continue to fuel conspiracy theories about the circumstances surrounding the 19-year-old's death on the premiere episode of the new MTV docuseries "True Life Crime."

The episode — titled "Tragic Accident or Calculated Murder?" — follows former WGN-AM 720 news anchor Dometi Pongo as he returns to his hometown of Chicago to investigate the case that drew interest from around the world. Pongo talked to

people close to Jenkins, who doubted that she stumbled into a freezer after drinking alcohol at a party at the hotel.

The Cook County medical examiner's office determined Jenkins died of hypothermia. Alcohol intoxication and a drug used to treat epilepsy and migraines were "significant contributing factors," the office said. Rosemont police called the death an accident and closed the case.

"This case, in particular, was like none I've ever seen before," Rosemont Public Safety Superintendent Donald E. Stephens III said on the docuseries. "We work on facts. We don't work on speculation, so I

find it ludicrous that anybody truly believes that there was any conspiracy or any cover-up."

The "True Life Crime" episode, which was screened Monday in Chicago, is scheduled to air Wednesday at 8 p.m. on MTV. Pongo, an MTV News host, filmed it in early 2018.

Zack Stoner — the founder of ZackTV1, a YouTube channel devoted to Chicago black culture — gave a particularly chilling interview.

"This is Chicago," Stoner told Pongo. "If we have issues or (a) beef or problems, I'm not going to take you to the south suburbs or west suburbs in a public place where cameras are

located to kill you or put something in your drink or put you in a freezer when we could just shoot you. You know what I'm saying? This is what we do."

Stoner was shot to death in the South Loop in May 2018, about four months after the interview.

Jenkins' uncle, Jonathan Jackson, remembered her on the docuseries as "full of joy, man, just like an angel." Jackson was fatally shot on the West Side in March 2018.

The eight-episode "True Life Crime" docuseries also explores the deaths of Utah runner Jerika Binks and New Jersey teenager Sarah Stern.

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Kenneka Jenkins, 19, of Chicago, who was found dead at a Rosemont hotel on Sept. 10, 2017, is the focus of the premiere episode of the new MTV docuseries "True Life Crime," which is scheduled to air Wednesday.

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Brandon Larracuento

“Party of Five” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., FREE): Amy Lippman and Christopher Keyser, creators of the 1994-2000 Fox family drama “Party of Five,” reboot that basic story in this new iteration. This time, the “party” in question comprises the five Acosta children, who are left struggling to survive as a family unit after their parents abruptly are deported back to Mexico. Brandon Larracuento, Emily Tosta, Niko Guardado and Elle Paris Legaspi star.

“Undercover Boss” (7 p.m., CBS): This hit unscripted series opens Season 9 with “Walk-On’s Bistreaux & Bar,” a premiere that features two undercover bosses. When Brandon Landry, the founder and CEO of the sports bar and restaurant chain resolves to go undercover to make improvements at his expanding company, Drew Brees, Landry’s co-owner and partner, trades in his New Orleans Saints jersey for a separate clandestine undercover mission at a location in the Big Easy.

“Chicago Med” (7 p.m., NBC): Dr. Will Halstead’s (Nick Gehlfuss) world is thrown into complete turmoil when a former patient unexpectedly resurfaces in the new episode “Guess It Doesn’t Matter Anymore.” Meanwhile, April (Yaya DaCosta) debates whether to confess a secret she is hiding from Ethan (Brian Tee), and Dr. Charles (Oliver Platt) tries to maintain his professional focus during a deeply troubling period in his life. S. Epatha Merkeron also stars.

“Criminal Minds” (8 p.m., CBS): This gripping crime procedural opens its 15th and final season with a story that spans two back-to-back episodes, opening as David Rossi (Joe Mantegna) and his BAU team investigates a subject who is strikingly similar to Everett Lynch (guest star Michael Mosley), aka “The Chameleon,” who nearly killed Rossi and then vanished. Emmy winner Jane Lynch also guest stars.

“Chicago Fire” (8 p.m., NBC): Much to the dismay of the members of Firehouse 51, after a redrawing of city boundaries, their zone now overlaps that of an adjacent station, leading to problems, confusion and strained relations among colleagues, in the new episode “Hold Our Ground.” Meanwhile, Casey and Gallo (Jesse Spencer, Alberto Rosende) go searching for a missing piece of equipment.

“America’s Top Dog” (8 p.m., 12 a.m., AE): Veteran sports broadcaster Curt Menefee hosts this promising new competition series, in which top K9 cop teams — including some that viewers may recognize from “Live PD” — will compete with civilian canines and their handlers on what A&E is calling “the ultimate K9 obstacle course.” The dogs vie in a series of expert tasks designed to mimic real-life challenges and assess the canines’ speed, agility, scent ability and teamwork.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Matt Damon.*
“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Director Quentin Tarantino; actress Jodie Whittaker; Nathaniel Rateliff performs.*
“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Larry David.*
“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor John Cena; TV host RuPaul; Dermot Kennedy performs.*

* Subject to change

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	MOVIES									
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00		
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Undercover Boss: “Walk-On’s Bistreaux & Bar.” (Season Premiere) (N)		Criminal Minds: “Under the Skin; Awakenings.” (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Chicago P.D.: “Mercy.” (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦		
	NBC 5	Chicago Med (N) ©		Chicago Fire: “Hold Our Ground.” (N) ©						
	ABC 7	Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time (N) ©		Modern Family (N)		Single Parents (N)		Stumptown: “Reality Checks Don’t Bounce.” (N)		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish: “Public Fool.” “VIP.”		Last Man Standing ©		Last Man Standing ©		WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna Court 9.2 9.3	It’s a Living ♦ Closing Arguments (N)		3’s Comp. Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♦						
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: “The Whale Detective.” (N) ©		NOVA: “The Planets: Inner Worlds.” (N) ©		Ozone Hole (N) ♦		
	CW 26.1	Riverdale ©		Nancy Drew ©		Broke Girl		Broke Girl		Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©		
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle		Green Acres		Hogan Hero		C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦		
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	Escape Plan (R,‘13) ♦ ♦ Sylvester Stallone. ©				The One (PG-13,‘01) ♦ ♦				
	FOX 32	Flirty Dancing: “Episode 3: Anna & Ted.” (N) ©		Almost Family: “Courageous AF.” (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©		
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♦		
	TeleM 44	Decisiones: unos (N)		La Doña (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)		
	MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline ©				Chicago ♦		
	UniMas 60	Enamorándonos				Noticiero		Esta historia me suena		
	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer Robison		Coach’s Cor.		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.
	Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno		El dragón (N)		Noticias (N)		
	AE	Live PD (N) (Live) ©		America’s Top Dog (Series Premiere) (N)		Live PD (N) (Live) ©		Alaska PD ♦		
	AMC	I Am Legend (PG-13,‘07) ♦ ♦ ♦ Will Smith. ©				Deep Impact (PG-13,‘98) ♦ ♦ © ♦				
CABLE	ANIM	(7:01) I Was Prey: Under Attack (Series Premiere) (N)				(9:01) I Was Prey ©		I Was Prey ♦		
	BBCA	X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13,‘09) ♦ ♦ Hugh Jackman. ©						The Last Stand (‘13) ♦ ♦ ♦		
	BET	♦ Tyler-Single Moms Club		Tyler Perry’s The Oval (N)		Tyler Perry’s Sistás (N)		The Oval ♦		
	BIGTEN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Illinois at Wisconsin. (N) (Live) ©				Postgame		
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ (N)		Real House. (N)		Watch (N)		Housewives/NJ ♦		
	CLTV	Sign-off						Sign-off		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦		
	COM	South Park		South Park		South Park ©		South Park		Daily (N)
	DISC	Alaskan Bush People (N)		(8:01) Man vs. Bear (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Alaskan ♦		
	DISN	Bunk’d ©		Gabby		Sydney-Max		Roll With It		
CABLE	E!	Chrisley		Chrisley		Chrisley		Chrisley		Chrisley
	ESPN	♦ NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Mavericks (N)				NBA Basketball: Bucks at Warriors (N) ♦				
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News		
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games		Guy’s Grocery Games (N)		Guy’s Grocery Games		Grocery ♦		
	FREE	♦ (5) The Blind Side ♦ ♦ ♦		Party of Five: “Pilot.” (Series Premiere) (N)		Party of Five (N) ©		700 Club ♦		
	FX	Hidden Figures (PG,‘16) ♦ ♦ ♦ Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer. ©						Hidden ♦		
	HALL	Winter in Vail (NR,‘20) Lacey Chabert. ©				Love on the Slopes (NR,‘18) © ♦				
	HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		Hunt Int! (N) Hunters (N)		Hunters Int’l		
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Vikings (N) ©		Forged ♦		
CABLE	HLN	Inside Evil-Cuomo		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic		Forensic
	IFC	Planes, Trains and Automobiles (R,‘87) ♦ ♦ ♦ ©				Monty Python and the Holy Grail ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦				
	LIFE	Married at First Sight: “Here Comes the Stranger.” (N)				Supermanny (N) ©		Married ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)		
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show (N)		True Life		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at New Orleans Pelicans. (N) (Live)				Postgame		Bulls (N)		
	NICK	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends ©		Friends ©		Friends ©
	OVATION	♦ Crocodile Dundee in LA		As Good as It Gets (PG-13,‘97) ♦ ♦ ♦ Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt. ♦						
	OWN	20/20: Homicide		20/20 on OWN		20/20: Homicide		Homicide ♦		
	OXY	Snapped: “Julia Phillips.”		Snapped: “Lupita Acuna.”		Snapped: “Kim Parker.”		Snapped ♦		
CABLE	PARMT	The Hangover (R,‘09) ♦ ♦ ♦ Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. ©				The Hangover (‘09) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦				
	SYFY	♦ (5:45) Ghost in the Shell		Troy (R,‘04) ♦ ♦ ♦ Brad Pitt, Eric Bana. © ♦						
	TBS	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Full Frontal		Conan ©
	TCM	Some Like It Hot (NR,‘59) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ Tony Curtis. ©				The St. Valentine’s Day Massacre ♦ ♦ ♦				
	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Lindsey’s Story.” (N)				1000-lb Sisters (N)		My Feet ♦		
	TLN	Baptist		King		Faithwire		The Three		
	TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Life Today		Exalted		Humanit ♦
	TOON	Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad		Burgers		Burgers		
	TRAV	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Ghosts-Camera (Season Premiere) (N)		Paranorm. ♦		
	TVL	Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		King		King
CABLE	USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				(9:08) Bad Boys (R,‘95) ♦ ♦ ♦		♦		
	VH1	Black Ink: Chicago (N)		VH1 Special ©		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Hip Hop ♦		
	WE	♦ (6) Pretty Woman (R,‘90) ♦ ♦ ♦ ©		(8:32) Pretty Woman (R,‘90) ♦ ♦ ♦ Richard Gere. ♦						
	WGN America	Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©		Cops ©
PREMIUM	HBO	Mrs. Doubtfire (PG,‘93) ♦ ♦ ♦ Robin Williams. ©				(9:10) The Sun Is Also a Star ♦ ♦ ♦				
	HBO2	Hellboy (R,‘19) ♦ David Harbour. ©				(9:05) War of the Worlds (‘05) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦				
	MAX	Spy Game (R,‘01) ♦ ♦ Robert Redford. ©				(9:10) The Mustang (R,‘19) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦				
	SHO	Flashdance (R,‘83) ♦ ♦ Jennifer Beals.		(8:35) Ghost (PG-13,‘90) ♦ ♦ ♦ Patrick Swayze. ♦						
	STARZ	♦ Sicario-Soldado		Beauty Shop (PG-13,‘05) ♦ ♦ Queen Latifah. ©				Men ♦		
	STZENC	♦ (6:18) Reservoir Dogs (R)		All Is Lost (PG-13,‘13) ♦ ♦ ♦ Robert Redford. ©				Born-4th ♦		

‘Two Popes’ got their own Sistine Chapel

Netflix wasn’t allowed to shoot film inside real deal

BY ASHLEY LEE
Los Angeles Times

“The Two Popes” stars Anthony Hopkins and Jonathan Pryce as Pope Benedict XVI and the soon-to-be Pope Francis, respectively. Directed by Fernando Meirelles, the Netflix movie imagines a number of enlightening conversations that may have taken place between them in 2012, months before their unprecedented transfer of power within the Catholic Church. Though vastly different from each other in papal approach, they find common ground in the Sistine Chapel. They chat while traversing the Vatican City landmark; they jointly admire Michelangelo’s masterful frescoes. They forgive and pray for each other, and even share a pizza in a small, private room.

This dialogue-heavy sequence could never actually be filmed in such an iconic place, one that limits its number of daily visitors and forbids any kind of photography. In fact, the Vatican does not allow any narrative projects to film on location (only documentaries are approved on a case-by-case basis). Therefore, the only option was to recreate the entire interior of the chapel — a meticulous, 10-week feat achieved inside Rome’s Cinecitta Studios. “Ours is actually 1 or 2 inches bigger than the original, so we can technically say that we made the bigger Sistine Chapel,” joked production designer Mark Tildesley, who also found locations around Rome to stand in for all of the various Vatican exteriors. This recreation process was guided by Enrico Brus-



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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 8): Dreams come true this year. Put in the backstage efforts that allow your star to rise. Winter accomplishments come before a change impacts your partnership. A transition or breakdown this summer leads you to a romantic and creative breakthrough. Grow and develop strong connections.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Your ideas are catching on. Imagine total success without relying on fantasy. Share news through friends. Secrets may be revealed.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Fantasies and illusions could obscure your view, especially regarding income and personal finances. Ask for what you want clearly and get it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Put your confidence to good use. Clarify ideas and accomplish more than imagined. What you're building has long-lasting value. Talk about what you love.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. A sense of purpose could feel illusive. Find a quiet spot to meditate on it. Get outside and spend time with trees and nature.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Share support, resources and encouragement with friends. Hope rises through a distant connection. Avoid outrageous suggestions and prioritize practical moves.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Abandon a fantasy and focus on practical professional priorities. The work you've done reflects you well. Don't cut quality corners.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Expand your territory for adventure and discovery. Separate potential opportunity from fantasy. Talk about your dream explorations, destinations and subjects of fascination. Plot and plan.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Discuss future dreams and plans with your partner and team. Dispel unrealistic fantasies while retaining a clear possibility. Collaborate for a shared vision.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Romance arises in conversation. Creative collaboration leads to imaginative solutions. Sift out the wildest ideas and stick to practical priorities. Brainstorm and create possibilities together.

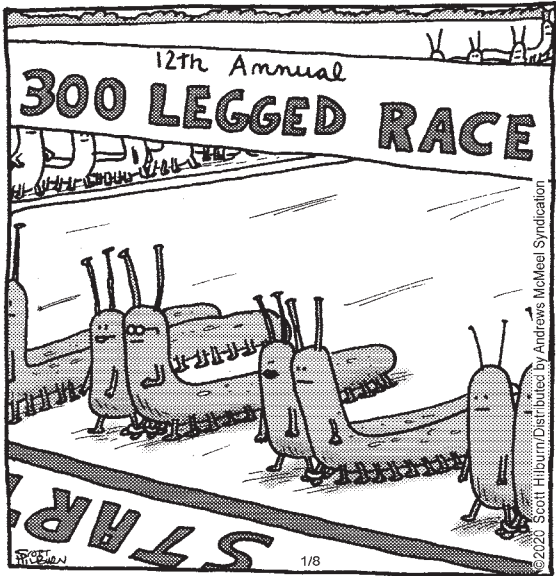
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Illusions and mysteries abound. Prioritize your work and health. Focus on practicalities rather than time-sucking distractions. Strengthen physical energy with rest, good food and exercise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. You're especially creative and romantic. A beautiful mystery proves seductive. Let your imagination run wild; while only implementing plans with success potential. Express appreciations and invitations.

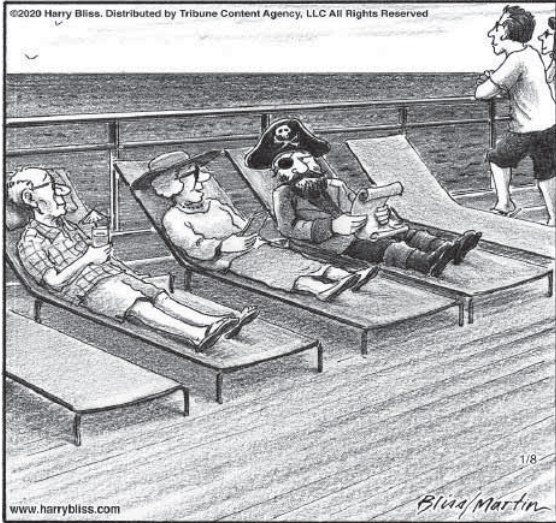
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Home and family hold your heart. Talk is cheap; focus on practical priorities for domestic renovation or upgrades. Inspire others by your example.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



"So, what did you used to do?"

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, East deals

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

East opened a weak two-bid on a five-card suit, as some frisky tournament players are apt to do. South overbid when he jumped to four spades. Had the auction been at the two level, a jump to three spades would have been normal. He

The bidding:			
East	South	West	North
2♥	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	4♠	All pass	
*Transfer to spades			
Opening lead: King of ♦			

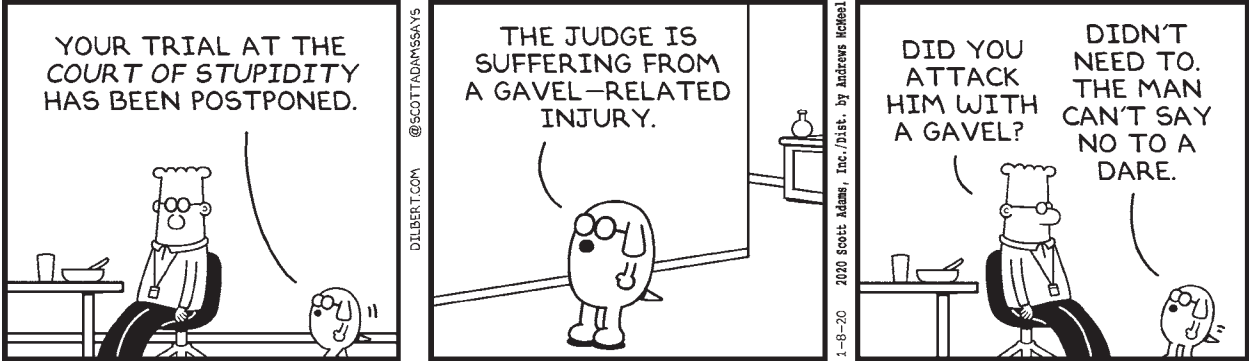
should have made him more conservative. He was already a level higher than usual for this bidding sequence.

West continued with the queen of diamonds at trick two, ruffed in dummy. South drew trumps in three rounds, ending in dummy, and ran the 10 of hearts to West's queen. South was a bit surprised that West had another heart to exit with, but he captured East's jack with his ace. He needed some luck at this point and that's what he played for. South cashed the ace and king of clubs and exited with another club.

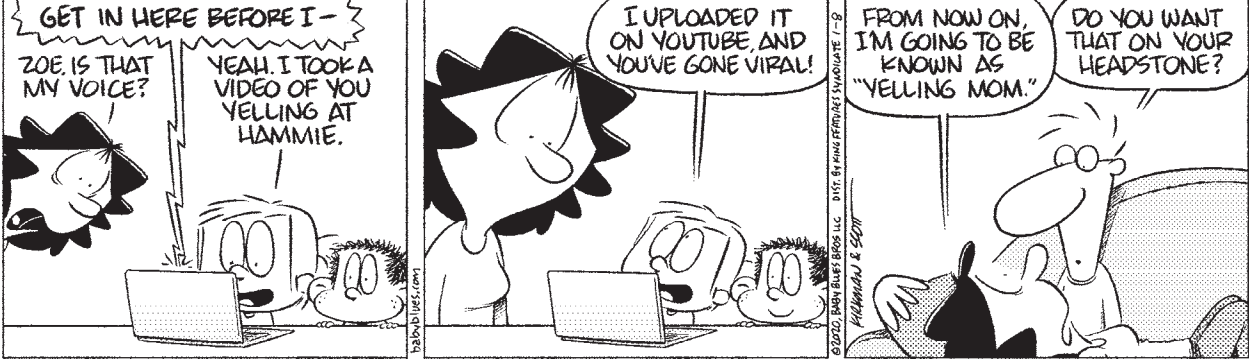
West won this with his queen, but he had only diamonds remaining in his hand. The forced diamond lead allowed declarer to ruff in his hand while discarding dummy's last heart. The established long club gave him the 10 tricks that he needed. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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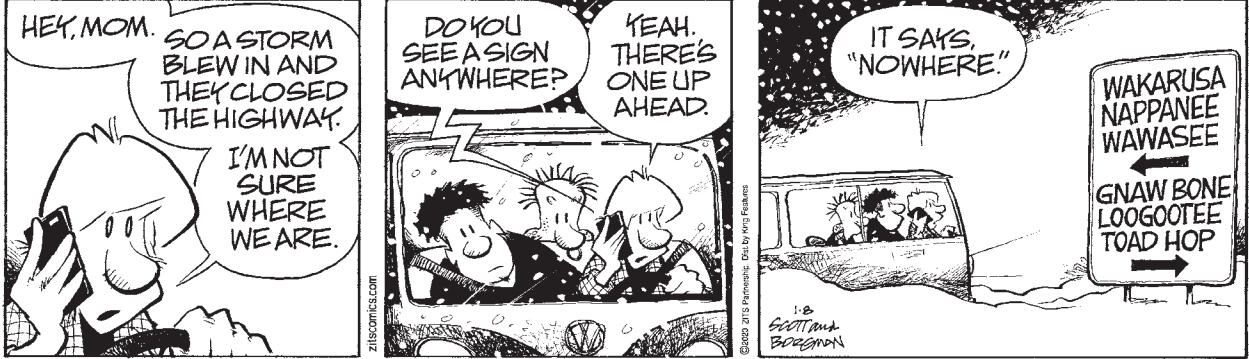
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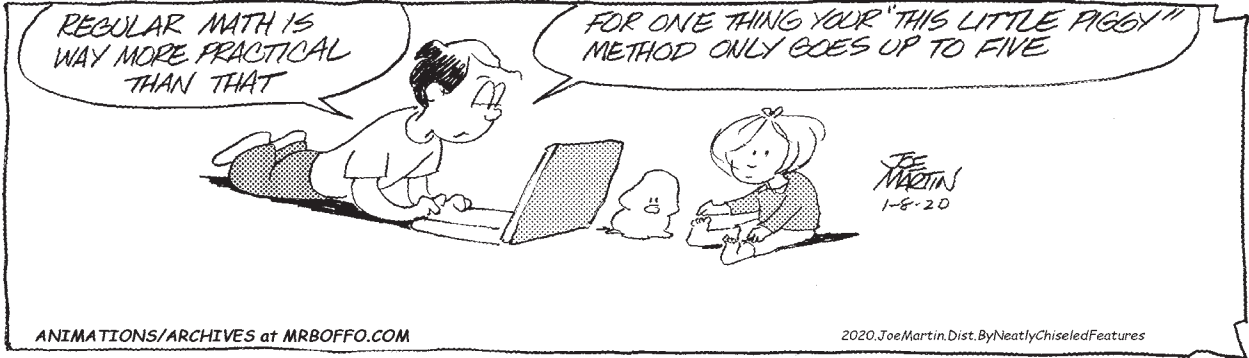
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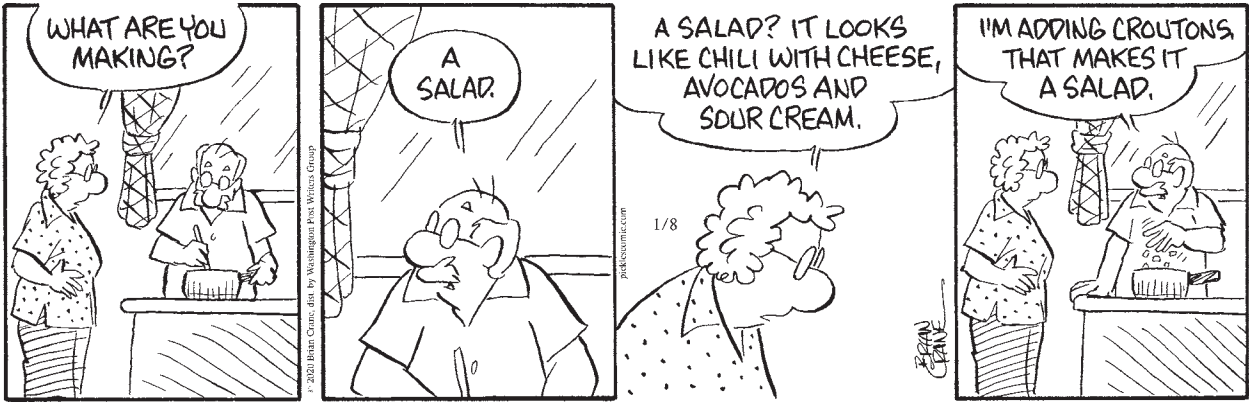
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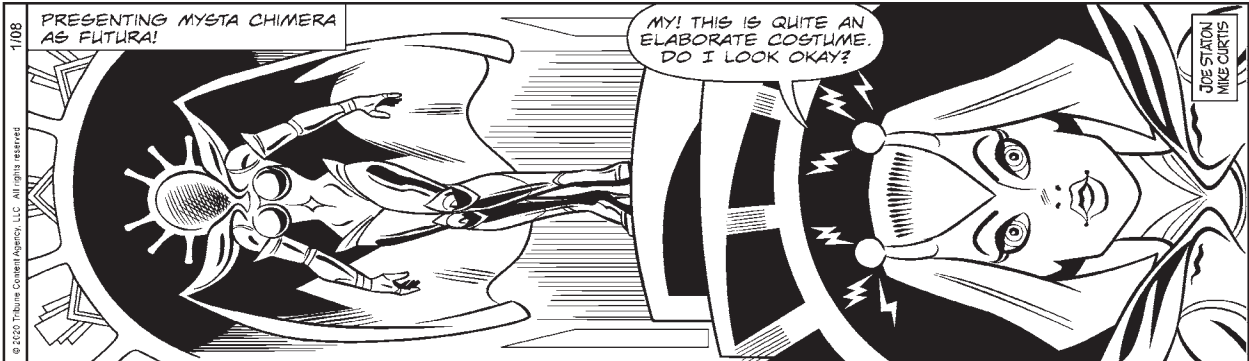
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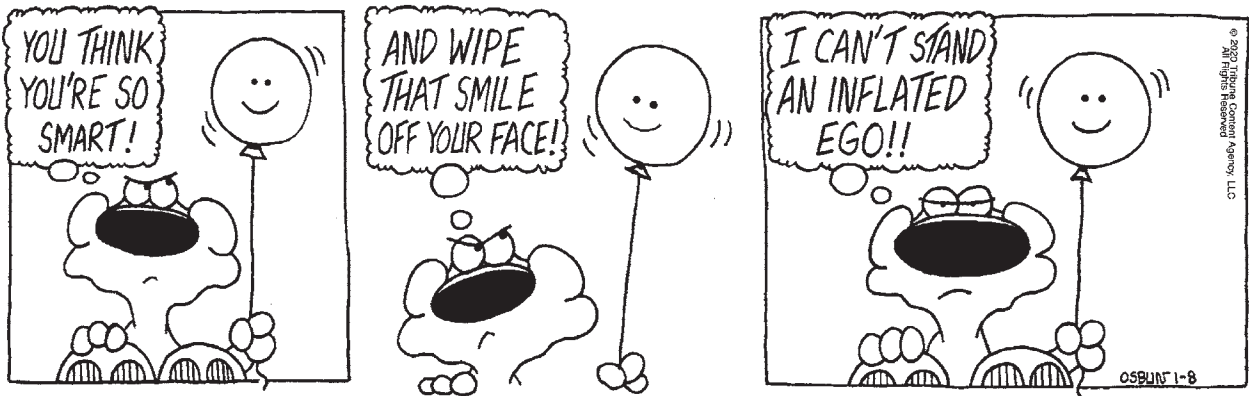
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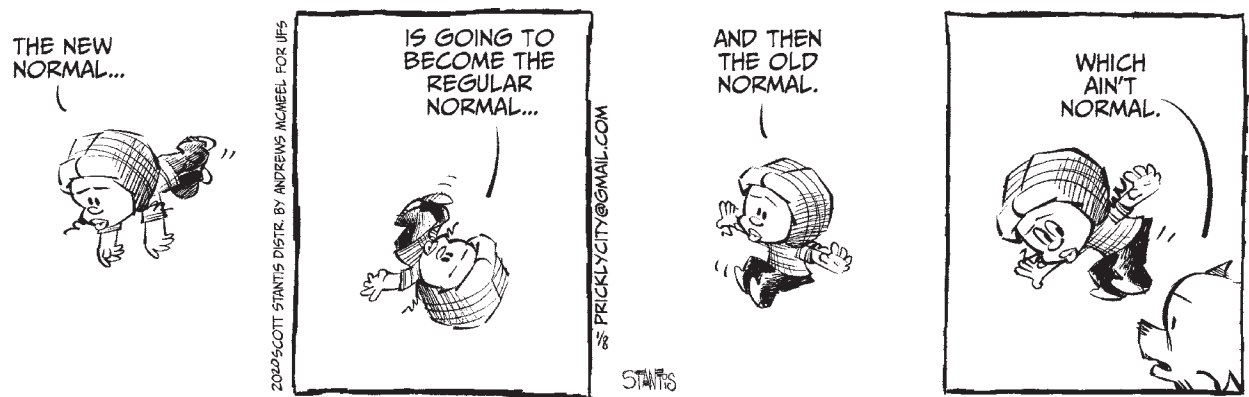
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 17°

RECORD HIGH: 63° (1965)

RECORD LOW: -11° (1942)

Chilly temperatures for a day reign Wednesday

LOCAL FORECAST



HIGH	LOW
28	25

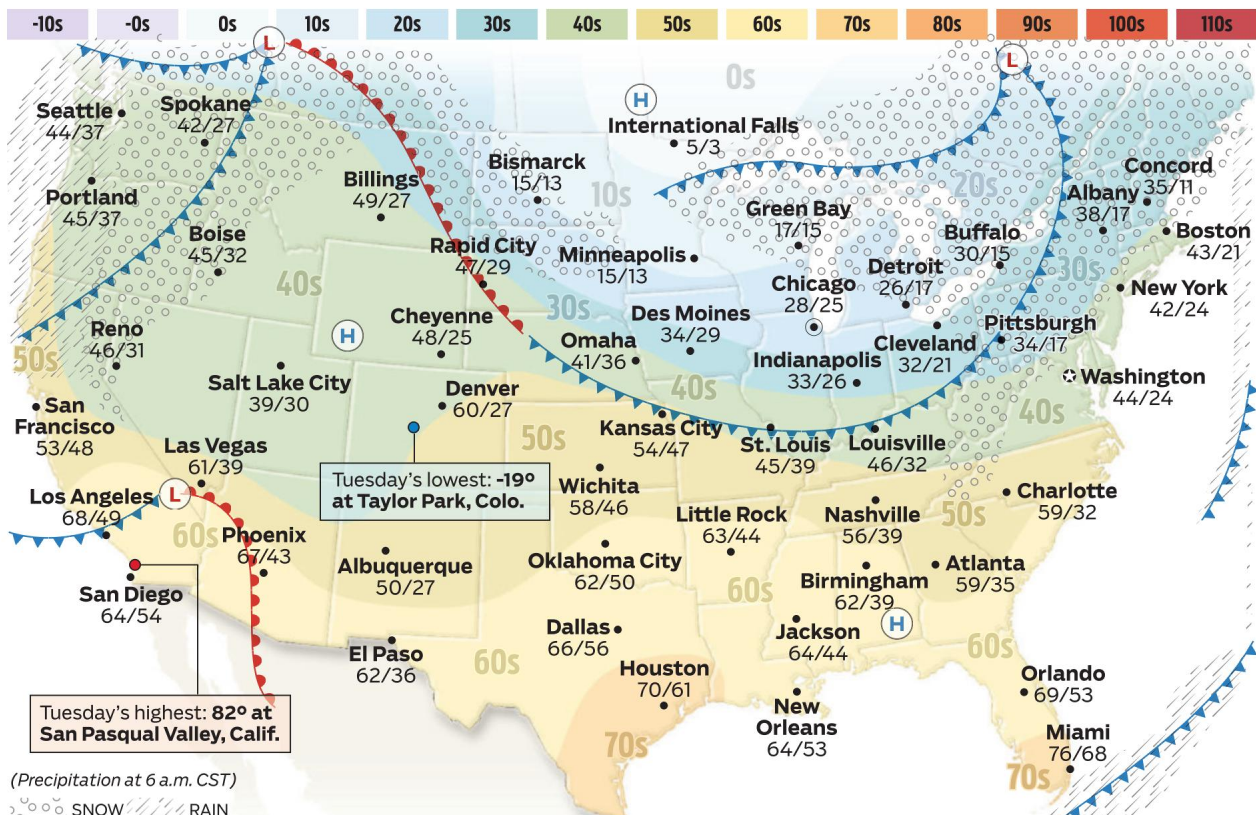
■ Chilly Canadian-source high pressure slides east across the Chicago area — first day with below-normal temps since Dec. 19

■ Abundant sunshine with high pressure directly overhead, but temps start out cold in the teens to lower 20s and struggle to reach even the upper 20s.

■ Clouds increase overnight, keeping temps not much lower than the middle 20s.

■ Winds gusty out of the north to start the day, then diminish as they shift to the northeast in the afternoon and southeast at night.

NATIONAL FORECAST



On Wednesday, Chicagoans will experience below-normal temperatures for the first day since Dec. 19th with readings struggling to even reach the upper 20s. Canadian-source high pressure will pass overhead with temps starting out in the teens and lower 20s and not improving a whole lot during the daylight hours despite abundant sunshine.

By evening and then overnight winds will be flowing out of the south and intensifying by day-break Thursday. As low pressure approaches from the west Thursday, the pressure gradient will tighten, boosting wind gusts over 40 miles per hour and temperatures well into the 40s along with increasing chances of rain.

The weather system will see rain possibly changing over to freezing rain in parts of our area Friday into Saturday morning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 9



HIGH	LOW
48	44

Developing storm system to the west sweeps mild air into region, S-SW winds gust near 40 mph, sending temps to the mid-upper 40s. Clouds thicken. Showers likely by afternoon. Showers overnight.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10



HIGH	LOW
45	35

Periods of rain likely — afternoon highs in the lower 40s north to near 50 south. Rain overnight, possibly some freezing rain far west. South to southeast winds shift to the northeast at night and strengthen.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11



HIGH	LOW
37	27

Cloudy with gusty NE winds, rain or freezing rain changing over wet snow, eventually accumulating. Snow gradually ending from the west overnight.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12



HIGH	LOW
36	26

A ridge of high pressure moves across the area bringing partial sunshine and greatly reduced winds, allow temps to reach the mid 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northeast winds shift to the south.

MONDAY, JAN. 13



HIGH	LOW
41	28

Partly to mostly cloudy skies. Winds shift from the southwest to the northwest 10 to 20mph. Afternoon highs peak close to the 40-degree mark most areas. A chance of snow showers overnight.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14



HIGH	LOW
39	28

A few snow showers possible south and east of the city early, becoming partly sunny. Afternoon highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Some clouds overnight. Westerly winds shift to the south.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
How far from Lake Michigan can "lake effect snow" occur?
Tommy Lanston,
Chicago Heights

Dear Tommy,
The great majority of lake effect snows that sweep off the south end of Lake Michigan head southeast into Indiana and do not affect Illinois. That is because lake effect snows are low-temperature events — the colder the air the better — and the very coldest air masses here involve southeast-bound invasions of arctic air. On occasion, though, air cold enough to generate lake-effect snow spreads across the area on northeast winds and at those times snow moves into Illinois. Heaviest within about 10 miles of Lake Michigan, these snows diminish quickly to flurries that will sometimes spread as far west as the Mississippi River and as far south as central Illinois — about 175 miles from the lake.

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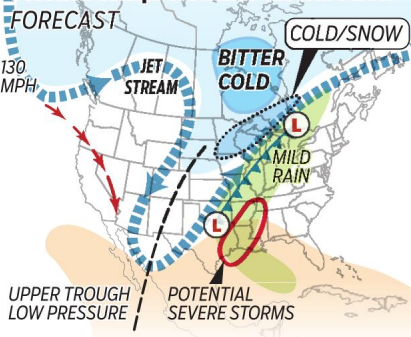
WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koenenman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Mild since mid-November; potential big rains just ahead

NOON SNAPSHOT OF FRIDAY'S SET-UP

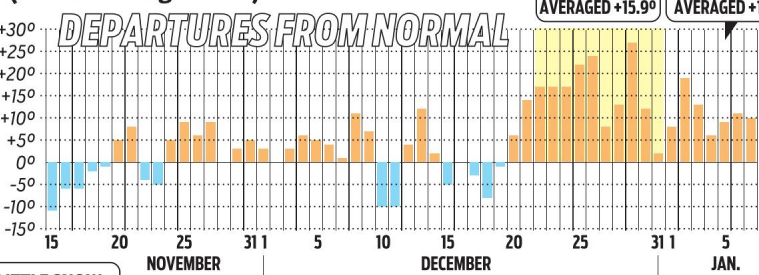


- Severe storms over Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas in warm air just ahead of the cold front
- Surface cold front from Lower Michigan-Chicago to central Oklahoma
- Rain/mild temps in green-shaded area including Chicago (moisture spreading north out of Gulf of Mexico)
- Snow developing north of cold front over Wisconsin-Minnesota.

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

TEMP/SNOW TRENDS IN CHICAGO SINCE MID-NOVEMBER

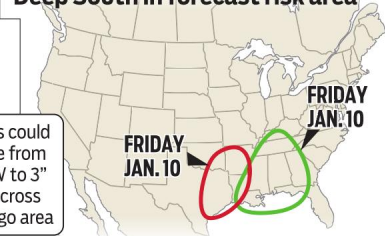
Mild temps—3 days out of 4 above normal (overall average +5.4°)



POTENTIAL RAINFALL



EXPECTED SEVERE WEATHER RISK



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MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	50	40	sh	55	51
Carbondale	su	32	25	sh	49	45
Champaign	su	36	30	sh	51	48
Decatur	su	29	24	sh	51	34
Moline	su	30	24	sh	51	47
Peoria	su	40	35	sh	56	46
Quincy	su	25	21	sh	48	36
Rockford	su	36	31	sh	53	49
Springfield	su	26	22	sh	48	36
Sterling	su	26	22	sh	48	36

Wisconsin

Bloomington	su	40	28	cl	56	48
Evansville	su	45	36	sh	56	50
Fort Wayne	su	27	21	cl	49	44
Indianapolis	su	33	26	cl	53	46
Lafayette	su	30	24	cl	52	46
South Bend	su	25	20	sh	49	44

Michigan

Detroit	pc	26	17	cl	42	40
Grand Rapids	pc	24	18	sh	44	41
Marquette	ss	15	9	ss	36	28
St. Ste. Marie	ss	12	6	ss	31	30
Traverse City	ss	21	14	ss	41	37

Iowa

Ames	pc	30	25	cl	50	23
Cedar Rapids	pc	27	21	sh	48	25
Des Moines	pc	34	29	pc	54	25
Dubuque	pc	25	20	sh	48	28

OTHER U.S. CITIES

Albany	pc	38	17	cl	29	24
Albuquerque	pc	50	27	pc	47	29
Amarillo	pc	64	37	pc	61	34
Anchorage	su	54	29	pc	51	41
Asheville	pc	38	12	ss	26	12
Aspen	su	59	35	ss	60	52
Atlanta	pc	44	22	pc	36	30
Atlantic City	pc	70	58	sh	75	64
Austin	pc	43	23	pc	36	32
Baltimore	pc	49	27	ss	29	10
Birmingham	su	62	39	cl	63	57
Bismarck	sh	15	13	pc	22	-4
Boise	rs	45	32	ss	38	21
Boston	pc	43	21	su	32	27
Brownsville	pc	73	64	pc	80	67
Buffalo	ss	30	15	cl	34	32
Burlington	ss	34	8	pc	15	15
Charlotte	su	59	32	pc	54	52
Charlottesville	su	62	44	pc	64	57
Charlottesville	su	62	44	pc	64	57
Chattanooga	su	60	32	cl	61	53
Chester	pc	48	25	ss	36	21
Cincinnati	su	37	24	cl	55	48
Cleveland	ss	32	21	cl	44	43
Colorado Springs	pc	55	27	pc	41	23
Columbia MO	su	48	43	sh	57	50
Columbia SC	su	63	46	sh	61	50
Columbus	su	32	22	cl	48	43
Concord	pc	55	31	pc	24	13
Crane Christi	pc	69	62	cl	75	65
Dallas	pc	66	56	ts	72	63
Daytona Bch.	pc	63	53	pc	72	64
Denver	su	60	27	cl	45	27
Duluth	pc	13	11	ss	29	14
El Paso	pc	62	36	su	64	40

Fairbanks	su	-36	-38	su	-30	-37
Fargo	su	8	6	cl	20	-5
Flagstaff	pc	42	18	ss	36	15
Fort Myers	pc	66	57	pc	81	66
Fort Smith	pc	65	46	ts	61	56
Fresno	pc	55	42	sh	52	41
Grand Junc.	pc	34	19	sh	31	19
Great Falls	pc	45	13	sh	15	6
Harrisburg	pc	39	19	pc	37	28
Hartford	pc	40	20	pc	32	25
Helena	pc	42	23	cl	28	10
Honolulu	pc	80	72	pc	79	71
Houston	pc	70	61	ts	77	67
Int'l Falls	su	5	3	ss	22	2
Jackson	pc	64	44	sh	68	61
Jacksonville	pc	66	49	pc	73	64
Janeau	ss	25	12	pc	15	13
Kansas City	pc	54	47	sh	60	39
Las Vegas	pc	61	39	pc	55	40
Lexington	su	46	31	cl	59	52
Lincoln	pc	46	38	pc	51	23
Little Rock	pc	63	44	sh	61	57
Los Angeles	pc	68	49	pc	65	45
Louisville	su	46	32	cl	59	52
Macon	pc	63	33	pc	66	54
Memphis	su	61	44	cl	63	58
Miami	pc	76	68	pc	77	71
Minneapolis	cl	15	13	cl	37	17
Mobile	pc	64	48	sh	69	61
Montgomery	pc	64	35	pc	66	56
Nashville	pc	56	39	cl	60	55
New Orleans	pc	64	53	sh	71	63
New York	cl	42	24	pc	36	32
Norfolk	su	54	30	pc	44	32
Ola. City	pc	62	50	pc	65	53
Omaha	cl	41	36	pc	48	25
Orlando	pc	69	53	pc	76	65

Palm Beach	pc	75	67	pc	77	72
Palm Springs	su	71	61	pc	65	43
Philadelphia	pc	41	21	pc	35	28
Phoenix	su	67	43	pc	63	41
Pittsburgh	pc	64	37	pc	44	38
Portland, ME	ss	38	15	pc	27	18
Portland, OR	sh	45	37	sh	45	38
Providence	pc	42	20	pc	32	23
Raleigh	su	57	29	pc	51	36
Rapid City	pc	47	29	ss	38	13
Reno	pc	46	31	ss	43	23
Richmond	su	52	22	pc	45	32
Rochester	ss	30	14	pc	32	31
Sacramento	pc	54	43	sh	53	35
Salem, Ore.	sh	45	36	pc	45	37
Salt Lake City	rs	39	30	ss	37	24
San Antonio	pc	69	57	pc	76	61
San Diego	pc	64	54	sh	63	46
San Francisco	pc	53	48	pc	54	43
San Juan	pc	83	77	sh	82	76
San Jose	pc	44	23	pc	39	23
Savannah	pc	64	54	pc	68	59
Seattle	sh	44	37	sh	42	37
Shreveport	pc	66	51	ts	69	63
Sioux Falls	pc	26	24	pc	34	14
Spokane	pc	42	27	pc	37	24
St. Louis	su	45	39	sh	56	52
Tucson	pc	72	39	pc	64	38
Tulsa	pc	64	50	ts	64	57
Washington	pc	44	24	pc	39	32
Wichita	su	58	46	pc	60	44
Wilkes Barre	ss	31	14	pc	30	22
Yuma	su	71	43	pc	66	46

WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	su	88	72
Algiers	pc	62	45
Amsterdam	sh	53	45
Ankara	rs	42	29
Athens	pc	48	41
Auckland	pc	69	60
Baghdad	sh	66	41
Bangkok	pc	96	78
Barbados	pc	86	77
Barcelona	pc	59	41
Beijing	pc	40	20
Beirut	rs	57	53
Berlin	sh	47	44
Bermuda	sh	70	61
Bogota	pc	71	42
Brussels	sh	54	50
Bucharest	pc	37	23
Budapest	su	34	24
Buenos Aires	pc	92	69
Cairo	pc	62	48
Cancun	pc	77	70
Caracas	su	80	63
Casablanca	su	64	44
Copenhagen	sh	47	38
Dublin	cl	47	41
Edmonton	ss	12	-3
Frankfurt	sh	56	52
Geneva	pc	47	36
Guadalajara	pc	76	44
Havana	pc	78	63
Helsinki	rs	45	35
Hong Kong	pc	71	66
Istanbul	pc	44	40
Jerusalem	rs	47	41
Johannesburg	sh	80	64
Kabul	su	29	6
Kiev	pc	35	22

DAY	FC	HI	LO
	pc	87	78
	sh	78	70
	pc	61	53
	sh	54	48
	pc	60	31
	pc	89	74
	sh	73	65
	pc	68	54
	sh	31	1
	sh	33	25
	ci	43	38
	ts	74	61
	pc	76	67
	ts	61	48
	su	45	31
	pc	29	4
	pc	89	75
	sh	75	68
	pc	81	63
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	sh	73	65
	pc	81	63
	ci	41	32
	sh	40	37
	ss	7	4

Tuesday's
Wednesday
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WEDNESDAY

Sun
Moon



FULL
Jan. 10

WEDNESDAY

PLANET

Mercury
Venus
Mars
Jupiter
Saturn

BEST VIEWING

Mercury
Venus
Mars
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The no alcohol champagne cocktail, from left, pomegranate mule and coconut cucumber mint cooler at Flight Club in Chicago last year.

Dry January isn't for everyone

By KATE THAYER

The holiday parties are over, the New Year's resolutions are in and many likely revolve around a healthier 2020. For those who may have been overserved during December's festivities, or are just looking for a challenge, that could include cutting out the glass of wine with dinner or the cocktails during nights out with friends.

Dry January has become an annual trend in the past several years, prompting many to abstain from alcohol for the inaugural month of the year.

But does it work?

Experts say it's great for some to slow down their alcohol intake after one of the most celebratory times of the year. It cuts down on calories, improves sleep and brings an awareness of drinking habits.

Some drinkers need treatment, experts say. Others are trying Dry-ish January.

But for others, a deeper problem exists, and a cold turkey approach could actually be dangerous.

Here are five things to know about Dry January.

1. Some history

The U.K.-based group Alcohol Concern, now named Alcohol Change UK, started the trending Dry January challenge in 2013.

In its first year, 4,000 people took part, according to the group, and the hashtagable trend has grown since then. The group's latest tracking shows that while 100,000 people signed up on the website in

January 2018, millions actually participated. The group projects that 10% of those who drink in the U.K. will take part in the challenge this month and abstain from alcohol.

"Dry January offers a ready-made response to anyone who tries to pressure us to drink," Alcohol Change UK CEO Richard Piper said in a statement. "Strong evidence tells us that signing up for Dry January helps people — even heavy drinkers — to drink more healthily all year round."

But experts say the challenge might not be for everyone, especially heavy drinkers, and can even backfire for more moderate drinkers.

2. Who should be wary?

"How helpful Dry January is may vary from person to person," said Mark Zissman, a psychologist and clinical director of Lake County services at Gateway Foundation treatment centers.

Zissman points to studies that show taking a month off from drinking can help in various ways, improving sleep and resulting in weight loss. But he cautioned those who are heavy drinkers. And more mild or moderate drinkers might find success in a month off from alcohol, but then usher in February with even heavier alcohol

use, Zissman said.

"Largely, the risks are how much is somebody drinking prior to actually participating in Dry January," he said. "Alcohol is one of two substances where people can actually die from going through withdrawal." (This also applies to certain kinds of prescription drugs.)

"People forget that."

3. Dry January isn't treatment

Zissman recommends that heavy drinkers consult professionals before taking part in a Dry January challenge. And to think about why they might want to quit drinking for a month: Is there an addiction? If so, Zissman says treatment can help and should go beyond a January challenge.

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'Boys and Sex' author finds guidance often lacking



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Four years ago, Peggy Orenstein's book, "Girls and Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape," launched a dialogue that changed the way many parents talk to their daughters about sexuality and pleasure,

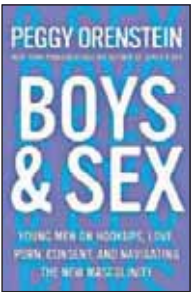
love and consent.

With "Boys and Sex: Young Men on Hookups, Love, Porn, Consent, and Navigating the New Masculinity," out Jan 7, Orenstein completes the dialogue, weaving in the voices and perspectives of young men who are struggling to make sense of all the same topics — often with a lot less guidance from parents and peers.

"I already knew that Americans talk precious little to their daughters about sex, but I'd soon learn they talk even less to their sons," Orenstein writes. "True, boys may now more likely be

warned to 'respect women,' but what precisely does that mean? Which women, under what circumstances, and how? What's more, despite the growing insistence that only 'yes' means 'yes,' boys (like girls) are bombarded by incessant images — on TV, in movies, games, social media, music videos — of female objectification and sexual availability, which are reinforced by unprecedented exposure to pornography."

For "Boys and Sex," Orenstein



spent two years interviewing more than 100 males ages 16 to 22 about their attitudes, expectations and early experiences with sex and intimacy. The interviewees live in big cities and small towns, attend private and public schools and span a spectrum of race, religion, class and sexual and gender identity.

The result is a sobering look at the landscape in which young men are growing up — and an

invitation for the grown-ups in their lives to offer a lot more support and direction.

Some of what Orenstein learned:

Boys need to hear from men. "Girlfriends, mothers, and in some cases, sisters were the most commonly cited confidants among boys I met, and while it's wonderful to know they have someone to talk to — and I'm sure mothers, in particular, savor the role — teaching boys that women

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SHOWSTOPPING NEWS

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DREAMSTIME

By CINDY DAMPIER

It's the second week of 2020. A new year, a new decade — and the old me is still hanging around.

She's not as fit as she should be. Her closet is still kind of a mess, and so is her desk.

She hasn't tried Whole 30. She refuses to KonMari anything. Mention that Peloton mom, she'll roll her eyes.

Frankly, she's pretty unrepentant, in spite of the New Year's deluge of "new year, new you!" chirpiness that has overtaken every sphere of our collective experience in these recent days.

From your browser ads to your Twitter feed to the bus bench to social media posts from friends, the push to re-create yourself into a skinnier, wealthier, healthier, more successful, more lovable mold, starting *now*, is inescapable. By the second day of the new year, a friend had already told me about her pals who are doing Whole 30 and Dry January, simultaneously. The pressure is real.

But I'm not ready to trade the old me in like last year's model or set her out on the curb with the dried-up Christmas trees.

She's resolution-resistant. And so am I.

And that's not a bad thing.

Those who study the

self-help world, and even some of those who are a part of it, say that the new year push for reinvention is, quite simply, an artificial construct created by yet another industry that, surprise, wants to sell you something.

"It's like Valentine's Day," says Jolenta Greenberg of the "By The Book" podcast, on which she and co-host Kristen Meinzer have road-tested more than 50 self-help books. Except instead of candy and greeting cards, what the resolutions crowd is selling you are your own inadequacies — and a handy escape from them.

"First, the message is 'The way you take care of yourself is flawed,'" says Greenberg. "And then we want to sell you something to make it better. And when that doesn't work, you feel like a failure, so try this next thing to fix it. It's built on constant inadequacy. And it's interesting how eager we all are to eat it up."

Meinzer finds the parade of resolutioned-up influencers especially jarring. "A lot of what's being shown to us in the betterment space, including a lot of people posting on social media about their resolutions, is people who were basically born on third base."

Failure to be honest about privilege and circumstances on social media

helps sustain a climate of inadequacy for others.

Christine Carter, a sociologist and senior fellow at the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley, studies happiness and has written several self-help books, yet she, too, is wary of the hard sell around resolutions: "All the bloggers, all the things, it creates this horrible moment of should, should, should. Year after year, we set ourselves up for failure."

The unpleasant emotions associated with all that dumping on ourselves are a recipe for disaster. Statistics on new year's resolutions show that 80% of them fail by February. And the experts say that's because we take on goals that we find inherently unpleasant. "We won't finish things we don't like doing," says Greenberg. "That's a fact."

Carter agrees: "We make resolutions that fill us with dread and a sense of deprivation," she says. Launching a Whole 30 eating plan on New Year's Day is a good example, she says. "I'm a health food nut; I'm not against these things. But when people come to me with that as a goal I ask, 'Why are you doing that? How do you want to feel in your life? And will Whole 30 get you there?'"

Maybe, instead of a drastic reset of ourselves, we

need to drastically reset our goals. "My recommendation," says Carter, "is not to go for big, spectacular resolutions, because they are likely going to be big, spectacular failures. Not because you're going to be bad at them. Because you're human."

Accepting your own flawed humanity, your actually-pretty-good old self, is the key to beginning any kind of growth, she adds. "Acceptance is foundational. When we look at where we really are, we can grow from a stronger foundation." And growth should be viewed along a lifelong timeline, "like a tree grows. Slowly. That's the kind of growth I'm talking about."

In that context, and with the willpower to ignore the clamor of the resolution industrial complex, the beginning of a new year doesn't have to be such a thorny moment. "It's a great moment for introspection," Carter says, "and for looking at what you might want to let go." Letting something go, in turn, might free you up to be nicer to yourself and others.

"If you really need to make a promise to yourself," says Greenberg, "make it a nice one, make it a fun one, make it something that you really love and want more of in your life."

Greenberg and Meinzer

have had an eye-opening ride through the wide world of self-help, including plenty of not-worthy goals. (Hello, diet books.) This spring, they're releasing their own book, "How to Be Fine," distilling their insights about the world of self-help. A lot of it, they say, has to do with taking a simple, more realistic approach to change.

"The old you is beautiful, lovable and worthy of all sorts of great things," says Meinzer. "If you want to be a little happier, I would say start by taking good care of yourself." That can also include, she notes, spending time in therapy or opting into medication for anxiety or depression if needed — an important element that many self-help books gloss over or ignore entirely.

Carter urges clients to figure out what makes them happy, by consulting with (who else?) their old selves. "What has made you happy in the past, and what worked to get you there?" she says. "Just do more of what worked for you in the past."

And if you're still looking for that little something new, a fresh idea about how to feel better this year, try this one: Be on the lookout for gratitude.

"It's one of the keystone habits we talk about," says Carter. "And research shows that people who

practice gratitude are not only happier, they actually sleep better and exercise more. If you want to give up sugar, practicing gratitude will help with that, because it helps reduce stress, and we often soothe ourselves, comfort ourselves in the midst of stress by eating things like sugar."

You can be grateful by writing your gratitude down in a journal, sure. But if that's not your style, do what works for you. Maybe just notice what you're grateful for, quietly, to yourself. Or remember to thank someone you love, or someone who's a stranger. Your gratitude does not have to be Instagram-worthy.

"It can get us out of our rut," says Meinzer. "Not that we won't recognize when something isn't working in life, but we can also find those things we can be grateful for."

Things may feel pretty stressful in these first days of 2020, and there's bound to be more to come. But a little gratitude can't hurt. "It makes everything more palatable and easier to deal with," says Greenberg. "Being grateful is just more fun than being miserable."

Even if you're just starting by being grateful for that flawed, stubborn, human, beautiful old you.

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are responsible for emotional labor, for processing men's emotional lives in ways that would be emasculating for guys to do themselves, comes at a price to both sexes," Orenstein writes. "Among other things, that dependence can leave boys stunted, in a state of arrested development, potentially unprepared to form caring, lasting, intimate relationships."

Coaches can play a particularly powerful role, Orenstein writes, citing a yearlong study of 2,000 high school athletes that found considerably reduced rates of dating violence and lower rates of acceptance for abusive behavior toward girls when boys participated in short, weekly coach-led discussions about personal responsibility, respectful behavior, relationship abuse, insulting language and consent. (Maybe that's the "locker room talk" we need more of.)

Boys see a ton of porn. Ninety-three percent of boys are exposed to internet porn before they turn 18, Orenstein writes. "I never asked a boy in my interviews whether he watched porn (nor did I ask whether he had ever masturbated)," she writes. "Because of course all of them — every single one — had. Instead, my question

was when they first saw it."

Parents, she writes, simply must talk about it with their kids.

"Porn can create false expectations; lower guys' satisfaction in sex and with their partners; hijack teens' sexual imaginations; eroticize gender inequality and racism," she writes.

"In a world of fake news," she continues, "media literacy, including deconstructing pornography, has value beyond sex and relationships: it is a matter of personal agency, preserving our ability to think, act and live on our own terms."

Boys need our advocacy. Parents and advocates work tirelessly to combat the messages girls get from a young age, but often leave boys to interpret and internalize entertainment, media and other cultural directives on their own.

"Boys need a strong counternarrative to develop grounded, realistic perspectives on women, men, sex and love," she writes. "Frankly, without it, there is a chance that they won't see women as fully human, and that they will view sex as something a female partner does for them and that they do to her. Start young, by offering little boys books, films and other media featuring complex female protagonists. Take notice when women are absent or misrepresented on-screen or on the playing field. Intervene, even if it annoys guys,



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Author Peggy Orenstein has a new book called "Boys and Sex" that deals with sexuality, pornography, consent and more.

to question how the media they consume presents gender roles, bodies — men's as well as women's — race and sex (is it valued or cheapened? Is there respect? Coercion? Consent?)."

It's natural to wonder, as you're reading whether the conversations in Orenstein's book would look and sound different had the book been written by a man. Orenstein wonders herself.

"I can't say," she writes. "I came to believe, though, that being a woman had its advantages. I don't know that boys would have been as emotionally open with a man. At the very least, I'd say that for anything they withheld because I was female, there was something else they expressed

for that precise reason."

And what they did express is well worth our abundant time, attention and care.

Peggy Orenstein will be in the Chicago area for three appearances: At 7 p.m. Jan. 13 and again at 9 a.m. Jan. 14, she'll speak at New Trier High School's Northfield campus, 7 Happ Road. Both events are free. Reservations are recommended at familyactionnetwork.net/upcoming-events/. At 7 p.m. Jan. 14, I'll be interviewing her at Women and Children First bookstore, 5233 N. Clark St. The event is free. Reservations are recommended at womenandchildrenfirst.com.

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"For some people, it could be really normative and really healthy," he said. "At same time, it might also be indicative of a larger alcohol-use problem."

Zissman also suggests using the acronym CAGE as a self-assessment tool for alcohol-use disorder. C stands for cut-down attempts in the past. A stands for annoyed: Do you feel annoyed by others commenting on your drinking? G is for guilt felt after drinking. And E is eye-opener: Do you need a drink in the morning or notice other physical dependence?

4. Who benefits?

Zissman said that for many, Dry January can be a healthy endeavor.

"Maybe they find they rely on (alcohol) a little bit too much, but they don't necessarily have a problem," he said.

Zissman said more research is needed, but there's some that shows the Dry January challenge can lead to drinking less for several months afterward.

Alcohol Change UK cites research that shows 72% of Dry January participants are engaging in "less risky" drinking six months after Dry January.

Besides health benefits,

Dry January participants report to the group that they save money. The group has also found that those who officially sign up for the challenge on its website are more successful in making it the entire 31 days sans alcohol.

5. Dry-ish January also popular.

While it's not unusual for bars to capitalize on the Dry January trend, offering mocktails as an alternative to patrons, there's another mechanism for mindful drinking: Dry-ish January, according to Jennifer Contraveos, Chicago-based senior portfolio ambassador for Bacardi USA.

"It's certainly a trend we're not only seeing at the start of any new year," she said.

"In many facets, people are more conscious of what we are putting into our bodies" year-round.

Recognizing the trend, bartenders are offering not only alcohol-free drinks, but also recipes that use lower alcohol liquors or other substitutions to make for a good "Dry-ish" drink, Contraveos said.

That could mean a shot of vermouth in a drink instead of whiskey, mixing up the ratios in drink recipes or simply smaller cocktails, she said.

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This combination of images shows mockups of a soft drink can and a chocolate candy bar with labels for "exercise calories."

What if you knew chips would take 16 minutes to run off?

BY CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Would you put down that bag of chips if you saw it had 170 calories? What if the label said it would take 16 minutes of running to burn off those calories?

Health experts for years have pushed for clearer food labeling to empower people to make better choices. In the United States, a recent regulation requires calorie counts on packages to be bigger. Red, yellow and green labels signal the healthfulness of some foods in the United Kingdom. But with obesity rates persistently high, researchers are looking at whether more drastic approaches could help.

One attention-grabbing idea that's being explored: Labeling foods with "exercise calories," or the amount of physical activity needed to burn them off. For example, a chocolate bar might say it has 230 calories, alongside icons indicating that amounts to 42 minutes of walking or 22 minutes of running.

With calorie counts, experts worry the information doesn't mean much if people don't know how much they should be eating anyway. And with the

"traffic light" system, people might not understand why a food is red — is it the fat, the sugar or something else?

It's no surprise some people don't pay attention to current labels, but exercise calories might be more useful, said Amanda Daley, a professor of behavioral medicine at Loughborough University in the United Kingdom.

"They may still ignore it, but let's give it a go. Let's at least give them a chance to be able to easily understand," she said.

For now, it's unknown how exercise-time labeling would affect choices in the real world.

Not everyone finds the idea compelling. Regardless of whether it gets people to eat less, it could reinforce negative attitudes about exercise, said Yoni Freedhoff, an obesity expert at the University of Ottawa.

"The idea that exercise is a punishment for eating

does not strike me as a good way to promote exercise or healthy attitudes around food," he said.

Instead of trying to find a label that can finally persuade people to stop eating unhealthy foods, Freedhoff said it would be better to promote environments where it's easier to make good choices.

For now, it's unknown how exercise-time labeling would affect choices in the real world.

In December, a BMJ journal published an analysis co-authored by Daley reviewing the limited research so far. The review suggested it may lead people to pick lower-calorie items than no labeling at all. But the evidence was less clear when comparing exercise calorie labeling to specific alternatives like calorie counts alone.

The concept may seem too drastic to ever become reality. But Brian Elbel, a New York University public health expert who studies calorie counts on menus, said other measures — such as soda taxes — also once seemed far-fetched.

"Just because it's not going to happen tomorrow doesn't mean it's not an important thing to look at," Elbel said.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Coconut macaroons can relieve Crohn's symptoms

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: My husband has had gastroduodenal Crohn's disease since 1988. Over the years, it has spread to the intestines as well.

I am writing because my son sent me an article about coconut macaroons combating diarrhea. In the article, a lady asked you for a recipe for these cookies to stop diarrhea. My husband gets diarrhea frequently, and I would love to know more about what was in the article.

A: We first heard about coconut macaroon cookies from Donald Agar over 20 years ago. By accident, he discovered that eating two Archway Coconut Macaroon cookies a day helped control the diarrhea associated with Crohn's disease. Since then we have heard from many people who have reported improvement with this remedy.

Q: I've been using Vaseline to moisturize my nostrils at night for 35 years. Without it, my nose dries out and I have chronic nosebleeds.

Vaseline has been my saving grace since I was a small child. I use it every night and have never encountered any side effects. I don't know what I would do without this home remedy.

A: Despite your positive experience, we caution people not to put petroleum jelly in their nose. Several years ago, a lung specialist warned us: "Petroleum jelly or mineral oil can cause a chronic form of pneumonia when aspirated into the lungs." Such lipid pneumonitis is basically incurable, so he recommended using saline nasal spray instead.



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Coconut macaroons are a popular remedy for diarrhea.

Q: My wife had a bad reaction to statin drugs that started in her arms and shoulders. She could not get up the stairs or even off of a chair unaided. This all happened in a space of around four weeks. Eventually, I rushed her to the hospital. Since she could not even swallow without choking, she almost died.

She was seen by a doctor who specializes in myositis. If he hadn't been at the hospital that evening, she might not have survived.

It has taken around 18 months to get back to where she was before the statins. The doctor gave her steroids and methotrexate. She finished the steroids in March, but she'll remain on the methotrexate until Christmas.

A: Myositis (inflammation of the muscles) can be a devastating autoimmune condition that leads to disability and sometimes death. Symptoms may include difficulty getting up from a chair or walking up stairs. Treatment often involves immunosuppressive drugs.

Although myositis is listed as a potential side effect of some statins, it is considered rare. That said, we have received a surprising number of reports of

statin-induced myositis. Most have not resolved as successfully as your wife.

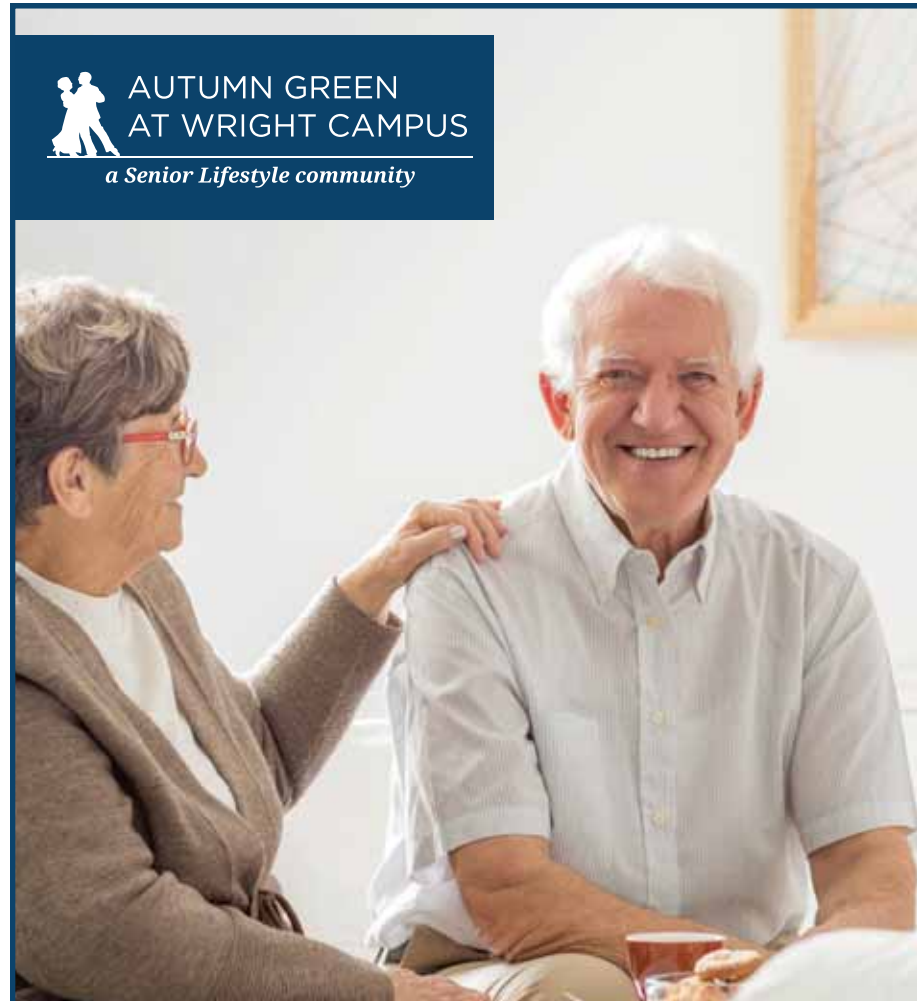
Q: My 5-year-old daughter was diagnosed with GERD and put on three medicines with long lists of horrible side effects. Those made me uncomfortable, so we looked for an alternative on your website.

Our mantra became "veggies, veggies, veggies, fruit, fruit and a little bit of meat." Lots of veggies seem to prevent her constipation, which is a big contributing factor to her GERD. We also found which foods were big triggers and which foods to avoid. That allowed us to cut down on the omeprazole very slowly.

A: Fiber is the foundation for constipation treatment. We are delighted to learn how well it worked for your daughter.

For people who cannot tolerate so much fiber, there are other solutions. For example, a little sugar-free gum can often help ease constipation. Don't overdose, though. Too much can lead to diarrhea.

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Measles is a highly contagious viral infection. It's best to get the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine at least two weeks before departing on a trip.

Kids need measles vaccine before going abroad

Mayo Clinic News

U.S. children who travel abroad are not getting the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine before they travel to protect them from ongoing measles outbreaks, says a recent study.

This leaves the children vulnerable to the highly infectious disease, which has made a resurgence in the U.S. after being eliminated in 2000.

Most of the measles cases in the U.S. result from international travel.

"The current recommendation is any U.S. child who's traveling internationally should be immune to measles because there is a risk of exposure, either when you arrive in your destination country or in the process of getting there," said Dr. Nipunie

Rajapakse, a pediatric infectious diseases specialist at Mayo Clinic. "This includes children between 6 and 11 months of age who have not yet received the standard first dose of measles vaccine in the U.S., which usually occurs between 12 to 15 months."

If children between 6 and 11 months are traveling, "they may be eligible to get an earlier dose of the measles vaccine before they travel, which can provide them with some protection," Rajapakse added. "It's really important to talk to your primary care physician or pediatrician if you're planning to travel, especially with young children."

It is best to get the vaccine at least two weeks before you depart on your trip.

The measles vaccine is

given as part of the MMR vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that the MMR be given to children at 12-15 months of age. A second dose is recommended before a child starts school, around the ages of 4-6.

If children receive an early dose of MMR vaccine between 6-11 months because of international travel or a local outbreak, they still will require both routine doses after 1 year of age for full protection.

Measles is a highly contagious viral infection that spreads through coughing or sneezing. Complications may include ear infection, pneumonia and encephalitis, which can result in permanent brain damage. Measles can be prevented through vaccination.



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Bonus of museum visit? You might live longer.

Study sees health benefit from being engaged with arts

By Maria Cramer
The New York Times

Numerous studies have shown that art and music can help soothe chronic pain, stave off symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease, and accelerate brain development in young children.

Now there is evidence that simply being exposed to the arts may help people live longer.

Researchers in London who followed thousands of people 50 and older for 14 years discovered that those who went to a museum or attended a concert just once or twice a year were 14% less likely to die during that period than those who didn’t.

The chances of living longer only went up the more frequently people engaged with the arts, according to the study, which was published in December in The BMJ, formerly The British Medical Journal. People who went to a museum or the theater once a month or even every few months had a 31% reduced risk of dying in that period, according to the study.

The study controlled for socioeconomic factors like a participant’s income, education level and mobility, said Andrew Steptoe, a co-author of the study and the head of University College London’s research department of behavioral science and health.

“Even if you take those things into account, we still found that there is a difference in the survival of people who are involved in the arts,” Steptoe said.

The study did not examine what kind of music, art or theater led to a longer life, he said. In other words, it’s not clear whether your chances of living longer are improved by choosing “Die Walküre” over “The Phan-



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Visitors make their way through the Andy Warhol exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago. A study finds that museum visitors tend to live longer.

tom of the Opera.”

But Steptoe said researchers theorized that people who expose themselves to the arts are likely to be more engaged in the world.

“We know that a sense of purpose in life is important,” he said. “Being involved and excited by the arts keeps and maintains your purpose in life.”

The study also noted that engaging in the arts can reduce loneliness, promote empathy and emotional intelligence, and keep people from becoming sedentary — all factors that contribute to a longer life.

Many studies have examined the positive effects of the arts on older people.

Americans older than 55 who did not create art or go to concerts, museums or

plays reported higher rates of hypertension and cognitive decline than those who did, according to a study of nearly 1,500 participants released by the National Endowment for the Arts in 2017.

The London study is believed to be the first comprehensive examination of the effects of art on mortality, Steptoe said.

From 2004 to 2005, researchers collected data from 6,710 people who responded to questionnaires about how often they went to concerts, museums, galleries, the theater or the opera.

In addition to providing personal information such as age, gender, ethnicity, marital status, educational background, profession and income, participants an-

swered questions about their physical and mental health, how often they smoked or drank, and how much exercise they got.

Over the next 14 years, about 2,000 participants died — a vast majority of them from illnesses related to cancer, cardiovascular disease, respiratory problems and other natural causes, according to the study.

“This study raises a number of future research questions,” the authors wrote. For example, future studies could consider how engagement in the arts from a young age might affect a person’s life span.

The study also did not examine whether there was any overlap with participants who actively participated in art, as by playing

music, dancing or painting.

Still, the results of the study excited art and theater advocates who said they hoped the research would motivate a push to restore arts and music programs that have been cut from schools around the country over the years.

“So much of that has been destroyed,” said Heather A. Hitchens, chief executive of the American Theater Wing, which funds a wide range of productions and programs.

“Too often, the arts are seen as this frill, but they really do play an essential role in our lives,” Hitchens said. “Now we have a study telling us it helps us live longer. It’s just yet the latest example of how powerful the arts are.”

Advocates said the study

was also a reminder of how critical it is for the arts to be more accessible to Americans of all incomes.

Gabriella Souza, a spokeswoman for the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, said the study’s results were not surprising.

“In terms of finding peace and tranquility in galleries, that is one of the reasons people come to our museums,” she said.

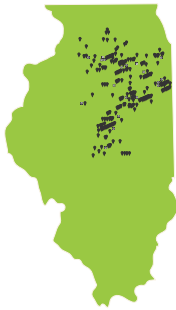
The museum, which offers free admission and gets about 160,000 visitors a year, recently surveyed visitors about why they come. Twenty percent said for “peace and rejuvenation,” Souza said.

“It’s a real testament to how important exposure really is,” she said. “You need to be able to access art to be able to appreciate it.”



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Taco soup, like this version made with beef short ribs and beans, has all the luscious flavors of beefy tacos.

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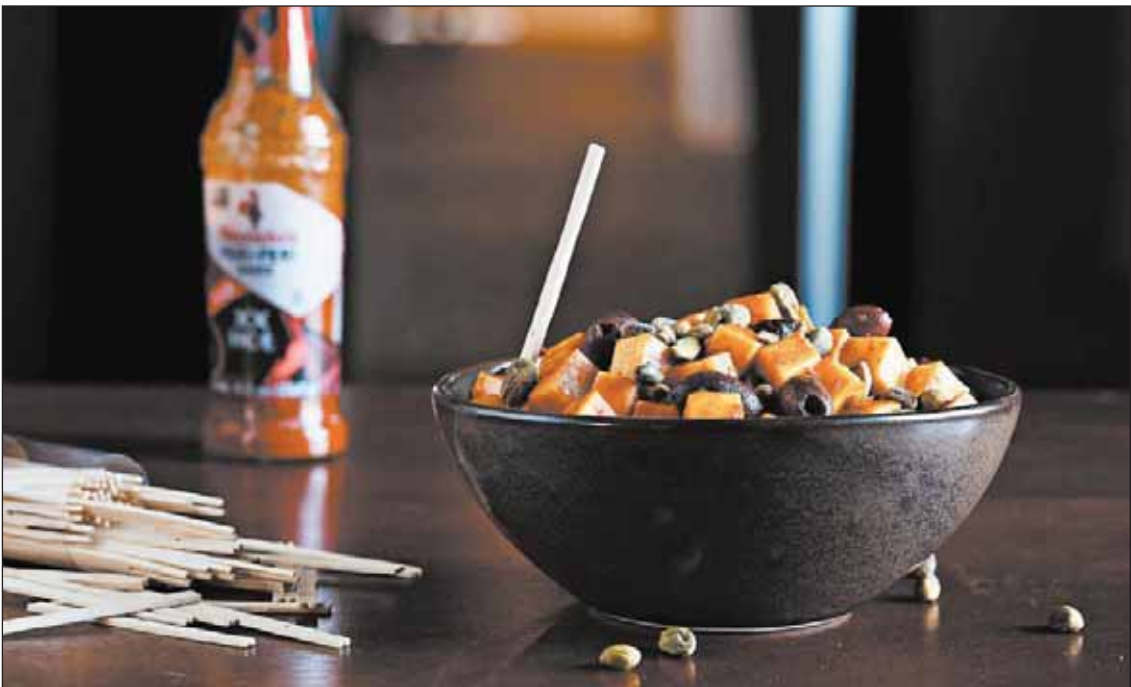
Munchies, snacks, treats, whatever you call them, have them ready. For my late-night cravings, I stock a kitchen drawer with dark chocolate bars, spicy jerky, peanut butter protein bars and individual packets of spice cookies and nuts.

Better yet are the containers of spicy marinated cheese cubes and pickled eggs in the refrigerator. High in protein, these bold snacks satisfy without an excess of guilt and regret.

I feel young again when we pull up to the late-night taqueria after seeing a concert or comedy show. It's fun to enjoy rich, greasy tacos and endless baskets of tortilla chips with mind-numbing hot salsa. I always over-order, over-garnish and then spill on my clothes.

Better to have made the recipe here for short-rib taco soup instead. You'll impress friends who join in on a bowl. No matter the hour, a quick reheat and a few easy garnishes more than satisfies any craving.

Taco soup — what a concept. I first heard of it at a diner in the South. Turns out, the internet offers up dozens of recipes. For good reason. This bowl of



Cheese cubes marinated in piri piri hot sauce answer the call for late-night snacks. Mixing in Kalamata olives and toasted pistachios may sound like a teenager's idea, but trust us.

A month of munchies

For the month of January, we focus on munchies. Follow along at chicagotribune.com/craving.

soup sports all the luscious flavors of beefy tacos, but can be made ahead and eaten out of a bowl.

I use a combination of beef short ribs and meaty-tasting flank or skirt steak for the deepest possible

flavor. Pulling the cooked meat into large shreds proves reminiscent of carne asada tacos.

Set out garnishes like you would see at a taqueria: Bowls of crunchy tortilla chips, minced green chile, diced white onion with cilantro, cubes of avocado and tomato. Shredded cheese boosts richness. Tangy hot sauce and squeezes of fresh lime add spice and a bright finish.

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The duck tacos at WoodWind restaurant is a Peking-duck-meets-taco-bar mashup that feeds three or more.

REVIEW WoodWind ★★

Is creative, fun food enough to overcome an 18th floor location?

BY PHIL VETTEL

A new restaurant has taken up the challenge that is the Lavin Family Pavilion dining space; WoodWind, which opened in mid-October, looks to succeed where GreenRiver did not.

As I say, the location is a challenge. The building itself, part of the cluster that makes up Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, is easy enough to find. But the restaurant is perched on the 18th floor, which carries the advantage of attractive city views (especially when the wraparound outdoor deck is in service) and the disad-

vantage of invisibility. You either know this place exists, or you don't.

That, I assume, was the biggest factor behind GreenRiver's demise, despite boasting excellent food, a first-rate cocktail program by Julia Momose and a Michelin star. Craveable Hospitality Group, which owns WoodWind, hopes to do better. For starters, the restaurant has some street-level signage, subtle though it may be (GreenRiver had none), and CHG installed a lobby hospitality desk that announces WoodWind's existence (and provides easy

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Chicago's decade of beer

The breweries that shaped the city's craft scene

By JOSH NOEL

In 2010, Chicago was a beer drinking afterthought. Sure, the metro area's dozen or so breweries included a handful of luminaries — Goose Island and Three Floyds, mostly — but Chicago was hardly a beer-drinking mecca. That title was reserved for places such as San Diego, Denver and Portland, Oregon.

But at the start of 2020, Chicago has become one of the nation's great beer destinations. Not only was there wild growth — in 2018 Chicago became home to more breweries than any other city in the nation — its breweries also are consistently acknowledged as some of the best. (Those consecutive Great American Beer Festival hazy IPA gold medals for Alarmist and Old Irving were as impressive as they were unlikely.)

As look back at a wild decade for Chicago beer and brewing, we sought the opinions of four people who have closely tracked the past 10 years in beer, whether as bartenders, beer buyers, sales people or beer writers.

We asked them for a look back on what has passed — and what may lie ahead: Austin Harvey (of beer store Beermiscuous and formerly a bar manager at Goose Island), Karl Klockars (of the Guys Drinking Beer website), Adam Vavrick (founder of Do Right Distribution, formerly of Publican and Binny's) and Nik White (of the Chicago Beer Geeks website). I added my own answers too. Answers were edited for space.

1. What Chicago brewery most made its mark during the past 10 years?

Harvey: There are a few contenders. Revolution going from a Milwaukee Avenue brewpub to the juggernaut it is today; Pipeworks using a Kickstarter to become the buzziest brewery in the region — even the country for a hot second — and now one of the most forward-thinking; and of course Goose Island has been the ongoing soap opera of American craft beer. Other breweries that have “sold out” (as Goose Island did to Anheuser-Busch InBev in 2011) haven't maintained the level of intrigue and drama that Goose seems to attract.

Klockars: The only answer is Revolution. They got in ahead of the game and then made a series of very good decisions along the way — and everything they screwed up, they fixed. (Remember when they recalled 10,000 barrels of beer? Bet you don't.) Revolution has earned its place at the top of the Chicago brewery heap in terms of not just volume, but also the respect of casual drinkers and hardcore beer geeks alike.

Vavrick: Half Acre stands out for remaining completely and unabashedly Half Acre. They have slowly, steadily grown by doubling down on who they are — a long-haul brewery with a core philosophy. They've got the respect of breweries all over the country.

White: Hop Butcher For the World. Introduced as South Loop Brewing Co. in 2012 with little fanfare, its pivot to Hop Butcher in 2016 is one of my favorite re-brands of any kind in recent memory. They focus almost exclusively on a nerdy curiosity of flavors and aromas in the IPA spectrum. There's an excitement around the nuances of each release, the artwork and recipes are constantly rotating as they continue to refine their story. It's a thrill to follow them down this rabbit hole of chasing down a seemingly endless list of hop combination expressions.

Noel: Revolution rode uncommon ambition, excellent timing and quality beer to fill a local vacuum most of us didn't realize was waiting to be filled. They did it on the back of a beer Chicago was ready for: Anti-Hero, a now ubiquitous homegrown IPA. The market has become so crowded that it will be nearly impossible for any other brewery to recreate Revolution's ascent.

2. What's your personal go-to Chicago brewery of the past decade?

Harvey: Off Color's consistently wonderful style exploration and experimentation make them a go-to, though Half Acre's ability to make a hoppy brew and throw a party means I must mention them too.

Klockars: Definitely Half Acre, for providing a parade of high-quality, extremely drinkable beers. From its flagship pale ale to pilsners to award winners like



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Metropolitan Brewing co-founders Tracy Hurst and Doug Hurst at their taproom overlooking the Chicago River. Metropolitan is “an exceptional brewery making exceptional lagers,” says Adam Vavrick, for whom the brewery is a go-to spot.



NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pipeworks co-founders Beejay Oslen, left, and Gerrit Lewis in 2015 when the brewery expanded production with a new location on the West Side, becoming “the buzziest brewery in the region,” says Austin Harvey.



KRISTIAN LIEB/ FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Anti-Hero IPA, shown at Revolution Brewing's Kedzie Avenue taproom, helped the brewery become a dominant force.



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Half Acre's Daisy Cutter Pale Ale, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2019, is “a shining example of an A+ pale ale,” Karl Klockars says.



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There was an odd, though welcome, uptick in the number of dark lagers emerging from Chicago breweries last summer..

GoneAway to the new Bodem IPA, they just make great beer I can drink again and again. And their taprooms have stupid-good one-offs in all kinds of styles and strengths, all while maintaining their laid-back, we're-all-cool-here '70s-stoner-cargo-van vibe.

Vavrick: Metropolitan Brewing is my go-to, has been for a long time, and the reason is simple: They're an exceptional brewery making exceptional lagers — without a doubt the best in Illinois and some of the best in the country. The beers are consistent, well-crafted and can be enjoyed overlooking a bucolic view of the Chicago River.

White: In a crowded market, Half Acre continues to evolve with mind-bending hop-forward offerings and an experimental mixed culture series that is just as interesting. Barrel-aged releases round out arguably the most complete year-round lineup in the city. Maplewood Brewery & Distillery is a close second.

Noel: Can I pick a tie? Sure I can! Half Acre for the reasons Klockars and White articulated and Metropolitan for what

Vavrick said.

3. What's your favorite Chicago beer of the past decade?

Harvey: I'm not sure if there is a seasonal beer release I look forward to more each year than Off Color's Bare Bear. I love the sahti style and I love that Off Color has enough of an audience to make it yearly.

Klockars: Half Acre's Daisy Cutter is not only a beer you can have once and adore — it also keeps you coming back year after year. It's always been a shining example of an A+ pale ale.

Vavrick: I drink more Metropolitan helles lager per liter than any other beer. Rev Pils comes in a close second.

White: Revolution Brewing's V.S.O.J. was one the best beers in recent Chicago history. The brewery's Deep Wood series altered the local barrel-aged landscape as we saw the only crew that could challenge Goose Island as the premier barrel program in the city do exactly that. V.S.O.J. is its crown jewel.

Noel: I'm a big believer that craft beer's rise is rooted in expe-

rience as much as beer, and the only place to experience Space IPA is at Half Acre's Lincoln Avenue taproom. (You can't even get it at the taproom at Half Acre's Balmoral Avenue production facility.) It's a wonderful beer made all the more wonderful by the tiny footprint where it can be found. I love the imperial version — Deep Space, which is released for a month every summer — even more.

4. What is Chicago's most important beer of the past decade?

Harvey: There's something to be said for hype, and transcending it. Pipeworks' Ninja vs. Unicorn began as a beer that everyone wanted, and now it's a beer everyone loves.

Klockars: This has to be Bourbon County Stout, right? If you ask beer drinkers around the globe — not just the U.S. — what Chicago beer they would most want to try, I think it's still Bourbon County.

Vavrick: Alarmist's Le Jus is the most interesting pivot point for the perception of Midwest brewing from an objective, national viewpoint. The gold medal they won shifted people's perceptions of Chicago's brewing and beer scene.

White: Goose Island's Bourbon County Rare released in 2010. Its audacious price, near \$50 for a 22-ounce bottle, set the bar higher for market pricing and gave an already well-known series a different level of exposure to the casual drinker.

Noel: I'm growing redundant. But Half Acre's Daisy Cutter almost single-handedly modernized Chicago beer culture.

5. What is the most under-the-radar Chicago brewery of the past decade?

Harvey: Geography can keep breweries from getting the props they deserve, but Whiner Beer is doing wonderful work on the South Side.

Klockars: I think most people would be surprised at how much beer Great Central Brewing makes, and how many of our favorite hometown brewers contract with them to make at least some of their beers. (The list includes Maplewood and Begyle breweries.) When they broke ground during the middle of the decade, it seemed pretty crazy to build that massive facility from the ground up, just steps from so many other breweries. But to their credit they've made it work, and also put out a line of very respectable German-style house beers to boot.

Vavrick: After bouncing around a bit, brewer Bryan Shimkos has really hit his stride with Blue Island Beer Co. Everything he makes is well-executed and the spot itself blurs the line between old-school Chicago saloon and new-school taproom. I love that it's an area less traveled; I sneak in there for a pint regularly.

White: Dovetail, Spiteful and Metropolitan. Nothing resets my pursuit of chasing the latest trend quite like enjoying the list of classic styles that these brewers offer. Quite frankly, they are some of the best spaces to enjoy a glass as well.

Noel: Argus Brewery and Golden Prairie Brewing. They've both been around seemingly forever — especially in the case of Golden Prairie, which has staged an unlikely comeback at Argus after folding in 2000. In the hands of no-frills old-school brewer Ted Furman, neither brand is terribly flashy. But the beers are well-made, consistent and faithful to the all-important notion of balance.

6. Thoughts, hopes or predictions for Chicago beer and brewing during the next decade?

Harvey: A turn to flagship (or even just seasonal) beers, and away from an overreliance on hyped-up weekly releases would be very welcome to the blood pressure levels of beer buyers, retailers and sellers across the metropolitan area. That said, lagers made a comeback, so there's nothing saying that Belgian Abbey styles won't have a moment too.

Klockars: I want to see more breweries dialing in their takes on traditional recipes and fewer sheet cakes and pastry products in the mash tun.

Vavrick: I bet you see breweries start to lease out their tank space. As growth has slowed, the tanks need to get filled to keep the lights on, and cohabitation is a good business move that spreads risk around.

White: With Moody Tongue opening a 30,000-square-foot space in Bronzeville and the success of projects like Whiner Brewing in Back of The Yards and Marz Community Brewing in Bridgeport, I hope taprooms continue to set up shop in neighborhoods we don't typically get around to visiting.

Noel: I want to see breweries push themselves with commitments to a diversity of styles. Last year's burst of dark lagers was a promising sign, and a commitment to mastering such styles is good for both breweries and the people who drink their beers. IPA will always be core to craft beer's identity, but it's also time to push forward — in some cases by looking back.

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When bitter is GOOD

Understanding how the flavor can enhance your wine

By ERIC ASIMOV
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Many good wines have a built-in defense against being consumed by children: They are inherently bitter, a flavor that children seem genetically hard-wired to abhor.

Eventually, taste buds evolve. Young adults come to love many bitter flavors, whether in beer, dark chocolate, arugula, Negronis, coffee or tea.

Despite the prevalence of bitter flavors in popular foods and beverages, many people resist the idea that bitterness can be a positive. The old saw has it that American wine consumers talk dry but drink sweet.

The negative connotation of bitterness extends to wine descriptions. Despite the many examples of excellent wines that contain bitter flavors, no producers want to associate their wine with the word bitter. Few consumers would find such a description to be particularly attractive.

Wine marketers know that the public will flock to wines described as smooth, silky, velvety, fruit-forward, spicy, bold and rich. Bitter? Not so much.

I'm hoping that 2020 might be a year for rehabilitating the notion of bitterness in wine. I started to think about this on a trip in November to northern Italy, a land where bitter flavors seem to be built into the cuisine.

On arriving in Milan, I had dinner at Carlo e Camilla, a restaurant serving creative interpretations of northern Italian food in a beautifully restored old mill.

Seeking a bit of warming comfort on a cold, rainy night, I ordered a glass of Valpolicella Classico and was delighted with its clear-as-a-bell flavors, ringing of tart cherry and ending with a refreshing bitterness that prompted the next sip.

The next day, I finished a quick pizza lunch with an espresso, pulled and poured into a tiny cup. It was the proverbial Italian coffee experience, just enough to bolt in one go — This one was ideal: smooth, radiant in flavor, bitter at the end and perfectly refreshing.

That night at dinner at Trattoria Masuelli San Marco, a traditional Milanese restaurant with a blessedly regional wine list, I drank an excellent Barolo Bricco Delle Viole 2007 from G.D. Vajra, vibrant and expressive with a touch of welcome bitterness as the other flavors faded away.

These beverages, though very different, had in common that punctuating bitterness. In each case, it was both cleansing and revitalizing, an acknowledgment of what had come before and a shift in attention to what would come next.

This attractive bitterness is one component of a spectrum of flavors that evolve directly from the fermentation of wine grapes. Wine can offer other forms of bitterness that may not always be so pleasing.

Tannic red wines can be astringent, a drying sensation in the mouth that can be experienced as bitter. Tannins that are part of a harmonious whole don't bother me, so long as they suit the intent of the wine.

I expect a top Barolo or Bordeaux to be tannic in

youth. These tannins might be fine and barely detectable, yet firm enough to wrap up the flavors and nuances of the wines for quite a few years until they integrate. Then the youthful bitterness and astringency will largely evaporate to reveal the complexities within.

Similarly, a rustic young red from southern Italy might be robustly tannic yet still be a pleasure to drink, the astringency and bitterness of the tannins balancing out the sweet fruit.

Tannins generally come from the skins, seeds and stems of grapes, which is why white wines are rarely tannic. To provide wine with color, red grapes are crushed and macerated with their skins, and sometimes seeds and stems. To avoid color in white wines, the juice is whisked away from the pigment-bearing skins, with a notable exception.

That is the category of orange wines, white wines made as if they were reds, macerated with their skins

until they take on an amber tinge. Depending on how long the juice stays in contact with the skins, these wines can become starkly tannic and quite bitter. It's all a matter of balance.

I find the welcome sort of bitterness most often in Italian reds. It doesn't matter which region or what grape, it seems to cut across both, whether Valpolicella of the Veneto, Barbera d'Asti of the Piedmont, Chianti Classico of Tuscany, the aglianicos of Campania or the Etna rossos of Sicily.

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I find it in French wines, too, though not as pervasively. Good Beaujolais often has a welcome bitter component, as do the syrahs of the Northern Rhone, Bordeaux and cabernet francs of the Loire. In Spain, I sense it in traditionally made Riojas and the mencias of Ribeira Sacra.

Alcohol level plays a role, though. The higher the alcohol, particularly when you get to the range of 14.5% and above, the more likely a wine's procession of flavors will culminate in sweetness rather than bitterness. This is partly because of the elevated amount of glycerol found in high-alcohol wines. The combination of fruitiness, alcohol and glycerol contributes to a perception of sweetness, even if the wine contains no residual sugar.

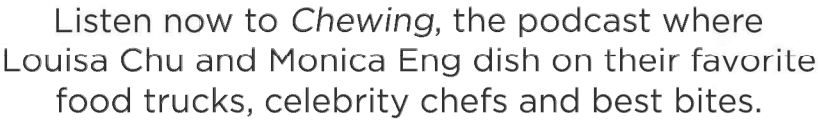
The alcohol level in American wines can often provide a clue as to whether the wine will have a refreshing snappiness, of which bitterness is a component, or a flabby sweetness.

Sweet flavors of course are highly popular, whether in some of America's most expensive cult wines or in mass-produced supermarket wines. I don't quibble with anybody who enjoys them.

But stay aware of the flavors that make so many red wines so delicious, as well as other foods. Perhaps we can make 2020 a bitter year, and I mean that in the best possible way.



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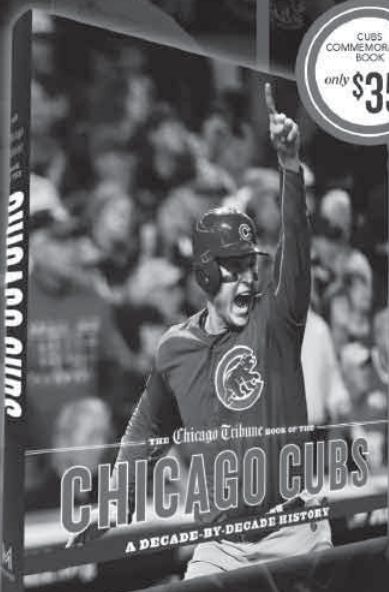




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Chaffles are made from an egg-cheese batter rather than a flour-based one and are popular with ketogenic dieters and gluten-free eaters.

Newest food trend: Chaffles

BY ROBIN MATHER

People who eat a keto-genic diet love chaffles, and so do gluten-free eaters. What started as a trend for those who follow restrictive diets, however, has spread now to Facebook groups with hundreds of thousands of members and Pinterest and Instagram boards by the hundreds.

What is a “chaffle”? The arguably unattractive name comes from the combination of cheese plus waffle, and signifies a waffle made from an egg-cheese batter, rather than a flour-based one.

Or at least that’s what it meant in the beginning. Now you’ll find cheese-free chaffles as well, including one that chaffle fans swear tastes “just like Wonder Bread!” That may not sound like an admirable goal to some of us, but for many people whose diets limit or prohibit bread, the Wonder Bread chaffle suddenly makes sandwiches part of their lives again.

Naturally, as with many such trendy foods, there’s a specialty appliance involved. In this case, it’s the Dash mini waffle maker, which makes personal-sized waffles about 4 ½ inches in diameter, one by one. There are several other brands, and all are inexpensive and small



Chaffles can be made with baking powder, almond flour (or coconut flour), an egg, cheese or mayonnaise (depending on recipe) and water.

White bread chaffles

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes **Makes:** 2 chaffles

Many people prefer these to basic chaffles if they have a sandwich in mind. You won’t taste the mayonnaise, but it contributes a little sweetness and makes the chaffles tender. The almond or coconut flour in these chaffles lends structure, so don’t omit it. It also helps absorb any extra egg. This recipe is designed for a personal-sized waffle maker. Double this recipe if you’d like to prepare it in a larger waffle iron.

- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons almond flour OR 1 tablespoon coconut flour
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon water
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder

1. Heat the waffle iron. In a small bowl, beat the egg with a fork until it is well blended. Add the almond or coconut flour, mayonnaise, water and baking powder; stir until mixture is well blended.

2. Close the waffle iron and allow the chaffle to bake until it stops steaming. Lift the lid — if it offers any resistance, bake a few moments longer — and transfer to a paper-towel lined plate to cool. Repeat with remaining batter.

Nutrition information per chaffle: 143 calories, 13 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 96 mg cholesterol, 3 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 5 g protein, 144 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

enough to tuck into a drawer for storage. But any chaffle recipe may be made in bigger waffle irons as well; as the recipes here note, just double the amounts to make chaffles in a larger iron.

Once baked, chaffles can be incredibly versatile.

There are recipes online for chocolate-chocolate chip chaffles; for pizza chaffles; for pumpkin-spice chaffles; for chaffle French toast; for little chaffle layer cakes with cream cheese frosting — the permutations are nearly endless.

Because they are high in

protein — and sometimes high in fat — chaffles are filling and they keep your tummy happy for a long time.

Around my house, a basic chaffle spread with cream cheese and a sprinkle of everything bagel seasoning has become a

Basic chaffle recipe

Prep: 10 minutes **Cook:** 5 minutes **Makes:** 2 chaffles

Sprinkling a little cheese on the waffle iron before adding the batter adds additional crispness, but it’s optional. The waffles will crisp as they cool. This recipe is designed for a personal-sized waffle maker. Double this recipe if you’d like to prepare it in a larger waffle iron. Refrigerate any extras for up to 3 days or freeze for longer storage.

- 1 large egg
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella, plus additional for sprinkling on the iron
- 1 tablespoon almond flour or 1 teaspoon coconut flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder

1. Heat the waffle maker. In a small bowl, beat the egg with a fork until it is well blended. Stir in cheese, almond or coconut flour, and baking powder until well blended.

2. For extra crispness, scatter a little mozzarella over the waffle iron’s bottom surface. Let it melt for a moment, then spread approximately half the batter onto the bottom surface. Top with a few

sprinkles of extra mozzarella if you like.

3. Close the waffle iron and allow the chaffle to bake until it stops steaming. Lift the lid — if it offers any resistance, cook a few moments longer — and transfer the finished chaffle to a paper-towel lined plate to cool.

4. Repeat with remaining batter, using mozzarella sprinkles before and after adding the batter.

Nutrition information per chaffle: 137 calories, 9 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 111 mg cholesterol, 3 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 10 g protein, 346 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

breakfast standard. Because they’re so quick and easy to prepare, little chaffle “pizzas” make a lazy dinner satisfying.

Will this trend last, or is it a mere flash in the waffle maker? It’s hard to say. I think, however, that when a trend satisfies a need, it’s

probably here for the long run.

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Up your French toast game

BY PATTY CATALNO
TheKitchn.com

If you’re looking for a sweet breakfast bake to build a tradition around, this French toast casserole is it. Custard-soaked bread is flavored with sweet cinnamon and nutmeg, topped with a nutty crumble topping, and baked until golden and steaming. The best part is, it’s as versatile as you need it to be — you can make it ahead or assemble at the last minute.

Here’s how to do it.

The best bread: I like to use a crusty sourdough loaf, which has a hearty, chewy texture that stands up well to soaking — and doesn’t have to be dried or stale (although if you’ve got day-old bread, use it!). Sourdough bread also has a subtle sour tang, which balances the sweetness of the custard and crumble topping.

The best way to prepare the bread is by tearing it into bite-sized pieces. The irregularly shaped pieces have a greater surface area for absorbing the custard and nestle into one another so the interior bakes up rich and tender while the jagged edges brown and crisp.

A ratio to remember: Commit just three ingredients to memory — 3 cups dairy, 8 large eggs, 1 pound bread — for the best French toast casserole. Whisk the dairy and eggs together, then sweeten with brown sugar and add spices like vanilla, cinnamon,

nutmeg and salt for a classic French toast flavor. You can also make it your own by swapping in honey, citrus zest and other sweet spices. Use half-and-half in the custard or combine equal parts heavy cream and whole milk.



JOE LINGEMAN

The finishing touch: To make this the very best make-ahead breakfast, add a sweet and nutty crumble topping. Serve with a drizzle of warm maple syrup and a dusting of powdered sugar to turn your kitchen into the hottest brunch spot in town.

French toast casserole

Makes: 10 to 12 servings

- 4 tablespoons (½ stick) unsalted butter
- Cooking spray

1 (1-pound) loaf unsliced sourdough, Italian, or French (not baguette) bread

- 8 large eggs
- 3 cups half-and-half, or 1 ½ cups each whole milk and heavy cream

¾ cup packed light brown sugar, divided

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

¾ teaspoon kosher salt, divided

½ teaspoon ground nutmeg, divided

2 ounces chopped nuts (about ½ cup), such as pecans or walnuts

¼ cup all-purpose flour

Warm maple syrup or powdered sugar, for serving

Fresh berries, for serving

1. Place 4 tablespoons unsalted butter on the counter to soften slightly.

2. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish or other 3-quart baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.

3. Tear 1 loaf of sourdough bread into bite-sized (1 to 2-inch) chunks. Arrange bread in an even layer in the prepared baking dish.

4. Make the custard. Whisk 8 large eggs, 3 cups half-and-half (or 1 ½ cups whole milk and 1 ½ cups heavy cream), ½ cup packed

light brown sugar, vanilla extract, ground cinnamon, ½ teaspoon of the kosher salt, and ¼ teaspoon of the ground nutmeg together in a large bowl until smooth and combined.

5. Pour the custard evenly over the bread, then press the bread down slightly into the custard. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight or up to 24 hours. Or to bake right away, let sit for 1 hour at room temperature to give the bread time to absorb the custard.

6. Mix the dry ingredients for the crumble topping. Toss chopped nuts, ¼ cup all-purpose flour, remaining ¼ cup packed light brown sugar, remaining ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg, and remaining ¼ teaspoon kosher salt together in a large bowl.

7. Add the softened butter, and pinch and squeeze to incorporate the butter until it forms moist, small clumps. Cover the crumble topping with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to bake.

8. When ready to bake, arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 350 F. Take the casserole out of the refrigerator, uncover, and set aside at room temperature for 30 minutes to take the chill off while the oven heats.

9. Sprinkle the crumble topping evenly over the casserole. Bake until the casserole is puffed, golden brown, and set, 45 to 50 minutes.

10. Remove from the oven and cool for 5 minutes before serving. Top with warm maple syrup or powdered sugar, and fresh berries.



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Chef Tyler Nickson serves guests at a cannabis-infused private dinner in 2018 at an undisclosed Chicago location.

Throw a worry-free marijuana dinner party

Tips on dosing, ambiance and how to avoid a buzzkill

BY ADAM LUKACH

Throwing a dinner party can be stressful. There's a lot to account for, what with the RSVPs, food, drinks, music, guest list, etc.

The legalization of recreational marijuana in Illinois brings another possibility, one that many hosts have likely never considered: What about a marijuana dinner menu?

Chefs Manny Mendoza and Tyler Nickson consider this question all the time. The two Chicagoans have planned and hosted cannabis-centered dinner parties during the past couple of years: Mendoza through his Herbal Notes series, and Nickson mostly through private buyouts.

Mendoza's Herbal Notes series operates on a slightly larger scale: infused parties featuring guest chefs. The format is seated (or buffet-style) or chef stations. Nickson focuses on smaller buyouts through private individuals. The two chefs also pointed out different approaches to these meals: with cannabis infused directly into the food or by pairing different courses with small hits of cannabis flower or concentrates. Some dining experiences employ both.

The events from Mendoza and Nickson are in keeping with the low profile of Chicago's "underground" cannabis-infused dining scene, which turn mostly on word-of-mouth and familiar faces and take place in various locations, virtually always secret: someone's home, an event space — privacy is key. The two chefs, who became friends through cannabis, also regularly work with each other during their respective events.

To help take some of the worries off your plate, so to speak, the pair shared important matters to keep in mind, and some suggestions on how to manage them.

Moderation, more moderation and dosing

Moderation is a top priority, both chefs agreed, given that many guests will be novice users in a newly legal cannabis landscape. That can be exciting, but it can also lead to some ill-advised decisions, Nickson said.

"The next thing you know, you've got someone passed out on the stairs," he said. "One guy's vomiting in a trash can, you know, like everything's just gone sideways."

Start with identifying your dosages, as in, how much THC does one serving contain? Depending on the setup, this could be posted on a menu or the serving dish, but in any case, the dosages should be noticeable for guests.

Depending on the guests' comfort and experience with cannabis, hosts should explain the dosages as well. A standard serving for one cannabis candy, for instance, is 10 milligrams at dispensaries.

Starting lower and building is always an option. In fact, microdosing — taking 2.5 milligrams to 5 milligrams continually throughout the day — has become something of a trend, an amount that many users feel comfortable ingesting in any setting.

Patience is also key. Eat your THC-infused foods early in the party, if you have the option, since the effect takes at least an hour to set in, and can often take longer.

Mendoza and Nickson said they don't infuse everything they cook.

Instead, they mostly infuse added elements to dishes, such as sauces, dressings, dips, oils and the like. This helps guests moderate and control dosing.

"People can portion it out at their own discretion and add to whatever food they want. That way people coming to the party who don't want to consume psychoactive cannabis don't have to," Mendoza said. "I'm that person sometimes."

Mocktails

That leads to another consumption question. To drink or not to drink?

Nickson simply says no: "If you've been drinking during the dinner and eating edibles, it's gonna be really funny, because you're going to be coming down from your drunk, and then get hit with this extreme head high," he said. "It's just going to like dizzy you out, and it's just not fun."

Opting for mocktails and other creative nonalcoholic drinks means guests can enjoy a beverage pairing without affecting how the cannabis kicks in, Nickson said. Plus, if you're at a dinner party where courses are paired with specific strains or flavors of cannabis, avoiding alcohol helps maintain the entire cultivated experience.

Comfortable atmosphere and ambiance

Paranoia and anxiety are, literally, major buzzkills when consuming cannabis. Unfortunately, they are not uncommon side effects, particularly for inexperienced users. A bad social setting can also trigger such negative reactions.

Nickson said he takes a number of steps to get the right vibe, starting with the invitation. Beyond the time, date and place, the invites usually lay out baseline expectations, such as whether the meal is sit-down or buffet-style, how the cannabis will be ingested, dosages, etc.

Once guests arrive, he delivers a welcome address that includes reassurances about feeling too high or otherwise out of sorts. "You don't have to feel like a wuss," he said, and he encourages guests to say something if they are feeling off.

If someone does want a break, Nickson actually has a break room, a low-lit extra room with a fan for air flow and white noise, plus a couch where people can relax.

Both he and Mendoza suggested keeping the number of guests low, and ideally limited to people with whom — you guessed it — everyone feels comfortable.

Don't kill your own buzz

For the dinner setup itself, either seated dinners or buffets are the way to go, the pair agreed. The one thing to avoid, Nickson said, is a meticulous, coursed-out meal.

"People can feel that when you're in a dinner party. If you're stressed out, people know you're stressed," he said.

Music plays a crucial role at all good parties, and perhaps even more so in a cannabis context, a major lesson Nickson took from Mendoza. The soundtrack is integral to setting the right tone, then maintaining it.

"I would say to just hire a DJ, then don't worry about it. I got that from Manny, actually. It sounds like such a stupid thing to spend money on, but it just adds so much to the experience," Nickson said. "DJs can read the room, and they can tell where you are, and they can take you to the right place. Just having an extra set of eyes

on the environment and the ambiance, which is really important."

Keep things well-ventilated

With smoking, cooking and guests, these dinner parties can become hotboxes in a hurry. Nickson suggests opening windows at opposite ends of your space for ventilation, and adding a couple of box fans if necessary.

Games

Mendoza said board games and card games are one of his favorite items at a party, since they give people something to do that's fun and familiar. He suggested the Mexican game Loteria — he enjoys the millennial version — or something cannabis-centric, like the Weed Pack by Cards Against Humanity, a themed expansion set of the irreverent party card game.

Don't eat it; smoke it

Sure, infused food feels like something of a special indulgence, but Nickson said he prefers pairing different strains and varieties of cannabis with different courses, the way a restaurant would with wine.

"(Different types) all have really strong flavor profiles, and the terroir in how cannabis is grown is the same. Terpenes are found in wine," he said. "You know, it all has to do massively with where it was grown and how it was grown. And it pairs amazing with food. Everything about it is so much like wine."

Terpenes are aromatic organic compounds found in many plants, including cannabis and grapes. The compounds are primary determiners of flavors and fragrances.

Too much smoke, however, can blow out your tasting palate. Nickson mitigates that effect by offering a small dab of concentrate (a purer THC burn), or a tiny joint, only two or three puffs, he said.

The substance is different, but Nickson believes the effects of adjacent cannabis pairings offer the same tasting insights and feelings as a quality wine counterpart.

CBD on hand

"If anybody gets too high, that's like my No. 1 thing," Nickson said. "I have really small, entirely CBD joints of hemp flower, and it's mind-blowing. People always think I'm crazy for thinking that the solution to being too high is smoking more weed, so to speak, but it is!"

Whether that's true remains undetermined on a scientific level, but many users say they've experienced a calming effect from CBD. The concept is one of the reasons many edibles contain a ratio of THC to CBD as high as 1:1.

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Bring your own cannabis, obviously. Mendoza said hosts aren't expected to "try to fill up the party" and that most experienced marijuana users have their own supply that they bring and/or share. Cannabis can be expensive, so outside of the experience you want for your guests, the rest is gravy.

"I mean, it's not like buying a 30-case of PBR for \$15 or whatever," Mendoza said with a laugh.

As for whether it's kosher to simply light up at a cannabis party, Nickson said he's seen it vary by event. As with most questions at a cannabis dinner party, he said, it's best to not be shy. Just ask.

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Chef Don Young, tapped to head the WoodWind kitchen, previously helped Temporis win a Michelin star.



The pot de creme arrives under a smoke-filled cloche.

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guest check-in).

Matt O'Neill, CHG's vice president of culinary and creator of the concept, tapped Don Young as the restaurant's executive chef; Young was last seen earning a Michelin star for Temporis restaurant, but that honor was not what got him hired.

"I'm not looking for a Michelin star," O'Neill said. "I want it to be not too stuffy; I want people to have fun."

O'Neill describes the concept as focused on regional food, but it's hard to discern a regional pattern to this scattershot menu, as entertaining as each individual dish tends to be. O'Neill's playful food ideas, executed with Young's elevated technique, make for an impressive collaboration.

Fun certainly seems to be the prime motivation; among the snacks is something called chicken chicharron, which Young describes as "Buffalo wings by way of Juarez." Think poultry-fat-fried rice crackers, dusted with vinegar and Buffalo-sauce powder, surrounding a saucer of blue-cheese foam. There's also a dish that looks exactly like hummus but proves to be house-made ricotta cheese showered with mishmish (a seasoning blend of lemon, saffron and crystallized honey).

Bloomin' maitake is a play on Outback's Bloomin' Onion, though at a fraction of the caloric impact; this is a splayed maitake mushroom, dressed with burnt-sesame caramel and furikake (a Japanese seasoning) and topped with delicate bonito flakes that

WoodWind

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Tribune rating: ★★

Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday

Prices: Main courses \$16-\$44

Noise: Conversation-friendly

Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★ excellent; ★★ very good; ★ good; no stars: unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

dance from the heat of the mushroom. Bao mac is a steamed-bun Big Mac, though the meat is foie gras and the special sauce ("fancy sauce" on the menu) is a Thousand Island-inspired relish of cornichons and paprika.

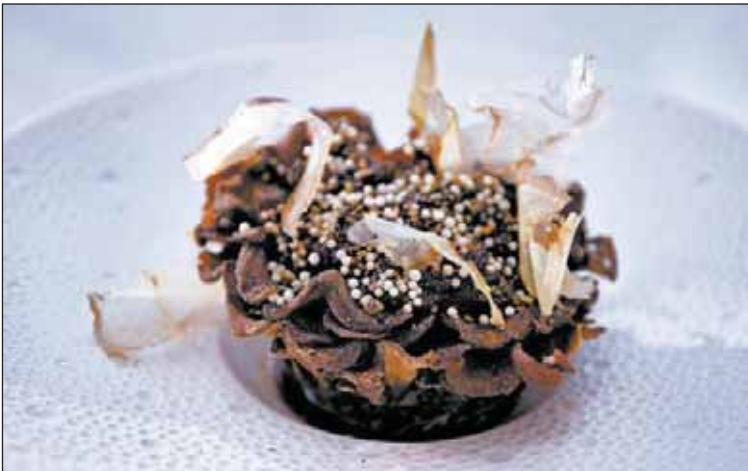
"Whole" suckling pig arrives as a tall square of compressed meat, topped by super-crisp skin and surrounded by parsnip spaetzle over pear mostarda. Roasted chicken breast is rolled into a tight cylinder, and served with a sauce made from cranberry-gin liqueur; grilled short rib displays Asian accents of lemongrass caramel, kabocha squash and a pickled veggie slaw.

Smoked and grilled sturgeon is a killer dish, a beautiful piece of fish topped with crisped (nearly blackened) shoestring fries, alongside dots of black garlic and creme fraiche; there's a luxury option of caviar (add \$25), but I'd argue that this composition needs no further embellishment.

The most arresting presentation, and biggest indulgence, is the dry-aged duck tacos, priced at a dizzying \$89. Hear me out. The whole duck (neck, head, beak and



The smoked and grilled sturgeon at WoodWind is a killer dish, served alongside dots of black garlic and creme fraiche.



Bloomin' maitake, a play on Outback's Bloomin' Onion, is dressed with burnt-sesame caramel and topped with delicate bonito flakes.

all) is paraded through the dining room, borne on a massive cutting board that also includes fresh cilantro, radish and lime wedges, warm tortillas and — the star of the dish, as far as I'm concerned — a charred pineapple-mezcal relish that elevates all the other flavors. This Peking-duck-meets-

taco-bar mashup is a lot of fun and feeds three or more, and my guess is that every time one of these things marches through the dining room, another party orders one; it's a dish that literally sells itself.

Desserts are enjoyable, and theatrical. Chocolate pot de

creme, topped with chocolate soil and whipped cream, arrives at the table beneath a smoke-filled glass cloche. An inverted, upside-down souffle conveys blood orange, cocoa and foie gras flavors, drizzled tableside with creme anglaise. And all meals end with a shareable, complimentary cloud of cotton candy in flavors ranging from limoncello to tiramisu to who-knows-what.

"I always wanted a cotton-candy machine," Young said.

Service can be a bit mechanical; one night I had a waiter who had so thoroughly memorized his dish-description spiels that he supplied them, in exacting detail, even for dishes I'd already ordered. But the dining room moves efficiently, and the front of the house workers are certainly attentive.

Though the decor of the dining room has been freshened up (the entrance by the elevator is much more inviting now), the layout remains unchanged, and the space remains one of the most sophisticated and stylish in the city. (It's also a good deal quieter than most.) The beautiful bar remains a focal point of the dining room and offers several well-made cocktails, though I wish the elaborate Smoke n' Mirrors wasn't portioned strictly for two. Sadly, whiskey drinks are a tough sell for most of my dining companions.

The skeptic in me wonders how long Young will be happy in a collaborative-chefs arrangement, the very system he resisted at Temporis. But for now, Young and WoodWind seem like a good fit, and I'm certainly happy with the results so far.

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Munchies

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I love to set out guacamole tacos while the soup reheats. Simply crush ripe avocado pulp with salt and hot sauce, then sandwich a spoonful in small flour tortillas (heated directly over the flame).

Admittedly, satisfying every craving proves detrimental to the waistline, but giving in once in a while keeps life enjoyable. The trick is to plan ahead for last-minute munchies — both in caloric intake and supply.

Piri piri cheese cubes with Kalamatas and toasted pistachios

Prep: 10 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 appetizer servings

Buying diced cheese makes this a very quick recipe to pull together

1/3 cup piri piri (or peri-peri) hot sauce, or other thick red (not too sweet) hot sauce

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 pound assorted cheese, such as cheddar, Monterey Jack and Swiss, cut into 3/4-inch cubes

1 cup pitted Kalamata olives, drained

1/2 cup roasted, salted shelled pistachio nuts, coarsely chopped

1. Mix hot sauce and oil in bottom of a glass or stainless steel bowl. Add cheese cubes and olives; toss gently to coat. Refrigerate covered 1 hour or up to several days.

2. Serve at room temperature sprinkled with the nuts. Pass wooden picks.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 317 calories, 27 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 51 mg cholesterol, 3 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 16 g protein, 787 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Slow cooker short-rib taco soup

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 6 hours **Makes:** about 12 cups, 12 servings

I like to use a sauce-based taco seasoning made from tomatoes and onions rather than powdered seasoning. If taco sauce pouches are not available, substitute the dried seasoning pack (1 ounce) along with an 8-ounce can of tomato sauce.

1/4 cup flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

2 1/2 pounds bone-in beef short ribs

1/2 to 3/4 pound flank steak or skirt steak, cut into 3 pieces

2 tablespoons expeller-pressed canola oil or safflower oil

1 large poblano pepper, cored, seeded, diced

1 large yellow onion, quartered, thinly sliced

3 to 4 cloves garlic, minced

1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes with juice

1 pouch (8 ounces) ground beef taco seasoning sauce

1 can (15 ounces) black beans, undrained

Garnishes:

Crumbled seasoned tortilla chips

Shredded cheese such as Monterey Jack, Chihuahua or brick

Diced ripe avocado

Diced canned or fresh tomatoes

Chopped fresh cilantro

Green hot sauce

Lime wedges

1. Mix flour, salt and pepper in large bowl. Add short ribs; toss to coat. Add flank steak; toss to coat.

2. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet with deep sides over medium heat until hot. Add meat in a single uncrowded layer. Cook, turning once, until browned on both sides, 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer meat to a 4- or 6-quart slow cooker. Repeat to brown all meat.

3. Add poblano and onion to pan drippings in skillet. Cook and stir until onion is golden, 6 to 8 minutes. Add garlic; cook, 1 minute. Scrape into slow cooker. Add tomatoes, taco seasoning sauce and 3 to 4 cups water. (Meat should be barely covered with liquid.)

4. Cook covered on low setting, 6 hours. Add black beans in the last hour or so. Use tongs to remove meat from slow cooker to a cutting board. Discard bones from the short ribs. Use two large forks to pull meat into shreds.

5. Return shredded meat to slow cooker. Taste and adjust seasonings. (If desired, refrigerate covered for several days. Scrape off and discard solidified fat from surface of soup before reheating. After reheating, adjust consistency with water and then adjust seasonings with salt.)

6. Serve in wide soup bowls topped with garnishes as desired. Pass hot sauce and lime wedges for guests to add to taste.

Dutch oven method: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Brown meat as directed in Step 2 in the bottom of a 4- to 6-quart Dutch oven. Then remove browned meat to proceed with step 3. Return meat to Dutch oven and add remaining ingredients as directed in step 3, but increasing water to 4 or 5 cups. Bake, tightly covered, stirring once or twice, until meat is fall-apart tender, about 2 hours. Add black beans. Proceed with steps 5 and 6 to serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 180 calories, 8 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 34 mg cholesterol, 11 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 14 g protein, 562 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Pretty-in-pink pickled eggs

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 6 appetizer servings

I pack the eggs and beets into jars for easy late-night snacking at the fridge. Please use a fork.

6 large eggs

1 package (8 ounces) refrigerated, fully cooked beets

1/3 cup pickle juice

1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1/2 teaspoon herbes de Provence or 1/4 teaspoon each: freshly ground black pepper, dried leaf thyme, tarragon, dried lavender (optional)

Couple of pinches coarse salt

1. To hard-cook eggs, put large eggs into a deep saucepan in a single layer. Add cold water to cover by 1 inch. Put the pan over medium-high heat. Heat to a boil staying close to the stove to notice when the water comes to a boil. Count 60 seconds then turn off the heat. Set a timer for 14 minutes and let stand. Carefully tip the hot water out of the pan; add cold water to the pan and a couple of handfuls of ice cubes. Let stand until the eggs are cool.

2. To peel the eggs, pour off all the water from the pan. Shake the eggs in the pan against the sides of the pan to break the shells into little pieces. Add cold water to the pan then tip off the water. The shells will come off easily under a stream of running water. Rinse the eggs of any bits of shell. Put into a container and refrigerate covered up to several days.

3. Drain juice from packaged beets into a bowl. Stir in pickle juice, vinegar, herbs and salt. Add eggs and turn to coat them in the juices. Cut the beets into quarters and add to the bowl. Refrigerated covered at least 1 hour or up to several days.

Nutrition information per serving: 89 calories, 5 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 185 mg cholesterol, 4 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 7 g protein, 313 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Easy quinoa salad provides week of exciting lunches

By SHEELA PRAKASH
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I'll be the first to admit that I struggle with the whole lunch thing. If I haven't prepared anything at the start of the week, I end up eating some version of eggs on toast all week long, lamenting the fact that I should have just carved out 20 minutes on Sunday to make something more exciting.

This colorful quinoa salad is that something more exciting. It holds up well in the fridge all week long, is perfectly packable and has enough protein and other good things to keep you satisfied. It also doesn't really take a whole lot of time to assemble.

While many light and fresh salads leave you hungry in an hour, this one is different, all thanks to quinoa.

Quinoa is packed with protein and fiber, both of which will keep you feeling satisfied.

To prevent it from becoming clumpy or mushy when dressed, you'll want to spread it out on a bak-



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ing sheet after it's done cooking and stick it in the fridge to cool while you prepare the other ingredients.

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Mediterranean quinoa salad

Prep: 30 minutes Cook: 25 minutes Makes: 6 to 8 servings

Salad:

- 1 1/2 cups quinoa, rinsed
- 2 3/4 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 large English cucumber, in 1/2-inch dice
- 1 jar (12 ounces) roasted red peppers, drained, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup pitted Kalamata olives, chopped
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 4 ounces garlic and herb goat cheese

Dressing:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper

- 1. Place** the quinoa, water and salt in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer until the quinoa is tender and all the liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes.
- 2. Uncover** and fluff with a fork. Transfer the quinoa to a rimmed baking sheet, spread into an even layer; refrigerate until cool, 10 to 15 minutes.
- 3. For the dressing,** place olive oil, vinegar, dried oregano, 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper to taste in a large bowl; whisk to combine.
- 4. Add** cucumber, roasted peppers, olives and quinoa to bowl; toss to combine and evenly coat in the dressing. Add parsley leaves. Crumble in the goat cheese. Toss again gently to combine. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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Brighten up salads with trio of citrusy vinaigrettes

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Salads are not just some iceberg lettuce, tomatoes and a sliced radish covered with thick dressing anymore. There is a whole new world out there with fruits, vegetables, nuts and even proteins like chicken or shrimp that can top the old classic mixed greens.

In her book "Orange Appeal: Savory and Sweet" (\$24.99, Gibbs Smith), author Jamie Schler writes about bright and zesty salad dressing using oranges as the foundation. Her love of the orange is reflected in three lively vinaigrettes.



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Orange mustard vinaigrette

Makes: about 3/4 cup

This is ideal tossed with lamb's lettuce and cubes of roasted beets, then topped with orange slices and goat cheese or feta. Or toss into a salad of mixed greens, shredded chicken, shaved Brussels sprouts, grapes and orange.

1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard

2 tablespoons red wine or raspberry vinegar

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1/4 to 1/2 cup good-quality mild extra virgin olive oil

1. Whisk the mustard, vinegar and a generous grinding of pepper together until blended and smooth. Whisk in the orange juice and then 1/4 cup of oil in a slow, steady stream until emulsified; add up to 1/4 cup more oil as desired.

Rosemary orange vinaigrette

Makes: 1/2 to 3/4 cup

This is perfect over a salad of thinly slice pears, Medjool dates and red onion on a bed of Cara Cara, navelina or blood oranges.

1/4 cup orange juice

2 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves only, finely chopped

1 to 2 sprigs fresh thyme or lemon thyme, leaves and flowers only, chopped

2 tablespoons white wine or champagne vinegar

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1/4 to 1/2 cup olive oil

1. Whisk together all of the ingredients except the oil. Continue whisking as you gradually pour 1/4 cup of oil into the vinaigrette; whisk in up to 1/4 cup more oil as desired.

Blood orange hummus vinaigrette

Makes: a scant 2/3 cup

Toss this delicious vinaigrette into salads, drizzle it on grilled fresh radicchio or baby gems and orange wedges.

2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil

2 tablespoons sesame oil

1 tablespoon white wine or champagne vinegar

2 tablespoons blood orange juice

1 small blood orange, zested, optional

3 tablespoons hummus

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

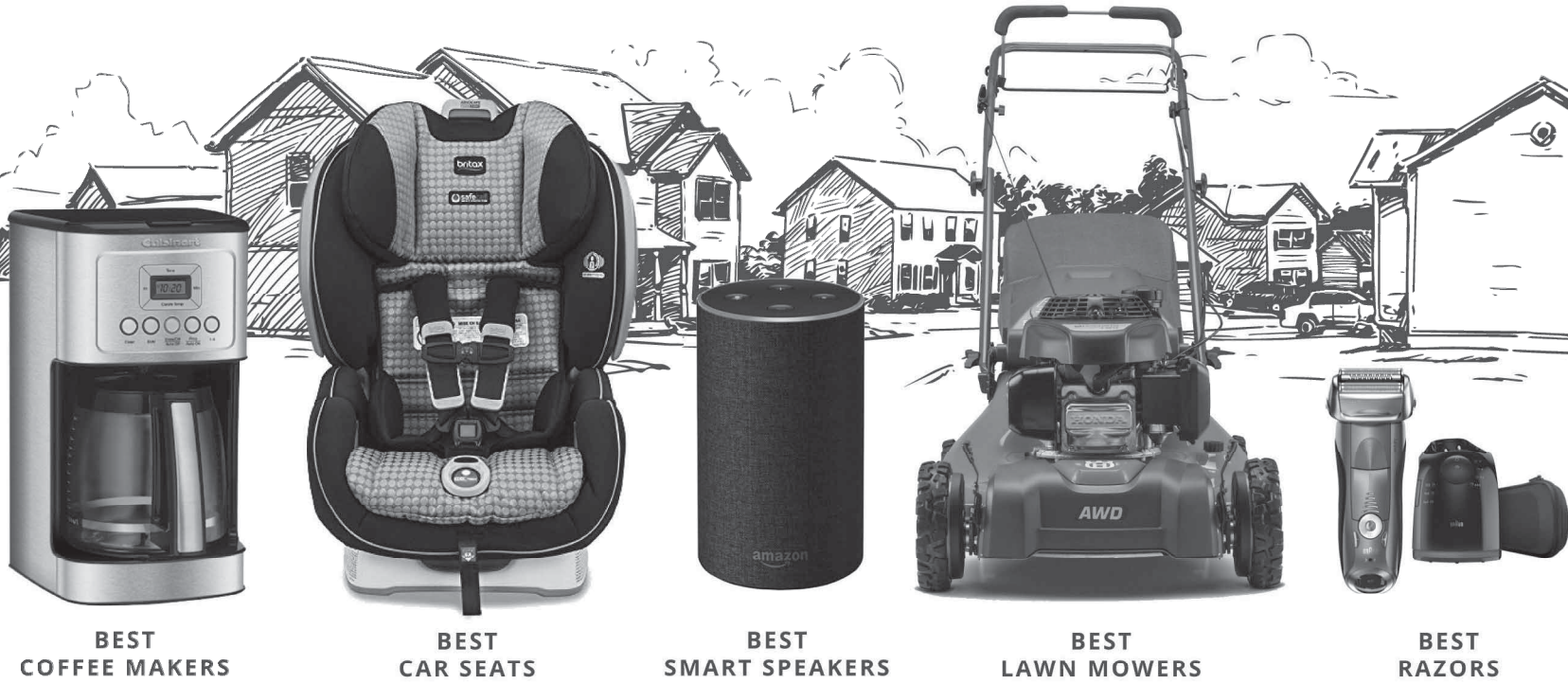
1. Measure all the ingredients into a small bowl and whisk until well blended and smooth.

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