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New details in bribery charges against cops

Pair allegedly took thousands in kickbacks in exchange for information about victims in crashes

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

The holidays were fast approaching when the owner of a west suburban attorney referral service texted a Chicago police officer in December 2016 asking to step up the pace of their bribery

scheme, according to federal authorities.

"Let's try to pick it up if we can the rest of the month, that way we can both have a great Christmas," Richard Burton wrote to Officer Kevin Tate, who was allegedly giving him inside information on traffic crashes in exchange for

kickbacks. "Because as you know I do very well with what you send me. I don't have a problem giving you more money."

Tate allegedly texted back that he was all for it. "I've been hoping for more (money) since last month!!" the 13-year veteran was quoted as saying in an FBI search warrant affidavit unsealed Friday.

The 42-page affidavit laid out in new detail a scheme in which Tate and Officer Milot Cadichon alleg-

edly took thousands of dollars in kickbacks from Burton in exchange for detailed information about crash victims and their insurance carriers that the officers culled from police reports.

Burton, who owns National Attorney Referral Service based in suburban Bloomingdale, then used the information to solicit accident victims as clients for attorneys, prosecutors alleged.

From 2015 to 2017, Burton paid

a total of at least \$7,350 to Cadichon and at least another \$6,000 to Tate, according to prosecutors. Burton allegedly met with the officers to exchange cash or sent payments by wire transfer.

Tate, 47, and Cadichon, 46, have each pleaded not guilty to an indictment brought in September charging them with bribery and conspiracy to commit bribery.

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CLOUDS GATHER OVER CHICAGO

Towering clouds dot Chicago's skyline Friday as an "L" train makes its way toward the city, as viewed along the Eisenhower Expressway just east of Austin.

U.S. moves to restore sanctions against Iran

8 countries to receive temporary oil waivers

BY MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Friday announced the reimposition of all U.S. sanctions on Iran that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal, ramping up economic pressure on the Islamic Republic as President Donald Trump completed the unraveling of what had been one of his predecessor's signature foreign policy achievements.

The sanctions, which will

take effect Monday, cover Iran's shipping, financial and energy sectors and are the second batch the administration has reimposed since Trump withdrew from the landmark accord in May. The rollback ends U.S. participation in the nuclear deal, which now hangs in the balance as Iran no longer enjoys any relief from sanctions imposed by the world's largest economy.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the sanctions are "aimed at fundamentally altering the behavior of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

He has issued a list of 12

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IMAGE FROM VIDEO

In a video clip obtained by the Tribune, Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza says she's running for mayor of Chicago.

Mendoza clip tells of run for Chicago mayor

Dem on Tuesday ballot for re-election as state comptroller

BY BILL RUTHART
AND JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

A video clip of Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza declaring she was running for Chicago mayor leaked out Friday afternoon, just days before the Democrat is on the ballot for re-election to her statewide office.

"I'm Susana Mendoza, and I'm running for mayor of Chicago, and I ask you to join me on this journey together," she says in the seven-second clip.

Mendoza promptly released a statement saying she had not decided to run for mayor and

was focused on her Tuesday bid to win re-election as comptroller. She's facing Republican challenger Darlene Senger.

The former Chicago city clerk repeatedly has not ruled out a run for mayor but consistently has said she is focused on the comptroller race. Mendoza has said that if Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner were to win re-election, she would serve out a four-year term as comptroller, since the governor would appoint her replacement should she leave the office.

The video clip was being widely circulated by political insiders Friday, forcing Mendoza's campaign to address the matter.

"I am focused on the Nov. 6 election, because too much is at

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ELECTION 2018

Voters in suburb could fold on video gambling

Measure on ballot in Forest Park; others to decide on tax questions

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Forest Park officials went to great lengths to block from the ballot a referendum on whether to get rid of video gambling in the village.

First, the local electoral board threw out a petition to place the measure on the ballot, concluding backers didn't have the required number of signatures. When advocates again collected about 3,500 signatures to put the measure to voters, officials ruled that because six of the petition sheets were invalid, they would throw out all 276 pages.

But an Illinois Appellate Court reversed that decision in March, calling it "clearly erroneous." Opponents of the ballot initiative appealed to the state Supreme Court, which declined to hear the case.

So now, after several years and several thousand petition signatures, Forest Park residents will vote Tuesday on a binding referendum over whether to ban video

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Time to fall back, reset your clocks

Daylight saving time comes to an end at 2 a.m. Sunday, so remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Cubs retain Hamels for \$20M

Team exercises option on left-handed pitcher for 2019; also deals pitcher Drew Smyly to Texas in corresponding move. **Chicago Sports**

Cohen says Trump made racist remarks

President's former lawyer: Trump told him "black people are too stupid to vote for me." **Nation & World, Page 6**



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Naperville bargaining unit loses union representation

Half of city's unit members opt out of paying dues

By ERIN HEGARTY
Naperville Sun

A collective bargaining unit made up of six field supervisors from Naperville's Public Works Department no longer is represented by a union after half of its members opted out of paying for union representation, an action allowed as a result of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made during the summer.

The court's 5-4 ruling in the Janus v. AFSCME case means public sector workers cannot be required to pay fees to a union they don't want to join.

In October, the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 filed a "declaration of disinterest" petition for the Naperville collective bargaining unit, meaning it would no longer represent the six employees. It's the first "revocation of prior certification" the city of Naperville has seen as a result of the court ruling, said Dwight Pancottine, labor and employment attorney for the city of Naperville.

"The Janus decision came out and two of the employees in that group decided they didn't want to pay for collective bargaining," Pancottine said. Then a third employee informed the city they would also exercise their right not to pay fees under the Janus decision, he said.

As a result, the union filed a petition on Oct. 10 "in which it waived and disclaimed its right to represent the city's Public Works field supervisors," according to a city of Naperville

memorandum.

The Illinois Labor Relations Board on Oct. 11 issued a "revocation of prior certification," stating it "removes any question concerning representation and the duties and responsibilities of the labor organization to that bargaining unit shall cease."

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 had represented the Naperville field supervisor unit since 2010.

"Our representation has value, and we're very proud of the service we provide for our members," said Ed Maher, spokesman for International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150. "In this case, a significant portion of the unit chose to pay nothing, but expected equal representation, and that's something we're simply not willing to provide."

The union represents 23,000 people, 3,500 of whom are public employees. In preparing for implications of the Janus decision, the union warned the workers it represents that decertification was possible if a number of members in a unit opted out of paying union dues and fees increased.

"Since the decision was issued, we have been looking into all of our rights and options with the intent to provide as little representation as legally possible to people who choose to pay nothing," Maher said. "(We) clearly communicated to these members within the bargaining units that if individuals chose to exercise rights under the Janus decision and it becomes a growing portion of the bargaining unit, we would have to consider whether we would disinterest that group and walk away."

Now, the Naperville field supervisor unit no longer has enforcement rights or representation under the collective agreement. However, the city of Naperville will honor the terms of the contract until it expires in 2020, Pancottine said.

A majority of the more than 500 city employees covered under one of the now 13 collective bargaining units are in the police or fire department, Pancottine said. A little more than 1 percent of the city's union employees have exercised their rights under Janus.

"We knew Janus was going to give employees the option to not pay for collective bargaining," Pancottine said, but the city was not able to predict how many people would opt out.

When an employee decides they want to exercise their rights under the decision, they inform the city they no longer want union dues withdrawn from their paycheck and the city immediately stops withholding the amount.

Pancottine said he is not aware of bargaining units in any surrounding municipalities where the union has filed a declaration of disinterest. "It's not something that's done a lot, (it is) kind of unusual and rare," he said.

The Illinois Labor Relations Board has received five declarations of disinterest petitions since July 1 — the start of the state's fiscal year. For the 2018 fiscal year, 15 declaration of disinterest petitions were filed with the state labor relations board, 16 in 2017, seven in 2016, 10 in 2015 and 12 in 2014, officials said.

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HIGHLAND PARK

Man charged with hate crime after alleged threat to synagogue

By STEVE SADIN
Pioneer Press

A 39-year-old Winthrop Harbor man was arrested Thursday by Highland Park police for allegedly making threatening statements in an Oct. 29 phone call to the Central Avenue Synagogue in Highland Park.

Police said the phone call was placed just two days after 11 people were fatally shot and six others injured during services at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Dean R. West has been charged with a hate crime against a church or synagogue, according to Cynthia Vargas, spokeswoman for the Lake County state's attorney's office.

Highland Park police were called to the synagogue in the 800 block of Central Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 29.

Police already had increased patrols near local religious institutions following the Pittsburgh incident and were collaborating on security plans, according to the city.

Highland Park Deputy police Chief Jon Lowman said the caller made references to the Tree of Life synagogue shooting.

"There were nonspecific references to the Pittsburgh massacre, which were alarming to the staff at Central Avenue Synagogue," Lowman said.

"The nonspecific language referred to violence against synagogues. We don't tolerate any references of violence against any person or group of people."

Highland Park police investigated the incident in collaboration with federal and state authorities and



West

identified the caller as West, police said.

He was taken into custody Thursday by Highland Park detectives with the assistance of the Lake County sheriff's office and the U.S. Marshals Service

Great Lakes Regional Task Force.

Marty Blumenthal, secretary and treasurer of the Central Avenue Synagogue, said he was present when the call was received. He declined to comment further because he did not want to interfere with the police investigation.

West remains in Lake County Jail with bond set at \$250,000. He is next scheduled to appear in court Thursday, court records show.

If convicted, West could be sentenced to between two and five years in prison, Vargas said.

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More charges linked to corrupt ex-cop dropped

Drug convictions against 7 tossed, bringing total to 50 in growing scandal

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

More than a decade ago, Chicago police Sgt. Ronald Watts and his crew “bumrushed” Kenneth Hicks and demanded to know, “Where the drugs at?”

“They tried to figure out how much money I got on me,” Hicks told reporters Friday. “But I had nothing for them.”

Hicks alleges Watt’s crew then pinned a phony drug charge on him in 2007. He was convicted and sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Long released from prison, Hicks watched Friday as a measure of justice took place at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

With Watts’ credibility shot because of a corruption conviction, Cook County prosecutors moved to throw out Hicks’ conviction as well as those of six others.

That brings the total of those cleared of wrongdoing because of the alleged misconduct of Watts and officers who worked under him to a staggering 50. And that number is likely to continue to rise, said attorney Joshua Tepfer, who represents many of the ex-officers.

“It’s an enormous, enormous



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Attorney Joshua Tepfer, left, and Deon Willis, who served prison time on drug charges, speak Friday after convictions against seven people were thrown out.

number,” Tepfer said of the Exoneration Project at the University of Chicago. “It is due to the fact that (Watts) was allowed to run roughshod over this community for a decade.”

All seven people exonerated Friday have completed their sentences. Their drug charges had been brought between 2002 and 2008. One of those cleared was a woman.

The claims of Watts’ accusers follow a familiar pattern — that Watts or officers under his command typically pinned bogus charges on them when they re-

fused to pay him protection money.

In case after case, when Watts’ targets complained — to the Police Department or in court — judges, prosecutors and internal affairs investigators all believed the testimony of Watts and other officers over their accusers, records show.

“(Watts) just came out of nowhere,” recalled Deon Willis, who had two drug convictions reversed Friday. “If you don’t do what he tells you to do, if you don’t give him what he wants, I mean there’s no way out.”

The crew had the area around

the now-raised Ida B. Wells public housing complex on the South Side on pins and needles, Willis told reporters.

“We had to come out of our hallways, out of our apartments, peeking out the doors, making sure they’re not riding up the street,” he said. “It was hard. It was hard, but now it’s over.”

Last year, the Police Department reassigned 15 officers who worked with Watts over the years to paid desk duty pending an internal investigation that is still underway.

State’s Attorney Kim Foxx’s office — whose review led to the dismissal of the convictions Friday — said it stopped calling as witnesses 10 of the officers, citing concerns about their credibility.

“Where’s the accountability? What’s next? We’ve got 50 (people exonerated) now,” Tepfer told reporters after Friday’s hearing. “We’ve got officers ... who are still on this force, still getting paychecks.”

The cases highlighted a broken system of police discipline that allegedly protected corrupt officers and punished those who tried to expose the corruption.

Two Chicago police officers who alleged they were blackballed for trying to expose Watts’ corruption years ago won a \$2 million settlement in their whistleblower lawsuit.

Despite mounting allegations,

Watts continued to operate for years amid a lengthy police internal affairs probe as well as investigations by the state’s attorney’s office and the FBI, according to court records.

Watts’ nearly decadelong run of corruption ended in 2012 when he and another member of his team, Officer Kallatt Mohammed, were convicted for shaking down a drug courier who turned out to be an FBI informant.

Watts wound up being sentenced to 22 months in prison.

“He did 22 months, but he should have did a whole lot more,” Hicks told reporters. “He ruined more than 22 lives.”

After his release, Watts moved to Las Vegas, records show. He has made no public comment about the allegations against him. In a recent response in one of the pending lawsuits involving him, Watts invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination more than 40 times, court records show.

The scandal — one of the biggest to hit the Chicago Police Department in decades — has come to symbolize the breakdown of trust between police and the communities they are supposed to serve, particularly high-crime areas populated by African-American and Hispanic residents.

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Shawn Cummins, a teacher at Northtown Academy, holds a sign Friday as Rashaun Pitts, a teacher at Wrightwood Elementary, high-fives another instructor at a charter school teachers rally outside Northtown. Teachers with the Chicago International Charter School network voted Friday to authorize a strike.

2nd charter teachers network authorizes strike

Move could affect 4 campuses; contract negotiations continue

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

Teachers with the Chicago International Charter School network voted Friday to authorize a strike that would affect about 2,200 students at four campuses, amping up pressure on contract negotiations and opening the door to what could be the first work stoppage at a

charter school in the nation’s history.

It was the second time in a week that teachers at a privately run charter operation have voted to authorize a strike. Earlier, teachers at the larger Acero network, which educates about 7,500 predominantly Latino students, gave their union similar authorization.

Teachers at both CICS and Acero are represented by a division of the Chicago Teachers Union. Contract talks with both networks continue over

issues including compensation, benefits and classroom resources.

“Today what we have is something that’s monumental: It’s the second strike authorization vote taken within the week by educators in the charter industry,” CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates said Friday.

“I think that with this vote today, with the vote that we saw from (Acero) teachers, is that we’re going to see something quite different with respect to the type of education

that students are getting.”

CICS teachers at the organization’s Ellison High School, Northtown Academy High School, Wrightwood Elementary School and ChicagoQuest High School campuses are negotiating with the Civitas Education Partners company that manages the four campuses.

“We are still significantly far apart on many critical issues, and we have bargaining scheduled for next week,” said Jen Conant, who chairs the CICS bargaining unit.

Ten other CICS schools

would not be affected by the potential strike. CICS did not immediately respond to a request for comment after Friday’s strike vote.

“CICS is troubled by CTU’s threatened strike and the obvious harm it will cause to our students and their families. Nonetheless, we remain hopeful that, through continuing good-faith negotiations, a strike will be avoided,” the charter group said in a statement last week.

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Immigration attorneys blame glitch for long lines in Chicago court

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

People in deportation proceedings and immigration attorneys Wednesday were faced with long lines that snaked through immigration court in Chicago, the apparent result of a glitch in the way hearing dates are now set.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that a notice to appear in immigration court must include a time and date. Before that, notices often said the hearing date was yet to be set. So while Immigration and Customs Enforcement now issues notices, the dates are not correlated to actual hearings because the court has not had a chance to schedule them, immigration attorneys said.

The result is that people are showing up for immigration hear-

ings that aren’t on the court’s docket, according to Chicago-based attorneys. The confusion comes on top of an already clogged court docket.

The problem has been going on for some time, immigration attorneys said. Ashley Huebner, from the National Immigrant Justice Center, said it’s been churning at least since September, with some people even being given notices to show up in the middle of the night.

The Supreme Court case revolved around a native of Brazil in deportation proceedings who had been ordered to appear in court, but the date and time were to be set in the future. A notice with a date and time was sent a year later, but it was mailed to the wrong address, according to court records.

Victoria Carmona, a Chicago-

based immigration attorney, said the issue appears to be the lag time from when ICE, a division of the Department of Homeland Security, issues the notices to when the physical file is sent to the court and entered into the immigration court’s system.

“This whole process takes several weeks,” Carmona said. “There’s no possibility that they were going to have 400 hearings this morning.”

Carmona was in immigration court for two cases and saw what she estimates to be hundreds of people who had been given notices to appear in court on Halloween. She described it as chaotic and believes it adds to the confusion of the immigration court, where not attending a hearing means a deportation order is issued.

Lauren McClure, another immigration attorney based in Chicago, also was in court for two hearings and was barely able to get off of the elevator. She said people with notices were taken into courtrooms to determine whether they indeed had a hearing.

“I’ve never seen that happen before,” said McClure, who has been practicing law for five years in Chicago.

Mili Meyer, an attorney at the same law firm as Carmona, said one of her clients from Mexico who is seeking asylum was given a notice to appear in court Wednesday. The case is currently being heard in Georgia, though Meyer said authorities are trying to transfer it to Chicago.

Meyer tried to call the court in Georgia to determine whether her

client had a real hearing but was never given an answer. So she advised her client to show up and try to get some form of documentation that could later prove she attended the hearing in case that was necessary.

Instead her client was met with long lines outside the Atlanta immigration court and wasn’t given any indication about when she would appear before an immigration judge. And she was never given anything to prove she had shown up, Meyer said.

“There’s no proof that they ever showed up,” Meyer said. “She advocated very strongly for herself and kept asking for documentation. She doesn’t know when she had to appear next.”

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The president signaled his intentions in May that the U.S. would withdraw from the pact. The sanctions start Monday.

U.S. restores all sanctions against Iran

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demands that Iran must meet if it wants the sanctions lifted. Those include ending support for terrorism and military engagement in Syria and a complete halt to its nuclear and ballistic missile development.

The 2015 deal, one of former President Barack Obama's biggest diplomatic successes, gave Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program, which many believed it was using to develop atomic weapons. Trump repeatedly denounced the agreement as the "worst ever" negotiated by the United States and vowed to withdraw from it during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Trump and other critics of the deal said it gave Iran too much in return for too little, allowed Iran to gradually resume nuclear activity that could eventually be used for weapons development and did not address any of the country's other problematic activities.

Obama-era officials as well as the other parties to the deal — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the European Union — have defended it. The Europeans have mounted a drive to save the agreement from the U.S. withdrawal, fearing that the new sanctions will drive Iran to pull out and resume all of its nuclear work.

The foreign and finance ministers of Britain, France, Germany and the top EU diplomat blasted the restoration of sanctions, saying that Iran is complying with the deal and that

they were working on ways to mitigate the impact of the U.S. move.

"We deeply regret the further re-imposition of sanctions by the United States," they said in a joint statement. "As parties to the (deal), we have committed to work on the preservation and maintenance of effective financial channels with Iran, and the continuation of Iran's export of oil and gas."

With limited exceptions, the reimposed U.S. sanctions will hit Iran as well as countries that do not stop importing Iranian oil and foreign firms that do business with black-listed Iranian entities, including its central bank, a number of private financial institutions, and state-run port and shipping firms, as well as hundreds of individual Iranian officials.

"Our ultimate aim is to compel Iran to permanently abandon its well-documented outlaw activities and behave as a normal country," Pompeo told reporters in a conference call with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin. "Maximum pressure means maximum pressure."

Pompeo said eight nations will receive temporary waivers allowing them to continue to import Iranian petroleum products for a limited period as they move to end such imports entirely.

He said those countries, which other officials said would include U.S. allies such as Turkey, Italy, India, Japan and South Korea, had made efforts to eliminate their imports but could not complete the task by Monday.

The waivers, expected to be announced Monday, will be valid for six months, during which time the importing country can buy Iranian oil but must deposit Iran's revenue in an escrow account. Iran can spend the money but only on a narrow range of humanitarian items.

Mnuchin said 700 more Iranian companies and people would be added to the sanctions rolls. Those, he said, would include more than 300 that had not been included under previous sanctions.

"We are sending a very clear message with our maximum pressure campaign: that the U.S. intends to aggressively enforce our sanctions," he said.

Israel welcomed Friday's announcement.

"Thank you, Mr. President, for restoring sanctions against an Iranian regime that vows and works to destroy the Jewish state," Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Ron Dermer said in a tweet.

Some Iran hawks in Congress and elsewhere, however, were disappointed in the sanctions as they had been pushing for no oil import waivers.

Pompeo, meanwhile, defended the oil waivers, saying U.S. efforts to cut Iran's petroleum revenue had already been successful. He noted that since May, when the U.S. began to press countries to stop buying Iranian oil, Iran's exports had dropped by more than 1 million barrels per day.

Pompeo and Mnuchin both said the sanctions will have exceptions for humanitarian purchases.

Video of comptroller announcing bid for Chicago mayor leaks

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stake for the people of Illinois," Mendoza said in a brief statement. "I'm considering a run for another office and have taken steps to prepare for that should I choose to move forward but I have not made any formal decisions."

At a news conference at Service Employees International Union Healthcare's headquarters Friday morning, Mendoza was questioned by a Spanish-speaking reporter who said she had sources telling him that she planned to announce a mayoral bid after Tuesday's election.

"I said, 'Well, his sources know more than I do,'" Mendoza said, translating her response in English, adding that she was focused on her re-election as comptroller. "I can tell you this: We can talk about the mayor's race after this election's over. But for now, I'm fully focused on making sure I get re-elected."

Media strategist Eric Adelstein says his company AL Media recorded the ad, but says he does not know how it leaked.

"When we were filming the ads for the comptroller re-elect, I suggested that she record some lines in the event that she decides to run for mayor," Adelstein said. "I said, 'There's not a lot of time, and I know you haven't made up your mind, let's get 'em.' I can tell you she absolutely has not made up her mind, and I might have jumped the gun on this. ... I do hope she runs, because I think she'd be a terrific mayor for the city."

Asked if he had a mole in his firm, Adelstein said he didn't know.

"There are a lot of people involved in these campaigns. Hopefully we get to the bottom of how that leaked out. It shouldn't have," he said. "But I don't think it's any surprise she's been thinking about running, and said she'd make that decision after Tuesday, and a prudent candidate gets ready for any eventuality given how close the next one would be coming up. ... I know she has not made up her mind, but I had suggested she get prepared and get ready."

It wasn't long Friday before other candidates tried to capitalize on the Mendoza snafu.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who consistently has been trailing Democrat J.B. Pritzker in the polls, tweeted that Mendoza should remove her name from the ballot. Never mind that the ballots are already certified and early voting has been ongoing for weeks.

"Another member of the Madigan Machine proves they care more about political gain than the people," Rauner tweeted, referencing Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan. "It's more corruption hurting our state. It's now clear that Susana Mendoza is running for Chicago Mayor and she should drop off the ballot for State Comptroller immediately."

Not long after the video clip surfaced, Senger held an impromptu news conference on a Loop sidewalk, saying, "Mendoza is a liar."

"She's been telling you now for weeks that she would not consider anything but the run for comptroller till after the election," Senger said. "And she's spending her time putting videos together to announce that she's running for mayor of Chicago."

Senger said Mendoza should drop out of the race. When a reporter pointed out it's too late for candidates to get off Tuesday's ballot, Senger said it's not too late for Mendoza to encourage people not to vote for her.

If Mendoza were to enter the mayor's race, she would become the 17th candidate to announce a campaign and the fifth since Mayor Rahm Emanuel made the surprise announcement in September that he would drop a bid for a third term. Shortly thereafter, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley, 2011 mayoral runner-up Gery Chico and

"We can talk about the mayor's race after this election's over."

— Susana Mendoza, Illinois comptroller

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced they would run. This week, West Side state Rep. LaShawn Ford also said he would launch a campaign.

Other candidates who abandoned before Emanuel abandoned his re-election effort include former police Superintendent Gerry McCarthy, former Chicago Police Board President Lori Lightfoot, former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, Chicago principals association President Troy LaRaviere, Southwest Side attorney Jerry Joyce, tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin, businessman Willie Wilson, Austin Chamber of Commerce director Amara Enyia, activist Ja'Mal Green, attorney John Kozlar, and pharmacist and DePaul student Matthew Roney.

The city election is Feb. 26. If no candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote, which is considered likely given the large field, a runoff between the top two vote-getters would be held in April.

For weeks, backers of Mendoza have been circulating petitions as part of a draft movement, collecting the necessary signatures to get her name on the ballot. The first date for candidates to submit their ballot petitions is Nov. 19, and the deadline is Nov. 26.

If Mendoza wins re-election on Tuesday, she can take a shot at the mayor's office without putting her statewide job at risk, which she could still hold until 2023. Vallas said Mendoza "running for two offices at the same time is disrespectful of voters and the democratic system."

Clearly amused by the video leak, Daley used the moment to question Mendoza's honesty.

"It's not surprising. Another politician lies to the people, OK? She's been running around saying she hasn't made up her mind, she's got petitions, she's telling people who she's trying to get money from that she's running, and then she does a video," Daley said. "And now she's still saying she may not run. People aren't stupid. C'mon. Be straight."

Daley said that if Mendoza and Pritzker both win and Mendoza runs for mayor, she should vacate her office before the election and let Pritzker appoint her replacement. Daley said Mendoza should not get paid by taxpayers for one job while running for another.

But that's exactly what Daley's brother, Richard M. Daley, did in 1988. Just 27 days after safely winning re-election to a third term as Cook County state's attorney, the elder Daley launched his successful bid in the 1989 mayoral race.

Asked what's the difference, Bill Daley said times have changed and what was acceptable 30 years ago should no longer be acceptable now.

"I'm talking about today, OK? Rich Daley never said, 'I'm not running.' He just kept it quiet," Daley said. "Let's be more transparent. Why do we think people are so cynical about politics today. ... If you're going to run for two offices, be honest and upfront. Preckwinkle did it."

Preckwinkle, unlike Mendoza, is unopposed in Tuesday's election for a third term as county board president.

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Suburb could vote to end video gambling

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gambling. If the yes votes prevail, Forest Park could become the first Illinois community that allowed video gambling to reverse that decision.

The measure is one of numerous referendums — many of them tax-related — that will confront voters on ballots across the Chicago area in Tuesday's general election.

Two of the ballot initiatives with the most money riding on the results are for Harper College in Palatine, which is seeking \$180 million for a major expansion, and for Maine Township District 207, which is asking for \$195 million to upgrade its three high schools.

Another school district, Elmhurst School District 205, will ask for \$168 million to construct two new school buildings and upgrade existing schools.

The Oak Brook Park District is seeking \$18 million to buy vacant land from McDonald's Corp., even though a homebuilder has already agreed to buy part of the former headquarters of the fast-food giant.

And in DuPage, Kane and Lake counties, residents will weigh in on a nonbinding referendum on whether to oppose a statewide property tax.

In near west suburban Forest Park, this isn't the first time voters will be asked their opinion on video gambling. In a nonbinding referendum in 2013, residents voted by a 2-1 margin against such a gambling expansion in their

community.

But bar and restaurant owners lobbied in favor of bringing in the gaming machines, saying they would boost profits and help compete with nearby towns, and the Village Council approved video slot machines in 2016.

Those who support video gambling say it has caused few problems and has generated needed tax revenue. State records show there have been 17 licensed video gambling sites in town, which have generated almost \$2.7 million in net income and \$133,000 in taxes for the village.

The leading proponent of video gambling is James Watts, owner of O'Sullivan's Public House and chairman of Let Forest Park Grow — Vote No. The group has raised about \$60,000 that it's used in part to mail numerous flyers to residents urging them to keep video gambling — almost all of the money coming from out-of-town gambling companies, state records show.

Helming the fight against video gambling is Jordan Kuehn, a 30-year-old engineer. He said his group, Let Forest Park Vote on Video Gaming, spent most of its money on legal fees defending its petitions, leaving only about \$3,000 to spend on the campaign.

Regarding all the efforts to keep the question off the ballot, Kuehn said, "What it says to me is that they're scared of the way people are going to vote."

He considers the slot machines tacky and not a good fit for the town, but mainly is dismayed that

the Village Council ignored the residents. Other opponents say the addictive nature of the games preys on those least able to afford it.

Kuehn planned to be out the weekend before the election, knocking on doors and trying to make the case against slot machines. If the effort wins, it is believed it would be the first time a municipality that had video gambling voted to get rid of it.

Neither Forest Park Mayor Anthony Calderone nor the village administrator could be reached for comment.

The village's referendum is also unusual in that the vast majority of voter initiatives are placed on the ballot not by citizens, but by taxing bodies seeking more money. The Illinois State Board of Elections lists 58 tax referendums appearing on various ballots around the state.

One of the biggest is in Maine Township, where School District 207 is asking for \$195 million to help renovate its three high schools, including the replacement of original plumbing and electrical systems that date from the 1920s, '50s and '60s. The money would also help make the buildings wheelchair accessible and add security entrances with two rows of electronic remote-controlled locks. Maine West would get a new field house.

The cost to taxpayers would be about \$346 per year for the owner of a home with a median value of \$380,000, the district estimated.

"It's up to the community to

inform themselves and make the decision that's best for them," district spokesman Brett Clark said.

At Harper College, officials are seeking \$180 million for three big projects. One is a university center, where students can pursue a new program for four-year bachelor's degrees, in cooperation with DePaul University, Northern Illinois University and Roosevelt College.

The money would also go to renovating and modernizing 40-year-old buildings to expand education in two growth areas, health careers and manufacturing.

Lastly, \$63 million of the proceeds would go to maintain and replace campus infrastructure including roofs, plumbing and heating and air conditioning.

The money would be borrowed as old loans are paid off, so tax rates would remain the same. If the measure fails, property taxes paid to the community college by the owner of a \$250,000 home would decrease by \$23 per year.

Advocates say such school construction projects are needed in general to make up for years of neglected maintenance, and to meet modern needs for safety, accessibility and the modern workplace.

Adam Schuster, budget and tax research director at Illinois Policy, a conservative advocacy group, said he took no position on specific referendums but said that Illinois has the second-highest property tax rates in the nation.

"The referenda are a symptom



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A woman plays a video gaming machine in 2014 in Joliet. On Tuesday, Forest Park residents will vote on a binding referendum over whether to ban video gambling.

of the fact that local government spending is growing too fast," he said. "Governments are not able to balance their budgets with normal property and sales taxes ... Voters need to ask whether each project will add value and whether it's needed."

Also Tuesday, residents in DuPage, Kane and Lake counties and some other jurisdictions will vote on a nonbinding measure on whether to oppose the creation of a statewide property tax. Economists at the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago proposed such a tax as a way to pay for crippling state debt, primarily for an estimated \$130 billion in public employee pensions.

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New details laid out in bribery charges against 2 Chicago cops

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Burton, 55, charged with one conspiracy count, has also pleaded not guilty.

Burton's attorney, Jonathan Bedi, declined to comment Friday on the details of the affidavit but described Burton as a "good family man."

Lawyers for the two officers could not be reached for comment.

The FBI investigation into the alleged traffic crash scam marked the latest in a long line of cases in which Chicago police officers were charged with taking bribes for inside information. Several years ago, a federal investigation code-named Operation Tow Scam ensnared 11 officers as well as several tow truck drivers in a plot to steer work to bribe-paying drivers while shooing others away from crash scenes.

Both Tate and Cadichon worked patrol in the Calumet District on the Far South Side and were stripped of their police powers after the criminal charges were brought. At the time, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson called the allegations against Tate and Cadichon, if proved, a "disgraceful abuse" of the trust the public places in officers.

According to the search warrant affidavit, Burton exchanged hundreds of text messages with Tate and Cadichon that included detailed information that only the police were supposed to be allowed to view.

While crash reports in Chicago are typically not publicly available until after a processing period, officers can access them immediately — but only for "legitimate law enforcement reasons," the indictments alleged.

The messages indicate that Burton had arranged regular "pay days" for the two officers at two-week intervals, often in the amount of \$300.

Burton also expressed frustration at times that the officers weren't getting him information fast enough to give him a leg up in a cutthroat profession. In one exchange with Tate in October 2016, Burton texted that he could have signed up three or four new clients if Tate had gotten him names of victims sooner, the affidavit alleged.

"I was sick to the stomach just thinking about it. LOL," the affidavit quoted Burton as writing. "It's just amazing how competitive this business is. If you're not Johnny on the Spot you can forget it."

In April 2017, FBI agents confronted Burton as he was leaving his Bloomingdale condo to go for a jog,



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Chicago police Officer Kevin Tate faces federal charges along with fellow Officer Milot Cadichon in an alleged bribery scheme.

the affidavit said. In an interview, he described himself as an "ambulance chaser," showing agents a spiral bound notebook he kept in his desk detailing the cases he had referred to attorneys.

Burton told the agents he "often has to write things down as he tends to forget them," the affidavit said.

The text messages described in the affidavit paint a picture of Burton's chaotic work days tracking down potential clients, making referrals, keeping track of which law firms owe him money and even making doctor appointments for victims.

One message found on Burton's phone provided a victim's name and phone number to a chiropractor, according to the affidavit.

"Needs an appointment for 63rd Street ASAP," Burton wrote, according to the affidavit. "Allstate Insurance. Speaks Spanish only."

Another message quoted in the affidavit was sent to a paralegal at a Chicago law firm, breaking down the insurance carriers from a recent crash. "Take 200 towards my bill and 20 for your lunch. That leaves me \$880," Burton allegedly wrote.

In August 2017, Burton appeared to get upset with Cadichon after the officer pestered him about missing a payday. Burton shot back that he was meeting with a client on Chicago's South Side and couldn't answer Cadichon's messages.

"When you're in Englewood it's a little stressful for a brother with no gun," Burton texted, according to the affidavit. "... You know that I take no days off and I work my ass off."

Burton then appeared to smooth things over, telling Cadichon he appreciated how hard he was working for him.

"I'll put it like this," Burton wrote. "If I had 5 people like you I'd be a millionaire."

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NATION & WORLD

In House battle, Dems eye key rural seats

Districts Obama, Trump both won become top targets

BY STEVE PEOPLES AND THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — White, working-class voters fueled President Donald Trump's rise to the White House. If his party loses the House majority on Tuesday, it will be, at least in part, because those same voters abandoned the GOP.

While Democrats' suburban offensive is well-known, an often-overlooked battle is underway across rural and working-class districts in states including Maine, Iowa and Minnesota. Trump's coalition of blue-collar voters here may offer Democrats an alternate route to the House majority.

Specifically, Democrats are targeting 21 House districts carried by former President Barack Obama in 2012 that shifted to Trump in 2016 — districts now testing the strength of a Trump-era political realignment shaped by education, race and gender.

With the election days away, Democrats have cause for optimism. Public and private polling suggest Democrats are poised to capture at least two-thirds of the Obama-Trump districts, according to operatives in both parties who spoke on the condition of anonymity to speak freely before Election Day.

While Republicans privately blame an underwhelming slate of GOP incumbents, the Democrats' prospective success is a reflection of a strong class of



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Iowa State Rep. Abby Finkenauer, center, has made her working-class roots central to her Democratic campaign.

first-time candidates, extraordinary fundraising and a message focused on health care and the economy — not Trump.

In northeastern Iowa's 1st Congressional District, 29-year-old Democratic upstart Abby Finkenauer reflected on her blue-collar roots at a rally this week alongside the Democratic Party's strongest liaison to working-class voters, former Vice President Joe Biden.

"He shares the belief that every kid who grows up in a working-class family like mine has a right to a bright

future," Finkenauer said as she introduced Biden.

Obama won the district by nearly 14 points in 2012. Trump scored a 3-point victory here four years later.

The state representative, whose father and grandfather were union workers, has made her working-class roots central to the campaign in a district once dominated by union manufacturing and meatpacking jobs.

She made a name for herself last year blasting a Republican-backed bill that dismantled public-employee unions, shouting against

it near tears on the Iowa House floor in Des Moines.

"This is personal," she said at the time.

She is facing off against two-term Republican incumbent Rep. Rod Blum, a wealthy businessman.

In working-class southern New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District, Democrat Andy Kim is laser-focused on health care and the Republican tax cuts in his bid to defeat two-term incumbent Rep. Tom MacArthur.

Obama twice won the district, which Trump carried by 6 points in 2016.

Kim, a national security official in the Obama administration, told The AP that he doesn't want to impeach Trump.

He condemned the increasingly divisive tone in politics, which he said was a problem long before Trump's election.

The first-time Democratic candidate is eager to bring up MacArthur's votes for the Trump tax cuts and a GOP health care plan that would have replaced the nation's system with one that wouldn't guarantee coverage of pre-existing conditions.

"It isn't politics. It's personal," said Kim, the father of two young sons, noting that his father survived polio and his mother has other pre-existing conditions.

The Republican MacArthur said he was simply working to improve both bills for his constituents.

He also recognizes his political challenge in a district that has swung from one party to the other in recent presidential elections.

"A member, to represent this district, can't just be a Trump opposition person," MacArthur said in an interview. "He'll offend half of his constituents. You have to work with the president when you can. You have to have the backbone to push back when you need to."

College-educated voters, particularly women, turned against the GOP long ago. But polling indicates that Democrats' comeback in the Obama-Trump districts, if there is one, will be born of a more subtle shift among non-college-educated white women, according to Jesse Ferguson, who previously led the House Democrats campaign arm.

"If we take the majority, it won't only be built on suburban, Clinton-voting districts alone," he said. "Democrats are winning congressional districts that voted for Donald Trump as people who work for a living see that the Republican majority sold them out."

It's not all good news for Democrats.

In the fight for the Senate majority, Trump's standing remains strong among rural voters in states like North Dakota, Indiana and Missouri, where the GOP is on offense.

Trump made racist remarks, Cohen says

Lawyer: He said blacks 'too stupid to vote for me'

BY DENIS SLATTERY
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's former lawyer says the reality TV star frequently made offensive and racist comments in private — even telling him during the 2016 campaign he believed "black people are too stupid to vote for me."

Michael Cohen told Vanity Fair on Friday that he often heard Trump make such comments behind closed doors.

Cohen recounted a discussion he had with the then-presidential candidate at Trump Tower in 2016 in which the one-time Trump confidante noted that the crowd at a rally earlier in the day was largely white.

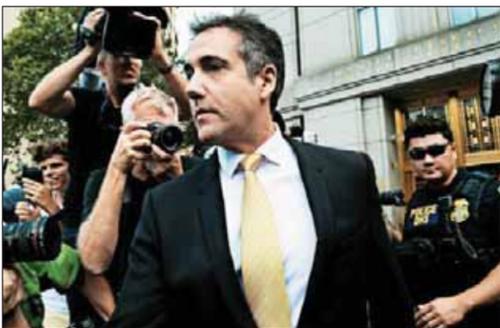
"I told Trump that the rally looked vanilla on television. Trump responded, 'That's because black people are too stupid to vote for me,'" Cohen told the magazine.

Years earlier, shortly after the death of Nelson Mandela, Cohen claims that Trump asked him to, "Name one country run by a black person that's not a s---hole," adding, "Name one city."

"I'm not surprised at all," a source with ties to the White House told the Daily News. "So many people have come forward with similar stories."

Cohen also recalled a trip in the 2000s in which he and Trump were riding in a car through a run-down neighborhood in Chicago on the way to a business meeting. Trump took note of his surroundings and said something to the effect of "only the blacks could live like this."

Cohen told Vanity Fair



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Michael Cohen also said Donald Trump once said "only the blacks could live like this" while the two were driving through a run-down neighborhood in Chicago.

that, in retrospect, he wished he stopped working for Trump when he heard his old boss' remarks.

The disgraced lawyer pleaded guilty in August to campaign finance crimes for paying two women to keep quiet about their alleged affairs with Trump ahead of the 2016 election — telling the judge that he did so at the request of his former boss.

Cohen chose to share his stories now because he "wants to clear his conscience and warn voters about what he sees as the president's true nature in advance of the midterm election," according to the magazine.

Cohen was Trump's staunchest defender against such accusations of racism until he took a plea deal and the pair had a falling out.

Paolo Zampolli, a longtime friend of the Trump family who introduced the president to the first lady, had some harsh words for Cohen.

"It's nonsense," Zampolli told the Daily News. "I think that this comes from a guy who lost his profession and is trying to make some money for writing a book or something. This is a book tour start."

Cohen is scheduled to be sentenced in December.

Trump has faced cries of racism from critics since launching his campaign for the White House by decrying "rapists" being sent to the U.S. from Mexico. He recently re-upped his anti-immigrant rhetoric in the leadup to Tuesday's midterm elections by railing against a caravan of Central American migrants marching through Mexico.

Cohen's claims of racist behavior echo several other reports of Trump's racist remarks.

Earlier this year, Trump expressed frustration with people coming to the U.S. from Haiti, El Salvador and some parts of Africa, places which he reportedly referred to as "s---hole countries" during a closed-door meeting in the White House.

Former White House staffer and "The Apprentice" star Omarosa Manigault Newman accused the president of using racist language in a book released this past summer.

Manigault Newman alleged that Trump was recorded multiple times using the N-word during filming of "The Apprentice," Trump's reality show.

Trump responded to the accusations by calling Manigault Newman a "dog" and a "crazed, crying lowlife."

FDA approves new opioid more potent than fentanyl

Critics say drug likely to worsen addiction crisis

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration approved a powerful new opioid Friday for use in health care settings, rejecting criticism from some of its own advisers that it would inevitably be diverted to illicit use and cause more overdose deaths.

The drug is five to 10 times more potent than pharmaceutical fentanyl. The pill, just three millimeters in diameter, is likely to worsen the nation's drug crisis, according to critics and the head of the FDA's advisory committee on painkillers.

At the same time, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb issued an unusual statement saying he would seek more authority for the agency to consider whether there are too many similar drugs on the market. That might allow the agency to turn down future applications for new opioid approvals if the drugs are not filling an unmet need.

"We need to address the question that I believe underlies the criticism raised in advance of this approval," Gottlieb wrote. "To what extent should we evaluate each opioid solely on its own merits, and to what extent should we also consider ... the epidemic of opioid misuse and abuse that's gripping our nation?"

As the worst drug crisis in U.S. history has accelerated, agency critics and some public officials have clamored for that holistic approach to narcotic painkillers, instead of the FDA's practice of evaluating each opioid application on its own.

Gottlieb has pledged that



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The drug, which would come in an applicator, is placed under the tongue for quick absorption. It would have the same impact as five milligrams of intravenous morphine.

the FDA would do more to balance efforts to curb the epidemic — which killed a record 49,000 users in 2017, according to preliminary data — with the needs of people who need strong pain relief. But Friday's statement is the first detailed indication of how the FDA might use its drug-review process to tackle the overall problem.

Gottlieb said he would bring a plan to the FDA's Opioid Policy Steering Committee and perhaps Congress. The guidelines would allow the agency to consider a narcotic's benefit to public health, its risk of being diverted for inappropriate use or abuse and its unique benefits to groups of people in pain before deciding to approve an opioid.

"In this way, (drug companies) would know up front where the opportunities are for developing new drugs that meet the FDA's standards for safety and effectiveness," he wrote.

The drug approved Friday is a 30-microgram pill form of sufentanil, a powerful, 34-year-old opioid commonly used after surgery and in emergency rooms. Each pill, placed under the tongue for quick absorption, would have the same impact as five milligrams of intravenous morphine.

The drug is intended for

use within health care settings and perhaps on the battlefield. It would not be available in retail pharmacies.

The manufacturer, a California company called AcelRx, will market the drug in early 2019 under the name Dsuvia, at a wholesale price of \$50 to \$60 per dose.

AcelRx already has approval for 15- and 30-microgram versions of the drug in Europe.

An FDA advisory committee recommended approval of the new drug in a 10-3 vote Oct. 12. But Raeford Brown, a professor of anesthesiology and pediatrics at the University of Kentucky who chairs the committee, then took the rare step of publicly condemning that decision and urging the FDA to reject the drug.

Brown, four U.S. Senators and the advocacy group Public Citizen have predicted that Dsuvia will be diverted to illicit use and cause more opioid overdose deaths.

"It is certain that Dsuvia will worsen the opioid epidemic and kill people needlessly," Sidney Wolfe, founder of Public Citizen's Health Research Group, said in a statement.

Including brand name and generic drugs, there are nearly 400 opioids on the market.

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Islamic State attack in Egypt kills 7 Christian pilgrims

MINYA, Egypt — Islamic militants on Friday ambushed three buses carrying Christian pilgrims on their way to a remote desert monastery south of the Egyptian capital of Cairo, killing seven and wounding 19, according to the Coptic Orthodox Church and the Interior Ministry.

All but one of those killed were members of the same family, according to a list of the victims' names released by the

church, which said among the dead were a boy and a girl, age 15 and 12 respectively.

The local Islamic State affiliate in the Sinai Peninsula claimed responsibility in a statement, according to SITE, a U.S.-based group that monitors and translates militants' statements. It said the attack was revenge for the imprisonment by Egyptian authorities of "our chaste sisters." It did not elaborate.

Passenger fought with driver, causing bus to fall in China river

BEIJING — A fight between a bus driver and a passenger who missed her stop caused the bus to plunge off a high bridge into China's Yangtze River, police said Friday. All 15 people onboard are presumed dead.

An eight-second surveillance video released by Chongqing city police shows the two arguing and grappling with each other in the moments before the bus suddenly

veered off the bridge Sunday morning.

Police said the 48-year-old female passenger asked the driver to pull over after she missed her stop, but he didn't.

As the quarrel escalated, the woman hit the driver on the head with her cellphone. The driver took his right arm off the steering wheel and fought back before he hastily steered to the left, sending the bus out of control.

Supreme Court allows census trial to go forward next week

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will allow a trial over the decision to add a citizenship question to the census to go forward over the Trump administration's objection.

The justices issued a brief order Friday rejecting the administration's request to postpone the trial, set to begin Monday.

More than a dozen states and big cities sued over Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' decision to

add a citizenship question to the census for the first time since 1950.

The lawsuits argue Ross acted improperly and that the question will discourage immigrants from participating, diluting political representation and dollars for states that tend to vote Democratic. The administration has said the question will allow the Justice Department to enforce the Voting Rights Act more effectively.



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Activists for Amnesty International place a mock street sign in front of the Saudi Arabian Embassy in London on Friday to mark one month since journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed in the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul.

Netanyahu decries writer's death, stresses Saudi stability

ISTANBUL — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi as "horrendous" on Friday, but warned against any response that would destabilize the political status quo in Riyadh.

Khashoggi was last seen Oct. 2 as he entered Istanbul's Saudi Consulate to collect a personal document. Turkish officials allege that he was strangled almost immediately by a hit squad sent from Riyadh, and that his body was dismembered.

Israel had been silent

throughout the global firestorm that followed, although Western officials say that, behind the scenes, it has told the Trump administration that Saudi Arabia is a key partner in a region where U.S. policy is focused on countering Iran.

"What happened in the Istanbul consulate was horrendous and it should be duly dealt with. Yet at the same time I say it, it is very important for the stability... for the region and for the world, that Saudi Arabia remain stable," Netanyahu said while visiting Bulgaria.

In an op-ed published Friday in The Washington

Post, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the order to kill Khashoggi came from the highest level of the Saudi government, adding that the international community had the responsibility to "reveal the puppet masters" behind the slaying.

Erdogan said he didn't believe Saudi King Salman ordered the killing, nor did he mention Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. But few in Turkey and elsewhere believe the crime could have been done without the knowledge of the kingdom's powerful heir apparent.

U.S., Turkey lift sanctions set over detained pastor

WASHINGTON — Turkey and the U.S. on Friday lifted sanctions on senior government officials that had been imposed during the diplomatic standoff over the arrest of American pastor Andrew Brunson, officially ending a case that strained relations between the two NATO members.

The Treasury Department lifted sanctions on Turkish Minister of Justice Abdulhamit Gul and Minister of Interior Suleyman Soylu, while Turkey removed its retaliatory measures against Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

Brunson, spent two years in prison and faced a possible life sentence on terrorism charges before his release last month.

Brunson had lived in Turkey as a missionary for more than two decades when he was arrested as part of a crackdown after a failed coup in July 2016.

Suit claiming Harvard policy biased now in judge's hands

BOSTON — It's now up to a federal judge to decide whether Harvard University discriminates against Asian-Americans in its admissions process after closing arguments Friday in a case that has reignited a debate over affirmative action.

The group Students for Fair Admissions says Harvard holds Asian-American applicants to a higher standard and discriminates against them through a "personal rating."

Harvard counters that race is one of many factors it considers and can only help an applicant's chances of getting in.

The trial has lasted three weeks with both sides calling on scholars and current and former Harvard employees to bolster their cases.

U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs is not expected to rule immediately.

In Pakistan: Prominent Pakistani cleric Maulana Samiul Haq, also known as the "father of the Taliban," was killed in a knife attack at his home in the city of Rawalpindi on Friday, his family and police said.

Haq's son said his father was alone in his bedroom when he was attacked by an assailant, who escaped undetected.

Trade: Record imports expanded the U.S. trade deficit for the fourth straight month in September. The Commerce Department said the gap between what America sells and what it buys abroad climbed to \$54 billion, the highest level since February. Imports were at \$266.6 billion; exports were at \$212.6 billion.



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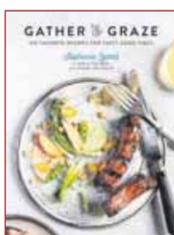
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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Kudlow: Good economy will last, not 'a sugar high'

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-QUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Larry Kudlow, economic adviser to President Donald Trump, spoke to the Economic Club of Chicago on Friday, his latest stop in a multicity tour in which he is making the case for the president's corporate tax cuts and other economic policies.

The event occurred the same day the Department of Labor released the jobs report for October, which showed employers added 250,000 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent. It also showed wages rose by 3.1 percent compared with the same month last year, the largest increase in nearly a decade.

Here is a sampling of what he had to say during an interview with the Tribune before the event and at the lunch itself. His remarks have been edited for length and clarity.

On the October jobs report:

"We saw the numbers last night, and we couldn't believe it. We were worried about (Hurricane Michael) knocking down as many as 60,000 (jobs), and actually probably 30,000 did get knocked down, so this number would be even bigger. A lot of folks are saying this economic boom is a sugar high, it's not going to last. It's lasting. A number like this shows you the expansion has plenty to go."

On the likelihood of an economic correction:

"I don't see an economic correction coming. You had a stock market correction. Corrections come and go. It's normal. There is a slowdown in housing. I think it's temporary. Our tax cuts were designed to get business investment going again; we haven't seen it in a couple of decades."

On the federal minimum wage:

"I don't want the federal government to dictate the minimum wage. But if the states are going to do it or the cities, that's up to them. If the companies do it, I applauded Amazon, \$15 minimum wage. You set a national minimum wage, business conditions and living conditions are different all over the country."

On immigration policies amid a tight labor market:

"You've got 7 million job openings. You've got 6 million unemployed. I'd like to bring the unemployed into the job openings. Let's try to attract our homegrown workers first."

On companies' concerns that tariffs will hurt their earnings:

"The president is crusading for fair trade. China is not the only culprit, but they are a big one. Presidents have dodged this for two decades. And I think (the president) is exactly right, there is evidence that their unfair practices — (intellectual property) theft, forced transfers of

technology, cyberhacking and tariffs on agriculture, industrial products — if they would open their markets and quit stealing our stuff we could have huge exports and everybody would be happy. But so far we have made these asks and they have no response. Any company that may be hurt, I regret that, I really do."

On the potential for a U.S.-China trade deal:

"(The president) had a very good phone call yesterday with President Xi (Jinping) of China. It had positive vibes. There is no imminent U.S.-China trade deal."

On the growth of the deficit:

"Lower tax rates and the economic boom they are producing is a key solution to the deficit. You can't balance a budget in a state or a country if you're not growing. You've got to limit spending, I get that. The president is going to put out a very tough budget. We are going to have 5 percent across-the-board reduction in domestic programs, excluding the big entitlements. The defense budget will hold steady."

On how the economy will fare in 2019:

"I think the economy next year will grow by 3 percent or better, as it has this year. And in that scenario the unemployment rate will drop some more. And the inflation rate remains quiescent. I'm very optimistic about now, next year, and I'll take it into 2020, and beyond that I don't know."

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Kudlow

Logistics startup group FourKites growing, moving

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Shipping logistics startup FourKites is moving its office to the West Loop Gate neighborhood, leaving outgrown its space in the Loop.

The growing software company operates in an industry that is drawing increasing investment as e-commerce giant Amazon redefines consumers' expectations regarding shipping and deliveries.

After raising \$35 million earlier this year, Chicago-based FourKites has roughly doubled the number of employees at its Chicago headquarters, to more than 110. In December, FourKites plans to move its office from 1 N. Dearborn St. to a space three times larger at 500 W. Madison St.

"If you walked into our office now, you'd see tables, little card tables, slammed against the wall (acting as) makeshift work spaces because so many new people are starting," said Gina Hortatsos, head of marketing at the company.

Founded in 2014, FourKites builds software that lets shippers and logistics companies track cargo and alerts them of loads that might not arrive on time. The investments announced in February brought the company's total funding raised to \$51 million.

FourKites' new 36,000-square-foot office is about a mile from its current space. The company will take over part of the space vacated by industrial supply company W.W. Grainger, which is moving 650 employees into

the Merchandise Mart.

FourKites employs almost 300 people worldwide, and it expects to continue growing, Hortatsos said.

It is expanding teams throughout the business, including marketing, software and product engineering, and sales.

With the growth, FourKites falls in line with other expanding Chicago-based logistics companies. In September, e-commerce logistics company ShipBob announced \$40 million in new investments and opened a new fulfillment warehouse in Cicero. Project44, another Chicago-based supply chain technology company, raised \$45 million in venture capital funding last month.

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Yeti opening retail shop

Wicker Park location first for company in city

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Yeti, known for its high-end coolers and outdoor gear, is planning its first Chicago retail shop at the former home of the Double Door music venue in Wicker Park.

Yeti's products have long appeared on shelves at outdoor retailers and online. But after opening a flagship store in its hometown last year — complete with a shark hanging from the

ceiling, a live music stage and a bar — the Austin, Texas-based company is looking to expand its bricks-and-mortar presence.

The Wicker Park shop will take over the first floor and basement of the four-story building at 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. that was occupied for years by the Double Door. The venue shut down after longtime building owner Brian Strauss evicted it last year. Strauss sold the building in June for \$9.1 million to CA Residential, the apartment investment and development division of CA Ventures. The new owner did not respond Friday to a

request for comment.

Yeti signed a 10-year lease on the space, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

The company is planning to build out an exterior footprint at the store, located at the high-traffic intersection of North, Damen and Milwaukee avenues.

The store will extend a retail stretch that runs along Damen and has drawn retailers including Sweden-based Fjallraven and Canada-based Arc'teryx.

Chicago Tribune's Lauren Zumbach contributed.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,578.98 Low: 25,078.72 Previous: 25,380.74



Nasdaq
-77.06 (-1.04%)

Close: 7,356.99
High: 7,466.53
Low: 7,298.68
Previous: 7,434.05

S&P 500
-17.31 (-.63%)

Close: 2,723.06
High: 2,756.55
Low: 2,700.44
Previous: 2,740.37

Russell 2000
+3.00 (+.19%)

Close: 1,547.98
High: 1,557.18
Low: 1,535.96
Previous: 1,544.98

10-yr T-note +.07 to 3.21%
Gold futures -5.10 to \$1,230.90
Yen +.59 to 113.28/\$1
Euro +.0009 to .8774/\$1
Crude Oil -.55 to \$63.14

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+2.36	+2.65	+2.42	-4.45	-5.54	-5.63	+7.36	+8.76	+5.23

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	507	509.75	502.75	508.75	+7.5
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	366.25	373	365.25	371.25	+4.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 18	868	888.50	866.50	875.25	+6.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	28.34	28.56	28.10	28.20	-.12
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	313.40	316.30	309.50	311.00	-2.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Dec 18	63.50	63.95	62.63	63.14	-.55
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 18	3.239	3.313	3.166	3.284	+0.47
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 18	1.7117	1.7298	1.6959	1.7083	-0.082

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	70.19	+0.4	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	93.99	-1.11	Middleby Corp	O	115.89	+4.7
AbbVie Inc	N	79.56	-.65	Equity Residential	N	64.44	-.38	Mondelez Intl	O	41.98	-.39
Allstate Corp	N	89.55	-.42	Exelon Corp	N	43.40	-.25	Morningstar Inc	O	124.01	-1.00
Apartgroup Inc	N	103.80	+6.2	First Indl RT	N	30.89	-.17	Motorola Solutions	N	128.84	+5.06
Arch Dan Mid	N	48.00	-.72	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	45.70	-1.23	NiSource Inc	N	25.43	+0.6
Baxter Intl	N	62.18	-.89	Gallagher AJ	N	74.67	+0.7	Ntnn Trst Cp	O	93.61	-.64
Boeing Co	N	357.75	-5.32	Grainger WW	N	289.24	+2.72	Old Republic	N	21.72	-.24
Brunswick Corp	N	53.28	-.12	GrubHub Inc	N	95.29	+6.6	Packaging Corp Am	N	94.90	-.96
CBOE Global Markets	N	112.25	+1.75	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	91.06	+4.28	Payload Hldg	O	62.62	-3.54
CDK Global Inc	O	57.51	+0.2	IDEX Corp	N	134.12	+2.16	Stericycle Inc	O	47.31	-3.47
CDW Corp	O	88.04	-1.19	ITW	N	130.71	+1.24	Teleph Data	N	34.33	+4.38
CF Industries	N	49.68	-1.37	Ingredion Inc	N	103.49	-.43	TransUnion	N	67.70	+8.8
CME Group	O	183.86	+1.1	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	137.38	-.43	Tribune Media Co A	N	38.45	-.05
CNA Financial	N	43.76	-.01	KapStone Paper	N	34.95	-.05	USG Corp	N	42.58	-.02
Caterpillar Inc	N	125.79	+1.09	Kemper Corp	N	75.10	-.30	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	281.95	+9.00
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	35.00	-.62	Kraft Heinz Co	O	50.73	-5.47	United Contl Hldgs	O	88.68	+6.4
Deere Co	N	141.72	+1.07	LKQ Corporation	O	27.77	+1.0	Ventas Inc	N	56.59	-1.52
Discover Fin Svcs	N	68.74	-1.37	Littelfuse Inc	O	191.75	+5.11	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	79.30	-.60
Dover Corp	N	84.57	+1.17	MB Financial	O	44.95	+3.2	Wintrust Financial	O	77.30	+1.6
Equity Commonwlth	N	29.91	+0.3	McDonalds Corp	N	176.75	+1.87	Zebra Tech	O	168.06	-.94

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	9.29	-.29
Bank of America	27.89	+0.8
EnCana Corp	8.55	-.41
Ford Motor	9.38	+0.9
Alibaba Group Hldg	147.59	-3.66
Chesapeake Engy	3.49	-.08
AT&T Inc	30.52	+0.3
Newell Rubbermaid	18.99	+2.44
Snap Inc A	6.82	-.38
KapStone Paper	34.95	-.05
Twitter Inc	34.30	-.32
Pfizer Inc	42.93	-.74
Weatherford Intl Ltd	1.24	-.10
Citigroup	65.92	+5.4
Ambev S.A.	4.46	+0.7
Nokia Corp	5.80	+0.2
Petrobras	16.13	-.02
Vale SA	15.45	-.07
Freepoint McMoran	12.24	-.04
JPMorgan Chase & Co	108.38	-.60
Synchrony Financial	26.43	-2.80
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.95	+1.28
Wells Fargo & Co	53.61	+0.5
Gerdau SA	4.67	+2.2

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	147.59	-3.66
Alphabet Inc C	1057.79	-12.21
Alphabet Inc A	1071.49	-14.49
Amazon.com Inc	1665.53	...
Apple Inc	207.48	-14.74
Bank of America	27.89	+0.8
Berkshire Hath B	206.57	+7.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.95	+1.28
Facebook Inc	150.35	+1.40
JPMorgan Chase	108.38	-.60
Johnson & Johnson	140.68	-.14
Microsoft Corp	106.16	+2.4
Pfizer Inc	42.93	-.74
Royal Dutch Shell B	64.38	-.86
Royal Dutch Shell A	62.25	-.88
Unitedhealth Group	261.01	+0.8
Visa Inc	139.78	+1.05
WalMart Strs	101.34	+7.6
Wells Fargo & Co	53.61	+0.5

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.28	-1.6	+8.1
American Funds AMRCnBA m	26.86	-1.0	+3.0
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	47.75	-.03	-2.7
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	58.28	-2.1	-2.8
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	61.20	-.42	+3.6
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.84	-.27	+7.8
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.39	-.07	+2
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	39.40	-.26	+4.2
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	43.25	-.02	+1.4
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	44.60	-.22	+6.7
DFA IntlCorEqIn	12.86	+0.1	-7.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.24	-.03	-1.2
Dodge & Cox Intl	41.42	-.01	-9.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	202.64	-1.28	+6.6
DoubleLine TRtRetBd	10.26	-.02	-3
Fidelity 500IndexPm	92.27	-.02	-2.4
Fidelity 500IndexPm	95.27	-.60	+7.8
Fidelity Contrafund	12.77	-1.0	+7.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.77	-1.0	+7.9
Fidelity USDBdxInvsPm	11.02	-.04	-2.6
Franklin Templeton IncaA m	2.25
Metropolitan West TRtRetBd	10.17	-.04	-2.2
PIMCO IncInslT	11.84	...	+5
PIMCO TRtRetIn	9.82	-.05	-2.2
Schwab SP500Idx	42.59	-.27	+7.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	105.59	...	+12.1
T. Rowe Price GRStk	67.00	...	+8.8
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	251.76	-1.57	+7.6
Vanguard DivGrIn	27.36	-.01	+10.1
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	75.35	-.26	+3.7
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	75.75	-.81	+9.2
Vanguard HCAmrl	89.55	-.72	+8.8
Vanguard IntTrnGAdm	9.27	-.02	-2.4
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	13.64	-.02	-1.0
Vanguard InsdInxIn	248.38	-1.55	+7.6
Vanguard InsdInxPlus	248.40	-1.55	+7.6
Vanguard InsTSMInPls	60.34	-.32	+7.3
Vanguard MdCpdxAdmrl	188.79	-.69	+4.2
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	141.47	-1.05	+10.3
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.40	-.01	...
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	71.43	...	+5.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.89	-.07	+3
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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Down with DST

An article in the Oct. 28 Tribune caught my eye: "Morocco tests abandoning seasonal time changes." Good for Morocco!

Isn't it time for daylight saving time to end in the U.S.? For starters, the name is an oxymoron: DST does not save daylight, it merely shifts it. Our orbit around the sun is unaffected by human folly. There may have been reason to think an extra hour of evening light saved energy back in 1918 when DST was first established. It's highly unlikely to do so now in an age of ubiquitous devices and appliances, to cite just one fraction of current power usage that did not exist back then. Besides, most of us run the dishwasher right after dinner whether it's light out or not.

There are costs, inconveniences and even risks incurred by artificial time change, from suddenly altered transportation schedules to driving to work on one hour's less sleep. At the start of DST, night shifts are an hour longer. I wonder, do folks get paid for that extra hour, and docked an hour's pay in the fall? There are states (Hawaii and most of Arizona) that opt out of DST, adding to the craziness. By edict DST starts at 2 a.m., but that's 2 a.m. in one time zone. Thus at the appointed hour in New York it's suddenly 3 a.m., but it's still 11 p.m. in Los Angeles. And consider this absurdity: When DST ends in the fall a first twin may be born at 1:58 a.m., its sibling arriving 3 minutes later at 2:01 a.m. Oops, make that 1:01 a.m. — 57 minutes before the first twin's birth. Interesting birth certificates, those. If extra evening daylight in summer is considered such a plus, why not switch permanently to DST? After all, it's dark in early morning and late afternoon in December and January regardless.

Aren't we all tired of having to reset watches and clocks twice a year?

— Sharon Tamura, Chicago

Civic duty

I'm responding to the Oct. 31 column "Stop complaining about candidates for governor and make a choice!" by Eric Zorn.

I am 13 years old, and I live in La Grange. I belong to Boy Scout Troop 39, rank of Life Scout. We had elections for leadership roles during our troop meeting on Oct. 29. I thought of the different reasons why people run for leadership and reasons why scouts vote for one candidate over another. Then I wondered about the voting issues for primary and general elections.

I looked into the suburban Cook County rates of voting in primary and general elections from 1990 to 2018. The voter participation rates of primary elections were quite low; they were better in presidential election years, but were poor overall and always less than 50 percent. The participation rates of general elections from 1990 to 2018 in suburban Cook County ranged from 49.7 percent to 74.3 percent. In 2016, the primary election rate was 46.8 percent and the general (presidential) election rate for voters in suburban Cook was 72.1 percent.

Voters have many excuses for not voting. It's true that candidates are flawed. It's difficult to get time off of work on Election Day to vote. Some voters may be out of town at school taking exams or even out of the country for study-abroad programs or for work. Others may have transportation issues. Some citizens feel that their vote will not make a difference. Some people seem to be busy with their own lives and are not aware of who the candidates are and what opinions they have on a variety of issues.

We live in the greatest democracy in the world. There are so many solutions to the voting problem. Many people have written on ways to improve voter turnout. Some of these strategies include preregistering 16- to 17-year-olds, as our local high school has done. Early voting in person is a great way to avoid the crowds on Election Day. Absentee voting is an easy way to perform our civic duty. Another way is to provide transportation to those trying to get to the voting polls. Lastly, employers can accommodate people to ensure that they're able to reach voting polls on Election Day.

I agree that every candidate has a flaw, and if voters are looking for perfection, they may not vote at all. It's important to find the candidate with opinions that, in your view, will improve the future of our great nation and vote. My first opportunity to vote will be in the 2022 presidential election. I plan to vote!

— William Cotts, Boy Scout Troop 39, La Grange

Papal visit

The Catholic Church in the United States is in dire need of a thorough housecleaning so that its focus can return to the tenets of Christianity instead of the constant rehashing of the scandalous clergy abuse. This opportunity for reform will present itself in January when Mundelein Seminary hosts a spiritual retreat for 300 American bishops from around the country.

If the church wants to show the world the strength and sincerity of its hunger for reform, this seminar is a good starting point. However, to punctuate the importance of this retreat, Pope Francis should attend and promulgate this message in person — not have it filtered through other hierarchy. He has traveled to Ireland, Jerusalem, the Baltic and other countries to greet the faithful. Why not come to Mundelein Seminary and work with the bishops and priests working in the parishes? Saying he is sorry while remaining ensconced in the Vatican is no longer a defensible position. At Mundelein, during the days of prayer and discussions, he could receive the resignation offers of the U.S. bishops in attendance (similar to the offers made by the Chilean bishops). He could work with others to establish and publish definitive abuse guidelines, and provide courses of action ensuring that these abominations never again plague the church.

A visit by Pope Francis would show his resolve to end this malignancy and would help restore faith in the institutional Church in America. One visit is worth ten thousand words.

— Mary Ann Kehl, Wilmette

Why the economy looks so bright

Remember the start to Donald Trump's presidency? Feels like a million years ago, and a million news cycles, we know. But on Jan. 23, 2017, his first workday in office, Trump made it clear that his Job One would be boosting economic growth. The president said he wanted to reduce the corporate tax rate and relieve the burden of federal regulation. Good, we wrote at the time: "Those are the kinds of moves that encourage companies to invest more and add jobs."

Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress did their part by cutting red tape and passing tax reform. The economy is responding. Actually, it's booming in a way Americans haven't experienced in years. The business climate looks great and employers are hiring, and paying more. These are terrific times for American workers.

According to Friday's Labor Department report, employers added 250,000 jobs in October, a far higher number than economists expected. The unemployment rate held at 3.7 percent, a figure not seen in nearly 50 years. With more job openings across the country than job seekers, wages are rising: Average earnings increased 3.1 percent from a year earlier. Congrats if you got a raise.

The jobless rate would have dropped, except that the participation rate is higher, meaning some people who previously gave up looking for work re-entered the job market. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate for Hispanics hit a record low 4.4 percent. It was near a record low for African-Americans at 6.2 percent.

Employers are hiring for a reason: The business climate is exceptionally strong. Growth last quarter was 3.5 percent, significantly higher than



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A job seeker speaks with a representative at a table during a job fair in June in Gary. A report Friday says U.S. employers added 250,000 jobs in October.

the 2 percent average of the past decade.

Tuesday's midterm elections will be decided on many issues and influenced by the totality of Trump's chaotic, divisive leadership. But it's undeniable the president and Congress get credit for this era of healthy job growth. This is why we endorsed several Illinois Republicans seeking re-election to the U.S. House, including Rep. Peter Roskam in the 6th Congressional District and Rep. Randy Hultgren in the 14th District. They supported tax reform.

Roskam was one of the architects. There are plenty of measures of American satisfaction and security, but having a job is fundamentally important. Growth creates prosperity. And by the way, employees pay taxes. Sustaining this growth is the only option besides higher taxes for generating government revenue to help reduce the national debt of \$21 trillion. That revenue also will help pay for tax reform, which fixed the outdated tax code. In other words, everything positive starts with jobs.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Like the American Confederates who overestimated the power of King Cotton in the 1860s, the Saudis tend to overestimate King Oil's power today. But to do what the Iran-deal chorus and the Erdogan and Muslim Brotherhood apologists want — to dissolve the U.S.-Saudi alliance in a frenzy of righteousness — would be an absurd overreaction that plays into the hands of America's enemies. ... Secretary of State Mike Pompeo needs to get to the heart of the matter: Saudi insecurity. To restore balance and sobriety to its foreign policy, Saudi Arabia needs to calm down, and only the U.S. can provide the assurances to make that possible. ... Even as he responds with appropriate gravity to a serious provocation, Pompeo must give Saudi authorities the confidence that sober and sensible policies will bring continuing American support for the kingdom's independence and reform.

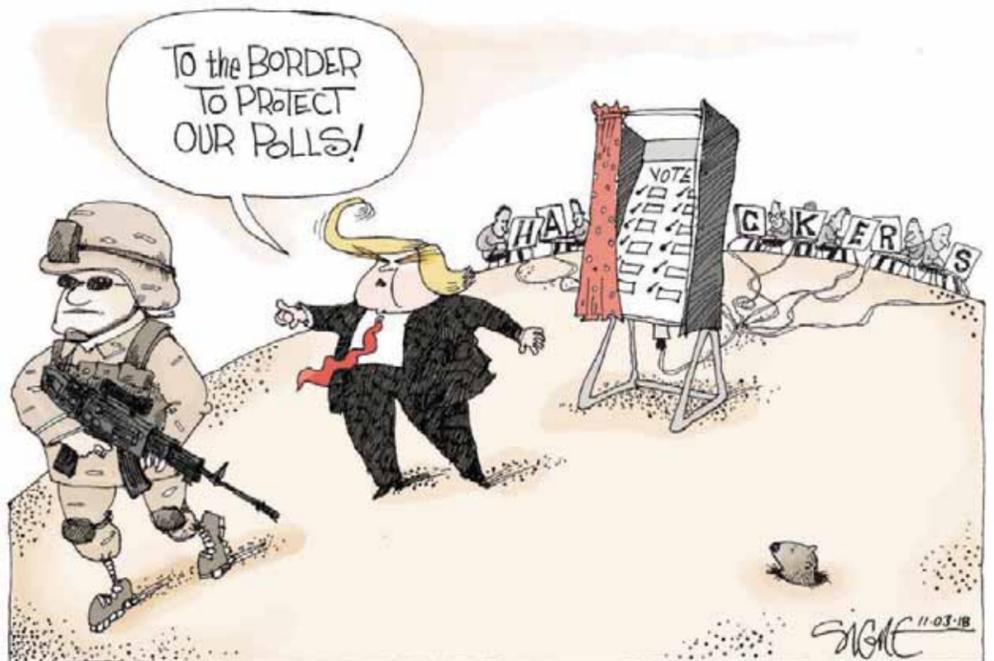
Walter Russell Mead,
 The Wall Street Journal

(News networks can) subtly chip away at the dignity of the presidency by refusing to use the word "president" when mentioning the current White House occupant. Even after Donald Trump the candidate became Donald Trump the president, CNN has largely stuck with referring to him only as "Trump." In the year and a half since his inauguration, just 36 percent of CNN's mentions of his name were in the form "President Trump," compared with 40 percent of the mentions of Obama during the same time. ... Thus, a year and a half out of office, CNN still refers to Obama as "president" more often than it does the current occupant of the White House.

MSNBC's disdain for the current president is starkly visible in the data. During Obama's presidency it referred to him as "President Obama" just over half of the times it mentioned him. In the year and a half since he left office, 37 percent of the network's mentions still refer to him as "president" while just 25 percent of its mentions of Donald Trump since his election refer to him as "President Trump." ... Fox, for all the criticism it receives, in this case appears to be called the most balanced in how it refers to the current head of state. During Obama's tenure it referred to him as "president" in 46 percent of its mentions, dropping to 31 percent of its mentions post-presidency. It refers to Donald Trump as "president" in 44 percent of its mentions of him, nearly identical to how it treated Obama while in office.

Kaley Leetaru, RealClearPolitics

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Former Chicago Symphony Orchestra music director Daniel Barenboim returned to the ensemble Thursday night after a 12-year absence.

IN PERFORMANCE

Chicago homecoming

Daniel Barenboim makes historic return to Orchestra Hall

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

Twelve years after he stepped down as music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Daniel Barenboim stepped up to the Orchestra Hall podium on Thursday night and was greeted with prolonged ovations — before the first note sounded and after the last one thundered.

At first, he faced the audience for a while, apparently savoring the moment and acknowledging its historic significance. Then he turned to the orchestra, which for this occasion was seated as it had been when he was its ninth music director, with cellos in front of him to his left, basses to his far left, and so forth.

Most important, Barenboim chose to reconnect with his audience — and with the orchestra he directed from 1991 to 2006 — via a work he never had performed in its entirety with the CSO: Bedrich Smetana's "Ma Vlast" ("My Country").

At first glance, this may have

seemed an odd repertory choice for an occasion that perhaps merited something of greater gravitas (with all due respect to "Ma Vlast," which eloquently achieves other, equally worthy goals). But Barenboim long has treasured the CSO recording of the piece with Rafael Kubelik, the orchestra's fifth music director, he told me recently.

"It was one of the first long-playing records I had of the CSO with Kubelik," Barenboim said, "and I was stunned by that performance."

That comparison set the bar rather high, for Kubelik was born, raised and trained in the Czech culture that Smetana celebrated in "Ma Vlast"; and Kubelik, not surprisingly, was widely admired for his insights into Czech repertory. But Barenboim offered a distinctive and immediately compelling account of his own, one that emphasized poetry of phrase, intensity of expression and the vibrancy of color one associates with Czech music and its most knowing interpreters.

From the opening pages of the suite's first symphonic poem, "Vysehrad," there was no doubt that Barenboim was going to craft an extroverted, red-blooded

reading of "Ma Vlast." After the harp passages that raised the curtain on the work and the regal brass choir that eventually followed, Barenboim — conducting without score — inspired tempestuous orchestral playing but also some moments of introspection. The sweetness of the woodwinds and the lyric tenderness of the lower strings indicated a performance with as much warmth as excitement.

"Vltava" ("Moldau") long has been the most beloved of "Ma Vlast's" tone poems, the piece often performed as a stand-alone work, its main theme essentially the same as "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem (scholars debate the origins of the melody).

But there's so much more to this work than its famous tune, a point Barenboim expressed via the orchestral detail he brought forth in the descriptive opening pages, which evoked the rushing waters of the title river. Most remarkable here was the sensitivity with which Barenboim shaped phrases, the conductor bringing nuance to melodic lines that others simply plow through.

Assistant principal clarinet John Bruce Yeh played principal

clarinet on this night, his piquant tone rising above a swirl of orchestral sound in "Sarka." Here, and elsewhere, Barenboim leaned toward brisk tempos and animated rhythms.

Barenboim contrasted the impassioned opening material of "From Bohemian Fields and Groves" with a notably delicate approach to its fugal section, which in turn gave way to spirited, oft-virtuosic playing from the strings. Clarinetist Yeh duetted serenely with guest clarinetist Teresa Reilly, the two matching tone and gesture (they are married).

And in the concluding pieces, "Taboř" and "Blanik," Barenboim achieved aptly heroic music-making without veering into bluster.

So the conductor chose well in returning with "Ma Vlast," which reaffirmed his chemistry with an orchestra that clearly still wants to play for him.

The program repeats through Saturday; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

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Carey Mulligan and Jake Gyllenhaal

MICHAEL PHILLIPS MOVIES

"Wildlife"

In 1960 Montana, golf pro Jerry (Jake Gyllenhaal), an insecure glad-hander frequently between jobs, has a bright teenage son, Joe (Ed Oxenbould), with his wife, Jeanette (Carey Mulligan). They've recently moved from Idaho to Montana. A forest fire rages nearby in the Rockies. Jerry once again finds himself out of work, and stuck too often at home with a beer and eyes full of self-directed disappointment. The confines of their one-story house pushes the bodies closer together, making the proximity a little intense, and the slights more hurtful. R, 1:44, drama



JULIETA CERVANTES PHOTO

Betty Buckley

CHRIS JONES THEATER

"Hello, Dolly!"

Before we get into trains and parades passing by, galloping waiters and all the rest of that glorious Broadway mishogoss as the splendorous 2017 Broadway revival of "Hello, Dolly!" lands in Chicago, geek out with me on a perfect lyric. The song from Jerry Herman's score is a romantic ballad called "It Only Takes a Moment." It's a near-perfect number. "And that is all that love's about," the couple sings, "and we'll recall as time runs out." So how does the tour compare to Broadway? Atop the title it reads Betty Buckley. Buckley is, of course, a serious actress whose comedic capability is rooted in truth. She is not, and never will be, a cutup. This could not be a more different performance from the original star, Bette Midler. Yet I enjoyed them both. *Through Nov. 17 at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; \$27-\$108 at 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com.*

GREG KOT MUSIC

Laura Jane Grace and the Devouring Mothers

Laura Jane Grace's forthcoming solo album, "Bought to Rot," includes a song called "I Hate Chicago." Which might not be a big deal, except that Grace, who grew up in Florida, has lived in Chicago the last six years and is putting out the album on a Chicago label, Bloodshot Records. 8 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.; \$25; hideoutchicago.com.

HOWARD REICH CLASSICAL MUSIC

Bella Voce

The ensemble launches its 36th season with Bach's Mass in B Minor, performed with the Bella Voce Sinfonia. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron St. The program repeats at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. \$45-\$65; \$10 for students; 312-479-1096 or www.bellavoce.org.

'NOBODY'S FOOL' ★★

Haddish, Sumpter put on a sister act

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

The Tyler Perry Studios logo signifies many things: a successful business model for production and distribution; a tremendous amount of work, for a wide, deep, underserved African-American talent pool; and, like clockwork, every few months, another Perry film offering a few laughs, a little sex, a lesson or two in healing and the power of family.

Judging from "Nobody's Fool," it's time for this talented, driven, versatile force to concentrate on craft, along with his prodigious output.

The new one's a passable dash-through of a romantic comedy, bailed out periodically by the performers. But the actors are working harder than they should for a reason: because the material needs help.

Tika Sumpter plays Danica, a hotshot Manhattan advertising executive who earns "in the upper six figures." Successful in business, foolish in love, she's likely being duped by her long-distance virtual boyfriend, whom she's never met, or even seen via video chat.

Recently out of prison, her

MPAA rating: R (for sexual content and language throughout, and for drug material)

Running time: 1:50

wild, wild sister, Tanya, enlists the help of MTV's "Catfish" to get to the truth. Tiffany Haddish plays her, and the best laugh in the picture is the way she rolls into her sister's swank condo and takes stock of what she's been missing. Has it really only been a little over a year since "Girls Trip" came out, and launched Haddish into stardom?

Problem is, her follow-up roles in things like "Night School" haven't done her talents justice. In "Nobody's Fool," she pitches everything super broadly, even throwaway bits.

In Perry's films, protagonists typically stay in their ruts of self-destructive behavior until they wake up, smell the coffee and get with the real Mr. Right. "Nobody's Fool" lets you know instantly that Danica is A) wasting her time with her so-called boyfriend, and B) talking herself out of the flawed but sexy/sensitive/capable/worthy suitor (Omari Hardwick). Owner of



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Tyler Perry's latest release, "Nobody's Fool," stars Amber Riley, from left, Tiffany Haddish and Tika Sumpter.

Danica's favorite coffee emporium, he signals his worthiness by presenting her each and every morning with a long-stemmed red rose.

While everyone else sweats and strains to give "Nobody's Fool" some energy, Whoopi Goldberg (as the sisters' perpetually stoned mother) goes the other way, taking it easy and slyly becoming a stealth asset to the picture.

In one scene she reminds Danica that it's "the tiny little perfections in the very flawed people you come across" that matter. That's a good line, and it stands out. Too much of "Nobody's Fool" makes do with well-worn exchanges and contrived, overheard conversations. "Nobody's Fool" is the 22nd feature film Perry has directed in

13 years. (He was also terrific as the media-savvy attorney in "Gone Girl.") Next spring he's releasing another Madea movie, showcasing Tyler's sassy gold mine of a grandmother character one last time, or so he says. (Don't take the bet.)

Also, this is a silly detail, but Tyler's direction is not helped by that fake-looking digital Manhattan skyline outside Danica's living room. It looks like third-tier regional market morning television. In more ways than one, Tyler Perry can do better, in addition to doing so much.

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SOFA Chicago: the Tater Tot casserole of art fairs

By KT HAWBAKER
Chicago Tribune

The Iowa kid in me had an unusually warm reaction to the opening of the Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design Fair — “SOFA” — on Thursday night.

Now in its 25th year, SOFA is the Ron Swanson to EXPO Chicago’s April Ludgate (Is it really art criticism without a “Parks and Rec” reference?). With an emphasis on utility, exactness and pragmatism, its treatment of the art world offers a non-scary version of populism — what I see as the best of Midwestern impulses. And, at the risk of over-romanticizing the exhibition (and politics), it was a comfort to see these ideas seamlessly occupy the same space as contemporary art.

Here are three of my biggest takeaways from a first-time visit to the show on Navy Pier:

Blue-collar trades, STEM fields and the home

SOFA focuses on three-dimensional art, which ranges from delicate, hand-blown glass sculpture to Plexiglas paintings to immersive pieces of architecture. The show’s attention to formalism and craft draws a direct connection to fields like welding and construction, which aren’t typically represented in fine art spaces.

SOFA’s other distinguishing mark is its embrace of the decorative arts. Currently, a ton of visual art is purchased and holed away, solely to diversify financial portfolios. Here, large amount of decorative work, which doesn’t carry the same



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On display at SOFA, Andrew Myers’ “When Life Gives You Lemons...” is composed of thousands of painted screws.

kind of moneyed freight, suggested that this was art intended to be purchased and then placed somewhere visible in a domestic space.

A balance of local and international

Don’t get it twisted: SOFA is still very much an international art fair, which means the financial and creative stakes are high. Like EXPO, this show marries Chicago-based galleries with those from abroad. Familiar standouts include Bruno Sudro’s large, matriarchal paintings at Gallery Victor Armendariz, while Xevi Vilaro, a self-taught Spanish artist repped by Peimbert Art in Los Angeles and Acapulco, displayed a different take on threatening, enduring femininity.

A lack of pretense

The crowd at SOFA’s opening was louder than the typical art fair congregation and their fashion a bit more dialed-down. Prices were readily available on gallery stickers and folks were unobtrusive about what they wanted to

spend, which felt like reality checks on the art fair model — at the end of the day, it’s a trade show.

That being said, the collectors I spoke to were enthusiastic about SOFA’s dynamics, with many commuting to the pier from the burbs. To Robert and Kandie Martin of Northbrook, the event is unlike any other in the city. “There’s nothing that you see in regular galleries,” Kandie said. She and her husband view collecting art like collecting passport stamps, even though the two recently downsized and a few of their most-loved objects are in storage. They’ve been attending SOFA for “20 years or so,” showing up to meet artists and see what’s new.

“This year, we’ve noticed more mirrors on display,” she continued, noting that she and Martin both loved the reflective surfaces.

SOFA runs through Sunday at Navy Pier’s Festival Halls A and B, 600 E. Grand Ave. More information can be found at www.sofaexpo.com.

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ASK AMY

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Drama? Try ‘3-Thanksgivings’ rule

Dear Amy: My brother was married for 29 years. Out of the blue, he announced to my husband and me that he had left his wife and was now living with “Kelly,” a girlfriend that he had met online.

I told him that I will still maintain a friendship with my sister-in-law. He said he was fine with that.

Soon after his announcement, he said he wanted to bring Kelly to visit us. He said she was upset that no one in our family wanted to meet her.

We suggested that we should go on an outing together, and we all set a date. Just beforehand, my brother said Kelly couldn’t make it. The next thing we know, he’s texting that they’ve broken up and that she threw him out.

My husband and I went on the outing ourselves and had a good time. Almost immediately, I got a picture from my brother stating that he and his girlfriend had actually taken this same outing a few days before we did.

I really don’t enjoy my brother’s drama, but he’s still my brother and I imagine this woman will be in his life. He’s a nice guy but makes some bad, impulsive decisions. I am not ready to invest in an iffy, on/off relationship at this point.

What do I say to my brother without hurting him? He seems to have no direction lately.

— *Dazed and Confused*

Dear Dazed: Your middle-aged brother seems to be dating in middle school. The good news is that you don’t have to do anything about it. You don’t need to respond to his strange behavior; you don’t need to

invest, or divest, in his on/off girlfriend. You don’t need to provide shelter, money or advice. You should carry on, living your life. The only thing you really need to do is to treat your brother’s choices and declarations with the appropriate amount of skepticism. Assume he will be bouncing around until he gets his act together, and hope he does.

In terms of “Kelly,” you should apply the three-Thanksgivings rule. She may or may not be in his life, and if she is and you finally meet her, you need only be polite and respectful. No relationship investment is necessary until they settle down and show up for three Thanksgivings in a row. After polite conversation at three Thanksgivings, you should assume she will be around for a while and build your relationship from there.

Don’t let your brother gaslight or guilt you into believing that your own behavior is in question, because it’s not.

Dear Amy: I have an unusual name. I have to spell or pronounce it (or both) on just about a daily basis as I interact with lots of new people via my job.

You’d think I’d know what to do about people who mispronounce the name I’ve had for over 40 years, but I don’t! What should I do about acquaintances and (so-called) friends of several years who say it wrong?

After the first two times of correcting people, I get stumped. Are they just stupid? Are they gaslighting me? I cannot think of a polite way of saying, “Oh,

my God! I’ve told you three times how to pronounce my name! What is wrong with you?!”

Instead, I say nothing, and seethe. There isn’t always someone else around who is caring enough to correct them for me. Please advise!

— *Blamed for the Name*

Dear Blamed: If there is a word or phrase that rhymes with your name, use it: “Kyrie, rhymes with ‘weary’” — or “Milada,” rhymes with “de nada.”

Tell those who habitually mispronounce it: “Can I be honest with you? You always mispronounce my name, and it really bothers me! Here’s how to pronounce it ...” After one honest, calm and patient correction, then yes, if this happens again, definitely ask them what is wrong with them.

Dear Amy: The letter from “Sad Mom” brought tears to my eyes, remembering my own struggles when I was a new mother of two babies.

Thank you for suggesting she might have postpartum depression. I didn’t have it with my first, but I had severe postpartum with my second. Honestly, the minute I got a diagnosis, I started to feel better.

— *Fine Now*

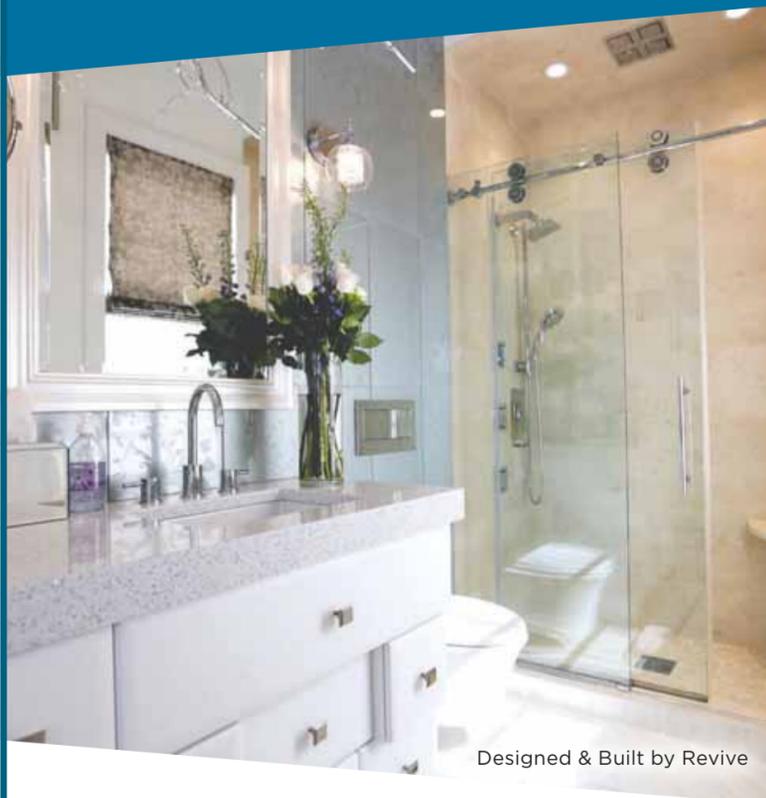
Dear Fine: It is terrible to struggle, blaming yourself for a character flaw when you are actually sick. A diagnosis is the important first step to healing.

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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Danielle Panabaker

“Christmas Joy” (7 p.m., Hallmark): Joy Holbrook (Danielle Panabaker) is forced to rush home to North Carolina after her aunt is hospitalized. Her homecoming reunites Joy with Ben Andrews (Matthew Long), an old crush who is now a hospital administrator. When Joy volunteers to take over from her injured relative to plan the Cookie Crawl, an annual walking tour of homes, Ben steps up to help.

“Horse Racing” (2:30 p.m., NBC): Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky has the distinction this year of hosting the first and last of what is now called horse racings Grand Slam. The Breeders’ Cup Classic wraps up the racing season at Churchill Downs, which is mostly known for the hosting the Kentucky Derby. Derby and Triple Crown winner Justify retired and will not be in this race. That opens the door for a number of this year’s top thoroughbreds.

“The Disappearance of Phoenix Coldon” (6 p.m., 9 p.m., OXY): This two-night true-crime presentation, which concludes Sunday, chronicles the case of Phoenix Coldon, a young black woman who vanished from East St. Louis, Mo., in late 2011. Her SUV was found abandoned but still running, key in the ignition, in a high-crime sector of the city, with Coldon’s glasses, purse, shoes and ID all inside. The baffling disappearance received scant media attention.

“Paul, Apostle of Christ” (7:15 p.m., 4:11 a.m., Starz): Awaiting execution in prison for being deemed a threat to the Roman Empire, the apostle Paul (James Faulkner) reflects with the evangelist Luke (Jim Caviezel, “The Passion of the Christ”) on events in his life that led him to this moment in this 2018 biblical drama from writer-director Andrew Hyatt. Greek actor Yorgos Karamihos plays Faulkner’s character in his earlier pre-Christian life as Saul of Tarsus.

“Chad Loves Michelle” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): This new unscripted series takes viewers along on the path to the altar currently under way for vocalist Michelle Williams of Destiny’s Child and Chad Johnson, a sports chaplain to several professional organizations. They’ve been together for a year now, but their careers haven’t allowed them to be in the same town for more than seven days at a time. That’s why they’re both relocating to Los Angeles.

“Shut Up and Dribble” (8 p.m., 10 p.m., Showtime): LeBron James and Maverick Carter are executive producers of this three-part documentary series, which takes its title from conservative Fox News host Laura Ingraham’s caustic advice to James when she reported news that the Golden State Warriors had declined an invitation to the Trump White House. This presentation examines the modern history of the National Basketball Association.

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	The U 26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
	MeTV 26.3	Svengoolie: “Gargoyles.” ©				Lost in Space ©		Dr. Rogers ♦	
	H&I 26.4	Hunter: “Double Exposure.” Hunter				Hunter: “Any Second Now.” Hill Street ♦			
Bounce 26.5	♦ (6) Torque (PG-13,‘04) ♦♦ XXX (PG-13,‘02) ♦♦ Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.								
FOX 32	♦ (6:30) College Football: UCLA at Oregon. (N) (Live) HD								
Ion 38	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ♦		
TeleM 44	♦ Dragon 2	White House Down (PG-13,‘13) ♦♦ Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. ©		Noticiero					
CW 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline © HD		Dateline ©		
UniMas 60	Según (N)	Según (N)		The Fault in Our Stars (NR,‘14) ♦♦♦ Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort.					
WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Moses	Bishop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Advanced D		
Univ 66	♦ La Rosa de Guadalupe (7:55) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live) Fútbol (N) ♦								
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©							
	AMC	The Dark Knight (PG-13,‘08) ♦♦♦♦ Christian Bale, Heath Ledger. ©							
	ANIM	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		Amanda to the Rescue		Pit Bulls ♦	
	BBCA	♦ (5) Braveheart (R,‘95) ♦♦♦ Mel Gibson. ©				Doctor Who ©		Dr. Who ♦	
	BET	♦ (6:55) Friday (R,‘95) ♦♦♦ Ice Cube, Chris Tucker.				Friday After Next (R,‘02) ♦		Ice Cube. ♦	
	BIGTEN	Women’s College Volleyball (N)							
	BRAVO	♦ (6:08) A Madea Christmas ‘13 ♦ ©		♦ (8:16) A Madea Christmas (PG-13,‘13) ♦ Tyler Perry.					
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	News (N)	
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Undercover Boss ©		Boss ♦	
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)							
	CNN	CNN Special Report ©							
	COM	♦ (6) Get Smart (PG-13,‘08) ♦♦ ©		Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ♦♦♦					
	DISC	Building Off the Grid: Vail		Building Off the Grid: Cliff		Building: Alaskan Glacier			
	DISN	How to Build a Better Boy (NR,‘14) ©		Coop		Coop		Raven	
	E!	♦ (6) The Longest Yard (PG-13,‘05) ♦♦		The Longest Yard (PG-13,‘05) ♦♦ Adam Sandler. ♦					
	ESPN	♦ College Football: Notre Dame at Northwestern. (N)							
	ESPN2	♦ (6) College Football: Duke at Miami. (N) (Live)							
	FNC	Watters’ World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters ♦	
	FOOD	Holiday Baking		Holiday Baking		Holiday Baking		Baking ♦	
	FREE	♦ (6:20) Pitch Perfect (PG-13,‘12) ♦♦♦ Anna Kendrick. Life-Size (NR,‘00) ♦♦ Jere Burns. © ♦							
	FX	The Martian (PG-13,‘15) ♦♦♦ Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain. ©							
	HALL	Christmas Joy (NR,‘18) Danielle Panabaker. ©							
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©		Love It or List It ©		Beachfront Renovation (N) Restored ♦			
	HIST	American Pickers Watergate: “Things Fall Apart; U.S. v. Nixon.” (N) ©							
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic Files ©	Forensic		
	IFC	Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,‘05) ♦♦ Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. ©							
	LIFE	The Perfect Mother (NR,‘18) Sunny Mabrey. ©							
	MSNBC	The Vote: America’s Fu		The Vote: America’s Fu		The Vote: America’s Fu		The Vote.	
	MTV	Wedding Crashers (R,‘05) ♦♦♦ Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. ©							
	NBCSCH	Chicago Hud	Football	Beer Money	Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Flames (N) ♦			
NICK	Henry (N)	Knight (N)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		
OVATION	♦ (5) The Patriot (R,‘00) ♦♦♦ Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger. Versailles (N) Versailles								
OWN	Ready to Love ©		Chad Loves Michelle (Series Premiere) (N)		Ready to Love (N)		Ready ♦		
OXY	♦ The Disappearance (Series Premiere) (N) Snapped ©								
PARMT	Red (PG-13,‘10) ♦♦ Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman. ©								
SYFY	♦ Pirates		The BFG (PG,‘16) ♦♦♦ Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill. ©		The Purge ♦				
TBS	♦ (5:30) Horrible Bosses 2 Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Full Frontal								
TCM	Red River (NR,‘48) ♦♦♦ John Wayne, Montgomery Clift. ©								
TLC	American Gypsy Wedding		American Gypsy Wedding		Gypsy Wedding (N)		Unexpect. ♦		
TLN	Exalted		Pacific Garden Mission		In Grace		Humanitarian		
TNT	Central Intelligence (PG-13,‘16) ♦♦ Dwayne Johnson. Central Intelligence (PG-13,‘16) ♦♦♦								
TOON	♦ Night at Mus.		Dragon		My Hero (N)		Naruto Boruto (N) Dragon (N)		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©								
TVL	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men King		
USA	♦ Avengers		Ant-Man (PG-13,‘15) ♦♦♦ Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. ©		Ant-Man ♦				
VH1	♦ Remember the Titans ♦♦♦ 8 Mile (R,‘02) ♦♦♦ Eminem, Kim Basinger. ©								
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WGN America	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: “Payback.”		Blue Blood ♦		
PREMIUM	HBO	Fifty Shades Freed (R,‘18) ♦♦ Dakota Johnson.		(8:50) The Deuce ©		Pod Save ♦			
	HBO2	Camping ©		Tracey Ull		Taken (PG-13,‘08) ♦♦♦ Liam Neeson.		Three Billboards ♦	
	MAX	Predator (R,‘87) ♦♦♦ Arnold Schwarzenegger. (8:50) Predators (R,‘10) ♦♦♦							
	SHO	♦ (6) The Foreigner ‘17 ♦♦ Shut Up and Dribble (N) Ray Donovan ©							
	STARZ	(7:15) Paul, Apostle of Christ (PG-13,‘18) ♦♦		(9:05) Howards End ©		Ordinary ♦			
STZNC	(7:01) Outlander ©		(8:02) Outlander ©		(9:03) Outlander ©		Black Sails		

A Julia Roberts thriller to binge on

BY HANK STUEVER
The Washington Post



HILARY B GAYLE/AMAZON

Julia Roberts, left, and Sissy Spacek in “Homecoming.”

“Homecoming” doesn’t feel like an escape from all that, but setting it aside to enjoy in some saner moment could be an unnecessarily long wait. In one sense, “Homecoming” is every bit as creepy and demoralizing as the times we live in; as a disciplined work of fiction, however, it also seems safely at a remove from headlines.

The series is based on a podcast series created by Eli Horowitz and Micah Bloomberg, who’ve helped Esmail refashion their

audio-based fictional narrative into a terrific tale of deceit and memory in which a government contractor secretly tests a drug meant to erase the traumatic memories of soldiers, so that the veterans can be recycled back into battle while saving millions on mental health care.

Proving once more that the more interesting and decent roles have migrated to television, Roberts gives an impeccably Julia Robertsesque performance as Heidi Bergman, a novice

psychologist hired to oversee counseling at a facility benignly branded as Homecoming, a Tampa-based rehabilitation center where soldiers voluntarily partake in programs designed to ease their re-entry into everyday life.

During weekly therapy sessions, Heidi grows fond of Walter Cruz (Stephan James), a patient who tells her his worst memories of combat. Each week, Walter seems to forget a little more about that. Walter’s buddy, Shrier (Jeremy Allen White from “Shameless”), starts to wig out as the days go by, raving to Walter that the food that the vets are eating in the dining hall is laced with a drug.

A parallel narrative, set four years ahead in 2022, indicates that something went wrong at Homecoming and the project was shut down. A viewer can distinguish one timeline from the other by the fact that Heidi now works as a waitress and lives with her mother (Sissy Spacek).

Esmail’s knack for clever obfuscation is dialed down several notches from “Mr. Robot,” which means “Homecoming’s” central mystery is easy to decipher. The show’s curiously banal style is the real draw.

To all this, add a surpris-

ing innovation that a TV critic cannot help but endorse: “Homecoming” is a half-hour drama, which suggests all sorts of new ways to pace each chapter.

Could this be the answer to peak-TV stress disorder? It bears studying.

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PG-13 Parents Strongly Cautioned Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
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NC-17 No children under 17 admitted

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Evanston Township High School District No. 202

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Evanston Township High School District No. 202, Cook County, Illinois for 2018 will be held on November 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, and Room N-112. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mary Rodino, Board Treasurer, Evanston Township High School District No. 202, 1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201 at 847-424-7100.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$67,944,670. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$71,299,177. This represents a 4.94% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2017 were \$2,683,861. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$2,766,478. This represents a 3.1% increase over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$70,637,520. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$74,065,655. This represents a 4.8% overall increase over the previous year.

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<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Avenue</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">"IS A HIT!"</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">- Highly Recommended, Chris Jones, Chicago Tribune</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">mercurytheaterchicago.com</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">BETTY BUCKLEY HELLO, DOLLY!</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Oriental Theatre 800.775.2000 BroadwayInChicago.com</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">TODAY AT 10:00AM TOMORROW AT 10:00AM</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Broadway Playhouse 800.775.2000 BroadwayInChicago.com Groups 10+: 312.977.7170</p>
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Nov. 3): You're in the spotlight this year. Communication projects reap satisfying rewards with persistent efforts. Collaboration flowers unexpectedly. Express your heart this winter before your career takes a new turn. Summer explorations lead to new directions with a creative project.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Get moving for better than expected results. Energize your workout with great music. Stick to familiar routines. Put love into your work. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Relax and play with people you love and admire. Listen and learn. Avoid expensive risks. Let go of an old trepidation, and try something new.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Stay home and take it easy. Authorize improvements. Make decisions about color, style and functionality. Get long-lasting quality. Cook up something delicious.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Dig deeper into a favorite subject. Words come easily; tackle a writing project with vigor. Stick to simple objectives without elaboration for best results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Tap another revenue source. A juicy apple is hanging right within reach. Resist the temptation to splurge. Grab an opportunity when it presents itself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. You're especially powerful and confident. Consider a new style. Let go of a preconception or self-limitation. Dress for the part you want.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 5. Find somewhere peaceful and private to hole up. Complete projects and file things. Make plans and prepare for upcoming events.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Friends and social connections open new possibilities. Communicate to share resources, energy and ideas. Clarify issues and work out solutions together.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Career matters occupy your time now. Read contracts and documents carefully. A challenge requires dedication and energy. There's a nice prize available. Focus to win.

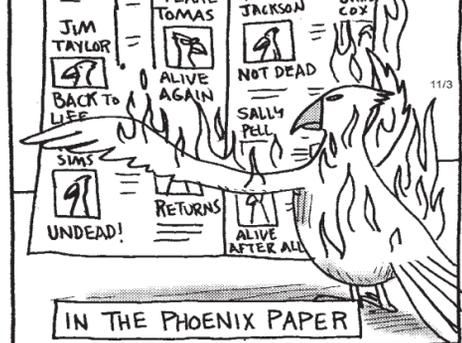
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. You're learning plenty. Study a subject of passion or fascination. For a deeper take, go there in person. Travels open your horizons and imagination.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Work together to handle financial management for shared accounts. Contribute steadily to grow the enterprise stronger. Collaborate to invent an inspiring future vision.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. You and a partner may have misunderstandings. Take time to work it out. What you get isn't what you expected. It could be better.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

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

Players will usually prefer to play game in an eight-card major suit fit rather than play in no trump. That's a good idea, but when the hand with the five-card major is otherwise balanced and his partner's hand is completely balanced, nine tricks at no trump might prove easier to take.

Today's deal is from a team game. At this table, East won the opening spade lead with his ace and shifted to a low diamond, setting up three potential diamond tricks for himself. South won the shift with his queen and led the 10 of hearts to the queen and ace. He crossed back to his hand with a club to lead the nine of hearts. He was hoping West would cover and East would have a doubleton eight, but that hope vanished when West played the eight. Declarer rose with dummy's ace and took his nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, one diamond, and four clubs. Making three!

At the other table, North-South "found" their eight-card heart fit. There were four certain losers and declarer never had a chance. Down one.

No trump is often best when one player has a six-card minor suit. Be on the lookout for hands that might play better in notrump despite a five-three major suit fit. It is almost always right to play in a major with a four-four fit, unless both hands are "mirrored," meaning they have exactly the same length in all four suits.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



Baby Blues



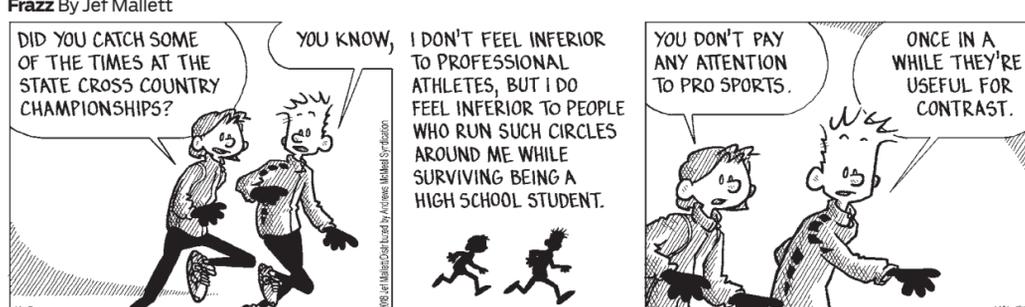
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Classic Peanuts



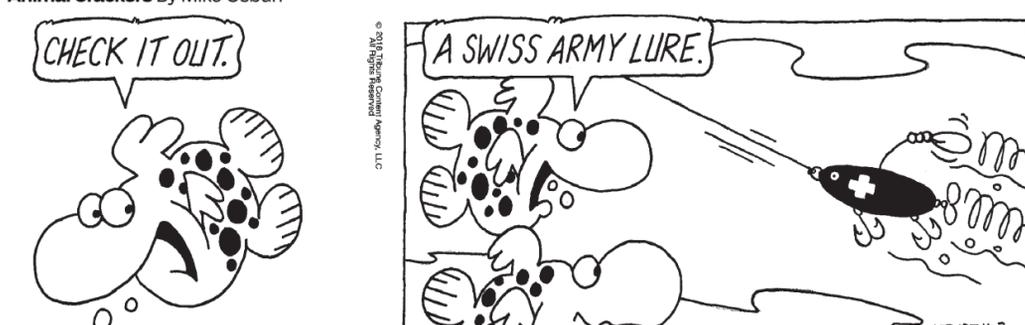
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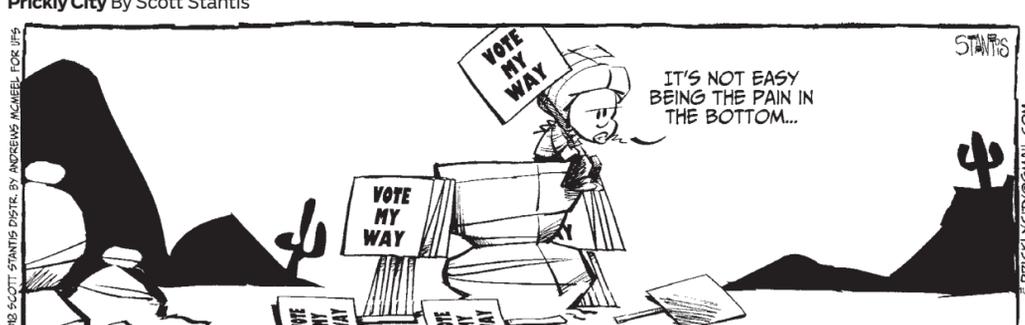
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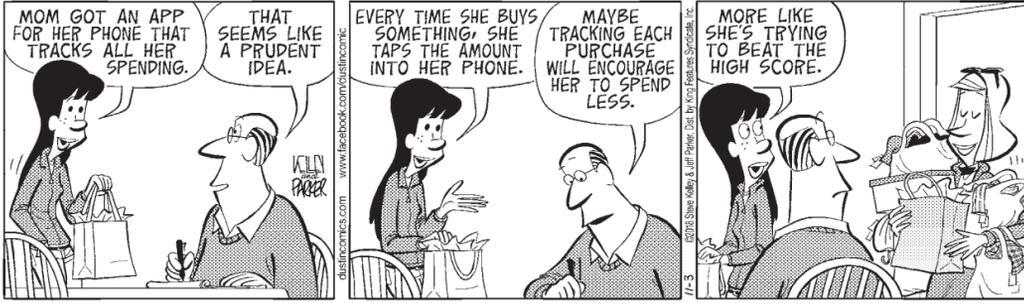
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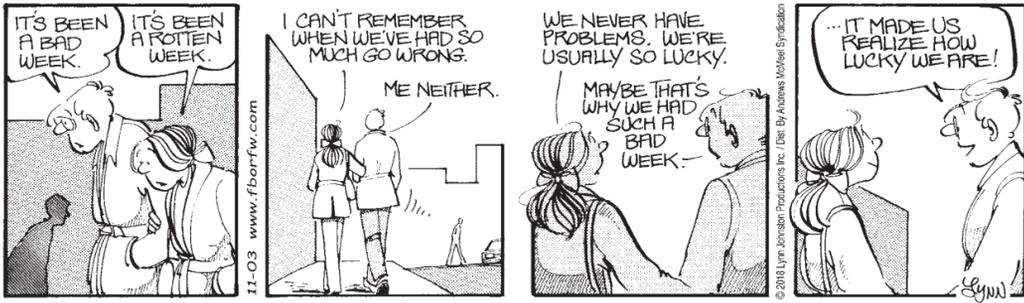
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



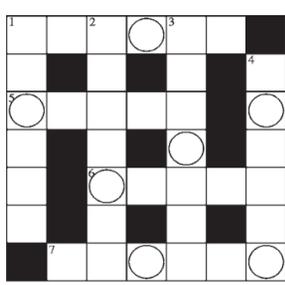
Trivia Bits

Which 1970s American sitcom was adapted from a British series called "Man About the House"?

A) "All in the Family"
 B) "Mork & Mindy"
 C) "One Day at a Time"
 D) "Three's Company"

Friday's answer: Coyote is a trickster figure in Apache, Navajo and Paiute mythology.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

1. Purpose
 5. "Speed"
 6. Home to Milan
 7. Backward

CLUE DOWN

1. Neighbor to Jordan
 2. Strategy
 3. Describe
 4. Grand

TRIPLE BONUS
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

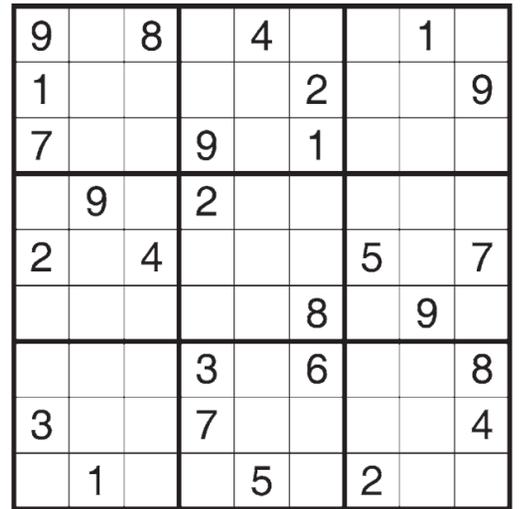
CLUE: Teach a different skill to
 CLUE: Landscape
 CLUE: Personal

would love to hear from you... You can e-mail me at: DLHoyt@aol.com

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 ANSWERS: 1-Antelope 2-Tactics 3-Describe 4-Grand 5-Italy 6-France 7-Reverse
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

11/3



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

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

Friday's solutions

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Jumble

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



Answer here



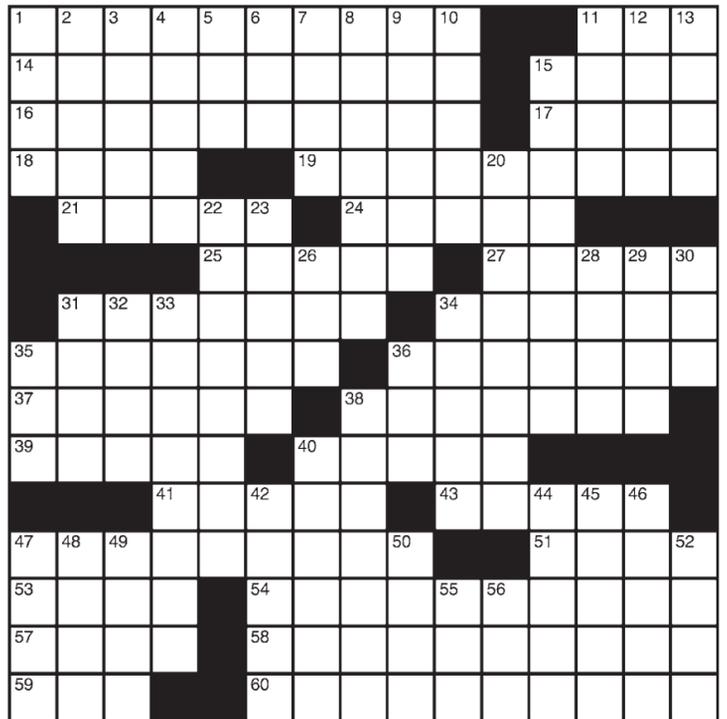
Friday's answers

Jumbles: VIDEO UNIFY SCARCE PAGODA
 Answer: She wanted to tango with her husband but couldn't get past his — "AVOID-DANCE"

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Crossword

11/3



Across

- 1 "No problem"
- 11 You can only get one if you're near home, briefly
- 14 "What are you asking?"
- 15 Salon inventory
- 16 Taunts on the field
- 17 Doing business
- 18 Fast period
- 19 Loiter
- 21 Showing a 'tude
- 24 Emotional
- 25 Confused conditions
- 27 Social media movement since 2017
- 31 Bat coating
- 34 D12 comedy hip-hop song produced by Eminem
- 35 One of two raised when rearing
- 36 Like Dorothy's slippers
- 37 Tough situations
- 38 Oprah, at times

- 39 Linguine sauce
- 40 Non —
- 41 Largest USA steel producer
- 43 Subway gate
- 47 Foxglove
- 51 Part of rock's CSNY
- 53 Corner piece
- 54 Causes second thoughts
- 57 Off-rd. transports
- 58 Fair
- 59 Friend of Wyatt
- 60 Relaxed

- 26 Half an upwind sailing route
- 28 Sailors
- 29 People
- 30 Roulette choice
- 31 Sweater outlet?
- 32 Eye part
- 33 They're constantly picking up
- 34 Their ancestry is often uncertain
- 35 Data transfer initials
- 36 Co. that introduced the 45-rpm record
- 38 Makes it
- 40 Cut to a field reporter
- 42 One eying a basket
- 44 Nonsensical
- 45 Three-time Formula One World Drivers' Champion Niki —
- 46 Sassafrafs foursome
- 47 Uninspiring
- 48 Very small bit
- 49 Type of agcy.
- 50 Shipped
- 52 Lamarr of early Hollywood
- 55 Anonymous seashore vendor?
- 56 Bachelor —

Down

- 1 JFK — Airport
- 2 Worries
- 3 Big brand in appliances
- 4 Anthills and beehives, e.g.
- 5 Morse character
- 6 Go (for)
- 7 Airport transport
- 8 Attention-getting marker
- 9 "Supernatural" co-star Jensen —
- 10 Electric car maker
- 11 Former security, for short
- 12 French flag couleur
- 13 " — that special?"
- 15 Depart, in totspeak
- 20 Base kid
- 22 Spend, often begrudgingly
- 23 Eastwood's "Rawhide" role

Friday's solution



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#4 NOTRE DAME AT NORTHWESTERN

Neverland

Getting recruited by 2 top schools a dream for Irish TEs Weishar, Kmet but could be nightmare for Cats

BY LAMOND POPE | Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame tight end Nic Weishar always rooted for Northwestern. His mom, Jean, had a lot to do with it. She played volleyball for the Wildcats from 1982 to '84.

"I was always kind of a (Northwestern) fan growing up because of that," Weishar said this week. "I watched them, and them being in the Big Ten, there's always great games on too."

Weishar vividly remembers attending the 2010 game against Illinois at Wrigley Field. Northwestern expressed interest during Weishar's recruitment, but the Marist graduate decided to go to Notre Dame.

The fifth-year senior will get an opportunity Saturday to play against the Wildcats (5-3) when the fourth-ranked Irish (8-0) travel to Evanston for the first time since 1976.

Weishar, from Midlothian, is looking forward to having a game in the Chicago area.

"It's awesome, it means everything," Weishar said. "I have a lot of family and friends coming to the game. It's going to be a special moment. It's cool to have everybody in Chicago watching that game."

Weishar estimated he'll have a cheering section of between 30 and 40.

"And probably even more tailgating,"

Turn to **Recruits**, Page 2

Notre Dame at Northwestern
6:15 p.m. Saturday, ESPN
■ Three ways Notre Dame can beat Northwestern and vice versa. **Page 2**

Nic Weishar and Cole Kmet, right, get excited during Notre Dame's win over Stanford in September.

MICHAEL HICKEY/GETTY



BEARS

Mack feels 'real uneasy' just watching from sideline

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack said he had "a real uneasy feeling" watching Sunday's 24-10 victory over the Jets from the sideline.

Mack sat out for the first time in 71 career games and is questionable to play in the 72nd Sunday against the Bills at New Era Field.

After participating in Friday's practice at Halas Hall in a limited capacity for the first time this week, Mack wouldn't answer questions about the injured right ankle that has slowed him for three weeks. Bears coach Matt Nagy continued to say the decision to play Mack is "day to day."

But it's clear what Mack would prefer to do.

"It felt different," Mack said of missing the game. "I felt like a coach. I just wanted to do what I could as far as helping guys understand what was going to happen early and give the best feedback I could and be a great teammate."

"It was a real uneasy feeling being over there, but at the same time I'm glad we got the win. Those guys did a heck of a job. They looked real good. Our defense looked real good."

Nagy said he wouldn't fault Mack for especially wanting to play at Buffalo.

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Zach LaVine lines up a fourth-quarter shot under pressure from the Pacers' Myles Turner.

PACERS 107, BULLS 105

Just good enough to lose: Bulls fall in final seconds

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Justin Holiday tried a new look Friday night, braiding his hair and donning a headband.

Unfortunately for the Bulls, they perfected their same losing look.

Despite Holiday sinking five 3-pointers for the second straight game and tying his season-high with 19 points, the Bulls again staged a competitive effort before falling short 107-105 at the United Center.

Darren Collison sank a mid-range jumper with 17.8 seconds left after a defensive breakdown in which both Zach LaVine and Holiday chased Victor Oladipo, leaving Bojan Bogdanovic, who set the screen, wide



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open. Bogdanovic swung the ball to Collison, who pump-faked Ryan Arcidiacono into the air and calmly knocked down the winner.

After a timeout, LaVine missed a contested baseline jumper.

"We were trying to get Zach curling off a screen," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "They bumped him out. He still had a good look."

The rebound caromed out to Holiday, who missed a 3-pointer that would have won the game.

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CUBS

Cubs retain Hamels for \$20 million, trade Smyly

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

The exercising of left-hander Cole Hamels' \$20 million option Friday should stabilize the Cubs rotation for 2019.

But it required trading left-hander Drew Smyly and his \$7 million salary to the Rangers — Hamels' former team — for a player to be named to accommodate Hamels' option. It also could hamper the Cubs' flexibility regarding the magnitude of any future deals.

The Cubs have 13 players under contract at around \$160 million for next season. They appear destined to exceed the luxury tax threshold of \$206 million (which includes about \$14 million in benefits), but aiming for a marquee free-agent hitter such as Bryce Harper or Manny Machado could result in stiffer luxury tax penalties and even amateur draft penalties — depending on the cost.

Nevertheless, their pool of starting pitchers appears set with projected starters Jon Lester, Kyle Hendricks, Jose Quintana, Yu Darvish and Hamels, with Tyler Chatwood, Mike Montgomery, and Alec Mills providing depth.

Smyly, who hasn't pitched in the majors since 2016 after Tommy John surgery, was projected as part of the rotation mix. But the Rangers need starting pitching and taking on Smyly's salary in substance more than covers the \$6 million buyout they would have paid Hamels if the Cubs had not picked up his option and allowed him to become a free agent.

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COLLEGES

NORTHWESTERN BASKETBALL

NU hoping new arena will ignite recruiting

Cats christen Welsh-Ryan with blowout exhibition win

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**
Chicago Tribune

The three major knocks on Northwestern basketball, the reason top-75 recruits always chose elsewhere, were these: 1. Never made the NCAA tournament; 2. Awful facilities; 3. Doesn't produce NBA players.

With the Friday night unveiling of the sparkling new Welsh-Ryan Arena, two of those three have been smashed. With the third be next?

Northwestern athletic director Jim Phillips called the occasion a "transformational moment," and he wasn't referring to the presence of clean bathrooms or the baked potato bar in the \$110 million arena.

To get bang for their buck — to benefit the most from the generosity of donors such as Pat and Shirley Ryan — Northwestern will have to sign the kind of high-end players that will make the 2017 NCAA tournament appearance the rule, rather than the exception.

"Some would say this is the end because we've cut the ribbon after a long process, but I beg to differ," Phillips said. "This is just the beginning because we haven't had a chance to recruit to it yet. We haven't been able to train in it yet. We haven't been able to see what a facility of this magnitude can do for our programs."

Women's basketball coach Joe McKeown, whose team opens Nov. 11 against Duke, had been raving about how new Welsh-Ryan Arena would look.

"Our players came in and said: 'Coach, you didn't lie to me,'" McKeown said.

It was impossible not to think about the future Friday, given the presence of the 6-foot-8 Patrick Baldwin Jr., the nation's No. 2-ranked high school sophomore. His father, Pat Baldwin, assisted under Chris Collins before taking over at UW-Milwaukee. Pat was a rugged guard for Northwestern in the early '90s, and wife Shawn played volleyball at the old Welsh-Ryan.

They sat a few rows behind the Northwestern bench Friday with former Wildcat basketball players Nate Taphorn and Gavin Skelly.

The present looked pretty good as well Friday, with 10 Northwestern players scoring in its 88-43 victory over Division II McKendree in an exhibition. (The season opener comes Thursday against New Orleans.)

It was a spread-the-wealth effort, as Vic Law had a team-high 14 points, Boston College transfer A.J. Turner led with six assists and both Dererk Pardon and freshman Pete Nance grabbed eight rebounds.

"I really believe we have 10 guys who can help us," Collins said. "And once Aaron Falzon gets healthy, 11."

Nance, a top-100 recruit, hit a baseline jumper the first time he touched the ball. He later went coast to coast for a slam.

Nance said his decision was relatively easy, mentioning Northwestern's energetic coaching staff, his bond with the players "and with the new facilities being built and being in Chicago, it doesn't get much better."

That was a theme Friday.

As Pat Ryan put it, Northwestern is striving for "excellence in everything we do."

Northwestern President Morton Schapiro echoed that, saying: "If people come here for the theater program, they get the best of facilities and the best of training. Our athletes are shining in the classroom, and they should also have the best possible facilities."

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DAVID BANKS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A view of the student section at the renovated Welsh-Ryan Arena, which was christened with a game Friday night.



DYLAN BUELL/GETTY

Cole Kmet (84) with celebrates a touchdown with teammate Durham Smythe last season.

Irish TEs Weishar, Kmet fond of NU

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he said with a laugh.

He's one of two Notre Dame tight ends from the area. Like Weishar, St. Viator graduate Cole Kmet was on the Wildcats' radar.

"They were my third or fourth offer," said Kmet, from Lake Barrington. "I went to a camp my junior year and had a good camp. They said they wanted to offer me. It was one of my top schools because of the academics they have to offer, they have great football and it's in the Chicagoland area."

Weishar was also impressed. "I really liked the coaching staff, Coach Fitz (Pat Fitzgerald)," Weishar said. "I loved everything about it. They were great to my family, and I got close with a couple of guys on the team. Being in the Chicago area was really cool. I remember having a lot of respect for the coaches and their style of play."

The recruiting path led both to Notre Dame. Kmet, Weishar and Brock Wright could have extra responsibilities Saturday.

Tight end Alize Mack has been ruled out after going through the concussion protocol this week. Kmet said there won't be more pressure to perform.

"I prepare the same way every week," he said.

Kmet has 11 catches for 93 yards. He has

made four starts and missed the Vanderbilt and Wake Forest games because of a high ankle sprain.

Last week Kmet had four catches for 31 yards against Navy.

"He's been unbelievable," Weishar said. "He's a true athlete, a true competitor and wanted to get back out there and did his job."

Weishar is making the most of his receptions. Two of his three catches were touchdowns.

"Whatever comes my way, I just hope to catch," Weishar said. "(Running backs) coach (Autry) Denson looked at the scoreboard the last home game and saw three catches and two touchdowns (and said), 'I don't think I've ever seen that: It's like a fullback in high school.'"

Weishar's role goes beyond making catches.

"Nic has a lot of knowledge in the game," Kmet said. "He just knows so much and has seen so much."

Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly has been pleased with the production at the position.

"Each one of them is doing all the jobs that are required," Kelly said. "We're able to take the workload off of one particular guy. It's worked out really well for us."

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3 ways Illinois can beat Minnesota

TV/radio: 2:30 p.m. Saturday; BTN, WSCR-AM 670.

Line: Minnesota by 9½.

Records: Minnesota 4-4, 1-4 Big Ten; Illinois 3-5, 1-4.

1. Put up big ground numbers.

What does every Illinois victory have in common? The Illini had huge rushing performances with at least 235 yards. It's one area Illinois has found success, ranking 23rd among FBS teams and third in the Big Ten with 226.9 rushing yards per game. Their nine runs of at least 40 yards is tied for third in the nation. Reggie Corbin's 8 yards per carry is best in the conference. Illinois will get another boost if Mike Epstein can return from injury Saturday after missing the Maryland game.

2. Get back to forcing turnovers.

Last week's loss to Maryland snapped a 21-game streak with at least one takeaway for the Illini defense. Minnesota isn't always careful with the ball, coughing up eight fumbles and throwing 11 interceptions, and the Illini defense hasn't proved it can stop drives other than by snagging a turnover. Redshirt freshman quarterback Tanner Morgan will earn his second start for the Gophers. His 302 passing yards in last week's victory against Indiana were the most by a Minnesota freshman in his first start, and he threw only one pick against three touchdowns. Minnesota lost three fumbles but still beat the Hoosiers.

3. Play inspired defense.

The Illini defense has taken deserved criticism. Now it's without coordinator Hardy Nickerson, who resigned this week. Coach Lovie Smith will take over defensive play calls. Now would be a good time to play with some motivation and focus. Illinois has given up far too many big plays. Maryland scored on a 46-yard pass and runs of 64, 54, 43, 43 and 27 yards, in addition to a 97-yard kickoff return. The Gophers offense hasn't wowed anyone, and Illinois is in desperate need of a home victory. **Shannon Ryan's pick:** Illinois will show more fight, but it doesn't have the defensive chops to pull this off. *Minnesota 38, Illinois 27.*

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WADE PAYNE/AP

Alabama and quarterback Tua Tagovailoa should have their hands full with LSU.

WEEK 10 GAMES TO WATCH

GK Georgia at Kentucky
2:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS-2
The Bulldogs have won eight straight and 19 of 21 in this series entering the de facto SEC East championship game. But with the nation's best scoring defense (13 ppg), these are a different breed of Wildcats.

W Texas at West Virginia
2:30 p.m. Saturday, FOX-32
Will Grier and the Mountaineers bounced back from their flop at Iowa State with 568 total yards against Baylor, and the Longhorns defense was shaky in the loss at Oklahoma State.

M Penn State at Michigan
2:45 p.m. Saturday, ESPN
Big Ten officials have been accused of favoritism toward Michigan and Ohio State. Who knows, but in terms of the conference's playoff hopes, they'll really be rooting for the Wolverines to hold serve.

LSU Alabama at LSU
7 p.m. Saturday CBS-2
This hasn't been much of a rivalry in recent years, with the Tide winning seven straight starting with the 2011 national title game. Can Dave Aranda's defense offer Tua Tagovailoa some resistance?
— Joel Boyd



Notre Dame at Northwestern

TV/radio: 6:15 p.m. Saturday; ESPN, WGN-AM 720, WMVP-AM 1000.

Line: Notre Dame by 9½.

Records: Notre Dame 8-0, Northwestern 5-3.

3 ways Northwestern can beat Notre Dame

1. Learn from Pitt.

Notre Dame struggled to beat Pittsburgh two games ago. Perhaps the Irish players were groggy from midterm preparation, but you can't dismiss Pitt's defensive scheme. Guided by coach Pat Narduzzi, the Panthers loaded the box enough to limit Dexter Williams to 31 rushing yards on 13 carries. As a team the Irish managed just 80 yards on 38 carries. Ian Book completed 26 of 32 passes for 264 yards, yet the Irish were held to 19 points. So there's a blueprint. And not only is NU coach Pat Fitzgerald friendly with Narduzzi, the former Michigan State defensive coordinator, he is tight with two Pitt assistant coaches, including defensive coordinator Randy Bates, who worked under Fitzgerald for 12 seasons. There's lots of solid intel for Fitzgerald to mine.

2. Get more from QB1.

Clayton Thorson overcame reconstructive knee surgery and excelled early in the season, even when he had to split game reps with backup TJ Green. He shredded Michigan State (31-for-47, 373 yards) and Nebraska (41-for-64, 455 yards). And since then ... he has been a giant shrug emoji. He is telegraphing his throws, leading to interceptions. He is underthrowing receivers on the outside. He took an end-zone sack at Rutgers. He missed an open running back, Chad Hanaoka, on a fourth-and-2 against Wisconsin. Fitzgerald still has faith in him, saying: "I could nitpick every play of every player. I just don't believe in doing that." The pass rush will be intense Saturday and the windows will be tight. Thorson needs a strong game for the Wildcats to prevail.

3. Take from the ghosts.

Fitzgerald was not about to stroll down memory lane in his weekly media session, saying his recollection of the 1995 stunner in South Bend was that "it was really hot" and then "really cold" 19 years later when Northwestern thumped the Irish again. OK, but was there any common thread from the upsets? Wildcats players who, like Fitzgerald, got snubbed by the Irish on the recruiting trail? Northwestern should channel that vibe instead of ignoring that glorious — albeit two-game — past.

3 ways Notre Dame can beat Northwestern

1. Slow Clayton Thorson.

Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly referred to Thorson as an "NFL talent" and praised the quarterback's "great arm." Thorson has 2,072 passing yards, 10 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. His top target, wide receiver Flynn Nagel, is ninth nationally in receptions (59). Northwestern is 26th in the nation in passing offense, averaging 280.1 yards. Notre Dame is 32nd in the nation in passing yards allowed per game (194.4). Expect the Irish to apply pressure. Northwestern has allowed 19 sacks. Notre Dame's Jerry Tillery has seven of Notre Dame's 17 sacks.

2. The "next" players have to be ready.

Linebacker Drue Tranquill is listed as questionable after suffering an ankle injury in the first quarter last week against Navy. The two-time captain is second on the team with 47 tackles. If he's unavailable or limited, Jordan Genmark Heath, Drew White and Asmar Bilal are among the options to fill in. Tranquill's isn't the only significant injury. Tight end Alize Mack has been ruled out after going through the concussion protocol this week. There's plenty of depth at the position with St. Viator's Cole Kmet, Marist's Nic Weishar and Brock Wright. Kmet, who has made four starts, had a season-high four catches for 31 yards against Navy.

3. Continue to find room running the ball.

Dexter Williams has rushed for more than 100 yards in three of his four games this season, including 142 yards and three touchdowns against Navy. Northwestern provides a good test. The Wildcats are 50th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing 146 yards per game. **Teddy Greenstein's pick:** Despite recent history in the series and NU's status as a dangerous underdog, I dig this Irish team. *Notre Dame 27, Northwestern 16.* **LaMond Pope's pick:** Notre Dame's defense makes a big play late to hold off the Wildcats. *Notre Dame 24, Northwestern 17.*

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BEARS

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Tarik Cohen, left, Benny Cunningham and Jordan Howard celebrate a TD. Will the Bears have reason to celebrate later this season?

SUNDAY STORYLINES

From if to when?

Approaching midpoint, a rare but happy sight: Bears in line for playoffs

BY DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

As the Bears prepare for Sunday's road test against the Bills in Orchard Park, N.Y., here's the inside slant on three notable storylines.

Finishing touches

We're putting this in capital letters. Bolded. Underlined.

IF ...

If the Bears take care of business Sunday in Buffalo, if they enter New Era Field as heavy favorites and emerge victorious over the struggling Bills, they will hit the midpoint of their season at 5-3. In first place in the NFC North. With a stretch of November and December games carrying actual postseason implications.

Pinch yourself, Chicago. It has been a while.

The last time the Bears were in first place after eight games? In 2013, when an offensively-charged 5-3 start sparked playoff dreams in Marc Trestman's first season. But those dreams fizzled in November and December. And, well, postseason visions have been dead ever since.

In the four seasons before this, the Bears were often slow out of the gate, reaching the midpoint of their season with too much ground to make up. Here's a snapshot of the last five seasons with the Bears' record and standing halfway into the season and where they ultimately finished.

- **2017:** 3-5, last place; second-half record of 2-6, last place
- **2016:** 2-6, last place; second-half record of 1-7, last place
- **2015:** 3-5, third place; second-half record of 3-5, last place
- **2014:** 3-5, last place; second-half record of 2-6, last place
- **2013:** 5-3, first place; second-half record of 3-5, second place

Those are the first five seasons after Lovie Smith was fired, the half-decade of Trestman and John Fox football that was equal parts frustrating and forgettable.

The five seasons before that?

- **2012:** 7-1, first place; second-half record of 3-5, third place
- **2011:** 5-3, third place; second-half record of 3-5, third place
- **2010:** 5-3, second place; second-half record of 6-2, division champs
- **2009:** 4-4, third place; second-half record of 3-5, third place
- **2008:** 5-3, first place; second-half record of 4-4, second place

That's a decade-long sample size with one sobering reality. Only once in the last

10 seasons have the Bears posted a better record in the second half of the season than they had in the first. Fox always used to insist that "it's now how you start, it's how you finish." And while that may be true, Fox's Bears won only four of the 13 games they played after Thanksgiving. Ouch.

In short, the Bears so far have set themselves up to play meaningful games in the second half of the season. But playing meaningful games and succeeding in them are two different things.

Furthermore, this year's Bears have five NFC North games over the final eight weeks. And their 6-25 division record since the start of 2013 leaves a lot to be desired and a lot to be improved upon.

Those are messages coach Matt Nagy will have to drive home in the season's final two months.

Jersey boys

By now, it has been well-documented that the Bears added a splash of fun to last weekend, giving players and coaches a chance to choose a throwback jersey of their all-time favorite Bear. The mini-event came last Saturday at the team hotel, a night before the Bears beat the Jets 24-10 in their throwback uniforms.

We gathered a small sampling of throwback selections and asked Bears players and coaches to explain their choice.

Akiem Hicks chose Mike Singletary's No. 50: "Mike Singletary was my favorite. And I got to meet him in New Orleans. It was my third year there. And he sat down with me in the defensive line room. And we just talked football. I was a huge fan before. And now I just ... I'd wash his car if he asked me to. He's an awesome guy. I love him."

Tarik Cohen chose Walter Payton's No. 34: "One of the greatest Bears ever. I think the greatest Bear ever. His playing style was just magnificent to watch. (I was a fan of his) growing up and especially throughout college. I went to an HBCU (historically black college or university, at North Carolina A&T) and I started researching all the guys in the NFL that came from an HBCU. He was one of the best. He could do it all. He could make you miss and he could lower his shoulder and run you over."

Bobby Massie chose James "Big Cat" Williams' No. 71: "Just paying homage to Big Cat, another tackle. Everybody else went all cliche. Brian Urlacher. Ditka. Hester. I wanted to pay homage to Cat. I met him a few times. I worked out with him. He's a really cool guy. Big Cat was a bad (expletive) when he played, man. He's just a big, laid-back dude. I've met him a few times up with Olin (Kreutz) at his gym. Cool as hell."

Aaron Lynch chose Dan Hampton's

No. 99: "Dan the Man. I knew who he was before coming to the Bears. He was a big impact on why I chose my number. I wanted 99 when I came out of the draft. But I got stuck with 59 because obviously Aldon Smith had 99. But yeah, when I came here, I knew about Dan Hampton. Growing up watching football and hearing about him being a beast. I was like, 'I'm going to go back to 99 and try to represent Hampton.' I don't think I've done it as well yet. But I'm still working on it."

Mark Helfrich chose Gale Sayers' No. 40: "I probably don't really have to explain that one. But he was a legend on and off the field. A guy everyone would have liked to play a little bit longer. Great teammate. Bigger-than-football type of guy. That was some of the persona he had in how he impacted the world."

Touchy subject

Danny Trevathan bit his bottom lip and threw his head back. It was less than an hour after the Bears had toppled the Jets 24-10 at Soldier Field last weekend. But Trevathan had just been asked about Eddie Jackson's fourth-quarter penalty, an unnecessary-roughness call that had turned an incomplete pass on third-and-13 into a Jets first down. And the Jets had taken that gift and used it to spark their only touchdown drive of the day.

"Pfffft," Trevathan said. "Don't even get me started. It's crazy, man. It's like you can't even make a hit like that anymore. Back in the day, that would have been looked at as a big hit. Nowadays? It's a flag."

Jackson was in a similar state of incredulity. He was running the play back in his head. He could see Sam Darnold's pass into the flat, a short dart to receiver Andre Roberts. He could picture himself closing in. He could feel the way he put a shot on Roberts, even after the pass had slipped through the receiver's hands. And then came the flag.

"It was a crazy call to me," Jackson said. "Because I'm not really anticipating that the guy's going to drop the ball. I was already into it. Tackling, with all the new rules, I already had him lined up. It was a crazy call."

"I kind of asked 'What am I supposed to do? I'm already into the tackle.' But no answer. So ..."

Vic Fangio weighed in Thursday afternoon at Halas Hall.

"That was a tough one," Fangio said. "Because if the guy had caught the ball, everything would have been great. But he dropped it, so now the impending collision looked like it was late."

"It's probably the right call, but I don't think in any shape or form that he should be fined for that."

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NFL PICKS

Rodgers, Brady on marquee

BY RICH CAMPBELL AND DAN WIEDERER
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Tribune writers Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer are picking against the spread and each other this season. Here are their Week 9 selections.

(10 points for a win, minus-10 for a loss)
Season scoreboard: Wiederer 60, Campbell minus-20

Game of the week

Packers (plus 6) at Patriots
Campbell (5-2-1): Packers. Have you heard Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady are facing off for just the second time? Have you?!?! I was impressed by the Patriots defense during their visit to Soldier Field. They were better and more complete than I expected. Rodgers presents an elevated challenge, though, and this number is big enough to keep the backdoor cracked.

Wiederer (2-5-1): Patriots. The Packers held their own last weekend against the Rams and might have landed a season-changing upset if Ty Montgomery had just taken a touchback. But the Patriots are rolling again, and even in a short week, they have enough to pull away. Brady over Rodgers in a game that's MJ-approved.

Lock of the week

Campbell (2-6): Vikings (minus 5) vs. Lions. Hey, look at that beautiful 2 in my record. Finally. The Lions had scored at least 24 points in five straight games until their 28-14 home loss to the Seahawks last week. Is that stumble why this number is so big? Even with the Lions being 3-0 ATS on the road? Trading Golden Tate presents new challenges for the Lions, and I'll bet Vegas knows something here.

Wiederer (3-5): Buccaneers (plus 6½) at Panthers. I was half-tempted to take the Bucs for my upset special at +225 on the money line. But I will gladly accept the points and cast a vote of confidence in the Bucs offense getting on a roll again with Ryan Fitzpatrick back in the saddle.

Upset of the week

Campbell (3-5): Steelers (+115) at Ravens. The Steelers lost by 12 at home to the Ravens on Sept. 30. But in three games since, they've averaged 34 points. It often doesn't bode well when the public heavily backs a team, and 84 percent is taking the Steelers and the three points at vegasinsider.com. But this intense rivalry lends itself to close games. I'll guess the Steelers steal it.

Wiederer (3-5): Titans (+205) at Cowboys. Not a lot to choose from this week in this category, but this may be the best of the bunch. The Titans have to get a few breaks to jump-start a stagnant offense, but a road upset on "Monday Night Football" is there for the taking.

Just for fun

Campbell (2-5-1): Rams (minus 1½) at Saints. The Saints have been tested, beating the Ravens and Vikings on the road in the last two weeks. The Superdome will be unhinged. But I like the Rams defense a lot more than that of the Saints. I'll bet their defense travels.

Wiederer (5-2-1): Lions (plus 5) at Vikings. In a critical bounce-back test, the Vikings should have enough to win and keep pace with the first-place Bears. But covering five points may be a big ask in a game that should come down to the final possession.

Stay away

Campbell (5-3): Titans (plus 5½) at Cowboys. I'd stay away because it's impossible to know how Amari Cooper is going to factor into the Cowboys offense in his first game. They're coming out of their off week, so they've had time to figure it out. But the Titans have had a week off, too, to contemplate their three-game skid.

Wiederer (7-1): Browns (plus 9) vs. Chiefs. The Browns are again in disarray after firing coach Hue Jackson and offensive coordinator Todd Haley. The whole world is expecting a Patrick Mahomes-led blowout. Which is the exact reason you back the Browns here. The feistiness of Gregg Williams and the fire of Baker Mayfield keeps this one close.

Close to home

Bears (minus 10) at Bills
Campbell (4-3): Bills. If Nathan Peterman continues his prolific interception rate, the Bears will cover. If he doesn't, forget the double-digit number and worry simply about the victory. The Bills defense kept the Patriots within six points into the fourth quarter Monday. Even on a short, letdown type of week, they'll keep this close too.

Wiederer (4-3): Bills. Sean McDermott's defense is really good. Good enough to keep the Bills around deep into the second half. Plus, the Bears are 13-27 on the road since the start of 2013, and only four of those 13 wins came by double figures.

Close to home, total

Bears-Bills over/under 37½
Campbell (4-3): Under. Two impressive defenses. A putrid Bills offense and an inconsistent Bears offense playing on the road. That doesn't equal points to me.

Wiederer (5-2): Over. The Bills have scored only two touchdowns in their last 60 possessions. Yikes.

Mack 'real uneasy' watching from sideline

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where he first made a national name for himself at the University at Buffalo. Mack still owns the school career records with 75 tackles for loss, 28½ sacks and 16 forced fumbles, and his brother, Ledarius, is a junior defensive end there.

"It's always cool to go back to where you played in college," Mack said. "Being that I have a lot of friends and people out there, my little brother out there representing the Mack name. It's just real special when you go back to your old stomping grounds."

Wide receiver Allen Robinson and

rookie defensive lineman Bilal Nichols also were listed as questionable for Sunday. Robinson sat out the Jets game with a groin injury and was limited in practice Friday. Nichols has missed two straight practices with a knee injury Nagy called "an overusage type deal."

Nagy said he expects all three to travel with the team, as should guard Eric Kush, who practiced in full after being limited with a neck injury earlier this week. Left guard Kyle Long (foot) and tight end Ben Braunecker (concussion) were declared out for the game.

Nagy said he didn't know if it would

come down to game-day testing as to whether Mack or Robinson would play.

"I feel like we're getting close," he said of Mack. "I just don't know exactly."

Robinson said his recovery is "about being smart," though the patience isn't always easy.

"Being sidelined is probably the worst thing in sports," Robinson said. "This is what you love. This is what you live to do. When you're not able to do that, it's definitely frustrating."

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BLACKHAWKS

Schmaltz just 1 of the problems

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
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Patrick Kane isn't sick anymore. There, we now have reviewed all the positives from the Blackhawks' 4-0 loss to the Oilers on Thursday night. To be fair, it really wasn't all that bleak. The Hawks had 40 shots on goal, though coach Joel Quenneville said after the game the number was misleading. And they did have a strong first period. The problem, of course, is that NHL games last three periods. Here are a few more takeaways from their third loss in a row as they head into Saturday night's game against the Flames in Calgary.

1. Nick Schmaltz was a healthy scratch and he deserved it.

Quenneville's doghouse has been a lonely place this season. Just when it seems he's about to send someone there he changes his mind. Brandon Saad almost was dispatched a couple of weeks ago. Marcus Kruger looked like he was about to sit out a game after taking way too many penalties but he played in each of the last two games. Schmaltz, on the other hand, is in the middle of his visit to the doghouse. Quenneville didn't play him Thursday against the Oilers because he hadn't met "performance-based expectations." It was a deserved benching. Schmaltz has one goal in 13 games this season and didn't have any shots on goal Wednesday night against the Canucks. He also committed a turnover that led to the Canucks' first goal.

Whether it was the threat of a benching or not, Saad's play turned around right after the period when he was a threat to be scratched. Kruger hasn't committed a penalty in the two games since Quenneville made it clear they had to stop. Will Schmaltz be able to turn his season around soon?

2. There has been virtually no production from Bottom 6 forwards.

The hallmark of the Hawks' Stanley Cup-winning teams was scoring help from all over the lineup. That doesn't exist today. Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Alex DeBrincat and Brandon Saad are the only



JASON FRANSON/AP

The Hawks are getting scoring from their top forwards such as Alex DeBrincat, but goals from bottom six have been lacking.



UP NEXT
Blackhawks at Flames
9 p.m. Saturday, NBCSCH

Hawks who have scored three or more goals. It's wonderful when your best players play like your best players but the rest of the team has to contribute too.

It's just not possible for Kane to score every game, though it seemed like that's what he was doing for the first month of the season. The other top forwards — Toews, DeBrincat and Saad — each should be counted on to score once every three or four games.

David Kampf and John Hayden have only one goal apiece while Chris Kunitz, Luke Johnson and Andreas Martinsen don't have any. They don't play every game and they don't play a ton of minutes. But they need to find their way into the scoring column more often.

3. Out of the playoff picture.

Part of the fun to the start of the season was looking at the standings and seeing that, hey, the Hawks would be in the playoffs if the season ended today.

Well, the fun is over. For now. The Hawks woke up Friday morning on the outside looking in for the first time all season.

This is the requisite time to point that it's still early in the season. But if you got excited when they were looking like a playoff team because their record said they were a playoff team, then you have to get at least a little bothered when their record says they're not one.

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BULLS NOTES

Shooting accuracy stokes Blakeney's confidence

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Before he even began an entertaining and confidence-filled media session Friday, Antonio Blakeney chided reporters for not talking to him earlier.

"My first time getting media all year," he said. "Not doing enough."

For his role, Blakeney is actually doing plenty, which he quickly pointed out when asked if he knows what his shooting percentage is.

"I know my 3-point percentage is pretty high. It's definitely above 50 percent because I have been shooting that thing. They're trying to run me off the line now because I'm just knocking them down," Blakeney said. "Usually, people don't shoot better from the 3 than they do from the field. But I'm just sniping it right now."

Yes, Blakeney, he of the 59.1 percent 3-point shooting and 52.3 percent overall shooting entering Friday, doesn't lack for confidence.

That showed as Blakeney scored 22 points on 9-for-12 shooting, including a huge four-point play with 30.5 seconds left to tie Friday's loss to the Pacers at 105-105.

"Definitely I think I have," Blakeney said when asked if he believes he has shown enough to remain in the rotation when the Bulls are at full strength. "But I have to keep getting better at all the little things."

"I come in every day with my back against the wall — being undrafted, coming

from the G League, not being a player who makes a lot of money."

Indeed, Blakeney signed a two-year minimum contract this offseason after winning G League Rookie of the Year honors and playing 19 games for the Bulls last season on a two-way contract. But it's a guaranteed deal, which is big. Blakeney will make \$1.3 million this season and \$1.5 million next.

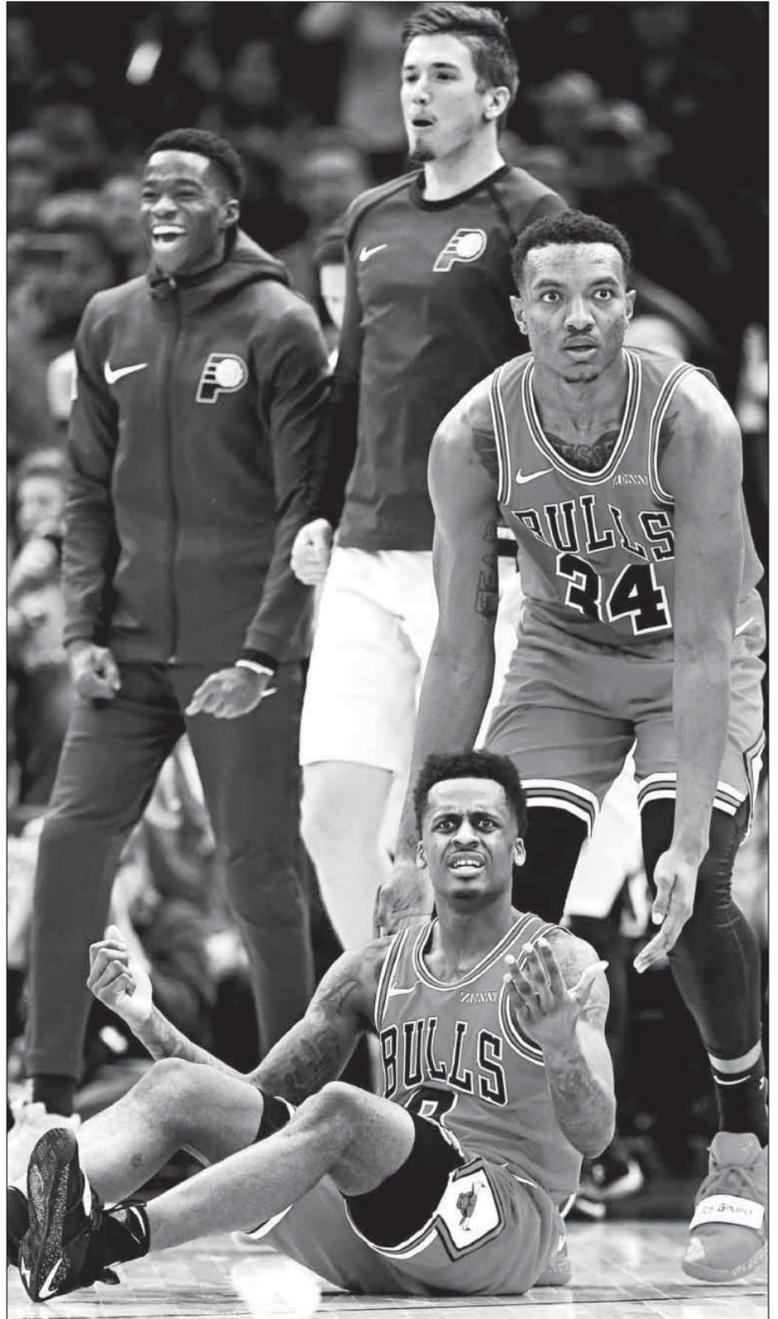
"It helps a lot, knowing you're going to develop up here being with the coaches full-time and the team full-time," Blakeney said. "But my confidence is always there."

Coach Fred Hoiberg said Blakeney must improve shot selection and defense.

"Antonio is growing," Hoiberg said. "We're trying to eliminate mistakes and make him consistent at both ends. Where he was a year ago and where he is now, he's making less of those mistakes."

Slow going: Doctors cleared Denzel Valentine to increase his activity after a scan showed decreased swelling in his injured left ankle. However, Hoiberg said there's no timetable for when Valentine makes his season debut.

Layups: James Harden is probable to play for the Rockets Saturday after missing the last three games with a hamstring injury. ... Wendell Carter Jr. entered tied for 12th — and second among rookies — with 1.75 blocks per game.



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Antonio Blakeney, on floor, and Wendell Carter Jr. (34) react as time runs out Friday.

Bulls tumble in final seconds

Bulls, from Page 1

"Of course I thought it was going down," Holiday said. "I couldn't believe the ball bounced to me. I thought it was over with. Some fall. Some don't."

Wendell Carter Jr. rebounded that miss and fed Antonio Blakeney, who scored a team-high 22 points. But Myles Turner spiked Blakeney's awkward, off-balance desperation shot at the buzzer to preserve the Pacers' come-from-behind victory. Blakeney said afterward he felt he got tripped as he rose for the shot, and the Bulls' bench exploded looking for a call that never came.

"It comes down to one play at the end, but we do some things differently throughout the game and maybe it's a little easier for us toward the end," Holiday said.

Both Thaddeus Young and Turner rejected short shots from Carter late as the Pacers erased an 18-point, first-half deficit and a seven-point deficit at the start of the fourth to storm all the way back.

"We need to learn how to win games," said LaVine, who ran his streak of 20-point games to nine despite battling foul trouble.

The wild game featured a sighting of Robin Lopez, who played four first-half minutes after not playing by coach's decision the previous five games. Carter also battled foul trouble to post 11 points, eight rebounds, six assists and one block.

But it wasn't enough. Oladipo's 25 points led the Pacers.

"I thought we came out of the gate with unbelievable energy," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "You can't allow this to become a hangover game. This is a resilient group. There are a lot of positives to build on."

In arguably their best quarter of the season — a more complete affair than their 41-point first quarter at the season opener in Philadelphia — the Bulls didn't turn it over, shot 59.3 percent and led by 15. They also played strong defense to score 14 points off five Pacers turnovers.

Carter picked up right where he left off after scoring a season-high 25 points Wednesday, dropping nine points in the opening period. To show how well matters progressed, Cristiano Felicio scored seven points in six first-quarter minutes.

The lead swelled to 18 early in the second. But the Pacers stormed back to lead 60-58 at halftime thanks to the Bulls' eight turnovers.

"In these situations, we need to be more locked in," Holiday said. "You almost have to do everything right. It's a good thing we're in these close situations. Obviously, we would rather be up and not be in them. But we're going to need this down the road to win games."

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		@BUF Noon FOX-32, AM-780					
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		@CGY 9 NBCSCH, AM-720				CAR 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720	

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA		NBA TV
6 p.m.	Celtics at Pacers	NBA TV
7 p.m.	Rockets at Bulls	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
11 a.m.	Rutgers at Wisconsin	BTN
11 a.m.	Louisville at Clemson	ABC-7
11 a.m.	Nebraska at Ohio State	FOX-32
11 a.m.	Air Force at Army	CBSSN
11 a.m.	Michigan State at Maryland	ESPN2
11 a.m.	Oklahoma State at Baylor	FS1
11 a.m.	Texas A&M at Auburn	ESPN
11 a.m.	Memphis at East Carolina	ESPNU
1 p.m.	Illinois State at Northern Iowa	NBCSCH
2 p.m.	Villanova at Richmond	NBCSCH+
2:30 p.m.	Minnesota at Illinois	BTN, WSCR-AM 670
2:30 p.m.	Penn State at Michigan	ESPN
2:30 p.m.	Kansas State at TCU	FS1
2:30 p.m.	Tulane at South Florida	CBSSN
2:30 p.m.	West Virginia at Texas	FOX-32
2:30 p.m.	Georgia at Kentucky	CBS-2
2:30 p.m.	Iowa at Purdue	ESPN2
2:30 p.m.	Florida State at N.C. State	ABC-7
2:30 p.m.	Navy at Cincinnati	ESPN
6 p.m.	Duke at Miami	ESPN2
6 p.m.	UConn at Tulsa	CBSSN
6 p.m.	Houston at SMU	ESPNU
6:15 p.m.	Notre Dame at Northwestern	ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000, WGN-AM 720
6:30 p.m.	UCLA at Oregon	FOX-32
7 p.m.	Alabama at LSU	CBS-2
7 p.m.	Oklahoma at Texas Tech	ABC-7
9 p.m.	USC at Oregon State	FS1
9:15 p.m.	BYU at Boise State	ESPN2
9:15 p.m.	San Diego State at New Mexico	ESPN2
9:30 p.m.	Fresno State at UNLV	CBSSN
9:45 p.m.	California at Washington State	ESPN
GOLF		
3:30 p.m.	Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	Golf Channel
9:30 a.m.	TOTO Japan Classic	Golf Channel
2:30 a.m.	Turkish Airlines Open	Golf Channel
(Sun.)		
6 p.m.	Maple Leafs at Penguins	NHL Network
9 p.m.	Blackhawks at Flames	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
COLLEGE HOCKEY		
6:30 p.m.	Ohio State at Notre Dame	NBCSN
HORSE RACING		
Noon	Breeders' Cup	NBCSN
2:30 p.m.	Breeders' Cup Classic	NBC-5
MMA		
7 p.m.	UFC 230 prelims	FS1
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
7:25 a.m.	Bournemouth vs. Manchester United	NBCSN
9:55 a.m.	Teams TBA	NBCSN
12:30 p.m.	Arsenal vs. Liverpool	NBC-5
2:30 p.m.	Teams TBA	CNBC
BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
9:20 a.m.	Bayern Munich vs. Freiburg	FS2
12:20 p.m.	Hertha vs. Leipzig	FS2
MEXICO PRIMERA SOCCER		
8 p.m.	Monterrey vs. Veracruz	FS2
ITALIAN SERIE A		
5:25 a.m.	Lazio vs. SPAL 1907	ESPN2
TENNIS		
Noon	USTA Women's Pro Circuit Tyler	Tennis Channel
12:30 a.m.	WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai	Tennis Channel
(Sun.)		
7 p.m.	Michigan State at Minnesota	BTN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEEK 10	SATURDAY
Houston 14	at SMU
at Purdue 3	Iowa
at Georgia St. 6½	Texas St.
Syracuse 9	at Wake Forest
Georgia 8½	at Kentucky
at Cincinnati 13½	Navy
at Ohio State 18½	Nebraska
Georgia Tech 9½	at N. Carolina
at Miami 9½	Missouri
at NC State 9½	Duke
Memphis 11½	at Florida St.
Michigan Coll. 2½	at East Carolina
Oklahoma 13½	at Virginia Tech
at Texas 30	at Maryland
at Wisconsin 10	Texas Tech
Notre Dame 10	at West Virginia
Minnesota 9	at Illinois
at E. Michigan 13½	Cent. Mich.
at Troy 10	Air Force
at South Florida 6	Tulane
Appalach. St. 14	at Coast. Carol.
at Boise St. 13	BYU
at New Mexico 10	Green Bay
at Wyoming 14	San Jose St.
at Wash. St. 9½	California
Marshall 2½	at So. Miss.
Ga. Southern 7	at Arizona St.
at Oregon 10	UCLA
USC 16½	at Oregon St.
at Washington 10	at Kansas
Iowa St. 14½	Texas A&M
at Auburn 3½	Texas Tech
at Tennessee 22½	Charlotte
at Miss. St. 23½	Louisiana Tech
Oklahoma St. 2	at Baylor
at UMass 2	Liberty
at Kansas 8	Kansas St.
at Tulsa 17½	UConn
at Clemson 12	Louisville
at Michigan 12	Penn St.
at Mississippi 12	S. Carolina
at Rice 10	UTEP
at Troy 10	LA. Tech
at Arkansas St. 14½	S. Alabama
at UAB 22	UTSA
at FIU 24	FAU
Alabama 26	at UNLV
Fresno St. 19	at Hawaii
Utah St. 19	at Hawaii

COLLEGE HOCKEY

WEEK 9	SUNDAY
Bears 10	at Buffalo
at Minnesota 10	at Minnesota
Kansas City 8	at Cleveland
Baltimore 2½	Pittsburgh
at Carolina 2½	Tampa Bay
at Miami 2½	N.Y. Jets
at Washington 1½	Atlanta
at Denver 1	Houston
L.A. Chargers 1	at Seattle
L.A. Rams 1	at New Orleans
at New England 5½	Monday
at Dallas 5½	Tennessee

NFL

NFC NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
BEARS	4	3	0.571	194	144
Minnesota	4	3	1.563	197	195
Green Bay	3	3	1.500	175	173
Detroit	3	4	0.429	171	186
NFC EAST	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Washington	5	2	0.714	146	134
Philadelphia	4	2	0.500	178	156
Dallas	3	4	0.429	157	152
N.Y. Giants	1	7	0.125	150	201
NFC SOUTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	1	0.857	234	183
Carolina	5	0	0.714	178	155
Atlanta	3	4	0.429	190	212
Tampa Bay	3	4	0.429	201	233
NFC WEST	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	8	0	1.000	264	155
Seattle	4	3	0.571	171	131
Arizona	2	6	0.250	110	199
San Francisco	2	7	0.222	207	239
AFC NORTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4	2	1.643	204	172
Cincinnati	5	3	0.625	221	237
Baltimore	4	4	0.500	197	137
Cleveland	2	5	0.286	163	210
AFC EAST	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0.750	239	185
Miami	4	4	0.500	174	219
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0.375	192	200
Buffalo	2	6	0.250	87	200
AFC SOUTH	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	5	3	0.625	197	167
Tennessee	3	4	0.429	106	127
Jacksonville	3	5	0.375	134	170
Indianapolis	3	5	0.375	231	213
AFC WEST	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	1	0.875	290	205
L.A. Chargers	5	2	0.714	195	163
Denver	5	0	0.714	188	199
Oakland	1	7	0.125	141	252

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Bears at Buffalo, noon (FOX-32)	N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon
Atlanta at Washington, noon	Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Kansas City at Cleveland, noon	Tampa Bay at Carolina, noon
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, noon	L.A. Chargers at Seattle, 3:05 (CBS-2)
Houston at Denver, 3:05	LA. Rams at New Orleans, 3:25 (FOX-32)
Green Bay at New England, 7:20 (NBC-5)	
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Tennessee at Dallas, 7:15 (ESPN)	
Bye: Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati	

NFC LEADERS

PASSING	ATT	CM	YDS	TD	INT
Fitzpatrick, TAM	144	98	1550	13	5
Wilson, NOR	243	188	1990	14	1
Ryan, ATL	263	187	2335	15	4
Ru. Wilson, SEA	182	120	1556	16	4
RUSHING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Gurley, LA	169	800	4.7	29	11
Elliott, DAL	132	615	4.7	41	3
A. Peterson, WAS	127	587	4.6	64	4
Breida, SNF	96	531	5.5	66	2
RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Thielen, MIN	74	925	12.5	68	6
Beckham, NYG	61	785	12.9	51	2
Ertz, PHO	61	644	10.6	34	3
M. Thomas, NOR	58	669	11.5	44	4
S. Diggs, MIN	58	587	10.1	75	4

AFC LEADERS

PASSING	ATT	CM	YDS	TD	INT
P. Rivers, LAC	220	152	2008	17	3
Mahomes, KC	285	187	2526	26	6
Watson, HOU	261	168	2176	15	7
Brady, NE	295	199	2200	16	7
RUSHING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Conner, PIT	127	599	4.7	30	9
K. Hunt, KC	134	592	4.4	45	5
Lindsay, DEN	93	513	5.7	53	3
Mixon, CIN	105	509	4.8	43	4
RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
J. White, NE	55	459	8.3	27	6
D. Hopkins, HOU	53	789	14.9	49	6
E. Sanders, DEN	50	600	13.2	64	3
B. Boyd, CIN	49	620	12.7	49	5
J. Landry, CLE	49	528	10.8	39	2

WTA ELITE, TROPHY ZHUHAI

At Zhuhai, China; hard-wood
#1 Alexander Zverev (4-1), 6-1, 6-3
#2 Madison Keys , 1-6, 6-3, 6-1
#3 Garbine Muguruza , 6-2
#4 Anastasiya Sevastova , 6-7 (4-6), 6-2, 7-6 (1)
#5 Caroline Garcia , 6-2
#3 Aryna Sabalenka , 6-4, 6-4, 6-4
NOTE: Keys, Muguruza, Sevastova, Leschke and Julia Goerges play in Saturday's semifinals.

LATEST LINE

NBA	pregame.com	SATURDAY
at Bulls	off	Houston
at Philadelphia	7½	Detroit
Boston	2½	at Indiana
at Charlotte	9	Cleveland
at Atlanta	off	Miami
at San Antonio	off	New Orleans
at Denver	off	Utah
at Portland	3	LA. Lakers

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at Wisconsin 10	Texas Tech
Notre Dame 10	at West Virginia
Minnesota 9	at Illinois
at E. Michigan 13½	Cent. Mich.
at Troy 10	Air Force
at South Florida 6	Tulane
Appalach. St. 14	at Coast. Carol.
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at New Mexico 10	Green Bay
at Wyoming 14	San Jose St.
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Marshall 2½	at So. Miss.
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at Clemson 12	Louisville
at Michigan 12	Penn St.
at Mississippi 12	S. Carolina
at Rice 10	UTEP
at Troy 10	LA. Tech
at Arkansas St. 14½	S. Alabama
at UAB 22	UTSA
at FIU 24	FAU
Alabama 26	at UNLV
Fresno St. 19	at Hawaii
Utah St. 19	at Hawaii

NFL



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Joel Rosario rides Game Winner to victory in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

BREEDERS' CUP

With Justify sidelined, Accelerate is the pick

By GARY B. GRAVES | Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Breeders' Cup is back in familiar surroundings at Churchill Downs, with an additional stakes race bumping the two-day program to 14 and prize money up to a record \$30 million.

As always, the marquee race is Saturday's \$6 million Cup Classic that could help determine which thoroughbred ends up as Horse of the Year — not to mention establishing the top horse in several age divisions along with the top jockey and trainer.

One notable absence from the Classic is Triple Crown winner Justify, whom trainer Bob Baffert retired in July because of an ankle injury. That leaves the Classic without horse racing's biggest name — and a bunch of horses poised to make their presence known.

Accelerate aims to make it six wins in seven starts this year as the 5-2 favorite in the 1¼-mile headliner.

In Friday's featured race, Game Winner surged down the stretch and pulled away from Knicks Go after a bump to win the Juvenile by 2¼ lengths, giving Baffert an early Derby favorite just five months after winning his second Triple Crown with Justify.

"He likes Churchill Downs, and that's a good sign," Baffert told NBCSN.

The race capped a first day devoted to 2-year-olds at the season-ending world championships. Game Winner emerged as

BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

Post time: 4:44 p.m. Saturday, NBC-5.

■ TV coverage begins at noon on NBCSN and switches to NBC-5 at 2:30 p.m.

one of the year's top Juveniles and threw his name in the mix as the next possible star.

Ridden by Joel Rosario, Game Winner covered 1 1/16 miles in 1 minute, 43.67 seconds. It was Baffert's fourth Juvenile victory and 15th Breeders' Cup win overall.

Other first-day winners:

Juvenile Turf: Line of Duty survived a lengthy post-race review before stewards upheld his half-length victory over Uncle Benny in the \$1 million race. Line of Duty charged from outside down the stretch to pass Somelikeitotbrown and hold off Uncle Benny in a three-wide ending.

Juvenile Fillies: Jaywalk went wire to wire to win the \$2 million race, leaving the field behind down the stretch for a 5½-length margin.

Juvenile Fillies Turf: Newspaperofrecord rolled to another dominant victory, pulling away down the stretch for a 6¾-length win over East in the \$1 million race. The Irish bred improved to 3-0 lifetime, winning all by at least six lengths.

Juvenile Turf Sprint: Bulletin opened the Cup by pulling away to a 2¾-length victory over Chelsea Cloisters in the inaugural \$1 million race, earning a graded-stakes win in just his second career start.

BASEBALL FREE AGENCY

Kershaw stays a Dodger

By RONALD BLUM | Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper and Red Sox closer Craig Kimbrel were among just seven free agents who received \$17.9 million qualifying offers from their former clubs Friday, and Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw agreed to a \$93 million, three-year contract rather than test the market.

Left-handers Patrick Corbin (Diamondbacks) Dallas Keuchel (Astros) and Hyun-Jin Ryu (Dodgers) also received offers, as did outfielder A.J. Pollock (Diamondbacks) and catcher Yasmani Grandal (Dodgers).

Players have until Nov. 12 to accept. If a team makes a qualifying offer to a player who signs a major-league contract with another club before the June draft, his former club would receive a draft pick as compensation at the end of the first round.

Just five of 73 players given qualifying offers have accepted since the process began in 2012.

Kershaw terminated a \$215 million, seven-year contract that had \$65 million remaining at \$32 million next year and \$33 million in 2020. The new deal calls for a \$23 million signing bonus, payable in equal installments on June 30 in each of the next three years, and annual salaries of \$23.3 million. He can earn \$4 million annually in performance bonuses, in four \$1 million increments for 24, 26, 28 and 30 starts, which could raise the deal's value to \$105 million over three years.

He also can gain bonuses of \$1.5 million for winning the NL Cy Young Award or

\$500,000 for finishing second or third.

"There's been a lot of people saying that I'm in decline or not going to be as good as I once was," said Kershaw, whose Dodgers lost in the World Series for the second straight year. "I'm looking forward to proving a lot of people wrong."

Kershaw, who turns 31 in March, has spent all 11 seasons with the Dodgers.

"It was more valuable to me to just stay here," he said. "A chance to win every single year, it doesn't come around like this in LA very often."

Top free agents prefer to seek multiyear contracts, but given the greater priority on draft picks in recent years, Ryu and Grandal might face a difficult market and consider accepting the offers.

A free agent can be made a qualifying offer only if he has been with the same team continuously since opening day and has never received a qualifying offer before. Because of those rules, Manny Machado and Josh Donaldson were among the players who were ineligible to receive offers. The amount is the average of the top 125 major-league contracts this year by average annual value.

Harper and Machado are the top players available on the market.

Others among the 160 available free agents include right-handers Nathan Eovaldi and Charlie Morton, left-handers J.A. Happ and CC Sabathia, relievers Zach Britton, Andrew Miller, David Robertson and Jeurys Familia, outfielder Michael Brantley, third baseman Mike Moustakas, infielder Daniel Murphy, DH Nelson Cruz and utilityman Marwin Gonzalez.

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

Burchard, Dorothy Altstatt 'Dot'

Dorothy (Dot) Altstatt Burchard, age 91, passed away peacefully in her sleep, on Tuesday October 30th, 2018. The Altstatt family migrated to the USA in the late 1600's. Dorothy was born in Sayre, OK in 1927 and moved to Yuma, AZ as a child. She lived in Yuma until meeting her husband, Jack Burchard during WWII. Jack and Dorothy settled

in Des Plaines, IL. Dorothy was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Des Plaines, her entire adult life. Dorothy is survived by her 10 children, Jack (Peg), Mark (Karl), Matt (Carol), Luke, (Pam), Dorothy (Ticker) (Dan Dextl), Peter (Denise), Paul (Lisa Durack), Peggy Manning, IL, Jim Burchard, Katy (Bob Klages). Additionally, Dorothy is survived by 31 Grand Children, 31 Great Grand Children, her sisters, Janice Hayes, Yuma, AZ, and Rae Hoffman, Phoenix, AZ. Throughout her celebrated life Dorothy was involved in many organizations and passions. For additional information, go to www.hillsfuneralhome.com

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Campbell, Lorena

Lorena May (Burnell) Campbell, 91, died peacefully at her home in Olympia Fields, Illinois, on October 5th, 2018. Lorena was born June 25th, 1927, to the late Rue Burnell and Portia (Whitaker) Burnell. After graduation from Alliance High School, she attended Mount Union College, in Alliance, Ohio, graduating with honors



in 1949, with a Bachelor's Degree in Public School Music. While still in college, she became the organist for the Christ United Methodist Church in downtown Alliance. In June of 1949, Lorena married her high school sweetheart, Richard (Dick) Campbell. Settling in Youngstown, Ohio, both she and Dick taught music in public school systems, Lorena teaching choral music (all grades) in the nearby Brookfield School District. She left full-time teaching to shepherd her five children through their early years, continuing throughout as church organist and accompanist, and choir director of youth and children's choirs. Lorena served in the music ministry of church congregations in Niles, OH, (First United Methodist Church), Youngstown, OH, (Pleasant Grove United Presbyterian Church), and - following the family's move to Homewood, IL in 1964 - directed youth choirs in Harvey, IL, (First United Methodist Church.) In the 1980s, she founded the adult and two youth handbell choirs at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Homewood, IL. Lorena also became a spirited and sought-after solo performer with handbells. Through their 64 years together, Lorena gave freely and generously of her talents, experience, and energy to support her husband Dick, and the choirs and ensembles he directed - behind the scenes for the Concert Choir at Thornton Township High School - and as an enthusiastic member and accompanist for the choral ensembles Wondrous Love and A New Song, who performed widely in the south suburban community. Her Christmas parties saw the Campbell home overflowing with young singers, laughing, playing old-fashioned parlor games, and caroling together late into the night. Lorena was a lovingly involved mom to five children. She attended hundreds of piano recitals, school concerts, and marching band parades, and for each birthday and every holiday she would create a special celebration. Many summers, the family hiked and camped together at state parks and national parks throughout the U.S. and into Canada. And for many years, there were also seasonal trips to spend time with Lorena's and Dick's sisters and brothers, sometimes with a cacophony of nephews and nieces and grand-nephews-and-nieces, sometimes with just the siblings enjoying each other's good company. After their children were grown, Lorena and Dick continued traveling on their own, delighting in trips abroad, as well as season after beautiful season of exploring the U.S. in the RV. Always deeply involved with her church community, Lorena gave wholeheartedly of her time, and in donations to her church as well as to Mount Union College, Glenwood Academy (formerly Glenwood Boys School), Laubach Literacy (for which she and Dick both volunteered), and numerous environmental and humanitarian organizations worldwide. Lorena was preceded in death by her beloved husband Richard (Dick) Robert Campbell, and by her five older sisters and brothers. Lorena is survived by her younger brother, Roger Burnell, of Golden, Colorado; by her children: Mark (and Danette) Campbell of Trenton, KY; Dian Campbell (and Jeff McLean) of Port Townsend, WA; Duane (and Deborah) Campbell, of Pflugerville, TX; Gwen RisingSun of Minneapolis, MN; and Joyce (and Doug) DeWitt of Mundelein, IL; by her four grandchildren, Alex (22 y.o.), Rowan (20), Kess (18), and John Mark (8), and by numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the National Parks Foundation: www.national-parks.org/tribute Lorena May was full of energy, smiles, and optimism, and she will be remembered for her great, enduring love of her family and friends, of the beauty of spring flowers and trees in full autumn glory, and of music.

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Domikaitis, Stanley Edward
Stanley E. Domikaitis, Jr. passed away on Monday, September 24, 2018 at Cornerstone Hospice in Orlando, Florida surrounded in love by his family. He was 84 years old. Stan was born March 20, 1934 on a farm outside of the Chicago area, growing up in Calumet Park. He spent much of his youth playing sports, including American Legion youth baseball and then minor league baseball for the Chicago Cubs. Stan was drafted for the Korean War but served in Europe with the US Army. Upon returning stateside, he received his Bachelor of Education Degree from Chicago Teachers' College. He later earned a Master of Arts Degree from Governor's State University. Stan taught physical education and coached for the Chicago Public Schools for over 30 years. His love for teaching and coaching young children was unmatched. Stan wrestled professionally in the Midwest, competed in national Junior Olympics pairs roller skating, and was an avid scratch golfer throughout most of his life. He shared his immeasurable happiness of living through his ever present singing and dancing.

Domikaitis, Stanley Edward

Stan was married to Rhoda K. (Hellmer) Domikaitis, the love of his life and best friend, on November 10, 1957. Rhoda predeceased Stan in May 2017. Stan and Rhoda together raised three children: his son, Stanley E. Domikaitis III, who pre-deceased him on August 31, 2018, and his two surviving daughters: Diane R. Rach and Donna L. Matthews. He is also survived by his adoring grandchildren Danise Matthews Weber, Daniel W. Domikaitis, Joshua Rach, Brent Domikaitis and six great-grandchildren.

Stan and Rhoda's ashes will be spread on Big Turtle Lake and Hatch Lake in the Chippewa National Forest in northern Minnesota. Memorial donations may be made to the Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry in Lemont, Illinois.

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Harrington, Timothy Joseph

Timothy Joseph Harrington, loving husband, father, family member and friend, was born to eternal life on Wednesday, October 24th at the age of 74. He spent his last day in Florida surrounded by the love of his closest family. A memorial lunch will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 12:00 pm at Hackney's on Lake (1514 E Lake Ave, Glenview, IL 60025).



The family invites Tim's extended family and friends to join us to remember his life.

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Hedges, Alan Grant

Alan Grant Hedges, 88, of Milton, FL, died Oct 29, 2018. He was born Oct 26, 1930 in Chicago, IL and raised in Frankfort, IL. He married Barbara Gayle Weir on Feb 7, 1959 who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by parents Dr. Walter V. and Irma H. Hedges and brother Roger M. Hedges. Survivors include children Grant A. Hedges and Julia W. Pavlik, grandchildren Laura J. Blancett, Sarah J. Pavlik and Michelle J. Pavlik.

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Rento, Debbie

Debbie Rento nee DeCicco, 60, of Glenview, passed away surrounded by her loving family after a courageous fight with cancer on November 1, 2018. She was the beloved wife for 41 years of Arthur J. Rento; loving mother Elizabeth Rento, Margaret (Michael) Rader and Arthur (Debbie) Rento; proud grandmother of Sophia and Stella Rader, Vincent and Johnny Rento; dear sister of Jerry (Sandy) DeCicco and Donna DeCicco; cherished sister-in-law of Diane (Ken) Albrecht and Cindy (Michael) Hani; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Debbie was a special person who took in anyone and everyone who needed help. She was the mother to many and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held Sunday, November 4 from 2 to 8 pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral from the funeral home Monday, November 5 at 9:30 am to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview for Mass 10 am. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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Cubs pick up Hamels' option

Cubs, from Page 1

As expected, the Cubs didn't tender a qualifying offer of \$17.9 million to free-agent left-handed reliever Justin Wilson, which means they won't receive a compensation draft pick if Wilson signs elsewhere.

The Cubs, however, still have Montgomery, Randy Rosario, Brian Duensing and Jerry Vasto as left-handed relief options.

In other moves, the Cubs claimed infielder-outfielder Jack Reinheimer off waivers from the Mets. Reinheimer is 5-for-35 (.167) in 23 games with the Diamondbacks and Mets in 2017-18.

In a series of procedural moves, pitchers Brandon Morrow, Justin Hancock and

Darvish, and outfielder Mark Zagunis were reinstated off the 60-day disabled list, and outfielder Terrance Gore and infielder Mike Freeman were outrighted off the 40-man roster, which stands at 39.

Bench coach Brandon Hyde will stay with the Cubs after interviewing for managerial openings with four teams, including the Rangers.

■ The White Sox, who acquired left-hander Manny Banuelos and picked up the option on reliever Nate Jones earlier this week, declined to tender qualifying offers to pitchers Hector Santiago, Jeanmar Gomez and Miguel Gonzalez.

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Teborek, Joe

Joe Teborek Passed away on Sunday October 28, 2018 in his home. He was 86. He died of coronary artery disease and dementia. Memorial services will be held on Friday November 16, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Sierra Memorial Lawn in Nevada City, with a reception at their home in Lake Wildwood to follow.

Joe was born on February 9th, 1932 in Oak Park, Illinois to Joseph Edgar and Sylvia Teborek. He grew-up in Cicero, IL and went to Morton High School. He graduated from Western Kentucky with a BS in Industrial Arts and was involved in R.O.T.C. After college he went in the Air Force for 12 years. Married Arlene Mowry in 1959 and had Matthew in 1964. After the Air Force he was hired by American Airlines and was based in Boston.

In 1980 he married Mary Greene and they moved to Chicago and had son Michael in 1982. Joe was a hard worker and in 1986 he checked out as a Captain with American Airlines. He loved his job in the Airlines. After he retired he ran a mail room for the sisters at Wheaton, IL and he enjoyed the sisters too.

Joe was charming, outgoing, bright, organized, handsome, and witty. He will be missed by all. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe Edgar and Sylvia Teborek; Grandmother Mary Hubeny; Uncle Rudy; Sister Charlotte Votiva & Cy Votiva; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of the Foothills, One Source, or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.

He was survived by Ex-Wife Arlene Mowry of Hampton, New Hampshire; Wife Mary G. Teborek of Penn Valley, California; Sons Matthew Teborek of Hampton, New Hampshire and Michael Teborek of Penn Valley, California.

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Valenti, Ross Bruno

Beloved husband and best friend of the late Angela "Snooky" (nee Pinotti); loving father of Rosalie (Christopher M.D.) Tocco, Leslie (Tom) Bezares, and Ross (Kimberly) Valenti; beloved son of the late Ross and Katie Valenti; fond grandfather of Nick and Joe, Ross and Rocco, Amelia and Angela; dear brother of Anthony "Gus" (MaryRose), Michael (MaryJo), and the late Joseph (Jeanne) Valenti; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; godfather and good friend to many. Member of the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club & the St. Rocco Society. Visitation Sunday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago), Funeral Services Monday at St. Jerome Croatian Church 2823 S. Princeton Ave. Viewing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For Service Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Yelin, Paula Phyllis

Paula Phyllis Yelin, nee Ludwick, age 85, beloved wife for 34 years to Fabian Seymour, beloved mother of Deborah (Richard) Martin, David (Andrea) Yelin, Cherie Schlau, Maria (Van Gelis Petsos) Yelin. Beloved Aunt of Barry Loshin. Grandmother of Lauren Craig, Jessica (Paul) Lafyatis, Marissa Martin, Erica Schlau, Jack Schlau, Amanda Schlau, Rachel Yelin, Henry

Yelin, Ayden Petsos, Great Grandmother of Leah and Kylie, Anna and Ben. Fond sister of Nancy (Philip) Loshin. She was loved by many and will be missed by all. Graveside funeral service Sunday, November 4th, 12 pm at Rose Hill Burial Park, 3653 W. Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 3 NORMAL HIGH: 55° NORMAL LOW: 38° RECORD HIGH: 75° (1987) RECORD LOW: 11° (1951)

Cold, dry weather to follow early-week rain

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 52 **LOW** 37

■ Dry start to weekend turns wet and windy with near normal temperatures.
 ■ Some sun early, becoming overcast with a chance of light rain as evening approaches.
 ■ Light winds turn southeast and strengthen into Saturday night.
 ■ Cloudy and wet overnight with lows in the mid 40's.
 ■ Change your clock early Sunday morning.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A strong weather system delivering heavy rain and winds to upper New England is to move northeast, bringing much calmer conditions to that area by Sunday. An approaching system that has North Dakota in a winter weather advisory, with a potential for 3 to 5 inches of snow in some locations, will bring a chance of rain to our area by Saturday afternoon. Sunday will be cloudy and wet with temperatures in the mid-50s. Another system arrives Monday evening, bringing another chance of rain and showers overnight and into Election Day. Election Day temperatures will be comfortable in the mid-50s, but morning showers will turn to light rain and drizzle through the remainder of the day. A cold front that passes the area Tuesday will usher in much colder temperatures, with highs unable to reach 40 degrees on Wednesday.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

HIGH 54 **LOW** 41

Storm system approaches from the SW. Rain overspreads the area early. A few rumbles of thunder possible. Windy. SE winds 20-30 mph turn SW late. Partial clearing and cooler at night.

MONDAY, NOV. 5

HIGH 54 **LOW** 53

Partly sunny early, then clouds return. Temps climb to the mid 50s, with SW winds of 10-20 mph. Rain begins during the evening. Rain may be heavy at times, with embedded t-storms.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6

HIGH 57 **LOW** 35

Peeks of sun possible early, otherwise cloudy, with periodic light showers/sprinkles. Temps in the mid 50s drop to around 40 by evening. SW-W winds 25-35 mph with gusts to 50 mph.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

HIGH 38 **LOW** 29

Windy and colder under partly sunny skies. Temps rise little, peaking in the upper 30s and low 40s. Fair and cold with diminishing winds at night. W winds 20-30 mph and gusty.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

HIGH 40 **LOW** 28

Lull between systems brings morning sunshine and light winds. Clouds return in the afternoon, leading to rain or snow at night. E winds increase as storm deepens to our south.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

HIGH 38 **LOW** 24

Blustery and cold. Rain or snow early, diminishes to occasional light snow or flurries. NW winds 25 to 35 mph and gusty lower daytime wind chills to near 20 degrees. Clearing, cold at night.

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 —Ken Mueller, LaGrange

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- HRRR High Resolution Rapid Refresh
- NGM Nested Grid Model
- NAM North American Mesoscale
- ECMF European Center Medium-Range Forecasts
- GFS Global Forecast System
- HWRF Hurricane Weather Research Model
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WEEKEND CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES*

SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT
0% 6AM-NOON	15% NOON-6PM
60% 6AM-MDNT	40% MDNT-6AM
SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT
50% 6AM-NOON	85% NOON-6PM
45% 6AM-MDNT	20% MDNT-6AM

*Indicates the chance of measurable precipitation during each 6-hour period

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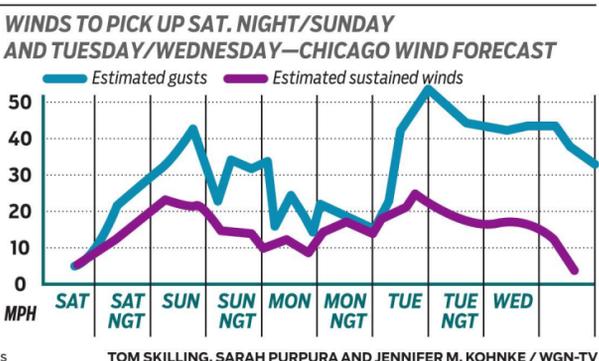
CHICAGO NOVEMBER WEATHER RANKINGS

Among Chicago's 4 least sunny months

- Fastest cooling month: 56/38° 11/1; 40/26° 11/30
- 5th windiest of Chicago's 12 months: 10.7 MPH
- 5th driest of the year (tied with October)

MONTH	PRECIPITATION %
OCT	57%
NOV	42%
DEC	41%
JAN	42%
FEB	47%
MAR	49%
APR	52%

Each of these 5 months receives less than 50% of its possible sun



MIDWEST CITIES

SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	59	51	58	43	37
Carbondale	pc	59	51	58	43	37
Champaign	pc	55	47	58	41	35
Decatur	pc	55	49	57	41	35
Moline	sh	52	46	54	40	34
Peoria	sh	54	48	54	41	35
Quincy	sh	55	49	54	42	36
Rockford	sh	52	45	52	41	35
Springfield	sh	55	49	55	40	34
Sterling	sh	53	45	52	40	34
Indiana	pc	58	46	60	46	36
Bloomington	pc	60	49	59	48	38
Evansville	pc	60	49	59	48	38
Fort Wayne	pc	53	40	59	47	37
Indianapolis	pc	56	45	61	47	37
Lafayette	pc	55	46	57	42	36
South Bend	pc	50	42	56	42	36
Wisconsin	pc	56	44	60	46	36
Green Bay	pc	46	37	49	41	35
Kenosha	cl	48	44	53	42	36
La Crosse	sh	47	41	50	40	34
Madison	cl	47	41	50	40	34
Milwaukee	cl	46	43	52	42	36
Wausau	cl	44	34	44	36	30
Michigan	pc	48	36	53	47	37
Detroit	pc	48	36	53	47	37
Grand Rapids	pc	49	38	56	44	38
Marquette	pc	40	30	43	41	35
St. Ste. Marie	pc	40	29	43	39	33
Traverse City	pc	43	33	43	35	29
Iowa	pc	49	41	51	43	37
Ames	pc	49	41	51	43	37
Cedar Rapids	pc	49	43	51	38	32
Des Moines	pc	47	42	51	43	37
Dubuque	pc	51	44	53	40	34
El Paso	pc	73	46	72	57	37

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SAT./SUN.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Abiene	pc	74	46	56	54	37
Albany	pc	53	37	50	37	31
Albuquerque	pc	59	36	59	44	38
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Anchorage	pc	35	23	34	20	14
Asheville	sh	58	37	58	49	43
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Atlanta	pc	64	44	66	53	47
Atlantic City	pc	59	40	56	50	44
Austin	pc	78	59	67	57	51
Baltimore	pc	59	42	58	50	44
Birmingham	pc	47	38	48	37	31
Birmingham	pc	68	47	69	53	47
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Burlington	pc	55	43	53	34	28
Boston	pc	64	41	62	52	46
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Burlington	pc	47	35	43	35	29
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Fargo	sh	41	31	42	31	25
Flagstaff	pc	58	28	58	36	30
Fort Myers	sh	79	68	78	64	58
Fort Smith	pc	71	47	50	34	28
Fresno	pc	78	54	81	53	47
Grand Junc.	pc	54	33	53	49	43
Great Falls	cl	52	41	50	33	27
Harrisburg	pc	54	37	57	44	38
Hartford	sh	61	38	63	57	51
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Kansas City	pc	68	44	61	51	45
Las Vegas	pc	78	54	81	69	63
Lincoln	pc	83	74	84	75	66
Little Rock	pc	71	55	67	56	50
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Louisville	pc	61	47	65	52	46
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The careful, often subtle social activism of Aaron Rodgers

By ADAM KILGORE
The Washington Post

Andy Mulumba had never spoken to Aaron Rodgers. He was a shy, undrafted rookie at Packers training camp in 2013, and somebody had told him Rodgers did not talk to rookies until they made the team. And anyway, what would they possibly talk about? Mulumba was a linebacker born in Congo and schooled in Montreal whose most recent football had been played in the Mid-American Conference. Rodgers was, well, Aaron Rodgers.

One night after team meetings, as he headed to the shuttle back to his room, Mulumba saw Rodgers up ahead, walking to his car. On the back of Rodgers' T-shirt was an outline of the African continent. Mulumba looked closer and noticed one country had been shaded to stand out: Congo. Surprised and curious, Mulumba gathered up the nerve to sidle behind Rodgers.

"Why do you wear that shirt?" Mulumba asked.

At dinner that night, and over the months to follow, Mulumba would learn from Rodgers about The Enough Project, a nonprofit organization determined to raise awareness about conflict minerals from Congo used to create cellphone batteries. Rodgers insisted Mulumba join his efforts with the cause. The connection resonates today, even after Mulumba's career has ended and Rodgers remains a Wisconsin deity. Both men remain on a board of "celebrity upstanders" for The Enough Project.

"For me," Mulumba said, "it made me realize the guy accepts personal responsibility of his position."

Rodgers occupies a unique NFL perch at a unique NFL moment. He is the league's highest-paid player, its most prolific active pitcher and, in the eyes of the sport's cognoscenti, its most talented quarterback, a peg above even Patriots legend Tom Brady, whom the Packers will play Sunday night in a rare and hugely anticipated encounter.

In many ways, Rodgers is the face of the NFL, whose players over the past two years have interacted with the wider world in unprecedented ways. President Donald Trump used players who followed Colin Kaepernick and protested racial injustice during the national anthem as a political bludgeon. The league clumsily approved a new policy to address protests during the anthem, only to rescind it after unresolved negotiations with the NFL Players Association.

Those discussions were heavily influenced by the Players Coalition, a group dedicated to community action and reform that Panthers safety and Kaepernick ally Eric Reid has criticized for growing too cozy with league owners, whom he believes donated money to the coalition to make the anthem controversy go away. During that period, and throughout his career, Rodgers has wielded his influence and his voice in meaningful, cautious doses. Last year, he stated his belief Kaepernick belonged in the NFL. He has defended the message of players who have protested. He has pleaded, in uncommon settings, for unity and common understanding. In May, he visited the Dalai Lama while in India delivering hearing aids for the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

Rodgers has used his massive platform, but he has also hinted at his progressivism without diving fully in. Former NFL cornerback and NFLPA representative Dominique Foxworth, an ESPN commentator and an observer of the intersection between society and sports, wrote a 2016 column for The Undeclared asking Rodgers to say, "Black Lives Matter."

Rodgers has not demonstrated during the national anthem, just like the vast majority of NFL players. He has not joined the Players Coalition, although he was once an NFLPA player rep. Foxworth singled out Rodgers not only because of his stature, but also because he believes Rodgers has it in him.

"It feels like there's a clash between who he is and who he's expected to be," Foxworth said early this season in a phone conversation. "I think that's true amongst a lot of football players."

In 2013, a few months after



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"We just accomplished the most amazing goal in football. But I'm sitting here with this semi-empty feeling because I had just accomplished everything I wanted to do when I was a kid. I kind of had this moment where I said to myself, 'Is this it? Is there more to life than this?' And the answer was resoundingly yes."

—Aaron Rodgers once told a crowd of how he felt after winning the Super Bowl.

they met, Rodgers convinced Mulumba to join him at an event for The Enough Project called the Conflict-Free Campus Initiative. Mulumba drove to Madison with Rodgers and the actress Emmanuelle Chriqui, the friend who introduced Rodgers to The Enough Project. At half past midnight on an October Tuesday before the Packers played the Lions, Rodgers strode to the middle of the stage and spoke. Rodgers recalled driving out of Cowboys Stadium in Texas after the Packers won the Super Bowl in 2011.

"We just accomplished the most amazing goal in football," Rodgers told the crowd. "But I'm sitting here with this semi-empty feeling because I had just accomplished everything I wanted to do when I was a kid. I kind of had this moment where I said to myself, 'Is this it? Is there more to life than this?' And the answer was resoundingly yes."

In November 2015, in the aftermath of terrorist attacks in Paris, the Packers held a moment of silence before kickoff. One pierced the quiet by shouting, "Muslims suck!" In his postgame news conference, unprompted, Rodgers commended the moment of silence — "we're a connected world, you know" — and admonished the fan.

"It's that kind of prejudicial ideology that I think puts us in the position that we're in today, as a world," he said.

Rodgers grew up in Chico, Calif., the son of religious parents in a conservative area — Butte County went for Trump in the last presidential election. When he arrived at Cal, football staffers quietly worried how he would fit into the notoriously progressive campus culture in Berkeley. Rodgers devoted himself fully to football, and they saw few signs of interaction with campus outside of the sport. In the end, though, they believe it influenced him.

"Incredibly bright," said one member of California's staff during Rodgers's tenure, who spoke anonymously to discuss an alum who guards his privacy. "He's well-read. With that, I think he's

careful of his image and the image of the organization he represents. But at the same time, if he feels strongly about a particular issue, he's not afraid to voice his opinion. I think he does it in a calculated, careful way."

Rodgers has parceled out his beliefs. In a 2017 ESPN The Magazine story, Rodgers both explained how he had dropped any affiliation to organized religion and said Kaepernick wasn't on a roster only because of his protests. Through his marketing agent at CAA Sports, Rodgers declined an interview for this story. This August, he expressed disappointment in how criticism of player protests had hijacked their message.

"I don't know how many times we can say, as a player and as a group, how much we love and support and appreciate the troops, and the opportunities this country allows us," Rodgers told NFL.com's Michael Silver. "But this is about equality and something bigger than ourselves, and bringing people together, and love and connectedness and equality and social justice, and putting a light on people who deserve to have the attention for their causes and their difficult situations that they're in. You know, people have their opinion — you shouldn't do it during the anthem, you shouldn't do it during this — that's fine. But let's not take away from what the real issue is."

Rodgers has donated time and money to causes typical and atypical of a superstar quarterback's philanthropy. In September, after Rodgers suffered a knee injury and led the Packers to an indelible comeback over the Bears, five Packers player representatives donated \$50,000 to Legal Action of Wisconsin, with Rodgers presenting the donation. Legal Action is a law firm that provides civil legal aid to clients, most of whom are at or below 125 percent of the poverty level.

The Packers' player engagement staff connected Rodgers and Legal Action. "The kind of work we do is exactly the kind of work Aaron wanted to support," Associate Executive Director

Deedee Peterson said.

Rodgers asked Peterson about administrative overhead, what kind of cases Legal Action's lawyers took and the kind of clients they served. Only then did he lend his support.

"This is not to disparage your mainstream charity, because they do very good work," Peterson said. "But talking about poor people needing a lawyer is very different than talking about how we need to raise money for children's cancer research."

Fair or not, Rodgers' outlook and stature has made some wonder whether he could do more. Rodgers stands out even from other quarterbacks in skill, and perhaps even more so in his worldliness. Brady kept a Make America Great Again hat in his locker, which was spotted by reporters in 2015. When pressed, Brady called then-candidate Trump a friend and has deflected subsequent questioning with vague references to positivity. At one point, shortly after Trump's election, Brady said to reporters that his wife, supermodel Gisele Bündchen, told him he "can't talk about politics anymore."

The impact a white, superstar quarterback could make for NFL players fighting against injustice has been a frequent and somewhat taboo topic since Kaepernick first knelt and the NFL collided with deeper social issues. Owing to his talent, Rodgers can be seen by other players as an avatar for the white star quarterback.

"If somebody like, say, Aaron Rodgers got behind us, I think it would touch home for a lot more people," the Seahawks' Cliff Avril told the Seattle Times in September 2016. "At the same time, I see why they probably wouldn't, because they don't know what we're going through."

The NFL's star structure places that kind of focus on quarterbacks. In the NFL, star players hold power, regardless of position. In the NFL, quarterbacks, with few exceptions, are the only players whose fame transcends the sport, and their primacy on the field makes them automatic representatives for

their franchises. And in a sport where management views many players as interchangeable, star quarterbacks possess uncommon leverage. They can say what others cannot without fear of retribution.

"No one is going to be able to be as outspoken and honest as he is," Foxworth said of Rodgers, adding that it applies to other franchise quarterbacks. "But I think if he is that way, then people around him who aren't as valuable get a chance to do a similar thing."

Of the 12-member Players Coalition task force, two — Chris Long and Josh McCown — are white, and McCown, a Jets backup, is the only quarterback. Earlier this season, Foxworth was asked what the significance of a white, superstar quarterback joining that cause, or one similar, would be.

"I've always struggled with that question," Foxworth said. "Life's unfair. But this is a particularly unfair thing, where there's an expectation for black players, and there's no expectation for white players. Which, maybe there shouldn't be an expectation for black players, but if there's expectation for one segment of society, it should not be the ones who have been the victims for so long. The expectation should be for the ones who benefited, for them to take some stands and make some actions. There is some privilege and some power to being who Aaron Rodgers is. It doesn't mean he has some obligation. But it feels like he wants to wade into it."

Rodgers may dive deeper into social causes, but already he has made an impact. Mulumba remains involved with The Enough Project, and he remains grateful for the night he was a no-name rookie who summoned the courage to bother Rodgers on the way to his car.

"I believe he is somebody who cares about the well-being of people, the well-being of society," Mulumba said. "He cares about these issues. I can't thank him enough. We can't thank him enough, for being part of this journey."

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An old story: Travis gives Wildcats veteran presence

By JERRY TIPTON
Lexington Herald-Leader

He has changed teams and changed conferences. He needs to adjust to new teammates, new coaches and a new system. A college graduate, he must relate to freshmen and sophomores. He's being asked to change his playing style and lose weight. Then there's the culture shock associated with moving from the West Coast to the Bluegrass, from Stanford and its reputation as one of the world's top academic institutions to Kentucky and, as we're reminded before every home game, "the greatest tradition in the history of college basketball."

Oh yeah, and he's also expected to lead Kentucky to a national championship by providing the kind of veteran leadership its teams often lack.

Has any player ever faced a greater challenge than Reid Travis faces in the 2018-19 season?

"When you put it in that perspective, it does sound like a big load," his father, Nate Travis, said recently.

But the elder Travis and others say the challenge is not too big.

As paradoxical as it might sound, Travis has been adjusting to new circumstances and leading for a long time. From middle school to high school to Stanford and now to Kentucky. He changed AAU teams after his sophomore year of high school.

Quarterback of the high school football team. Three-year captain of the high school basketball team.

"He was always the kid they looked up to in the community," his father said of Reid's upbringing in Minneapolis. "So a lot of things come naturally. I'm sure he does it without giving it a thought."

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Here's a question: Do the expectations of the Big Blue Nation translate into pressure?

"Not too much," Travis said this past summer. He cited his three seasons as captain of Stanford's teams as good preparation.

But, of course, Stanford and Kentucky are as different as Silicon Valley and the Bourbon Trail. This difference is not lost on Travis.

"I'm in a place now where basketball is in the center," he said. "People love Kentucky basketball. Everywhere I go people want pictures and autographs."

"When I was at Stanford, it was a little more toned down. You have Olympians and you have people starting the next great company. Those are the ones that have the celebrity. So I felt like the small fish when I was on that campus. Then you kind of switch it up and come to Kentucky where you are the main attraction. You are the show."

Unlike several of his UK teammates, Travis does not play video games. He said his parents encouraged him and his siblings to go outside and play rather than sit in front of a screen.

Nor does Travis share his teammates' fondness for trash talking.

"He's into the books," Quade Green said. "Hey, he's a school guy. He loves school. That's his DNA."

Not that Travis finds it difficult to relate to his UK teammates.

"Of course, he's a lot more mature," Keldon Johnson said. "He's a lot older. He's just us, but older. He still jokes around with us. It's not like he doesn't talk to us."

Some of his UK teammates have given Travis a nickname, the universal sign of acceptance. They call him "Old Head."

Travis had been on both sides of this age difference. As a freshman at Stanford, he learned from older teammates. Later, as the captain, he tutored incoming freshmen.

When it comes to leadership, Tennessee coach Rick Barnes dismissed the importance of shared interests. The leader and his followers do not need to bowl or go to the movies together, he said.

"I don't think you have to hang out with guys," Barnes said. "I don't think that matters. He'll figure out what he needs to do because the most important thing in leadership is transparency."

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At SEC media day, Travis said the biggest adjustment he had to make was losing weight. He came to Kentucky at about 260 pounds and has trimmed down to about



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Reid Travis, a rare veteran for Kentucky after joining the team as a graduate transfer from Stanford, dunks during the Wildcats' Blue-White game.

235. This has helped his transition from a power player to a more versatile player with face-the-basket skills.

Not so coincidentally, scouts advised Travis to become a better perimeter player when he entered his name in this year's NBA draft and went through the pre-draft process. During UK's August trip to the Bahamas, he acknowledged sometimes reverting to a power game.

"He's a really good low-post player," Mississippi State coach Ben Howland said of Travis. "He's a real problem down low ... so he's going to be a real load for anybody in our league to contend with. That's one great pickup for Kentucky to get him late."

It hasn't been a seamless transition. In the first game in the Bahamas, Travis looked like a player still searching to find a comfortable niche. UK coach John Calipari said Travis reverted

to gathering himself into a crouch before trying to explode to the basket.

"It's really a transition from the way I've played my whole career as far as more of a bully-ball system, putting the ball down and trying to get into people's chests," Travis said after that game. "Now, they're asking me to go up and catch lobs, get blocks and just run the court as fast as I can ... I reverted back to some old habits."

After the game, Calipari good-naturedly teased Travis about his play.

"Reid, it was like you were a freshman," Calipari said he told Travis. "First time out. You can't believe this environment. But, I said, 'You're going to be fine.'"

Travis showed steady progress in the Bahamas. He averaged a double-double in the four games. He even made 2 of 3 3-point shots in the fourth and final game. He then made his only attempt from

beyond the arc in the Blue-White Game.

"That was a process I started two years ago to getting more comfortable on the perimeter," he said.

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Rene Pulley, a family friend, said that the affinity to prepare creates confidence that Travis can meet the challenge this season presents.

"Honestly, what's being asked of him is only fair," Pulley said. "And I really do believe Reid is up to the challenge. He's been mentally prepared for this for a couple years."

Travis has been pointing to the NBA for several years. Pulley described getting a degree from Stanford as Travis' way to thanking Stanford for the opportunity to be challenged in the classroom and on the court.

After entering this year's NBA draft and deciding it would be best

to improve as a player in another season of college basketball, Travis decided to transfer to Kentucky. Of course, UK has produced 19 lottery picks in Calipari's time as coach.

"It was a blessing that coach Cal said there was a spot for me, and if I wanted to come, it would be a great fit," Travis said.

Pulley acknowledged the challenge that Travis faces.

"He has to be more mentally strong and prepared to accept the pressure of going to Kentucky," he said before adding, "which is damned near going to the NBA."

Pulley described UK as the "perfect opportunity" for Travis and his younger teammates. They can help each other.

"He doesn't have to do everything for these kids," Pulley said of Travis. "It's not like Calipari went out there and got a bunch of third-graders that are playing intramural basketball."

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REVIEW: 2019 HONDA INSIGHT



2019 Honda Insight is a more refined, fuel-efficient Civic

By Benjamin Preston, New York Daily News

The Honda Insight has come a long way since it became the first hybrid vehicle on the market in North America. But that was way back in 1999, when the gas-electric hybrid powertrain was a new concept for most people. Many manufacturers had only recently switched from fueling their cars with carburetors to using more efficient, less polluting fuel-injection systems.

Then out of the ether came the space pod Insight, with its wind-cheating fender skirts and full wheel covers. It was never a strong seller.

If sales numbers indicate anything about the American car-buying public, it's that people value predictability and convention over most other things. Otherwise, we wouldn't see so many white, silver, and tan cars on the road, and more people would be driving the oddball hybrids that promise higher mpg and a more "futuristic" future.

The new Insight features conventional styling, solid road manners, and outstanding fuel economy — all things the prudent car shopper will want. It's solid A-to-B transportation backed up by Honda's legendary reputation for reliability as well as an innovative transmission-less 2-motor hybrid-electric system that's so good you hardly know it's there.

Styling is somewhere between the Civic and the Accord, albeit closer to the latter. The Insight is smaller than the Accord, but less flashy than the sport-oriented Civic. If you could compare the Insight's sheet metal to a men's clothing ensemble, it would be a pair of charcoal gray dress slacks, a white button-down shirt, a gray or blue cardigan, and a pair of black oxfords. It's something a bureaucrat would drive, on or off the clock. The Insight keeps it business-casual, so to speak, which for the average commuter is A-OK.

Goldilocks interior

Like the Civic upon which it's loosely based, the Insight has a roomy interior and comfortable seats. Quality interior surface materials and a borderless infotainment screen that appears to be floating above the dash give the Insight's interior a slightly upscale look. Light-colored upholstery, which extends to the lower dash and door panels, only kicks up the classy a few more notches.

The car's electronic continuously variable transmission (eCVT) allowed Honda to eke out the most space possible in a car that's less than 6 feet wide and just over 15 feet in length. Rear headroom, legroom, and hip room are comparable to the Civic, but with nearly 98 cu.-ft. of interior volume, the Insight offers 3 cu.-ft. more overall space than the slightly smaller Civic. (The Accord's interior volume is about 103 cu.-ft., in case you were wondering.)

The battery pack for the Insight's hybrid powertrain is mounted beneath the rear seat, so it doesn't invade territory better suited for cargo. At 15 cu.-ft., the trunk is generous for a small car. It's set up in a way that easily accommodates bulky items, even if the hatch opening is a bit small. The rear seats fold mostly flat to allow for greater utility.

The prognosis from my end? Too bad Honda doesn't offer this car in hatchback format. (The Civic hatch offers gobs of cargo space for its size, but styling reminiscent of the Fast and Furious film franchise may rub some people the wrong way.)

All the safety features but one

Knobs. They're one feature Honda never seems to embrace on its infotainment systems. There are a few buttons at the side of the center stack screen to help the user find the home screen, hunt for radio stations, and adjust screen brightness (very important). But dedicated buttons for nav and stereo inputs, as well as a knob for changing stations, would simplify things. We humans may well be tech savvy (most of us, anyway), but we're still primates, after all.

The effective tactile shift-by-wire controls Honda used on the Acura RDX (the buttons are all oriented differently so that they can be operated by feel, without removing your gaze from the road) are also present on the Insight. Bravo, Honda.

Although some may want to crucify me for saying so, I think the RDX's innovative trackpad interface would be useful here, too. It features screen-scale touchpad movement (where your finger presses on the pad is where it activates an action on the screen) and positive-click command execution (to prevent accidental thumbing of controls). It allows the screen to be mounted higher on the dash — out of reach, but still more or less in view of eyes paying attention to the road. The Insight doesn't have this feature, but it does have a large touchscreen mounted relatively high on the dash.

Standard safety features include lane-departure warning, lane-keeping assist, forward collision warning, forward automatic emergency braking, driver attention monitor (for fatigue), and adaptive cruise control. Unfortunately, blind-spot monitoring and rear cross-traffic assist aren't even optional on the Insight. In this car, Honda still uses a lane watch feature that shows the driver's blind spot in the center screen via a rear-facing camera, and only for the right side of the car. Blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-traffic alert is a more effective system.

In crash testing, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety named the Insight a "Top Safety Pick +" for 2019. It also received a best-possible 5-star overall safety rating from the federal government.

Transmission-less pragmatism

The Insight's 2-motor hybrid system was first introduced in the 2014 Accord Hybrid, so Honda has had plenty of time to perfect it. It features a 1.5-liter, Atkinson-cycle 4-cylinder gasoline engine cranking out 107 horsepower and 99 lb.-ft. of torque, coupled with an electric motor rated at 129 hp and 197 lb.-ft. of torque. Combined system output is 151 hp.

Here's how the system works: At low speeds, the electric traction motor drives the front wheels directly. At moderate speeds, the gas engine is clutched in to drive the wheels directly. Under full load (mashing the pedal to the floor), the electric motor and the car's 1.1-kwH battery pack assist the gas engine. It will motivate the Insight from a dead stop to 60 mph in a not-too-shabby 7.7 seconds on its way to a top speed of 114mph, according to Honda. Acceleration isn't quite as zippy as the Civic's, but it's still adequate.

If there's one drawback about this powertrain, it's the horrible racket it makes when pushed hard. If you absolutely have to pass someone hammer down, your best option is to turn up the radio to drown the car's miserable engine drone. Much like sausage and legislation, we don't want to know (or hear) how the Insight's power is made.

The combined EPA fuel economy rating for this car is 52 mpg for the lighter base model and 48 mpg for the top-level Touring, which is the model I tested. As with any car, the numbers you get depend upon how you drive. I got 47 mpg on my test loop, but should point out that the pugilistic driving style required to get anywhere around New York City is not conducive to good fuel economy.

People who live in places where the pace of driving is more relaxed will see higher numbers. Naturally, the Insight rewards steady pacing with higher-than-rated fuel economy. It just goes to show that, with the right powertrain, hypermiling works.

A surefire commuter go-to

For those interested in a sober, dependable compact sedan that delivers great fuel economy, it's difficult to do much better than the Insight. Elegant modern styling on top of a sensible interior and smart powertrain make for the best kind of commuter car — the one you don't have to pay any attention to. It's also reasonably priced, with a base price less than \$24,000 and an as-tested price — on the top-end Touring model, no less — of just under \$30,000.

Honda says electrified powertrains will be the norm in 10-15 years. That can be a future difficult to imagine with the number of big trucks and thirsty crossovers flying out of dealerships lots right now. But if there's one thing that's certain about fuel prices, it's that they can change rapidly. When they spike again — and they will — a lot of people will be glad Honda has gotten this technology down pat.



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Loud continued noises
 - 5 Sudden muscle contraction
 - 10 Winter flakes
 - 14 Part of a plant
 - 15 Mischievous sprite
 - 16 Leo XIII or Pius XII
 - 17 Haywire; wrong
 - 18 Analyzed again
 - 20 Tit for ___
 - 21 Brooklyn team
 - 22 Metal-headed golf clubs
 - 23 Nonsense
 - 25 ___ nutshell; briefly
 - 26 Wooden shoes
 - 28 Carve a statue
 - 31 Wed on the run
 - 32 Steps
 - 34 "Be quiet!"
 - 36 Adder's sign
 - 37 Dinner course
 - 38 Stringed instrument
 - 39 Element whose symbol is Sn
 - 40 Jeans fabric
 - 41 Friendlier
 - 42 Fisher and Cahill
 - 44 Giggle
 - 45 Cuttlefish secretion
 - 46 Upper body
 - 47 Mitt
 - 50 Incite; push on
 - 51 Allow
 - 54 Mississippi steamers
 - 57 Wild hog
 - 58 Take ___; assume control
 - 59 Narrow waterway
 - 60 Meanie
 - 61 ___ to pieces; lost it
 - 62 Penniless
 - 63 ___ Daly
- DOWN**
- 1 "Phooey!"
 - 2 Midwest state
 - 3 Traveling toward the Arctic
 - 4 Pig's home
 - 5 Binges
 - 6 Devoutness
 - 7 Lumberjack's tools
 - 8 Dinnertime, for many
 - 9 ___ culpa
 - 10 ___-bound; like school notebooks
 - 11 Advice to Nanette
 - 12 Use a key
 - 13 Unites
 - 19 Three ___ two is one

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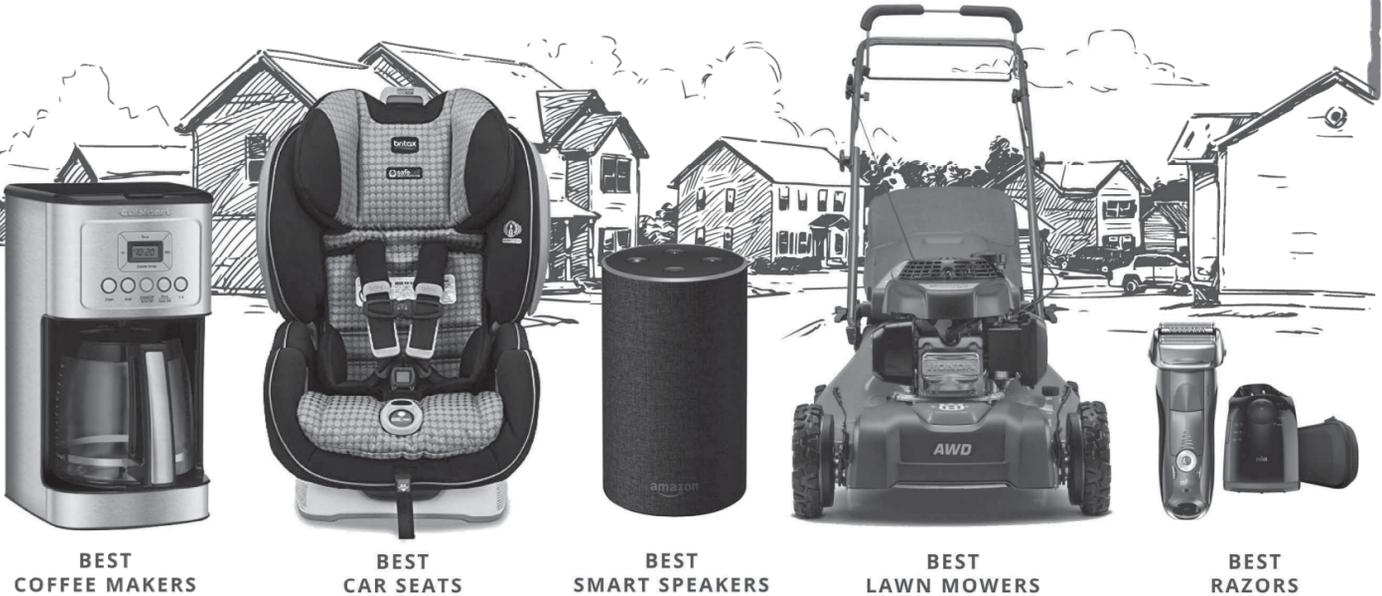
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- 30 Midafternoon
- 32 Skillets
- 33 Actress Larter
- 35 In this place
- 37 Look for
- 38 Commits perjury
- 40 Eatery
- 41 Bookish fellow
- 43 Turn aside
- 44 Comfortably warm
- 46 Carried
- 47 Expand
- 48 Not taped
- 49 Kitchen appliance
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- 52 Make money
- 53 Poplar or pine
- 55 Canister
- 56 Half and half
- 57 Study of plants; abbr.

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