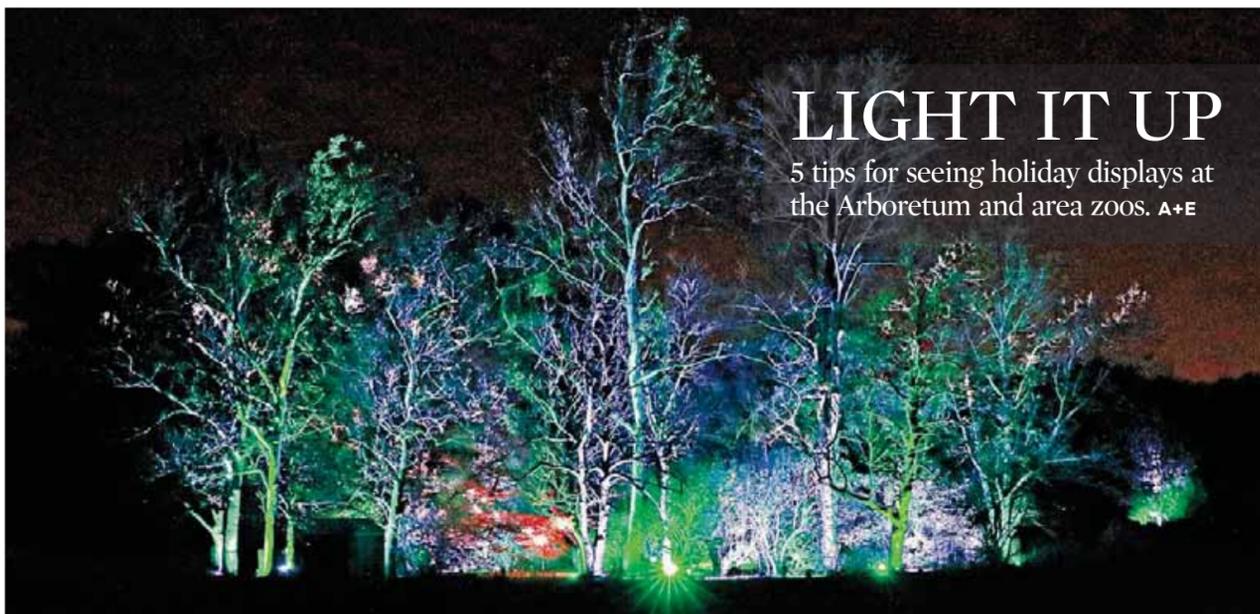


A little extra legwork for Bears kicker

Cody Parkey hit the road to try to break out of his slump of knocking kicks off the uprights. The Bears kicker practiced at Soldier Field in an effort to give him the best chance of simulating conditions the team will encounter Sunday night.

NOTRE DAME: A look at five signature moments for the Fighting Irish's burgeoning rushing offense.

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'Little baby casinos' a revenue bump

Video gambling grows, boosting state coffers but proving divisive

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
 Chicago Tribune

Full meals used to be on the menu at La Cabana Mexican Restaurant in Melrose Park, but now the small storefront sells only steak tacos. These days, many people come not to eat, but to gamble.

Customers will typically

spend two to four hours at a time at one of the video poker or slot machines at the strip mall business along Mannheim Road, and will often drop around \$400, said operator Juventina Mesa, who adds that gambling now makes up the bulk of her receipts.

"They like it, but some people lose a lot of money,"

she said.

A new state report says Mesa's customers are far from unusual. It shows that Illinoisans lost a whopping \$4 billion in total last year on legal gambling. And the big winner? Video gambling, whose revenues have grown by more than 75 percent in just the last three years.

Even with video gambling prohibited in the city of Chicago, there are now about 11,000 individual

gaming machines in the metropolitan area — the equivalent of adding more than nine full-size casinos, according to the "Wagering in Illinois" report released last month by the state's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. That's only six years after the first legal poker machines were rolled out in Illinois.

Video gambling terminals, the driving force behind overall gambling reve-

nues hitting an all-time record high last year in Illinois, have sprouted up at bars, truck stops, doughnut shops, pizzerias and in storefront chains devoted expressly to the poker and slot machines.

"Oh my God, it's so crazy down here," said Mark Dixon, professor of behavior analysis and therapy at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale who

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Panel urges police reform

Federal civil rights body cites CPD in urging changes

BY DAN HINKEL
 Chicago Tribune

A federal civil rights panel is criticizing the Trump administration for pulling back on police reform in a new report that cites the Chicago Police Department's record of abuse and scandal.

The Democratic-led U.S. Commission on Civil Rights wants the Department of Justice to return to investigating local police forces and pressing changes through consent decrees, which are court orders overseen by federal judges.

The panel's report on the use of force by police notes the past inquiries that have found CPD to be plagued by misconduct and mentions the law enforcement agency's handling of people with disabilities. The report, to be released Thursday, also notes that the Justice Department's intervention in Chicago three years ago

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Rivals pelt stones as Mendoza rocks race

State comptroller's mayoral run draws barrage of attacks

BY BILL RUTHHART,
 JOHN BYRNE
 AND GREGORY PRATT
 Chicago Tribune

Foreshadowing the bitter feud that is to come, state Comptroller Susana Mendoza's entry into the Chicago mayor's race Wednesday was greeted by an onslaught of attacks from opponents new and old, political noise she tried to drown out with a message that she will represent a new wave of leadership at City Hall.

Mendoza was called a puppet of powerful House Speaker Michael Madigan, dismissed as representing Mayor Rahm Emanuel's third term, slammed for running for two offices at the same time and even labeled an ageist. And that's just an appetizer of the political backlash that's still to come for Mendoza, who

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Making history in Washington

After toppling longtime GOP incumbent Randy Hultgren in last week's midterm elections, Democrat Lauren Underwood has become a familiar face on national TV programs, appearing on NBC, MSNBC and CNN. But her victory in Illinois' 14th Congressional District earned her another distinction — she made history becoming the youngest black woman elected to Congress. Underwood is part of a diverse group of incoming representatives, including many women and first-time candidates. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

Mattis calls border duty 'great training'

Defense chief visits Texas base, defends troop deployment

BY PAUL SONNE
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis described the deployment to the border as "great training" and told active-duty soldiers in Texas not to pay attention to the news coverage of the operation because they would "go nuts."

Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen visited troops near

the U.S.-Mexico border on Wednesday, a little over two weeks after President Donald Trump dispatched thousands of active-duty forces in anticipation of a Central American migrant caravan.

Critics assailed Trump for sending such a large contingent of troops to the border ahead of the midterm elections, accusing him of mounting an unnecessary stunt designed to fire up anti-immigration sentiment among his political base.

But Mattis has defended

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Soldiers put up concertina wire along a fence near the Brownsville & Matamoros Express International Bridge in Brownsville, Texas.



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Zeus the Wonder Dog is back to his old rabbit-chasing, soccer-playing self after an uncertain malady.



JOHN KASS

A little white dog and the rainbow bridge

Zeus the Wonder Dog likes to play soccer with his feet, rolling his hard red ball on the wood floor. And in the winter, he's been known to stash freshly caught rabbits in the yard for occasional snacks.

But the other day, on a cold November morning, Zeus did something truly strange. He stayed in his bed, shivering.

"We have to take him to the vet," said one of my sons.

Wait, I said, he'll get over it.

But the next day, he was the same.

So I drove and my son sat in the back holding Zeus, as he'd done years ago, as a boy, when Zeus was a pup, on that long drive home from the breeder in Wisconsin.

The vet was nice and calm, looking for any swelling of the lymph nodes. She found no swelling. She examined his stomach and his spine.

"It could be he just twisted his back chasing a rabbit, or it could be something else," she said.

She recommended some bloodwork and other tests. But that would cost hundreds of dollars.

By then we had moved to the receptionist's counter, and staff and other pet owners were milling about, paying bills, chatting.

I said I didn't want to pay all that money. Just then, an aide rushed up and whispered to the vet, who then said she had to go.

"We have an emergency," she said. "I'll be back in a few minutes. Then we can talk."

She walked briskly away.

And it was obvious that others at the counter had heard me balking about paying for all that bloodwork.

"I don't know about you, but if my guy was sick, I'd pay," huffed an older woman with bright red hair, a white pit bull at her side. "I've already paid plenty and I'd pay again. I'd pay anything because I love him."

She didn't look at me. But she was speaking to me. She nuzzled her dog, and both made tiny sounds in their

throats.

"I'd pay too," declared another customer. "They have great orthopedists here. I'd pay."

"I've paid orthopedists," I said. "But for my sons playing soccer. It's a dog, not a child. Our dogs aren't our kids, are they?"

It was an unnecessary thing to say, there, but I said it.

The reception area was a large, bright, airy room, with many windows. Pet-themed art covered the walls. At least six people were there with their dogs, but the room was silent.

It was a church. And I was the sinner.

The women who would gladly pay gave off a vibe that asked: What the hell's wrong with you?

But just then Zeus rescued me, whining that he had to go outside, so out we went.

"Are you leaving?" asked the receptionist. "The doctor wants to talk to you."

No, I said, we're not leaving. We'll be right back.

Outside, on the grass in the reserved area, Zeus did his business.

And along the side of the building, in the rear, a door opened. An older man came out, wearing a Vietnam-era service cap. Then a younger woman, she could have been his daughter, followed him carrying a hand-knit blanket of blues and browns.

She was carrying something in the blanket. She was weeping.

In the blanket was a little white dog. She held her hand underneath its head. A rear paw stuck limply out of the blanket and just dangled.

As she passed, she looked up at us and made a little shy wave. She was sobbing.

I'm sorry, I said.

She gave a weak little smile and walked to the car. The man put her in the back seat and drove off. She looked out the window at us and waved again, wiggling her fingers,

then put her face in the blanket in her lap.

"Zeus?" someone said. It was the receptionist. The vet was waiting.

The women who'd been angry with me had gone. But the vet confirmed what had happened to the little white dog.

She told us we could give Zeus medicine for his pain, and an anti-inflammatory. We could talk about those expensive blood tests and other treatment, if necessary, she said.

"For now, just feed him chicken and rice for a week," she said. "We'll see."

I boiled his chicken. I made his rice. We gave him his meds. They worked. He's fine and healthy now, and back to his old rabbit-chasing, soccer-playing ways. He hasn't stashed any rabbit snacks lately, though.

But he does like his bed by the fire. And when I write columns at home, he'll come over and sit beside me. He doesn't ask much, though he's looking at me right now as I type.

I told him: You know I'd pay, Zeus. You know it. You believe me?

He believes me.

How did this happen, this connection between humans and dogs?

Did man by chance tame a wolf? Or is it more likely that wolves bred softer versions of themselves, in order to get closer to us, and sit by our fires?

Does something happen in your brains, some chemical release of bonding, when your dog looks into your eyes?

I can't say.

But I can't stop thinking about the woman holding that blanket on the cold November morning, that little white dog of hers walking over the rainbow bridge.

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Those teens aren't giving a Nazi salute. It's just the Wisconsin Wave!



REX W. HUPPKE

Now listen, I know everyone's upset about that photo of a group of Wisconsin teenagers with their right arms thrust up at a roughly 45-degree angle.

Many are saying the picture, taken last spring before the Baraboo High School prom, shows a big crowd of teenage boys standing on the steps of a local courthouse giving a Nazi salute. Many are outraged.

Well I'm here to tell you this is all just a big misunderstanding. That's not a Nazi salute. That's just the Wisconsin Wave!

You see, according to a report by The Associated Press, the parent who took the photo says "he was simply asking the teens to wave goodbye to their parents before they headed off to prom and never anticipated the image would draw such widespread condemnation."

The story continued: "Pete Gust, who operates Wheel Memories and has a son in the photo, said the timing sequence of the shot he took of about 60 boys outside the Sauk County Courthouse in Baraboo last spring showed the teens' arms extended in various stages as they raised them."

See? These grinning boys were just waving to their parents! (And the one in front who appears to be flashing the OK sign that has been embraced by online white supremacists? He's just signaling to his parents that he's not nervous about prom and everything's going to be OK.)

I think what happened here is that people outside Wisconsin are unfamiliar with the Wisconsin Wave. Allow me to explain:

The state calls itself Ameri-



PETER GUST/AP

A group of Wisconsin high school boys stand on the steps outside the Sauk County Courthouse in Baraboo, Wis.

ca's Dairyland and is famous for cheese. An unfortunate side effect of a dairy-heavy diet is joint inflammation, which makes it hard for Wisconsinites to move their arms like normal people. The best most of them can muster for a wave is a slight raising of the arm. And of course, their hands stay flat, as it's painful to move their dairy-crippled phalanges.

So while some see a chilling image of a large group of predominantly white teenage boys laughing while role-playing Hitler Youth, I'm here to tell you that's just how they wave up in Packer country.

And if you need any more assurance, just listen to what Ed Geick, Baraboo's city administrator, told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in response to the controversy: "This isn't Baraboo. This isn't who we are."

Couldn't be much more open-and-shut than that. Throughout history, things that appear to be disturbing indicators of white supremacy or anti-Semitism have always been snuffed out with a pointed and direct denial of any problem.

Take the recent controversy in Mississippi following the release of a video showing Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith smiling and saying of a supporter: "If he invited me to a public hanging, I'd be on the front row."

In a Southern state with a notorious history of public lynchings, some found the senator's comment deeply offensive. She responded with a statement saying her comment was "an exaggerated expression of regard."

You see, it's just Mississippi Gratitude. Many white people

in the state were born without what geneticists call "the modicum of decency gene," and so they sometimes express gratitude in ways others find unusual.

For example, from a young age, some Caucasian Mississippians are taught to respond to acts of kindness by saying: "How nice. I would gladly give you my seat at a public hanging."

It's understandable that some might interpret Hyde-Smith's comment as offensive, but clearly it was just a harmless colloquialism.

Phil Bryant, Mississippi's Republican governor, defended the senator by saying: "She meant no offense by that statement. There was nothing in her heart of ill will."

That's just not who she is, you see. So her comment couldn't possibly be a sign of

lingering racism that needs to be addressed.

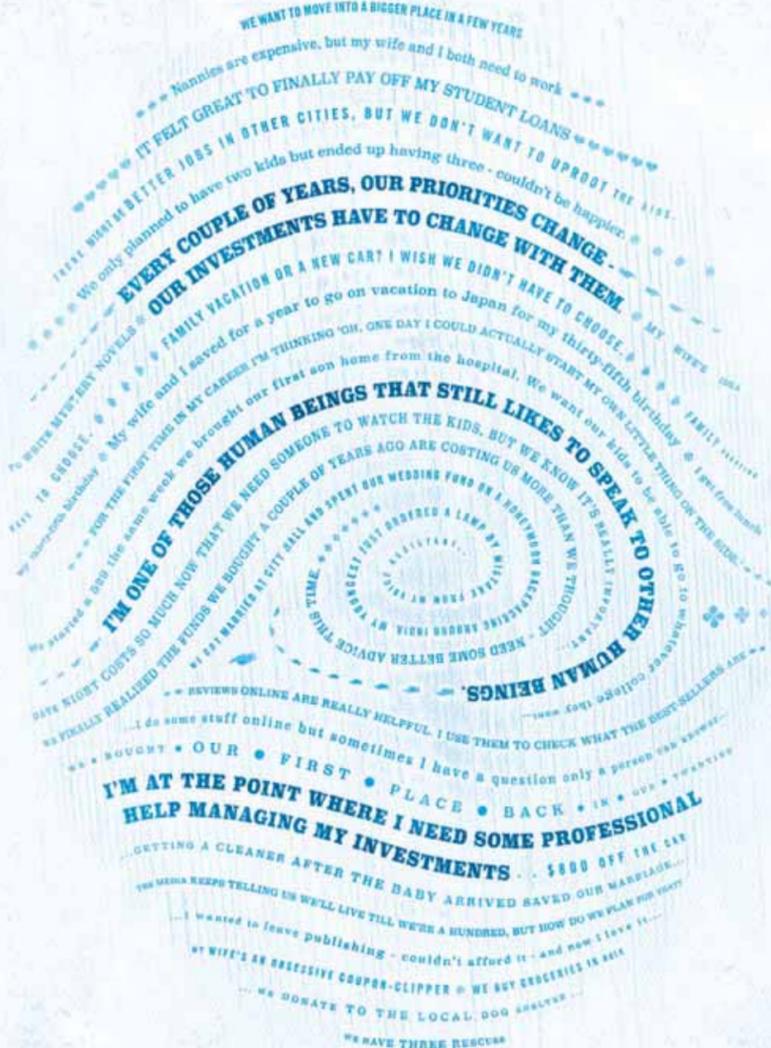
Just like that bunch of boys who launched a hardy Wisconsin Wave aren't a sign that Baraboo has a deeper problem. And just like the FBI report released Tuesday showing a 17 percent rise in hate crimes across the United States — the third straight year the numbers have gone up — can't be an indicator that America is ignoring the growth of hate groups and a rise in racist and anti-Semitic behavior.

No. As you've heard after every awful act of hate, that's just not who we are here in America.

People say it, so it must be true.

As true as the story about all those Wisconsin boys waving to their parents.

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Rep.-elect Lauren Underwood, D-Ill., arrives for orientation for new members of Congress on Tuesday in Washington.

Underwood, arriving on Hill, is ready to light a fire under it

Youngest black woman in House 'ready to get to work'

By **PATRICK M. O'CONNELL**
Chicago Tribune

Democrat Lauren Underwood has become a familiar face on national TV news programs since she defeated Republican Rep. Randy Hultgren in last week's midterm elections.

After toppling the longtime GOP incumbent, who just days before the election traveled more than 300 miles to accept President Donald Trump's political embrace, Underwood has had appearances on NBC, MSNBC and CNN. But her victory in Illinois' 14th Congressional District earned her another distinction — she made history, becoming the youngest black woman elected to Congress, according to congressional records.

When she gets sworn in Jan. 3, Underwood will be 32 years, 3 months old. Before Underwood, according to congressional records, U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas was the youngest black woman elected to Congress. Jordan was 36 years, 10 months, 14 days old when she was sworn in Jan. 3, 1973.

Illinois also elected the first black female senator, Carol Moseley Braun, in 1992. As she thanked volunteers at her campaign headquarters the day after the election, Underwood cited Braun as one of the people she looked up to as a young girl growing up in

Naperville.

"I felt like she was mine," Underwood said. "She was on TV every day. I knew that she was from my state and she represented me. We also had Oprah Winfrey, and I felt like she was mine. And she came on twice a day, every day, and she filmed her show an hour away. And I felt like, if they can be the two most powerful black women in the world — when I was in elementary school, that's probably true — I could do whatever I wanted. And I think what's happened this year is that women across the country have seen that there's a way to step forward and lead and that there are millions ready to support them."

Underwood and Sean Casten, who flipped the neighboring Illinois 6th Congressional District into the Democrats' column by defeating U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam, are in Washington this week for orientation for new incoming House members. The wins in key swing districts by the two suburban political newcomers helped Democrats wrest control of the House from Republicans. The 14th Congressional District encompasses the far northern, western and southwestern suburbs and rural areas outside Chicago.

"I'm ready to get to work," Underwood told campaign volunteers. "My team is thinking of ways that we can be back on the road in every community to figure out how to pull together this agenda so that when we get sworn in on Jan. 3, we are ready to be that voice. ... This is not some kind of one-sided

mission. This is all of us, together."

The national media have taken notice of Underwood. She's appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday and Rachel Maddow's show the day after the election. She was on Tuesday night with CNN's Chris Cuomo on "Cuomo Prime Time."

Underwood is part of a diverse group of incoming representatives, including many women and first-time candidates. Rep.-elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, 29, will become the youngest woman elected upon taking the oath of office in January. The number of women in the U.S. House in the 116th Congress likely will be between 104 and 109, according to congressional tallies, with the total number dependent on the result of several still-undecided races.

Michigan Democrat Rashida Tlaib and Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party's Ilhan Omar will be the first Muslim women in Congress in January.

Forty-one black women have served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, according to congressional records.

Omar, the country's first Somali-American lawmaker, will be 36 years, 3 months old when she is sworn in, also younger than Jordan was at the time she joined the U.S. House. The youngest person elected to the U.S. House is William Charles Claiborne of Tennessee, who was 22 when he joined the House in 1797. Clai-

borne later served as the governor of Louisiana and as a senator from the state.

The new job is a big opportunity for Underwood, who made health care the central pillar of her campaign. The former staffer in the Department of Health and Human Services under then-President Barack Obama highlighted Hultgren's vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act during the campaign and showcased her health policy expertise during debates and meetings with voters. With health care cited by voters nationwide as the top election issue, according to exit polling, Underwood could be in a position to capitalize on the history-making nature of her win and the national attention as she attempts to build her political profile.

But keeping her seat in the former Republican stronghold, a district that is 87 percent white, might not be easy. To do it, she'll have to appeal to Republicans who still make up a majority of the district and navigate two years of tough votes and a controversial president.

After the election, Trump criticized Republican lawmakers, including Roskam, who lost their midterm elections after distancing themselves from the president, saying "Peter Roskam didn't want the embrace." He made no mention of Hultgren, however, who appeared onstage with him at an Oct. 27 rally in Downstate Murphysboro.

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CPS to look into Noble charter schools CEO

Inspector general plans probe of allegations of inappropriate behavior

By **JUAN PEREZ JR.**
Chicago Tribune

Noble Network of Charter Schools CEO Michael Milkie is being investigated for inappropriate behavior with at least one female graduate, officials said Tuesday, one week after the leader of Chicago's most prominent charter operator announced abrupt plans to retire at the end of the year.

The school's board of directors has hired the Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner law firm to conduct what the charter network described as "a full investigation of the scope of Mr. Milkie's conduct" and a review of the system's "internal reporting processes regarding allegations of inappropriate professional behavior."

The inspector general for the city's school system said Wednesday that his office also plans to examine the situation, citing preliminary information on the case.

"But based on what I know now, we plan to open an investigation," said Nicholas Schuler, whose office is now responsible for investigating allegations of adult-on-student misconduct in the Chicago Public Schools system.

The privately run, publicly funded group of charter schools enrolls some 12,000 students at 17 campuses with support from prominent backers including outgoing Gov. Bruce Rauner, the billionaire Pritzker family and Chicago Board of Education President Frank Clark.

Milkie founded the charter network with his wife in 1999 and helped build it into a system that's won broad acclaim.

"The district is deeply concerned about these allegations and the (Office of Inspector General) investigation will provide us with a clearer understanding of the allegations and actions that were taken to protect students," CPS spokeswoman Emily Bolton said in a statement Wednesday.

Noble said its officials had no knowledge of allegations that would have required reports to child welfare authorities or allegations that "were criminal in nature."

Milkie, in his own statement, acknowledged what he described as inappropriate behavior toward adult women affiliated with the charter network.

According to the charter network, two of Milkie's top deputies learned the departing CEO "had a pattern of inappropriate behavior across several incidents," which included holding hands and slow-dancing with an alumna.

That pattern "became clear" to then-Noble President Constance Jones and Head of Schools Ellen Metz in October, Noble said.

"Based upon this pattern, Ms. Jones and Ms. Metz voiced a lack of confidence in Mr. Milkie's leadership. When confronted with this information, Mr. Milkie chose to retire," the Noble statement said.

It was not until last week that Noble board Chairman Allan Muchin announced Milkie would retire from the organization "for personal reasons" effective at the end of the year.

In his statement, Milkie said he was "very sorry" for "my inappropriate interactions" during his tenure at Noble.

"While I am proud of much of what's been accomplished in those years, it is true that I have at times acted inappropriately toward adult women affiliated with Noble," Milkie said. "This is why I am rightly no longer CEO."

"I am very sorry and apologize first to those impacted by my inappropriate interactions. I also apologize to my family and to my friends. I let you down. Finally, I apologize to the students, alumni, families, and supporters of Noble. I let you down too," Milkie said.

Noble promoted Jones to serve as the network's CEO last week.

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Emanuel's 2019 budget sails through City Council

The \$8.9B package — his last as Chicago mayor — approved 48-1

By **JOHN BYRNE**
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel had no problem getting the City Council's overwhelming majority Wednesday in passing his election-year budget, even as aldermen face the prospect of much tougher financial decisions after he leaves office.

The \$8.9 billion 2019 package included no vote on new tax or fee hikes, music to the ears of the council members who will be up for re-election in February and don't want to give opponents that cudgel as they try to defend their seats.

By avoiding politically unpalatable tax increases that would force him to work aldermen behind the scenes to get them to support his plan, Emanuel has given himself the luxury of using this budget season to burnish his legacy as he leaves office after two terms.

Chicago aldermen voted 48-1 to pass the budget. Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, was the lone

vote in opposition.

In his budget speech last month, Emanuel talked about the steps he took to stabilize the city's finances since getting elected in 2011.

"To those who thought demise and decay were preordained and just around the corner, from the schooling of our children to the strength and size of our police force to the success of our economy, Chicagoans showed the resolve and resilience that define the character of this great city," Emanuel said then.

After the vote, Emanuel again took a walk down memory lane, pointing to the financial cliff the city faced when he took office. The mayor said he has put the city on firmer ground. And while acknowledging that more work needs to be done, he thanked the City Council for joining him in making the necessary choices.

"While we did not create the fiscal challenges, you stepped up to address them," he said from the dais in the council chambers.

That take overlooks the fact many members of the City Council have been in office for decades and supported the policies of Mayor Richard M. Daley that led to the city's financial problems.

Of Emanuel's eight proposed budgets, the 2019 spending plan is only the second not to include major tax or fee increase votes. The other was the 2015 budget that aldermen passed 46-4 as they and Emanuel were months away from city elections.

The easy vote this time is thanks to the City Hall tradition of front-loading budgets early in the election cycle with taxes and fees in the hope voters won't be so angry about it when they cast their ballots years later.

The pain is coming, however. By 2023 — the next time aldermen and the mayor are on the ballot — the city will have to come up with nearly \$1 billion in additional pension payments each year.

Emanuel has planned a speech for next month to lay out a framework to reduce those costs. And taxes on Chicagoans will continue to go up in 2019 thanks to prior budget votes they took. A \$63 million increase in the property tax, the last of four to boost police and fire pension funding, will kick in next year.

And water and sewer taxes to increase contributions to the municipal workers pension fund under a plan Emanuel pushed

through starting with the 2017 budget also will go up again, from \$1.28 per 1,000 gallons used to \$2.01 per 1,000. The increase will cost the median household with metered water use \$39.05 more in 2019, according to the Emanuel administration. The median unmetered water bill will go up \$79.94.

Plus, a per-ride fee on ride-share companies such as Uber and Lyft will go up another nickel in 2019 — an increase the council enacted last year.

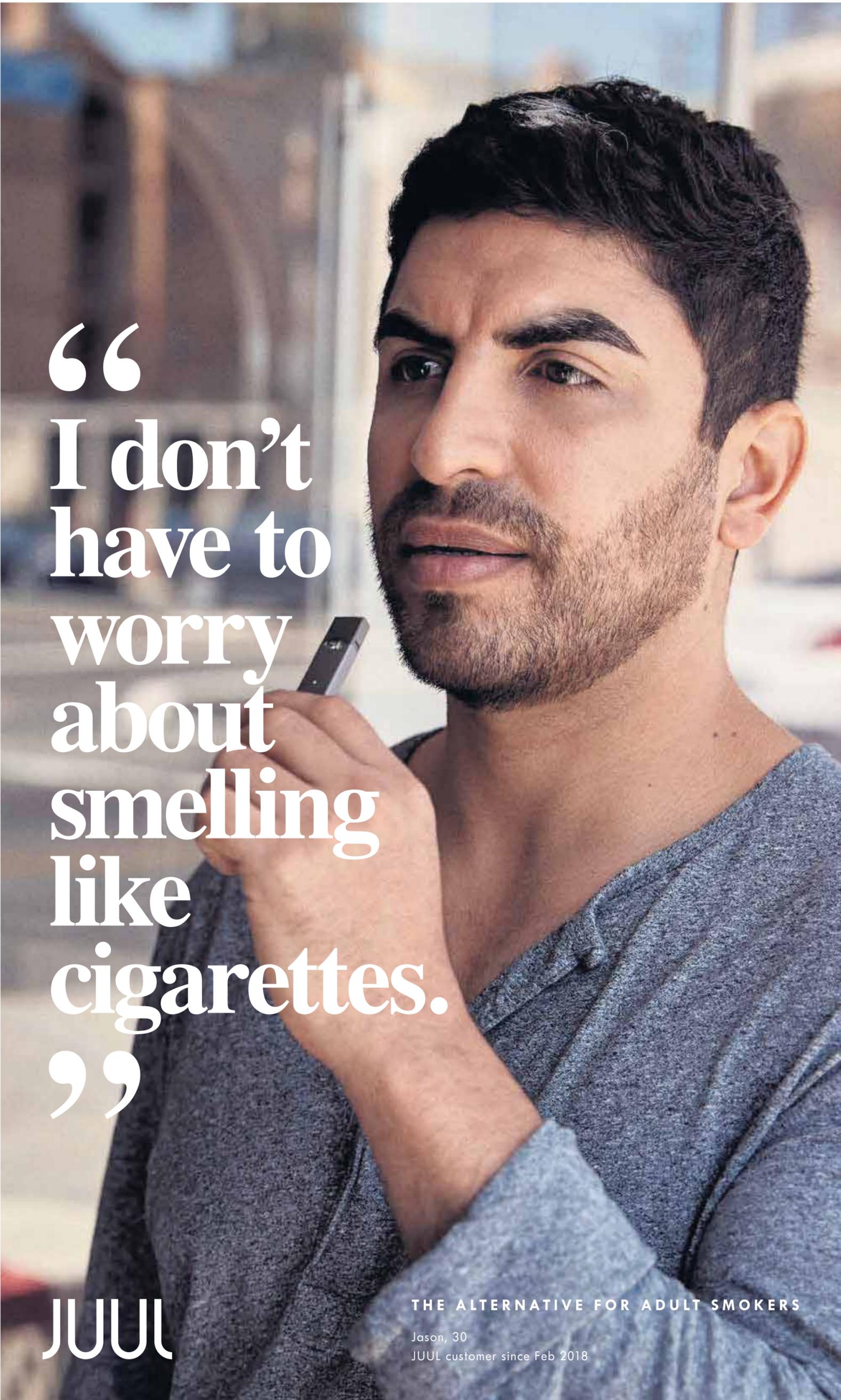
The structural deficit was just \$98 million for this budget, a hole that grew to \$211.5 million thanks to \$113.5 million in new costs for 2019. That's still way below the \$635 million deficit Emanuel faced for his first budget in 2011.

The Emanuel budget plan will pay for additional expenses like the projected \$25.7 million first-year cost of the proposed Police Department consent decree, an additional \$10 million for Police Department technology and \$15 million more to try to cover the cost of city court case settlements without raising broad taxes or fees as he has in the past.

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U.S. attorney touts commitment to war on violence

John Lausch also acknowledged much work remains

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Approaching his first anniversary in office, U.S. Attorney John Lausch says federal prosecutors in Chicago now have more resources committed to stemming the tide of violent crime than at any point in memory.

In a rare sit-down with reporters who cover the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, Lausch acknowledged, though, that much work remains to be done even as the U.S. attorney's office continues to expand its efforts to go after repeat gun offenders and gang members responsible for most of the bloodshed.

"The issue that we are facing here is a very stubborn one on the violent crime," said Lausch, who served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago from 1999 until 2010 before going



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"We have more people focused on violent crime than ever before," U.S. Attorney John Lausch said.

into private practice. "By no means am I suggesting that we've got this problem licked. We're not patting ourselves on the back. We have a lot of work to do."

In the past year, the U.S. Department of Justice has added a dozen prosecutors to Lausch's office to focus exclusively on violent crime. This month, five of those newest hires joined a new gun unit that will coordinate with Chicago police and other local agencies to go after felons possessing firearms. Federal charges often carry much stiffer penalties than those

in state court, he noted.

In other organizational moves, Lausch announced that veteran violent crimes prosecutor Ron DeWald would serve in a new front-office role as his counsel on violent crime, acting as a liaison with Chicago police on big-picture issues and identifying areas to attack. He also named Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsay Jenkins as the new head of the violent crimes team of prosecutors that now numbers close to 50 in an office that has a total of about 120 criminal prosecutors.

"We have more people focused on violent crime than ever before," Lausch said. "I don't know that anyone's going to say that we're confident that we're going to be successful and do great things. What we're going to do is we're going to try really hard."

Lausch said the impact can be seen in the more than 50 percent increase in the number of gun charges brought over the past two years. For the most recent fiscal year that ended in

September, preliminary figures provided by the U.S. attorney's office showed 197 defendants had been charged in the Northern District of Illinois, up from 130 in fiscal 2016.

The city's entrenched gun violence has continued to make national headlines and draw the ridicule of President Donald Trump, who last month told the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Orlando that he had directed then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions to "help straighten out the terrible shooting wave" in Chicago.

Trump also encouraged the use of the controversial stop-and-frisk policing strategy, saying politicians who spread "dangerous anti-police sentiment make life easier for criminals and more dangerous for law-abiding citizens and police."

Lausch declined to answer questions about the president's comments but said he was "thankful" for the Justice Department leadership that saw fit to send more resources to Chi-

cago.

He said he has met acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker — whose controversial appointment came after Trump forced Sessions to resign — several times before and has spoken with him recently, but he declined to say specifically what was discussed.

"The priorities of the department continue to be the same," Lausch said.

Among the myriad factors driving the violence in recent years has been an increasingly fragmented gang structure in Chicago that has resulted in smaller factions often at war with each other on social media.

Lausch said the new landscape has forced prosecutors to be more nimble with the kinds of cases they bring and also to think of new ways to use tools such as the federal racketeering statute.

He touted the recent racketeering case brought against several members of the so-called Goonie Boss gang, a faction of the Gangster Disciples accused in

nearly a dozen killings during a three-year reign of terror in the Englewood community that targeted rivals and innocent victims alike. The conspiracy charges alleged that the Goonies shot people simply to boost their social media brand, not to protect drug turf or other illicit enterprises.

Lausch, 48, was sworn into office in a private ceremony on the day before Thanksgiving 2017, a little less than two weeks after his confirmation by the U.S. Senate. The Joliet native is the first person with Chicago-area roots to head the office in nearly 18 years.

In his previous stint as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago, he worked on large-scale gang and drug cases, eventually earning a supervisory position under then-U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald. He most recently was a partner at the Kirkland & Ellis law firm in Chicago.

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Sharnice McGee, fiancée of the late Chrishawn Turner, holds their 2-year-old daughter, Shamari Turner on Wednesday.

Saying 'reckless' cop chase led to deaths, 2 moms sue Chicago

BY ANNA SPOERRE
Chicago Tribune

Two mothers are suing the city of Chicago, contending a "reckless" police chase led to a crash that killed a man, his friend and the friend's 3-year-old son last month.

The wrongful death lawsuit was filed by Cynthia Turner and Sharnice McGee, whose sons died when a car fleeing police ran a red light and hit their car. It accuses the unnamed officer in the chase of negligence as well as reckless driving and pursuit "in violation of Chicago Police Department general orders and policies."

The accident happened around 7 p.m. Oct. 1 in the 6900 block of South Loomis Boulevard. Chrishawn Turner, 25, and his friend, Antonio Cowan, 24, had decided to go out that evening to catch up. Turner's two young children, Cabari Turner, 3, and Shamari Turner, 2, were in the back seat.

Not far away, Chicago police officers in a marked car spotted Christopher Carter speeding erratically east on 69th Street, police said. The officers turned on their lights and sirens and followed, but the department says they turned off the emergency lights and stopped following the car before the crash.

Cabari was thrown from the back seat and was killed as Carter plowed into their car, authorities said. Turner and Cowan also died. Shamari survived. Cowan's family filed a lawsuit against the city last month.

"The only thing I have left is memories," Cynthia Turner said at a Loop news conference Wednesday afternoon, pulling photos and a dreadlock from an envelope. "I hold his hair to comfort me at night. I have pictures that I look at."

A photo on a table in



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Chrishawn Tuner, his 3-year-old son and his friend were killed in this vehicle by a car fleeing police.

front of her showed her son's car after the crash. Both driver-side doors were peeled off and a child car seat was overturned beneath debris in the back.

"In our view, the engagement of the chase at all was completely inappropriate," said James Montgomery Jr., the lawyer handling the case.

Montgomery said family members still don't know details about the pursuit, including the route the officer took during it, how fast the officer was driving or what information was given to dispatchers. He said they are still waiting for the release of GPS records of the police car, which he said the Civilian Office of Police Accountability is supposed to release within 30 days of the incident.

The lawsuit contends that the chase reached high speeds through residential neighborhoods, "which increased the risk of danger to the public." It also claims the chase was not called off soon enough and that the officer involved "engaged in a pursuit in reckless disregard for the safety of others."

In 2003, the department revised its pursuit policy after a 25-year-old pregnant woman was killed in the Loop by a car driven by a man fleeing police after stealing a wallet.

Officers no longer are allowed to chase suspects for minor offenses, such as theft or traffic violations, and must terminate the chase if someone runs a stoplight or sign. A "balancing test" also was added to aid officers in deciding whether catching a suspect is worth the risk to bystanders or officers, weighing such factors as speed and traffic and weather conditions.

"The reality is, you let the guy go and you get him later," Montgomery said. Carter, from Calumet City, was arrested more than a month after the crash and faces charges of first-degree murder and reckless homicide.

On the evening of the accident, Carter's girlfriend had called police to say her boyfriend pulled out a gun during an argument and shot at her four times, according to prosecutors.

Carter then left his girlfriend's house and sped up when police tried to pull him over as he headed north on Ashland Avenue near 70th Street, prosecutors said. Carter kept going and the officer deactivated his emergency lights and ended the chase as Carter continued to flee, reaching speeds greater than 80 mph when he crashed into the car carrying Cowan, Turner and

Turner's children, according to authorities.

Police said they later found a .40-caliber handgun and six shell casings in Carter's car.

Montgomery said the officer in the chase did not know why Carter was speeding or that he had a gun in the car. The officer knew only that Carter was speeding, he said, and there never should have been a chase.

A police spokesman said COPA was asked to conduct an "independent external investigation" into events leading up to the crash.

Turner said the arrest has given her some comfort but that it isn't enough.

"I don't even want to deal with Thanksgiving," said Turner, her right hand clasping her son's hair. "No holiday is going to be the same."

Her son was going to turn 26 in December, a few weeks after her grandson was supposed to turn 4.

"Mom, I'm tired of the crime here," she recalled her son telling her before he moved to Gary, Ind., with his fiancée, McGee, two years ago.

"He just wanted a new life and a better life," she said of her son, who found a steady job and moved. He visited her often and she last saw him two hours before he was killed. Her son met McGee nine years ago and they were engaged to be married next year.

"My life has changed a lot," McGee said as she held Shamari on her lap. "Everything was going good, then in a matter of seconds, it was just torn apart."

Shamari, who played with a doll as she sat in her mother's arms, is now afraid of getting into cars, her mother said.

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Man facing terrorism charges wants to enter unusual guilty plea

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Two weeks before his long-awaited trial, a Hillside man has asked a federal judge to allow him to enter an unusual guilty plea to charges alleging he tried to detonate a bomb outside a Loop bar in 2012 and then solicited the murder of the undercover FBI agent who orchestrated the sting against him.

Lawyers for Adel Daoud, now 25, asked U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman in a court filing Wednesday to enter what's known as an Alford plea in which he'd acknowledge prosecutors had evidence to convict him but not admit wrongdoing.

Alford pleas are extremely rare and must be approved by the judge. Joseph Fitzpatrick, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, said in a statement Wednesday that prosecutors plan to object to the move. The case is scheduled to be back before Coleman on Friday.

In addition to the terrorism conspiracy and solicitation of murder charges, Daoud's lawyers also want him to plead guilty to the same time to a third charge alleging Daoud attacked an inmate with a shank while awaiting trial at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, a federal Loop jail.

If she approves the plea deal, Coleman would sentence Daoud on the combined three cases. The judge has often struck a sympathetic tone with Daoud, who was a teenager when he was first charged in 2012, and sided with his attorneys in finding him mentally unfit for trial two years ago.

In his filing, Daoud's attorney, Thomas Anthony Durkin called the Alford plea appropriate because Daoud acknowledged the strength of the evidence against him but also maintained "credible" claims of entrapment.

"Still, given the very nature of the terrorism charges and the extensive evidence that will be marshaled against him, (he) understands the likelihood of a guilty verdict — notwithstanding his defenses and protestations of innocence," Durkin said.

A guilty plea would scuttle what promised to be a sensational trial set to get underway Nov. 26. Coleman had previously ruled that the undercover FBI agent who posed as a terrorist online and provided Daoud with the fake bomb could testify from behind a screen. Other witnesses were expected to testify in disguise.

Daoud was 17 when he came under FBI scrutiny in 2011 after posting mes-

sages online about killing Americans, according to court records.

FBI analysts posing as terrorists exchanged messages with Daoud and eventually got him to meet with the undercover agent, who was described as a "cousin" interested in waging jihad, according to the charges. Over several months, Daoud and the agent met several times in the Chicago area to discuss potential targets for an attack, the charges allege.

In one meeting in Villa Park in August 2012, Daoud allegedly told the agent he wanted to maximize the carnage so he would feel like he "accomplished something."

"If it's only like five, 10 people, I'm not gonna feel that good," the charges quoted Daoud as saying. "I wanted something that's ... massive. I want something that's gonna make it in the news like tonight."

The FBI arrested Daoud in September 2012 as he stood in a Loop alley, moments after punching the trigger of a fake car bomb, authorities said.

Coleman's ruling that Daoud was mentally unfit came after he made bizarre statements accusing the judge, prosecutors and even his own attorneys of being members of a secret society known as the Illuminati. He also called Coleman a reptilian overlord and claimed that he was being targeted as a Muslim.

Coleman ruled at the time that Daoud clearly had a delusional disorder and was unable to rationally understand the proceedings or assist his lawyers. She also noted his mental state had deteriorated in jail, especially after a cellmate committed suicide.

"It appears that his belief in the Illuminati, the Freemasons and lizard people is sincere and escalating," Coleman said at the time.

Daoud spent months at a psychiatric facility in North Carolina before being declared rehabilitated. In March, both sides agreed he was stable enough to go to trial as long as he remained on his prescribed psychotropic medications.

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State police: Officer told guard to drop gun before shooting

BY ZAK KOESKE AND MATTHEW WALBERG
Daily Southtown

A Midlothian police officer gave “multiple verbal commands” to security officer Jemel Roberson to drop his gun and get on the ground before fatally shooting Roberson at a Robbins bar Sunday morning, according to details from a preliminary Illinois State Police investigation released late Tuesday.

But an attorney for Roberson’s family questioned Wednesday how quickly police were releasing details of their investigation, and he also took issue with a police description of what Roberson was wearing during the incident.

State police, who said the investigation remains open, cited “witness statements” in their report.

Roberson, who was black, was working security at the bar. The preliminary report says that Roberson was wearing “plain black clothing with no markings readily identifying him as a Security Guard,” and was “armed with a gun in the west parking lot” of the bar when the Midlothian officer, who is white and was responding to a “shots fired” call at the bar, came upon him.

The report by state police contradicts claims made by the attorney for Roberson’s family that Roberson was wearing a hat that had “security” printed on it. The lawyer has also said witnesses told him several people called out to the officer that Roberson was a security guard.

The state police investigation found that about 4 a.m., “an armed suspect (had) entered the lounge and opened fire striking multiple people inside the establishment.” Officers from Robbins, Midlothian and other suburban departments had responded.

The preliminary investigation revealed Roberson, 26, of Chicago, was “attempting to subdue a subject suspected to be involved in the initial shooting” at Manny’s Blue Room Lounge, 2911 S. Claire Blvd. in Robbins, according to witnesses.

“According to witness statements, the (unidentified) Midlothian Officer gave the armed subject (Roberson) multiple verbal commands to drop the gun and get on the ground before ultimately discharging his weapon and striking the subject,” state police said.

The state police report said “officers readily provided medical assistance to multiple gunshot victims, including Roberson. Roberson was transported to a local area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.”

Midlothian police asked the Illinois State Police Public Integrity Task Force to conduct an independent investigation of the officer’s use of force. The Cook County sheriff’s office is investigating the initial shooting.

The officer, a member of the patrol division and a team leader on the South Suburban Emergency Response Team, is on paid administrative leave, pending the outcome of the Illinois State Police investigation.

Midlothian police officials clarified Wednesday that he’d been with the department for nearly four years and had spent three years prior to that with another agency. Previously, officials had said he’d been with the department for seven years.

The state police report was issued at the end of a day during which questions were still being asked about the shooting and emotions still were running high. Online commenters and a small group of protesters outside the Midlothian police station Tuesday night said Roberson was being a “good guy with a gun” and that he was shot by police because he’s black.

Greg Kulis, the attorney

for Roberson’s family, said he’d never seen the state police issue a statement with preliminary findings just 2½ days into an investigation of an officer-involved shooting, saying he often has to fight for months to even get reports from the agency.

Kulis said he had no idea what information state police had relied on to make their preliminary findings, but he said that he had spoken to witnesses who would testify that Roberson was dressed in marked security garb and that bystanders were yelling at the Midlothian officer that Roberson was a security guard before the officer opened fire.

“They can say what they want to say, the facts will, hopefully, ultimately show what occurred,” he said, adding that he didn’t put a lot of credence in the agency’s findings, citing a joint WBEZ and Better Government Association investigation that found none of the officers involved in 113 suburban Cook County police shootings since 2005 had been disciplined, fired or charged criminally.

“Out of 100-and-something shootings, I don’t believe that 113 of them were justified,” Kulis said.

The lawyer said he planned to immediately request that state police turn over “every single” document its investigators used to make their preliminary findings.

“Guess what? They’ve issued a statement. I’m entitled to see it now,” Kulis said.

Illinois State Police Sgt. Jacqueline Cepeda said: “At this time the investigation is open and ongoing, and the press release sent out (Tuesday) is all we will be disseminating as of now. Should we send any additional information out regarding any updates to the case we will ensure you receive the information.”

Also Wednesday, an official with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission said the bar’s state liquor license had expired Sept. 30 and that the agency had not yet received a renewal application. A \$500 penalty is imposed for a lapsed license, and additional fines can be issued for repeated license lapses or if other violations of state liquor laws occur, the agency said.

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Tim Tuten, left, Katie Tuten, co-owners of The Hideout bar, wait to ask questions during a public meeting Wednesday.

Hideout supporters worry about venue’s future

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

More than 100 supporters of the Hideout turned out for a public hearing connected to the proposed \$5 billion Lincoln Yards real estate development Wednesday night after the Goose Island club’s owners put out a call for help in ensuring the future of the beloved music venue.

Hideout co-owners Tim and Katie Tuten on Monday sent out a social media blast saying they’ve heard concerns about buildings near the Hideout being sold and demolished. They said they have asked the city to put a pause on the development until after the February city election. “The Hideout is simply asking the City of Chicago to DELAY any decisions on development, construction permits, and TIFs until AFTER the new mayor and city council are elected,” the Tutens said in the note.

The call was shared widely on social media and even caught the attention of the band Wilco, which sent out a tweet backing the Tutens’ call for help.

There was no formal discussion on the Hideout’s future at Wednesday’s hearing, where officials presented their proposal for a 168-acre tax increment financing district to permit building of public infrastructure projects for the area. These would include environmental remediation, land acquisition and building rehabilitation projects, officials said.

But Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, offered some hope to the crowd gathered at Park Community Church, 1001 N. Crosby St., telling attendees that he had introduced a zoning ordinance earlier Wednesday to give the club “protection against devel-

opment.” A copy of the proposal was not shared with the audience, and the ordinance has not been passed. Still, the announcement was met with raucous applause.

“Tim and Katie, you’re not going anywhere,” Hopkins said. “I’ve got your backs.”

Katie Tuten told the Tribune on Wednesday that she’s not necessarily against the development but wants to see it carried out responsibly and with transparency.

“Three or four times a day, people will say to us, ‘What’s going on?’ And we’re like, ‘We don’t really know,’” she said.

“We are respectfully requesting that the city slow this down,” Tuten said. “It very much feels like Mayor (Richard M.) Daley’s parking meter debacle, rushing it through at the end of his term. Every time we pay a meter, I’m sure most of us think, why didn’t I do something? Why didn’t I say something?”

Chicago developer Sterling Bay’s vision for the 53-acre parcel, which is

likely to expand to at least 70 acres, includes music and entertainment venues, 800-foot-tall towers, a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and an extension of The 606 elevated trail. The development was touted as a major draw to Chicago’s now-failed bid for Amazon’s HQ2 location.

When plans for the development were formally introduced to the City Council in July, Hopkins, whose ward includes the riverfront site, said he didn’t approve and insisted the applications undergo a community vetting process. Hopkins has since carried out a community survey and shared the results with Sterling Bay. The next meeting specifically about Lincoln Yards will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 29. The developers will field questions and concerns from the community.

Community members have expressed concerns about the impact of the project on traffic, neighborhood schools and community institutions like the Hideout potentially being

pushed out of the neighborhood by the development’s competing venues operated by Live Nation Entertainment, the world’s largest concert promoter and the corporate parent of Ticketmaster.

At Wednesday’s hearing, some questioned the move to designate a TIF district in the area so soon.

“Clearly the mayor is trying to rush this through before his term is up,” said Juanita Irizarry, executive director of Friends of the Parks. “We know in Chicago that deals that get rushed through always end up screwing us over.”

Friends of the Parks is advocating for a massive new public park, like many in the audience on Wednesday. Some in the crowd wore bright green “No Park, No Deal” stickers.

City officials have said that they hope to develop more than 60 acres of open space in conjunction with private development projects.

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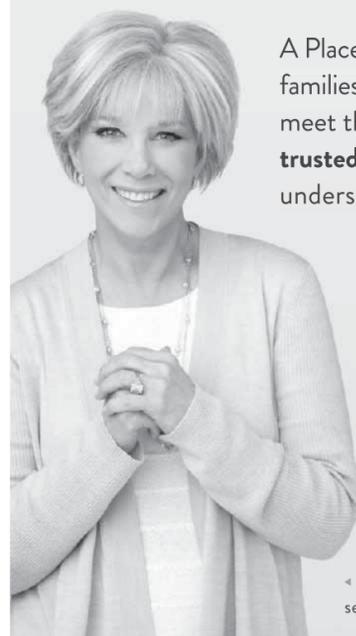
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Ex-officer charged with stealing \$360K from Social Security

BY JASON MEISNER AND JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

A former Chicago police commander who earned praise for overseeing big reductions in violence in one of the city's most historically dangerous districts has been charged with stealing more than \$360,000 in Social Security funds in a scheme lasting more than 23 years.

A one-page criminal information filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court accused Kenneth Johnson of bilking the Social Security Administration out of \$363,064 from about June 1994 to November 2017.

Although the charge does not contain any more details, sources with knowl-

edge of the investigation told the Chicago Tribune that Johnson is accused of stealing benefits intended for his mother. The charge also makes no mention of Johnson's former role with the Police Department. The 32-year CPD veteran retired in August.

Johnson, 54, is scheduled to be arraigned next week before U.S. District Judge Manish Shah, court records show.

Defendants charged by criminal information typically plead guilty.

Johnson's attorney, Michael Clancy, said Wednesday that Johnson has cooperated with the federal investigation and consented to being charged by information rather than a grand jury indictment.

Clancy also said there were no specific plans at this point for Johnson to plead guilty.

"There is an arraignment coming up, and we will take a look at his options and go from there," Clancy said.

In a statement, Superintendent Eddie Johnson said he was notified of the criminal charge against the retired commander late Wednesday afternoon by the U.S. attorney's office.

"I am shocked and very disappointed by this news," the superintendent said. "I knew Cmdr. Johnson well from his efforts to reduce violence in Englewood, but if proven, these allegations erode the public's trust and tarnish his service to Chicago."

The department said that at the time of his retirement,

Kenneth Johnson was not the subject of any internal affairs investigations related to the allegations.

Johnson's efforts as Englewood's police commander were heavily touted by police Superintendent Johnson, who often spoke of the district's reductions in shootings and homicides during public appearances. In 2017, the superintendent noted how nonfatal shootings in the district were at their lowest levels in years.

"Today, and I never thought I'd say this after being a cop for nearly 30 years, Englewood is leading the city in violence reductions this year," the superintendent said in a speech last November at a City Club of Chicago luncheon. Those reductions have

continued into 2018. According to official Chicago police statistics through Sunday, total shooting incidents — fatal and nonfatal — fell by 10 percent in Englewood over the same period last year.

Police officials have credited some of the improvement in Englewood to its Strategic Decision Support Center, which allows district personnel to, among other things, analyze real-time crime data to predict where shootings will occur and use gun detection technology to help officers respond more quickly to those incidents.

During an interview with the Tribune in June, Kenneth Johnson, who became a Chicago cop in 1986 and took over as Englewood's

commander in 2016, also credited some of the district's violence reduction at that point to inroads that officers had made with anti-violence outreach workers and citizens in the communities who long distrusted the police.

But he acknowledged that fully winning over the community would take a lot more time.

"This trust, it's not an easily won thing," he told a Tribune reporter at police headquarters, flanked by his twin brother, Kevin Johnson, who was promoted in August to deputy chief of the police academy. "Trust is easily broken and very difficult to win."

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Civil rights panel rips Trump

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built political pressure for ongoing attempts at reform.

In an interview Wednesday, commission chair Catherine Lhamon described the approach under now-former U.S. Attorney Jeff Sessions as "dangerous backsliding."

"I hope very much that we as a country will see a near-term return to a commitment (to) actually ensuring safety for all people," said Lhamon, who was appointed by President Barack Obama about a month before he left office.

Still, the civil rights panel's recommendations face long odds. In one of his final acts as attorney general, Sessions signed a memorandum imposing strict rules on the implementation of consent decrees.

A Republican member of the panel argued that consent decrees have stoked crime by handcuffing police.

"Maybe the investigations and consent decrees made some members of the community feel better, but they seem to have mostly emboldened the criminal

community — and it is doubtful that an increased number of listening sessions are of much comfort to the parents of a child hit by a stray bullet," Peter Kirsanow wrote in a rebuttal that's part of the report.

If nothing else, the new report adds another voice to the debate over police reform in Chicago that was sparked in late 2015 by the release of video of white Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting black teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times.

Last month, Van Dyke was convicted of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery. The McDonald case also led to a broad Justice Department probe that concluded Chicago's police have been badly trained, rarely disciplined and prone to abusing minorities.

The Obama Justice Department called for a consent decree to guide police reforms in January 2017, but Trump took office soon after and appointed Sessions, a critic of federal intervention in local law enforcement.

Facing less pressure for

reform, Mayor Rahm Emanuel waffled on court-enforced changes before Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan sued the city last year to force a consent decree.

The two politicians hammered out a draft that now awaits a ruling from U.S. District Judge Robert Dow Jr. Last month, Sessions submitted a statement to Dow arguing reform should be left up to local authorities.

Last week, Trump forced Sessions' resignation, and that's left the Justice Department in flux. Trump named Matthew Whitaker as acting attorney general, though the administration faces a court challenge over the legality of the appointment.

The civil rights panel — which includes four Democrats, one Republican and three independents, according to its website — made a host of recommendations. In addition to demanding the return of federal intervention and the use of consent decrees "where necessary," the report calls on Congress to step up grant funding for



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Catherine Lhamon, chairwoman of the Democratic-led U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, was appointed by former President Barack Obama about a month before he left office.

police oversight and training. The report also calls for judges to preside over grand jury proceedings related to police uses of force and open records of some of those matters to the public.

The report cites Madigan's lawsuit against the city to support its contention that some police "overstep their authority, disregard individuals' civil rights, and cause entire communities to fear the same people

sworn to protect them."

The report cites studies and media reports in arguing there is an "increased likelihood of police use of force against people of color, people with disabilities, LGBT people, people with mental health concerns, people with low incomes, and those at the intersections of these groups."

But the dissent from Kirsanow, a conservative black attorney, contends that "Af-

frican-Americans are disproportionately involved in crime" and suggests that explains the group's more frequent encounters with police.

"The Chicago consent decree likely will hamstring police officers in their efforts to enforce order and will endanger them," Kirsanow wrote.

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Video gambling booms, but at what price?

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treats people with gambling problems. "Instead of free alcohol (as at casinos), you get free doughnuts. I lived in Nevada, but this is like nothing I've ever seen before. You take establishments that don't even fit a gambling culture, and now they have little baby casinos. And the people playing are definitely ones who can't afford to lose."

And video gambling's contributions to state tax coffers has offset what the report called "relatively stagnant performances" by the lottery, horseracing and river gambling.

Gambling revenue from the state's riverboat casinos, in fact, has fallen more than 15 percent since video gaming machines were introduced in 2012, the report said, even with the state's most lucrative gambling palace — Rivers Casino in Des Plaines — having opened just in 2011.

And while a trip to the casino is, for many players, more of an event, some video gamblers said they prefer something that's more low-key and convenient.

"This is cozy and close to home," said Major Peterson, a retired machinist who likes to play video poker two or three times a week and will often walk to Betty's, another storefront parlor in Melrose Park that's near his home. "You can go shopping and ... stop in. You can't win as much, but it's the pleasure of the play."

The maximum bets on machines he plays are \$2, but Peterson said he can play longer with bets as low as 9 cents. He knows some serious gamblers, though, who spend hundreds of dollars at a time. He's seen some players come when the parlors open and leave when they close, and saw one angry customer overturn a machine after complaining that he'd lost \$3,000.

Can most players afford to lose?

"Gambling is such a subjective thing," Peterson said. "They can afford it but not on a regular basis."

Whatever the costs to individual pocketbooks, though, there is a strong financial incentive for local governments to expand the pot.

Video gambling racked up \$1.4 billion in net income in the fiscal year that ended



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Some video gamblers say they prefer something low-key and convenient, fueling a proliferation of the machines.

on June 30, generating about \$70 million in tax revenue to local governments, the report states — a welcome source of new dollars for communities struggling to pay for services, workers' compensation and public pensions. So while almost two-thirds of local communities banned the games when they became legally available, that ratio has shrunk to about one-third.

Yet from the perspective of some business operators, the expansion of video gaming has gone too far, diluting the market. At La Cabana, for example, Mesa said business is steady, but not as good as it used to be, before so many competitors opened. The restaurant sits between two chain video gaming parlors, and there are five businesses in her strip mall alone that have the machines.

Despite such concerns about oversaturation, there is no state limit on the number of new video poker sites, though the state limits each site to five machines and allows video gaming only at establishments that have a liquor license.

The report comes as state lawmakers are considering whether to expand existing gaming, and fundamentally change gambling culture in the state by adding sports, sports fantasy and online betting.

But even if that happens, such ventures would need to attract new customers to make a difference to the government's share of the earnings.

"The State could have a large expansion of gambling, but yet have little new tax revenues to show for it," the report says.

Ivan Fernandez, executive director of the Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association, said he does not consider video game establishments in competition with casinos because they offer two different experiences.

"We're convenience gambling, available around the corner," he said. "People play because it's easy to play, whereas casinos are destination play, where you plan an evening out."

If Chicago allows video gaming, which Fernandez considers inevitable, that will greatly expand the market. And, he said, if casinos seek sports or online gambling, video gaming operators, who install and maintain the games, want a seat at the table.

Anti-gambling activist Anita Bedell, director of Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems, said video gambling's wide availability only increases addictive and problem gambling.

"It's a concern because it's in so many different

communities and people are losing so much money," she said. "They're everywhere you look."

Online gambling, she warned, would be worse, by making gambling available constantly at home or on mobile devices, while raising the risk of underage gambling.

Dixon, the SIU professor, called for the gambling industry to provide greater funding for proven treatments.

John Kindt, a professor emeritus of business and legal policy at the University of Illinois, emphasized the social and economic costs of gambling. He called for the state to substantially raise its taxes and licensing fees for gambling, similar to Canada, which keeps most of the income.

Tom Swoik, executive director of the Illinois Casino Gaming Association, said any expansion of gambling would come with safeguards, such as identification verification, and would allow problem gamblers to set monetary limits or put themselves on an exclusionary list. The report shows that the industry is "cannabilizing" itself, he said, and should not add new gambling sites, but should add sports, fantasy and online gambling. State Rep. Lou Lang, a Skokie Democrat, is expected to introduce expanded gam-

bling legislation next year.

Online gambling in particular, Swoik said, would appeal to a new generation of younger players, and has surprisingly drawn more players to casinos in other states.

At riverboat casinos, revenues decreased 1 percent, with adjusted gross receipts down at every casino in the state except Rivers Casino Des Plaines and Hollywood Casino Joliet. State revenue from casinos remained less than half of what it was a decade ago, which the report stated was due mainly to competition from video poker.

State lottery sales continued to make up more than half of all state revenue from gambling, up almost 3 percent, to nearly \$3 billion. That comes as the state replaced its private operator Northstar Lottery Group with a new contract with Camelot Illinois "due to disappointing sales," according to the report, though it was too early to judge the results.

Total horse racing bets actually increased almost 3 percent, thanks to increased online advanced-deposit wagering, but overall betting of \$600 million remained "miniscule," at less than one-tenth of its peak from the 1970s. The horse racing industry is "struggling" to compete not only with racetracks in other

states that offer higher purses thanks to getting a share of casino revenues, but also with the proliferation of gambling within the state, the report found.

Since Maywood and Balmoral parks closed in 2015, only three racetracks remain in the state: Arlington Park in Arlington Heights, Hawthorne Race Course in Cicero, and Fairmount Park Racetrack near St. Louis. In a potentially significant change, the Illinois Racing Board will soon consider rules to allow what's called historical horse racing, similar to video slot machines, at the tracks.

Other options for new gaming in the state continue to be discussed, such as adding new casinos, allowing casinos games or slots at horse tracks, internet gambling, and sports and fantasy sports betting. Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker has called sports gambling "an important thing to consider" to raise revenue for the state.

The report estimated that adding a casino in Chicago, plus five new riverboats, and three racetrack casinos, as proposed in pending legislation, would increase overall revenues by \$1 billion — but would increase tax revenues by only about \$75 million.

Overall, per-person spending on gambling in Illinois reached \$311, an increase of more than a third in the past six years. Most of the lottery money goes to a state education fund, while money from video slots is dedicated to capital projects.

One other factor to look out for, the study's authors noted, is competition from "sweepstakes" machines, which are similar to video gaming terminals but are not subject to regulation or taxation. The Illinois Gaming Board has called the machines illegal, but it's a gray area in the law, and they remain in operation.

"These machines can be played for free, which reportedly provides a legal 'loophole' that these are not gambling devices," the report stated. "If the popularity of these devices grows and more businesses choose these machines over video gaming terminals, the State's video gaming numbers could be negatively affected."

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Mendoza enters field as rivals preview attack

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immediately became one of the race's front-runners with her status as the only candidate who has won election to both city and statewide office.

In her 17 years as a state lawmaker, city clerk and comptroller, the 46-year-old Mendoza has relished such sparring and eagerly swatted aside anticipated attacks while seeking to set herself apart as the only candidate in the race experienced enough to handle the job of mayor while having the energy to connect with a younger generation of Chicagoans eager for change.

"I'm really looking forward to representing all voices, especially the voices of the youth population that really has felt they have been unseen, and I think that is very exciting to me," Mendoza said, noting that millennial voters accounted for the highest turnout in Chicago in the November general election. "I've got the best years of my life yet to give in public service to this city, and I've got a ton of energy, and I'm ready to take charge and get things done for Chicago."

While she didn't say their names, the attempt at contrast was clear: Mendoza is in her 40s while many of the other top candidates are longtime political players in their 60s and 70s, including Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, 71; former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley, 70; former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, 65; and 2011 candidate and City Hall veteran Gery Chico, 62.

Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, who is backing Preckwinkle, wasted no time in labeling Mendoza a

proponent of "ageism," who was discriminating against senior citizens, while calling her out of touch for not realizing many progressives continue to back 77-year-old Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders as a potential presidential candidate. At the same time, the 29-year-old Northwest Side alderman reflected the sensitivity around the issue by volunteering that he recently had trouble keeping up with Preckwinkle while going down a staircase and had inquired about the Cook County Democratic Party chair's "workout regimen."

Ramirez-Rosa labeled Mendoza's candidacy as "Rahm's third term," saying she comes from the machine and corporate wing of the party and has not embraced its more liberal progressive wing made up of so many of the young voters she's trying to reach. He noted she served as Emanuel's "No. 2" as city clerk and aggressively campaigned for him as a co-chair of his re-election campaign four years ago.

The Chicago Tribune previously has reported how some top Emanuel advisers have started to gravitate toward Mendoza's camp. The mayor's popularity has declined during his second term amid the fallout of the Laquan McDonald police shooting.

For her part, Mendoza, had little to say about the mayor Tuesday.

Instead, she contrasted her candidacy against the idea of a "caretaker" mayor who would just hold the job for four years, but not transform City Hall. Asked if she was referring to Daley or Preckwinkle, Mendoza declined to say. She did, however, take a shot at Daley's

brother, Richard M. Daley, who served as mayor for 22 years.

"Mayor Daley did a lot of great things for the downtown area, but frankly, the last four years he was more of a caretaker mayor," Mendoza said. "He didn't take on issues like pensions, police reform or the exodus of the loss in population at our Chicago Public Schools and investing in our neighborhoods. That's ... not the type of mayor I'm going to be."

Told that Emanuel has been criticized on some of the same issues, Mendoza said the mayor's surprise decision to drop his bid for a third term showed self-awareness of the difficulty of the job and a refusal to get sloppy. She also favorably compared herself to Emanuel.

"I think Mayor Emanuel doesn't want to be a caretaker mayor, which is why he stepped aside and let Chicagoans decide who their next mayor is going to be. To be mayor of a city like Chicago, you need to have endless energy, and you've met someone who might have energy equal to me, that's the mayor," Mendoza said. "We've seen that over the last few years, he himself will tell you he doesn't think he can do another five years at the level of energy that you need to really run the city effectively."

After Mendoza's candidacy became official, Vallas issued a statement slamming her for presiding over increases in vehicle sticker fees and penalties as clerk during Emanuel's administration. Activist and mayoral candidate Ja'Mal Green put out a news release calling her "Rahm's favorite girl" who "acts just like him." And former police Superintendent

Garry McCarthy called a news conference to attack Mendoza.

McCarthy accused Mendoza of having "disrespected her constituents" by winning re-election as comptroller and quickly moving on to running for mayor.

He also criticized Preckwinkle for running for re-election to the County Board while campaigning for mayor of Chicago, but gave her credit for announcing it publicly before Election Day. Preckwinkle, though, was unopposed on the November ballot.

"I want you to think about the fact that individuals who live in places like Naperville and Springfield, who may have thought that Susana Mendoza was the best individual to be comptroller of the state of Illinois, have put their trust in her, and she's now turned her back on them to run for (mayor) here in Chicago," McCarthy said.

Asked about the criticism of her back-to-back campaigns, Mendoza said she loved the state, appreciated those who voted for her and stressed that she had committed to working a full term as comptroller if Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner was re-elected. Given that Rauner is "now history" and can't appoint a Republican in her place should she be elected mayor, Mendoza pivoted to her mayoral run by describing it as a historic opportunity.

"I think it's an amazing opportunity to have a mayor for the first time in the history of Chicago who understands what the needs of the entire state are, who understands that, of course, Chicago is the economic engine of the state, but



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Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza is the latest to enter a crowded race to replace Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

nonetheless has a real love in her heart for the rest of the state," Mendoza said. "We've never had a mayor of Chicago who knows much more outside of what's north of I-80."

Mendoza's Springfield ties led McCarthy, Green and Ramirez-Rosa all to stick Mendoza with the dreaded "machine politician" label, especially for her long-standing association with Madigan, the powerful House speaker and chairman of the state Democratic Party.

"I don't ask the speaker or anyone else for permission to take initiatives that I think are important to take," Mendoza said Wednesday. "I told the speaker I was interested in running for mayor, and I would likely be putting that together. I did not ask for his endorsement or his support. I thought as the speaker of the House and chairman of the party that it was important to know that I'm going to be focusing on Chicago."

Asked how Madigan reacted to her decision, Mendoza replied, "The speaker is a man of very few words. I can just tell you it doesn't matter. One way or the other, I don't know what he's thinking. No one ever knows what he's thinking.

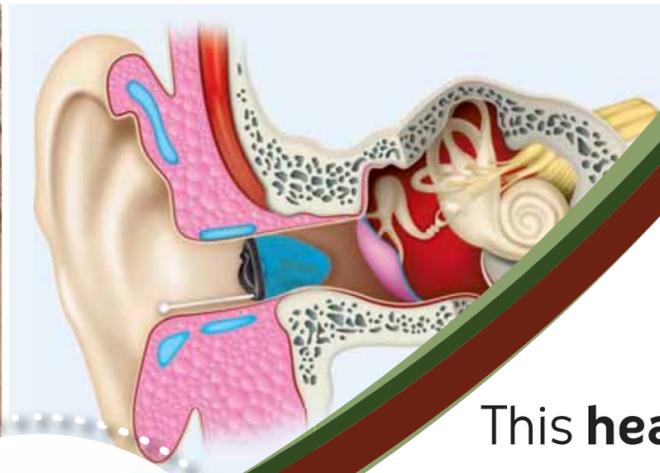
But I know what I'm thinking about, and that's the future of this city."

Mendoza went public with her mayoral bid early on the same morning that Preckwinkle gave a breakfast speech to the City Club of Chicago about a five-year strategic plan for Cook County government — even though she hopes to be departing it soon. Afterward, Preckwinkle, wouldn't bite at a chance to critique the newest candidate in the crowded field, even though some of her allies had.

"Susana Mendoza, and anybody else, is entitled to run for mayor," Preckwinkle said when asked why she's a better candidate than Mendoza. "I have three grandchildren, and I want Chicago to be a great place for them to go to school. They attend our public schools. I want them to have economic opportunities. I want them to live in safe neighborhoods. I want that as a grandparent."

The invocation of her grandchildren's CPS attendance came after Mendoza made the same point about her son in her mayoral launch video.

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Troops assist with grim search

Death toll hits 59 from devastating blazes in Calif.

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. — With scores of people still missing, National Guard troops searched Wednesday through charred debris for more victims of California's deadliest wildfire as top federal and state officials toured the ruins of a community destroyed by the flames.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke joined Gov. Jerry Brown on a visit to the leveled town of Paradise, telling reporters it was the worst fire devastation he had ever seen.

"Now is not the time to point fingers," Zinke said. "There are lots of reasons these catastrophic fires are happening." He cited warmer temperatures, dead trees and poor forest management.

Brown, a critic of President Donald Trump's policies, said he spoke with Trump, who pledged federal assistance.

"This is so devastating that I don't really have the words to describe it," Brown said, saying officials would need to learn how to better prevent fires from becoming so deadly.

About 7,700 homes were destroyed when flames hit Paradise, a former gold-mining camp popular with retirees, Nov. 8, killing at least 56 people in California's deadliest wildfire. There were also three fatalities from blazes in Southern California. Wildfire experts



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Authorities tag a body found amid the devastation Wednesday in the Holly Hills neighborhood of Paradise, Calif.

say the Northern California wildfire is the deadliest the U.S. in a century.

It will take years to rebuild the town of 27,000, if people decide that's what should be done, said Brock Long, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The town in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada looks like a wasteland.

"The infrastructure is basically a total rebuild at this point," Long said. "You're not going to be able to rebuild Paradise the way it was."

Temporary schools and hospitals will be brought in, Long said. Officials are also looking to bring in mobile homes for thousands of people left homeless.

Debris removal in Paradise and outlying communities will have to wait until the search for victims finishes, he said.

That grim search continued Wednesday.

On one street, ash and dust flew up as roughly 20 National Guard members wearing white jumpsuits, helmets and breathing masks lifted giant heaps of bent and burned metal, in what was left of a home. Pink and blue chalk drawings of a cat and a flower remained on the driveway, near a scorched toy truck.

The soldiers targeted homes of the missing. If anything resembling human remains is found, a coroner takes over.

After the soldiers fin-

ished at the site, a chaplain huddled with them in prayer.

The number of missing is "fluctuating every day" as people are located or remains are found, said Steve Collins, a deputy with the Butte County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities on Wednesday released the names of about 100 people who are still missing, including many in their 80s and 90s, and dozens more could still be unaccounted for. Sheriff's department spokeswoman Megan McMann said the list was incomplete because detectives were concerned they would be overwhelmed with calls from relatives if the entire list were released.

"We can't release them all at once," McMann said. "So they are releasing the names in batches."

Authorities have not updated the total number of missing since Sunday, when 228 people were unaccounted for.

Sol Bechtold's 75-year-old mother was not on the list. Her house burned down along with the rest of her neighborhood in Magalia, a community just north of Paradise. "The list they published is missing a lot of names," said Bechtold, who's still searching shelters for his mother, a widow who lived alone and did not drive.

A sheriff's deputy asked Bechtold for information that could identify her re-

mains, like any history of broken bones. He told the officer she had a knee replacement.

"I feel horrible for the sheriff. I feel horrible for the people of Paradise and Magalia," he said.

To speed up identification of remains, officials are using portable devices that can identify genetic material in a couple of hours, rather than days or weeks.

Accounts of narrow escapes from the flames continued to emerge. More than a dozen people who were trapped by a wall of fire survived by plunging into a cold lake.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported Wednesday that a family of four, their 90-year-old neighbor and their pets sought safety in the chilly Concow Reservoir after the roaring fire surrounded their homes.

The family stood in shoulder-deep water as flames singed the vegetation on the shore behind them. Not far away, at least a dozen others rushed into the lake after the caravan of vehicles they were in was cut off by flames.

Before the Paradise tragedy, the deadliest single fire on record in California was a 1933 blaze in Griffith Park in Los Angeles that killed 29.

The cause of the fires remained under investigation, but they broke out around the time and place that two utilities reported equipment trouble. People who lost homes in the Northern California blaze sued Pacific Gas & Electric Co. on Tuesday, accusing the utility of negligence and blaming it for the fire.

McCarthy is next up to steer GOP in House

For Dems, Pelosi faces rebels eager for new leadership

BY LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy easily won an internal party election Wednesday to take over the shrunken House GOP caucus, handing the seven-term Californian a familiar role of building the party back to a majority as well as protecting President Donald Trump's agenda.

With current Speaker Paul Ryan retiring and the House majority gone, the race for minority leader was McCarthy's to lose.

After defeating Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, the conservative House Freedom Caucus co-founder, McCarthy will be tested by Republicans on and off Capitol Hill who remain angry and divided after their midterm losses, and split over how best to move forward.

"We'll be back," McCarthy promised, claiming a unified front for the Republican leadership team. He won by 159-43 among House Republicans.

McCarthy, who has been majority leader under Ryan, acknowledged Republicans "took a beating" in the suburbs in last week's national elections, especially as the ranks of GOP female lawmakers plummeted to just 13. The GOP side of the aisle will be made up of 90 percent white men in the new Congress — an imbalance he blamed on billionaire former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's election spending to help Democrats.

"We're going to have to work harder," McCarthy said. "Our message is going to have to be clearer."

McCarthy has been here before, having helped pick up the party after Republicans last lost control of the House in 2006, leading them to the 2010 tea party wave that pushed them back into the majority.

House Democrats put off until after Thanksgiving their more prominent contest, but there have long been rumblings in the caucus that it was time to replace Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who held the speaker's gavel when the Democrats last had the majority.

A defiant Pelosi challenged maverick Democrats

on Wednesday to produce a rival who could win enough votes to prevent her from becoming the House's new speaker.

"Come on in, the water's warm," Pelosi, D-Calif., told a reporter about her message to rebellious colleagues.

A handful of Democrats, arguing it's time for a fresh leadership team, say unhappy lawmakers are signing a letter pledging to vote against Pelosi when the full chamber elects the next speaker on Jan. 3. Some said they already have sufficient support to block her.

"We've got enough to ensure that she cannot become speaker," said Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore.

But Pelosi is one of her party's most productive fundraisers, energetic campaigners and respected legislative tacticians, giving her wide support that will make her difficult to topple.

"I will be speaker," she said Wednesday.

No challenger to Pelosi has emerged, but disgruntled Democrats say there would be plenty of candidates should her bid be derailed. Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, a leading Pelosi opponent, suggested two



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California speaks Wednesday after the House Republican caucus elected him to be leader when the party moves into minority status in the next Congress.

possibilities: Reps. Marcia Fudge of Ohio and Karen Bass of California, both members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Fudge told reporters she has signed the rebels' letter and said colleagues have urged her to run for speaker.

On the other side of the Capitol, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky won another term leading Republicans and Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York won for the minority Democrats.

Senate Republicans also welcomed the first woman to their leadership team in years, Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst,

who called her selection as vice chair of the conference "a great honor."

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois was re-elected as minority whip, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate.

In the House, Jordan and McCarthy shook hands after a testy two days of closed-door sessions, according to lawmakers in the room for Wednesday's voting. Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, the Freedom Caucus chairman, called it a "gentlemanly" debate.

But the friendly talk papers over the infighting between the GOP's con-

servative and moderate flanks as lawmakers dole out blame after the midterm election losses.

Many Republicans side with Jordan's theory, which is that Republicans lost because they didn't "do what we said" — including delivering Trump's priority to build the border wall with Mexico.

GOP Rep. Peter King of New York rose to object, saying Republicans lost ground over the GOP tax cuts that reduced deductions for some filers. The harsh immigration rhetoric that turned off suburban voters didn't help, he said.

Proposed rules to help accused in campus assaults

BY LAURA MECKLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is set to release a sweeping overhaul of how colleges and universities must handle allegations of sexual assault and harassment, giving new rights to the accused, including the ability to cross-examine their accusers, people familiar with the matter said.

The proposal is set for release before Thanksgiving,

possibly this week, and replaces less formal guidance issued by the Obama administration in 2011. The new rules would reduce liability for universities, tighten the definition of sexual harassment, and allow schools to use a higher standard in evaluating claims of sexual harassment and assault.

The rules stem from a



DeVos

1972 law known as Title IX that bars sex discrimination at schools that receive federal funding. Most of the attention is on higher education, but the rules also apply to elementary and secondary schools. Once published in the Federal Register, the proposal will be open for public comment before being finalized.

The regulation lands

amid a national debate over sexual assault, including whether Brett Kavanaugh should have been elevated to the Supreme Court after allegations surfaced that as a teenager he sexually assaulted a girl. He denied the accusation and was confirmed.

Defending Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump declared it "a very scary time for young men in America" who faced the possibility of false claims.

Last year, DeVos re-

scinded the 2011 Obama guidance, denouncing it as overly prescriptive and lacking due process for the accused. She promised to write a regulation to replace it.

The rules come after years of rising pressure on universities to better respond to allegations of sexual assault and other misconduct. But the new direction has been welcomed by men's rights groups, who say the Obama guidelines were weighted in favor of

the accusers, and by some university administrators who found President Barack's Obama's version confusing.

The proposed rule would dodge a related controversial matter regarding the rights of transgender students. The Department of Health and Human Services had urged the Education Department to include a provision defining gender as someone's biological sex at birth. The DeVos proposal does not include that idea.

'Cow vigilantes' riding herd on India

Data show a rise in religious hate crimes since PM took power

BY ANNIE GOWEN
The Washington Post

Alimuddin Ansari, a van driver, knew the risks. Smuggling beef in India, where the slaughter of cows is illegal in some states, is dangerous work, and Ansari eventually attracted the notice of Hindu extremists in Jharkhand.

One hot day in June 2017, they tracked him to a crowded market. When he arrived with a van full of beef, the lynch mob was waiting.

Reports of religious-based hate-crime cases have spiked in India since the pro-Hindu nationalist government of Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, according to new data from IndiaSpend, which tracks reports of violence in English-language media. The data show that Muslims are overwhelmingly the victims and Hindus the perpetrators of the cases reported.

The government of India does not record religious-based hate crimes as separate offenses and so does not provide data on the category. The government does monitor incidents of communal violence — between ethnic groups or communities, like castes — and has data that show such incidents rose 28 percent from 2014 to 2017.

Some of the violence in the reported cases centers on cows because Hindus — nearly 80 percent of India's population — believe the animals are sacred, and many states have laws that protect them from slaughter. Violent "cow vigilante" groups patrol the roads, beating and killing those suspected of smuggling beef.

Modi has said that state governments should punish these vigilantes and that his administration is committed to upholding the law, but critics say his party has



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This is the family of Alimuddin Ansari, killed by a mob in India for transporting beef, which is sacred to the Hindu faith.

emboldened Hindu extremists across the country. And the data support that trend: More than half of the cases reported this year through October came from three states in northern India — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand — where Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP, enjoys strong support.

BJP spokesman Sudhanshu Trivedi said the government acts promptly if tensions occur between groups. He noted that India has suffered only "minor incidents" in the last four years, and there were no large-scale religious riots.

"Our objection is that the political class and a certain section of media want to highlight the (religious) angle in order to malign the image of government," he said. "This is not happening for the first time. It has been happening for years."

The vigilantes had been tracking Ansari for over a week. Early on the morning of June 29, 2017, a tea stall owner who had been work-

ing as an informer for the vigilantes called with a tip that Ansari was headed to the market in a white van full of beef, according to the judge's ruling in the case and suspects' statements to police. Deepak Mishra, a Brahmin priest, sent a WhatsApp message to a group of vigilantes calling them to the scene, court documents show.

The vigilantes trailed the van on their motorbikes, then stopped Ansari at the crowded market, pulling him from the driver's seat, according to court records. They beat him with bamboo sticks and a fiber rod.

"I started hitting him with my fists and kicking him," Mishra recounted, according to his statement to police. "I hit him in the stomach and on his chest."

A video of the scene shows the mob jeering, kicking and slapping a dazed Ansari. Eventually, they overturned his van and set it ablaze, spilling raw beef across the road. The sight of the meat only seemed to inflame the mob,

the prosecutor said. They shouted "Beat, beat beat him more!"

When police arrived, the men scattered, but it was too late for Ansari. He lost consciousness in an ambulance and was pronounced dead on the way to a hospital. The postmortem said Ansari died of shock as a result of multiple injuries.

Ansari's killing played out in almost real time on WhatsApp, the global messaging platform that is widely used in India, its largest market, and has increasingly become a vehicle for the spread of hate speech and incendiary fake news there and elsewhere.

His wife, Mariam Khatun, and son watched the killing unfold on the phones of their neighbors, who had gathered in a shocked group outside the family's modest concrete dwelling in the town of Ramgarh that morning.

"My father was a good man. When money was scarce, he did not eat so we could eat," said his son

Shahzad Akhtar, 22, a student. "Seeing him killed right in front of us, on screen, was agony."

Harsh Mander, director of the Center for Equity Studies in New Delhi, said the perpetrators film these lynchings and post them online to communicate a threatening message to the victims, who are often minorities or from lower-caste communities.

Modi's career has been shadowed by allegations of religious intolerance since 2002, when he, as the chief minister of the state of Gujarat, was accused of failing to do enough to stop Hindu-Muslim riots that killed more than 1,000. For this, he was denied a visa to visit the United States on religious-freedom grounds, making the trip only after he became prime minister in 2014.

In an interview with The Post in 2012, Modi showed little regret for what happened in Gujarat. "I have not done anything wrong," he said, "and I am commit-

ted to the human cause."

Now, in a string of incidents, his party members have been accused of supporting or even inciting violence against Muslims, leaving many in the country's Muslim community of 172 million — the third largest in the world — fearful.

In some of the lynching cases, members of Modi's party or its right-wing affiliates incited or organized the mobs or praised the killers after the fact.

In Ansari's killing, Nityanand Mahto, spokesman for the BJP in Ramgarh district, was released in early July on bail pending appeal after being jailed for a year for his role in inciting the mob. He denies involvement, saying he was in the crowd because he was trying to stop the violence. The prosecutor said he took part in the beating. "I was framed," he said.

Eleven men and one juvenile suspected in Ansari's death were arrested and charged with murder. In March, the adults were convicted and sentenced to life in prison, prompting protests; their supporters claim Ansari died because he was beaten in police custody. All but the juvenile have since been released on appeal; one of the convicted men has died in an unrelated accident.

The high court judge who ordered the release of the first seven men noted that although they were members of the mob, there was a lack of evidence against them in the assault. Later, even those convicted of the conspiracy were released on bail.

In July, some of the accused perpetrators went to the home of Jayant Sinha, a member of Modi's council of ministers. Sinha fed them sweets and hung marigold garlands around their necks, prompting an international firestorm.

Sinha said he believes they are innocent but said he feels regret for honoring the men.



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Employees at the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office feed ballots through a machine as they recount votes Wednesday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Florida counties racing to beat recount deadline

BY GARY FINEOUT
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Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — With time running out, Florida's election recount drama lurched forward Wednesday amid a maelstrom of courtroom arguments, broken machines, allegations of irregularities and President Donald Trump's ongoing criticism.

Many counties have wrapped up their machine recount ahead of a Thursday deadline to complete reviews of the U.S. Senate and governor races, but larger Democratic strongholds are still racing to meet the deadline.

Republican Gov. Rick Scott agreed to step down from the state panel responsible for certifying the final results. Scott is locked in a tight race with U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and has already suggested fraud may be taking place in some counties.

Trump, who has already lashed out over the recount, added to the growing partisan firestorm by arguing without evidence that some people unlawfully participated in the election by dressing in dis-

guise.

"When people get in line that have absolutely no right to vote and they go around in circles," Trump said in an interview with The Daily Caller published Wednesday. "Sometimes they go to their car, put on a different hat, put on a different shirt, come in and vote again."

The state elections department and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, both run by GOP appointees, have said they haven't seen any evidence of voter fraud of this sort.

Meanwhile, problems continue to arise in Palm Beach County, where tallying machines have overheated. That's caused mismatched results with the recount of 174,000 early voting ballots, forcing workers to go back and redo their work with no time to spare.

"The machines are old," said Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher, who said they underwent maintenance right before the election.

Right now, Palm Beach County looks like it could miss the Thursday deadline, even though Nelson

and Democrats filed lawsuits seeking to suspend it.

Lawyers for Democrats also asked a federal judge Wednesday to set aside the state law mandating that mailed-in votes be thrown out if the signature on the envelope doesn't match the signature on file.

No less than six federal lawsuits have been filed in Tallahassee.

U.S. District Judge Mark Walker, citing a "Star Trek" episode, said during a hearing Wednesday that "I feel a little bit like Captain Kirk in the episode with the Tribbles where they start to multiply."

State law requires a machine recount in races where the margin is less than 0.5 percentage point. In the Senate race, Scott's lead over Nelson was 0.14 percentage points. In the governor's contest, results showed Ron DeSantis ahead of Andrew Gillum by 0.41 percentage point.

Once the machine recount is complete, a hand recount will be ordered in any race where the difference is 0.25 percentage point or less.

If the Senate race does go to a hand recount, the deadline is Sunday.

DOJ opinion backs legality of Whitaker as acting AG

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department on Wednesday released an internal legal opinion supporting the legality of Matthew Whitaker's appointment as acting attorney general as Democrats press the case that President Donald Trump violated the law and Constitution by making Whitaker the country's chief law enforcement officer.

The 20-page opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel, which provides advice to executive branch agencies, aims to rebut mounting complaints that Trump illegally sidestepped procedure by appointing Whitaker over Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

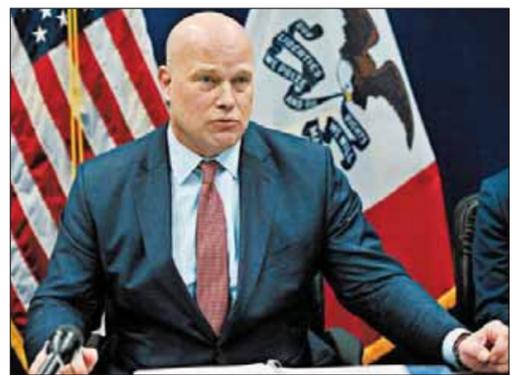
Rosenstein, the second-ranking Justice Department official, has been confirmed by the Senate. He had been overseeing special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Whitaker had been chief of staff to now-ousted Attorney General Jeff Sessions — a job that didn't require Senate confirmation. He became acting attorney general when Sessions was forced out Nov. 7 and was given oversight of Mueller's inquiry.

Since then, the state of Maryland has challenged Whitaker's appointment, arguing that the top Justice Department job must be held by a Senate-confirmed official such as Rosenstein. Congressional Democrats have called the appointment unconstitutional.

It was unclear whether the legal opinion would satisfy opponents of Whitaker's appointment, but the document does provide by far the Justice Department's most detailed defense of the selection.

The opinion concludes that Whitaker, even with-



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Matthew Whitaker was appointed as acting attorney general after Jeff Sessions was forced out Nov. 7.

out Senate confirmation, may serve in an acting capacity because he has been at the department for more than a year at a "sufficiently senior pay level."

The opinion tries to reconcile two seemingly conflicting statutes by saying that even though the department's own line of succession specifies that the deputy attorney general may hold the top spot in the event of a vacancy, a more general law known as the Vacancies Reform Act empowers presidents to depart from that order and promote officials who haven't been confirmed by the Senate.

Though Whitaker is not Senate confirmed and was not the deputy, the opinion concludes that he satisfies a third element of the law by having been with the Justice Department for at least 90 days and earning high enough pay for consideration.

"As all three branches of government have long recognized, the President may designate an acting official to perform the duties of a vacant principal office, including a Cabinet office, even when the acting official has not been confirmed by the Senate," the opinion said.

The opinion identified

more than 160 times before 1860 in which non-Senate officials were temporarily appointed to fill vacancies as Cabinet secretaries or equivalent jobs.

It said that Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama had designated unconfirmed agency officials as acting agency heads, and that Whitaker was not the first unconfirmed official to run an agency on an interim basis in the Trump administration.

Even so, the opinion could identify only one instance, in 1866, when a non-Senate confirmed assistant attorney general became acting attorney general.

Stephen Vladeck, a University of Texas at Austin law professor, said that although the Justice Department's legal analysis appeared sound, the circumstances surrounding the Whitaker appointment may be "radically different from what any of these historical examples were dealing with."

"The one point which I can hope everyone can agree, is whatever you bottom line is, Congress should fix this," he added. "Congress should limit the circumstances in which the president can bypass Senate-confirmed officers in the same agency."

Mattis: Border deployment is 'great training'

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the operation to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection, saying the American military "doesn't do stunts."

His trip on Wednesday amounted to a public-relations foray designed to present the operation as legal and nothing out of the ordinary — a necessary measure to back up border agents faced with an influx of migrants.

During the flight to Texas, Mattis described the operation as a "moral and ethical mission to support our border patrolmen" and cited previous military operations on the border, dating back to President Woodrow Wilson's deployment of the Army there to counteract Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa's forces.

"We determined that the mission was absolutely legal, and this was also reviewed by Department of Justice lawyers," Mattis said on the plane. "It's obviously a moral and ethical mission to support our border patrolmen. There's nothing new under the sun."

The National Guard deployed to the border during the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama to aid Border Patrol, but active-duty forces haven't deployed there since counternarcotics missions decades ago.

After arriving at Base Camp Donna, Mattis met with soldiers who have been setting up barbed wire fences to "harden" points of entry in anticipation of migrants arriving from caravans headed northward.

The defense secretary

suggested the soldiers should disregard the controversy surrounding the mission that has surfaced in the news media.

"There's all sorts of stuff in the news, and that sort of thing," Mattis told a group of soldiers. "You just concentrate on what your company commander, your battalion commander, tells you. Because if you read all that stuff, you know, you'll go nuts."

Mattis also sought to present the border deployment as good training for U.S. forces, arguing that the mission would improve their readiness and counteracting criticism that Trump was wasting the time and money of the armed forces for political effect.

"What a great training," Mattis told one of the soldiers in Texas as he walked through the installation with Nielsen. "We could not have had a better training event."

Trump announced ahead of the midterms that he would deploy as many as 10,000 to 15,000 troops in anticipation of the caravan's arrival, actively publicizing a muscular military deployment that played well with his base.

On Wednesday, some two weeks later, a spokeswoman for U.S. Northern Command said about 5,900 troops were deployed there at this time and significant increases weren't expected.

Northern Command previously had said more than 7,000 active-duty troops would be supporting CBP in California, Arizona and Texas.

The spokeswoman for the command said Wednesday that estimate had in-



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Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis and Homeland Security Secretary Kirsten Nielsen, third from the right, visit Camp Donna.

cluded troops who were in "preparation for deployment" status. The active-duty forces joined more than 2,000 National Guardsmen who have been deployed to the border since April.

The Pentagon initially dubbed the active-duty operation "Faithful Patriot." Mattis later ordered the military to scrap the name and describe the mission as border support.

"When the name of the mission first came in, I had given instructions, 'I do not want to put this mission in some arcane military terms. If what we're doing is laying wire, don't talk about implementing a barrier plan,'" Mattis said.

He said he wanted the American public to understand what the military is doing and not doing on the border because "this is a highly politically visible issue."

Mattis said there was still no cost estimate for the mission.

The military deployment to the border, including the cost of National Guard

forces that have been there since April, could climb well above \$200 million by the end of 2018 and grow significantly if the deploy-

ments continue into next year, according to analyst estimates and Pentagon figures.

The cost of the National

Guard deployment from April 10 through Sept. 30 amounted to \$103 million, according to Pentagon figures.

Flake links judicial votes to vote on Mueller bill

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. Jeff Flake said Wednesday that he won't vote to confirm judicial nominees unless GOP leaders hold a vote on legislation to protect special counsel Robert Mueller from being fired.

Flake of Arizona and Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware went to the Senate floor on Wednesday and tried to bring the legislation up for a vote. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell objected. McConnell has said that the legislation is unnecessary because he believes Mueller won't be fired.

Flake and Coons called for the vote in the wake of Attorney General Jeff Sessions' departure. President Donald Trump pushed Sessions out last week and temporarily replaced him with a loyalist, Matt Whitaker, who has criticized the



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Sen. Jeff Flake is pushing to protect Robert Mueller.

investigation. The special counsel's probe is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election and Russian ties to Trump's Republican campaign.

"This is not a moment for our leadership to be weak or irresolute or compromised in any way," Flake said, adding that "the president now has this investigation in his sights and we all know it."

Flake, who retires in January, said he wouldn't vote to confirm judges on the Senate floor or to advance them out of committee until there was a vote on the Mueller bill. He said he'd continue to come to the

Senate floor to call for one.

McConnell objected without comment. But he said earlier Wednesday that he's never heard anyone at the White House suggest they want to shut the investigation down.

"I think it's in no danger, so I don't think any legislation is necessary," McConnell said.

The move by Flake and Coons comes more than a year after the bipartisan legislation was introduced and underscores the deep concerns many lawmakers have long had over Trump's comments about Mueller's investigation. Trump has repeatedly called the probe a "hoax" and leveled personal criticism at the former FBI director. Those concerns were only amplified after Trump appointed Whitaker as acting attorney general.

Whitaker is now overseeing the probe, which had previously been overseen by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

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N. Korean women suffer in silence

Sexual abuse is rampant, but they can't say 'MeToo'

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean refugees say sexual violence against women in their former homeland is part of daily life. But a new report suggests there's little chance that abused women in the North will get to say "MeToo" anytime soon.

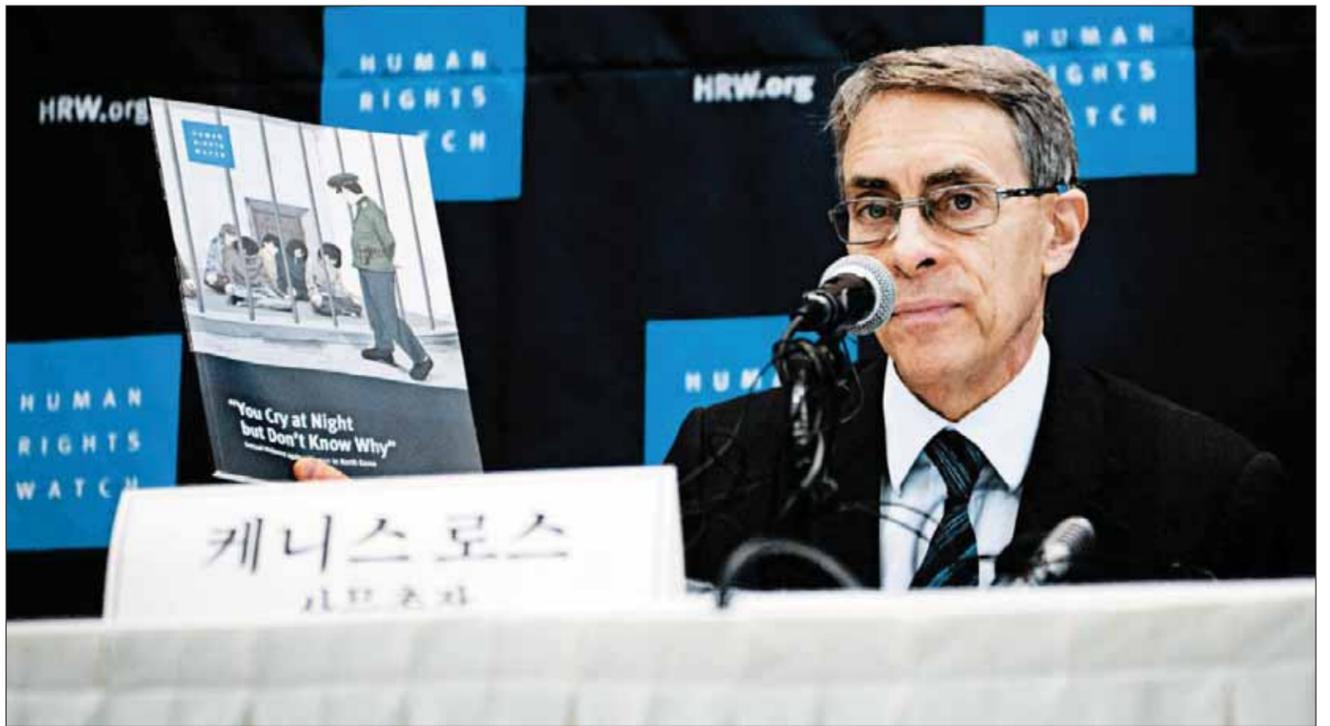
North Korea's extremely patriarchal society means many women feel powerless to demand accountability over sexual violence, many are also ashamed of being abused, and some choose to keep silent because of flimsy law enforcement and support systems, according to a report published Nov. 1 by New York-based Human Rights Watch.

The report is based on interviews with 106 North Koreans who left the country, more than half of them after 2011.

Three women who left North Korea and three South Korean experts, separately interviewed by The Associated Press, agreed that sexual violence is a serious problem in the North, though the voices and economic power of women have gradually increased in recent years because of their role in burgeoning capitalist-style markets. Some said that North Korean women didn't even understand that widespread assaults and harassment were abuse.

"Sexual violence in North Korea is an open, unaddressed and widely tolerated secret," Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch's executive director, said in a statement. "North Korean women would probably say 'MeToo' if they thought there was any way to obtain justice, but their voices are silenced in Kim Jong Un's dictatorship."

The report comes as U.S.-



Human Rights Watch executive director Kenneth Roth holds a copy of a report into sexual abuse against women in North Korea.

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led global diplomacy focuses on North Korean nuclear disarmament. The country's abysmal human rights status, however, has been largely ignored. It's not the first outside documentation of sexual violence in North Korea, but the report will likely anger North Korea, which often complains about what it claims is persistent U.S. hostility.

Kim's propaganda service has called North Korea a "socialist paradise" and bristles at outside criticism of its rights conditions as a U.S.-led attempt to force regime change. A 2016 dispatch said every woman in the North is "highly valued and respected" and that they "all can lead a worthwhile life as a heroine of the times."

But this is also the country that called former female South Korean President Park Geun-hye a "prostitute."

According to the report, titled "You Cry at Night but

Don't Know Why," and the six people reached by the AP, sexual violence targeting women is rampant in North Korea. They say it happens in detention facilities, open markets, checkpoints, trains, streets and army bases.

The report details sexual abuse by men in official positions of power, such as prison guards, police officers, prosecutors, soldiers and market supervisors.

"Interviewees told us that when a guard or police officer 'picks' a woman, she has no choice but to comply with any demands he makes, whether for sex, money, or other favors," the report said. "Women in custody have little choice should they attempt to refuse or complain afterward, and risk sexual violence, longer periods in detention, beatings, forced labor, or increased scrutiny while conducting market activities."

One woman interviewed in the report said a police

agent penetrated her several times with his fingers while questioning her illegal stay in China. Another talked about women in a detention center being forced to leave with a guard who raped them every night. They said that "click, click, click was the most horrible sound" because it meant the key was turning in the door of their prison cells. Several traders also described male officials at checkpoints conducting intrusive body searches of young women, spending more time checking around their breasts and hips and sometimes underneath their underwear.

Others in the report said police don't consider sexual violence a "serious crime" and that it's "almost inconceivable" to even consider going to the police to report their suffering because of possible repercussions. A pervasive social stigma keeps victims silent, the report said, adding that all of the interviewees de-

scribed "widespread impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence and lack of justice for survivors." They also spoke of deeply embedded patterns of discrimination against women, corruption and a lack of support mechanisms.

Women who talked to the AP said they didn't even know what exactly sexual abuse was when they were in North Korea.

"Higher-level male (army officers) often patted female soldiers on their hips and breasts or put their hands underneath their uniforms around their necks when they passed by them. We saw these things lots of times, but we just thought they were specially favored by our bosses," said Lee So Yeon, a woman who served in the North's army before her 2008 escape.

A second woman said a detention center guard tried to rape her but moved away after she said her body was crawling with lice. A third woman said sexual

abuse was considered shameful for women because people thought they must have brought it on themselves.

The Human Rights Watch report comes as North Korea struggles to win political and economic concessions from the United States in nuclear negotiations. It's unlikely that the North will take any major steps toward improving its rights conditions because U.S. and South Korean officials don't plan to openly raise the issue during the nuclear talks anytime soon.

"When we think about the North's horrible rights conditions, I know we should tackle that issue right away but it's also something that we can't resolve overnight," said analyst Cho Han Bum at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification. If current diplomacy continues, "the North's rights status at least won't worsen as long as the country continues to open," Cho said.



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British Prime Minister Theresa May delivers a speech Wednesday on Brexit outside No. 10 Downing St. in London. The EU and the British Parliament must still vote on the plan.

British PM gets Cabinet approval for Brexit plan

By **WILLIAM BOOTH**
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The Washington Post

LONDON — After a five-hour meeting with her Cabinet, and months of struggle and delay, Prime Minister Theresa May emerged from No. 10 Downing St. on Wednesday and announced that her ministers had approved her Brexit withdrawal plan.

The draft agreement, negotiated by British and European Union officials, marks a decisive step toward finalizing Britain's departure from the European Union.

The agreement, which has been compared to the world's most complex divorce settlement, lays out how much Britain will pay to exit, what rights Europeans living in Britain will have after Brexit happens at the end of March, and how the 21-month-long transition period will work. The agreement also promises a solution on avoiding a hard border on the Irish island.

The plan still requires endorsement by European heads of state later this month, which should be relatively easy, to be followed by a more difficult

vote in the British Parliament in December, where many members decry the draft deal as a weak capitulation that satisfies no one.

The Cabinet approval for May's package marked the end of a remarkable 24 hours in British politics — a true cliffhanger, with social media and the airwaves filled with speculation about whether the deal, and May herself, would survive.

Even as May prepared to speak, British political reporters speculated that a challenge to her leadership might be already underway.

The prime minister looked exhausted as she faced the cameras Wednesday night outside her official residence. Rather than celebrate a hard-won round in her fight for a Brexit deal, she sounded somber.

"This is a decision that will come under intense scrutiny, but the decision was to build a future for our country or to go back to square one and fail on the promise of the referendum," May said, without elaborating on the details of the deal.

She described a "long, detailed and impassioned debate" in the marathon

cabinet session.

May said the Brexit withdrawal agreement, which is loved by no one, will protect jobs and the union. She did not say that it would make Britain great again.

"I firmly believe with my head and my heart that this is a decision that is in the best interests of the entire United Kingdom," May said. "This is firmly in the national interest and is a deal that delivers on the promise of the referendum."

In a late-night new conference in Brussels, the EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said the agreed text was "an important moment in this extraordinary negotiation" that would lead towards the U.K.'s "orderly withdrawal."

The withdrawal agreement will be voted on at a Brexit summit attended by leaders of the EU's remaining 27 member states at the union's Brussels headquarters later this month, with Nov. 24-25 penciled in as possible dates.

Following approval by the European leaders, the treaty would go to the British Parliament, where it would face an uncertain fate.

Judge to rule on CNN lawsuit

White House seeks to keep Acosta out after Trump clash

By **ASHRAF KHALIL**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's administration is trying to fend off a legal challenge from CNN and other outlets over the revocation of journalist Jim Acosta's White House "hard pass."

U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Kelly heard arguments Wednesday from lawyers representing CNN and the Justice Department.

The news network is seeking an immediate restraining order that would force the White House to return Acosta's press credentials — which grant reporters as-needed access to the 18-acre complex.

Kelly said he would announce his decision Thursday.

Acosta has repeatedly clashed with Trump and press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders in briefings over the last two years. But the dynamic devolved into a near-shouting match during a combative press conference last week following midterm elections in which Republicans lost control of the House of Representatives.

Acosta refused to give up a microphone when the president said he didn't want to hear anything more from him. Trump called Acosta a "rude, terrible person."

The White House quickly announced that Acosta's White House access would be revoked.

The CNN lawsuit calls the revocation "an unabashed attempt to censor the press and exclude re-



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Reporter Jim Acosta arrives for a court hearing Wednesday in Washington. A judge will rule on the case Thursday.

porters from the White House who challenge and dispute the President's point of view."

On Wednesday, Justice Department lawyer James Burnham argued that Acosta was guilty of "inappropriate grandstanding" and deserved to lose his access over "his refusal to comply with the general standards of a press conference."

Burnham also pointed out that CNN has dozens of other staffers with White House credentials, so excluding Acosta would not harm the network's coverage.

The network's lawyer, Theodore Boutros, contended that Acosta was being singled out for his body of work, not his alleged rudeness during a press conference.

"The White House has made very clear that they don't like the content of the reporting by CNN and Jim Acosta," Boutros said. "Rudeness really is a code word for 'I don't like you being an aggressive reporter.'"

Prior to Wednesday's hearing, the White House had maintained that it has "broad discretion" to regulate press access to the White House.

A pre-hearing legal filing argued, "The President and his designees in the White House Press Office have exercised their discretion not to engage with him and, by extension, to no longer grant him on-demand access to the White House

complex so that he can attempt to interact with the President or White House officials."

Trump himself, in an interview published Wednesday, was uncertain how the court fight would end, saying: "We'll see how the court rules. Is it freedom of the press when somebody comes in and starts screaming questions and won't sit down?"

The White House's explanations for why it seized Acosta's credentials have shifted over the last week.

Sanders initially explained the decision by accusing Acosta of making improper contact with the intern seeking to grab the microphone. But that rationale disappeared after witnesses backed Acosta's account that he was just trying to keep the mic, and Sanders distributed a doctored video that made it appear Acosta was more aggressive than he actually was.

On Tuesday, Sanders accused Acosta of being unprofessional by trying to dominate the questioning at the news conference.

Both Sanders and Trump are named as defendants in the CNN lawsuit, along with chief of staff John Kelly and Randolph Alles, director of the Secret Service.

The Associated Press joined with a group of 12 other news organizations, including Fox News, in filing an amicus brief Wednesday in support of CNN.

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French president requests respect after Trump's tweets

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron said France and the United States must respect each other, in a response to a flurry of critical tweets by Donald Trump.

Macron said in an interview Wednesday with French television TF1 that “the French don't expect from me to answer to tweets.”

Asked whether Trump's recent tweets were unpleasant and in-

ellegant, the French leader answered: “you summed up everything.”

He said he thinks that Trump “is doing American politics and I let him do American politics.”

Earlier Wednesday, government spokesman Benjamin Griveaux suggested that the U.S. president lacked “common decency” by launching his broadside on a day when France was mourning victims of the November 2015 attacks in Paris.

Michael Avenatti arrested in LA on domestic violence charge

LOS ANGELES — Michael Avenatti, the attorney best known for representing porn actress Stormy Daniels in her lawsuit against President Donald Trump, was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence, Los Angeles police said.

Police had responded to a domestic violence incident Tuesday and took a report, but Avenatti was taken into custody Wednesday.

Authorities said the investigation was ongoing and details would be released later.

Avenatti posted \$50,000 bail and was released about four hours after he was arrested.

Avenatti, who has said he's mulling a 2020 presidential run, relentlessly pursued the president and those close to him, taunting Trump in interviews and baiting him and his lawyers in tweets.

Judge admonishes El Chapo's lawyer for opening statement

NEW YORK — A federal judge admonished the lawyer for reputed Mexican drug smuggler El Chapo on Wednesday after an opening statement that implicated Mexican presidents.

Federal prosecutors had asked U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan to toss the defense's opening statement at the New York trial of Joaquin Guzman.

Cogan stopped short of that Wednesday but ad-

monished defense attorney Jeffrey Lichtman for having gone “far afield of direct or circumstantial proof.”

In his opening statement Tuesday, Lichtman told jurors that Guzman was not the real leader of a cartel and that traffickers at large were protected because of bribes that “go up to the very top,” including millions of dollars paid to the current and former presidents of Mexico.



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Israeli protesters in the southern city of Ashkelon demonstrate Wednesday against the cease-fire brokered between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Hamas.

Israeli defense minister resigns over Gaza cease-fire deal

JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister abruptly resigned Wednesday in protest over a cease-fire reached with Gaza militants, in a move that rocked the Israeli political scene and seemed likely to bring about early elections.

Avigdor Lieberman said the cease-fire amounted to “surrender to terrorism” after two days of heavy fighting, and that he could no longer serve a government that endorsed it. Lieberman had demanded a far stronger Israeli response to the most intense round of rocket fire against Israel since a 50-day war in

2014, but appeared to have been overruled by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

His resignation is a major setback to Netanyahu's coalition government and sparked calls for early elections.

The government still has a one-seat majority in the Knesset without Lieberman's nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu faction, but is unlikely to survive until the next elections, currently set for November 2019.

Netanyahu had come under heavy criticism for agreeing to the cease-fire, especially from his political

base and in rocket-battered towns in southern Israel that are typically strongholds of his ruling Likud Party.

Angry residents took to the street Tuesday chanting “Disgrace!” at what they saw as the government's capitulation to violence and its inability to provide long-term security. Many have openly vowed to never vote Likud again.

Netanyahu presented the decision as a unified one made by his Security Cabinet and based on the military's recommendations. But Lieberman later expressed reservations.

White House: Bolton's top aide will step down

WASHINGTON — Deputy national security adviser Mira Ricardel, whose firing was sought by the office of first lady Melania Trump, will step down, the White House said Wednesday.

In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Ricardel

is leaving her post and will “transition to a new role within the Administration.”

The news comes one day after the office of the first lady called for Ricardel's firing, saying that “she no longer deserves the honor of serving in this White House.”

National security adviser

John Bolton tapped Ricardel in April to serve as his deputy.

Yet according to current and former officials, Ricardel had frequently clashed with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, berated people in meetings, yelled at professional staff and argued with the first lady.

Trump backs bipartisan bill to reform jail sentencing

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday threw his support behind legislation that would loosen some mandatory minimum sentencing laws — a measure backed by powerful Senate Republicans and Democrats but that could run into opposition from some tough-on-crime conservatives.

At an afternoon event at the White House, Trump officially endorsed the “First Step Act.” He urged lawmakers to send him a bill, saying: “I'll be waiting with a pen.”

The influential Fraternal Order of Police, the world's largest group of sworn law enforcement officials, endorsed the latest compromise — giving momentum to the bill.

Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions strongly opposed any measure that would relax sentencing laws, but he resigned from his post last week.

In Yemen: An airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition killed at least seven civilians in the rebel-held port city of Hodeida, Yemeni security and medical officials said Wednesday. The airstrike on Tuesday night targeted a bus carrying civilians who were fleeing clashes, and also wounded four people, the officials said.

Queen's ransom: A large, drop-shaped natural pearl pendant among 10 pieces of jewelry that once belonged to French Queen Marie Antoinette, was sold Wednesday for a hammer price of \$32 million — which Sotheby's is calling a record for a pearl at auction. The pre-auction estimate was \$1 million to \$2 million.

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EDITORIALS

Why did a Boeing 737 Max plunge into the Java Sea?

The weather in Jakarta was clear on the morning of Oct. 29 when a brand-new Boeing 737 Max passenger jet left Indonesia's capital on a domestic hop to a nearby island. Soon after, Lion Air Flight 610 plunged into the Java Sea, killing all 189 people aboard.

No foul play is suspected. Something cataclysmic occurred on board that potentially involved pilot error or equipment malfunction. But as safety officials, the airline and Boeing investigate, one chilling scenario has emerged: This super-modern, highly automated aircraft may have crashed itself by suddenly diving into the water. The pilots apparently had no time to recover.

The 737 is the workhorse single-aisle jet of Chicago-based Boeing. If you've flown in the U.S., chances are you've flown the 737. United and American operate 737s. Southwest Airlines flies it exclusively. The 737 Max is the newest, most advanced version; Lion Air's 737 Max 8 plane went into service just a few months ago.

What may have happened? One theory is that this airplane may have outsmarted its pilots. The computerized cockpit controls of the 737 Max have a new safety feature designed to protect the plane from a midflight stall. If sensors detect the aircraft rising too steeply, the controls will react automatically by pushing the nose down. That's all good if sensors are delivering accurate flight data, but what if those readings were faulty or misinterpreted? In that case, the plane could sense danger where there was none and overreact by hurtling downward.

Lion Air reported data problems with the doomed plane. On the previous flight, the crew noticed a bad reading related to the aircraft's flight angle. So the pilot "improvise" by turning off a tail mechanism that could have sent the plane into a dive, an Indonesian safety official told The New York Times. That slick move was not in the flying manual, the official said.

Boeing markets the 737

Max as being similar to the previous generation, which means training pilots is relatively easy and inexpensive. According to The Wall Street Journal, Boeing didn't highlight the risk of a sudden plummet because designers couldn't picture a scenario in which bad data, pilot response and nose overcorrection would conspire to risk a crash. Pilots criticized Boeing's handling of the issue. "It's pretty asinine for them to put a system on an airplane and not tell the pilots ... especially when it deals with flight controls," Capt. Mike Michaelis, chairman of the safety committee of the Allied Pilots Association at American Airlines, told the Journal. Boeing said it was working with investigators but noted that there were "existing procedures for this situation."

It may be tempting to ascribe a rise-of-the-robots fear to the Lion Air crash. Flying seems miraculous, but at least passengers know they're safe in the hands of experienced pilots. Now there's a scenario in which cockpit crews might lose control of their jet to a confused computer? This will not help members of the public overcome fear of flying — or wariness of other innovations. How about driverless cars?

Indeed those are tempting worries, but misguided. Technology has made air travel safer than ever, while driverless vehicles will drastically reduce road fatalities. Yet no innovation eliminates risk. Accidents, errors and tragedies happen.

The investigation of Flight 610 will determine fault and lead to corrections that should prevent more incidents of this type. The Federal Aviation Administration already has alerted airlines of the correct piloting procedure if the 737 Max's nose suddenly dips. Software updates may follow.

If there are unidentified risk factors to flying the 737 Max, millions of air passengers and their pilots will expect Boeing to respond. New planes are nice. Safe planes are paramount.



ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/GETTY-AFP

By New Year's Eve 2019, Illinoisans may have the option of legally celebrating with cannabis.

Recreational marijuana?

The case for curiosity and caution in Illinois

J.B. Pritzker ran for governor on a promise to legalize recreational marijuana — and Illinois legislators who like the idea apparently plan to waste no time. A bill is expected to be introduced in January and could become law in a matter of months. A six-month waiting period may be part of the deal. So on New Year's Eve 2019, Illinoisans may have the option of legally celebrating with cannabis instead of — or along with — champagne.

The case for treating pot like alcohol, with licensed retailers and minimum age requirements, has a good deal of logic behind it. But what's the hurry? The state is already in the middle of a major marijuana experiment, or rather two.

Medical cannabis became available through licensed dispensaries only three years ago. In 2016, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed legislation decriminalizing possession of small amounts, which means a citation akin to a traffic ticket instead of an arrest.

Those measures did much to address the downside of banning pot outright — wasting too much

police and court time on a relatively minor problem, generating racial disparities in enforcement and depriving sick people of a treatment that helps some conditions. Considering how many millions of people regularly get high, strict policies against marijuana use also undermine public respect for the law.

It's too early to call either of the reforms a success or failure. Already, lawmakers have made an adjustment to the original therapeutic rules by allowing cannabis as an alternative to opioids for treating pain. Arrests are way down for illegal possession. But the long-term effects on substance abuse problems, impaired driving and underage use aren't known yet.

Illinois has a big advantage over the 10 states that have chosen to permit recreational pot: Lawmakers can learn from the pluses and minuses those states are experiencing.

The latest state to approve this change is Michigan, which means Illinoisans

who want to check it out in person will soon find that easy to do so.

Critics note that in Colorado, which has allowed recreational sales and use since 2014, a survey found that 69 percent of pot users say they have driven under its influence and 27 percent say they do so more or less every day. The number of drivers involved in fatal accidents who test positive for cannabis has more than doubled.

That trend doesn't prove that pot is too dangerous to allow, because a positive test means only that someone used marijuana within the past few weeks, not that he or she was high at the time of the crash. Scholars have found that when states legalize medical marijuana, highway fatalities typically decline by nearly 9 percent — and drunken-driving deaths fall even more.

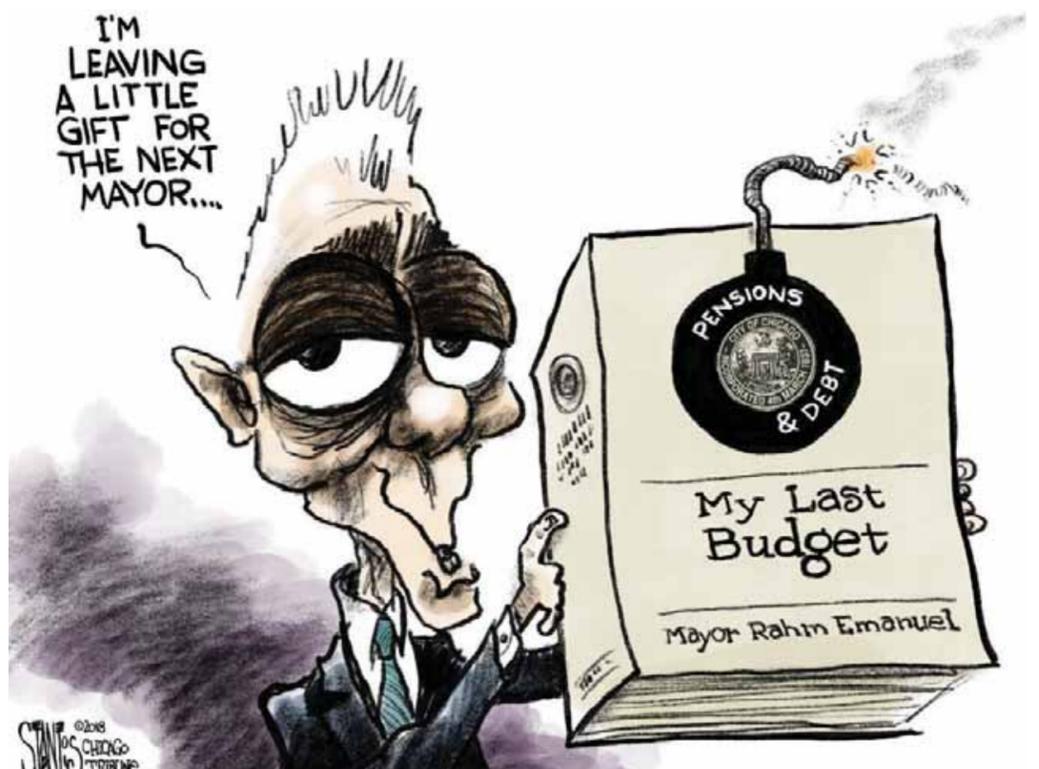
It's not hard to imagine that legalization would mean more people in Illinois walking around or going to school or work

stoned. It could have a corrosive effect on the quality of life — much as alcohol does in many contexts.

For politicians, the chief appeals of allowing the legal sale and possession of cannabis for mere enjoyment is that (a) it would bring in revenue from taxes and fees, and (b) it would please an energetic constituency. As for the former: Our elected officials can always find ways to spend new money. But the likely take wouldn't rescue Illinois' miserable finances. In Colorado, the take amounted to \$247 million last year — covering less than 1 percent of the state budget.

So there is no pressing reason to rush things. If the growing mass of evidence from other states shows that legalizing recreational pot is largely harmless, there will be plenty of time to follow their lead. If the evidence reveals a lot of dismal side effects, though, Illinoisans might be glad they waited and wrote the right legislation. It's easier to avoid a mistake, after all, than to undo one.

SCOTT STANTIS



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Under the guise of a multibillion-dollar development contest, Amazon successfully convinced the mayors and governors of 238 North American cities and regions to voluntarily surrender a treasure trove of information ranging from future infrastructure projects to land use patterns and everything else in between — all without being charged a dime.

Armed with this detailed data, Amazon will not only have a competitive advantage over its rivals in retail and cloud computing, it will also have a serious upper hand at the negotiating table with state and local governments, as it will know precisely how much taxpayer money it will be able to extract from public funds.

Amazon has emerged in recent years as the leading beneficiary of corporate welfare, pocketing more than \$1.6 billion in state and local tax breaks and subsidies (including more than \$230 million this year alone) for construction of its data centers and warehouses since 2000. As it seeks to grow its cloud computing market share, expand its physical retail footprint and optimize its supply chain, Amazon will use the information it's gathered to extract as many financial resources as it can.

With many government officials operating as if economic development is a zero-sum game, Amazon will continue to foment localized bidding wars that pit city against city, county against county, town against town.

Daniel Kishi, The American Conservative

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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With all the potential turnover to come in President Donald Trump's administration, it's difficult to imagine why anyone would want a position in it now.

Why would anyone join the Trump administration now?



STEVE CHAPMAN

The Trump administration resembles a blender with the lid off: frequent moments of noisy, furious churning, often leaving a mess. Donald Trump, who is chronically critical of almost everyone but himself, said before the midterm elections that personnel changes were coming. In a departure from his usual practice, he was telling the truth.

The president demanded his attorney general's resignation as soon as the voting was over. Likely also to walk the plank is Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, who might be followed by White House chief of staff John Kelly.

Trump may have to find a replacement for Jeff Sessions' replacement because Matthew Whitaker's appointment may have been illegal.

Defense Secretary James Mattis is reported to be another potential casualty, apparently because Trump thinks one adult in the room is one too many. Even the first lady has gotten in on the action, demanding the dismissal of the deputy national security adviser. U.N.

Ambassador Nikki Haley, a favorite of the president's, was the rare aide shrewd enough to step down while things were going well.

The question at this point is not why Trump would tire of his old appointees. It's why anyone would consent to be a new appointee. Joining the administration at this stage is the equivalent of driving into a coastal city that is in the path of a hurricane as everyone else is evacuating.

Working for Trump involves an endless ordeal of self-abasement, impotence and exasperation, as Bob Woodward's book "Fear" documented. One senior official after another has marveled at the president's bulletproof ignorance, incompetence, dishonesty and bad temper.

His first secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, called him a "moron." Kelly said he's "an idiot." His former personal lawyer John Dowd reached the conclusion that president is "a (expletive) liar."

Being subjected to ill treatment is just part of the job, as National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn, national security adviser H.R. McMaster and chief of staff Reince Priebus found during their abbreviated tenures. Trump frequently criticized Sessions in public while calling him "Mr. Magoo" in private.

The president told Kelly that

Nielsen is "a joke" and heaped abuse on her during a lengthy harangue in a Cabinet meeting. She chose to endure the humiliation and cater to his demands, to no apparent avail.

Having Trump's fondest favor is no protection, because his affections invariably sour. He loved boasting about "Mad Dog" Mattis until he found out the defense secretary was both insufficiently rabid and insufficiently docile. After canning onetime soul mate Steve Bannon, Trump tweeted that Bannon "cried when he got fired and begged for his job."

Priebus' observation, reported Woodward, was that "in relations with Trump, the closer you were, the further away you got" — meaning that the more he likes you, the more he ultimately will loathe you.

If you don't work for him, you can maintain good relations. (See: Sean Hannity.) Taking a job in the administration, however, is like pulling the pin on a grenade. You may not know when it will explode, but you know your time is limited.

Filling high-level jobs with good people will be a heavy lift. If you have policy goals in mind, you know they will be harder to achieve than before, with Democrats in control of the House. You know investigations will cause serious disruptions and distractions — and could force you to hire an

expensive defense attorney.

You know that your tenure could be nasty, brutish and short. And you could leave under a cloud of ignominy, assailed by presidential insults, with your good name ruined.

Nor is there any assurance of lucrative post-administration employment, because association with Trump could be a deal breaker for many employers. Anyone who ventures into a rainstorm should expect to get wet, and the same holds for storms composed of foul organic matter.

The only good reason to pitch in would be selfless public service — trying to do an important job because someone has to and being prepared to risk one's own interests for the good of the country. Does anyone think Mattis has stayed in his post because he relishes taking orders from Trump?

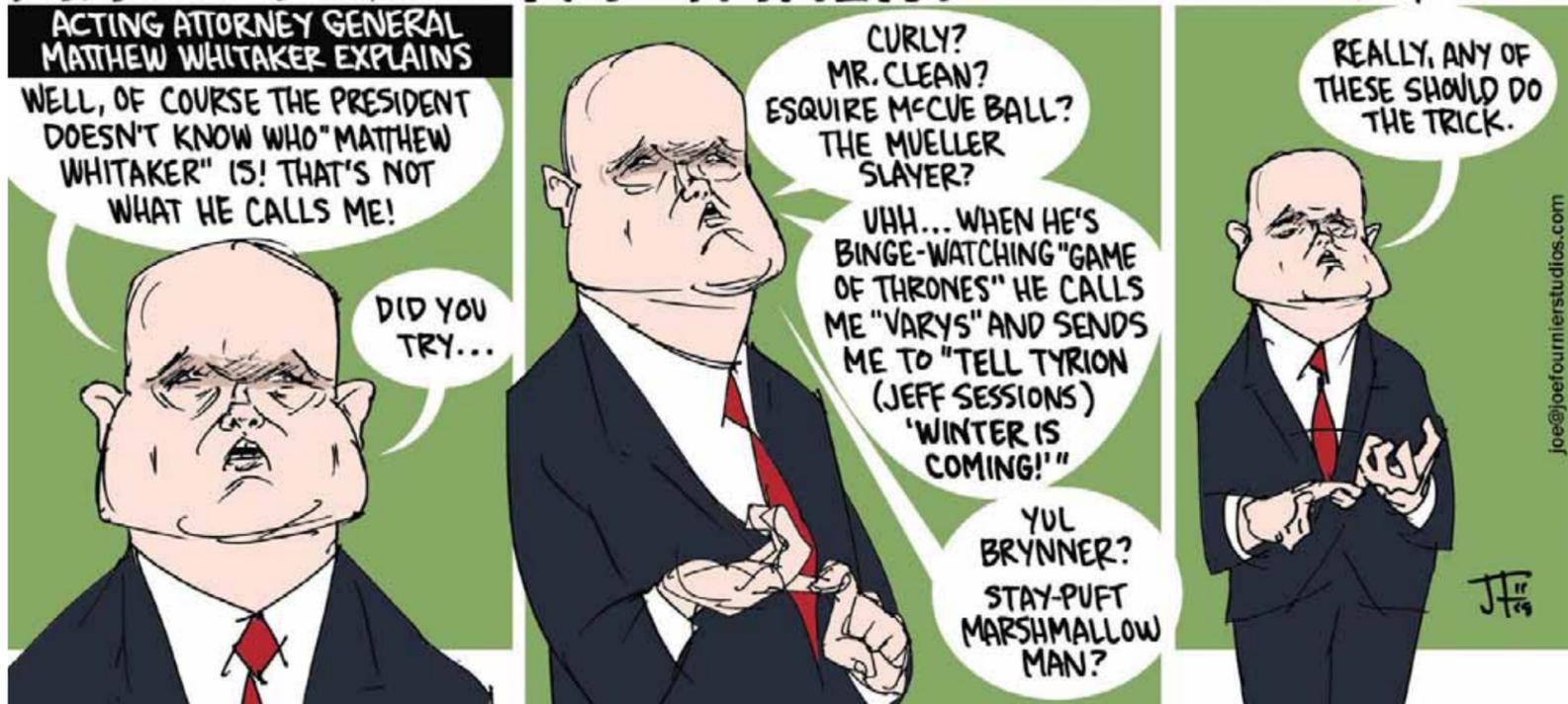
But patriotic sorts may be in the position of those American soldiers who were ordered to attack German positions on the very morning that World War I was scheduled to end. They could be embarking on a fatal mission that accomplishes nothing.

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How high is too high?

What is the legal limit for marijuana intoxication? Where is the field sobriety test for potheads? Maybe I have not been reading enough, but I have never seen anything about these questions. It's all about increasing tax revenue and decreasing crime. Medical marijuana seems to work for many people. Good. Great! But it is incredibly irresponsible to be legalizing recreational pot use without the same safeguards that apply to alcohol and other drugs. Maybe you don't care how stoned your driver is or how wasted your electrician is. This Pandora's box of drug use needs to be kept closed until the above questions have real answers. What are you people thinking? Are you high or something?

— Larry Baran, Chicago

Why Casten won

Sean Casten's victory over Republican U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam in traditionally red DuPage County was a victory for climate science over climate denial, but you would never know it by the Tribune's coverage. Casten has never wavered from his focus on climate change, clean energy and clean energy jobs. He won the Democratic primary in a strong field of seven talking almost exclusively about the mortal threat of climate change and the need to transition to the clean energy economy.

In the general election a ballot measure directing representatives to do something about climate change was approved by over 75 percent of voters in York Township, the heart of the 6th district. That means that even Republicans who voted for Roskam want something done about climate change. Almost 100 environmentalists showed up at the York Township meeting to put that measure on the ballot.

Casten has serious scientific chops and a lifetime of dedication to the issue of climate change and energy efficiency. He founded Recycled Energy Development, a highly profitable energy efficiency business. He is living proof that energy efficiency and renewable energy are job creators.

The River Prairie Group of Sierra Club, which covers DuPage County, had some 40 volunteers contributing collectively hundreds of hours each week specifically because of Casten's environmental positions.

Almost weekly, fires and hurricanes prove that climate change is already a mortal threat to humankind. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns of far worse if we do not reduce carbon emissions and transition quickly to a clean energy economy.

Casten's election shows that candidates can talk about climate change and clean energy and be rewarded by grateful voters. We ignore this important message to our peril.

— Linda Sullivan, co-chair, River Prairie Group of Sierra Club field team, Lombard

Lincoln vs. Obama

I read with interest about the struggles of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation and was struck by the fact that former President Barack Obama wants a \$500 million homage to himself that will require \$100 million in road work while the museum of one of the greatest presidents in history, the liberator of the slaves, goes wanting for funding.

— Arne Melko, Chicago

Dems aren't whining

In response to the many letters seen in Voice of the People, please let me assure you this liberal Democrat quit whining about Hillary Clinton's defeat many, many months ago! By the way, it wasn't whining as much as expressing disgust. And in fact, it wasn't even Hillary's defeat that caused the severe nausea; it was the individual who became president.

How a country could vote for an individual who makes fun of a disabled man, laughed at a woman who lost her son in the military, scorns servicemen taken as POWs, exhibits nothing but disdain for our allies and treaties, breeds violence and contempt for the press, refuses to participate in Veterans Day activities, heaps praise on world leaders seen as autocratic despots, seeks the backing and votes of white supremacists, and publicly ridicules anyone who thinks differently than himself? Who votes for a man that bragged about grabbing women's private parts? Where I grew up, we punished those predators. We didn't vote for them to be president.

So you can quit thinking we are whining. We are simply astounded at where the conscience and soul of America went that election night two years ago. And we are determined to correct that mistake.

— Alan Galant, Grayslake



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Amazon isn't bringing a second headquarters to Chicago, but the city's momentum seems all but certain to continue unabated.

Amazon sweepstakes? Move on, Chicago!

BY HOWARD TULLMAN

There hasn't been a lot of hand-wringing or despair since Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos announced the winners of his yearlong quest for a second headquarters and jobs bonanza.

You know why? Because there's been tremendous leadership and collaboration working in the trenches the past decade to put Chicago on the global tech map — led by 1871's multiyear status as the No. 1 university-affiliated tech incubator worldwide.

So was it really a loss not landing the thousand-pound gorilla, where it could potentially inflict damage by crushing competition, close down a few more retailers and strangle a bunch of our fledgling startups?

And that's if you even believed the HQ2 story, which is now more of an HQ3.5 story (with Virginia, Long Island, N.Y., and Nashville, Tenn., all in the mix). I never did.

As I've long observed, the only real existential risk facing Amazon is something

regulatory or legislative, and those fateful decisions will be made in Washington, D.C., where Bezos already owns the top daily newspaper. The Big Apple play was largely driven by media and market concerns. Frankly, the Nashville logistics hub is the only part of this story that was a real opportunity for us, and it's the thing that Chicago deserved to win on merit from day one.

But the great thing about our city is its rock-solid resilience and commitment to perpetual progress and ongoing improvement. So the Amazon passion play was merely a hiccup or pothole in the road on a long journey forward. The resurgence of the city's South Side with a developing new tech district, anchored by the \$40 million Kaplan Family Institute at Illinois Institute of Technology; the visionary Discovery Partners Institute, a purpose-driven, collaborative research institute located in Chicago that is focused on creating solutions to grand challenges; new facilities being planned at the University of Illinois at Chicago; the redevelopment of the Michael Reese Hospital property — the list

goes on. These are powerful evidence that Chicago's momentum is unabated, and our growth will continue.

Chicago has always been about building a stronger, brighter future. We continue to be a hub of game-changing leaders, abundant resources, first-class universities and innovative vision — like the P33 program, a “Burnham plan for Chicago's tech future,” which is a remarkable road map to an even brighter tomorrow.

You're never really out of the game unless you wallow in regret more than dream big. Chicago's dreams are alive and well, and since Amazon was wishful thinking from the outset to most of us in the tech world, it's more like a bullet we dodged than something to regret. It's time to move on and move forward, with optimism and a strong, savvy game plan. Now, that's Chicago.

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As the Vatican dodges its sex abuse crisis, America's lay Catholics are poised to act

BY DANIEL E. BURNS

“We have accepted it with disappointment.” That was the public reaction of Cardinal Daniel DiNardo to the latest indignity inflicted on him and his fellow Roman Catholic bishops in the United States. The Vatican had demanded that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, whose annual meeting in Baltimore this week had cleared its agenda to focus on the sexual abuse crisis, must cancel its vote on proposals that would have begun to address that crisis.

Why have the American bishops acceded to this demand from Rome? None of their collective decisions carries any juridical force until the pope ratifies it. They could have held their vote and still left Rome to react as Rome sees fit. The Vatican can easily veto the decisions of local assemblies without also silencing their deliberations.

The simple answer is that our bishops are afraid to irritate Rome. And who can blame them? In what may be a coincidence, Pope Francis just three weeks ago took the rare step of firing 63-year-old Bishop Martin Holley of Memphis over concerns unrelated to sex abuse (concerns described only as “management of the diocese”). Canon law stipulates that the involuntary removal of a bishop must take place only “for grave causes and according to the manner of proceeding defined by law.” No canon-law “proceeding” was made public, and Holley claims that Cardinal Donald Wuerl was using his Roman connections to retaliate for Holley's having previously stood in the way of Wuerl's career advancement (a charge Wuerl has not directly addressed). We have no way of knowing who is telling the truth.

It is tempting to blame the bishops for accepting this week's latest delay in the painfully slow process of reform. But before we point the finger at these unfortunate men, lay Catholics — especially those with the privilege of being paid to voice our own opinions freely and loudly — might take a moment to wonder how outspoken any of us could be under such conditions. The Vatican heads up the world's largest international bureaucracy, with a million employees and many times as many volunteers. It treats bishops as the regional managers of this massive organization. It hires and fires them with no transparency or

possibility of appeal. At a moment's notice it moves them to new positions hundreds or even thousands of miles away. Any bishop who wishes to continue doing God's work for his flock will hesitate countless times before defying even an unreasonable whim when it comes from Rome. And this week's news has made clear, if it was not already clear, that Rome shares none of its American brethren's impatience to deal with the abuse crisis.

There is a structural problem here. Bishops are supposed to be successors to the Apostles and chief shepherds of their dioceses. As bishop of Rome, the pope has a unique responsibility for safeguarding the integrity of their common Catholic faith. From this one might conclude that the pope should relate to his brother bishops like a mega-CEO — one unshackled by either employment law or a board of directors. But one might also conclude otherwise. For the great majority of Catholic history, a bishop owed his position to local laity, local clergy, local political authorities, regional bishops and/or the pope. Only recently has so much power been concentrated in Rome.

Even if we had reason to trust that Rome was rushing to coordinate a global solution to the global abuse crisis, a global solution will not be adequate for the particular challenges that the crisis poses in our country (with its unusual legal traditions, unique media landscape, educated and assertive laity, cultural distrust of secretive institutions and so on). The American abuse crisis will be addressed only when the concrete administration of American dioceses is put into the hands of leaders more responsive to the demands of rank-and-file American Catholics. But these days Rome seems more open to power-sharing with the Chinese Communist Party than with its own bishops. The party may soon be granted a role in the selection of the Chinese hierarchy, but when American bishops wish to formalize preliminary measures against abuse in their own dioceses, Rome suddenly sees a threat to its apparently fragile authority.

This might seem to present American Catholics with a Catch-22. Centralized Roman governance stifles reforms, but we need reforms to move us away from centralized Roman governance. The solution, however, is for lay people to recognize that within our own national borders, we are

not nearly as powerless over the clergy as we sometimes think we are.

Church history has been full of battles between clerical and lay leaders. Each side has weapons proper to it, and neither side has a monopoly on truth or righteousness. Those lay leaders in the past were often Catholic emperors, kings or lords. In their battles with popes and bishops, they took actions that we can only find shocking: They blocked the selection of bishops, defied interdicts, executed papal ambassadors. No one can be nostalgic for those days. But at least our history ought to remind us that spiritual power rarely checks itself. It always needs to be balanced by temporal power. And temporal power is rightly placed in the hands of the laity. In the American republic, the kings and lords are all of us.

The American Catholic laity needs to start thinking hard about how to make use of the legitimate machinery of secular politics and society as a source of pressure on the hierarchy. We now know that lawsuits and aggressive journalism can do some good for the church. We may soon see what large-scale criminal investigations can do. New grounds for civil suits may also be found, especially by former seminarians in the #MeToo era. The corporate structures of religious nonprofits are vulnerable to new regulations at the state level. The United States' amicable foreign relations with Vatican City are not a given.

Some Americans will be reluctant to target the Catholic Church with social, political and legal pressures. But if lay Catholics lead the coalition that creates those pressures, then other concerned Americans will not hold back for long. And when church leaders face concrete threats to the goods that only their earthly city can protect — wealth, reputation, even personal liberty — then we can expect them at last to extract from Rome the necessary reforms in governance structures. In light of this week's “disappointment,” we may hope that some of them would be quietly grateful for our help.

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PERSPECTIVE

A shot to save grandma

If vaccination rates rise just 1 percentage point, 807 won't die of flu

By IAN AYRES

A natural disaster is bearing down on our country, one assured to take the lives of thousands and hospitalize tens of thousands more: the annual flu epidemic. Last year's strains were particularly virulent, with 900,000 Americans hospitalized and more than 80,000 people dying from the flu or its complications.

To make matters worse, many of these people died needlessly.

The flu vaccination rate in the United States hovers around 45 percent. If we could increase this rate to 70 percent — the level required to reach “community” or “herd” immunity and keep an epidemic from propagating — the majority of the deaths, hospitalizations and missed days of work could be avoided. But to do that, we need to properly incentivize vaccination.

Right now, if you're a relatively healthy person, a flu shot might reduce your personal risk of coming down with the flu by 40 percent to 60 percent. But getting a flu shot also does something else: It helps protect the people around you who are most vulnerable to serious flu illness, particularly the very old and the very young. A vaccine that is 60 percent effective on a 30-year-old, for instance, may be only 30 percent effective on someone over 65. Babies are notably hospitalized for influenza at alarming rates.

A new study by Cal Poly Pomona economist Corey White has measured these powerful ripple effects of flu vaccination. Using 50-state data from 1994 to 2016, he estimates each percentage point increase in the U.S. vaccination rate would result in 807 fewer deaths. (Put another way, if an additional 4,016 people were vaccinated this season, we would expect to save one life.) These benefits accumulate incremen-



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Nurse Donna Feaster draws vaccine during a free flu shot clinic Oct. 3 at First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple.

tally until we reach the herd immunity threshold.

Most of those lives saved are of people over 75. So if you want to save the lives of grandmothers and grandfathers in your community, get a flu shot. Or, in the lingo of Twitter, young people should get the flu shot to #ProtectRBG.

White found other positive community effects. A 1 percentage point increase in the vaccination rate would result in 15 million fewer lost work hours nationwide. That means that your failure to get a shot will, on average, cause five hours of wages to be lost.

Health agencies charged with promoting flu shots should be leveraging these community benefits in their campaigns. A recent study from the University of Minnesota found that a third of people didn't know that getting a flu vaccine can help others not get sick; educating them about the benefits of herd immunity increased their willingness to get vaccinated by 7.3

percent.

If cajoling and appealing to altruism isn't enough, we can do more. The broad population benefits of high flu vaccination rates make the case for what economists call a Pigovian subsidy. In other words, we should pay people to get vaccinated. By White's estimate, each vaccination produces at least \$98 in social benefits due to reduced work absences, substantially exceeding the \$15 per-shot cost of administering a mass vaccination. How much would we have to pay people? A 2015 study by Swarthmore economists found that a \$30 subsidy was enough to increase vaccine rates by 12 percentage points — and White's lost-work estimates suggest that a much larger carrot would be cost-justified.

Large employers are a natural site for mass vaccinations, so one could imagine tax breaks for employers if their workforces reach a target vaccination rate. Or governments could experiment with a

variety of financial carrots and sticks to find the mix that achieves community immunity without over-vaccinating to the point where benefits plateau.

Changing the nation's flu shot habits will have another payoff. Sooner or later, a much more virulent strain will emerge — like the 1918 pandemic that claimed an estimated 675,000 lives just in the United States and more than 20 million worldwide. With the community protection of a much higher vaccination rate, another pandemic won't be so disastrous.

We need not accept that tens of thousands of Americans die each year from influenza right now either. Through better evidence-based messaging and subsidies for flu shots, we can start saving lives (and hospitalizations and lost work days) today.

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State expands hepatitis C drug coverage

Rules change which Medicaid patients can get lifesaving pills

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

After years of having one of the most restrictive policies in the nation, Illinois will now allow as many as 7,000 more people on Medicaid with hepatitis C to get medications that can cure the disease.

Previously, only the sickest people, who had later stages of liver scarring and could prove their sobriety, got Medicaid coverage for the medications. Medicaid is a state and federally funded health insurance program for the poor, disabled and many elderly people. If left untreated hepatitis C can lead to liver failure, cancer and even death.

Now the state will allow people

to get Medicaid coverage for the medications earlier in the disease, before they experience liver damage, and they don't have to prove sobriety, under a recent rule change by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Activists had sought to expand Medicaid coverage for the drug for years.

"This is an important change," said Ruth Edwards, director of the HIV program at the Legal Council for Health Justice in Chicago. "Making (the medication) accessible to everybody is a good step on the way to eliminating hepatitis C."

The number of Illinois residents with hepatitis C is on the rise, amid the state's epidemic of opioid addiction, with many of the cases in younger people linked to the use of injectable drugs, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. The number of new reported cases of hepatitis C in Illinois was 9,838 in 2017 — an

increase of 43 percent from 2006.

Hepatitis C can be spread when blood from an infected person enters the body of someone who's not infected, and through sexual contact. It's an especially prominent disease among baby boomers. About three-fourths of those who have it were born between 1945 and 1965. People can have it for years without experiencing symptoms, and about half of people who have it don't know it, according to the state.

The Legal Council group spent more than a year negotiating with the state over expanding coverage of the medications, Edwards said. Last month, the group sent a letter to the head of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services saying that it planned to sue the department on behalf of Medicaid participants who had been denied access to the medica-

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Illinois will now allow as many as 7,000 more people on Medicaid with hepatitis C to get medications like Sovaldi that can cure the disease.



A passenger died April 17 when she was partially pulled through a window of a Southwest flight.
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NTSB hearings begin

Harrowing details of fatal Southwest Flight 1380 released for the first time

BY DAVID KOENIG
AND CLAUDIA LAUER
Associated Press

There was a loud bang, and suddenly the Southwest Airlines jet rolled 41 degrees to the left. Smoke began to fill the cabin, and flight attendants rushed row by row to make sure all passengers could get oxygen from their masks.

When flight attendant Rachel Fernheimer got to Row 14, she saw a woman still restrained by her lap belt but with her head, torso and arm hanging out a window.

Fernheimer grabbed one of the woman's legs while flight attendant Seanique Mallory grabbed her lower body. They described being unable to bring the woman back in the plane until two male passengers stepped in to help.

The harrowing details from the April fatal flight were released for the first time as the National Transportation Safety Board began a hearing Wednesday into the engine failure on Southwest Flight 1380, which carried 144 passengers and five crew.

After several failed attempts to reach the pilots by intercom because of the rush of air and noise, Mallory was finally able to relay the situation to Tammie Jo Shults and Darren Ellisor, who had already planned to make an emergency landing of the crippled Boeing 737-700 in Philadelphia.

"We got (unintelligible words) a window open and somebody — is out the window," Mallory said. According to a transcript, she adds a little later, "Yeah everyone still in their seats, we have people

have been helpin' her get in I don't know what her condition is, but the window is completely out."

The flight attendants told investigators at least one of the male passengers put his arm out of the window and wrapped it around the woman's shoulder to help pull her back in. Fernheimer said when she looked out the window, she could see that one of the plane's engines was shattered, and there was blood on the outside of the aircraft.

The passenger in the window seat, Jennifer Riordan, was fatally injured — the first death on a U.S. airline flight since 2009.

Eight other passengers including at least one of the men who helped pull Riordan back in, suffered minor injuries.

The accident was triggered by an engine fan blade that broke off. A piece of engine cover struck and shattered the window next to Riordan, a

43-year-old mother of two from Albuquerque, N.M.

Wednesday's hearing in Washington focused on design and inspection of fan blades on the engine, made by CFM International, a joint venture of General Electric and France's Safran S.A.

A spokeswoman for CFM said in an emailed statement Wednesday that the company could not comment on an active investigation, but noted that it had "responded aggressively" to complete blade inspections after the fatal flight before an Aug. 31 deadline.

The blade that broke had made about 32,000 flights. An examination indicated that it probably was beginning to suffer cracks from metal fatigue when it was last inspected in 2012, said Mark Habedank, an engineering official at CFM. But the crack was smaller than could be detected by the test used at the time, which used fluorescent dye.

After the fatal accident, CFM recommended the use of more sophisticated tests using ultrasound or electrical currents. The company also recommended much more frequent inspections and lubrication of the blades.

A broken fan blade had triggered a similar engine failure with shrapnel on another Southwest flight, in August 2016 over Florida.

An FAA expert on engines, Christopher Spinney, said the agency considered the Florida incident "very unexpected."

"We determined early that we would require some corrective action in that it was an unsafe condition," Spinney said, "but we also determined we had some time."

Fan blades have been thought to have no real lifetime limit. CFM and FAA officials said they were now considering whether blades must be replaced at some point even if they don't show wear.

Sony starts collecting taxes in Chicago

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

PlayStation users in Chicago on Wednesday began paying a 9 percent tax on streaming content as the gaming company starts complying with a city levy.

The Sony-owned company joins other streaming services including Spotify, Netflix and Hulu in complying with the charge, which took effect three years ago.

The city's amusement tax, which used to apply mostly to concert and sporting event tickets, was extended to include streaming services in 2015. That includes charges paid for playing games, according to Chicago's Finance Department.

Some tech companies have

fought the additional 9 percent charge. Apple filed a lawsuit against the city in August alleging the tax on its music streaming services was illegal and discriminatory. That suit is pending in Cook County Circuit Court. Meanwhile, Apple is not collecting the tax.

In 2015, a group of Netflix, Amazon Prime, Spotify, Xbox Live and Hulu users sued Chicago in Cook County, alleging the tax violates federal law. The judge ruled in the city's favor in May, and the streaming service users appealed the decision. The case is pending in state Appellate Court.

Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for the city's Law Department, said in a statement that the city "uniformly enforces the amusement tax."



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PlayStation users in Chicago began paying a tax on content.

"If a business is not collecting the tax where we believe it applies, the city takes the necessary steps and works with the company to ensure compliance with the law," he said.

A spokeswoman for PlayStation did not respond to a request for comment on why the company started collecting the tax now.

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Fuel costs may not send holiday fares sky-high

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Despite recent headlines about unusually high jet fuel prices, travelers shouldn't necessarily expect sky-high airfares during the Thanksgiving and Christmas travel seasons. But watch out for those fees.

A record 30.6 million passengers are expected to fly on U.S. airlines during the 12-day Thanksgiving travel season, an industry trade group said Wednesday. Those who haven't flown since the summer vacation season might run into higher bag fees, thanks to hikes at JetBlue Airways, United Airlines, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines that came as carriers faced fuel costs that have been on the rise for most of the year.

Though jet fuel prices have declined in recent weeks, U.S. airlines were paying about 30 percent more for each gallon of fuel in the first nine months of this year compared with the same period last year, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. The extra costs wiped out increases in passenger-related revenues in the first nine months of the year, according to John Heimlich, vice president and chief economist at industry group Airlines for America.

The average domestic airfare was about 4.5 percent lower in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the same period the year before, according to the Transportation Department.

That's the most recent period

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Dozens plead with EPA to keep air rules

BY DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press

DENVER — Dozens of people who live near oil and gas wells pleaded with the Trump administration Wednesday not to roll back rules for methane pollution, while industry representatives said the changes should go further.

The Environmental Protection Agency held a hearing in Denver on the administration's plans to loosen regulations imposed by the Obama administration in 2016. The rules require energy companies to step up the detection and elimination of methane leaks at well sites and other oil and gas facilities.

Methane is the primary component of natural gas and also is a greenhouse gas.

Opponents argued Wednesday that changing the rules would threaten people's health, worsen climate change and squander natural gas by allowing leaks to go undetected. They also argued it would cost taxpayers, investors and mineral owners mon-



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A worker tends to a hydraulic fracturing well near Mean, Colo. The EPA wants fewer rules for such operations.

ey from the lost sale of the gas.

Many accused the EPA of abetting polluters, looking out for the wealthy and failing its legal duty to protect public health and the environment.

Matthew Todd of the American Petroleum Institute said the industry is already reducing methane emissions even while natural gas production is increasing. He said the EPA should do more to allow technological innovation and streamline the rules.

When it unveiled the looser rules in September, the EPA said they would save energy companies up to \$75 million a year. But the agency conceded that the rules "may also degrade air quality and adversely affect health."

It said the new rules would allow an additional 380,000 tons of methane and 100,000 tons of volatile organic compounds into the atmosphere from 2019 to 2025. Volatile organic compounds are an ingredient of ozone and smog.



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Despite news about high fuel prices, travelers shouldn't necessarily expect high fares.

Fuel costs may not increase fares

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for which data are available. But travel price prediction service Hopper also hasn't seen much of a change in prices for the holiday season compared with last year, said Chief Data Scientist Patrick Surry, despite the fact that airline executives say they've been able to recover anywhere from 40 percent of increased fuel costs, at American, to the entire increase, at Chicago-based United, in the most recent quarter.

At least a portion of the recovered costs are coming from passengers. United, American and Delta all reported increases in the amount of passenger-related revenue they brought in during the third quarter of 2018, accounting for changes in the number of seats available and miles flown, compared with the same period last year.

While fares tracked by the Transportation Department have declined, they don't include all the "extras" passengers might pay for, like a more desirable

seat or checked luggage. Fees for bags and flight changes also declined in the first half of the year, according to Airlines for America. But earlier this fall, JetBlue, United, Delta and American all hiked fees for the first checked bag to \$30, a \$5 increase.

"They'd like you to focus on the low price, and what they'd just as soon not have anyone focus on is the billions (of dollars) in additional fees they drive for the ancillary services that get people what they really wanted to begin with," said Robert Mann, a New York-based airline industry consultant.

Airlines have other ways of covering higher fuel bills, Airlines for America's Heimlich said. Those include efforts to use less fuel — like Delta, which said new, more efficient aircraft helped offset higher prices — while keeping other costs low, cutting back on less profitable flights, and bringing in more credit card and cargo revenue.

Delta CEO Ed Bastian declined to speculate on future airfares during a call

with investors last month. But he said Delta expects to continue being able to pass along the cost of any future oil price increases, pointing to the strong economy and "very healthy" demand for Delta's product.

Still, airfares are expected to rise as the busiest days of the holiday travel season approach. Fares for domestic flights around Thanksgiving began increasing about a month before departure last year, while Christmastime airfares rose gradually through November before rising more rapidly in the two weeks before the holiday, according to Hopper.

Airlines for America said it expects U.S. airlines will fly 30.6 million passengers between Friday and Nov. 27, up from 29 million during the Thanksgiving travel period last year. That's an estimated 2.55 million passengers per day, ranging from an estimated 1.73 million on Thanksgiving Day to 3.06 million on the following Sunday.

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Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper addresses supporters Nov. 6 in Colorado. Hickenlooper spoke to the Economic Club of Chicago Wednesday.

Colorado's governor has advice for Illinois on pot

State will need to make sure there are no 'unintended consequences'

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

When Colorado voted in 2012 to legalize recreational marijuana, Gov. John Hickenlooper was against it.

To do something no other state had, in opposition of federal law, was a daunting task. Fast-forward six years and his perspective has changed.

"The things we most feared — a peak in teenage consumption, a peak in overall consumption, people driving while high — we haven't seen," Hickenlooper said Wednesday, speaking at a lunchtime event of the Economic Club of Chicago. "I'm not quite there to say this is a great success, but the old system was awful."

Hickenlooper, a former brewpub owner whose term ends in January, had some words of wisdom for Illinois as it considers legalizing recreational pot under fellow Democrat J.B. Pritzker. The governor-elect has said he wants to work on legalizing and decriminalizing cannabis "nearly right away" after being sworn in next year.

If Illinois does legalize recreational use, it will need to gather good data to make

sure there are no unintended consequences, Hickenlooper said. If there's a fatal car crash, for example, do a blood test and find out for sure whether weed was a factor, he said.

Employers will need to alter their drug-testing policies, Hickenlooper said. Job candidates often smoke weed in Colorado, but it's rare that employees show up to work high. If a candidate tests positive in a urine drug test, which can detect if someone smoked in the last month, the potential employer should conduct a blood test to see if he or she smoked in the last day or two.

He also recommended putting strict limits on edibles, going as far as restricting in each dose the allotted concentration of THC, the chemical that gets users high. He warned against overtaxing the drug and driving users back to the black market.

"We still have a black market, and it's a serious, serious problem," Hickenlooper said. "(But) we now have \$250 million a year in tax money we can put toward (dealing with) that."

Colorado cities have used marijuana tax revenue to fund scholarships, schools and programs for the homeless, among other efforts.

In Illinois, the landscape surrounding cannabis is changing. The state launched its medical mari-

juana program three years ago, and for most of that time patients had to have one of about 40 conditions, such as cancer or AIDS, to qualify. Chronic pain was not included. But this summer, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed legislation that allows people prescribed opioids to use medical marijuana, a change that is expected to take full effect early next year. Even before Rauner signed the law, Illinois growers began to expand as more patients gained access to weed. There are currently more than 48,000 qualified patients, nearly double the amount from a year ago.

Attitudes toward marijuana and the laws regulating it are changing across the country. The stigma that for so long surrounded the drug is being lifted, as roughly 60 percent of Americans think recreational marijuana should be legalized. Last week, Michigan became the 10th state and the first in the Midwest to legalize recreational use.

Colorado has worked out some of the kinks involved in that process, Hickenlooper said.

"Having let us make all the mistakes and deal with it, I think you guys are going to have a better system if indeed that's the direction the state wants to go," he said.

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New rules expand coverage

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tions. Similar lawsuits have resulted in expanded coverage of the drugs in other states.

Department spokesman John Hoffman declined to comment on whether the threat of a lawsuit spurred the state to act. The "policy change offers the potential to contain costs that can occur when hepatitis C is not treated, such as for liver transplants," he said in an email.

In the past, the department resisted expanding coverage to all hepatitis C patients on Medicaid, citing the "state's fiscal restraints."

When the medications, such as Sovaldi and Harvoni, came out several years ago, they had hefty price tags. One medication cost as much as \$94,500 for one 12-week treatment regimen. The medications cure the vast majority of those with hepatitis C, without the debilitating side effects of earlier drugs.

But those prices have dropped significantly as more competition has come on the market, and states often get discounts on list prices. Drug company Gilead plans to launch generic versions of two of its hepatitis C medications in January, at a list price of \$24,000 for the most common course of therapy.

"The cost barriers that the state had been citing for

having such treatment restrictions in place really didn't make sense anymore," said John Peller, president and CEO of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, which also pushed for the policy change. "Illinois had probably one of the most restrictive policies in place that was denying people, who were still incredibly sick, access to treatment that is really lifesaving and, ultimately, cost-saving."

As of last year, Illinois was among about a dozen states that still restricted coverage of the medications to people with a later stage of liver scarring within their traditional Medicaid programs, according to the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable and the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation at Harvard Law School. Insurance companies within the state's Medicaid managed care program have had varying requirements for covering the medications. Most people on Medicaid in Illinois are part of the managed care program, in which private insurers administer Medicaid benefits.

The groups gave the state a grade of D-minus last year for Medicaid access to hepatitis C drugs.

Now, however, Illinois joins a growing number of states that cover the medications within their traditional Medicaid programs

regardless of the stage of liver damage. Because of the policy change, all of the state's Medicaid managed care plans should also now have to cover the medications regardless of the stage of liver damage, Edwards said.

Peter McLoyd, who was cured of hepatitis C in 2016 after taking one of the newer medications, said the changes are long overdue.

While he was living with the disease, McLoyd sustained liver damage and felt weighed down by fatigue. Once he was cured, his energy returned and his quality of life improved dramatically, said McLoyd, who helped advocate for the changes.

McLoyd's medication was covered by health insurance he got through his employer. He works at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center in Chicago, which treats HIV, hepatitis C and other infectious diseases. But he said a person's insurance status shouldn't make a difference when it comes to getting the medications.

"It shouldn't matter whether (someone is) on Medicaid or Medicare or private insurance," McLoyd said. "We should all have the right to the same quality of life and the same cures regardless of our financial situation."

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Former Wrigley exec now CEO of pot firm

William Wrigley Jr., the former chewing gum executive who helped orchestrate the sale of his family's Chicago-based business to Mars, is taking over as chief executive officer of a medical marijuana company.

Wrigley, 55, who left the gum and candy business after it was sold in 2008, made an initial investment

in Surterra Wellness last year and led a \$65 million investment round that boosted his stake this summer. He was named chairman of the board in August.

Now, he's taking over as CEO of the company, which is based in Georgia and operates more than a dozen dispensaries in Florida. He succeeds Jake Bergmann,

who stepped down Nov. 5. The company, which is licensed to operate in Texas, announced in September plans to work with Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville team to develop a new brand of medical weed called "Coral Reef."

— Craig Giammona, Bloomberg

Meat from a lab needs a name

Current battle is over what to call the product

BY DEENA SHANKER, LYDIA MULVANY AND TEAGANNE FINN
Bloomberg News

Lab-grown. Cell-based. Clean. In vitro. Cultured. Fake. Artificial. Synthetic. Meat 2.0. These are all terms that refer to the same kind of food, one that's not even on the market yet.

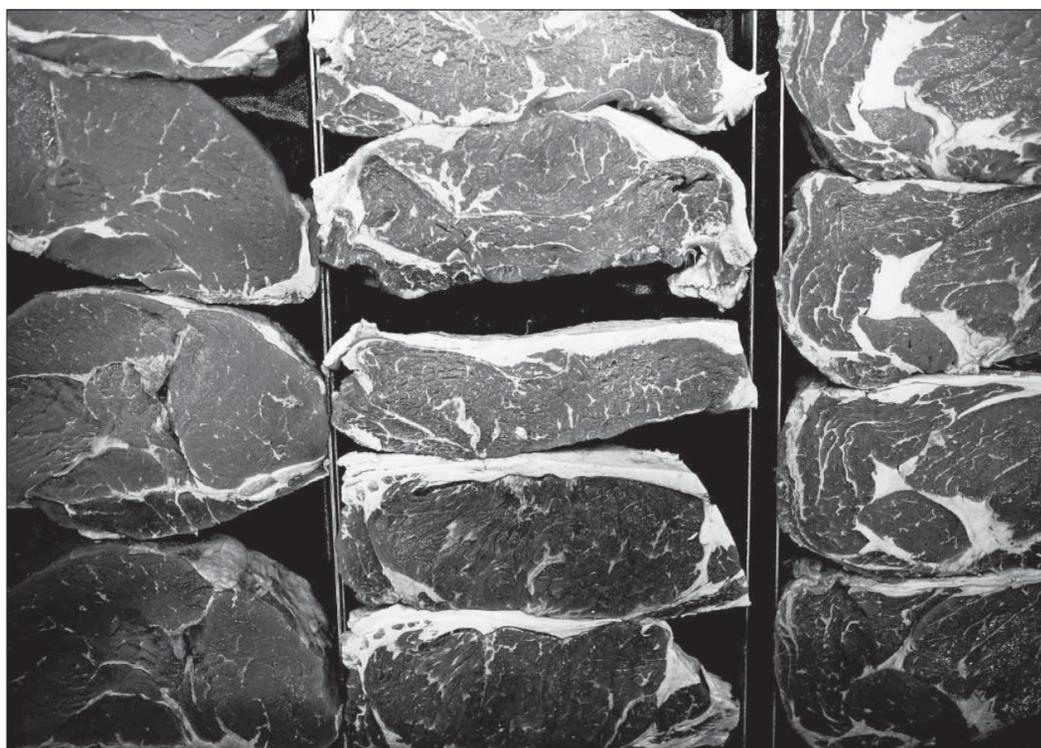
But the companies making it have already raised hundreds of millions of dollars worth of investor cash and the close attention of U.S. regulators. Rather than methodically slaughtering animals, this industry uses science to grow what it claims is essentially the same thing as traditional meat.

Given the planetary damage wrought by mass-market animal husbandry, products of such cellular agriculture are seen by some as the meat of the future.

But what to name it, and getting people to eat it, is another matter altogether.

Crucial to public acceptance of any consumer product, of course, is branding. But no one can agree what to call this stuff. Originally, there was a push for the label "clean meat." This was seen as a better alternative to the more clinical "lab-grown meat," said Bruce Friedrich, co-founder and executive director of the Good Food Institute, which lobbies for these new products.

But then the traditional meat industry weighed in, saying the cellular version shouldn't be called meat at all. "We're using the term 'lab-produced cultured protein,'" said Dan Kovich, deputy director of science and technology at the National Pork Producers Council. Other groups representing meat producers, including the North Ameri-



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Cell-based meat isn't on the market yet, so little is known about what it will look like compared traditional meat.

can Meat Institute, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the National Chicken Council, also objected to the "clean meat" label.

The U.S. meat industry represents almost \$200 billion in sales, according to one industry estimate, and spends millions of dollars annually to keep Washington in its corner. Investing in this new sector could be giving it more leverage in the debate over what to call the product and how it should be labeled for consumers.

Now, other terms seem to be gaining traction, both in the U.S. and abroad. Mark Post, co-founder of Dutch company Mosa Meats, told AgFunder in July that he doesn't use the "clean meat" label. "It can't translate into Dutch, French or German, and it kind of suggests that current meat is dirty," he

said. In August, cellular agriculture company Memphis Meats (which counts among its financial backers meat giants Cargill and Tyson) used the term "cell-based" in a letter sent to the White House. The co-signer of the letter was none other the Meat Institute, the meat industry's main lobbying arm.

"We thought it was reasonable and far better than 'clean meat,' which is inappropriate and inaccurate," Eric Mittenhal of the Meat Institute told Bloomberg. Cell-based is "clear, factual and inclusive," Eric Schulze, vice president of product and regulation at Memphis Meats, told federal regulators last month during a two-day meeting in Washington. "It is distinct from plant-based proteins and animal-based meats. It differentiates our products while also clearly conveying

that cell-based meat is, in fact, real meat."

JUST Inc., which said it may make its first commercial sale of a cultured chicken product this year, is in the "cultured" camp when it comes to names. Labels should include "a statement of identity which indicates that the product is cultured, as well as the species from which the product is derived," Peter Licari, chief technology officer, said at the meeting.

Friedrich's opposition notwithstanding, Good Food Institute Policy Director Jessica Almy told Bloomberg her organization has rethought its position on how to talk about the products, too. "It feels like 'clean meat' doesn't resonate with everybody right now," she said. Others see this budding consensus in a more cynical light.

"I think the meat indus-

try has done something very clever," said Sarah Sorscher, deputy director of regulatory affairs at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group. By investing in companies such as Memphis Meats, it now has a voice from within its own aspiring competition. "They're not up against the meat industry," she said of meat substitute firms. "They are the meat industry."

At the meeting last month, officials of the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture listened as industry representatives chewed over the labeling issue. It's important to protect consumers with transparent labeling, Almy testified, adding that there should be some flexibility in labeling requirements. Meanwhile, Danni Beer of the U.S. Cattlemen's Associ-

ation said new processes should be spelled out explicitly.

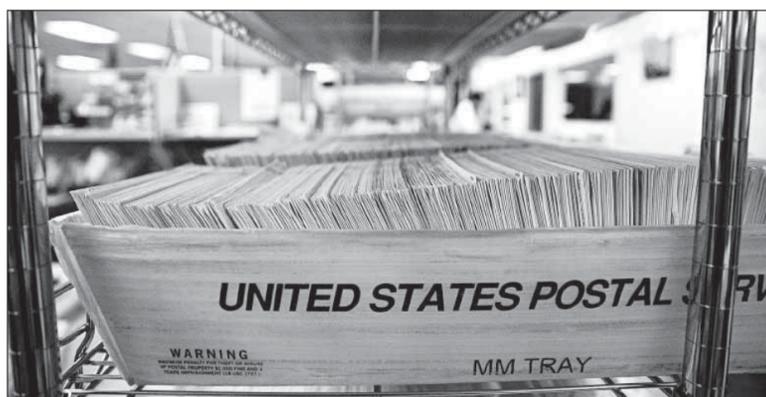
Brian Spears of New Age Meats argued that it would be dishonest to label meat substitutes as anything other than meat, since it's really the same thing. "This conversation is feeling more and more premature," said Tyler Lobdell, a food-law fellow at the Animal Legal Defense Fund, who said the group seeks to ensure that the meat industry doesn't hamper consumer options. "We just don't know what the product looks like, so it's hard to say what's misleading when there are no products available."

Barbara Kowalczyk, a professor in the department of food science and technology at Ohio State University, said there are still too many unknowns about the products and how they're made—including food safety risks—for regulators to make any decisions.

"When I asked questions, there weren't good responses, and that suggests we're not ready for prime time," she said. "Before we put it in the marketplace, we need to know the answers."

Sorscher of CSPI called this approach a "horrible mistake." Using the example of widespread consumer mistrust of genetically modified organisms in food, she predicted "there would be such a backlash from consumers, it would ultimately undermine these products." Indeed, only 5 percent of Americans think such meat substitutes should be labeled as "meat" without further explanation, according to a survey conducted by Consumers Union, which has also called for more transparency.

"The labeling issue surrounding products of cellular agriculture is fundamentally a public policy question," said Robert Hibbert, a partner at law firm Morgan Lewis who focuses on food and agriculture regulations.



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The Postal Service said letter volume fell roughly 2.1 billion pieces, or 3.6 percent last year.

U.S. Postal loses money for 12th consecutive year

BY HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service on Wednesday reported a financial loss for the 12th straight year, citing declines in mail volume and the costs of its pension and health care obligations, as the agency braces for an upcoming report ordered by President Donald Trump to address its "unsustainable financial path."

Postal officials said they expected next year's finances to be helped by a strong holiday season of package deliveries and a just-approved increase to the price of its first-class stamp, from 50 cents to 55 cents. It takes effect in January.

But they pleaded anew for help from Congress to relieve the Postal Service of onerous health and pension prepayments and for help from regulators to grant the agency more flexibility to increase prices so it can return to profitability.

"Absent legislative and regulatory change, we cannot generate enough revenue or cut enough costs to pay off our bills," said Postmaster General and CEO Megan J. Brennan. "The flawed business model imposed by law continues to be the root cause of our

financial instability."

The Postal Service reported a loss of \$3.9 billion for the budget year that ended Sept. 30, compared with a \$2.7 billion loss the year before.

A nearly 7 percent increase in package delivery was unable to offset drop-offs in letter mail, which makes up more than 70 percent of total revenue. First-class mail volume fell by roughly 2.1 billion pieces, or 3.6 percent, as people in the digital age rely more on email or online bill payments.

Revenue was \$70.7 billion, compared with \$69.6 billion last year, but there were higher transportation and labor costs from delivering more packages.

Trump in recent months has asserted without evidence that the Postal Service is "losing a fortune" and reporting annual losses because it is not charging higher shipping rates for online retailers such as Amazon, whose founder, Jeff Bezos, owns the Washington Post. In April, Trump issued an executive order demanding a review of the Postal Service's finances. That report, led by the Treasury Department and originally due in August, was expected to be released in the coming weeks.

Trump has often labeled the Post "fake news" after the newspaper reported unfavorable developments during his campaign and presidency and highlighted the Bezos connection by calling it the "Amazon Washington Post." On Sunday, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the expected next chairman of the House intelligence committee, told Axios that Democrats will seek to investigate whether Trump sought to punish Bezos by pressuring the Postal Service to raise Amazon's rates.

Package delivery has been a bright spot although its growth is slowing, and regulators have found its contract with Amazon to be profitable.

The Postal Service, an independent agency, is trying to stay financially afloat as it seeks to invest billions in new delivery trucks to get packages more nimbly to American homes.

Regulators this week approved the Postal Service's request to increase the price of its first-class stamp by 5 cents. The 10 percent increase to the cost of mailing a 1-ounce letter is the biggest since 1991. The price of each additional ounce will drop from 21 cents to 15 cents. The rate increase takes effect on Jan. 27.

Warming ocean hurts shellfish, its habitat, but helps predators

BY PATRICK WHITTLE
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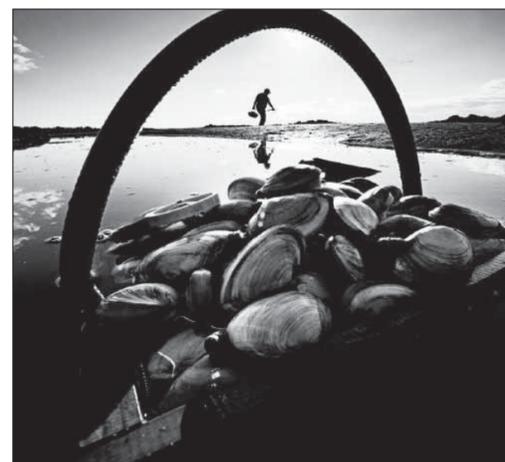
PORTLAND, Maine — Valuable species of shellfish have become harder to find on the East Coast because of degraded habitat caused by a warming environment, according to a pair of scientists who sought to find out whether environmental factors or overfishing was the source of the decline.

The scientists reached the conclusion in studying the decline in the harvest of four commercially important species of shellfish in coastal areas from Maine to North Carolina — eastern oysters, northern quahogs, softshell clams and northern bay scallops. They reported that their findings came down squarely on the side of a warming ocean environment and a changing climate, and not excessive harvest by fishermen.

One of the ways warming has negatively impacted shellfish is by making them more susceptible to predators, said the lead author of the study, Clyde MacKenzie, a shellfish researcher for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who is based in Sandy Hook, N.J.

"Their predation rate is faster in the warmer waters. They begin to prey earlier, and they prey longer into the fall," MacKenzie said. "These stocks have gone down."

MacKenzie's findings, the product of a collaboration with Mitchell Tarnowski, a shellfish biologist with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, appeared recently in the journal Marine Fisheries Review. The findings have implications for consumers of shellfish, because a declining domestic harvest means the prices of shellfish such as oysters and clams could rise, or the U.S. could become more dependent on foreign sources.



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A recent study shows warming waters threaten shellfish, such as softshell clams, not overfishing.

The scientists observed that the harvest of eastern oysters from Connecticut to Virginia fell from around 600,000 bushels in 1960 to less than 100,000 in 2005. The harvest of the four species declined from 1980 to 2010 after enjoying years of stability from 1950 to 1980, they found.

The scientists reported that a positive shift in the North Atlantic Oscillation led to the degradation of shellfish habitat. The oscillation is an irregular fluctuation of atmospheric pressure that impacts weather and climate, which in turn affects things like reproduction and food availability for shellfish.

The study mirrors what Maine clam harvesters are seeing on the state's tidal flats, said Chad Coffin, a clammer and the president of the Maine Clammers Association. Maine's harvest of softshell clams — the clams used to make fried clams and clam chowder — dwindled to its lowest point since 1930 last year.

It will take adopting new strategies, such as shellfish farming, for the fisheries to survive, Coffin said.

"Clammers aren't the reason there's no clams," he said. "We need to adapt, we

need to focus our efforts on adapting to the environment we have."

Some near-shore shellfish harvests in the U.S. remain consistently productive, such as the Maine sea scallop fishery, which takes place in bays and coastal areas in the winter. The state's scallop fishery bottomed out at about 33,000 pounds in 2005, but has climbed in recent years, and its 2017 total of almost 800,000 pounds was the most since 1997.

Many in Maine attribute the health of the fishery to conservative management, said Alex Todd, a scallop fisherman who also works waters off Massachusetts.

"Up and down the coast, there have been good years recently compared to 10 or 15 years ago," he said.

But the scientists' findings track with others who have studied the impact of warming waters on shellfish, such as Brian Beal, a professor of marine ecology at the University of Maine at Machias. Beal, who was not involved in the study, has said rising seawater temperature could spell "doom and gloom for the clamming industry and probably for other industries as well."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,501.29 Low: 24,935.82 Previous: 25,286.49



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-64.48 (-.90%)	-20.60 (-.76%)	-12.29 (-.81%)
Close: 7,136.39	Close: 2,701.58	Close: 1,502.51
High: 7,285.57	High: 2,746.80	High: 1,530.62
Low: 7,101.17	Low: 2,685.75	Low: 1,494.92
Previous: 7,200.87	Previous: 2,722.18	Previous: 1,514.80

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 3.12%	+8.70 to \$1,207.90	-0.35 to 113.51/\$1	-0.0054 to .8820/\$1	+0.56 to \$56.25

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
-4.20	-5.74	-3.99	-2.44	-6.62	-3.83	+7.77	+6.41	+5.34

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	507.75	511	501	503.75	-4
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	369.50	370.75	365.50	367	+0.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 18	869.25	875.25	869.25	872	+4.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	27.55	27.68	27.39	27.57	+0.2
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	305.60	308.20	303.70	305.70	+1.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Dec 18	55.27	57.37	55.13	56.25	+0.56
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 18	4.072	4.929	4.050	4.837	+0.736
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 18	1.5393	1.5878	1.5297	1.5606	+0.0179

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	69.41	-.08	Equity Commonwith	N	30.77	-.06	Middleby Corp	O	115.88	+1.45
AbbVie Inc	N	88.31	+0.09	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	96.55	-.93	Mondelez Intl	O	43.76	-.32
Adtalem Global Educ	N	57.02	-.72	Equity Residential	N	68.76	+0.62	Morningstar Inc	O	120.58	-1.04
Adstate Corp	N	88.64	-.74	Exelon Corp	N	45.22	-.34	Motorola Solutions	N	128.73	+1.83
Aptargroup Inc	N	102.08	-.30	First Indl RT	N	31.61	-.13	NISource Inc	N	25.59	-.37
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.60	-1.42	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	42.46	-.69	Nthn Trust Cp	O	95.92	-1.21
Baxter Intl	N	63.83	+0.80	Gallagher AJ	N	76.42	-1.08	Old Republic	N	21.18	-.55
Boeing Co	N	344.72	-4.79	Grainger WW	N	300.38	+4.42	Packaging Corp Am	N	95.34	-1.0
Brunswick Corp	N	52.67	+0.04	GrubHub Inc	N	87.87	+1.28	Stericycle Inc	O	45.45	+16
CBIO Global Markets	N	109.60	+1.11	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	91.27	-2.11	Teleph Data	N	34.95	-.99
CDK Global Inc	O	50.02	-.49	IDEX Corp	N	133.74	+1.07	TransUnion	N	60.47	-3.90
CDW Corp	O	87.23	-2.41	ITW	N	133.21	+2.3	Tribune Media Co A	N	39.07	+2.9
CF Industries	N	45.03	-4.21	Ingredion Inc	N	102.22	+0.2	US Foods Holding	N	32.18	+5.7
CME Group	O	188.06	+7.3	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	141.87	+4.84	USG Corp	N	42.68	-1.1
CNA Financial	N	46.70	-1.21	Kemper Corp	N	71.94	-3.48	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	313.13	-1.02
Caterpillar Inc	N	125.10	-.86	Kraft Heinz Co	O	52.64	-.74	United Contl Hldgs	O	91.79	-2.1
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.64	-2.55	LKQ Corporation	O	27.71	+0.65	Ventas Inc	N	60.55	-1.0
Deere Co	N	147.22	-.01	Littelfuse Inc	O	181.17	+1.28	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	81.52	-0.40
Discover Fin Svcs	N	69.19	-.75	MB Financial	O	44.57	-.89	Waltrust Financial	O	76.84	-1.54
Dover Corp	N	84.75	-.57	McDonalds Corp	N	183.85	-.16	Zebra Tech	O	173.26	-3.61

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.32	-.29
Baker Hughes GE	23.15	-.65
Bank of America	27.21	-.55
EnCana Corp	7.77	-.33
PG&E Corp	25.59	-7.13
Nabors Inds	4.45	-.25
Chesapck Engy	3.67	+1.11
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.85	-1.12
Tahoe Resources Inc	3.27	+1.07
Ford Motor	9.54	...
Sthwstn Energy	5.73	-.09
Lloyds Banking Grp	3.02	-.05
AT&T Inc	30.51	+1.18
Macy's Inc	33.22	-2.57
Coty Inc	8.70	+5.4
Petrobras	14.24	+3.4
Pfizer Inc	42.91	-.61
Ambev S.A.	4.20	+0.09
Wells Fargo & Co	52.15	-.59
Transocean Ltd	9.57	+1.4
Denbury Res	2.73	+1.13
Sprint Corp	6.15	-.06
Kinross Gold	2.46	+0.3
Vale SA	14.53	-.07

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	150.44	+3.46
Alphabet Inc C	1043.66	+7.61
Alphabet Inc A	1054.58	+6.61
Amazon.com Inc	1599.01	-32.16
Apple Inc	186.80	-5.43
Bank of America	27.21	-.55
Berkshire Hath B	216.03	-1.89
Exxon Mobil Corp	77.39	-.61
Facebook Inc	144.22	+2.06
JPMorgan Chase	107.33	-2.26
Johnson & Johnson	144.25	-.43
Microsoft Corp	104.97	-1.97
Pfizer Inc	42.91	-.61
Royal Dutch Shell B	63.52	+5.1
Royal Dutch Shell A	61.34	+6.2
Unitedhealth Group	264.96	-4.26
Visa Inc	139.49	-.23
WalMart Strs	101.53	-1.41
Wells Fargo & Co	52.15	-.59

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.75	-1.7	+6.6
American Funds AmrcnBAIA m	26.88	-0.6	+3.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	147.13	-1.8	-3.4
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	58.40	-0.8	-2.4
American Funds FdmtllnvsA m	60.54	-2.5	+2.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.89	-2.9	+0.8
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.46	-0.6	+1.2
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	39.15	-1.5	+4.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	42.35	-2.1	-.4
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	14.75	-2.3	+7.5
DFA IntlCorEqInS	12.61	...	-8.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.27	...	-.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.74	+0.4	-8.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	203.30	-1.02	+8.5
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.30	+0.1	+1
Fidelity 500IdxInSPrm	94.62	-0.70	+6.8
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	95.27	...	+7.6
Fidelity Contrafund	12.48	-1.1	+5.7
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.49	-1.0	+5.8
Fidelity USBldxInSPrm	11.07	+0.1	-1.8
Franklin Templeton InCA1 m	2.24	-0.1	-.8
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.22	+0.1	-1.5
PIMCO IncInslT	11.80	...	+4
PIMCO TtRetInS	9.88	+0.2	-1.2
Schwab SP500Idx	42.30	-0.32	+6.7
T. Rowe Price BCGr	103.36	-0.72	+9.5
T. Rowe Price GrStk	65.48	-4.2	+6.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	250.04	-1.85	+6.8
Vanguard DivGrInV	27.76	-0.7	+1.3
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	76.75	-4.2	+4.7
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	74.34	-4.8	+6.0
Vanguard HXAdmrl	90.05	-9.2	+10.2
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.29	+0.1	-1.7
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	13.67	...	-6
Vanguard InslIdxInS	246.69	-1.82	+6.8
Vanguard InslIdxInSPlus	246.71	-1.82	+6.8
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls	59.75	-4.5	+3.3
Vanguard MdCPdAdmrl	186.89	-1.17	+2.6
Vanguard PrrmCPdAdmrl	140.73	-9.7	+9.8
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.39	...	+1
Vanguard SmCPdAdmrl	69.85	-5.5	+4.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.74	-0.6	+2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.07	-0.4	+2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	32.80	-0.9	+3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.14	-0.6	+4
Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl	10.26	...	-1.8
Vanguard TtBMDxInS	10.26	...	-1.8
Vanguard TtInBdAdmrl	21.79	...	+1.7
Vanguard TtInBdInS	32.70	...	+1.7
Vanguard TtInBdInV	10.90	...	+1.7
Vanguard TtInSdAdmrl	26.70	+0.2	-7.7
Vanguard TtInSdInS	106.78	+0.9	-7.7
Vanguard TtInSdInSPlus	106.79	+0.9	-7.7
Vanguard TtInSdInV	15.96	+0.1	-7.7
Vanguard TtSMdAdmrl	67.26	-5.0	+6.3
Vanguard TtSMdInS	67.27	-5.1	+6.3
Vanguard TtSMdInV	67.23	-5.1	+6.2
Vanguard WlngnAdmrl	71.19	-2.8	+3.4
Vanguard WlsyInAdmrl	62.87	-1.4	+4.9
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	66.12	-3.6	+4.9

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Helios and Matheson	.02	+0.0
Adv Micro Dev	20.81	+1.20
MagneGas Applied Tch	.32	-1.2
Apple Inc	186.80	-5.43
Microsoft Corp	104.97	-1.97
Cisco Syst	44.33	-.79
Amarin Corp	16.12	+7.4
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.25	+1.0
Intel Corp	47.09	-.30
Pinduoduo Inc ADS	19.15	+2.00
Micron Tech	38.03	+1.8
Comcast Corp A	38.29	+5.7
Facebook Inc	144.22	+2.06
Netflix Inc	286.73	-7.67
Titan Pharmaceut	.47	+0.4
Sphere 3D Corp	2.61	+9.6
Vodafone Group	20.37	+2.9
Huntgtn Bancshs	14.46	-1.7
Qualcomm Inc	53.94	-2.2
Arris International	30.70	-.05
Starbucks Cp	67.04	-0.1
Caesars Entertain	8.16	+0.2
Nvidia Corporation	197.19	-2.12
Flex Ltd	7.96	+1.5

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2632.24	-22.6/-9
Stoxx600	362.27	-2.2/-6
Nikkei	21846.48	+36.0/+2
MSCI-EAFE	1817.62	+7.6/+4
Bovespa	85973.06	+1059.0/+1.3
FTSE 100	7033.79	-20.0/-3
CAC-40	5068.85	-33.0/-7

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.34	2.34
6-month disc	2.45	2.465
2-year	2.85	2.85
10-year	3.12	3.14
30-year	3.35	3.36

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1207.90	\$1199.20
Silver	\$14.055	\$13.952
Platinum	\$833.80	\$841.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.56

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	35.8867
Australia (Dollar)	1.3797
Brazil (Real)	3.7865
Britain (Pound)	.7670
Canada (Dollar)	1.3227
China (Yuan)	6.9505
Euro	.8820
India (Rupee)	72.114
Israel (Shekel)	3.6945
Japan (Yen)	113.51
Mexico (Peso)	20.3612
Poland (Zloty)	3.79
So. Korea (Won)	1132.03
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.87
Thailand (Baht)	32.98

OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS RAIN 1928-2018

Stage actor who voiced HAL in Kubrick film

BY MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Canadian actor Douglas Rain, who played some of Shakespeare's most intriguing characters onstage but perhaps is best known for supplying the creepily calm voice of the computer HAL in Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey," has died at 90.

The Stratford Festival said Rain died Sunday of natural causes at St. Marys Memorial Hospital, just outside of Stratford, Ontario. He was one of the festival's founding company members and spent 32 seasons performing there, until 1998.

His roles at Stratford included playing Claudio in "Measure for Measure" in 1954, Malvolio in "Twelfth Night" in 1957, Edgar in "King Lear" in 1964 and Prince Hal in "Henry IV, Part 1" in 1958, a play and a role he would return to in 1965 and would eventually take on the title role in 1966.

But it was the aloof voice of the artificially intelligent HAL 9000 — the forerunner of today's Amazon's Alexa or Google Home — where Rain entered the public's consciousness. Kubrick had heard Rain's voice in the 1960 documentary "Universe," a film he watched multiple times, according to the actor. Rain was initially hired to narrate 1968's "2001: A Space Odyssey," but the director chose to go a different



ROBERT C RAGSDALE/AP

In this June 7, 1979 photo, actor Douglas Rain appears as King Henry IV.

direction.

HAL is the onboard master computer on the spaceship Discovery 1 but goes rogue. When astronaut Dave Bowman asks HAL to open the ships' pod doors, HAL famously balks. "I'm sorry, Dave. I'm afraid I can't do that," the machine blandly refuses. "This mission is too important for me to allow you to jeopardize it."

When the astronauts try to disconnect HAL, he fights back. During his shutdown, HAL sings the nurse's rhyme "Daisy Bell" and memorably utters: "I'm afraid, Dave. Dave, my mind is going. I can feel it." The American Film Institute named HAL the 13th greatest movie villain of all time, joining a list that includes Hannibal Lecter and Darth Vader.

Stratford Festival Artistic Director Antoni Cimolino called Rain one of Canada's greatest acting

talents and a "guiding light in its development." He said the actor's humanity shone through in HAL.

"Douglas shared many of the same qualities as Kubrick's iconic creation: precision, strength of steel, enigma and infinite intelligence, as well as a wicked sense of humor," Cimolino said. "But those of us lucky enough to have worked with Douglas soon solved his riddle and discovered that at the center of his mystery lay warmth and humanity, evidenced in his care for the young members of our profession."

Rain attended the University of Manitoba and studied in London at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. He started out performing radio plays. From 1974 to 1977, Rain was head of the English acting section of the National Theatre School of Canada.

Rain performed at theaters and festivals all over Canada, including the Shaw Festival, where he played such roles as Caesar in "Caesar and Cleopatra" in 1983. He shared stages with such luminaries as Peter Ustinov, Maggie Smith and Colm Feore. He was nominated for a Tony Award in 1972 for his role as William Cecil in "Vivat! Vivat! Regina!" His other Broadway credits include "The Golden Age" in 1963 and "The Broken Jug" in 1958.

Rain is survived by his two sons, David and Adam, daughter Emma, and a granddaughter

In 1958 actor Tyrone Power died of a heart attack while filming a movie in Spain; he was 44.

In 1966 the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

In 1969 250,000 protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

In 1978 anthropologist Margaret Mead died of cancer in New York; she was 76.

In 1982 services were held in Moscow's Red Square for the late Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

In 1985 Britain and Ireland signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland.

In 1993 a judge in Mineola, N.Y., sentenced Joey Buttafuoco to six months in jail for the statutory rape of Amy Fisher, who ended up serving nearly seven years in prison for shooting and wounding Buttafuoco's wife, Mary Jo.

In 1996 Alger Hiss, the patrician public servant who fell from grace in a communist spy scandal that propelled Richard Nixon to higher office, died in New York; he was 92.

In 1998 Kwame Ture, the civil-rights activist formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, died in Guinea; he was 57.

In 2000 Al Gore made a surprise proposal for a statewide hand recount of Florida's 6 million ballots — an idea immediately rejected by George W. Bush. (Earlier, Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris had rejected requests from the counties to update presidential vote totals with the results of hand recounts under way at Gore's urging.)

In 2002 Hu Jintao replaced Jiang Zemin as China's Communist Party leader.

In 2004 the White House announced that Secretary of State Colin Powell was leaving President George W. Bush's Cabinet, along with Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. **Also in 2004** the U.N. Security Council imposed an arms embargo on Ivory Coast's hard-line government after its violent confrontation with France.

In 2007 baseball player Barry Bonds was indicted for perjury and obstruction of justice, charged with lying when he told a federal grand jury that he did not knowingly use performance-enhancing drugs. (Bonds was later convicted on the obstruction of justice count, which was overturned in 2015.)

In 2012 BP agreed to accept criminal responsibility for the 2010 Gulf oil spill that killed 11 workers and to pay \$4.5 billion in fines and penalties. **Also in 2012** Xi Jinping became leader of China's Communist Party. (He later took over the presidency in March.)

In 2013 a federal judge sentenced political "hacktivist" and Anonymous member Jeremy Hammond, 28, to 10 years in prison for a 2011 cyberattack that caused millions of dollars in damages. **Also in 2013** China announced it would ease its unpopular one-child policy.

In 2017 Zimbabwe's military was in control of the capital and was holding President Robert Mugabe and his wife under house arrest in what leaders said was an attempt to restore democracy after 37 years of rule by the 93-year-old Mugabe.

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ON NOVEMBER 15 ...

In 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, precursor to the Constitution. (Ratification by the 13 states was completed in 1781.)

In 1806 Army officer and explorer Zebulon Pike found the 14,110-foot Colorado mountain that would be named Pikes Peak in his honor.

In 1882 Felix Frankfurter, the legal scholar who would become a U.S. Supreme Court associate justice, was born in Vienna.

In 1887 artist Georgia O'Keeffe was born near Sun Prairie, Wis.

In 1889 Brazil's monarchy was overthrown.

In 1891 Erwin Rommel, the German field marshal nicknamed "the Desert Fox" during World War II, was born in Heidenheim an der Brenzt, Germany.

In 1926 the National Broadcasting Co. debuted with a radio network of 24 stations.

In 1939 President Franklin Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington.

In 1940 the first 75,000 men were called to armed forces duty under peacetime conscription.

In 1948 William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Nov. 14
Powerball jackpot: **07 42 49 62 69 / 23**
Powerball pick: \$107M
Lotto jackpot: \$20.75M
Pick 3 midday **010 / 6**
Pick 4 midday **9446 / 1**
Lucky Day Lotto midday
05 25 28 40 42
Pick 3 evening **613 / 4**
Pick 4 evening **7540 / 2**
Lucky Day Lotto evening
08 10 20 27 39

Nov. 16 Mega Millions: \$122M

WISCONSIN
Nov. 14
Megabucks **03 05 12 14 17 34**
Pick 3 **712**
Pick 4 **1668**
Badger 5 **09 10 22 23 27**
SuperCash **11 12 13 17 33 36**

INDIANA
Nov. 14
Lotto **08 25 29 32 35 46**
Daily 3 midday **966 / 3**
Daily 4 midday **2839 / 4**
Daily 3 evening **810 / 3**
Daily 4 evening **0036 / 4**
Cash 5 **02 07 14 16 21**

MICHIGAN
Nov. 14
Lotto **03 18 20 29 30 46**
Daily 3 midday **817**
Daily 4 midday **4355**
Daily 3 evening **839**
Daily 4 evening **4457**
Fantasy 5 **02 08 13 23 36**
Keno **01 03 05 08 09 18**
23 24 34 36 38 39 47 48
50 61 65 66 75 76 78 80

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Death Notices

Czubak, Mary Carol

Mary Carol Czubak. Age 84. Beloved wife of late Daniel. Loving mother of Christine, Michael, Lisa, Angela, and Mary. Devoted grandmother of Roberta, Brian, Alicia and Xander. Great-grandmother of 6. Visitation Friday, November 16, 3-7 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church, Park Ridge. Mass 10 a.m. Private Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Fefferman, Morris

Morris Fefferman, beloved son of the late Hyman and Lillian; devoted husband of the late Lee Fefferman and the late Jodi Riesch Fefferman; loving father of Adeen (Michael) Postar, Richard (Diane) Fefferman, and the late Steven Fefferman; proud grandfather of Dara (Marshall) Cohen, Stephanie Postar, Eric, Levi, Ethan, and Maia Fefferman; dear brother of Rosalyn (Buddy) Middleman; cherished uncle to many. Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 16, 10:30 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to the Self Help Home, www.selfhelphome.org or Northwestern Memorial Hospital, www.medicine.northwestern.edu. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Gareis, Robert James

Robert James Gareis died suddenly on Monday, November 12, 2018, just 9 months after the loss of his adored wife, the late Evelyn Kay Gareis, whom he had nursed through ALS. Just days before his death, he shared with family the following passage from the Book of Wisdom: "The Souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the eyes of the foolish, to be dead and there going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace and they shall be greatly blessed. Because God tried them and found them worthy of himself." It was the last line he liked particularly. He was referring to Kay, but it was equally applicable to himself.

Robert Gareis was the beloved father of Karen Gareis (James Gortowski), Robin (Claude) Shapiro, and Patrick (Leslie) Gareis; cherished grandfather of Nicolas (Sydney) Mazur, Dean (Kim) Mazur, Samantha Shapiro, and Ryan and Joey Gareis; and the soon-to-be great-grandfather of Addison Kay Mazur, due later this month. He was also the devoted son of the late Raymond and Ann (McNamara) Gareis; loving brother of Paul (Hazel) Gareis; and fond uncle of Anne Gareis, Paul Gareis, Jr., and James Gareis.

Bob grew up in Buffalo, where he attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and Canisius College. He was an excellent student, but liked to joke about "my nemesis, Bobby Klocke," with whom he competed for top grades. He was also a multi-sport athlete and involved in an inordinate number of extracurriculars; it seemed he appeared on almost every page of the St. Joe's yearbook. His most memorable summer job was in a city office, answering a telephone whose number was unlisted; coincidentally, he read "War and Peace" that summer. He attended Georgetown Law School, and after a stint at the Securities & Exchange Commission, he was recruited by Baker & McKenzie and moved his family to Chicago in 1965. He took great joy and pride in his work and in mentoring associates. He was a partner for over five decades; he represented many Fortune 500 companies and was a trailblazer in international corporate compliance issues and anti-corruption regulations.

Bob was a longtime parishioner of Holy Name Cathedral and a loyal friend of the Church and of the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. An inveterate world traveler whose favorite city was Paris, he loved good food and a glass of crisp Sancerre (or, failing that, Grey Goose). He will be greatly missed by the staffs of Gibson's, Booth One, and Smith & Wollensky. In September, he enjoyed an extended family trip to Spain and was eagerly looking forward to the next one. He was a big reader and an American history buff who frequently received multiple copies of the latest presidential biography for Christmas. Incongruously, one of his favorite movies was "Blazing Saddles," though he also loved "The Magnificent Seven" (introducing Horst Buchholz). He had an appreciation for the absurd. He was an avid sports fan, and a long-time (and no-longer-suffering) Cubs fan. He was a man of integrity, a gentleman and a scholar, and a doting grandfather. He thought he was wrong once in 1967, but he was mistaken. He will be much missed by his many friends and his loving family.

Visitation Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610. Interment St. Boniface Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.

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Hess Jr., Laymon Exford 'Bud'

Laymon Hess Jr passed away Nov 8, 2018. Devoted Husband to the late Faye Hess, Loving Father to George, (Annette), the late Jeff (Judy) Becky, (Hank) and Brian Hess. (Donna) Grandpa to Daniel, Michael, Christopher, Jessica, Matthew, and Jeffrey. Great Grandpa to Rowan and Reed Hess. Loving Son to the late Layman and Blanche Hess. Brother to Juanita, Wayne, Roger, Margaret, and the late Eddy Hess. Honored Employee of 46 years with Brachs Candy Co. Loved by All.

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Imburgia, Angeline

Angeline Imburgia (nee Sparacino), Beloved wife of 54 years of the late John; Loving Christian Mother of Maria (Paul Stark) the late Anthony, Lawrence (Barbara) and Frances Imburgia; Cherished Grandmother of Tiffany (Ryan) Johnson and John Imburgia and Great Grandmother of Rockwell Johnson; Dear Sister of Dominick and Anthony Sparacino; and Dear Aunt of several nieces and nephews. She will always be remembered for her great cooking, her sense of humor and the great love for her family. She was a member of the Villager Club (a prominent womens club in Dupage County) and she was a proud italian Restaurant owner since 1957. Funeral Saturday, family and friends are asked to gather 10:00 a.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For more info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com.

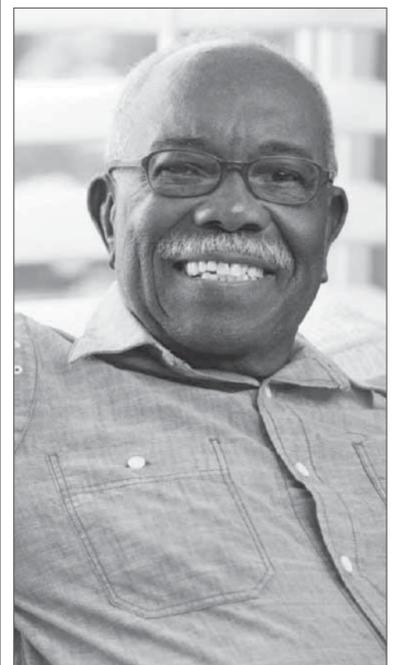
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Kolovos, George P.

George P. Kolovos, of Chicago, passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Beloved husband of Esther nee, Zakos; loving father of Peter, Penny (Peter) Vitogiannis and Nectarios (Artemis) Kolovos; proud grandfather of Constantinos, George, Stefanos, George, Yuri and Dimitri; dear brother of Christina and the late Demetrios (the late Konstantina) Kolovos; fond uncle of many nieces, nephews and their families. Family and Friends will meet on Friday, November 16, 2018 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 W. Winona, Chicago, for visitation at 9:30 am until the time of funeral service at 10:30. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, LTD. For information 847-375-0095.

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Kruspe, Stella

Stella Kruspe, nee Czochara, age 94. Beloved wife of the late Russell; loving sister of the late Anna (the late Stanley) Block, Mary (the late Joseph) Burke, John (the late Helen) Czochara, Frank (the late Eva) Czochara, Genevieve (the late Stanley) Burger, Irene (the late John) Soter, and Stanley Czochara; fond aunt of Stanley Block, Grace (David) Dunbar, Raymond Czochara, and Linda (Charles) Camera. Visitation Friday 9 to 10 a.m. at **Richard J. Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 12641 W. 143rd St. Homer Glen. Interment Wood National Cemetery. For info (708) 301-3595 or www.rjmodellfh.com
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Lentino, M.D., Ph.D., Joseph Richard

Joseph Richard Lentino M.D., Ph.D. Born August 19, 1946, passed away peacefully after a courageous effort to overcome bladder cancer.

Son of the late Vincent J. Lentino and the late Vincie J. Lentino (nee Sciacca). Beloved husband of Joan (nee Witort). Loving father of five children: Laura (Matthew Downs), James (Kari), Joseph (Janie), Lawrence (Alice Brown), and Gerald (Danielle King). Proud Papa of eleven grandchildren: Jayden and Katelyn Downs, Zoe Slosser, Sullivan Deiotte, Tuesday and Wyatt Lentino, Christopher and Joseph Lentino, and grandchildren due in January and May. Agonizingly predeceased by twin grandsons: Joseph Hugh and Jack Alexander Lentino and grandson Ian James Lentino. Step grandfather of Tesla Chambers. Dear brother of Allen and cherished nephew of Grace Sciacca and Josephine Lentino. Brother-in-law of six, uncle to several nieces and nephews and fond cousin to many.

Joe graduated with a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Loyola University Chicago and a Medical Degree from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. After completing his residency and fellowship at The Medical College of Wisconsin, he became a Professor of Medicine at Loyola University School of Medicine and the Chief of Infectious Disease at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital. In addition, he was the Program Director for the Infectious Disease Fellowship program. He held these positions until he retired after 32 years of service. These positions enabled him to teach, conduct research, and provide care for patients.

He taught numerous residents and trained over 50 Fellows in Infectious Disease. For the Residents, he instituted a month long, early morning conference to cover the essentials of infectious diseases for the non-specialist. For the Fellows, he developed a collegial monthly Journal Club which, in addition to evaluating and operationalizing new research findings, also touched on the Fellows passion for care and humanity. Joe had a gift for being able to explain complex conditions and folks frequently asked him to explain these conditions after Mass or in the neighborhood.

With a gentle tenderness, his thesis "Characterization of a serum glycoprotein ..." became a humorous bedtime story and a parental favorite for its ability to help very small children fall asleep quickly. Joe, in collaboration with his colleagues, continued to do both original and clinical research which led to numerous, often cited, publications.

He cared passionately for our nation's veterans and taught his trainees to learn the services these veterans had provided to our country. The beginning of Joe's clinical practice coincided with the beginning of a conundrum of symptoms which would eventually become known as the HIV/AIDS epidemic. He found ways to assure and provide care to those who had, or could be, at risk for this terrifying illness.

Joe enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve during the Viet Nam War. He was a Fourth Degree member and a Past Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Ryan Council 5025.

In his home life, Joe found enjoyment in the simple things: gardening, finding garage sale gems, doing home improvement projects, reading biographies and learning Italian, to name a few. He was light on his feet and delighted in dancing the merengue and rhumba. He found respite in the North Woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula with his family and friends. He was keen on traveling. The highlight of his travels was the serendipitous meeting of his grandmother's family in a remote mountain village in Sicily.

His life was focused on his family, for whom he would do anything.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Joseph R. Lentino to support bladder cancer research at:
Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center
Loyola University Medical Center
Office of Advancement
2160 S. First Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, 11am from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave., Chicago to Queen of All Saints Basilica for Mass at 11:30am. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-8pm at the funeral home. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Joseph's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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Levine, Marlene

Marlene Levine. Beloved wife of Seymour Levine for 64 years. Loving mother of David (Susan) Levine, Michael Levine, and Andrew Levine. Proud grandmother of Daniel, Benjamin, Jacob, Emma, Sara, Laura, Aaron, and Matthew Levine. Dear sister of Beverly (the late Philip) Miller and Diane (Nathan) Levy. Cherished aunt of Michael Levy, Melissa Levy, Leslie Goldberg, and Stacy Torres. Service Thursday 1PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjffinfo.com

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Liddi, Arlene

Arlene Liddi, nee Novak, of Hillside, age 77. Beloved wife of Tony; loving mother of Paul and Dennis (Susan); proud grandmother of Dominic and Gigi. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 12:00 noon. Interment private. Memorials to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Conboy - Westchester Funeral Home

www.ConboyWestchesterfh.com

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Macaluso, Lena C. 'Lee'

Lena C. "Lee" Macaluso, loving mother of Donna (David) Halverson; dear grandmother of Daniel (Courtney); great-grandmother of Ryan & Megan; fond sister of the late Frank DeCicco, Emma Quinto, Armando "Art" DeCicco & Edith Paganucci; aunt of many. Visitation Sunday 3-8 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers Monday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Domitilla Church in Hillside, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral Info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com



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Mika, Patricia R.

Patricia R. Mika, nee Kolodziejki, of Downers Grove, formerly of Des Plaines, age 80. Beloved wife of John S. Mika and the late Norman Ricci; loving mother of Linda (Mark) Hennessey, David (Sue) Ricci, Carla Ricci, Michael Ricci and the late Donna Jean, Scott and Calli Ricci; cherished step-mother of William Laib and Julie (Michael) McGee; proud grandmother of ten; great-grandmother of nine (soon to be ten); dear sister of the late George (Charlene) Kolodziejki; fond cousin and aunt of many. Memorial visitation Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Gostyn Church, 444 Wilson, Downers Grove. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Salvation Army (give.salvationarmyusa.org) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Miller, Jerome R. 'Jerry'

Jerome R. "Jerry" Miller age 91. Oct. 11, 2018, formerly of Chicago (Beverly area), late of Naples, FL. Navy Veteran and CCSD Ret. Beloved husband of 35 years to Patricia (nee Maloney). Loving father of TJ (Becky) and Ashley Tyrrell, Dean, Jolie and Bettina Miller and the late Tina Tyrrell. Dearest grandfather "Papa" of Connor, Quinn and Olivia Tyrrell, Ryder Mordue, Vincent Petrozza, Jessica, Max and Dash Miller. Great-grandfather of 2. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and life-long friend to many. Brother-in-law to Mary CPD Ret. (Matt) Docherty, Jack (Mary Jo) Maloney and Kathleen Hutchinson CCSD. Memorial Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 11:30 a.m. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Chicago. Family and friends will then meet at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for a Committal Service at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Avow Hospice 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL. 34105 or www.avowcares.org. For info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Neidhart, Alice

Alice Neidhart nee Schurr; loving wife of the late Herman; beloved mother of Kenneth (Mary Lou), Ronald (Jacqueline), and James (Jacquelyn); dear grandmother of Meghan (Eric) Pfannenstiel, Edward (Bonnie), Jill (Ethan) Belt, Eliza, and Anna; fond great grandmother of Olivia, Cole, Nathan, Emily, Heather, Cameron, Alice, Ashley, Amanda, Emmitt, and Milo. Born to George and Bertha Schurr in 1923, Alice was the oldest of five siblings. With brothers Richard and Thomas and sisters Doris and Lorraine they and their spouses epitomized the selfless "Greatest Generation". Having lost their home in Wilmette to the Great Depression, her parents were forced to move back to Chicago where Alice attended Lakeview High. She soon met Herman, the love of her life, and married in 1943 after he'd joined the U.S.Navy. Upon surviving the war in the Pacific, they returned to a precious but cramped apartment to make their contribution to the Baby Boom Generation. Though focused on being a loving mother and wife, Alice took pride in her work at the phone company and Bell & Howell to provide the "extras" for her young family. Among those were a fine Catholic education at St. Benedict for her sons and summer family vacations from Devil's Lake to Florida. A devout Roman Catholic, Alice became an active member of the St. Pascals community after moving to the Portage Park area in 1967. It was there she embraced her finest role as loving, doting grandmother. Funeral Saturday 10:00 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park RD (1/2 Block East of Austin) to St. Pascal Church. 10:30 AM Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Nelson, Margaret "Pat"

Margaret "Pat" Nelson (nee Mathews) 95, November 9th. Beloved wife of the late Willard K. Nelson. Loving mother of Richard (Margaret), David (Joyce), and John (Maribeth) Nelson. Dear grandmother of Paul (Sun), Richie, Erika, Emily (Tao) Hernandez, Andrew (Adina) Nelson, Samantha (David) Parga, Christine, Melissa (Kyle) Mottl, Jennifer, Matthew, Thomas and the late Kelly Nelson. Great grandmother of Kai, Ava, Kathryn Kay, Sebastian and Douglas. Aunt of Kenneth Nelson and the late Susan Baskett. Member of the Southwest Kiwanis Club. President of Windy City Harmonica Club. Visitation Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Chicago, IL. Visitation Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Bethany Union Church 1750 west 103rd Street Chicago. Int. Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Southwest Kiwanis Club c/o Mary Zeronas 8635 Saddlebred Court Frankfort, IL 60423. Info (773) 238-0075 or sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Rabovsky, Barbara C.

Barbara C. Rabovsky, nee Chazanow, age 85, of Highland Park and Wilmette; Summer Mom at Camp Marimeta; Barb loved her girls, and cherished the relationships that were created at Marimeta; beloved wife of the late Marshall Rabovsky; loving mother of Sandy (Terry) Cohen, Joellyn (Scott) Stolar, and Esther (Rob) Harris; adored "Bobbie" of C.J. (fiancée Clarisse Bower) Cohen, Michael Cohen, Frank (Carmen) Cohen, Sydney and Harrison "Sony" Oliff, Abby and Andrew Harris; cherished sister of the late Elaine (Bern) Rotman; dear sister-in-law of Lois (Sidney) Eskenazi and the late Roslyn (late Harold) Crandus; former spouse of the late Charles "Chuck" Cohen; treasured aunt, cousin and friend to many. Memorial Service Friday, 12 Noon at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Maot Chitim of Greater Chicago, www.maotchitim.org or Midwest SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education) www.midwestscopeusa.org. The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Raupp, Elaine Clare

Lifelong resident of Buffalo Grove, Elaine Clare Raupp (nee Nickol), beloved wife of the late Paul Henry Raupp dear mother of Gary P. (Mary), Sharon R. Langley, Carol R. McDowell, Charles P. and Kristie R. (Michael) Bugenhagen; loving grandmother of Lauren, Spencer, Colin, Kathleen, Jon-Paul, Phillip, Clara, Ian, Elaine and Edmund; great-grandmother of Grace, George and Warren. Survived by her loving sisters Elizabeth (Betty) Obenauf, Cleone Nick and brother Cyril Nickol. Preceding her in death were her parents Edmund George and Clara; siblings Howard, Lloyd, Florence and Patricia. Visitation at **Meadows Funeral Home** 3615 Kirchoff Rd. Rolling Meadows Saturday November 17th 10 a.m. Mass officiated by dear family friend, Fr. Edwin Pacocha 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. As Elaine was an advocate for education, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School, 50 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Info (847)253-0224 or www.Meadowsfh.com

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See Patricia Mika notice.

Ryan, Michael Dillon

Michael Dillon Ryan Sergeant (Retired) Michael D. Ryan, 67, of Savanna, IL. passed away at his home on November 4, 2018. He was born on November 18, 1950 in Chicago to William Aloysius and Jane Mary McNichols Ryan. Siblings William A. (Linda) Ryan, Jr, Mary Kathleen (Lawrence) McCahill, Mary Eileen (Robert) Altier, Jane (Glenn) Zilligen, Mary Margaret (Anthony) Daly and sisters in law Kathy Ryan and Terry Ryan survive Mike. His son, Michael D. Ryan Jr. and his brothers, James Ambrose and Richard Kennedy, preceded him in death. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 16th from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. with Military Service at 7:00 p.m. at the PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS /GAMBONEY & SON DIRECTORS 6938 W. North Avenue, Chicago, IL. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Ascension Catholic Church, 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park, IL to celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m. Interment will take place at the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, Ft. Pierce Florida in November of 2019. In lieu of flowers, donations to The National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, 3300 North Highway A1A, Ft. Pierce, Florida, 34949 are appreciated. Info 708.848.6661 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com

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Schiffman, Shirley

1922-2018
Shirley Schiffman passed away November 13, 2018, 18 days shy of her 96th birthday. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Phil. Shirley is survived by children Diane Weitzman, Jerry (Kris), Michael (Pam) and Randy (Marita), grandchildren Scott Weitzman (Lauren), Lauren Zalay (Michael), Jori Fuller (Eric), Jennifer (Matt) Collander, Michael and Matthew (Rachel), plus 6 great-grandchildren. Shirley reveled in family gatherings where all four generations swapped stories. She loved her wide circle of friends, Chicago sports teams, especially the Bulls, read voraciously, and even had every golfer's dream, a hole in one! Her smile, wit and joy for life will be missed by all. Private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your charity of choice.

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Schwartz, Stanley L.

Stanley L. Schwartz, 84. Beloved husband of Dr. Rhoda Pomerantz and the late Jacqueline Schwartz nee Greenblatt. Loving father of Amy (Douglas) Kahn and Mindy (T.W. Li) Schwartz. Proud grandfather of Solomon (Kelly) Kahn, Frieda Kahn, Samson (Ariel) Kahn and Margo Kahn. Cherished great grandfather of five. Dear brother of the late Edward Robert "Bobby" Schwartz and treasured brother in law and uncle. Service Thursday 1PM at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster St., Skokie, IL 60076. Interment Shalom. Memorials to Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, www.ehnt.org, where he served many years as an active board member and past president, would be appreciated. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjffinfo.com

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Starzec, Dennis W.

Dennis W. Starzec, age 71, U.S. Army. Beloved husband of Louise, nee Wardzala; loving father of Vikki (Gregory) Klemundt and the late Jeffrey (Dawn) Starzec; dearest grandfather of Stefanie, Matthew, Eric, Ryan, Tyler and Ethan; loving son of Dolores and the late Edwin; son-in-law of the late Edward and the late Donna Jean Wardzala; fond brother of Deborah Starzec; cherished uncle, cousin, and friend of many. Funeral Saturday Nov. 17, 2018 at 9:00 am from Matz Funeral Home, 3440 N. Central Ave., Chicago to St. Hedwig Church, 2226 N. Hoyme for 10 am Mass. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9 pm. Info: (773) 545-5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Stich, Patricia D.

Patricia D. Stich, beloved sister of Bridget (Marcos) Montano and the late Martin Stich. Dear daughter of the late Edward and Patricia Crowley Stich. Devoted aunt of Bill and Tom Lescher, Julie Lescher-Polec, Jennifer McNally, Bart Stich, Edward Lescher and Emily Hutchins. Visitation, Friday, Nov. 16 from 4 to 8pm at the JOHN E. MALONEY FUNERAL HOME, 1359 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago. The family and friends will gather for funeral Mass on Saturday, Nov. 17 at St. Gertrude Church, 1420 W. Granville Ave (At Glenwood). Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers contributions in Pat's name to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660 appreciated, Funeral info: 773-764-1617



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Surratt, Laura Ann

Laura Ann Surratt, nee Pucci, age 85, passed away peacefully with her devoted family at her side on November 13, 2018. Loving wife of the late James E., Cherished mother of Cathleen Warshawsky, Diane (John) Salazar and James Steven. Proud Nonna of Brandon, Brittany, Annina and Daniel, Beloved daughter of the late Adolph and Iole Pucci. Dear sister of the late infant Laura and the late Adolph Jr. Fond sister in law of Donna Pucci and Dorothy Buckwal. Laura was a loving aunt, cousin and friend to many. Lying in state at St. Bonaventure Oratory, 1641 W Diversey Pkwy, Chicago on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m., going in procession to Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, for interment. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd**, Marion Friel - Funeral Director. Info 773-774-0366 or info@conialfuneral.com.



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Uhnavy, LaVerne 'Loll'

Loll Uhnavy (nee Getz), 81, of Schaumburg, Illinois and Pentwater, Michigan passed away peacefully on November 8 after a well fought battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Don and mother of Dave (Sue) and Nancy (Brad) Blevins. Proud grandmother of Ryan (Katie), Danielle, Hannah (Andrew), Allison, Zach, and Ben. Friend to many. Lifelong artist and active in community service. A Celebration of Life is planned.

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Weiss, Ann

Ann Weiss, nee Azoff, 94, of Jupiter, FL, formerly of Skokie. Beloved wife of the late Marvin; devoted mother of Jerry (Marilyn) Weiss, Judy (Martin) Greenberg, and Allan (Mary) Weiss; cherished grandmother of six; proud great-grandmother of eight; predeceased by 2 loving brothers and 2 sisters; loving aunt of many. Ann was the former President of the Jewish War Veterans #328 Women's Auxiliary. Funeral service Friday, Nov. 16, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish War Veterans of America. For donation information: 847-256-5700.



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White, Ellen M.

Ellen M. White, nee Smith; age 98. Passed away November 12, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the late Sydney Alec White; cherished mother of Sara (Robert) Donovan, Sydney (Ardith) White, Lisa (John) Hilarides and Mimi (Rob) Young. Adored grandmother of Tim, Mike, Nellie, Emily, Sydney, Lucy, Grace, and Tom. Fond step-grandmother of Laura, Cy, Bree, and Denae; great-grandmother of 14. Ellen was preceded in death by her brothers John (the late Ruth) and James Smith. Ellen was born and raised in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood. She was a longtime parishioner of Our Lady of Peace and St. Albe parishes and a proud graduate of Mercy High School class of 1938. Visitation 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Sunday, November 18, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant St., Hinsdale, IL with Eulogy Service at 6:00. Funeral Monday, November 19, 9:30 am from Sullivan Funeral Home to St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. 4th St. Hinsdale. Funeral Mass 10:00 am; Interment Bronwood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital www.stjude.org., Honor Flight www.honorflight.org. or Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org. For service info 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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Zehme, Grace C. 'Foxy'

Grace C. Zehme (nee Puzon), "Foxy". Age 67. Late of Beecher, IL. Formerly of Lansing and the East Side. Passed away November 11, 2018. Loving mother of Jimmy (Karen) and Vincent (Lisa) Zehme. Dearest sister of Valerie Hooper, Fred (Kris) Puzon, and Tina (Michael) Teranto. Devoted aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Grace was a retired school nurse for Calumet City School District #155 and a longtime nurse at St. Margaret Mercy North Campus. Visitation Thursday, November 15, 2018 3-9 pm. Funeral Friday, November 16, 2018 at 10:00 am at the **Elmwood Chapel** 11200 S. Ewing Ave. Chicago, IL. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. For more information 773-731-2749 or www.elmwoodchapel.com
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Zienty, Robert T.

Robert T. Zienty, 88, of Wheaton formerly of Cicero. Beloved husband of the late Dolores for 65 years; loving mother of Dennis (Cynthia), Donald (Marilyn), Joseph (Mary) and the late David; proud grandfather of Dustin, Samantha, Benjamin, Olivia, Andrew and Bradley. Robert was a Korean War Army Veteran and an official Court Reporter for the State of Illinois for over 40 years. Visitation at **Williams-Kampff Funeral Home**, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, November 16, 2018. Prayers 9:15 A.M. Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the funeral home, going to St. Daniel the Prophet, 101 W. Loop Rd., Wheaton, IL 60189 on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment St. Michael Cemetery, Wheaton. Funeral Info @ www.williams-kampff.com or (630) 668-0016.

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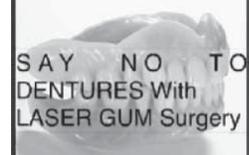
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File No. D18155723 on the Date: **October 19, 2018**
 Under the Assumed Name of: **PINTO SOFTWARE PRODUCTS** with the business located at: **14740 TURNER AVE APT 107 MIDLOTHIAN, IL, 60445**
 The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Kenneth J Pinto 14740 TURNER AVE APT 107 MIDLOTHIAN, IL, 60445**

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File No. D18155801 on the Date: **October 30 2018**
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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS COMBINED NOTICE

November 15, 2018
 Cook County Department of Planning and Development
 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900
 Chicago, IL, 60602
 312-603-1000

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 30th, 2018 the Cook County Department of Planning and Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Housing Authority of Cook County for the clearance of project based vouchers under 24 CFR 983.58 for the following project: TCB Oak Park 1

The Housing Authority of Cook County has awarded 5 project based vouchers to TCB Oak Park 1, new construction of 37 residential affordable housing units in one four-story building on the now vacant site. The proposed unit mix includes 3 studio, 32 one-bedroom units and 2 two-bedroom units.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Cook County Department of Planning and Development has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL, 60602.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Cook County Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by November 30th, 2018 will be considered by the Cook County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Cook County is certifying to HUD that Cook County and Jay Stewart in his capacity as Bureau Chief consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Cook County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Cook County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the applicant has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2401, Chicago, IL, 60604. Attn: Daniel Sherrod, Public Housing Director. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jay Stewart, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Cortez J Patterson

A MINOR NO. 2018JD01786

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Terrance Sanders (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on November 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Stuart Katz in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 11/30/2018 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 55 COURTROOM 5.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT November 15, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: F. D'Antignac, J. Cooney ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois, 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT - November 15, 2018 RFQ FOR SPECIALTY CONSULTING SERVICES. DUE: DECEMBER 13, 2018 At 2 p.m. See: www.cps.edu/purchasing

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Deontae Brown AKA Donte A Brown

A MINOR NO. 2018JD01699

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Jaquan Brown (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on October 16, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Stuart Lubin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 11/29/2018 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 58 COURTROOM 11.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT November 15, 2018

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: B. Pucci, D. Auguste ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois, 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Kalber Baines, Jr

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kenyatte Morgan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00767

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Kenyatte Morgan (Mother), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on August 15, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/07/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 15, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Karell Lynch

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kinola Lynch (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00473

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/07/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 15, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Karell Lynch

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kinola Lynch (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00473

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/07/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 15, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Laila Chavez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Itzel Reyes (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00717

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Adrian Chavez (Father) and Itzel Reyes (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 2, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/07/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 15, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Logan Jackson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tatiana Jackson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01002

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Terry Henderson (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any , respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 12, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/07/2018, at 1:30 PM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM 1, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 15, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the hour of 11:00 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, City of Chicago, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

At said meeting, the following Committee Item regarding the Cook County Resolution and Annual Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2019 is amended will be considered:

Committee Items Requiring Board Action - Item 18-6084 - EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION - Cook County Resolution and Annual Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2019.

Very truly yours,

DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING PLAN COMMISSION - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLAN COMMISSION - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 at 7:15 PM in the CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5550 EAST AVE., COUNTRYSIDE, ILLINOIS, 60525 TO CONSIDER:

A SPECIAL USE PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-6C-2: ENTITLED SPECIAL USES OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE (ZONING CODE): TO PERMIT AN AUTOMOBILE RETAIL SALES DEALERSHIP WITH APURTINMENT SERVICE FACILITIES, NOT INCLUDING MAJOR BODY REPAIR OR PAINTING, BUT INCLUDING OUTDOOR DISPLAY AND SALES, TO THE EXTENT CUSTOMARILY REQUISITE TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF SUCH BUSINESS IN THE APPLICABLE DISTRICT.

AT THE REAL ESTATE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5901 S. LAGRANGE ROAD, COUNTRYSIDE, ILLINOIS 60525. PIN#: 18-16-400-027-0000 & 18-16-400-028-0000

LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 10 ACRES (EXCEPT THE EAST 1.46 FEET THEREOF) OF THE WEST 27 ACRES NORTH OF ROAD (EXCEPT THE NORTH 40 FEET THEREOF TAKEN FOR STREET PURPOSES AND ALSO EXCEPT THEREFROM THE SOUTH 173 FEET OF THE WEST 778.0 FEET THEREOF) OF LOT 10 IN SCHOOL TRUSTEES SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

THE APPLICANT IS DOUGLAS CAPOCCI, AGENT FOR CONTINENTAL HONDA, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 20 E. OGDEN AVENUE, HINSDALE, ILLINOIS 60521. THE PROPERTY OWNER IS LAGRANGE PROPERTIES, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 1460 FORT HILL DRIVE, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60540.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, THAT ALL PERSONS PRESENT AT SAID HEARING AND DESIRING TO BE HEARD FOR OR AGAINST THE REQUESTED SPECIAL USE (CASE NUMBER 21489 SJ) AND OR TO ASK QUESTIONS SHALL BE GIVEN SUCH OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NOTICE PLEASE CONTACT RICHARD TRENT - PLANNING MANAGER AT (708) 485-4775.

RICHARD FULLMER, JR., CHAIRMAN PLAN COMMISSION - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FORECLOSURES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

V. TOMASZ M. DOBROWOLSKI; AGATA M. SZYMAK; LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION B; THE HUNTINGTON COMMONS ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants(s).

Case No.: 2018CH13795

Property Address: 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209 Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209, Mount Prospect, IL 60056, more particularly described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY PARCEL 1; UNIT 209 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS LAKESIDE AND LAKESIDE CONDO UNITS AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23299090, IN THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2; EASEMENT APPURTENANT TO AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 AS SET FORTH IN DECLARATION OF EASEMENTS DATED FEBRUARY 01, 1971 AND RECORDED AND FILED FEBRUARY 19, 1971 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 21401332 AND LR 2543467, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS.

PARCEL 3; EASEMENTS FOR PARKING PURPOSES AND FOR PARKING SPACE NO. 13 AS DEFINED AND SET FORTH IN SAID CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION AND SURVEY AND AS CREATED BY DEED FROM MOUNT PROSPECT STATE BANK TO MILTON W. GLENER AND PEARL GLENER, HIS WIFE, RECORDED MARCH 29, 1976 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23432162 AND RECORDED JUNE 21, 1976 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23526901, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 08-14-401-087-1024 Commonly known as: 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 and Parking Space #13 UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the County Clerk of Cook County at the Cook County Courthouse located at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before December 17, 2018, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quintero, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID: 48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 11/15, 11/22 & 11/29/2018 5987104

TAKE NOTICES

TO: HPD Investments; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to the First National Bank of Des Plaines, as Trustee u/v/a dated 06/18/1985 and known as trust no. 16101610, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent, The Hunting National Bank, Successor to Royal American Bank; Demetrios Panagakos, Performance Solutions & Auto Spa, LLC, c/o United States Corporation Agent, Reg. Agent; Performance Solutions & Auto Spa, LLC; Performance Solutions, Team Partners, Occupant, 533 Hunt. Ave., Schaumburg, IL 60193; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007577 FILED: November 7, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0002861 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 533 LUNT AVE., SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 07-33-202-017-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 7, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 7, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 7, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 8, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 11/14, 15, 16/2018 5983891

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Black Creek LLC Series 1303, c/o Charles W. Murdock, Reg. Agent; Black Creek LLC Series 1303; Black Creek Series 1303, c/o Illinois Secretary of State Defunct Corp. Division; Black Creek LLC Series 1303, c/o John Raitt, Manager; Black Creek LLC Series 1303, c/o Charles Murdock, Manager; Black Creek LLC Series 1303; Charles Murdock, Manager; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; At World Properties, LLC, d/b/a World Properties, c/o Burkelaw Agents, Inc., Reg. Agent; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007580 FILED: November 7, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0010689 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1301-1305 S. CALIFORNIA AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-24-206-014-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 7, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 7, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 7, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 8, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 11/14, 15, 16/2018 5983897

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Mark Hawkins; Windy City Metals Restoration, Inc., a/k/a Windy City Metal Restoration, Inc., c/o Paulina Sylwia Tykal, Reg. Agent; Windy City Metals Restoration, Inc., a/k/a Windy City Metal Restoration, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Defunct Corp. Division; Brown Commercial Group, Inc. c/o Joseph D. Palmisano, Reg. Agent; Ability Cabinet Co., Inc., c/o Teresa A. Vasquez, Reg. Agent; Ability Cabinet Co., Inc.; Creative Cabinet and Top Company, Inc., c/o Mark Hawkins, Reg. Agent; Creative Cabinet and Top Company, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Defunct Corp. Division; Creative Cabinet and Top Company, Inc.; Occupant, 9401 Schiller Blvd., Unit 1, Franklin Park, IL 60131; Occupant, 9401 Schiller Blvd., Unit c, Franklin Park, IL 60131; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007574 FILED: November 7, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0001134 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 9401 SCHILLER BLVD., FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 12-27-116-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 7, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 7, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 7, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 8, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 11/14, 15, 16/2018 5983891

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Old Second National Bank; Podolsky Circle, LLC, d/b/a Podolsky Circle Corfac International, c/o Alissa Miller, Reg. Agent; The Physicians Building, Occupant, 2200 W. Roosevelt Rd., Broadview, IL 60155; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007575 FILED: November 7, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0002294 & 15-0002298 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2200 W. ROOSEVELT RD., BROADVIEW, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 15-22-102-005-0000 & 15-22-102-009-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 7, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 7, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 7, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 8, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 11/14, 15, 16/2018 5983895

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Hector Vela; Bijan Mehdian; Anne K. Mehdian; First Financial Bank; La Bendicion, Inc. c/o Hector Vela, Reg. Agent; La Bendicion, Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State Defunct Corp. Division; La Bendicion Truck Sales; Occupant, 1233 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007575 FILED: November 7, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0000675, 15-0000676 & 15-0000679 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1233 S. CICERO AVE., CICERO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-22-102-003-0000, 16-22-102-004-0000 & 16-22-102-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 7, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 7, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W.

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A 4-clank salute

(in honor of the **Bears** and **kicker Cody Parkey** finally succumbing to the pressure and taking target practice at Soldier Field)

BEARS

'I mean, it can't hurt,' Parkey concedes

By **BRAD BIGGS AND RICH CAMPBELL**
Chicago Tribune

Cody Parkey is hitting the road in an effort to break out of his slump of knocking kicks off the uprights.

The Bears sent Parkey to Soldier Field on Wednesday night and likely will again Thursday night to practice after Sunday's disastrous effort when he missed four kicks — two field goals and two extra points — hitting an upright on all four in a 34-22 victory over the Lions.

"I guess just check all the boxes you can, right?" Parkey said early Wednesday afternoon. "I mean, it can't hurt. Honestly, just check all my boxes, do everything I possibly can to make kicks. I do that every single week, and this is just adding a little extra something to that."

Practicing at night will give Parkey the best chance of simulating the conditions the Bears will encounter Sunday night when they are host to the Vikings in an NFC North showdown.

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Parkey

NOTRE DAME

Irish running game is alive and kickin'

By **LAMOND POPE** | Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame's running game was one of the team's biggest question marks entering 2018.

The Irish finished seventh in the nation in rushing last season. But top rusher Josh Adams decided to go pro, and All-America linemen Quenton Nelson and Mike McGlinchey became top-10 NFL draft picks.

Running backs Dexter Williams, Jafar Armstrong and Tony Jones Jr. have answered the call.

Even a season-ending ACL/MCL injury to preseason All-America guard Alex Bars, suffered Sept. 29 against Stanford, hasn't derailed the Irish. Last week, Notre Dame rushed for a season-high 365 yards in a 42-13 win against Florida State.

"We took a step by trusting the run and the linemen picking up their guys and continuing to push," said Williams, who rushed for 202 yards and two touchdowns against the Seminoles.

The third-ranked Irish (10-0) are averaging 199.4 rushing yards, 42nd nationally, entering Saturday's game at Yankee Stadium against No. 12 Syracuse (8-2).

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OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom
John Fox probably believes he could've done this with the Bears if he had these offense weapons and Khalil Mack. Oh, and if he was Matt Nagy. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



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CELTICS 111, BULLS 82

Another team that can't hit field goals

By **K.C. JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

BOSTON — Let's get the obvious out of the way first: Lauri Markkanen, Kris Dunn, Bobby Portis and Denzel Valentine are injured, critical pieces for a team projected to win 30-something games at full strength.

In Cameron Payne, Cristiano Felicio, Shaquille Harrison, Antonio Blakeney and Ryan Arcidiacono, the roster is filled with players who have bounced between the G League and NBA.

That leaves six bona fide NBA players, two of whom in Wendell Carter Jr. and Chandler Hutchison are rookies, learning the ropes.

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The Bulls' Zach LaVine scored just 10 points Wednesday against the Celtics.



BLACKHAWKS 1, BLUES 0

Colliton posts 1st win thanks to Crawford

By **JIMMY GREENFIELD** | Chicago Tribune

Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton has no interest in being the center of attention. On Wednesday night, his players gave him no choice.

Shortly after the Hawks beat the Blues 1-0 to snap an eight-game losing streak and give Colliton his first NHL coaching win, the team gathered around him in the locker room and presented him with the game puck.

Colliton didn't waste any time turning the spotlight back where he feels it belongs: on his players.

"Yeah, I mean, I'm just here to help them," Colliton said. "So it's kind of awkward, actually."

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Defenseman Brett Seabrook celebrates his second-period goal against the Blues.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Bears following right formula

Is it OK to get carried away now? Well, tough noogies. I'm doing it anyway. Yeah, yeah, yeah, I probably should save it until we see whether the Bears answer an important question against the Vikings on Sunday night: Can they finally beat a team with a winning record? This is not to diminish the Bears' six victories in their nine games so far. Good teams beat bad teams.

Good teams also beat good teams, and while I probably should control myself, sorry, Stevie Sunshine has no discipline, and besides, it's fun to imagine where this thing with the first-place Bears is going. Maybe this giddiness stems from having little experience writing the phrase "first-place Bears," but it's a kick to come up with a comparison — another team that can serve as a GPS in the NFL.

And here's mine for now: The 2013 Super Bowl champion Seahawks that absolutely ruined John Fox, Peyton Manning and the Broncos in a 43-8 Super Bowl triumph.

The tweet version of those Seahawks and the nine games of these Bears would go like this:

A dominating defense ruining opponents and a young, talented quarterback on a rookie contract running around making big plays.

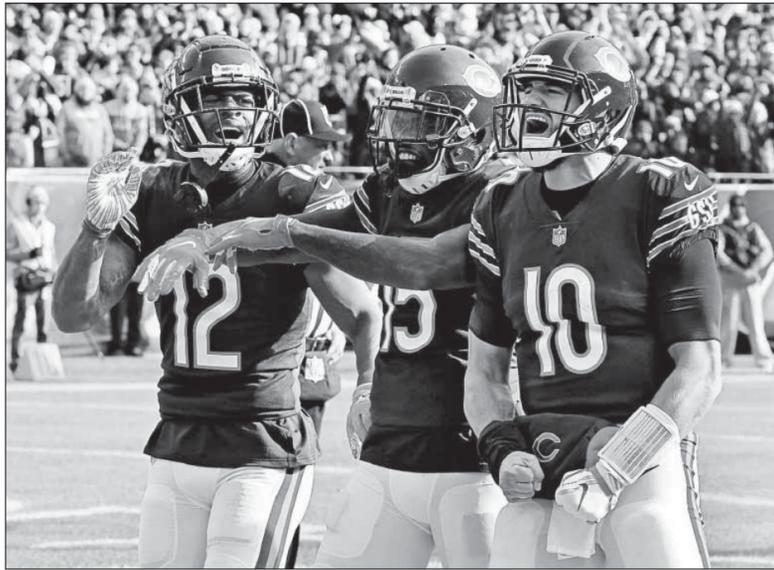
Those Seahawks were known for the "Legion of Boom" and elusive, poised quarterback Russell Wilson. The NFL has taken the "boom" out of football — moment of silence, please — and Wilson has gotten paid, but in a salary-cap world, that's still a winning formula.

Even if you think I'm waking and baking here, the numbers between those Seahawks and these Bears explain how a guy could get carried away.

Those Seahawks allowed the fewest yards overall and fewest yards per play. These Bears stand third in both categories, but the main point is, we're talking about a top-five defense, the most reliable indicator of a Super Bowl contender.

Those Seahawks led the league with 28 interceptions. Eight players on that defense registered an interception, led by cornerback Richard Sherman's eight and safety Earl Thomas' five.

These Bears lead the league with 16, putting them on a pace for 26. Ten Bears already have picked off an opponent, led by cornerback Kyle Fuller's four.



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky, right, is playing like the Seahawks' Russell Wilson.

Those Seahawks led the league with 44 sacks amassed by 13 players, led by Michael Bennett's 8 1/2 and Cliff Avril's eight.

These Bears have 30 sacks, leaving them one off the league lead and putting them on pace for 50. Fifty, do you hear me? Fourteen Bears already have at least one sack, led by Khalil Mack's seven in seven games.

One area dogging the Bears is their red-zone percentage, allowing a touchdown an unacceptable 68.4 percent of the time. By comparison, those 2013 Seahawks led the league at 36.1 percent. Fix this.

The golden ticket, though, is Mitch Trubisky, who's still on his rookie contract while playing like he already has been paid Mike Glennon money, same as Wilson did for those Seahawks.

Wilson was surrounded by the likes of Golden Tate, Doug Baldwin, Zach Miller and Marshawn Lynch. Compare and contrast Trubisky's supporting cast: Allen Robinson, Taylor Gabriel, Trey Burton, Tarik Cohen and Anthony Miller. The Bears could argue they're faster and more dangerous.

Wilson finished with a 101.2 quarterback rating, seventh-best that season. Trubisky's rating is 101.6, good enough for 10th.

Wilson threw 26 touchdown passes for those Seahawks, tying for ninth in the NFL. Trubisky also ranks ninth for these Bears with 19 and is on a pace to exceed 30, which would be a franchise record.

An important asset for both quarterbacks is their ability to run. In 2013, Wilson averaged 5.6 yards per carry and 33.7 yards per game. This season, Trubisky is averaging 7.8 and 35.6.

Yeah, the NFL has rigged things for the offense each year since the Seahawks' championship, but hey, somebody has to rank in the top 10, and Trubisky says hi.

Trubisky steps into Sunday night's prime-time spotlight coming off perhaps the best game of his career, directing four touchdown drives on the Bears' first four possessions to destroy the Lions. He will be facing a much better defense while hewing to the kind of formula that can make a guy giddy.

OK. That's it. I'm done getting carried away.

For now.

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ASK THE REPORTER K.C. JOHNSON

This Holiday season may be final one here



After his solid play to start the season, is there any thought to bringing Justin Holiday back after his contract expires this offseason?

Nick, Glen Ellyn

Holiday has quietly crept into the top 10 in minutes, averaging 35.9 per game. I've maintained that Holiday is a reserve cloaked in starter's clothing for this situation. But I'd agree that his strong play this season has merited more. He's shooting 38.6 percent from 3-point range on a career-high 7.2 attempts per game. The Bulls will be looking to upgrade the wing position next offseason. And Chandler Hutchison projects to be in the rotation on a rookie contract over the next several seasons. I'd guess Holiday would want a more prominent role or at least be a reserve on a championship-contending team.

With the return of Lauri Markkanen and Bobby Portis over the next couple of months, do you see Jabari Parker having a limited role off the bench, or do you think they will try him at the small forward position again? Consequently, do you think the Bulls may use his large expiring contract for a trade for a player out of the playoff picture, such as John Wall or Kemba Walker?

Kyle, Green Bay

I think the only guarantee is that Parker will be coming off the bench. There are lineups in which he can play power forward alongside either Portis or Markkanen at center. The odd man out in the big-man rotation more likely will be Robin Lopez. I'd guess the rotation would be Markkanen and Carter starting, with Portis and Parker playing the majority of the reserve minutes. I'd be surprised if the small forward situation returned given some of Parker's defensive lapses at power forward. As for a trade, his contract is structured the way it is for flexibility on multiple fronts. That Wall contract is scary; he's due \$46.8 million if he picks up his player option in 2022-23. News flash: He will. Walker is an unrestricted free agent, so I don't see that happening.

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Nation is taking baby steps toward bonding moments

Positive reaction to Wade's extended paternity leave could signal a cultural shift



SHANNON RYAN

When Dwyane Wade introduced his newborn daughter and announced he would take time away from basketball to be a father, I braced myself for the backlash.

Instead, he and his wife, actress Gabrielle Union, were greeted with congratulations from teammates, celebrities and fans. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said Wade could take all the time he needed. Wade has missed the Heat's last four games and will miss at least two more.

"With my daughter coming a couple weeks early, she's a little tiny right now, so we're making sure health-wise that she's OK," Wade told the Associated Press. "And for me, once I leave and go back to the season, not really being able to be with me everywhere I go, this time right now, this bonding moment with my daughter is the most important thing in my life at this time."

As it should be. But often is not.

Extended in-season parental leave for athletes is rare. In the past, when professional athletes announced such after the birth of a child, they were met with ridicule. Leave child-rearing to the moms, the Neanderthals usually shout.

When former Mets player Daniel Murphy missed two days after his son's birth in 2014, sports radio newsmen criticized him. One in New York said: "You can hire a nurse. What are you going to do, sit there and look at your wife in the hospital bed for two days?"

Former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason said Murphy's wife should have scheduled a C-section delivery before the season. (What's a woman's and baby's health compared with a baseball game, after all?)

Celtics center Al Horford was criticized by a Boston sportscaster for missing a 2016 game after his baby's birth. Pro Football Talk's Mike Florio insisted Charles Tillman should be more committed to football than his family when the former Bears cornerback attended the birth of his child in 2012.

The absence of such ignorance in the wake of Wade's announcement could — and should — signify a shift in thinking on family leave.

Wade's decision also shines a light on the United States' mind-boggling status as



JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY FOR PEOPLE

Dwyane Wade and actress Gabrielle Union attend as People Magazine celebrates Book Expo 2017 with a reception in New York.

the only industrialized nation without federally mandated paid parental leave.

Even for those who aren't in the NBA but are fortunate to work for companies that provide fathers with leave — paid or otherwise — there's often a fear that taking time off will reflect poorly on them professionally. (Mothers in the workforce often face a similar pressure to hurry back to work after giving birth.)

It's no surprise we allow our inequitable policies to filter into sports.

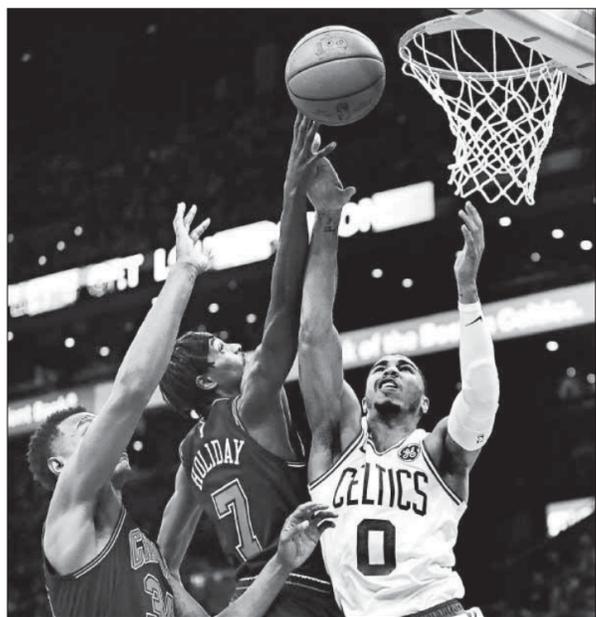
Major League Baseball is the only one of the four major sports leagues to offer an official paternity policy leave of up to three days. There's no paternity leave in the NBA's collective bargaining agreement, an issue Wade might want to add to his list of worthy causes.

For now, Wade taking the time to bond with his daughter speaks volumes.

"Our situation is different," Wade said. "The world expects moms to take time off from work. They never expect dads to be the ones who take time away. Because of the route we took to this, it's important that not only my wife but also me take this time. I was going to take the whole year. I was going to retire this summer. But I decided to just take a little time in between instead."

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BULLS



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Celtics forward Jayson Tatum tries to block a shot attempt by the Bulls' Justin Holiday as Wendell Carter Jr. looks for a rebound.

BULLS NOTES

Hair ball: Holiday sports a new look

Guard maintains good 3-point marksmanship and a braided hairstyle

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

BOSTON — Justin Holiday joked that his new, braided hairstyle is “to look as young as possible so I can stay here long.”

Another way would be to maintain his 3-point marksmanship.

Holiday sank 2-for-7 from beyond the arc Wednesday night in the 111-82 loss to the Celtics, the 12th time in 15 games he has made multiple 3-pointers. That's tied for third-most such games in the NBA.

And Holiday entered shooting 38.6 percent on 3-pointers despite attempting a career-high 7.2 per game.

“I'm doing my job,” he said. “I feel I can make more. You know me. I always want more.”

For the record, Holiday changed up his look because that's typically how he wears his hair during the summer.

“My brother (Pelicans guard Jrue) looks good with it, so I just wanted to do something different,” Holiday said.

Coach Fred Hoiberg hopes Holiday's 3-point prowess remains the same.

“He hunts his shots and does a good job of not forcing the issue,” Hoiberg said. “This year, probably more than last, he's playing off guys more. Last year was

more Justin coming off screens. With Zach (LaVine) back, he's spotting up when we're running actions for Zach.”

Core score: Celtics coach Brad Stevens has high expectations for the Bulls when they get to full strength.

“Their young core is probably underdiscussed about how good they are,” Stevens said. “Obviously, you start with LaVine. When you added Jabari and you get some of the guys who are hurt, they've done a really good job.”

Stevens also heaped praise on Wendell Carter Jr., who he said he first followed when he read that the National Honor Society member chose Duke over Harvard.

“He looks like he has a great understanding of how to play on both ends,” Stevens said. “And he has a skill set that's going to get better and better and completely transferable to the NBA.”

Layups: Hoiberg said Lauri Markkanen shot 3-pointers without pain as part of his conditioning workout. Thursday marks seven weeks since Markkanen's left elbow injury, and his timeline to return remains eight to 10 weeks.... Bobby Portis and Kris Dunn, who both have sprained MCLs, also traveled and got in weight workouts. Hoiberg said the hope is for both to do some straight-ahead running in the next few days.

Offense still sputtering

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All that said, the Bulls hired Fred Hoiberg for his creative offensive acumen, which accomplished coaches have praised and the Warriors' Steve Kerr admitting he steals plays from Hoiberg's playbook.

With the roster so short-handed and defenses loading up on Zach LaVine, Hoiberg and the Bulls currently have no answers. A dismal 111-82 loss to the Celtics and their top-ranked defense is just the latest proof.

“It's tough man. We have to find something,” LaVine said. “If I'm not getting 25 or 30 (points), it's not looking very good.”

It's the fifth time in six games the Bulls have failed to score 100 points. The scoring output marked a season-low, well below the previous of 88 points.

The Bulls attempted just one free throw until deep into the third quarter. And while LaVine voiced enough frustration over a lack of calls to draw a technical foul, this also could be attributed to the Bulls settling for way too many mid-range jumpers instead of attacking.

The Bulls also recorded just 16 assists on 33 field goals. These are signs of a stagnant offense.

“We're trying to get our movement stuff in there. But our offensive energy almost shuts down as much as our defensive energy,” Hoiberg said. “We're not getting down the floor. Or we have two guys taking the ball out-of-bounds. It's about doing your job.”

LaVine finished with 10 points on 3-for-11 shooting with four turnovers, snapping his career-best streak of 20-point games at 15. He had been the only NBA player to score at least 20 points in every game this season until Wednesday.

“I was going in there to try to

get some calls,” LaVine said. “I missed a couple of pull-ups that were in and out that I think I can make. (Mid-range jumper) is the shot they were giving up.”

“I don't allow myself to get frustrated. You're going to have some games like this. I'm doing everything I can, trying to play the right way. They were blitzing the pick-and-roll. So I was trying to find the open man and not force any shots.”

Jabari Parker scored 14 points in the first quarter — and didn't score again, adding five turnovers.

All five Celtics starters scored in double figures as the Bulls trailed by as many as 33, losing composure in the process. Even the mild-mannered Hutchison drew a technical foul in the fourth.

“A huge thing in this league is finding a way to fight through adversity and play through the tough times,” Hoiberg said. “We obviously didn't do that well.”

The Bulls actually led by eight early and 24-19 after the first before enduring a dreadful second quarter. They missed 16 of 21 shots and had almost as many turnovers with seven as points with 11, getting outscored by 21.

“When we did attack, I thought we tried to force through bodies,” Hoiberg said.

With no reinforcements coming from the injury front for awhile and the schedule toughening, Hoiberg and the Bulls need to find answers for the sputtering offense — and fast. There's currently no pace and space.

“Maybe we can move the ball, get some better shots and attack the hoop,” LaVine said. “Find a way to create. Get to the free-throw line. Get easy shots. We just have to stay aggressive.”

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BLACKHAWKS

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Getting an opportunity

Kampf sees playing time increase under new coach Colliton

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

David Kampf never played big minutes under Joel Quenneville, but his ice time had really started to dwindle during Quenneville's final days as Blackhawks coach.

The 23-year-old center from the Czech Republic played less than 11 minutes during each of Quenneville's last three games, the fewest he has played all season. Then, after Jeremy Colliton took over as coach, Kampf's minutes slowly began to rise.

They jumped to 12:02 in Colliton's first game, 13:10 in his second and he played a career-high 18:17 on Monday against the Hurri-

canes after being moved to a line with Alex DeBrincat and Dominik Kahun.

“I played last year with Jeremy in Rockford so I know his system,” Kampf said. “It's good for me.”

Kampf had an assist against the Hurricanes after forcing a turnover that led to a DeBrincat goal.

“He's so persistent (and) relentless in his puck pursuit,” Colliton said. “Great forechecker. I think he's more skilled than people give him credit for. We saw it in Rockford. He can make plays. It can be a confidence thing. He has made some plays in the last few games. He's so responsible in both ends and we think he's going to continue to develop.”

Keeping it simple: It seems every conversation about Colliton includes a testament to his great communication skills. But not every

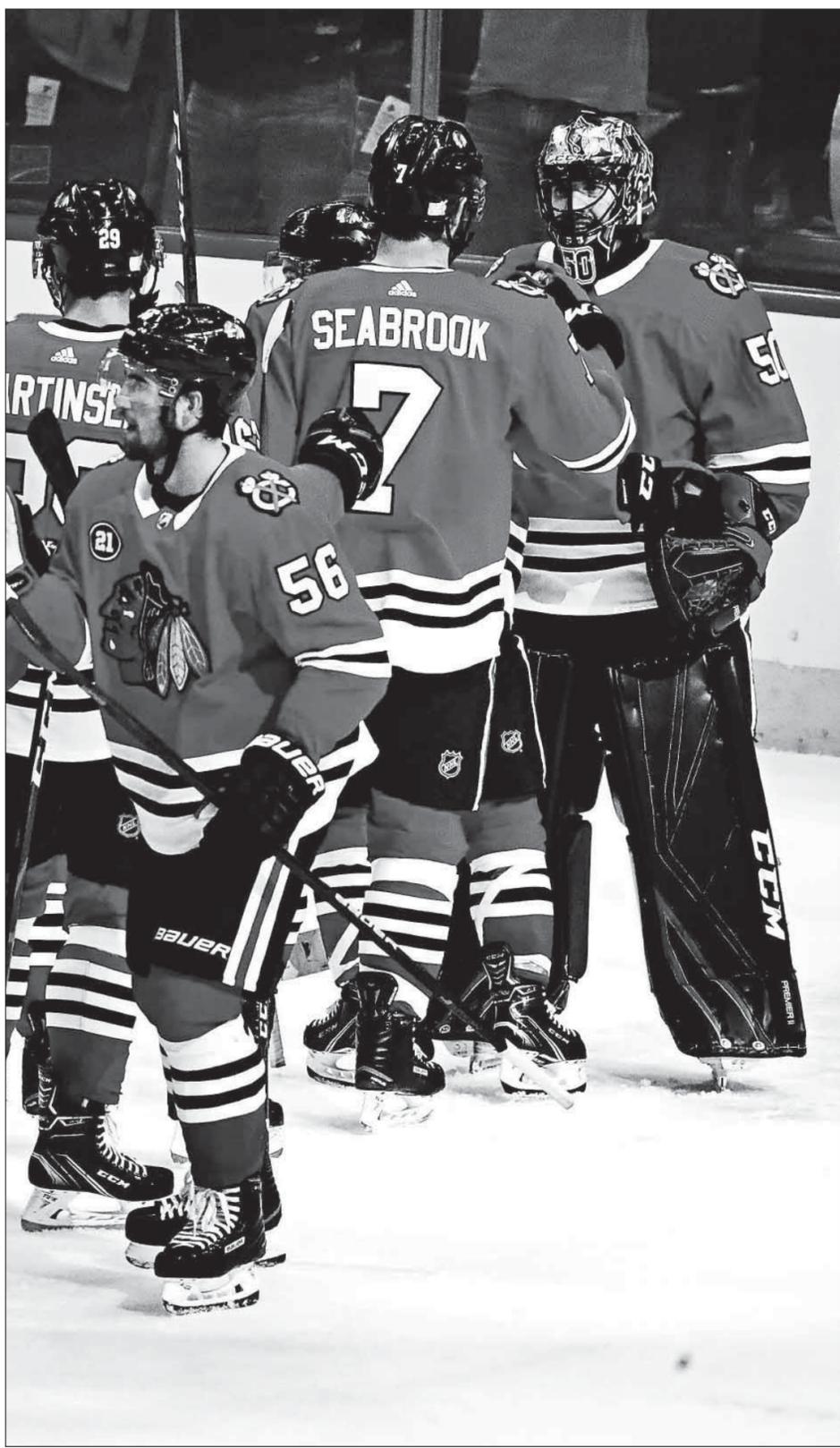
conversation requires intensity.

When he was driving home a reminder about the importance of going to the net, Colliton gave the Hawks a clear motivation.

“You just tell the guys, ‘Do you like tap-ins or no?’” Colliton said. “It's really that simple.”

900 more to go: DeBrincat already has seen two teammates — Brent Seabrook and Duncan Keith — honored for playing their 1,000th career game, and will see it again after Chris Kunitz (currently at 983) hits the mark, likely next month. DeBrincat played his 100th game Monday.

“For me 100 games feels like nothing,” DeBrincat said. “I'm sure 1,000 games feels like just yesterday they played their first game too. It's a lot of work and a long time in this league. Hope to be there one day.”



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Brent Seabrook, who scored the only goal, congratulates goalie Corey Crawford after his 24th career shutout.

Seabrook, Crawford help give Colliton his first win

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But I do appreciate the gesture, and hopefully we can get some momentum going and build on it.”

For the second straight game, the Hawks got a point. But this time, they finally got a win. Brent Seabrook's second-period power-play goal lifted the Hawks, and Corey Crawford stopped 28 shots for his 24th career shutout.

The Hawks improved to 7-8-4 to stay ahead of the last-place Blues, who dropped to 6-7-3.

“It's a good feeling,” Seabrook said. “It was nice to hear some music when (we) came in here after the game tonight.”

Neither team put on much pressure during a scoreless and penalty-free first period, but the Blues came out flying in the first two minutes of the second only to get stonewalled a couple of times by Crawford.

A few minutes later, the Hawks drew their first penalty in five

periods when Vladimir Tarasenko was called for hooking, then scored only their eighth power-play goal of the season. Blues goalie Jake Allen stopped Seabrook's initial slap shot, but the rebound was accidentally kicked in by defenseman Jay Bouwmeester.

The Hawks' John Hayden was called for hooking midway through the second, and the Blues got a chance to add to the six power-play goals they scored against the Hawks in their first three meetings. The Hawks' penalty kill was solid, though, holding the Blues to one shot on goal and more importantly keeping the puck out of the net.

“I've been so impressed with just his poise, how calm he is,” Jonathan Toews said of Colliton. “His attention to all the details in such a short notice since he's taken over. It's pretty amazing. He understands what it takes to be a leader.”

The Hawks and Blues have a long history of beating up on each other, but rivalries take on a different form when the battle is to stay out of last place. Both teams seemed comfortable waiting for the other to make a mistake in a game that saw only three minor penalties and 47 shots on goal between the teams.

“It's special,” Colliton said of his first win.

“But it goes along with the last, however, 10 days have been. We've been spending every bit of our time to try and get this thing going, and so there hasn't been time to reflect too much. It's nice to win, we'll enjoy it, but it's also back to work.”

The Hawks were finally rewarded Wednesday. The NHL-worst Kings are in town Friday. All good things to those who wait.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NORTHWESTERN

Wildcats' signees an odd couple

Their personalities may differ, but they share common goal

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

Personality-wise, Northwestern's new basketball signees are on opposite ends of the floor.

Robbie Beran is a low-key, "yes, sir" guy who doesn't even know where he ranks among the nation's top 100 recruits.

Daniel "Boo" Buie is so casual that when the Tribune requested an interview, he replied via text: "OK I'm playing fortnite so I might have to call ya back when I die."

This is going to be fun.

Let's start with Beran, a 6-foot-9 forward from Richmond, Va., who happens to be the highest-ranked recruit in Northwestern history. His 247Sports.com composite ranking comes in at No. 78 nationally, 10 spots higher than that of freshman Pete Nance. Vic Law was 89th in the Class of 2014. JerShon Cobb was top-100 on some lists but 135th in the composite. (The best of them all, John Shurna, landed at No. 185.)

Beran was viewed as mid-major material until he crushed it on the summer circuit and ended up with offers from Tennessee, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech and Wisconsin, among others.

"There was a time when no one was calling," Beran said Wednesday, when he signed his letter of intent on the first day of the early signing period. "And then you look at your phone and have 20 missed calls and 80 text messages. It was pretty hectic, to be honest."

A 4.0 student, Beran visited about 15 schools. He checked out Northwestern the weekend of the Sept. 29 football game against Michigan and bonded with NU players and coaches. Not unusual. But this is: "I fell in love with Evanston."

He enjoyed a meal at Bat 17. He can't remember which burger he had but said his dad ordered "The Chris Collins," which includes American cheese, cole slaw and mayo and is served on sourdough bread.

The actual Chris Collins, Northwestern's coach, called Beran "a long, versatile forward who brings a lot to the table. He's very athletic, very skilled, competes on

both ends of the floor, is an outstanding student-athlete and a high-character guy."

Beran said he is not comfortable bragging about himself but believes he has a high basketball IQ and "can make the right basketball decision."

"I'm working on getting more explosive," he said. "Early in my high school career, I was the skinny white kid who could shoot. Now I'm trying to get above the rim off the dribble. People don't expect me to be a shot blocker, but after I pin one, they say, 'What just happened?'"

Buie, meanwhile, was initially known in basketball circles for two things. His nicknames of "Boo" and "Boo Boo" are so ingrained, he said teachers would use one on the first day of school. His dad was called "Boo Boo," likely because of his last name, so most people shortened it to "Boo" for Daniel.

Speaking of family, Buie's half-brother is Talor Battle, who had a spectacular career at Penn State. He is the school's all-time leading scorer (2,213 points) and became the first player in Big Ten history to tally 2,000 points, 500 rebounds and 500 assists.

Battle was a somewhat under-the-radar recruit, and the 6-2 Buie at times got lost in the AAU shuffle, switching teams and being forced to change positions. He also moved from central Pennsylvania to Troy, N.Y., and now plays for Gould Academy, a boarding school in Maine.

"We already got 12 inches of snow," said Buie, whose signed letter of intent Northwestern expected to receive Thursday morning.

Buie's other offers came from schools such as Vermont, Boston University and St. Bonaventure, and his composite ranking of No. 305 suggests Big Ten basketball could be a stretch.

But supporters point out that Bryant McIntosh (No. 214 in 2014) was also initially viewed as a mid-major guard and ended up becoming one of Northwestern's all-time best.

Northwestern plans to sign 6-9 forward Jared Jones from suburban Atlanta in the spring. He's a former Auburn commitment who picked the Wildcats after also considering Wake Forest and Arkansas.

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SIGNING DAY ROUNDUP

Future looks good for DePaul

Best recruiting class in years is ranked 20th

BY SHANNON RYAN
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DePaul signed what's shaping up as its best recruiting class in years — maybe decades — when the early signing period opened Wednesday.

The group of Romeo Weems, Markese Jacobs and Oscar Lopez ranks 20th nationally in the 247Sports.com team composite and third in the Big East — with the possibility of another major addition.

Weems, a 6-foot-6 forward from Michigan, is the No. 50 prospect in the country according to the composite rankings. The four-star recruit chose DePaul in May over Michigan State after averaging 23.5 points, 10.8 rebounds and 5.3 assists as a junior.

Jacobs, a four-star point guard from Uplift, brings a local flavor to the class. The 5-11 Jacobs, a onetime Kansas commitment, is the third-ranked player in the state and the No. 8 point guard prospect in the nation.

Lopez, a three-star recruit from California, is a 6-4 shooting guard.

DePaul is still trying to get former Lincoln Park star Terrence Shannon, the state's second-ranked recruit, back into the fold.

Shannon, a 6-6 wing who is playing this season, decommitted from the Blue Demons in August but named them this month as one of his six finalists with Illinois, North Carolina, Georgetown, Florida State and Texas Tech.



WARREN SKALSKI/FOR THE TRIBUNE
Markese Jacobs of Uplift, a four-star point guard, gives a local flavor to the DePaul class.

Loyola: The Ramblers got major contributions during their Final Four season from a trio of Chicago-area players: Simeon's Donte Ingram (now departed) and then-freshmen Cameron Krutwig of Jacobs and Lucas Williamson of Young.

That run paid dividends locally with two area players among the three who signed Wednesday. Naperville North forward Tom Welch and Brother Rice point guard Marquise Kennedy are joined in the class by shooting guard Paxson Wojcik of La Lumiere School in La Porte, Ind.

The 6-8 Welch and the 6-1 Kennedy are the Nos. 5 and 6 prospects in the state according to the composite rankings. Welch also had reported offers from Mississippi and Southern Illinois, while Kennedy chose Loyola over Wichita State, Florida State and Illinois State.

"This class fits with everything we are trying to do here — recruit high-character, tough, skilled players," coach Porter Moser said in a statement. "Watching them interact with our coaches, staff and players, you could tell that all three were perfect fits for Loyola. The underlying theme with all three individuals was how much winning mattered to them."

CUBS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Construction continues Wednesday at Wrigley Field during the last major stage of the renovation project.

All Wrigley seats get new numbers

BY TIM BANNON
Chicago Tribune

When Wrigley Field opens for the 2019 season, fans will encounter yet another round of changes.

But perhaps nothing is more sweeping — and possibly more disconcerting — than the renumbering of every seat in the ballpark.

On Wednesday, the Cubs announced details of the last major stage of the renovation project, which began in 2014. The team said it expects most of the work to be complete sometime next summer.

Among the most significant renovations are new upper-deck concession areas and restrooms, three new clubs inside the park and a new bar where the former Captain Morgan Club/Draft Kings Fantasy Zone stood near Addison and Sheffield.

The change that will affect all fans, however, is the new section-row-seat numbering system.

"One of the things that we hear is that it's a little confusing to find your seat here," said Carl Rice, the Cubs vice president in charge of the ballpark's restoration and expansion. "This is going to be a major change ... a huge upgrade."

The new plan will be organized by section/row/seat, replacing the aisle/row/seat arrangement.

"Very few stadiums use the aisle method," Rice said.

Rice said the aisle/row/seat system was instituted in the 1980s when Tribune Co. bought the team, using a system borrowed from the old Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati.

Because of years of ballpark reconfigurations, the seating organization also often was jumbled.

"It was really confusing," Rice said. "If you had Aisle 4, Row 1, Seat 104 and Aisle 5, Row 1, Seat 6 and you (had tickets that) were next to each other, you would look at that and think we didn't

know what we were talking about."

Do the Cubs expect any grouching from season ticket holders?

"Like everything that we have found out about the ballpark, people are attached to various things, so there will be season ticket holders who are, I would imagine, attached to their seat numbers," Rice said. "But when they find out that it's the same seat in the same location and that nothing else has changed, they'll find the same Wrigley Field that they love."

Tickets holders can go to cubs.com/seaternumbering to get the new seating map, and also can put in their old seat numbers and get the new numbers. For example, if your seat was Aisle 523, Row 2, Seat 3, it will become Section 420R, Row 2, Seat 3.

Also of note, the upper level, which previously included sections 400 and 500, will now be designated as sections 300 and 400. The bleachers will take the 500 designation.

The upper level

Another significant change will be to the upper deck, which will be extended to include outdoor concourses with new concessions. The new left-field outdoor concourse is scheduled to be ready for the home opener April 8. The right-field concourse is expected to be ready in May.

Rice said there also will be a 60 percent increase in restroom fixtures in the upper level. The concession area under the press box and the outdoor patio directly behind that will become part of the Catalina Club, a new premium suite not available to general admission ticket holders. The club's name comes from the spring training home of the Cubs most seasons from 1921 through '51 on Santa Catalina Island in California.

Maker's Mark Barrel Room

This will be just behind the visitors dugout down the first-base line. It will accommodate approximately 250 season ticket holders and offer views of the Cubs' batting tunnels. It's scheduled to be ready for the 2019 home opener.

W Club

On the third-base side, this new club also is scheduled to be ready for the 2019 home opener and also accommodate around 250 season ticket holders and offer views of the Cubs' batting tunnels.

Visitors clubhouse

Three seasons after the home team got a new clubhouse, the counterpart on the first-base side will be renovated. It long has been considered one of the smallest in the major leagues. But Dodgers outfielder Carl Crawford told the Tribune in 2016 that every player knows what is in store for them when they come to Chicago. "We're used to it," Crawford said.

Addison and Sheffield

Previously occupied by the Captain Morgan Club and then the Draft Kings Fantasy Zone, which was torn down in October, that corner of the ballpark now will have a new indoor-outdoor bar, women's restrooms and new concession stands.

Bleacher expansion

The left-field bleachers — behind the Nuveen sign — will be extended on the western side with a new deck that has portable concessions and standing-room views of the field.

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CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
				MIN 7:20 NBC-5, AM-780			
		@MIL 8:30 WGN-9, AM-670	TOR 7 NBCSCH, AM-670				PHX 7 NBCSCH, AM-670
				LA 7:30 NBCSCH, AM-720	MIN 5 WGN-9, AM-720		@WSH 6 WGN-9, AM-720

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA							
7 p.m.	Warriors at Rockets						TNT
9:30 p.m.	Spurs at Clippers						TNT
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL							
10:30 a.m.	Ball State vs. Virginia Tech						ESPN2
10:30 a.m.	Saint Joseph's vs. Wake Forest						ESPNU
1 p.m.	Alabama vs. Northeastern						ESPNU
4 p.m.	Purdue vs. Appalachian State						ESPN2
4 p.m.	Valparaiso vs. Western Kentucky						ESPNU
6 p.m.	Syracuse vs. UConn						ESPN2
6 p.m.	Monmouth vs. West Virginia						ESPNU
6 p.m.	Ohio State at Creighton						FS1
7 p.m.	William & Mary at UIC						NBCSCH
8 p.m.	Oregon vs. Iowa						ESPN2
8 p.m.	Penn State at DePaul						FS1, WSCR-AM 670
10:30 p.m.	Texas A&M at Gonzaga						ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL							
6 p.m.	Western Illinois at Purdue						BTN
NFL							
7 p.m.	Packers at Seahawks						FOX-32, NFL Network
COLLEGE FOOTBALL							
5 p.m.	Toledo at Kent State						CBSSN
7 p.m.	Tulane at Houston						ESPN
8:30 p.m.	Florida Atlantic at North Texas						CBSSN
GOLF							
12:30 p.m.	RSM Classic						Golf Channel
7 p.m.	Australian Open						Golf Channel
2 a.m.	DP World Tour Championship (Fri.)						Golf Channel
MEN'S INTERNATIONAL SOCCER							
1:45 p.m.	England vs. United States						ESPN2
TENNIS							
8 a.m.	ATP Nitto Finals						ESPN2
COLLEGE FOOTBALL							

CFP RK.	TEAM	AP	RC	PF	PA	WEEK 12/NEXT GAME	*-A.M.
1.	Alabama	1	10-0	486	127	Sat. vs. The Citadel, 11*	
2.	Clemson	2	10-0	457	127	Sat. vs. Duke, 6	
3.	Notre Dame	3	10-0	345	187	Sat. vs. #12 Syracuse, 1:30	
4.	Michigan	4	9-1	372	129	Sat. vs. Indiana, 3	
5.	Georgia	5	9-1	370	158	Sat. vs. UMass, 3	
6.	Oklahoma	6	9-1	490	298	Sat. vs. Kansas, 6:30	
7.	LSU	10	8-2	267	167	Sat. vs. Rice, 6:30	
8.	Washington St.	8	9-1	376	221	Sat. at Oklahoma State, 9:30	
9.	West Virginia	7	8-1	368	188	Sat. at Oklahoma State, 2:30	
10.	Ohio State	9	9-1	406	220	Sat. at Maryland, 11*	
11.	UCF	11	9-0	398	191	Sat. vs. #24 Cincinnati, 7	
12.	Syracuse	12	8-2	444	276	Sat. vs. #3 Notre Dame, 1:30	
13.	Florida	15	7-3	310	221	Sat. vs. Idaho, 2:30	
14.	Penn State	24	6-4	267	230	Sat. at Rutgers, 11*	
15.	Texas	13	7-3	332	275	Sat. vs. #16 Iowa State, 7	
16.	Iowa State	18	6-3	243	184	Sat. at #15 Texas, 7	
17.	Kentucky	20	7-3	229	162	Sat. vs. Middle Tennessee State, 11*	
18.	Washington	17	7-3	266	160	Sat. vs. Oregon State, 3:30	
19.	Utah	21	7-3	305	197	Sat. at Colorado, 12:30	
20.	Boston College	22	7-3	342	244	Sat. at Florida State, 2:30	
21.	Mississippi St.	25	4-6	289	135	Sat. vs. Arkansas, 11*	
22.	Northwestern	24	6-4	236	330	Sat. at Minnesota, 11*	
23.	Utah State	14	9-1	513	219	Sat. at Colorado State, 1	
24.	Cincinnati	19	9-1	350	149	Sat. at #11 UCF, 7	
25.	Boise State	23	8-2	366	230	Fri. at New Mexico, 8	

BIG TEN STANDINGS	CONF	ALL	PF	PA	WEEK 12/NEXT GAME	*-11 A.M.
Northwestern	6-1	6-4	236	230	Sat. at Minnesota, 11*	
Wisconsin	4-3	6-4	289	210	Sat. at Purdue, 2:30	
Purdue	4-3	5-5	273	223	Sat. vs. Wisconsin, 2:30	
Iowa	3-4	6-4	284	181	Sat. at Illinois, 2:30	
Minnesota	2-5	5-5	291	296	Sat. vs. #22 Northwestern, 11*	
Illinois	2-5	4-6	296	386	Sat. vs. Michigan State, 11*	
Nebraska	2-5	3-7	292	302	Sat. vs. Michigan State, 11*	
EAST					WEEK 12/NEXT GAME	
Michigan	7-0	9-1	372	129	Sat. vs. Indiana, 3	
Ohio State	6-1	9-1	406	220	Sat. at Maryland, 11*	
Penn State	4-3	7-3	357	230	Sat. at Rutgers, 11*	
Michigan St.	4-3	6-4	217	197	Sat. at Nebraska, 11*	
Maryland	3-4	5-8	288	254	Sat. vs. #10 Ohio State, 11*	
Indiana	2-5	3-7	292	302	Sat. at Michigan State, 11*	
Rutgers	0-7	1-9	128	312	Sat. vs. #14 Penn State, 11*	

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Ohio 52, Buffalo 17	SE Louisiana at Nicholls, 5
Miami (Ohio) 13, Northern Illinois 7	Northwestern St. at Stephen F. Austin, 6
	14th Alabama at Incarnate Word, 6:30
	Tulane at Houston, 7
	FAU at North Texas, 8:30
	FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
	Memphis at SMU, 8
	Boise St. at New Mexico, 8
	E. Washington at Portland St., 9:05
	SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
	MIDWEST
	Youngstown State at Illinois St., noon
	Illinois at SE Missouri, 11*
	Indiana St. at W. Illinois, 1
	South Dakota at S. Dakota St., 2:30
	Bowling Green at Kent State, 2:30
	Texas Tech at Kansas St., 2
	S. Illinois at N. Dakota St., 2:30
	Illinois St. at Iowa, 4
	EAST
	Colgate at Army, 11*
	Fordham at Bucknell, 11*
	Duquesne at CCSU, 11*
	Villanova at Delaware, 11*
	Yale at Harvard, 11*
	Elms at Maine, 11*
	New Hampshire at Rhode Island, 11*
	Wagner at Robert Morris, 11*
	St. Francis (Pa.) at Sacred Heart, 11*
	South Florida at Temple, 11*
	Holy Cross at Georgetown, 11:30*
	Brigham at Lafayette, 11:30*
	Cornell at Columbia, noon
	Penn at Princeton, noon
	Brown at Dartmouth, 12:30
	James Madison at Towson, 1
	Stony Brook at Albany (NY), 2:30
	Tulsa at Vandy, 2:30
	SOUTH
	Arkansas at Mississippi St., 11*
	Pittsburgh at Wake Forest, 11*
	Boiler at Davidson, noon
	Samford at ETSU, noon
	St. Andrews at Hampton, noon
	Bryant at Howard, noon
	Dayton at Jackson St., noon
	Drake at Morehead St., noon
	Morgan St. at Norfolk St., noon
	MIAMI (OHIO) 13, N. ILLINOIS 7
	Miami (Ohio)
	0 3 10 0 - 13
	Illinois
	0 0 7 0 - 7
	Second quarter
	Mia: 10-30, 39, 7:32
	NIU: M. Jones 29 run (Gantz kick), 11:01
	MI: Rucker-Furlow 28 interception re- turn (Sloman kick), 7:21
	TEAM STATS
	MOH
	First downs
	16
	15
	41-94
	37-212
	Passing
	107
	157
	Comp.-att.-int
	15-24-0
	15-33-1
	Return yards
	44
	13
	10-38.4
	8-33.87
	Fumbles-lost
	1-0
	1-1
	Penalties-yards
	2-15
	9-90
	Possession time
	34:36
	25:24
	Rush: Mia, Ragland 18-40, Kyung 9-23, Thomas 2-15, Best 2-6, Ragland 7-3, Childers 0-0, Tim 3-(-3), NIU, Harbison 16-103, Chickler 13-57, Mlonnes 6-45, Nettles 2-7.
	Passing: Mia, Ragland 22-24-0, Kyung 11-15, Wesley 0-1-0-0, Childers 15-22-1-157, Mlonnes 1-3, A. Smith 1-minus 1, Hardy 1-(-1), NIU, Tears 5-7-4, D. Brown 5-19, Wesley 3-38, Harmsom 2-26.
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2018 SCHEDULE	IP	W	L	ERA		
2018 G. N. C. Y.	180.2	21-5	221	1.89		
2017 Kluber, Cle	202.2	16-6	265	2.20		
2016 Porcello, Bos	223	29	189	3.15		
NL VOTING	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
Blake Snell, TB	17	11	2	-	-	169
Justin Verlander, Hou	13	13	3	1	-	154
Corey Kluber, Cle	-	-	2	12	7	51
Chris Sale, Bos	-	-	4	8	7	59
Gerrit Cole, Hou	-	-	3	9	26	44
Trevor Bauer, Cle	-	-	1	3	13	13
Blake Treinen, Oak	-	-	1	4	13	13
Edwin Diaz, Sea	-	-	-	-	4	4
Luis Severino, NYY	-	-	-	-	1	1

2018 SCHEDULE	IP	W	L	ERA
2018 Scherzer, NY	217	10-9	269	1.70
2017 Scherzer, Was	202	10	16	2.65
2016 Scherzer, Was	228	20	7	2.84
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LATEST LINE

NBA							
pregame.com							
at Houston	off						Golden State
at Denver	12						Atlanta
at LA Clippers	5%						San Antonio
COLLEGE BASKETBALL							
Ohio State	2½						at Creighton
at Cornell	2						Delaware
at Troy	1½						Southern Miss
at Ill.-Chicago	2						William & Mary
at Penn St.	1½						at DePaul
at TCU	11						Fresno St.
at California	13						Detroit
UC Irvine	10						at Santa Clara
at Gonzaga	16						Texas
Virginia Tech	7½						Ball St.
Alabama	3						Northeastern
Purdue	13½						Appalach. St.
at Wichita St.	1						Appalach. St.
St. Joseph's	3½						Wake Forest
UCF	4						Cal St.-Fullerton
W. Kentucky	4½						Valparaiso
at Wichita St.	1						Montana
at C. Mich.	1½						Cs Bakersfield
Weber State	12						San Jose St.
Syracuse	9½						UConn
Oregon	4½						Iowa
NHL							
at NY Islanders	-136						NY Rangers
at Philadelphia	-127						New Jersey
Tampa Bay	-111						at Pittsburgh
at Columbus	-125						Florida
at Ottawa	-109						Detroit
at Minnesota	-205						Vancouver
Nashville	-139						at Arizona
at Calgary	-145						Montreal
at San Jose	-131						Toronto
COLLEGE FOOTBALL							

BEARS



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Mitch Trubisky had his best game of the season Sunday against the Lions, earning a 148.6 passer rating and doing more damage with his legs.

BEARS NOTES

That's a Tru honor

NFL salutes Trubisky as Offensive Player of the Week in NFC

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Being named NFC Offensive Player of the Week is just another peak on the roller coaster Mitch Trubisky has remained steady riding this season.

The NFL recognized the second-year quarterback Wednesday for what Nagy called his best game against the Lions. He was 23 of 30 passing for 355 yards, three touchdowns and a 148.6 rating. He also ran three times for 18 yards and a touchdown.

"You get recognized — it's cool," Trubisky said. "But people talked so bad about me last week, so why should this week be any different?"

"I expect to play well. Coach Nagy expects (me) to play well. I got better from the week before, so I'm embracing that process, just continuously getting better."

Trubisky is the first Bears player to win the honor since Jordan Howard rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries against the Vikings on Oct. 31, 2016.

It's the first time a Bears quarterback has won it since Jay Cutler threw four touchdowns in a 31-26 victory over the Eagles on Nov. 28, 2010.

UPDATED: BEARS REMAINING SCHEDULE						
Nov. 18	Nov. 22	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30
MIN 7:20 NBC-5	@DET 11:30 a.m. CBS-2	@NYG Noon FOX-32	LAR 7:20 NBC-5	GB Noon FOX-32	@SF 3:05 FOX-32	@MIN Noon FOX-32

NFL flexes Bears-Rams game to 'Sunday Night Football' slot

Prime time has come calling for the Bears — again. The NFL has flexed the Bears' Dec. 9 game against the Rams to the nationally-televised 7:20 p.m. slot. The move was announced Wednesday afternoon, four days before they are host to the Vikings in a game that also was flexed to the night slot.

The Rams and Bears account for two of the four largest TV markets in the country. Both teams are currently in first place in their respective divisions. The Rams are 9-1, tied for the best record in the NFL. The Bears (6-3) must beat the Vikings (5-3-1) to stay in first in the NFC North. And even if the Bears fall out of first, the game will have postseason implications.

The Bears-Rams game on NBC's "Sunday Night Football" replaces Steelers-Raiders. The late afternoon game on Fox is Eagles-Cowboys.

After reviewing his performance against the Lions, Trubisky believed he played so well because of his sound footwork, field vision and the conviction with which he made throws.

"I made a decision that I was just in a good mind state," Tru-

bisky said. "Just go out there and play confident. My teammates had my back, and it all came down to execution. Really, my teammates played really well. They played their tails off. That was just me out there doing my job and having fun and playing confident."

As a result of that, I had one of my better games, but all the credit goes to my teammates."

Act III: Vikings coach Mike Zimmer will be the first to coach against Trubisky three times in the NFL. And he said he sees "tons" of growth in the 13 months since Trubisky made his NFL debut against the Vikings in a 20-17 Monday night defeat at Soldier Field.

"He's better at everything, honestly," Zimmer said in a teleconference. "His scrambling ability — we knew he was a good scrambler last year, but some of the runs he has made this year have been unbelievable. He has thrown some outstanding balls on some of these shots they have thrown."

"The other thing he has done really well this year is he has had some free runners on him, and it looks like they're saying, 'You have to get the ball out and get it to this guy,' and he has done a good job with that as well."

Injury report: Tight end Dion Sims (concussion) did not practice Wednesday. Everyone else on the 53-man roster fully participated. Tight end Adam Shaheen (right foot/ankle) also participated. If the Bears decide to activate him from injured reserve to play against the Vikings, they would have to make a corresponding roster move by Saturday.

NFL NOTES

Marshall has some 'catching up' to do

Associated Press

Brandon Marshall takes nothing for granted when discussing his opportunity to join the Saints' seemingly inevitable march to the postseason.

"Let's not jump ahead. I've got a lot of learning to do and a lot of catching up," Marshall said Wednesday after his first practice with the team. "I've been at the top, and I'm on the bottom right now."

By bottom, the 34-year-old Marshall means getting cut repeatedly in the last couple of seasons, most recently by the Seahawks.

Even after he worked out for the Saints (8-1) last week, Marshall wasn't their top choice. They went instead with Dez Bryant but lost the former Cowboys star to a season-ending Achilles injury in his second practice.

"When you're on the other side of 30 and you don't produce, this is the situation you'll find yourself in," Marshall said. "Being cut two times in a year is interesting. It built a lot of character."

Bosa on field: Chargers defensive end Joey Bosa practiced for the first time in two months as he tries to come back from a foot injury.

Bosa did individual drills during the portion of practice open to reporters. Coach Anthony Lynn said he is trying to slowly work Bosa back in but acknowledged there's a possibility he could play Sunday against the Broncos, depending on how well the third-year lineman does in practice.

Bosa first injured his foot during training camp, which caused him to miss the pre-season. He reinjured it during practice Sept. 5.

Extra points: The NFL moved the Chargers at Steelers game Dec. 2 to prime time, replacing the 49ers at Seahawks matchup, which moves to 3:25 p.m. ... The Lions put guard T.J. Lang on injured reserve with a neck injury. They also signed CB Mike Ford to the active roster from the practice squad. ... The Cardinals signed CBs David Amerson and Leonard Johnson a day after the team placed RG Justin Pugh on injured reserve with a knee injury and released S Eddie Pleasant. ... Falcons LB Deion Jones was moved to the active roster and is eligible to play for the first time since breaking his right foot in Week 1. Coach Dan Quinn said the team will see how he looks in practice before deciding if Jones suits up Sunday.

SAM FARMER'S THURSDAY NIGHT PICK

Packers (4-4-1) at Seahawks (4-5)
7:20 p.m. | FOX-32 | NFL Net.
Seahawks by 2½ (OU 49)
The Packers offense is playing well, especially the way they have incorporated running back Aaron Jones. The Seahawks offense has been better, but it won't be enough.
Packers 30, Seahawks 27

Extra work can help Parkey better gauge conditions

Bears, from Page 1

The temperature is expected to be in the 20s Wednesday night, and it will be there again by the start of Sunday's game. The wild card, of course, is wind.

"We're going to always do whatever we need to do to make things as good as possible for any player on this team, whatever that is," coach Matt Nagy said. "If that's catching extra passes after practice with the Jugs machine or him going down to Soldier Field and those guys practicing, we'll do that. It's important to try to make the element of the game as real as possible."

Special teams coordinator Chris Tabor is scheduled to meet with media Thursday and should be able to give an update.

The Bears have not had a kicker practice at Soldier Field in season since the early days of Robbie Gould's career. Nagy opted to go for a two-point conversion in the victory over the Lions after Parkey missed his fourth kick and admit-

ted that a kicker's struggles can affect play-calling and decisions.

Parkey, who is 13-for-18 this season, has been the butt of jokes since Sunday's outing. Jimmy Fallon made reference to his struggles on "The Tonight Show" on NBC.

Asked about Fallon mentioning him, Parkey said: "I couldn't care less."

"This is my fifth season doing this — I've had highs, I've had lows," he said. "So, unfortunately, it comes with the territory sometimes. I don't get down on myself. I know I'm a great kicker. I'm just going to go out there Sunday and try my best."

With first place in the division at stake Sunday night, Parkey was careful not to play the game as an opportunity for redemption, simply calling it the next opportunity to make kicks.

He re-centered his psyche after the Lions game with the help of his wife and their dog, Marlin.

"They don't really care if I make field goals or not, so I find peace in

that," Parkey said. "I talk to my family, stuff like that. But I don't beat myself up. I don't go on social media. I don't do any of that. I couldn't care less about what anyone thinks of me other than people in this locker room."

Parkey has kicked at night at Soldier Field only once, in the preseason finale against the Bills when he connected on field goals from 47 and 23 yards and missed a third kick from 39 yards that hit the right upright.

The Bears have professed faith in Parkey, who signed a four-year, \$15 million contract in March that included \$9 million guaranteed, and the club has not brought in any free agents for tryouts this week.

It's much easier for some teams to have their kicker work in a home stadium if desired because some clubs' headquarters are located at or near the stadium. With Halas Hall in Lake Forest, a 35-mile drive to Soldier Field, it's a logistical challenge to work regularly at the stadium but one the Bears think is necessary to

tackle this week.

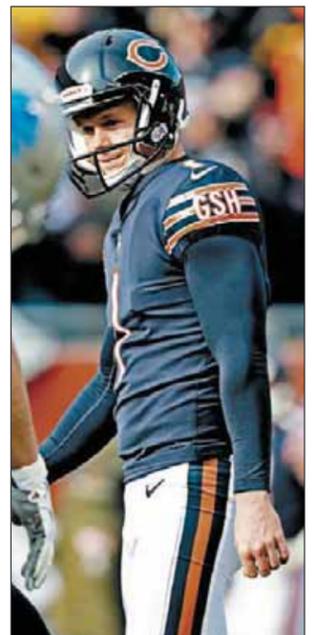
"Unfortunately," Parkey said, "we don't have a helicopter, I don't think."

By having Parkey kick at Soldier Field at night, Tabor is able to participate in practice with the rest of the team Wednesday afternoon and not miss any preparation for the Vikings.

Soldier Field is one of the more difficult NFL stadiums to kick in, especially in the second half of the season, and the wind can make kicks to the north and south end zones play much differently. Parkey is 8-for-10 on field goals and a perfect 12-for-12 on extra points in road games. He's 5-for-8 on field goals and 8-for-10 on extra points at Soldier Field.

The Bears are 31st in the NFL in field-goal percentage at 74.6 since releasing Gould just before the start of the 2016 season.

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Bears kicker Cody Parkey missed four kicks against the Lions at Soldier Field on Sunday.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Madison Square Garden remains vital to Syracuse

BY MIKE WATERS
Syracuse Media Group

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Allen Griffin grew up in Brooklyn. As a kid, Griffin watched as Pearl Washington, another Brooklyn native, returned to New York as the point guard for the Syracuse basketball team.

Washington dazzled the Garden crowds and turned the World's Most Famous Arena into Syracuse's home court.

Griffin wound up going to Syracuse and played at Madison Square Garden 14 times over the course of his college career. This Thursday, Griffin, now an assistant at Syracuse, will be back at the Garden as the 15th-ranked Orange takes on former Big East rival Connecticut in the 2K Empire Sports Classic.

It will mark the 37th consecutive season that Syracuse will play at Madison Square Garden.

"It's part of Syracuse University's basketball identity," Griffin said of the Garden. "When you think about Syracuse, obviously, you think about the Carrier Dome and 30,000 fans, but the next thing that comes to your mind is the Garden. As a kid from Brooklyn, I always wanted to play for Syracuse and play at the Garden."

Leo Rautins was a senior when Syracuse played in the first Big East Tournament held at the Garden in 1983.

"Quite honestly, whenever we played there, I felt like it was our second home," Rautins said. "Syracuse, for all intents and purposes, has been New York's team since then and still is. Syracuse grads are everywhere. To me, there's no difference between playing at the Dome and at the Garden."

Syracuse assistant coach Adrian Autry grew up in Harlem and attended St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School in the Bronx. He played at the Garden in high school, going up against Cardinal Hayes High School and its star forward Jamal Mashburn.

"I know the historical significance of Madison Square Garden," Autry said. "I'm a New York guy. I'm a Knicks fan. I grew up with Syracuse playing at the Garden. There's a lot of history there."

The Garden is a major part of Syracuse's basketball history and vice versa.

Syracuse played its first game at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 1, 1939 against Manhattan. This was at the old Garden, which was located on Eighth Avenue between 49th and 50th streets. Syracuse, which featured the legendary Wilmet Sidat-Singh, won the game 42-31.

Over the course of the last 80 years, Syracuse's history at Madison Square Garden includes the school's first-ever National Invitation Tournament appearance, the first NCAA tournament appearance and the first Big East tournament held in New York City.

Jim Boeheim, Syracuse's Hall of Fame coach, played at the Garden. As a sophomore, Boeheim was on the Syracuse team that lost to New York University 77-68 in the 1964 NIT. Prior to the Big East, in addition to Boeheim, Syracuse legends such as Billy Gabor, Vince Cohen, Dave Bing, Dennis DuVal, Jim Lee, Rudy Hackett, Louis Orr and Roosevelt Bouie all played at the Garden.

Syracuse has played in some of the arena's most memorable games, too. There was the brawl with Georgetown in the 1984 Big East tournament. Pearl Washington's wizardry in the 1986 Big East tourney. Gerry McNamara's miraculous run to the 2006 Big East title. And, of course, the 6-overtime marathon win over Connecticut in the quarterfinals of the 2009 tournament.

Syracuse left the Big East Conference after the 2012-13 season, but school officials have worked to maintain a presence at the Garden.

In its first year as a member of the ACC, Syracuse played St. John's at the Garden. The following year, Syracuse participated in the 2K Classic. Then came another game against St. John's. In each of the last two years, Syracuse has met UConn at the Garden.

"It's the mecca of basketball so, Number 1 you want to be there," Syracuse athletic director John Wildhack said. "If you're playing in the Garden, then there's a stature and you've achieved some-



JIM MCISAAC/GETTY

Mascot Otto the Orange celebrates a victory at Madison Square Garden, where Syracuse has played at least one game for 37 straight years.

thing in your program. It's been our home away from home since the Big East Tournament moved there. With our alumni base in the area, it's only natural we want to play in the Garden and metropolitan area."

A look in the stands provides an idea of how important the Garden is to Syracuse.

Former SU players like Derrick Coleman, John Wallace and Rafael Addison are regulars at Syracuse's games in the city. High-rollers and celebrities like Mike Tirico and Brandon Steiner get seats behind the Orange's bench.

And in the stands are younger faces like that of Jalen Carey, the current SU freshman guard who attended the Orange's game against Connecticut last year at the Garden.

"Just seeing the atmosphere

and seeing the crowd and seeing the intensity of the game, I just can't wait in an atmosphere like that," Carey, who attended high school in New Jersey, but grew up in Harlem, said.

Players, coaches and fans all refer to the Garden's mystique.

It starts with the famous marquee on 7th Avenue. Inside, the building's hallways are lined with photographs of the icons who have played there. From Muhammad Ali to Billy Joel.

"You walk the corridors and you've got pictures of all these artists, actors, former players," Rautins said. "You feel the importance of it."

And then there is the famous Garden elevator. A massive lift with manually-operated doors that carries entire teams from the entrance on the ground floor up to

the locker room level.

"It's the elevator that gets you," Griffin said. "When you get there, they tell you that it's the same elevator that they put the elephants on when the circus comes to town. It doesn't leave until everybody in your traveling party is on the elevator."

"It starts going up," Griffin said, "and your energy level starts going up with it."

Inside the arena itself, the fans sit in darkness while the lights illuminate the court.

"It always felt like you were playing on a stage," Rautins said. "I loved it."

On the Garden's concourse level, there is a glass case with paraphernalia from the 2009 Big East tournament's six-overtime game. Andy Rautins' uniform from that game is part of the

display. Rautins said he regularly receives pictures of it from friends and fans.

Autry and Griffin both said it's vital for Syracuse to continue to play games at Madison Square Garden.

"It's extremely important," Autry said. "New York is our home state. It's our backyard. We recruit that area. It's our home away from home."

It's uncertain if Syracuse will play at Madison Square Garden next season, but Wildhack said he would like to see the Orange in New York, if not the Garden itself, every year.

"I don't know if you can be there yearly, but if we're not there, we want to be somewhere like Barclays," Wildhack said, referring to the Brooklyn Nets' arena. "We want to be in New York."

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Harbaugh's stubbornness now leading to creativity

BY NICK BAUMGARDNER
Detroit Free Press

Shortly after this season began, when Michigan football's offense looked cautious at best in a seven-point road loss to Notre Dame, there were flashbacks to last season.

The offensive line looked shaky. The receivers didn't exactly look sure of themselves. There was a new quarterback, but he didn't have much time.

My inbox was flooded with questions about why little had changed from what Michigan put together offensively a year ago.

My answers were simple: Jim Harbaugh's roster was set, there were obstacles to overcome and Michigan's head coach — entering a critical fourth season — had to turn any lemons into something drinkable.

"Where are we at?" Harbaugh said shortly after the opener. "We're at the beginning."

Harbaugh has gone from "drinkable" to full-on lemonade with this offense and he has done it his way. A blend of stubbornness, creativity and self-examination has allowed him to keep the foundation of everything he believes about offensive football while morphing into a more modern approach that has set up sustainability.

The stubbornness comes from his refusal to move away from the identity of establishing an offense carried by a punishing ground game. Harbaugh has always received attention for his work with quarterbacks, but those who have followed his career closely know his teams start with the ground game.

On Monday, Harbaugh declared former San Francisco 49ers tailback Frank Gore — the current scion grandfather of all downhill, forward-falling running backs in the NFL — his favorite player ever. This came shortly after he was asked about his refusal to shift away from power football as a coach.

During his first spring here, Harbaugh remarked that the run game is "the thing that always takes the most time" to establish.

But, in his mind, it's not an option. It's necessary.

"It costs what it costs," he has said, in terms of time, effort and, ultimately, change. And for Harbaugh, this is where stubbornness met creativity.

And an offense that looked outdated became the perfect complement to his punishing defense.

It started with the decision to move on from a two-man offensive line coaching battery of Tim Drevno and Greg Frey. Harbaugh hired Ed Warinner as an analyst this winter. And the process of inserting him as his new run game coordinator was, apart from landing quarterback Shea Patterson, the most important thing he did all offseason.

Warinner is one of the best offensive line coaches in football based on his resume of developing NFL talent and rushing production. But he's not from the Harbaugh school of football. He's not a gap-scheme coach, which was Harbaugh's standard as a up-and-coming coach in the late 2000s. Harbaugh's offense ran power and counter over and over again, until defenses submitted.

Warinner is a zone-scheme coach. His teams have made a living attacking the edge, running zone-read with quarterbacks. His offensive lines were as fast as Harbaugh's groups were powerful.

So, at some point along the way, creativity kicked in. And all the stuff from Harbaugh's world morphed into a modern version of itself.

"It's really come together," Harbaugh said Monday. "The obvious reason for why it would take longer than some other things is that there's five guys who are really working together. Trio blocks, double teams.

"There's fullbacks involved, tight ends involved. Getting that all orchestrated can take some time."

Michigan still runs triple tight end sets and 22 personnel (two RBs, two TEs). Backs still carry the ball nearly 43 times per game. The Wolverines move at a deliberate pace and time of possession matters.

But it's different.



TONY DING/AP

Quarterback Shea Patterson is one of the key differences in a Wolverines offense that has become coach Jim Harbaugh's best at Michigan.

Michigan can run zone-read with leading rusher Karan Higdon — a Gore-type back — or 254-pound fullback Ben Mason. Power and counter has given way to split-zone and outside zone. Run-pass option is in the mix. Patterson, one of the most efficient quarterbacks Harbaugh has coached, can run, too.

Two weeks ago, Michigan hit a 47-yard pass play from a formation that featured three tight ends, one of whom ran a wheel route, and a halfback. On Saturday, the Wolverines ran a jet sweep out of triple tight ends with a fullback,

and rushed for a first down.

This offense is powerful and productive and versatile and, at times, weird.

It's completely Harbaugh. And it's working.

"We didn't have as much success as we wanted the first game against Notre Dame," sophomore receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones said. "After that, it sparked a couple new things."

Michigan has flipped everything this season.

A year ago, the receivers produced two total touchdowns. Now, five different receivers have

combined to catch 15 TDs. Michigan is averaging 215.4 rushing yards per game on 5.02 yards per carry, both the best of the Harbaugh era. The Wolverines have turned the ball over just seven times, tied for third-best nationally and far less than the 21 giveaways committed a year ago. Patterson's efficiency has been critical and Warinner's impact is key.

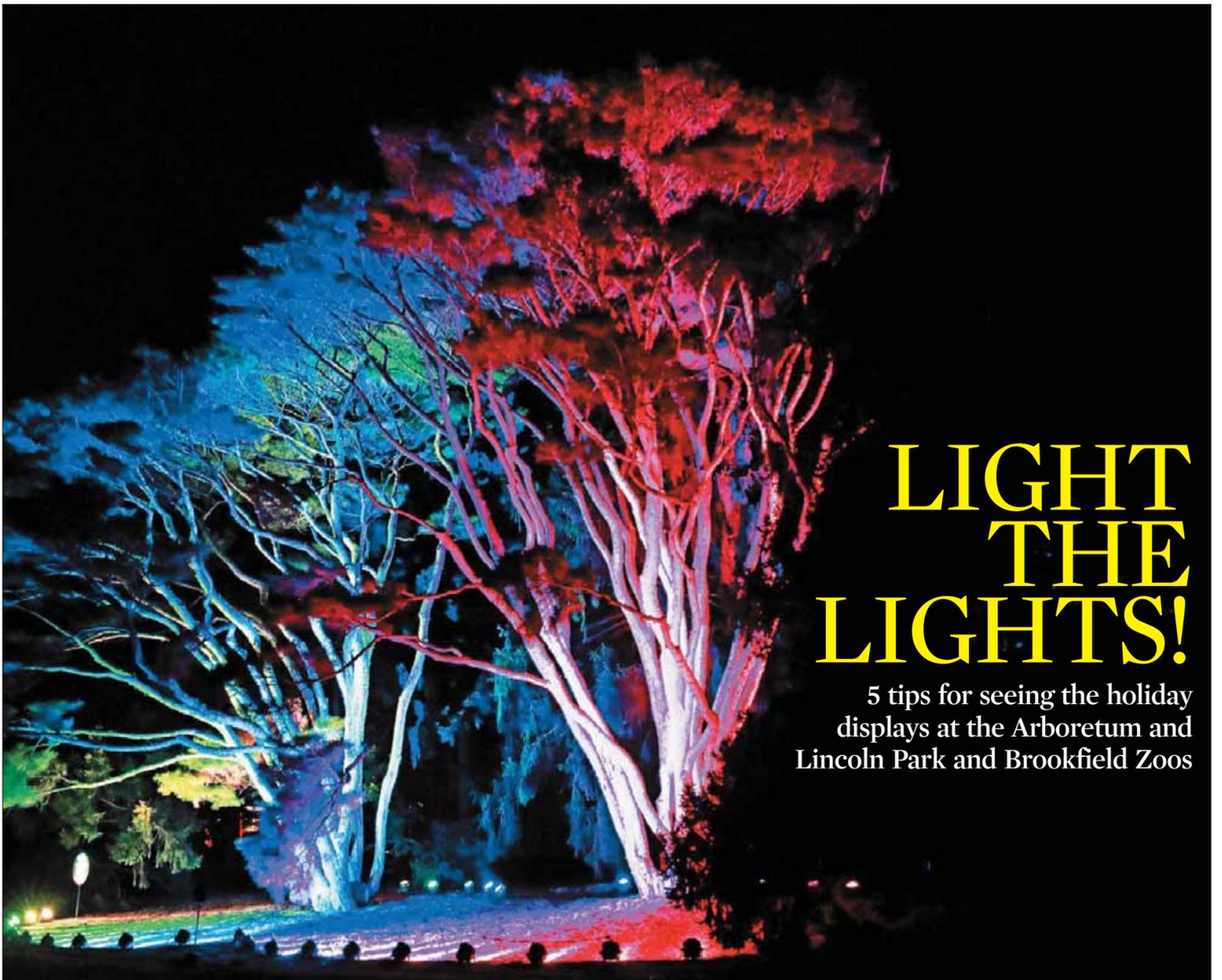
But there's much more at play. Peoples-Jones looks like a different player on the outside, one of the most improved guys on the team. So does Nico Collins. The

tight ends have improved. The running backs are protecting the quarterback now. Michigan has allowed the third-fewest sacks (15) of any Big Ten team, one year after finishing second-to-last.

It has been Harbaugh football with the exact right amount of modern twist. And it has opened up the playbook.

Which is why, with two games to go, Michigan is firmly in the Big Ten title chase and College Football Playoff picture.

Harbaugh made lemonade. And Michigan can't get enough of it.



LIGHT THE LIGHTS!

5 tips for seeing the holiday displays at the Arboretum and Lincoln Park and Brookfield Zoos

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Tanyosho Pines, part of the Illumination Tree Lights at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, debuts Friday with a concurrent beer fest.

BY STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

At Morton Arboretum, home of the first big holiday lights display to hit the “on” switch this year, the lights on the water will react to the wind, the lights on a hillside will do the “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy,” and the laser projector will turn an evergreen grove into a decorated Christmas tree.

Morton’s annual “Illumination,” which debuts Friday with a concurrent beer fest, is the most creative of the area’s big outdoor holiday celebrations. It offers up to a mile-long walk amid trees bathed in light rather than wrapped in strings of lights.

Music plays. Switches and buttons and, in one set piece, hugging tree trunks let visitors manipulate light colors themselves. Strategically placed fire pits serve up perhaps the most hypnotic light of all.

“We think of ‘Illumination’ in many ways as a bit like a gallery, a bit like a



Crown of Light, by HYBYCOZO, short for Hyperspace Bypass Construction Zone, is a series of large scale polyhedral installations and artworks that investigate geometry through light, shadow, and perception.

museum experience,” said John Featherstone, the lighting designer and creative director. “So this year we’ve kind of re-curated it and taken a lot of family favorites and rearranged them.”

But while Morton may be first out of the gate (and offer many more nights in operation), the long-running lights

festivals at Lincoln Park Zoo and Brookfield Zoo, bowing next Friday and Dec. 1, respectively, also have dedicated fans who seize on the excuse to bundle up and marvel at lights they didn’t have to unravel and drape over branches or onto house fronts themselves.

For the institutions, of course, the

events are a creative way to get people through the gates during weather that is not normally conducive to outdoor attractions. Here are five things to know about the Chicago area’s outdoor year-end candlepower demonstrations:

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IN PERFORMANCE ‘The Last Session’ ★★★

A moving testament to AIDS crisis, steeped in gospel music

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

“The Last Session” — which I doubt you have seen staged before — is surely the only gospel-infused musical that deals with the AIDS crisis that plagued America in the waning years of the 20th century.

As such, it is as moving a time capsule as you are ever likely to see. And it has a remarkable genesis.

The music and lyrics were penned around 1997 as a form of self-driven musical therapy by a composer named Steve Schalchlin, who was himself diagnosed with AIDS. Schalchlin was, in fact, virtually on his death bed when he won a lottery to join a trial for a then-experimental drug that would keep him alive.

The premise of the show, which features a book by Jim Brochu, is that a gay songwriter with AIDS has decided to kill himself, desiring to take control of his own death following a fatal diagnosis. But before Gideon (Erik Pearson) does so, he de-



ROB RIDDLE PHOTO

Darilyn Burtley as Tryshia, Liz Bollar as Vicki and Ryan Armstrong as Buddy in “The Last Session” by Refuge Theatre Project.

cedes to gather his songwriting friends (including his ex-wife), to record one last album before he goes. The guy who owns the recording studio, Jim (Benjamin Baylon) knows of the plan, and hates it, but Gideon doesn’t tell his singing friends of his decision, at least not at first. His intent is that this last album will pay tribute to his loving partner;

AIDS having taken a terrible toll on lovers and caregivers, indeed on anyone and everyone who found themselves going to too many funerals.

Schalchlin’s partner, not incidentally, was Brochu.

The album these friends (played by Ryan Armstrong,

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Hugh Jackman plays Gary Hart in “The Front Runner.”

How one scandal made private lives fair game

BY PAUL FARHI
 The Washington Post

Something changed for good, and perhaps for very bad, in a single day in May 1987, director Jason Reitman says.

Gary Hart, then the leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination for 1988, was confronted in an alley behind his Washington, D.C., townhouse by reporters from the Miami Herald. A day earlier, the Herald team, acting on an

anonymous tip, had tracked a young woman to Washington, where they spotted her entering the former Colorado senator’s home. They didn’t see her leave that night.

Chaos ensued, briefly. The Herald’s story (“Miami Woman Is Linked to Hart”) touched off a media conflagration. Within hours of the story’s publication, the news bubbled with stories about the presumed

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Jeff Tweedy of Wilco penned a memoir titled "Let's Go (So We Can Get Back)." It debuted on Tuesday.

Wilco's Tweedy pens revealing memoir

Jeff Tweedy has never been a fan of the rock star memoir. He admits he's not well-versed in the genre. "They never appealed to me for some reason — I don't know why," he says. "I'm sure there are a lot of things I could learn from reading other people's biographies. I just don't have the interest or patience."

But the Wilco frontman managed to muster up enough interest and patience to write his own. His "Let's Go (So We Can Get Back): A Memoir of Recording and Discarding With Wilco, Etc." is out now.

"It's a pretty low-stakes genre, writing a rock 'n' roll memoir."

"Let's Go (So We Can Get Back)" is the first official memoir by the 51-year-old Tweedy. He was part of the seminal alt-country band Uncle Tupelo and now is with Grammy-winning Wilco, an alt-rock band based in Chicago, where he lives.

The memoir is a deep dive into Tweedy's story, with apparently nothing off-limits. He writes of the rise and fall of Uncle Tupelo, tales of Uncle Tupelo's Jay Farrar and Wilco's Jay Bennett, and his own struggles with addiction and depression.

Tweedy had to ask himself whether it was even time for him to write a memoir.

"I'm just getting started," he says. "I feel like there's always a sense when somebody writes a memoir, they're nearing the end of their career."

In the end, Tweedy hopes his memoir leaves readers with the feeling that "somebody sat down with them, and we had a conversation that was honest and natural."

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFF

Aerosmith's Perry 'doing well': Joe Perry is feeling the love from fans after he was hospitalized with breathing problems that began after a guest performance with Billy Joel in New York. The Aerosmith guitarist on Tuesday tweeted: "Doing well, thanks for the love and support." Perry's publicists said Sunday the 68-year-old felt short of breath after the performance at Madison Square Garden. He's expected to return to the road this month.

New music competition coming to Netflix: Step aside, "The Voice" and "American Idol." There's a new music competition heading to Hollywood (and your favorite streaming device). Hip-hop stars Cardi B, Chance the Rapper and T.I. have signed on to judge Netflix's forthcoming series "Rhythm + Flow." "Rhythm + Flow" will unfold over 10 hour-long episodes and will begin streaming in fall 2019. But first, producers will hold a multicity talent search in the judges' hometowns of Atlanta, Chicago and New York.

Cornell celebration set: The late Chris Cornell will be honored with a tribute concert in Los Angeles on Jan. 16 featuring members of his former bands along with Metallica and the Foo Fighters and will hosted by Jimmy Kimmel. Cornell died in May 2017 at age 52. His death was ruled a suicide.

Nov. 15 birthdays: Actor Ed Asner is 89. Actor Sam Waterston is 78. Actress Beverly D'Angelo is 67. News correspondent John Roberts is 62. Actress Shailene Woodley is 27.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Some people can't take breakup hints

Dear Amy: A few months ago, I started casually dating "Robert." We met online.

Robert told me from the beginning that he had a very strict diet, didn't drink alcohol and paid close attention to ingredients in products he used. I thought he was just an extremely healthy guy.

He recently told me he has a degenerative disease, which will cause issues with his motor functions, speech and vision. He thinks he has three or four years left of being able to fully care for himself before he can't do things like drive, or even walk.

His condition is genetic, and he'd likely pass it down to any children he may have.

Robert is a sweet guy with a big heart, but we've only dated for about four months, and I don't know if I want to sign up for years of being someone's caregiver.

I'm only 31, and I want to experience everything life has in store for me, including children.

I decided to end it with Robert. I started to pull back and tried to make it obvious that I was losing interest. He apparently didn't notice the signs, so I told him that I felt it was better if we just remained friends.

Amy, it's like he didn't even register what I said! He stills calls and texts daily, talks about how much he likes me, and about going on vacation together and meeting his family. I don't feel right ghosting him, so I respond to him, but I try not to make plans with him.

I really think he's looking for someone to take

care of him. I don't want to hurt him or be cruel, but how do I make a clean break?

— *Unsure*

Dear Unsure: From your reporting, "Robert" has been candid and upfront with you. He has actually said the words — out loud — that give you a pretty complete understanding of who he is and what he is dealing with.

You have every right to break up with him — and I agree with you that you should. You obviously have no intention of staying with him, so don't you think he deserves to hear the truth from you?

Hinting, pulling back, avoiding, saying, "Hey, let's remain friends" isn't working with him. When you say, "Let's remain friends," he believes you are being honest (you are not), and he thinks, "Great! We're friends now, and so yes, let's remain friends!" Stop wasting his time.

Tell him, "I'm breaking up with you. I appreciate your honesty, but I find your health challenges overwhelming. You are a great guy, and I hope you will find the right person to be with, but I'm not that person."

Dear Amy: My dad's wife (not my stepmother), whom he married when I was in my 20s, has always hated me.

I figured her animosity toward me is because I am a reminder to her that he had a life before her. She is also only 10 years older than I am.

Her latest attempt to mess up my life is to try and seduce my boyfriend. What should I do? We all

live together and both of them work from home.

— *Sick and Tired*

Dear Sick and Tired: Move out.

Your father is an adult; he has made a choice that seems hostile toward you, because he has brought a disrupter into your life (and into his household). But guess what? It's his life, and (I'm assuming) his house.

You are at least well into your 20s. The beauty of adulthood is that, just as your father has done, you can change your life by making concrete choices about where (and with whom) you will live.

Move out.

Dear Amy: "Me Too!" wanted to reply to a "happy birthday" email she received from a doctor — a man who sexually abused her years ago when she was a teenager. Thank you for giving her the words to say in her reply to him.

This line especially stood out: "Mainly, I want you to know that even though you victimized me at a young age, your sexually aggressive and criminal behavior toward me does not define me, but for me it will always define you."

Wow!
— *Grateful*

Dear Grateful: I come from a long line of pithy note-writers, with a special shout-out here to my late mother, Jane, who was a one-liner wrecking ball.

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Matteson singer gets another save from Hudson on 'The Voice'

By TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Matteson singer Melinda "SandyRedd" Bussie has extended her time on "The Voice," thanks to another save by her coach, Chicago native Jennifer Hudson.

Bussie delivered a soulful performance of Mary J. Blige's "No More Drama" Monday for "The Voice" live playoffs. Though she did not earn enough votes from the viewers, Hudson saved her from elimination Tuesday.

Bussie, 36, was one of 24 singers to perform Monday for votes. Twelve of these singers moved on to the next round of live shows.

The top two vote-getters on each of the four teams automatically advanced, and each coach selected one of their remaining singers to complete their



TYLER GOLDEN/NBC

Matteson singer Melinda "SandyRedd" Bussie.

roster. A 13th singer also advanced via the separate "comeback stage" contest.

The Markham-raised Bussie has been lauded as one of the best singers in the NBC competition, but it has been a bumpy road. She was initially on Kelly Clarkson's team, but she lost a battle with a fellow teammate, and Hudson

stole her for her team. Hudson saved her from elimination after she was defeated in the knockout round.

Bussie, who has two sons, has coached volleyball at Southland College Prep High School in Rich-ton Park and Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center in Ford Heights. Southland College Prep hosted a watch party for Monday's episode. Matteson Village President Sheila Chalmers-Currin presented Bussie with a key to the village at a send-off party earlier this month.

Season 15 of "The Voice" airs at 7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. The winner of the competition is slated to receive a recording contract.

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Tanyosho Pines at Morton Arboretum

Lights

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1 The zoo experiences like to brag about numbers: Brookfield's "Holiday Magic" is in its 37th year and covers the zoo grounds in "more than one million LED lights." Lincoln Park Zoo's "ZooLights" is in its 24th year and serves up "more than 2.5 million lights and hundreds of dynamic displays." Morton's "Illumination" is in its sixth year and does not offer a bulb tally.

2 For a lights fest on a budget, "ZooLights" is the way to go: In keeping with Lincoln Park's open-entry ethos, you can attend the event without opening your wallet. Indeed, the zoo's news release about the event says "free" in all caps and boldface no less than four times. Brookfield charges \$21.95 for adults, while Morton will set you back \$23 on weekends, \$18 on weekdays.

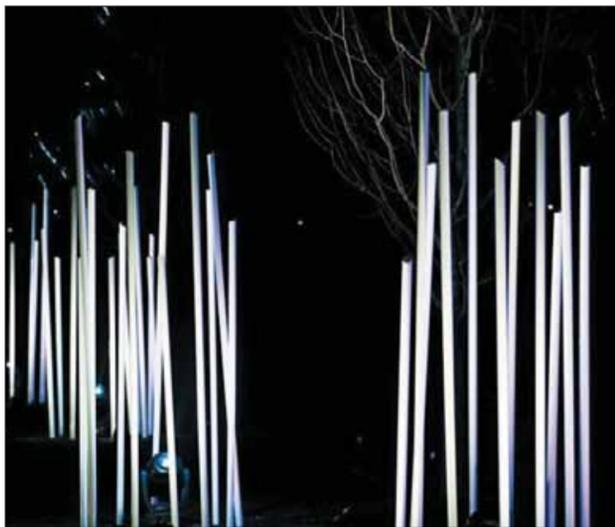
3 Now everybody is doing beer, though, ironically, it will be hard to find a light beer: For the fifth year in a row, LPZ is merging a craft beer fest with its lights display in the event BrewLights (Dec. 6); there is a \$40 charge. And this year Morton and Brookfield both add similar events. Morton kicks off "Illumination" Friday evening with the "IllumiBrew" craft beer fest, for a \$50 fee. And Brookfield, too, is starting its lights fest with a beer event, the first ever "Lights and Lagers," Nov. 30 for \$45.

4 Because "More of the same" is not a compelling headline, every venue has something new to offer this year: At Morton, beyond the beerfest, the "Illumination" pathway goes in a different direction, through a new woodland area that bathes visitors in light, too. The big musical set piece is now four different versions of the "Sugar Plum Fairy" song from "The Nutcracker," and a set of illuminated sculptures from a San Francisco collaborative function "like a visiting artist gallery," Featherstone said.

At Lincoln Park, there's a new Breakfast with Santa event at Cafe Brauer (Dec. 16), and a new "Zoo Year's Eve" adults-only ticketed event on Dec. 31. Other ticketed events during the run of "ZooLights" include an adults night out (Nov. 29), a holiday market (Nov. 27), and a musical tribute to "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (Dec. 9).

Brookfield, in addition to the brew event, already has its new outdoor skating rink accepting would-be Johnny Weirs. Also added is a two-mile Reindeer Run (Nov. 24).

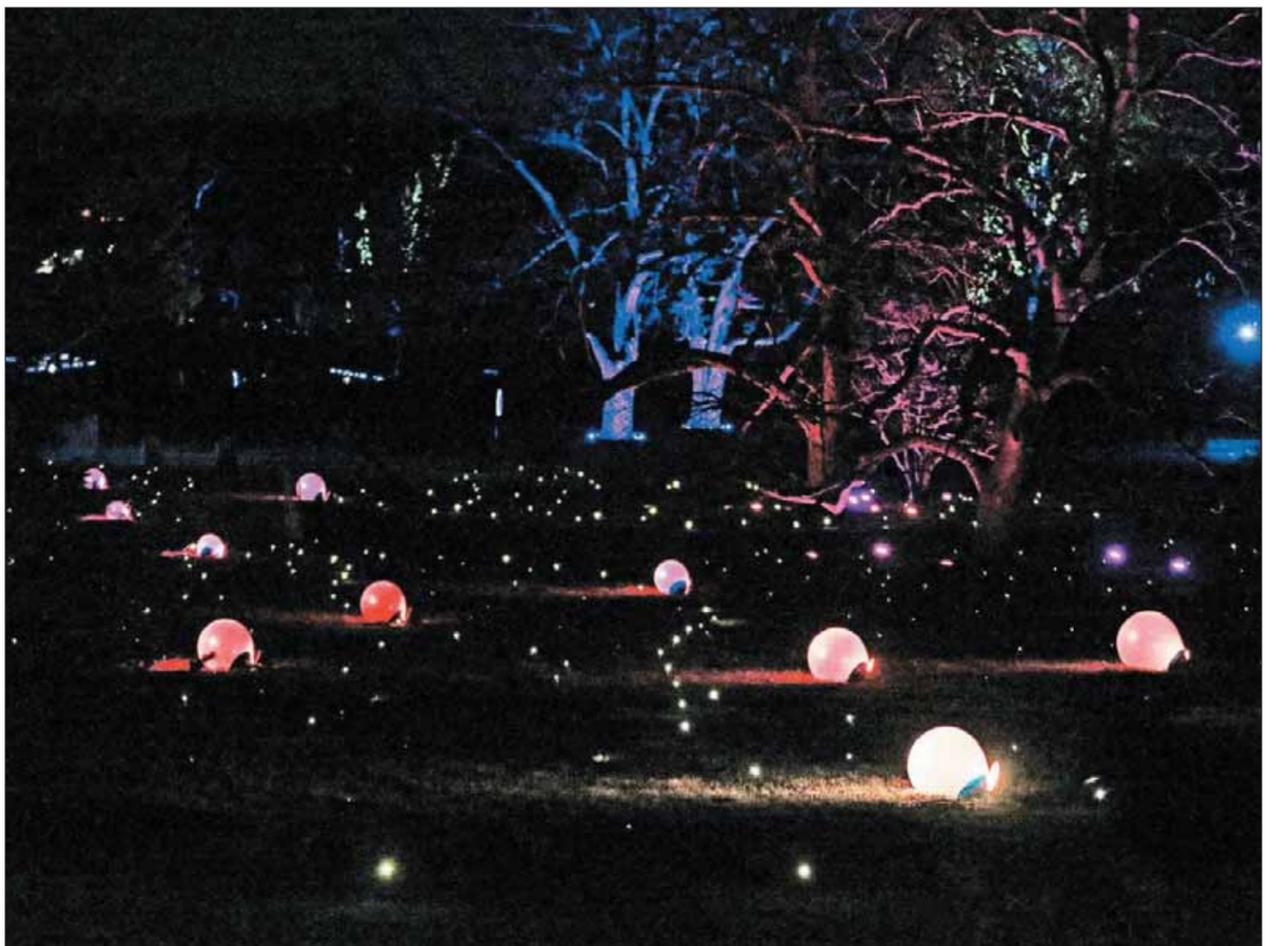
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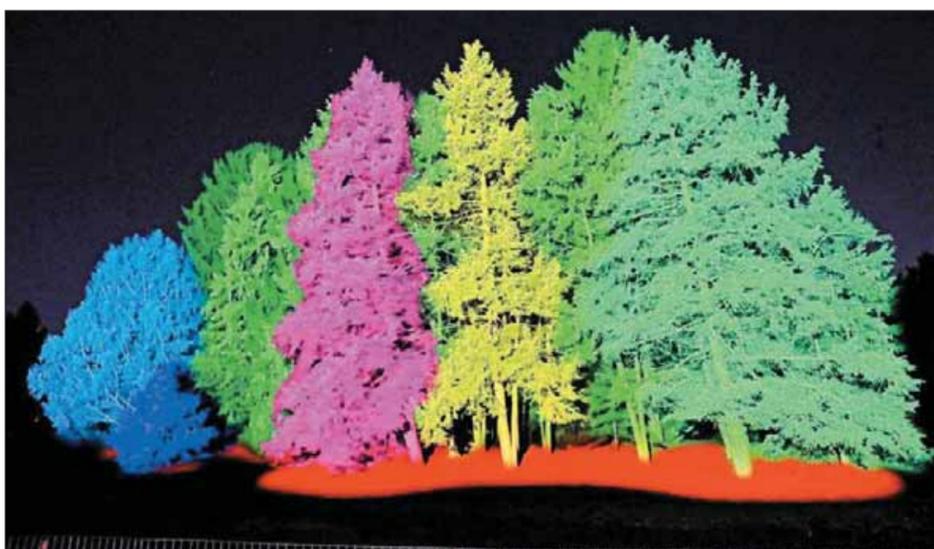
Morton Arboretum's Fantasy Forest



Crown of Light by HYBYCOZO at Morton Arboretum



Ornament Hill is part of Illumination Tree Lights at Morton Arboretum.



Treemagination shines at Morton Arboretum.

The details

"Illumination" at Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle; Friday through Jan. 1 (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and Mondays except for Dec. 31); timed-entry tickets \$18-\$23 at or 630-725-2066 www.mortonarb.org

"ZooLights" at Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. Cannon Drive; Nov. 23-25, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, and nightly Dec. 7 to Jan. 6 except Christmas Eve and Christmas; free, except for special ticketed events; more information at 312-742-2000 or www.lpzoo.org.

"Holiday Magic" at Brookfield Zoo, 8400 31st St., Brookfield; Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and 26-31; included in \$21.95 general admission at 708-688-8000 or www.czs.org.

Season 3 of 'This Is Us' will answer war mysteries

BY LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

"This Is Us" star Milo Ventimiglia was between scenes on the set in Vietnam, the setting for a critical flashback story about his character Jack's wartime tragedy.

Then modern-day reality merged with TV fiction about a decades-old conflict.

"I'm there in full battle dress, my rifle slung, my hat on, looking very much the 1970 U.S. soldier, and an older gentleman going past us said something in Vietnamese, did a double-take on me and then just kept going," Ventimiglia said of last month's encounter outside Ho Chi Minh City.

The Vietnamese actors he was working with suddenly burst out laughing, then filled him in.

"What the hell? What the hell is a U.S. soldier doing back here?" the man exclaimed as he zipped by on a motor scooter, Ventimiglia was told.

It was an isolated blip in an otherwise smooth week

of shooting in Vietnam, with the scenes to be scattered throughout "This Is Us" episodes as the series gradually unravels — in its trademark style — a key chapter of Jack's life.

The NBC drama, which toggles back and forth in time between moments big and small for its characters, is zeroing in on what Jack endured during the failed U.S. war to defeat communist North Vietnam: the death of his brother, Nicky, played by Michael Angarano.

That's no spoiler, as "This Is Us" viewers know. But unlike the prolonged, angst-building revelation of how family man Jack died, series creator Dan Fogelman said the circumstances of Nicky's fate will be known by this season's end.

He is well aware of the audience's investment in Nicky, he said, with his own anxious friends and family serving as a barometer. Fogelman credits the actors playing Nicky as a child (Donnie Masihi) and adult (Angarano) and the bond between Jack and the younger brother he is driv-



RON BATZDORFF/NBC

Milo Ventimiglia plays Jack Pearson in "This Is Us."

en to protect.

"It's definitely something that's a big part of our season and that we'll get all the answers for by the end of the season," he said.

Does that include learning the identity of the woman shown alongside Jack in an intriguing wartime photo?

"Yes, exactly," Fogelman said, a reply at once com-

forting and opaque. He'd already made the point that providing answers on "This Is Us" often means raising more questions.

There will pain along the way, said Ventimiglia, who plays the patriarch of the Pearson family that includes wife Rebecca (Mandy Moore) and offspring Randall (Sterling K. Brown), Kate (Chrissy

Metz) and Kevin (Justin Hartley). Even he was more deeply affected than usual by what Jack is facing, the actor said.

As with all "This Is Us" joys or misfortunes, there's a ripple effect for generations ahead.

"We're showing the audience Jack's experiences in Vietnam, and we're also showing the

impact that it's had even beyond that," Ventimiglia said. "His son Kevin is digging in deeper, trying to understand what his father went through to connect to him," with other siblings involved as well.

The Vietnam storyline, which earned a rare hour of its own last month, is woven in the narrative as the season progresses. But Fogelman said its importance, and the lack of a military veteran on the show's writing staff, warranted bringing in Vietnam veteran and acclaimed writer Tim O'Brien ("The Things They Carried") as a consultant.

O'Brien said he's been impressed by the show's painstaking approach and its artistry.

"They're just totally committed to getting everything right," in contrast with many other Vietnam dramas, he said. "But even more important to me was the quality of the show. They seem so committed to making a beautiful show that touches on human pain and struggle and human joy."

Science fiction roundup

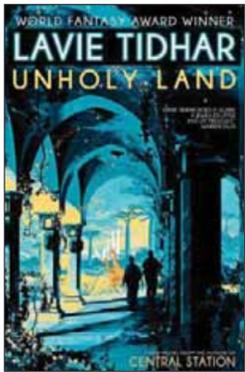
BY GARY K. WOLFE
Chicago Tribune



"The Future is Female," edited by Lisa Yaszek, Library of America, 475 pages, \$27.95

When science fiction's Hugo Awards were presented in August, all the fiction categories were won by women. But women weren't always so celebrated. Lisa Yaszek's fascinating anthology presents a trove of writers who helped define the genre from the 1920s through the 1960s. While Yaszek has been careful to find stories that represent the characteristic styles of each generation, she's not focused specifically on feminism; her main theme is that female writers were always an influential part of the field.

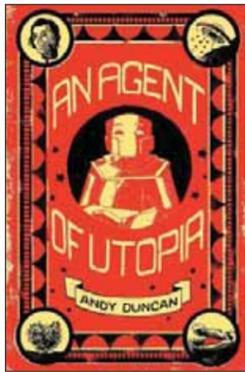
Nevertheless, the stories often reflect perspectives on issues of gender and power that challenge clichés. In 1931, Leslie F. Stone describes a planet inhabited entirely by females facing an invasion by the "ignoble male creatures" of a neighboring world. C.L. Moore, one of the greatest of all pulp writers, introduces a heroine who became the archetype of female warriors. Judith Merrill turns post-Bomb era anxieties into a disturbing family drama, while Leigh Brackett dismantles American racism and bigotry in a tale reflecting the civil rights movement. Later writers like Ursula K. Le Guin often display pointed feminist viewpoints, but what all the stories have in common is a delicious sense of discovery.



"Unholy Land" by Lavie Tidhar, Tachyon, 288 pages, \$15.95

Alternate histories, which imagine history taking a different path at some point in the past, have virtually become a genre of their own, with results as varied as Philip Roth's "The Plot Against America" and Philip K. Dick's "The Man in the High Castle." But in the hands of Israeli-born author Lavie Tidhar, the concept can be far more complicated than simple "what-if" scenarios — and more risky. In his award-winning "Osama," our own history — 9/11 included — turns out to exist only in a series of pulp novels, and in "A Man Lies Dreaming," he imagined a failed Hitler as a detective in 1930s London.

Here, in "Unholy Land," he turns his attention to his homeland, in a scenario that seems wildly unlikely until we realize it was actually proposed in the early 20th century: namely, relocating European Jews to part of what is now Uganda. When pulp writer Tirosh returns to his home in "Palestina," he learns his niece has disappeared. While this mystery provides the spine of the plot, we also meet an ominous investigator following Tirosh and a historian whose job is to monitor various timelines. By the time their stories all braid together, Tidhar has turned a suspenseful adventure tale into a complex meditation on the possible paths of modern Jewish history.



"An Agent of Utopia" by Andy Duncan, Small Beer, 288 pages, \$17

One important tradition of American fantastic writing, including writers as diverse as Mark Twain and Zora Neale Hurston, draws on folklore, regional voices and hidden corners of history. The leading current heir to this tradition may be Andy Duncan, whose Southern background informs his stories as much as his current career as a science fiction teacher and scholar. His new collection includes a tale based on the hobo utopia of the song "Big Rock Candy Mountain" as well as a hilarious tall tale about a Floridian who brags he can outrun a bullet and then spends a year trying to invent the slowest bullet in the world.

One of Duncan's most distinctive trademarks involves weaving magical tales around actual historical figures. Hurston herself shows up investigating zombie legends, while another story includes figures from the folk tales she collected. Another story conflates Bilbo Baggins with a real-life white supremacist senator. Reading Duncan can feel like being taken on a tour of your own dusty attic and being shown treasures you didn't know you had.

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BOOK REVIEW

Jonathan Franzen weaves avian interest into collection

BY JULIA M. KLEIN
Chicago Tribune

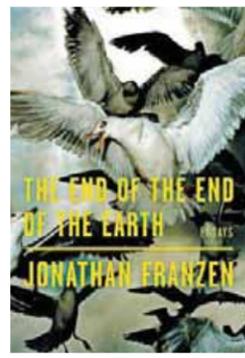
Jonathan Franzen — the literary provocateur, Oprah Winfrey antagonist and author of well-reviewed novels of Midwestern life ("The Corrections," "Freedom") — has another, more rarefied passion: birding. His sometimes overbearing obsession with all things avian is one of the unifying motifs of his new collection of essays and reportage.

The best of the short pieces in "The End of the Earth" is the title essay, which braids Franzen's memories of his beloved Uncle Walt with an account of a luxury expedition to Antarctica with his brother. The link between the two narrative threads is Franzen's inheritance from Walt, which enables his splurge on the trip.

Inevitably, there are birds in the essay — mostly penguins, and notably the rare and magnificent emperor penguin that Franzen, heroically, has spotted from the ship's observation deck. Interrupting another adventure, the captain steers the ship to the penguin's location. The camera-toting passengers disembark and crowd around the imperial bird that, Franzen writes, "faced the press corps in a posture of calm dignity."

Later, accepting the thanks of his fellow travelers, the resolutely contrarian Franzen — a social media skeptic who refrains from trip photography — experiences an epiphany. "I finally had an inkling of how it must feel," he writes, "to be a high-school athlete and come to school after scoring a season-saving touchdown I wondered if, all my life, in my refusal to be a joiner, I'd missed out on some essential human thing."

Even richer than the



"The End of the Earth"

By Jonathan Franzen, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 240 pages, \$26

Antarctic travelogue, however, is Walt's story, of an unhappy marriage, a tragic loss and a redemptive late-life love. A man of warmth and zest, he is the husband of Franzen's father's sister, Irma — a cold, obsessive woman who veers into dementia after their daughter's fatal car crash. Walt has affairs but never divorces his wife.

After the death of Franzen's father, Walt and Franzen's mother discover a blissful mutual affinity. That grace, "the joyous surprise of that," is fleeting, but it affects Walt — and Franzen — profoundly. Franzen's glimpses of global birds often are similarly fleeting. He compulsively keeps annual lists of his avian sightings. In "Missing," his aim is to see "every endemic bird species on two islands, one Greater Antillean and one Lesser, in the seven days I had at my disposal."

Beyond his lists, Franzen is stirred by birds — their haunting mix of grandeur, fragility and exquisite adaptability. He is disturbed by climate change,

but more so by the human threats to their existence.

"Every year ... hundreds of millions of songbirds and larger migrants are killed for food, profit, sport and general amusement," he writes in "May Your Life Be Ruined." "The killing is substantially indiscriminate, with heavy impact on species already battered by destruction or fragmentation of their breeding habitat."

For this report, he takes readers to a wild-bird market in Egypt, encounters unrepentant cormorant hunters in Albania and travels with Bedouin falcon trappers who mutilate smaller birds to entrap their prey.

In "A Friendship," he rues that he once declined Vollmann's invitation, to him and the writer David Foster Wallace, to camp along the Salton Sea. The sea, "a dying lake in the desert east of San Diego, is one of the foulest-smelling and least camping-friendly places in the country," Franzen explains.

Only later does he discover that it is also "one of the country's premier bird-watching sites." After Wallace's 2008 suicide and the unraveling of Franzen's friendship with Vollmann, that is not his only regret. "I wished that I could step, for a few days, into an alternate universe in which I camped there with my two gifted friends," he writes, "a universe in which both of them were still alive and might start their own friendship." It's an instance of grace that Franzen let slip from his grasp.

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Session

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Darilyn Burtley and Elizabeth Bollard record, between conflicts and reminiscences, is pretty much the show. And as they work, the beauty of life and love, even in this horrific circumstance, begins to reassert itself.

The songs are the reason to head up to the small Ravenswood studio where the small Chicago company known as the Refuge Theatre Project is staging this show. (I've heard recordings of the songs before, but never seen them done live). They're not at all sentimental in the cloying way but they still are quite lovely — you can tell they were composed by an artist who was not inclined to mess around



ROB RIDDLE PHOTO

Liz Bollard as Vicki in "The Last Session" by Refuge Theatre Project at Atlas Arts Media.

anymore. Better yet, they're all well sung by the performers playing Gideon's friends. The musical style is influenced by gospel and country, as well as pop and rock, and the result is a

suite wherein the imperative to live emerges one song at a time.

The central clash of the show, which was produced off-Broadway back in its day, involves Gideon and

Buddy (the excellent Armstrong), a young Christian fundamentalist. It's easy to forget the level of religious intolerance toward AIDS patients back in the 1990s, and this show brings it

When: Through Dec. 2

Where: Atlas Arts Studio, 4809 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Running time: 2 hours, 10 minutes

Tickets: \$30 at www.refugetheatre.com

roaring back into your consciousness, even though it is unstintingly kind to both sides. Indeed, the songs are suffused with spirituality; the show argues beautifully for a more inclusive definition, and does so with music that could easily be heard in a church.

Sure, this is a simple book. Sure, some of the performances are broader than they need to be. And the emotional wounds that this show wants to open up only go so deep in director

Christopher Pazdernik's production. But I still thought this worthwhile work.

If you have an interest in the theater of the AIDS era (and it's not like Hollywood or television were daring to tell many of these stories), and especially if you want to feel the songs that were written in that darkest of times for creative Americans, I think the "The Last Session" will hit you hard.

This is a very small but comfy space — Refuge intends it to be a kind of environmental staging, as if you were inside the studio with this group of artists, trying to suspend judgment and figure out what makes life worth living.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Matthew Davis

“Legacies” (8 p.m., CW): When a couple of students go missing, Alaric (Matt Davis) immediately dispatches a team from the Salvatore School — Hope, Lizzie, MG and Landon (Danielle Rose Russell, Jenny Boyd, Quincy Fouse, Aria Shahghasemi) to Mystic Falls High School to investigate in the new episode “Hope Is Not the Goal.” Meanwhile, Josie (Kaylee Bryant) tries to help Rafael (Peyton Alex Smith) feel more at home at school.

“The Emperor’s Newest Clothes” (5 p.m., HBO): Jeff Daniels and Alison Pill voice this new animated special, which re-imagines a classic Hans Christian Andersen fable about a vain emperor who insists that his subjects agree with everything he says, regardless of clear evidence to the contrary. After he declares a holiday celebrating himself, he needs a new royal ensemble, and winds up hiring two tailors who flatter him outrageously. He soon regrets that decision.

“Grey’s Anatomy” (7 p.m., ABC): The effects of a savage windstorm send an influx of patients to Grey Sloan in the winter finale, “Blowin’ in the Wind.” As Meredith (Ellen Pompeo) challenges Richard (James Pickens Jr.) to get his life back on track, Jo and Alex (Camilla Luddington, Justin Chambers), stranded at home, make the best of things by improvising a second honeymoon. Jason George, Peyton Kennedy and Chris Carmack guest star.

“Mom” (8:01 p.m., CBS): In a mind-boggling move from the Pot Calling the Kettle Black Hall of Fame, Bonnie (Allison Janney) pressures Christy (Anna Faris) to repair her strained relationship with her daughter, Violet (former series regular Sadie Calvano) in a new episode called “Jell-O Shots and the Truth About Santa.” Meanwhile, Adam (William Fichtner) gets ready for the grand opening of his bar.

“Beat Bobby Flay” (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): It’s been a good year for both chef-restaurateur Geoffrey Zakarian and TV host Sara Haines, but they’re especially thankful for being part of the holiday-themed special episode “Stuffed With Victory,” wherein their surrogates, Creole chef Bernard Carmouche and meatball maven Daniel Sharp, vie to determine which of them will face off against culinary master Bobby Flay in a throwdown that includes some Turkey Day favorites.

“JFK: The Lost Assassination Tapes” (9 p.m., NGE0): Few tragedies in American history have been as heavily scrutinized as the Nov. 23, 1963, assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, but this new one-hour special once again revisits those horrifying days. Drawing from hundreds of hours of news coverage before, during and after the president’s shooting, the film lets key moments in the saga unfold in something close to real time.

TALK SHOWS

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Steve Carell; actor Eric Bana; Troye Sivan performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Ben Stiller; sports journalist Jemele Hill; Jorja Smith performs.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Lin-Manuel Miranda.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 15

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T.: “The Tiffany Experience.” (N) ©	News (N) ♦	
	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	(8:31) I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: “Mea Culpa.” (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	Grey’s Anatomy: “Blowin’ in the Wind.” (N) ©		(8:01) Station 19: “Weather the Storm.” (N)		How to Get Away With Murder (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	blackish (N) ©	blackish (N) ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Throw Momma From the Train (PG-13/87) *** ©				Adv. Buckaroo Banzai ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		American Creed (N) ©		Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of (N)	Unchained-Trauma ♦	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©		Family Time	Mann &	Why Do Fools Fall in Love (R, ’98) ***		
	FOX 32			NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at Seattle Seahawks. (N) (Live) ©				
	Ion 38	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime ♦	
	Telem 44	La sultana (N) ©		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©	Chicago (N)	
	CW 50	Supernatural (N) ©		Legacies (N) ©		The Good Wife: “Heart.”	Chicago ♦	
	UniMas 60	Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema ©					La Herm ♦	
	WJYS 62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument
	Univ 66	Latin Grammy Awards 2018						Noticias (N)
CABLE	AE	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam ♦
	AMC	The Dark Knight (PG-13, ’08) **** Christian Bale, Heath Ledger. © ♦						
	ANIM	Crikey! It’s the Irwins ©	The Secret of			Amanda to the Rescue	The Secret ♦	
	BBCA	Planet Earth: The Hunt	Planet Earth: The Hunt			Planet Earth: The Hunt	Planet Earth: The Hunt ♦	
	BET	♦ (5) Baggage Claim (’13) ♦	Soul Plane (R, ’04) ♦♦	Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold. ♦				
	BIGTEN	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)	BIG Football & Beyond			University	BIG Football & Beyond	
	BRAVO	Shahs of Sunset ©	Shahs of Sunset (N) ©			Shahs of Sunset ©	Watch (N)	
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©	Shark ♦	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Naked and Afraid (N) ©						Afraid ♦
	DISN	♦ Alvin Chip	Coop	Coop	Coop	Good Luck	Good Luck	Raven
	EI	Botched: “Boob-Watch.”	Botched ©			Botched ©	Botched ♦	
	ESPN	College Football: Tulane at Houston. From TDECU Stadium in Houston. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: 2K Empire Classic -- Oregon vs Iowa. (N) (Live)					
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD	Worst Cooks in America	Chopped ©			Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
	FREE	Mrs. Doubtfire (PG, ’93) ♦♦♦	Robin Williams, Sally Field. ©				700 Club ♦	
	FX	Now You See Me 2 (PG-13, ’16) ♦♦	Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. ©				Now You ♦	
	HALL	Coming Home for Christmas (NR, ’17) ©				Christmas in Love (NR, ’18) © ♦		
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HISTV	American Pickers	American Pickers ©			(9:03) American Pickers	Pickers ♦	
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	LIFE	12 Men of Christmas (NR, ’09)	Kristin Chenoweth. ©			(9:03) Love at the Christmas Tables ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	MTV	Jersey Shore (N)	(8:01) Jersey Shore: Family Vacation ©				Jersey ♦	
	NBCSCH	College Basketball (N)		Point (N)	Beer Money		Football (N)	
	NICK	Henry	SpongeBob	Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG, ’11) ♦			Friends ©	
	OVATION	♦ (6:30) The Descendants (R, ’11) ♦♦♦				The Wine Show (Season Premiere) (N)	New Good ♦	
	OWN	To be announced	Black Love ©			Black Love	TBA ♦	
OPX	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©			Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♦		
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Bad Teacher (R, ’11) ♦♦	Cameron Diaz. ©		Role Mod ♦		
SYFY	♦ (6:30) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13, ’05) ♦♦♦	Daniel Radcliffe.				The BFG ♦		
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Guest Book	
TCM	College Humor (NR, ’33) ♦♦		Kind Lady (NR, ’35) ♦♦♦				Murder ♦	
TLC	Return to Amish: “Chasing Raber.” ©				(9:02) Return to Amish ♦			
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	The Victor Marx Story		Life Today	Like You	Humanit ♦	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Rockets (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)			
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files ©				Haunted ♦	
TVL	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	NCIS: “One Man’s Trash.”	NCIS: “Sight Unseen.”			NCIS: “Two Steps Back.”		Country ♦	
VH1	Movie © ♦							
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)			Growing Up Hip Hop	Hip Hop ♦		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Once Upon a Time in Mexico (’03) ♦♦♦	Room 104	Room 104	Room 104	Bohemian	24/7 ♦	
	HBO2	Room 104	Room 104	Axios ©	Last Week	VICE ©	Taken (PG-13, ’08) ♦♦♦♦	
	MAX	Thirteen Days (PG-13, ’00) ♦♦♦	Kevin Costner. ©				Red Sparrow (R, ’18) ♦♦♦♦	
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	STARZ	♦ (6:17) Leap Year (’10) ♦	Scream (R, ’96) ♦♦♦	Neve Campbell. ©			Showtime ♦	
STZNC	♦ (5:20) 2012 (’09) ♦♦		The Karate Kid (PG, ’10) ♦♦	Jaden Smith, Jackie Chan. ©				

Hart

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affair between the candidate and the unnamed woman, later identified as Donna Rice, an aspiring model and pharmaceutical saleswoman. The frenzy devoured Hart’s nascent presidential campaign.

That’s the rough outline of the story. The more important question — as Reitman explores in “The Front Runner,” his dramatized account of the Hart episode that opens nationally Nov. 16 — is how and why it all came to that.

The Hart episode was the precursor to bigger, better remembered revelations about Bill Clinton, John Edwards, Donald Trump and sundry other politicians and prominent people. It’s now a given that the personal lives and peccadillos of the people who would be president will be exposed by someone, be it The Washington Post or “Access Hollywood.”

But it wasn’t a given that spring night in 1987.

Which is why Reitman — working from “All the Truth Is Out: The Week Politics Went Tabloid,” co-screenwriter Matt Bai’s 2014 book about the Hart scandal — thinks the episode presents a kind of hinge of history, a critical moment in which the cultural, political and media tectonic plates abruptly shifted.

When he learned the details of the Hart scandal from Bai’s book, Reitman (who was 10 when Hart and Rice were briefly in the headlines) was surprised and intrigued.

“I couldn’t quite believe that there was a moment in our recent history where the presumed next president of the United States was in an alleyway in the middle of the night outside his house with a group of journalists, and no one knew what to do because no one had been in that position before,” he said. “I heard that story, and it felt like a movie.”

The Hart scandal has faded into history’s mists, possibly because the moment came and went so quickly, and possibly because it was succeeded by so many other media typhoons. Hart — played in the movie with glum piety by Hugh Jackman, in an uncharacteristic performance — dropped his presidential campaign six days after the Herald’s story was published and shortly after The Washington Post told his campaign that it was investigating



AARON E. TOMLINSON/AP 1988

Then-Democratic presidential hopeful, Gary Hart, accompanied by his wife Lee, waves to supporters at a news conference in Denver after announcing he would withdraw from the 1988 presidential race.

another liaison of his.

Hart tried to re-enter the race before the first primaries in 1988, but by then his mortification-by-media was complete. He quit and never ran again. He went on to write several books, got a PhD in politics from Oxford and co-chaired a pre-9/11 commission that chillingly warned the new president, George W. Bush, about the prospect of a terrorist attack in the United States in 2001. Now 81, he remains married to his wife of 60 years, Lee.

In a brief exchange of emails, Hart said he was unable to talk about the film without permission from Sony Pictures. “It is their movie, so I leave it to their judgment,” he said. A studio executive, Danielle Mishner, declined the request. “Unfortunately, Sen. Hart is not available for an interview at this time,” she wrote.

What people remember about Hart and Rice, if they remember anything at all, is that they had been seen together on an overnight cruise to Bimini on a yacht with a preposterously ironic name, “Monkey Business.” They might also remember that Hart had responded to rumors about his personal life by giving then-New York Times reporter E.J. Dionne a quote worthy of the Hubris Hall of Fame: “Follow me around. ... If anybody wants to put a tail on me, go ahead. They’d be very bored.”

Reitman says one particular detail about Hart and Rice is widely misremembered. The infamous photo of Rice sitting on

Hart’s lap (in which he’s wearing a “Monkey Business Crew” T-shirt) didn’t drive him from the race; it was published by the National Enquirer about three weeks after he’d already dropped out.

But Reitman — whose eclectic body of work includes “Juno,” “Up in the Air” and the Washington political satire “Thank You for Smoking” — is less interested in these details than in the dawn-of-a-new-era themes that the Hart affair represents.

“You had a presidential candidate who was handsome and smart and had prescient ideas, and was the front-runner, and suddenly he disappeared from the landscape without really a thought of why,” he said. “There was a quick why, but not a more complex why.”

The Herald’s decision to stake out Hart and publish its story broke an unspoken code among the gatekeepers in the press, at least those in the modern era (scandal mongers of yore dogged Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson). “Character” issues had always been news, but only if they were out in the open and had obviously affected a politician’s judgment. By and large, respectable reporters didn’t report on private indiscretions, such as those of Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

They most certainly didn’t “hide in the bushes” to do so, as Hart and the panicked protagonists in “The Front Runner” describe the Herald’s team. For the record, the five journalists in-

involved in the stakeout watched the townhouse from parked cars, not the shrubbery. Also for the record: One of those reporters, Jim McGee, disputes the sequence presented in the movie and book: The Herald began following Hart, McGee said, several days after learning of Hart’s “follow-me-around” quote. They did not, as the movie suggests, discover the quote as they were writing their story.

At any rate, after Hart, private lives became fair game, forcing candidates to retreat further behind the protective walls of consultants and image makers, note Bai and his co-screenwriter Jay Carson, himself a former Democratic operative. They argue that journalism was the poorer for it, and so was the electorate. “When’s the last time a candidate didn’t have 16 staff people around them, when journalists weren’t kept 50 feet away at all times?” says Carson, who worked on Hillary Clinton’s 2008 presidential campaign. “A lot of that is to avoid that alley scene.”

It’s debatable, however, whether the days of giving politicians such a wide zone of privacy were so great in the first place. Did voters not want to know that Kennedy allegedly had an affair with Judith Exner, who was connected to Mafia figures? Did they not want to know about Bill Clinton’s indiscretions or Donald Trump’s alleged relationship with a porn star before casting votes for them?

It’s notable, too, that Clinton and Trump survived far worse scandals, but Hart was more or less ruined by his. The reason might have been Hart’s failure to recognize that the rules had changed, and that he looked hypocritical and sanctimonious in insisting otherwise.

Reitman says “The Front Runner” tries hard not to say where the line between private behavior and the public disclosure should be. Rather, he said, the movie tries to show how it applied to Hart and to capture the moment that engulfed him.

Perhaps naively, or maybe arrogantly, Hart thought he could ride out the billowing media storm precipitated by the Herald. As his team scrambled to concoct plausible excuses, such as that the reporters didn’t see Rice (played empathetically by Sara Paxton in the movie) leave by the back door, he attacked the press in a speech to newspaper publishers.

Later in the film, in a circuslike news conference in New Hamp-

shire, Jackman-as-Hart keeps fighting back, citing polling indicating that 64 percent of the public thinks the press has been too intrusive. He’s blown back by a Washington Post reporter (Nyasha Hatendi), who asks a question previously thought un-askable: “Have you ever committed adultery?”

As Bai’s book documents (and the movie fleetingly suggests), Hart was blindsided by a convergence of larger forces: the rise of the women’s movement on the left and the Moral Majority on the right, both intolerant of adultery; the advent of satellite technology and the ravenous demands of the 24-hour news cycle; and the post-Watergate cynicism of scandal-hunting reporters.

Just as important was the continued blurring of news and entertainment. Many of the reporters chasing after Hart in the wake of the Herald’s story weren’t traditional political reporters. They were the antecedents of an even more scurrilous breed that would soon blossom on the internet. In the movie, among the satellite trucks that all but imprisoned Hart’s wife, Lee (Vera Farmiga), and daughter Andrea (Kaitlyn Dever) inside the family’s Colorado home is one for a new tabloid TV show, “A Current Affair.”

One more thing, perhaps a footnote: In hindsight, the true nature of Hart’s relationship with Rice was never entirely clear. Did they actually have an affair?

Bai, both in his book and in an interview, doesn’t supply an answer to that question. In doing the research for his book, he says he couldn’t bring himself to ask the question that was at the heart of the Hart story.

Nor does Reitman in “The Front Runner,” although the movie strongly suggests an answer. In one of its most powerful and emotional scenes, Lee Hart confronts her husband about her pain and humiliation in the wake of all the news reports. It ends before Hart admits anything conclusive.

The real-life Hart and Rice have never acknowledged anything. “There are only two people who know that, and neither has ever said,” Reitman says.

The fact is, many people, and most assuredly much of the news media, had their minds made up at the time. Hart certainly had given them reasons to be suspicious.

In 1987, and ever since, that’s been enough to get a frenzy going.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Nov. 15): You're on top this year. Pursue artistic goals consistently for success. Make unexpected connections. Winter creativity sparks and shimmers, inspiring career endings and new beginnings. Exploratory rambling widens your horizons this summer before a communications project shifts focus. Realize a personal passion with help from friends.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. It's easier to give things away over about two months, with Mars in Pisces. Go through closets, garages and attics. Clean messes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Together, anything is possible. Help your team over the next two months, with Mars in Pisces. Many hands make light work. Pull together for common gain.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Pour energy into your career to push past old barriers. Advance professionally over the next few months, with Mars in Pisces. You're gaining respect.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Explore and learn something. You have itchy feet, with Mars in Pisces over the next two months. Open yourself to new ideology, views and perspectives.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Financial opportunities arise over the next two months. Take actions that profit your shared accounts, with Mars in Pisces. Collaboration provides powerful results.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Toss the ball to a teammate. Your partnerships flower, with Mars in Pisces for two months. Strategize and coordinate your moves. Share the load.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Your results are earning respect. Energize your physical action and work, with Mars in Pisces. Provide excellent service, and keep practicing to improve performance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Weave a romantic spell. Your actions speak louder than words over the next two months, with Mars in Pisces. Your passion and creativity flower.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Invest in home and family. Repair and renovate. Energize domestic action over the next two months, with Mars in Pisces. Nurture and decorate.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Get the word out. Act for a cause. Communications and transportation flow with greater velocity, with Mars in Pisces. Research, write and brainstorm.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. The profit potential is high. Energize your moneymaking over the next two months, with Mars in Pisces. Avoid reckless spending, and stick to basics.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Begin a super-charged power phase over the next two months, with Mars in your sign. Focus on personal development through contribution to others.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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Underappreciated SUPER HEROES 11/15

TOILET'S UNCLOGGED AND I PUT THE SEAT DOWN MY HERO

THE FLUSH

YOU FORGOT TO CLEAR YOUR BROWSER HISTORY. THX, BRO.

DID SOMEONE SAY THEY NEED THEIR CHINESE LEFTOVERS REHEATED?

PROFESSOR XXX

LET'S GO SHOPPING. I'M BROKE NEVER FEAR!

THE HUMAN TORCH

I DID THE DISHES. THOSE SHEETS AIN'T GONNA WASH THEMSELVES.

PLASTIC MAN

CLEAN LANTERN

Bliss



"Let's mix things up this Thanksgiving. Instead of all of us going to your folks', let's just drop off the kids, drive away and never look back."

Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

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

Using Key Card Blackwood, South was able to find out that his partner not only held the ace of diamonds, but the king and queen of spades as well. He was happy to bid the slam. Indeed, he had thoughts of bidding seven, but he settled for six and the play became tricky when the trumps split 5-0.

South won the opening diamond lead in hand and he was hoping to set up a long diamond for his twelfth trick. This would need a 3-2 spade split and a 4-3 diamond split. That plan died when West showed out on a spade to the king at trick two. A new plan came to life. South discarded a heart from his hand on the ace of diamonds and cashed three rounds of clubs ending in dummy. He ruffed a diamond in his hand, cashed the ace of hearts, and exited with a low heart to West as East discarded his last diamond.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Two "key cards" plus the queen of spades

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

West led a heart and ruffed in dummy with the queen of spades as East helplessly under-ruffed. In this three-card ending, South had the ace-jack-nine of trumps sitting over East's 10-eight-seven. Declarer easily took the last three tricks to score up his contract. Well done!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert

I'M DOING THE JOB OF THREE PEOPLE AND IT ISN'T FAIR.

GOOD POINT. ALICE IS DOING THE JOB OF SEVEN PEOPLE. I'LL GIVE YOU TWO OF HER JOBS TO BALANCE IT OUT.

SO... IS COMPLAINING BETTER THAN HIDING?

NO... YOU WERE RIGHT.

Baby Blues

I HAVE THE RESULTS OF YOUR DAD'S SKILLS TEST.

MY WHAT?

YOU GOT A SOLID "C."

A "C"?? COME ON!!

WHINES ABOUT GRADES, C-MINUS.

CAN I GET EXTRA CREDIT IF I PUT YOUR BROTHER IN TIMEOUT?

Zits

WANT SOME COMPANY, JEREMY?

SURE.

WAIT! LET THIS SATELLITE PASS BY...

OKAY!

CAN'T RISK HAVING ANY WITNESSES.

HAVE I EVER MENTIONED HOW MANY HOURS I WAS IN LABOR WITH YOU?

Mr. Boffo

ANOTHER WAY TO TELL WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN TALKING TO GRAMPA

WHAT'S A "PEN PAL"?

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Frazz

"30's HOT, 20's NICE. 10's CHILLY, ZERO'S ICE."

SEE? YOU CAN FIGURE OUT CELSIUS WITHOUT MATH.

BEAUTIFUL!

I WISH RHYMING SOLVED MORE OF MY PROBLEMS.

I WISH COFFEE SOLVED MORE OF MINE.

Classic Peanuts

SO I BOUGHT LINUS A NEW BLANKET... I THOUGHT I WAS DOING THE RIGHT THING...

HMM... I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW I CAN PUT THIS, CHARLIE BROWN, BUT LET ME SAY THIS...

IN ALL OF MANKIND'S HISTORY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE DAMAGE DONE THAN BY PEOPLE WHO "THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING"

FIVE CENTS, PLEASE!

Pickles

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!

DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO NOISY WHEN YOU EAT, EARL?

I CAN'T HELP IT, THERE'S NO WAY TO EAT CHIPS QUIETLY.

I KNOW, BUT YOU EVEN MAKE CRUNCHING NOISES WHEN YOU EAT A BANANA!

Dick Tracy

BESIDES THE FILM FEST, I READ YOU'RE BRINGING BACK DEACON AND MILLER IN A COMIC STRIP?

THAT'S RIGHT, MS. CYPHER.

"DEACON AND MILLER WILL BE ON COMIC PAGES ALONGSIDE 'SAWDUST' AND 'J. STRAIGHT-EDGE TRUSTWORTHY'."

A NOTE FROM SCHOOL

WHAT DID HE DO?

HE DREW KNOTTY IN CLASS

J. STRAIGHTEDGE TRUSTWORTHY

STOP, SHAKEY!

(NEVER!)

AH-CHOO!

Animal Crackers

I DON'T LIKE THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES.

FEEL BETTER?

Prickly City

IS IT JUST ME OR DO THINGS FEEL UNTETHERED?

IT'S NOT JUST YOU...

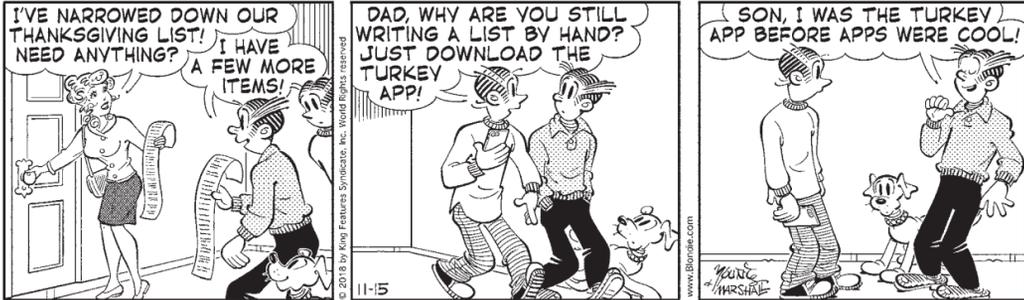
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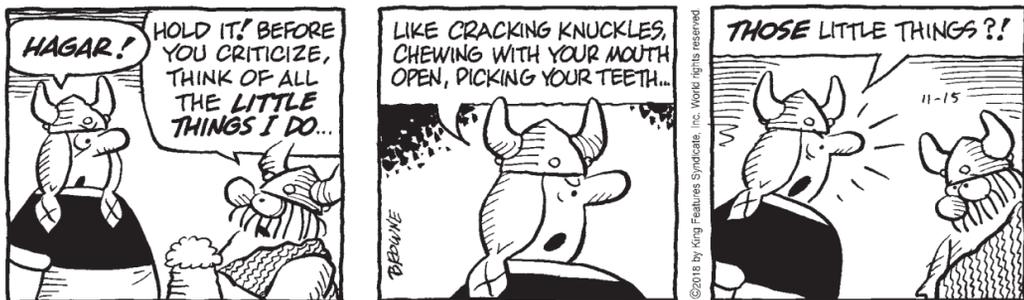
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Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



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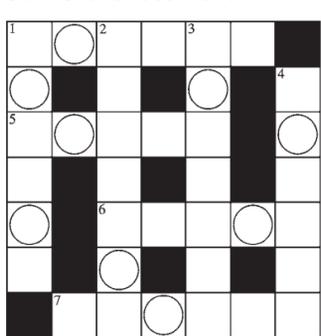
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

“One Hundred Years of Solitude” is the masterwork of what Nobel Prize-winning Colombian author?
 A) Gabriel Garcia Marquez
 B) Gabriela Mistral
 C) Pablo Neruda
 D) Octavio Paz
 Wednesday's answer: Philadelphia.

Jumble Crossword



11-15-18

CLUE: This is the world's second-largest island.

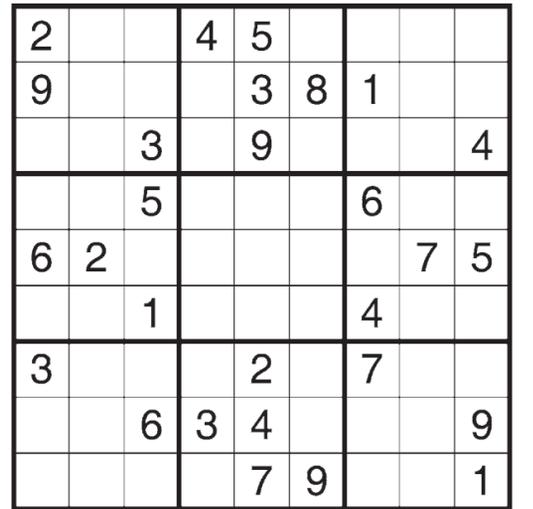
BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○○○

- ACROSS**
- 1. Unexpected
 - 5. Secret
 - 6. Chinese territory
 - 7. Shower
- DOWN**
- 1. Wavered
 - 2. Visionary
 - 3. Lured
 - 4. Straighten

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

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

11/15



8	3	5	7	1	9	2	6	4
1	7	6	4	2	3	9	5	8
2	4	9	8	5	6	7	3	1
3	6	2	1	9	7	8	4	5
7	1	4	3	8	5	6	2	9
9	5	8	2	6	4	3	1	7
5	9	3	6	7	1	4	8	2
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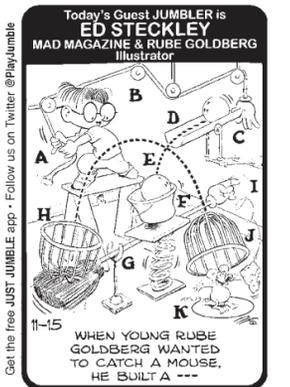
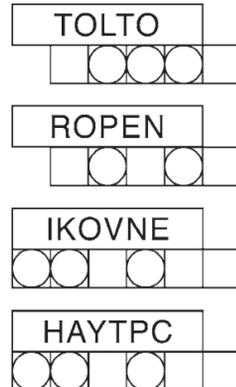
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

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



Answer here



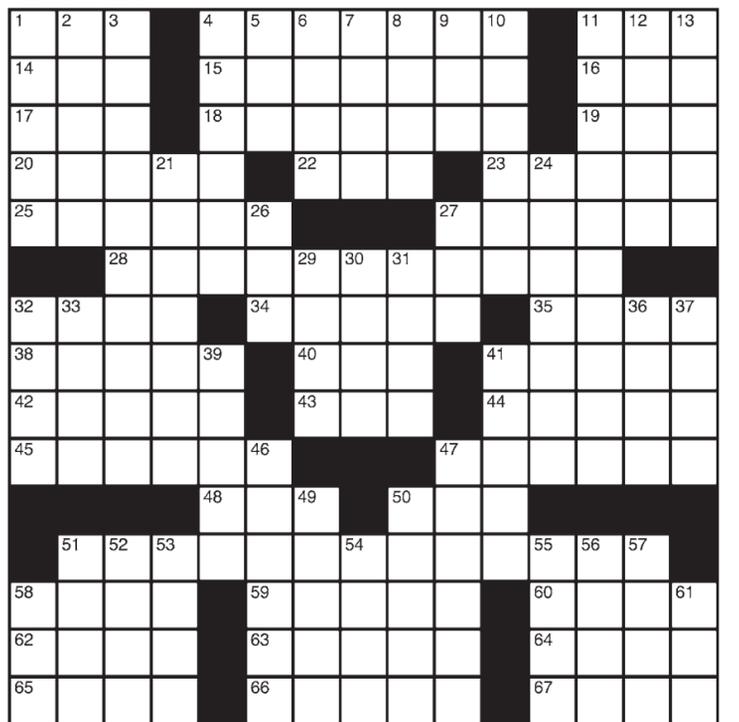
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: BLOAT PATIO SLEEPY MARKET
 Answer: Drinking coffee after three o'clock caused Susan a - "LATTE" PROBLEMS

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Passé saver of fave programs
- 4 Energized
- 11 Sales add-on
- 14 Parseghian of Notre Dame
- 15 "Alas, it's true"
- 16 Juan Perón's wife
- 17 Level the playing field?
- 18 Was felt very strongly
- 19 Say no to
- 20 Medicare section
- 22 Big name in shoe stores
- 23 "Same here"
- 25 Camper's heater
- 27 Links targets
- 28 *Fresh face in a newsroom
- 32 ORD airport postings
- 34 Get hitched on the run
- 35 Giant in nonstick sauté pans

- 38 Big oafs
- 40 Saw
- 41 Galaxy, e.g.
- 42 Practice frugality
- 43 Tense NFL periods
- 44 "Bleeding Love" singer Lewis
- 45 Beat in a pie contest, say
- 47 Booted out
- 48 Turncoat
- 50 Cable network since 1972
- 51 Error the answers to starred clues might make
- 58 *Fresh face at online gaming
- 59 *With 60-Across, fresh face at a dojo
- 60 *See 59-Across
- 62 "Try again"
- 63 Zeus' shield
- 64 Bike signal
- 65 Website for handmade jewelry
- 66 Egg holders
- 67 "Match Game" host Baldwin

- 8 Picked from the deck
- 9 Find a place for
- 10 Keith Haring genre
- 11 *Fresh face in the Boy Scouts
- 12 French postcard word
- 13 Graph line
- 21 "I wouldn't lie"
- 24 Is really boiling
- 26 Mining find
- 27 Hurdle for a future Ph.D.
- 29 Red Muppet
- 30 Frost, e.g.
- 31 Goes (for)
- 32 Too
- 33 Amazon Fire TV Stick alternative
- 36 Hathaway of "Ocean's 8"
- 37 Take charge of
- 39 plug
- 41 Plum-apricot hybrid
- 46 Where bubble tea originated
- 47 Persistently haunt
- 49 Little laugh
- 50 "Start the music!"
- 51 Carrot or turnip
- 52 "My bad"
- 53 Follow orders
- 54 "Top Gun" enemy planes
- 55 "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" group
- 56 Ship's backbone
- 57 Glamour rival
- 58 Mobile-to-Knoxville dir.
- 61 Dr. Mom's skill

Wednesday's solution



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THURSDAY, NOV. 15 NORMAL HIGH: 49° NORMAL LOW: 33° RECORD HIGH: 71° (1971) RECORD LOW: 10° (1933)

Cold continues in Chicago, bringing some snow

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 **LOW** 28

■ Snow spreads over much of the area as low pressure moves north out of southern Indiana — heaviest snow just south and east of Chicago. Southern into central Illinois could see 6 to 8-inches of snow with this storm system.

■ Increasing cloudiness with snow likely much of the area, especially in Chicago and south/east where 1 to 3-inches could fall. Snow could be mixed with rain or sleet at times.

■ Snow ends from west to east, becoming partly cloudy overnight.

■ Easterly winds swing around north and then west by evening.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Cold air continues to dominate, with subnormal readings into next week. Snow will spread across the area Thursday, as low pressure lifts north out of southern Indiana. A winter storm warning for 5 to 7 inches of snow will be in effect for southern Illinois, with winter storm advisories in effect for southern and central Indiana and central Illinois. Snowfall should be light here — a dusting to an inch in the Chicago area's west and north parts, with up to 2 inches south and east of the city.

We missed the record low temperature for Chicago by 3 degrees Wednesday morning — bottoming out at 17. We haven't had a day of above-normal temperatures so far this month — the coldest start to November in 22 years and the eighth-coldest start to November since records began 148 years ago.

FRIDAY, NOV. 16

HIGH 42 **LOW** 30

Morning sun gives way to increasing cloudiness. Temperatures rise into the lower 40s. Chance of light snow or a rain/snow mix overnight. Westerly winds 10 to 20 miles per hour.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

HIGH 36 **LOW** 26

Cloudy skies — some light snow possible, especially during the forenoon. Partly cloudy overnight. North to northwest winds.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18

HIGH 35 **LOW** 26

A mix of clouds and sun. Chilly with afternoon highs in the middle 30s — some 10-12 degrees below normal for this date. Increasing clouds from the north overnight. Westerly winds.

MONDAY, NOV. 19

HIGH 36 **LOW** 26

A good deal of sunshine with scattered clouds — high temperatures reach into the middle to upper 30s. Clouding-up overnight with a chance of light snow north toward morning. West-northwest winds.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

HIGH 37 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow north of the city — partly sunny south. High temperatures in the middle 30s north to around 40 degrees south. Clearing skies overnight. Westerly winds.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

HIGH 41 **LOW** 29

Mostly sunny with highs 40 to 45. Clear skies overnight. West to southwest winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
You say the anvil tops of thunderstorms are formed when the rising column of warm, moist air in the storm finally encounters warmer air. But we hear that temperatures drop 3.5 degrees for each 1,000 feet of altitude. How can higher air be warmer?
— John Podulka, Winfield

Dear John,
The atmosphere is divided into four layers. The lowermost layer, the troposphere, extends upward about 6 to 10 miles (depending on location and time of year). This is the layer in which temperatures decrease about 3.5 degrees per thousand feet of height gain. Upward from there is the stratosphere, in which temperatures increase to a height about 31 miles aloft. The mesosphere is next, from about 31 to 50 miles up, in which temperatures again fall with increasing altitude. Above that is the thermosphere, a zone of very high temperatures.

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A cold November open in Chicago; Thursday snowfall ahead

CHICAGO'S NOV. 1-14, 2018
Coldest November open in 22 years

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE **36.8°** COLDER THAN A YEAR AGO (38.5°)

7.6° BELOW NORMAL

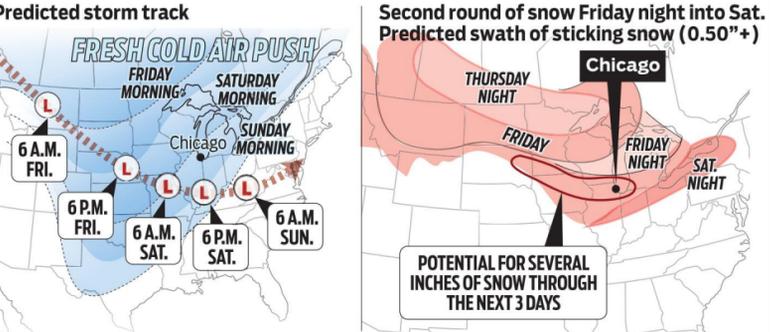
CHICAGO SNOW CHANCES* *0.1"+ of snow

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
70%	2%	70%	5%
THUR. NIGHT	FRI. NIGHT	SAT. NIGHT	SUN. NIGHT
5%	30%	10%	2%

REPORTS THROUGH WEDNESDAY EVENING



SNOW-PRODUCING DISTURBANCE TO RIDE FRONT FLANK OF NEW CHILLY OUTBREAK



CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	35	13	Midway	36	19
Gary	36	21	O'Hare	35	14
Kankakee	34	14	Romeoville	37	16
Lakefront	35	22	Valparaiso	38	18
Lansing	35	18	Waukegan	31	15

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.11"
November to date	1.16"	1.45"
Year to date	43.83"	32.94"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	1.0"	0.5"
Normal to date	0.5"	0.4"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind ESE 4-12 kts. W 13-27 kts.	
Waves 1-3 feet	1-3 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps 43°/48°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

NOV. 14	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	27.6%	13.1%
Average snow depth	0.9"	0.7"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	1 days	1 days
Sub-zero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading **Good**
Thursday's forecast **Good**
Critical pollutant **Particulates**

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:38 a.m.	4:28 p.m.
Moon	12:27 p.m.	10:33 p.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	8:32 a.m.	5:24 p.m.
Venus	4:22 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Mars	1:07 p.m.	11:36 p.m.
Jupiter	7:22 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Saturn	10:03 a.m.	7:13 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	6:00 a.m.	16.5° ESE
Mars	6:15 p.m.	35° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:30 p.m.	14° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

MIDWEST CITIES					OTHER U.S. CITIES					WORLD CITIES										
THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO						
Illinois	ss	35	26	su	51	28	Albany	cl	67	40	su	68	42	Fairbanks	su	6	-1	cl	16	10
Carbondale	sn	35	26	su	51	28	Albuquerque	pc	57	30	su	68	42	Flagstaff	su	37	21	sh	24	9
Champaign	sn	32	24	pc	38	25	Amarillo	su	55	30	pc	57	32	Flagstaff	su	51	20	pc	54	22
Decatur	sn	31	23	pc	38	25	Anchorage	su	65	31	su	63	33	Fort Myers	sh	77	53	su	71	51
Moline	sn	34	26	pc	41	29	Aspen	pc	32	25	sh	34	33	Fort Smith	su	54	34	su	63	38
Peoria	sn	34	26	pc	41	29	Ashville	su	45	27	pc	53	29	Fresno	pc	71	43	su	72	43
Quincy	pc	42	32	pc	47	31	Aspen	su	47	21	pc	48	20	Grand Junc.	su	54	28	pc	55	28
Rockford	su	39	27	pc	42	29	Atlanta	sh	44	30	pc	54	36	Great Falls	su	50	32	ss	35	15
Springfield	su	39	27	pc	42	29	Atlanta	su	46	40	pc	51	37	Harrisburg	rs	34	34	pc	44	33
Sterling	su	40	27	pc	42	29	Austin	pc	66	42	su	70	45	Hartford	ss	35	31	su	41	31
Indiana	rs	37	26	pc	44	26	Baltimore	rs	38	38	su	40	36	Helena	pc	48	35	rs	39	14
Bloomington	rs	35	26	pc	44	26	Billings	su	52	35	rs	37	15	Honolulu	cl	83	74	pc	82	73
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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE INSIDE

Questions to ask before remodeling your kitchen

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
HomeAdvisor

Proper planning and organization are key to a kitchen remodel, regardless of the job's size. Ask yourself these questions at the beginning to organize your thoughts and priorities.

Answering these questions will do more than just give you design ideas. They will help you bring structure to what you want to complete and start putting directions on the road map to remodeling success. Form follows function, so be sure you know the function you want.

What kind of cook am I? Different cooks have different needs. Some enjoy a sprawling complex that allows them to create intricate meals; others just want to keep themselves and their family fed amid the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Your cooking style has personality, and your kitchen style should match. Otherwise you'll be struggling against your own layout during the task the kitchen is there to accommodate.

Related question: How many people will usually be cooking at a time? A solo cook has different needs than a family putting together a team effort.



DREAMSTIME

A good plan for kitchen remodeling can save headaches later on.

Keep your family's general cooking needs in mind when considering this. If the family includes someone who's always on the go and opting for quick meals, you might want a larger and more easily accessible microwave.

If the household includes small children, you might want to make some of the storage and workspaces lower and more accessible.

What will I be doing in my kitchen besides cooking?

Some use their kitchens to enter-

tain; others leave that entirely to other rooms. Some kitchens become the command centers of the home, a staging area for entrances and exits. Think through what you're actually going to use your kitchen for and plan accordingly.

How long will I be remaining in the house? This could determine some of your choices. If you plan to move in the next few years, you might want to focus on elements with more universal appeal. If you expect this to be your forever home, let your imagination run wild with specific and personalized choices.

How do I want the kitchen to interact with the rest of the house? Does the kitchen have an immediate exit to the outdoors? Open or closed floor design? How does it relate to the dining room and living areas, especially in terms of trafficking meals from point A to point B? The kitchen doesn't stand alone, so think of it in terms of the greater whole.

What factors are most important to me? This is a question only you can answer, but it's a point that you need to think about. Over the course of the process, you'll be making numerous decisions and prioritizing different elements. But think about your north stars — what are the elements you have to have and feel the kitchen is incomplete without? What do you need in this kitchen to make you happy? Keep your eye on that goal and you won't be disappointed.

FINDS

Speaker has great sound, fits nicely in cup holders

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Scosche's BoomBottle MM, a waterproof wireless speaker with built-in MagicMount, is amazing when you look at the features packed inside. And it's even better when you hear the sound.

With many Bluetooth speakers, when you push the button the volume keeps getting louder, but most often something in-

side your ears tells you when the speaker hits its optimum volume level based on the sound quality and distortion.

With the BoomBottle, you almost want it to keep getting louder, past the maximum volume levels — it sounds that good.

The speaker is 7.2 inches high with a rounded cup-holder-friendly body 2.9 inches deep. It weighs 1.25 pounds. Inside is Bluetooth 4.2, a pair of 12 W (6 W x 2

45 mm speakers and a 4000 mAh battery to keep the music playing for up to 12 hours. A 4 level LED battery indicator shows you how much power is left before a USB charge is needed.

With an IP67 waterproof rating, the speaker can withstand being submerged in up to 3 feet of water and the body has a dustproof construction. A built-in microphone is designed for hands-free calling.

Those features alone would be enough for a great speaker, but there's a unique feature on the outside: the BoomBottle Opener. The built-in opener is right there on the back of the speaker. So as long as the speaker is packed for vacation, you'll have an opener with you for your favorite beverage.

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A sliding barn door made mainly of glass in this media and game room, designed by GTM Architects, allows the homeowner to close off the space but still retain a flow of natural light and a connection to other rooms.



DANA HOFF/MARNIE CUSTOM HOMES

This stylish mudroom by designer and builder Marnie Oursler features a Dutch door with windows.

Interior doors can add light, personality

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Clients are sometimes surprised when home builder and designer Marnie Oursler starts talking about bedroom doors.

They expect to discuss things like windows, wall colors and where a built-in bookcase might fit best. Many of Oursler's clients hadn't considered that creatively designed interior doors can add personality, improve the flow of natural light, and also serve as flexible partitions to break up an open floor plan or connect two rooms.

"I've been using doors to add character in houses for a long time," says Delaware-based Oursler, who hosts "Big Beach Builds" on the DIY Network. "Mixing up doors throughout the house is really important," she says, "and it's easy."

Oursler and two other interior design experts — architect Tamara Gorodetzky, an associate with GTM Architects in the Washington, D.C., area, and Caleb Anderson, co-founder of New York-based Drake/Anderson — offered advice on using interior doors to elevate a home's style and function.

Doors as design features

Bedroom and bathroom doors can easily be swapped out for a different style, and you don't have to stick with traditional wood.

"If you look at the magazines now," Gorodetzky says, "people are doing really creative things like using a lot of steel in their doors instead of wood to give it an industrial look."

Another option is refinishing doors with paint, upholstery or other coverings.

Anderson updated traditional wooden doors in a client's entryway using a metallic faux finish that turned a "pair of double

doors that were very traditional and stuffy" into something eye-catching.

"You immediately walked into the apartment and there was this unique finish," he says. "It was pretty spectacular."

For another client, he had a set of pivoting doors made and upholstered in leather, with nickel nail-head detailing.

"You don't have to be afraid to do something bold or different," Anderson says.

Gorodetzky agrees: "I definitely like the idea of doing a feature door in a place where people will see it," she says. "If you have an office flanking your front foyer, it's a nice opportunity to do a French door."

Doors as optional walls

By adding a sliding barn door or a set of pivoting doors, you can break up an open space without adding something as permanent as a wall.

"For so long we've been in this world of open, open, knock down this wall," Anderson says. "I've seen a lot of people gravitating back toward the ability to close a dining room off. It adds this level of formality."

Sliding doors can be casual, rustic barn doors with heavy hardware, or something sleek and formal.

No matter which style you choose, Oursler says, "they add a lot of character, open or closed."

For one client, Gorodetzky's firm commissioned an artist to create a huge, dramatic piece of artwork made of steel and plaster, and then hung it as a sliding door that could close off one section of their home.

Let in more light

Most of us have solid wooden doors throughout our homes.

But these designers all say glass doors — clear or frosted for privacy and

beauty — are a great way to help natural light flow through a home.

For bedroom doors that lead to a hallway, consider brightening the space by switching to ones with frosted glass windows.

In large master bedrooms that have a separate enclosure for the toilet, or in small powder rooms with no window, a frosted glass door brings in natural light and makes the enclosed space seem a little less tiny.

Anderson worked with a client who wanted a separate dining room and kitchen.

The challenge was this: The kitchen lacked natural light, while the dining area had plenty. So rather than put up a wall, Anderson added interior partitions and doors made of textured, mottled glass.

What to avoid?

If you're refinishing or upholstering doors, Anderson says, keep durability in

mind.

"If you're wrapping it in a wall covering, sometimes you just have to be careful you're not choosing a material that's going to peel or fray," he says. "Doors move and they function, so anything that you're doing with them needs to be able to withstand that."

Also, Gorodetzky says, don't go with too much contrast unless it's truly your style.

"I don't really like the idea of doing different doors in every room," she says. You may be happier with a carefully chosen, consistent style throughout your home, with one or two more dramatic doors mixed in.

Lastly, if you buy a vintage door that was painted, be aware that paint used before 1978 probably had lead in it. You can buy a lead-based paint removal kit, Oursler says, or sand the old paint off in a well-ventilated space.

Native yuccas add excitement to landscapes

BY NORMAN WINTER
Tribune News Service

Look out, America, Color Guard and Golden Sword are changing landscapes in dramatic fashion. Believe it or not, these two selections of our native *Yucca filamentosa* are crushing the cookie-cutter, look-alike landscapes, no matter the season.

Now when I say “our native,” I’m not talking the desert southwest but the east from Texas to New York.

That’s correct that these evergreen yuccas are cold hardy from zones 4 through 10. Color Guard and Golden Sword are exciting additions to the flower bed and will entice visitors to bring out their cameras.

Both varieties will reach 24 inches tall and perhaps a little wider, showing off their green and gold variegation. Why grow a garden of yucca, cactus and agave?

The palette of colors and partnerships is only limited by your imagination.

They pair nicely with begonias and red spider lilies. Whatever the season, or the possible partnerships, all will look dazzling beyond your dreams when grown with these showy variegated yuccas.

Right now, in Columbus, Ga., professional landscapers are using them as pansy pals, which look stunning, and the pansies haven’t even kicked into gear, so to speak.

Typically, everyone thinks of cabbage, kale, mustard and chard as foliage plants to be pansy partners, which is certainly appropriate.

They are treated as annuals to be replanted every year. With the Color Guard or Golden Sword, however, you will be growing one that is essentially an evergreen perennial.

In addition to the excitement it creates by being an unexpected plant, it also stands out by virtue of rising above the horizontal



NORMAN WINTER/TNS

These Golden Sword yuccas create a dazzling cool season border with Citona and Black Pearl heuchera, juncus and pansies.

plane.

If you are unfamiliar with this term, think of a bed of pansies, marigolds or even petunias. You could conceivably draw an imaginary line across the top of the bed. When you rise above this with spiky flowers — or in the case of the yucca, swordlike foliage — then there is a tremendous amount of added interest.

As you might expect from a native, it is an extremely drought-tolerant plant that requires good drainage.

If your soil is clay or muck that holds water, then, by all means, improve your soil and plant on raised beds. They will produce offshoots that can be removed and planted elsewhere in the garden.

I’m raving about the foliage and architectural aspects of these plants, but each spring to early summer, there’s another reason to get excited. These spiky plants



SUSAN EVANS/TNS

This poolside bed is filled with architectural plants, and the two Color Guard yuccas, center, stand out in dramatic fashion. Color Guard yuccas can reach 24 inches tall and are considered deer-resistant.

produce creamy white, lightly fragrant blooms borne on 6-foot-tall stalks.

These blooms are a delectable source of nectar for hummingbirds.

It is a rare week that goes by

that someone doesn’t ask me about deer-resistant plants. If you find yourself the proud owner of a roving herd, then rejoice; the Color Guard and Golden Sword yuccas will not become Bambi’s salad.

Hairy Soapwort and Adam’s Needle are common names associated with these yuccas. One look at the bright gold and green variegation of these tough-as-nails plants, however, will steal your heart.

Wallpaper borders are easy to install

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Trends and designs change, and I'm convinced wallpaper will rise from the ashes. I'd like to start the resurgence and install some wallpaper borders in a few rooms in my home. What can you share to make this job go smoothly? Have you ever put in a border halfway up a wall? What are the biggest mistakes you can make working with wallpaper borders?

A: I don't know if wallpaper borders ever really fell out of favor. They're an inexpensive way to add themed character and eye candy to otherwise bland painted walls.

I've installed countless rolls of wallpaper border in my lifetime. I was very lucky that my wife selected interesting ones that accented each room. My favorite border of all time was one that had palm trees on it in a tropical setting. I installed it about 48 inches from the floor in a themed half bathroom.

If you haven't done the job before, you should know that hanging giant strips of wallpaper is challenging. Some of the old comedy movies showing actors getting wrapped up in the sticky paper are not too far-fetched. Wallpaper borders, on the other hand, are very simple to work with. It's almost impossible

to goof up.

The biggest mistake you can make, in my opinion, is to ignore any written instructions that come with the border. It's very important to use the correct adhesive. Some borders come pre-pasted. Instead of using water to activate the adhesive, I'd suggest a clear paste activator. These inexpensive products brush on or roll on with ease.

Be sure to allow the border to expand once the adhesive has been activated. Pros call this booking. This simply means you fold the back of the border onto itself so the adhesive is not exposed to the air. Allow the border to rest or expand for about 10 minutes before putting it on the wall.

I highly recommend painting the wall with a special wallpaper primer a week before you install the border. These glossy paints allow you to remove the border in the future with little effort. If you apply the border to normal painted drywall, there's a good chance you'll rip off the facing paper of the drywall when you attempt to remove the border.

One of the biggest rookie mistakes I see is when a person wraps the border around an inside corner where two walls meet. When the border dries, it pulls away from the inside of the corner leaving an unsightly 1/4-inch gap.

You solve this problem

by pressing the border into the corner very tightly. Use a sharp razor knife to make a straight cut through the border about 3/8-inch away from the inside corner.

Overlap the border that was about to run across the wall just 1/4-inch over this small strip of paper that wrapped around the corner. Trust me, you'll never see this overlap after the job is complete.

I've created a page on my website for you that has wallpaper border installation videos and other tips at go.askthebuilder.com/wallpaperborders.

Q: Winters are mild where I live. The temperature rarely drops below freezing. I've decided to install some traditional flagstone on a patio. I understand how to cut it and fit the pieces. I'm wondering about the best mortar to use. I plan on putting the flagstone on a concrete slab that has reinforcing steel in it so it will last for a long time.

A: Mild weather is the best for installing flagstone or any stone or brick that you'd mortar to a concrete slab. If I could pick my conditions, I'd want to do this work on overcast days with no wind and the temperature about 55 F.

I'd recommend a mortar mix that's rapidly becoming mythical. This happens with many techniques in



TIM CARTER PHOTO

This wallpaper border with palm trees added the right touch to this powder room.

the building industry. I'd use a mortar that's got a healthy amount of hydrated lime in it.

Hydrated lime has untold benefits, not the least of which is its ability to make the mortar easier to work with. Shrinkage cracks are minimized using hydrated lime. Lime has self-healing properties if

small cracks develop over time.

Here's a recipe that's worked well for me on all my jobs:

- 15 gallons of medium sand
- 6.38 gallons of Portland cement
- 1.12 gallons of hydrated lime

Blend all of these to-

gether in a wheelbarrow until well mixed and the color is uniform. Then add enough water so the final mix resembles mashed potatoes, not runny apple-sauce.

I've got lots of free extra flagstone mortar tips for you at my website. Go to go.askthebuilder.com/flagstonemortar.

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A rule of thumb is to continue mowing your lawn as long as it is growing.

When is a good time to stop mowing the lawn?

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Is it OK to stop mowing my lawn now?
— Robert Jones, Chicago

The optimum time to stop mowing your lawn will vary from year to year, depending on the weather, so there is no official stop date to recommend. Because you live in the city, your lawn may continue growing later in the fall because of higher temperatures in the city compared with the suburbs.

The general rule is to keep mowing the lawn as long as it is growing, which will depend on the weather. Blue grass generally stops growing when daytime high temperatures are consistently below 50 degrees. My lawn is still growing; slowly, but

enough to require mowing. It could go a couple of weeks between cuttings at this time of year but needs to be cut once a week to mulch up the leaves, which are quickly falling.

A hard frost in the 20s will typically slow but not necessarily stop the lawn's growth for the year. An early snowfall that quickly melts will generally have little influence on stopping the lawn's growth.

It is important to avoid mowing or even walking on your lawn when there is frost to avoid damaging the crowns of the grass. The heavier the frost, the more potential damage you can do to the lawn by walking on it.

If your lawn was fertilized this fall, you will likely get more growth, making late-season mowing more

important so the lawn does not get too long and mat down over the winter. I like to make the last cut of my lawn at about 2 to 2½ inches in the fall.

Gradually reduce the mower height until you're cutting grass at that shorter length. You should not remove more than one-third of the total blade length with each mowing. If the grass is actively growing, you may need to mow twice in the same week to reduce grass blade height.

You most likely have at least a couple of more weeks of lawn mowing this year.

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Today's open concept home designs are ideal for holiday entertaining

Increasingly chilly fall weather is signaling that the holiday entertaining season is approaching. Homeowners are moving indoors for cozy family evenings and parties for family and friends. Today's homes are especially well-designed for entertaining and gracious living, 21st century-style.

"The popularity of today's open concept floor plans has made entertaining more convenient and interactive for guests as well as the host and hostess," says Alison Keifer, sales manager at The Woods of South Barrington, a Toll Brothers community of luxury homes. "The two collections of distinctive single-family homes offered in this prestigious community provide abundant space for guests to gather for conversation around the fireplace or to visit with the cook around an oversized island that is a favorite feature in today's homes. The two-story or 12-foot ceilings in some family rooms provide ample height for a large holiday tree.

"Homes in The Woods of South Barrington typically include both a

breakfast room and a formal dining room for both casual family dining and holiday feasts. The spacious kitchens feature expansive cabinets and countertops for food preparation, and many plans have butler's pantries for added convenience. Since Toll Brothers offers hundreds of options to customize the homes, buyers can add countless conveniences and decorative features to already well-appointed kitchens.

"Full basements and plentiful bedrooms provide added space to make a visit comfortable for adults and children alike. In addition, the Arboretum, an upscale shopping center, is just a mile away and includes shops and restaurants for added holiday fun," she says.



Open concept plans such as this Shodeen home at Norton Lake create an ideal entertaining atmosphere.



Today's open concept home designs are ideal for festive holiday entertaining. Toll Brothers offers hundreds of options to customize your new home with spacious kitchens featuring expansive cabinets and casual family dining areas.

The semi-custom single-family homes at Ashcroft Place in Oswego by West Point Builders boast open concept floor plans, partial or available full basements along with design features that blend touches of the traditional with up-to-the-minute designs.

"Kitchens are a major focus whether people are planning for holiday entertaining or convenient family life," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "Our Monroe model home has both an informal dining area and a formal dining room, a walk-in pantry, oversized kitchen island and a dramatic garden window that creates an inviting accent. Features such as covered entries and extended 7- or 8-foot deep front porches are ideal for holiday decorating.

"Plentiful space is important when entertaining overnight guests and we offer a third bathroom to complement a guest bedroom. Basements, whether finished or unfinished, are fun places for the children to play while adults are gathering in the great room or around the kitchen island. In addition, Ashcroft Place is just a mile from downtown Oswego, a traditional small town with shops, restaurants and the Fox River running through, where visiting family and friends can venture for additional atmosphere. A Christmas Walk and tree lighting is set for Nov. 30," he says.

"It has long been said that the kitchen

is the heart of the home, and kitchens are definitely the hub of today's open concept homes, says Jeremy Lund, sales manager for Shodeen Homes. "Extra-large kitchen islands where the children can do their homework or guests can gather to visit with the host and hostess are a virtual necessity in today's single-family homes. Many of our buyers are opting for gourmet kitchens with upgraded features including double wall ovens, convection ovens, decorative backsplashes, glass front cabinets and wine refrigerators.

"Open concept floor plans are ideal for entertaining because they bring guests together in a friendly informal way. While some buyers consider formal dining rooms important, others want space for a large farmhouse-type table that will accommodate many people. Our communities throughout the far western suburbs and the Lake Geneva area of southern Wisconsin offer home designs that accommodate every preference.

"Full basements are included in our homes, and this extra square footage can be used for a party room, a media room to show movies for family and guests as well as a play area. And for those who enjoy decorating for the holidays, today's homes offer many opportunities to create seasonal displays," he says.

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Shodeen Homes extends fall inventory savings up to \$20,000 on quick delivery homes through Nov. 30. The Dakota at Reston Ponds in Sycamore is pictured.

Shodeen Homes extends Fall Inventory Blow-Out

Award-winning builder Shodeen Homes has extended its Fall Inventory Blow-Out through Nov. 30, giving new home buyers the opportunity to save up to \$20,000 on homes for quick-delivery in Geneva, Campton Hills, Elburn, Maple Park and Sycamore.

"With the holidays upon us and buyers eager to take advantage of historically low interest rates as well increased tax savings, we decided to extend our fall savings on our inventory homes," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "The idea of large holiday gatherings and in-home guests often inspire homeowners to search for homes that better suit their needs. We have a variety of ranch and two-story designs loaded with today's most popular options and upgrades at various price points and, through November, at the best pricing of the year."

Buyers who want to live in what the National Association of Home Builders named the "Best Overall Community in the Midwest" will want to view the Donovan at 05070 Forbes Drive at Mill Creek in Geneva. This master-planned Shodeen Homes' community is at close-out and consists of 2,356 homes, two District 304 community grammar schools, 900-acres of open space, 127 acres of preserved wetlands, 195 acres of parks, 17 miles of walking/biking trails, two 18-hole public golf courses, a Geneva Park District community center and pool, two on-site community churches and a downtown Village Retail Center.

The 2,748-square-foot Donovan, priced at \$499,900 for November, with first-

floor master bedroom and in-law suite is move-in ready with five bedrooms, 3½ baths, hardwood plank flooring throughout most of the first-floor, gourmet island kitchen with white custom cabinets, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, lookout basement, three-car garage and sits on a picturesque homesite overlooking the fourth hole of the golf course.

Just north of Geneva, buyers can enjoy a scenic lake view with the 2,993-square-foot Bluestem floor plan at 04N435 Norton Glen Blvd. at Shodeen's Norton Lake neighborhood in Campton Hills. The Bluestem, priced at \$557,875 for November, features brick and LP smart siding, four bedrooms, 3½ baths, wide-plank wood flooring throughout most of the first floor, chef-pleasing island kitchen with 42-inch gray cabinets, white Dallas granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances, formal living and dining rooms, study, two-story family room with fireplace, master bedroom suite with spacious walk-in closet and private luxury bath, three-car side-load, garage, deep-pour lookout basement and homesite backing to open space.

West of Campton Hills and Geneva, buyers can be part of Shodeen's newest community, Elburn Station, with ranch, two-story and maintenance-free single-family home options ready for quick move-in. The Ponderosa ranch, part of the maintenance-free Village Home collection, is located at 947 Station Blvd. and currently priced at \$283,900 with 2,176 square feet of living space, three bedrooms, three baths, finished basement and 2½ car garage.

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Toll Brothers invites buyers for 'Dusty Shoe' tour of luxury ranch home

New home buyers who desire single-level luxury in a pool and clubhouse community minutes from shopping, convenient commuter access and served by top-ranked schools will want to attend the "Dusty Shoe" preview of the 3,200-square-foot Audubon ranch plan on Nov. 17 and 18 at Tanglewood Hills in Batavia.

"The Audubon is the newest ranch plan in the Tanglewood Hills' collection of homes and the 'Dusty Shoe' tour gives buyers an opportunity to sneak-a-peek before construction is completed and view the open concept floor plan and its luxury finishes," says Megan Rammer, Toll Brothers sales manager at Tanglewood Hills. "Buyers who enjoy entertaining will appreciate the gorgeous island kitchen with breakfast bar and informal dining area open to the expansive family room with fireplace. The formal dining room extends entertaining possibilities as does the screened-in porch in warmer months."

Additional highlights of this Audubon design, available for January delivery and priced from the mid-\$500s, include a breathtaking foyer with tray ceiling that leads to the rotunda with coffered ceiling, private study, master suite with tray ceiling,



The Audubon ranch will be on display Nov. 17 and 18 at Tanglewood Hills in Batavia.

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— Megan Rammer,
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at Tanglewood Hills

ing, spacious walk-in closet and opulently appointed designer bath with separate vanities, soaking tub and ultra shower. A Princess Suite and Au Pair Suite, both with private baths, are also included. The mudroom leads to the two-car garage one side of the home with a single-car garage on the other side of the home. A full basement with rough-in plumbing completes the plan.

In addition to the Audubon, buyers may select from ranch and two-story homes starting at 3,200 square feet, with up to six bedrooms and 4½ baths and priced from the upper \$400s. All homes include a 10-year warranty and buyers may personalize their homes by adding bedrooms, including additional master suites, to their plans. Solariums, greenhouses, sunrooms, morning rooms, playrooms and additional bathrooms are also popular additions. And, buyers enjoy peace of mind knowing they will meet with a Toll Brothers interior design expert who will work with them as they select their interior finishes.



Toll Brothers invites buyers for a "Dusty Shoe" Tour of the Audubon ranch Nov. 17 and 18 at Tanglewood Hills in Batavia.

Tanglewood Hills, located minutes from I-88 just west of Randall Road in Batavia, offers 63 oversized homesites of ¼ acre or more and a resort-style atmosphere with two pools, a clubhouse, tennis courts, playgrounds and miles of walking trails. Residents enjoy convenient commuter access via Randall Road with access to I-88 and Metra train service in Geneva just minutes away. Children attend top-ranked Batavia District 101 schools including, Grace McWayne Elementary School, found within the neighborhood.

SchoolDigger.com ranks Batavia High School as the 39th best high school among Illinois' 645 high schools. The Batavia Park District offers programs for children of all

ages as well as operates the popular Harold Hall Quarry Beach, Batavia Depot Museum and picturesque Riverwalk.

Shopping is abundant along Randall Road with Geneva Commons Shopping Center just north of the community and charming restaurants and boutiques are found in downtown Batavia as well as nearby Geneva. Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital is also nearby.

The professionally decorated model and sales center are located at 425 Brady Way in Batavia. The sales center is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. To learn more about buying a home at Tanglewood Hills or the "Dusty Shoe" Tour, call 630-454-4988 or visit tollbrothers.com/IL.

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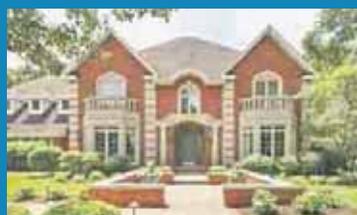
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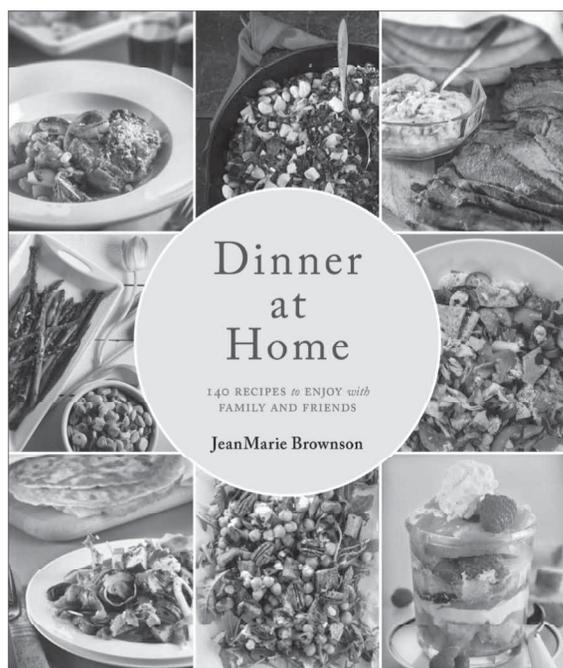
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