



U.S. climate report warns of extreme harm

Findings, at odds with Trump, say worsening weather, fires will smash economy, environment

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As California's catastrophic wildfires recede and people rebuild after two hurricanes, a massive new federal report warns that these types of extreme weather disasters are worsening in the country. The

White House report issued Friday also contradicts President Donald Trump.

The National Climate Assessment was written long before the deadly fires in California this month and before Hurricanes Florence and Michael raked the East Coast and Florida. It says warming-charged extremes "have

already become more frequent, intense, widespread or of long duration."

The report notes the last few years have smashed U.S. records for damaging weather, costing nearly \$400 billion since 2015.

The recent Northern California wildfires can be attributed to climate change, but there was less of a connection to those in Southern California, said co-author William Hohenstein of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"A warm, dry climate has increased the areas burned over the last 20 years," he said at a news conference.

The report is mandated by law every few years and is based on more than 1,000 previous research studies. It details how global warming from the burning of coal, oil and gas is hurting each region of the United States and how it affects different sectors of the economy, including energy and agriculture.

"Climate change is transforming where and how we live and presents growing challenges to human health and quality of life, the economy, and the natural systems that support us," the report says.

That includes worsening air pollution causing heart and lung problems, more diseases from insects, the potential for a jump in deaths during heat waves, and

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Black Friday scene at Sears: Stocked shelves and sentimental customers



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An employee at the Oakbrook Center Sears rests his head on Black Friday. The company is hoping for an uptick in holiday sales.

COMPANY HOPES SALES REGISTER

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH, LISA SCHENCKER AND ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Sales on Thanksgiving and Black Friday showed consumers are eager to open their wallets this holiday season. The question is how many are willing to open them for Sears.

Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp., which

filed for bankruptcy protection in October, isn't just trying to shake off its run of dismal holiday seasons. This year, the beleaguered parent of Sears and Kmart is trying to bring back shoppers to ensure a future for the company and some of its stores.

Friday got off to a slow start. When the recently remodeled Oakbrook Center Sears opened at 5 a.m., there was no line

outside the store and only a few cars were in the parking lot.

While the number of Black Friday shoppers at Sears stores was down — as expected — compared with last year, Chief Brand Officer Peter Boutros said that's in part because the day after Thanksgiving is not the kickoff to the holiday shopping season the way it once was for all retailers.

At Sears, Black Friday dis-

counts started Thursday evening for most shoppers. Boutros said the company saw "good upticks" sales of men's, women's and kids' apparel, as well as strong demand for Kenmore and Craftsman products.

Now that retailers spread deals throughout the month of November and make many of the same discounts available online, there's less incentive to be at the store when doors open

on Black Friday. Shoppers in the Chicago area and across the country appeared to head out to malls later in the day than in the past.

Online spending between Nov. 1 and Thanksgiving Day is up about 18.5 compared with the same period last year, according to data from Adobe, which tracks sales at the top 100

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Eternal Indian restoration gets some solid backing

Nearly \$600,000 raised to restore statue sitting over Rock River

BY TED GREGORY
Chicago Tribune

The beloved but crumbling national landmark on bluffs overlooking the Rock River has been covered in a tarp once again.

The last time that happened, it signaled a largely bleak future for a giant statue that had helped draw 400,000 visitors a year to a

remote patch of north-central Illinois about 100 miles west of Chicago.

This time, the cover is a hopeful milestone for its rehabilitation.

Nearly \$600,000 has been raised to restore the 48-foot-tall, 270-ton concrete figure known as the Eternal Indian. An engineering firm has been chosen and a conservator is expected to sign a contract soon. Plans call for the 107-year-old statue designed by acclaimed sculptor

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The Eternal Indian, designed by acclaimed sculptor Lorado Taft, was dedicated in 1911 and made headlines worldwide.

CHICAGO SPORTS

Bears' Jackson a game-changer

■ Safety Eddie Jackson is doing remarkable stuff. His 41-yard interception return for a touchdown Thursday proved to be the difference in the Bears' 23-16 win over the Lions, their third NFC North victory in 12 days. Jackson has five defensive touchdowns in his first two seasons.

■ Former Bears coach Mike Ditka was hospitalized Wednesday in Florida because of a heart ailment, according to reports. The former Bears coach suffered a heart attack, WGN-9 reported, citing anonymous sources.



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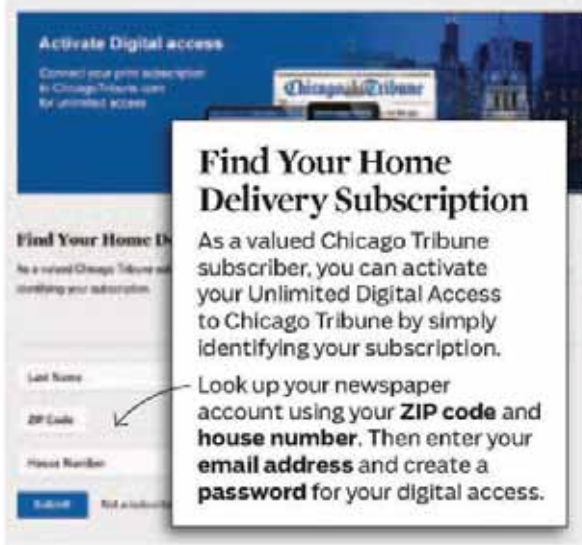
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Tom Yugar, of Lombard, tries on boots — that he later bought — on Black Friday at the Sears store in Oakbrook Center.

Holiday stakes high for Sears

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U.S. retailers. On Thanksgiving alone, consumers spent \$3.7 billion, up 28 percent from last year, Adobe said.

Even if Black Friday as a whole doesn't draw the frenzied crowds it used to, an estimated 164 million people still planned to shop between Thanksgiving and Cyber Monday, according to the National Retail Federation. Friday remains the most popular day during that period, drawing about 71 percent of those consumers.

That's an opportunity for Sears to win back customers. Shoppers at local stores Friday found shelves full of merchandise and discounts, but not aisles filled with customers or the long checkout lines evident at some competitors. Even those who said they don't shop at Sears as often as they used to expressed sadness at the storied retailers' woes.

Debbie Steimel, 60, of River Grove, had already stopped at Kohl's early Friday morning before coming to Sears in Oak Brook hoping to get ideas for holiday gifts.

She shops at Sears less frequently since her local store closed, but said she'd still miss the retailer if it doesn't make it through bankruptcy. She likes that Sears has "a little of everything." It's also the place where she grew up shopping, and where her parents brought her to visit Santa during the holidays.

"I'm a little partial, I guess," Steimel said.

Cicero resident Jayne Harrison, 62, was at the Chicago Ridge store early Friday to buy a pair of boots with a coupon she found

online. "They're not going to survive. I got these boots for \$5," Harrison joked.

Harrison and her friend, Cheryl Medley, 58, have been following Sears' struggles. The two women said Sears had been woven into their lives since childhood, and they said it's sad to see the chain struggle. Medley, of Oak Lawn, said her grandmother used to work at Sears and she would visit her at work. Harrison's sister worked there in high school.

Lockport resident Sherry Watson was carrying a pair of Levi's and sifting through stacks of plaid shirts in search of a gift for her husband.

Watson and her family have been coming to Chicago Ridge Mall every Black Friday for more than 15 years. They tend to follow the same itinerary: Park outside Sears, then hit that store and Kohl's before going to the other shops.

But the atmosphere is nothing like it used to be, when the crowds were thicker.

"Everyone is competing with Amazon, but we still like the shopping experience," said Watson, 54. "It's still an event for us. It's a family tradition."

Still, by about 11 a.m., the checkout line stretched nearly to the back of the store. Dozens of people were perusing the appliance section, opening microwaves and inspecting refrigerators. Some shoppers pushed around overflowing carts, and other lugged bags of bedding toward the exit.

At the Sears store in Schaumburg's Woodfield Mall, a steady flow of customers were browsing the aisles by 8 a.m. But the crowd at Sears was much

thinner than in the rest of the mall, including in Macy's, where customers stood in lines as many as a dozen people deep in front of registers.

Kenosha resident Denise Dufren, 59, strolled through the clothing displays at Sears, but said she was just killing time while she waited for the auto center to finish installing her new tires. Dufren worked at the Woodfield Sears more than 30 years ago. Friday was the first time she'd been back in decades.

When she worked there, employees often had to park across the street from the mall or in a remote parking lot on Black Friday and weekends during the holidays. She had no trouble finding a spot close to the store Friday morning.

Eamon Griffin, 49, and his wife arrived at the Woodfield store with a page-long list of gifts to buy for their kids and relatives and hopes of scooping up particularly good bargains this year.

"It doesn't look like it's gone into bankruptcy," said Griffin, of Norwood Park, as he walked through the store. He did say, however, that he thought the store would be more crowded.

Industry watchers expect shoppers to open their wallets this season, pointing to high consumer confidence and low unemployment. Companies like Walmart, Target, Best Buy, Macy's and Kohl's reported growing sales headed into the holidays.

The rosy outlook is good news for a retailer hoping for strong sales, but it leaves one less excuse if it falls short.

Sears' situation is "clearly challenging," said Christina Boni, a vice president at

Moody's Investors Service. Financing secured in bankruptcy will provide liquidity to keep the business going through the holidays, but the company will need to figure out what comes next, she said.

Sears told the Bankruptcy Court it believes it can avoid liquidation by reorganizing around a smaller group of profitable stores, which it intends to sell to a new owner that would continue operating the business. The company identified those 505 stores, including nine Sears stores and two Kmart stores in Illinois, in a court filing late Wednesday.

The retailer got the court's approval last week to begin trying to sell its best-performing stores and outlined a timeline that would require finding an initial bidder by Dec. 15.

Sears has tried the "shrink to grow" strategy before, Boni said. It's possible that this latest round would leave a core group of stores that can succeed, but retailers that appear to be in better shape tend to be those with the scale and financial flexibility to invest in keeping up with customers' demands, she said.

To help get it through the holiday season, Sears has secured a commitment for an additional \$350 million in bankruptcy financing, which Boutros said bolstered his outlook.

"I'm optimistic and bullish that we're going to win the holiday, and that's going to put wind in our sails to come out of Chapter 11," he said.

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CHICAGOLAND

Demonstrators protest Roberson shooting

Group calls for economic boycott of Midlothian

BY FRANK VAISVILAS
Daily Southtown

About two dozen demonstrators marched a few blocks down Pulaski Road in Midlothian to the village's police station Friday to protest the Nov. 11 shooting of Jemel Roberson by a police officer.

"We came out on Black Friday to call for an economic boycott of Midlothian," Eric Russell, activist and co-organizer of the rally, said.

Roberson, 26, was working as security guard at Manny's Blue Room in Robbins and was trying to apprehend a gunman when Midlothian police arrived on the scene and shot him, police said.

State police have stated that Roberson wasn't wearing anything to identify him as a security guard, but several witnesses say that "security" was written on his shirt.

Activist Matt Harrington said Friday that protesters want the police officer, whose name has not been released, to be fired and charged and for the mayor and police chief of Midlothian to step down for allegedly trying to cover up the incident.

Shouting chants, such as "Justice for Jemel" and "No justice, no peace, no racist Midlothian police," protesters also prayed for justice while placing their hands on the Midlothian Village Hall building.

Midlothian police stopped traffic temporarily on Pulaski Road to allow the protesters to cross the street and had monitored them in

front of the village hall.

Along with activist Tio Hardiman, who also attended Friday's rally, Harrington and Russell helped organize a Black Friday protest along Michigan Avenue in Chicago three years ago to protest the 2014 killing of Laquan McDonald after the release of police video of his shooting.

Although not as large as that protest, Russell said they were trying to bring attention to the fact that many Robbins residents shop in Midlothian and a boycott is needed to motivate officials to act. The marchers were joined by Roberson's girlfriend and mother of their 9-month-old son.

Harrington said other demonstrations are being planned for some time after Roberson's funeral on Saturday.

Frank Vaisvilas is a freelancer.



FRANK VAISVILAS/DAILY SOUTHTOWN

Activists pray in front the Midlothian Village Hall on Friday during a call for an economic boycott of the village.

TARGET THE TARGET



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U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Chicago, speaks to the news media during a Black Friday protest outside of the Target store at 8560 S. Cottage Grove Ave. in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood. That store and the Target in the Morgan Park neighborhood are scheduled to close in February. Rush organized the protest, hoping to hit the retailer in the wallet. Minneapolis-based Target has said the stores will be closed after "multiple years of decline and underperformance," according to a company spokesman.

Village Music Store nears its final note

Patrons fondly recall Deerfield institution slated for demolition

BY STEVE SADIN
Pioneer Press

Generations of North Shore residents from well-known musicians like Richard Marx to local teens looking for a hobby learned some of their skills at Deerfield's Village Music Store. The store closed this year with the retirement of 50-year employee Lana Rae.

The former Deerfield home that housed the music store for decades soon will be torn down to make way for potential new development.

While the building might soon be gone, memories of music lessons and creaky stairs are still fresh in the minds of local residents.

Rae, who started working at the store and studio a year after it opened on Osterman Avenue, kept it operating after the death of its founder, Bob Gand, in 2014.

The business got started when Bob Gand's wife, Myrna Gand, said she wanted a guitar for her birthday in 1962, according to Gale Gand, their daughter and a celebrity chef.

He bought the guitar for his wife, who had another use in mind.

"She hung it on the wall," Gale Gand said. "It was art over the couch. Dad was bummed. He decided he was going to learn to play it."

As Bob Gand was developing his guitar skills in his Deerfield home, the neighbors started to hear the sounds of his practice sessions.

Rather than complain about the noise, Gale Gand said the neighbors had a different idea. They wanted to learn to play too. "They came over on Monday night and he started teaching them," Gand said. "He stayed about six months ahead of his students."

Soon the lessons started taking over the house. Bob Gand got a room at Deerfield's American Legion Hall and continued to give lessons there. He continued his job as a sales executive for a lighting company.

"He put on a suit and wingtip shoes every day and went to work," Gale Gand said.

Then one day in 1967, the family got a surprise. Bob Gand said he was going to quit his job and make music a full-time gig.

He bought an old house on Osterman Avenue just west of Waukegan Road in downtown Deerfield and opened up shop. A year later, the business was going well enough for him to hire Rae in 1968.

While many people learned to play guitar from Gand, Rae and other teachers at the Village Music Store, his creativity was often at its best when he had to quickly figure things out.

Gale Gand, who started working in the store as a youngster, said she remembers when a man called the store and wanted to know if he could learn to play bagpipes. She said Rae took the call. "She said, 'Bob, I need you to learn to play the bagpipes,'" Gale Gand said. "We have a student who will be here Thursday. Be ready."

Rae said the store has a lot of special memories for her. Along with music lessons, there were more than 5,000 scores of sheet music and supplies for guitars. Music teachers from around the North Shore came to shop and visit.

"It was like stepping back into the '60s," Rae said. "The customers loved it. It was a lot of nostalgia. It was more than a store. It was the camaraderie with all of my customers. We would talk about what was going on in their world."

Elissa Delman, a Deerfield resident, took guitar lessons at the store when she was a third-grader.

"I loved it," Delman said. "It was awesome. It was in a room with five people. I remember the creaky wood floors." Delman's sister, Marnie Schindler, who now lives in Riverwoods, also took guitar lessons at the store from Lana Rae.

"I would walk up the creaky stairs to the practice room for my lesson," Schindler said. "It was a really comfortable place."

For the Gand family, music went beyond the store. Bob Gand started the Gand Family Singers.

They would pack the family in the car and tour when Gale Gand was young. She remembers Montreal's world's fair in 1967.

The village of Deerfield purchased the property on Oct. 18 to preserve the site for future development.

Village officials expect the house to be demolished by the end of the year.

Steve Sadin is a freelancer.

Post-holiday challenge: Here comes the snow

Expected storm to affect Sunday travel

BY KATIE GALIOTO
AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

As families finish off the last of their Thanksgiving leftovers over the weekend, it may begin to look a lot like Christmas in the Chicago area.

A snowstorm is expected to hit Sunday, possibly bringing several inches of snow before Monday morning, with even higher amounts expected north and west of the city, according to the National Weather Service.

A winter storm watch has been posted for Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Ogle, Lee and DeKalb counties west and northwest of

Chicago, where more than 6 inches of snow could fall during the day Sunday, according to the weather service.

Gusty north-northeast winds will cause blowing and drifting snow and make for treacherous travel conditions.

Travelers should be prepared for slick roads, poor visibility and increased travel time as they head home after the long holiday weekend, the weather service said.

"This couldn't happen at a worse time," said Charles Mott, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

The city of Chicago is not under the storm watch, but forecasters said that could change as the low pressure system tracks closer to the area.

"There is still plenty of uncertainty with this storm, especially

with the winds coming off Lake Michigan, where water temperatures are in the 40s," said weather service forecaster Ricky Castro. "The ultimate track of the storm will determine who gets what."

As of Friday, Chicago had received 3.6 inches of snow in November — a half-inch above average for this time in the month, Mott said.

Current forecasts predict the coming winter to be a relatively standard one in terms of temperature and snowfall, he added.

"If there's any kind of trend, it's colder," Mott said. "If there's any kind of trend, it's toward the snowier side."

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The Village Music Store closed in early 2018. The village of Deerfield bought the property and soon will tear down the structure.

Nearly \$600K raised for Eternal Indian statue restoration

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Lorado Taft to be completely restored by August.

I'm "pleasantly surprised and grateful," said Jan Stilson, a resident of Oregon, Ill., near the statue's home, who organized a local group to restart a restoration that had stalled about three years ago. "Some say it was divine intervention. Other people call it karma. Everything just lined up."

The latest restoration of the statue — informally known as Black Hawk, the Native American leader in the 1832 war that bears his name — received its most significant boost when the Illinois legislature agreed earlier this year to a capital budget that included \$350,000 for the effort.

"That was a game-changer," said Illinois Conservation Foundation Executive Director Eric Schenck. The nonprofit has partnered with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on the work. "It created an incentive for private money to come forward."

A few weeks after the state money was secured, Oregon manufacturer E.D. Etnyre & Co., which provided equipment for the original construction of the Eternal Indian around 1910, contributed \$100,000.

In addition, Oregon resident Kim Smeja donated \$20,000. Several banks in the region gave a total of \$14,500, and fans of the statue from California to Virginia offered financial help and expertise, Schenck and Stilson said.

Schenck credited local residents for "banding together" and state Rep. Tom Demmer, a Dixon Republican, for raising the issue in the legislature. Demmer also helped coordinate early meetings between local advocates and state agencies.

The first meeting occurred in March. By then, work on the statue that began in 2013 had been stalled for two years, after a disagreement arose between the conservator and engineers over how much of the statue should be replaced. Then state funding that had been promised failed to materialize.

In 2015, Landmarks Illinois placed the Eternal Indian on its annual list of the state's most endangered places. Early the next year, work stopped and the statue was covered in plastic to slow its deterioration.

"I couldn't stand to see it



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fifth-graders from Isaac Fox Elementary School in Lake Zurich gather around the Eternal Indian statue in Oregon, Ill., in April.

wrapped one more year," recalled Stilson, an Oregon writer and historian. "I had to do something."

She recruited others in the area for what became the Black Hawk Restoration Team. After overcoming initial skepticism from the earlier, failed restoration, many in the community wanted to help, Stilson said.

"I think people were worried about this," she added. "They were ready to put their shoulders to the grindstone and finish the job."

Thought to be the second-largest concrete monolithic statue in the world, the Eternal Indian drew international headlines when it was dedicated in 1911. Taft, who also designed the Fountain of Time on Chicago's South Side and Alma Mater statue at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, intended the sculp-

ture to be a contemplative homage to Native Americans, who have a rich history in the region.

Although it is often referred to as Black Hawk, the statue looks nothing like him. It does, however, bear a close resemblance to Pulitzer-prize-winning writer Hamlin Garland, a friend of Taft who resided at the Eagle's Nest Art Colony that existed near the statue site. Taft helped establish the colony after the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.

Despite at least two restorations, the statue deteriorated extensively.

Last spring, supporters of resuming restoration persuaded the state to pull off the wrapping to generate more enthusiasm for the renovation and draw visitors to the statue, which stands in Lowden State Park.

Stilson acknowledged that she remains concerned that a disagreement similar to the one that derailed the earlier restoration may occur this time.

But state officials, local supporters, the engineering firm Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. and the conservator Quality Restorations Inc. have been meeting regularly to monitor and update progress, she said.

"It's a faith thing," Stilson said. "We're all hoping for the best but we have no firm guarantees, and I think everybody's a little antsy about that."

Schenck said he was confident that both companies' extensive experience and detailed communications with each other would guard against a repeat of the earlier breakdown. If all goes well, work could begin in earnest next

spring.

Frank Rausa also counts himself as an optimist. In 2008, he and his wife, Charron, undertook fundraising that led to the 2013 restoration launch.

Lack of state funding was the primary setback then, Rausa said. He also noted that relationships among the organizations and supporters are stronger this time than in the last restoration.

Despite his excitement, Rausa, 76, of Rockford, said the new effort is bittersweet. Charron Rausa died in 2016.

"I wish all this would have happened earlier," Rausa said of the renovation. "But I'm sure Charron's happy now that it's going to be done."

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A federal report warns that extreme weather disasters, such as California's wildfires, are worsening in the United States.

U.S. warning of extreme warming

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nastier allergies.

"Annual losses in some economic sectors are projected to reach hundreds of billions of dollars by the end of the century — more than the current gross domestic product (GDP) of many U.S. states," the report says. It'll be especially costly on the nation's coasts because of rising seas and severe storm surges, which will lower property values. And in some areas, such as parts of Alaska and Louisiana, coastal flooding will likely force people to relocate.

"We are seeing the things we said would be happening happen now in real life," said another co-author Katharine Hayhoe of Texas Tech University. "As a climate scientist it is almost surreal."

And Donald Wuebbles, a co-author and University of Illinois climate scientist, said, "We're going to continue to see severe weather events get stronger and more intense."

What makes the report different from others is that it focuses on the United States, then goes more local and granular.

"All climate change is local," said Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Richard Alley, who wasn't part of the report but praised it.

While scientists talk of average global temperatures, people feel extremes more, he said.

"We live in our drought, our floods and our heat waves. That means we have to focus on us," he said.

The Lower 48 states have warmed 1.8 degrees since 1900 with 1.2 degrees in the last few decades, according to the report. By the end of the century, the U.S. will be

3 to 12 degrees hotter depending on how much greenhouse gases are released into the atmosphere, the report warns.

Outside scientists and officials from 13 federal agencies wrote the report. It was originally scheduled for December. The report often clashes with the president's past statements and tweets on the legitimacy of climate change science, how much of it is caused by humans, how cyclical it is and what's causing increases in recent wildfires.

Trump tweeted this week about the cold weather hitting the East including: "Brutal and Extended Cold Blast could shatter ALL RECORDS - Whatever happened to Global Warming?"

Friday's report seemed to anticipate such comments, saying: "Over shorter timescales and smaller geographic regions, the influence of natural variability can be larger than the influence of human activity. Over climate timescales of multiple decades, however, global temperature continues to steadily increase."

Releasing the report on Black Friday "is a transparent attempt by the Trump Administration to bury this report and continue the campaign of not only denying but suppressing the best of climate science," said study co-author Andrew Light, an international policy expert at the World Resources Institute.

During a news conference Friday, officials behind the report repeatedly declined to answer questions about the timing of its release and why it contradicts public statements from Trump.

Trump, administration officials and elected Repub-

licans frequently say they can't tell how much of climate change is caused by humans and how much is natural.

Citing numerous studies, the report says more than 90 percent of the current warming is caused by humans. Without greenhouse

gases, natural forces — such as changes in energy from the sun — would be slightly cooling Earth.

"There are no credible alternative human or natural explanations supported by the observational evidence," the report says.

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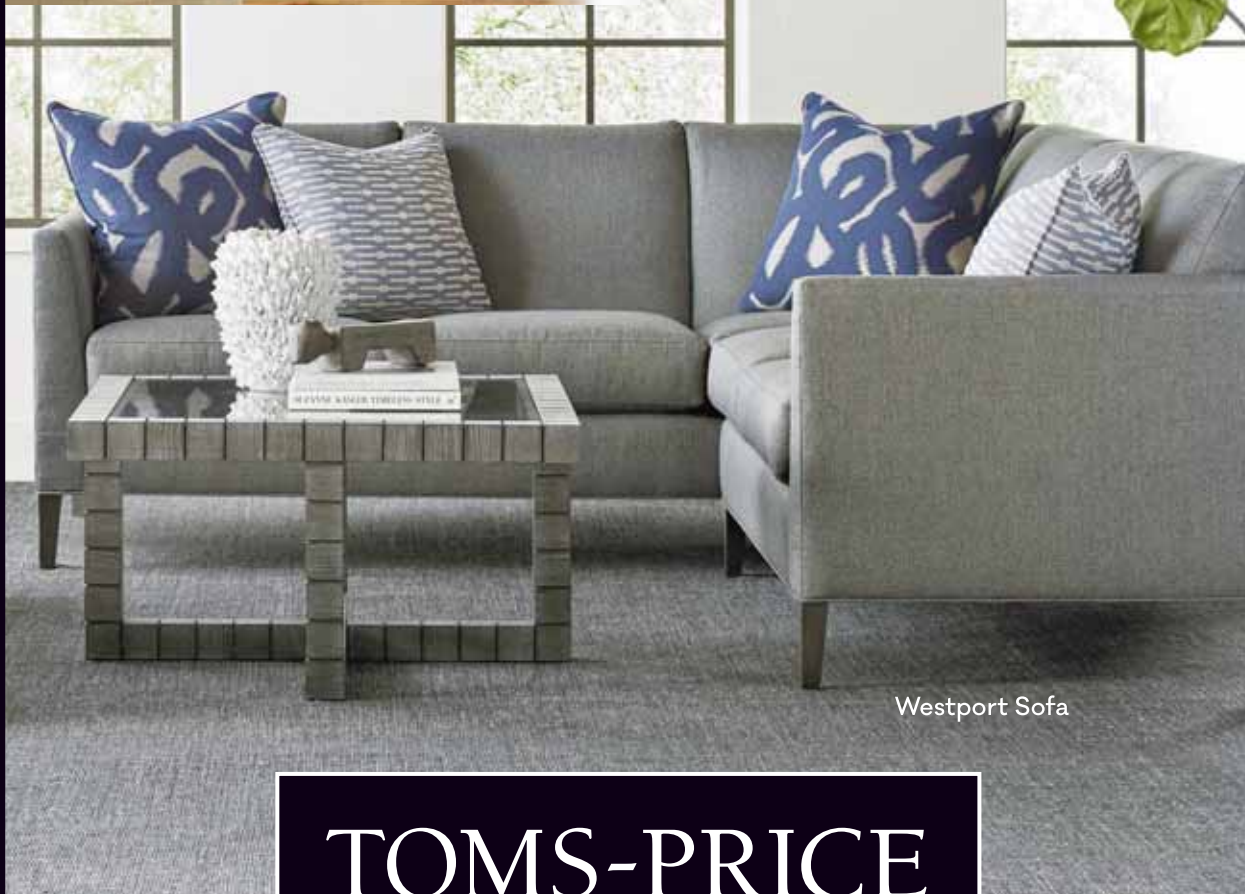
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Corsi talks to Mueller about plea deal

Trump associate says developments could come soon

By ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN, JOSH DAWSEY AND MANUEL ROIG-FRANZIA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Conservative writer and conspiracy theorist Jerome Corsi is in plea negotiations with special counsel Robert Mueller, according to Corsi and another person with knowledge of the talks.

The talks with Corsi — an associate of President Donald Trump and GOP operative Roger Stone — could bring Mueller's team closer to determining whether Trump or his advisers were linked to WikiLeaks' release of hacked Democratic emails in 2016, a key part of his long-running inquiry.

Corsi provided research on Democratic figures during the campaign to Stone, a longtime Trump adviser.

For months, the special counsel has been scrutinizing Stone's activities in an effort to determine whether he coordinated with WikiLeaks. Stone and WikiLeaks have repeatedly denied any such coordination.

Stone has said that Corsi also has a relationship with Trump, built on their shared interest in the falsehood that President Barack Obama was not born in the United States.

Corsi confirmed the plea negotiations after they were first reported by The Washington Post on Friday.

"It's true. Your story is accurate," he said, declining

to comment further except to say there may be developments next week.

Stone said in a statement that he was not aware of any plea discussions involving Corsi, describing him as an investigative journalist "whose activities I would think would largely be covered under the First Amendment."

Last week, Corsi said his efforts to cooperate with prosecutors had broken down and that he expected to be indicted on a charge of allegedly lying.

He described feeling under enormous pressure from Mueller and assured his supporters that he remains supportive of the president.

In a webcast and a series of interviews, Corsi said he had spoken to prosecutors for 40 hours and feared that he could spend much of the remainder of his life in prison.

At that time, he gave no indication that he intended to plead guilty, instead casting himself as an unfairly targeted victim of a Mueller campaign against Trump.

Then, Corsi abruptly fell silent, canceling a scheduled Nov. 13 interview with NBC.

David Gray, his attorney, told NBC that he had just spoken to the special counsel's office and had advised Corsi to cancel.

Corsi has resumed talks with Mueller's team about a possible deal that could result in him agreeing to plead guilty in exchange for leniency, according to the person familiar with the situation.

It is not clear what infor-



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mation Corsi could leverage to get a deal with prosecutors.

He told the Daily Caller

last week that prosecutors are focused on whether he had developed a source with inside information

about WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's plans.

Corsi said he did not have a direct source to the group. Instead, he said he developed a theory that Assange had access to hacked emails belonging to Hillary Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta and that WikiLeaks would release them in October 2016.

He told the Daily Caller that he shared his prediction with many people, including Stone.

If Mueller could prove that Corsi learned about Podesta's emails from Assange or another person in contact with him, he could try to link WikiLeaks' releases to Stone or others in Trump's world.

Stone told the publication that Corsi never relayed such information.

"He never told me that he had figured out or believed that John Podesta's emails had been stolen," Stone said.

On Aug. 21, 2016, Stone tweeted "it will soon (be) the Podesta's time in the barrel."

He has insisted his tweet had nothing to do with any plan by WikiLeaks and that it was based on research Corsi had provided to him about work Podesta and his lobbyist brother Tony had done involving Russia.

"He simply told me of their Russian business deals in banking gas and uranium," Stone said in a text message this week to The Washington Post. "There was NO WikiLeaks context."

Stone told the House Intelligence Committee in September 2017 that his Podesta tweet was "based

on a comprehensive, early August opposition research briefing provided to me by investigative journalist, Dr. Jerome Corsi, which I then asked him to memorialize in a memo that he sent me on August 31st, all of which was culled from public records. There was no need to have John Podesta's email to learn that he and his presidential candidate were in bed with the clique around Putin."

Stone has since said that the information in the Aug. 31 memo — which he received 10 days after his now-infamous tweet — was similar to information that Corsi had relayed to him verbally before the tweet.

The prediction that Corsi said he made that Assange would publish Podesta's emails was correct: on Oct. 7, 2016, WikiLeaks began publishing 50,000 emails stolen from Podesta's account, releasing them in batches of a few thousand at a time each day leading up to the November election.

Corsi told the Daily Caller that he based his prediction on public sources of information, including the fact that Podesta was not among the Democrats whose emails had been published by WikiLeaks when the group released Democratic National Committee correspondence in July.

He said he concluded WikiLeaks must be holding back Podesta's correspondence to make a bigger splash later in the campaign.

Podesta did not work for the DNC and the emails were stolen from his private Gmail account.



People comfort a family member of a police officer killed during a shootout Friday at the Chinese Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan. Three attackers also were killed, officials said.

Pakistan: Attackers kill 4, target Chinese Consulate

Armed separatists say they're fighting against 'occupation'

By ADIL JAWAD
Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — Armed separatists stormed the Chinese Consulate in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi on Friday, triggering an hourlong shootout during which two Pakistani civilians, two police officers and all three assailants were killed, including one who was wearing a suicide vest, Pakistani officials said.

The assault, claimed by a militant group from the southwestern province of Baluchistan, reflected the separatists' attempt to strike at the heart of Pakistan's close ties with major ally China, which has invested heavily into road and transportation projects in the country, including in Baluchistan.

The Baluch Liberation Army said it was fighting "Chinese occupation" and released photos of the three attackers.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng

Shuang said China would not waver in its latest big project in Pakistan — the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor — and expressed confidence that Pakistan could ensure safety. Still, China asked Pakistan to beef up security at the mission.

Authorities said the dead civilians were a father and a son who were picking up their visas for China. The consulate's diplomats and staff were unhurt and were evacuated to a safe place, senior police official Ameer Ahmad Sheikh said. A spokeswoman at the Jinnah Hospital said a consulate guard was wounded and was being treated there.

The attack began shortly after 9 a.m. when the consulate was open for business. The militants fired at consulate guards and hurled grenades, breaching the main gate and entering the building, said Mohammad Ashfaq, a local police chief.

Pakistani security forces surrounded the area. Local TV stations broadcast images showing smoke rising from the building, which also serves as the residence

of Chinese diplomats and other staff.

"Because of a quick response of the guards and police, the terrorists could not" reach the diplomats, Sheikh said after the fighting ended. "We have completed the operation."

Geng said the attackers did not get into the consulate itself, and that the exchange of fire took place outside the building. The discrepancy with the Pakistani officials' reports could not be immediately reconciled.

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the attack and praised the Karachi police and the paramilitary rangers for their courage.

He ordered an investigation and vowed that such incidents would never be able to undermine relations with China, which are "mightier than the Himalayas and deeper than the Arabian Sea."

In a rare statement about attacks in Pakistan, neighboring India condemned the assault on the Chinese Consulate, saying that "there can be no justification whatsoever for any act of terrorism."

American on trip to Indian island: 'I don't want to die'

Missionary wrote of meeting tribe before being killed

By ASHOK SHARMA
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — The American missionary, paddling his kayak toward a remote Indian island whose people have resisted the outside world for thousands of years, believed God was helping him dodge the authorities.

"God sheltered me and camouflaged me against the coast guard and the navy," John Allen Chau wrote before he was killed last week on North Sentinel Island.

Indian ships monitor the waters around the island, trying to ensure outsiders do not go near the Sentinelese, who have repeatedly made clear they want to be left alone.

When a boy tried to hit him with an arrow on his first day on the island, Chau swam back to the fishing boat he had arranged to wait for him offshore. The arrow, he wrote, hit a Bible he was carrying.

"Why did a little kid have to shoot me today?" he wrote in his notes, which he left with the fishermen before swimming back the next morning. "His high-pitched voice still lingers in my head."

Police say Chau knew that the Sentinelese resisted all contact by outsiders, firing arrows and spears at passing helicopters and killing fishermen who drift onto their shore. His notes, which were reported Thursday in Indian newspapers and confirmed by police, make clear he knew he might be killed.

"I DON'T WANT TO DIE," wrote Chau, who appeared to want to bring Christianity to the islanders. "Would it be wiser to leave and let someone else to continue. No I don't think so."

Chau, whose friends de-



INDIAN COAST GUARD AND SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL
A Sentinelese tribal member aims an arrow at a helicopter as it flies over the North Sentinel Island in 2004.

scribed him as a fervent Christian, attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. Before that he had lived in southwestern Washington state and went to Vancouver Christian High School.

Indian authorities have been trying to figure out a way to recover Chau's body after he was killed last week by islanders who apparently shot him with arrows and then buried his body on the beach.

A team of police and officials from the forest department, tribal welfare department and coast guard Friday launched a second boat expedition to the island to identify where Chau died.

The officials took two of the seven people arrested for helping Chau get close to the island in an effort to determine his route and circumstances of his death, according to a statement issued by police for the Andaman and Nicobar islands, where North Sentinel is located.

Chau paid fishermen last week to take him near North Sentinel, using a kayak to paddle to shore and bringing gifts including a football and fish.

"Since the Sentinelese tribespeople are protected by law to preserve their way of life, due precautions were taken by the team to

ensure that these particularly vulnerable tribal groups are not disturbed and distressed during this exercise," the statement said.

The team returned later Friday.

The police and the coast guard had carried out an aerial survey of Northern Sentinel Island earlier in the week.

Officials typically don't travel to the North Sentinel area, where people live as their ancestors did thousands of years ago. The only contacts, occasional "gift giving" visits in which bananas and coconuts were passed by small teams of officials and scholars who remained in the surf, were years ago.

Police are consulting anthropologists, tribal welfare experts and scholars to figure out a way to recover the body, said Dependera Pathak, director-general of police on the Andaman and Nicobar islands.

Scholars know almost nothing about the island, from how many people live there to what language they speak.

Chau estimated the island had about 250 inhabitants, with at least 10 people living in each hut.

"The tribe's language has a lot of high pitched sounds like ba, pa la and as," he wrote.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Afghan official says death toll in mosque blast climbs to 27

KABUL, Afghanistan — An explosion ripped through a mosque inside an Afghan army base in the country’s volatile eastern Khost province as Friday prayers were drawing to a close, killing 27 soldiers and wounding 57, the military said.

The blast may have been set off by a suicide bomber or a remotely detonated bomb but nothing was officially confirmed and details were sketchy. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the explosion.

President Ashraf Ghani condemned the attack in a statement and also wanted to know how the army’s security was breached.

The explosion came just days after a suicide bomber killed 55 religious scholars gathered in the Afghan capital, Kabul, to celebrate the birth of Islam’s Prophet Muhammad.

Judge rejects bias claim, won’t toss Trump charity lawsuit

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump’s claim that a lawsuit against his charitable foundation was motivated by political bias of the state attorney general’s office was rejected by a judge.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Saliann Scarpulla on Friday denied a request from Trump and his foundation to dismiss the suit in which the president and his three eldest children are accused of engaging in a decadelong pattern of self-dealing and using the nonprofit’s funds for political purposes.

The lawsuit is one of the most serious legal challenges facing Trump and his family. Unless an appeals court blocks the attorney general, the process of uncovering evidence will allow the state’s lawyers to reach into the Trump family’s financial dealings.

Duck boat owner settles with Missouri family over accident

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The company that owns a duck boat that sank on a Missouri lake in the summer, killing 17 people, has settled the first of several lawsuits filed in the accident.

William Bright, 65, and his wife, Janice, 63, were among those killed in the July 19 accident on Table Rock Lake. Their three adult daughters filed suit.

Adam Graves, an attorney for the family, said the settlement with Ripley Entertainment was finalized Thursday, and that his clients were satisfied with the terms, which were not disclosed.

Three others named in the suit will remain defendants. They are Ride the Ducks International LLC, a division of Ripley; the captain of the boat, Kenneth Scott McKee; and the driver on land, Robert Williams, who died when the boat sank.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Osaka on the board: Japanese officials celebrate Friday in Paris after the 170 states of the Bureau International des Expositions awarded the 2025 World Expo to Osaka, which beat out cities in Russia and Azerbaijan to host an event that draws millions.

Turkey says Trump ‘turning a blind eye’ to Khashoggi’s killing

AMMAN, Jordan — For months, Turkish officials have been leaking gruesome details surrounding Jamal Khashoggi’s death as a counter to President Donald Trump’s moves to absolve Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Trump ally thought to be behind the Saudi journalist’s slaying.

But Ankara took a more direct approach on Friday, with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu slamming Trump for “turning a blind eye” in Khashoggi’s death, and accusing him of putting money above human values.

Trump’s statements in support of the prince mean that the president is saying, in essence, “‘Whatever happens, I will turn a blind eye,’” Cavusoglu said in an interview Friday with CNN’s Turkish affiliate, CNN Turk. “This is not the right approach. Money is not everything. We shouldn’t abandon our humanitarian values.”

Cavusoglu’s rebuke echoes those from other Turkish officials, who have described as comical an exclamation-point-filled message this week from the president concerning reports that the crown prince ordered Khashoggi’s slaying.

“Maybe he did, maybe he didn’t,” Trump wrote Tuesday in a 633-word message, later adding, “In any case, our relationship is with Saudi Arabia.” He also thanked the kingdom for its support against Iran and “keeping oil prices at reasonable levels.”

Khashoggi, a onetime Saudi government insider who left the kingdom last year and became a U.S. resident and Washington Post columnist, disappeared after entering the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, on Oct. 2.

U.S. probes brake flaw in 2.7M GM pickups, SUVs

The U.S. government is investigating more than 100 complaints of poor brake performance on 2.7 million General Motors big pickups and SUVs.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says a brake vacuum pump can deteriorate, causing increased braking effort and longer stopping distances.

The agency has 111 consumer complaints including nine crashes and two injuries.

The investigation covers 2014 through 2016 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups. Also involved are Chevrolet Suburban and Tahoe, the GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade SUVs.

The agency will determine how often the problem happens and whether a recall is necessary. GM is monitoring complaints and working with NHTSA to evaluate them, a spokesman said Friday.

Michael Hayden ill: Former CIA Director Michael Hayden has been hospitalized after suffering a stroke this week.

Hayden, 73, led the CIA under President George W. Bush from 2006 to early 2009. He was also director of the National Security Agency from 1999 to 2005.

In Pakistan: The party of a radical Islamic cleric who disrupted daily life with violent rallies across Pakistan after the acquittal of a Christian woman in a blasphemy case says he has been arrested. In a statement, the Tehreek-e-Labbaik party said Khadim Hussain Rizvi was arrested Friday by police in Lahore.

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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Sales tax on rise after court ruling

States can make more companies collect for online purchases

By JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shoppers heading online to buy holiday gifts will find they're being charged sales tax at some websites where they weren't before. The reason: the Supreme Court.

A June ruling gave states the go-ahead to require more companies to collect sales tax on online purchases. Now, more than two dozen states, including Illinois, have moved to take advantage of the ruling, many ahead of the busy holiday shopping season.

"Will your shopping bill look any different? ... The answer right now is it depends," said Jason Brewer, a spokesman for the Retail Industry Leaders Association, which represents more than 70 major retailers.

Whether shoppers get charged sales tax on their online purchases comes down to where they live and where they shop.

Before the Supreme Court's decision, the rule was that businesses selling online had to collect sales tax only in states where they had stores, warehouses or another physical presence. That meant major retailers such as Apple, Best Buy, Macy's and Tar-

get were generally collecting sales tax from online customers. But that wasn't the case for businesses with a big online presence but few physical locations.

Now, states can force out-of-state sellers to collect sales tax if they're doing a fair amount of business in the state. That means retailers such as Overstock.com, home goods company Wayfair and electronics retailer Newegg can be required to collect tax in more states. Those companies were involved in the case before the Supreme Court, but a wide range of businesses from jewelry website Blue Nile to clothing and outdoor company L.L. Bean and electronics retailer B&H Photo-Video are also affected.

Before the Supreme Court's decision, Overstock was collecting sales tax in eight states. Now, it's collecting sales tax nationwide. Jonathan Johnson, a member of Overstock's board of directors, said a small number of customers reached out to ask about the change when it happened but the company now hasn't had a question about it in months. Wayfair, for its part, was collecting sales tax in 25 states before the decision. Now it's col-



JESSICA GRESKO/AP

Packages from online retailers sit in the mail room of an apartment building. Such rooms see increased traffic at this time of year, and some purchases are getting pricier.

lecting sales tax in 36 of the 45 states with a sales tax.

Where online shoppers live also can affect whether they're being charged sales tax.

States had a strong interest in taking advantage of the Supreme Court's decision by passing laws or publishing regulations prior to this holiday shopping season if at all possible, said Richard Cram of the Multi-state Tax Commission, which works with states on tax issues. Those that did have generally been following the lead of South Dakota, which brought the issue to the Supreme Court. South Dakota requires sellers who don't have a physical presence in the state to collect sales tax on online purchases if they do more than \$100,000 in business in South Dakota or more than 200 transactions annually with state residents.

Several states — Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Min-

nesota, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin — began enforcing their own requirements Oct. 1. And about half a dozen states will start in the next two months.

But a number of big states, including California, Texas, New York and Florida, do not yet have similar collection requirements in place.

As a result, consumers shopping online from those states and others that have yet to act may not be charged sales tax on some websites for a little longer. Online shoppers in those states — particularly those making expensive holiday purchases like televisions, computers and luxury goods — may be motivated to try to purchase from a website that isn't charging them sales tax. While that may look like a sweet tax savings, shoppers are generally supposed to pay the tax to the state themselves, but few do.

Still, it's getting harder to find sellers that aren't collecting sales tax online, said lawyer Eric Citron, who was involved in the Supreme Court case. And Citron said it will become even harder in 2019, with more states putting in place expanded sales tax collection requirements. States also have websites such as eBay, Etsy and Amazon in their sights.

Amazon collects sales tax when customers purchase goods it sells, but third-party retailers selling products on Amazon make their own sales tax collection decisions. Sellers on eBay and Etsy also make their own decisions. Now states are working to require those large marketplaces to collect taxes on behalf of sellers using their platform.

"States tend to use the powers that the Supreme Court gives them, especially when it comes to collecting taxes," Citron said.

S&P 500 slides into correction again in '18

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

U.S. stocks closed lower after a shortened session Friday, bumping the benchmark S&P 500 index into a correction, or drop of 10 percent below its most recent all-time high in September.

Energy companies led the market slide as the price of U.S. crude oil tumbled to its lowest level in more than a year, reflecting worries among traders that a slowing global economy could hurt demand for oil.

"Oil is really falling sharply, continuing its downward descent, and that appears to be giving investors a lot of concern that there's slowing global growth," said Jeff Kravetz, regional investment director at U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management. "You have that, and then you have the recent sell-off in tech and in retail, and then throw on there trade tensions and rising rates."

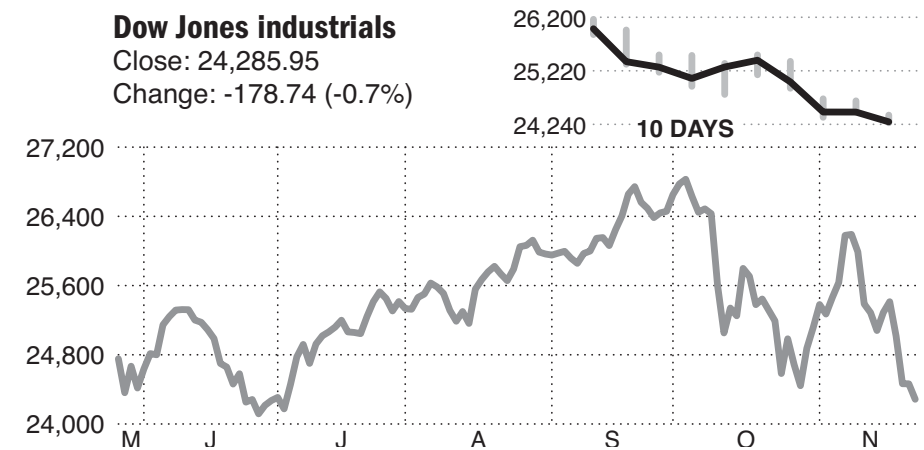
Losses in technology and internet companies and banks outweighed gains in health care and household goods stocks.

Trading volume was lighter than usual with the markets open for only a half day after Thanksgiving.

The S&P 500 index fell 17.37 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,632.56. The index is down 10.2 percent from its last all-time high set Sept. 20. The last time the index entered a correction was in February.

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DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-4.44	-4.26	-3.79	-1.63	-3.18	-.98	+3.09	+.72	+.116
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FUTURES								
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.	
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	500.75	507.50	499	499.75	+1	
		Mar 19	509	516	506.50	506.50	-.25	
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	361	361.75	358.75	359	-2.75	
		Mar 19	372	372.50	370.25	370.25	-2.50	
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	881.25	884.50	880	880.75	-2.25	
		Mar 19	894.75	898	893.50	894.50	-2.25	
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	27.75	27.82	27.55	27.60	-.20	
		Jan 19	27.95	28.00	27.75	27.81	-.18	
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	307.00	308.50	305.40	306.20	-.40	
		Jan 19	309.00	310.80	307.70	308.40	-.30	
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	54.66	54.82	50.15	50.42	-.421	
		Feb 19	54.80	55.00	50.33	50.59	-4.21	
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 18	4.471	4.563	4.117	4.308	-.143	
		Jan 19	4.502	4.598	4.151	4.355	-.112	
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 18	1.5019	1.5096	1.3838	1.3913	-.1194	
		Jan 19	1.4890	1.4948	1.3685	1.3760	-.1183	

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	68.11	-.42	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	97.94	+.28	Mondelez Intl	O	43.79	+.31
AbbVie Inc	N	85.63	-.52	Equity Residential	N	69.11	-.39	Morningstar Inc	O	115.21	-.79
Allstate Corp	N	87.73	-.34	Exelon Corp	N	44.85	-.10	Motorola Solutions	N	124.35	+.24
Aptargroup Inc	N	103.90	+.40	First Indl RT	N	31.41	-.13	NiSource Inc	N	25.67	+.11
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.20	-.40	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.20	-.09	Nthn Trust Cp	O	96.29	+.29
Baxter Intl	N	65.47	-.06	Gallagher AJ	N	76.67	+.21	Old Republic	N	21.47	-.13
Boeing Co	N	312.32	-.50	Grainger WW	N	297.95	-.456	Packaging Corp Am	N	95.60	-.17
Brunswick Corp	N	53.18	+.54	GrubHub Inc	N	78.98	+.39	RLI Corp	N	74.44	+.66
CBOE Global Markets	N	107.39	-.58	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	93.45	+.144	Stericycle Inc	O	45.62	+.67
CDK Global Inc	O	49.92	+.24	IDEX Corp	N	131.40	-.162	Teleph Data	N	34.55	-.29
CDW Corp	O	87.87	+.144	ITW	N	134.21	+.16	TransUnion	N	60.67	-.02
CF Industries	N	43.22	-.98	Ingredion Inc	N	103.09	-.112	Tribune Media Co A	N	39.14	+.55
CME Group	O	189.31	-.70	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	139.76	+.137	US Foods Holding	N	32.61	+.60
CNA Financial	N	46.42	+.24	Kemper Corp	N	73.38	-.16	USG Corp	N	42.85	+.09
Caterpillar Inc	N	122.32	-.155	Kraft Heinz Co	O	51.04	-.12	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	303.32	-.44
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	33.19	+.30	LKQ Corporation	O	27.34	+.05	United Contl Hldgs	O	94.84	+.198
Deere Co	N	142.84	+.96	Littelfuse Inc	O	179.47	-.11	Ventas Inc	N	61.43	+.07
Discover Fin Svcs	N	68.51	-.30	MB Financial	O	44.09	-.08	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	80.81	+.105
Dover Corp	N	84.56	-.46	McDonalds Corp	N	181.93	-.79	Wintrust Financial	O	75.83	-.30
Equity Commonwlth	N	31.01	+.02	Middleby Corp	O	116.56	-.19	Zebra Tech	O	165.00	+.66

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.57	-.24
Vale SA	13.26	-1.09
Petrobras	13.87	-.45
Bank of America	26.97	-.30
VICI Properties	21.65	+.23
Regions FncI	15.96	+.14
Chesapeake Engy	3.15	-.11
Ford Motor	9.13	+.02
AT&T Inc	29.36	-.41
Ambev S.A.	4.17	-.09
Wells Fargo & Co	51.83	-.60
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.49	-.207
Rockwell Collins	141.63	+.1195
Nokia Corp	5.49	-.04
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	8.78	-.72
Utd Technologies	129.04	+.333
Vipshop Hldgs Ltd	5.29	-.26
EnCana Corp	7.12	-.27
BP PLC	39.89	-.138
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.65	-.03
Phizer Inc	43.14	+.04
Kinder Morgan Inc	16.61	-.56
Transocean Ltd	9.01	-.25
Schlumberger Ltd	46.37	-.127

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	19.38	+.65
Apple Inc	172.29	-.449
JD.com Inc	19.27	-.107
Helios and Matheson	.02	..
Microsoft Corp	103.07	-.04
Facebook Inc	131.73	-.309
Micron Tech	36.40	+.02
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.06	+.02
Nvidia Corporation	145.00	+.29
Sphere 3D Corp	5.59	+.139
Appliance Recycling	.75	+.15
Cisco Syst	44.54	+.35
Real Goods Solar	.63	+.08
Intel Corp	46.54	-.49
Starbucks Corp	65.70	-.107
New Age Beverages Cp	3.94	+.13
MagneGas Applied Tch	.28	+.01
eBay Inc	28.44	+.10
Zynga Inc	3.48	-.01
Overstock.com Inc	20.93	+.395
AGNC Investment Cp	17.41	-.09
American Airlines Gp	37.95	+.164
Caesars Entertain	8.22	+.03
Valeritas Holdings	.42	+.03

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2579.48	-66.0/-2.5
Stoxx600	353.98	+1.4/+4
Nikkei	21646.55	+139.0/+7
MSCI-EAFE	..	..
Bovespa	86230.25	-1247.2/-1.4
FTSE 100	6952.86	-7.5/-1.1
CAC-40	4946.95	+8.8/+2

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	150.33	+.92
Alphabet Inc C	1023.88	-13.73
Alphabet Inc A	1030.10	-13.33
Amazon.com Inc	1502.06	-14.67
Apple Inc	172.29	-.449
Bank of America	26.97	-.30
Berkshire Hath B	207.07	-.379
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.49	-.207
Facebook Inc	131.73	-.309
JPMorgan Chase	106.65	-.99
Johnson & Johnson	142.23	+.24
Microsoft Corp	103.07	-.04
Phizer Inc	43.14	+.04
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.65	-.291
Royal Dutch Shell A	58.98	-.266
Unitedhealth Group	261.62	+.107
Verizon Comm	58.64	-.52
WalMart Strs	95.10	+.93
Wells Fargo & Co	51.83	-.60

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.35	2.34
6-month disc	2.46	2.44
2-year	2.80	2.79
10-year	3.05	3.04
30-year	3.31	3.31

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1221.00	\$1225.80
Silver	\$14.221	\$14.448
Platinum	\$845.00	\$850.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	37.5509
Australia (Dollar)	1.3837
Brazil (Real)	3.8282
Britain (Pound)	.7807
Canada (Dollar)	1.3235
China (Yuan)	6.9483
Euro	.8826
India (Rupee)	70.567
Israel (Shekel)	3.7582
Japan (Yen)	112.88
Mexico (Peso)	20.4261
Poland (Zloty)	3.79
So. Korea (Won)	1132.52
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.95
Thailand (Baht)	33.08

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	IN	%1R
American Funds AMCPa m	31.17	-.17	+.35
American Funds AMrcnBaIA m	26.58	-.11	+1.6
American Funds CptWldGrncA	m46.32	-.31	-.65
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	57.84	-.26	-.40
American Funds FdmItInvsA m	59.21	-.46	-.3
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	49.64	+.34	+.22
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.23	-.11	-.3
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	38.24	-.30	+.7
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	41.52	-.23	-.35
American Funds WAMTlnvsA m	44.02	-.29	+.55
AFIA IntCorEqIn	12.38	-.07	+10.5
Jodge & Cox Inc	13.25	+0.1	-.12
Jodge & Cox IntStk	40.00	-.21	-12.7
Jodge & Cox Stk	109.99	-.90	+5.3
JodgeLine TtlRetBdl	10.33	+0.01	+.3
JodgeLine 500IndxPrm	99.26	-.61	+.3
Jidelity Contrafund	12.03	-.11	+3.7
Jidelity Contrafund	12.03	-.11	+.2
Jidelity GroCo	17.58	-.09	-1.2
Jidelity USBDlXnsPrm	11.09	+0.1	-1.9
Franklin Templeton IncAI m	2.22	-.01	...
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.23	...	-.16
JIMCO IncInstl	11.77	...	+.1
JIMCO TtlRetIns	9.88	-.01	+.4
chwab SP500Idx	91.25	-.27	+3.3
. Rowe Price BCGR	49.86	-.52	+.43
. Rowe Price GrStk	63.32	-.38	+1.3
anguard 500IdxAdmrl	243.81	-1.59	+3.3
anguard DivGrIn	27.34	-.09	...
anguard EqInAdmrl	79.96	+.44	+3.0
anguard GrIdXAdmrl	71.80	-.56	+1.5
anguard HCAdmrl	89.95	+2.3	+8.2
anguard IntTrnGrAdm	9.28	...	-.2
anguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.73	+0.1	+.2
anguard InslXdsAdmrl	240.54	-1.57	+3.3
anguard InslXdsPlus	240.56	-1.57	+3.3
anguard TtSlMInPls	59.73	-.37	+2.5
anguard MdCpIdAdmrl	138.43	-.32	...
anguard PrmCpAdmrl	183.37	...	...
anguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	69.19	...	...
anguard SmGrdCpAdmrl	10.39	...	+.8
anguard TrgTrtR2020In	30.48	-.09	-1.5
anguard TrgTrtR2025In	17.88	-.06	-1.8
anguard TrgTrtR2030In	32.42	-.12	-1.9
anguard TrgTrtR2035In	19.88	-.08	-2.0
anguard TtBMDlXAdmrl	10.28	...	...
anguard TtBMDlXns	10.28	...	...
anguard TtBMDlXns	21.84	+0.3	...
anguard TtlnBdXAdmrl	32.78	+0.5	+1.6
anguard TtlnBdXAdmrl	32.78	+0.5	+1.6
anguard TtlnBdXAdmrl	10.93	+0.2	+1.2
anguard TtlnBdXAdmrl	26.42	-.15	-10.5
anguard TtlnSdXns	105.68	-0.60	-10.1
anguard TtlnSdXnsPlus	105.70	-.60	-10.1
anguard TtlnSdXns	15.80	-.09	+2.8
anguard TtSlMIdXAdmrl	65.76	-.36	-10.2
anguard TtSlMIdXns	65.78	-.36	+2.8
anguard TtSlMIdXns	70.57	-.36	+2.8
anguard WngtInAdmrl	70.57	-.29	...
anguard WlvsIncAdmrl	62.77	-.12	...
anguard WdlyRtAdmrl	68.89	-.42	+1.9

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EDITORIALS

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Save the Hideout

We couldn't agree more with the conclusion of your Nov. 19 editorial ("Lincoln Yards TIF deserves a thorough vetting"). We made the same argument at the hearing for public comment on the proposal to designate a new tax increment financing district that would include the site of the planned Lincoln Yards development.

Our business, the Hideout, obviously has a stake in how and when this all comes down, because we are surrounded by properties that developer Sterling Bay is or plans to be buying up. We aren't opposed to responsible development. But as you said, "It will transform not just the North Side but the city itself."

All of us need a chance to see the overall plan for this development before Sterling Bay gets the go-ahead, much less a subsidy from Chicago taxpayers. This process should be transparent, and the process should be thorough.

There are going to be winners and losers. We can minimize the number of losers and maximize the number of winners by listening to residents, business owners, conservationists, park advocates and everyone else who has ideas about the good and the bad of this development.

— *Katie and Tim Tuten, Mike and Jim Hinschliff*
Hideout owners, Chicago

Kamikaze Democrats

When I grew up in Texas in the '60s, the state legislature included a dozen or so representatives called "Kamikaze Liberals" because they would go down in flames rather than compromise.

Today, U.S. House Democrats seeking to deny Nancy Pelosi the speaker's role appear to be the latest incarnation of Kamikaze Liberals. If they succeed, they could bring down in flames not just themselves but the whole party, because it is vital that the House have a strong and experienced leader who can keep the troops in line and focused on what is important.

I am no kamikaze. I would much rather gain less than I'd like under Pelosi than risk losing the House Democratic majority and possibly the presidency in 2020.

— *Darold Barnum, Oak Park*

Excellent schools for all

It is imperative that we teach all students their worth. It is imperative that Chicago Public Schools builds students and families up by encouraging them to dream big, audacious goals. This is not the message that is communicated to West Side families when there are no high school International Baccalaureate programs available on the West Side. In the same vein, it is not the message that is communicated when there are so few top tier (Level 1 or 1+) seats available at the high school level on the West Side.

Currently, if you live on the West Side, your child will almost assuredly be zoned to a Level 2 or Level 3 high school. Think about that. By not offering I.B. programs or more selective-enrollment options, we are telling West Side kids their dreams don't matter. Our students deserve the same opportunities as any student in more affluent neighborhoods in the city.

I currently live in Austin, and I grew up on the West Side. Since I've lived in the community, we have never had many options for students to access an accelerated curriculum. These options are either nonexistent or at capacity. I want to see all students in Chicago offered the same opportunities, no matter their ZIP code.

There should be at least one high school I.B. on the West Side, just as there should be an I.B. option available to all students citywide who want that curriculum. I implore the district to grant an I.B. program to Michele Clark High School, if it is the best fit, and I urge CPS to continue transparent planning in the future.

— *Rena Robison, Chicago*

Facebook fairness

The Tribune presents the case for seeking congressional relief to make a market for media content between Google, Facebook, lesser e-media and the print media ("Facing Facebook and Google: Without a fairer market, quality news can't thrive," Nov. 20). Currently, Google and Facebook can profitably use print media stories for free — an obvious death knell for print and theft of product in a rational economy.

But much more is at stake. Electronic news is primarily visual, set at a pace substantially determined by the presenter, and inclined toward the superficial. Print is primarily cerebral, requires a text-to-mental image translation, is paced by the reader and is substantive.

This isn't the first time government regulation of a market — supposedly for the common good — becomes uncommonly good for powerful interests.

— *William O'Neill, Chicago*

A better label

On a regular basis, articles appear about the "migrant caravan." I suggest that the language of "migrant caravan" yield to the language of "families who seek asylum and a better life for their families."

While labels can seem petty, they too often misrepresent and diminish the integrity of a movement and of the individuals within it. Some may recall that the third wave of Vietnamese asylum-seekers were identified in relation to a vessel (boat people).

The people who leave their homes so that they and their children can be safe and productive as contributing members of new communities are among the most courageous and skillful people on the planet. They are often generous and empathetic, as well, because they have had a lot of time to think about struggle as part of the human condition.

Regardless of party affiliation, let's mobilize our shared humanity and find ways to help asylum-seekers when they arrive at the U.S. border. Every one of us has a role to play. There's no time like the present to learn more about organizations and movements that are already leading the way.

— *Margery Ginsberg, Chicago*



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Can Metra and Lake County fix reverse commuter's plight?

Joe the Millennial likes living in Lakeview. He can hop on the Brown Line or take a quick Uber to meet friends at his favorite sushi bar in River North. He loves his jogs along the Lakefront Trail. He digs being within walking distance of his neighborhood Whole Foods and his favorite sports bar.

But what about getting to and from his job? Unlike many of his peers, Joe doesn't work downtown. He's part of a growing wave of millennials who live in the city but work in the suburbs. That means a grinding commute in his car on the Edens, a bumper-to-bumper, soul-crushing hell every morning and evening rush hour.

Joe's not alone. Increasingly, millennials who have been flocking to Chicago lofts and condos do their 9 to 5 at suburban locations. One destination: Lake County, where major pharmaceutical companies like AbbVie and Horizon Pharma look to bolster their ranks with young workers.

The region's transit system gets workers from the suburbs to downtown jobs, but schedules are far from ideal for reverse commuters. For someone who works at AbbVie and lives in the city, there are no morning outbound express trains to get them to the Metra station nearest to AbbVie, in Lake Forest.

Now, though, reverse commuters may be in line for some relief. Metra is teaming up with Lake County governments and businesses to test reverse commute service to Lake County. The two-year pilot project will run two reverse commute trains on the Milwaukee District North Line. Metra and Lake County businesses will split the cost — about \$1.4 million.

If you think exploring solutions for reverse commuters is a niche whimsy, think again. More than 400,000 people commute every day from Chicago to jobs in the suburbs, according to data from the Regional Transit Authority. An estimated 34,000 of them head to and from Lake County. Only 12 percent of the 400,000 use mass transit. The vast majority plop in their cars and endure bottlenecked expressways every day, twice a day.

We're long beyond the era when suburbia was a mostly residential expanse. Suburban Cook County has 1.1 million jobs, the collar counties another 1.3 million, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Chicago, IDES says, has 1.2 million jobs.

So the pilot project in Lake County is a good start on a good mission. But we'd like to see more brainstorming.

One of the biggest challenges for reverse commuters is that last mile between the suburban train station and sprawling office parks or corporate campuses. A handful of big employers sponsor shuttle service — planners should see where that solution can be expanded. And if Lake County's pilot is a hit, Metra and suburban leaders should consider expanding reverse commute train service.

Moving more reverse commuters off expressways and onto mass transit obviously takes cars off roads. In myriad small ways, that would lessen travel complications for everyone else. It also would save time and fuel.

American motorists wasted 7 billion hours because of traffic delays in 2015, three times the amount lost in 1982, according to researchers at Texas A&M University. And consider the amount of fuel wasted as those drivers languish in traffic — 3.1 billion gallons in 2015, compared with 500 million in 1982.

Making commutes more palatable also turns a reputational drawback into a selling point, important for a metro area that continues to bleed population. If Lake County and Metra can better engineer the reverse commute, the rest of this region should get on track.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

College-age Americans — most of whom were born in the late '90s — don't remember a time when school gun violence wasn't a widely feared threat to young people. Their lives have been repeatedly punctuated by deadly mass shootings in schools: Though few remember Columbine, most remember Virginia Tech, Newtown, Parkland and Santa Fe, among others.

When a gunman at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, Calif., killed 12 people on Nov. 7, one of the victims was Alaina Housley, a freshman at nearby Pepperdine University. Several survivors were also Pepperdine students, attending Borderline's "College Country Night" and celebrating birthdays. The raucous college social event interrupted by an act of terror is an awful but ever more familiar worst-case scenario.

Ashley Fetters, The Atlantic

While China's rise may yet be upended by internal problems, it is unlikely that it will jeopardize its ascent by pursuing the kind of interventionist foreign policy that the United States has pursued for much of the last 50 years.

China's foreign policy ... is rooted in realism, self-preservation, and a desire for influence and power. The Chinese are building railroads, pipelines, roads, factories, schools, and hospitals around the world. These are all things that the U.S. used to excel at. One need only remember the transformative Marshall Plan that rebuilt much of Western Europe after World War II, an investment that continues to pay dividends for the U.S.

In contrast, U.S. policymakers seem to pay little attention to the lessons of the past. The failed invasion of Iraq and the on-going war in Afghanistan should be foremost in their minds.

So the Chinese will bide their time, do what they can to avoid conflict, grapple with their internal problems, invest in their infrastructure and citizens, build external alliances, and wait for the U.S., through continued overreach, to weaken and — finally — exhaust itself.

Michael Horton, The American Conservative

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BRETT BEINER PHOTO

Erica Stephan and Brandon Contreras "Beauty and the Beast" at the Drury Lane Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Beauty and the Beast' ★★ 1/2

A dark take on a classic tale

Drury Lane Theater stages a 'Beauty and the Beast' that runs from the sun

By CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

The touchstone of the glorious Disney animation renaissance, “Beauty and the Beast” had eight masterful songs by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken when it was released as a movie: the likes of “Be Our Guest,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “Belle” and “Human Again.” So brilliant was this material that then-New York Times critic Frank Rich said that “the best Broadway score of 1991” had, in fact, belonged to a cartoon.

As a result, Disney Theatricals essentially shoved human beings inside those inspired animated creations and stuck the movie up on stage a couple of years later. And it worked brilliantly — so brilliantly, in fact, that the Disney suits worried that it would impossible to replicate. Fortunately, Julie Taymor soon came along with another strategy altogether.

“Beauty and the Beast” remains a huge title at the box-office — but new directors with fresh productions have to face a lot of challenges, not the least of which is the audience’s expectation that young theatergoing princesses will experience something comparable to

the movie and the original theatrical staging, both of which were much the same. This frustrates many artistes who want to bring new vistas to material, even though Disney won’t let them change a word.

You can see these tensions on full display in the new production at Drury Lane, directed by Alan Souza, whose last endeavor here was “Joseph.” Anything but relaxed, this tense, invulnerable show fights many of the fantasy aspects of the title: There is no storybook castle, relatively little humor and only minimal romance. With the exception of the terrific Bri Sudia’s Mrs. Potts (a real bright spot), few of the characters ever smile — even Cogsworth the clock (Nick Cosgrove) and Lumiere the candlestick (Tony Carter) mostly are serious souls. Mark David Kaplan, who plays Maurice, fights this mood, but he’s often undermined. There are some momentary exceptions. But the show takes its main cue from the cover art on the program,

an image dominated by gilded darkness. This all is about as far from a day-glo Disney breakfast with a princess as any “Beauty and the Beast” is ever likely to roam. Fair enough. We all like to make our stamp on the tough old world.

But know this if you are planning on taking a very young child: I thought some of the sequences too scary for some in the traditional demographic (older kids will be fine). That’s an unusual choice for this particular title, especially at the holidays.

Of course we’re in an era when many shows struggle to embrace fantasy and have fun. This production has an excellent Belle in

Erica Stephan, an actress whose charm reaches out beyond the chilly concept, and I warmed, eventually, to Brandon Contreras’ very intense Beast, although even when he transformed himself, it still felt like Belle would need to find a marriage therapist to make a go of their relationship.

But the Gaston stuff struggles here, partly because the show doesn’t make

you relax and know that Belle will always be able to outsmart this jerk. I suppose a less-comic Gaston (he’s played by Mark Banik) adds to the tension and the drama, but I’m not sure that’s worth all the stress. It’s just really hard to stage “Beauty and the Beast” like it’s not a comedy-romance when it is, in fact, precisely that. In its DNA. Sure, there is fear and evil abroad. But it’s a celebration of human resilience that even little kids are supposed to be able to embrace.

This “Beast” seemed determined not to traffic in the colors of the daytime — it seems always to be dusk in this particular staging, which does not make enough use of its choreographer, Ron De Jesus. And — with all due respect to the overall creativity and risk-taking, the uniformly excellent singing from the entire ensemble and the truly epic costumes from Ryan Park — I deeply missed that sunlit image of Belle running through her beloved little French provincial town, reading books, trampling on idiots, loving her wacky dad and living her best life.

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.
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When: Through Jan. 27
Where: Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace
Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes
Tickets: \$60-75 at 630-530-0111 or drurylanetheatre.com

Field Museum toasts Chicago beer with history exhibit

By STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

There are surely very few people who believe Chicago brewing started with Revolution, or even with Goose Island.

But it’s one thing to know about the city’s history of sudsy-friendly German immigrants and of “tied houses,” bar buildings bearing old brewery logos in the masonry and dedicated to serving those beers. It’s another still to have the 19th-century history of Chicago beermaking laid out right before you, and in a reputable scientific museum and everything.

That’s the function — or one of the functions, anyway — of “Brewing Up Chicago: How Beer Transformed a City,” the new exhibition that brings lagers and doppelbocks into the area of the Chicago natural history museum occupied mostly by dioramas of deer-like mammals and a few big cats.

Early on, we learn, this was a whiskey town, or, more accurately, a whiskey trading outpost. But then came the German immigrants William Haas and Andreas Sulzer, arriving in the wee village of Chicago in 1835 with “enough equipment to found the city’s first successful commercial brewery,” the wall label says.

The show goes from those



MARTIN BAUMGAERTNER PHOTO

A 19th century copper brewing kettle greets visitors as they enter the “Brewing Up Chicago” exhibit now at the Field Museum.

founding days up to the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition, which had the Ferris Wheel and electric light, yes, but also apparently a whole lot of beer. Adolphus Busch of St. Louis and Frederick Pabst of Milwaukee competed “bitterly,” the text says, to be named the fair’s best. (Knowing what those beers taste like today, I might have argued for an adverb that isn’t so suggestive of flavor.)

Pabst won, but, we are told, it did not earn a blue ribbon. Still, there is an actual Pabst blue ribbon on display, an artifact that used to adorn the brand’s bottles — it wasn’t always served in tall-boy cans — and is a loan from the Pabst Mansion museum in Mil-

waukee.

The most intriguing chapter looks at the Lager Beer Riot of 1855, which saw a temperance-minded mayor cracking down on saloons and the Germans gathering in protest. The upheaval, one day in April of that year, led to shots fired by police, multiple injuries, one dead German protestor, and, as a result, a repudiation of the Know-Nothing Party and its one-term mayor, Levi Boone.

Although hosted by the Field, the exhibit actually comes from the nascent Chicago Brewseum. That non-profit, being developed by Chicago beer-historian-around-town Liz Garibay, hopes to have a building of its own by

“Brewing Up Chicago”

When: Through Jan. 5, 2019
Where: Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive
Tickets: Included with \$24 general admission; 312-922-9410 and www.fieldmuseum.org

2021.

Garibay is known for giving beer tours through her History on Tap website and, earlier, via the Chicago History Museum. She co-crafted the wider reaching “Beer Chicago” exhibition that debuted at the Elmhurst Historical Museum in 2015 and then moved on to the Chicago Public Library.

The Field is an apt host for this new show. Many cultural institutions do tie-ins these days to craft beer, partly because it melds science and history and something logical to serve at events, partly because it’s a pretty reliable way to get young adults in the door.

But the Field has opened its stein lid the widest. At its restaurant taps you will find two beers crafted in partnership with the museum by the highly regarded Chicago beermaker Off Color. They are: the (impeccable) dry-

hopped lager Tooth & Claw, with a drawing of Field T. rex specimen Sue as its logo, and Wari, a unique purple-corn ale inspired by what scientists have learned about ancient South American brewing.

“Brewing Up Chicago” cannot serve beer. But it does a very good job making sure the actual beverage gets a starring role here. In a series of placards we learn that Chicago brewing began with ales, because they were easiest to make. Then came the lager styles favored by the Germans. As brewing professionalized, more lagers came along, and the American style moved toward “lighter and clearer” versions than you’d find in the homeland. Later still in the century, the golden, easy-drinking Czech pilsners came along — think Budweiser or PBR as versions thereof — and came to dominate American beer to this day.

This is not an exhaustive show. It occupies just one room, from which it serves up quick takes on the history it explores. But it’s detailed enough to whet your whistle for a cold one, which you can grab over in the museum bistro, and for more information, which the Brewseum will serve up one of these days.

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'Grey's Anatomy' showrunner makes her TV directorial debut

By YVONNE VILLARREAL
Los Angeles Times

After nearly 20 years of making a name for herself as a TV writer and producer on shows as varied as "Charmed," "Private Practice," "Shameless" and "Grey's Anatomy," showrunner Krista Vernoff has added another credit to her IMDB file. She recently made her television directorial debut with one of the darkest and most powerful "Grey's Anatomy" episodes of the season, titled "Anybody Have a Map?"

Vernoff spoke about making her television directorial debut. The following is an edited transcript.

Q: Have you always had ambitions to direct?

A: I went to Sundance one year, and I saw Jill Soloway's "Afternoon Delight." I was so moved by that film. Jill and I came up in television together. And I spoke with her after, and I said, "Look, I'm just so blown away. I see you in this film. I see your vision and your voice, so totally ... it inspires me to not want to hand my work over to somebody else to actualize, but I am afraid to try directing it." And she said, "So many women are afraid to try directing, because we're afraid of the technology. We think we need to speak lenses, and we don't."

She basically told me to stop handing my work to men, to actualize it. I went away really inspired, and knowing I wanted to at least try.

It came to me one day, like a hot flash, almost. This vision for this short film, and I ran inside and wrote it down in, like, 20 minutes.

I immediately emailed it to Abigail Spencer, who's an actress I've worked on several pilots with, and said, "I want to direct this.



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Krista Vernoff overcame fears to direct a "Grey's" episode.

Do you want to star in it?" And she said, "Yes." Within a month, I shot that short film, mostly in my living room. I financed it myself. For the first time in my career, I didn't have any studio or network, notes or intervention. I had no one to please but myself. I just was proud of it, like at a deep, deep cellular level, because it felt utterly mine. But that was three years ago.

Q: What motivated the decision to direct an episode of "Grey's"?

A: When I came back to showrun "Grey's Anatomy," pretty quickly (executive producer) Debbie Allen said I needed to get my butt back in the chair. I resisted it.

Because shooting a short film in your own living room is a completely different beast than a television show.

Q: Did the episode you directed present any interesting challenges?

A: We had to design a whole other hospital for my episode, and a whole other visual look, because I was doing this episode that was more like a movie. It wasn't on our standing sets. I made this, ironically, as hard as possible for myself. Debbie tried to make it easier on me. She tried to assign me a different episode.

But it was hard. We were all over town. We didn't have our regular crew. But boy, did I get a great script.

Q: It's a pretty dramatic episodic directorial debut considering your goal has been to make the show lighter.

A: Yes, it's the most serious, and most dramatic episode we have this season, which is another reason I chose it. I worked really hard to make "Grey's Anatomy" a romantic comedy again.

I love to write comedy, and I love to watch comedy, but I know that comedy is much harder to direct. I knew that I could get honest, dramatic, emotional performances. I've directed in theater, I know how to do it. But if an actor is missing a punch line, and you're on an eight- or nine-day schedule, I wasn't sure that I would nail that. I'll try comedy next time.

Q: The question on everyone's minds is the future of the show. Ellen extended her contract through at least Season 16. Have those conversations happened? What is your forecast right now?

A: I won't begin to plan the end of the show until Shonda (Rhimes) and Ellen (Pompeo) and ABC all sit me down and say this is the end of the show.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Bothered by photos of boyfriend's ex

Dear Amy: What do you think about former in-laws continuing to display photos of ex-spouses? I'm a divorced mother of one child, and my boyfriend is a divorced father of two. We are both in our 40s.

My grandparents kept a photo of me, my ex-husband and our child in their living room after we divorced. While my ex and I get along well, I felt the photo was a little disrespectful to my boyfriend and uncomfortable for me, so I asked Grandma to take it down, and she did.

My boyfriend has been divorced for five years, after his wife left him. It was a very toxic situation and continues to be so. His mother still keeps dozens of photos of his ex all over her house — some with the ex-wife by herself and some with my boyfriend when they were married.

The one and only time I spent the night at his mom's house, over a holiday, my boyfriend told me he was sorry for the pictures. We slept in the spare room under a giant photo of him and his ex holding hands and running across the finish line of a race.

My boyfriend was quite embarrassed. His mom has no relationship with the ex. I assumed he would speak to his mother, but he hasn't. The photos are still there, and he doesn't invite me to her home as often.

He and I have been together for four years, and my relationship with his mom is lovely, if not particularly close. I'm guessing this kind of thing just doesn't register as a big deal to many, but I find it kind of thoughtless. What's your perspective?

— Confused

Dear Confused: My perspective is that a grandparent might display a photo of her child and an ex-spouse if the grandparents or grandkids are also in the photo. A giant picture of ex-spouses holding hands and crossing the finish line of a race should be put away.

I have been in situations where photos of exes cause a surprising amount of distress, namely to children recovering from a toxic divorce. When their parents don't communicate with each other or with former in-laws in real life, kids don't want to see an estranged parent completely erased, but they aren't always comforted by these reminders of how things were, once upon a time.

The only issue here is why you haven't communicated with your guy about this and why he hasn't communicated with his mother. You should convey to him, "Honey, I know it is not my mom and not my house, but I'm wondering if you've spoken to your mother about the photos of your ex she has on display? She may not realize that these pictures make us uncomfortable."

After that, you should work hard to let this go. It is her home.

Dear Amy: My boyfriend and I have been together for nine months. I waited several months before I told him about my past, which is horrible.

He is still struggling with the fact that I "lied" to him for so long. He is also uncomfortable with some of the details. What should I do?

— Survivor

Dear Survivor: Unless you were withholding details that would affect your boyfriend's health, such as an STD, his reaction to you waiting to disclose the truth about your life seems unkind.

Of course, there are degrees of "horrible." Have you committed a crime? Have you harmed others? If so, then your silence about these things would feel like a betrayal to him.

Depending on where you fall on the "horrible" spectrum, you weren't necessarily lying to your boyfriend by not disclosing details about your past — you were waiting judiciously to tell your story to someone you could trust with this deep and intimate knowledge.

Your boyfriend may not be equipped to love you through this. But no one who loves you and learns the truth about your life should then punish you for it.

Dear Amy: You advised "Cheated Upon" to notify the wife of a cheating husband about the affair. I completely disagree. What two other consenting adults do is no one else's business.

— Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: "Cheated Upon" said he wished someone had informed him of his wife's infidelity. For him, this was an ethical issue. He had no stake in the outcome other than the strength of his own experience.

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WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



Robbie the Reindeer

“Robbie the Reindeer in Hooves of Fire” (7 p.m., CBS): First shown in the United States with its original voice cast, this British-produced special was revoiced for American network television. Thus: Ben Stiller, Hugh Grant and Dick Enberg are heard in the off-kilter, animated story of the quest of Rudolph’s son to take his father’s place on Santa’s sleigh team.

“Wreck-It Ralph” (7 p.m., Disney): With the sequel “Ralph Breaks the Internet” now doing brisk business in the nation’s cinemas, it’s a good time to revisit the 2012 Disney original, about a video-game villain (voice of John C. Reilly) who escapes from the contest to prove he’s not such a bad guy — and unwittingly sets loose a much greater danger, which he then has to recapture. There are plenty of fun nods to classic characters.

“Christmas Everlasting” (7 p.m., Hallmark): The death of her cognitively impaired sister brings Lucy (Tatyana Ali) home right before Christmas, where she’s told that a clause in her sibling’s will calls for her to stay there through the holiday season. That extended visit alleviates Lucy’s lingering guilt over a past accident that had changed her sister’s life, and also reunites her with Peter (Dondre T. Whitfield), her old high school boyfriend.

“Tomb Raider” (7 p.m., 1 a.m., HBO): Academy Award winner Alicia Vikander (“The Danish Girl”) drew a mixed reaction when she took over the role of adventurer Lara Croft — a role previously played by another Oscar winner, Angelina Jolie — in director Roar Uthaug’s 2018 reboot of a movie franchise based on a hit video game. The story finds Lara embarking on a dangerous quest to solve the mysterious disappearance of her father.

“Christmas on Honeysuckle Lane” (8 p.m., HMM): Now that both her parents have died, Emma (Alicia Witt) returns to their family home to spend one last Christmas on Honeysuckle Lane with her siblings. The residence will go on the market after the holidays and, as Emma and local antiques store owner Morgan Shelby (Colin Ferguson) appraise the house’s contents, Emma stumbles across a cache of love letters written by a man whose initials do not match her late father’s.

“Christmas Harmony” (9:03 p.m., 1:04 a.m., Lifetime): Kelley Jakle stars in this new yuletide drama as Harmony, who has been living in the shadow of her more extroverted boyfriend, a pop star. When he breaks up with her just before the Christmas season, though, she takes a break from her big-city life in favor of some time for reflection in the little hometown where she grew up. During her visit there, she starts to realize her values have gotten out of whack.

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		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Robbie the Reindeer	Robbie the Reindeer	The Story of Santa Claus ©		48 Hours: "The Mysterious Death of Casey Kasem." (N)		News (N) ♦	
	NBC	5	The National Dog Show © ㊟					Saturday Night Live (N) © ㊟		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)
	ABC	7	College Football: Notre Dame at USC. (N) (Live) © ㊟							
	WGN	9	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Minnesota Timberwolves. From the Target Center in Minneapolis. (N) (Live) © ㊟						Weekend News (N)	Man of the People (N)
	Antenna	9.2	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	Growing	
	This TV	9.3	The Saint: "Marcia." ©		The Saint ©		The Saint: "Iris." ©		The Saint ♦	
	PBS	11	Great Performances: "Tony Bennett and Diana Krall: Love Is Here to Stay." (N) ©			Peter, Paul and Mary at Newport 1963-65 (N) ©		Anniversary Concert (N)		
	The U	26.1	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
	MeTV	26.3	Svengoolie: "Mr. Sardonicus." ©				Lost in Space ©		B. Rogers ♦	
	H&I	26.4	Hunter: "Playing God."		Hunter		Hunter: "Flashpoint."		Hill Street ♦	
Bounce	26.5	Saints & Sinners		Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,'05) ** Kimberly Elise.						
FOX	32	College Football: Oklahoma State at TCU. (N) (Live) ㊟								
Ion	38	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ♦	
TeleM	44	♦ Ice Age		Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13,'12) ** Kristen Stewart. ©		Kristen Stewart. ©		Noticiero		
CW	50	AHL Hockey: Grand Rapids Griffins at Chicago Wolves. (N) (Live)								Dateline ♦
UniMas	60	Según Bibi		Según Bibi		Killers (PG-13,'10) * Ashton Kutcher. ㊟		Derailed ♦		
WJYS	62	Paid Prog.		Moses		Bishop		Paid Prog.		
Univ	66	♦ (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)					Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) ♦			
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©			Live PD: "Live PD -- 11.24.18." (N) (Live) © ♦					
	AMC	♦ (6:53) The Walking Dead			(7:53) The Walking Dead		(8:53) The Walking Dead		Walk:Dead ♦	
	ANIM	Pit Bulls and Parolees			Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		Amanda to the Rescue		Pit Bulls ♦	
	BBCA	♦ Planet		(7:40) Planet Earth II: "Deserts." ©		(8:50) Planet Earth II ©		Earth ♦		
	BET	♦ Married Too?			(8:10) Think Like a Man (PG-13,'12) ** Michael Ealy. ♦					
	BIGTEN	Women's College Volleyball (N)						The Final Drive (N) ©		Drive ♦
	BRAVO	♦ (6:10) Pretty Woman (R,'90) *** Richard Gere. ©						(8:48) Pretty Woman (R,'90) *** ♦		
	CLTV	News at 7		News (N)		News at 8		News (N)		
	CNBC	Undercover Boss ©			Undercover Boss ©			Undercover Boss ©		Boss ♦
	CNN	The Radical Story			The Radical Story			The Radical Story		Radical ♦
	COM	♦ (6:30) Get Smart (PG-13,'08) ** Steve Carell. ©						That's My Boy (R,'12) * © ♦		
	DISC	Expedition Unknown ©			Expedition Unknown (N) ©			Expedition Unknown (N) ©		Expedition ♦
	DISN	Wreck-It Ralph (PG,'12) *** Voices of John C. Reilly.			Raven			Coop		Coop
	E!	♦ (5) Bridesmaids ('11) *** New Year's Eve (PG-13,'11) * Halle Berry, Jessica Biel. ©			College Football (N) ♦					
	ESPN	♦ (6) College Football: South Carolina at Clemson. (N)			College Football (N) ♦					
	ESPN2	♦ (6) College Football: Kentucky at Louisville. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live) ©					SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Watters' World (N) ©			Justice With Jeanine (N)			Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters ♦
	FOOD	Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking			Holiday Baking		Baking ♦
	FREE	♦ (6:45) The Santa Clause (PG,'94) *** Tim Allen. ©			Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause ♦					
	FX	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R,'16) ** ©			Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates ♦					
	HALL	Christmas Everlasting (NR,'18) Tatyana Ali. ©			Christmas at the Palace (NR,'18) © ♦					
	HGTV	Love It or List It ©			Love It or List It ©			House Hunters Reno (N)		Hunters Int'l
	HIST	Pawn Stars: Pumped Up: "Pricey Signatures." (N) ©			Brothers ♦					
	HLN	Forensic		Forensic	Forensic		Forensic		Forensic	
	IFC	S.W.A.T. (PG-13,'03) ** Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell. ©			Abraham Lincoln ♦					
	LIFE	Every Day Is Christmas (NR,'18) Toni Braxton. ©			(9:03) Christmas Harmony (NR,'18) ♦					
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes			Betrayal: The Plot		The Last Word		11th Hour ♦	
	MTV	The Waterboy (PG-13,'98) * Adam Sandler. ©			Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story ♦					
	NBCSCH	♦ NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Panthers (N) Blackhaws Postgame (N)			Chicago Bulls (N)					Bulls (N)
	NICK	Henry (N)		Cousins (N)	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends ©	
	Ovation	♦ (6) Outbreak (R,'95) ** Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo.			Versailles (N) ©					True Grit ♦
	OWN	Chad Loves Michelle ©			Chad Loves Michelle (N)			Ready to Love (N)		Chad Love ♦
	OXY	Three Days to Live ©			Snapped: Killer Couples			Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped ♦
	PARMT	♦ (4:30) Forrest Gump ('94)			Pitch Perfect (PG-13,'12) *** Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin. ©					
	SYFY	♦ Fast Five ** Ant-Man (PG-13,'15) *** Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. ©			Super ♦					
	TBS	♦ (5:30) Suicide Squad ** Big Bang			Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang	
TCM	All About Eve (NR,'50) **** Bette Davis, Anne Baxter. ©			The Player (R,'92) *** ♦						
TLC	American Gypsy Wedding			American Gypsy Wedding		Gypsy Wedding (N)		90 Day ♦		
TLN	Exalted			Pacific Garden Mission		In Grace		Humanitarian		
TNT	A Christmas Story (PG,'83) **** Peter Billingsley.			A Christmas Story (PG,'83) **** ♦						
TOON	Gumball		Gumball	Dragon		My Hero (N)		Naruto		
TRAV	Ghost Adventures ©			Ghost Adventures (N) ©			Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost ♦	
TVL	Two Men		Two Men	Two Men		Two Men		King		
USA	It's a Wonderful Life (PG,'46) **** James Stewart.			(9:10) The Family Man ('00) **** ♦						
VH1	♦ (4:40) The Temptations ©			Love & Hip Hop ©					Hip Hop ♦	
WE	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal Minds ©			Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
WGN America	♦ Fast and Furious-Drift			Transformers (PG-13,'07) *** Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson. © ♦						
PREMIUM	HBO	Tomb Raider (PG-13,'18) ** Alicia Vikander. ©					Boxing (N) ♦			
	HBO2	REAL Sports Gumbel					Game Night (R,'18) *** Jason Bateman. (9:45) Father Figures **		The Invasion (PG-13,'07) ***	
	MAX	E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (PG,'82) **** ©					Access (N) ♦			
	SHO	American Assassin (R,'17) ** Dylan O'Brien.					Escape at Dannemora ♦			
	STARZ	♦ Planes: Fire & Rescue ** Howards End ©					(9:02) Outlander ©			
	STZENC	(7:14) Life (R,'17) ** Jake Gyllenhaal. ©					Black Sails: "VII." ©			

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Today's birthday (Nov. 24): Craft your long-term vision this year. Steadily maintain your moneymaking routines. Listen to intuition regarding work and health. Rake in extra income this winter before coming to an educational fork in the road. Shared accounts grow this summer before a personal financial challenge arises.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. You can see the way forward, with Neptune direct. The fog clears. Dreams provide valuable insight and motivation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Writing and creative projects get energized for a few days. A group effort gains forward momentum, with Neptune direct. Share a powerful attraction.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. More income is possible today and tomorrow. It's easier to advance professional dreams, with Neptune direct in Pisces. Opportunities that seemed illusive come into focus.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. A personal project takes on steam over the next few days. Travels and educational goals come together, with Neptune direct.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Determine the numbers and sign contracts, with Neptune direct. Make financial deals. Vague aspects are growing clear. Slow down to plan your moves before making them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Work together with friends for common dreams, especially today and tomorrow. Partnerships strengthen and solidify, with Neptune direct. Collaborations that seemed illusive come together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. It's easier to tell fact from fantasy, with Neptune direct, and a health or fitness challenge dissolves. Plan for two days in the spotlight.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Expand your territory for a few days. Romantic fantasies are becoming more achievable, with Neptune direct. Express your heart.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Maintain physical practices for energy and ease. Nebulous income sources materialize, with Neptune direct. Illusive possibilities resolve into concrete opportunities. Envision your dream salary.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Handle financial responsibilities through tomorrow. Household beauty and comfort levels increase, with Neptune direct. Ideas and visions clarify.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Compromise with your partner. What you're learning starts making sense. Communications clarify, with Neptune direct. It's easier to see the machinery.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Cook up some fun and romance today and tomorrow. Gain clarity about personal goals, with Neptune direct in your sign. Your vision takes clear shape.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

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

Modern players happily open the bidding on balanced 12-points hands and force to game as responder with a balanced 12-point hand of their own. The defenders frequently have a good chance to defeat them, but the way to do it is sometimes not obvious. The overbidders often rule the day, so they keep on bidding. Who can blame them?

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♥*	Pass	4♥	All pass

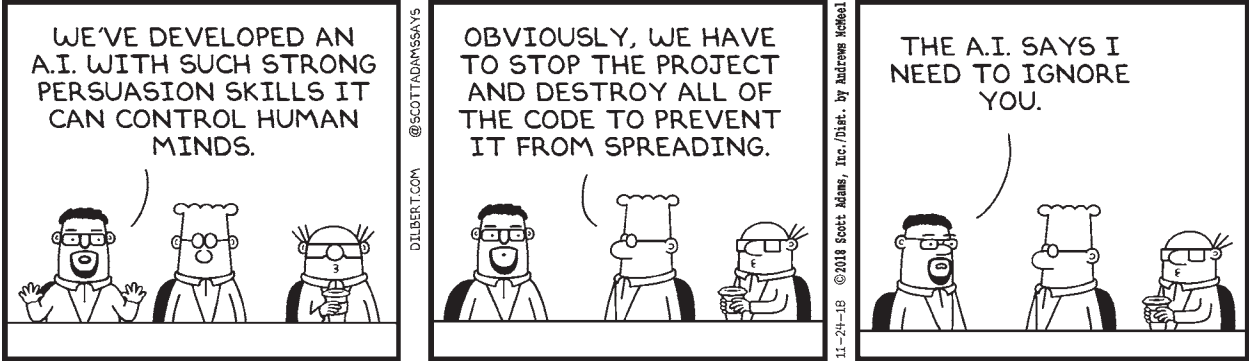
*Four-card support
Opening lead: King of ♠

West's opening king of spades lead held the trick and he had to consider his next move. A diamond shift would have defeated the contract, but that shift looked risky to West. He chose the "safe" continuation of the queen of spades. South grabbed this with his ace, cashed the ace of hearts, and led a low heart to the queen and king. The jack of hearts drew the last enemy trump.

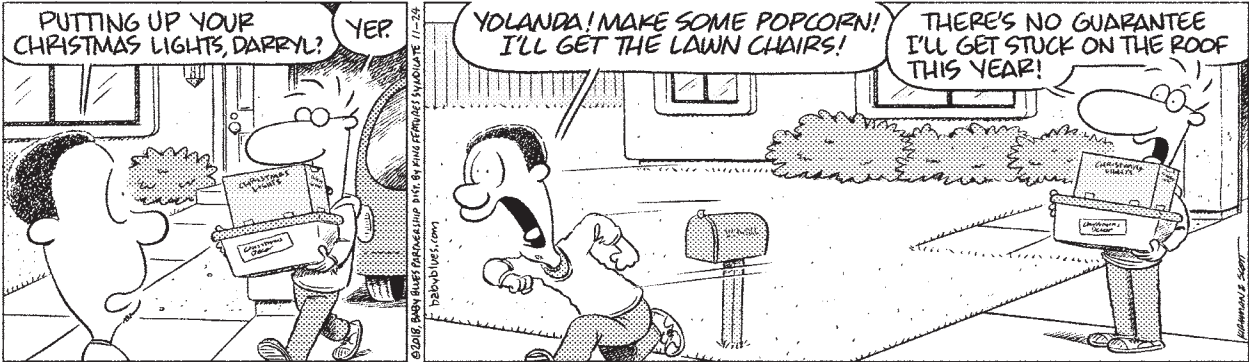
Declarer led a club to his ace and ruffed his last spade in dummy. The king of clubs and another club put East on play with nothing left in his hand but diamonds. East was forced to give dummy the king of diamonds for declarer's tenth trick. Nicely played, but the defense missed their chance. Would you have found it?

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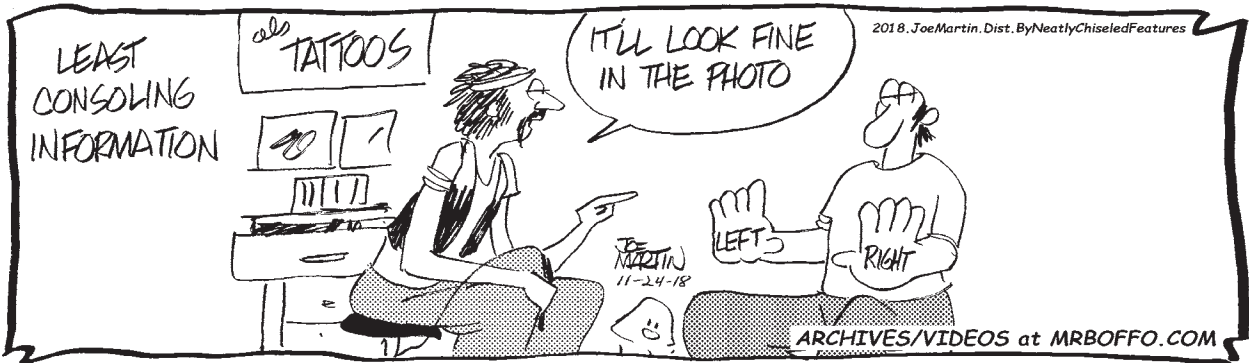
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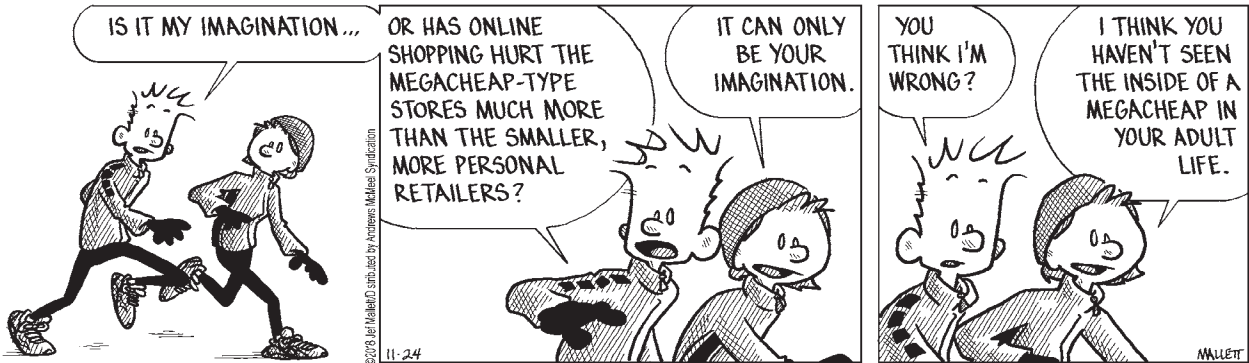
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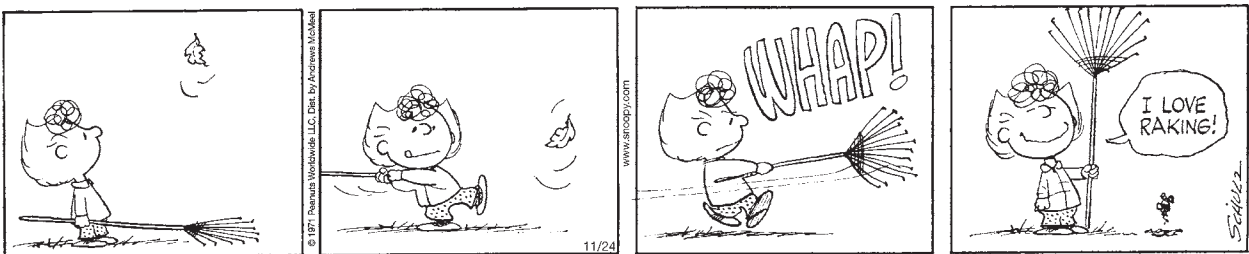
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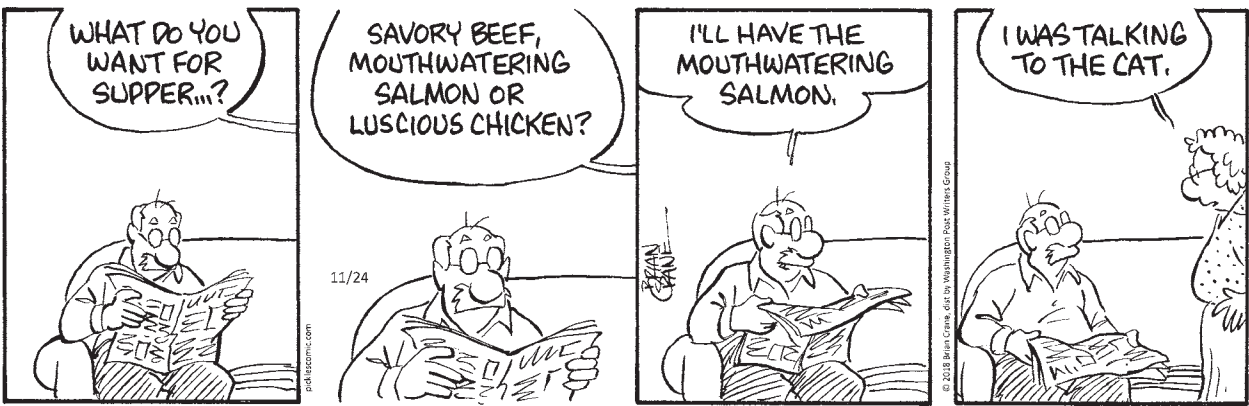
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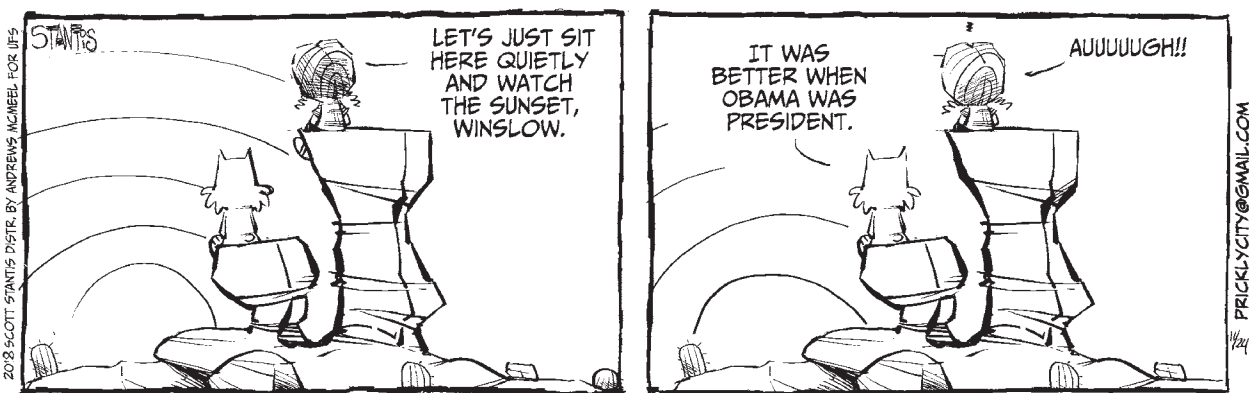
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NOTRE DAME

Irish key: Winning 1 week at a time

Victory over USC would clinch berth in national semifinals

By LAMOND POPE
Chicago Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Linebacker Drue Tranquill compared Notre Dame's playoff quest to climbing Mount Everest.

"You look at a season at Notre Dame and you have to go 12-0 to put yourself in a position to go to the playoffs, most likely," Tranquill said Tuesday. "If you look at it and say, 'Dang, we have to go 12-0,' that's a daunting task. If you look at it like, 'We have to be 1-0 at the end of every week,' it doesn't look as daunting.

"It's similar to climbing Everest. If you look at it like, 'Dang, I have to climb 29,000 feet,' or whatever it is, it's going to look daunting and you're going to hurt yourself in the present moment in whatever you're doing. It's the ability to say, 'We have to win today. We have to win this week.' And then you find yourself in a position where you're 11-0 and vying for a spot in the College Football Playoff."

The third-ranked Irish (11-0) are on the verge of their first trip to the CFP. Only rival USC (5-6) stands in their way, and the teams meet Saturday night at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"We've put ourselves in a position," Tranquill said. "We've put ourselves in a position through our offseason training, through our commitment and dedication to one another and our preparation this season.

"The guys have earned 11-0. The guys have earned a national game on television against USC to close out the season. We're ready for that moment and we're ready to seize it."

Coach Brian Kelly has been transparent with the players about what's at stake.

"Burying your head in the sand and avoiding all of it and not understanding what's going on is not the way we've been doing it all year," Kelly said. "We'll continue to make sure they're aware of the situation, and then we'll go back to

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SATURDAY'S GAMES



Michigan at
Ohio State
11 a.m., FOX-32



Illinois at
Northwestern
2:30 p.m., BTN



Notre Dame at
USC
7 p.m., ABC-7

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Eddie Ohhh!

Jackson on historic pace with knack for game-changing plays



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

There might be better safeties in Bears history than Mike Brown. But you would be hard-pressed to come up with one who had a better knack for big plays than Brown, who more often

than not seemed to be in the right place at the right time.

We might have to rethink that as Eddie Jackson continues to make highlight-reel plays. Jackson is doing remarkable stuff, and it's happening at a freaky pace. His 41-yard interception return for a touchdown Thursday proved to be the difference in a season sweep of the Lions and the Bears' third NFC North victory in 12 days.

Jackson read the play all the way from Kalamazoo, and because of it, the Bears conquered a challenging part of their schedule with 85 hours separating the end of their win over the Vikings on Sunday night and kickoff of the annual Thanksgiving Day game in Detroit.

First, let's set things up. The Lions had tied the score at 16 on their previous possession and finally were starting to click. They had gained 153 yards on 17 plays in their previous two series, getting a 4-yard touchdown run by LeGarrette Blount at the end of the third quarter and a 20-yard field goal by Matt Prater after defensive end Akiem Hicks made a key stop on

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Eddie Jackson celebrates his interception-return touchdown Thursday.

LEON HALIP/GETTY

HEAT 103, BULLS 96

Wretched 2nd quarter costly in latest defeat

Wade, Heat win after tossing up 32-13 edge in Bulls' sickly stretch

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

The competition for worst quarter of this Bulls campaign is fierce, but Friday night's second quarter will be a season-long contender.

On a night the Heat prevailed 103-96, the Bulls shot 2-for-19 with nine turnovers and had four shots blocked while allowing Hassan Whiteside to throw down three dunks. Overall, the Heat outscored the Bulls 32-13 in the period.

"No, we were not," Justin Holiday said when asked if the Bulls were playing hard enough. "I don't know the reason. We have to find a way not to have those times."

So much for building on the momentum from Wednesday's

victory over the Suns. And to think: The Heat played without the injured Goran Dragic, Dion Waiters and Tyler Johnson, so they were as shorthanded as the Bulls.

"It has been a tough quarter for us all year long," coach Fred Hoiberg said of the second. "We just didn't have any resiliency in that quarter to fight through the tough times. Guys were standing around. Their physicality really bothered us in that quarter."

The Bulls staged a furious, fourth-quarter rally in which they trimmed their one-time, 26-point deficit to four on four occasions. But Josh Richardson scored 12 of his 27 points in the period to help the Heat stave off the comeback bid.

Holiday sank five 3-pointers en route to 27 points, two short of his career-high, despite not attempting a fourth-quarter field goal. He also grabbed a career-

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

Bulls forward Justin Holiday, right, looks to pass under pressure from the Heat's Dwyane Wade in the second half Friday.

UP NEXT



Bulls at
Timberwolves
7 p.m. Sat., WGN-9
Mack earns high praise from Bears fan Dwyane Wade. Page 4

LIGHTNING 4, BLACKHAWKS 2

Hawks have no answer for Lightning, as usual

Losers at UC in October, same story plays out in 8th straight road loss

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

TAMPA, Fla. — Different building. Same embarrassment. A month after waltzing into the United Center and destroying the Blackhawks with a record-setting performance, the Lightning delivered another dominant effort in a 4-2 victory over the Hawks on Friday night at Amalie Arena.

It was the eighth straight road loss for the Hawks, who dropped to 8-10-5.

The outcome wasn't a surprise, and perhaps the dominance wasn't either. But it was somewhat shocking to discover the Hawks couldn't motivate themselves to get off to a better start after the Lightning set an NHL record with 33 shots on goal in one period en route to their 6-3 victory

UP NEXT



Blackhawks at
Panthers
6 p.m. Sat., NBCSCH
Jokiharju kept out as a healthy scratch. Page 4

last month in Chicago.

"We didn't give ourselves a chance," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "So that's disappointing."

Tyler Johnson scored 29 seconds into the game and added his second goal seven minutes later. Brayden Point and Ryan Callahan also scored in the first period for the Lightning. These weren't fluke goals that came as a result of lucky bounces or on power plays. All four were at even strength, often on brilliant passes that left the Hawks looking bewildered.

"We have to be more prepared," Jonathan Toews said. "I don't know if it's effort as much as it was

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Illinois at Northwestern

TV/radio: 2:30 p.m. Saturday; BTN, WSCR-AM 670, WMVP-AM 1000.
Line: Northwestern by 17.
Records: Illinois 4-7, 2-6 Big Ten; Northwestern 7-4, 7-1.

3 WAYS NORTHWESTERN CAN BEAT ILLINOIS

1. Stop the run.
The mission is clear: Hold Illinois to fewer than 200 rushing yards, and Northwestern will stroll to a victory. Purdue did that (69 yards) and drubbed the Illini 46-7. Iowa did that last week (134 yards and trounced the Illini 63-0. Illinois gashed Minnesota (430), Nebraska (383) and Rutgers (330) and won two of the three. (Its defense was horrendous against Nebraska.) Northwestern is stout up front with tackles Jordan Thompson and Fred Wyatt, among others, and linebackers Blake Gallagher and Paddy Fisher are among the Big Ten's top 10 in tackles.

2. More smart play from QB1.
Clayton Thorson had a sneaky great game against Minnesota. His 230 passing yards were blah, but he was hyper-efficient, completing 15 of 21 passes without an interception. His efficiency rating (163.4) and yards per attempt (11) were season highs, and he ran for a 13-yard score on a nifty option keeper. Thorson, the first player in Big Ten history to pass for 10,000 yards and rush for 20 touchdowns, joked: "Maybe people will start to appreciate that I'm a dual-threat quarterback." Coach Pat Fitzgerald said Thorson, who threw up shortly before kickoff in Iowa City, had been under the weather the week of the Notre Dame and Iowa games. He clearly now is at full strength.

3. Let Illinois lose the game.
The Illini do all the things that losing teams do — commit penalties (64.3 yards per game), throw interceptions (13), lose fumbles (10), drop passes, blow coverage, etc. There's no guarantee they will keep screwing up Saturday, but the Wildcats have to give them every chance to do so.

3 WAYS ILLINOIS CAN BEAT NORTHWESTERN

1. Hope Reggie Corbin is healthy.
The junior has taken only 10 handoffs in the last two games, and Illinois has suffered from it. He had just one carry in the 63-0 loss to Iowa, and the Illini had their second-worst ground production (134 yards) of the season. Coach Lovie Smith hopes Corbin is healed enough from an ankle injury to play in the season finale. He would be the most challenging athlete Northwestern has to contend with if he suits up and has his typical explosiveness (see: the two touchdown bursts of at least 70 yards at Minnesota). Corbin averages a Big Ten-best 8.8 yards per carry and has four 100-yard games and a 98-yard game on his stat sheet.

2. Let AJ Bush Jr. keep Northwestern off balance.
Bush will be among the most mobile quarterbacks Northwestern has faced this season. He can be dangerous on the ground, especially when he combines with Corbin. He has four 100-yard rushing games and eight rushing touchdowns. Northwestern will want to make him pass often. Many of his passes are off target (52.8 completion percentage, five touchdowns, nine interceptions), and nearly as many are dropped. But he has shown a knack for big passes. He has thrown for more than 200 yards just twice in the seven games in which he attempted more than five passes.

3. Play with pride.
It's the last game of the season against a rival, and the Illini were just steamrolled at home by Iowa. Illinois is out of bowl eligibility. If the Illini want fans to remember this team for something other than blowout losses, they'll need to put up a fight. The seniors haven't beaten Northwestern. Here's a chance to end the season with something to feel good about.

Teddy Greenstein's pick: Northwestern usually underachieves as a favorite, but look for the Wildcats to play a tight, low-risk game. *Northwestern 34, Illinois 10.*
Shannon Ryan's pick: Illinois' season ends with a predictable thud. *Northwestern 44, Illinois 17.*

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DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Linebacker Drue Tranquill credits Notre Dame's unbeaten season to taking it one one week at a time.

Irish near CFP

Notre Dame, from Page 1

work the way we have each and every week."
The message has gotten through.
"We're very aware of the situation, but it's not something we talk about too much and create some type of pressure for ourselves," quarterback Ian Book said. "We know where we are and we know what we have to do. We just have to do what we've done every week, keep practicing the way we have and keep following this process that we've all been following."
"Everyone has bought in and when you (do that), you can do something special. And that's what we have going on here."
The "one game" cliché has been used countless times this month. With one regular-season game remaining, the phrase has been taken to another level.
"We've been focusing on one everything now," receiver Miles Boykin said. "It's one day of class, one day of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, one Thanksgiving. We just want one win out of this weekend, and the rest will carry itself. It's definitely an exciting time, but at the same time, we know we have a lot of business to take care of."
The Irish look to improve to 12-0 for the first time since 2012, a mark later vacated because of an NCAA penalty. That regular season ended with a victory at USC. It's the last time the Irish won on

3 ways Notre Dame can beat USC

TV/radio: 7 p.m. Saturday; ABC-7, WMVP-AM 1000.
Line: Notre Dame by 11.
Records: Notre Dame 11-0; USC 5-6.

- 1. Limit USC's big plays.**
Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said the Trojans offense has "big-play potential." Freshman quarterback JT Daniels has 2,323 passing yards, 13 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Freshman receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown, the brother of former Notre Dame receiver Equanimeous St. Brown, has 50 catches for 656 yards and three touchdowns. Other receiving threats include Tyler Vaughns (554 yards, five touchdowns) and Michael Pittman (667 yards, six touchdowns). Notre Dame has allowed just one passing touchdown of more than 25 yards this season, a 27-yarder by Northwestern's Clayton Thorson.
- 2. Take advantage of USC's mistakes.**
The Trojans are tied for

120th nationally with a minus-9 turnover margin. They have eight lost fumbles and 10 interceptions. Notre Dame has forced five turnovers in its last two games. Florida State lost one fumble and had one pass intercepted, and the Irish intercepted Syracuse three times last week. The Irish scored 10 points off the turnovers in each game. Look for Notre Dame to be opportunistic against the Trojans.

3. Don't go changing.
Kelly pointed to three goals this season: Beat Michigan, win all the home games and win the month of November. The Irish have accomplished the first two, and if they wrap up the third goal Saturday, it will mean they are headed to the College Football Playoff. The players have shown maturity and poise throughout the season. That has to be the approach again Saturday.

LaMond Pope's pick: Quarterback Ian Book has a big day in his home state, propelling the Irish to the CFP. *Notre Dame 42, USC 20.*

the road in the series.
"We're trying to grind," cornerback Julian Love said, "and we're trying to finish this thing off the

right way."
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Oklahoma, Texas in Big 12 title game

Associated Press

Kyler Murray threw three touchdown passes and ran for a score, and Oklahoma scored two defensive touchdowns to beat West Virginia 59-56 on Friday night in Morgantown, WVa., and earn a spot in next week's Big 12 championship game.
The Sooners (11-1, 8-1) survived a wild and mostly defenseless affair that featured 1,372 yards of offense to earn a rematch Dec. 1 in Arlington, Texas, against rival Texas, which beat Kansas earlier Friday. The Longhorns beat Oklahoma 48-45 on Oct. 6 in Dallas.
Oklahoma also kept its College Football Playoff chances alive, while West Virginia (8-3, 6-3) lost to the Sooners for the seventh straight time since joining the Big 12 in 2012.
Murray was 20 of 27 for 364 yards and converted a late fourth down to seal a matchup of Heisman Trophy hopefuls. West Virginia's Will Grier threw for four touchdowns and a career-high 539 yards on 32-of-49 passing. But Grier lost two fumbles, both of which were returned for touchdowns.

Washington 28, Washington State 15: Myles Gaskin broke free for an 80-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter, and the Huskies (9-3, 7-2) won their second Pac-12 North title in three years, beating the Cougars (10-2, 7-2) in a snowy

Apple Cup in Pullman.
Gaskin (170 yards, three TDs) found enough traction to carry the Huskies to their sixth straight win over the Cougars and into the Pac-12 title game Friday against Utah. It was the third straight year Washington denied Washington State the North title.
Washington State's Air Raid offense was mostly grounded by the blowing snow and Washington's sticky secondary. Gardner Minshew was 26 of 35 for 152 yards, and his longest pass to a wide receiver was 11 yards. (
Iowa 31, Nebraska 28: Miguel Recinos drilled a 41-yard field goal through a driving rain as time expired, and the host Hawkeyes (8-4, 5-4 Big Ten) beat the Cornhuskers (4-8, 3-6) despite blowing a 15-point lead.
Iowa has won four straight against Nebraska for the first time but nearly blew this one. A curious decision to fake a field goal at Nebraska's 3-yard line failed and led to a 98-yard Huskers scoring drive to make it 28-20. Adrian Martinez then ran it in from 3 yards out with 3:22 left and found Kade Warner for the tying two-point conversion.

Memphis 52, Houston 31: The host Tigers (8-4, 5-3) clinched the American Athletic's West Division title — and a rematch of last season's conference title game with Central Florida — as Darrell Henderson



JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY

Caleb Kelly runs in a fumble recovery for a touchdown in Oklahoma's 59-56 victory over West Virginia on Friday night.
rushed for 178 yards and two touchdowns and set a conference season record with 1,629 yards. Star defensive tackle Ed Oliver left with a knee injury for the Cougars (8-4, 5-3).
Buffalo 44, Bowling Green 14: The visiting Bulls (10-2, 7-1) clinched the Mid-American's East Division and will face Northern Illinois in the conference title game Friday at Ford Field in Detroit. It's Buffalo's first 10-win season since moving up to the FBS level in 1999.
Virginia Tech 34, Virginia 31: The host Hokies (5-6, 4-4 ACC) pulled out the wildest victory in the series' 100 meetings, winning their 15th in a row against the Cavaliers (7-5, 4-4) and keeping alive their hopes for a 26th consecutive bowl appearance. The Hokies, leading 34-31 in overtime, won when the Cavaliers botched a handoff and Emmanuel Belmar recovered.

UCF 38, USF 10

QB hurt as UCF's streak hits 24

BY MATT MURSCHEL
Orlando Sentinel

TAMPA, Fla. — Central Florida wrapped up another perfect regular season, defeating rival South Florida 38-10 on Friday to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 24 games, but it was overshadowed by the loss of star quarterback McKenzie Milton to a gruesome leg injury.
The Knights (11-0, 8-0 AAC) jumped to a 7-0 lead when Milton shook off an early interception and led the offense on a 97-yard scoring drive, the longest of the season, capped by a 14-yard throw to Gabe Davis.
On the next possession, however, UCF's season took a dramatic shift.
Milton scrambled in an attempt to convert on third down, but he crumbled to the ground after several USF players tackled him. He remained on the ground as the training staff rushed to attend to him.
The severity of Milton's injury was immediately clear to players. Left tackle Wyatt Miller kneeled with his hands on his head as Milton received treatment.
Players and coaches from both teams formed a semicircle around Milton as the medical cart made its way onto the field. After about 10 minutes, he was strapped onto an emergency backboard and placed on the cart.
He gave teammates and the crowd a thumbs up as he left the field.
Milton was transported to a Tampa hospital. UCF officials declined to provide further details about the extent of the injury.
"I haven't seen the injury," coach Josh Heupel said. "My immediate concern is his well-being. I told him that I loved him. He was aware and said the same thing back."
"It's hard. I'm proud of our kids and how they responded."
Darriel Mack Jr. replaced Milton at quarterback, but it was tailback Greg McCrae who stepped up in a big way. The sophomore finished with 181 yards on only 16 carries, including touchdowns of 40, 39 and 31 yards.
While the Bulls (7-5, 3-5) closed the regular season with five consecutive losses, the Knights move on to next week's AAC title game against Memphis — a rematch of last season's 62-55 double-overtime thriller won by UCF.



MIKE CARLSON/AP

UCF quarterback McKenzie Milton goes down with a leg injury in the first half against South Florida.

SATURDAY'S TOP GAMES

- Michigan at Ohio State**
11 a.m., FOX-32
The Wolverines are looking to end a six-game skid in the series that coincides with Urban Meyer's arrival in Columbus. The Big Ten East title and playoff hopes are at stake.
- Auburn at Alabama**
2:30 p.m., CBS-2
The Tigers are seeking their third Iron Bowl win in six years. Given The Citadel's first-half success against the Tide, maybe Auburn should adopt the triple option this week.
- South Carolina at Clemson**
6 p.m., ESPN
The Gamecocks have lost four straight in the series after a five-game winning streak under Steve Spurrier (2009-13). The Tigers defense hasn't allowed a non-garbage-time touchdown since Sept. 29 against Syracuse.
- Utah State at Boise State**
9:15 p.m., ESPN
The winner takes the Mountain West's Mountain Division and meets West champion Fresno State in the conference title game. — Joel Boyd

BEARS



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears coach Matt Nagy’s plan for his players over the last five games will include reduced practice reps “to save them physically.”

Nagy: Rest assured

Playoff experience teaches coach value of keeping team fresh

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

Decembers have been dead at Halas Hall the last four years. As the calendar has flipped to the final page, the Bears have prepared to play out the string and turn their attention to the personnel and coaching problems that have led to double-digit losses.

That has not been Matt Nagy’s reality. On the contrary, the Chiefs teams for which he was quarterback coach or offensive coordinator made the playoffs four times in five seasons from 2013 to ’17.

In other words, Nagy has experience navigating a playoff push. And he’s about to apply that to his new team.

He started by giving his players four days off after Thursday’s 23-16 victory over the Lions extended their winning streak to five and gave them three NFC North wins in 12 days. Nagy sensed obvious benefits to some recharging time, especially considering the Bears’ open date was the first weekend of October.

Some players, including injured quarterback Mitch Trubisky, were at team headquarters Friday anyway. When the full team returns next week, Nagy will have a plan for the final five games, the first of which is Dec. 2 at the Giants.

“Our practice reps are going to kick back a little bit; that’s to save them physically,” Nagy said. “The mental side of it, they’ve got to really be strong at that. They’ve got to understand that when they’re watching tape, they’ve got to study even more tape. When they get every single practice rep, they can’t go 75 percent. They’ve got to go 100 percent in practice.”

Nagy also challenged the coaching staff to avoid complacency and detectable tendencies in play calling and game strategy.

“We’ve got to try to stay one step ahead,” Nagy said.

There’s also the important understanding of the season’s physical toll on players.

“Taking care of these guys; let them know we care how they feel physically,” Nagy said. “Talk (to them). And you’ve got to stay motivated, and that shouldn’t be hard to do.”

Not from a first-place perch, it shouldn’t.

Injury report: The Bears don’t have to decide on Trubisky’s availability for the Giants game until next week. In the meantime, he’ll receive daily treatment. Nagy and the Bears are optimistic he’ll be able to practice Wednesday, and his progression will depend on honest communication between the training staff, coaches and Trubisky, Nagy said.

Running back Benny Cunningham sprained his right ankle Thursday, and

Reports: Ditka OK after heart attack

Mike Ditka was hospitalized Wednesday in Florida because of a heart ailment, according to reports by the Chicago Sun-Times and WGN-9.

The iconic former Bears coach suffered a heart attack, WGN reported, citing anonymous sources. Ditka reportedly is recovering and expected to be released from the hospital in several days.

Ditka’s agent, Steve Mandell, did not immediately return a phone message Friday night. Jarrett Payton, WGN reporter and son of late Bears great Walter Payton, tweeted confirmation that Ditka is in the hospital and is “doing well.”

Ditka previously suffered a heart attack Nov. 2, 1988, and famously returned to the Bears sideline 11 days later. He turned 79 on Oct. 19.

—Rich Campbell

Nagy says he’s day to day. Tight end Adam Shaheen (concussion) and linebacker Aaron Lynch (concussion) are progressing in the return-to-play protocol.

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Jackson shows flair for game-changing plays

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Blount and a pass to tight end Michael Roberts in the end zone was incomplete.

So the Lions were finally rolling on offense when they forced the Bears to punt after three plays and started with good field position on their 41-yard line with 6:09 remaining. They had played well to hold off the Panthers four days earlier to win at home, and they pounded the Patriots earlier this season at Ford Field.

Bears coach Matt Nagy told his players they were going to encounter a different Lions team than the one they soundly defeated 11 days earlier at Soldier Field, and he was right. Even without two key offensive players — wide receiver Marvin Jones and running back Kerryon Johnson — the Lions were putting up the kind of battle the Bears expected.

All of a sudden, the Lions were in position to take over the game behind their offense and quarterback Matthew Stafford, who has led 32 game-winning drives when trailing or tied in the fourth quarter or overtime. Twenty of those have happened since the start of the 2014 season, the most in the NFL.

Maybe looking to steal a little of Stafford’s momentum, defensive coordinator Vic Fangio dialed up a blitz on the game-changing play. Inside linebacker Roquan Smith, who had a sack earlier in the game, was coming. Fellow inside linebacker Danny Trevathan was keeping

an eye on Blount, and when he didn’t release immediately, Trevathan started to rush on the back side of the play.

The Bears started in a two-high shell with Jackson 11 yards deep at the Bears 48. He was creeping forward and was at the Lions 49 when the ball was snapped. With the blitz coming, Stafford locked on Roberts from the snap.

By the time Jackson reached the Lions 47, he was headed full speed toward Roberts with the instinctive knowledge that the ball was coming and the tight end would be helpless when it arrived. Jackson raced in front of Roberts and snatched the ball at the 41, and with such a huge head start, he was able to high-step it and turn around and go into the end zone backward.

“It was just a good read,” Jackson said. “Me and (strong safety Adrian) Amos, we disguise very well, and I was on top of (nickel cornerback) Bryce (Callahan) and we do a lot of nickel blitzes. We just disguised, and I saw he threw to the flat and I just kept my eyes on him.”

Jackson is far from the fastest player on the field, but he broke on this throw before Stafford released the ball because his instincts are so strong and he trusts what he sees. It was the same thing Sunday when he read Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins all the way and picked off a pass for Laquon Treadwell, returning it for a touchdown.

Jackson has two interception returns for touchdowns this season and a 65-yard

fumble return for a touchdown at Buffalo, accounting for half of the team’s defensive scores. He has five defensive touchdowns in his first two seasons (one interception, one fumble return in 2017). Brown held the Bears record with seven defensive touchdowns after his final season in 2008. Cornerback Charles Tillman would surpass that with nine. Jackson is more than halfway there, and he has played only 26 games since being a fourth-round pick out of Alabama.

“Winning by that touchdown with Eddie, he’s had an unbelievable season so far,” Nagy said. “One that I don’t know if I’ve ever seen.”

Jackson’s four interception returns for touchdowns since the start of last season are more than 25 teams have. His five touchdowns since the start of 2017 are more than any other NFL defensive player and ties the most for a defensive player in his first two seasons.

The pace at which Jackson is making huge, game-changing plays is remarkable.

“He’s improving still,” Fangio said Tuesday. “He’s a guy that has really good instincts and really good football IQ. He doesn’t panic when he’s out on the field, and when you can combine all of that together, you get good results.”

Still improving. Those are words that will stick with you for a little bit.

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Romo sees playoff run for Bears

Analyst says stalwart defense will boost postseason contender



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

Now comes the real test of CBS analyst Tony Romo’s predictive powers.

After their 23-16 victory over the Lions, Romo closed Thursday’s telecast from Detroit’s Ford Field with the 8-3 Bears not just in the playoffs, but a formidable threat with five regular-season games still to play.

“Chicago has led in the second half, we said, in every game this year. That’s a team, they’re going to get in the playoffs,” Romo said.

“They’re going to be in and this is a team you don’t want to see because that defense, when it’s cold out, if you’re in an environment that, you know, isn’t indoors and you’re going against Chicago, this is going to be very difficult to move the ball consistently against them. You’re going to rely on your defense.”

Romo did not dispute that the Rams, who are 10-1 and visit Soldier Field on Dec. 9, and the Saints, who later Thursday would improve to 10-1 with a plucking of the Falcons on NBC, are the class of the NFC.

“(But) you never know how this finishes up,” said the former Cowboys quarterback who has, in his season-and-a-half as an NFL analyst, developed a reputation as a Cassandra of sorts with his knack for tipping plays.

“Those top two teams are real good. Chicago might barely be just under them, but I would also tell you that Chicago has the best defense of all these teams. You never want to see the best defense in the playoffs. I’ll tell you, that’s a team that can sneak in anywhere.”

Not exactly the same as forecasting a run up the middle or a pass in the flat, but it may be interesting to check back on Romo-damus’ prophecies in January.

Short-rest test: Bears players may not have been the only one challenged Thursday to return to full game-day strength after the quick turnaround from Sunday’s victory over the Vikings.

Looking at you, armchair Bears fans. The adrenaline rush and high-ratings of Sunday’s prime-time victory over Vikings on NBC-5 didn’t translate to a surge in Bears viewership Thanksgiving.

CBS-2’s Bears-Lions Thanksgiving telecast averaged 2 percent fewer Chicago-area TV households than Fox-32’s Bears-Lions telecast just 11 days earlier.

No one expected the Bears-Lions rematch to approach the 34.4 household rating in the Chicago market the Vikings game for NFC North supremacy averaged in prime time.

But Thursday afternoon’s 27.5, which translates roughly to 894,000 area homes, fell short of the 28.1 for Bears-Lions I on Nov. 11.

The Turkey Day road victory was the second-highest rated afternoon Bears game on Chicago TV this season, edging the 27.2 for their Oct. 14 overtime loss to the Dolphins, and fifth-best number locally overall through 11 games.

Across all the nation’s metered markets, CBS’ national Bears-Lions II show averaged a 14.2 household ratings and 34 percent of the homes watching television.

Nantz as in dance: CBS’ Jim Nantz bid to DJ your next sock hop, block party or sweet sixteen bash probably ended when he read the promo card that referred to halftime performer Mike Posner and his band as “legendary.”

But Nantz gave viewers another reason to pause about his musical bona fides, perhaps for lack of commas, when rattling off the names of great Motown recording acts.

“Man, where do you start?” Nantz said. “The Jacksons, The Four Tops, Diana Ross and the Supremes, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder and the Miracles.”

Romo asked if he was reading from a card, and Nantz didn’t just insist he was working from memory.

“I’ve seen every one of them,” Nantz said. “I saw every one of them in concert. Multiple times.”

OK. Maybe he didn’t mean it that way, but “Stevie Wonder and the Miracles,” made it sound as if Wonder has displaced Smokey Robinson.

Then there’s Diana Ross and the Supremes.

Maybe Nantz has seen Ross and saw the Supremes. But as Ross ditched the group in 1970, when Nantz was 11, it seems unlikely he saw them in concert together.

For that matter, the Ross-less Supremes broke up in 1977, when he was 16, and a bally-hooed 2000 reunion tour with Ross but without a full retinue of Supremes was aborted after fewer than half of a planned 29 dates.

It’s a mistake to make too many assumptions, however.

Nantz saw an allusion to Bears history with their choreographed end-zone celebration after Kyle Fuller’s game-saving fourth-quarter interception.

“Maybe that’s Super Bowl Shuffle 2.0,” he said.

And while it may indeed have resembled 1985’s “Shuffle,” the Tribune’s Brad Biggs reported the smooth dance moves were intended as a tribute to one of Motown’s great groups, The Temptations.

Prince Amukamara, who had come up with the idea, pretended the ball was a microphone as teammates danced in unison behind him.

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BLACKHAWKS

NOTES

Stunner: Jokiharju a healthy scratch

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
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TAMPA, Fla. — Blackhawks defenseman Henri Jokiharju has been one of the NHL's top rookies. But his season took a slight detour Friday night.

Jokiharju was a surprising healthy scratch against the Lightning and it's not because he needed a breather. Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said he needs him to be better.

"Certainly had a fantastic start," Colliton said. "We want to get him back to that level as quickly as we can.

"I'm sure he's not loving coming out of the lineup, and that's fine. That goes along with getting feedback from us as far as what he has to do to get playing his best again.

"It's no problem. He's a young player and almost everyone goes through it. He'll be good for us going forward I'm sure."

Jokiharju, 19, wasn't a certainty to make the Hawks out of training camp but when Connor Murphy went down with a back injury it opened an opportunity for him. He immediately started playing important minutes under coach Joel Quenneville and that continued when Colliton took over.

Over the last three games, Jokiharju has played no more than 18 minutes, 32 seconds and in Wednesday night's game against the Capitals he was down to 17:22. He still leads Hawks defensemen with 10 assists.

"He has more to give us but certainly we really believe in him," Colliton said. "He can be a big part of what we're doing here but (sitting out) tonight can be a part of that."

Brandon Manning took Jokiharju's spot in the lineup. Forwards Chris Kunitz and Luke Johnson were back in replacing John Hayden and Andreas Martinsen.

The right mix: Jokiharju and Duncan Keith were a pairing for the first 17 games of the season, and Colliton left them together his first two games as coach. He then split them up, putting Jokiharj and Erik Gustafsson together and pairing up Keith and Brent Seabrook.

"We're still sorting out who's going to be the best fit with who," Colliton said. "That's part of, when we rotate the lineup like we are, we're kind of searching for that right mix and it's going to take time."

Hawks suffer 8th straight road defeat

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mistakes again. I think it's a little bit of both but we have to find ways to simplify and take away scoring chances early in games and just play patient hockey. Especially on the road."

Want a little more disheartening news? The Lightning did all their early damage in the first against the Hawks' top line. Toews, Brandon Saad and Patrick Kane were on the ice for each of the Lightning's first three goals and were a minus-3 for the period.

At the end of the first, the Lightning held a 4-1 lead and a 19-11 advantage in shots on goal.

"We can't really play any worse than that period," Duncan Keith said.

Even though the Hawks were playing one of the NHL's best teams — the Lightning improved to 16-6-1 with the victory — this was another rough game. For the second straight contest, they weren't ready when the official dropped the puck to start the game.

On Wednesday against the Capitals, they allowed a goal 54 seconds in and trailed 2-0 before the 8-minute mark. They made a game of it but couldn't recover. It was a similar story against the Lightning. Artem Anisimov scored his third goal of the season to make it 3-1 at the 8:50 mark of the first period, and Toews made it 4-2 with 1:11 left in the second.

The Hawks tightened their defense, found their legs and put on a lot of pressure during the third period. They even came back to top the Lightning 32-29 in shots on goal by the time it was all over.

But just as they couldn't recover after their terrible start against the Capitals, the Hawks once again were done in by an inability to get out of the gate.

"We need to give ourselves the opportunity to win hockey games," Colliton said. "And when you start the way we did, you don't."

Different building. Same result.

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HEAT 103, BULLS 96



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The Bears' Khalil Mack, left, gets an autographed jersey from Heat guard Dwyane Wade at Friday night's game against the Bulls.

2nd quarter costly

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high 13 rebounds.

As the crowd erupted because the Heat missed two fourth-quarter free throws to win fans a promotion, Bam Adebayo snuck past Wendell Carter Jr. for the offensive rebound — and drew Carter's sixth foul. Carter finished with six points and four rebounds in just 13 minutes, 36 seconds in a game in which he had his least impact.

"It's a learning process. Sometimes, I'm just a little too aggressive," Carter said. "I feel if I was able to provide for my team on the court, things would have been a lot different."

Before the game, Dwyane Wade strolled into the United Center wearing a denim jacket over his No. 3 Bulls jersey, even though he now plays for the Heat.

Wade's wardrobe choice seemed doubly — what's the word? — odd or hilarious or bold given what Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said at the morning shootaround.

"I texted him the first time I saw him in a Bulls uniform and told him, 'This doesn't look right. This is wrong. I don't care what anybody says. I don't care where you're from,'" Spoelstra said of Wade's one-season foray to his hometown team in 2016-17. "We had so many battles with the Bulls over the years. To prepare for him, I put a \$5,000 fine on anybody who went for a shot fake or fouled him on any one of his tricks."

Spoelstra then joked that the players younger than 25 still owe him money.

Barring an unlikely playoff matchup, Friday marked Wade's next-to-last appearance in the arena he grew up dreaming about playing in one day. The future Hall of Famer has called his 16th season "one last dance."

After scoring 10 points, he is three shy of scoring 1,000 in his career against his hometown team and one-time, brief employer.

Zach LaVine scored 24 points on 11-for-27 shooting but declined to talk postgame for the first time since he has

Bears star Mack earns Wade's props

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Dwyane Wade's Bears fandom runs long and true.

"We've had to endure a lot," said Wade, in town Friday with the Heat to face the Bulls.

So this season has been a pleasant surprise for the future Basketball Hall of Famer, who was born in Chicago and raised in Robbins.

"At the beginning of the year, before (Khalil) Mack got traded here, me and my brothers were talking about the season and we thought we'd be a pretty good team," Wade said. "But when we got Mack, it just changed the mindset of the fan base and of course the guys on the field.

"They're responding very well and it's fun to watch from afar. Me, Q-Rich (Quentin Richardson) and the old Chicago guys, we enjoy it. And we live through it. We appreciate what the Bears are doing."

Mack sat courtside at Friday's game, and Wade chatted with him afterward and gave him a signed Heat jersey.

Wade regularly posts his support of the Bears on his social media accounts and attended the Bears' overtime loss to the Dolphins on Oct. 14 in Miami.

"We had a little outside box on the field with a little bar in there," Wade said. "There were a lot of touchdown shots taken."

But when the Bears came up on the short end, Wade had to endure merciless teasing from teammate Udonis Haslem, a lifelong Dolphins fan.

"It was on a different level bad," Wade said, laughing. "But all in fun. Me and UD had a lot riding on it. But it was a good game. It sucks we came up on the other end of it."

The Bears haven't come up on the other end in weeks, riding a five-game winning streak. They even won Thursday against the Lions with backup quarterback Chase Daniel.

Wade is firmly in the camp of the Mitch Trubisky believers.

"I didn't know (anything) about him when he got drafted," Wade said. "From the outside I looked and said, 'Well, if they moved up to get him, then the potential is there.' And then it's about giving him an opportunity."

"As a fan, I wanted him to play from the start last year so he can just get the reps in. ... He has all the potential to be one of the game's great quarterbacks. It's just about health and the guys you put around him. They've put a good team around him, and he's doing well."

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BULLS NOTES

Wade glad Butler's Timberwolves saga is over

By K.C. JOHNSON
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Nobody had a closer relationship with Jimmy Butler than Dwyane Wade during Wade's lone 2016-17 season with his hometown Bulls.

Naturally, Wade had thoughts on Butler's departure from the Timberwolves, who have gone 4-2 since trading him to the 76ers and face the Bulls on Saturday.

"From afar, it was definitely not good from a media standpoint," Wade said. "A lot of stuff started coming out. It's never good when you let something like that drag on. I think he wanted everything to get resolved faster than it did. I'm glad that's in the past and he's in a good place. He's a winner. You put him in place and a culture where he can do that, and I'm happy."

"I know Jimmy. I know his heart. I know what kind of competitor he is. But I also know how tough he is. Now you can see

Minnesota and their young guys are getting back to their comfort zone."

Familiar face: A big reason the Timberwolves are 4-2 since the Butler trade is Derrick Rose, who's averaging 19 points and shooting a career-high 45.9 percent from 3-point range. That obliterates his previous best of 34 percent.

"I'm really happy for Derrick," Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said. "I love that game a couple of weeks ago when he went for 50 (points). It's good to see him playing with that swagger again. I really enjoyed coaching Derrick. And I'm happy for his success."

Northern exposure: Saturday marks Zach LaVine's second trip back to Minnesota since being traded. He posted 21 points, seven assists and six rebounds in a February loss there last season.

"I know the arena. I know the crowd. I know the rims," LaVine said. "So hopefully

it will be another good game."




LaVine also fielded a question about the Butler trade.

"It's unfortunate what happened. I know they wanted to have Jimmy there. I think they got some good guys back for him," LaVine said of Robert Covington and Dario Saric. "Andrew (Wiggins) and Karl (Anthony Towns) have to take more leadership to carry the load."

Layups: Chandler Hutchison missed his second straight game with back spasms. ... Hoiberg said Lauri Markkanen, Bobby Portis and Kris Dunn did their most extensive workouts since suffering their injuries. Markkanen had "controlled contact" and is scheduled to do so again Saturday. If he gets through that without incident, Hoiberg said regular contact practices could follow next week. Hoiberg estimated Portis and Dunn are at 80 percent.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	D2, @NYG Noon FOX-32, AM-780						
	@MIN 7 WGN-9, AM-670		SA 7 NBCSCH, AM-670		@MIL 7 WGN-9, AM-670		@DET 6 WGN-9, AM-670
	@FLA 6 NBCSCH, AM-720			VGK 7 NBCSCH, AM-720		@WPG 7 NBCSCH, AM-720	

SATURDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA		
7 p.m.	Bulls at Timberwolves	WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670
7:30 p.m.	Spurs at Bucks	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
11 a.m.	DePaul at Notre Dame	WSCR-AM 670
6 p.m.	Emerald Coast Classic	CBSSN
BOXING		
9 p.m.	Dmitry Bivol vs. Jean Pascal	HBO
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
11 a.m.	Michigan at Ohio State	FOX-32
11 a.m.	Florida at Florida State	ABC-7
11 a.m.	Purdue at Indiana	ESPN2
11 a.m.	Syracuse at Boston College	ESPN
11 a.m.	Western Kentucky at Louisiana Tech	CBSSN
11 a.m.	Baylor at Texas Tech	FS1
11 a.m.	Navy at Tulane	ESPNU
2:30 p.m.	Auburn at Alabama	CBS-2
2:30 p.m.	Illinois at Northwestern	BTN, WMVP-AM 1000, WSCR-AM 670

2:30 p.m.	Maryland at Penn State	ABC-7
2:30 p.m.	Minnesota at Wisconsin	ESPN2
2:30 p.m.	Arizona State at Arizona	FS1
2:30 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Miami	ESPN
2:30 p.m.	SMU at Tulsa	CBSSN
2:30 p.m.	Temple at UConn	ESPNU
3 p.m.	Rutgers at Michigan State	FOX-32
4 p.m.	Southern vs. Grambling	NBCSN
6 p.m.	South Carolina at Clemson	ESPN
6 p.m.	Kansas State at Iowa State	FS1
6 p.m.	Kentucky at Louisville	ESPN2
6 p.m.	San Jose State at Fresno State	ESPNU
7 p.m.	Notre Dame at USC	ABC-7, WMVP-AM 1000
7 p.m.	Oklahoma State at TCU	FOX-32
8:30 p.m.	Nevada at UNLV	CBSSN
9 p.m.	BYU at Utah	FS1
9:15 p.m.	Utah State at Boise State	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Hawaii at San Diego State	ESPNU

IHSA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 p.m.	Class 5A: Montini vs. Joliet Catholic	NBCSCH
1 p.m.	Class 6A: Cary-Grove vs. Crete-Monee	NBCSCH
4 p.m.	Class 7A: Nazareth Academy vs. St. Charles North	NBCSCH+

7 p.m.	Class 8A: Brother Rice vs. Loyola Academy	NBCSCH+
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GOLF		
7 p.m.	World Cup of Golf	Golf Channel
Midnight	Hong Kong Open	Golf Channel

NHL		
1 p.m.	Capitals at Rangers	NHL Network
6 p.m.	Blackhawks at Panthers	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m.	Flyers at Maple Leafs	NHL Network

AHL		
7 p.m.	Griffins at Wolves	WPWR-50

MOTORSPORTS

6:55 a.m.	F1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix qualifying	ESPN2
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SKIING		
Noon	Alpine: Women's giant slalom	NBCSN
1 p.m.	Alpine: Men's downhill	NBCSN
2 p.m.	Alpine: Women's giant slalom	NBC-5

BUNDESLIGA SOCCER		
8:20 a.m.	Bayern Munich vs. Dusseldorf	FS2
11:20 a.m.	Schalke vs. Nuremberg	FS2

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER		
8:55 a.m.	West Ham vs. Manchester City	NBCSN
11:30 a.m.	Tottenham Hotspur vs. Chelsea	NBC-5

LIGA MX SOCCER		
9 p.m.	Monterrey vs. Atlas	FS2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL		
4 p.m.	Big East championship	FS2
7 p.m.	Wisconsin at Penn State	BTN

COLLEGE WRESTLING		
Noon	Purdue at Iowa	BTN

Noon			Purdue at Iowa	BTN	
COLLEGE FOOTBALL					
COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TOP 25					

1. Alabama	1	11-0	536	144	Sat. vs. Auburn, 2:30	
2. Clemson	2	11-0	492	133	Sat. vs. South Carolina, 6	
3. Notre Dame	3	11-0	381	190	Sat. at USC, 7	
4. Michigan	4	10-1	403	149	Sat. at #10 Ohio State, 11*	
5. Georgia	5	10-1	436	185	Sat. vs. Georgia Tech, 11*	
6. Oklahoma	6	11-1	604	394	W 59-56 at #13 West Virginia	
7. LSU	8	9-2	309	177	Sat. at #22 Texas A&M, 6:30	
8. Washington St.	7	10-2	460	274	L 28-15 vs. #16 Washington	
9. UCF	8	11-0	474	214	W 38-10 at South Florida	
10. Ohio State	10	8-1	458	271	Sat. vs. #4 Michigan, 11*	
11. Florida	13	8-3	373	231	Sat. at Florida State, 11*	
12. Penn State	15	8-3	377	237	Sat. vs. Maryland, 2:30	
13. West Virginia	12	8-3	465	292	L 59-56 vs. #6 Oklahoma	
14. Texas	11	9-3	380	302	W 24-17 at Kansas	
15. Kentucky	17	8-2	263	185	Sat. at Louisville, 6	
16. Washington	16	9-3	336	198	W 28-15 at #8 Washington St.	
17. Utah	18	8-3	335	204	Sat. vs. BYU, 9	
18. Mississippi St.	22	8-4	349	144	W 35-3 at Mississippi	
19. Northwestern	20	7-4	260	244	Sat. vs. Illinois, 2:30	
20. Syracuse	19	8-3	447	312	Sat. at Boston College, 11*	
21. Utah State	14	10-1	542	243	Sat. at #23 Boise State, 9:15	
22. Texas A&M	7	7-4	342	244	Sat. vs. #7 LSU, 6:30	
23. Boise State	21	9-2	411	244	Sat. vs. #21 Utah State, 9:15	
24. Pittsburgh	24	7-4	333	309	Sat. at Miami, 2:30	
25. Iowa State	25	6-4	253	208	Sat. at Kansas State, 6	

CFP-College Football Playoff; AP-Associated Press; PF/A-points for/allowed

BIG TEN STANDINGS						
WEST	CONF	ALL	PF	PA	WEEK 13/NEXT GAME	*-11 A.M.
Northwestern	7-1	7-4	260	244	Sat. vs. Illinois, 2:30	
Wisconsin	5-3	7-4	336	254	Sat. vs. Minnesota, 2:30	
Iowa	5-4	8-4	378	209	W 31-28 vs. Nebraska	
Purdue	4-4	5-6	355	306	Sat. at Indiana, noon	
Nebraska	3-6	4-8	360	375	L 31-28 at Iowa	
Minnesota	2-6	5-6	305	320	Sat. at Wisconsin, 2:30	
Illinois	2-6	4-7	296	449	Sat. at #19 Northwestern, 2:30	
EAST						
Michigan	8-0	10-1	403	149	Sat. at #10 Ohio State, 11*	
Ohio State	7-1	10-1	458	271	Sat. vs. #4 Michigan, 11*	
Penn State	5-3	8-3	377	237	Sat. vs. Maryland, 2:30	
Michigan St.	4-4	6-5	223	206	Sat. vs. Rutgers, 3	
Maryland	3-5	5-6	339	306	Sat. at #12 Penn State, 2:30	
Indiana	2-6	5-6	296	331	Sat. vs. Purdue, noon	
Rutgers	0-8	1-10	152	363	Sat. at Michigan State, 3	

FRIDAY'S RESULTS		
Memphis 52, Houston 31		
South Alabama 31, C. Carolina 28		
Virginia Tech 34, Virginia 31 (OT)		
Buffalo 44, Bowling Green 14		
Michigan 28, Kent St. 20		
Ohio 49, Akron 28		
Toledo 51, Cent. Michigan 13		
Missouri 38, Arkansas 0		
Cincinnati 56, E. Carolina 8		
Oregon 55, Oregon St. 15		
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE		
MIDWEST		
Purdue (5-6) at Indiana (5-6), 11*		
Michigan (10-1) at Ohio St. (10-1), 11*		
Illinois (4-7) at Northwestern (7-4), 2:30		
Minnesota (5-6) at Wisconsin (7-4), 2:30		
Rutgers (1-10) at Michigan St. (5-3), 3		
Kansas St. (5-6) at Iowa St. (7-4), 6		
EAST		
Syracuse (8-3) at Boston Coll. (7-4), 11*		
Maryland (5-6) at Penn St. (8-3), 2:30		
Temple (7-4) at UConn (1-10), 2:30		
SOUTH		
Florida (7-3) at Florida (8-3), 11*		
Florida St. (5-6) at Miami, 11*		
Georgia Tech (7-4) at Georgia (10-1), 11*		
W. Kentucky (2-9) at La. Tech (7-4), 11*		
NC State (7-3) at N. Carolina (2-8), 11*		
Navy (2-9) at Tulane (5-9), 11*		
Wake Forest (5-6) at Duke (7-4), 11:30*		
NC Central (4-6) at S. Carolina St. (5-5), 12:30		
South (8-3) at Georgia St. (2-9), 1		
New Mexico St. (3-8) at Liberty (4-6), 1		
Troy (9-2) at Appalachian St. (8-2), 1:30		
La.-Lafayette (6-6) at La.-Monroe (6-5), 2		
La.-Lafayette (6-6) at La.-Monroe (6-5), 2		
Auburn (7-4) at Alabama (11-0), 2:30		

TRANSACTIONS		
FOOTBALL		
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE		
Detroit: Waived S Don Carey. Claimed CB Marcus Cooper off waivers from Chicago.		
Indianapolis: Released DE Anthony Wingo from the practice squad. Signed		

QB Phillip Walker to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Chicago: Assigned G Kevin Linkinen from Rockford (AHL) to Indy (ECHL). (AHL). Activated Sami Vatanen and F Brian Boyle from injured reserve.

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W. Kentucky	3 1/2	Detroit
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St. Joseph's	2 1/2	Hofstra
Colorado	6 1/2	at Wm. & Mary
at UCF	10 1/2	at Air Force
Santa Barbara	17	N. Kentucky
at W. Virginia	17	Valparaiso
at New Mexico	14	UTEP
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WEEK 13		
at Miami	4 1/2	Saturday Pittsburgh
Temple	30 1/2	at UConn
Kentucky	17	at Louisville
at Clemson	26	S. Carolina
at Michigan St.	27	Rutgers
Ga. Southern	10 1/2	at Georgia
Marshall	10	at Florida
at Boston Coll.	7	Syracuse
Michigan	4 1/2	at Ohio State
at Northwestern	17	Illinois
at Georgia	11	Georgia Tech
at Duke	11	Wake Forest
at Wisconsin	10 1/2	Minnesota
NC State	7	at N. Carolina
La. Tech	10	W. Kentucky
Old Dominion	11	at Rice
Southern Miss	13	at UTEP
at Liberty	2 1/2	New Mexico St.
at Boise St.	2 1/2	Utah St.
at Utah	11 1/2	Troy
at Appalachian	10 1/2	at New Mexico
Wyoming	6 1/2	at Mid. Tenn.
UAB	3	at California
at Stanford	6 1/2	at UCLA
at Vanderbilt	3 1/2	Tennessee
Florida	7 1/2	at TCU
Oklahoma St.	5	at Florida
at Penn St.	14	Maryland
Texas Tech	5 1/2	Baylor
at Fresno St.	31 1/2	San Jose St.
at Texas	13	Kansas St.
at Texas A&M	3 1/2	LSU
Purdue	4	at Indiana
at Tulane	3	Navy
at La.-Monroe	3	La.-Laf.
SMU	2 1/2	Charlotte
at FAU	17 1/2	Charlotte
Arkansas St.	11	at Texas St.
North Texas	24 1/2	at UTSA
Notre Dame	11	at UConn
at Alabama	24 1/2	Auburn
Nevada	14	at UNLV
at San Diego St.	17 1/2	Hawaii
Arizona	1 1/2	at Arizona

WEEK 13		SATURDAY	
at Miami	4%	Pittsburgh	at Tennessee
at Kansas City	17%	at Cincinnati	at Louisville
at Clemson	26	S. Carolina	at Rutgers
at Michigan St	27	at Georgia	at Florida Intl
at Ga. Southern	10%	at Syracuse	at Ohio State
at Boston Coll.	17	at Wake Forest	at Minnesota
at Michigan	4%	at N. Carolina	at Kentucky
at Western	17	at Rice	at UTEP
at Georgia	10%	at New Mexico St	at Utah
at Duke	11%	BYU	Troy
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at NC State	10	Colorado	at UCLA
at Ole. Tech	7	at Florida St	at Maryland
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Southern Miss	13	at Kansas St	at LSU
at Liberty	2%	at Indiana	at La.-Laf.
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at Utah	11%	at Texas St	at UTSA
at Appalach. St	10%	at USC	at Auburn
Wyoming	6%	at Hawaii	at Arizona
at California	12%		
Stanford	6%		
at Vanderbilt	3%		
at Oklahoma St	3		
at Penn St	7%		
Texas Tech	5%		
at Fresno St	3%		
at Iowa St	3%		
at Texas A&M	4%		
Purdue	4		
at Miami	7		
La.-Monroe	3%		
SMU	2%		
at FAU	17%		
at Kansas St	1%		
at North Texas	24%		
Notre Dame	1%		
at Alabama	24%		
at Nevada	14		
at San Diego St	17%		
Arizona	1%		



HARRY HOW/GETTY

Tiger Woods looks on as Phil Mickelson tees off on the 14th hole of Friday's match.

GOLF

Mickelson edges Woods in playoff

BY JOE REEDY | Associated Press

Phil Mickelson birdied the fourth playoff hole to beat Tiger Woods in their \$9 million made-for-TV match Friday in Las Vegas.

Mickelson made a 4-foot birdie putt on a specially set-up 93-yard par-3. The match at Shadow Creek Golf Club finished in the dark with lights set up around the hole.

Mickelson said to Woods after the match: "Just know I will never let you live that down. It's not the Masters or the U.S. Open, but it is nice to have a little something on you."

Mickelson was 1 up after 16 holes, but Woods tied it with a birdie from the fringe on the par-3 17th. Both birdied the par-5 18th and parred the first playoff hole before it went to the par-3 extra hole — which was pitch shots off the practice putting green — that they kept playing until there was a winner.

"You couldn't have made this event any better than it was," Woods said. "It was back and forth and very competitive on a golf course that was playing on the tricky side."

Only 700 invited guests were allowed to watch the event billed as golf's first pay-per-view broadcast. It was marred by technical difficulties with viewers unable to watch it on their televisions after paying \$19.95. Turner and Bleacher Report representatives sent out links on social media allowing people to view it for free on their computers and mobile devices.

Representatives from Turner didn't respond to requests from the Associated Press for comment.

The match was billed as a chance for viewers to watch an untraditional golf broadcast as both golfers and their caddies were mic'd. There was some banter between Woods and Mickelson early on but not much as the stakes increased.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLASS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP

IC Catholic wins title

IC Catholic's Ricky Mysliwiec, left, and Sean Hipskind celebrate after Hipskind scored during the second quarter of the Class 4A state championship game Friday night in Champaign. IC Catholic won 31-21. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports.

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In Memoriam



Paul Francis Raffaelli

January 7, 1969 - November 24, 2008

It has been ten years since that heartbreaking day. I was so blessed the day you were born and so lucky and proud to be your mother. You left me with so many wonderful memories, your infectious smile, your giving heart, your hugs and your loyalty. You are so loved and so missed by every life that you touched. You brought so much joy and happiness to my life, you will forever be my hero.

I love you , Mom

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Death Notices

Doherty, Donald P

Donald P. Doherty, age 91, passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2018, surrounded by his family. Born Sept. 4th 1927 in McHenry to Paul J. and Vera Bolger Doherty, Donald meant the world to his family. He was a role model to his children and an inspiration to his grandchildren. He always had a kind word and his generosity touched



many. Donald always said it was a privilege to work. He felt he never worked a day in his life because he truly loved what he did. He loved being a resident of McHenry all of his life. Donald Doherty didn't only live in McHenry, he LIVED McHenry. He was honored to serve as Mayor of McHenry for 12 years, a city he cherished. Green Street, home to Bolger Drug Store, McHenry City Hall, his home and his church, held a special place in his heart. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, and he served his community in many ways. He served on the McHenry County Board and was a member of many organizations including the McHenry Chamber of Commerce, McHenry County Catholic Education Foundation and the Knights of Columbus. He was a McHenry High School distinguished graduate and McHenry Fiesta Days Parade Marshal. He was also a recipient of the Frank E Low Award.

He enjoyed going for car rides, going to the McHenry Country Club on Thursday nights and playing bingo with his friends.

Survivors include ten children, Colleen Jackson of Woodstock, Jay (Colleen Drumm) Doherty of Chicago, Celeste (Michael) Heidemann of McHenry, Cynthia (David) Henderson of McHenry, Christine (Kenne) Ludwig of McHenry, Carolyn (Bob) Sweeney of Woodstock, Joseph (Kimmy) Doherty of McHenry, Connie (Joe) Bopp of Sharon, WI, Catherine (John) Brodbeck of Crystal Lake, and Carmel (Donald) Ray of Temple, Texas; 21 grandchildren, Courtney (Joe) Fisher, Katelynn (Matthew) Fisher, Jay, Ignatius, Joseph and Rosalie Doherty, Michael and Adam Heidemann, Patrick and Sarah Jane Henderson, Phillip (Lauren), Lindsey, and Benjamin Ludwig, Erin and Kevin Sweeney, Casey and Delaney Doherty, Nathan (Cassie) and Mary Bopp, and Joseph and David Ray; 7 great-grandchildren, Ellody, Ehlyn, Evangeline, Jackson, and Olive Fisher, Penelope Ludwig, and baby girl Ludwig; and a sister, Mary Jean Hopkins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and beloved wife Rosalie, a sister Helen Ann; Sister in law Jinny Williams, Bea Newkirk and Son in law Randy Jackson.

The visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, November 25, 2018, at The Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 Bull Valley Rd, McHenry. On Monday, November 26, friends should go directly to meet the family at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 3500 W. Washington Street, McHenry, where the funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Patrick Countryside Cemetery, McHenry.

Donald's family suggests memorials to St. Patrick Countryside Cemetery Enhancement Fund, 3500 W. Washington St. McHenry, IL 60050 or to Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge Avenue, Chicago IL 60660.

Arrangements were entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**, McHenry. For information, call the funeral home at 815-385-2400. Friends may leave an on-line condolence to the family at www.justenfhn.com.



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Gerini, Glen

Gerini, Glen M. age 65. Beloved son of the late Emil and Leona (nee Scott); dear brother of the late Daniel J. Funeral services were held privately. For info contact **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services** (773)767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com

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Michaels, Lillian

Lillian Michaels, Age 99. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Michaels. Loving mother of Arlene (Larry) Miller and Gary (Terri) Michaels. Proud grandmother of Seth Miller, Sarah Michaels, Rebecca Miller, Adam Michaels, and Annie Michaels. Cherished great-grandmother of Gefen Levy. Service Sunday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lieberman Center, www.cje.net, or JourneyCare, www.journeycare.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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Roache, Reverend James P.

Reverend James P. Roache, gone home on November 19, 2018. Beloved son of the late Charles and the late Anna; loving brother of the late Jack (the late Rosemary), the late Lorraine (the late Allen) Murphy, the late Bill (the late Elaine) and the late Robert; dearly loved uncle and great-uncle of Laurie, Tom and Tommy Jakubczak, Kathy, the late Tom, Caitlin,



Lauren, Jacqueline, Kristen, Tommy, and Charlie Kleist, John, Jack, Kiley, Maggie and Ryan Roache, Allen Murphy, John, Lisa, Meghan, Sean, Molly, Mary, and Maura Murphy, Colleen and Bob Rauseo, Mary, Mike, Meghan (Tim), Charlie, Luke and Abby Sullivan, Patrick Collins, Kara Collins, Kathryn and Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Nancy, Lindsey, Courtney, Emily and Joe McNeill Jim, Kelly, Rachel and Michael Roache, the late Billy Roache, Michael Roache, Brian, Gina, Patrick and Eamon Roache. A committed servant of the Archdiocese of Chicago as well as a 60 year tenure as Chaplain of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago/Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago, IL 60610 followed by Memorial Mass at 10:00 a.m. In Lieu of flowers donations to Big Shoulders Fund, The Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association, or Shirley Ryan AbilityLab. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.



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Zabinski, Jane M.

Jane M. Zabinski, nee Macocha. Beloved Wife of the late Stanley. Loving Mother of Dennis (Deborah) Zabinski, Jackie (Gery) Santora and Pat (George Folsom) Schulte. Proud Grandmother of Lisa (Matt Fredricks) Zabinski, Tim (Jen) Zabinski, Justin (Ingrid Sagor) Santora, Garret Santora, Andy Schulte and Matt Schulte. Dear Great Grandmother of Sydney, Maxwell, Emma and Andrew. Beloved sister of Matthew (Leona) Macocha and the late Jean, Whitey and Walter. Fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 3 PM to 8 PM at **FORAN FUNERAL HOME**, 7300 West Archer Ave.(55th street just west of Harlem). Funeral Monday 8:45 AM from Foran Funeral Home to St. Camillus Church for a 9:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, Donations in Jane's name to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls would be appreciated. Condolences may be sent to Jane's family on her personal tribute website at www.foranfuneralhome.com. 708-458-0208.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Full speed ahead: Shiffrin envisions busy schedule

By PAT GRAHAM
Associated Press

By the end of last season, Mikaela Shiffrin was so drained she couldn't possibly imagine racing in that many events ever again.

Right up until this season, that is.

The two-time World Cup overall champion now envisions an even more frenzied pace. From downhill to super-G, from giant slalom to an array of slaloms along with the occasional combined, just sign her up.

Sure, she will take the occasional break to sharpen her technical skills or get some rest, but really there's no slowing her down these days. In an era of specialization, the 23-year-old from Avon, Colorado, keeps branching out and has become the rare six-event racer — even if her peers wonder if she can keep it up.

"It's a challenge right now I'm willing and excited to take on," said Shiffrin, who will be a favorite in both the giant slalom and slalom races during a World Cup stop this weekend in Killington, Vermont. "That's also part of the deal — you have to be excited and motivated in the sport. That's one of the things keeping me motivated."

See, Shiffrin knows her winning formula doesn't necessarily involve speed events. Case in point: Take away her results from downhill and super-G last season and she still wins the overall by 293 points over Wendy Holdener of Switzerland. That's how dialed in Shiffrin's been at the slalom and the GS.

But she has a craving for more speed. The only hitch is each speed training session takes just a fraction away from her rhythm for the technical events, which might not be noticeable to anyone but her.

"Every day that I train downhill or super-G I'm thinking, 'That might just be one little millimeter of my quick twitch muscles going asleep for a little while,'" said Shiffrin, who won the slalom in Levi, Finland, last weekend and received a reindeer as a prize. "And then I'm always thinking, 'When am I going to get my slalom training in?'"

"There's just a certain amount of preparation I need for every event."

The specialization route has worked wonders for Austria's Marcel Hirscher, who has captured seven straight overall World Cup titles. Hirscher dominates the slalom and GS so much, winning both disciplines last season, that it's hard to dethrone him. He was on the podium 16 times in 20 races — none in speed events. Shiffrin was on the podium 18 times in 26 races — with one downhill win and two more third-place finishes.

"Is it more challenging racing (all the events)? You bet," U.S. women's assistant coach Karin Harjo said. "There are only so many hours in a week and days in a year to really prepare at the highest level."

Especially for the downhill, where it's typically a four-day commitment given all the training runs.

"It's a difficult task," U.S. racer Ted Ligety said. "But when you have people like Mikaela that have a good enough buffer in the slalom, they don't necessarily train as much in that area to stay on top. But if she does compete in this many events full-time, it will probably wear on her after a little bit. It's the reality of the time allocation to race that many races a year versus taking some of those downhill races off a year."

That's why Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway gave up the pursuit. He used to do all the disciplines at a high level until a crash in a downhill training run at Beaver Creek, Colorado, in 2007. After that, he steadily got away from the slalom. It was too much work to test all the equipment.

"The skis, the boots, the bindings, the down-pressure on the bindings — the evolution of the equipment makes it harder and harder," Svindal explained. "It separates the disciplines even farther than before."

His teammate Kjetil Jansrud also pointed out how this age of specialization has been a game changer.

"If you want to do all of them, there's just not enough time to train to the level of the people who specialize in one event," Jansrud



MARKKU ULANDER/GETTY-AFP

Two-time World Cup champion Mikaela Shiffrin wins a slalom race Nov. 17 in Levi, Kittila, Finland.

said. "The level is so high in every single event."

Still, Shiffrin remains game for the quest.

This weekend, she competes in her two signature events — a giant slalom on Saturday and slalom on Sunday.

Shiffrin has Olympic gold medals in both disciplines, winning the slalom at the 2014 Sochi Olympics and the GS at the Pyeongchang Games last February.

Last month, during the season-opening giant slalom race in Soelden, Austria, she wound up third behind Tessa Worley of France. As it turns out, Shiffrin actually went on an offseason vacation in Martinique with a group that included her boyfriend, Mathieu Favre, and Worley.

"I haven't ever seen any of my European competitors outside of the races — to see them in life, on vacation, and how they relax and

how they do things," Shiffrin said.

"I was able to relate to them, realize they weren't all that different from me. That was really cool."

She has her upcoming World Cup race plans all mapped out.

Well, sort of.

After Killington, there are speed races in Lake Louise, Alberta, along with super-G and parallel slalom competitions in St. Moritz, Switzerland (although she may not run the super-G). After that, she's

playing things by ear, with rest being the guiding factor, especially with world championships in February.

"I'm getting older and learning a lot about myself and what I need to feel confident in races," Shiffrin said. "For me, there's a formula of preparation that equals confidence and equals success. There's some amount of rest that goes in there that helps, too. Somehow, all those pieces fit together."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Just like in politics, Brexit divides English soccer

By ROB HARRIS
Associated Press

LONDON — Just like the politicians, English soccer is divided by Brexit.

With four months until Britain withdraws from the European Union and no consensus over the terms of the split from the bloc, there is also uncertainty about the players Premier League clubs will be able to recruit.

With free movement of people from the European single market to work in Britain set to end, players from the continent could become subject to the same soccer-specific immigration requirements as counterparts from the rest of the world.

After a quarter-century of growth, the Premier League sees maintaining the free-flowing pipeline of talent from Europe into its clubs as essential for maintaining the appeal of the competition worldwide.

“It’s working,” West Ham co-owner David Gold said. “Why would you change it?”

But the English Football Association is seizing on Brexit to try to ensure players eligible for its national team gain more playing time in the Premier League and build on the semifinal run at this year’s World Cup in Russia.

Currently, the FA runs the visa system for non-European players in conjunction with the government’s Home Office. Unless a deal is reached between the FA and the Premier League, those eligibility requirements could apply to any foreign player after Brexit in March.

Players from the top 50 FIFA nations are considered for work permits, with a sliding scale of appearances required — from 30 percent of games over two years for the 1-10 teams to 75 percent for 31-50 teams. According to FA research seen by The Associated Press, 65 percent of Europeans currently playing in the Premier League would have failed if the criteria were applied to them.

But for players who don’t meet the threshold, clubs can seek an exemption by arguing the case for a work permit in front of a panel. The FA hopes to persuade the Premier League to scrap that system, known as the governing body eligibility endorsement.

Under the FA’s post-Brexit proposals, Premier League clubs would be allowed to sign whoever they want from abroad but only be allowed 13 non-homegrown players in the squad. That number is an average based on the 262 non-homegrown players currently in the 20 teams.

“Brexit should not be used to weaken playing squads in British football, nor to harm clubs’ ability to sign international players,” the Premier League said in a statement.

Most of the 20 teams do not currently use their full quota of 17 non-homegrown players, a status which means they have not been affiliated to an English or Welsh club for three complete seasons or 36 months before their 21st birthday.

According to the FA’s research, which was presented to Premier League clubs last week, restricting them to 13 homegrown players last season would have affected only 42 player appearances out of more than 10,000. Only 24 were starts. From Premier League champion Manchester City, only backup goalkeeper Claudio Bravo would have missed out on his three appearances.

The FA calls this a “pragmatic” solution: Clubs could still sign whoever they want from Europe, but the freedom over recruitment is extended worldwide, as long as they abide by new squad limits.

“The FA believes increasing access, but preventing an increase in current numbers of overseas players, would benefit all of English football,” the governing body said in a statement.

The limited opportunities for English talent at home were underscored when Jadon Sancho left Man City last year for Borussia Dortmund in Germany. The 18-year-old winger has since won the Under-17 World Cup and gained regular top-flight experience that saw him fast-tracked into Gareth Southgate’s senior England side.

“I’m just grateful he’s seen my progress in the Bundesliga,” Sancho said. “My focus was getting



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In a move from the EPL to the Bundesliga, Jadon Sancho, right, took advantage of the free movement in Europe that may be affected by Brexit.

minutes as a player and playing first-team football, which is what I’ve done.”

FA chief executive Martin Glenn pitched his plans at a meeting of clubs last week but the Premier League remains unconvinced that stronger quotas will have a positive impact on the national team.

“There is no evidence so to speak to support his proposal,” said Gold, whose West Ham squad features 16 non-homegrown players. “We are very supportive of English football. We want it to be successful. But we don’t want to be doing things that isn’t going to work.”

The FA leadership can’t even rely on Southgate for support, despite less than a third of the players featuring in the Premier League before the international break being English.

“Most of the data I have seen suggests quotas on squads would not make a difference because you could still field a team outside the base of British players,” Southgate said.

Lawyers have questioned the merits of the FA’s quotas proposal.

“(It) is completely at odds with the rest of the immigration system which requires employers to only sponsor workers at certain salary levels and to have academic qualifications or skills,” said Andrew Osborne, head of immigration at London-based law firm Lewis Silkin. “Non-football employers do not have freedom to recruit who they want subject to a numerical limit.”

Premier League clubs, like European counterparts, are currently allowed to transfer 16- and 17-year-old players between countries in the region under an

exemption from FIFA regulations. But after Brexit, British clubs will only be allowed to sign foreign players over the age of 18, like the rest of the world. Manchester United, a record 20-time English champion, fears European rivals will be handed a competitive advantage.

“If you have 16-year-olds going to play for them and if we have to wait until 18 there are clearly practical issues there,” United chief financial officer Cliff Baty has said.

Premier League executive chairman Richard Scudamore endorsed the campaign to remain in the EU ahead of the 2016 referendum. That reflected the competition’s focus is maintaining the allure to domestic fans and the global television audience, with broadcast rights generating more than \$3 billion per season.

“Access to talented footballers from across Europe has played a key part in the growth of the Premier League, with match attendance and global interest increasing significantly as high quality foreign players have taken their place in the competition with and against the best British and Irish players,” the league said.

The government, which wants to end preferential immigration access for workers from the EU, uses the power of the Premier League to project soft power and promote British culture internationally.

“We have held positive discussions with government about the importance of access to European players for our clubs,” the league said, “and the many cultural and economic benefits a globally popular Premier League brings to the U.K.”

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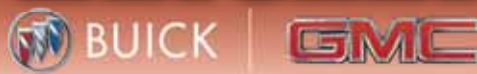
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Get a grip on snow, ice with one of these 8 great luxury rides

By Brian Chee, New York Daily News

To help you pick the right luxury AWD car for under \$50,000, we've compiled this list of our top choices just in time for winter:

2019 Acura TLX
Base price with AWD: \$39,195



Freshly updated for the 2018 model year, the Acura TLX is a luxury sedan known for its quality, value, and, when properly specified, performance. Indeed, for shoppers who want something different than the typical Audi, BMW, and Mercedes-Benz choices – or who simply can't resist a good deal – the TLX is appealing thanks to a stylish and upscale design, comfortable interior, and sporty driving character.

If AWD is on your list of must-haves, note that Acura's Super-Handling All-Wheel Drive (SH-AWD) is available on the TLX with the V6 engine. It's worth the upgrade: Acura's SH-AWD features torque vectoring that can put as much as 70% of engine power to a single rear wheel. That's useful on dry roads for performance, and during inclement weather that front-to-rear and side-to-side power delivery maximizes traction.

2019 Audi A4
Estimated base price with AWD: \$41,930



When it comes to luxury AWD sedans, it's tough to beat Audi's mix of timeless, conservative styling, rock-solid performance, and bedrock value.

And nothing better represents that approach than the Audi A4 – especially with the automaker's Quattro AWD system. Like Acura's SH-AWD, Quattro varies power distribution to help keep the car planted while cornering, and the driver in command of the road during poor weather conditions. Optionally, it can direct power to a specific rear wheel for torque-vectoring performance.

Test drivers take note: the A4 may be a little boring to look at (at first glance), but don't judge it until you get behind the wheel. This is a sedan that was built for driving pleasure, from its acceleration to its ride and handling. Add a modern Audi's renowned interior quality and durability, and it makes sense to both hemispheres of your brain.

Performance fans that want more can stretch the budget and get the Audi S4 for around \$53,000. And if the S4 is a bit too rich, consider moving down to the smaller but excellent Audi S3 model with standard Quattro AWD and plenty of performance for around \$45K.

2019 Audi A5 Sportback
Estimated base price with AWD: \$44,075



If you're thinking that Audi makes homely cars, take a gander at the Audi A5 Sportback and think again.

Arguably one of the more beautiful vehicles available under \$50K (or at any price), this blend of sedan and hatchback infuses classic Audi styling with a healthy serving of sex appeal, courtesy of sharp lines and an aggressive profile.

On the road, the A5 Sportback lives up to the promise of its styling, especially with the standard Quattro AWD system. This is one Audi that performs with graceful balance, capability, acceleration and, of course, well-placed control. Almost as a bonus, the Sportback is practical, with ample cargo room courtesy of its hatchback body style.

2019 BMW 3 Series
Estimated base price with AWD: \$43,445



Winner and still champion of the performance sedan class, or the fading relic of an era when BMW's signature style and performance character shone above all others?

Ultimately, buyers will be the judges, but we think the redesigned 2019 BMW 3 Series sedan will impress most with a blend of brute power and sophistication. One thing is clear:

the redesigned 2019 BMW 3 Series is larger and more technologically advanced, and is likely to deliver impressive performance wrapped in familiar styling.

Overall, this redesigned 3 Series is arguably the most advanced one ever, a point that may leave purists pouting. After all, whoever heard of selling a 3 Series without a stick shift, or adding autonomous driving technology into the sedan?

And if you just don't like the new one, BMW is still offering the old 3 Series Sport Wagon and Gran Turismo models for 2019.

2019 Genesis G80
Base price with AWD: \$45,545



The Genesis G80 was once called the Hyundai Genesis. Since the name change, the sedan has grown more luxurious and advanced, to the point where it's among the larger and more appealing luxury sedans that offer AWD.

Performance-wise, our reviewers found the G80 to indeed be a serene and controlled environment. It's not so much about fire-breathing performance as it is a capable, quiet, and composed ride.

2019 Infiniti Q50
Base price with AWD: \$38,545



Attractive, modern, and aggressive, the Infiniti Q50 is a refreshing alternative to the "same old" German luxury sedan choices. Indeed, ever since the "Q" replaced the G37 in 2014, Infiniti has been hard at work refining and updating the model to better compete with its peers.

The result is a popular recasting of Infiniti's best-selling sedan, in part due to its styling, premium sound system, comfortable interior, and fun-to-drive performance character. It's also thanks to technology, including the available Infiniti Intelligent AWD.

2019 Mercedes-Benz C-Class
Base price with AWD: \$44,395



As the 2018 New York Daily News Autos Award winner for premium cars, the Mercedes-Benz C-Class is virtually all things to all luxury shoppers: sexy, sporty, tech-savvy, and opulent in its approach to creature comforts.

Indeed, no matter what version you choose, the C-Class offers superb handling, value, comfort, and styling as the baseline for what the three-pointed star has come to mean in the luxury market.

To that end, buyers looking for an affordable luxury AWD sedan would do well to consider the C 300 4Matic trim. As an AWD system, 4Matic routes power to all four wheels through a traction system that optimizes the delivery of torque to each wheel based on input and conditions.

2019 Volvo S60
Base price with AWD: \$41,295



Through stylish design, advanced technology, and performance excellence, Volvo is slowly but surely changing perceptions about its brand and vehicles.

In fact, the redesigned 2019 Volvo S60 is a perfect example of Volvo's re-made renaissance.

Completely revised and on a new architecture for the 2019 model year, the S60 is longer, lower, and sportier, and as such has taken on a newly aggressive look our reviewers found to be reminiscent of premium European sedans.

That's not all that's similar. Overall, the S60 competes well with the Audi A4, BMW 3 Series, and Mercedes-Benz C-Class; it's enjoyable to drive and worth cross-shopping, thanks to more comfort amenities, convenience features, and safety equipment.

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