

SIGNS POINT TO ANOTHER DANIEL START

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky was listed as limited in Wednesday's practice at Halas Hall, a good indicator that veteran Chase Daniel will start for the second consecutive week.

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Sexual violence claims flood CPS

Hundreds of abuse complaints fielded by new Title IX office

BY JUAN PEREZ JR. AND JENNIFER SMITH RICHARDS
Chicago Tribune

A new Chicago Public Schools office created to investigate cases of student-on-student sexual violence has fielded more than 600 allegations so far this school year, district officials testified Wednesday to the City Council's education committee.

That shocking figure came as top CPS officials —

though not the district's chief executive — defended and reviewed the district's response to sexual abuse allegations after the Tribune exposed broad failures in an investigation this year. CPS CEO Janice Jackson and Chicago Board of Education President Frank Clark met with Mayor Rahm Emanuel privately

earlier in the day, the mayor's spokesman said, but did not attend the committee hearing.

District deputy general counsel Douglas Henning, chief security officer Jadine Chou and other staffers instead summarized for aldermen the district's changes to background check procedures, policies on abuse reporting and the sexual grooming of students, and the creation of a new Office of Student Protections and Title IX. The office is devoted to investigating student-on-student

assault, supporting student victims and training staff on their child-protection duties.

The large number of reports and calls handled by the new office reflects what Henning described as a "new reality."

"We're in a world now where it's not OK to look the other way on any of this," Henning said. "We're in a world now where if you see something that makes you uncomfortable, that you think is wrong, you

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Chicago Public Schools officials look on at the City Council hearing. Not present was CPS CEO Janice Jackson.

Cop says officer in cover-up trial lied

She says challenge to McDonald story made her outcast

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI, JASON MEISNER AND STACY ST. CLAIR
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police Officer Dora Fontaine says she was horrified upon seeing statements that the detective investigating Laquan McDonald's death had attributed to her.

She maintains she never told him that 17-year-old McDonald raised his arm, moving to attack Officer Jason Van Dyke with a knife.

That denial contradicted the shooting's long-held narrative and eventually helped prosecutors build a case against three officers accused of conspiring to cover up the circumstances of the knife-wielding McDonald's fatal shooting by Van Dyke.

It also made her an outcast among her colleagues, Fontaine said Wednesday in her testimony at the trial of three former or current colleagues that went until almost 8 p.m.

Some called her a rat, a traitor and a snitch, she said, and implied they wouldn't back her up on the street. The situation became so fraught that, she said, her supervisors pulled her from patrol and assigned her to paid desk duty.

"If I was at a call and I needed assistance, some officers felt strong enough to say that I didn't deserve to be helped," she testified.

Wearing her police uniform and occasionally speaking in a defiant voice,

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The Waukegan Generating Station on Lake Michigan, owned by New Jersey-based NRG Energy, is ringed by two unlined coal ash ponds.

Report: Waste from 22 coal plants imperils water supply

Analysis urges that owners be required to stop polluting

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE | Chicago Tribune

Toxic waste contaminates water sources near all but two of the coal-fired power plants in Illinois, according to a new analysis based largely on testing conducted by energy companies.

The compilation of industry-supplied reports

from 24 coal plants highlights how federal and state officials have failed for decades to hold corporations accountable for the millions of tons of ash and other harmful byproducts created by the burning of coal to generate electricity. Most of the waste in

Illinois has been mixed with water and pumped into unlined pits, where testing shows harmful levels of arsenic, chromium, lead and other heavy metals are steadily oozing through the ground toward lakes and rivers, including the state's only national scenic river.

One of the sites is the Waukegan Generating Station on Lake Michigan, a former ComEd coal plant now owned by NRG Ener-

gy that is ringed by two unlined ash ponds and an unlicensed landfill. Another is a Joliet quarry where ComEd and other companies dumped coal ash until NRG overhauled a nearby coal plant in 2016 to burn natural gas.

Ten of the sites pose a danger to the drinking water supplies of nearby communities, according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, including the Joliet dump and

ash pits surrounding another NRG coal plant along the Des Plaines River in Romeoville.

Nonprofit groups behind the new report, including the Environmental Integrity Project and the Sierra Club, are urging Democrat J.B. Pritzker, the state's next governor, to require coal-plant owners to stop polluting the state's protected waters and to set

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Unopposed Pelosi clears hurdle for speaker's job

But Dem still faces test when House convenes in Jan.

BY LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nancy Pelosi was nominated by fellow Democrats to be House speaker Wednesday, but she still faces a showdown vote when the full House convenes in January.

Pelosi entered the closed-door caucus election in an unusual position

— running unopposed for the nomination despite the clamor by some Democrats for new leadership. The lopsided 203-32 tally showed both the weakness of her opposition but also the challenges ahead.

The California Democrat has been deftly picking off opponents — including nine who announced their support as voting was underway — a trend she'll need to accelerate to reach the 218-vote threshold for election when Democrats take control of the chamber in the

new year.

"Are there dissenters? Yes," the California Democrat told reporters as the ballots were being counted. "But I expect to have a powerful vote going forward."

Pelosi was nominated by Rep. Joe Kennedy of Massachusetts, with no fewer than eight colleagues seconding the choice, including Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, the civil rights leader, and three newly elected law-

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J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Rep. Nancy Pelosi emerges after a 203-32 vote Wednesday in the Democratic caucus election at the Capitol.

Archdiocese lays out plan to merge several parishes

Bridgeport-area Catholics learned about changes to schools and parishes.
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John Allen Chau, right, stands with founder of Ubuntu Football Academy Casey Prince in Cape Town, South Africa.



JOHN KASS

Missionary should have left isolated tribe alone

There is more bad news about John Allen Chau, the young American adventurer-missionary who insisted on visiting a forbidden Indian island to preach Christianity to the most isolated tribe on Earth.

Chau, 26, was reportedly killed by arrows on North Sentinel Island in the Bay of Bengal this month. But his friends are now saying that he might be alive. Pressure will build to send an expedition to find him, or at least recover his body.

And that would be disastrous news for the tribe of Sentinelese.

They are hunters and fishermen who have lived almost entirely without outside contact for centuries. They don't welcome visitors. They want to be left alone. They have no immunity to illnesses like the measles or flu. An expedition to find Chau could be genocidal.

"I think there's a possibility he may have survived — I wouldn't rule it out," Chau's friend and fellow Christian missionary John Middleton Ramsey told the British tabloid *The Sun* online.

"His mother is a Christian too and she has said in her prayers that she had feelings John might still be alive. And there weren't a whole lot of eyewitnesses and so his body hasn't been found, we shouldn't rule it out. Even if there's a small chance," Ramsey was quoted as saying.

Earlier reports from local fishermen who took Chau to the island said he was killed by arrows and buried. Indian authorities still think those reports are sound and have put talk of a search on hold.

"I DON'T WANT TO DIE," Chau wrote in his diary on the first day he tried to reach the island, when a young boy pulled a bowstring and shot an arrow at him and missed. "Would it be wiser to leave and let someone else to continue. No I don't think so."

John Chau, you were wrong. It would have been wise never to have set foot on the island. You had no business being there. You didn't speak the language, the tribe wouldn't have

known what you were saying, and you endangered all their lives by going.

Who can say what brought you there? Pride and arrogance? Or love of people you thought you could serve?

But the episode has stoked negative feelings among the Indian people who had troubled relations with missionaries during the long, harsh years of British rule. And it has also given license to a swarm of anti-Christian bigotry on Twitter, an electronic island of seething tribes of bigots and bigot-baiters.

You made your own choice, John Chau. I'm sorry that you were killed. But you should never have gone. The Sentinelese should have been left alone. And I'm ambivalent at best about conversion at the hands of missionaries.

As a Greek Orthodox Christian, I know what is expected, that we go out and preach the Evangelion, the good news of the Gospels. Oddly, there are evangelical missionaries who go to Greece, where St. Paul preached and where Christianity has been practiced for 2,000 years. And still they try to convert the Orthodox.

Perhaps the evangelical missionaries don't think Greeks are Christian enough. Yet when they read their Good Book and come upon the words "I am the Alpha and the Omega," do they think they're reading Japanese, or Italian?

I never much liked the idea of trying to convert someone's religious beliefs. Perhaps that makes me a sinner, but I think people should be left alone to make their own choices.

History is full of disasters falling upon indigenous people. First come the missionaries and the traders, then the soldiers and the lords. The missionaries burn with religious zeal. The lords think of profit and what can be taken. The tribes die from disease.

And in this way, people are consumed. It happened, of course, in the Americas. And in China before the Boxer Rebellion, there was also great outrage and excess and ultimately scandal committed by those who were ostensibly there to preach the

gospels of love.

And between Christian and Christian there was outrage, too, in Ireland.

The Great Hunger, also known as the Irish Potato Famine, began in 1845 when the potato crop was ruined by a fungus. Ireland was a colony of England.

Without the potato, farmers couldn't pay the rent to their English lords, and they were evicted from their homes, kicked out onto the streets. The population dropped by 25 percent in just a few years. One million hungry people died in Ireland from disease or starvation.

English Protestant Bible societies set up schools for the Irish children and offered to feed them soup on one condition: that the Irish would renounce their ancient Roman Catholic faith.

Their choice was apostasy or death by starvation. For many, staying alive meant renouncing their faith. This was called "taking the soup." And those who took it were called "soupers."

Some Protestant churchmen condemned the practice. And others may have honestly believed they were saving souls, though what was done to starving Irish children wasn't remotely Christian. It was all about pride, and zealotry, and bending a subject people to their will.

From what I've read of the story of John Allen Chau and the Sentinelese people, I don't think he was about forcing anyone. I think he was young and passionate in his faith and thought he was on some great adventure.

But he should have stayed away. There should be some places left on Earth where people can live in their natural state, away from all of us and all our pride and our holy men.

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Dem legislator's apology should have come sooner



REX W. HUPPKE

I have no idea what was going through Democratic state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit's mind when she said, on the floor of the Illinois House, that she would like to expose a Republican lawmaker's family to the bacteria that causes Legionnaire's disease.

Equally mystifying is what was going through her mind when, rather than immediately apologizing for an objectively horrible statement, she lied and claimed her words were "twisted and misrepresented" and "misheard."

Here's what the Oswego lawmaker said Tuesday, addressing Republican state Rep. Peter Breen of Lombard during debate over a bill that would help the families of veterans who died of Legionnaires' disease at a Quincy veterans home: "I would like to make him a broth of Legionella and pump it into the water system of his loved one, so that they can be infected, they can be mistreated, they can sit and suffer by getting aspirin instead of being properly treated and ultimately die."

What a staggeringly twisted thing to say. The only words that should follow a statement like that are: "Oh, my God, I'm so sorry. That was an awful thought and I apologize for even suggesting such a thing."

Instead, according to a report by my colleagues Mike Riopell and Rick

Pearson, Kifowit responded to the outrage over her remark by claiming: "Quite clearly what I said was 'imagine if it was your family.'"

No, Rep. Kifowit, that's not at all what you said.

She continued: "So if it was misheard, I'll apologize for the misheard, but my words were clearly, 'Imagine if it was your family.'"

That's garbage. She said, verbatim: "I would like to make him a broth of Legionella and pump it into the water system of his loved one."

Kifowit continued to prevaricate on Twitter: "In response to remarks against giving restitution by Rep Breen I stated 'imagine if it was your family' as a hypothetical because it did happen to families. I never stated anything to wish his family death."

She literally said she would "like to" pump bacteria into the family's water system so they can "ultimately die."

It wasn't until late Wednesday morning, after an earlier version of this column went up online and a slew of other voices on social media expressed disgust, that Kifowit issued a statement of apology:

"I offer my sincere apology to Representative Peter Breen, his family, and all of my House colleagues for my poor choice of words during a serious discussion on our Veterans' health and safety. I would never wish any harm or mortality on anyone's family, including the Breen family. As a Marine Corps Veteran, I feel very passionate about what happened in our Quincy Veterans home, which resulted in 13 Veterans and 1 spouse's deaths, in addition to over 70 individuals



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Rep. Stephanie Kifowit first said her words were "twisted and misrepresented" before apologizing to a fellow lawmaker.

An apology should've come immediately after Rep. Stephanie Kifowit spoke. Instead, it took public ridicule and the better part of a day to bring it out.

being ill. The truth is this did happen to our heroes, and my attempt to illustrate empathy for the families that were affected by the loss of their loved ones was not conveyed properly."

Kifowit is a Marine veteran. The bill that was being discussed raises the limit on damages the state will pay out in civil litigation cases from \$100,000 to \$2 million and was intended to help the families of the 13 veterans whose deaths at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy have been linked to an outbreak of Legionnaire's disease.

Breen was speaking in opposition of the bill —

which wound up passing — concerned about what it might wind up costing the state.

The deaths of those veterans in Quincy is a tragedy worthy of outrage, from Kifowit and every Illinoisan. There are already a slew of lawsuits claiming the state was negligent and didn't do enough to stop the outbreak, and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has opened a criminal probe into how Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration handled the crisis.

There's no amount of money that can right such a wrong, but I certainly be-

lieve that if the state is found negligent, the families of those veterans deserve every penny they can get.

Still, as outrageous and tragic as this case is, Kifowit's comment to Breen was sickeningly wrong. And she owed him, her constituents, her fellow lawmakers and all of us a swift and substantive apology.

That apology should've come immediately after Kifowit spoke. Instead, it took public ridicule and the better part of a day to bring it out.

Breen has a wife and two adopted daughters. He and I view the world rather differently and stand as polar opposites on most issues, including the bill that passed Tuesday, but I would never wish ill on him or his family.

What brought Kifowit to that point is a mystery. And her refusal to apologize immediately, combined with ham-handed claims

that she didn't say what she clearly said, makes it seem like her Wednesday apology was issued out of necessity rather than sincere regret.

I am glad she apologized. Better late than never, I suppose.

But the real issue here is that we have a president who has eviscerated the boundaries of decency with his political rhetoric, behaving as if bullying and mean-spiritedness equate to toughness.

Other politicians, if they want to be on the right side of history, have a responsibility to rise above the language and offhand meanness the president embraces.

What Kifowit said to Breen, and her attempt to deny she said it, was downright Trumpian.

She spoke without thinking. And that's something we see far too much of these days.

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Lawmakers don't raise statewide legal age to buy tobacco to 21

Rauner had vetoed measure, legislators failed to override

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

Illinois 18-year-olds can keep buying cigarettes in many areas of the state, after lawmakers on Wednesday failed to override Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto of a measure that would have raised the statewide minimum age to buy tobacco products to 21.

Under the tobacco legislation, it would have been illegal to sell tobacco products, including electronic

cigarettes and vaping devices, to anyone under the age of 21. Retailers who violated the law could have been fined, but the state would no longer have penalized those caught possessing tobacco while underage, under the plan.

Rauner vetoed the proposal over the summer, and lawmakers in the Illinois House did not override him. That likely kicks the issue into the term of Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker, who takes office in January. Chicago already boosted the minimum legal tobacco age to 21 from 18 in 2016.

Republican state Rep.

Allen Skillicorn of East Dundee, who opposed raising the smoking age, said 18-year-olds can get credit cards, buy cars and join the military. They should get to make choices, even if smoking is a "dirty, disgusting habit," Skillicorn said.

"Let's encourage them to make the right decision, not take away all their decisions," Skillicorn said.

Supporters had hoped making the change would stop more young people from starting to smoke, saving lives and health care costs in the process. Lawmakers came up nine votes short of overriding Rauner in the House, but big Demo-

cratic wins on Election Day mean backers might find more favor in the Capitol next year.

Meanwhile, the House narrowly voted to approve an immigration bill Rauner vetoed in the heat of his re-election campaign. The measure would have set a deadline for processing visa applications aimed at assisting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, giving them federal protections if law enforcement certified they came forward and actively cooperated in prosecuting their case.

"This is a bill that is about allowing victims of crime to

be able to be empowered enough to use their voice to report the crime," Democratic state Rep. Litesa Wallace of Rockford said.

Rauner vetoed the proposal in August in southern Illinois, as he tried to get rural conservatives who back President Donald Trump behind his re-election.

"That ties the hands of law enforcement," Rauner said at the time. "It can delay deportations that should otherwise occur."

After the House override vote, Pritzker praised the move and called Illinois a "welcoming state."

"The VOICES Act is

critical legislation that protects immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and other crimes, and I'm proud to see it enacted into law," he said.

The immigration override was one of a handful of final clashes between lawmakers and Rauner, who has spent much of his time after losing his re-election bid out of the public eye — in contrast to the frequent fights with the Democrat-controlled legislature that dominated his four-year term.

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Daley: City should consider commuter tax

Mayoral candidate seeking revenue to solve pension crisis

BY BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Bill Daley on Wednesday said Chicago should consider a commuter tax on suburbanites and a host of other new revenue sources to help solve the city's looming pension crisis.

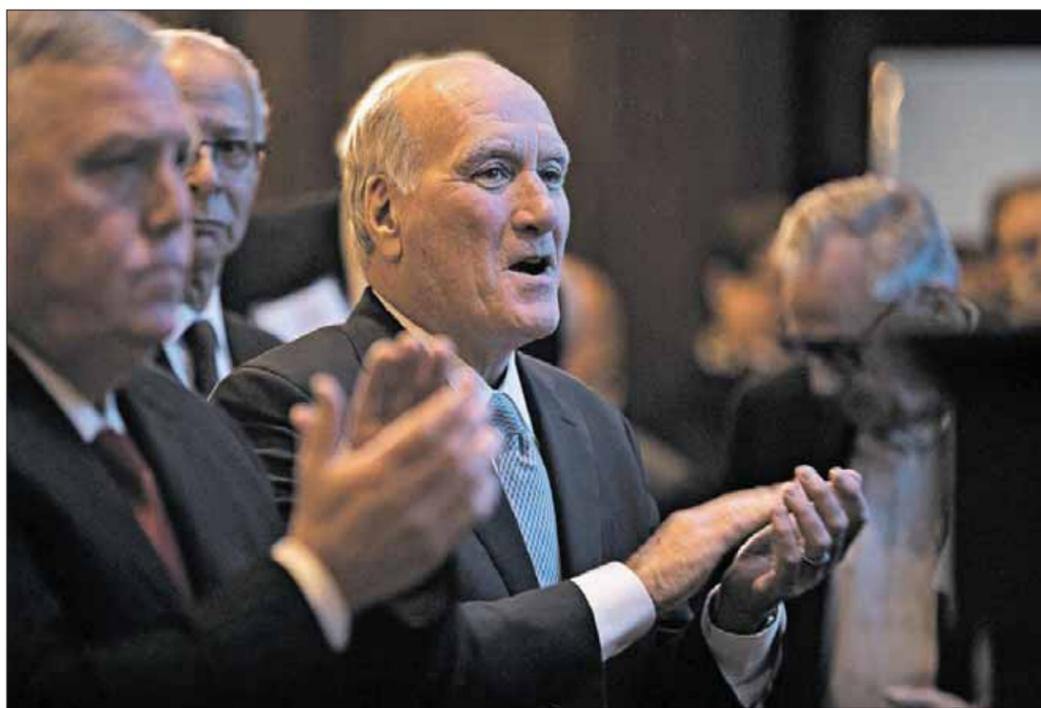
Chicago's next mayor will have to come up with hundreds of millions of dollars in additional annual payments to the city's public employee pension funds, and Daley said he's studying whether those who work in the city but live in the suburbs should help foot the bill.

"We have to find new revenues, and everything is on the table," Daley said 13 minutes into his 30-minute speech. "Marijuana, casinos, commuter taxes, real estate transfer taxes — and reforms to the system — must be on the table."

Daley, however, made no mention of a plan outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel has floated to borrow as much as \$10 billion to help reduce the pension liability. Emanuel plans to give a major speech next month on his recommendations to deal with the spike in pension payments on the horizon.

A state law requires the city to make increased contributions to its woefully underfunded pension programs over the next several years, totaling nearly \$1 billion in new annual payments by 2023. Emanuel already has had to make heavy payments to help shore up the funds, largely relying on a series of record property tax increases and a new water and sewer fee to do so.

As a result, Daley said he would like to avoid going back to the property tax well again to make future pension payments. The former U.S. commerce secretary under President Bill Clinton and White House chief of staff to President Barack Obama said he was "determined to avoid new property taxes next year," and said any future proper-



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Mayoral candidate Bill Daley greets attendees at a City Club of Chicago event Wednesday at a restaurant in Chicago.

ty tax increases would be met with "dollar-for-dollar" cuts in city government.

Other mayoral candidates, including Paul Vallas and Gery Chico, have pointed to taxes derived from legalizing marijuana and allowing a long-sought Chicago casino as possibilities to help ease the pension blow, and Lori Lightfoot earlier this month proposed a graduated real estate transfer tax to help address homelessness and affordable housing. Daley, however, is the first to raise the possibility of a commuter tax.

"I think we have an attitude that everything should be on the table," Daley said when asked after his speech about the possibility of a commuter tax. "I'm not going to lay out the specifics, because I haven't endorsed it yet. But we're studying each of those and other ideas, because there is no doubt there is a combination of things that have to be done here, and the world's changing."

Commuter taxes typically are levied on the wages of individuals who work in a city but do not live there.

Asked if a commuter tax

would drive away large companies from the central business district, Daley responded, "No, I don't think so."

"They have opportunities in the city. If we create greater opportunities for people, they step up and pay," said Daley, a former executive with JPMorgan Chase who most recently was employed by a Swiss hedge fund. "They enjoy having a police department and a fire department to protect them. They enjoy getting workers from the city who go through our school systems that are bright. If they want more of them, we're all in this together. That's how I view this."

To institute a commuter tax, Chicago would need to receive approval from the state legislature, and questions remain as to whether such a tax would be allowed under the state's current constitution.

In 2010, city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson outlined the revenue potential of a 1 percent tax on Chicago wages paid to non-residents, estimating that it could generate about \$300 million per year. Fer-

guson's report, however, also warned that studies of a commuter tax in Philadelphia showed it resulted in job losses in that city. He also noted that Philadelphia, Cleveland and Detroit, which all have such a tax, "are generally considered economically stagnant and have lost a substantial percentage of their populations since 1950."

If Chicago were to start levying a commuter tax, it would come after Emanuel eliminated a head tax on businesses during his first term.

That tax, which was a \$4-per-month tax on each employee for businesses with 50 or more employees earning at least \$4,300 every three months, long was opposed by big businesses. The tax first went into effect in 1973 under then-Mayor Richard J. Daley, when it was \$3 a head on companies with 15 or more workers, and former Mayor Richard M. Daley, vowed to phase it out, but never did.

Bill Daley, who is the son and brother of those former mayors, said a major portion of the city's pension solution also should include working with Gov.-elect J.B.

Pritzker and Democratic lawmakers in Springfield to overhaul the state and city's pension systems, since both are grossly underfunded.

Daley's revenue discussion came as part of a larger speech in which he laid out a "Three Million Together" platform that includes the ambitious goal of increasing Chicago's population to 3 million people by 2030.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Chicago's population dropped for the third year in a row in 2017, to 2.7 million residents. Chicago dipped below 3 million for the first time in decades around 1982, but rose back over the mark by 1985. However, by 1990, Chicago's population had fallen to 2.8 million, and has not been above 3 million people since, according to census figures.

Daley said he would hit that mark by spending hundreds of millions of dollars in city, state and federal money in impoverished neighborhoods on the South and West sides. A key part of that, he said, would be using the new federal opportunity zones program that gives tax breaks to companies that invest in

low income areas to leverage billions of dollars in private money to attract jobs and residents to those long-struggling areas.

"In the long run, we have to grow our way out of our financial problems," Daley said in his speech. "More people means more homeowners, more families, more children, more jobs, more business activity, more revenues and more of what makes Chicago special, which are safe, strong and affordable neighborhoods."

Daley also reiterated a previously announced crime plan, calling for stricter gun laws, better training for cops and \$50 million per year to be spent on crime prevention programs. He also said the city should put a freeze on opening any new schools, including charter schools. He refused to rule out closing schools as enrollment continues to decline.

Daley steered clear of criticizing Emanuel's tenure as mayor. As Chico did in a City Club speech last month, Daley lauded Emanuel's work to draw corporate headquarters to the Loop, which drew applause from the downtown business crowd.

In an audience question and answer session after his speech, Daley was asked what he learned from his brother Richard M. Daley's "policy decisions" during his 22 years as mayor. Daley did not mention any of his brother's specific decisions, including creating Millennium Park, selling off the city's parking meters or failing to properly fund pensions that led in large part to the city's current financial woes.

"I would say the one trait of leadership — and I do believe he was a leader as I believe my father was — is to get really good, smart people around you, listen to them, make a decision and move on," Daley said. "Make sure you get their best advice and you listen. I would hope I could emulate that."

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Rats like trash, and most rats in sites with most complaints

A Chicago study has unsurprising conclusions

BY STEVE JOHNSON
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Urban rat science, according to the people at Lincoln Park Zoo who've been studying Chicago's vermin, needs more work.

But a new study they released Wednesday helps flesh out the field. It shows that Chicago rats are indeed more prevalent in areas that draw the most citizen rat complaints, mostly in high-density neighborhoods on the North and Northwest sides.

And in another key finding from the study conducted in alleyways in 13 of Chicago's 77 official "community areas," there is a strong correlation between the presence of open garbage and a preponderance of rats.

But Chicago's supposed status as America's "rat capital" (according to a summertime report from an apartment search service) and its high number of rat complaints compared to other cities belie the fact that the city is actually doing better at rat control than many of its peers, according to Rebecca Fyffe, research director for Landmark Pest Management, a private company that helped the zoo with the study.

"I've traveled to New York and to New Orleans to look at the rat issues and

they have much more severe problems than Chicago," she said. "Boston has an incredible degree of rat problems too. I know that New York does. I go out with night vision glasses on, and I do rat counts and rat safaris, and I've done them in both Chicago and New York, and New York seems twice as ratty as Chicago."

But whether or not Chicago is a second city — or third or fourth — for rodents wasn't the point of the study. It was about getting a handle on the rats we do have, however numerous they may be.

"We really want to understand rat ecology so we can, you know, know thy enemy," said Maureen Murray, lead author of the study and a wildlife disease ecologist with the zoo's Urban Wildlife Institute and Davee Center for Epidemiology and Endocrinology. "If you can understand rats, maybe you can figure out how to minimize conflicts between rats and people."

Her key bit of advice? "Stash your trash. The easiest way to ensure rats stay at bay is to secure trash in closed bins."

This is especially important because the more food rats have, the more frequently they are able to breed. (Stomach-turning side note: Put your dog poop in those bins, too, because it is a nutrient-rich food that rats thrive on.)

The study had a corollary benefit, for those who fret that science gets lost in

esoteric questions at the expense of more practical concerns: It was conducted by catching — and killing — 61 of our scurrying fellow denizens.

This happened between April and June of this year and was carried out by Landmark, a private, science-based, pest-control company working with zoo researchers. Traps were placed in alleyways in economically diverse areas from which people calling the city's 311 line most commonly reported rat problems.

The study's analysis of almost 46,000 rat complaints from April 2017 to April 2018 showed that they were most concentrated in North and Northwest Side neighborhoods and that those were also areas with the least vacant land and the highest concentrations of home renters.

The new data are set against a city backdrop of increased rat-control efforts and much publicity about them in recent years. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has boosted Chicago's budget for rat control, and the city has employed innovative strategies including sterilizing rats; stuffing their dens with dry ice — which emits CO₂ that suffocates the residents — and loosing feral cats on them.

"I think the city is doing a fabulous job of rat control," said Fyffe.

She believes the city has more complaints than its peers because it does a better job at asking resi-



REBECCA FYFFE

Nick Iannacco, left, and Robert Hackin, rodent abatement technicians for Landmark Pest Management, bait rat traps near a Lincoln Park alley this spring for a study of city's rats.



A rat crawls near a staircase from the Michigan Avenue bridge down to the Chicago River by Wacker Drive.

dents to report rats and at tracking the calls that come in, she said.

While both of the study's key conclusions might seem merely logical, scientific confirmation of such things is significant, said Fyffe, the second author on the study, published Wednesday in the online open access journal *Frontiers in Ecology and*

Evolution.

"It's important to know because we would be falling short as urban wildlife managers if the services for urban rat control weren't distributed according to need," she said.

Chicago puts its rat control efforts where the calls come from, and what the study proves is that this is sound strategy, she said. In other words, said Fyffe, it's not a case of "the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

As for the association between rat prevalence and what the paper calls "uncontained garbage," this points to simple, obvious steps citizens and landlords can take to fight rats on their own.

"The choices people make in terms of how they

throw their garbage away, they need to know the impact," she said.

Added Murray, "Out of all the different (rat) attractants we measured, garbage definitely popped out as the most important one."

Zoo researchers are continuing to study the city's rats, including examinations of carcasses for the types of diseases they might be carrying and the levels of stress their bodies demonstrate.

"Rats are a great example of a species that really thrive in cities all over the world," said Murray, "and we're definitely not, you know, not going to be living with them anytime soon."

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Archdiocese lays out plan to merge parishes

Several institutions on the South Side to be combined

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY
Chicago Tribune

South Side parishioners spoke of lifelong connections to parishes and schools in the Bridgeport, Canaryville and Chinatown neighborhoods as they joined a standing room-only crowd at St. Barbara Church to hear a Chicago Archdiocese plan to combine several of the local institutions.

More than 800 people squeezed into the Bridgeport church, filling the pews and second-floor balcony. The parishioners filing into the church talked of a strong faith and educational community built over years of weddings, funerals and graduations. Some appeared emotional as they left after learning of the mergers.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
People walk into St. Barbara Church before a meeting by the archdiocese to announce a reorganization plan.

Brianna Gonzalez went to the meeting concerned about the future of St. Barbara School where her son is enrolled. The school will merge with St. Therese Chinese Catholic School.

"I went to school here. My son goes to school here," Gonzalez said. Teachers who taught Gonzalez still

work at the parochial school and now teach her son, she said. She hopes they'll be able to continue with minimal disruption.

Katie Pienta was married at St. Barbara in 1980. Her husband attended elementary school there, and her family has attended church at the parish for decades.

Pienta questioned why the Chicago Archdiocese paid \$1.65 million for a residence for priests in Lincoln Park when they are forced to merge and shutter schools in South Side neighborhoods.

"Put the money toward these schools," Pienta said. "Help these schools."

Under the plan announced Wednesday night by the archdiocese:

■ Nativity of Our Lord, the home church for Mayor Richard J. Daley's family, and St. Gabriel parishes will become one new parish, although both churches "will remain open as active worship sites." St. Gabriel School and Bridgeport Catholic Academy will be combined as a single school with two campuses.

■ St. Jerome Croatian and Santa Lucia-Santa Maria Inconronata parishes will be combined beginning July 1. St. Jerome's will remain open for worship while Santa Lucia-Santa Maria

Inconronata will close by June 2020. The new parish will have a single school at St. Jerome, with Santa Lucia School closing at the end of June.

■ St. Therese Chinese Catholic School will take over St. Barbara school, with an expanded program. Both campuses will remain open under the St. Therese name.

■ A decision on four parishes, All Saints-St. Anthony, St. Barbara, St. Mary of Perpetual Help and St. Therese Chinese and the Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate, will be delayed until at least January.

The shuffle is part of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Renew My Church plan, which calls for a reconfiguration of staff and parishes in the Chicago area. The plan seeks "to achieve the goal of having vibrant, life-giving faith communities accessible to all Catholics," the archdiocese has said.

The archdiocese says there are an estimated 2.2 million Catholics within its boundaries.

The reorganization announced Wednesday involved the largest group of churches that are part of the first wave in the Renew My Church plan, according to the archdiocese's website.

On Tuesday, the archdiocese announced that two South Side parishes, St. Michael the Archangel in the Bush neighborhood and Immaculate Conception in South Chicago, will be consolidated into a new parish by next summer, according to a news release.

In September, the archdiocese said that six parishes in the suburbs were expected to merge into three new parishes, and one west suburban Catholic school would close.

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Sexual violence allegations pour in

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absolutely have to report that. ... The culture is changing."

Most of the 624 misconduct cases that came in to the Title IX office between Sept. 4 and Monday involved student-on-student allegations, the primary responsibility of the office. But 133 cases related to allegations of misconduct by adults, with roughly half of those adult-related misconduct cases involving people who do not work for CPS, Henning told the committee.

The Title IX office must forward adult-related complaints sent through its hotline to CPS Inspector General Nicholas Schuler, whose office has taken over the responsibility of investigating allegations that adults engaged in misconduct with students.

Henning said he could not offer more information about investigations into the allegations, including how many have been launched or completed. It was not clear how many of the allegations related to incidents from this school year.

Schuler also testified Wednesday about his efforts to take a new look at prior abuse cases recorded by CPS over the years.

He said his office has tallied approximately 1,000 investigations related to allegations of sexual misconduct or abuse that occurred in the district dating to 2000.

School officials have identified 18 old cases that warrant further investigation, and the IG's office is negotiating a contract to hire an investigative firm founded by former FBI Director Louis Freeh to conduct that work, Schuler said. The IG office also will need outside help to continue examining the much larger number of old cases, he said.

Wednesday's three-hour hearing occurred days after

the Tribune reported CPS had parted ways with hundreds of workers, vendors and volunteers following an effort to run new background checks on tens of thousands of people.

That effort was inspired by the Tribune's "Betrayed" investigation, which revealed widespread failures in the district's response to reports of sexual abuse and misconduct involving its students. The reporting showed police had investigated more than 500 reports of child sexual abuse or assault inside city public schools between 2008 and 2017.

The Wednesday hearing wasn't connected to any legislative effort from the City Council. A measure put forth in September by Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, to outlaw personal communications between staff and students in any city public or private elementary and high school is idling in a different committee.

The education committee chairman, Emanuel ally and 21st Ward Ald. Howard Brookins Jr., told the Tribune last week that members who have demanded a hearing were simply "looking to score political points against the mayor."

The public schools operate separately from the city but are led by mayoral appointees.

"This is too serious a subject to be kicking somebody for political gain, because serious efforts to fix this could be looked at with skepticism," Brookins said.

Some CPS administrators who testified Wednesday had been questioned by lawmakers before. In late June, outraged state legislators convened a hearing and verbally pummeled the district for failing to protect and support students from abuse and assault at school.

Jackson didn't attend that session, either.

"I'm a little disappointed that Janice is not here," said 10th Ward Ald. Susan Sad-



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Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, speaks at Wednesday's City Council education committee hearing on the CPS abuse crisis.

lowski Garza, an educator and Chicago Teachers Union member who repeated the labor group's calls for more resources in schools during Wednesday's hearing. "This Office of Student Protections? Their schools should be the office of student protections. Your school should protect you. When you walk in that building, your school should protect you. You should have a counselor, full time. Social worker, full time."

The state legislature is expected to take up the abuse issue early next year. Several bills that would address weaknesses in child protection have been introduced, and the Illinois State Board of Education has weighed in to request more power to suspend an accused educator's license temporarily.

On Tuesday, Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker described the scandal surrounding the district's response to sexual misconduct as "a terrible crisis" but did not commit his support to potential reforms pitched

so far by state lawmakers.

"Well, I haven't looked at all of the legislation that's been introduced around this. It's obviously an enormous challenge that we're going to have to meet," Pritzker said Tuesday.

"It's a terrible crisis that occurred, and so we're going to look seriously at it and we're not going to overlook making sure that children are safe when they go to school and that parents are confident in that safety."

The district is also under intense federal scrutiny, as the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights continues to investigate four complaints of sexual violence or harassment in CPS schools. Three of those complaints involve student-on-student sexual assault and allege that schools did not adequately investigate student victims' reports, support them in their education and protect them from peer harassment after coming forward.

One of those cases dates to 2016, when a sophomore at Clemente Community

Academy told the school's dean and police that she was punched in the face, forced into an abandoned building by a group of boys — some of whom she recognized from school — and forced to perform oral sex on some of them after school, just off campus.

In August and September, the federal civil rights office launched investigations involving incidents at Ogden International School and Brennemann Elementary.

Both complaints allege school staff didn't do enough to protect the students from peer harassment after the incidents were reported.

The Brennemann case stems from a January incident in which one student approached another from behind and pumped his pelvis against the student's behind, according to school incident reports obtained by the Tribune. Federal and district records show the Ogden case involves a student's report that another student touched her sexu-

ally under her clothes and then took her hand and made her touch his crotch.

The fourth case involves a 2015 complaint by a Prosser Career Academy sophomore, who alleged that her teacher got her drunk on sangria and then sexually abused her in his car. The district paid the girl \$780,000 in a civil case, and the teacher pleaded guilty this month to a criminal charge of sexual exploitation of a child.

In September, federal education officials took the rare step of withholding \$4 million in federal grant money from CPS, citing the district's failure to provide records on reports of sexual violence against students. CPS can restart the flow of grant money next year only if it can show civil-rights compliance.

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Report: Coal waste endangers nearby communities' water

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aside money to clean up their pits of hazardous coal ash.

"We're reaching a turning point as energy companies are proposing to leave coal ash in floodplains of rivers and exposed to groundwater," said Andrew Rehn, water resources engineer at the Prairie Rivers Network, another group that worked on the report. "We need stronger rules that provide permanent protection with a financial guarantee, and give the public a voice in these decisions."

Because the state's energy system is deregulated and companies sell electricity generated in Illinois on the open market, shareholders, rather than ratepayers, would be forced to pay the tab for cleaning up the coal ash dumps.

Former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn's administration

proposed more stringent safety regulations in 2013. Faced with an intense lobbying effort by energy lobbyists, a state rule-making panel dominated by members appointed by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner has repeatedly delayed action on the proposal.

Federal officials also have been slow to act.

In August, a key federal appeals court handed down a scathing ruling that regulations adopted during the Obama administration weren't tough enough and did nothing to prevent leaks at scores of ash pits near shuttered coal plants.

The court ordered the federal EPA to adopt new rules that adequately protect the health of people and wildlife. But the Trump administration is pushing to replace the Obama-era regulations with an even weaker set of requirements.

Most of the coal plants in Illinois are owned by two

companies, New Jersey-based NRG and Houston-based Vistra Energy. Executives are still reviewing the analysis of data their companies provided to the EPA, according to emailed responses to questions from the Tribune.

"We are committed to doing the right thing," said Meranda Cohn, a Vistra spokeswoman.

David Knox, an NRG spokesman, took issue with the methodology used by the report's authors and said some of the contamination could come from other sources, not the company's coal ash dumps. Knox said the company has complied with state-mandated management plans; he also acknowledged that federal regulations could require more aggressive measures.

Some of the monitoring wells, intended to record background or naturally occurring levels of metals near

NRG plants, are located in areas where coal ash is buried, making it more difficult to measure how the waste is affecting groundwater that flows away from the sites, said Jennifer Cassel, an attorney with EarthJustice, another group behind the report. Even in those cases, Cassel said, the company's testing shows higher levels of metals in groundwater flowing through the ash pits compared with concentrations found in background wells.

NRG has submitted plans to excavate some of its coal ash and move it out of local floodplains. Environmental groups contend the company's proposals stop short of eliminating the hazards.

Vistra-owned sites include unlined pits in the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, the state's only national scenic river. State regulators and industry engineers are worried the meandering,

fast-moving prairie stream is eroding its banks so quickly it could unleash a torrent of coal ash and water, similar to disasters in Tennessee and North Carolina where waste dumps collapsed and caused millions of dollars in ecological damage.

Instead of making plans to dig out the toxic muck, like companies in other states have been forced to do, Vistra wants to consolidate its waste and stack giant rocks along a portion of riverbank more than six football fields long. The company is pushing to speed up a review of its proposal, but local groups have enlisted citizens and public officials who are calling for public hearings and more rigorous scrutiny of Vistra.

"We maintain a hearing is the only way to ensure the voices of all stakeholders are heard, not just Vistra's," said Lan Richart,

co-founder of the Champaign-based Eco-Justice Collaborative.

Advocates note that coal ash already has been removed from the shuttered Crawford coal plant in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood. "It can be done," Cassel said. "We just need our leaders to hold these companies accountable throughout Illinois."

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Lawmaker apologizes for Legionella comment

Said she wanted to pump bacteria into GOP family's water

BY MIKE RIOPELL
Chicago Tribune

A Democratic state lawmaker on Wednesday apologized for saying on the Illinois House floor that she wanted to pump a lethal "broth of Legionella" bacteria into the water system of a Republican colleague's family.

A day before, Democratic state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit of Oswego made the remarks to Republican Rep. Peter Breen of Lombard during a debate over a bill aimed at helping families of more than a dozen residents at the downstate Quincy veterans home who died of Legionnaires' disease.

"I offer my sincere apology to Representative Peter Breen, his family, and all of my House colleagues for my poor choice of words during a serious discussion on our veterans' health and safety," Kifowit said in a statement. "I would never wish any harm or mortality on anyone's family, including the Breen family."

Kifowit echoed her apology statement on the House floor, then later made a rare move to strike her remarks from the official House transcript.

Breen said he accepted Kifowit's apology, but said if she had made the comments in the parking lot or on a voicemail, "she would be in custody right now."

"This body, this state, is at a tipping point," Breen said. "We are faced with two paths. We can continue on our current path of worsening threats, and even violence. Or we can make the difficult decision to take the path up, to civility and decency."

Kifowit's initial comments came during a House floor debate on Tuesday, after Breen questioned some of the details of the Quincy-related proposal. He contended the state doesn't know how much it



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— Democratic state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit of Oswego, above, in a statement

will cost. Breen, the outgoing House GOP floor leader, noted that multiple tort claims could be paid out for the same incident.

"And, yes, we know the personal injury lawyers are going to make out like bandits, which they tend to do anytime they come to the General Assembly," Breen said.

Minutes later, Kifowit a co-sponsor of the legislation, stood up to attack Breen.

"I would like to make him a broth of Legionella and pump it into the water system of his loved one, so that they can be infected, they can be mistreated, they can sit and suffer by getting aspirin instead of being properly treated and ultimately die. And we are talking about our nation's

heroes," said Kifowit, a Marine veteran.

Kifowit recounted questions over the Rauner administration's handling of repeated outbreaks at the home, which are the subject of a grand jury investigation by Attorney General Lisa Madigan, and, in closing, said, "I respectfully ask for you to support this bill."

Lawmakers voted 71-36 to raise the cap on lawsuit damages, the bare minimum number of votes they needed to override Rauner. The bill passed in May with 79 House votes. The Senate voted two weeks ago to override Rauner.

Later Tuesday, after the vote, Kifowit said her words were misheard, misrepresented, misinterpreted and mischaracterized.

"Quite clearly what I said

was 'imagine if it was your family,' she said, though she didn't use those words. "So if it was misheard, I'll apologize for the misheard, but my words were clearly, 'Imagine if it was your family.'" Kifowit acknowledged that her remarks "are all transcribed, and my words will be clear."

On Wednesday, though, she said lawmakers are "fallible people."

"As a Marine Corps veteran, I feel very passionate about what happened in our Quincy veterans home, which resulted in 13 veterans and one spouse's deaths, in addition to over 70 individuals being ill," Kifowit said in her statement. "The truth is this did happen to our heroes, and my attempt to illustrate empathy for the families that were affected

by the loss of their loved ones was not conveyed properly."

Senate Republican leader Bill Brady and Illinois GOP chairman Tim Schneider called for Kifowit's resignation after her remarks. She also is a member of Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker's transition committee on veterans issues.

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh didn't address Kifowit's status with the governor-elect veterans committee.

"It is clear that during the course of an emotional debate over the Legionnaires' crisis in Quincy Representative Kifowit's rhetoric went too far and she rightfully apologized," Abudayyeh said in a statement.

The deaths at the Quincy veterans home dogged

Rauner's re-election campaign. The post-Civil War-era facility is where 14 people have died and nearly 70 others have been sickened by Legionnaires' disease outbreaks since 2015. At least a dozen lawsuits have been filed since the initial outbreak, claiming negligence by the state.

In its legal filings, the state has denied any negligence and Rauner has said the state has followed all recommendations of federal experts at the Quincy home. In April, Rauner's veterans affairs director resigned.

In his amendatory veto, Rauner wrote that raising the \$100,000 cap on damages to \$2 million through the state Court of Claims was "effectively ignoring the impact of vastly expanded future litigation on the fiscal position of the state and its taxpayers."

"I recognize that the current law is outdated and in need of adjustment," he wrote. "However, this adjustment should reflect regional and national averages in order to properly compensate those who, once properly adjudicated, were found harmed by the state of Illinois."

The \$100,000 cap was established in 1972.

The vote to override Rauner's veto on Tuesday came as lawmakers returned to Springfield for what could be their last clash with him, as they consider overriding dozens of the governor's vetoes less than two months before he leaves office.

Rauner hasn't made many appearances since losing his re-election bid to Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker and hasn't been publicly defending his vetoes. That's in contrast to his high-profile four years fighting Democrats who control the General Assembly.

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Cochran rejects plea deal, setting stage for a trial

Alderman accused of shaking down businessmen

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Indicted South Side Ald. Willie Cochran rejected a plea deal Wednesday that possibly would have given him no prison time on a single fraud charge, setting the stage for a high-risk corruption trial next summer.

Cochran, a former Chicago police officer, is accused of shaking down businessmen in exchange for his support on deals in the 20th Ward he represents. He's now scheduled to go on trial June 3.

The 15-count indictment also alleged Cochran stole tens of thousands of dollars in charitable donations to the 20th Ward Activities Fund and spent it on college tuition for his daughter, trips to Indiana casinos, accessories for his Mercedes-Benz and other personal splurges.

Cochran's attorney, Christopher Grohman, after a brief court hearing said Cochran acknowledges spending money from that fund on personal expenses but also put his own money into the account and didn't intend to do anything wrong.

"After reviewing the plea deal, the alderman could not come to terms to admitting that he defrauded any of the people that he solicited funds (from) for his charity," Grohman said. "He never intended to defraud any of those constituents."

Grohman said Cochran was offered a deal on a single fraud count that gave him a "strong shot" at probation, though sentencing would be up to the judge. Rejecting it is "a big risk," he acknowledged.

"One thing I always tell

my clients when I negotiate a plea agreement and offer the plea agreement and explain what the consequences are, I always say, listen, a year from now you're going to be the one who is admitting guilt in court," Grohman said. "You may wake up in prison, might be a short sentence in prison, but at the end of the day if you're going to continue to lose sleep and feel as though you did nothing wrong, then you only have one option."

If he's found guilty, Cochran would become Chicago's 30th alderman since 1972 to be convicted of crimes related to official duties. Cochran also would mark the third 20th Ward alderman to go to prison, following Clifford Kelley and Arenda Troutman, who was infamously recorded by federal agents saying, "Most politicians are hos."

Cochran was elected in 2007 after Troutman was arrested by the FBI on bribery charges alleging she solicited donations from developers seeking to do business in the ward. Troutman was convicted in 2008 and later sentenced to four years in prison.

In August, Grohman said a plea agreement with prosecutors was being hammered out.

"We've been in negotiations with the government, and we're hopeful we can resolve this short of trial," Grohman told U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso.

Cochran, who has continued to serve on the City Council for nearly two years while the case has been pending, is not seeking reelection in February. Fifteen candidates are competing to succeed Cochran on the City Council. Although the Obama Presidential Center is not in Cochran's ward, its planned existence next door is expected to have a massive effect on the 20th Ward.



Ald. Willie Cochran, 20th, arrives for a hearing at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago on Wednesday.

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Last November, Cochran announced that he would not run for a fourth term but said his decision to step away from the City Council wasn't tied to the pending criminal charges or a previous health scare.

Cochran was charged with 11 counts of wire fraud, two counts of extortion and two counts of bribery. The most serious counts carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison if convicted.

According to the indictment, Cochran took a bribe from a liquor store owner — identified as Individual B — in 2015 in exchange for his support of an ordinance amending the municipal code to allow liquor sales in a two-block stretch of South Cottage Grove Avenue in the 20th Ward.

The owner wanted to sell the business, but the area had since gone "dry," and the amendment was needed for the buyer to continue to sell liquor there.

An FBI affidavit made public last year said Cochran at one point demanded \$5,000 from the store owner, writing in a text message, "I need your help, whatever you can do."

Shocked by the amount the alderman was requesting, the owner instead took \$3,000 in cash from his business safe and drove to Cochran's ward office, according to the affidavit.

When the store owner pulled up, Cochran came up to the passenger-side window, took the cash and stuffed it in his front pocket, the affidavit alleged. The owner told the FBI the alderman said simply, "Thanks."

The amendment was passed by the City Council in April 2015. Then, while Cochran was being investigated, the alderman proposed a new ordinance to again prohibit the sale of packaged liquor on that same stretch of Cottage Grove.

The council approved that change in October 2016, records show.

In addition to details about the alleged bribe from the liquor store owner, the search warrant records revealed new information about how Cochran spent tens of thousands of dollars he allegedly stole from charitable contributions meant for poor children and sen-

iors in his ward.

Cochran used a bank account tied to the ward fund to buy tires and a chrome fog lamp bumper ring for his Mercedes as well as vases, lamps and artwork from Z Gallerie, the records show.

According to the affidavit, Cochran also used the ward fund's accounts to buy "herb scissors" and a "compact juice fountain" from Crate & Barrel, a \$600 iPad from Walmart and \$67 worth of compact discs at Best Buy — including hits by Usher and Rihanna and an album titled "Call Me Irresponsible."

Grohman said the use of the funds on money for his daughter's tuition and casino-related withdrawals is "not a point of contention."

"However, he did put sufficient funds of his own funds into that same account sufficient to either cover or almost cover the personal expenses that he took out," Grohman said. "Therefore all the representations he made about where the money would be spent were in fact correct and therefore do not form the basis for a federal fraud

charge."

Cochran entered into negotiations with prosecutors after the judge in June denied several motions to dismiss the more serious counts against him.

Grohman had argued in court papers that the FBI improperly put pressure on the liquor store owner, who first testified before a grand jury that Cochran never asked him for anything in exchange for the alderman's help with the ordinance change.

Weeks after the grand jury appearance, agents confronted the store owner and told him he would "be in trouble if he didn't come clean," Grohman wrote in a 32-page motion. The man was then brought back before the grand jury and testified that Cochran had, in fact, demanded \$5,000 via a text message.

"It was only ... after continued interrogation and threats from the FBI, that he changed his tune and said he did feel some pressure from (Cochran) to donate money," the motion said.

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'Culture of ... hazing' blamed in sex assault

Boy's parents sue, alleging '17 attack by Reed-Custer teen

BY MATTHEW WALBERG
Chicago Tribune

Employees of a Will County high school failed to prevent the sexual assault of an incoming freshman student during a football team hazing ritual and then inadequately responded to the incident, according to a federal lawsuit filed Wednesday by the youth's parents on behalf of their son.

The suit, filed against Reed-Custer Community Unit School District 255 in Braidwood and six employees, also alleges that the student was harassed by students and at least one teacher after the hazing incident was reported to police.

According to the suit, officials "were aware of, or tacitly acknowledge, a culture of abuse, hazing, bullying and assault, which resulted in significant injury" to the student. Hazing has been "part of the culture of the Reed-Custer football team for years" and "coaches have either sanctioned these rituals or turned a blind eye toward them," the suit says.

In the suit, the parents allege that in July 2017, four upperclassmen stripped

clothing off their 135-pound son and sexually assaulted him when he was attending a summer football camp sponsored by the high school during the summer between his eighth grade and freshman years. The student, now 15, attended Reed-Custer High School in the 2017-18 school year but now attends another school. The Tribune is not naming him because of his age and the nature of the allegations.

Three teens were charged criminally as juveniles with one count each of aggravated battery in a public way, a class 3 felony, according to Will County state's attorney's office spokesman Charles Pelkie. The trial for the three is slated to begin Jan. 4.

Pelkie said he could not comment on why the fourth alleged attacker was not charged.

According to the lawsuit, on June 10, 2017, the victim was participating in the football camp when two of his alleged attackers began verbally harassing him, threatening to rape the victim's mother and older sister. The pair asked the victim if he wanted "smoke," which was understood to mean that they would sexually assault him, and when the victim refused, one of the teens grabbed him by the neck and bent him over while

attempting to assault him, but the victim was able to escape.

On July 9, 2017, according to the suit, the two teens who had previously harassed him and two other teammates chased the victim, asking him if he wanted them to "give smoke," but the victim was able to escape them.

Ten days later, on July 19, the victim was standing in a line during practice when the four upperclassman tackled him, stripped him of his shorts and held him down while one of the teens sexually assaulted him, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit stated that then-Reed-Custer head football coach Mark Wolf and other coaches witnessed or were aware of the attacks, and did not intervene even though the victim was screaming for help during the assault.

Following the July 19 practice, the victim's mother noticed her son was in severe pain and asked him what had happened. He told her of the assault, and his mother confronted Wolf, who said he would speak to the other players, according to the lawsuit.

The victim's mother took him to a local hospital, where the teen was treated for severe bruises to his ribs and sternum, according to the lawsuit.

The four attackers were

given either light or no suspension by school Athletic Director Chuck Anderson and no football coach was disciplined, according to the lawsuit. School officials never contacted police or investigators from the Department of Child and Family Services concerning the alleged assault, but the parents filed a complaint with the Braidwood Police Department, the suit alleged.

District 255 Superintendent Mark Mitchell said Wednesday the district intends "to vigorously defend these baseless allegations and protect the reputation of our fine School District and its staff."

In a written response to questions from the Tribune, Mitchell said, "On the evening of July 19, 2017, Reed-Custer CUSD 255 personnel were advised of an incident that occurred during a summer football camp earlier that evening. The incident involved a few athletes and occurred outside the football locker room. The incident was witnessed by numerous athletes. The coaching staff did not witness the incident as they were in the football locker room passing out and fitting equipment for participants in the camp."

He said the school's resource officer "told us that evening that a complaint had been filed with the

police."

Mitchell said the district launched a "thorough investigation" that same evening, and the athletes involved "were promptly disciplined in accordance with the District's Athletic Code of Conduct." He said state and federal laws prohibit him from disclosing what the discipline was.

In response to claims of a culture of hazing on the football team, Mitchell said, "We unequivocally deny those allegations."

The lawsuit alleges that for the rest of the 2017-18 school year, the victim was harassed by teachers and students for making the report. One teacher allegedly threatened to punch the victim, and repeatedly gave him undeserved tardy slips, allegedly due to his longtime friendship with Wolf, according to the lawsuit.

Students also threatened the victim with physical harm and verbally harassed him, suggesting that he commit suicide throughout the course of the 2017-18 school year.

School Principal Tim Ricketts and Assistant Principal Michael Smith were allegedly aware of the constant harassment of the victim but failed to intervene, the suit alleged.

Mitchell said the individuals named as defendants in the lawsuit remain em-

ployed by the school district.

The victim's mother said that the physical effects of the attack — during which a much larger player sat on him to hold him down — left her son with injuries that kept him nearly bed-ridden for two weeks.

But the emotional and psychological wounds are still healing, she said.

"I watched my kid go from a very happy, active, outgoing kid to a kid that stayed in his room, only playing Xbox, eating and being depressed," she said. "He couldn't sleep because all he had running through his head were the people at school, where he was getting bullied and hazed. He had kids coming up saying, 'kill yourself,' he had kids coming to the lunchroom throwing barbecue sauce on him and I'd have to bring him a change of clothes. ... I watched him go to a very dark place and I couldn't love him enough, care for him enough to help him out of it."

While her son has made progress through regular meetings with a therapist, "he's not the same spunky, outgoing kid anymore," she said. "He doesn't want to go anywhere, he's nervous about what people are saying, and he has no trust in adult figures."

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Cop says officer on trial falsified her McDonald report

Trial, from Page 1

Fontaine testified that Detective David March attributed fabricated statements to her in police reports that justified Van Dyke shooting the black teen 16 times.

Fontaine then underwent a withering, 1 1/2-hour cross-examination by March's lawyer in which she acknowledged her issue with the detective concerned a single sentence in a police report.

March's attorney, James McKay, also went on at length about the conflicting accounts given by Fontaine to various investigators.

March is charged with official misconduct, obstruction of justice and conspiracy for allegedly lying to exaggerate the threat posed by McDonald. Former Officer Joseph Walsh, who was Van Dyke's partner, and Officer Thomas Gaffney, who was among the first to encounter McDonald that night, are also on trial on the same charges.

Prosecutors allege the three defendants conspired to conceal what happened the night of the shooting in order to shield Van Dyke from scrutiny.

Fontaine, one of 10 officers at the scene, was assigned to write up the initial paperwork — a simple document laying out the basic facts about the incident and establishing which officers were there. But prosecutors allege the document contains key falsehoods that help prove officers conspired to hide the truth.

The report wrongly claimed, for example, that McDonald injured Van Dyke during the incident. It also listed Van Dyke, Walsh and Gaffney as "victims."

Fontaine testified that March told her to include those details in her report.

"It had to come from Detective March because I hadn't talked to Van Dyke, so I didn't know he was hurt," she testified.

While the prosecution considers Fontaine crucial to its case, the officers' attorneys accused her of being a liar and attacked her character.

The city inspector general's office recommended Fontaine be fired two years ago for making false statements in the McDonald case. Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, however, rejected the recommendation, citing insufficient evidence to support her dismissal.

March's attorney suggested Fontaine kept her \$90,000-a-year job and the benefits that come with it by

turning against her colleagues. The 17-year department veteran, 51, needs about three more years on the job to receive a pension.

McKay noted Fontaine worked as a Popeye's cashier and for a student loan service before becoming a police officer. She does not have a four-year college degree but has about 60 credit hours from Robert Morris University.

"What kind of job would you get at your age with your job and your skill set?" McKay asked.

Fontaine appeared taken aback by McKay's line of questioning and composed herself before answering.

"I'm not dumb. I can go back to school, and I can get another degree," she replied. "I do feel I have skills, and I have an education."

Fontaine and her partner, Ricardo Viramontes, were at a Dunkin' Donuts more than a mile away when Viramontes heard a call over the police radio for a Taser and officer assistance. Fontaine testified she did not hear the initial call because she had turned her radio down so she could have a telephone conversation with her husband about their sick child.

McKay attacked her for making a personal phone call while on duty.

"That is the kind of police officer you are," McKay said dismissively.

Neither Fontaine nor Viramontes had the requested equipment — at that time the department didn't have enough Tasers for every patrol officer — but they headed to the scene anyway.

As Fontaine and Viramontes approached the scene near 41st Street and Pulaski Road, both have said they saw McDonald walking down the street holding a knife. Van Dyke and Walsh were already out of their marked squad car when the pair pulled up at 9:57:33 p.m.

Three seconds later, Van Dyke opened fire, emptying his 16-shot service weapon in about 14 seconds.

Fontaine testified she heard Van Dyke order McDonald to drop the knife but that the teen ignored him. Instead, McDonald continued to walk down the street "swaying" the knife back and forth.

In the shooting's aftermath, Fontaine and Viramontes were tapped to write the initial police report from the scene. She said she spoke with March for about 15 minutes at the scene but does not recall if he took any notes.

Fontaine submitted the



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Police Officer Dora Fontaine arrives to take the stand in the police cover-up trial at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.



Former Detective David March, left, listens with his attorney, James McKay, during the trial Wednesday.

report at 4:32 a.m., and her supervisor signed off on it less than an hour later, records show. She testified she then went to the Area Central police headquarters, where she sat in an office with other officers who had been at the shooting scene and waited to talk to their union representative.

All of this was standard procedure following an officer-involved shooting, she said. No one discussed trying to protect Van Dyke.

At some point that morning, March pulled her into another room and showed her the now-infamous video of the shooting, Fontaine testified. March walked her through the video, pointing out instances in which he thought McDonald looked to be attacking Van Dyke, she said.

Fontaine testified she does not recall March taking any notes during their meeting or asking her any questions after watching the video.

Fontaine said she never saw the statements attributed to her until March's report appeared in the newspaper amid all the turmoil following the video's release in late 2015.

"I started cursing, saying

what the f---," Fontaine said. "I was upset because I had not said that."

Fontaine testified she immediately contacted her lawyer about the statements attributed to her.

"Why did this matter to you?" special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes asked.

"Because it was a lie," she said.

McKay noted inconsistencies in Fontaine's previous statements to prosecutors, a federal grand jury, the city's inspector general's office and as a witness during Van Dyke's criminal trial in September.

Fontaine testified Wednesday, for example, that McDonald never attacked the officers while "swaying" the knife. But she told investigators from the city's inspector general's office in March 2016 that the swaying of the knife was an "attacking movement."

"Do you know what perjury is?" McKay asked Fontaine at one point, somewhat rhetorically.

McKay also questioned why she never filed a supplemental report correcting any inaccuracies attributed to her — something prosecutors have faulted the defendants for not doing. He also criticized her for not

informing her supervisors about her concerns with March's report.

At the end of his blistering cross-examination, McKay asked Fontaine if it was possible she was simply not fully remembering what she told March that night.

Fontaine held firm. "That statement, I did not say," she said.

After word got around to her fellow officers that she was disputing the official accounts of the shooting, Fontaine said she was blackballed.

"Other officers were calling me a rat, a snitch, a traitor," Fontaine said. "They wouldn't back me up. If I was at a call and I needed assistance, some officers felt strong enough to say that I didn't deserve to be helped."

Under cross-examination, Fontaine acknowledged no one has made derogatory comments directly to her.

However, she testified that her "wonderful" supervisors recognized the strain she was under and pulled her off the street. She now works a day shift, reviewing police reports.

She said she is grateful for the new assignment.

"It is a safety issue," Fontaine testified. "If I am on the street, I am on a call, I wouldn't know who to trust or if anybody would come to help me."

In other testimony Wednesday, an expert witness for the prosecution praised Gaffney for how he handled his interaction with McDonald.

Gaffney prompted the call for a Taser and tried to bide time until it arrived. He urged his partner to remain calm and attempted to use his squad car to corral the teen instead of using his gun.

"He handled the job the

way any great police officer would have," testified Chicago police Sgt. Larry Snelling, a law enforcement training expert.

Despite Gaffney's widely praised response that night, he was indicted on charges that he falsely described himself as a victim of both an aggravated assault and a battery in two reports he completed in the hours after the shooting.

About 15 minutes into Snelling's testimony, prosecutors for the first time in the trial played the dashcam video showing Van Dyke repeatedly shoot McDonald.

While Snelling praised Gaffney's role, he criticized Van Dyke's decision to shoot the teen as he walked away from officers on Pulaski Road.

When Gaffney tried to corral McDonald with his squad car, the teen, high on PCP, popped the tire and slashed the windshield. Gaffney stayed inside the car and did not physically confront the teen.

He later filed paperwork stating that McDonald committed a battery against him with a weapon and "used force likely to cause death or great bodily harm."

When asked if McDonald used force "likely to cause death or great bodily harm," Gaffney's partner, Joseph McElligott, testified Wednesday that he wasn't sure if the teen had done so. "He used force," McElligott said, "but it was (against) our car."

The defense contends that if errors were made on the reports, they were innocent mistakes, not crimes.

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GOP breaks with Trump on Saudis

Senate votes to move ahead to end U.S. ties to Yemen war

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WASHINGTON — Defying President Donald Trump, senators sent a strong signal Wednesday that they want to punish Saudi Arabia for its role in the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. By a bipartisan 63-37 vote, the Senate opted to move forward with legislation calling for an end to U.S. involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

The vote was a rebuke not only to Saudi Arabia but also to Trump's administration, which has made clear it does not want to torpedo the long-standing U.S. relationship with Riyadh over the killing.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Defense James Mattis both came to Capitol Hill to urgently lobby against the resolution, which would call for an end to U.S. military assistance for the conflict that human rights advocates say is wreaking havoc on Yemen and subjecting civilians to indiscriminate bombing.

The vote showed a significant number of Republicans were willing to break with Trump to express their deep dissatisfaction with Saudi Arabia and with the U.S. response to Khashoggi's brutal killing in Turkey last month. U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that the Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, must have at least known of



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks to the news media after briefing the Senate on Wednesday in Washington.



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Some senators were upset CIA Director Gina Haspel was not at the briefing.

the plot, but Trump has equivocated over who was to blame.

Khashoggi, who lived in the U.S. and wrote for The Washington Post, was publicly critical of the Saudi crown prince. He was killed in what U.S. officials have described as an elaborate plot at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, which he had visited for marriage paperwork.

Echoing Trump's public comments on the killing, Pompeo said after Wednesday's briefing with senators that there was "no direct reporting" connecting the crown prince to the murder, and Mattis said there was "no smoking gun" making the connection.

Pompeo argued that the war in Yemen would be "a hell of a lot worse" if the United States were not involved.

Wednesday's procedural vote sets up a floor debate on the resolution next week. It would be largely a symbolic move, however, as House Republican leaders have given no indication they would take up the war powers measure before the end of the year — the end of the current Congress.

Several senators said they were angry about the absence of CIA Director

Gina Haspel from the pre-vote briefing.

New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, speculated that Haspel didn't attend because she "would have said with a high degree of confidence that the crown prince of Saudi Arabia was involved in the murder of Jamal Khashoggi."

And Lindsey Graham, the South Carolina Republican who is often strongly allied with Trump, voted to move forward with the resolution and said he would insist on a briefing from Haspel. He even threatened to withhold his vote on key measures if that didn't happen and declared, "I'm not going to blow past this."

CIA press secretary Timothy Barrett said that no one kept Haspel away from the

briefing. He said the CIA had already briefed the Senate intelligence committee and Senate leaders and "will continue to provide updates on this important matter to policymakers and Congress."

In another explanation, a White House official said Haspel decided not to participate in part because of frustration with lawmakers leaking classified intelligence from such settings. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters.

The procedural vote received more Republican support than had been expected after the resolution, sponsored by Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah and Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, fell six votes short of passage earlier this year.

Foreign Relations Com-

mittee Chairman Bob Corker, R-Tenn., said in the past he had "laid in the railroad tracks to keep us from doing things that I believe are against our national interest as it relates to Saudi Arabia." But he said he believes the Senate should "figure out some way for us to send the appropriate message to Saudi Arabia that appropriately displays American values and American national interests."

He said the crown prince "owns this death. He owns it."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., voted against moving ahead with the resolution but said a day earlier that "some kind of response" was needed from the United States for the Saudis' role in Khashoggi's death. On Tuesday, he said that "what obviously happened, as basically certified by the CIA, is completely abhorrent to everything the United States holds dear and stands for in the world."

Pompeo said U.S. involvement in the Yemen conflict is central to the Trump administration's broader goal of containing Iranian influence in the Middle East. His language was blunt in a Wall Street Journal article, writing that Khashoggi's murder "has heightened the Capitol Hill caterwauling and media pile-on. But degrading U.S.-Saudi ties would be a grave mistake for the national security of the U.S. and its allies."

Trump has said it may never be known who was responsible for the killing, and in public comments he has reinforced the United States' long-standing alliance with the Saudis.

Poletown again losing its engine

Detroit area razed in fight to build plant that GM is shutting

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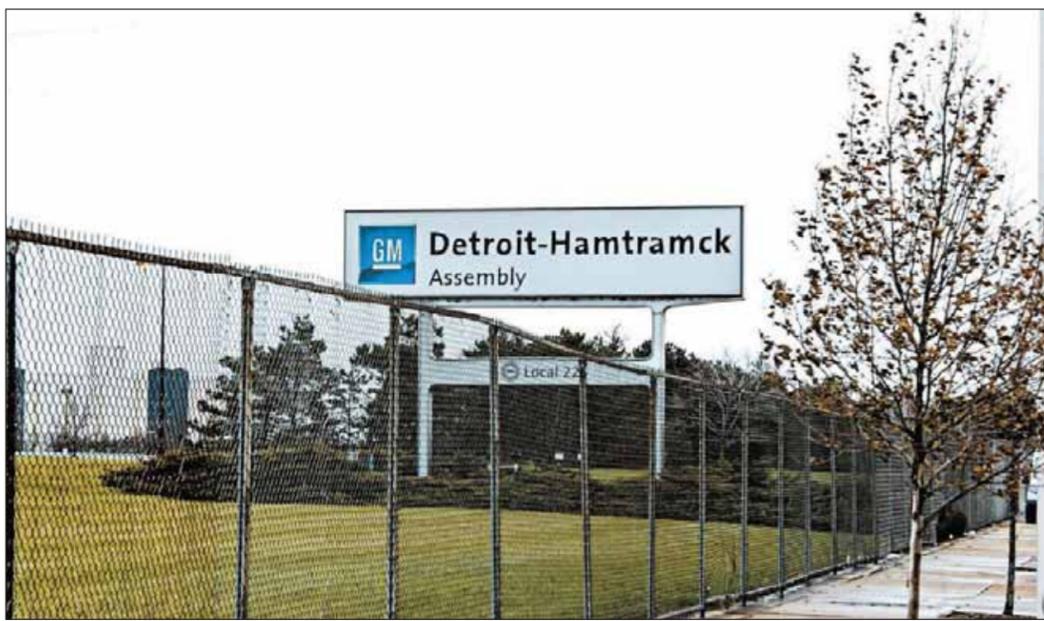
The once-proud neighborhood was a skeletal wreck. Many of the residents had already bolted, pockets stuffed with fat payouts from the city. Their houses had since been pancaked by wrecking balls. The structures still standing were being picked clean by looters or eaten away by arson. In late spring of 1981, Detroit's Poletown neighborhood, a working-class grid on the city's northern lip known as a hub for Polish immigrants and culture, had been reduced to a literal battlefield.

The cause for the deterioration was municipal progress. Auto giant General Motors wanted Poletown's 465 acres for a brand new plant straddling the line between Detroit and the town of Hamtramck.

Detroit Mayor Coleman Young Jr. was on board, offering to use a new eminent domain law to grab the 1,500 homes and hundreds of businesses. The auto unions were also game. Even the city's Catholic Archdiocese supported the project, offering to sell off Immaculate Conception Church, the neighborhood parish where Mass was still conducted in English and Polish.

But the neighbors were not having it. Led by Rev. Joseph Karasiewicz, Immaculate Conception's priest, a loose coalition battled the plant that spring. Defying his own cardinal, Karasiewicz and his allies searched for a way to save Poletown.

"It's wrong to cooperate with this type of law in any sort of way," Karasiewicz told The Washington Post in June 1981. "No one is safe except the man who has the money, to put it bluntly."



GM's Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant, built on the ruins of Poletown, is to cease production, endangering 1,540 jobs.

The Poletown standoff would go down as a landmark battle pitting residents against American industrial might. The controversy landed in the national spotlight, sparked a legal battle, and eventually ended with a dramatic SWAT raid on Immaculate Conception to clear out holdouts.

Although today the neighborhood is long gone, the legacy clinging to Poletown has suddenly been reignited following the dramatic news that GM is planning to close five factories and lay off 15,000 workers in North America. The Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant will cease production, putting 1,540 workers in jeopardy, the Detroit Free Press reported.

"They destroyed homes and churches and local businesses, all to build that plant," Karen Majewski, the mayor of Hamtramck, told Reuters on Monday. "Now that the plant is going to close, people will wonder why that neighborhood had to be sacrificed in the first place."

The proposal for the new plant in the early '80s came as Detroit was starting to slip from the heights of its postwar manufacturing power. As the Detroit News recounted in 2000, by 1980 auto plants were beginning to close in the region. The GM plant on the Poletown area was designed to replace an aging Cadillac factory, and the proposal would keep 6,000 jobs within the city limits. It would be GM's first new factory construction in Motor City in decades.

Poletown was also beginning to feel seismic shifts. Originally settled by Polish immigrants in the 1870s, the neighborhood exploded in the 1920s and 1930s with Polish workers who arrived to labor in Detroit's auto factories.

By the 1980s, the original Polish population was gray and dwindling, and the neighborhood was also now home to a mix of Albanians, Slavs, Filipinos and African Americans, the News reported.

When Detroit first of-

fered residents a buyout for the GM project, many jumped at the opportunity to relocate to nicer suburbs outside the city.

As The Post reported in 1981, the city paid as much as \$12,000 for older homes (\$34,289 in today's currency), with an added \$15,000 (\$42,861 today) relocation fee. But the unwilling did not have much choice: Under the eminent domain law, they were forced to sell. In total, the project threatened to uproot more than 4,000 people.

A backlash stirred up among residents who did not want to go.

"We're fighting the UAW, we're fighting GM, we're fighting the city government, we're fighting the state government, and we're fighting the church," a Poletown resident told The Post. "We're fighting the power structure in this city. It's an uphill battle."

Immaculate Conception's Rev. Karasiewicz was very much the public face of the fight. A 59-year-old De-

troit native and son of a Ford Motor Co. janitor, the priest openly expressed outrage when his devoted flock was booted from their hard-earned place.

"This is worse than the Communists in Poland," the priest said, according to James T. Bennett's book, "Corporate Welfare: Crony Capitalism That Enriches the Rich." "To go down to a very basic definition of stealing, it is simply taking other people's property against their will, and this was taken away from them, the people, against their will."

Karasiewicz's position pitted him against church authorities. The archdiocese wanted the GM plant built.

"The overall good of the city is achieved by cutting away a certain part," a church leader said. "When you're trying to make something grow, you prune."

Eventually, a legal challenge against the use of eminent domain filed by residents was shot down by the Michigan Supreme

Court. Poletown was effectively done, but Immaculate Conception would be the site of the neighborhood's last stand.

Church authorities told Karasiewicz the congregation's final Mass would happen May 10, 1981. According to Bennett's book, 1,500 worshippers filled the pews. Karasiewicz was ordered to leave the property by June 17.

He obeyed, but refused to hand over the church records, The Post reported.

A number of holdouts remained inside Immaculate Conception after the priest vacated, occupying Poletown's last standing touchstone as a final act of defiance. The sit-in lasted for 29 days.

Then, as morning broke on July 14, SWAT teams gathered outside the church while Detroit police closed off the empty residential streets nearby.

Tipped off by sympathetic officers about the raid, the protesters inside bolted the doors and began clanging the church bells. Police hooked the door to a tow truck to breach the blockade. Sixty officers stormed the church. Twenty protesters were hauled out, according to Bennett, including a number of elderly women whispering the Hail Mary.

Immaculate Conception was brought down soon after, and construction on the GM plant began.

The facility's first car — a Cadillac Eldorado — sailed off the assembly line at 12:05 p.m. on Feb. 4, 1985.

In the ensuing decades, the plant's fortunes rose and fell with the American auto industry, a cumulative long slide that continued with Monday's dark announcement.

Karasiewicz ended up as a sad coda to the Poletown fight. Five months after his church was razed, the priest tumbled over dead from a heart attack.

Pelosi clears key Dem hurdle for speaker's job

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makers.

As House Democrats met in private in the Capitol, they faced a simple "yes" or "no" choice.

A sign of the party's mood emerged early as the House Democrats elected Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York as caucus chairman, elevating the charismatic 48-year-old from the Congressional Black Caucus as a new generation of leaders pushes to the forefront.

His slim victory in that race, 123-113, over veteran Rep. Barbara Lee of California, another influential member of the Black Caucus, offered a window into the shifting landscape. Flanked by top progressive leaders, Lee made her pitch during the closed session, drawing on the record number of women, including minority women, who ran for office and are entering the new Congress.

The majority, though, went to Jeffries who used his speech to remind Democrats of their core accomplishments — from passage of the Civil Rights

Act to the Affordable Care Act — before pivoting to his vision for the future.

"I'm focused on standing up for everyone — white, black, Latino, Asian, Native American — every single American deserves us, here in the United States Congress to work, Democrats and Republicans, on their behalf to make their life better," he said afterward.

Democrats voted to return their entire top leadership team, including Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland in the No. 2 spot as majority leader and Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina in the No. 3 spot as whip. They were running unopposed.

"The caucus is coming together," Clyburn said.

In a letter to colleagues ahead of voting, Pelosi gave a nod to those clamoring for change.

"We all agree that history is in a hurry, and we need to accelerate the pace of change in Congress," she wrote, noting the historic class of new first-term lawmakers, the largest since Watergate, who led Democrats to the majority in the midterm election.



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House Democrats elected Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York as caucus chairman Wednesday during leadership elections.

Ahead of voting Wednesday, a deal was reached with the Problem Solvers Caucus, a bipartisan group whose nine Democratic members were withholding their support as they pushed for rules changes to allow a more open legislative process.

But another group against her, led by Rep. Seth Moulton of Massachusetts, Rep. Tim Ryan of Ohio and Rep. Kathleen Rice of New

York, left the leader's office empty-handed.

They asked Pelosi to publicly release her plans to transition out of leadership before the end of the next term in 2020. She declined, they said.

"There has to be some succession plan," Rice said.

For now, there was no one willing, or able, to mount a serious campaign against her bid to reclaim the speaker's job, which she

held from 2007 to 2011, before the GOP took back the majority.

"You can't beat someone with no one," said Rep.-elect Jahana Hayes, D-Conn.

Pelosi still lacks the votes she'll need in January, when the new Congress convenes, to ascend to the post.

One member who signed a letter being circulated by opponents, Rep. Linda Sanchez of California, said the real fight will come in

January.

"The battle is the floor," Sanchez said.

But she'll need 218 votes in January, half the full 435-seat House, which is harder, if all Republicans vote against her, as is likely — though she could win with fewer votes if some lawmakers are absent or vote present.

"The reality is there is no alternative," said Rep. Brian Higgins, D-N.Y.

Trump blasts Russia probe, says Manafort pardon not off 'table'

By CHAD DAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that a pardon for Paul Manafort is "not off the table" — a comment that drew swift rebuke from critics who fear the president will use his executive power to protect friends and supporters caught up in the Russia probe.

The president's comments to the New York Post came days after special counsel Robert Mueller

said Manafort had breached his plea deal by repeatedly lying to investigators. The former Trump campaign chairman denies that he lied.

Trump's comments are the latest sign of his disdain for the Russia investigation, which has dogged him for two years and ensnared members of his inner circle. In recent weeks, the president, armed with inside information provided to his lawyers



Manafort

by Manafort's legal team, has sharpened his attacks, seizing on what he claims are dirty tactics employed by the special counsel and accusing investigators of pressuring witnesses to lie.

In the interview with the Post, Trump blasted the Russia probe as a return to the McCarthyism of the 1950s. "We are in the McCarthy era. This is no better than McCarthy," Trump

said.

When asked about a pardon for Manafort, Trump told the newspaper: "It was never discussed, but I wouldn't take it off the table. Why would I take it off the table?"

Trump only has the power to pardon for federal charges. A pardon would not shield Manafort from prosecution for state charges, though he is not currently facing any.

On Wednesday, Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate

intelligence committee, said that if Trump pardons Manafort, it would be a "blatant and unacceptable abuse of power."

Meanwhile, Manafort's lawyers have been briefing Trump's attorneys in recent months on what their client has told investigators, an unusual arrangement for a government cooperator and one that raises the prospect that Manafort is pursuing a pardon.

Manafort spokesman Jason Maloni declined to comment.

In the Post interview, Trump also praised two other supporters who are caught up in the Russia probe — conservative author and conspiracy theorist Jerome Corsi and longtime Trump associate Roger Stone.

Corsi this week said he rejected a plea offer from Mueller's team. Draft plea documents show Mueller accusing Corsi of lying to investigators — an allegation he denies — about emails he exchanged with Stone regarding WikiLeaks.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Lincolnwood School District No. 74

- A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Lincolnwood School District No. 74 for 2018 will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall of Lincolnwood, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave. Lincolnwood, IL 60712.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Kimberly Nasshan, Superintendent, 6950 N. East Prairie Road, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, telephone number 847-675-8234.

- The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$20,709,623.
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The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$1,234,900. This represents an 11.47% increase over the previous year.
- The total property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$21,817,478.
The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$22,379,425. This represents a 2.58% increase over the previous year.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase For Norridge School District 80, Cook County, Illinois

- A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for School District Number 80, Cook County, Illinois will be held on December 11th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center at James Giles School, 4251 N. Oriole, Norridge, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Paul O'Malley, Superintendent, 8151 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, Illinois, (708) 583-2068.

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The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$114,348. This represents a 0.0% increase over the previous year.
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U.S. blamed for unending war

Afghans, once welcoming, resent America's presence

BY KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — When U.S. forces and their Afghan allies rode into Kabul in November 2001 they were greeted as liberators. But after 17 years of war, the Taliban have retaken half the country, security is worse than it's ever been, and many Afghans place the blame squarely on the Americans.

The United States has lost more than 2,400 soldiers in its longest war, and has spent more than \$900 billion on everything from military operations to the construction of roads, bridges and power plants. Three U.S. presidents have pledged to bring peace to Afghanistan, either by adding or withdrawing troops, by engaging the Taliban or shunning them. Last year, the U.S. dropped the "mother of all bombs" on a cave complex.

None of it has worked. After years of frustration, Afghanistan is rife with conspiracy theories, including the idea that Americans didn't stumble into a forever war, but planned one all along.

Mohammed Ismail Qasimyar, a member of Afghanistan's High Peace Council, wonders how U.S. and NATO forces — which at their peak numbered 150,000 and fought alongside hundreds of thousands of Afghan troops, were unable to vanquish tens of thousands of Taliban.

"Either they did not want to or they could not do it," he said. He now suspects the U.S. and its ally Pakistan deliberately sowed chaos in Afghanistan to justify the lingering presence of foreign forces — now numbering around 15,000 — in order to use the country as a listening post to monitor Iran, Russia and China.

"They have made a hell,



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan National Army soldiers participate in a live fire training exercise at the Afghan Military Academy in Kabul.

not a paradise for us," he said.

Afghanistan is rife with such conspiracy theories. After last month's assassination of Kandahar's powerful police chief, Gen. Abdul Raziq, social media exploded with pictures and posts suggesting he was the victim of a U.S. conspiracy. Recent insider attacks, in which Afghan forces have killed their erstwhile U.S. and NATO allies, have attracted online praise.

"In 2001 the Afghan people supported the arrival of the United States and the international community wholeheartedly," said Hamid Karzai, who was installed as Afghanistan's first president and twice won re-election, serving until 2014.

"For a number of years things worked perfectly well," he said in a recent interview. "Then we saw

the United States either changed course or simply neglected the views of the Afghan people and the conditions of the Afghans."

He blames the lingering war on the U.S. failure to eliminate militant sanctuaries in neighboring Pakistan, the bombing of Afghan villages and homes, and the detention of Afghans.

Others blame the notoriously corrupt government, which Karzai headed for more than a decade, and which is widely seen as yet another bitter fruit of the American invasion.

"All the money that has come to this country has gone to the people in power. The poor people didn't get anything," said Hajji Akram, a day laborer in Kabul's Old City who struggles to feed his family on around \$4 a day. "The foreigners are not making things better. They should go."

It's not just Afghans. The United States' own inspector general for Afghanistan's reconstruction offered a critique in a speech earlier this month.

John Sopko pointed out that the U.S. has spent \$132 billion on Afghanistan's reconstruction — more than was spent on Western Europe after World War II. An additional \$750 billion has been spent on U.S. military operations, and Washington has pledged \$4 billion a year for Afghanistan's security forces.

The result? "Even after 17 years of U.S. and coalition effort and financial largesse, Afghanistan remains one of the poorest, least educated, and most corrupt countries in the world," Sopko said. "It is also one of the most violent."

Hamidullah Nasrat sells imported fabrics in the

capital's main bazaar on the banks of the Kabul River, a fetid trickle running through a garbage-filled trench. He remembers welcoming the overthrow of the Taliban, who had shut down his photography studio because it was deemed un-Islamic.

"After the Taliban we were expecting something good, but instead, day by day, it is getting worse," he said. "How is it that a superpower like the United States cannot stop the Taliban? It is a question every Afghan is asking."

The U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission in 2014. Since then, the Taliban have carried out near-daily attacks on rural checkpoints and staged coordinated assaults on major cities. Authorities stopped publishing casualty figures earlier this year, deeming them

"How is it that a superpower like the United States cannot stop the Taliban?"

— Hamidullah Nasrat, Kabul resident

classified. An Islamic State affiliate has meanwhile carried out massive bombings against the country's Shiite minority.

Afghans who have recently served on the front lines complain of faulty equipment, inadequate supplies and reinforcements that show up late and ill-equipped, if at all.

Tameem Darvesh served in the Afghan army for nearly five years in the southern Helmand province. This year he went on holiday and never returned, trading his \$180 monthly salary for work as a day laborer making much less. He said morale is at an all-time low, with many soldiers expressing sympathy for the Taliban.

Jawad Mohammadi served for more than seven years in the security forces until 2015, when he stepped on a land-mine he was tasked to clear and lost both his legs. He was just 25.

He recalls how the foreign instructors told him to always check his mine detector by waving it over a piece of metal before heading out into the field. But whenever a device failed to respond, his Afghan commander would tell him to use it anyway.

"I was told that's all we have. That's what we were given, you just have to use it," he said.

The next time he went out with a faulty device, his foot found a bomb that the detector had missed.

"I felt myself being thrown through the air. I looked and I saw my legs were near me and there was so much blood. I yelled: 'Please help me.'"

Supreme Court likely to apply 'excessive fines' bans to states

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday took up a case from Indiana to settle a question that might seem obvious to some: Does the ban on "excessive fines" in the Bill of Rights apply to states?

The Eighth Amendment to the Constitution, which prohibits "cruel and unusual punishments," also says "excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed."

But last year, the Indiana Supreme Court upheld the state's seizure of a \$42,000 Land Rover from a man who made two small drug sales valued at under \$400. It rejected his claim that this was "excessive" and ruled the Eighth Amendment did not protect him.

That decision ran into sharp skepticism Wednesday from the justices.

Justice Neil Gorsuch said the court had struggled in the 1940s over whether all parts of the Bill of Rights applied equally to states and localities — or were "incorporated" into the 14th Amendment, as the court said. But that fight, he said, was settled long ago.

"Here we are still litigating over incorporation today? Really?" Gorsuch said to Indiana state solicitor Thomas Fisher.

The state's lawyer refused to back down and insisted a state's seizure of private property was its business, not a question of federal law.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh agreed with Gorsuch. "Isn't it too late in the day to argue a right is not incorporated?" he said, meaning it applies to the states as well as the federal government.

By the end of an hour, it was clear that the court would rule for Tyson Timbs, the Indiana man who lost his Land Rover, and hold that the Constitu-



JENNA WATSON/AP

Tyson Timbs' Land Rover was seized by the government five years ago after two small drug sales.

tion protected him from an excessive fine.

But it is not clear he will ultimately win. Chief Justice John Roberts said the court would probably send the case back to the Indiana courts to decide whether this forfeiture was indeed excessive and unjust.

Wednesday's argument revived a question that has a long history before the high court and divided the justices during the middle decades of the 20th century.

The first 10 amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified in 1791 and begin with the words: "Congress shall make no law ..." The familiar rights listed include the freedom of speech and the press, the free exercise of religion, the right to bear arms, the right to a jury trial and the freedom from "unreasonable searches and seizures."

But these protections for individuals did not go far. In the early 19th century, the court said these rights applied only to actions of the then-tiny federal government, not to states or local authorities, including police.

After the Civil War, the Reconstruction Congress adopted the 14th Amendment to protect individuals from their states. It said, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall

abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

The first clause on "privileges or immunities" has meant surprisingly little, thanks to a peculiar 1873 ruling holding it did not provide "any additional protection" for individuals.

But the second clause became the most important in the Constitution. In a step-by-step process from the 1930s through the 1960s, the Supreme Court decided that nearly all the fundamental rights cited in the Bill of Rights were included or "incorporated" in the protection for "liberty" and "due process of law" in the 14th Amendment. But it has never specifically ruled on the "excessive fine" clause.

These days, most Americans would assume their constitutional rights are the same, whether they encounter a federal agent, a state official or a local police officer.

The appeal from Timbs has united groups across the ideological spectrum from the ACLU to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of them urging the court to clearly rule that all parts of the Eighth Amendment apply across the country.

Taliban kill 10 after reported U.S. attack on Afghan civilians

BY RAHIM FAIEZ
AND ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban insurgents staged a coordinated attack targeting a security firm in the Afghan capital on Wednesday, killing at least 10 people and wounding 19 others, as the U.S. said an airstrike hours earlier in Helmand province that reportedly killed civilians was conducted by American aircraft.

Wednesday's attack in eastern Kabul took place when a suicide bomber detonated his explosives and other insurgents started a gunbattle with security forces in the area, Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said.

The assault came hours after provincial officials said at least 30 civilians were killed along with 16 Taliban fighters during the overnight battle between Afghan government forces and insurgents in southern Helmand province.

A local official, Attahullah Afghan, said most of the civilian casualties came when an airstrike struck a house in the central Helmand River valley, a Taliban heartland. U.S. officials said it happened in Helmand's Garmsir district.

A U.S. military spokesman in Kabul said the airstrike was carried out by American aircraft called in to back Afghan "special security forces" after they came under heavy Taliban fire.

Maj. Bariki Mallya, the spokesman, said in an email exchange that the airstrike was conducted in self-defense after Taliban fighters armed with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine guns retreated into a compound and continued firing on Afghan government forces and their American advisers.

"In self-defense, the ground force called an airstrike," Mallya said. "Af-



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan boys looks through a broken window of a shop after a bomb attack Wednesday in Kabul, the capital.

ter the strike, there were secondary explosions, we assess from explosives inside the compound. At the time of the strike, the ground force was unaware of any civilians in or around the compound; they only knew that the Taliban were using the building as a fighting position."

Mallya declined to say what the U.S. knew about civilian casualties or whether the incident was under U.S. investigation. In a prepared statement, he said the U.S. investigates every "credible allegation of error and reviews every mission to learn, adapt and improve."

A statement from the governor's office in Helmand confirmed that 16 Taliban insurgents were killed and said that an investigation was underway to determine the number of civilian casualties.

It said the militants had stockpiled ammunition in the area of the operation, which could have caused civilian casualties. There was also a car packed with explosives that ignited during the strike, the statement added.

Abdul Wadod Popul, a lawmaker from Helmand, also confirmed the civilian casualties. "The area is under Taliban's control and is very difficult to get a precise number of casu-

alties," he said in Kabul.

The Taliban, who in recent years have taken over nearly half of Afghanistan, claimed the attack Wednesday in Kabul.

Kabul police spokesman Basir Mujahid said the target of the attack was a security firm called G4S. The website of a multinational security company named G4S has London contact information.

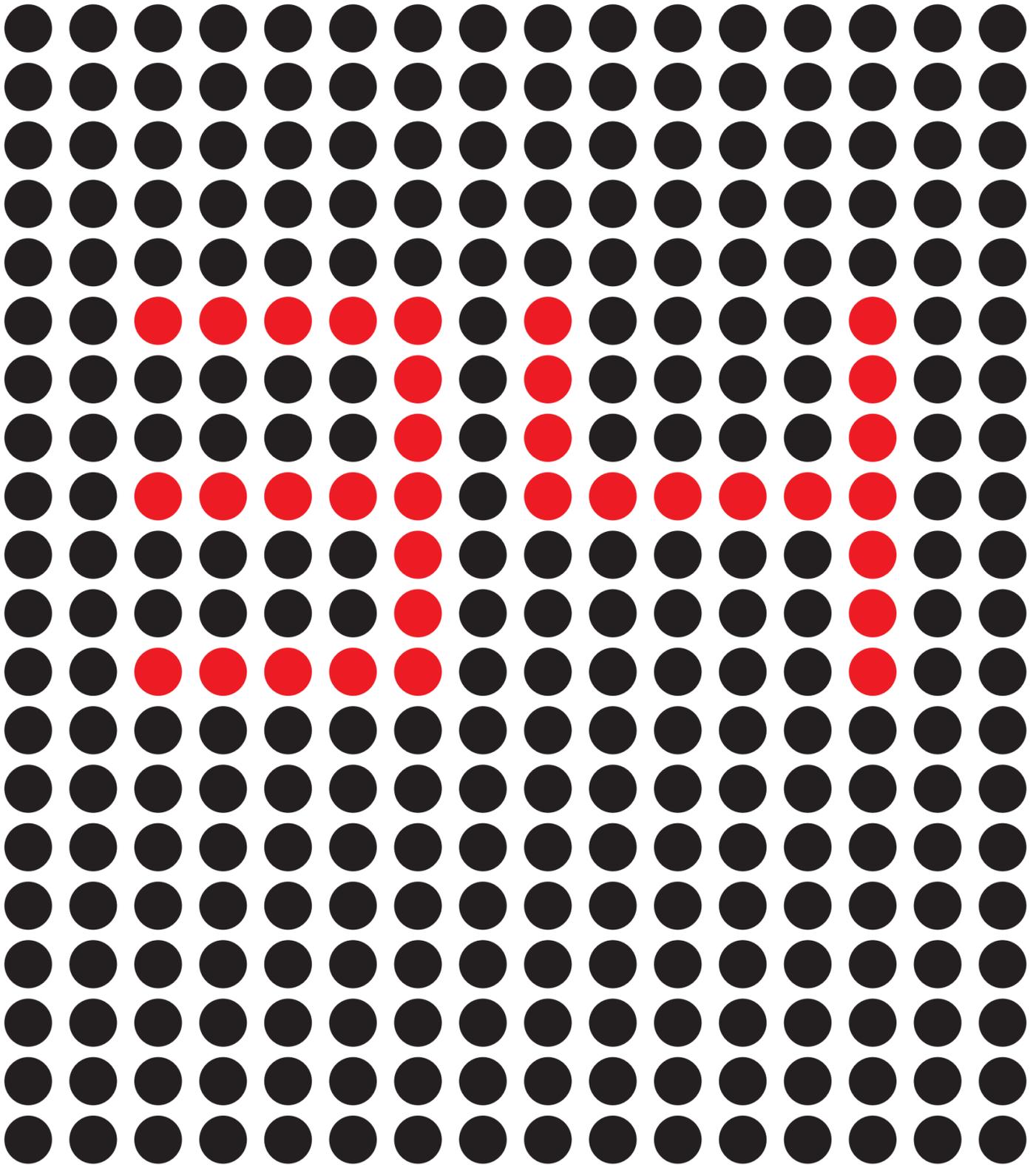
The Taliban view the U.S.-backed government in Kabul as a dysfunctional Western puppet and have refused offers to negotiate with it.

Also Wednesday, the Pentagon released the names of three U.S. servicemen killed Tuesday by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan's Ghazni province, the deadliest attack against U.S. forces in the country this year.

They are Army Capt. Andrew Patrick Ross, age 29, of Lexington, Va.; Army Sgt. 1st Class Eric Michael Emond, age 39, of Brush Prairie, Wash.; and Air Force Staff Sgt. Dylan J. Elchin, age 25, of Hookstown, Pa.

Ross and Emond were assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, based at Fort Bragg, N.C. Elchin was assigned to the 26th Special Tactics Squadron, based at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

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Gaza's only grand piano making music again

BY FARES AKRAM
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The only grand piano in the Gaza Strip was played in public for the first time in a decade on Sunday — following a complicated international restoration effort to fix the instrument after it was nearly destroyed in an Israeli airstrike.

About 300 fans attended Sunday's performance as Japanese and local artists performed for them. For many, it was the first time they had ever heard a piano performed live.

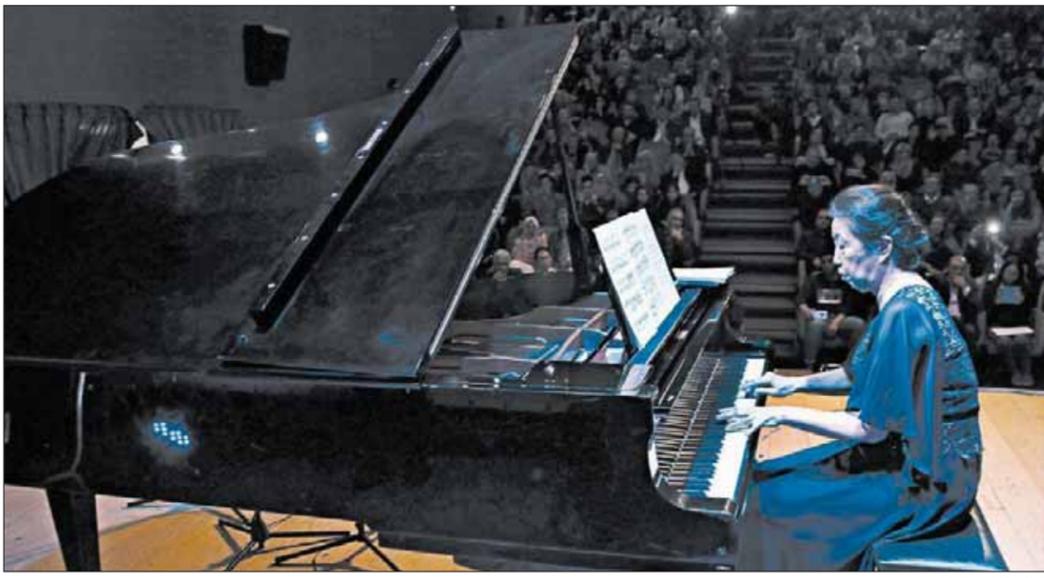
"Playing this piano is feeling like playing history," said Japanese pianist Kaoru Imahigashi. "It's amazing. I felt the prayer of peace for many people."

The piano's story goes back many years, mirroring in many ways the story of Gaza.

The Japanese government donated the piano about 20 years ago, following interim peace accords between Israel and the Palestinians. At the time, Gaza was envisioned as becoming the Singapore of the Middle East.

Fayez Sersawi, a Culture Ministry official, said he was responsible for receiving the piano, which was placed at a large theater in the newly built al-Nawras resort in northern Gaza.

He said music festivals



Japanese pianist Kaoru Imahigashi performs during a concert in Gaza City on Sunday.

were a regular activity before the beginning of the second Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in 2000.

In 2007, the resort closed the theater and the swimming pool and scaled down most activities after Hamas, an Islamic militant group, took control of Gaza by force after winning legislative elections. Under Hamas rule, many forms of public entertainment, including bars, movie theaters and concert halls, have been shuttered.

An ensuing Israeli-Egyptian blockade meant to weaken Hamas, plus severe damage after a three-week war with Israel in January 2009, closed the resort altogether.

The piano was silenced and sat unused until 2014, when an Israeli airstrike during a third war with Hamas destroyed the al-Nawras hall. The piano was miraculously found unscathed, but rickety and unplayable.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry confirmed that a

piano was donated to the Palestinian Authority in 1998. Workers from the cooperation agency took the serial number and contacted Yamaha, its producer. The company confirmed that the instrument had been manufactured between 1997 and 1998.

"Everything matched," said Yuko Mitsu, a representative of the cooperation agency.

The Belgian nonprofit group Music Fund, which supports music instruction in the Palestinian areas, sent

a French expert in 2015 to restore the piano. Another Belgium restorer visited Gaza last month and put the final touches on the instrument. A limited, private concert was held as a trial.

On Sunday evening, all 300 seats of the theater hall at the Palestine Red Crescent Society were occupied with fans of all ages, as the rapt audience listened eagerly and clapped in applause at the end of each performance.

Kaoru, the pianist, stroked the keys smoothly

as opera singer Fujiko Hirai performed the Japanese folk song "Fantasy on Sakura Sakura."

It was the first time that Yasmin Elian, 22, attended a piano concert. "I liked how people interacted" with the artists, she said. "This encourages me to learn piano."

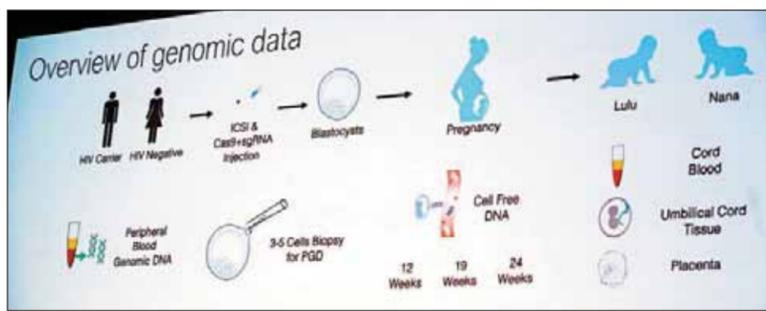
Gaza has one music school, the Edward Said Conservatory, with 180 students. It suffers a lack of funding and operates in several rented rooms at the rescue services' main ambulance station.

A group of students from the conservatory partnered with the Japanese artists and played the Palestinian national anthem, drawing huge applause from the audience.

Ismail Daoud, a conductor who heads the school, said it's hard to bring pianos to Gaza because of their weight and their prices, but that his school "desperately needs them."

In 2009, Washington-based aid group Anera bought two upright pianos to Gaza and helped coordinate their crossing through Israel's then strictly closed border.

Now, the Culture Ministry has given the piano to the conservatory — "to the place where it belongs and where it should be," Daoud said. "The revival of the piano is like the revival of the Palestinian people."



KIN CHEUNG/AP

A screen shows information of genomic data while He Jiankui, a Chinese researcher, speaks Wednesday during the Human Genome Editing Conference in Hong Kong.

Chinese researcher says 2nd gene-edited pregnancy started

BY MARILYNN
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Associated Press

HONG KONG — A Chinese researcher who claims to have helped make the world's first genetically edited babies says a second pregnancy may be underway.

The researcher, He Jiankui of Shenzhen, revealed the pregnancy Wednesday while making his first public comments about his controversial work at an international conference in Hong Kong.

He claims to have altered the DNA of twin girls born earlier this month to try to make them resistant to infection with the AIDS virus. Mainstream scientists have condemned the experiment, and universities and government groups are investigating.

The second pregnancy is in an early stage and needs more time to be monitored to see if it will last, He said.

Leading scientists said there are now even more reasons to worry, and more questions than answers, after He's talk. The leader of the conference called the experiment "irresponsible" and evidence that the scientific community had failed to regulate itself to prevent premature efforts to alter DNA.

Altering DNA before or at the time of conception is controversial because the changes can be inherited and might harm other genes. It's banned in some countries including the United States except for lab research.

He defended his choice of HIV, rather than a fatal inherited disease, as a test case for gene editing, and insisted the girls could benefit from it.

"They need this protection since a vaccine is not available," He said.

Scientists weren't buying it. "This is a truly unacceptable development," said Jennifer Doudna, a University of California, Berkeley

scientist and one of the inventors of the CRISPR gene-editing tool that He said he used. "I'm grateful that he appeared today, but I don't think that we heard answers. We still need to understand the motivation for this."

"I feel more disturbed now," said David Liu of Harvard and MIT's Broad Institute, and inventor of a variation of the gene-editing tool. "It's an appalling example of what not to do about a promising technology that has great potential to benefit society. I hope it never happens again."

There is no independent confirmation of He's claim

and he has not yet published in any scientific journal where it would be vetted by experts. At the conference, He failed or refused to answer many questions including who paid for his work, how he ensured that participants understood potential risks and benefits, and why he kept his work secret until after it was done.

After He spoke, David Baltimore, a Nobel laureate from the California Institute of Technology and a leader of the conference, said He's work "would still be considered irresponsible" because it did not meet criteria many scientists agreed on several years ago before gene editing could be considered.

"I personally don't think that it was medically necessary. The choice of the diseases that we heard discussions about earlier today are much more pressing" than trying to prevent HIV infection this way, he said.

If gene editing is ever allowed, many scientists have said it should be reserved to treat and prevent serious inherited disorders with no good alternatives, such as sickle cell anemia and Huntington's disease.

Shortly after his talk, He canceled a planned appearance in a Thursday session on embryo gene editing, according to the Royal Society, one of the conference organizers.

Scientists taking Puerto Rican parrots under their wing

BY DANICA COTO
Associated Press

EL YUNQUE, Puerto Rico — Biologists are trying to save the last of the endangered Puerto Rican parrots after more than half the population of the bright green birds with turquoise-tipped wings disappeared when Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico and destroyed their habitat and food sources.

In the tropical forest of El Yunque, only two of the 56 wild birds that once lived there survived the Category 4 storm that pummeled the U.S. territory in September 2017. Meanwhile, only 4 of 31 wild birds in a forest in the western town of Maricao survived, along with 75 out of 134 wild parrots living in the Rio Abajo forest in the central mountains of Puerto Rico, scientists said.

And while several dozen new parrots have been born in captivity and in the wild since Maria, the species is still in danger, according to scientists.

"We have a lot of work to do," said Gustavo Olivieri, parrot recovery program coordinator for Puerto Rico's Department of Natural Resources.

Federal and local scientists will meet next month to debate how best to revive a species that numbered more than 1 million in the 1800s but dwindled to 13 birds during the 1970s after decades of forest clearing.

The U.S. and Puerto Rican governments launched a program in 1972 that eventually led to the creation of three breeding centers. Just weeks before Maria hit, scientists reported 56 wild birds at El Yunque, the highest since the program was launched.

But the population decline is now especially worrisome because the parrots that vanished from El Yunque were some of the last remaining wild ones, said Marisel Lopez, who



CARLOS GIUSTI/AP

Puerto Rican parrots huddle in one of the flight cages at the Iguaca Aviary in El Yunque.

oversees the parrot recovery program at El Yunque for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

"It was devastating. After so many years of having worked on this project," she said.

The Puerto Rican Amazon is Puerto Rico's only remaining native parrot and is one of roughly 30 species of Amazon parrots found in the Americas. The red-foreheaded birds grow to nearly a foot in length, are known for their secrecy and usually mate for life, reproducing once a year.

More than 460 birds remain captive at the breeding centers in El Yunque and Rio Abajo forests, but scientists have not released any of them since Hurricane Maria. A third breeding center in a forest in the western rural town of Maricao has not operated since the storm. Scientists are now trying to determine the best way to prepare the parrots for release since there are such few birds in the wild they can interact with, and whether Puerto Rico's damaged forests can sustain them.

One proposal scientists will consider is whether to capture some of the remaining wild parrots in the Rio Abajo forest and place them in the same cage as birds that will be released to the wild, so they can learn to emulate their social behavior to ensure

their survival, said Jafet Velez, a wildlife biologist with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Scientists are tentatively planning to release 20 birds next year in Rio Abajo.

But first, scientists need to make sure the forests can offer food and safe shelter.

Jessica Ilse, a forest biologist at el Yunque for the U.S. Forest Service, said scientists are collecting data about the amount of fruit falling from trees and the number of leaves shed. She said the canopy still has not grown back since Maria and warned that invasive species have taken root since more sunlight now shines through. Ilse said that many of the large trees where parrots used to nest are now gone and noted that it took 14 months for El Yunque's canopy to close after Hurricane Hugo hit Puerto Rico in 1989 as a Category 3 storm.

Without a canopy and proper camouflage, wild parrots have become an easy target. Ilse said local and federal scientists plan to help the forest recover through planting.

"People keep asking us, 'How long is it going to take?'" Ilse said.

But scientists don't know, she added.

"The damage is more extensive than (hurricanes) Hugo and Georges. It's been a complete change to the ecosystem."

'Operation Surprise Party' uncovers inmates extorting military personnel

BY MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Five inmates in the Carolinas extorted more than half a million dollars from military personnel throughout the country, using illegal cellphones to pose as underage women on dating sites, authorities said Wednesday.

Standing in front of a state prison in Columbia, S.C., U.S. Attorney Sherri Lydon told reporters that five inmates had been indicted on federal charges

including extortion and wire fraud. Ten others throughout the Carolinas have been charged with helping inmates collect extortion payments via services including Western Union or PayPal.

According to court documents, inmates used contraband phones to join dating websites, contacting and exchanging nude images with service members across the country.

Once the targets had been reeled in, Drew Goodridge of the Naval Criminal

"We do not lock up criminals only to have them go to prison and continue their criminal conduct."

—U.S. Attorney Sherri Lydon

Investigative Service said, inmates then posed as an authority figure, such as a father or police officer, claiming the girl with whom the victim had been communicating was underage and demanding money to keep the exchanges pri-

vate. Fearful they'd be accused of disseminating child pornography, possibly losing their military careers, more than 442 service members handed over more than \$560,000 total, authorities said.

Lydon said the victims come from all branches and ranks of the military.

According to Goodridge, more than 250 other cases were being investigated for potential extortion as part of "Operation Surprise Party," which his agency began in January 2017.

Inmates aren't allowed to have cellphones behind bars, although thousands are smuggled inside each year.

Corrections Director Bryan Stirling has long called illegally obtained

cellphones the No. 1 security threat inside his institutions.

Officials have said a deadly riot earlier this year at Lee Correctional Institution was in part a turf war over contraband including cellphones.

"We do not lock up criminals only to have them go to prison and continue their criminal conduct," Lydon said. "It is the unfettered use of contraband cellphones that allows inmates to continue harming the citizens of South Carolina."

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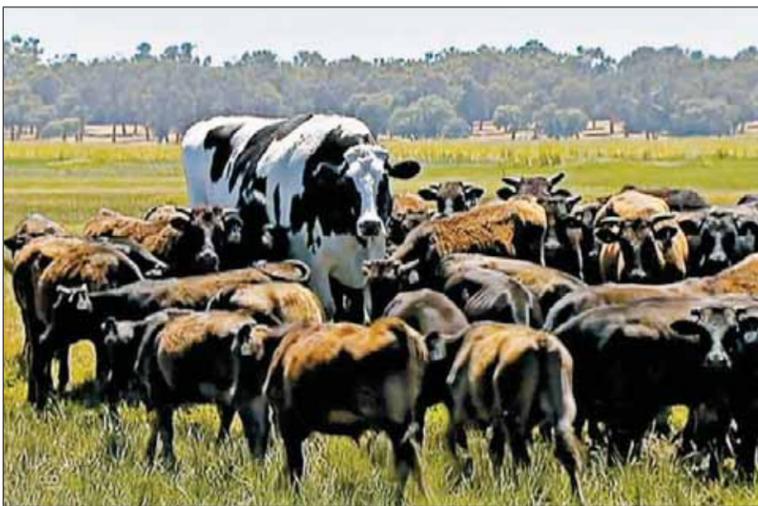
LONDON — Leaving the European Union without a divorce deal could plunge Britain into its deepest recession in nearly a century, with the economy shrinking 8 percent within months as unemployment and inflation soar, the Bank of England warned Wednesday.

The stark projection came the same day the government's own economists said the country will be poorer after Brexit than

if it had stayed in the EU, no matter what sort of trade deal it secures with the bloc.

Britain and the EU have agreed on a deal for the U.K.'s exit in March. But British lawmakers are threatening to derail it when Parliament votes next month.

Prime Minister Theresa May says that if her deal is rejected, Britain could be headed for an economically disruptive "no deal" Brexit in March.



Outstanding in his field: In an image from video taken Nov. 15, Knickers grazes amid other cattle on Geoff Pearson's farm in Western Australia state. Pearson said the 7-year-old, 6-foot 4-inch, 1.4-ton steer is too heavy for slaughter and will stay on the farm.

AP

Lawmakers reach tentative farm bill deal after long impasse

WASHINGTON — Key lawmakers said Wednesday they have reached a tentative deal on a massive farm bill, breaking a months-long impasse over legislation that doles out more than \$400 billion in federal funds for farm subsidies, food stamps and conservation efforts.

Lawmakers have been at odds over a House GOP proposal to boost work requirements for food stamp recipients, but Sens.

Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., the leaders of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said they had resolved the debate over the work requirements and other outstanding issues.

The senators declined to offer details of the emerging compromise, cautioning it was not final and could change pending completion of cost analyses and legislative language.

Ukraine and Russia ratchet up rhetoric, tensions in dispute

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko donned combat fatigues to implement martial law in much of the country on Wednesday, a move Russia denounced as a cynical political trick as both sides ratcheted up tensions after a weekend standoff in the Black Sea.

Each side blamed the other for the bellicose turn of events, with Ukraine saying Russia is preparing for a full-scale invasion.

Poroshenko toured a military training center Wednesday in the Chernihiv region bordering Russia, one of the areas where martial law was imposed, pledging "not to allow the enemy to attack Ukraine."

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin bluntly accused his Ukrainian counterpart of provoking the naval incident in order to shore up his sagging popularity ahead of March elections.

Ivanka Trump says 'Lock her up!' doesn't apply in her case

WASHINGTON — Ivanka Trump defended her use of a private email account as she was moving into an adviser's position in her father's administration, saying that it cannot be compared to the flap over former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's private email server and that "Lock her up!" doesn't apply to her.

"All of my emails are stored and preserved. There were no deletions," Trump told ABC News in an interview broadcast Wednesday.

The Washington Post reported this month that

Trump sent hundreds of emails about government business from a personal email account last year to White House aides, Cabinet members and her assistant, many in violation of public records rules.

"There is no restriction of using personal email," she said. "In fact, we're instructed that if we receive an email to our personal account that could relate to government work, you simply just forward it to your government account so it can be archived."

Clinton used a personal email account linked to a private server at her home

in Chappaqua, N.Y., during her time as the top U.S. diplomat under President Barack Obama. The FBI found classified information in some of the emails that were sent or received through her private server.

Donald Trump harshly criticized Clinton, his 2016 Democratic presidential rival, for her use of the private email server. At his campaign rallies, chants of "Lock her up!" rang out.

Ivanka Trump was asked by ABC News, "So the idea of Lock her up! doesn't apply to you?"

"No," she replied. "There's no equivalency."

Daniels: Avenatti sued Trump against her wishes

NEW YORK — Adult film actress Stormy Daniels alleged Wednesday that Michael Avenatti sued President Donald Trump on her behalf without getting her approval.

Daniels, who has faced pressure to fire Avenatti amid allegations he recently abused his girl-

friend, also claimed the lawyer has kept her in the dark about how he's spending money raised via her legal defense fund.

"I'm tremendously grateful to him for aggressively representing me in my fight to regain my voice," Daniels said in a statement first reported by

the Daily Beast. "But in other ways Michael has not treated me with the respect and deference an attorney should show to a client."

Avenatti would neither confirm nor deny Daniels' allegations but said he has always maintained a "high level of communication" with her.

President suggests he's mulling tariffs on car imports

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump hinted Wednesday that he's looking into slapping tariffs on car imports, a day after he threatened to slash federal subsidies to General Motors for wanting to close five U.S. factories and eliminate 14,000 jobs in North America.

"The reason that the small truck business in the U.S. is such a go to favorite is that, for many years, Tariffs of 25% have been put on small trucks coming into our country," Trump tweeted Wednesday.

"If we did that with cars coming in, many more cars would be built here and G.M. would not be closing their plants in Ohio, Michigan & Maryland."

He continued: "The President has great power on this issue — Because of the G.M. event, it is being studied now!"

In Mississippi: Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith returns to Washington after winning a runoff election Tuesday 54 to 46 percent. She defeated Democrat Mike Espy, a former congressman and former U.S. agriculture secretary, who was trying to become the state's first African-American senator since Reconstruction.

In Washington: A Senate committee Wednesday postponed a vote on the nominee to lead Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a coalition of unions raised "serious concern" about Ronald Vitiello's ability to oversee the agency. Committee chairman Sen. Ron Johnson said senators want to practice "due diligence"

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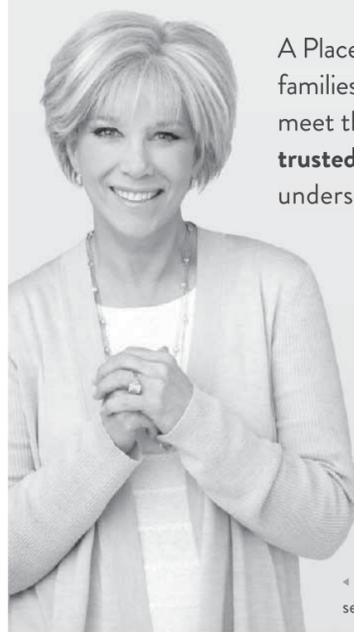
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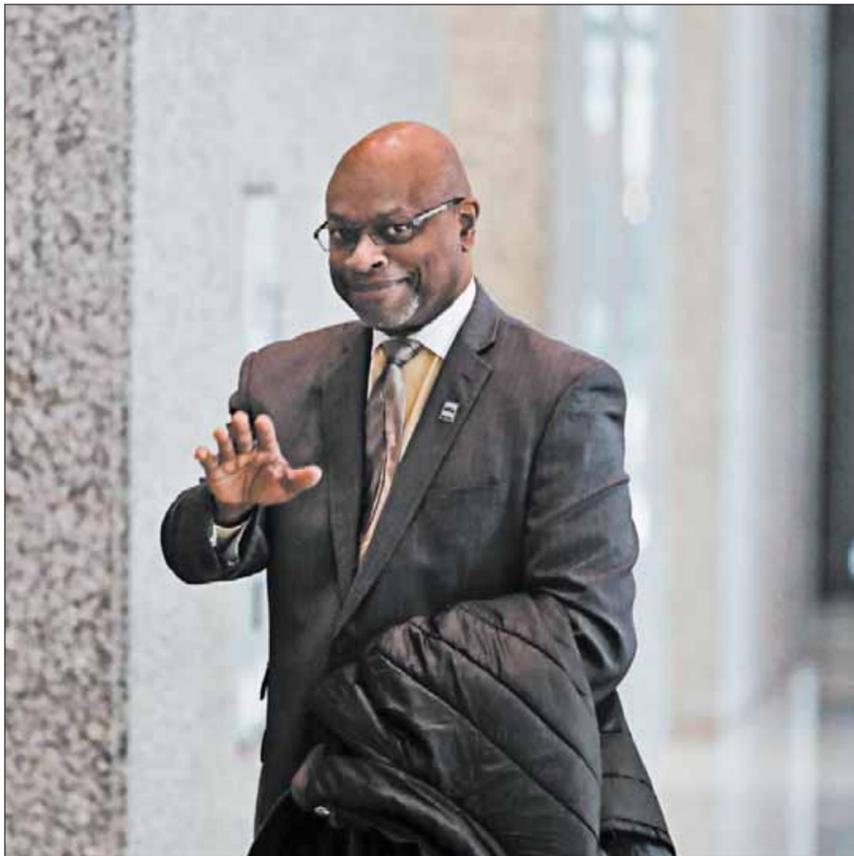
Election 2019: A ward's chance to start fresh

The 20th Ward on Chicago's South Side is shaped sort of like a sandhill crane — head and neck stretching into the New City community, abdomen encompassing Washington Park and most of Woodlawn. The Dan Ryan Expressway slices the bird down the middle.

It is a place of instability, with scatterings of vacant buildings, including shuttered public schools, a lack of robust economic development and too much violent crime. It also is a place rebounding, partially due to the promise of the Obama Presidential Center scheduled to open in 2021 a few miles to the east. Property values are rising steadily, and residents hope the presidential center will be a wellspring of development.

Another promising sign: 15 candidates have filed to run for alderman. If voters choose wisely, they'll elect a representative who will help the ward grow into its potential.

Ald. Willie Cochran, who rejected a plea deal Wednesday in his corruption case, has represented the ward since 2007. He declined to seek another term after federal prosecutors indicted him in 2016 on 15 criminal counts. The Tribune broke the news of the indictment while the City Council was gathering to celebrate the Cubs World Series win. In a dramatic unfolding of events, Cochran appeared to learn of his indictment from a colleague while



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Ald. Willie Cochran, who represents the 20th Ward, rejected a plea deal in his corruption case.

on the council floor.

This week, prosecutors offered Cochran a deal — plead guilty to just one fraud count — that would have made

prison time less likely. But he couldn't bring himself to take it, his attorney said, and a trial is now set for June 3. Cochran has disputed the charges al-

leged in the indictment.

Prosecutors say he swiped thousands of dollars from a charity fund he oversaw that was supposed to support pro-

grams for kids and senior citizens in the ward. He is accused of spending some of the money on gambling and his daughter's tuition. He also sought a kickback from a liquor store manager and accepted a bribe linked to a federal grant program, the indictment alleges.

Cochran, a former police sergeant, would be the 30th Chicago alderman convicted of a crime connected to the official role since 1972. When he won the seat 11 years ago, he replaced Ald. Arenda Troutman, who went to prison after being charged for soliciting cash from developers in return for her support on zoning changes.

In 1986, then-Ald. Clifford Kelley was charged with taking bribes to help a trash hauling company set up a waste transfer station in the ward. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a year in prison.

The struggling 20th Ward needs and deserves firm, vocal and ethical leadership. Addressing crime, dealing with presidential center development and Chicago Public Schools closings, and finding new life for vacant properties will consume the agenda of the next alderman.

The municipal election is Feb. 26. Residents have plenty of choices. The race is sure to get messy with so many candidates. But it's time for a new chapter here. The election offers that chance. Grasp it, voters.

The risk to the U.S. in abandoning Afghanistan

The latest U.S. casualties in America's interminable war in Afghanistan are three Special Forces soldiers who had been tasked with helping Afghan troops wrest from the Taliban the southeastern city of Ghazni. On Tuesday their convoy set off a roadside bomb. Three days earlier, another American soldier, a 25-year-old Army Ranger from Washington state, was killed in a firefight with al-Qaida militants.

That makes 12 U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan this year. Since the war began in 2001, 2,417 U.S. troops have died there. Ninety of them were from Illinois.

So why is America still in Afghanistan? Because the terror groups operating there would

have the unfettered ability to again thrive if the U.S. were to withdraw the last of its troops. That answer won't mollify critics of U.S. policy in Afghanistan during three presidencies. But remember, each of those presidents came to understand the terrible risks a U.S. pullout would create.

We say this acknowledging that there is no end in sight to the longest-running war in U.S. history. Taliban insurgents continue to expand their reach, particularly in the south. Their ambushes and suicide bomb attacks have decimated the ranks of the Afghan military and police.

The Islamic State has staked out a presence in the country. And al-Qaida, which had all

but disappeared from the battlefield, is back on the scene — as evidenced by the firefight that killed the Ranger this month.

It all points to a bleak outlook. But that outlook would quickly grow bleaker if the U.S. withdrew from the country its remaining contingent of about 14,000 troops.

The Afghan government, led by President Ashraf Ghani, is too inept, corrupt and fractured to have any realistic chance of defeating the Taliban on its own. The war's casualty count for Afghan forces totals 28,529 killed since 2015 as of Wednesday. That's about 25 Afghan troops killed every day.

The mission for American

soldiers now in Afghanistan is to advise, train and equip Afghan front-line forces battling the Taliban, Islamic State and al-Qaida, and to carry out counterterrorism missions against those groups. It's hard to imagine the Afghan government and military enduring without America's helping hand.

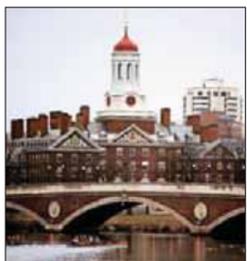
And if Kabul fell?

The prospect of Afghanistan becoming a rogue state would be all too real. What's now a largely dysfunctional state again would function as an ideal training ground for terrorists bent on launching attacks on the U.S., Europe and beyond. The world saw in the Middle East what happened when then-President

Barack Obama withdrew troops from Iraq, and hemmed and hawed in Syria. The Islamic State emerged, taking over much of northern Iraq and northern Syria and using its newfound territory for instigating terror on the West.

It's tempting, after 17 years of chaos and carnage in Afghanistan, to pull up stakes and withdraw completely. The war costs American taxpayers \$45 billion annually, and the toll inflicted on American soldiers becomes harder to justify with each passing year. But an even higher price lies in allowing terror groups to transform Afghanistan, once again, into a long-range danger to America.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



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Rowers on the Charles River near the Harvard campus.

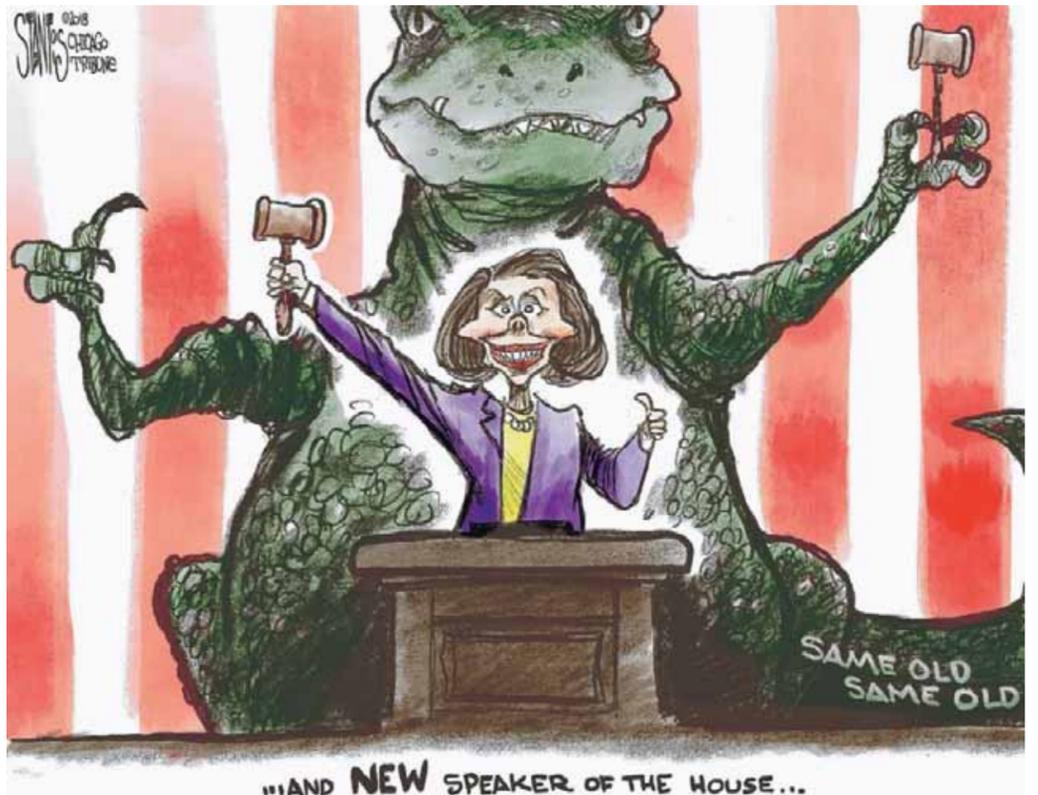
The Harvard admissions office: more sinned against than sinning, and currently serving two masters. One is the god of rich things, who demands a reactionary embrace of wealth and privilege, including the czarist notion that you can inherit Harvard the way you can inherit hemophilia or a winter palace. This is the logic of "legacy admissions" — a rare instance of a morally unpalatable fact retaining its precise name.

The other master is an avenging angel on a radical mission: to transform Harvard — of all places! — into a utopian society, an egalitarian gathering of young people of all backgrounds, including the poor, the homeless, those who will be the first in their family to attend college. While the god of rich things favors the children of white men (almost all of the super-wealthy and most of the legacies are white), the god of reparations wants to see fewer and fewer white students on campus.

This strange situation — hereditary privilege and social justice sitting side by side — has left the institution and its students vulnerable to ugly accusations and to embittered cries for fairness. Almost every student on campus is the subject of harsh appraisals based on how others assume they got in.

Caitlin Flanagan, *The Atlantic*

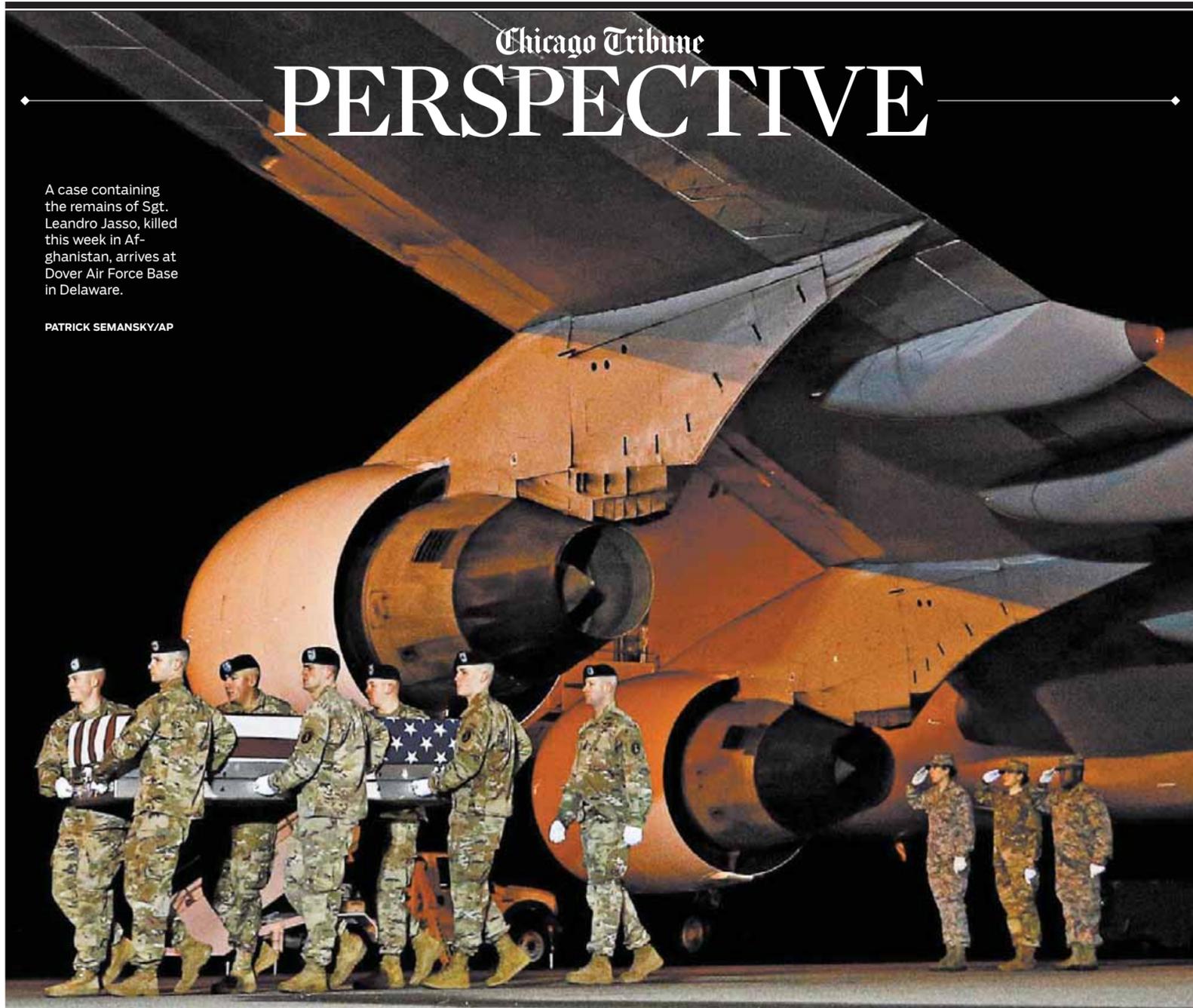
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Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

A case containing the remains of Sgt. Leandro Jasso, killed this week in Afghanistan, arrives at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP



They stayed in Afghanistan not because they knew how to win the war but because they didn't. They elected to keep feeding American troops into the meat grinder rather than admit failure.

Why are we still in Afghanistan?



STEVE CHAPMAN

The old peacenik slogan was, "What if they gave a war and nobody came?" Today, the question is, "What if they gave a war and nobody noticed?" The American mission in Afghanistan has borrowed a page from Harry Potter, draping itself in a cloak of invisibility.

Our war has lasted 17 years and cost upward of \$1 trillion, including \$45 billion this year. It has killed more than 2,300 Americans and wounded more than 20,000. Yet we recently completed an election campaign in which the conflict was rarely mentioned, much less debated. From a political point of view, this war is about as important as storms on Saturn.

But the spilling of American blood doesn't stop. On Tuesday, three U.S. service members were killed by a roadside bomb. Last week, an Army Ranger was fatally shot in a firefight. And for what?

When we invaded in 2001 to strike back at the Taliban, which had given safe haven to al-Qaida as it plotted the 9/11 attacks, victory seemed attainable. But the mission to eliminate a specific threat to the U.S. homeland soon gave way to a more ambitious project to make Afghanistan a stable, peaceful and democratic nation. Before long, we were stuck in the Forever War.

George W. Bush and Barack Obama each failed to find the formula for success, and each decided to leave a steaming pile of hard choices to his successor. They stayed in Afghanistan not because they knew how to win the war but because they

didn't. They elected to keep feeding American troops into the meat grinder rather than admit failure.

The result has been an endless loop of futility. The latest report of the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction concluded that the Afghan government has control of no more than 55 percent of the country's districts — down 21 percent from the peak. Twelve percent of the jurisdictions are in the grip of the Taliban, and 32 percent are up for grabs.

The Afghan security forces now bear the brunt of the fighting, with an average of 25 deaths per day. Thanks to steady attrition, their

ranks are now the smallest they've been since 2012. Civilian casualties, however, are up nearly 40 percent this year compared with 2017.

We have tried ramping up to overwhelm the insurgents. Obama started in office intending to bring the war to an end, telling his aides, "I don't want to be going to Walter Reed for another eight years." He increased our troop strength from about 30,000 to more than 100,000, with the goal of turning the tide of the war enough for us to go home.

It made a modest difference. The Kabul government gained some ground, and the Taliban lost some. But a U.S. commitment on that scale was not sustainable. And the long-sought improvements in Afghan governance and military prowess failed to materialize. As soon as Obama drew down forces, things went south once again.

Rather than pull out entirely, he agreed to keep some 8,400 troops in Afghanistan. Donald Trump, reluctant to look weak, nearly doubled that number. "The American people are weary of war without victory," he declared.

Wrong. The war causes no visible fatigue in the public because it requires no discernible contribution from the public. In any event, victory has eluded him too.

For a long time, our options have

fallen into two categories: bad and worse. The bad is withdrawing and letting the Afghans settle the war themselves, which could easily lead to a collapse of the government and a Taliban return to power. The worse is staying indefinitely, sacrificing American lives to preserve a stalemate.

But the enemy is sure to outlast us. The outlook recalls the comments of the prime minister of North Vietnam to a New York Times reporter early in the Vietnam War. "And how long do you Americans want to fight, Mr. Salisbury?" he asked. "One year? Two years? Three years? Five years? Ten years? Twenty years? We shall be glad to accommodate you."

The Taliban have shown comparable endurance. Their saying is, "The Americans have all the watches, and we have all the time."

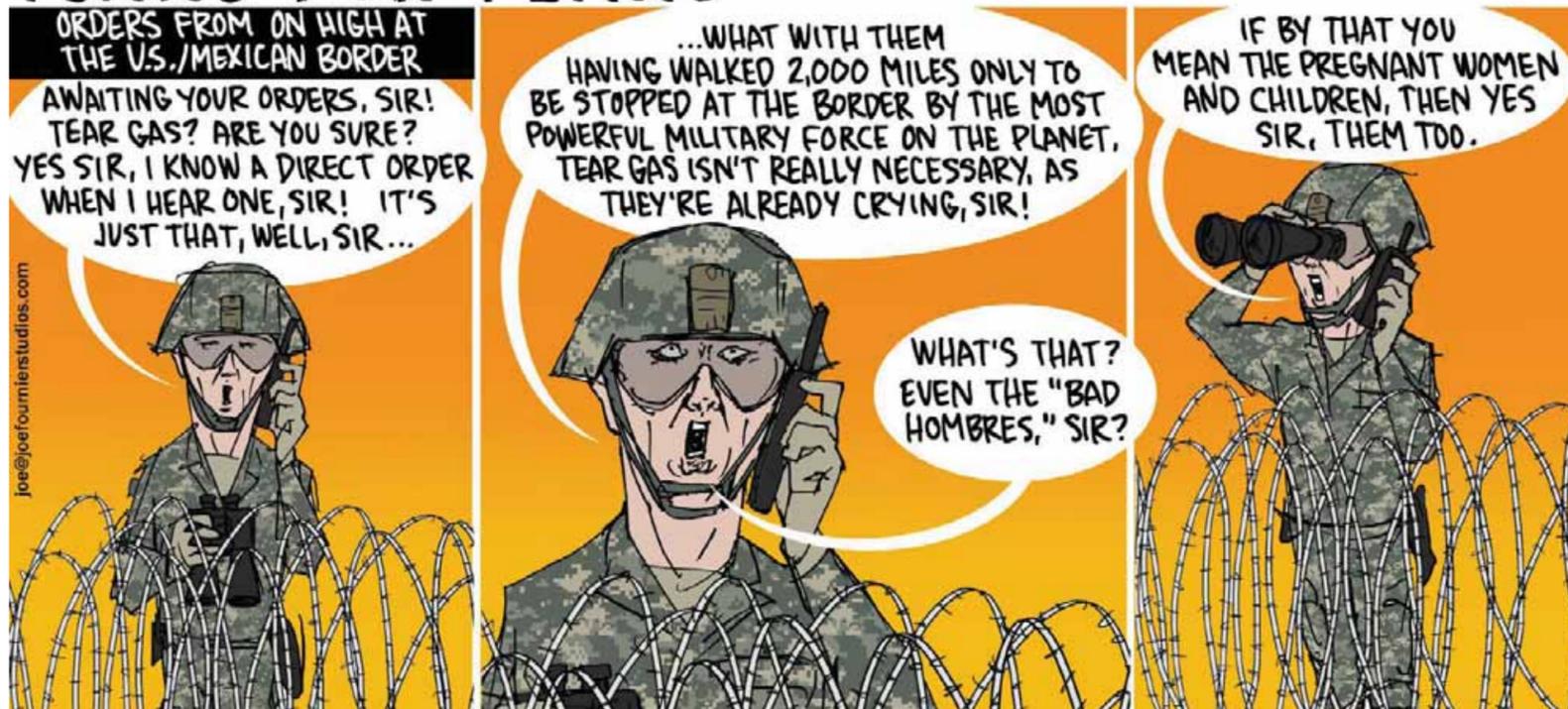
Three American service members gave their lives Tuesday in support of an effort whose only remaining purpose is postponing the inevitable. They won't be the last to die for this mistake.

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A family keeps busy while waiting for a special matinee of "The Lion King" for autistic kids at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway.

Autistic children deserve separate, sensory-friendly opportunities

BY WHITNEY ELLENBY

Yes, I knew it was risky. In a society designed for neuro-typical consumers, more than a decade ago I dared to take my autistic 5-year-old, Zack, to a Broadway showing of "The Lion King."

Anticipating Zack's excitement, I'd bought tickets for the very back row, in the disability section. Seconds in, Zack's thrill at the orchestral tuning erupted in yelps and vigorous bouncing in his seat. A nearby woman in a wheelchair was the first to cast a dark glare. Seconds later, management was summoned to insist that we leave. Forfeiting \$200 on tickets was the least of my anguish as I seized Zack and began moving him frantically toward an exit. Dirty looks ushered us out, the collective disapproval that such a parent would dare take this type of child to the theater.

As I took Zack, kicking and screaming, toward the exit, I was startled to see several cast members in extravagant costumes waiting in the lobby to stage a dramatic entrance. One cast member spotted us, quickly surmised the crisis and with a glimmer of sorrow cued other cast members into a gentle serenade as I wept.

Years later, the serenade reached our "outcast" population — families with autism — as Broadway had its first-ever sensory-friendly showing of "The Lion King."

The irony that the patron who got Zack evicted from the show had a disability herself highlights a painful truth. Physical disabilities are often quiet and can assimilate in crowds; autism is disruptive and unwelcome. Making room for autism requires not just structural but temperamental adjustments that few are willing to make if it infringes on their own enjoyment. Which, frankly, is entirely fair. Folks

who spend good money on entertainment should not have their experiences disrupted.

So what's the answer? It's regular sensory-friendly opportunities, for three reasons.

First, sensory-friendly is a civil right. Nothing in disability law requires that disabled people come quietly or conventionally. As long as accommodating someone such as Zack doesn't require a venue or service to be fundamentally altered, access is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, with or without reasonable accommodation.

I understand that Zack's vocalizing and others' behaviors affect the experience and service of those around him. But there's a simple workaround to this problem: designated, sensory-friendly offerings. Setting aside a regular number of theater performances or flights or movie showings or restaurant hours to give my son and others like him equal access and opportunity should be regarded as a reasonable accommodation under the ADA.

I place the responsibility with vendors who can afford to provide sensory-friendly opportunities but still do not. Why not provide theater showings with gentler light and sound levels, or that allow attendees to make noise and roam around? One in 59 children in the United States has autism, but the available opportunities are nowhere commensurate with those numbers. As a result, parents often feel unwelcome in common spaces that other people freely inhabit, even though our children have done nothing wrong.

Second, sensory-friendly is a path to inclusion. Separate adapted events are the means by which even severely autistic people may eventually mainstream. With repeated exposure to a venue or service on

their own disabled terms, people such as Zack may acclimate enough to join in with the general public. Sensory-friendly policy thus preserves a crucial choice: Those who can integrate with the public will. But those who cannot still have the same opportunities everyone else enjoys, without it becoming a way to segregate out children with disabilities from the mainstream.

Finally, sensory-friendly is good for business. About 10 years ago I responded to the recreational void in my town by organizing private events for families with autism, and an intriguing pattern emerged. After vendors witness a unique brand of consumers palpably overjoyed to access their facility, it dawns on them that excluding an entire population of customers is both financially unwise and morally unjust. Several of these businesses, such as Regal Cinemas in Rockville, Md., now proudly host their own sensory-friendly events and enjoy a large turnout.

Today at 17, Zack is still a live wire. The difference is that I'm no longer willing to abandon venues at the sound of the first yelp. No, I don't wish to ram my son's autism down others' throats, but if the only recreational option for my son is to join with the general public, I'll take my disruptive chances. And it does indeed get tense for all of us — but as the occasional yelp escapes him, patrons irritated by Zack would be well-advised to join me in insisting that vendors create regular opportunities for this deserving demographic.

The Washington Post

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Keeping the economy safe from Trump's eruptions

BY RAMESH PONNURU

President Donald Trump can't say he wasn't warned about General Motors.

In June, GM said that the various tariffs Trump had either already imposed or was considering could "lead to less investment, fewer jobs, and lower wages for our employees." These tariffs, the company said, risked "undermining GM's competitiveness against foreign auto producers."

Now GM has announced that it will lay off 14,000 workers and close up to five plants in North America. While the tariffs are not the only or even the principal cause of these declines, the company's condition ought to make Trump think twice about the wisdom of the trade policies he has been pursuing.

Instead, he has been railing against GM. He said that it is "playing around with the wrong person" — namely him — and that the company "better damn well" open a new Ohio plant. And what if it doesn't? Trump threatened GM with the loss of subsidies for its electric cars.

The episode illustrates some chronic features of this presidency that have on balance undermined its effectiveness and could undermine the country's economy, too.

First, Trump tends to make policy spasmodically. GM made a decision that angered him, and he lashed out in public. He has many fans who will appreciate his directness, and appreciate that he is angry about the same things he is. But the president keeps adding to his reputation for making idle threats, and even self-canceling ones.

This is an example. Congress is not going to cancel the tax credits for electric vehicles, or take any other action against GM, to satisfy Trump's demand for vengeance against the company. It's not going to



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Julayne Trusel works on a Chevrolet Volt at the GM plant in Hamtramck, Mich.

do it in the lame-duck session, when Republicans are still in charge of both chambers, and it is certainly not going to do it when Democrats take the House in a few weeks.

Perhaps there are steps the administration could take on its own against GM. But nearly any change in regulation or grant-making designed to put the company at a disadvantage could be challenged in court on the ground that nakedly targeting a company for retribution is a violation of constitutional due process and other legal protections. Trump, by announcing his goals in public, has made any such action harder to defend.

Second, Trump (in common with other modern presidential candidates) overestimates the powers of the presidency. During the 2016 campaign, he said that Ohio's factory jobs were "all coming back" if he won. In a Michigan town with another GM plant that's closing, he said: "You won't lose one plant, I promise you that."

Now he speaks as though he believes that companies will change their strategies on a presidential say-so. They won't, and he may not even be able to make them sorry

for ignoring his bluster.

Third, the distinction Trump's supporters sometimes draw between his words and his actions does not really hold up. The tweets may sometimes be boorish, they say, but the policies are sound. Trump's words can have an effect, however, even when he is announcing policies that will never come to be. His shots at GM did at least momentary damage to the company's stock price.

And, fourth, they may do some more lasting if subtler damage. Other presidents have doubtless been upset by corporate decisions but have responded in a more considered way rather than broadcasting their passing thoughts. There is a norm against presidents' bashing individual American companies, and that norm, like other norms the president does not appreciate, exists for good reasons.

It undergirds the rule of law and the free-enterprise system, related goods that have contributed powerfully to Americans' livelihoods. In no country can businessmen make decisions with no regard at all for what political leaders think. In this country they have been able to make decisions with relatively little regard.

That arrangement has generally worked out well for us. It would be a mistake to discard it, especially to discard it thoughtlessly.

We may sympathize with the president's feelings about GM right now. But we should be happy about how little presidents' feelings have mattered in our country's economic life — and hope that it stays that way.

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Trump and GM

General Motors has announced that a number of assembly plants are being closed in the U.S. in order to facilitate restructuring and cost savings. President Donald Trump has berated GM for actions that will put big numbers in the unemployment lines.

I really don't think the president should dictate how GM runs its business. If GM makes a product the public doesn't buy, so be it.

What I find interesting is that we hear nothing from the influential United Auto Workers union and its primary benefactors, the Democratic Party.

Where is the voice of Nancy Pelosi or Chuck Schumer or our own beloved Dick Durbin? The Democratic Party has been and probably always will be supporting the rights of union workers. Where are the teachers union, the electricians or the longshoremen? Should they not side with the assembly linemen and women who are being shown the door?

GM says it will still manufacture cars in China. Really! Kind of resembles the proverbial knife in the back. Come on Durbin, Pelosi, Schumer and all you Dems who have benefited from union support. Speak up. No, you will all just sit back and blame Trump because no one is buying a new Impala.

— Don Lass, Oswego

Globe is warming

The National Climate Assessment should serve as a wake-up call for all of us to take positive action on what will be the defining issue of our generation. Let's put aside attempts by fossil fuel interests to "reframe the discussion." Let's examine this issue honestly and without flinching. The Trump administration report was vetted by 13 government agencies and makes it clear that failure to act meaningfully will cost our economy dearly and lead to painful struggles and suffering, even here in the Midwest.

Let's look for solutions that reduce climate impacts while rebuilding our economy in a just and fair way by incentivizing 21st century solutions. Many economists are calling for a price on carbon using mechanisms like fee and dividend. Why not pursue this in a way that works best for society, by putting money in our pockets?

— Jeff Gahrts, Wheaton

Suburbanites can help

"Climate report a warning to Midwest" (Nov. 25) details the challenges the Midwest will face as temperatures rise. They include declines in agricultural productivity, more frequent and severe storms and diminished air quality, which will adversely impact those with respiratory ailments.

The suburbs have a role to play in slowing climate change. People in the suburbs must give up their perfect green lawns. These lawns are not sustainable and the weed killers needed to maintain them have been targeted as culprits in both human health and overall insect declines.

Suburbanites must embrace diversified lawns that contain different types of plants but require less water, less mowing, and have less impact on our environment. Plant trees or native perennials in every empty spot you see. Encourage your local schools and municipalities to do the same. These places have vast campuses that are covered in grass. As long as they are not being used as ball fields, plant trees to provide shade and food for animals and help clean the air.

Municipalities must lead the way and provide resources to the people in their communities to help them become resilient to the changing climate.

— Cathy O'Shea, Prospect Heights

Follow the money

Your editorial "Climate Change is a Midwest crisis in the making" (Nov. 27) moves the discussion forward. Solving this crisis is about protecting our economy.

"Members of Congress can take the lead to re-establish priorities including reducing carbon emissions from coal plants and vehicles," the editorial says.

Wall Street is gathering the political will to shift its goals toward long-term instead of short-term gains. Main Street and rural voters are coming to understand that everybody's health and survival are at stake.

Three main policy choices match the scale of this giant problem: pricing carbon; cap and trade; or regulation. A best first step is a revenue-neutral carbon fee and rebate/dividend put forth by Citizens Climate Lobby — because it stands a chance in our current Congress. There are many other sensible policy tactics that would protect people's pocketbooks. Want to follow the money? Then we've got to deal with climate.

— Karen Fort, Chicago

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PERSPECTIVE

Look, maybe this just isn't Melania Trump's thing, but that's fine

BY MONICA HESSE

Every time Melania Trump makes another odd gaffe, I can't help but see it as a useful thing for gender equality. It forces a conversation about how to measure the first lady's performance, or whether we even should. It highlights the archaic expectations baked into her role.

This week, her office unveiled the White House Christmas decor, which included a roomful of blood-red trees that looked like leftover props from "The Babadook" — and let me tell you, the first lady has definitely given us a useful conversation.

The trees were roundly mocked as horrifying. Obviously, she didn't build them herself. (She didn't even show up for the unveiling, which prompted more consternation.) But she did sign off on them, presumably. They're technically under her purview.

So, why does that matter anyway? Should we expect Melania to be a professional host? In presidential elections, should nominees' spouses be forced to compete as well, via portfolios of their home decor and cocktail reception hors d'oeuvres?

Family Circle has long held a first spouse cookie contest. In 2016, Bill and Hillary Clinton submitted the Clinton Family's chocolate chip cookies, which dominated the reader poll. Meanwhile, Melania's star cookie recipe came with "hardly any directions," the magazine's food director said. The result was a bland wafer — the cookie version



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

A gantlet of blood-red trees was among the White House holiday decorations unveiled this week.

of a shrug.

Maybe the cookies were mild because the former model avoids rich foods. Maybe the recipe was non-specific because the first lady mixes the ingredients by instinct. The more obvious explanation, though, is the one exemplified by the terrifying arboreal formation currently looming in the White House's East Colonnade: Melania is just plain bad at this.

She is bad at the domestic, cheery, front-facing work of being a first lady — the facet of the job we associate with homemaking and that we've expected presidents' wives to cheerfully do, free, for 250 years.

We've expected them to slide effortlessly into the role even when they're coming off their own decadeslong careers as lawyers or librarians or hospital administrators. Even when we have no idea if they care about the job.

With every public act, Melania is telling us she'd prefer not to have the gig. Her signature campaign, "Be Best," was haphazard and amorphous to begin with — something to do with bullying? Not bullying? Online bullying? — and nearly nonexistent before long. She's been slow to hire staff. She has regularly made jarring fashion choices — a colonial-style

pith helmet in Africa, the infamous "I really don't care, do u?" jacket — while trying to fulfill the most basic first lady obligations of smiling and listening.

And, yes, a few days ago, she apparently inspected a gantlet of murderous trees and some janky-looking wreaths made of Be Best pencils, and her reaction was, Looks good!

And then she skipped her own party.

Instead of sending out contorted messages trying to prove Melania is great at the job — her spokeswoman explained the first lady's absence by saying she wanted "to let the decorations speak for themselves"

— the White House should go with what appears to be the truth: This isn't her thing. She doesn't care. Being first lady, at least the traditional idea of one, is not where Melania's interests lie. She's not bingeing on a Chip and Joanna Gaines marathon in search of cute ideas for state dinner place card holders. She's not going to dance with Ellen DeGeneres.

If everyone could just admit that Melania is bad at this, then we could accomplish two things. One, it would help us recognize that the role is work. It doesn't come as naturally to everyone as it apparently came to Nancy Reagan,

who started the Christmas preview tradition. The tasks of hosting dignitaries, traveling on behalf of an administration, glad-handing and public speaking all require skill, enthusiasm and lots of time.

And, two, we'd recognize that these activities probably deserve compensation.

If you want someone to care deeply about White House decorations, if you want someone to show up and speak elegantly and engagingly about how this year's holiday themes represent America, and if you want that person to have excellent taste — if you want all that, then perhaps we should stop expecting the person filling that role to always be the person who is married to the president.

Hire it out. Make it a "Host of the United States," and make it gender-neutral. The job should go to the person who wants nothing more than to talk color palettes and gingerbread decor. The job should simultaneously highlight that "feminine" pursuits are important, and should make it clear that men can have those interests, too.

It's outdated and nonsensical that this role still falls automatically to the president's spouse.

So hire it out, and then let Melania blithely ignore the performative aspects of first ladyship. She wouldn't have to Be Best. She wouldn't even have to be doing these tasks at all.

The Washington Post

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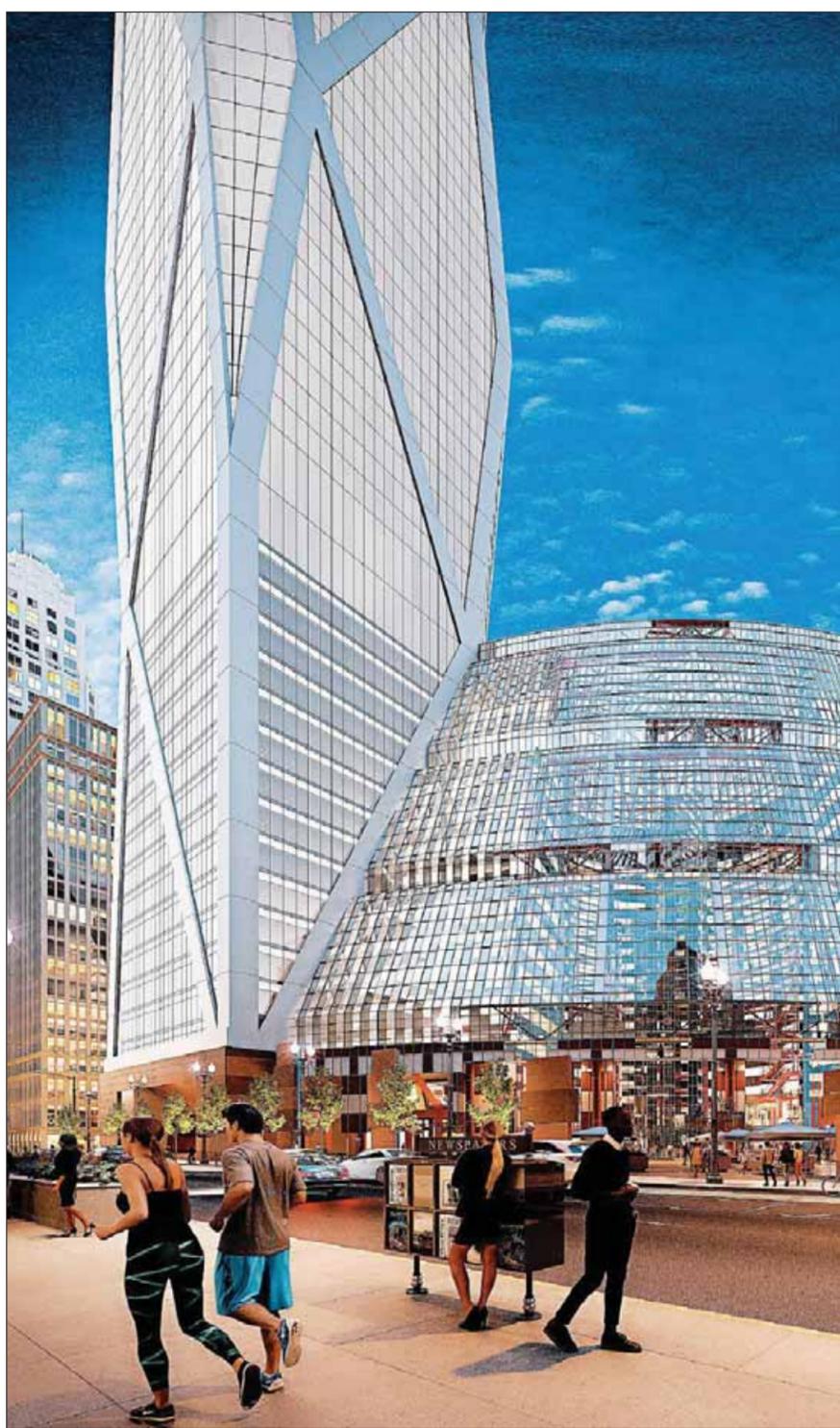
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A plan for changing the James R. Thompson Center would include a hotel and residential skyscraper.

Thompson Center gets a reprieve

State officials no longer assume a sale would net \$300M



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

The future of the James R. Thompson Center, which many historic preservationists love and many sidewalk superintendents hate, is again in flux. Gov. Bruce Rauner had sought to sell the Helmut Jahn-

designed, postmodern glitter palace to a private developer. The governor anticipated that a buyer would demolish the poorly maintained Loop building and erect a massive skyscraper in its place.

But state officials no longer assume, as they once did, that Illinois will reap \$300 million from a sale of the Thompson Center in the 2019 fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2019.

That bit of news, which was buried in the state's Nov. 15 economic and fiscal policy

report, brought a sense of relief, if only a temporary one, to preservationists who want to save the 33-year-old center.

"We're trying to reach out to the Pritzker camp to meet on any number of issues. ... This building is definitely on our list," Lisa DiChiera, director of advocacy for Landmarks Illinois, the Chicago-based statewide historic preservation group, said Wednesday, referring to Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker.

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Lampert, Cyrus teaming up on bid for Sears takeover

BY LAUREN COLEMAN-LOCHNER AND ELIZA RONALDS-HANNON
Bloomberg News

Cyrus Capital Partners and a hedge fund run by Sears Holdings Corp. Chairman Edward Lampert are preparing a potential joint takeover bid that would keep the bankrupt chain alive, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

The prospective suitors may offer to swap debt that they hold for ownership of the stores in a so-called credit bid, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the process isn't public.

Representatives for Lampert's ESL Investments hedge fund and Cyrus declined to comment. A representative for Sears, based in Hoffman Estates, also declined to comment. A takeover would require approval from the

bankruptcy court, and competing bids from other suitors are still possible, including one that would liquidate the company.

Lampert has said he was considering making an offer to keep Sears open for business. But the retailer has struggled to obtain financing just to stay open during its bankruptcy proceedings, and said this week it will need an additional \$239 million by February.

Just days earlier, Cyrus and Sears found themselves at odds over the company's plan to raise cash by selling notes to debt traders — a move that would devalue a side bet Cyrus had made on the bankrupt retailer's survival. Cyrus ultimately wound up buying those notes itself, and in a last-minute courthouse hallway deal on Tuesday, it stepped in to provide key bankruptcy financing the retailer needs to keep operating.

McDonald's remodels to take longer than planned

BY LESLIE PATTON
Bloomberg News

McDonald's is slowing the pace of domestic restaurant remodels that Chief Executive Officer Steve Easterbrook has championed since he took the helm in 2015.

The world's biggest restaurant chain, which had originally planned to update most of its free-standing U.S. locations by 2020, is now giving its franchises until the end of 2022 to include additions like self-order kiosks, new systems for more delivery orders and extra drive-thru lanes at some locations.

The extended timeline for the "experience of the future" remodeling comes as the burger chain faces appears to face pushback from its franchisees, who own and operate more than 90 percent of global locations. Those owners gathered in October to discuss cash flow and financial concerns, and they are scheduled to meet again next month. Although McDonald's has said it will contribute more than half of the funds to upgrade the restaurant locations for remodels completed by the end of 2020 and 40 percent for projects that take another year or two, the costs are still high for restaurant owners.

"This is a response to some of the franchisees' concerns," Bloomberg Intelligence ana-

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State legislators supported a six-month limit on short-term insurance plans.

Ill. bucks Trump's 'junk' insurance

Overriding veto, lawmakers limit plans to 6 months

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Illinois consumers will only be able to use controversial, short-term health insurance plans for about six months at a time now that the state legislature has voted to override Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto of a bill that sets that limit.

Dozens of Illinois consumer advocacy groups had supported the original bill, which took aim at a recent Trump administration change to the rules surrounding short-term plans. Such plans are generally cheaper than traditional health insurance but cover fewer services.

The plans were meant to serve as a stopgap for consumers between health insurance plans. But new federal rules allow them to be used for as long as three years. The Trump administration has said the rule change was meant to help more people get affordable coverage.

Consumer advocates, however, sought to limit the use of those plans in Illinois to just six months at a time through the bill.

The bill passed the legislature, but Rauner used his amendatory veto power to rewrite parts of the bill in August. The state Senate voted unanimously earlier this month to override that veto, and the House voted for the override 89-20 Tuesday.

"We are disappointed in the override because the bill limits consumer choice for people who are experiencing a gap in their coverage and are in need of short-term options," said Rauner spokeswoman Elizabeth Tomev in an email.

Many consumer advocates, however, have called short-term plans "junk" in-

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Marriott workers go on one-day strike

Medical district hotel management contested union vote validity

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Workers at the Chicago Marriott at Medical District/UIC are holding a one-day strike to protest what they say is the hotel's unwillingness to bargain for their first union labor contract.

Several dozen housekeepers and food service workers formed a picket line early Wednesday morning in front of the 113-room hotel at 625 S. Ashland Ave. in the University Village neighborhood, walking to the familiar sounds of drumbeats and bullhorns after a rash of Chicago hotel worker strikes this fall.

The employees voted to unionize and join UNITE HERE Local 1 in May. Davidson Hotels & Resorts, which manages the hotel, contested the validity of the election but was overruled by the National

Labor Relations Board, which certified the results on Aug. 28.

"We're demanding that the Marriott stop crying about the election and start negotiating, because the company has refused to bargain," Ana Sanchez, a striking housekeeper at the hotel, said in a news release. "The majority of us are in favor of the union and want to bargain together for just wages and better working conditions."

Sanchez is one of about three dozen striking workers at the recently renovated hotel, which is located on the University of Illinois at Chicago campus near Rush University Medical Center.

The hotel is owned by Xenia Hotels & Resorts, a real estate investment trust that invests primarily in premium hotels. Hotel management was not immediately available Wednesday morning for comment.

The one-day strike comes after 26 Chicago hotels saw loud, protracted walkouts beginning in September. Workers also represented by UNITE HERE Local 1



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Santos Hernandez joins other picketers Wednesday as they march in front of the Marriott at Medical District/UIC.

banged drums and picketed for weeks over employment conditions, most notably health care coverage.

UNITE HERE Local 1, which represents over 15,000 hotel and food service workers in the Chicago area, called the earlier strike after contracts covering some 6,000 workers expired, to demand year-round health insurance for employees who get temporarily laid off.

The only hotel where workers

remain on strike since September is the Cambria Chicago Magnificent Mile, at 166 E. Superior St. in the Gold Coast. In addition to pushing for year-round health care coverage, workers there are protesting a proposal to increase the number of rooms that housekeepers must clean in a day, Lyons said. "None of the hotels that settled have an increase in workload," she said.

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Preservationists work to save center

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Last year, the group released a plan, "Thompson Center Reimagined," which provided an alternative, designed by Jahn, to tearing down the building should the state sell it.

Under that plan, a hotel and residential skyscraper would be attached to center's southwest corner. The center's office floors, which open to its towering atrium, would be fully enclosed, ensuring acoustic privacy.

In addition, some ground-level walls would be removed, making the atrium an open-air urban space like Jahn's vibrant Sony Center in Berlin.

The incoming governor's intentions for the building are unknown.

After Pritzker defeated Rauner on Nov. 6, the governor-elect was asked if he, too, would pursue a sale of the Thompson Center.

His noncommittal response: His budget team would "have to look at that."

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's decision not to seek re-election adds another element of uncertainty to the center's future.

Emanuel and Rauner had struck a deal that

would have allowed Illinois to sell the building, which is a Chicago Transit Authority transportation hub as well as a state office building. But the deal collapsed.

So far, the candidates vying to succeed Emanuel have said little about the center's future.

Opened in 1985 as the State of Illinois Building and later renamed for its patron, former Gov. James R. "Big Jim" Thompson, the center was initially mired in controversy after temperatures spiked inside its sun-drenched offices.

The building's skin of salmon and robin's-egg blue, which was supposed to evoke the red, white and blue of the American flag, also drew criticism. In recent years, the financially troubled state has done little to maintain the center.

Yet the center remains one of Chicago's most important postmodern buildings and a major civic gathering space. The temporary reprieve from a state sale is thus welcome, if only because it will enable preservationists to marshal support for an alternative to demolition.

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Smithfield Foods and Dominion Energy plan to install equipment over hog waste ponds to harvest methane gas.

Farm-to-table? No, stove

Pork producer, energy firm to capture methane

BY STEVEN MUFSON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The world's largest pork producer is teaming up with a Virginia-based energy company to harness methane gas from thousands of noxious hog lagoons to both heat homes and combat climate change.

Food giant Smithfield and Dominion Energy, a large electric and gas utility, have agreed to spend \$125 million each over 10 years to cover hog lagoons in North Carolina, Virginia and Utah, capture methane gas and feed that into Dominion's pipeline network, the companies said.

The joint venture, which would be one of the largest animal waste-to-energy efforts of its kind, would be a step forward in containing U.S. agricultural emissions, which account for 9 percent of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions. The states were chosen because both companies have operations there.

"The environmental footprint of agriculture has to do with the crops fed to livestock but also the waste part of animal agriculture," Ken Sullivan, Smithfield

chief executive, said in an interview. "This effort is focused on the waste aspect in our endeavor to divert an inevitable part of the waste stream into something usable, that has economic benefit and, in the process, reduces our carbon footprint." He said farmers would benefit, too.

Methane also plays a key role in climate change. The gas is 25 times as potent a greenhouse gas as carbon dioxide, though it breaks down in a much shorter time frame of 10 to 20 years.

Smithfield has said it aims to introduce manure-to-energy projects covering 90 percent of the company's hog finishing spaces in North Carolina and Utah. Finishing spaces, where hogs spend about 20 weeks growing from 50 pounds to market weight, are the biggest farms. But the initial stage of the project will involve four clusters of 20 to 25 farms each.

The Environmental Protection Agency says that U.S. greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture have grown by approximately 17 percent since 1990. The driver behind that increase has been the 68 percent rise in emissions from livestock manure. Emissions from other agricultural sources have either remained flat or changed little since 1990.

Smithfield's hog-rearing operations — including both company and individual farmer owned — produce enough manure to account for 35 to 40 percent of the company's carbon footprint.

Sullivan vowed in late 2016 to reduce Smithfield's greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent from 2010 levels by 2025. Though he wouldn't disclose where the company stands now, he said Smithfield would spend hundreds of millions more in the effort.

"It's a heavy lift to get there," he said. "There's a fair amount left to do."

The company tried to capture methane about 13 years ago, efforts that were "pretty spectacular failures," Sullivan said. The company lost about \$25 million to \$30 million, he said. The company used digesters to convert the gas from manure to biodiesel. But the effort failed because new feed for the animals reduced the amount of energy in the manure and problems plagued some of the equipment.

This time, Smithfield hopes a different plan and assistance from Dominion will help iron out issues. The captured methane will be taken by pipeline or truck to Dominion facilities that remove water, carbon

dioxide and other gases so that the methane that remains can be fed into pipelines. That would crowd out other gas sources that are not renewable.

Smithfield will capture the gas by covering the lagoons with high-density plastic and digesters, equipment used to extract the key elements. This will, incidentally, keep some rainwater off in the event of a heavy downpour, like the rain that fell during Hurricane Florence, flooding the lagoons and spilling waste.

The model for the waste-to-energy project is OptimaBio's three-farm project in North Carolina that collects biogas streams at a common refinery for injection into a local natural gas pipeline.

Though natural gas prices, fed by shale drilling, have been low for years, Smithfield hopes to take advantage of better prices available in markets driven by regulations designed to boost renewable energy. Those include the renewable fuel standard and state mandates requiring utilities to meet certain targets for renewable energy use.

Dominion's chief executive, Tom Farrell, said the company wants to reduce its carbon footprint, which, according to him, is half as big as it was 15 years ago in its electric power business.

Lawmakers push back

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insurance. They've worried that consumers who buy the plans will be left in a lurch when they need care that often isn't covered, such as for pre-existing conditions, mental health and prescriptions.

Tuesday's veto override "will protect Illinois consumers from the new federal rule that basically turns back the clock on protections for consumers with pre-existing conditions," said Stephani Becker, associate director of health care justice at the Chicago-based Sargent Shriver National

Center on Poverty Law.

Other states have made similar moves against the use of short-term plans. New York, New Jersey and California have outlawed the use of short-term plans entirely, and other states have also recently passed laws limiting their use to less than a year.

The legislature's override of Rauner's veto comes as consumers select health insurance plans on the Obamacare exchange. Open enrollment for exchange plans runs through Dec. 15.

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Chain's 'future' will have to wait

McDonald's, from Page 1

lyst Mike Halen said. "The franchisees recently met because they're not happy with their profitability now. To me, this looks like an answer to that."

McDonald's independent group of franchisees, the National Owners Association, didn't reply to requests for comment. A spokeswoman for McDonald's declined to comment on the extended timeline but sent an emailed statement on changes at the company.

"Our growth strategy remains rooted in making positive food changes, offering new restaurant experiences and providing our guests better value," spokeswoman Andrea Abate wrote in the email, noting that about half of locations have been modernized already. "The adjustments we are making will allow us to continue on this path and provide great-



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

McDonald's is giving franchisees more time to make updates like ordering kiosks.

er local operator flexibility?"

In 2017, Easterbrook said the company's goal was to remodel most of its 14,000 domestic locations to the so-called Experience of the Future look by 2020. But on the latest earnings call, the company said the upgrades were taking longer than expected, crimping sales and customer traffic for franchisees even after re-opening.

"Restaurants have experienced a little longer downtime than we ex-

pected, so we're focused on limiting that in order to minimize the impact on sales and guest counts," Chief Financial Officer Kevin Ozan said on the call last month. "The sales and guest count recovery period after we complete a project has also been a little inconsistent, so we've put processes in place to execute strong grand reopening plans."

Fast-food chains across the industry have been trying to revamp restaurants to attract more diners in a fiercely competitive marketplace, where steep discounts have become the norm. Minimum wage hikes, along with a tight labor market, also are hurting franchisees, Bloomberg Intelligence's Halen said.

"While these companies are generating record earnings, the franchisees are really struggling," he said. "You have to keep the franchisees happy or things can turn ugly fast."

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Ford reworking plants to build more SUVs

Unlike GM, moves will transfer jobs, not cut workers

BY KEITH NAUGHTON
Bloomberg News

Ford Motor Co. is reworking its U.S. plants to lower costs and boost output of big sport utility vehicles. And unlike rival General Motors Co., the moves won't cut headcount.

The automaker will eliminate shifts at factories in Michigan and Kentucky and transfer about 1,150 workers to other plants to support stronger-selling models, spokeswoman Kelli Felker said.

A factory in Louisville that produces the slower-selling Escape and Lincoln MKC SUVs is going down to two shifts, from three, in the spring. Those 500 workers will move to another Ford plant in the city to boost production of the red-hot Lincoln Navigator and Ford Expedition SUVs, Felker said. Expedition retail sales are up 36 percent this year, while Navigator has soared by more than 80 percent.

In Flat Rock, Mich., Ford is dialing down to one shift, from two, at the factory producing the Mustang. Sales of the muscle car have declined 1.3 percent this year, including a 6 percent drop last month. About 500

workers there will move to a plant in Livonia, Mich., which produces transmissions for the F-150 and Ranger pickups, Felker said. Another 150 will be offered jobs at other Ford facilities, she said.

"Ford is rebalancing production at some of our U.S. plants, further increasing our efficiency while retaining jobs for all full-time hourly employees," Felker said.

The changes won't affect the Chicago Assembly Plant on the Southeast Side, where Ford makes Explorer and Police Interceptor SUVs and where the automaker plans to begin production of the new Lincoln Aviator, a



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midsize luxury SUV. The United Auto Workers union said its contract with the automaker pro-

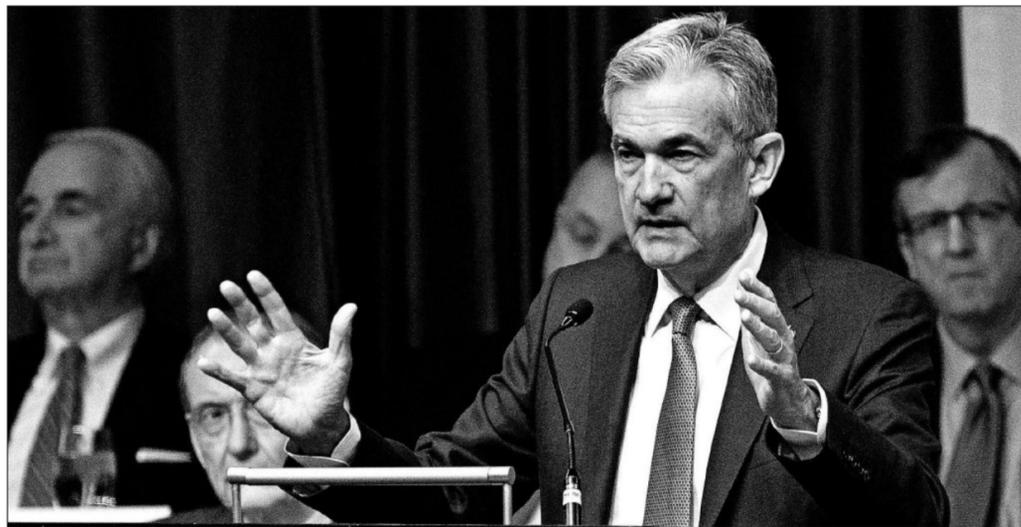
vides for the relocation of workers affected by shift reductions.

"The UAW will be work-

ing with our members to ensure they have continuous work and help minimize, as much as possible, any hardship on members and their families," Rory Gamble, UAW's vice president in charge of Ford, said in a statement.

Taking a plant down to one shift can threaten its survival. The three vehicle-assembly plants GM said earlier this week it plans to close are operating on this basis. But Ford has said it's investing \$200 million in Flat Rock and will begin building its new self-driving car there in 2021.

Chicago Tribune's Dan Petrella contributed.



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Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaks to the Economic Club of New York on Wednesday.

Fed chair suggests rate hikes may slow

BY DAMIAN PALETTA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell on Wednesday suggested the central bank could be close to slowing down the pace of its recent interest rate increases, saying rates are now just slightly below what he considers a "neutral" level.

His comments marked a sharp change from his position last month, when he said the Fed still had a "long way" to go before it reached that equilibrium.

U.S. stock markets soared on Powell's comments, as he appeared to signal that the Fed would not move forward aggressively to raise rates much further than it already has. The Dow Jones industrial average pushed up 61770 points, an increase of 2.5 percent, a surge that erased its November losses and put it back in positive territory for 2018.

Still, by saying rates were slightly lower than the level he perceives as "neutral," Powell's statement appears to be suggesting at least one

more interest rate increase is coming in the near future.

Powell's comments appear to implicitly reject arguments from President Donald Trump that past interest rate increases have been a mistake. The chairman has repeatedly asserted the Fed's independence, and there was no sign Wednesday's suggestion the central bank may slow the pace of rate hikes is related to Trump's criticisms.

"Interest rates are still low by historical standards, and they remain just below the broad range of estimates of the level that would be neutral for the economy, that is, neither speeding up nor slowing down growth," Powell told the Economic Club of New York.

Powell said his Fed colleagues and many other economists "are forecasting continued solid growth, low unemployment and inflation near 2 percent."

The Fed has already raised a key interest rate three times this year and is expected to raise the rate again next month.

Powell went out of his way to defend the Fed's

recent moves, and said "there is no preset policy path."

"Our gradual pace of raising interest rates has been an exercise in balancing risks," Powell said. "We know that moving too fast would risk shortening the expansion. We also know that moving too slowly — keeping interest rates too low for too long — could risk other distortions in the form of higher inflation or destabilizing financial imbalances. Our path of gradual increases has been designed to balance these two risks, both of which we must take seriously."

Trump has unloaded criticism aimed at Powell in recent weeks, as the president has blamed the central bank chief for raising interest rates in a way that Trump says has unsettled the stock market. It is very unusual for a president to criticize the Fed, which is supposed to operate independent of politics.

"I'm not happy with the Fed," Trump said Tuesday. "They're making a mistake, because I have a gut, and my gut tells me more sometimes than anybody else's

brain can ever tell me."

The Fed is tasked with maximizing employment and stabilizing prices. By controlling interest rates, it aims to prevent the economy from overheating in a way that eventually leads to a recession.

But knowing when to raise interest rates can be challenging, and people often have different opinions about how much running room the Fed should permit.

In response to questions after his speech, Powell noted recent stock market volatility but said the Fed was largely focused on slower-moving trends that tell him more about the health of the economy. He also described the Fed's cautious approach toward raising interest rates as akin to being in a room with furniture when the lights go out and then having to proceed carefully to avoid bumping into anything.

The Fed report also notes that America's banks are strongly capitalized, well poised to absorb the kind of shocks to the financial system that sent Wall Street into a tailspin in 2008.

AbbVie drug case: U. of W. ordered to pay \$32M

BY CHRISTOPHER YASIEJKO
Bloomberg News

The University of Wisconsin's patent-licensing arm must pay Washington University in St. Louis, its former partner in medical research, \$31.6 million for breaching a royalties contract related to the sale of an AbbVie kidney-disease drug.

The judgment, issued Monday alongside a sealed opinion in federal court in Wilmington, Del., marks the culmination of a rare legal fight involving two universities that had formed a patent-licensing deal with a corporation.

The dispute has its roots in the early 1990s, when researchers at Washington University and Wisconsin began collaborating on treatments of conditions associated with kidney disease. The scientists applied for a patent connected to one such treatment in 1995, and the schools signed an agreement allowing the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, which handles licensing for the university, to take the lead in obtaining the patent and licensing it in return for a larger share of any royalties.

WARF licensed the patent to Abbott Laboratories in 1998 for use in connection with the drug Zemplar. AbbVie, based in North Chicago, was spun off from

Abbott in 2013. Washington University claimed WARF breached their deal by undervaluing the patent, and that it was misled by WARF because it couldn't accurately value the patent on its own.

The lawsuit was complicated because the patent is one of almost three dozen tied to Zemplar, with royalties distributed among owners.

Lawyers for Washington University said during a trial that WARF told the school in 2013 that the patent was "meaningless and largely irrelevant," though it assured Abbott in 1998 that the patent "directly supports" Zemplar. Washington University sought more than \$38 million in the lawsuit.

A Washington University spokeswoman praised the ruling. "The court recognized WARF's failure to properly value the co-owned patent and the contributions of Washington University's researcher, and to share critical information with Washington University," Caroline Arbanas said. "We remain disappointed that WARF would not negotiate a resolution and that we had to resolve this matter through the court system."

WARF is reviewing the decision, said Jeanan Yasiri Moe, a spokeswoman for the foundation.



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The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is building a new headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Lion Air black box shows struggle for control

BY NINEK KARMIN AND DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Black box data collected from their crashed Boeing 737 MAX 8 show Lion Air pilots struggled to maintain control as the aircraft's automatic safety system repeatedly pushed the plane's nose down, according to a preliminary investigation into last month's disaster.

The investigators are focusing on whether faulty information from sensors led the plane's system to force the nose down. The new 737 MAX 8 plunged into the Java Sea on Oct. 29, killing all 189 people on board.

Information from the Lion Air jet's flight data recorder was included in a briefing for the Indonesian Parliament. Indonesian authorities released the findings Wednesday but were not expected to draw conclusions from the data they presented.

Peter Lemme, an expert in aviation and satellite communications and a former Boeing engineer,

wrote an analysis of the data on his blog.

The MAX aircraft is the latest version of Boeing's popular 737 jetliner. It is equipped with an automated system that pushes the nose down if a sensor detects that the nose is pointed so high that the plane could go into an aerodynamic stall.

The crash appears to have been caused by a mix of brand-new technology and cockpit confusion as the pilots fought to gain altitude after an early morning takeoff from Jakarta. The flight crew — at an altitude of just 5,000 feet — had very little time to resolve the issue before the plane crashed into the sea at a reported 450 miles per hour.

The aircraft's pilots asked to return to Jakarta just two minutes after takeoff, reporting a "flight-control problem" but didn't specify what it was.

Black box data released by Indonesian investigators showed that the pilots were pulling back on the control column, attempting to raise the plane's nose,

with almost 100 pounds of pressure before they crashed.

Lemme described "a deadly game of tag" in which the plane pointed down, the pilots countered by manually aiming the nose higher, only for the sequence to repeat about five seconds later. That happened 26 times during the 11-minute flight, but pilots failed to recognize what was happening and follow the known procedure for countering incorrect activation of the automated safety system, Lemme told The Associated Press.

Lemme said he was also troubled that there weren't easy checks to see if sensor information was correct, that the crew of the fatal flight apparently wasn't warned that similar problems had occurred on previous flights, and that the Lion Air jet wasn't fully repaired after those flights.

"Had they fixed the airplane, we would not have had the accident," he said. "Every accident is a combination of events, so there is disappointment all around

here," he said.

Boeing spokesman Charles Bickers said the company is "taking every measure to fully understand all aspects of this accident."

The company said last week that it remains confident in the safety of the 737 MAX and had given airlines around the world two updates to "re-emphasize existing procedures for these situations."

Boeing has reassured travelers and airlines that its 737 MAX aircraft are as safe as any other airplane and noted that the report on the details of the doomed flight cited actions by the flight crew that led to the crash.

More than 200 MAX jets have been delivered to airlines around the world. It is the most popular plane in Boeing history, with 453 delivered so far and 4,671 on order. It is flown or is on order by close to 40 airlines, with Lion Air in the process of receiving more than 200 of jets.

The Washington Post contributed.

Former govt. student loan official opens new firm

BY KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A former top government official who oversaw the \$1.5 trillion student loan market has decided to start a new private organization that he believes will do a better job protecting student borrowers than his current government counterparts.

Seth Frotman resigned from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in August. In a much publicized resignation letter, he alleged that the current administration was failing at its job of protecting student borrowers and impeding other people's ability to do so. After a three-month hiatus, Frotman is launching his own organization, called the Student Borrower Protection Center.

"The federal government hasn't just walked away from the fight on behalf of borrowers, it is actually arming the other side," Frotman said in a statement. "The Student Borrower Protection Center is

here to fight back — in state capitals, in Congress, in court, and in communities across the country."

Roughly 44 million Americans have some sort of student loan outstanding, with an average amount of debt around \$30,000.

Frotman hopes his new organization will be able to step in and help state and local authorities where enforcement at the federal level has been scaled back under President Donald Trump. The organization is partnering with the University of California, Irvine to publish new research on the issue of student loans.

For example, five states are suing Navient, one of the nation's largest student loan servicing companies, alleging the company steered borrowers into higher cost repayment plans. Navient denies those allegations, but an AP investigation found that the Department of Education had evidence that the states' lawsuits against Navient may have merit and chose to withhold that report from authorities.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,368.93 Low: 24,832.84 Previous: 24,748.73



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+208.89 (+2.95%)	+61.62 (+2.30%)	+37.52 (+2.51%)
Close: 7,291.59	Close: 2,743.79	Close: 1,530.38
High: 7,292.71	High: 2,744.00	High: 1,530.71
Low: 7,090.98	Low: 2,684.38	Low: 1,486.34
Previous: 7,082.70	Previous: 2,682.17	Previous: 1,492.86

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 3.04%	+1.00 to \$1,212.20	-0.26 to 113.53/\$1	-0.0061 to .8791/\$1	-1.27 to \$50.29

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +3.69	NASD +4.58	S&P +3.54	DOW +1.00	NASD -.20	S&P +1.18	DOW +5.96	NASD +6.85	S&P +4.48

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	497.25	501	494.75	497.50	-.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	356.25	361.50	356	360.50	+4
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	876.25	895	874	890.50	+15
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	27.17	27.75	27.17	27.73	+.57
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	305.50	309.80	304.50	307.90	+3.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	52.09	52.56	50.06	50.29	-1.27
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 18	4.199	4.806	4.190	4.740	+4.78
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 18	1.4399	1.4496	1.3925	1.3979	-.0229

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
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AbbVie Inc	N	88.94	+1.26	Equity Residential	N	70.22	+3.37
Allstate Corp	N	89.16	+1.66	Exelon Corp	N	45.82	+2.29

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
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Alphabet Inc C	1086.23	+41.82
Alphabet Inc A	1091.79	+39.51

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.50	+7.6	+7.1
American Funds AmrenBala m	27.20	+3.4	+3.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	47.73	+8.3	+4.1

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

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Microsoft Corp	111.12	+3.98
Apple Inc	180.94	+6.70

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	CLOSE	PREV.
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Platinum	\$826.30	\$835.30

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Israel (Shekel)	3.7339
Japan (Yen)	113.53
Mexico (Peso)	20.2491
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So. Korea (Won)	1122.96
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.81
Thailand (Baht)	32.89

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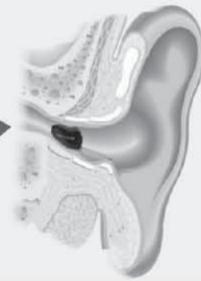
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OBITUARIES

OLIVIA HOOKER 1915-2018

One of the last survivors of Tulsa Race Massacre

BY DE'NEEN L. BROWN
The Washington Post

Olivia Hooker called it "The Catastrophe," the notorious 48 hours of fire and death that leveled "Black Wall Street" in Tulsa. She was 6 at the time of the Tulsa Race Massacre, which erupted on May 31, 1921, when a white lynch mob descended on the courthouse where a black teenager was being held.

A group of black war veterans tried to protect the teen, and in the ensuing violence, as many as 300 black people died and thousands more saw their homes and livelihoods destroyed by torch. Some people were burned alive, and 40 square blocks of business and residential property — valued then at more than \$1 million — were destroyed.

Dr. Hooker later was among the first black women to serve in the Coast Guard and retired as an associate professor of psychology at Fordham University in New York. But at the time of her death on Nov. 21 at 103, she had also become one of the last known survivors of the Tulsa Race Massacre and an enduring witness to what is often regarded as the deadliest episode of racial violence in American history — and one that was long an afterthought in history texts, if mentioned at all.

In interviews, she recalled the details of the rampage through a young girl's frightened eyes. Her father had been an owner of a department store in the community of Greenwood, a center of commerce known as Black Wall Street. When the mob marched on Greenwood, burning houses and shooting people in the street, her mother hid her and her siblings under a big oak dining-room table as their home was being ransacked.

"We could see what they were doing," she told The Washington Post in June. "They took everything they thought was valuable. They smashed everything they couldn't take. My mother had [opera singer Enrico] Caruso records she loved. They smashed the Caruso records."

They also poured oil over her grandmother's bed but didn't light it because members of the white mob were still in the house.

"It took me a long time to get over my nightmares," she told The Post. "I was keeping my family awake screaming."

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FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

"It was quite a trauma to find out people hated you for your color," said Olivia Hooker of the 1921 massacre.

As a little girl, her most searing memory of the massacre was what the mob did to her doll. "My grandmother had made some beautiful clothes for my doll. It was the first ethnic doll we had ever seen. ... She washed them and put them on the line. When the marauders came, the first thing they did was set fire to my doll's clothes. I thought that was dreadful."

Her family survived the massacre. Her father temporarily relocated the family — including her mother and their five children — to Topeka, Kansas, while her father remained in Oklahoma attempting to rebuild his business. He later went on a speaking tour to black Methodist churches to bear witness to the murder and incineration in Tulsa.

Hooker returned to Tulsa to attend Booker T. Washington High School. "The teachers were scholars, and they were determined every child would do his best, every child would be taught the King's English," she recalled to The Post.

Later, during World War II, she was part of her Delta Sigma Theta sorority's efforts to integrate the Navy. She told The Post that she applied to the Navy, which had started accepting women. "They wrote back and said there is a complication. They wouldn't tell me what the complication was."

Instead, she enlisted in the Coast Guard in early 1945, three years after Congress passed a law approving the creation of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve to help fill jobs vacated by men who went abroad to fight in the war. Hooker became one of the first African American women to join the women's reserve, known as SPARS.

She was stationed in Boston and performed administrative duties before the SPARS program was dis-

banded in 1946. She was discharged as a petty officer 2nd class, according to a Coast Guard report, then went on to complete her doctorate. She became a senior clinical lecturer at Fordham in 1963 and retired from the university in 1985.

Thirty years later, the Coast Guard named a building on Staten Island after her, breaking a tradition of ship- and building-christening in honor of only those who have died. The service said it was making an exception because of her "distinguished service to the Coast Guard and her wonderful efforts in serving and helping others."

Olivia Juliet Hooker was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Feb. 12, 1915, and was one of five children. She graduated from Ohio State in 1937, then taught elementary school in Columbus, Ohio. In 1947, she received a master's degree in psychology from Teachers College at Columbia University. In 1961, she earned a doctorate from the University of Rochester.

She died at her home in White Plains, New York, said her goddaughter, Janis Porter, who did not provide an immediate cause. She had no immediate survivors.

In 1997, Hooker worked on the Tulsa Race Riot Commission, which investigated the massacre and issued a report in 2001 "detailing for the first time the extent of the city and state government's involvement in the riot and in the cover-up that followed and the total lack of remedy available in the courts at the time," according to a congressional report.

Tulsa was racially segregated and reeling from a recent lynching when Dick Rowland, a 19-year-old shoe shiner, walked to the Drexel Building, which had the only toilet downtown available to black people. Rowland stepped into an elevator. Sarah Page, a white elevator operator, began to shriek.

"While it is still uncertain as to precisely what happened in the Drexel Building on May 30, 1921, the most common explanation is that Rowland stepped on Page's foot as he entered the elevator, causing her to scream," the Oklahoma Historical Society reported.

As Hooker sat in the front row at a Coast Guard ceremony in 2015, she watched as President Barack Obama honored her, recounting her life story. He described her as a "tireless voice for justice and equality."

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In Memoriam



Harold 'Hal' Horstman

Born 1919, November 2018, you would have been 99. Proud WWII decorated veteran. Loved you then, Love you now. Bette & Millie
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Adamski, Dr. Edwin J. "Buz"

Dr. Edwin J. "Buz" Adamski Jr., 69, of Kildeer for 40 years. He was born in Chicago on Aug. 20, 1949 and passed away Nov. 21, 2018 surrounded by his family. He graduated from Weber High School, Loyola University of Chicago, and Loyola Stritch School of Medicine before becoming a physician for over 40 years. Following in his father's footsteps, Buz became the President of the medical staff of Presence Resurrection Hospital, where he and his father were the first family physician duo of the hospital. He loved practicing medicine and took over his father's practice in Niles. His patients loved him and many would come in to the office to thank him for saving their lives. In addition to his love for his patients, Buz was an avid outdoorsman and a master of all trades. If something was broken, he could fix it, if not, he had a spare. He loved spending as much time as he could with family and friends at the family cabin in Stone Lake, WI. Buz had the best jokes and left everyone in laughter. He was the beloved husband of Sandra R. Adamski (nee LoSasso) for 43 years; loving father of Elizabeth A. (Justin) Leep, Edwin J. (Cara) Adamski III, and Sarah K. (Keith) Garner; cherished grandfather of Ellie M. Adamski; dear brother of Roberta J. (Ted) Mirski, Donna J. (the late Cas) Zgonina, and Susan C. (Tony) Stevens. Buz was preceded in death by his caring parents Dr. Edwin J. Adamski Sr. and Rosalie H. Adamski (nee Biba). He also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues, patients and friends. Buz left a profound impact on everyone that he met and will be greatly missed by all. Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday Dec. 1 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 135 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich, IL. Please omit flowers. Arrangements were made by Grove Memorial Chapel. For info 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com



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Baker nee CONSENTINO, Dolores 'DEE'

Dear Mother of Bob (Army), Becky (Steve) and the late Tony, Cookie (Brad). Loving Grandmother to Bobby, Jeff, Lauren, Anthony, Jessica, Vanessa, Stephanie, Nathan, Raymond. Beloved Great Grandmother. Memorial Mass will be held on December 1, 2018 at 11:00 am at Nativity of our Lord Church, 653 W 37th St, Chicago, IL. Gathering at 10:00 am. Father Bill McFarlane Celebrant
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Benakovich, Mel

Mel Benakovich, Army Veteran, age 78, beloved husband of Mary Lou (nee Johnson). Cherished father of Michael (Jana) and Mark (fiancée Christine). Dear grandfather of Lt. Christopher; U.S. Army, Madison (Blaine) Walley and Mary Elli Benakovich. Devoted brother of the late John, Helen (Mathew) Zorich, Dennis (Kathryn) Benakovich. Also loving nieces and great-nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 9am from RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Mass 10am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3pm to 9pm. Avid Hunter. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Misericordia Heart of Mercy appreciated. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.
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Bickel, William E.

William E. Bickel, age 85, Korean War Army Veteran, beloved husband of the late Marilyn, nee Muszynski; loving father of William F. (Karen), and Robert J. (Lisa); cherished grandfather of Robert (Lisa), Ashley (Michael) Ventura, Bailey, and Debra; dear great-grandfather of Natalie and Robert; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. William was a Chicago Police Officer for 33 years, a member of the German American Police Association and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #7. Visitation at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles on Friday from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 11:15 am to St. John Brebeuf Church Mass 12 Noon. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Callahan, Ann Marie

Ann Marie Callahan nee Faron. Age 87. Mokena resident formerly of Tinley Park, Richton Park and Chicago's West Pullman Neighborhood. Graduate of Fenger High School Class of 1950. Worked as a sales lady at the Jewel Box Jewelry Store in Lincoln Mall. Wife of the late Donald C. Callahan. Mother of Kathy Callahan and Mary Lou (Scott) Cioffi. Grandma of Beezy (Kyle) Strutz and Nicholas Cioffi. Daughter of late Sofia nee Majkrzak and Michael Faron. Sister of Sophie (late Stanley) Skarson, Walter (LeeAnn) Faron, Jeanne (late Lowell) Atterberry and the late Frank (late Lillian) Faron, Michael (late Josephine) Faron, John (late Lillian) Faron, Rosalie (late Charles) Whalen, Chester (Mildred) Faron and Baby Stanley Faron. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Resting Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, 530 W 14th St (US Rt 30, 3 blks E of Western Ave), Chicago Heights on Friday November 30th from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 9:45 am from funeral home to St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Matteson. Mass 10:30 am. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orland Park. 708-481-9230 and panozzobros.com.
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Centella, Beverly Ann

Beverly A. Centella (née Muscari), age 75, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was born in Chicago to Joseph and Estelle Muscari on January 14, 1943 and was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Joe. Beverly was the center of her large, close-knit family and was married to her beloved husband Lawrence "Larry" for 56 years. Together they raised four daughters, Justine (Scott) Repplinger, Kim (Jim) Roach, Karen (Brian) Abry and Jill (Whitford Kuhn) Centella and have 12 grandchildren who will deeply miss their cherished Busia. In addition to raising her family and being actively involved with her grandchildren, Beverly worked for many years as a dedicated school secretary in District 21, assisting many students, parents and teachers. Visitation will be held at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine on Friday, November 30 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm. Funeral mass will be held at St. Francis de Sales, 135 S. Buesching Rd., Lake Zurich on Saturday, December 1 at 2:30pm. Our special thanks to the entire ICU staff at Lutheran General Hospital who were very involved in her care and compassionate to Beverly during her illness. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Smile Train. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Beverly's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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Chorazy, Marianna

Marianna Chorazy. nee Kazimierczak. Age 97. Beloved Wife of the late Leon. Loving Mother of Zbigniew and the late Christopher. Preceded in death by her 2 sisters and 4 brothers. Fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday from 4 PM until 8 PM at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL. Funeral Saturday 9:15 AM to St. John Brebeuf Church for a 10 AM Mass. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral info. 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Cizek, Dorothy J. 'Dot'

Dorothy J. Cizek, "Dot", age 93, a former resident of Carillon Lakes in Crest Hill and longtime of Westchester, IL, passed away November 27, 2018. She was born on January 17, 1925 in Chicago. Beloved wife of 60 years to Emil; loving mother of Craig (Kathy) and Brian (Julie) Cizek; cherished grandmother of Katlyn, Kelsey, Heather and Connor; devoted daughter of the late Anton and Marie Veverka; dear sister of the late Rose, Emily, Joe, Tony, Agnes and Mary. Dot enjoyed traveling and soaking in the sunshine on the many beaches she visited. She always found time for dancing and playing card games. Above all she loved spending time with her grandchildren. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Dot's life, memorials to St. Ambrose Church would be greatly appreciated. Visitation Saturday, Dec. 1, 9:00-10:30 AM at Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, corner of Routes 30 & 59, Plainfield. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 1703 Burry Cr., Crest Hill. All are invited to meet inside the Wolf Rd. gate at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL for committal services at 1:00 PM. For information please call 815/436-9221 or visit www.overman-jones.com

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Davies, W. Allen

Allen Davies of Lake Forest passed away peacefully on November 9, 2018 at the Lake Forest Place nursing facility. He was born December 6, 1930 in Houston, TX. Allen earned a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Rice University and a SM degree in Chemical Engineering from M.I.T. A summer job with the Pan American Refining Company led to a career working for it and its successors, ultimately retiring from Amoco Corporation after 38 years. Allen designed refineries in Texas City, TX and Whiting, IN, rising to Director of Planning & Economics to supply Amoco refineries worldwide. He represented Amoco Internationally and served on the management committee of Amoco Production. His work took him on many trips to Europe, Egypt, the Middle East and the Philippines. When he retired he was the Manager of Investor Relations for Amoco.

A strong sense of civic duty lead him to serve on the Lake Forest District 67 Board of Education as president for 5 years and on the Lake Forest City Council for 7 years. He was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. He also served on the boards of the Lake Forest Symphony, Friends of the Lake Forest Library, and the Chicago Hearing Society. In addition, he helped form AmoCARES, a group of retired Amoco employees that does volunteer community service. He loved music, frequently attending concerts by the Lake Forest and Chicago Symphonies and Ars Viva. At home, he listened to an extensive record collection and had lifelong interests in woodworking and photography. He built many furniture pieces for his home and his family. He brought the Northshore Photography Club to Lake Forest Place retirement community to share his enthusiasm and encourage other amateur photographers, as president then news editor for many years. Allen was in great demand to take photographs for local organizations, including churches and the Boy Scouts. He also enjoyed hiking, singing in the church choir, and traveling around the world, which he documented in many self published travelogues.

Allen is predeceased by his brother Tom and his parents, R. Glenn Davies and Jewel Robinson Davies, and step-mother Grace Kniseley (nee Ryan) Davies. He is survived by his wife, Eliza (nee Taggart), and his three children, Bill Davies and his wife Candy (nee Ermilio), Carolyn (nee Davies) Holt and her husband Rick Holt, and Steve Davies and his wife Laurie McFarlane, as well as seven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. A memorial service will be held in January at the Lake Forest Place Chapel, 1100 Jubilee Dr, Lake Forest, IL. The interment will be a private ceremony for the family at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to support the Chicago Hearing Society. www.chicago-hearingsociety.org. Info: [Wenban Funeral Home](http://www.wenbanfuneralhome.com) (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfuneralhome.com

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In 1947 the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1952 President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower kept his campaign promise to visit Korea to assess the ongoing conflict.

In 1956 the musical "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway.

In 1961 a chimpanzee named Enos was launched from Cape Canaveral

aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited the Earth twice before returning.

In 1963 President Lyndon Johnson named a commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

In 1964 the U.S. Roman Catholic Church instituted sweeping changes in the liturgy, including the use of English instead of Latin.

In 1967 Defense Secretary Robert McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to

become president of the World Bank.

In 1972 the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut at Andy Capp's Tavern in Sunnyvale, Calif.

In 1981 actress Natalie Wood drowned off California's Santa Catalina Island in what was described as

In 1987 a Korean Air 707 jetliner en route from Abu Dhabi to Bangkok was destroyed by a bomb planted by North Korean agents with the loss of all 115 people aboard.

In 1989, in response to a growing pro-democracy movement in Czechoslovakia, the Communist-run parliament ended the party's 40-year monopoly on power.

In 1996 a U.N. court sentenced Bosnian Serb soldier Drazen Erdemovic to 10 years in prison for his role in the massacre of 1,200 Muslims. It was the first international war crimes sentence since World War II.

In 2003 gunmen in Iraq ambushed and killed two Japanese diplomats; seven members of Spain's military intelligence agency were killed in Mahmoudiya.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS
Nov. 28
Powerball 04 19 59 68 69 / 21
Powerball jackpot: \$171M
Lotto jackpot: \$22.25M
Pick 3 midday 485 / 5
Pick 4 midday 9745 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday 05 09 16 17 41
Pick 3 evening 144 / 7
Pick 4 evening 1482 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto evening 01 09 19 28 35

Nov. 30 Mega Millions: \$190M

WISCONSIN
Nov. 28
Megabucks 09 16 18 20 23 34
Pick 3 232
Pick 4 0279
Badger 5 07 09 11 25 28
SuperCash 07 12 14 27 32 33

INDIANA
Nov. 28
Lotto 01 27 30 33 34 35
Daily 3 midday 889 / 7
Daily 4 midday 6320 / 7
Daily 3 evening 479 / 7
Daily 4 evening 7758 / 7
Cash 5 15 19 20 24 43

MICHIGAN
Nov. 28
Lotto 01 14 16 17 19 33
Daily 3 midday 668
Daily 4 midday 7571
Daily 3 evening 839
Daily 4 evening 0111
Fantasy 5 04 07 20 29 33
Keno 04 06 08 09 17 18
22 23 26 29 30 35 38 46
48 50 53 61 69 71 76 79

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Davis, William R.

William Reese Davis, age 96 at rest November 26, 2018. Beloved husband to the late Virginia Elizabeth Davis for 63 years. Loving father of Patrick (Colleen) Davis, Kathleen (Thomas) Miller, and the late William Jack Davis; beloved son of the late William and Janet Davis; fond grandfather of Christian (Chasidi), Michelle, Brittany, and William Morgan; great grandfather of William Reese, Thomas Ross, and Ryan Lynn; loving brother of Robert and the late Shelby, Jack, and Karl. William's family played Kentucky folk music on WLS radio during the late 30's and helped shape country music as we know it today. He served his country honorably during World War II while being deployed with the 3367 Signal Service Battalion, during the liberation of the Philippines and the China Burma India Campaign. "Bill" was best known for his wonderful guitar playing, surpassed only by his huge heart which touched everyone who ever came in contact with him. Tears for Bill outnumbered the snowflakes that fell on the day he died. Visitation will be Friday, November 30, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services will begin Saturday at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. until time of chapel service at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Calvary Church Benevolence Fund, 5906 S. Rte 31 Crystal Lake, IL 60014. For more info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Fischer, Anna

Anna Fischer, nee Rill, age 88, passed away peacefully at her home on November 27th. Anna was the loving wife of the late Franz; dearest daughter of the late Theresa and Paul Rill; beloved sister of the late Paul and Christian Rill. Anna was a former member of the Friendship Club at Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Visitation Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to Our Lady, Mother of the Church for Mass at 9:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Fisher, William G.

William G. Fisher age 79 of Elmhurst, Illinois and Southaven, Michigan passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband to R. Marilyn Fisher nee Stanton. Loving father of Celeste (James) Durkin, Joanne (Jon) Smith, Julie (Thomas) Arneri and Gregory (Anuradha) Fisher. Loving stepfather to Jason Grotto and Joshua (Elena) Grotto. Proud grandfather to Adrienne (Matthew Sloan), Madeline Barnabee, Emma (Owen Fuller) Caroline Durkin. Thomas, Matthew, Emily and Anthony Arneri. Connor, Paige and Ryan Smith. Rajan, Pallavi, Malini and Priya Fisher and Florence Grotto. Dear brother of the late Robert (Carol) Fisher, Mary (Don) Cambria. Beloved son to the late Elizabeth and late William Fisher. Fond uncle to many. William began his career as one of the first employees at Ryan Insurance, known today as Aon Corporation. He eventually rose to the highest level at the company, which is one of the world's largest insurers. After retiring from Aon, he founded American Guardian Warranty Services and built it into a thriving nationwide business. Upon retiring from American Guardian, he dedicated his life to being a full time grandpa. He loved attending sporting events, plays, musical concerts and was an avid film buff, catching a flick every Friday with friends and family. Among his greatest pleasures was watching the sunset on the bluff at his South Haven, Michigan, summer home with a glass of wine and all of his family. St Ignatius College Preparatory High School, Quincy College. Visitation Thursday, November 29, 3:00-9:00 pm Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside between Mannheim and Wolf Roads. Friends and family are to meet for the Funeral mass Friday November 30 directly at Immaculate Conception Church, 134 Arthur in Elmhurst, at 9:30 am. Interment is private. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit William's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign his guestbook. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to JDRF Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation www.jdrf.org/donate



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Gadacz, Arthur S.

Arthur S. Gadacz of Schaumburg for 35 years, beloved husband of 67 years of Shirley nee Hultgren; loving father of Donna Lynn (William) Cole and Arlene Mary Welnicke; cherished grandfather of Cory Joseph (Lauren Cook) and Samantha Elaine Welnicke; dear brother of the late Edward (the late Florence) Gadacz, George (the late Eleanor) Gadacz and Virginia (the late Tom) Klucznik. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 8:00p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Rd.) Roselle. Funeral Friday 11:00a.m. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. (630) 529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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Gillespie, Peter M.

Peter M. Gillespie, 81, formerly of Glen Ellyn, beloved husband for 59 years of Virginia; loving father of Sue Crispin, Anne (Jeff) DiSandro, the late Jim Gillespie, Kathy Gillespie and Maureen (Dar) Samsami; proud grandfather of Shannon, Michael, Shelley (Matt), Kyle, Nicole, Lauren, Emma, Ian, Eamon, Eleanor and Seamus; cherished great-grandfather of Austin, Caleb, Grayson and Elton. Visitation, Sun, Dec 2, 2018 from 4-7 p.m. at **Hultgren Funeral Home**, Wheaton. Prayers, Mon, Dec 3, at 9 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral Mass, 10 a.m., St. Petronille Catholic Church, Glen Ellyn. Interment, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. Info and guest book online at hultgrenfh.com.

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Hartenstein, Richard 'Dick'

Passed on September 19th at the age of 90. A stock broker at A.G. Edwards and Wells Fargo for 40+ years. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 40 years, Dr. Sharon Walsh. Memorial service at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. - Sunday, December 2nd at 10am.

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Hernandez, Rudolph J.

Rudolph J. Hernandez 96, beloved husband of the late Lillian; loving father of Linda (David) Mancini, Laura (the late Bill) Davidson, and Marc (Cathy); dearest grandfather of Dawn (Steve) Weiner, Denise (Vince) Blonda, Jennifer (James) Sexton, Amber (Justin) and Melinda (Luke) Stanbery; dear great grandfather of Isabella, Gianna, Jaida, Vincent, Bill, Abigail, Amelia, Maddox, and Elianna; also many fond nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 10 AM from the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W Addison St. to St Priscilla Church for a 10:30 AM mass. Interment private. Visitation Friday 5 PM - 9 PM. In lieu of flowers masses preferred. 773-625-3444

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Isham, Sally Ann Ogden McPherson

Sally Ann Ogden McPherson Isham, age 93, passed away at Lake Forest Place, Lake Forest IL on November 26, 2018. Born on November 22, 1925 in Chicago IL to Donald F. and Frances Ogden West McPherson, Mrs. Isham grew up in Winnetka IL. She attended Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield MA and graduated from

Miss Porter's School in Farmington CT. Most of the summers of her youth were spent in Pittsfield at Court Hill, her maternal family homestead, where she became an avid rider and competed in many local horse shows.

Sally Ann McPherson married George Snow Isham at Court Hill on September 7, 1946. They spent their married life in Lake Forest IL, where she was active in numerous activities and organizations. She served on the Allendale Shelter Board and was involved in starting the Allendale Christmas Sale and Boutique. She was a member, president and honorary member of the Women's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Isham was also on an advisory committee of the National Cathedral in Washington DC and stitched two needlepoint kneelers which continue to be used in the Cathedral.

Sally Ann was an accomplished horticulturist who mastered the art of growing standards and topiaries. She nurtured many large topiaries which she called "her soldiers" and she entered them in numerous flower shows including "The Show of Summer" at the Chicago Botanic Garden, where she won the Elizabeth Platt Corning Medal for excellence in horticulture in 1994. Sally Ann was a long time member and honorary member of the Lake Forest Garden Club and the Johns Island Garden Club in Vero Beach FL.

She was an active and competitive golfer and enjoyed many years of playing and traveling with her husband. In their later years, they maintained a winter home in Vero Beach FL where she was a member of Johns Island Club and Riomar Country Club. She was a member of the United States Women's Golf Association and a longtime member of Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest IL. Most of all, Sally Ann was a resilient woman with a wonderful wit, sense of humor and a generous spirit. She was a caring and thoughtful friend. These virtues helped her weather the many challenges she encountered throughout her life with courage and grace. Mrs. Isham was a descendant of William B. Ogden, the first Mayor of Chicago. She is survived by her daughter, Janet Isham Field and her husband, H. James Field Jr. of Providence RI, two granddaughters, Elisabeth (Lisa) Mims (married to Andrew) of Dedham MA and Jennifer Whitman (married to Peter) of Wenham, MA and three great grandchildren: Adelaide Field Mims, Henry Walker Mims and Peter Field Whitman.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, November 30 at 10:30am at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Northwestern Memorial Hospital Foundation, 541 North Fairbanks Court, Chicago, IL 60611 and The Geneva Foundation of Presbyterian Homes, 3200 Grant Street, Evanston IL 60201. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com



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Ivaska, Sandra

On Wednesday, November 28, 2018, Sandra Ivaska (nee Hirsch), loving mother and friend passed away at the age of 82. She was a graduate of Luther North High School, a long time resident of Park Ridge, IL and member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church. Her laughter was infectious and her love of gardening and cooking was appreciated by all. She was preceded in death by her husband Milan, parents Herbert and Evelyn, and brother Harvey. She is survived by her son Al and wife Suzanne, her daughter Yvonne and husband Joe, grandchildren Erin and husband Jason, Paige, Frank Matthew, and great-granddaughter Clare. A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family.

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Joens, Betty Helen

Betty Helen Joens 1933-2018
Betty Helen Joens, nee Buchman, 84, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. Betty was born on December 28, 1933 in Elmhurst, the daughter of Henry and Frieda Buchman. She met Alan Joens of Blue Island while attending Elmhurst College and they were married on August 29, 1953. Betty was preceded in death by her husband Alan, who passed away on March 13, 2001, and by both her parents. She was also preceded in death by her older brother Edward, who passed away this past September. She is survived by her six children: Jeffrey (Ada) Joens of Miami, Florida; Thomas (Beth) Joens of Lombard; Kathryn (Thomas) Reich of Forest Park; Robert (Laura) Joens of Roselle; David (Mona Martin) Joens of Springfield; and Karen (Carl) Johnson of Eagle Mountain, Utah. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Barbara Joens, Ellis Joens, Elizabeth (Gabe) Conville, Sarah (Jeff) Wronkiewicz, Matthew Reich, Dakota Joens, Alex Joens, Benjamin Joens and Rachel Johnson. Her sister-in-law, Marilyn Buchman, also survives her, as do her nephews William, Edward, Michael, and Daniel Buchman, her niece Linda Bialla, her Godson Phillip Solomonson, and many, many friends. A resident of Lombard for 46 years, Betty worked for more than 20 years in customer service at J.C. Penney at Yorktown Shopping Center. She was an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard and of the Elmhurst Elks Club. For the past seven years she had been living at Lexington Square in Lombard and her family would like to express its deep gratitude to the wonderful staff who work there and the many great residents who live there. Betty was loved by all who knew her and made friends wherever she went. She travelled to Europe several times, the first time being as a child to be baptized in the Buchman family church in Wald, Switzerland. She was most proud of her children and grandchildren and was blessed with their constant visits, phone calls, love and support. A visitation will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at **Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home** on Roosevelt Road in Oak Brook Terrace. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with interment to be at Chapel Hill Gardens West. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Betty's name may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-DuPage County Chapter (www.namidupage.org) or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org). Info. 630 941-5860 or www.chapelhillgardenswest.com.

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Johnston, Nancy J.

Nancy Jayne Youngren Johnston died Nov. 16, 2018, at Seminary Village in Galesburg, Ill., after moving from 2800 N. Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, where she had lived for 25 years.



The oldest of James V. and Maude (nee Myers) Youngren's two children, Nancy was born in Galesburg on March 6, 1938, but spent her childhood in rural Henderson Grove. She directed youth choir and played organ and piano at Messiah Lutheran Church, and attended one-room Greenleaf School with her brother James A. Youngren. At 13, the family moved to west Fremont Street in Galesburg and Nancy attended Hitchcock Junior High School. She played bass violin in the Knox County Symphony while a student at Galesburg High School, from which she graduated in 1956.

After completing the nursing program at Galesburg's Cottage Hospital, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing in 1961 and a master's degree in community health nursing from St. Xavier University in Chicago in 1987.

In summer 1960, her pastor asked her to be dean of women at Camp Augustana in Lake Geneva, Wis., where she met the pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church of Englewood on Chicago's south side. Nancy and Rev. Dr. Bruce D. Johnston were married Sept. 2, 1961, at First Lutheran Church in Galesburg.

Over the next four decades, she raised four children while supporting her husband's career and growing her own. She shepherded Stephanie (56), Eve (53), James (51), and Noel (49) through moves to Glenview, Ill.; Galesburg; La Grange, Ill.; Lincolnwood, Ill.; and back to Chicago. She taught nursing at four hospitals and Morton College in Cicero, Ill.; staffed the Berwyn Township (Ill.) Public Health District; was Lincolnwood School District 74 nurse; and was teacher-nurse at Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) Nicholas Senn and William H. Wells Community Academy high schools.

Nancy was a licensed Illinois Department of Children & Family Services foster parent and member of PEO International, which supports women's education. After the Vietnam War, she and Bruce sponsored two refugee sisters. After retiring from CPS in 1995, she volunteered for Sarah's Circle women's homeless shelter and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Nancy is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren Ryan (21) and Colin Kochanek (18) and Kyle (16) and Cassie Johnston (14), and brother. She was interred Nov. 24, 2018, in a private ceremony at the Youngren family plot at Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens outside Galesburg. Memorial service Sat., Dec. 8, 11:00 a.m., at First Lutheran Church in Galesburg. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your church, synagogue, or First Lutheran Church at 364 E. Water St., Galesburg, IL 61401; 309-343-3176.

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Kagianas, Betty

Betty Kagianas, (nee Makriliias), 90, Beloved wife of the late George; Devoted mother of Andrea (James) Demeter and Tedd (Maria); Cherished grandmother Alexander Apostolos, Nicolette, Georgianne, Angelique, Maria Christianna, Loving aunt, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Friday, November 30, 2018 from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral service 11 a.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 15625 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL. 60491; Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Please omit flowers, donations to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Homer Glen, IL., appreciated, Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, Info: 773-889-1700



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Karr, Ed J.

Ed J. Karr, age 88 of West Chicago, passed away peacefully November 27, 2018. Ed was a proud United States Navy Veteran, worked many years in Tool and Die engineering, loved to travel and thoroughly enjoyed his hobby of woodworking. Ed was the beloved husband of Carole Karr. Loving father of Laura (James Gifford) Karr and Gail Karr. Cherished son of the late Edmund and the late Elizabeth Karczewski. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to your favorite Veteran Charity.

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Kean Jr., Edward

Edward "Mr. 1-der-ful" Kean Jr., 65, of Plymouth, IN passed away November 27, 2018 in Chicago. Ed was born in Chicago on November 12, 1953 to Edward and Anne (Senica) Kean. He was the co-owner of Erie Vehicle in Chicago. Survivors include wife, Margaret and brothers, Lawrence Kean of Wisconsin, Michael Kean, William Kean and Timothy Kean, all of Chicago.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. CST at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, Koontz Lake, IN. Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST and Saturday one hour prior to the service. For more information and to leave online condolences, visit rannellsfuneralhome.com.

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Kerros, Clarence

Devoted son of the late Rose (nee Dampitz) and Charles Kerros; loving father of Edward (Amy), Kerry (Lynn), and James (Carol) Kerros; fond brother of the late Charles Kerros. Veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Services have been held. Arrangements by **Cooney Funeral Home**. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Kulpinski, Margaret H.

Margaret H. Kulpinski (nee Maslowski), age 86, beloved wife of the late Robert J. Kulpinski; loving mother of Beth Kulpinski, Kay (Bob) Kempke, Mark (Mary Kay) Kulpinski, John (Kathy) Kulpinski, Glenn (Meg) Kulpinski, Todd (Merita) Kulpinski and Jill (Eric) Berg; cherished grandmother of Kyle and Eric Kempke, Brian and Kate Kulpinski, Drew, Phil and Matt Kulpinski, Morgan, Kara and Lea Kulpinski, Megan, Emma and Ellie Kulpinski; dearest sister of Tom Maslow; dear sister-in-law of Roy Kulpinski; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park to St. Julie Billiard Church Mass 10:15 A.M. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of Flowers memorial to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708 532-3100



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Lind-Wawrzyniak, Nancy C.

Nancy C. Lind-Wawrzyniak, age 56. Loving wife of the late Stephan. Beloved daughter of Charles and Joan Lind. Dear mother of Samantha, Jessica and the late Julia Wawrzyniak. Loving grandmother of Aubrey, Riley, Alexander, Jonathan, Brandon, Emily, Jayden and Kaysen. Dear sister of Diane (Steve) Cierzan and Jennifer Lind. Funeral Saturday 10:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie to St. Christina Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Friday 3 - 9 p.m. 773-779-4411



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Madigan, Carol Malloy

Carol M. Madigan (née Malloy) died peacefully at her home in Hinsdale on November 25, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emmett P. Malloy, Jr. and Genevieve D. Malloy, her brothers Emmett P. Malloy, Jr. and John R. Malloy, and her beloved husband, Joseph D. Madigan, Jr. She is survived by a large and loving family, including her three children and thirteen grandchildren: Joseph D. Madigan and his wife Eileen (née Hartigan) and their children Mary Carol, Joseph, Michael Emmett and Kathryn; John E. Madigan and his wife Jennifer (née Winn) and their children John Emmett, Therese, Daniel, Genevieve, Helen, Christine and Michael Joseph; and Maria M. Kelly, her husband Patrick V. Kelly and their children Patrick Emmett and Caroline Rose. Carol was also a loving aunt, cousin and friend.

She was born in Chicago and raised in Glen Ellyn and River Forest. She attended Trinity High School in River Forest, where many lifelong friendships began. Carol earned degrees from Marymount College, Tarrytown, NY, and Lewis University College of Law, Glen Ellyn. As a young mother during the 1960's, Carol worked with some of her dearest friends in support of residents at St. Coletta's of Illinois and the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. School for the Mentally Handicapped. They chaired benefit galas, helped at the school, and volunteered at the first Special Olympics in 1968. She served others joyfully her entire life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Mary Ann Malloy, MD Career Enrichment Fund at the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation, 155 E. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126; Aid for Women, 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1418, Chicago, IL 60603; or St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Visitation is on Sunday, December 2, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale. Funeral Mass on Monday, December 3, at 10 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale.



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Matuska, Louis Jr.

After a lifetime in the air, it is with great sadness that we announce Louis Matuska Jr., born September 9th, 1946 in Chicago, IL, is hanging up his wings. Louis passed away peacefully on November 22nd at his home. He is survived by his wife Priscilla, and two children Matthew and Jacquelyn. Known as "Captain Matuska" to many, Louis had a deep passion for aviation leading him to an impressive 35 year career with American Airlines flying various fleets on international routes. His love of flying continued after his retirement by joining an RC Radio Control Airplane club. Louis enjoyed building and flying the airplanes, along with the camaraderie and friendship of the group. His legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he interacted with. Louis will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

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Oswald, Mary Ann

Visitation for Mary Ann Oswald (nee Alois), 76, of Calumet City, formerly of Grand Crossing and Rosemoor will from 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service), 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., four blocks North of 162nd St. (Rte. 6) Dolton/South Holland. Prayers will be said at 9:15 am on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the funeral home, proceeding to St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 768 Lincoln Avenue, Calumet City for Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Evergreen Park. Mary Ann was born on February 16, 1942 to John and Josephine Alois. She graduated from St. Francis De Paula in June of 1956 and from Aquinas Dominican High School in June of 1960. Mary Ann is survived by her husband Robert, whom she married on October 17, 1964, her children Ann (Tim) Leyden and Robert (Brook) Oswald Jr, her pride and joy, her five grandchildren Michael and Kimberly Oswald, Rebecca, Brian and Allison Leyden, nephew John (Jolie) Alois and great nephew Evan and great niece Tara. Mary Ann is also survived by many cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents John and Josephine Alois, grandparents Mary and Louis Pecora and Mary and Ralph Alois, brother Ralph (Tara) Alois and her in-laws Lawrence and Cecelia Oswald. Mary Ann worked at Supreme Products, where she met her husband, and Illinois Institute of Technology before her children were born. After her children were in junior high Mary Ann had a job with School District #155 as a Librarian. She worked at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and Wentworth Intermediate School from 1979 until she retired in 2007. While she worked at District #155 she was in charge of many activities and contests for the faculty and students. She dressed up as Clifford the Big Red Dog, Dr. Seuss and served Green Eggs and Ham to the whole school. At Christmas she was Mrs. Claus for the Children's Christmas parties. After she retired she went to get her certification as a Paraprofessional in 2010 and subbed for School District #155 in Calumet City and School District #92 in Homer Glen. Mary Ann was active in the PTA from 1972 until 2000 at Wilson Elementary, Wentworth Junior High and T.F. North High Schools. She is also past President of the Calumet City, Lansing, and Burnham Area PTA Council. Mary Ann was also District 19 Director from 1987-1989, there were 35 PTA's under her leadership. She was also Band President of Wentworth Junior High and T.F. North High School. Mary Ann and her husband Bob were Co-Presidents of the Eastern Illinois University Parents Club. She also received many awards from the PTA: Service Scrolls, Book of Recognition, Life Membership and the highest award anyone can receive the National Life Membership. In 1992 Mary Ann received Citizen of the year from the V.F.W. Post 8141 and the Ladies Auxiliary for her outstanding community service. Mary Ann was also a member of the American Legion Post #330 Ladies Auxiliary since 1991, the Gold Star Post 1102 Ladies Club since 1975, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, St. Andrew Sunshine Club, the Italian Catholic Federation, and the Precious Moments Club since 1984. She was on the Calumet City Library Board for 15 years, held the office of Secretary and V.P. and was Captain Readmore in local parades. Mary Ann was also a committee member for the Calumet City Centennial in 1993 and an election judge. She was a crossing guard from 1976-1986 and then a sub from 2007-2009. She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Bike-A-Thon and Calumet City Memorial Park District. She taught CCD at St. Victor's and St. Andrew's Catholic Churches. She was a judge for the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee, an election judge, was on the 2nd Ward Alderman fundraising committee for many years and was honored in the "Who's Who Among American Teachers" for the most respected Teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. Arrangements by Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich. For info. 708-841-2300 or thornridgefuneralhome.com.

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Schwartz, Dr. Lenard C.

Dr. Lenard C. Schwartz. Beloved fiancé of Helen Laka, cherished father of Steven (Maureen) Schwartz, Paul (Lucy) Hollander, Barbra (Brad) Rosner, Sari (Dan) Salvesen, and Tommy Laka, loving son of Evelyn and the late Dr. Sol Schwartz, dear brother of Trudy (Dr. Baroukh) and Leah (Rabbi Yerachmiel), proud grandfather of 6. Proud Pike's Peak Marathon medalist. Graveside service Friday 1PM at Waldheim Cemetery, Forest Park, IL, entrance on Des Plaines Ave. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.



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Segal, Eleanor S.

Eleanor Shirley Segal, Ph.D., (nee Aronson), 91, clinical social worker, formerly of Evanston, passed away peacefully November 27, 2018, at home in Chicago. After attending Chicago's Nettelhorst Elementary School, Eleanor was valedictorian at Senn High School, earned her B.S. from University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her M.S.W. from Loyola University. At the age of 67, she completed her Ph.D. at the Institute for Clinical Social Work and worked in private practice and in Child and Family Services for the Salvation Army. Loving wife of the late Dr. Peter B. Segal; devoted mother of Maria (Richard Blender) Segal and Dr. Laura B. Segal; proud grandmother ("Nonnie") of Lily and Isaac Blender and Zachary and David DiGena-Segal; sister of June (the late Bob) Rambach. Aunt, colleague, friend, and mentor to many. Daughter of the late Joseph Aronson and Hannah Schaner Aronson. The family wishes to thank caregiver Tajana Ferguson and many wonderful women from Senior Helpers. Memorial Service Friday, November 30, 1pm, Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N Sheridan Rd., Chicago. The family will receive calls of condolence at the Segal-Blender residence Friday, 5-9pm. Shiva Saturday, 6-9pm (minyuan 7pm). Memorial donations may be made in her name to www.skyart.org or www.mikvachallenge.org. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, 773-281-5058 or www.cremation-society.com.



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Smith, Donald Allen

Donald Allen Smith, 72, of Egg Harbor, WI passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, November 24, 2018 at his home with his wife and daughters at his side. He was born August 27, 1946 in Chicago, IL, the son of the late Valentine Allen and Ruth Matilda (Pavlick) Smith Jr. Donald was the third generation to attend the Joseph Sears Elementary School in Kenilworth, IL. Following his graduation in 1966 from New Trier High School in Winnetka, IL, Donald then went on to attend the University of Wisconsin - Stout followed by five years of service in the Naval Air Reserve. His grandfather, Valentine Allen Smith, Sr., founded V.A. Smith Company, a Commercial Heating & Air Conditioning Company in 1909 in Chicago. Donald grew up working there as a young boy for his grandfather, and later his father. He eventually took over the business for his father, becoming the President and Owner of the family business until he sold it and retired in 1999, 90 years later.

Donald lived a life on the water and loved the outdoors. He was a sailor first in his early years on Lake Michigan, completing the 333-mile Race to Mackinac Island. In his 30's, when children came into the picture, he transitioned to power-boating and became a member of Sheridan Shores Yacht Club in Wilmette, IL. He kept his boat there for many years before moving it to Waukegan Harbor in Waukegan, IL. Following his retirement, Don visited Longboat Key, FL, where he ultimately settled and relocated his boat, cruising it down the Mississippi River and out the Tombigbee Waterway to the Gulf of Mexico. He spent much of his retirement enjoying cruising the Great American Loop. He met his wife, Virginia "Gigi," in 2010 in the Longboat Key/Sarasota area. The two were united in marriage on June 9, 2014 at the Butterfly Conservatory in Key West, FL surrounded by their daughters and grandchildren. For Don, a "good day" was always a day spent on the water.

Donald also was a snow person, and spent years skiing and snowmobiling in northern Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Canada, and out west. He toured these areas hundreds of miles at a time with his friends, family, and children. Don spent his final years residing with his wife, Gigi, and little dog, Sailor, in Horseshoe Bay, Egg Harbor, overlooking the waters of Green Bay, in scenic Door County, WI.

Donald will be missed by his two daughters, Lindsay (West) Naze of Larchmont, NY and Courtney (Matthew) Cook of Wilmette, IL; wife Gigi Smith and stepdaughter, Ellen Dudley of New Bedford, MA; five grandchildren, Chase Edward and Hunter Valentine Naze and Kevin Anthony, Virginia Anne, and Madeleine Rose Cook; and sister and brother, Suzanne (Charles) Sprowl and Allen Smith, both of Wilmette, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Valentine Allen Jr. and Ruth Matilda Smith.

A service to remember Don will be held some time in January 2019 in Wilmette, IL.

Huehns Funeral Home, Inc. & Door County Crematory LLC are assisting the family. Expressions of sympathy, memories, and photos of Donald may be shared with his family through his tribute page at www.huehnsfuneralhome.com.

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St. Jurcev, John A.

John A. Jurcev Sr. Devoted husband of Myrna, nee Bekavac, for over 58 years; Loving father of John A. Jr. (Lisa), and Janet Lu (Robin) Merigold; Proud grandpa of John III, Madeline, Jimmy, Lee, Lynn, and Marty; Memorial Visitation Friday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Funeral Saturday, all family and friends will meet directly at St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn; Mass 11:00 a.m.; Interment Private; in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Vicich, Irene M. "Bingo Irene"

Irene M. "Bingo Irene" Vicich, nee Maynerich, age 106. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Arleen (Glenn) Eisenhamer and the late Joseph Jr. (Leona); cherished grandmother of David and Anthony (Jennifer) Vicich and Jacqueline (Richard) Dwenger; dearest great-grandmother of Kaitlyn and Nicole; devoted daughter of the late Luke and Anna nee Sokach Maynerich; fond sister of Mary (the late James) O'Brien, the late Louis "Spider" (the late Hazel) Maynerich, Michael "Mish" Maynerich, Anne (the late Floyd) Schuster, Margaret (the late Clarence) Blauvelt, Frank (the late Agnes) Maynerich and Steve Maynerich; dear friend of Beverly Edson, her guardian angel; also many nieces, nephews and many great friends. Member of St. Turibius Jolly Seniors, Spa, Golden Ages- St. Richards, Garden Club, AARP Chapter #4720, Civic Club, Lodge #3' Hrvatska Sloboda C.F.U., Heritage Benevolent ar.. Pleasure Club, 23rd Ward Seniors, St. Anne's, Moose Lodge, Civic Seniors, Curie Seniors and Honorary Member of SAC. Funeral Saturday 8:30 a.m. from **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Turibius Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers masses appreciated. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. For info (773)767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com

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Weyland, Charles

Charles P. Weyland, Beloved son of the late Ludwig and Agnes nee Ciechanowski, loving brother of Thomas. Visitation Saturday 10:00am until the time of funeral service at 11:00am at the **Jaeger Funeral Home** 3526 N. Cicero Ave. Interment Mt. Olive Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Info (773)545-1320.

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Wohead, Frank W. 'Frisco'

Frank W. "Frisco" Wohead, age 98, a longtime resident of Naperville, IL, died Tuesday, November 27, 2018. He was born August 10, 1920 in Bremond, TX. Visitation Sunday, December 2, 2018, 2:00-6:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville. Family and friends will gather Monday, December 3, 9:30 AM for a Mass of Christian Burial at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth Street, Naperville. Interment: SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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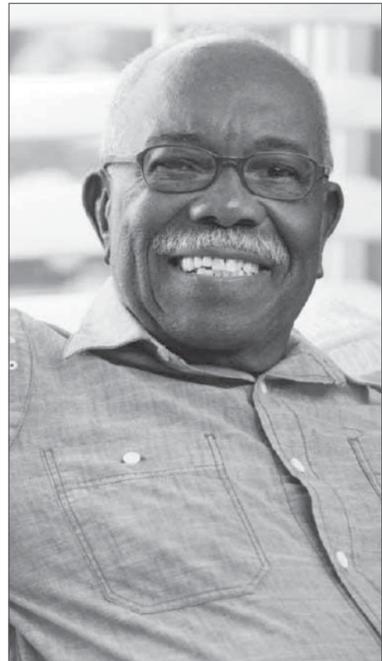


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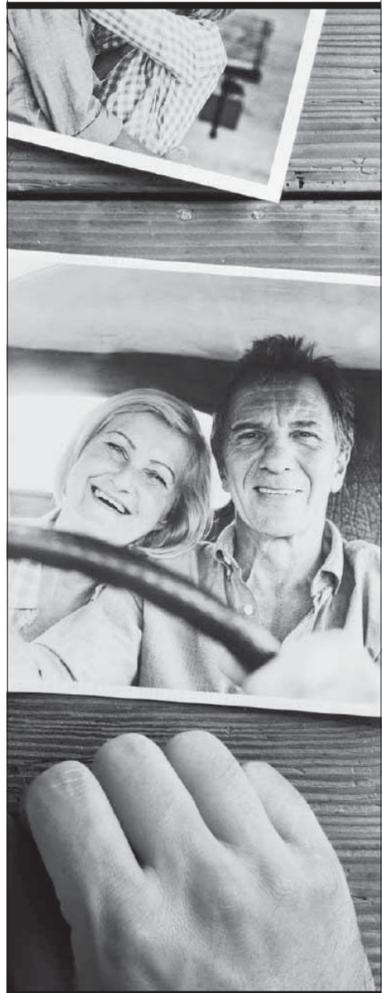
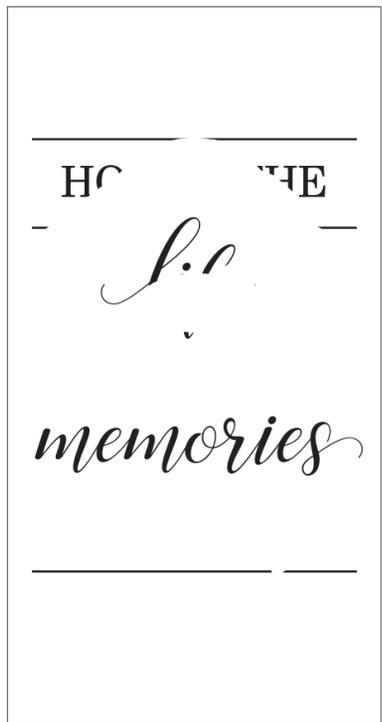


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF A'Shaa Mccauley AKA Ashaa Mccauley

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ladonna Mccauley (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00964

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Jermaine Nichols (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 26, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Diana Rosario in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/19/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM 6, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 29, 2018

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THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS November 29, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Larneisha Bailey AKA Shield

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Riba Shields (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00820

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Marvin Brown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 27, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Diana Rosario in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 12/13/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") gives notice that it will hold a hearing on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the Authority located at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601 in connection with the proposed issuance by the Authority of not to exceed \$77,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of its tax-exempt bonds and/or notes (collectively, the "bonds"), in one or more series, pursuant to a common plan of finance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance or refinance, through a new mortgage loan to the Owner listed below (or an affiliate thereof), (i) the multifamily residential housing property set forth below (the "Development"), and (ii) the costs of issuance, capitalized interest, and reserve funds for the bonds.

Property Name and Address Morningside North Apartments 170 W. Oak Street Chicago, IL 60610

Name of Owner Morningside Renewal LLC

Number of Units 256

Original Principal Amount (Not to Exceed) \$77,500,000

The Authority is a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois Housing Development Act, as amended (20 ILCS 3805/1), for the purpose of assisting in the financing of decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons and families of low and moderate income in Illinois. The Authority is authorized by the Act to issue the Bonds to finance the Development described in this Notice.

This public hearing is being held to comply with the requirements of Section 147(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the relevant regulations promulgated thereunder. Oral comments may be limited to ten minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to, and additional information obtained from, the Authority at its offices at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60601 at any time prior to the public hearing.

Date of Notice: November 29, 2018

Audra Hamernik Executive Director Illinois Housing Development Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE Draft Substantial Amendments to the 2015 and 2018 Annual Action Plans The Cook County Department of Planning and Development is currently reviewing its Draft Substantial Amendments to its 2015 and 2018 Annual Action Plans, which propose new CDBG-funded activities to better meet community development needs in suburban Cook County.

Applicable Public Comment Period: 30 Days - November 30, 2018 - December 30, 2018 Public Comment Opportunities An important part of the process of developing a Substantial Amendment is to promote citizen participation and solicit input. The Draft may be reviewed at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development offices at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, or online at the Cook County website during the applicable public comment period specified above at the following link: https://www.cookcounty.gov/service/public-notices-planning-and-development-0

All interested parties are encouraged to provide written comments. Written comments for the draft Substantial Amendments are being accepted during the applicable public comment period specified above and must be received by 4 p.m. on the last day of the aforementioned public comment period in order to receive consideration. Written comments must be directed to Dominic Tocci, Deputy Director, Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, dominic.tocci@cookcountyl.gov, 6007896/11/29/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. TOMASZ M. DOBROWOLSKI; AGATA M. SZYNAL; LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION B; THE HUNTINGTON OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No.: 2018CH13795

Property Address: 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209 Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209, Mount Prospect, IL 60056, more particularly described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY PARCEL 1: UNIT 209 TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM B, AS DELINEATED AND DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23295909, IN THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: EASEMENT APPURTENANT TO AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF PARCEL 1 AS SET FORTH IN DECLARATION OF EASEMENTS DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1971 AND RECORDED AND FILED FEBRUARY 19, 1971 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 21401332 AND LR 2543467, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS.

PARCEL 3: EASEMENTS FOR PARKING PURPOSES IN AND TO PARKING SPACE NO. 13 AS DEFINED AND SET FORTH IN SAID CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION AND SURVEY AND AS CREATED BY DEED FROM MOUNT PROSPECT STATE BANK TO MILTON W. GLENZER AND PEARL GLENZER, HIS WIFE, RECORDED MARCH 29, 1976 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23432162 AND DEED RECORDED JUNE 21, 1976 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 23256901, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 08-14-401-087-1024 Commonly known as: 625 W. Huntington Commons Rd., Unit 209, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 and Parking Space #13 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Cook County Courthouse located at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before December 17, 2018, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 233 S. Wacker Drive, 70th Floor Chicago, IL 60606 Firm ID: 48947 Phone: (312) 566-0040 Fax: (312) 566-0041 Pub: 11/15, 11/22 & 11/29/2018 5987104

TAKE NOTICES

TO: Vernor Moran, LLC; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007145 FILED: October 15, 2018 TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOLD FOR PREMISES SOLD: April 5, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0006885 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES PROPERTY Located at 2911 W. 59TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS LEGAL Description or Property Index No(S). 19-13305-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on April 5, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before April 5, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on April 17, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before April 5, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 21, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 11/27, 28, 29/2018 6002088

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

The summary report will be published in the local newspaper. Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

West Northfield School District 31 School District/Joint Agreement Name 3131 Techny, Northbrook, IL 60062 847-272-6880 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Address Telephone Office Hours

Summary: Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net. Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2018

Table with 10 columns: Local Sources, Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District, State Sources, Federal Sources, Total Direct Receipts/Revenues, Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures, Other Sources/Uses of Funds, Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2017, Other Changes in Fund Balances, Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2018

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000 ALEXANDER, DIANTHE; ARENS, ALAN; BLUMENFELD, DEBORAH; BULLOCK, BULLOCK, CELIA; DANOFF, DEBORAH A.; DEKAS, DONNA; FASEL, ROCHELLE; GANDHI, NISHA; GARDON, LAURA; GOLDBERG, LOIS; HAGOS, GEORGE A.; HOLLENBERG, MELISSA A.; JESSIELSON, DANNY K.; JOHNSON, WILLIAM; KANE, DALE M.; KAROL, LENE; KOVARIK, JANA; LEE, KATE; LETZNER, JEANNE T.; LEVITON, LYNN; LYNCH, SUSAN; MARKS, SANDI; MARSHALL, NORA; MAZZETTI, MARIO V.; MENKE, ANDREA; MILLER, BARBARA; MOSELE, ELIZABETH; MUNSHT, NATASHA; PRIEST, KELLI; RAI, RANJEET; ROHDE, DEBORAH J.; ROHRBAUGH, BRENDA; ROSENBERG, STEVEN; RYAN, MARY KATHERINE; SALTZMAN, BARBARA E.; SAN GABINO, DEBORAH; SANTANGELO, KATHLEEN R.; SCHELHAMMER, MAUREEN; SEXTON, MARY; VOUTIRTSAS, GARETH; WASSERMAN, FAY; WEIL, SUSAN; WEINSTEIN, TERRI L.; WEISS, ANITA I.; WHITESIDE, KAREN

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999 BACKSTROM, LISA; BORDLEY-HARVELL, HEATHER; FRIEDMAN, JAMIE; MENOLD, JESSE; OHLSEN, NICOLE; STAUNTON, ANGELA

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 ALLEYA, KELLY; BLACKMAN, JACQUELINE; BYRNE, GINA; CHANDLER-STAH, CHRISTIE; CHANKIN, ERIN; DEUTSCH, HILARY; DIMOPoulos, DEMETRIA; GREENE, CALI; HOFFMAN, MONICA; LAPALERIE, ELIZABETH A.; LEPINE, KATHRYN; MAGY, KATHLEEN; NORMAN, JENNA; PERRYMAN, JENNIFER; ROSEKAM, JODI; ROSEN, HILARY; RUIZ, ERNESTO; SULLIVAN, JULIE; SYMONS, TARA; SZOTEC, KATHLEEN

Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999 AMREIN, ALEXANDRA; ANZALI, JESSICA BLAIR; AVDT, ALCIA A.; BARBANTE, LAURA R.; BAUMANN, JACKELINE E.; BERGER, ERIKA; BISHOP, KRISTINA; BURNS, ALLISON; CARVELL, CECILE; CERNIGLIA, KRISTINA; CHOI, JOENN I.; CLINTON, GINA; DEHANTY, PAULA W.; ELL-

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Da Bears!

But dead money.

14-1 to win the Super Bowl?
Is this a Saturday Night Live skit?

BY DAN MANN | Chicago Tribune

Hey, it has been a fun ride. And there's more ahead: for the rest of 2018, into January 2019 — possibly for years to come. Thank you, Ryan Pace. Thank you, Matt Nagy. Thank you, Bears. Football is alive and well again on the lakefront. But the Bears are now the 14-1 sixth choice at Bovada to win the whole darn thing. And that number is just ridiculous. Let's see why you don't need fancy software to be a smarter sports fan.

IF THE BEARS ARE GOING TO WIN THE SUPER BOWL, HERE'S THEIR LIKELY PATH:



Wild-card weekend

The Bears have a 62 percent chance of being slotted as the No. 3 seed, according to playoffstatus.com. As a 3, they would play a home game against a team such as the Seahawks or Panthers. Let's call them seven-point favorites. Touchdown favorites have about a **73 percent** chance of winning outright according to wizardofodds.com.



Divisional round and NFC title game

As a 3 seed, the Bears would in all likelihood then have to beat the Rams and Saints — on the road. Let's call them seven-point underdogs at both the L.A. Coliseum and the Superdome — and that might be generous in New Orleans. A **27 percent** chance to beat the Rams, **27 percent** chance to beat the Saints.

Super Bowl

Next up, the AFC champion. Chiefs? Patriots? The Bears would surely be 'dogs against either of those teams. Steelers? Getting closer to a pick 'em. Let's be generous — the Bears would be hot coming off wins in L.A. and New Orleans — and call the Bears three-point underdogs, which equates to about a **39 percent** chance of winning.

NOW, THE SIMPLE MATH...
 73% times 27% times 27% times 39% equals:
2.08%, or 47-1 odds

EXACT SCIENCE? No. This exercise doesn't account for the possibility of Drew Brees tearing his ACL. Or the No. 1 seed losing in the divisional round. It also doesn't account for the possibility of Mitch Trubisky tearing his ACL. Or the Bears blowing the division lead. What's certain is this: The Bears are probably a year away from truly contending for a Super Bowl, and part of that is just bad luck. The Saints and Rams are a combined 20-2, with one of those losses coming head to head. That's not supposed to happen in one conference.

Signs point to Daniel as starting QB



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

If you're reading the tea leaves regarding the status of Mitch Trubisky as Bears coach Matt Nagy politely talks around the status of his quarterback for Sunday's game at the Giants, it's worth noting he keeps dropping the names of Khalil Mack and Allen Robinson.

Ruse to confuse the Giants or plain talk from a coach who doesn't want to tip off his opponent but also isn't particularly interested in playing mind games when it comes to the status of Trubisky?

We will know for sure 90 minutes before kickoff Sunday at MetLife Stadium, but Trubisky was listed as limited in Wednesday's practice at Halas Hall, the team's first since winning in Detroit on Thanksgiving. That's a good indicator that veteran Chase Daniel will start for the second consecutive week.

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OPENING SHOT
Steve Rosenbloom
A shoulder injury has Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky listed as, let's see, this is Thursday, so it's day-to-day-to-day-to-Daniel. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



GAME 12
Bears at Giants
Noon Sunday, FOX-32

CUBS

Infield decision looming

Acquisition of Torreyes adds some intrigue

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

In a move that creates more intrigue leading up to Friday's 7 p.m. deadline for tendering contracts to unsigned players, the Cubs acquired infielder Ronald Torreyes from the Yankees for a player to be named or cash considerations.

The deal was finalized two days before the Cubs must decide whether to tender a contract to arbitration-eligible shortstop Addison Russell, who is serving a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic abuse policy and won't be eligible to return until May 3.

Backup infielder and pinch-hit maven Tommy La Stella, like Torreyes, also is arbitration eligible.

Torreyes, 26, initially joined the Cubs' organization in December of 2011 with outfielder Dave Sappelt and left-hander Travis Wood from the Reds for left-hander Sean Marshall.

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BULLS & BLACKHAWKS

■ Bulls blow double-digit lead in 116-113 loss to Bucks. **Page 3**
 ■ Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton has been in worse spots. **Page 3**

FIRE

'Let's raise a trophy' next year

Upbeat Schweinsteiger re-signs for 3rd season

BY JEREMY MIKULA
Chicago Tribune

Bastian Schweinsteiger's first season with the Fire resulted in a playoff appearance. The second was a losing effort. What will Year 3 bring?

The Fire on Wednesday announced they re-signed the German midfielder as a designated player for the 2019 season. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Schweinsteiger made \$6.1 million last season, according to numbers from the MLS players union.

"Let's raise a trophy. I believe in this club and I believe that we can be champions," Schweinsteiger said in a statement. "This American journey has been very special for me and my family. I love being a part of the Chicago Fire, and we appreciate how the city has embraced us."

Schweinsteiger, 34, has made 55 league appearances over two seasons with the Fire, scoring seven goals with 12 assists. He had a team-high six assists last season with four goals.

"In a lot of ways Basti has come to embody our club," Fire President and GM Nelson Rodriguez said in a statement. "His return demonstrates our continuing effort to build a championship program, on and off the field."

Schweinsteiger joined the Fire in March 2017 and scored in his MLS debut. That year, the Fire finished third in the East with a 16-11-7 record, including 12-2-3 at Toyota Park, but were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.

The Fire went dropped considerably in 2018, going 8-18-8 and finishing 10th in the conference.

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BULLS



MORRRY GASH/AP

The Bucks' Khris Middleton hits a 3-pointer during the second half in a victory over the Bulls on Wednesday.

BUCKS 116, BULLS 113

No lead is safe

Bulls surrender double-digit edge in Milwaukee again

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — As far as Zach LaVine is concerned, the time for talking is over.

"You can only say so much because we keep doing the same thing over and over again," LaVine said of offensive lulls for the shorthanded Bulls.

It's time for action.

The Bulls displayed plenty of that Wednesday night at Fiserv Forum but ultimately came up on the short end of yet another dispiriting loss, this one 116-113. Khris Middleton took a pass from Malcolm Brogdon and buried a 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left after a mad scramble from Robin Lopez's initial defensive stop on Brook Lopez. The Bulls failed to corral two loose balls during the sequence.

"The ball kind of took a funny hop. It bounced up in the air," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "(Eric) Bledsoe came in and made a great play, tipping it out to Brogdon."

Justin Holiday then missed a good look on a tying 3-point attempt near the buzzer. Holiday extended his franchise record with at least one 3-pointer to 33 games but missed eight of 10 from

beyond the arc, including the potential tying shot.

"I thought for sure it was going in," Holiday said. "I'll shoot it 10 times again if I could."

Holiday's streak of six straight games with at least three 3-pointers ended. That tied the franchise record he shares with him, Craig Hodges and Lauri Markkanen.

"Justin is shooting at such a high level," Hoiberg said. "We'll take the looks that he had."

The Bulls have lost eight of nine.

Giannis Antetokounmpo posted 36 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists to lead the Bucks. Brogdon added 24 points, including making a career-high six 3-pointers without a miss from that distance.

Jabari Parker and Zach LaVine each scored 24 points to lead the Bulls. LaVine's reverse layup off a nifty out-of-bounds play by Hoiberg tied the score with 33.5 seconds left.

After failing to score on Saturday in Minnesota, Ryan Arcidiacono scored a career-high 22 points for the second straight game. He sank a career-high five 3-pointers.

"I'm always a scrappy guy. I want to be that for our team because I think that's something that we need. And I think that gives us a spark on a daily basis. But I'm going to shoot it with confidence," Arcidiacono said of

his sudden scoring prowess. "If they're going to blitz Zach, there are open looks for myself and Justin."

Antetokounmpo repeatedly bulled his way into the paint and dunked over seemingly helpless defenders, including fouling out Wendell Carter Jr. with 36 seconds left. The Bucks posted a 56-44 edge in points in the paint.

Robin Lopez outscored his twin brother Brook for just the third time in 20 career meetings. Robin scored a season-high 17 points with Brook getting 12.

"I love the way we're competing," Hoiberg said. "We did execute down the stretch. We just had that one stretch where we lost all our movement. When we had movement, we had a lot of good looks at the basket."

For the second visit in 12 days here, the Bulls hung a 40-point first-quarter on the Bucks and led big early. On Nov. 16, they went from a 22-point lead to 22-point deficit and lost by 19.

This time, they hung around for the competitive finish. But it all merely added up to another stomach-churning loss.

"I'm pretty proud of my team and how we fought," Parker said. "That's the (second) best team in the East. And we gave them a run for their money. One day, we're going to get there."

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BULLS NOTES

Markkanen finally feeling pain free

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE — On Wednesday, Lauri Markkanen was detailing how his first contact practice since September went on Tuesday and how there are plans for him to undergo another one Friday in Detroit.

He talked about how he played and how he envisions his role fitting in with other offensive-minded players.

And then he got to the most important part.

"No pain," Markkanen said. "That's the best part."

And why Markkanen remains on track to make his season debut at some point next week, barring a setback with the right elbow he sprained during the first week of training camp.

"I'm used to being a focal point," Markkanen said of his role. "I don't know how everything is going to work out. But I'm excited to get back to work. I know Zach

(LaVine) has been hot. Have to keep him going."

That Markkanen mentioned LaVine's hot start is why coach Fred Hoiberg envisions no issues whenever Markkanen does return. Look for Hoiberg to put those two players in plenty of screen-and-roll situations to force defenses to make a choice.

"What he can provide as far as spacing the floor and the attention he can draw, I think it's going to help everybody," Hoiberg said. "Having another skilled player who can score from all over the court is very important for what we'll be trying to do."

The good injury news didn't stop with Markkanen. Hoiberg said both Bobby Portis and Kris Dunn are on track to be cleared for contact practices next week after suffering sprained MCLs two days apart in late October. They both are working out individually and participating in all non-contact portions of practices and shootarounds.

Missing in action: Hoiberg tried to summarize what Markkanen's absence has meant. The Bulls rank last in the NBA in offense.

"It was huge," he said. "You look at what Lauri did this offseason and what he did to change his body and put on the 15 pounds of muscle and add quickness and strength and explosiveness. And to see how he finished last year; he was playing about 23-24 minutes at the end of the season and averaged about 20 points in those minutes."

"So he really was figuring out where to get his production and what spots on the floor he was comfortable in. We were really looking forward to that."

Best foot forward: Denzel Valentine returned to Chicago on Wednesday after undergoing "left ankle stabilization" surgery in Green Bay.

He's out for the season and expected to return to basketball activities in six months.

BLACKHAWKS

Colliton knows all about pressure

Coach realizes importance of staying calm, has had experience with tougher situations

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune



Colliton

It's a fool's errand searching Jeremy Colliton's face for signs the 33-year-old is cracking under the pressure of coaching the Blackhawks.

Dig deeper into his psyche and you'll come up empty as well. After all, Colliton already has faced tougher situations than trying to return the Hawks to glory.

When he was head coach of the Swedish team Mora IK, it was a second-tier club facing financial ruin, Colliton recalled.

"My first four games as a coach I think we won our first game against the bottom team and then we got shut out three games in a row," Colliton said. "Didn't score a goal, so that was tough. Small town, you can't get away from it. And obviously I was not the easiest pick to go in there as a head coach. I had never coached before."

"My second-to-last year we lost eight in a row in November. In that situation, we're a small club, we were on the edge financially. That's pressure. That was 100 years of history."

The story illustrates Colliton's ability to remain calm even while Hawks fans are demanding wins. Colliton has stayed true to his belief that wins will come, that the process he's putting in place takes time and that Tuesday night's 8-3 drubbing at the hands of the Golden Knights was an exception and not the rule.

Time will sort out whether Colliton has the Hawks on the right track, but the Knights are proof a struggling team can turn

things around on a dime. They gave up the first seven goals in a 7-2 loss to the Flames last week to drop to 9-12-1. They have won four straight since, outscoring their opponents 19-5.

Of course, the Hawks didn't play in the Stanley Cup Final last year and won't have an easy time getting wins on a difficult two-game trip against the Jets and Predators.

"I just told the guys today you get what you deserve over time," Colliton said. "And we need to play better. We have had our stretches where we've been good, but (Tuesday) was not our night. You don't get any more than you deserve."

The Hawks haven't deserved to win while falling behind 11-1 in the first period over their last four games, and Patrick Kane thinks he knows why.

"We find ourselves in games kind of relaxing for a couple seconds here or there," Kane said. "I think our effort's there. It's just like we relax for a couple seconds and players in this league are too good, they're going to make plays and (all of a sudden) it's in the back of your net. It's like what happened?"

No matter what happened, Colliton and the Hawks press on. The debacle against the Golden Knights is over and there are 57 games left to play.

"It's back to work today," Colliton said. "We dealt with the game, looked at some video, quick meeting, practice, got something out of practice I believe. And here we go."

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Blackhawks goaltender Corey Crawford reacts after allowing the Golden Knights' sixth goal during the second period Tuesday night.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Crawford still upset after humiliating loss

By JIMMY GREENFIELD
Chicago Tribune

UP NEXT
Blackhawks at Jets
7 p.m. Thursday, NBCSCH

Corey Crawford answers questions in a deliberate, clear manner that never leaves you wondering the point he is trying to get across.

That was never more clear a day after Tuesday's 8-3 loss to the Golden Knights.

"We got our ass kicked on home ice," said Crawford, who gave up six goals on 30 shots before getting pulled after two periods. "That was brutal. That was terrible. Try and sugarcoat it with whatever you want, that was awful."

After previously allowing just two goals over three games, Crawford has given up 14 goals in eight periods during losses to the Capitals, Lightning and Golden Knights. His goals-against-average has ballooned to 2.98, which would be a career worst if the season ended today.

Like his teammates, Crawford doesn't have answers for why the Hawks are starting so slow. He just knows they have to be better.

"Giving up too many goals too early the last few games and not going to win hockey games like that," Crawford said. "Simple as that. Too much to ask your guys to score that many goals just to

get back in the game. Not good enough. Period."

Wing man: Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton put Artem Anisimov on the wing against the Golden Knights but said he may move him back to center for Wednesday's game against the Jets.

"I thought moving him to wing might be a way to keep him in the top nine," Colliton said. "For me, depth is good. Competition is good. We can move guys around according to how they perform. We'll continue to tinker until we find what we think can help us."

One-timers: The Hawks are an NHL-worst 9-for-73 (12.3 percent) on the power play after failing on two chances against the Golden Knights. During November they've been even worse, going 3-for-30 (10 percent).... Defenseman Henri Jokiharju, who missed Tuesday's game, did not practice Wednesday but will be in Winnipeg for the start of the Hawks' two-game trip. Defenseman Connor Murphy did not make the trip but participated in practice.

BASEBALL

Torreyes adds intrigue

Cubs, from Page 1

Torreyes never reached higher than Double A in the Cubs' organization and was sold to the Astros in the middle of the 2013 season. But the 5-foot-8 Torreyes has ascended during parts of the last three seasons with the Yankees, batting .281 and displaying the ability to play second base, third base and shortstop.

Torreyes has drawn only 24 walks while striking out 80 times in 615 plate appearances with the Dodgers (2015) and Yankees (2016-18). His best season occurred in 2017, when he batted .292 with 36 RBIs in 108 games.

Torreyes is one of nine arbitration-eligible players for the Cubs, who face the possibility of playing a luxury tax penalty after next season with more than \$160 million earmarked to signed players and about \$41 million projected for arbitration players.

Russell is coming off his second unproductive season, but he coped with finger and shoulder ailments for nearly half of 2018.

At 24, Russell still has a chance to regain the production he displayed in 2016, when he hit 21 home runs and drove in 95 runs.

But the bigger issue for the Cubs is whether they are convinced Russell has completed his rehabilitation and can assure team officials that he can prevent domestic abuse incidents from occurring again.

By tendering a contract, the Cubs simply retain Russell's rights while negotiating a salary that could reach \$4.3 million, according to MLBtraderumors.com.

They also could monitor Russell's rehab while entertaining interest from other teams, although Russell's value won't be as high as it was before his suspension.

La Stella, a left-handed hitter, led the majors and set a Cubs franchise record with 24 pinch hits. La Stella is projected to earn \$1.2 million, so his cost is reasonable while giving manager Joe Maddon a mid-to-late-inning weapon.

But the Cubs have other pressing needs, such as another late-inning reliever and a productive hitter. With Yu Darvish (\$20 million), Jason Heyward (20) and Tyler Chatwood (12.5) accounting for about one-fourth of the projected payroll, there's little wiggle room unless the Cubs are willing to pay a tax penalty.

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Outfielder Avisail Garcia's days with the White Sox could be numbered. If the Sox tender him a contract, he could make \$8 million in 2019.

WHITE SOX

Garcia's future up in the air

Sox may not tender contract to oft-injured outfielder

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

The White Sox's rich farm system is extremely deep with outfielders, and it doesn't appear Avisail Garcia is part of the team's long-term plans.

They could turn the page as soon as Friday's 7 p.m. deadline to tender contracts to arbitration-eligible players. If they decline to do so, they would lose Garcia with no compensation.

At first glance, it's a tempting thought. The 6-foot-4, 240-pound Garcia coped with knee and hamstring injuries in 2018 and played in only 93 games, batting .236 with an OBP of .281, both career lows. Injuries and ineffectiveness have plagued him for most of his five-plus seasons with the Sox.

The Sox also will need to create a spot for top prospect Eloy Jimenez when they are ready to promote him from the minors.

Third, Garcia, 27, is projected to earn \$8

million in his final year as an arbitration-eligible player, according to MLBtraderumors.com.

The Sox could tender Garcia a contract with the hope he can rekindle his production from 2017, when he made the American League All-Star team and batted .330 with 18 home runs, 80 RBIs and a stunning .392 batting average on balls in play.

But 2017 represents the lone standout season for Garcia, who was acquired with high expectations from the Tigers in 2013 as part of the three-team trade that sent pitcher Jake Peavy to the Red Sox.

The Sox could try to trade Garcia before the deadline, but interested teams may wait to see if they can get him as a free agent if the Sox don't tender him a contract.

If Garcia departs via trade before Friday's deadline or after as a free agent, the Sox could insert Daniel Palka in right field, where he started 40 games as a rookie in 2018. Palka could handle some of those duties when he's not serving as the designated hitter.

Last winter, the Sox pursued All-Star

Manny Machado before maintaining their rebuilding course. The names of free agents Bryce Harper and Nelson Cruz persist, but the Sox likely won't contend for the playoffs until 2020, and they have the likes of outfielders Luis Alexander Basabe, Luis Robert, Blake Rutherford, Micker Adolfo and Luis Gonzalez developing in the farm system.

Re-signing Garcia would give the Sox some insurance in the event they want Jimenez to spend more time in the minors until he can't qualify for a full season of service time.

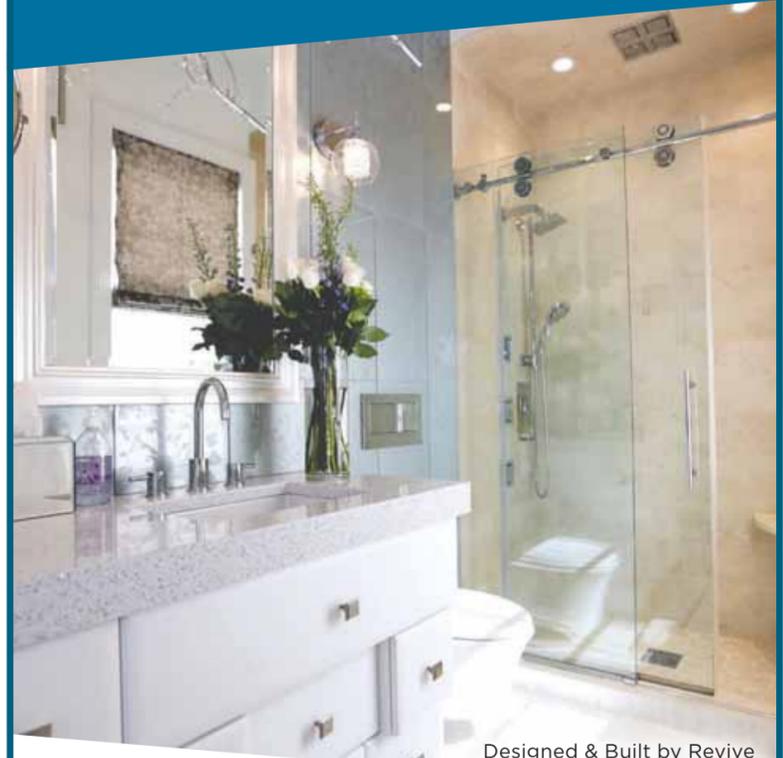
But given that the Sox aren't expected to contend for an AL Central title in 2019, Garcia could be viewed as more a luxury than a necessity.

The Sox's other arbitration-eligible players — first baseman Jose Abreu, left-hander Carlos Rodon, infielders Yolmer Sanchez and Matt Davidson and infielder-outfielder Leury Garcia — are too serviceable to non-tender.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Georgia Tech guard Michael Devoe looks to shoot as he is guarded by Northwestern forward A.J. Turner in the first half Wednesday night in Evanston.

NORTHWESTERN 67, GEORGIA TECH 61

Cats get Technical knockout

Up 28 before running out of gas, NU holds on to beat Yellow Jackets

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

It was the blowout that wasn't. Northwestern led Georgia Tech 40-20 at halftime and stretched that advantage to 28 after a 3-pointer by Ryan Taylor.

And then something happened. "All of a sudden you're like: What's going on here?" coach Chris Collins said.

But Collins knows what happened — his team got fatigued after returning from the Wooden Classic in Fullerton, Calif., where they played three games in four days. "I'll look more at the first 25

minutes, when we were fresh," Collins said after his team survived 67-61. "I'm proud of our guys. We faced game pressure at the end and found a way to get the win."

Taylor was the offensive star, scoring 20 points and making 4 of 9 from 3-point range.

The Wildcats (6-1) needed almost every one. The Yellow Jackets (4-2) outscored them 39-17 over the final 16 minutes.

"I saw how tired we were," Collins said. "It was a culmination of three games in four days and traveling cross-country. Plus we play really hard. We're competing on both ends. That's the way we have to play on offense — we cut hard. That gets you tired too."

Georgia Tech coach Josh Pastner left impressed, saying of Northwestern: "I think this is an NC-2A

tournament team again. ... They have really good players, good chemistry. I'm a huge fan of Chris Collins and think they will win a lot of games in Big Ten play."

Collins' response?

"Josh and I have been friends for a long time," he said. "We support each other. Those are nice words, but it's too early."

Vic Law had a solid all-around game with 14 points, nine rebounds, four assists and two steals.

"It's time I step up and do what we need to do to win," the fifth-year senior said. "It's my time to do it now. I need to do my job and do it well."

Law said the fact the Wildcats "toughed out" the victory "showed we can be a really good team."

"I've been here a long time," he said. "The free movement (on

offense) and pace of the cuts is really different."

Dererik Pardon had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"Pardon is the key to their team," Pastner said. "He's good, knows how to use (his) body. Vic Law is an All-Big Ten type of player, but Pardon is the head of the snake."

This marked the third time Northwestern has faced Georgia Tech in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Last season the Wildcats played a brutal offensive game and lost 52-51.

Northwestern was an eight-point favorite Wednesday.

"Can we be better?" Collins said. "Yes, but I love the fact that we are learning while we are winning."

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LOYOLA

Ramblers hit with another big blow

Williamson out until January with broken hand

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Loyola's tough night against Nevada brought tough news the following day.

Starting guard Lucas Williamson will be sidelined until January with a broken hand, the Ramblers announced Wednesday night. He sustained the injury during Loyola's 79-65 loss Tuesday night at Gentile Arena to the fifth-ranked Wolf Pack.

The 6-foot-4 Williamson, a sophomore from Young, has proved to be a defensive force and has averaged 8.9 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists through seven games this season.

The injury is reminiscent of last season, when starting guard Ben Richardson broke his hand in mid-November. Williamson took his place, and with the additional playing time to develop, he became a key bench player during the Ramblers' Final Four run.

"This is a tough blow for Lucas and for the team but is a great opportunity for someone to step up like Lucas himself did last year when Ben was injured," coach Porter Moser said.

One player likely to see more minutes now that Williamson is sidelined is freshman Cooper Kaifes, who played 24 minutes and scored 11 points Tuesday.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray will see some familiar faces when the Sooners face Texas in the Big 12 Championship Game on Saturday.

Bad blood really flowing

Red River rivalry on bigger stage in Big 12 title game

By JIM VERTUNO | Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas-Oklahoma rivalry is never short on bad blood between the Big 12 border states.

Whether it's "horns down," Darrell Royal accusing Barry Switzer of spying or Brian Bosworth's critique of vomit-inducing burnt orange, a rivalry that dates to 1900 has more than its share of antics and lore. And the 114th meeting Saturday — the second this season and with the Big 12 championship at stake — is well on its way to producing its own.

Dial back to Oct. 6, when Texas beat Oklahoma 48-45, a game that showcased stellar performances from the opposing quarterbacks. The Longhorns' Sam Ehlinger passed for 314 yards, ran for 72 and accounted for five touchdowns, while the Sooners' Kyler Murray passed for 304 yards, ran for 92 and also had five total touchdowns.

It was their meeting on the field after the game that added a chapter to the simmering rivalry and brings a new wrinkle to the rematch. Video clips showed the players appearing to exchange some unfriendly words, and Ehlinger patted Murray on the top of his helmet.

Oklahoma is undefeated since that game, and Murray is a top Heisman Trophy contender. He's also clearly still upset about whatever was said between the two. Asked Monday if he respects Ehlinger's game, Murray said, "I have no comment." A few hours later, Ehlinger tweeted: "Ok. Cool. Hook'em."

Ehlinger insisted Tuesday it wasn't a message intended for Murray. But did he tell Murray to "take your loss" after the first game?

"I don't remember what I said," Ehlinger said with a shrug.

As for the "no comment" from Murray, "I'd absolutely love to comment on that. I absolutely respect his game," Ehlinger said.

Some of his Texas teammates were happy to jump in.

"I guess ol' boy don't like losing," defensive end Charles Omenihu said of Murray. "But he lost, so it is what it is."

Omenihu has taken shots at Murray before.

After sacking him in the first meeting, Omenihu mimicked a baseball swing for a home run. Murray has already signed a professional baseball contract and is expected to leave football after this season to start his career with the Oakland A's.

Omenihu tweeted a photo of the swing Monday. "I told y'all when I swung it was 450 feet," he said.

Texas defensive tackle Chris Nelson said packing the rivalry and Big 12 title into one game is bound to be wild.

"It's gonna be a dirty game. It's gonna be a dogfight. But I love it, man," Nelson said. "You'll probably see hitting after the whistle. You'll probably see a lot of stuff if you keep your eyes open. But that's what we came here for."

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said he asked the Big 12 for guidance on whether his players would be penalized if they flash the "horns down" hand signal Saturday. The gesture drew flags for West Virginia when the Mountaineers played Texas.

"I will make sure it's fully clear to our guys what they can and can't do," Riley said.

Of course, telling Oklahoma players they can't do it might be the same as asking them to play while handcuffed.

The Big 12 on Wednesday reiterated its position that unsportsmanlike conduct calls are made at the discretion of game officials.

The animosity goes back generations.

Royal was a Sooners player in 1947 when the Longhorns won the Red River Showdown 34-14, the last year in an eight-year Texas winning streak. Oklahoma fans were so incensed by the officiating, they threw soda bottles and seat cushions on the field. A car was brought on the field to get the officials safely out of the stadium.

The series was never hotter than the dust-up between Royal and Switzer in 1976. Royal was winding down a national championship coaching career at Texas, and his on-field success was waning while the Sooners were on a tear.

Royal accused Switzer of sending spies to scout the Longhorns and challenged Switzer, his assistant coach and the alleged spy to take a polygraph test with a \$10,000 reward if they could pass it. Royal also referred to the Sooners as "sorry bastards." That prompted Oklahoma fans to chant the slogan outside Royal's Dallas hotel and during the game, which ended in a tie.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

DE Smith named MAC's top player

Northern Illinois defensive end Sutton Smith won the Vern Smith Leadership Award — given to the Mid-American Conference's top player — and earned his second consecutive MAC Defensive Player of the Year award as the conference announced its 2018 honors Wednesday.

Smith, a redshirt junior from St. Charles, Mo., ranks fourth in the nation with 13 sacks and sixth with 21 tackles for a loss after leading the country in both categories last season. He has four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, two blocked punts and has scored two touchdowns — one on the return of a punt he blocked and another on an 85-yard fumble return.

He's only the third defensive player to win the Vern Smith honor, joining Central Michigan linebacker Ray Bentley (1982) and NIU defensive end Larry English (2008).

Smith will lead the MAC West champion Huskies into the conference title game Friday in Detroit against East champ Buffalo. NIU leads the MAC in total defense.

He was one of three NIU players to make the All-MAC first team, joined by offensive tackle Max Scharping — his third first-team All-MAC nod — and linebacker Antonio Jones-Davis.

Five Huskies made the second team — tailback Tre Harbison, center Luke Shively, defensive end Josh Corcoran, linebacker Kyle Pugh and safety Mykelti Williams — and defensive tackle Jack Heflin was a third-team selection.



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NIU defensive end Sutton Smith ranks fourth in the nation with 13 sacks.

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10:30 a.m.	Dartmouth vs. Marist						CBSSN
1 p.m.	LIU-Brooklyn vs. Albany						CBSSN
6 p.m.	Alabama at Central Florida						ESPNU
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL							
5:30 p.m.	Georgia Tech at Maryland						BTN
6 p.m.	Iowa at Notre Dame						ESPN2
7:30 p.m.	Syracuse at Minnesota						BTN
NFL							
7 p.m.	Saints at Cowboys						FOX-32, NFL Network WSCR-AM 670
GOLF							
12:30 p.m.	Hero World Challenge						Golf Channel
8:30 p.m.	Australian Championship						Golf Channel
2:30 a.m.	Mauritius Open (Fri.)						Golf Channel
NHL							
7 p.m.	Blackhawks at Jets						NBCSN, WGN-AM 720
MLS PLAYOFFS							
6:30 p.m.	Atlanta United at Red Bulls						FS1
8:30 p.m.	Timbers at Sporting KC						ESPN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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1.	Alabama	1	12-0	588	165	Sat. vs. #4 Georgia, 3	
2.	Clemson	2	12-0	548	168	Sat. vs. Pittsburgh, 7	
3.	Notre Dame	3	12-0	405	207	Bowl game TBD	
4.	Georgia	4	11-1	481	206	Sat. vs. #1 Alabama, 3	
5.	Oklahoma	5	11-1	604	394	Sat. vs. #14 Texas, 11*	
6.	Ohio State	6	11-1	520	310	Sat. vs. #21 Northwestern, 7	
7.	Michigan	8	10-2	442	211	Bowl game TBD	
8.	UCF	7	11-0	474	214	Sat. vs. Memphis, 2:30	
9.	Florida	11	9-3	414	245	Bowl game TBD	
10.	LSU	12	9-3	381	251	Bowl game TBD	
11.	Washington	10	9-3	336	198	Fri. vs. #17 Utah, 7	
12.	Penn State	14	9-3	415	240	Bowl game TBD	
13.	Washington St.	12	10-2	460	277	Bowl game TBD	
14.	Texas	9	9-3	380	302	Sat. vs. #6 Oklahoma, 11*	
15.	Kentucky	16	9-3	319	195	Bowl game TBD	
16.	West Virginia	15	8-3	465	292	Bowl game TBD	
17.	Utah	17	9-3	370	231	Fri. vs. #11 Washington, 7	
18.	Mississippi St.	20	8-4	349	144	Bowl game TBD	
19.	Texas A&M	22	8-4	416	316	Bowl game TBD	
20.	Syracuse	18	9-3	489	333	Bowl game TBD	
21.	Northernwestern	21	8-4	284	260	Sat. vs. #5 Ohio State, 7	
22.	Boise State	19	10-2	444	268	Sat. vs. #25 Fresno State, 6:45	
23.	Iowa State	24	7-4	295	246	Sat. vs. Drake, 11*	
24.	Missouri	—	8-4	443	293	Bowl game TBD	
25.	Fresno State	25	10-2	435	162	Sat. at #22 Boise State, 6:45	

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Charleston Southern at The Citadel, 6
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
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Buffalo (10-2) vs.
Northern Illinois (7-5) in Detroit, 6
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MLB Players Association: Extended the contract of executive director Tony Clark through 2022.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore: Assigned SS Engel Velma outright to Norfolk (IL).
New York: Traded Ronald Torreyes to the Cubs for a player to be named or cash.

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'Fresh' Lynch rarin' to go

Linebacker recovers from concussion, eager to test Giants' O-line

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Aaron Lynch spent his Thanksgiving at home with his family, watching the Bears beat the Lions on TV.

The Bears outside linebacker didn't travel with the team to Detroit as he recovered from a concussion suffered in the victory over the Vikings. And while he had fun watching the Bears come through in their fifth straight victory, he said he felt "weird" not being on the field.

"It's hard, definitely when you're on a roll as a team, but my body comes first," Lynch said.

If there's a silver lining to Lynch missing nearly two full games with what he said was his third concussion, it's that his body was well-rested when he returned to practice Wednesday to prepare for the Giants. Tight end Adam Shaheen, who also suffered a concussion against the Vikings, also was back at practice Wednesday.

"It's unfortunate for how I got my rest, but it plays a big role on my end and the team's end because I'll be fresh," said Lynch, who has three sacks and an interception this season.

It would be a good time to have the Bears' edge-rushing group back to full strength.

Without Lynch to rotate in, Leonard Floyd played 94 percent of the defense's snaps and Khalil Mack played 89 percent. The Bears recorded two sacks against Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, by inside linebacker Roquan Smith and safety Deon Bush.

Now they will face a Giants offensive line that has allowed quarterback Eli Manning to be sacked 38 times this season. That's tied with Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott for the most sacks in the NFL this season, and one off Manning's career high for a season.

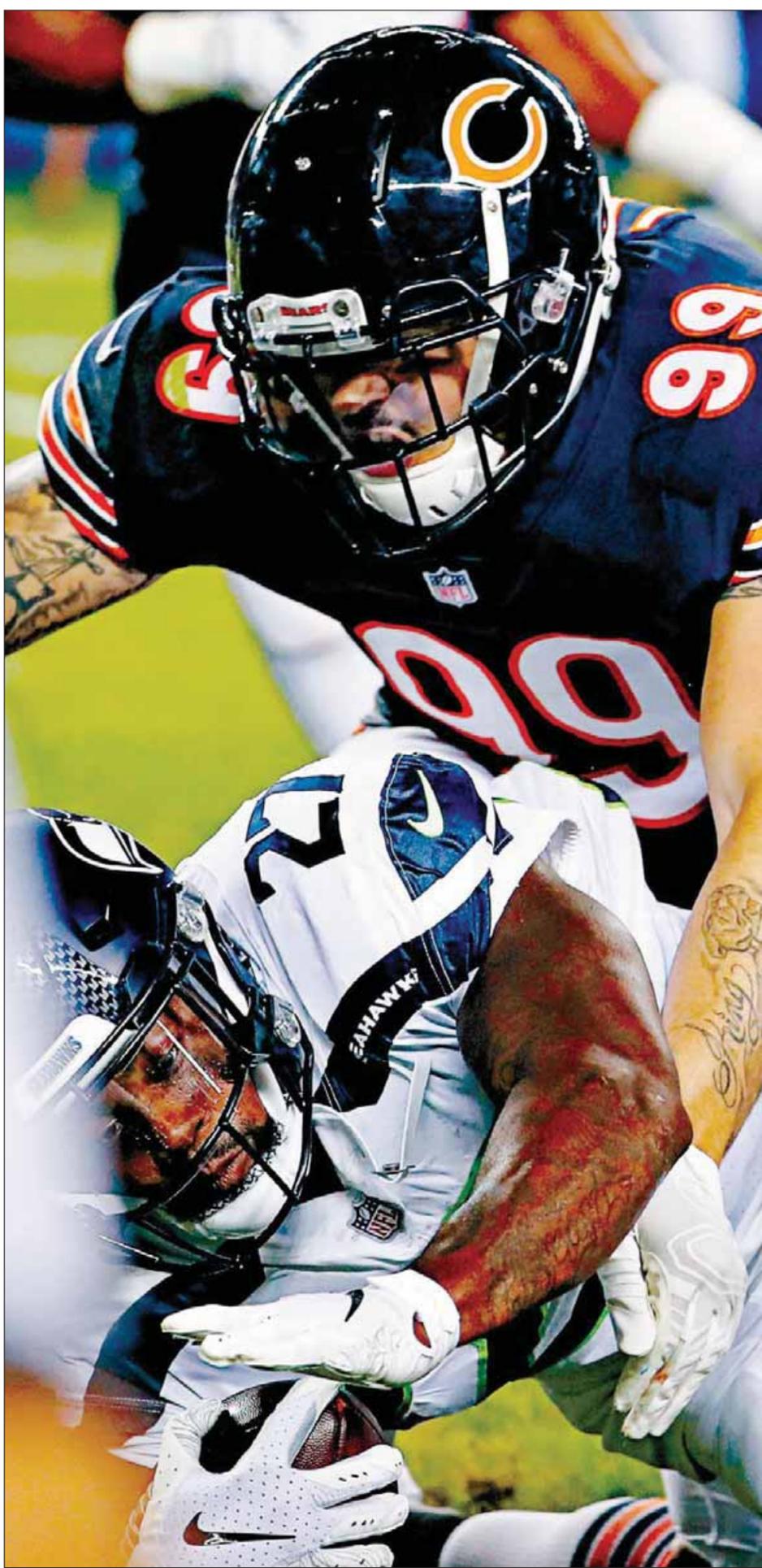
"It makes us hungry, like, 'Oh, we get to go get somebody who is sacked a lot,'" Lynch said. "But we know they're going to do things like the Lions did last week to keep guys from getting to the quarterback. They're going to have their ways to try to stop us. We're going to have to keep going after him."

Up to speed: Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky was limited in practice Wednesday with a right shoulder injury, while defensive end Akiem Hicks (Achilles tendon), running back Benny Cunningham (ankle) and cornerback Sherrick McManis (hamstring) didn't practice.

If Trubisky can't play again this week against the Giants, backup Chase Daniel hopes a full week of practice will help him improve upon his performance in his first start in four years.

Because of the short turnaround between Sunday and Thursday games last week, Daniel didn't take a full-speed practice rep. He thinks he should be able to find a better rhythm this time around.

"It'll be good, to actually get some timing down with the receivers and tight ends and running backs, although I thought it was pretty good last week, too, for not really taking a full-speed rep all week," Daniel said. "There's always stuff you can grow on. I'm a perfectionist, so what I try to do is look at the negatives of the game and try to improve on it."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Linebacker Aaron Lynch lowers the boom on Seahawks running back Mike Davis at Soldier Field on Sept. 17.

"And there were 10 incompletions. Some of those should have been completions. Four sacks — too many — those were all on me."

Giants coach Pat Shurmur said Daniel played a "very efficient" game against the Lions.

"He has a real good knowledge of what they try to do," he said. "He was able to execute at a high level."

"He played a gritty game that contributed to the win."

Staying serious: Despite their 3-8 record, the Giants have kept the score close in a lot of their losses. That's a message Bears coach Matt Nagy is emphasizing to his team this week. The Giants have lost four games by five points or fewer.

But Nagy also said he is not concerned about his group letting up after winning three NFC North games in 12 days. He said the Bears could have let up because of their short practice week last

week and didn't.

"That teaches me who they are, and they're grown men who understand where we're at now," Nagy said. "They take this game very seriously. They understand they need to be professionals. Right now we have put ourselves in this spot, and it's my job to make sure that we stay in it."

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Signs again pointing to Daniel as starting QB

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"It will end up probably being day to day," Nagy said before Wednesday's practice, putting the same loose timeline on it that he used last week when it was learned Trubisky's right shoulder got banged up late in the Nov. 18 victory over the Vikings. "Just going back to the Khalil (Mack) and A-Rob thing, it could end up being a game-time thing."

Once upon a time, back in Kevin White's rookie season, the wide receiver started out as day to day before his status eventually devolved to season to season, but there's no reason to believe anything serious is involved here as Nagy reiterated the Bears are confident it's not a long-term injury.

Mack (right ankle) and Robinson (groin) each were held out two games earlier this season and Nagy referenced them last week, at least a hint that the Bears were looking potentially at being without the quarterback for the same length of time.

The Bears don't view the Giants (3-8) as the kind of walk-over opponent they can roll without their starting quarterback. This isn't a case of the Bears contemplating if it's a good idea to hold Trubisky out another week before their biggest test of the season Dec. 9 against the Rams at Soldier Field. It's a decision involving the training staff, plain and simple.

"That's where it's different for us, players and coaches, is every one of these games is just so important," Nagy said. "Give me everybody. I want everybody out there and I don't care what the situation is. If you start doing that (holding players out while looking ahead), you're going to be in trouble, and that's not something we're going to do."

The upside for the Bears is that Daniel already has proved he can go on the road and win. He did that against the Lions without getting starter reps in a single practice during the condensed holiday week. Now he will have

the benefit of practice time with some players he hasn't worked with consistently since preseason.

Nagy said the "arrow's up" for Trubisky this week, but whether that means he sees any action in Thursday's practice remains to be seen. In more ways than one, though, the coach made it clear the decision is based on Trubisky's shoulder, and the team's confidence in Daniel isn't a factor in the equation.

"It helps to have that," Nagy said. "That decision isn't made because of that. We're going to do what's best for Mitch. We're going to do what's best for us. And then once we know where that's at, then we'll be able to judge that and then you know get 'em both ready, both prepared mentally and then physically as well."

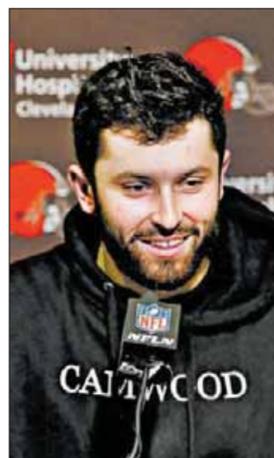
The Bears don't need Daniel to beat the Giants. They need him to be efficient and not turn the ball over and let the defense do the heavy lifting against a team that is 1-4 at home. There's nothing complicated about what the

Bears need Daniel to do and he proved he could deliver against the Lions, completing 27 of 37 passes for 230 yards, two touchdowns and no turnovers, proving he's worthy of the two-year, \$10 million investment the Bears made in him.

While a lot of backup quarterbacks can be Capt. Checkdown, especially when they're just getting acclimated, Daniel wasn't that. He was 7-for-11 on passes that traveled 10 or more yards in the air beyond the line of scrimmage for 113 yards and two touchdowns.

If Daniel runs the offense, which he knows inside and out from his work with Nagy in Kansas City, the Bears should be well-positioned against the Giants. "A defense like ours that gets you turnovers and gets you two to three extra possessions a game, you're going to win a lot of games like that," Daniel said.

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FRANK VICTORES/AP

Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield called former coach Hue Jackson "fake."

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Mayfield stands by comments

Associated Press

Baker Mayfield won't back down, won't change. Not for Hue Jackson or critics or anyone.

Don't bother telling the Browns' rookie quarterback how he should act. He's not listening.

"I'm not a cookie-cutter quarterback," Mayfield said. "Never have been, never will be."

Mayfield said Wednesday he doesn't regret calling former Browns coach Jackson "fake" and promised to stay true to himself.

After throwing four touchdown passes and leading the Browns to a 35-20 win on Sunday in Cincinnati, Mayfield was cool toward Jackson when they met on the field and then said he was unhappy with the coach's decision to take a job with the Bengals, a division rival, just weeks after he was fired by the Browns.

"People took it as me personally attacking Hue, but that's not it," he said. "It's the fact that I get to have my own opinion and he gets to do what he wants. ... I didn't like the (Jackson) move and people don't have to care. I'm not looking for anybody's approval."

Mayfield says he'll deal with detractors the way he always has.

"I have an opinion ... but the most important thing is me doing my job and I can manage both," he said.

Reid's testing fatigue: Eric Reid said he's being targeted by the NFL because of his pending collusion case after being drug tested five times since signing with the Panthers on Sept. 27.

NFL drug screenings are random, but the Panthers safety said this year for him it has been "excessive." He said in a normal 17-week season he's tested "maybe twice."

Reid believes the extra tests are related to fallout from his collusion case against the NFL which alleges owners conspired to keep him out of the league because of his decision to kneel during the national anthem.

Reid said he doesn't have anything to hide since he's never failed a drug test, but he added it needs to be talked about because "it's like stop-and-frisk — it's just wrong."

Extra points: The Jaguars could be without CB Jalen Ramsey against the Colts. Coach Doug Marrone said he has a "high level of concern" regarding Ramsey's availability. Ramsey missed practice because of a knee injury. ... The Falcons placed DE Derrick Shelby on injured reserve with a groin injury. He is the Falcons' seventh former starter to land on IR. ... Jaguars RB Leonard Fournette's appeal of a one-game suspension for fighting was denied. ... The Jets placed LG James Carpenter on injured reserve with a shoulder injury, ending his season. Carpenter had started 58 straight games.

SAM FARMER'S THURSDAY NIGHT PICK
Saints (10-1) at Cowboys (6-5)
7:20 p.m.
FOX-32, NFL Network
Saints by 7½ (O/U 52)
The Cowboys are playing well but not well enough to beat the Saints. The Saints are on track for the No. 1 seed ... though a stumble is always possible.
Saints 31, Cowboys 21

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

“They’ve got an extremely talented team. We respect that. But we also have a good football team. Our kids take a lot of pride in their performance.”

—Georgia coach Kirby Smart on facing Alabama in the SEC championship game



AJ REYNOLDS/AP

Georgia head coach Kirby Smart, center, takes the field before the College Football Playoff National Championship game against Alabama in January. Neither No. 1 Alabama nor No. 4 Georgia is anxiously awaiting their playoff fates this season, but whoever wins the Southeastern Conference championship game is definitely in the playoffs.

GEORGIA GETS GAME IT WANTED ALL ALONG

Bulldogs meet Alabama in SEC championship game, a rematch with ‘unfinished business’ in mind

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — As soon as Tua Tagovailoa let go of the pass, the one that ended the national championship game in the blink of an eye, Georgia has wanted another shot at Alabama.

Oh sure, the Bulldogs tried to play it cool. They insisted that it didn’t do any good to dwell on such a bitter disappointment. Learn from it and move on.

Even after both teams clinched their spots in the Southeastern Conference championship game with a month to spare, Georgia’s players wouldn’t get drawn into any discussion about the Crimson Tide.

Well, now they can talk about it. The rematch is here.

“I didn’t come back this year to not be here,” said senior defensive end Jonathan Ledbetter, who passed on a chance to enter the NFL draft. “We had unfinished business. We intend to go ahead and handle that.”

In what amounts to a play-in game for a spot in the College Football Playoff, No. 4 Georgia (11-1) gets another shot at top-ranked Alabama (12-0) in Saturday’s SEC championship game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta — the very same place where the Tide won its national title last January, overcoming a 13-point deficit to beat the Bulldogs 26-23 in overtime.

A do-over has seemingly been in the cards ever since that dramatic night.



CURTIS COMPTON/AP

Georgia’s Jake Fromm, right, and Jonathan Ledbetter, center, react after a 26-23 overtime loss to Alabama in national championship game in Atlanta. The two teams face each other in the SEC title game in Atlanta.

With Nick Saban guiding Alabama and protege Kirby Smart running things at Georgia, these talent-rich programs were heavily favored to win their respective divisions and largely lived up to expectations.

In fact, the Crimson Tide could go down as one of the greatest teams in college football history by winning out. No one has come close to beating Alabama, its average margin of victory a staggering 35 points a game.

Tagovailoa is heavily favored to claim the Heisman Trophy, guiding what can only be viewed as a nightmare scenario for Saban’s opponents: a team that has always been among the best in the nation defensively running up and down the field with a fun-and-gun

offense. Alabama is averaging 49 points a game, twice dropping more than 60 and putting up at least 50 six other times.

“They’ve got a great team. I don’t think anybody would argue that,” Smart said. “They’ve got very few deficiencies in any area, a talented quarterback, explosive offense, and the first thing you notice when they turn the tape on is how fast and how much they score. They play some good teams in our conference, and they still score a lot of points.”

Georgia slipped up once, losing 36-16 at LSU in mid-October, but romped past everyone else. The Bulldogs have scored at least 40 points in seven games, with an average margin of nearly 27 points in those 11 victories.

“They’ve got an extremely talented team. We respect that,” Smart said. “But we also have a good football team. Our kids take a lot of pride in their performance.”

The Bulldogs certainly gave Alabama all it could handle in the last meeting.

Georgia dominated the first half, going to the locker room with a 13-0 lead that prompted Saban to make a decision that would go down as one of the best in his long, celebrated career. The coach benched Jalen Hurts, the quarterback who led the Tide to a pair of national championship games, and brought in Tagovailoa, a touted freshman whose college experience to that point was limited largely to mop-up roles.

The left-handed Hawaiian

threw three touchdown passes, including a 41-yarder to Devonta Smith that ended the game after Georgia started overtime with a field goal. Making that play even more galling for the Bulldogs, they sacked Tagovailoa on Alabama’s first offensive play to leave the Tide in a second-and-26 hole. Then, a busted coverage allowed Smith to break free behind the secondary. The touchdown looked downright easy.

“That game came down to more than just that,” Smart insisted. “I mean, that’s just what people remember the most. When we teach that coverage, we teach it the same way we taught it before. We just hope that we do a better job of executing it.”

Saban knew if his team reached the SEC championship game — remember, the Tide missed out a year ago after losing to Auburn in its regular-season finale — there was a very good chance that Georgia would be the opponent. The Bulldogs are actually the reigning conference champions, but Alabama has the title that really matters.

“They have been a pretty dominant team all season long,” Saban said. “I really thought that, in playing Georgia last year and knowing the kind of players they had coming back and the job they do there and the job that Kirby does with his entire staff, that they would have an excellent chance to come back to this game.”

Alabama remains the team everyone is chasing.

Saban has set an almost impossibly high template during his dozen seasons in Tuscaloosa, claiming five national titles and becoming the only team to earn a spot in the College Football Playoff during each of its first four seasons.

“Everybody in this business is striving for greatness,” Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm said. “They’re a great example. Everybody is kind of striving for that.”

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Tradition-rich NHL teams are no longer giving players the 'C' designation. When Henrik Sedin retired from the Canucks after 18 seasons, the franchise — that rather than designate a singular captain — opted for four to share the mantle: Alex Edler, Bo Horvat, Brandon Sutter and Chris Tanev

'A' new method

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN
Washington Post

Henrik and Daniel Sedin were Vancouver mainstays for 18 years, and while it was Henrik who formally wore the 'C' on his chest as the team captain for eight seasons, the two shared the privilege and the burden of being the twin faces of the Canucks. In a first season without them, Vancouver general manager Jim Benning just didn't think his young, rebuilding team was completely ready to replace them, and he didn't feel it was right to make one player the public voice of the locker room just yet. Rather than award one player a 'C' so soon after the Sedins' retirement, four players — Alex Edler, Bo Horvat, Brandon Sutter and Chris Tanev — wear an 'A' as assistant captains, sharing a leadership responsibility that can often be too heavy for one player alone.

"Being a Canadian team in a Canadian marketplace, I feel that there's a lot of extra responsibility on a captain," Benning said. "We have a lot of good veteran leadership in our group, and we felt like we're going to just go with the assistant captains this year and let Bo [Horvat] keep developing as a player so he doesn't have to bear that responsibility all on his own."

There's always been a mystique around the captaincy in the NHL. Practically, it's the captain who often converses with the referees in-game, but it's also the captain who often faces the brunt of the media scrutiny, a pressure that's magnified if he or the team is not performing well. A handful of players might have a 'C' on their jersey in the NFL, the NBA did away with the uniform distinction in 2011 and most MLB teams don't have a captain. But traditionally in hockey, just one player is considered the captain, while others might wear an 'A' denoting an assistant or alternate captain. While the post is considered sacred by some, more NHL teams are opting not to name a captain, or at least take their time doing so.

Six NHL teams — Detroit, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Vegas and the New York Rangers — are currently without one, and last season, four teams didn't have captains; the Hurricanes had co-captains, which the team changed this offseason in favor of awarding Justin Williams the 'C', despite him approaching unrestricted free agency at the end of this season.

With several tradition-rich teams from the NHL's Original Six among the group embracing a captain-less season, could the sport one day go the way of others and do away with awarding one player a "C"?

Vegas, the upstart of the group, however, may be the best example of why having a captain might be overrated. The Golden Knights didn't want to force one person into the captaincy in their inaugural season, when players were still getting to know each other after an expansion draft. After a surprising run to the Stanley Cup Final, their philosophy in their second season is that they have "23 captains."

"Last year, it was a different situation than any of us had ever been in before, so we needed 23 different leaders to be able to come together and build as a team," forward Reilly Smith said. "I think we kind of just roll that over into this year and try to work in a similar attitude and a similar mind-set where it takes all of us. Right now, on NHL teams, there's not one guy in the locker rooms who makes all of the rules anyway."

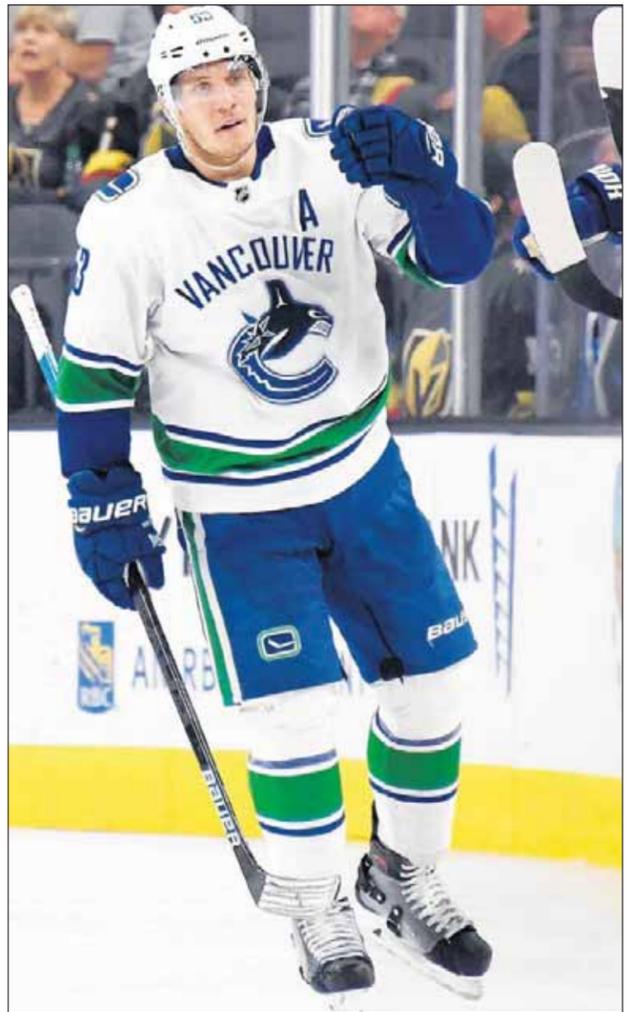
To Smith's point, most NHL locker room's have some sort of a leadership council in place, and that helps alleviate some of the burden from a lone captain. But speaking to his role as the Carolina Hurricanes' captain, Williams referenced the importance of having a clear representative of the locker room.

"People want your opinion on a lot of things because you're essentially the voice of the play-



KARL B DEBLAKER/AP

Canucks defenseman Alexander Edler.



ETHAN MILLER/GETTY-AFP

Canucks center Bo Horvat.



RICK SCUTERI/AP

Canucks center Brandon Sutter.



RICH LAM/GETTY-AFP

Canucks defenseman Chris Tanev.

ers within the dressing room," Williams said. "And nowadays, the players' voices mean a lot more than they did 10 years ago. Usually, it was just, 'We're doing it this way,' without any advice. Now it's a little bit different. The players' voices matter, and coaches and management, they listen to that. ...

"If anything, I think other sports will come toward us. I think it's a very solid foundation. It's something that people really essentially work for. People aspire to be leaders. It's an awesome thing, and I don't see that going away anytime ever."

Some teams award the 'C' to their best player and face of the franchise, as the Washington Capitals did with Alex Ovechkin in 2010 and the Edmonton Oilers

with Connor McDavid in 2016, when he was just 19.

Among the most popular topics in Toronto this summer was who of the Maple Leafs' two best players would ultimately be named the captain: Auston Matthews or John Tavares? The answer was neither. The team is punting for now, choosing to go without a captain this season. Such a move figures to alleviate some of the weight for those players in an already pressure-packed, championship-starved market.

"Of course, there's pressure," Ovechkin said. "You try to be a leader on the ice and off the ice. But I think I learned a lot from previous leaders. The team has to help you a lot as well because I'm pretty sure lots of young guys

became captains on their teams, and experienced guys helped them a lot. I had the same thing. ... Through all those years, I had help from more experienced guys.

"The first year, it was totally different than now. Obviously, my [English] language was not that good, and sometimes if I wanted to say something, it was hard to do that. But through all those years, I learned a lot."

Two years ago, the Florida Panthers made Derek MacKenzie, a career fourth-line forward who'd never scored more than nine goals in a season, their captain because he set a good example in the locker room.

But then Florida took the unusual step of having MacKenzie pass the torch to talented

center Aleksander Barkov before this season, though MacKenzie remains on the team. Asked about how the transition to the new role is going, the 23-year-old Barkov said it's "nothing special," crediting a group of veterans for helping guide the team's younger players.

Benning is hopeful the same thing is happening in Vancouver's locker room, just without the "C" stitched onto any jerseys for the time being.

"We want our young players to concentrate on playing and doing the things that they need to do to be successful in the league and not having to worry about talking to the media every day about the team," Benning said. "It distracts them from developing as players, and we don't want to do that."

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The first jungle gym, at the Winnetka Historical Society.

HOW THE JUNGLE GYM WAS BORN

A look at its evolution, from sky-high rusted pipes in Winnetka to soft, risk-averse playgrounds

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI | Chicago Tribune

In the backyard of the Winnetka Historical Society, behind a fence of manicured hedges, there stands an ancient jungle gym, a monolithic, caramel-color 7-foot tall cube of deliberately spaced sharp angles, a geometric Tetris of rusted pipes not soldered end to end but fastened curiously in place with small curls of steel. It looks as punishing as contemporary playground equipment is welcoming, promising the softest of falls to the youngest of kids. Its only concession to safety is the sandbox of wood chips beneath it.

Rachel Ramirez, the society's curator, says, "I wouldn't let my own child play on it."

And you shouldn't either. Playground equipment gets inspected often, even in autumn, because playgrounds, as much as we see them as warm-weather spaces, transcend season. But this jungle gym is different. It transcends inspection. It looks as if it were built to remind a child to be cautious, to stop and think and pay attention to what he or she is doing — actions do have consequences! — and yet, on the other hand, *wink, wink*, fortune does favor the daring ...

So neighborhood kids climb on it; they're not supposed to, but this jungle gym is hard to deny. Its influence is felt in the 22-foot treetop climb at the Lincoln Park Zoo, in the sky-high slides at Maggie Daley Park, in the swoops of monkey bars once planted into suburban concrete. Its legacy can be seen in

the colorful pre-Target, postwar playground creations at the Milwaukee Art Museum's latest exhibit, "Serious Play: Design in Midcentury America." And though it may lack a marker or plaque from the Winnetka Historical Society, it, too, is a museum piece.

It is the first jungle gym.

The very first.

For a century, hard steel jungle gyms and their bright plastic playground offspring have been neighborhood fixtures, as ubiquitous and unseen as mailboxes and squirrels. You likely never thought that someone actually invented the jungle gym. But that someone was Sebastian Hinton, a Chicago patent attorney with a love for math and a history of mental health issues. His story takes a dark turn. His famous creation, though, was so successful you can trace the rise, decline and future of the neighborhood playground in it. Because the story of the

jungle gym is the story of why we created playgrounds in the first place, why we remade them as cushioned, coddling spaces and, counterintuitive as it sounds, why playground designers are now eager to install a little "calculated risk."

Hinton was too.

In his 1920 patent application for a "climbing structure," he admitted climbing equipment was "somewhat dangerous." But his invention was as natural as a jungle. It would harness "the monkey instinct strong in all human beings and perhaps more clearly displayed in children." The upper layer of bars would serve as "the forest top"; from there, a child could "climb from one side to the other, without touching the ground." He believed in the primitive instinct of children to learn from their bruises, and push their luck.

What could go wrong?

Outside the fence of play:ground-NYC on Governors Island, there is a handmade sign that asks parents to relax, if only for a moment, to breathe and let go: "Your kids will be fine without you." A child made the sign while playing at play:groundNYC, using wood and paint. Another sign reads: "Bye Mom, Bye Dad." The space was founded three years ago by Rebecca Faulkner, a London native who was inspired by her father's memories of

playing in the rubble of a post-Blitz England. It is, at a glance, a mess of spare tires and scrap wood, crates and fabrics. It is also one of the most celebrated possibilities for the playground of the future — an empty lot full of tools and nails and stray material waiting to be assembled into whatever a kid might imagine.

For the past three years, it has averaged about 10,000 children a year — and only children. The space has four adult play supervisors at all times and caps admission to 45 kids at a time, but also, parents sign liability waivers and are not allowed inside.

"I think 99 percent of them watch from the fence," Faulkner said. "They see the tools, they get nervous. I walk up to them and say: 'It's sort of like you used to play, right?'"

Actually, it wouldn't have been out of place at the dawn of playgrounds, in 19th-century Germany, where early sandlots were set up to encourage free play through scrap materials. The first playgrounds in this country found inspiration there, particularly in the writings of German educator Friedrich Froebel, who believed that teaching through play could install a healthy understanding of spontaneity and risk in a child. The first American playground (really large boxes of sand)

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A SpongeBob SquarePants balloon floats through Times Square during the 2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

SpongeBob's incredible journey

From 'Bob the Sponge' in a marine institute's comic to global stardom

BY MEAGAN FLYNN
 The Washington Post

The most beloved cartoon sponge of a generation spent most of his life in a pineapple under the sea, but he was born in a marine biology institute in Dana Point, Calif., in 1989.

He was just Bob the Sponge then, an actual sea sponge with cool black shades and a shimmering smile. Bob the Sponge had no arms or legs. In his early days, he was only a talking blob, floating in the top corner of a comic book and narrating the shenanigans of

an intertidal pool, an ocean habitat home to millions of sea creatures.

"You are about to embark on a journey into one of the most incredible ecosystems on this planet... the Intertidal Zone!" Bob says in the comic's opening frame.

It was a world created by Stephen Hillenburg, an imaginative marine biologist equipped with a fresh college degree in marine resources and a love for film and illustration. He made the comic book while work-

ing as an instructor and staff artist at the Orange County Marine Institute in Dana Point to teach kids about the diversity of the intertidal pools in an entertaining way.

For a time, Hillenburg's comic book creation existed only inside a pamphlet for kids. But within a decade, Hillenburg would transform it into one of the greatest TV cartoons of the new millennium, trading Bob the Sponge for SpongeBob SquarePants, the Intertidal Zone for Bikini Bottom, and charming millions of kids and adults alike into falling in love with a nerdy, neurotic, obnoxiously good-natured, burger-flipping sponge. SpongeBob also

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Hillenburg

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Rita Moreno, who starred in the 1961 version of "West Side Story," was cast in Steven Spielberg's adaptation.

Moreno joins reboot of 'West Side Story'

Rita Moreno will join the cast of Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the Broadway musical "West Side Story."

Moreno will also serve as an executive producer of the film. She won an Academy Award for her portrayal of Anita in the 1961 film version of "West Side Story." In the new "West Side Story," Moreno will be playing Valentina, a reconceived version of the character of Doc, the owner of the corner store in which Tony works.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I see myself revisiting this seminal work," Moreno said. "And to be asked by Steven Spielberg to participate is simply thrilling! Then to work together with the brilliant playwright, Tony Kushner — what a glorious stew! I am tingling!"

Spielberg said, "From our earliest discussions, we wanted to include Rita Moreno in our production. Her Anita is one of the greatest musical performances ever filmed, and a personal favorite of mine. We created an original role for her, and we feel beyond fortunate that Rita will bring her extraordinary gifts as an actress, as well as her deep understanding of 'West Side Story' to this production as an executive producer."

Filming for "West Side Story" is set to begin in the summer of 2019.

— Variety



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Atwood writing 'Handmaid's Tale' sequel:

Margaret Atwood is writing a sequel to her million-selling "The Handmaid's Tale." "The Testaments" will be published next September by Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, the publisher announced Wednesday. Atwood said in a statement that the sequel was inspired by the "world we've been living in."

Chen returning to 'Brother':

Julie Chen will return as the host of the CBS reality show "Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" in the aftermath of her husband Les Moonves' departure from the network. Chen's husband stepped down from his role of CEO of CBS Corp. in September after numerous women came forward and accused him of sexual misconduct. The new season of "Big Brother: Celebrity Edition" premieres on Jan. 21.

Zimmern apologizes:

"Bizarre Foods" host Andrew Zimmern is apologizing for his comments about Chinese restaurants after he was criticized. Zimmern just opened his own Chinese restaurant, Lucky Cricket. Fast Company posted an interview from the summer in which Zimmern says he was saving the souls of people who dine at "restaurants masquerading as Chinese food" in the Midwest. In a statement, Zimmern admits his comments sounded arrogant.

Nov. 29 birthdays: Actor-comedian Howie Mandel is 63. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 56. Actor Don Cheadle is 54. Actor Chadwick Boseman is 42. Actress Anna Faris is 42.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Wife frets over hubby's ex connection

Dear Amy: My husband had a long first marriage. He got divorced two years ago, and we started dating shortly after. We have been married for over a year now, and we have a newborn daughter.

The problem is that my husband communicates all the time with his ex! I told him I was not confident about his choice to do that. He said she was a very important part of his life and that I need to wise up. He said he has a lot of memories with her, and I understand that, but it has been almost two years since we got married. I don't think this should continue. What should I do?

— Upset Wife

Dear Upset: Even if your concerns were NOT valid (and I think they are), it is disrespectful for your husband to respond to your honesty by telling you to "wise up." You are wise enough to see his relationship with his ex-wife as an encroachment on your marriage. Your husband does not get to tell you what to think or how to feel.

Nor can you force him to exit from a relationship with his ex that he seems determined to continue.

What you both must do is find respectful ways to communicate and to engage in behavior that strengthens your young marriage. You owe it to yourselves and, of course, you owe it to your child.

Many ex-spouses find positive ways to maintain a friendship, but if he hasn't emotionally separated from his ex, then she is entangled in your relationship. Simply put, you and

your husband need to put each other at the center of your relationship-world.

You will gain insight into marriage's trickier dynamics by reading John Gottman and Nan Silver's classic primer: "The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work: A Practical Guide from the Country's Foremost Relationship Expert" (2015, Harmony). Read this on your own and discuss some of these principles with your husband. He should be inspired to read it, too.

Gottman's research reveals successful couples create indelible relationship imprints and turn toward each other (not their exes) to tackle life's little and large challenges.

Dear Amy: My neighbor "Sara" and I are not friends, but we are friendly, or so I thought. We make small talk when we see each other, usually about our kids, our town, etc. Sometimes Sara speaks first, other times it's me.

Sara and I have a few mutual friends on social media, so I sent her a friend request. She ignored it. Her page is very public and she posts stuff often. She has about 350 FB friends, including other neighbors, teachers, town officials etc., so it's not like she's extremely private.

I feel like asking her, "Hey, what gives?" Should I confront her about this slight, or should I let it go?

— Non-Friendly Neighbor

Dear Neighbor: If you never, ever want to be connected with your neighbor on social media, then definitely confront her about it.

She may use social media differently than you do, filtering out people who post political content or who follow pages she disagrees with. She may like you as a neighbor but not want you to know the particulars about her life or her political opinions.

Many people keep "friend requests" in a queue and click through requests only periodically.

Or it's possible that "Sara" is happy to chat with you over the fence but is otherwise not that interested in you. There is nothing wrong with this. In some ways, maintaining a cordial bit of friendly distance is the ideal situation for neighbors.

Continue to be personally friendly toward your neighbor, stop FB stalking her and, yes, let it go.

Dear Amy: Thank you for warning readers about the dangers of accidental nicotine exposure in the household, due to the popularity of vaping. My husband was refilling his device and spilled a small amount of vaping liquid on the floor. He didn't clean it up, and our dog lapped it up. He was extremely sick. We almost lost him.

— Horrified

Dear Horrified: Concentrated nicotine in liquid form is toxic. Your husband should be wearing gloves, avoid any spills (and thoroughly clean with a paper towel if he does spill), and store his refill liquid in a secure location.

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The season of TV Christmas movies is very much upon us

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

Have you heard the one about the girl who didn't care about Christmas but found herself in a small town for the holidays surrounded by decorations, cookies and carolers, and found a new boyfriend and her Christmas spirit by Dec. 25? Hallmark Channel has, and they're airing 22 original movies this year built around plots similar to that. The premise may vary, but the themes are the same and Hallmark is very OK with that.

"Yes, you can pretty much guarantee that when you meet our two leads in the first 10 minutes of a Hallmark movie, it's guaranteed that they will end up together," said Michelle Vicary, the executive vice president of programming and network publicity for Crown Media and Family Networks.

While regular network primetime programming



ELIZA MORSE/HALLMARK CHANNEL

Patti LaBelle stars in "Christmas Everlasting," one of 22 original movies being shown as part of holiday viewing fare on the Hallmark Channel.

tends to take a hiatus during the holiday season, it's Hallmark Channel's time to shine. Their holiday movies are so popular, they began airing Christmas movies in late October and wrap up

on Jan. 1.

This year, Hallmark Channel has films starring LeAnn Rimes, Kellie Pickler and Patti LaBelle, but the network also features recurring actresses, dubbed

the "Christmas queens" internally by Hallmark, who front a new movie a season on the network: Candace Cameron Bure, Lacey Chabert, Danica McKellar and Lori Loughlin.

Bure reigns supreme. "For the last three years she has had the No. 1 Christmas movie on the Hallmark Channel with very, very stiff competition from Chabert and Loughlin," Vicary said.

Bure said the reaction to her Hallmark Christmas movies encourages her to keep making them but also find interesting ways to tell stories that fit the formula.

The biggest motivation for returning to Hallmark year after year is the fans, said Bure. She recalled a letter from an older man whose wife had passed away after more than 50 years of marriage. She loved Christmas and would decorate for the season early, and particularly loved Bure's Christmas movies.

He forced himself to not only keep up his wife's tradition of decorating but also sat down to watch Bure's movie that year because it's what they would have done as a couple, and it made him feel closer to her.

"It's more than ratings. It's more than a cheesy holiday spirit. There's a deep meaning behind (these movies) for some people I love all of them, and that's why I keep doing them."

Chabert, who is also known for "Mean Girls," says she considers it "an honor" to keep making Christmas movies for Hallmark.

"I've been in this business a long time but the fans of Hallmark are some of the most devoted and some of the most kind," she said.

Hallmark Channel isn't the only network airing holiday fare. Lifetime does it too and began airing mostly holiday programming after Nov. 21. They

also have their own crop of "go to" talent including Tatyana Ali of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and Melissa Joan Hart of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch."

"There's certain talent that our audience really connects with around the holidays," said Meghan Hooper, a senior vice president at Lifetime. "We like bringing back some of the same performers like Tatyana Ali that they grew up with Fresh Prince; they now see her on our air year after year. It's leaning into that comfort and nostalgia."

Hart's "A Very Nutty Christmas" debuts on Lifetime on Nov. 30. "I don't want to make Christmas movies just my thing," said Hart. "But it's the only place where TV movies still thrive," she said.

"Just having something to watch that's uplifting and light and romantic," she added, "I think it's something really missing in theaters and mainstream television these days."

Finding new possibilities in 'Kominsky Method'

By LUAINEE LEE
Tribune News Service

It's never too late to learn something new. The rule proved true when actor Michael Douglas and TV producer Chuck Lorre joined forces for a new venture.

Douglas, veteran of countless dramas like "Wall Street," "Behind the Candelabra" and "Basic Instinct," and Lorre, creator of TV sitcoms "The Big Bang Theory" and "Two and a Half Men," collaborated for the new serio-comic series "The Kominsky Method," streaming on Netflix.

For Douglas it proved a whole new experience. "The movies that I used to do, the movies that I liked — the character-driven little indie pictures that I did — I was becoming frustrated with the lack of real distribution or time," he says.

"These are pictures that you would do for very little money under a tremendous amount of pressure. You would be the marketing budget, in terms of going on all the (talk) shows. And you'd end up sort of watching the movies play in a theater for seven days or something like that, and then go right to streaming. I'm thinking about pictures like 'Solitary Man' and 'King of California,' pictures I really liked," he says.

"So I love this medium. This came along, this streaming possibility. And the combination of when I got this script from Chuck Lorre — who I'm just a tremendous fan of in all of his series, going back to 'Dharma and Greg,' 'Two and a Half Men' and even earlier than that. And then 'The Big Bang Theory' was something my family and I really enjoyed.

"So when the script

came to me ... it was just great, great writing. And I thought, 'What a wonderful opportunity! Here's a chance to play some comedy, which I don't normally get a chance to do that often in a format like Netflix, streaming, where there are no commercials.'

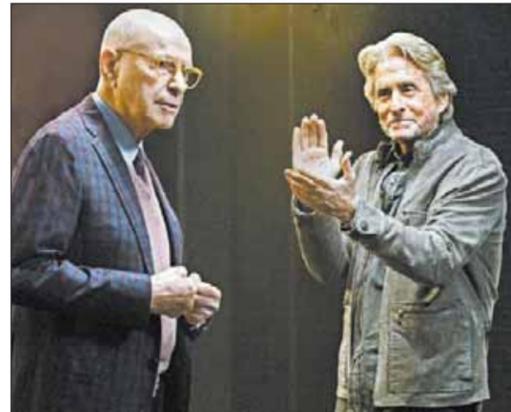
"And it's like a 25- to 35-minute movie. No time limits, language, and all of that. So it was a great opportunity and it's sort of been my year between doing green screen movies, which I'd never done in my life before, and now having a chance to do a series like this with Chuck and Alan (Arkin) has been really a treat."

It was a conversion of sorts for Lorre too. "I like learning new things," he says. "It's fun to get up in the morning and not know what's going to happen. And I learned a lot watching Michael and Alan."

Lorre didn't write the story with Douglas and Arkin in mind. The original script — which is about a has-been actor-turned-drama coach and his long-time agent-friend — was a spec script. "I wrote it because I wanted to write it," he says. "And then, when Michael and Alan agreed to do it, then we rewrote it so that it was hopefully more adjusted for their voices," says Lorre, 66.

"And we continued to do that through the eight episodes. And that's the great thing about writing for people like Michael and Alan is you can hear them. And while you're writing, you can kind of maybe get a sense of the words and whether the words are appropriate," he says.

"The show began with my desire to write about what I'm living, which is getting older. And entropy and the dissolution of form,



MIKE YARISH/NETFLIX

Alan Arkin, left, and Michael Douglas play longtime friends in "The Kominsky Method" from Chuck Lorre.

the decay of the flesh — and it has to be funny, otherwise it's heartbreaking. And there's the loss of loved ones and how it affects your relationships and friendship and how you respond to a culture that feels like it's moving away from you," Lorre says.

While the 74-year-old

Douglas' career continues to thrive, he feels he's always challenged.

"The one good thing about getting older is you can say, 'Well, Michael, you've always pulled it out before. You kind of know you should be able to do it. But the challenge to do it well is always there.'"

BOOK REVIEW

How fracking is shaking up geopolitics

Boom may have dramatic effect on U.S. economy — or it just a blip?

By STEVEN MUFSON
The Washington Post

In 2012, Leonardo Maugeri, the former chief strategist of Italian oil and gas giant ENI, coined the phrase “Saudi America” and predicted that the fracking boom would make the United States as big an oil producer as Saudi Arabia.

That level of production is now within reach, somewhat earlier than the late Maugeri expected. U.S. crude-oil production hit a record milestone in August, when it exceeded 11 million barrels per day for the first time, according to the federal Energy Information Administration. Oil output from one geologic region alone, the Permian Basin in West Texas, has exceeded the output of eight of the 13 members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. And U.S. imports of crude oil have plummeted to the lowest level since 1967 (though they have not disappeared).

Bethany McLean, a contributing editor at Vanity Fair who lives in Chicago, has borrowed that phrase as the title of her timely book, “Saudi America: The Truth About Fracking and How It’s Changing the World.” It is one of a series of novella-length reportorial books published by Columbia University.

McLean, who was a co-author of the best-seller “The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron,” has tapped into the recent history of the U.S. oil and gas boom. She de-

scribes geology in plain English, recounts the rise and fall of one of the country’s most flamboyant shale gas tycoons, and studies the political consequences of a United States that is far less dependent on oil imports than it was just a decade ago.

In each case, informed by her experience in financial affairs, McLean has cautionary words about the limits of U.S. output, the financial perils of betting on shale exploration stocks and the dangers of believing that the United States is somehow free from the geopolitics of petroleum.

First, the geology. Fracking combines recent advances in horizontal drilling with age-old hydraulic fracturing — which involves shooting water and sand and chemicals into a well to extract bits of oil and gas. The process pries loose oil and gas from shale rock that had not been valued before.

Second, the ability of oil and gas exploration companies to tap into the underground formations is a result not only of technology but, just as important, of cheap capital, McLean argues. And in the past decade, as the Federal Reserve kept interest rates low to revive the economy, that capital has been extremely cheap.

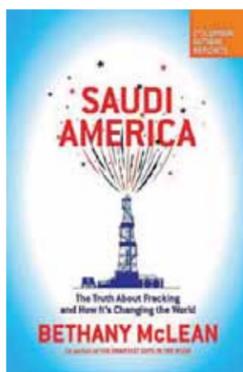
“The fracking boom has been fueled mostly by overheated investment capital, not by cash flow,” she writes. She quotes a mergers and acquisitions adviser as saying, “As oxygen is to life, capital is to the oil and gas business.”

No exploration tycoon



SPENCER PLATT/GETTY 2016

A fracking site is situated on the outskirts of town in the Permian Basin oil field in Midland, Texas. In her book “Saudi America,” Bethany McLean looks at whether America could become as big an oil producer as Saudi Arabia.



‘Saudi America’

By Bethany McLean, Columbia Global Reports. 138 pages, \$15.99

reflected that phenomenon more than the late Aubrey McClendon, whom she describes as “a bit of J.R. Ewing” from the fictional television series “Dallas,” mixed with Michael Milken, the junk-bond king who arguably changed the world before winding up in prison for securities fraud.

In the catastrophic financial year of 2008, McClendon’s board gave him a \$75 million bonus, lifting his total pay for the year to \$122 million, the largest amount for any executive in the country.

McClendon, whom McLean weaves into one-third of her book, built Chesapeake Energy into a dominant player in shale gas during years he dubbed “The Great North American Land Grab.” But his bet on natural-gas prices turned sour, and he went broke. Hounded by creditors and securities regulators, he died in a fiery car crash. Many thought then and still think now that it was suicide.

Other shale players might be less flamboyant, but the very structure of the shale business has some important fault lines. For all the hoopla about the surge in U.S. oil and gas production from fracking, most people overlook an important feature of the boom: The average shale well produces most of its oil or

gas in the first two years. That means oil companies must keep drilling new wells to keep production steady. In short, they have to keep running — and quickly — just to stay in place.

McLean shows this with numbers: “To maintain production of 1 million barrels per day, shale requires up to 2,500 wells, while production in Iraq can do it with fewer than 100.”

The third and last section of McLean’s book is fortuitously timely. With the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, the United States has threatened punitive action against Saudi Arabia, and the kingdom is trying to ease tensions. Both sides want to keep business between the two nations going. There has been little talk of a 1970s-style oil embargo or even a production cut from the Saudis, in part because the kingdom could suffer as much as the United States now that America has sharply reduced its dependence on

crude-oil imports.

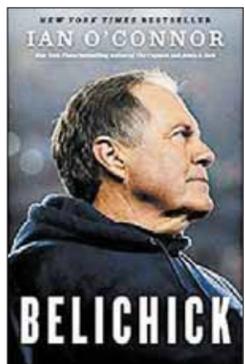
But some lawmakers and policy experts believe that reduced imports of crude oil can make America free of petroleum politics. Not so, McLean says.

“Even if America doesn’t need Middle Eastern oil, its allies in Europe do, and China certainly does,” she writes. “This isn’t just altruism. In a world where over 40 percent of the S&P 500’s revenues come from outside the U.S., the American economy is dependent on the global economy.”

She brings a sensible financial eye to the Trump administration’s talk about American “energy dominance” and the “believers” who think technology will help the country outgrow its petroleum problem.

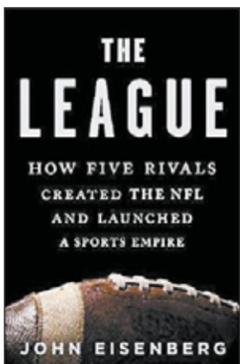
She writes, “Even today, it is unclear if we will look back and see fracking as the beginning of a huge and lasting shift — or if we will look back wistfully, realizing that what we thought was transformative was merely a moment in time.”

Sports book roundup



“Belichick” by Ian O’Connor, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 512 pages, \$28

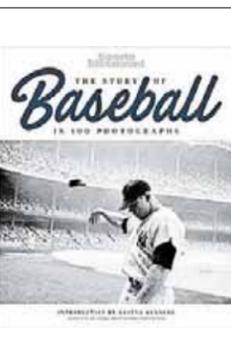
Bill Belichick hardly is a warm and fuzzy guy, and many fans suffer from the overdose of watching the New England Patriots in the spotlight. So some might be tempted to take a pass on reading 450-plus pages on the Patriots coach. That would be a mistake. Ian O’Connor’s biography ranks among the best in regards to the NFL. Not surprisingly, Belichick didn’t grant any access to O’Connor. That didn’t stop the author, as he conducted more than 350 interviews. The end result is a comprehensive profile that manages to dig deep under Belichick’s famous hoodie. O’Connor documents how he rose through the ranks as a young coach who got people’s attention. There is a fascinating section about Belichick’s complicated relationship with Bill Parcells; Belichick served as an assistant coach for him with the Giants and Jets. O’Connor then details the mechanisms behind Belichick’s run of success with the Patriots and the controversies that have diminished some of its luster. O’Connor shows how his partnership with quarterback Tom Brady also is complex. Beyond that, the many inside stories from former players and associates seek to humanize a man who gives up so little of himself to the public.



“The League” by John Eisenberg, Basic, 416 pages, \$30

The multibillion-dollar NFL had a humble beginning. John Eisenberg tells the fascinating account of how five owners, including the Bears’ George Halas, cut through their differences to work together to form the foundations of the league. They faced long odds in building the sport during the 1920s and ’30s when college, not pro, football reigned supreme. Pro teams initially played to small crowds and had trouble paying their bills. The Great Depression made the challenge even tougher. Yet Eisenberg shows how Halas, along with Art Rooney (Pittsburgh Steelers), Bert Bell (Philadelphia Eagles), Tim Mara (New York Giants) and George Preston Marshall (Washington Redskins) had the vision to push the new NFL firmly into America’s sports landscape. They did it with unprecedented cooperation that often wasn’t in an individual team’s best interests. A transformative move occurred when they instituted the first NFL draft of college players in 1936. Virginia McCaskey, Halas’ daughter, remembers her mother asking Halas why decisions were being made that could hurt the Bears. “His response was what happens on the field was different from the business of the league,” McCaskey said, according to “The League.”

By ED SHERMAN
Chicago Tribune



“The Story of Baseball in 100 Photographs,” introduction by Kostya Kennedy, Sports Illustrated, 224 pages, \$30

Sports Illustrated set the standard for sports photo journalism. The magazine’s latest volume of baseball photos is no exception. This book features several iconic photos of game action, such as Willie Mays’ over-the-shoulder catch in the 1954 World Series. More candid and intimate portraits of the game’s greats are mixed in. One captures Ted Williams at age 67 discussing hitting during a dinner with Wade Boggs and Don Mattingly, the young stars of the 1980s. Seated at a table with a napkin stuffed in his shirt, an intense Williams displays his left-handed swing as if he still was playing. For Chicago fans, there is a 1955 shot of a 24-year old Ernie Banks taking batting practice. The picture captures the strength of Banks’ wrists, which ultimately generated 512 homers. There also is a shot of Steve Bartman reaching for a foul ball in the last instant when he was just an anonymous fan, and a panoramic perspective of the final out of the Cubs winning the 2016 World Series. Take time to study each photo; they reveal so much about the players and the game. This is a terrific holiday book for a baseball fan.

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BOOK REVIEW

Reframing the female painters who helped define abstract art

By KAREN SANDSTROM
The Washington Post

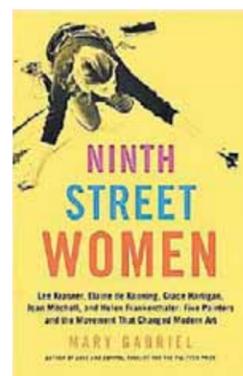
One day in 1951, the painter Grace Hartigan took a gig as a model at the Art Students League in New York. She was serious about her work and already had a solo show under her belt, but she needed the money. Hartigan was naked on a platform, earning 95 cents an hour, when artist-instructor Will Barnet started to expound upon work being done by Willem de Kooning and others in the avant-garde scene.

As author Mary Gabriel recounts in her marvelous book “Ninth Street Women,” Hartigan bristled at Barnet’s assessment. From the platform, she unleashed her opinions about how he was getting it wrong, and then she dressed and left the studio. “It was just too embarrassing to be standing there, nude with an instructor arguing with you about your art,” Hartigan said later.

Her protest from the model’s stand feels emblematic of the paradoxical times. Smart, driven and opinionated, Hartigan and her female peers were respected by their male counterparts, yet also framed by gender. The legendary instructor Hans Hofmann once complimented Lee Krasner’s drawing by telling her it was “so good, you would not know it was done by a woman.”

Modern art was hard for everyone, but it was differently so for the women who lived to make it.

Gabriel, a former journalist, earned acclaim for her 2011 biography of Karl and Jenny Marx, “Love and Capital.” She is a gifted storyteller and a dogged researcher. She puts these gifts to excellent use in this panoramic take on the



‘Ninth Street Women’

By Mary Gabriel, Little, Brown, 927 pages, \$35

20th century’s American art revolution.

Born in the ’40s and ’50s, abstract expressionism was a shock to the system. With its full departure from representation, it was received by the masses as an act of hostility, a dangerous expression of Marxism or a prank.

Hartigan, Joan Mitchell and Helen Frankenthaler were beacons of the movement’s second generation. Krasner and Elaine de Kooning were key to the first. Along with Jackson Pollock, Arshile Gorky, Robert Motherwell and others, they formed a community of visionaries.

As a young student laboring in classical techniques, Krasner felt liberated by European post-impressionists, whose rule-breaking works encouraged her to seek her own artistic voice. During the Depression, she worked in the Works Progress Administration’s mural division, where once she was asked to complete a mural that Willem de Kooning couldn’t finish. “It was a sign of Lee’s standing

that she and de Kooning would be considered interchangeable on an important project,” Gabriel writes.

In 1941, Krasner was invited to be part of an exhibition by French and American painters. Pollock was the only American artist she didn’t know. “It irritated her that she had never heard of him, and even more so when she learned he lived around the corner from her on Eighth Street, next to Hofmann’s school,” Gabriel writes.

Krasner would fall in love with the action-painting legend. Bewitched as she was by Pollock, it was Krasner’s fate to suffer his alcoholism and emotional rages, to become his widow and to be defined in relation to him. But as Gabriel shows, Krasner’s work stood on its own.

“Ninth Street Women” masterfully unspools the biographies of its central cast and scores of supporting players, including the critic and starmaker Clement Greenberg, patron Peggy Guggenheim and writer Frank O’Hara. It takes us into their Greenwich Village haunts, and it rummages through their relationships, too often fueled by alcohol and dizzying infidelities.

Gabriel’s book is a reminder of the importance of women to an artistic genre long associated with masculinity. But it is also a vivid portrait of the very nature of the artist. The stars of the era suffered and sinned as mortals, but their works — and their creative appetites — were otherworldly. “Ninth Street Women” gets us a just a little bit closer to their galaxy.

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"Playgrounds today can keep things risky without making them dangerous. Maggie Daley (Park) is like the perfect example," says Scott Goldstein, a pediatrician.

Jungle gym

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opened in Boston in 1885. But one of the first playgrounds that resembled the playground of today — swings, benches, green field — was Jolly Romp. It was built in 1895 at Hull House on Chicago's Near West Side.

The playground was understood initially as a public service, as a way of socializing and keeping safe the children of new immigrants — and therefore, to some, the playground was apparently insidious, a Trojan horse. The Tribune warned that new play spaces would overcrowd already-crammed immigrant neighborhoods, "limiting the breathing space." Still, as playgrounds took off in the early 20th century, a more practical purpose was touted: Since kids played often in streets then, playgrounds would steer them out of the path of another more popular invention, the automobile.

The idea of a playground as an early catalyst for a child's development, however, was gathering steam nationwide, but particularly in the Chicago area, fast becoming a center of progressive education. John Dewey, the reformer who founded the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, introduced a sandlot to the school soon after it opened in 1896. And according to Alexandra Lange, author of the new history book "The Design of Childhood: How the Material World Shapes Independent Kids," architect Dwight H. Perkins, who created Lane Tech high school and Cafe Brauer at the Lincoln Park Zoo, designed many of Chicago's initial playgrounds himself; he regarded the concept of the playground as a fundamental step in allowing a child to understand that he or she was a part of a larger world.

The closest Hinton apparently came to progressive education was his wife, Carmelita, a former secretary to Hull House reformer Jane Addams. One night at a dinner full of influential local educators, he found himself talking with a Chicago man named Carleton Washburne, the new school superintendent of Winnetka. Washburne would later be whispered about as a closet socialist — it was a "close-knit, progressive-minded and insulated" town, said Tane Beecham, Winnetka Historical Society executive director. But in 1920, Washburne was introducing ideas to classroom education that are now fundamental: He believed in sex ed, in-school psychologists and movable desks and that children should take graduated, self-directed risks to advance — at their own pace.

At dinner, Hinton told Washburne about growing up in Japan. His father, who invented the first baseball pitching machine, was also a mathematician. To teach geometry, he built his children a climbable grid of bamboo sticks (fastened with curls of bamboo). He would shout Cartesian coordinates — X2! Y4! — and watch his kids race to the point. Soon, though, they became bored and just climbed and dangled for fun — just because.

A bell went off.

What Hinton described was a physical manifestation of Washburne's philosophy — of the need to push higher, at one's own speed. So along with educator Rose Alschuler, who would later establish the first nursery school in Chicago, Washburne and Hinton left the party and began designing a climbing grid that night. North Shore Country Day School



WINNETKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For more than nine decades, children have enjoyed playing on Winnetka inventor Sebastian Hinton's earliest Jungle Gyms.

got the first prototype. But the final version, the jungle gym now installed initially in a Horace Mann School, then at Crow Island School on Willow Road, Washburne's proudest creation, where it was climbed for decades. Hinton would never see most of this.

He filed the patent in his name and established Junglegym Inc. He was prominent enough in Chicago that the Tribune covered his wedding extensively. But when he died unexpectedly, the newspaper ran only a small notice, saying he was in New England and had heart disease. Actually, as his wife's biographers would later clarify, Hinton had been institutionalized there for depression, where he hung himself. He was in his early 30s; he died in April 1923. Five months later, he received a patent on the jungle gym.

For decades the traditional American playground was a slide, a seesaw, a merry-go-round, swings and Hinton's jungle gym, each a separate piece, typically metal. Seesaws, reliant on half of its riders not to leap off and send the other half plummeting to earth, became a queasy lesson in trust; slides and jungle gyms, which grew to 25 and 30 feet tall, could feel like tests of self-reliance. But because equipment was often cemented solidly into ground, removal was costly. Playgrounds in many neighborhoods became institutions, unchanged for decades. Childhood historians often see this period, from the late 1940s to the late '60s, as a golden age, a time of anarchic play spaces with little restrictions, overseen mostly by kids themselves. Said Kim Brooks, the Chicago author of "Small Animals," a new book about parental overprotection: "The idea of risk in a playground sounds great, but you know what sounds better? A kid who can play without a parent hovering. Sounds nuts, but it's how kids played for a long time."

That freedom, and a growing suburbia in need of fresh concepts for its playgrounds, attracted artists. In 1953, New York's Museum of Modern Art even sponsored a contest to encourage innovative, witty new ideas in playground equipment. One of those ideas, artist Isamu Noguchi's model for a minimalist Atlanta playground, on display at the new Milwaukee show, suggests the line between art installation and playground evaporating.

Then, a turning point. In 1978, in the North Center neighborhood, a toddler slipped through an opening at the top step of a slide in Hamlin Park and fell to the asphalt, suffering head injuries. The slide was 12 feet tall — too tall for a baby. A Chicago

cult for designers (like himself) to offer custom playgrounds with a personality." He says it's still that way.

Imagination feels like an afterthought.

And so does fun, said Lenore Skenazy, a Wilmette native who founded the Free-Range Kids movement in New York a decade ago to promote less obsessive parental helicopters. "When I was growing up in Wilmette, we had a fantastic merry-go-round, high swings, lots of empty space. And you did not go with your parents. Now, merry-go-rounds? Centrifugal force. What is hard to understand is that less risk became zero risk, and nothing has zero risk. There used to be an understanding that risk wasn't only bad."

These days, among designers, the buzzword is risk.

As in, managed risk, calculated risk, limited risk.

But always *risk*.

It's an abrupt shift in mindset, born from studies that say children who rarely encounter danger seek out ugly places to channel it, and from studies that show the acreage that the average child can roam alone today is roughly the acreage of their family driveway. Scott Goldstein, a pediatrician at Northwestern Children's Practice, said, "If (parents) are constantly hovering, saying 'Be careful,' what happens when you're not there? Can they deal with that scraped knee? Kids need to figure out risk. Playgrounds today can keep things risky without making them dangerous. Maggie Daley is like the perfect example."

As in the Play Garden at Maggie Daley Park.

When it opened three years ago, lost amid the hoopla for the new city park was that its inventive and gently terrifying scale was regarded by some playground designers and childhood development experts as a rebuke to a generation of homogenized, overly cautious playgrounds, a showcase example of a mainstream 21st-century play space. Super-angular walking surfaces that force children to balance. A rope bridge that sways high above the ground. Extra-tall flumelike slides that demand some measure of guts.

"The thing about that park," says Michael Maloney, founder of the design firm Play Illinois and a Play Garden safety inspector, "is really you're *visually* pushing the limit. It may look intimidating. But it's extremely safe, a beautiful example of what we can do now."

But that's not irony.

Irony is that "lately we are seeing some of the same risk-averse communities asking us to challenge their kids again — in safe ways," said Scott Roschi, creative director for Minnesota-based Landscape Structures, which creates equipment for scores of parks, including Chicago playgrounds. Which means, in the next decade, playground equipment will get steeper again. And there will be mud — sand and water attractions are becoming popular. More zip lines, and more trampolines. For children with disabilities, more inclusive-minded playground equipment.

Heather Gleason, director of planning and development for the Chicago Park District, said the city is getting more requests for naturecentric spaces, centered on natural materials. The city has eight and plans to add more in the spring. "I think people see a lot of concrete now, and they wonder how do you get (kids) interacting with this world?"

The answer: mud kitchens and stick forts.

Also, expect more art in the 21st-century playground:

Ole Barslund Nielsen, CEO of Dutch playground designer Monstrum, began creating theater sets. Now he makes actual Trojan horses (and submarines, and clown heads), for kids to leap from; he is one of the most celebrated playground designers in the world, and he's in the early stages of a new playground for Chicago (but would not divulge details). He said there was a point as an artist when he realized he could make more art, "or for the same budget, I could make a functional princess tower. Which is not exactly art or sculpture, but it has more layers than your typical playground installation."

You might say the playground of the future is a sharp stick in the eye of practical parents, short recesses and overscheduled childhoods. Or that it's not so much a corral for unruly children but an argument for more pleasantly unruly children. Three years ago, Yulia Borisova created Purple Line Adventure Play, a pop-up playground in Evanston, not unlike playgroundNYC. She gets businesses to donate refrigerator boxes, asks parks and recreation departments to donate sticks and branches. They set up in a local park (with permission from the city), throw in the stuff and simply ... step back.

"I want to create opportunities for spontaneous connections for kids. Kids get formalized play dates now, and kids just want to connect to kids. ... Some parents come to (the pop-ups) and step in, 'OK, let's build a house,' as if the kid is their helper. We discourage it."

The goal, she said, is self-directed play.

I know, the Russian native sighed, *crazy*.

Except for those years it spent toppled on its side, just another chunk of rusting 20th-century culture, the first jungle gym ever stood in Winnetka throughout all of that — the rise and fall and rise of risk on the American playground. It's likely not the last of its kind; Debbie Trueblood, executive director of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, doubts that every scary old jungle gym in Illinois was purged, even if municipalities tried.

But certainly it's a survivor.

It witnessed more change than its creator, whose family went on to remarkable lives: One daughter, Joan Hinton, a nuclear physicist, joined the Manhattan Project at 22, but was repulsed when her work was dropped on Japan; she moved to China, served as a translator during the Cultural Revolution and lived the rest of her life on a dairy farm there. Her brother William Hinton became one of the world's leading chroniclers of communist China. And Carmelita, Hinton's wife — she started the first nursery school in Chicago, then left after he died and founded the progressive Putney School in Vermont, which taught agricultural work and manual labor in lieu of athletics.

The first jungle gym hung around long enough to even see its spiritual replacement, the rope climb, a shaky, perhaps scarier volcano-shaped web of threads, intentionally lacking the sturdy grounding of steel pipe. You work for every inch you climb. Some stand as high as 30 feet tall; most offer a bed of soft rope should you slip.

But all demand guts in a child, an urge to pull forward. Hand over hand.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Sarah Hyland

"The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration" (8 p.m., ABC): Sarah Hyland and singer-songwriter Jordan Fisher ("Dancing With the Stars: Juniors") host this two-hour special from the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Disneyland Resort in Southern California, with assistance from co-host Jesse Palmer. Among the highlights, Gwen Stefani sings "Feliz Navidad," and Meghan Trainor performs a medley of her hits.

"Ice Age: The Meltdown" (4 p.m., 10 p.m., AMC): Ray Romano, John Leguizamo and Denis Leary again lend their voices to this enjoyable animated sequel. Their characters — a woolly mammoth, a sloth and a tiger — learn their prehistoric home is about to be flooded, prompting them to try to warn their animal friends and get them to safety. Complicating things are another woolly mammoth (voice of Queen Latifah) and more lethal creatures suddenly defrosted by the climate change.

"Magical Christmas Ornaments" (6 p.m., HMM): After a painful break-up, former Christmas junkie Marie (Jessica Lowndes) loses her enthusiasm for the jolly holiday, so her mother begins sending her favorite ornaments from her childhood. As Marie receives each gift, some additional blessing seems to happen to her as well, so her holiday spirit begins to soar once more. Meeting her handsome neighbor, Nate (Brendan Penny), definitely doesn't hurt, either.

"Supernatural" (7 p.m., CW): Sam and Castiel (Jared Padalecki, Misha Collins) team up to find a Shaman (guest star Dimitri Vantis) who may be able to help one of their friends in need in the new episode "Unhuman Nature." Elsewhere, Nick's (Mark Pellegrino) obsessive search for answers about the gruesome deaths of his wife and son send him into a downward spiral onto a very dark path.

"Will & Grace" (8 p.m., NBC): Grace (Debra Messing) is wildly offended when her new boyfriend Noah (David Schwimmer) refuses to let her meet his young daughter, but Will (Eric McCormack) talks her around to seeing Noah's perspective in the new episode "So Long, Division." After her beloved dog dies, Will's mom, Marilyn (guest star Blythe Danner), visits, seeking sympathetic support from her son.

"Baroness Von Sketch Show" (8 p.m., 4 a.m., IFC): "It's Because I Care" is both the title of this new episode and the excuse a group of women use for backstabbing one another in one of the featured sketches. In other segments, a bank robbery goes into overtime when one of the hostages intrudes on an already contentious debate among the robbers about how best to proceed. Elsewhere, a gaggle of 18th-century British ladies are overcome by Mr. Bingley for reasons other than his looks.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Claire Foy; comic Mike Birbiglia; comic Jourdain Fisher.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Singer Garth Brooks; actor Tim Meadows; comic Emma Willmann.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Michael B. Jordan; TV host Katie Nolan; H.E.R. performs.*

* Subject to change

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SpongeBob

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became the star of a Broadway musical, with an early tryout in Chicago.

Nearly two decades after "SpongeBob SquarePants" hit Nickelodeon, Hillenburg died Monday of ALS, eliciting an outpouring of tributes from fans who grew up captivated by Hillenburg's zany underwater community. He was 57.

"Our condolences on the passing of Stephen Hillenburg, creator of SpongeBob SquarePants. Prior to 1999 when the show first aired, he worked as a science instructor at Ocean Institute, where he touched the lives of many students," the Ocean Institute, formerly the Orange County Marine Institute, said in a statement. "Through his dynamic career he brought laughter to millions."

In many ways, "SpongeBob" is an amalgam of Hillenburg's passions and life experiences, stretching back long before he worked at the marine institute in California. He'd always loved the ocean, spending his childhood learning to surf and snorkel and watching "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau," his favorite TV show from the 1960s and '70s. After graduating from high school in Anaheim, Calif., he spent a few summers working as a fry cook and lobster boiler at a restaurant in Maine. The experience would serve as the inspiration for Bikini Bottom's favorite fast-food restaurant, the Krusty Krab, and its owner, the avaricious Mr. Krabs.

Hillenburg started working at the Orange County Marine Institute in 1986, and soon his boss encouraged him to put his drawing skills to use with the educational comic book. In Hillenburg's "intertidal zone," Bob the Sponge stars alongside a tuxedo-wearing Rocky the Shrimp, his co-host, as they visit creatures such as a cranky Mr. Barnacle, a hungry lunch-hunting crab, and a "beauti-



Ethan Slater, center, and company in "SpongeBob SquarePants: The Broadway Musical."

ful sea anemone," who has a hot date with the shrimp.

"This sponge character in my 1989 comic book, along with the undersea setting of the Intertidal Zone, was the precursor to and served as my inspiration for the SpongeBob SquarePants character and animated series. ... I picked the sea sponge because I wanted a funny-looking narrator/announcer and because I liked the versatility of the sponge as an animal," Hillenburg said in a 2008 declaration, during a copyright lawsuit in which a California cartoonist accused Hillenburg of taking the idea of "SpongeBob" from his 1991 advertisement for a "Bob Sponge" doll. Hillenburg and Nickelodeon prevailed in the case.

Hillenburg attempted to sell the comic book to various publishers in 1989. No one was interested.

But it was no problem for Hillenburg, who decided that same year that he wanted to go back to school at the California Institute of the Arts to study experimental animation. The skills he picked up there would eventually land him a job with Nickelodeon, working as a storyboard artist for the children's series "Rocko's Modern Life." That's where Nickelodeon would first encounter Hillenburg's initial undersea comic book, "The Intertidal

Zone."

"One of the guys said it and said, 'This should be your own show,'" Hillenburg told the Guardian in 2016.

So Hillenburg started brainstorming. He wanted more of a tiki vibe, inspired by a recent visit to Tahiti and a love of Hawaii, he told the Guardian. He started drawing up a new sponge character, starting with more amorphous sea sponges who had stubby limbs and droopy faces before turning to the square, kitchen sink sponge — more in tune with the squeaky-clean, rule-following SpongeBob he would become. "I thought [it] fit perfectly the innocent, nerd image and the series theme of a character forever stuck between a boy and a man," he said in the 2008 declaration.

The result was Sponge Boy, the name of the character when Hillenburg first pitched the show to Nickelodeon in 1996.

"Who is Sponge Boy?" Hillenburg wrote in his original pitch to the network in '96. "Sponge Boy is our hero! He's a single male sponge who resides in a fully furnished, two-bedroom... pineapple. He has an abnormal love for his job at 'The Crusty Crab,' a fast food restaurant. In fact, he's so proud of his Crusty Crab uniform that he never takes it off — not even when he showers. His big dream is

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 29

		MOVIES							
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T.: "Day Off." (N) ©	News (N) *	
	NBC	5	LEGO Jurassic World (Premiere) (N)	LEGO Jurassic World (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	(8:31) I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) *	
	ABC	7	Olaf Adventure	Toy Story-Time	The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration (N) ©			News at 10pm (N) *	
	WGN	9	blackish: "30 Something."	blackish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV	9.3	Chicago Agent Cody Banks (PG,'03) **	Frankie Muniz. ©			Agent Cody Banks 2: London *		
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Chicago River Tour with Geoffrey Baer				River Tour *	
	The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek *	
CABLE	Bounce	26.5	Scandal: "Spies Like Us."	Family Time	Mann &	Diary of a Mad Black Woman ('05) *** *			
	FOX	32	Chicago Tonight (N)	Chicago River Tour with Geoffrey Baer				River Tour *	
	Ion	38	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime			
	Telem	44	La sultana (N) ©	Falsa identidad (N) ©	(9:05) Señora Acero (N)	Chicago (N)			
	CW	50	Supernatural (N) ©	Legacies: "Malivore." (N)	The Good Wife: "Boom." (N)	Chicago *			
	UniMas	60	Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema		Rosario Tijeras (N) *				
	WJYS	62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument
	Univ	66	Jesus		Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte		Noticias (N)
	AE		Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam *
	AMC		*(6) The Polar Express (G)	The Polar Express (G,'04) ***	Voices of Tom Hanks.				Ice Age *
ANIM		Crikey! It's the Irwins ©	The Secret of					The Secret *	
BBCA		Cliffhanger (R,'93) ***	Sylvester Stallone. ©					Cliffhanger (R,'93) *** *	
BET		*(5:30) Meet the Browns	2018 Soul Train Awards					Hustle *	
BIGTEN		* Basketball	Women's College Basketball (N)					B1G Football & Beyond	
BRAVO		Shahs of Sunset ©	Shahs of Sunset (N) ©			Shahs of Sunset ©		Watch (N)	
CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics	
CNBC		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		The Profit ©		The Profit *	
CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) *	
COM		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) *	
DISC		Mountaintop		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Alaska *	
DISN		Raven	Raven	Coop	Coop	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven	
EI		Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched ©		Botched *	
ESPN		*(6:30) 30 for 30 ©				MLS Soccer (N) *			
ESPN2		* Wm. Basketball (N)		World/Poker (Tape)		World/Poker (Tape)		SportCtr (N)	
FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD		Christmas Cookie		Cookie Challenge		Beat Flay (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby	
FREE		* Christmas Carol		(7:50) The Santa Clause (PG,'94) ***		Tim Allen. ©		700 Club *	
FX		Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R,'16) ***		Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates *					
HALL		Christmas Everlasting (NR,'18) Tatyana Ali. ©		Reunited at Christmas (NR,'18) ©					
HGTV		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)		Hunters	
HIST		American Pickers		American Pickers (N) ©		(9:03) American Pickers		Pickers *	
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		Forensic	
IFC		*(5:30) Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Baroness (N)	Baroness (N)		Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,'05) ** *		Baroness *	
LIFE		Dear Santa (NR,'11) Amy Acker, Brooklyn Proulx. ©		Dear Secret Santa (PG,'13) *					
MSNBC		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV		Jersey Shore (N)		(8:01) Floribama Shore ©				Jersey *	
NBCSCH		NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Winnipeg Jets. (N)		(N) Live ©		Blackhawks Postgame (N)			
NICK		Henry	SpongeBob	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows ('16) ** *					
Ovation		My Life in Ruins (PG-13,'09)	** Nia Vardalos.			The Wine Show (N)		The Firm *	
OWN		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN (N)		20/20 *	
OXY		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "The Silos."		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago *	
PARMT		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		Twister (PG-13,'96) ***		Helen Hunt *	
SYFY		*(5:58) Bruce Almighty **	Men in Black (PG-13,'97) ***	Tommy Lee Jones. ©		Men Blk 2 *			
TBS		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Guest Book	
TCM		Charade (NR,'63) ***	Cary Grant. ©			(9:15) 12 Angry Men (NR,'57) *** *			
TLC		7 Little Johnstons ©		7 Little Johnstons ©		7 Little Johnstons ©		7 Little *	
TLN		IMPACT	Wretched	Ink 180		Life Today		Like You	
TNT		NBA Basketball: Warriors at Raptors (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)			
TOON		Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV		The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files ©		The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files *	
TVL		Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA		NCIS: "Twofer." ©		NCIS: "Exit Strategy." ©		NCIS: "Skeleton Crew." *		Dirty John *	
VH1		Notorious (R,'09) **	Angela Bassett, Derek Luke. ©			8 Mile (R,'02) *** *			
WE		Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop		Hip Hop *	
WGN America		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO		Pacific Rim Uprising (PG-13,'18) **	John Boyega. ©		Sally4Ever	Room 104	Room 104	
	HBO2		Axios ©	Sally4Ever	(8:05) VICE	(8:40) American Made (R,'17) ***	Tom Cruise. *		
	MAX		Conspiracy Theory (R,'97) **	Mel Gibson. ©		(9:15) Funny Games (R,'07) ** *			
	SHO		American Assassin (R,'17) **	Dylan O'Brien.		Escape at Dannemora	Basic Ins *		
	STARZ		* Planes **	Planes: Fire & Rescue (PG,'14) ** *		(8:56) Fever Pitch (PG-13,'05) *** *			
STZNC		*(6:33) Next Day Air (R) *	Zoolander (PG-13,'01) ***	Ben Stiller.		(9:32) The Wrestler (R) *			

the Krusty Krab, as "the kind of guy who subscribes to Martha Stewart Living" and "conducts along with his favorite Beethoven recordings," and Plankton, the owner of the failing Chum Bucket restaurant, as "a text book case of the Napoleon complex" who "talks like Gregory Peck and with perfect diction."

Nickelodeon executives were sold on the spot. Sponge Boy, however, would become SpongeBob after Hillenburg discovered that a mop company had already copyrighted "Spongeboy" for its product.

"SpongeBob" is perhaps most loved for, above else, its naivety, the slapstick humor revolving around SpongeBob's self-created fiascoes rather than dirty or cruel jokes. Tolerance and diversity have long been central themes, as SpongeBob is eager to befriend virtually every living creature he meets (often oblivious of his intrusions). SpongeBob's optimism,

Hillenburg said in his 2008 declaration, is intended to "transform the way the audience looks at things, helping them find the irony in even the dullest of life's details."

But the mission that originally led Hillenburg to the Orange County Marine Institute — wanting to educate young people about ocean conservation and its beauty and all of its endless curiosities — was never far behind either.

As he told The Washington Post in 2009, just ahead of a release of a "SpongeBob SquarePants" documentary: "People have to come together and realize how important our oceans are. One thing I'm hoping will come out of the documentary is the realization that the show came from something that's precious, and that we need to appreciate it. ... Hopefully, if you watch 'SpongeBob,' you see the plankton and the crabs and starfish, and you'll want to take care of our oceans."

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Nov. 29): Imagine an inspiring future, and pursue it this year. Financial strength comes with steady practices. Nurture your health and happiness. Store your bountiful harvest this winter before your journey changes. Shared assets rise this summer before your income shifts.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Don't push yourself too hard. Demand for your attention may be high. Make time to strengthen foundational structures.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Romance competes with miscommunication or mistakes for your attention. Postpone and delegate. Family comes first. Misunderstandings could disrupt things. Patience and humor help.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Take care of practical and pragmatic details at home. Make repairs to support structures. Stay patient with miscommunications. Listen more than you speak.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Help others see the big picture. Distractions and disruptions abound. Silly disagreements waste time if you indulge them.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. The profit potential is high despite obstacles, delays or misunderstandings. New developments could change the assignment. Don't offer to pay for everything. Simplify financial plans.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. As you gain strength, you gain options. Let go of a preconception, and keep your attitude positive. Stick to practical solutions, and follow rules scrupulously.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Complete projects, and clean up. Avoid travel or fuss. Keep a low profile. Nostalgic reflection reminds you how far you've come. Plan what's next.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Group efforts get farther than solo. Get feedback from your community. Don't believe everything you hear, though. Take it with a grain of salt.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Work definitely takes priority. Someone important is paying attention. Resolve breakdowns without losing your cool. Reinforce structural elements.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Make travel or educational plans. Keep your objective in mind. Check reservations, and schedule carefully. Tempers may be short.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Join forces with another for funding. Changes necessitate budget revisions. Anticipate a disagreement, and avoid financial discussions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. An obstacle challenges your partnership. Proceed with caution. It's not a good time to gamble. Avoid arguments. Listen without interrupting.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ 82	♥ AK9543	♠ A5	♥ J96
♦ 4	♣ 8743	♦ 87	♦ 87
South		West	
♠ KQJ964	♥ KQJ964	♠ 1073	♥ AKQ753
♦ 1082	♦ Q62	♦ J10	♦ J10
♣ Q	♣ Q	♣ 96	♣ 96

South's aggressive bidding can be justified, perhaps, by his side fit for partner's diamond suit. North must have been enjoying another cocktail when he bid five spades. However, the call might have worked out well for him.

The ace of hearts lead held the first trick and West shifted to a club. East won with his king and shifted accurately to the eight of diamonds. South won this with his queen and ruffed a heart in dummy. At this point, South could have started on trumps and finished down two. The opponents were surely cold for at least 11 tricks, so down two would have been an excellent result, but South thought he could get out for down one.

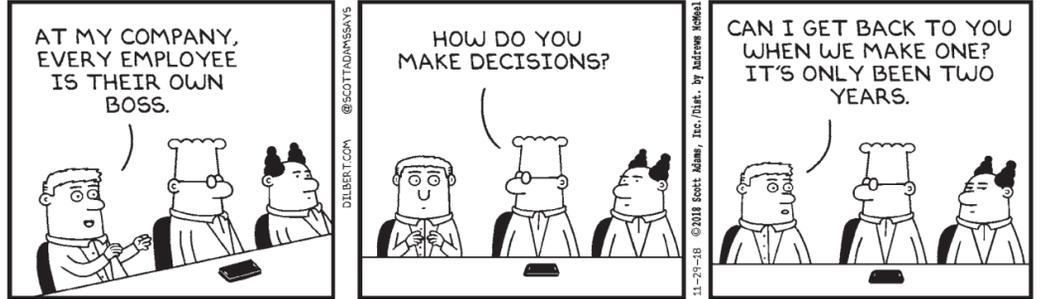
South ruffed a club in his hand and ruffed his last heart in dummy. He ruffed a club with his six of spades and was over-ruffed by West's seven. West led a diamond to dummy's ace. South ruffed a club with the jack of spades and led the queen of spades to the ace, leaving this position:

North		East	
♠ Void	♥ Void	♠ 5	♥ Void
♦ Void	♦ K95	♦ Void	♦ Void
♣ Void	♣ Void	♣ A5	♣ Void
South		West	
♠ K9	♥ KQ	♠ 10	♥ KQ
♦ Void	♦ Void	♦ Void	♦ Void
♣ 6	♣ Void	♣ Void	♣ Void

The ace of clubs finished South. Should he ruff high, the opponents would have the rest. A low ruff would be over-ruffed and the king of hearts would force out his last trump. Down four. Ouch!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

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Baby Blues



Zits



Mr. Boffo



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Classic Peanuts



Pickles



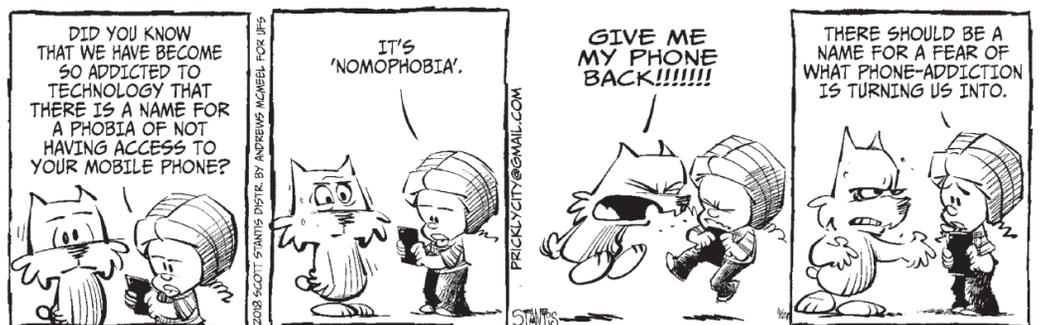
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



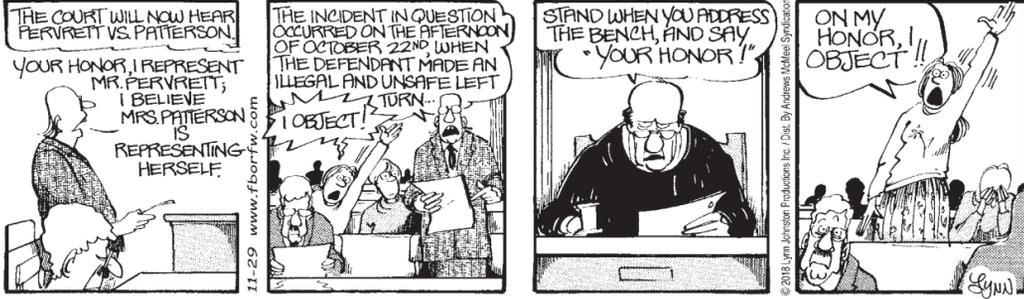
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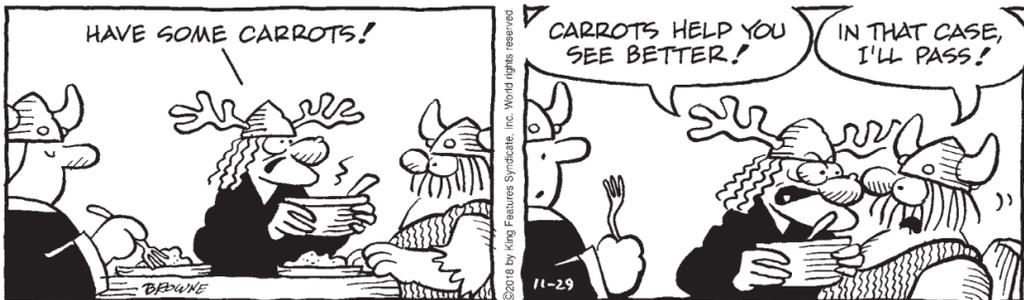
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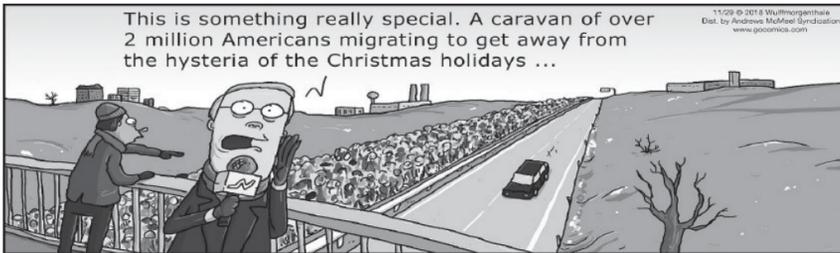
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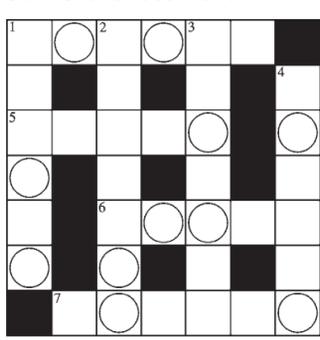
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Trivia Bits

Reader Phil Schwimmer asks: Roughly speaking, how old are you when you've been alive for 1 billion seconds?
 A) 13 years and 7 months
 B) 25 years and 3 weeks
 C) 31 years and 251 days
 D) 48 years, 36 days and 4 hours
 Wednesday's answer: The Molasses Act of 1733 placed a tax on molasses, sugar and rum.
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Jumble Crossword



11-29-18

CLUE: This person is often referred to as the "Father of Medicine."

BONUS [Grid]

CLUE ACROSS

- 1. Reddish-brown metal
- 5. Visual
- 6. Asian country
- 7. Reynolds role

CLUE DOWN

- 1. ___ line
- 2. Type of flower
- 3. Got away
- 4. Cottage

ANSWER

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ICTOP
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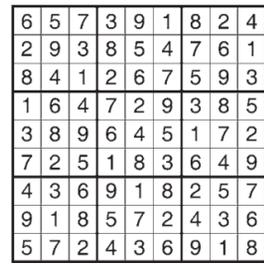
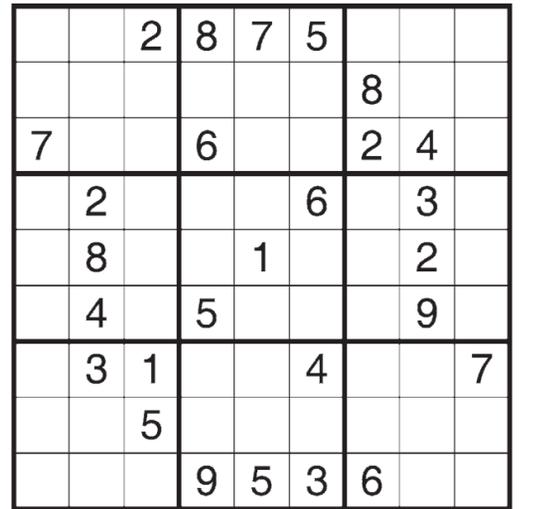
ANSWER

UOSRHC
TNEUAPI
SCEPDEA
HLTEAC

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

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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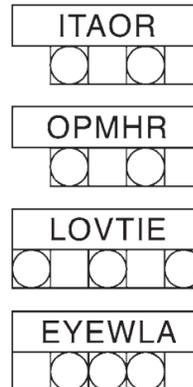
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

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



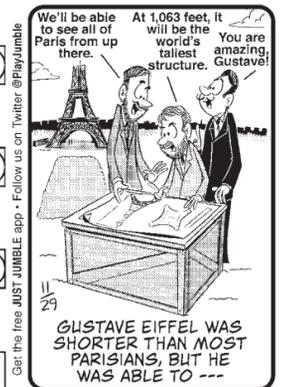
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Wednesday's answers

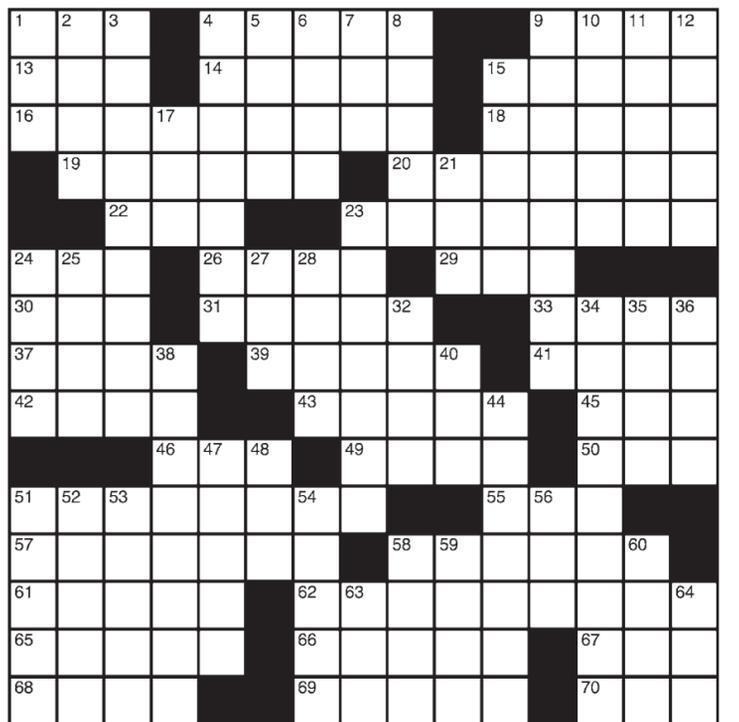
Jumbles: GIANT KNELT ICONIC ABSORB
 Answer: Financial institutions need your business and are — BANKING ON IT

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Crossword

11/29



Across

- 1 Goat quote
- 4 Monorail users
- 9 Driving range instructors
- 13 Central cooling systs.
- 14 Kick
- 15 She converted to Judaism after marrying her comedy partner
- 16 Study of a portentous woodchuck?
- 18 Opposition group
- 19 Submits returns online
- 20 Prevents legally
- 22 Hoppy brew, for short
- 23 Study of tears?
- 24 Humanities maj.
- 26 Dash gauge
- 29 Slovenia neighbor, to the IOC
- 30 Player of The Bride in "Kill Bill" films, familiarly
- 31 Made a blunder

- 33 Take suddenly
- 37 Small store
- 39 Fuzzy fruit
- 41 Exercise in a studio
- 42 Android operating system named for a cookie
- 43 Trusty mount
- 45 Shaving cream type
- 46 "American Experience" network
- 49 Bart's bus driver
- 50 Draw upon
- 51 Study of common articles?
- 55 That woman
- 57 Echo Dot-waking words
- 58 Cornell's home
- 61 Others, in Cuba
- 62 Study of hiking choices?
- 65 Tells all
- 66 "At the Movies" co-host
- 67 Shepherd's pie piece
- 68 Crafts website
- 69 Brother in Roman lore
- 70 Give a darn

- 10 7:11, e.g.
- 11 Circular gasket
- 12 Impertinent
- 15 The Masters, e.g.
- 17 Carmex target
- 21 MoMA location
- 23 Puppy plaything
- 24 Heavyweight fight?
- 25 "Rubáiyát" poet
- 27 First rescue boat
- 28 Football Hall of Famer Carter
- 32 Count calories
- 34 Officers who follow their own code
- 35 Many months
- 36 Christian of "The Big Short"
- 38 Study of lids and caps?
- 40 Matching group
- 44 Throw back some Absolut, say
- 47 Sanctify
- 48 Chi ___
- 51 "All ___ in favor ..."
- 52 Bandleader's cue
- 53 Works for
- 54 Rubbernecker
- 56 Evil film computer
- 58 Thing
- 59 Dead-end sign word
- 60 Screenwriter James
- 63 Wartime prez
- 64 Veer off course

Wednesday's solution



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Down

- 1 It may have an "X"
- 2 Physical discomfort
- 3 "Whatever!"
- 4 "Missed your chance!"
- 5 Romeo or Juliet
- 6 "A Sorta Fairytale" singer Tori
- 7 New car stat
- 8 More timid
- 9 Study of literary tools?

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, NOV. 29 NORMAL HIGH: 41° NORMAL LOW: 26° RECORD HIGH: 68° (1998) RECORD LOW: -2° (1872)

Extended cloudiness ahead, flooding possible

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 **LOW** 29

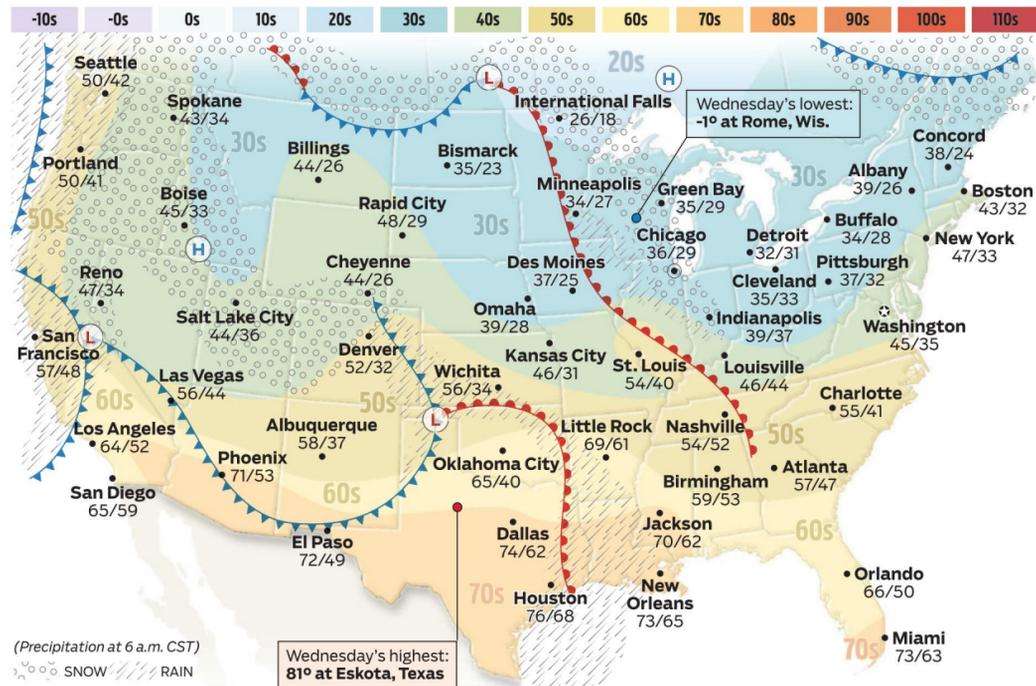
■ A warm front moves through the area from the west early with persistent cloudiness continuing – then a weak cold front passes through overnight.

■ A few periods of very light rain or snow continue from overnight into the forenoon.

■ Cloudy and not quite so cold with afternoon highs in the middle 30s.

■ A chance of rain or drizzle overnight, as winds shift from southwest to the northwest.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The month will likely end on a cloudy note, making this one of our five cloudiest Novembers dating back to 1893. There is no real break in sight until the middle of next week. After some light snow or flurries early Thursday, we may experience light rain or drizzle Thursday night into early Friday.

During the day Friday an intensifying low-pressure system is forecast to move out of the Central Plains, spreading rain with embedded thunderstorms over our area Saturday. Over an inch of rain could occur Saturday, and combined with temperatures warming into the 40s, we may experience a fast melt of our snowpack that contains another half-inch or more of water – all of which may run off of nearly saturated soils. Rivers and streams in the area are in danger of flooding with the rain anticipated.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

HIGH 40 **LOW** 33

A glimpse of sun from time to time, but mostly cloudy skies persist – afternoon highs in the upper 30s to low 40s. Clouds lower overnight and rain spreads over the area toward morning. Southeast winds.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

HIGH 45 **LOW** 36

Strong gusty east winds. A steady rain with t-storms possible. A chance of rain overnight. Runoff from the thawing snow and additional rains could cause rises/flooding on rivers and poorly drained flood-prone areas.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

HIGH 46 **LOW** 31

Mostly cloudy and turning colder with a chance of light rain possibly mixed or changing over to wet snow later in the day. Highs in the lower 40s. Clouds and a chance of flurries overnight. Northerly winds.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

HIGH 37 **LOW** 27

Cloudy – snow likely spreading into the area from the west late in the afternoon and continuing overnight. Some snow accumulation possible. Northeast winds.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

HIGH 35 **LOW** 23

Mostly cloudy with a good chance of snow showers, especially northwest Indiana. Afternoon highs in the middle 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. Northwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

HIGH 30 **LOW** 19

Partly sunny and cold – highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Clear skies at night. Northwest winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Has anyone tracked what part of Chicago historically receives the most snow: North Side, downtown or South Side?
Dawn Lenza, Homer Glen

Dear Dawn,
A study by the Illinois State Water Survey indicates that the most snow in the Chicago area falls near Lake Michigan, where pure lake-effect as well as lake-enhanced snow during snowstorms boosts average annual totals by several inches. Typically 40-plus inches falls each year in Chicago-area lakeside locations, while inland amounts range from 36 inches along the Wisconsin state line to less than 28 inches south of Kankakee. Annual totals jump traveling east through northwest Indiana where more frequent lake-effect delivers snowfall of 40 to 60 inches from Gary east to La Porte. O'Hare airport averages 36.3 inches while Midway typically logs 37.1 inches.

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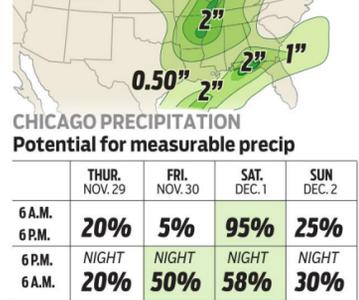
WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Rains threaten flooding; 'wind machine' of a storm Saturday

PRECIPITATION OUTLOOK

HEAVY RAINS ON MELTING SNOWPACK THREATENS SATURDAY FLOODING

Estimated water-equivalent precip covers the MULTI-DAY PERIOD ENDING 6 A.M. SUN.



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

NOVEMBER 2018 SKIES

CHICAGO'S CLOUDIEST NOVEMBER IN 26 YEARS—SINCE 1992

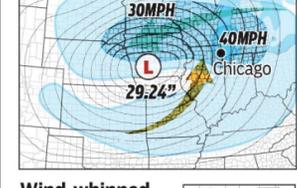
26% OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE NORMAL 42% LAST NOVEMBER 45%

STORM TO UNLEASH A RANGE OF WEATHER



A WINDY SATURDAY

NOON SAT. WEATHER MAP SNAPSHOT Another huge "wind machine" Estimated peak wind gusts



Wind-whipped waves on Lake Michigan

Noon Saturday forecast wave height (in feet) and surface winds

MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh	55	47	sh	59	53
Carbondale	sh	44	35	sh	45	40
Champaign	sh	47	36	sh	46	42
Decatur	sh	47	36	sh	46	42
Moline	cl	37	29	pc	37	33
Peoria	cl	40	32	cl	40	36
Quincy	sh	45	32	cl	44	39
Rockford	cl	32	28	pc	33	31
Springfield	sh	46	34	sh	46	42
Sterling	sh	43	34	pc	35	31
Indiana	sh	41	38	fg	51	46
Bloomington	sh	52	46	sh	59	54
Evansville	cl	33	30	pc	36	32
Fort Wayne	sh	39	37	fg	49	43
Indianapolis	sh	40	35	fg	45	39
Lafayette	sh	34	31	fg	37	33
South Bend	sh	34	31	fg	37	33
Wisconsin	ss	35	29	pc	39	27
Green Bay	cl	33	30	pc	36	32
Kenosha	cl	36	27	pc	38	31
La Crosse	cl	35	27	pc	38	31
Madison	cl	35	27	pc	38	31
Milwaukee	cl	35	27	pc	38	31
Wausau	ss	30	26	pc	33	24
Michigan	sh	32	31	pc	40	34
Detroit	sh	32	31	pc	40	34
Grand Rapids	ss	33	30	sh	37	31
Marquette	ss	32	29	pc	36	26
St. Ste. Marie	sh	32	28	cl	34	30
Traverse City	sh	34	29	pc	40	30
Iowa	sh	37	24	pc	39	31
Ames	sh	37	24	pc	39	31
Cedar Rapids	cl	37	26	pc	38	31
Des Moines	sh	37	25	pc	37	33
Dubuque	cl	37	29	pc	40	30
Other U.S. Cities	su	79	54	pc	77	51
Albany	cl	39	26	ss	38	29
Albuquerque	pc	58	37	sh	48	33
Amarillo	pc	72	42	pc	64	38
Anchorage	ss	30	23	ss	31	30
Asheville	pc	52	39	sh	60	44
Aspen	ss	59	26	ss	33	21
Atlanta	pc	57	47	rn	62	51
Atlanta City	pc	46	32	sh	48	37
Austin	sh	64	54	ts	79	57
Baltimore	pc	44	35	cl	46	39
Billings	pc	44	26	rs	39	28
Birmingham	sh	59	53	sh	65	58
Bismarck	pc	35	23	pc	36	25
Boise	sh	45	33	rs	40	28
Boston	pc	43	32	pc	43	34
Brownsville	rn	76	68	ss	83	67
Buffalo	sh	34	28	ss	35	28
Burlington	sh	35	29	sh	34	26
Charlotte	pc	55	41	pc	60	46
Charlston SC	pc	57	44	pc	65	54
Charlston WV	cl	44	40	sh	55	48
Chattanooga	sh	47	44	sh	58	52
Cheyanne	pc	44	26	rs	37	25
Cincinnati	sh	38	37	sh	53	45
Cleveland	cl	35	33	cl	41	37
Colo. Spgs	su	53	28	cl	46	28
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saves it from demolition **PAGE 4**



Mirror, mirror on the wall: Tips for using them best of all

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

Regardless of their size or shape, mirrors can go a long way in helping to elevate nearly any space of the home. Here are some tips for incorporating mirrors into your decor.

1. Consider mirrors as an affordable alternative to traditional artwork. Mirrors are typically lower-priced wall decor.
2. Consider hanging identical mirrors in a grid pattern or in a series. This technique can work especially well to give the illusion of height or width to a space.
3. Look for unusual shapes and sizes to add an increased sense of glam.
4. Go thin! For many, the look of ultra-thin frames is an attractive choice. They blend beautifully into the background and work well for a modern, subtle look that doesn't overwhelm or dominate.
5. Experiment with floor mirrors. Floor mirrors aren't just for

corners or oddly shaped niches. Why not have them be part of a major design statement, such as placed on either side of a fireplace mantel?

6. Use shape mapping. This is a designer trick in which a shape is repeated throughout a space. For example, pair artwork that depicts a circle, square or oval with a mirror of the same shape.

7. Use mirrors in small spaces. They can make rooms seem larger.

8. Consider interesting finishes and colors. From red, yellow or black to metallic finishes such as silver and gold, mirrors can also add color to a space.

9. Hang mirrors in pairs or groupings. Whether hung in even or odd numbers, hanging mirrors in organized or whimsical groupings can be a creative use.

10. Mix and match. It is not only interesting and fun to mix and match mirrors of different frames, shapes and sizes — You can also mix in framed black and white prints.



DESIGN RECIPES

Identical rectangular mirrors hung in a grid pattern help add height to a loftlike living space.



SCOTT MORRIS/DESIGN RECIPES

A series of mirrors placed across from artwork helps elongate a hallway.



AMAZON

FINDS

Voice assistant: Alexa do this, Alexa do that

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Alexa is Amazon's virtual voice assistant, released in November 2014. You have to pay for the hardware, but the service is free.

The system is controlled by speaking commands to Amazon's Echo Bluetooth speaker. I'm using an Echo Plus, and if I were grading it on the sound alone, it's

outstanding.

Setting it up is simple, especially since you get written instructions along with Alexa speaking instructions.

Obviously, since it's driven by Amazon, you do have to have an account to log into the Amazon Alexa app on your smartphone. After logging into the app, it's pretty straightforward; set up the app, connect your home Wi-Fi to Alexa

and start talking to your new friend.

The voice assistant system can do a lot of things; control your smart home devices to unlock doors, change a thermostat and turn an appliance on or off.

You can also make phone calls, send messages, get the news of the day and weather reports and even go shopping, to name just a sampling of the features. Your choices are endless.

I already have Alexa compatible Nest thermostats installed in my house, so I added them with the app. So now when my wife is cold, all she has to say is "Alexa, raise the temperature by 5 degrees."

One feature I find amazing is voice-controlled shopping, which is only available to Amazon Prime members.

So if you're out of detergent, coffee or other Prime

products, just tell Alexa what you need. Since she is already connected to your account, your credit card will be charged and whatever you asked for is on the way.

I finished by asking Alexa if I can now have a margarita since my holiday/vacation week has begun. She replied that she doesn't have an opinion on that, so I made the decision on my own.



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The open-concept kitchen tugged at the homebuyer's heart the most. She imagined it filled with light, color and family.



A bookcase area off the kitchen doubles as a home office.

Happiness on menu in bright kitchen

BY MARY CAROL GARRITY

Tribune News Service

When Leslie walked through the long-neglected house that was to become her family's home, it was the kitchen that tugged at her heart the most. The house, originally scheduled for the wrecking ball, had stood empty for years and was in bad shape by the time Leslie and her husband, Dan, discovered it. As they walked through the house, Leslie flipped when she saw the open-concept kitchen. She could picture it filled with light and color, and all the energy and joy of her family of six.

It took 11 months to bring this neglected home back to life. And each room has Leslie's bright personality stamped upon it. Today, we're spending some time in her absolute favorite space: the kitchen and adjoining hearth room.

After they knocked out a

fireplace that divided the kitchen space from the family room, Leslie had a very large room to work with. She divided it into three separate spaces, the kitchen at one end, the hearth room at the other and a casual dining space at the center.

This welcoming hangout spot shows off some of the things Leslie loves most: chinoiserie, wallpaper, the color pink and bold patterns. Leslie laughs that her eldest daughter told her, "OK, Mom. You have enough pink!" Leslie's response? "You can *never* have enough pink!"

Anne, a Nell Hill's designer, worked closely with Leslie to help bring her vision for the space to life. Leslie had a great sectional sofa she wanted to dress up with pillows. And there was a dreamy window seat, just dying for the right mix of textiles to make it even more inviting. She and Anne had fun wandering



A window seat is enhanced by a mix of textiles that make it even more inviting.

through bolts of fabric, looking for a happy, playful mix of chinoiserie patterns and other fabrics in Leslie's favorite color palette of pinks, greens and teals.

Leslie's mom owned a wallpaper and decorating store for 26 years, and that is where Leslie developed

her deep, abiding love for wallpaper. While she keeps most of the walls in her home a light gray — a perfect neutral backdrop that balances her daring choices in color and pattern — she showcases wallpaper in interesting places. In her hearth room, she used a

funky zebra pattern wallpaper to back her built-in bookcases. It's lively enough to provide some visual interest but muted enough to play second fiddle to the accents that fill the bookcase's shelves.

This bookcase, to the side of the kitchen, doubles

as a home office. One of Leslie's favorite hobbies is scouring the local antique mall, looking for diamonds in the rough she can salvage and restore, bargain finds that become beautiful additions to her decor. All the built-in bookcases give her ample space to showcase her treasures.

It's a rare day when Leslie's house isn't filled with guests, whether it's a pack of teens raiding the fridge after school, or a party of friends and family. The expansive kitchen island is the perfect space to gather for a snack or a glass of wine.

This happy, welcoming kitchen area has turned out exactly as Leslie pictured it that first day when she walked through the empty, neglected house. It has taken on the welcoming spirit of these gracious homeowners, a wonderful example of how to design your home so it's a reflection of you.



DREAMSTIME

Bathroom exhaust fans can include extras such as lights or humidity sensors.

HOME REMEDIES

Multiple benefits to using a bathroom exhaust fan

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

The humble bathroom exhaust fan might not occupy your mind very often, except maybe when you flip the switch by accident while fumbling around for the lights. But an exhaust fan plays a vital role in your bathroom, and it sometimes requires attention and care.

What are the benefits of a fan? The fan provides multiple benefits to your bathroom. First up, and most obviously, it improves air quality and quickly removes unpleasant odors. By removing moisture from the air after a bath or shower, it also works to prevent mold and mildew. This also protects your fixtures, paint and wall boards — all of which suffer damage over the long term from excess air moisture.

An exhaust fan needs to vent the air outdoors. If it feeds into an attic, ridge vent, or crawlspace, the moist air is out of sight but not out of mind. Mold can grow undetected if the moisture remains in an indoor enclosed space.

Your installer will have several options for venting out air, including wall mounts that vent the air directly outside or ceiling-mounted fans that send the air out through roofs or ducts. Ceiling mounts provide the most efficient operation, since they remove hot, damp air as it rises.

How should I install an exhaust fan? If you'd like to add a new exhaust fan, most handymen and electricians can handle this work. Installing a bathroom exhaust fan usually takes three to four hours and costs between \$165 and \$350. It can take longer and cost more if it's a first-floor installation on a multi-level home, or if you choose an upscale silent fan, which can run \$200 on its own. Some states require a licensed electrician to do this kind of work. If you hire an electrician, you may also need to hire a handyman or other provider to patch up dry-wall or do other finishing work.

You'll pay more for a brand-new installation as compared with a replacement, which won't involve

cutting new holes or running connections to ducts.

How to care for an exhaust fan: Once your exhaust fan is installed, don't just forget about it. Dirt on the fan can slow down the works and shorten its usable lifespan. In rare circumstances, a lint-filled exhaust fan can pose a fire hazard. Plus, a dirty vent just doesn't look nice. Regularly dust the outside cover and vents, and occasionally remove the cover and clean out accumulated dirt and debris.

After a bath or shower, try to run the fan for 10 or 15 minutes to draw out all the humidity. You can pay a little extra to add a timer switch to your fan to run it longer, or even a humidistat that automatically turns the fan on and off as the humidity changes.

Avoid fans that turn on and off with the light switch. They often turn off before the fan has time to complete its work.

One tip: Try to leave the bathroom door or window open at least a little while the fan is running. This promotes air movement and saves wear and tear on the fan motor.

Fungus gnats commonly prey on indoor plants

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I have noticed some insects that look like mosquitoes flying around my houseplants when I move the pots or water them. Are these harmful to my plants, and what can I do to get rid of them?

— Beth Anderson, Kenilworth

Fungus gnats are a common pest of plants grown indoors, especially in situations where humidity and moisture are consistently high. The adult fungus gnat is a small ($\frac{1}{8}$ -inch long), dark, mosquitolike insect with long legs and one pair of clear wings. The gnats do not bite but are annoying in large numbers. They generally remain at the base of the plants and are usually first noticed flying around houseplants as the plants are watered or moved. You may also see them gathered near adjacent windows.

Adult fungus gnats live for seven to 10 days. The females can lay 200 to 300 eggs in the potting soil during this time. The larvae will emerge in four to six days and feed on the plant's roots and any decaying plant material. The larvae are found in the top 2 inches of the potting soil and have a shiny black head and an elongated whitish or transparent body. You can tell if the larvae are present by placing a few very thin slices of raw potato on top of the soil. The larvae will begin to feed on the potato within a few days.

In this pupal stage, which can last three to four days, the insect can cause damage to the plant. The entire life cycle from egg to adult may be completed in as little as three weeks, depending on room temperature, so potted plants can host each life



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

African violets are susceptible to fungus gnats, which can cause indoor plants to show sudden wilting, loss of vigor, poor growth and yellowing when they are heavily infested.

cycle stage of egg, larva, pupa and adult in multiple generations at the same time.

Houseplants can show sudden wilting, loss of vigor, poor growth and yellowing when they are heavily infested with fungus gnats. A considerable portion of the plants may be killed during heavy infestation, so taking measures to control them is important. Because this insect prefers moist conditions, allow the growing medium to dry to a depth of 1 to 2 inches before watering again. This helps kill the larvae and inhibit the development of eggs while making the soil less attractive to egg-laying females.

If possible, water the plant from the bottom but empty the saucer after an hour. Once you have the pest eliminated, be careful not to overwater in the future.

Other control options include installing yellow sticky cards to attract and capture the fungus gnats. Attach the cards, which are

available at garden centers, to wooden skewers or sticks and place horizontally at the pot's surface.

There are commercially available biological control agents that can control fungus gnats in pots.

Several Bti products (biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* sub-species *israelensis*) are available in retail nurseries and garden centers. Bti does not reproduce or persist indoors, so fungus gnat infestations in potting media might require repeated applications at about five-day intervals to provide control.

You can also try spraying the top of the growing medium lightly with an insecticidal soap when you spot the pests. Modifying your watering practices will be an important part of getting the fungus gnats under control and preventing their reappearance.

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When things go south with a builder

By **TIM CARTER**
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Yesterday I did a 30-minute phone consultation with a gentleman who lives in New Jersey. It was a grim call because he was thinking about suing his builder. I started helping this man over a year ago as he started to build his dream home. Unfortunately, he signed a contract with a dishonest builder and didn't discover it until it was too late.

I've done expert testimony in building defect lawsuits for nearly 20 years. A recent case had me crawling all over the roof of the Brazilian ambassador's home in Antigua. You may be a homeowner who's been violated by a bad builder, and your first instinct is to extract justice using the legal system.

I'll share what's involved, based on my experience, and offer advice on how to avoid legal snafus that can suck the life force out of you as well as drain your savings account.

I'm not an attorney, nor am I offering you legal advice. I'm simply sharing what might happen if you decide to jump into the fray at your county courthouse.

Here's a very condensed timeline of what usually happens. The process could vary in your state depending on your laws. The first step is for you to meet with an attorney to discuss what happened. She or he may then advise you to file a claim or suit against your builder.

The next phase of the



TIM CARTER PHOTO

If a relationship with a builder sours, a lawsuit is an option but people need to weigh the financial and time commitment.

process involves fact-finding. Sometimes it's referred to as discovery. Both parties to the lawsuit might submit questions to the other side and ask for documents and other paperwork that relate to the facts.

Experts are then hired to produce a report about what they see and what might actually be wrong. The best experts look more for building code violations than subjective quality issues. It's also a good idea to see if products were installed exactly as the

manufacturer states in its written instructions.

Once the expert reports are submitted, depositions might take place. The attorneys, in the presence of a court reporter or stenographer, ask questions of the parties, witnesses, experts, etc., under oath. Any testimony may be used in a courtroom should you take the issue that far.

All of the above requires countless hours, much of it billed at an hourly rate in excess of \$175 or \$200 per hour. Costs can shoot up

faster than Fourth of July bottle rocket.

At this point, the attorneys, who typically have not been personally involved in your case, start to reach out to one another to see if a settlement can be reached. The expert reports are often like a winning hand at the \$500 blackjack table. If your expert has pages of proof that your builder really goofed up, then the builder usually folds. Very few lawsuits actually go to trial.

However, let's assume

you decide not to settle. You want your day in court. The costs continue to mount. And there's no guarantee you'll win. Even if you do win, in almost all states you don't get any money that day. You'll probably be granted a judgment against the builder. You then have to spend more money to try to get the money called for in the judgment. And the builder may not have any money to get.

My advice to you, if you are bent on reprisal, is to meet with your attorney

and ask all the right questions in less than an hour. Forget about the builder and just ask all the questions about what it might cost to stroll down the legal pathway, how long it will take, what does the typical settlement look like, and what are the chances of getting any money from the builder. Gather the hard data and determine whether you should just lick your wounds and spend the money you'd give to your attorney and experts on repairing the defects in your new home.

You can avoid misery like this with great plans and specifications. You also need itemized bids from your builder so you know how much everything costs. This allows you to only give as much money to the builder as he deserves as the project unfolds. Always have enough money to finish the project if things go south.

A professional builder that's well capitalized will rarely object to getting paid within 30 days for work he's completed. He knows he's going to satisfy you. He's got charge accounts and he doesn't pay his workers or subs in advance.

Dishonest or undercapitalized builders tend to want money in advance and they can get ahead of you if you give them too much money, as did the homeowner in New Jersey. He's going to spend an additional \$70,000 to fix all the mistakes and unfinished work. Don't let this happen to you.

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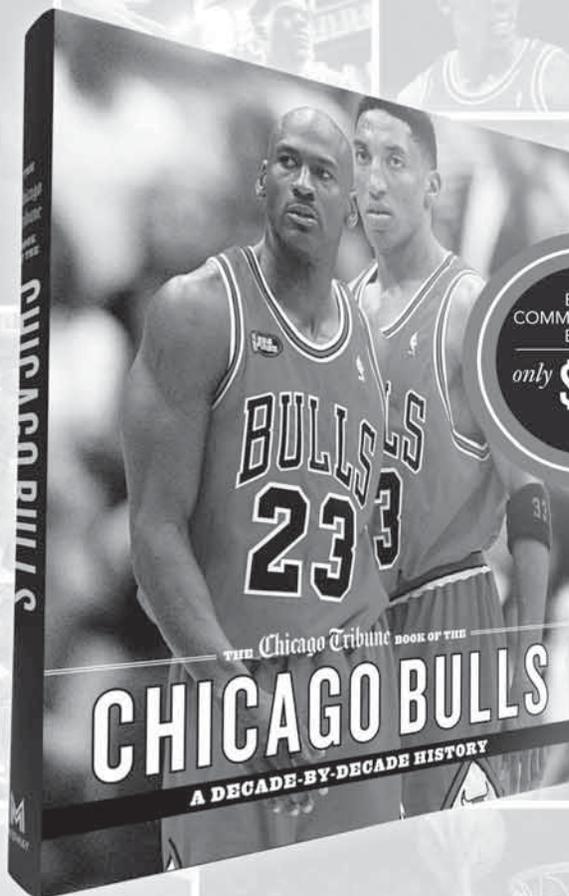
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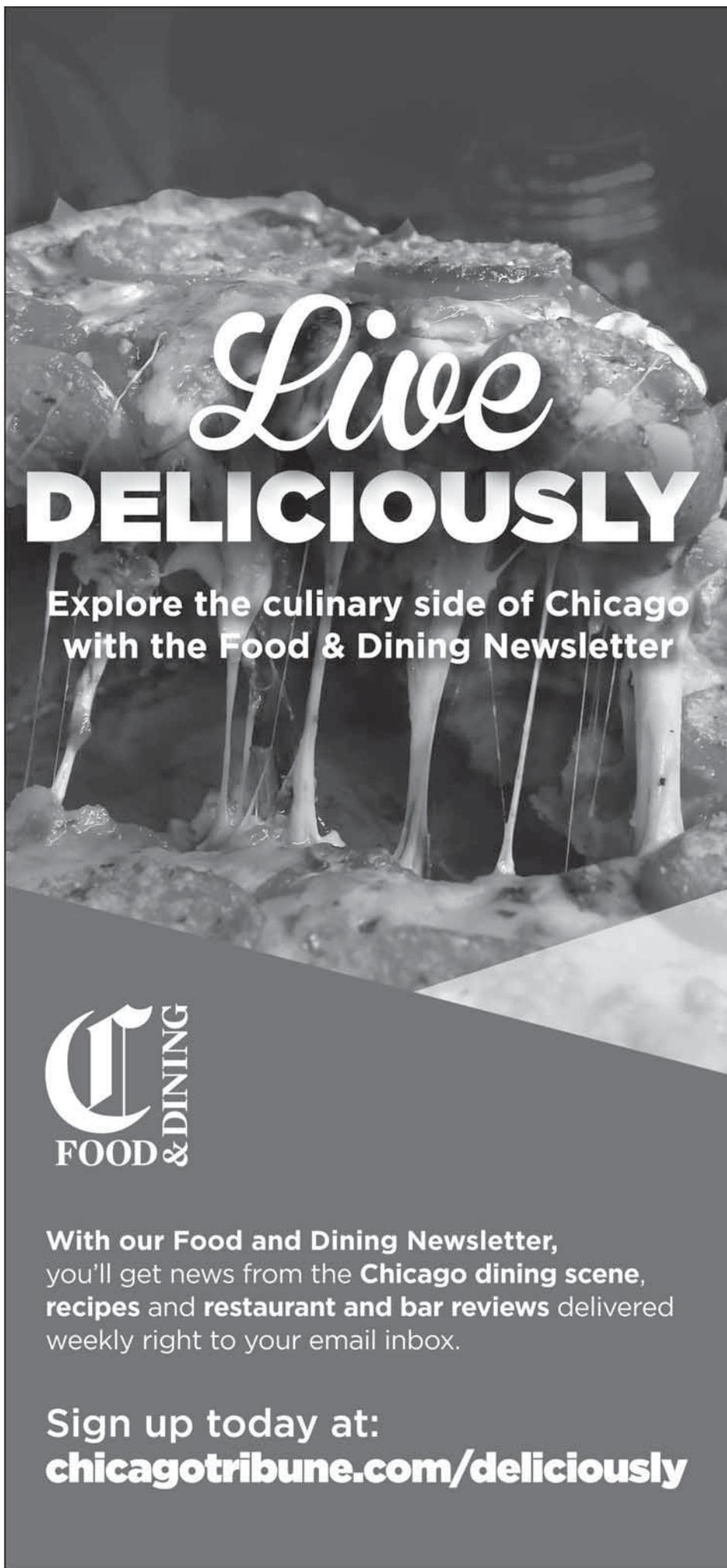
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Don't get swept away by love at first sight

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To fund their retirement and move to a cheaper neighborhood, a couple in their 60s had to liquidate their 1912 colonial. Acting on a professional stager's instructions, the couple cleared away every piece of their furniture and removed all their art and window coverings. Then the stager arrived with a U-Haul full of her own upscale furnishings.

In this true story, the stager's magic had a seemingly miraculous result. The first day the house went on the market, it attracted five offers at the list price or above.

Whether the couple buying the property — a pair of lawyers in their early 30s — got a fair deal on a solid place without serious flaws won't be known until after they move in. That's because when they wrote their all-cash offer, they waived their right to a home inspection.

Given the severe shortage of available housing in popular areas, many buyers are pulling out all the stops to outdo other prospects. But buyer advocates fear some overly accommodating purchasers could get stuck with lemons.

"Without due diligence up front, you could come down with a terrible case of buyers' remorse later. Once the stager's glitzy stuff is gone, you might discover that the roof is rotten, the foundation is cracked and the appliances don't function," says Tom Early, a real estate broker and past president of the National Association of Exclusive Buyer Agents.

Early says that as home staging becomes more prevalent, more buyers are overly influenced by the



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Wooed by beautiful landscaping and effective home staging, buyers might be influenced by the love-at-first-sight effect that can make a flawed home seem irresistible.

love-at-first-sight effect that can make a flawed home seem irresistible. But buyers should probe deeper to ensure that all the home's fundamentals are in order, lest they are lured into an ill-advised purchase, says Sid Davis, author of "A Survival Guide for Buying a Home."

Reid Guthrie, an inspector affiliated with the American Society of Home Inspectors, says first-time buyers are especially likely to fall for a property that "shows well." But disenchantment can soon follow.

Here are a few pointers for buyers:

Take full advantage of your first tour of a property.

Obviously, a buyer can learn much more from visiting a home than by simply seeing it online. And a resourceful purchaser will take full advantage of a visit.

Guthrie, a veteran of the home inspection field, urges buyers to investigate when they see furniture or carpets positioned in unusual ways.

"Sometimes the seller will use throw rugs or pieces of furniture to try to conceal problems or defects," Guthrie says.

Attempt to measure room sizes yourself.

To make homes look spacious, stagers sometimes clear away all but a few key pieces of furniture per room. And when creating a model home for a builder, they may even bring in scaled-down furniture to give the illusion of enhanced size. To guard against such practices, Davis urges buyers to bring along measuring devices when touring properties.

He also suggests you bring the measurements of your largest pieces of furniture to provide a sense of the scale of a home relative to your belongings.

Find an inspector who is an eager detective.

Guthrie acknowledges that some in his field are more interested in packing multiple inspections into a day than doing in-depth checks.

"You've got to wonder about any inspector who doesn't want his clients there when he's going through the house because it will slow him down," Guthrie says.

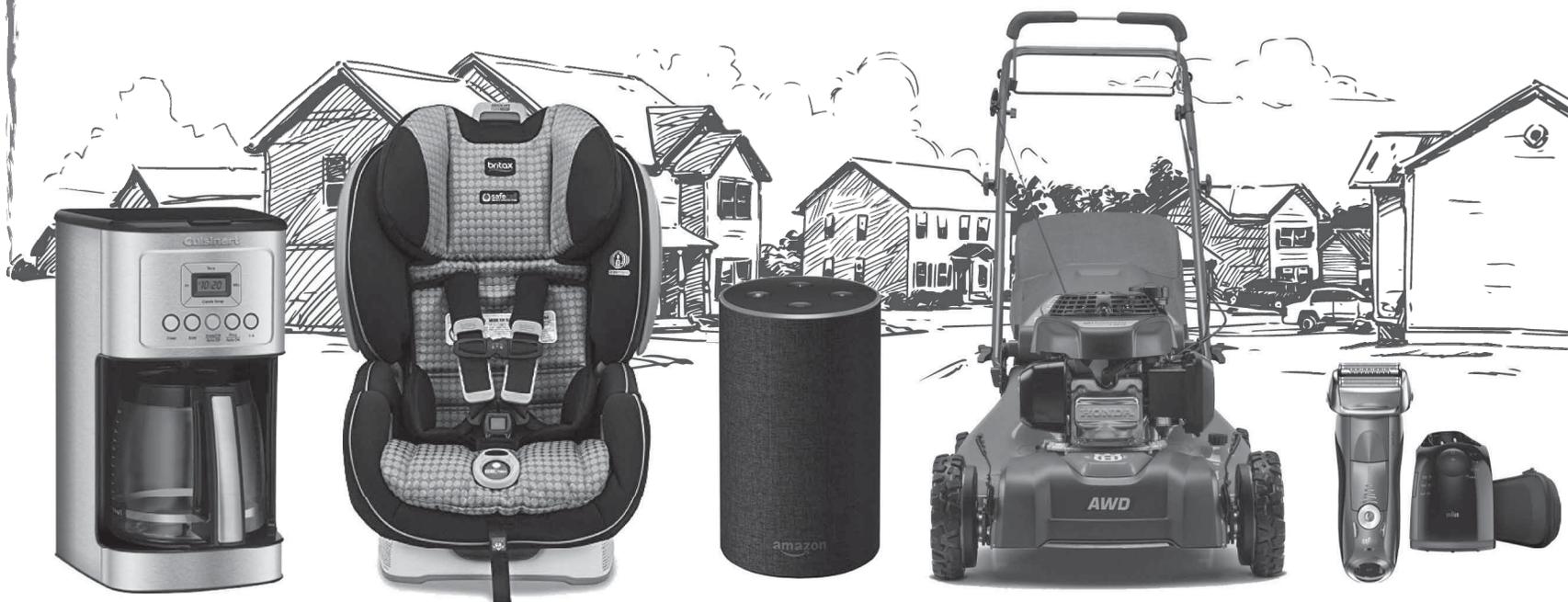
As Davis says, a quality inspector is enthusiastic about discovering the inner workings of a home and can prove invaluable to sharp buyers.

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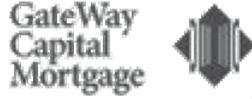
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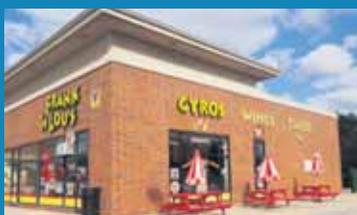
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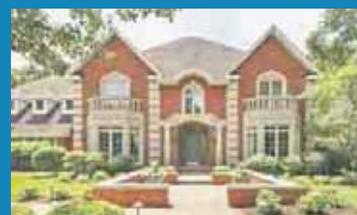
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