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Charter school movement may decelerate

Governor-elect pledges to hold off on expansion, ally mayor stepping down

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

After years of growth, Chicago's charter school movement is facing growing turbulence.

Illinois' new governor has pledged to hold off on charter expansion, citing

"challenges" the independently operated campuses have brought to the education ecosystem.

Chicago's pro-charter mayor is stepping down, raising the prospect of a new direction for the city's enormous school district. The Chicago Board of Edu-

cation is expected to deny three new charter applications and close two low-performing schools this week.

Now hundreds of educators at the city's Acero charter school network have threatened to walk off the job Tuesday, halt classes for 7,500 predominantly Latino students and launch the nation's first strike over a contract at the publicly

funded schools.

The city's latest threatened charter school strike offers a vivid illustration of how growing union influence and new political leadership might signal big changes for how charter schools operate in Chicago.

"It does strike me that in Chicago, there's been a significant transformation of the charter movement in that it doesn't seem to be

expanding," said Robert Bruno, a professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's School of Labor and Employment Relations.

The movement still touts influential business and philanthropic support, and local charter school supporters have won their own recent victories, to be sure.

Chicago charters have so far avoided expected cuts

under a new state education funding law, and even gained millions of extra dollars from Chicago Public Schools this year. Supporters defeated legislation that would have curtailed a state panel's ability to keep charters open or authorize new campuses.

But in January, Chicago Teachers Union members

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College financial aid in Ill. expands

Public universities fight 'brain drain' with more options

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

Illinois' best high school students have perhaps never had more options to receive financial aid to attend a local university.

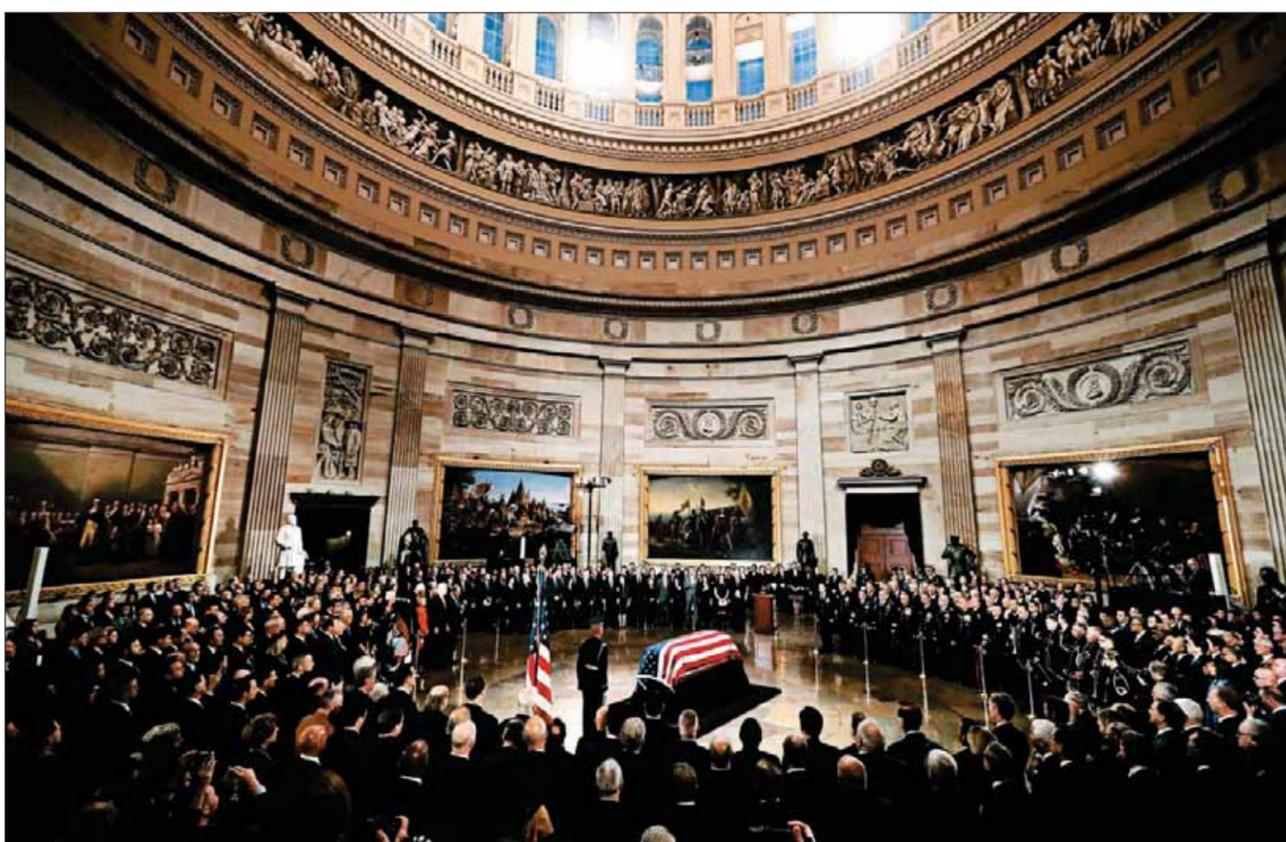
After watching out-of-state schools woo Illinois' top students with aggressive scholarship offers — often regardless of financial need — Illinois public universities are starting to fight back with more aid packages of their own. It's all with an eye to ending what has become known among educators and lawmakers as the "brain drain."

Many Illinois schools have primarily offered aid based on a family's finances. Indeed, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign unveiled a new scholarship plan this fall to benefit more low- and middle-income families. But in an era of increasing competition from out-of-state universities like Alabama, merit aid (or not based on need) has become more popular. Illinois universities, backed by concerned lawmakers, are following suit.

In August, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed legislation launching the Aim High grant program, allocating a portion of \$25 million to the state's 12 public universities. The schools match those funds with their own money and create a pool of merit-based scholarships for Illinois' top students.

Merit aid typically attracts higher-income students most likely to attend college anyway, experts say.

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Former President George H.W. Bush's flag-draped casket was placed Monday in the U.S. Capitol rotunda, where he will lie in state through Wednesday.

Bush saluted as 'gentle soul'

Former president mourned, praised for lifelong commitment to public service

BY CALVIN WOODWARD,
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AND ASHRAF KHALIL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's capital embraced George H.W. Bush in death Monday with a solemn ceremony and high tributes to his service and decency, as the remains of the 41st president took their place in the Capitol rotunda for three days of mourning and praise by the political elite and everyday citizens alike.

With Bush's casket atop the Lincoln Catafalque, first used for Abraham Lincoln's 1865 funeral, dignitaries came forward to

honor the Texan whose efforts for his country extended three quarters of a century from World War II through his final years as an advocate for volunteerism and relief for people displaced by natural disaster.

President from 1989 to 1993, Bush died Friday at age 94.

In an invocation opening Monday evening's ceremony, the U.S. House chaplain, the Rev. Patrick J. Conroy, praised Bush's commitment to public service, from Navy pilot to congressman, U.N. ambassador, envoy to China and

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ALEX BRANDON/AP

Former President George W. Bush and other family watch as the casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services military honor guard into the rotunda.

CPD to add 50 sergeants to help solve shootings

BY JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

Under pressure over the department's abysmally low rate of solving shootings, Chicago police announced plans Monday to add 50 more sergeants next year to improve its supervision of detectives investigating violent crime.

The department also said it will bring in experts

from the Los Angeles Police Department and the U.S. Department of Justice to recommend how investigators here can solve more homicides and shootings.

The measures come at a time when the Chicago Tribune has been examining the challenges faced by police in solving violent crime from just one weekend in early August when at least 75 people were

shot, 13 of them fatally — the most violent weekend in Chicago in years.

As part of the Tribune's recurring series, a front-page story Sunday focused on concerns and frustrations plaguing residents and witnesses on one West Side block in which a shootout that weekend left four people wounded. One eyewitness did not hear from a detective for nearly

four months.

At a news conference Monday at police headquarters, Superintendent Eddie Johnson said the bulk of the 50 new sergeants will likely be overseeing homicide and shooting investigations. Some, though, could also be assigned to supervise the work of detectives handling robberies, sexual assaults and missing person

cases, he said.

Police officials would not immediately say how many sergeants are already supervising the detective ranks.

Johnson made no direct connection to the abysmal clearance rate but said the additional 50 sergeants would "ensure proper case management and provide

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Future of WGN uncertain as sale of parent looms

Texas-based Nexstar Media Group said Monday it has agreed to buy WGN owner Tribune Media for about \$4.1 billion, potentially ending Chicago-based ownership of Ch. 9 and creating uncertainty for the future of cable channel WGN America and radio station WGN-AM 720.

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Volunteers sort donated cans at the Greater Chicago Food Depository in Chicago.

Insult a columnist, donate to charity



REX W. HUPPKE

This may come as a mild shock, but not everybody likes my columns.

In fact, some readers send notes expressing wide-ranging dissatisfaction and an overall view that I have the intellect of a turnip and the looks of a uniquely unappealing rodent.

While reading one such note recently, I thought: Wouldn't it be nice, this being the holiday season and all, if there was a way to bring together those who think I'm a turnip-rat and those who like me and get them all to do something positive?

So I pondered, as I'm known to do. "What," I thought, "is one thing that everyone can agree on?"

Then it hit me: People shouldn't go hungry. That's an idea everyone can get behind.

So I reached out to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, an organization I've written about in the past that provides food to pantries and soup kitchens throughout Cook County and helps hundreds of thousands of people each year. And I said: "Some people think I stink. I want to give them a way to express their disgust with me while also doing some good."

The result of that conversation is the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive, a virtual food drive that will allow people to donate money to the Food Depository under one of two team names: RexStinks or RexRocks.

The virtual food drive page will keep track of each team's donations and Americans can learn, once and for all, the answer to the burning question: Does Rex stink, or does Rex rock? (Personally, I think he stinks, but that's just one man's opinion.)

This is your chance to quantify your dislike of me and my hideous-garbage columns. Or, if for some mysterious reason you like me and my hideous-garbage columns, it's your chance to prove the haters wrong. Whichever team wins, the real winners are the people in our communities who face food insecurity throughout the year.

I'll tell you more about how to donate in a moment, but first, let's talk

about the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

It was founded almost 40 years ago by volunteers looking for a way to get surplus food from grocery stores and restaurants into the hands of people who couldn't afford enough food. The group's first vehicle was a donated station wagon.

Now, it's a massive operation. "Today we know that we are serving about one in eight people in Cook County," Kate Maehr, the depository's executive director and CEO, told me. "We reach more than 800,000 people who at some point in the year are needing to turn to a food pantry or soup kitchen to get food assistance. We have more than 700 different sites where people can get food, one in every neighborhood in Chicago and in every suburban area in Cook County."

People get the food in little church basements or the gymnasiums of Chicago Public Schools, pantries run by groups like the Salvation Army, new sites set up in the City Colleges of Chicago and even trucks that deliver fresh produce to health centers across the county.

"When we were founded, we were largely serving a small but stubborn population of individuals who were homeless," Maehr said. "What has shifted increasingly is the face of hunger in the community, which is also the face of hunger nationwide. It's now someone who has a job, someone who has a home, somebody who on the surface is doing everything they're supposed to do. They're getting up in the morning, they're getting their kids to school, they're going to work, they're paying taxes. They're doing all the things they need to do, but near the end of the month, they have no money left in their back account and no food left in their kitchen, so they're turning to a food pantry. This was a network set up as a response to emergency needs. Today, we've become very much a supplement to hundreds of thousands of people in our community."

The depository relies on food donations from individuals as well as companies and food manufacturers, but that's not enough. Money brought in through virtual fundraisers like the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive helps the organization buy additional food, including fresh produce.

"When the donations get made to a

virtual food drive, they're restricted to the purchase of food," Maehr said. "It helps us make sure we have fresh produce available to people all year long, which is a priority. We want people to go in and see high quality food that not only nourishes their body but nourishes their spirit."

As a high-volume charity with extensive connections in the food industry, the Food Depository can buy food for pennies on the dollar. A donation of \$18.50 buys a 40-pound case of corn on the cob. On average, a \$1 donation provides food for three meals.

While the holidays tend to fire up our generous spirits, food insecurity is a year-round problem.

"If we can get virtual food drives funded, we can then make sure there's food in January, which is a time when we see a lot of food pantries have low inventory," Maehr said. "In general, we tend to receive 40 percent of our annual support this time of year."

So to those who can't stand me, and to those who can: Let's raise some money to help friends and strangers struggling to put food on the table.

You can find the Insult-A-Columnist Holiday Food Drive at this web address: <http://myfooddrive.org/#rex>.

There are instructions on the page. You can select a specific type of food you would like your money to go toward or just make a donation of \$5 or more. Just make sure that when you checkout, you click on the "Direct donation to this team" button and choose either RexStinks or RexRocks.

The virtual food drive will run through Friday, Dec. 14. If the RexStinks team donates the most, I'll write a follow-up column excoriating myself for being such a loathsome liberal hack. If the RexRocks team donates the most, I'll write a follow-up column praising myself to the moon and back, something the RexStinks team members will find insufferable.

Please harness your vitriol and let your voice be heard. Give generously so my dreadfulness — or wonderfulness — can be tallied up for all to see.

As Maehr told me: "There's something really powerful about finding the places where we can agree and celebrating that."

Let's agree that hunger is bad. And let's see if we can't come together and do something to help.

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Sully, service dog of former President George H.W. Bush, lies near his casket in Houston on Sunday.

Bush's graciousness showed us how to live



DAHLEEN GLANTON

History is often kind to former presidents, sometimes kinder than they deserve.

And when a president dies, we are compelled to remember the good that he did and ignore the things that once made us rife with anger. That's how it should be, for the moment, at least.

I don't often think of George H.W. Bush's single term as the 41st president. When I looked at him, I saw a frail man in whimsical socks who in his latter years had taken to a wheelchair because of vascular Parkinsonism.

The image that most likely will remain with me now is of his flag-draped casket and his loyal service dog, Sully, resting on the floor in front of it, as if he were waiting for the president to awaken.

I know that isn't fair. In some ways, though, his frailty at age 94 made him seem more human — and vulnerable — like the rest of us. When a man sits in Washington, at the helm of the most powerful nation in the world, there can be no visible commonalities with regular people. Americans tend to prefer it that way.

We cannot afford to see the president as someone

just like us. If we did, we would be so afraid. The president has to appear much more powerful, mighty, smart and courageous than the average person.

And though we might not agree with all of his decisions, we want to trust that they are made with good intentions on our behalf. We did not always feel that way about Bush.

For many Republicans, he paled in comparison with his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, for whom he had served as vice president. For others, he may have seemed inconsequential. And for those who voted him out of office, incompetent when it came to jobs and the economy.

Important victories came under his watch — the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War — but it was Reagan who earned most of the credit for laying the groundwork.

What we remember about Bush is that he gave us the Gulf War, which in 1991 may have been the only way to thwart Saddam Hussein's attempted takeover of Kuwait. But in the eyes of some, he pulled American troops out too soon and left the job unfinished, allowing the dictator to rise up even stronger in the aftermath of the war.

We also are reminded of his pardons of six former officials in the Reagan administration's biggest scandal — the Iran-Contra

affair. Some still wonder whether pardoning former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger before he could be tried for lying to Congress about the secret arms-for-hostages deal was more about protecting himself than the rest of us.

For African-Americans, Bush's legacy is particularly complicated. During his successful presidential campaign, he gave us Willie Horton, a caricature of the dangerous black man stereotype that continues to drive American judicial policies.

Then he appointed Clarence Thomas, an African-American jurist whom the NAACP said would be "inimical to the best interests of African-Americans," to the U.S. Supreme Court.

And while Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act, protecting disabled people from discrimination in employment and public facilities, he vetoed the Civil Rights Act of 1990, labeling it a destructive vehicle for quotas in the workplace.

But later, he signed the less comprehensive Civil Rights Act of 1991, making discrimination lawsuits easier to file in the workplace.

In the 25 years since he lost re-election, we came to know Bush more as a man, and perhaps to understand him a little better.

As a former president who became more human to us after leaving office,

we began to see him as a complicated man who tried to balance the pressure of partisan politics with what he believed was right. He was a man who most likely was a very decent human being but a conflicted politician, as most presidents are.

When I think of Bush in the future, I will remember him as a man who ultimately gained the respect of many. Former first lady Michelle Obama interrupted her book tour to attend his funeral on Wednesday. Bill Clinton, the Democrat who defeated him and later became a close friend, revealed how gracious Bush had been after losing.

In a letter left in the Oval Office prior to his departure, Bush wrote: "Your success now is our country's success. I am rooting hard for you."

And in a final act of graciousness before dying, he reportedly wanted Donald Trump, with whom he and his family often clashed politically, to attend his funeral. And Trump has accepted.

No doubt Bush knew this would be controversial. But inclusion is what America needs right now.

President George H.W. Bush will mostly be judged through the lens of history by his single term in office. But some will look upon him fondly as a man who in death tried to bring the country together.

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Growth defies out-migration

Fitch Ratings: State's economic gains not hurt by exodus

By RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Out-migration of residents from Illinois has accelerated in recent years but is part of a near century-old trend that has not hurt the state's economic growth, Fitch Ratings Inc. said in a report released Monday.

The postelection report about the state, titled "Illinois: What Happens Next," also warns that Illinois' shift to one-party Democratic control of state government is not a "panacea" for dealing with its financial challenges, noting past problems created during the tenures of Democratic Govs. Rod Blagojevich and Pat Quinn.

"Decisions may be made more quickly but not necessarily more prudently," said one of the study's authors, Fitch analyst Eric Kim.

The issue of people leaving Illinois became part of the campaign that saw Democrat J.B. Pritzker defeat one-term Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. Rauner contended taxes pushed by Democrats, including Pritzker's call for a graduated-rate income tax to replace the state's mandated flat-rate tax, would further an exodus of residents.

The report said since 2010, 400,000 more people left Illinois for other parts of the country than located within the state from other parts of the United States.

"This domestic net out-migration trend has accelerated in recent years, though it continues a nearly century-old trend. Illinois' net domestic migration rate based on annual (federal) Census population estimates has almost doubled from an annual loss of five people per 1,000 residents in 2011 to nearly nine people per 1,000 residents in 2017," the report said.

Still, Fitch said even with the recent acceleration in out-migration, it is a "long-established phenomenon that has not prevented the state's economy from continuing a long pattern of overall growth." The report said one research study that compiled migration data going to 1900 said the state has seen "virtually uninterrupted" out-migration since the mid-1920s with rates in the late 1970s and early 1980s comparable to what Illinois is currently seeing.

"Yet, Illinois' economic growth has continued since at least the late 1970s," the report said, citing the point when the federal govern-

ment began reporting gross domestic product at the state level. Still, the report said, the state's economy and non-farm job growth have both grown "only tepidly" since the end of the Great Recession.

Fitch's credit rating for the state is "BBB" and carries a negative outlook, in part reflecting what it called "irresolute fiscal decision-making" as well as an unbalanced state budget and "uncertainties around ongoing fiscal management."

The study noted after four years of "tumultuous" split control between Rauner and the Democratic-led legislature, it is "unlikely" to repeat the historic impasse that left the state without a full budget from 2015 to 2017. Still, one-party Democratic control of Springfield "in no way inherently implies an improvement in credit quality."

Between 2003 and 2014 under the now-imprisoned Blagojevich and his successor, Quinn, "the state's credit quality deteriorated considerably," the report said.

"In that 11-year span, Illinois made various poor fiscal decisions including issuance of (pension obligation bonds) primarily for budgetary relief, underfunding pension obligations and increasing reliance on building up accounts payable as a budgetary tool," the report said.

"Poor fiscal decision-making in the past four years of split-party control continued this trend," the report said. "Having unified political control will likely make reaching consensus easier for the governor and legislative leaders" though further credit rating decisions "will focus on whether the outcomes of those decisions address the state's credit challenges," including its massive public-employee pension debt and an ongoing multi-billion-dollar backlog of bills owed to state vendors.

Fitch warned that the potential of the state floating a bond to pay pension contributions and re-amortizing its pension debt while lowering funding targets would be "credit negatives."

It said Pritzker's plans for a graduated income tax, an ability for the public to buy into Medicaid coverage and talk of a new state infrastructure program are not "likely to have immediate effects" on the state's credit rating but would carry long-term consequences that Fitch will assess when details emerge.

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HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Sending kids to CPS is abuse? I disagree

Every time I write about Chicago Public Schools, I spend the next few days fielding emails telling me I should move.

On Thursday, I wrote a column asking CPS for more transparency about the sexual violence uncovered in a series of stories by my Tribune colleagues.

In the wake of the series, which revealed a decade of sexual abuse in the city's public schools, the district promised to implement a public awareness campaign, according to the plan of action page on the CPS website. The campaign would encourage students, employees, families and the public to report suspected abuse, and it would educate us about appropriate relationships and interactions between students and adults.

As a CPS parent, I'm still waiting. I'm waiting for the robocalls and emails and tweets and letters home and invitations to town halls.

I'm waiting for CPS to start focusing less on damage control and more on damage. I'm tired of waiting.

I said as much in the column. "If you're worried about your children's safety common sense should tell you to move," a reader named Bill emailed. "Enrolling your children in a Chicago public school is a form of child abuse. You can do better."

Several others echoed his sentiments.

I want to spend a few minutes talking about why I disagree.

Not because CPS has, year-after-year, many of the top-performing schools in the state and, on occasion, the country. Although that's true.

Not because I've come to know and respect and adore so many of the CPS students and parents and teachers and social workers and art therapists and coaches and volunteers, and the idea that they're partaking in child abuse is patently ridiculous. Although that's also true.

Not because my kids have been in CPS schools since kindergarten (for one) and preschool (for the other) and are receiving a fantastic education, socially, academically and in every other way. Although that's also true.

Here's why:

Because it's a way of quickly looking for a villain (*those terrible parents!*) and then waving away a deeply entrenched social problem (sexual violence) as not your problem. (*I'd never let that happen to my kid!*)

Because violence against children happens everywhere. In every town.

Because we rely on this approach, as a country, all too often and all too easily. (*Kids getting tear gassed? Parents shouldn't have them at the border! Kids getting shot? Parents shouldn't live in those neighborhoods!*)

Because we solve nothing when we absolve ourselves of the responsibility to protect children — when we pretend our own children are the only ones we need to bother advocating for. When we pretend parents whose circumstances don't mirror ours, by choice or by necessity, are failing their kids.

I don't begrudge any parents' decision to move where they want, raise their kids where they want or send their kids to school where they want. Each family has a unique set of circumstances, values, factors and priorities to weigh, and I wholeheartedly respect those.

But to call it child abuse when a family enrolls in the local school district is, to me, a way of distancing yourself from a problem you're uninterested in solving. And then, from that distance, blaming and shaming the folks who stay and try to solve it.

I am worried about children's safety — mine and other people's. I'm advocating for it loudly. And staying put while I do so.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she hosts live chats every Wednesday at noon. This week, she'll be joined by activist and singer Jessica Disu to talk about Chicago's youth movement to combat gun violence.

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Man arrested in fatal stabbings of 3 on West Side in November

By JEREMY GORNER
Chicago Tribune

Days after releasing a video of a possible suspect, Chicago police have made an arrest in the fatal stabbings of a woman and two men in their 50s and 60s in separate attacks on the West Side last month.

A 24-year-old man was taken into custody Sunday, but no charges have been filed yet, police said Monday at a noon news conference.

"The similarities of these crimes, victims in their 50s and 60s, all stabbed multiple times, and all in close proximity to Roosevelt Road, which is the border between the city's (Ogden) and (Harrison) districts, led detectives to believe that they may have been connected," police Superintendent Eddie Johnson told reporters.

Johnson did not say why the man attacked the three. He said it's unclear if the victims knew

the attacker or if the victims knew each other. He said the suspect lived in Chicago around 2012 or 2013 before moving elsewhere, but he's been back in town for about three or four months.

Ronald Rockett, 58, was found dead with stab wounds to his neck in the vestibule of a building in the 1200 block of South Christiana Avenue about 3:20 p.m. Nov. 20. He had lived on the block.

On Nov. 15, 64-year-old Jose Refugio Ceja was found dead from stab wounds during the early hours in the same area. Just after 1:25 a.m., police responded to a call of a person down and found the man on the ground in the 1100 block of South Keeler Avenue.

The caller said he looked out the window and saw the man face up on the sidewalk. The man had been stabbed in the neck and shoulder and was dead on the scene, police said.

Police found a blood trail ending about half a block south on Keeler, a source said.

Less than 2 miles east, 57-year-old Ruby Humphrey was found dead on Nov. 13 in the 3100 block of West Taylor Street, police said. She was found on her back, stabbed in the head and neck, police said. Two people, a mother and daughter, called police after finding her around 11:10 p.m.

Late last week, police released home surveillance video of a person of interest in Rockett's death, but Johnson wouldn't say how the police found the suspect.

He said Chicago police officers, including those from the department's citywide units, worked with state and federal authorities in the investigation.

He said the link among the three killings was established after a "very detailed and prudent investigation into the characteristics of these attacks."

Johnson said he wasn't sure about the suspect's criminal history. "We know that he has been arrested, but in terms of a criminal history in Chicago, we didn't really find anything," Johnson said.

He praised detectives for their efforts in the case, saying there was video evidence in two of the three killings.

"They had to go a mile out from each of those locations to find the video that we needed to ... put enough pieces together to identify this individual and then later arrest him," Johnson said, flanked by other top police brass. "It was successful as we saw yesterday."

If the public, however, has more information to help investigators build their case in the fatal stabbings, Johnson urged the public to call Area Central detectives, 312-747-8380, or Area North detectives, 312-744-8261.

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A SPECIAL HANUKKAH

Mendel Moscowitz lights the menorah on Monday during a Hanukkah celebration at Loyola Park in Chicago near the location where his son Elyahu was killed. The 24-year-old was shot Oct. 1 while walking on the lakefront bike path. The case is unsolved.

Scrap yard owner gave Mendoza \$100K

Labkon donation is largest to her mayoral campaign so far

By BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza's Chicago mayoral campaign reported receiving \$165,000 in contributions Monday, including a \$100,000 check from an owner of a controversial, clout-heavy scrap yard, state campaign finance records show.

That contribution — the single largest to her campaign so far — came from Howard Labkon, who is a co-owner of General Iron Industries. For decades, General Iron has operated a Lincoln Park scrap yard that feeds flattened cars, twisted rebar and used appliances into giant shredders that compact the waste.

The scrap yard has served as a North Side source of controversy in recent years. In November 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered General Iron's owners to conduct detailed air pollution testing after the federal government twice previously cracked down on the facility for pollution.

North Side Ald. Brian Hopkins, whose 2nd Ward includes the scrap yard, has sought to revoke the facility's special waiver that allows it to operate extended daily hours of 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., a move that was rebuffed

by Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration. And General Iron's announcement in July that the scrap shredder would relocate from Lincoln Park to the East Side has drawn backlash from the alderman and activists there who have fought pollution from industrial businesses in the area.

Shortly after disclosing the contribution Monday, Mendoza's campaign quickly moved to distance the campaign from the scrap yard. Campaign spokeswoman Rebecca Evans said a campaign worker erroneously listed Labkon as General Iron's president when reporting the contribution to state election officials. Instead, Evans said, he serves as president of a company called Rose Worldwide. She did not respond to a question on how Mendoza came to receive the contribution from Labkon, who in 2010 and 2011 gave a total of \$10,000 to her campaign for city clerk.

Labkon could not be reached for comment. He has an ownership stake in General Iron but has had a contentious relationship with members of the family that run the company, court records show.

Last year, he sued fellow family members in Cook County Circuit Court over a potential sale of General Iron. Labkon accused brother Adam Labkon and parents Marilyn and Mark Labkon of turning down a \$100 million offer for the scrap yard. The other family members

countered by suing Howard, accusing him of undermining the business by working with competitors.

On Monday, a spokesman who represents the wing of the family that runs the company confirmed Howard Labkon maintains an ownership stake, and noted that he voluntarily dismissed his lawsuit earlier this year.

"Howard has an adversarial relationship with other members of the Labkon family, who manage General Iron," said Randall Samborn, the company's representative who is a former chief spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago. "Howard's contribution (to Mendoza) was not requested or authorized by the company or other members of the Labkon family."

Mendoza won re-election to her first full term as comptroller last month and announced a run for mayor eight days later. The \$165,000 she reported Monday brings the total she has raised to \$670,000 — the bulk of that including \$500,000 she transferred over from her comptroller campaign fund.

That total trails the amounts raised so far by two other top candidates who also entered the race after Emanuel's surprise announcement in September that he would drop his bid for a third term. Former U.S. Commerce Secretary Bill Daley has raised \$2.7 million and 2011

mayoral candidate and City Hall veteran Gery Chico has raised a little more than \$1 million. Mendoza, however, has raised more than the \$596,000 reported so far by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who also entered the Feb. 26 race for mayor after Emanuel dropped out.

Two candidates who have been in the race longer have raised slightly more than Mendoza. Former Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy has reported raising \$895,000 while former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot has tallied \$832,000 in contributions, records show.

Also on Monday, Mendoza reported a \$25,000 donation from Joseph A. Power Jr., a partner with the Chicago personal injury law firm Power Rogers & Smith. She reported \$10,000 from John D. Cooney, a partner with the personal injury law firm Cooney & Conway, and \$10,000 from Kathy Byrne, who is a co-chair of Mendoza's campaign and the daughter of the late Jane Byrne, the only woman to serve as Chicago's mayor. Byrne is an attorney at Cooney & Conway, where she has focused on asbestos litigation.

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Charter school movement may slow down

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approved changes to the labor group's constitution and bylaws to merge with a division of unionized charter educators. That merger included about 500 unionized educators at the city's Acero charter schools, which is the rebranded name of a 15-school network last known as the UNO Charter School Network.

With that expanded clout, the CTU has pressed to negotiate contracts and mount the union's own response to this year's teacher strikes in traditionally conservative states such as Arizona, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

"We do hope that the world takes notice," CTU President Jesse Sharkey said Monday, as negotiations with Acero representatives worked through the final hours before a midnight strike deadline.

"When there are (protesters wearing) red demanding more resources for schools, better compensation for teachers, educational justice across the red states ... and then you see that actually moving to the charter industry in a place like Chicago, the world needs to take notice."

Charters work in separate legal territory from traditional schools and can bargain over topics — such as classroom sizes — that state law bars from negotiations with traditional school educators in Chicago. Unionized charters also have broader flexibility to call strikes.

Today, the American Federation of Teachers says



Students head to classes at Acero's Major Hector P. Garcia M.D. High School and SPC Daniel Zizumbo School last month. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

it represents educators at 238 charter schools in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

The labor group estimates 10 to 12 percent of U.S. charter teachers are unionized, but that roughly a quarter of Chicago's charters are AFT shops. That's one of the highest percentages of unionized charter schools in the country, according to the federation.

Those numbers are significant enough to spur union belief that contract wins at the independently operated campuses can reverberate into CTU's own negotiations with the city's next mayor that may begin as early as next summer.

"Whatever happens to charter schools in this city

is likely to look more like what happens at neighborhood, conventional CPS schools," said Bruno, the U. of I. professor who has closely studied the CTU.

"I say that because I think the issues that are driving the strike date, what's pushed organizing and what's led to the merging of these two bargaining units (are) common threads, a common theme. And the CTU's objective is to create a standardized set of conditions they think all teachers and paraprofessionals deserve."

That trend could have significant implications for how charter teachers are paid or how school classrooms are staffed. At the same time, there's tension

among charter supporters that union demands are eroding their independence.

"CTU's been pretty clear that they want to make an example out of charter schools," Acero spokeswoman Helena Stangle told the Tribune in a recent interview.

"Our focus is to be competitive, to be reasonable, but to maintain our identity as Acero schools as well," she said.

Charters proliferated in Chicago as the city expanded school choice options following Mayor Richard M. Daley's Renaissance 2010 education reform initiative.

Yet that strategy has come under scrutiny as

thousands of schoolhouse seats go unfilled, the district's student population plummets, and many campuses are left with sparse budgets and unequal access to courses and updated facilities.

While the state's new education funding formula promises to channel money to under-resourced schools, lawmakers still must add billions of dollars in the coming years to make the system work as intended.

Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker has said that lack of money prompts his desire to hold back on expanding charters until policymakers can ensure they're funding schools that already exist.

"I think a moratorium doesn't mean that I'm opposed to the idea that charter schools exist in the city of Chicago or around the state, but rather, at the moment anyway, we have enough charter schools and we need to sort of settle in and figure out how we're going to manage those schools," Pritzker said last month.

"There are a lot of challenges that those schools have brought, and we just need to let all that sink in at the moment and make sure that we're focusing on the issue of funding our schools properly."

While Pritzker's voiced his opposition to charter expansion, CTU and its charter division are trying to negotiate favorable terms on class sizes, staffing, pay scales and paid time off.

"Our working conditions are our students' learning conditions, and our students deserve better. We are willing to go to the line, we are willing to fight for our students," said Martha Baumgarten, a fifth-grade teacher at Acero's Fuentes campus.

Acero set out contingency plans for its 15 campuses, as negotiations proceeded without word of a clear breakthrough Monday evening.

The network has told parents it would cancel all classes, athletics and extracurricular activities in the event of a strike. School buildings would remain open and supervised by nonunion staff members.

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College financial aid in Ill. expands

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To be eligible for an Aim High grant, prospective students must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen and live in Illinois, as well as meet other requirements:

- Meet minimum GPAs and standardized test scores.
- Be a full-time undergraduate.
- Not be in default on any student loan.
- Not owe a refund or repayment on any state or federal grant or scholarship.
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Have a household income less than six times the poverty guidelines.

With families considering their college options for next year, the Tribune surveyed the landscape of available financial aid options.

Here is a rundown of recently announced scholarship opportunities at state public universities. These programs are supported by school money, state dollars or a combination of sources.

Before diving in, keep a few things in mind: Aim High scholarships depend upon the state legislature appropriating new dollars each year. The law established a pilot program only until 2024 and set aside money for the first year. It did not specify how much money is to refill the coffers after 2019. And all such funding is subject to availability. Also note deadlines for two of the programs have passed and many schools have not yet established tuition rates for fall 2019.

Figures for fall 2018 are provided for reference, where needed.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The flagship university is taking aim at its reputation of being too expensive for a state school and targeting students from low- and middle-income families with its new scholarship program, Illinois Commitment, which pledges to cover full tuition and fees. The university is devoting \$4 million of institutional funds for the next four years for the program.

Qualifications:

- For Illinois residents who are freshmen or new transfer students under 24.
- Covers tuition and basic fees not covered by other aid.
- Covers tuition and basic fees for eight semesters of uninterrupted enrollment

for freshmen; six semesters for transfer students.

- Starts in fall 2019.
- Family income must be less than \$61,000; family assets must be less than \$50,000.
- Tuition for any program covered; books, room and board, course and lab fees not included.

Posted tuition and fees for in-state students this year are between \$16,000 and \$21,000, according to U. of I.'s website. Illinois' truth-in-tuition law requires tuition to remain the same for students for four years. Room and board, books and other expenses can add around \$15,000.

And there is more coming. U. of I. received about \$5.3 million in Aim High funding, but officials have not finalized the specifics of those scholarship awards for the fall.

University of Illinois at Springfield

UIS received \$543,000 through Aim High to support two branches of new scholarships.

High-achieving students admitted to Springfield's honors program could have their full tuition and fees covered through the Capital Scholars Merit Scholarship. To qualify, freshmen must have at least a 3.2 ACT/1450 SAT and at least a 3.5 GPA, and maintain a 3.8 GPA while at Springfield. Students with at least a 3.0 GPA and 24 ACT/1160 SAT could be eligible for awards between \$5,000 and \$12,500 per year.

Students outside the honors program could qualify for a Lincoln Merit scholarship with awards between \$1,500 and \$12,000 per year. The base eligibility requirements for that are a 18 ACT/940 SAT and a 3.0 GPA.

Transfer students with at least a 3.0 GPA could receive between \$1,500 and \$3,000 a year for up to two years.

Base tuition and fees this fall in Springfield are \$11,823.

"We hope this additional financial support will keep more Illinois students living and working in Illinois and encourage them to come to UIS," UIS Chancellor Susan J. Koch said in a statement.

Students must apply by the priority date of May 1.

Eastern Illinois University

EIU received just over \$1 million from the state,

which the Charleston-based school is using to launch three new scholarships.

■ The EIU Promise Program pledges to offset any tuition and fees not covered by other financial aid for first-time Illinois students with family incomes of \$61,000 or less. Students must be enrolled full time and have at least a 3.0 GPA and 18 ACT/960 SAT.

■ The majority of Illinois students who go out of state for college end up elsewhere in the Midwest. EIU takes aim at that with a new cost match program to cover the out-of-pocket expenses to attend a regionally accredited public university in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio or Wisconsin. An Illinois freshman accepted to such a school can provide his or her financial aid award letter to EIU to be eligible for a cost match. Students must be incoming freshmen with at least a 3.0 GPA and a 20 ACT/1030 SAT.

■ Eastern is also using Aim High funds to boost existing merit-based scholarships. Students with at least a 3.0 GPA and a 20 ACT/1030 SAT can qualify for four-year grants at three levels. Each scholarship will be boosted by \$2,000 over four years. A top-line scholarship for students with at least a 3.5 GPA, for example, could increase from \$16,000 to \$18,000 over eight semesters.

Base tuition and fees for 2019-20 are about \$11,900. A standard room and board plan adds about \$9,600 to the tab.

"This program demonstrates EIU's long-standing commitment to the region and the state by attracting and retaining more of Illinois' college-bound students," said Jay Gatrell, vice president of academic affairs and provost.

Northern Illinois University

The DeKalb-based university is using the Aim High funding to augment existing merit-based aid for incoming freshmen. NIU received about \$2.7 million in Aim High funding this year.

Students receiving an NIU Scholars Award will get \$7,000 a year, plus another \$2,466 from Aim High. Those receiving the Huskie Excellence, Northern Academic or the Centennial scholarships all can receive an additional \$1,000 year toward base tuition and

fees. Eligibility is based on a sliding scale of GPA and test scores. At minimum, they require at least a 2.75 GPA or at least a 20 ACT/1030 SAT.

Transfer students with at least a 3.25 GPA can receive another \$2,500 on top of other scholarships.

Tuition and general fees for domestic students this year come to about \$10,990.

The priority deadline for all merit scholarships for fall is Dec. 1. March 1 is the deadline for transfer students.

Western Illinois University

Western Illinois, with campuses in Macomb and Quad Cities, recently unveiled its version of the Aim High grant — the Western Promise+ — as well as revisions to its automatic scholarship program.

WIU received \$1.5 million in Aim High funding, which will support annual scholarships of \$5,000 to \$7,000 for four years for incoming freshmen for fall 2019, depending on a family's total income. Students must have at least a 2.75 high school GPA and a 21 ACT/1060 SAT to be eligible.

WIU is also continuing its Western Commitment program. Students with at least a 3.0 high school GPA and 20 ACT/1030 SAT are eligible for an additional automatic \$3,000 annual scholarship in their financial aid packages. Students with higher test scores can receive up to \$10,000 a year for four years of continuous enrollment.

All this is part of an overarching aid strategy at Western. Aim High funds can be used only toward tuition and fees. Western Promise+, in conjunction with federal aid and other financial incentives at Western, can help reduce or eliminate the cost of tuition, on-campus housing, meal plan and books, officials said.

Western also has a cost guarantee, freezing four-year rates for campus fees, and room and meal plans for new undergraduate students. State law requires undergraduate tuition rates to be the same for four years.

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Carbondale has two new programs supported by \$1.9 million from the state.



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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The SIU Aim High award gives eligible students \$2,000 a year for four years. It also can be added to a Dean's Scholarship or University Excellence award.

Students must have at least a 3.5 GPA and a 24 ACT/1160 SAT. Recipients must also stay enrolled full time and keep a 3.0 GPA in Carbondale. The combination of grants could provide \$28,000 to \$50,000 over the four years.

Freshmen and new transfer students with a 3.0 GPA and 21 ACT/1060 SAT could qualify for a Saluki Scholars Award, valued at \$1,500 a year. That cannot be combined with any other merit scholarships.

Base tuition and fees this fall were \$14,599.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

The Metro East campus got about \$2.3 million from the state to support grants SIUE students can combine with other institutional scholarships.

New freshmen can receive \$2,500 a year. Students must have at least a 2.0 ACT/1030 SAT. New transfer students with at least a 2.0 GPA can receive \$3,000 a year.

Funds can be combined with other SIUE scholarships except for the full-ride Meridian Scholarship.

Base tuition and fees in Edwardsville this fall were \$12,132. The deadline to apply is Dec. 1.

Northeastern Illinois University

Northeastern launched the Golden Opportunity Scholarship early this month. The Northwest Side campus received \$800,000 from Aim High.

Incoming freshman students with at least a 3.0 GPA are eligible for a grant of up to \$3,000 per year toward tuition and fees. The award is renewable for up to four years if a student maintains at least a 2.5 GPA while at

Northeastern. Students must also be a full-time, in-state freshman and have a family income no higher than \$61,000.

The grant can be combined with any other form of state and federal financial aid.

Base tuition and fees for a full-time student at Northeastern this year total \$14,019.

Chicago State University

Five levels of scholarships are being offered for incoming students at the Far South Side school, which received \$489,000 in Aim High funds.

Students with at least a 2.5 GPA and 16 ACT/880 SAT can receive \$2,000 to \$6,000 a year for up to four years. Transfer students can receive \$1,500 for up to two years.

Base tuition and fees this fall were around \$11,000.

Governors State University

The University Park campus is guaranteeing grants covering at least 25 percent of tuition, supported by the \$665,000 in Aim High funds.

Students with at least a 2.75 GPA and 19 ACT/980 SAT can receive grants starting at \$3,000 a year. Better grades can increase the scholarship to up to \$6,000 a year for four years.

Transfer students with at least a 3.25 GPA can receive \$2,000 to \$4,000 annually for up to two years.

Aim High dollars also can be combined with existing competitive scholarships.

Base tuition and fees this fall were \$11,746.

Illinois State University and University of Illinois at Chicago

Application deadlines have passed.

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Mayor's race in new phase: Petition scrutiny

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Chicago's mayoral race entered a chaotic new phase Monday, with candidates scrambling to file challenges to try to knock opponents off the ballot for not having enough valid petition signatures.

The deadline to file such complaints was Monday afternoon, and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's mayoral campaign followed through on a promise to challenge state Comptroller Susana Mendoza's mayoral signatures.

Preckwinkle also challenged the petitions of candidates Dorothy Brown, Lori Lightfoot, Conrein Hykes Clark and Catherine Brown D'Tycoon, four African-American women in the crowded mayoral field,

according to Preckwinkle campaign lawyer Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.

It's a battle-tested Chicago political strategy for candidates to try to "clear a lane" by getting rid of challengers who might pull votes from them or pose a threat to win the seat outright. Some campaigns have been known to file petition challenges just to tie candidates up in court or make them look weak in the eyes of potential campaign contributors.

And with 21 people signed up to try to succeed Mayor Rahm Emanuel and each of them needing 12,500 valid signatures of registered voters to make it on the Feb. 26 ballot for the first-round election, the next month promises to be a busy one for the city election commissioners who consider the complaints.

There was a bit of political theater Monday as mayoral candidate Ja'Mal Green held a news conference at the election board offices to decry what he said was a challenge to his signatures from businessman Willie Wilson. "If you think you can beat me, beat me fair and square," Green said. "Beat me fair and square on the ballot. Let the voters decide who should be mayor."

Speaking at the City Club last month, Wilson said of the other black candidates for mayor, "They need to get out of the way."

Though Wilson campaign lawyer Frank Avila signed a complaint filed Monday on behalf of two residents seeking to knock Green off the ballot, Wilson campaign consultant Rickey Hendon declined to confirm whether they chal-

lenged Green.

He did point out that petition challenges are "part of the process" in Chicago elections, and suggested Green should grow up. "Ja'Mal Green needs to fix his pacifier," Hendon said.

Avila also filed a challenge of the petitions of Roger Washington, another black candidate for mayor. Figuring out who's challenging whom is complicated by the fact the candidates themselves don't sign the objections. Chicago voters do. But lawyers take on just one client in each race, so matching the attorneys representing those voters to the candidates helps unravel the process.

Krafthefer said Preckwinkle's challenge of Mendoza would drop her to around 10,400 valid signatures, knocking Mendoza

off the ballot. Mendoza supporters held a news conference Monday to say they're confident Mendoza will withstand the challenge.

Michael Dorf, an attorney for the Lightfoot campaign, said the challenge to his client would simply force her to spend time and money defending herself instead of campaigning.

"Our sheets are good," Dorf said. "And anybody who did a real vetting of it instead of a fraudulent vetting of it would have found that they were good."

"It's the game," he added. "They want to do it to draw off resources so they can say to donors, 'Don't give money because that person's not going to be on the ballot.' That's the classic reason that people do bogus challenges."

Mayoral candidate Jerry Joyce, a Southwest Side

attorney whose father was a close political ally of Mayor Richard M. Daley, challenged the mayoral campaign petitions of the former mayor's brother, Bill Daley. Joyce in a statement said Bill Daley doesn't have enough valid signatures. Daley released a statement and without offering specifics accused Joyce of unspecified "questionable tactics."

Mayoral candidate Neal Sales-Griffin was challenged, as were dozens of candidates for alderman in wards around the city.

Many more challenges were likely to be filed late Monday. The election board will set hearings on the complaints later this month.

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CPD to add sergeants to help solve shootings

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supervision and mentorship to detectives."

Johnson said LAPD and the Justice Department — with an assist from the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington, D.C.-based law enforcement think tank — will start their work with the department as early as next week.

They will "assess and collaborate on ways that we can better support" detectives, Johnson told reporters.

The assistance from outside experts comes nearly two years after the Justice Department — as part of an investigation following the Laquan McDonald police shooting scandal — issued a scathing report on CPD from top to bottom.

That report also cited the department's low clearance rate for homicides, noting how trust between the police and Chicago's commu-

nities, especially those most beset by violence, was critical in solving the killings.

The report also mentioned how grieving families of homicide victims told Justice Department investigators about times when detectives would not interview key witnesses or suspects, declined to obtain relevant video and failed to update relatives on the status of investigations in the slayings of loved ones.

At the Monday announcement, Chicago police officials also said the department plans to set up "nerve centers" — similar to those already operating at many of the city's patrol districts — at each of its three detective headquarters.

Officially known as Strategic Decision Support Centers, they have been credited by the department with helping reduce violence over the last two years by better and more quickly



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Since the violent first weekend in August, police have arrested at least three gunmen in 40 shooting incidents.

deploying officers on the street with the help of gun detection technology and real-time crime data.

At the detective headquarters, the nerve centers will emphasize more efficiently combing through surveillance video that detectives obtain during their canvasses of crime scenes, officials said.

Johnson's chief spokesman, Anthony Guglielmi, said funding for the 50 new sergeants will come from the department's 2019

budget. The sergeants will be assigned to the detective division next year, he said.

Guglielmi said the department is also exploring issuing cellphones to detectives to help access police databases at crime scenes as well as to improve communications with witnesses and victims.

"But there's challenges with that, too," he said. "There's obviously some cost issues."

Through early September, Chicago police detect-

ives arrested or identified suspects in about 17 percent of all homicides that had occurred so far in 2018 — the same rate as for all of 2017 — the lowest clearance rate for killings in years, according to official Chicago police statistics.

The clearance rate for nonfatal shootings is even worse. Through early September, the city's detectives had solved 6.5 percent of its 2018 nonfatal shootings to that point, the statistics show. Detectives in all of 2017 solved 7.2 percent of nonfatal shootings that occurred that same year, according to the figures.

Since the violent first weekend in August, Chicago police have arrested at least three gunmen in the 40 shooting incidents that resulted in the wounding or killing of 75 people over that nearly three-day period.

"Other cities are a lot better than us," Brendan Deenihan, deputy chief in the detective division, told the Tribune in August. "And we have to take ownership for our low clearance rate, and I understand that. And we will do so."

"However, every single study I have read, the most difficult cases to solve are outside violence with a handgun, gang involvement," he said. "And, unfortunately, in the city of Chicago that is the vast number of shootings."

The continued woes in solving shootings and homicides come despite progress in the battle against violent crime, though Chicago is still far more violent than New York City or Los Angeles, both bigger cities.

With a month left to go in 2018, Chicago has recorded 2,198 shooting incidents this year, about a 16 percent drop from the first 11 months of 2017 and about a 34 percent decline over the same period in 2016, according to official police statistics.

Through November, 515 people were killed, about a 17 percent drop over 618 homicides for the same year-earlier period, the statistics show. During that same period in 2016, 716 people were killed.

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U.N. chief: Climate 'most important issue'

Not 'moving fast enough' to prevent catastrophe, he said

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KATOWICE, Poland — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued a dramatic appeal to world leaders Monday to take the threat of global warming seriously and to act boldly to avert a catastrophic rise in temperatures before the end of the century.

Guterres, who spoke at the opening of the U.N. climate conference in Poland, called climate change "the most important issue we face."

"Even as we witness devastating climate impacts causing havoc across the world, we are still not doing enough, nor moving fast enough, to prevent irreversible and catastrophic climate disruption," Guterres told delegates from almost 200 countries who gathered in Katowice.

Famed British naturalist Sir David Attenborough echoed his warnings, telling the gathering that the "collapse of our civilizations and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizons" if no urgent action is taken against global warming.

The 92-year-old TV presenter blamed humans for the "disaster of global scale, our greatest threat in thousands of years."

The U.N. chief chided countries, particularly those most responsible for greenhouse gas emissions, for failing to do enough to back the 2015 Paris climate accord, which set a goal of keeping global warming



Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres speaks Monday at the U.N. climate conference in Poland.

well below 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit — ideally 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit — by the end of the century.

Citing a recent report on the dire consequences of letting average global temperatures rise beyond 2.7 degrees, Guterres urged countries to cut their emissions 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030 and aim for net zero emissions by 2050.

Net zero emissions mean that any greenhouse gases emitted need to be soaked up by forest or new technologies that can remove carbon from the atmosphere.

Such cuts, which experts say are the only way to achieve the 2.7-degree goal, would require a radical overhaul of the global economy and a move away from using fossil fuels.

"In short, we need a complete transformation of our global energy economy, as well as how we manage land and forest resources," Guterres said.

He said governments should embrace the opportunities rather than cling to fossil fuels such as coal, which are blamed for a significant share of human-caused greenhouse gas emissions.

The U.N. chief's remark was directed at conference host Poland, which relies on coal for 80 percent of its energy. Polish President Andrzej Duda said during a news conference later Monday that the coal-rich country would work to reduce its reliance on coal but never entirely give up its "strategic fossil fuel."

Guterres also urged negotiators not to forget that the challenges they face pale in comparison to the difficulties climate change already is causing millions of people around the world whose homes and livelihoods are threatened by rising sea levels, drought and more powerful storms.

A teen Swedish activist who takes time out of school to highlight the danger of global warming echoed his appeal. Greta Thunberg, 15, said world leaders who skip the climate summit are "very irresponsible."

Thunberg, who protests outside Sweden's parliament each week, said absent leaders such as President Donald Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel "don't realize how

much power they have."

"I think that in the future, we will look back and we will either laugh at them or we will hate them," she told The Associated Press. "It's very sad, but if they don't do anything right now, that is the truth."

A goal of the two-week conference is finalizing how governments report on their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep global warming within the limits of the Paris climate deal.

Guterres called for a "huge increase in ambitions" during the negotiations in Poland, adding "we cannot afford to fail in Katowice."

"This is the challenge on which this generation's leaders will be judged," he

said.

He told reporters that the reality of global climate change has been "worse than expected, but the political will is relatively faded after Paris" and not matching the current challenges.

Film star and former governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger insisted the United States is "still in" the Paris accord to curb global warming despite Trump's decision to walk away from it.

"America is more than just Washington or one leader," he said, adding that he wished he could travel back in time — like the cyborg he portrayed in "The Terminator" — to stop fossil fuels from being used.

Calling Trump "meshugge" — Yiddish for "crazy" — for deciding to withdraw from the Paris accord, Schwarzenegger insisted that the climate deal has widespread support at local and state levels in the U.S.

Duda, the Polish leader, said participants at the conference have backed his country's proposal that governments should ensure a "just transition" for workers in fossil fuel industries who stand to their jobs as the world shifts to renewable energy.

But Fiji's prime minister, Frank Bainimarama said any "just transition" should consider the fate of all the people around the world whose lives are affected by climate change.

Residents of the world's smaller islands, many of whom face catastrophic flooding from higher sea levels in a warming world, have been among the world's most vocal backers of measures to combat climate change.

May confident she'll keep her job after Brexit vote

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May brushed aside questions Monday about whether she will resign if her Brexit deal is rejected by Parliament next week, saying she's confident she'll still have a job after the crucial vote.

May is battling to persuade lawmakers to support the divorce agreement between Britain and the European Union when the House of Commons votes Dec. 11. Opposition parties say their representatives will vote against the deal, and so have dozens of lawmakers from May's Conservative Party.

Defeat would leave the U.K. facing a messy, economically damaging "no-deal" Brexit on March 29 and could topple the prime minister, her government, or both.

May predicted Monday that despite the blowback "I will still have a job in two weeks' time."

"My job is making sure that we do what the public asked us to: We leave the EU but we do it in a way that is good for them," she told broadcaster ITV.

The Conservative prime minister has consistently refused to say what she plans to do if the British Parliament rejects the deal her government reached with the EU.

"I'm focusing on getting that vote and getting the vote over the line," she said. Politicians on both sides of Britain's EU membership debate oppose the agreement that May struck with the bloc — pro-Brexit ones because it keeps Britain bound closely to the EU, and pro-EU politicians because it erects barriers between the U.K. and its biggest trading partner.

May's opponents argue that Britain can renegotiate the deal for better terms.



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Prime Minister Theresa May leaves No. 10 Downing St. on Monday, before speaking in the House of Commons.

But the British government and the EU insist that the agreement, which took a year and a half to negotiate, is the only one on the table and rejecting it would mean leaving the bloc without a deal.

"There is no Plan B," Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said.

Rutte cited the "red lines" drawn by both sides during negotiations, including the U.K.'s refusal to accept the free movement of people between Britain and the EU, and the need to keep an open border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

"When you take all these red lines into account, it's simply impossible to come up with something different than we have currently, the deal on the table," he told The Associated Press on the sidelines of a U.N. climate conference in Poland.

May's government is also facing a battle in Parliament over confidential advice from the country's top law officer about the Brexit deal.

Under opposition pressure, the government promised last month to show Parliament the legal

briefing that Attorney General Geoffrey Cox gave May's Cabinet. Such advice is usually kept confidential.

On Monday the government published a 43-page document outlining Cox's legal opinion, but opposition parties demanded the attorney general's full, original advice. Opposition parties wrote Monday to the Speaker of the House of Commons, accusing the government of being in contempt of Parliament by refusing to comply.

The most contentious legal issue arising from the Brexit agreement is how Britain could get out of a "backstop" provision that would keep the country in a customs union with the EU to guarantee an open border between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The backstop is intended as a temporary measure, but pro-Brexit lawmakers say it could leave Britain tied to the EU indefinitely and unable to strike new trade deals around the world.

The legal advice confirmed that Britain can't unilaterally opt out of the backstop, which requires either an agreement with the EU or a decision by an arbitration panel.

Congress seeks extension to avert federal shutdown

Bill would keep things running through Dec. 21

By MATTHEW DALY AND CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders introduced a two-week funding bill Monday to avert a partial government shutdown over President Donald Trump's border wall, as business in the Capitol came to a standstill for ceremonies honoring former President George H.W. Bush.

The stopgap measure would keep the government funded through Dec. 21, two weeks after a Friday deadline when funding for a portion of the government, including the Department of Homeland Security, is set to expire.

The measure comes as Trump kept up pressure Monday on congressional Democrats to fund his promised border wall and threatened other actions to deter illegal immigration as negotiations continue.

"We would save Billions of Dollars if the Democrats would give us the votes to build the Wall," Trump tweeted without evidence Monday. "Either way, people will NOT be allowed into our Country illegally! We will close the entire Southern Border if necessary."

House leaders canceled roll call votes this week for ceremonies honoring Bush, who died Friday, meaning an extension will be needed to avert a funding lapse.

While Democrats prefer a one-week extension, they signaled they would not object to a two-week delay. Trump made clear over the weekend he would agree to a short-term funding extension to allow for ceremonies honoring Bush.

Democrats have little interest in providing the \$5



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President Trump is keeping the pressure on congressional Democrats over funding for his promised border wall.

billion Trump wants for the southern border, and with the party set to take control of the House in the new year, opposition to the wall has hardened.

Even some Republicans balk at spending more than the \$1.6 billion for fencing and other security improvements already provided. But Trump has signaled he's ready to fight for the money as one of the last big-ticket items of the GOP-led Congress before Democrats take over the House following a decisive victory in the midterm elections.

The president invited the top Democratic leaders, Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York and Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, to the White House for a meeting Tuesday, but considering Bush's funeral and other events, Democrats asked to postpone the meeting until next week.

Trump told reporters on Air Force One on Saturday that he would be willing to sign a two-week funding extension. "I would absolutely consider it and probably give it," he told reporters.

Schumer has suggested one option would be for Trump to accept the Senate's \$1.6 billion bipartisan border security package,

along with the remaining \$1.3 billion from the current fiscal year that has not yet been spent.

The country shouldn't have to endure a shutdown over "Trump's temper tantrum," Schumer said last week.

While Trump has pressed Democrats to build the wall, Schumer and Pelosi face growing pressure from the party's liberal wing to block it.

A group of border-state House Democrats sent Schumer a letter last week expressing opposition to any funding for the wall, which they said would separate local communities and antagonize Mexico.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, called the wall "a 14th-century solution to a 21st-century problem" and suggested that money would be better spent on more Border Patrol officers, technology and equipment.

Nearly three-quarters of the federal government has been funded for the fiscal year that runs through Sept. 30, 2019, but a stalemate remains over wall funding and several remaining agencies, including the Justice and State departments. Federal funding for those agencies will expire at midnight Friday.

Dutch church shields asylum-seekers

Service around clock for more than month to keep family from getting deported

BY MIKE CORDER
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — For more than a month, a rotating roster of preachers has been leading a nonstop, round-the-clock service at a small Protestant chapel in The Hague in an attempt to shield a family of Armenian asylum-seekers from deportation.

Under a centuries-old tradition, authorities in the Netherlands don't enter a church while a service is underway. That means for now, the Tamrazyan family — parents, their two daughters and son — are safe from Dutch immigration authorities who want to send them back to Armenia.

"There was only one thing you could do and that was starting a church service to save the life of this family, but also call attention for the fate of so many children in similar circumstances," Theo Hettema, chair of the General Council of the Protestant Church of The Hague, said Friday. "It's heartbreaking. We had compassion, and we had good reasons, and we thought it was the mission of our church to act like this."

The church service shines a light on a problem facing authorities in the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe: what to do with families who have been fighting legal battles for asylum for so long that their children have become deeply integrated into society, going to school, learning the language and making friends.

On a cold winter's Friday, visitors come and go at the church, ringing the bell on a door that in normal circumstances is open to all. A sign on the door says it is closed "due to the special circumstances."

The visits of supporters underscore a continuing groundswell of sympathy for asylum-seekers in parts of a Dutch society that once was known for its welcoming attitude, but has drifted to the right in recent years.

One visitor, 74-year-old Bart ten Broek, said he was proud of the church's action, while lamenting the need for it.

"I love this country with the tradition of tolerance, respect for the other," he said. "But you see there is a change, and therefore I am here, too, to show our attitude. We have to be hosts."



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Seyran, from left, Warduhi and Hayarpi Tamrazyan have gone to school and made friends.

The Tamrazyan family has been living in the Netherlands for nearly nine years, as their asylum application and various appeals proceeded slowly through the courts. Now the Council of State, the country's highest administrative court, has ruled they must return to their home country, considered safe by the Dutch government.

"The father was politically active and fled to the Netherlands because of threats," Hettema said.

Over the years, sisters Hayarpi, 21, and Warduhi, 19, and their 15-year-old

brother Seyran have laid down roots, attended school and made friends.

While the round-the-clock service continues, the family sometimes listens to the sermon, cooks or receives visits from friends.

"It's very stressful for them," Hettema said. "Sometimes they are sad and nervous, and sometimes they are hopeful and give us hope in return."

Martine Goeman, a lawyer with the Dutch branch of non-government group Defense For Children, said there are about 400 children in a similar position in

the Netherlands.

The Dutch government introduced a rule in 2013, known by many as a "children's pardon," that under special circumstances grants asylum to children who have been in the country for more than five years while their asylum application is processed, but Goeman says appeals for such a pardon are rarely honored.

"The eligibility criteria are so strict that almost nobody is granted one," she said. "So actually it is a dead letter. That is a shame, because a children's pardon sounds like something great

for children, but in practice it is meaningless."

The Dutch justice ministry declined to comment on the family's case. In a written response, the ministry said the current four-party coalition led by Prime Minister Mark Rutte had decided not to broaden the children's pardon when it took office.

In exceptional cases, the justice minister can use discretionary powers to grant asylum.

"These are cases involving unforeseen circumstances that were not taken into account when the policy and rules were established," according to the ministry statement. "Factors such as a long period of residence in the Netherlands and enrollment in education in the Netherlands are not sufficiently exceptional circumstances."

Goeman said she hopes the government will allow the children to stay.

"This is not going to blow over," she said. "The opposition in society is only getting stronger."

Hettema said that after initially using local preachers to deliver the service, the church has reached out to others and has received offers of help from some 500 from churches as far away as Belgium.



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Qatar's oil production ranks it 11th among OPEC members. Energy minister Saad Sherida al-Kaabi said the country wants to increase production of oil and natural gas.

Qatar to pull out of OPEC amid Saudi boycott of Doha

BY JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The tiny, energy-rich Arab nation of Qatar announced Monday it will withdraw from OPEC in January, a rebuke of the Saudi-dominated cartel as the kingdom's boycott of Doha continues unabated and a crucial meeting of the group looms this week.

The surprise declaration could make Qatar the first Middle East nation to leave the cartel since its founding in 1960. It again injects politics into an organization that long has insisted it is nonpartisan, stealing headlines just as the cartel deliberates production cuts to halt a slide in global crude oil prices.

Although contributing only a fraction of OPEC's overall production, Qatar's decision also throws into question the viability of the cartel. Once muscular enough to grind America to a halt with its 1970s oil embargo, OPEC needed non-members like Russia to push through a production cut in 2016 after prices crashed below \$30 a barrel. That's unlikely to change, especially as the United States regained the throne of the world's top oil producer.

"The Qatari leadership is no longer interested in remaining an active part of an organization that largely shuns it," the Eurasia Group said in an analysis. "The two individuals that markets focus on are Saudi Arabia's energy tsar Khalid al-Falih and Russia's Alexander Novak. Qatari energy officials are not consulted, at the very least not sufficiently, and its leaders are no longer an active part of the organization's machine."

The decision was announced by Saad Sherida al-Kaabi, Qatar's minister of state for energy affairs. He said Qatar, the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas, planned to increase its exports from 77 million tons of gas per year to 110 million tons. He also said Qatar wants to raise its oil production.

"In light of such efforts and plans, and in our pursuit to strengthen Qatar's position as a reliable and trustworthy energy supplier across the globe, we had to take steps to review Qatar's role and contributions on the international energy scene," al-Kaabi said.

There was no comment from Vienna-based OPEC, which meets Thursday to discuss possible production cuts. In November,

al-Falih said OPEC and allied oil-producing countries will probably need to cut crude supplies, perhaps by as much as 1 million barrels of oil a day, to rebalance the market.

Qatar produces only about 600,000 barrels of crude oil a day, making it OPEC's 11th biggest producer. The loss of production, under 2 percent of overall OPEC supply a day, won't greatly affect the cartel's position in the market.

Anas Alhaji, an oil analyst, said Qatar's decision "has no impact on the market either way whether they're in or they're out."

"The cost for them is higher than the benefit" of remaining in OPEC, Alhaji said. "This is just like shutting down a losing business."

Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim Al Thani, Qatar's former prime minister who remains a powerful figure in the country, called the withdrawal from OPEC a "wise decision."

"This organization has become useless and adds nothing to us," Sheikh Hamad wrote on Twitter.

Qatar also hosts the al-Udeid Air Base, the home of the forward headquarters of the U.S. military's Central Command and about 10,000 U.S. troops.

Astronauts reach space station weeks after aborted mission

BY DMITRY LOVETSKY
Associated Press

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — Three astronauts who were launched into space aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft Monday entered the International Space Station nearly eight hours later, a relief to relatives and scientists months after a rocket failure aborted another mission.

The hatch of the capsule carrying NASA astronaut Anne McClain, David Saint-Jacques of the Canadian Space Agency and Oleg Kononenko of Russian space agency Roscosmos was opened while the station was flying over the southern coast of Yemen.

The three were greeted upon arrival Monday by the station's current crew members, who had waited outside the hatch after the astronauts' capsule docked and underwent safety checks.

Their Soyuz MS-11 spacecraft launched from the Russian-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Monday, 6:31 a.m. EST, then entered a designated orbit just under nine minutes later. The spacecraft made four orbits over six hours as it chased down the space station for the docking.

The astronauts were the first to be sent to the space station since a crewed Soyuz launch was aborted in October after a booster rocket failed to separate properly, crippling the rocket. The families of the crew, other astronauts and space officials from several nations breathed a sigh of relief after observing the flawless launch.

NASA and Roscosmos said all onboard systems operated normally and the astronauts felt fine during the six-hour trip the space station. After two hours waiting in their capsule to confirm their ship was firmly docked to the station, they exited the cap-



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A Soyuz MS-11 rocket carrying Russian, American and Canadian astronauts takes off on Monday in Kazakhstan.

Asteroid visit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — After a two-year chase, a NASA spacecraft arrived Monday at the ancient asteroid Benu, its first visitor in billions of years.

The robotic explorer Osiris-Rex pulled within 12 miles of the diamond-shaped space rock. It will get even closer in the days ahead and go into orbit around Benu on Dec. 31. No spacecraft has ever orbited such a small cosmic body.

It is the first U.S. attempt to gather asteroid samples for return to Earth, something only Japan has accomplished.

sule to join three astronauts already aboard the orbiting outpost at 2:40 p.m. EST.

The station's current crew — NASA's Serena Aunon-Chancellor, Russian Sergei Prokopyev and German Alexander Gerst — were waiting to greet the newcomers. They are scheduled to return to Earth on Dec. 20.

1 dead, 45 injured in Ark. charter bus crash

BY JILL BLEED
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A third-grader was killed and at least 45 people were injured when a charter bus carrying youth football players from Tennessee rolled off an interstate and overturned before sunrise Monday in central Arkansas, authorities said.

Arkansas State Police said the bus crashed along Interstate 30 near Benton, about 25 miles southwest of Little Rock. Police said most

of the injured were children and were taken to hospitals in Little Rock and Benton.

The elementary-school-age children from the Orange Mound Youth Association in southeast Memphis were returning home after playing in a tournament in the Dallas area over the weekend, according to Memphis TV station WMC. Orange Mound is a historically black neighborhood that unites around its highly competitive youth football program.

One of half a dozen adults

on the bus, Damous Hailey, said the players from 10 Orange Mound Youth Association football teams had been playing in all-star squads. He told The Commercial Appeal newspaper that the bus swerved then flipped before landing on its side at the foot of an embankment.

"When the bus started flipping, the kids were hollering, and we were trying to calm them down," he said in an interview from Saline Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for injuries

to his right side and leg. "I was holding on, trying to make sure I didn't get thrown out."

Teams and coaches affiliated with the Orange Mound Youth Association have not returned phone calls and emails seeking comment.

At a news conference in Memphis on Monday afternoon, Nickalous Manning, area superintendent of Aspire Public Schools, said a third-grader from an Aspire charter school died in the crash.



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The charter bus was carrying a youth football team from Tennessee when it rolled off Interstate 30 in Arkansas.



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A military honor guard carries President Bush's casket into the U.S. Capitol on Monday.

Ryan: 'His legacy is grace perfected'

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then CIA director before being elected vice president and then president.

"Here lies a great man," said Rep. Paul Ryan, the House speaker, and "a gentle soul. His legacy is grace perfected."

Vice President Mike Pence and Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell also spoke.

But political combatants set aside their fights to honor a Republican who led in a less toxic time and at times found commonality with Democrats despite sharp policy disagreements. Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi, past and incoming House speaker, exchanged a warm hug with George W. Bush and came away dabbing her face.

She and Chuck Schumer, the Senate Democratic leader, placed wreaths in the short ceremony before the rotunda was to be opened to the public. It was to remain open overnight.

Sent off from Texas with a 21-gun salute, Bush's casket was carried to Joint Base Andrews outside the capital city aboard an aircraft designated "Special Air Mission 41" in honor of Bush's place on the chronological list of presidents.

Cannons roared again outside the Capitol, and Bush's eldest son, former President George W. Bush, stood with his hand over his heart, watching the casket's procession up the steps.

Bush was remembered just feet away from what he called "Democracy's front porch," the west-facing steps of the Capitol where he was sworn in as president.

He will lie in state in the Capitol for public visitation through Wednesday. An invitation-only funeral service is set for Wednesday at Washington National Cathedral. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump are to attend. The president and first lady visited the Capitol on Monday evening to pay their respects.

Although Bush's funeral services are suffused with the flourishes accorded presidents, by his choice they will not include a formal funeral procession through downtown Washington.

The younger President Bush, his wife, Laura, and others from the family traveled on the flight from Houston.

On Sunday, students, staff and visitors had flocked to Bush's presidential library on the campus of Texas A&M University, with thou-



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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan walk arm-in-arm to pay their respects to the Bush family in the U.S. Capitol rotunda.



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Members of former President George W. Bush's Cabinet pay respects, from left: Gen. Colin Powell, Nicholas Brady, James Baker and Dick Cheney.

sands of mourners paying their respects at a weekend candlelight vigil at a nearby pond and others contributing to flower memorials at Bush statues at both the library and a park in downtown Houston.

"I think he was one of the kindest, most generous men," said Marge Frazier, who visited the downtown statue Sunday.

After services in Washington, Bush will be returned to Houston to lie in repose at St. Martin's Episcopal Church before burial Thursday at his family plot on the library grounds.

His final resting place will be alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years who died in April, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia in 1953 at age 3.

Trump has ordered the federal government closed Wednesday for a national day of mourning. Flags on public buildings are flying at half-staff for 30 days out of respect for Bush.

Trump, who has not always uttered kind words about the Bush family, offered nothing but praise in the hours after the former

president's death was announced.

"He was just a high-quality man who truly loved his family," Trump said Saturday while in Argentina. "So he was a terrific guy and he'll be missed."

Bush's death puts him back in the Washington spotlight after more than two decades living the relatively low-key life of a former president. His death also reduces membership in the ex-presidents' club to four: Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

One of Bush's major achievements was assembling the international military coalition that liberated the tiny, oil-rich nation of Kuwait from invading neighbor Iraq in 1991.

A hero of World War II, Bush was just 20 when he survived being shot down during a bombing run over a Japanese island. He had joined the Navy when he turned 18.

Shortly before leaving the service, he married his 19-year-old sweetheart, Barbara Pierce, and forged the longest presidential marriage in U.S. history.



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President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump pay their respects in the rotunda.

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Trump seeks 'full and complete' jail sentence for his ex-attorney

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump called for a "full and complete" prison sentence Monday for his longtime lawyer Michael Cohen.

Trump tweeted: "You mean he can do all of the TERRIBLE, unrelated to Trump, things having to do with fraud, big loans, Taxis, etc., and not serve a long prison term?" Trump added that Cohen "makes up stories to get a GREAT & ALREADY reduced deal for himself."

Cohen pleaded guilty in August to eight criminal counts, including campaign-finance violation and other charges and implicated the president in open court. Last week, he also pleaded guilty to lying to Congress. His attorneys have argued that he should be spared prison for crimes he committed in an abundance of enthusiasm for his ex-boss.

His sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 12.

Ukraine issues partial call-up of reservists amid Russia tensions

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko on Monday announced a partial call-up of reservists for training amid tensions with Russia, saying the country needs to beef up its defenses to counter the threat of a Russian invasion.

The Kremlin dismissed Poroshenko's statement as an "absurd" attempt to inflame tensions.

Relations between the

neighbors have been strained further following a Nov. 25 incident in which the Russian coast guard fired upon and seized three Ukrainian naval vessels and their crews off the Crimean Peninsula that Russia annexed from Ukraine.

Poroshenko responded by introducing martial law for 30 days in much of Ukraine. He also barred entry to all Russian males aged 16 to 60.

French paramedics, students join ongoing 'yellow vest' rallies

PARIS — Anti-government protesters gained new allies Monday as French paramedics and students joined ongoing rallies while the prime minister met with political rivals in a bid to ease the anger following riots that rocked Paris.

Facing the most serious crisis since his election in May 2017, President Emmanuel Macron remained silent but met with police officers to offer them sup-

port after "a day of unprecedented violence," the Elysee palace said.

On Saturday, more than 130 people were injured and 412 arrested in the French capital.

The "yellow vest" movement, led by protesters wearing roadside safety vests, is bringing together people from across the political spectrum complaining about France's economic inequalities.



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A girl cries Monday as a group of Central American migrants surrender to U.S. Border Patrol agents after jumping over a barrier separating Playas de Tijuana in Mexico from the U.S. Thousands of migrants camped out in Tijuana hope to obtain asylum in the U.S.

California students go back to school 3 weeks after wildfire

YUBA CITY, Calif. — Eight-year-old Bella Maloney woke up next to her little brother in a queen-size bed at a Best Western hotel and for breakfast ate a bagel and cream cheese that her mother brought up from the lobby.

And then she was off to school for the first time in nearly a month.

For Bella, brother Vance and thousands of other youngsters in Northern California who lost their homes and their classrooms in last month's wildfire, life crept a little closer to normal Monday when school finally resumed in

most of Butte County.

"They're ready to go back," Erica Hail, 31, said of her children. "I think they're sick of Mom and Dad."

Schools in the county had been closed since Nov. 8, when the blaze swept through the town of Paradise and surrounding areas, destroying nearly 14,000 homes and killing at least 88 people in the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century.

About 31,000 students in all have been away from school since the disaster. On Monday, nearly all of them went back, though

some of them attended class in other buildings because their schools were damaged or destroyed, or inaccessible inside evacuation zones.

Counselors brought in from around the country were in nearly every classroom Monday to help children who were distressed by their escape through a burning town and the loss of their homes, Paradise school Superintendent Michelle John said at a celebratory news conference.

"Our kids are traumatized," John said. "Their families are traumatized."

Puerto Rico: Maria had \$43B impact on economy

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A report from Puerto Rico's government says Hurricane Maria had a \$43 billion impact on the U.S. territory's economy, \$1 billion more than originally estimated.

The Puerto Rico Planning Board's report says its calculations took into ac-

count millions of dollars received in federal hurricane recovery funds and insurance money.

Overall, the board found that the capital of San Juan was among the six most affected cities on the island after the Category 4 storm hit in September 2017, causing more than an esti-

mated \$100 billion in damage.

Puerto Rico economist Jose Caraballo said that federal aid and insurance payouts so far have covered only 24 percent of the losses reported.

The government said losses for the private sector alone totaled \$30 billion

Exam: Black man killed by officer shot 3 times in back

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A forensic examination shows a black man was shot three times in the back of his body when an Alabama police officer mistook him for the shooter after gunfire erupted at a shopping mall, the man's family said Monday.

The results of a report commissioned by the family are "devastating" to relatives of Emantic "EJ" Bradford Jr., said their lawyer, Ben Crump. The officer in the Birmingham suburb of Hoover should be charged with homicide, Emantic Bradford Sr. said.

Police in Hoover reiterated they won't release police video about the Thanksgiving night killing until the state investigation is complete.

An Alabama man was arrested last week in Georgia on charges of shooting a teenager who was wounded at the mall. A girl also was shot and wounded.

In Germany: The Pentagon said a fourth soldier died from wounds suffered last Tuesday in a roadside blast in eastern Afghanistan. Sgt. Jason Mitchell McClary, 24, of Export, Pa., died Sunday at the military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. Three other service members were killed and two others were wounded.

In Massachusetts: Henri Salvador Gutierrez, 19, of El Salvador, who faces charges in the killing of a teen, had been allowed to stay in the country despite being identified as a member of MS-13, federal court documents show. Gutierrez and five others are accused of stabbing Herson Rivas, 17, to death July 30 in Lynn.

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EDITORIALS

Humility and civility: More pols, please, like George H.W. Bush

There was once a private school that graded students on the usual academic subjects, plus a fuzzy category related to decorum: "Claims no more than his fair share of time and attention." Modesty and deference are still enviable traits, but imagine enforcing such behaviors in the age of social media. Where would Twitter and Facebook be without boasts and rants? Our current president would be rendered mute.

The student who once excelled at "claims no more ..." was future President George H.W. Bush, whose lifetime of service to the country was characterized by decency and good manners. These were virtues he learned at the Greenwich Country Day School in the 1930s, further instilled by his parents, who admonished him against being conceited. "I don't want to hear any more about the Great I Am," his mother told him.

And so Bush was polite. A biographer,

Jon Meacham, called him "the last gentleman." As president, Bush strove to work with political friends and foes alike. He aspired to make America "a kinder, gentler nation." He was an inveterate letter-writer, Meacham said, but these were *nice* letters, handwritten thank-yous and supportive missives, not mean tweets.

The former president died Friday at age 94. Evidence to the contrary, civility did not go with him. It just feels like that era is gone in the public arena. Consider President Donald Trump's attacks and insults. Check out Twitter, where Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke last week accused a Democratic lawmaker of being a drunk.

But it's not just Trump and his allies who are responsible. Plenty of other politicians share blame for sully public discourse. There was Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, who shouted, "You lie!"

at President Barack Obama during a joint session of Congress. A few days ago in Springfield, Democratic state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit said on the House floor that she wanted to pump a deadly "broth" of bacteria into the water system used by a Republican colleague's family. She later apologized.

Bush was no saint; he was a politician who could brawl with the best of them during campaign season. Anyone elected president must have a large ego and a quick left jab. But obituaries and other reflections on his life remind us that Bush achieved success in life while most often acting with honor and humility. Turning 18 in 1942, he enlisted in the service, becoming the nation's youngest naval aviator. He was shot down in the Pacific. He was captain of the Yale baseball team. He ran the CIA. He didn't keep those accomplishments secret, but he also didn't present himself as the meanest guy in the room.

Bush's comportment worked against him as a presidential candidate, because his self-effacement was misconstrued as weakness. Newsweek magazine wrote an absurd 1987 cover story headlined "Fighting the 'Wimp Factor'." CBS News, during the 1980 campaign, had asked Bush if he was "too nice" to be president.

Bush defended himself — politely: "I don't equate toughness with just attacking some individual. I equate toughness with moral fiber, with character, with principle, with demonstrated leadership in tough jobs where you emerge not bullying somebody but with the respect of the people you led. ... If I happen to be decent in the process, that should not be a liability."

Those are words to live by. If enough politicians and others in the public sphere would take a lesson from the former president's honorable conduct, Americans would have more respect for their governments — and for each other.

'Deaths of despair': The grim decline in life expectancy

The cover of a recent issue of *The Economist* magazine highlighted a heartening story: "Staying alive: Why the global suicide rate is falling." Inside, we learn, "Globally the rate has fallen by 38 percent from its peak in 1994. As a result, over 4 million lives have been saved."

One country, however, is a stark exception to this welcome improvement: the United States. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that since 1999, the suicide rate has risen by 33 percent, and the trend has accelerated since 2006. Some 45,000 people kill themselves each year, more than the number who die in auto accidents.

That is not the only grim news. More than 70,000 Americans died of drug overdoses last year — which is an average of 191 *per day*. That was up from 63,632 the previous year.

These two developments have produced a three-year decline in Americans' life expectancy, the longest such reduction since a century ago, when World War I and a devastating worldwide flu epidemic cut short a vast number of lives.

The big difference this time is that people are dying of self-inflicted causes, not huge global events far beyond individual control. They suggest that many people find some conditions of modern American life, even during a period of economic prosperity, too painful to bear. "We are losing too many Americans, too early and too often, to conditions that are preventable," said CDC Director Robert Redfield.

Why this is happening is hard to decipher. The highest suicide rates are among men over the age of 45. The most rural areas have been particularly affected, with the age-adjusted rate jumping 53 percent since 1999 — compared with 16



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A drug user in New York places a fentanyl test strip into a heroin mixing container to check for contamination. Making it easy for users to get the strips is one safeguard against fentanyl-related deaths.

percent in the most urban places.

Overdose deaths occur disproportionately in one part of the country, with the highest rates in West Virginia, Ohio, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Unlike suicides, they are roughly as likely to occur among city dwellers as their country cousins.

What can be done? Locating the sources of misery that drive people to such options is important. Princeton economist Anne Case says the increase of "deaths of despair" is "consistent with the labor market collapsing for people with less than a college degree. In turn, those people are being less able to form stable marriages, and in turn that has effects on the kind of

economic and social supports that people need in order to thrive." Reversing those maladies won't be easy or quick.

On the overdose side, steps have been taken that should help. A bill signed by President Donald Trump in October makes some useful changes to expand access to drug treatment and promote wider use of naloxone, which is used to reverse opioid overdoses, by first responders, and to discourage over-prescribing of opioid painkillers.

The biggest factor in the epidemic lately is fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is far more powerful than heroin — and is often mixed with other, less potent opioids unbeknownst to the user. Since 2013, the number of deaths involving fentanyl have skyrocketed from about 3,000 to more than 28,000.

One safeguard is making it easy for users to get test strips that show whether drugs include fentanyl. A small study in North Carolina found that drug users who got these test strips generally used them and took measures to reduce the danger when fentanyl was detected.

Expanding treatment for mental health problems and substance abuse would also help to save people from suicide and drug overdose. The expansion of Medicaid in most states under the Affordable Care Act has made mental health treatment easier to obtain. The Trump administration has offered waivers to states that want to provide more inpatient care for both substance abuse and mental health.

For the modern United States to suffer a three-year decline in life expectancy is a tragedy and a signal for urgent action. Faced with an epidemic of deaths from despair, Americans need to join together in the task of restoring hope.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

All signs point to President Trump running again. But (and that's a big but), if not, we can all understand why he might make that decision.

Starting in January, there will be at least two years of continuous hell for the president and his administration. Democrats, in control of the House, will be out for blood and revenge while special prosecutor Robert Mueller wraps up his report. ...

The last time a president voluntarily chose not to run for re-election was Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1968. Amazingly, LBJ made his announcement on March 31, just seven months before Election Day. Surely, Trump would be more considerate to his party and broadcast his Earth-shattering decision at least a year and a half before November 2020 — that is, by June 2019.

I will apply my favorite political idioms — "Anything is possible" and "Always expect the unexpected" — to a very Trumpian scenario:

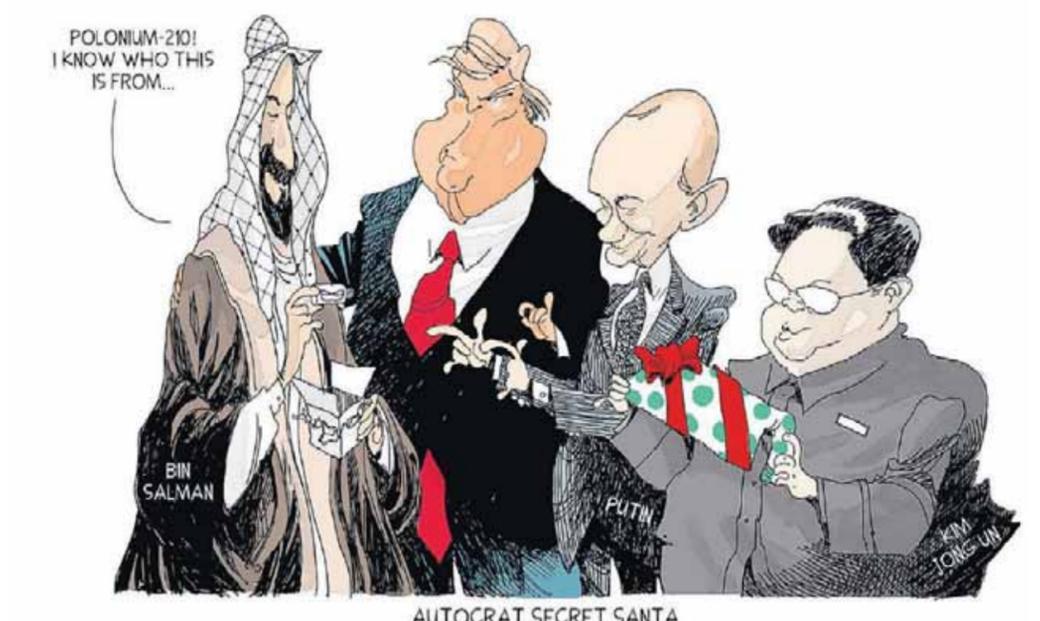
On June 16, 2019 — four years to the day after he rode the Trump Tower escalator down to his presidential announcement — the president takes another historic ride and announces what his longtime friend, associate, and political adviser Roger Stone has long speculated: "I made America great. Mike, good luck."

I repeat, "anything is possible" — because the next six months are going to test Trump like he has never been tested in his entire life.

Myra Adams, RealClearPolitics

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A weight-loss journey: No sweets, no tweets



KRISTEN MCQUEARY

Aug. 3 fell on a Friday. President Donald Trump was tweeting about 3D printer guns. Political numskulls were screeching on television. Twitter was erupting by the millisecond.

Like most days, hateful exchanges floated through Facebook feeds. Harmless political banter drew swift rebuke. Echo chambers displaced fair journalism.

Perhaps the crescendo of squawk and stridency ruptured something inside him. Michael Ungeran, a 45-year-old engineer and political junkie from Downers Grove, stepped on the scale. At 6 feet, 4 inches tall, his weight had crept to 275 pounds, up 35 pounds from two years earlier. Oversized shirts mostly hid it. There's room for weight gain in a broad-shouldered body. But he was tired. He spent too many Saturday afternoons on the couch. He spent too much time scrolling through his phone. He had allowed the toxic environment of politics to conquer his attention.

So he resolved to spin free. To quiet the vibe. To cleanse. From all of it.

Newsweek magazine in July reported an uptick in therapists citing politics as a subject clients were raising. The unofficial term, Trump Anxiety Disorder, is marked by "lack of sleep, a feeling of losing control and helplessness in an unpredictable sociopolitical climate, along with endless negative headlines and excessive time spent on social media." It goes both ways. Trump's detractors hyperventilate that he is fueling division and instability. Trump's supporters feel isolated and attacked for supporting him and his policies.

The result has been the Trump Bump. No, not a soaring stock market. A soaring waistline.

Back to Ungeran. A conservative-leaning voter who listens to talk radio on the way to work, he grew increasingly exasperated at the media's over-reactions to Trump. The outrage from both sides of the political spectrum made him antsy. Ungeran's diet had not changed dramatically. But he was swinging through Starbucks for sugary coffee drinks in the morning, sipping energy drinks in the afternoon and eating what he wanted.

The morning of Aug. 3, Ungeran looked down at the scale. He thought of his two boys, ages 7 and 8. Rather than procrastinate, he executed. He turned off social media notifications. He stopped watching cable news. He disengaged from his Twitter family — yes, it's a thing — and he began to fast.

He drank a protein shake in the morning and spooned through one 80-calorie yogurt at night. On weekends, his wife prepared for him a small dinner, maybe half a chicken breast or a salad. But he kept his daily intake of calories to less than 500 a day. He replaced all beverages with water. The scale rewarded him. He lost at least a pound a day.

Ungeran insists it wasn't that diffi-



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Michael Ungeran, 45, an engineer and political junkie from Downers Grove, near his office in Chicago on Monday.

cult. He had more energy. He slept more soundly. And he wasn't tempted to cheat. He didn't binge.

But I was skeptical. Who among us hasn't hijacked a jar of Nutella at 9:30 p.m.? Who hasn't swirled the potato chip bag an hour later to pluck out the brown-edged ones? Who hasn't pulled discarded french fries from the garbage or stood over the sink with a leftover burrito, promising to do better tomorrow? What.

As the pounds disappeared, and while consciously curbing cable news and social media, Ungeran spent less time on his phone and more time engaged with his family. He stayed centered on "the power a strong will can have over excuses. They held me

focused on the amazing things I can roll up my sleeves and accomplish." He charted his weight loss and texted friends for moral support. Six weeks later, he was down 45 pounds and lighter in every way. He then lost 5 more pounds.

He's back on Twitter under his very Brady Bunch handle, AnnBDavis-BowlinBall, or @ABDsBB. You can find pictures of his weight loss journey there. He still listens to conservative radio and catches the news. But less so and with a softer ear. He is consuming more calories post-diet. But he is clear-eyed about what goes into his new body.

Ungeran realizes his crash diet would not work for everyone. We all

have different DNA and levels of discipline. But his journey raises an interesting point. As we head toward New Year's resolutions — a promise often as fleeting as a politician's — reset buttons should not only be about calories in and out.

They should be about settling your insides, depriving your mind of the ticker tape to which we've all become accustomed. It's difficult to put down the bag of chips and the phone. But it's also possible one cannot happen without the other.

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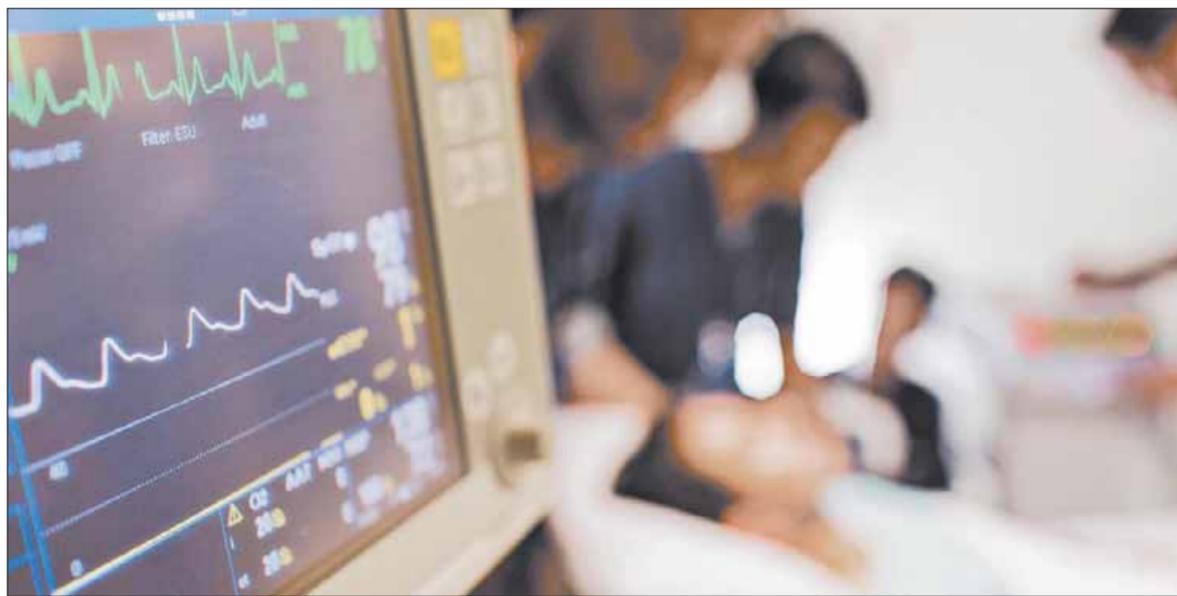
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#JustAsk: Stop treating unconscious female patients like cadavers

BY ROBIN FRETWELL WILSON
AND ANTHONY MICHAEL KREIS

When a young woman was admitted to an Arizona hospital for stomach surgery two years ago, she never imagined the scars she'd leave with would be emotional ones. After the anesthesia wore off a resident informed her that physicians and medical students performed a nonconsensual pelvic exam on her. A survivor of sexual assault, the patient said she was "in shock" and felt betrayed by her physician.

Teaching medical students to identify abnormalities by probing a woman's vagina and cervix — without express consent — can be stopped easily. Yet, the practice persists because the controversy it periodically sparks dies out eventually. And, like clockwork, attending physicians and medical educators resume using women like test dummies — stripping them of the right to decide who touches their bodies.

The practice is again under scrutiny from researchers and journalists. We should not take another decade to stop treating women's bodies like cadavers donated to science.

In the early 2000s, small-scale studies reported that large numbers of medical students were performing exams on anesthetized patients. That shocking revelation catalyzed what appeared to be tangible change. In 2003, the Federal Trade Commission heard testimony about nonconsensual student exams. In the months leading up to those hearings, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists disavowed earlier guidance that had posited a duty by women to participate in "teaching exams." After the hearing, the Association of American Medical Colleges announced that unauthorized exams are "unethical and unacceptable."

Testimony by medical students and

residents, physicians, behavioral scientists, ethicists and legal academics (including us) led a handful of states (California, Virginia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa and Oregon) to bar unauthorized medical exams. These laws were necessary because lawsuits for battery are never brought since women undergoing gynecological surgery have no inkling they have been used for teaching without consent.

One would think lawmakers would jump over one another to join these states and defend women's dignity. But it is clear that these laws have not hastened meaningful change. Sweeping change will require a movement to succeed.

Fifteen years ago, one of us interviewed faculty at more than a dozen medical schools across 10 states. Four flimsy justifications emerged then and are still given for dispensing medical procedures without consent.

■ The first turned informed consent on its head: We cannot ask for consent, teaching faculty claimed, because if we ask, the patient might say no. Of course, removing the opportunity for autonomy because a person might exercise it makes a mockery of personal agency.

■ The second excuse rested on a fiction: that women implicitly consented to be used for medical teaching when they accepted care at a teaching hospital. But how many people would know that Beth Israel Deaconess is a teaching hospital for Harvard University, or that Stamford Hospital, 40 miles from Manhattan, is a teaching hospital for Columbia University. Neither name nor proximity would tip off reasonable patients. Indeed, in one study, most elderly patients had no idea they were being treated in a teaching hospital.

Insurance status only compounds matters. Many patients chose network providers for cost reasons, not because they

are willing to be subjected to medical teaching.

■ Third, medical educators make legal claims about the forms patients sign — that a student's intimate examination on an unconscious woman is an ordinary component of the surgery to which she consented; and that consent for one procedure encompasses consent for additional related procedures. Any fair reading of these forms is that women consent to procedures for their benefit, not for students'.

■ The final excuse would be the most compelling, if true: Not enough women will consent to help train students. Yet, studies refute this. Women routinely consent to pelvic examinations for educational purposes.

What will it take for this newest conflation to be the last? Social media launched #MeToo and toppled powerful interests. Perhaps it can here too.

Together, the American Medical Association, the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the American Hospital Association, and the Association of American Medical Colleges have the bandwidth to end unconsented teaching examinations.

We call on these Chicagoland-based organizations to give women the respect envisioned by Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo more than 100 years ago: "(e)very human being of adult years and sound mind has a right to determine what shall be done with his body."

It is time to treat women like adults. It is time to #JustAsk.

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Giant sucking sound

In 1992, data processing billionaire Ross Perot made an unsuccessful bid for president, often characterizing the yet-to-be-ratified North American Free Trade Agreement as emitting a "giant sucking sound" of jobs leaving the U.S. for Mexico and elsewhere. The voters disregarded his warning and opted for the second coming of JFK's Camelot, via Bill and Hillary Clinton. With President Clinton's support, NAFTA became law in 1994. But Perot was right, and the displaced factory workers helped defeat Hillary Clinton when she ran for president in 2016.

The current giant sucking sound in Illinois is composed of increasing taxes, increasing government debt, loss of home values, deteriorating government services, and the accelerating exodus of residents as the state and its local governments seek to pay exorbitant pensions and other post-employment benefits such as health care to their retirees.

We ignored the giant sucking sound before as it ruined swaths of our nation because, for most of us, it was not clearly visible, and its slow pace kept it off the radar. This time around there is no such excuse.

— Peter Quillico, Skokie

Employees do contribute

The pension funding shortfall in Illinois has many contributing factors, most notably the failure of the state and some local governments to make their required payments. But one of the causes is certainly not the failure of public employees to pay a fair share towards their own pensions ("What Emanuel should say: Amend the Illinois Constitution," Dec. 2).

Your editorial cites a Chicago firefighter who supposedly "contributed a small fraction" of his total pension benefit. Numerous reporters, editors and advocates make similar misstatements. They ignore the investment earnings that employee payroll contributions earn from the first day of work until the last pension check, usually six decades later. That is a lot of time for their personal contributions to turn into some real money.

In fact, it is estimated that public employees pay somewhere between 30 percent and 40 percent of their own pensions, once future earnings on their payroll deductions are taken into account. The taxpayers (and the investment earnings on taxes) pay the rest.

Investment revenue itself is not a source of pension funding. This revenue is earned on the investment of hard-earned contributions from public employees and taxpayers. Both parties pay substantial amounts and both should receive appropriate credit.

The debate on pension funding and reform is complex. Distortions of the public employees' responsible funding of part of their own pensions have no place in the important discussions that are taking place.

— James McNamee, president, Illinois Public Pension Fund Association

Coach Obama?

The Chicago Bulls should offer their vacant head coaching position to former President Barack Obama for the remainder of the season, perhaps on a part-time basis. The players would benefit from his leadership as team members, people and citizens. Further, Obama would probably relish the opportunity to sit courtside, meet players across the league, and be involved in a less stressful and more fun campaign. All this during the least busy part of the team's campaign cycle.

Finally, he would be a big draw for fans across the country. Red or blue, it would be pretty neat to see him pacing the sidelines and barking at players and the refs. You can cheer for or against the Bulls and their coach, but, thanks to the worldwide fan base built by Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, you'll be doing it sitting next to each other, unlike at political rallies. Win-win-win.

— Roderic Fleming, Chicago

A ride on the 'L'

Recently, I was commuting on the Red Line to the Loop for my office job on LaSalle Street. When the doors opened at Sheridan Road, an elderly gentleman, impeccably dressed and carrying a cane, boarded and faced a train car devoid of empty seats.

Looking up from my book, I sprang into action. I cleared my throat and said, "Sir..." but I was far too late. Two people were standing already and offering their seat. He smiled, said thank you, and took the closest seat. Exhaling, he loosened his scarf and took out his iPad as the train rounded the Sheridan curve and rumbled toward Addison. It was a commute like many others.

— Jacob Kolar, Chicago

How Cohen's guilty plea clearly links Trump to Russia

BY NOAH FELDMAN

The key revelation of Michael Cohen's new guilty plea is this: Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller is one step closer to showing links between Donald Trump's business interests in Russia and his conduct as a candidate for president.

The criminal information filed by Mueller's prosecutors in the Southern District of New York states that in a period that lasted until the middle of June 2016, Cohen was negotiating with the press secretary to Russian President Vladimir Putin for a meeting with Putin in Russia as part of a deal that would have led to a Trump Tower being built in Moscow.

And according to the document, Cohen spoke to Trump about the deal more than three times during that period, and asked both Trump and other senior campaign officials about a Trump trip to Russia in connection with the deal.

Cohen is pleading guilty to lying to Congress by saying these negotiations had ended by January 2016 and by denying that he spoke to Trump about them.

The details that emerge in the document are fascinating and rich.

But the main takeaway is that Cohen and others in the Trump organization were actively doing a Russia deal that linked Trump's emerging presidential candidacy with his business interest in a Moscow Trump Tower. And Trump knew about it, to a degree yet to be revealed.

Until now, many have speculated that there must be some link between Trump's business interests in Russia and his campaign conduct. The Cohen plea provides more concrete evidence of such a link.

Now for the specifics.

The story told by the criminal information runs like this: Starting in September 2015, the Trump Organization was pursuing a deal to build a Trump Tower in Moscow. Cohen was working on making the deal happen.

In mid-January of 2016, someone described as "a U.S. citizen third-party inter-

mediary" and identified only as "Individual 2" suggested to Cohen that he contact Putin's press secretary for "approvals" from the Russian government.

Cohen emailed Putin's press secretary twice, on Jan. 14 and Jan. 16, 2016.

On Jan. 20, Cohen got a call from the press secretary's assistant. They spoke for 20 minutes, and Cohen described the deal.

The next day, Jan. 21, Individual 2 wrote to Cohen that he should call them about Putin, because "they called today."

That began a period of negotiations lasting six months. Apparently, the Russians' goal was to get Trump to visit Russia and meet Putin. Cohen asked Trump and other campaign officials about Trump traveling to Russia for the meeting. Cohen would go to Russia ahead of time to negotiate the details.

In May, things heated up. Individual 2 emailed Cohen explaining the state of play. "I had a chat with Moscow," he wrote. "ASSUMING the trip does happen the question is before or after the convention... Obviously the pre-meeting trip (you only) can happen anytime you want but the 2 big guys where (sic) the question. I said I would confirm and revert."

This email makes clear that there was a close connection between Trump's status as a candidate and the visit.

Cohen wrote back about "My trip before Cleveland" — where the Republican National Convention would be held starting on July 18. Trump would travel to Russia "once he becomes the nominee after the convention."

Individual 2 then told Cohen that Putin's press secretary "would like to invite you as his guest to the St. Petersburg Forum which is Russia's Davos it's June 16-19. He wants to meet there with you and possibly introduce you" to Putin or the Russian prime minister, Dmitry Medvedev.

Over the next month, Individual 2 sent Cohen the paperwork for a visa, which Cohen seems to have filled out.

The trip looked like it was a go to Co-

hen, but it was called off around June 14, 2016, when Cohen met Individual 2 at Trump Tower to tell him it wasn't happening. According to Cohen, the real estate deal was also off at that point.

The document doesn't say how or why Cohen's trip was canceled. The most logical possibility is surely that Trump's campaign advisers told him that he couldn't go to Moscow after becoming the Republican nominee.

So what does it all mean?

Trump and his supporters will no doubt insist that Cohen and Individual 2 were freelancing, not really representing Trump or the campaign. But the fact that Cohen kept Trump in the loop by asking him about possible travel to Russia strongly suggests that Trump knew that the negotiations over the Moscow Trump Tower were continuing during this period.

Trump supporters might add that it isn't surprising to discover that Trump didn't stop his business negotiations with Russia just because he was running for president. Yet it remains significant that those negotiations were happening with Putin's office directly, not just with real estate developers in Moscow. Trump supporters can also point out that the deal was canceled. Nevertheless, it seems likely the deal was killed not because Trump realized it was wrong but because outside advisers told him it would look bad.

Cohen's latest revelations on their own don't constitute evidence of a crime or impeachable offense by Trump. However, they do show that Trump was part of a negotiation that linked his status as a candidate to his business interests in Russia. They bring Mueller's team an important step closer to explaining Trump's Russia ties during the campaign.

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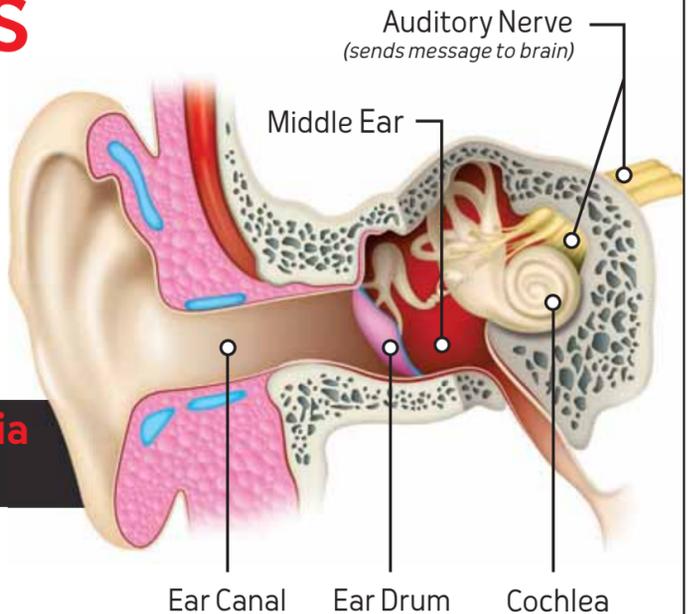
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Future of WGN properties uncertain

Tribune Media agrees to \$4.1B sale to Nexstar

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Nexstar Media Group has agreed to buy WGN owner Tribune Media for about \$4.1 billion, potentially ending Chicago-based ownership of Ch. 9 and creating uncertainty for the future of cable channel WGN America and radio station WGN-AM 720.

The proposed acquisition, which pending approval from shareholders and federal regulators would create the largest owner of local TV stations in the U.S., marks the continuing consolidation of station groups.

Tribune Media would give Texas-based Nexstar, which owns stations in mostly small and mid-size TV markets, a broadcast presence in Chicago, New York



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2013
Technical director Javier Vargas, foreground, and director Steve Novak work in the control room during the airing of the WGN Midday News at the WGN television studios in Chicago in 2013.

and Los Angeles, raising its national profile and influence and making WGN-Ch. 9 a major acquisition.

The future of WGN America

and WGN Radio may be more up in the air under Nexstar, which owns 174 TV stations across the U.S.

Perry Sook, chairman and CEO

of Nexstar, said on a conference call Monday the company has “no plans to immediately divest” of WGN America but is open to selling it. “There have been some expressions of interest in buying that,” Sook said. “If someone is willing to pay a significant premium, we’re also happy to have that discussion as well.”

Whether Nexstar plans to keep or sell WGN Radio has not been determined, company spokesman Joseph Jaffoni said in an email Monday.

Nexstar is acquiring Tribune Media with an all-cash offer that values the company at \$46.50 a share, the two said in a statement Monday. Including the assumption of debt, the price amounts to \$6.4 billion.

The deal stands to create a new king of local TV, unseating Sinclair Broadcast Group. Four months ago, Sinclair was forced to abandon its own takeover attempt for

Tribune Media after the \$3.9 billion transaction drew the ire of regulators. Nexstar had been interested in Tribune Media last year before Sinclair had agreed to buy it.

Nexstar outbid private equity firm Apollo Global Management, a person familiar with the transaction told Bloomberg News over the weekend. Tribune Media has now fetched a higher price from Nexstar — and a 16 percent premium over its closing price of \$40.26 at the end of last week. The companies said the deal, which they expect to close in the third quarter of 2019, would add immediately to Nexstar’s results, including \$160 million of synergies in the first year.

Nexstar has overlapping stations with Tribune Media in 15 markets and will have to divest of about \$1 billion of assets in 13 of

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Containing contamination

Repeat romaine outbreaks pressure produce industry to step up safety

BY CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After repeated food poisoning outbreaks linked to romaine lettuce, the produce industry is confronting the failure of its own safety measures in preventing contaminations.

The *E. coli* outbreak announced just before Thanksgiving follows one in the spring that sickened more than 200 people and killed five, and another last year that sickened 25 and killed one. No deaths have been reported in the latest outbreak, but the dozens of illnesses highlight the challenge of eliminating risk for vegetables grown in open fields and eaten raw, the role of nearby cattle operations that produce huge volumes of manure and the delay of stricter federal food safety regulations.

A contested aspect of the regulation, for example, would require testing irrigation water for *E. coli*. The Food and Drug Administration put the measure on hold when the produce industry said such tests wouldn’t necessarily help prevent outbreaks. Additional regulations on sanitation for workers and equipment — other potential sources of contamination — only recently started being implemented.

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said he thinks the combination of rules, once fully in place, will make vegetables safer to eat.

“I don’t think any one element of this is going to be the magic bullet,” Gottlieb said.

Health officials say improved detection may make outbreaks



MATT ROURKE/AP

seem more frequent. Still, that is intensifying pressure on growers and regulators to prevent, catch and contain contamination.

Prevention

It’s not yet known how romaine got contaminated in the latest outbreak.

The spring outbreak was traced to romaine from Yuma, Ariz.. Irrigation water tainted with manure was identified as a likely culprit, and investigators noted the presence of a large animal feeding operation nearby.

Subsequently, an industry agreement in Arizona and California was adjusted to expand buffer zones between vegetable fields and livestock. The industry says the change was in place for lettuce now being grown in Yuma, which hasn’t been implicated in the latest outbreak. But Trevor Suslow of the Produce

Marketing Association said there isn’t consensus about the exact distances that might effectively prevent contamination.

He noted specific buffer zones aren’t required by the new federal rules on produce safety.

“They look to the industry to determine what is the appropriate distance,” Suslow said.

Growers in Yuma also started treating irrigation water that would touch plant leaves with chlorine to kill potential contaminants, Suslow said. But he said such treatment raises concerns about soil and human health.

Meanwhile, the proximity of produce fields to cattle operations is likely to continue posing a problem. Travis Forgues of the milk producer Organic Valley noted consolidation in the dairy industry is leading to bigger livestock operations that produce massive volumes of manure.

Testing

Already, the industry agreement in Arizona and California requires leafy green growers to test water for generic *E. coli*.

But James Rogers, director of food safety research at Consumer Reports, said it’s important to make water testing a federal requirement. Since romaine is often chopped up and bagged, a single contaminated batch from one farm that skips testing could make a lot of people sick, he said.

Teressa Lopez of the Arizona Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement also said federal regulation can ensure greater compliance, even though the industry agreement has stricter measures.

Despite industry measures implemented after a spinach outbreak more than a decade ago, health officials noted this month there have been 28 *E. coli* outbreaks linked to leafy greens since 2009.

The produce industry says the failure to prevent the Yuma outbreak could also reflect the limitations of testing water for generic *E. coli*.

Elizabeth Bihn, a food science expert at Cornell University, said the tests look for the amount of fecal matter in water. The problem is “some feces has pathogens in it, some feces doesn’t,” said Bihn, who is part of a federal program helping farmers comply with the new produce regulations.

Testing for specific *E. coli* strains that are harmful is more difficult, and it doesn’t rule out the possibility of other harmful bacteria, Bihn said.

Containing

Whole-genome sequencing is making it easier to detect outbreaks, which is pressuring the produce industry.

The FDA warned against all romaine last month because it said it was able to identify it as a likely source early enough. The agency narrowed its warning to romaine from California’s Central Coast after the produce industry agreed to label romaine with harvest dates and regions, so people know what’s OK to eat.

The labeling is voluntary, and the industry said it will evaluate whether to extend it to other leafy greens. Gottlieb said improving traceability would allow targeted health alerts that don’t hurt the entire industry. The FDA recently hired a former Walmart executive who used blockchain technology to improve traceability in the retailer’s supply chain.

Stephen Basore, director of food safety at a Florida romaine grower, said he expects more regulations and self-imposed industry guidelines.

“Anytime there is an issue, the immediate response is saying our protocols aren’t enough,” he said.

Get divorced before new year or lose alimony tax deduction

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Divorcing couples may not agree on much, but this holiday season, many are working with a common goal: untie the knot before the new year to take advantage of the disappearing federal tax deduction for alimony payments.

The alimony deduction, which creates billions of dollars in tax savings each year, will be eliminated for any divorce finalized after Dec. 31 — a lesser-known part of the Republican tax overhaul President Donald Trump signed into law late last year. The looming deadline has lawyers working overtime and their clients scrambling to become ex-spouses in a bid to avoid paying higher taxes.

“I think you’re going to see a rush of people getting it done in December — right down to the wire,” said Claire McKenzie, a

divorce attorney and CPA with Chicago law firm Schiller DuCanto & Fleck.

When a couple divorces, alimony, also known as maintenance, may be awarded to provide financial support for the lower-income spouse. For decades, the payers, who are generally in higher tax brackets, have been able to deduct alimony payments on their annual returns, while the recipients paid taxes on the income.

By eliminating the deduction, the new law shifts the tax burden from the recipient to the payer, which in most cases means more of the money will go to the government in the form of taxes.

“While we usually tell people to think very carefully about getting divorced, in this year there may be a tax incentive,” said Fern Frolin, a divorce lawyer at Mirick O’Connell in Boston. “I’m advising people who are getting divorced anyway

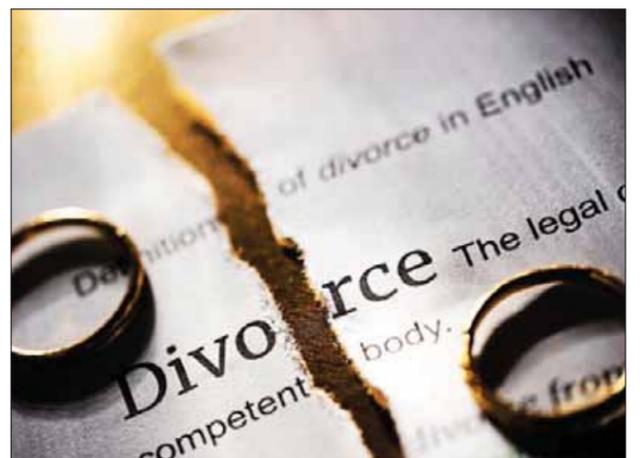
to get their instruments recorded by the end of the year.”

Alimony awards vary in amount, based on the couple’s income, and in duration, based on the length of the marriage.

Last year, more than 586,000 taxpayers claimed deductions for nearly \$12.7 billion in alimony paid during tax year 2016, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the alimony deduction will be grandfathered for the duration of existing divorce agreements, but it will be eliminated for new agreements beginning Jan. 1. The change was intended to partially offset the budget deficits created by permanently lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Without adjustments in the alimony award, the payer still writes the same check to his or her spouse but loses the deduction and



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Some married couples are working to untie the knot before 2019 to take advantage of a federal tax deduction for alimony payments.

owes the IRS taxes on the total amount. The recipient keeps the entire check without owing taxes. The difference between their tax brackets represents the net gain for the federal government.

States, which set guidelines for determining alimony, may soften the blow for payers by adjusting

the awards to share some of the increased tax burden between ex-spouses. Nonetheless, couples who get divorced next year are likely to see more of the alimony go to the IRS, Frolin said.

“Some money will be lost to the

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Pediatricians say the best toys for young kids are simple, rather than costly electronics.

Pediatricians: Blocks, boxes best for children

By LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

Skip the costly electronic games and flashy digital gizmos. Pediatricians say the best toys for tots are old-fashioned hands-on playthings that young children can enjoy with parents — things like blocks, puzzles — even throwaway cardboard boxes — that spark imagination and creativity.

“A cardboard box can be used to draw on, or made into a house,” said Dr. Alan Mendelsohn, co-author of a new report on selecting toys for young children, up to around age 5.

Many parents feel pressured by ads promoting tablet-based toys and games as educational and brain-stimulating but there’s not much science to back up those claims, Mendelsohn said. Their main misconception: “The toy that is best is the one that is the most expensive or has the most bells and whistles or is the most technologically sophisticated.”

Simpler hands-on toys that parents and young children can play with together are preferable for

healthy development, said Mendelsohn, a pediatrician at NYU Langone Health in New York.

The report published Monday by the American Academy of Pediatrics cites studies suggesting that heavy use of electronic media may interfere with children’s speech and language development, replace important playtime with parents and lead to obesity.

Studies also have found that more than 90 percent of U.S. kids have used mobile devices and most started using them before age 1.

The pediatricians’ group recommends no screen time for children up to age 2, and says total screen time including TV and computer use should be less than one hour daily for ages 2 and older.

“A little bit of screen time here and there is unlikely to have much harm if a child otherwise has other activity,” Mendelsohn said. But he added that screen time can overwhelm young children and is difficult to limit and control.

The academy’s website

offers suggestions on ideal toys for young children, including balls, puzzles, coloring books and card games.

Shopping recently at Dancing Bear Toys in Asheville, N.C., a store that doesn’t sell electronic toys, Leah Graham Stewart said she supports the academy’s advice even if avoiding digital toys and games is tough.

She said she’s noticed her two young boys tend to misbehave after playing on an iPad she typically reserves for long airplane rides.

“We try to keep it as minimal as possible,” Graham Stewart said. “I just tell them to go outside and play.”

Erika Evers, Dancing Bear’s co-owner, said the store’s mission is to give kids an alternative to tech toys.

“Not that video games and electronic toys don’t have their place — in moderation, in our opinion,” she said. “But we feel like kids really need opportunities to socialize and interact with their environment in a way that is hands-on and tangible.”

7 Illinois hospitals among top in nation

By LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Seven Illinois hospitals are among the top 118 in the country, though two of Chicago’s most well-known institutions didn’t make the cut, according to the non-profit Leapfrog Group’s annual list.

The seven hospitals are Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Elmhurst Hospital, Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital in Geneva, OSF Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth, Amita Health Resurrection Medical Center Chicago, Amita Health Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center Chicago, and University of Chicago Medical Center.

Leapfrog chooses the top hospitals based on safety, quality and use of resources.

Noticeably absent, however, are Rush University Medical Center and Lurie Children’s Hospital. Rush was among the nation’s top hospitals last year, and Lurie last made the list in 2016.

Rush also dropped to a B grade in Leapfrog’s recent release of hospital safety grades, compared with an A in the spring. Hospitals must get A grades to be listed among Leapfrog’s top hospitals.

Rush made errors in the submission of its data to Leapfrog, said Rush spokesman Charlie Jolie, in a statement. “At Rush, we take pride in the quality of our care,” Jolie said. “We are confident we will be back on the top hospitals list in the near future.”

Lurie continues to par-



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Rush University Medical Center said errors in the submission of its data kept it off a list of top hospitals.

ticipate with Leapfrog each year, “because it helps us learn from other hospitals in order to improve our quality and safety, which is our top priority,” said Lurie spokeswoman Julie Pesch, in an email.

“While we commend Leapfrog for consistently raising the bar, the methodology focuses more on adult hospitals than pediatric hospitals,” Pesch noted.

Leapfrog lists top hospitals in four categories: general hospitals, rural hospitals, teaching hospitals and children’s hospitals.

Overall, more Illinois hospitals made the list this year, compared with last year when only five did. Last year’s list did not include Northwestern Memorial or Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital.

“This recognition as a Top Teaching Hospital by Leapfrog is a reflection of our hospital’s commitment to providing high quality, patient-centered care in the safest healthcare environment possible,” said

Northwestern Memorial President Julie Creamer, in a news release.

Hospitals often tout such honors and rankings as they compete to attract patients.

Experts, however, warn that it’s important to only consider rankings as one factor when choosing a hospital. A number of groups rank hospitals each year, and they use different methodologies.

Rush University Medical Center, for example, earned five out of five stars for quality from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, whereas Northwestern Memorial earned four out of five stars.

U.S. News and World Report also ranked Lurie among the top 10 children’s hospitals in the nation earlier this year, and Lurie has been on U.S. News’ Best Children’s Hospitals Honor Roll for seven consecutive years.

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those markets to comply with Department of Justice and Federal Communications Commission ownership limits, the company said during a conference call Monday morning. Chicago is not among the 15 overlapping TV markets.

The company also said it would need to make some adjustments to its portfolio to comply with the FCC’s national ownership cap, which prohibits a single entity from reaching more than 39 percent of TV households.

Details of the company’s divestiture plan will be made available in the coming weeks, Jaffoni said Monday.

Shares of Tribune Media closed Monday at \$44.98, up nearly 12 percent from Friday’s close. Nexstar’s shares closed at \$88.32, up nearly 7 percent.

Bulking up will give Nexstar more leverage as it negotiates retransmission fees from pay-TV providers. Broadcasting companies also are pairing up in the hopes that their size will help ward off a threat from Netflix and other streaming services.

“One of the responses we’ve seen across the media landscape has been consolidation,” said Paul Sweeney, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence. “Let’s get bigger. Let’s get scale. Let’s respond to some

of these technology media companies.”

This marks the second major deal among broadcast station owners in 2018. In June, Gray Television agreed to buy Raycom Media for \$3.65 billion.

Nexstar has about 175 TV stations, including NBC, CBS, ABC and Fox affiliates, which reach roughly 40 percent of U.S. households. In Illinois, Nexstar owns stations serving the Rockford, Peoria-Bloomington, Quad Cities and Champaign-Springfield markets. Tribune Media owns or operates more than 40 stations.

In 2014, Tribune Media, then known as Tribune Co., spun off its publishing division, including the Chicago Tribune and other newspapers, retaining its broadcast and real estate assets.

Sinclair’s proposed Tribune Media takeover began to crumble over the summer, when FCC Chairman Ajit Pai questioned the legality of a plan to sell TV stations in order to meet ownership limits. “I have serious concerns about the Sinclair/Tribune transaction,” Pai said at the time, sending shares of both companies plunging.

At the center of the FCC’s concerns were questions about potential “misrepresentation or lack of candor” in Sinclair’s agreement to sell WGN-TV for \$60 million to a Maryland auto dealer and longtime

business associate of Sinclair Executive Chairman David Smith. The so-called sidecar agreement would have kept Sinclair essentially in charge of the Chicago station, with an option to buy it back for the same price within eight years.

The commission voted unanimously to send the issue to an administrative hearing judge, something that can delay or even kill a transaction. Tribune Media ultimately backed out of the deal.

Sinclair, which has 191 stations in its lineup, is known as a politically conservative broadcaster that’s friendly to the Trump administration. As the Tribune Media deal fell apart, the president slammed the FCC’s role in scuttling the merger, saying it was “sad and unfair.”

“This would have been a great and much needed Conservative voice for and of the People,” President Donald Trump said in July.

In acquiring Tribune Media, Nexstar may be able to sidestep the regulatory problems that Sinclair faced, according to Bloomberg Intelligence’s Sweeney.

“Nexstar has a very longstanding, positive relationship with the FCC,” he said.

Bloomberg News contributed.

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Woman in wheelchair left alone at airport

American Airlines investigating incident at O’Hare

By LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

American Airlines is investigating how a 67-year-old woman in a wheelchair was left alone into the early morning hours Saturday at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport when her flight was canceled.

The incident started Friday night when Olimpia Warsaw’s flight from Chicago to Detroit was canceled and a porter was assigned to take care of her. Her son, Claude Coltea, said Warsaw was offered a hotel room, but she didn’t know how to get there on her own and was worried about staying overnight because she didn’t have her medications with her. The porter left her unattended at the airport when his shift was over, Coltea said.

Coltea and Warsaw were in Chicago for her ex-husband’s funeral and were booked on flights scheduled to depart around 10 p.m. Coltea said his mother has Parkinson’s disease and diabetes and has trouble communicating. He waited with her at her gate until he had to leave to catch his own flight, he said. He didn’t realize her flight had been delayed until he got a call from his stepfather, who was supposed to meet Warsaw at the airport in Detroit, saying she never arrived.

Warsaw’s cellphone had died, so family couldn’t reach her, Coltea said. He contacted the airline, which wasn’t aware she



FAMILY PHOTO

A family photo shows Olimpia Warsaw at O’Hare International Airport Saturday. Her son, Claude Coltea, says a porter left when his shift ended, leaving Warsaw alone.

had not made it to the hotel, he said. In the meantime, his stepmother and half brother in Chicago went to O’Hare and, with help from airport security, found Warsaw around 1:30 a.m.

“Everyone handed her off, and she was left sitting at the airport,” Coltea said.

The airline refunded Warsaw’s ticket, and she made it to Detroit on Saturday afternoon, Coltea said.

He said he thinks airlines should treat travelers who depend on extra assistance more like unaccompanied minors.

“If someone is traveling who has a dependency, then someone along that chain needs to say, ‘I’m not

going to let go of this person until they are in safe hands,’” Coltea said.

American spokeswoman Leslie Scott said in a statement that the airline is investigating the incident with the vendor that provides its wheelchair services at O’Hare.

“While this investigation is still underway, we are already developing a process with our vendor to ensure this does not happen again,” Scott said.

The incident was first reported by WBBM-TV in Chicago.

The Associated Press contributed.

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Alimony deduction set to end

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federal government as tax for that economic unit because that’s why they did it,” she said.

Illinois revised its alimony guidelines in August, with the new rules set to take effect Jan. 1. The current law takes 30 percent of a payer’s gross annual income minus 20 percent of the recipient’s gross annual income to determine the alimony award. Next year, maintenance in Illinois will be calculated by taking 33.3 percent of the payer’s net income minus 25 percent of the recipient’s net income.

It is unclear how that will

break out in each case, and judges have discretion to make adjustments. But McKenzie has already crunched the numbers for her clients and come to a conclusion: A 2018 divorce will likely pay dividends for years to come.

“For the higher-income people, there is still a good reason to rush to get divorced in 2018 because there is savings to be had,” McKenzie said. “Generally, there’s less money in the whole pie after the end of the year, so everybody kind of loses because of that.”

McKenzie and Frolin both report couples with cases in the pipeline being

highly motivated to get it done this year.

McKenzie said she is working diligently with her clients to wrap up open divorce cases this month. Beyond the normal squabbling that is part of most divorce cases, the holidays add another obstacle to quick resolution: finding a judge to sign off on the agreement.

“I think that the next two weeks are critical,” she said. “There’s not going to be a lot of judges in the courthouse ready to divorce people at the end of December.”

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Payless bets prank will pay off

Discount shoe store launches fake luxe brand

BY KRISTINE PHILLIPS
The Washington Post

A mini-runway, lined with stiletto heels, glistens in bright fluorescent lighting. Shoes of various types sit neatly in individual glass shelves. A statue of an angel carrying several shopping bags stands in the middle as Los Angeles fashionistas mill about, trying on shoes, posing on the red carpet, drinking champagne served in tall, slender glasses.

It was a private launch party of a new luxury brand of shoes called Palessi, designed by Italian designer Bruno Palessi.

"I would pay \$400, \$500. People are going to be like, 'Where did you get those? Those are amazing,'" a woman said as she tried on a pair of bright-gold sneakers with leopard prints.

The woman was not actually buying a Palessi because there's no such brand, and there's no Bruno Palessi.

There is, however, Payless ShoeSource — a discount shoe retailer hoping to shake things up through an elaborate and expensive advertising prank to attract new customers and change the perception that the company just sells cheap, unfashionable shoes.

"We felt like this campaign would be a great way to get a lot of people to consider Payless again, and to realize it's more than just a shoe store in the mall," said Sarah Couch, Payless's chief marketing officer.

But the prank also points to a reality about the human mind: Consumers are not capable of discerning the quality and value of the things they buy, said Philip Graves, a consumer behavior consultant from Britain. Slap a fancy-sounding European label on a \$30 shoes,



Payless launched a luxury brand, Palessi. No such brand exists, but people paid top dollar for the retailer's shoes.

and you have an illusion of status that people will pay an exorbitant sum for.

The campaign is the brainchild of a 10-person advertising company in Brooklyn. DCX Growth Accelerator specializes on big media pranks, or what the company calls "culture hacking." A few weeks ago, the company pitched its idea to Payless, which had been looking into an out-of-the-box advertising campaign ahead of the holiday season. DCX examined Payless's early successes, why its momentum had stalled, and what it can do to help turn the brand around, said Doug Cameron, who founded DCX in 2015.

Payless closed hundreds of stores and laid off thousands of people last year.

"We wanted to do something provocative. We wanted to get Payless back into the cultural discourse,"

Cameron said. First, the team needed a location for the fake launch party, and found what they thought was the perfect one: a former Giorgio Armani store at Santa Monica Place, an upscale shopping mall that houses stores such as Louis Vuitton, Barneys, Michael Kors and Tiffany & Co. The team rented the space for six weeks.

Second, they needed a name, and they wanted something that sounded like Payless. Among the first ideas was an upscale, hipster Brooklyn-based boutique they'd call Eli Pass. But the team eventually settled on an Italian theme. They rearranged the letters in Eli Pass and came up with Palessi.

They hired an interior designer to help them create an authentic, luxurious look for the launch party, as well as people who would pose as sales employees. They brought in gold mannequins, hung white paper shopping bags and installed the big-winged angel statue in the middle.

The team said they kept most of what's already in the store, such as the glass shelves, on which they neatly arranged varieties of stilettos, pumps, sneakers, boots and leather shoes. They covered the original brand labels with stickers that say "PALESSI" in clean, black font, slapping on price tags as high as \$1,800.

The team also created an Instagram account and began crowding it with pictures of models and stilettos.

Then, finally, they needed potential consumers. Cameron calls it "real person casting." They scouted the streets and the internet for social media influencers, fashionable

people who look like they're likely to attend this type of event.

"They way we framed it is it's a new store, a new brand and the owner is looking for some feedback," Cameron said.

On the day of the launch, Oct. 27, unsuspecting attendees lined up outside. As people arrived, paid interviewers and cameramen asked them what they thought of the shoes and how much they would pay for them. Cameron and his team were in the back.

"Palessi is just such high quality, high fashion, taking your shoe game up to the next level," said one man wearing spiked necklaces, holding a high-heeled, knee-high boot. "It looks really well made."

"It's just stunning. Elegant, sophisticated and versatile," said a woman, as she holds a pair of floral stiletto heels.

After attendees purchased overpriced shoes some for \$200, \$400 and \$600 they were taken toward the backroom, where the prank was revealed.

"You've got to be kidding me," said the woman who had gushed about the pair of floral stiletto heels, her eyes wide.

The team said those who bought the shoes were allowed to keep them for free.

Cat Chang, a Los Angeles diamond designer, was among the unsuspecting fashionistas.

Chang said the experience made her rethink Payless, and she plans to visit a store soon.

Graves, the consumer behavior consultant from Britain, said the advertising campaign will have some short-term benefits for Payless, but he doesn't think it will hurt established luxury brands.

"Consumers have been paying hugely inflated prices," he said. "Some of the pleasures that we get from things that we buy come from the money we spent on them."

He also doesn't think the elaborate prank, which Payless described as a "multimillion dollar integrated marketing campaign," will have a lasting impact on the retailer's brand.

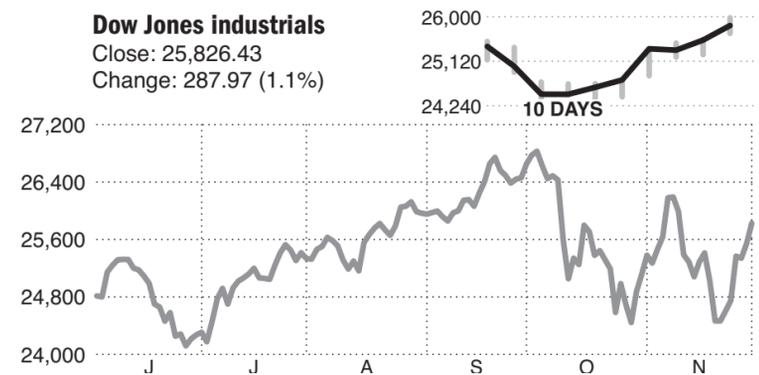
"The next time someone goes into a Payless store, they'd be going into the ordinary Payless environment," he said — not the chic, glamorous, red-carpeted store in Los Angeles.

Couch, Payless's chief marketing officer, said there's more to Payless than physical stores.

"The shopping experience on payless.com is different from the store... It's the fastest-growing piece of the business," she said. "The stores are an incredibly valuable part of the business, but the digital side is the focus of the campaign."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,980.21 Low: 25,670.51 Previous: 25,538.46



Nasdaq
Close: 7,441.51
Change: +110.98 (+1.51%)

S&P 500
Close: 2,790.37
Change: +30.20 (+1.09%)

Russell 2000
Close: 1,548.96
Change: +15.69 (+1.02%)

Close 7,441.51
High 7,486.51
Low 7,392.22
Previous 7,330.53

Close 2,790.37
High 2,800.18
Low 2,773.38
Previous 2,760.17

Close 1,548.96
High 1,553.34
Low 1,529.53
Previous 1,533.27

10-yr T-note
Change: -.02 to 2.99%

Gold futures
Change: +13.70 to \$1,233.90

Yen
Change: +.08 to 113.69/\$1

Euro
Change: -.0025 to .8817/\$1

Crude Oil
Change: +2.02 to \$52.95

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+4.81	+5.08	+4.37	+1.43	+1.54	+1.90	+6.33	+9.83	+5.72

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	524.25	525.25	514	515.75	...
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	372.75	374	369.50	371.25	+4.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	919.75	923.75	904.50	905.75	+11
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	28.19	28.31	28.07	28.31	+4.49
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	315.40	315.70	312.10	312.10	+3.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	52.45	53.85	52.03	52.95	+2.02
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	4.527	4.536	4.243	4.339	-.273
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.4126	1.4781	1.4126	1.4314	-.0295

LOCAL STOCKS

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	74.27	+22	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	100.87	+1.34	Mondelez Intl	O	45.03	+0.05
AbbVie Inc	N	93.66	-61	Equity Residential	N	71.88	+6.3	Morningstar Inc	O	119.09	+9.5
Allstate Corp	N	88.76	-43	Exelon Corp	N	46.48	+0.9	Motorola Solutions	N	133.79	+2.54
Aptargroup Inc	N	104.46	+41	First Indl RT	N	32.34	+2.8	NISource Inc	N	26.94	+5.2
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.84	+82	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	44.91	+1.11	Nthn Trust Cp	O	98.97	-2.6
Baxter Intl	N	69.20	+65	Gallagher AJ	N	77.96	+8.9	Old Republic	N	22.83	+4.8
Boeing Co	N	359.96	+13.20	Grainger WW	N	317.19	+3.15	Packaging Corp Am	N	98.04	+2.3
Brunswick Corp	N	54.61	+1.57	GrubHub Inc	N	82.74	+4.45	Paylocity Hldg	O	67.11	+0.02
CBIO Global Markets	N	105.13	-2.49	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	98.85	+1.89	Stericycle Inc	O	47.52	-5.5
CDK Global Inc	O	50.90	+5.0	IDEX Corp	N	139.19	+1.79	Teleph Data	N	35.97	+2.4
CDW Corp	O	95.97	+3.29	ITW	N	139.44	+3.9	TransUnion	N	66.12	+1.55
CF Industries	N	43.86	+1.67	Ingredion Inc	N	105.14	+6.8	Tribune Media Co A	N	44.98	+4.72
CME Group	O	188.11	-1.97	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	142.31	-.89	US Foods Holding	N	33.13	-.05
CNA Financial	N	47.05	+1.3	Kemper Corp	N	75.84	-2.6	USG Corp	N	43.12	+0.8
Caterpillar Inc	N	138.95	+3.28	Kraft Heinz Co	O	51.42	+3.0	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	306.49	+8.70
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.43	+0.9	LKQ Corporation	O	28.27	+4.3	United Contl Hldcs	O	96.46	-.24
Deere Co	N	162.21	+7.33	Littelfuse Inc	O	195.08	+3.73	Ventas Inc	N	63.59	+1.0
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.69	+3.9	MB Financial	O	45.78	-1.0	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	85.69	+1.02
Dover Corp	N	86.16	+1.27	McDonalds Corp	N	185.37	-3.14	Wintrust Financial	O	77.12	-.23
Equity Commonwlth	N	31.67	-1.0	Middleby Corp	O	119.29	-1.50	Zebra Tech	O	181.37	+1.57

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Electric	7.81	+31
Gen Motor	9.60	+19
Bank of America	28.54	+14
AT&T Inc	31.71	+47
Tribune Media Co A	44.98	+4.72
Aphria Inc	6.05	-1.85
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.59	+0.2
EnCana Corp	7.11	+3.9
Sthwtn Energy	4.64	-1.8
Alibaba Group Hldg	163.74	+2.88
Chesapck Engy	3.09	+1.7
Verizon Comm	58.16	-2.14
Freeport McMoran	12.09	+1.5
Pfizer Inc	45.99	-.24
Twitter Inc	33.66	+2.21
Petrobras	15.04	+4.8
Snap Inc A	6.36	-.15
Ambev S.A.	4.32	+0.5
Oracle Corp	49.83	+1.07
Vale SA	14.08	+3.8
Wells Fargo & Co	54.24	-.04
Aurora Cannabis Inc	5.69	-.03
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.22	+1.72
Am Intl Grp	43.18	-.07

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	163.74	+2.88
Alphabet Inc C	1106.43	+12.00
Alphabet Inc A	1116.36	+6.71
Amazon.com Inc	1772.36	+82.19
Apple Inc	184.82	+6.24
Bank of America	28.54	+1.4
Berkshire Hath B	220.81	+2.57
Exxon Mobil Corp	81.22	+1.72
Facebook Inc	141.09	+4.8
JPMorgan Chase	112.24	+1.05
Johnson & Johnson	146.21	-.69
Microsoft Corp	112.09	-.20
Pfizer Inc	45.99	-1.24
Royal Dutch Shell B	63.86	+1.83
Royal Dutch Shell A	61.84	+1.44
Unitedhealth Group	286.33	+4.97
Visa Inc	145.00	+3.29
WalMart Strs	98.75	+1.0
Wells Fargo & Co	54.24	-.14

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets			
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.15	+41	+9.3
American Funds AMRCnBAIA m	27.52	+22	+4.0
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	48.42	+6.2	-2.0
American Funds CptlncBlrdA m	59.39	+2.7	-2.1
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	62.68	+9.1	+4.5
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	52.91	+7.2	+8.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.83	+1.1	+1.4
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	40.23	+3.5	+4.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	43.88	+7.6	+2.5
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	46.21	+3.8	+7.7
DFA IntlCorEqIn	12.74	+1.7	-8.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.29	+0.3	-.9
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.10	+3.7	-8.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	208.74	+1.35	+6.9
DoubleLine TRtRetBdl	10.32	+0.1	+7.7
Fidelity 500dInvsPm	97.85	+1.06	+6.7
Fidelity Contrafund	13.00	+1.9	+8.7
Fidelity ContrafundK	13.00	+1.9	+8.8
Fidelity LowPrStk	49.89	+4.4	...
Fidelity USBDdInvsPm	11.12	+0.2	-1.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 x	2.26	...	+9
Metropolitan West TRtRetBdl	10.25	+0.1	-1.4
PIMCO IncInslT	11.77	...	+1
PIMCO TRtRetns	9.89	+0.1	-.9
Schwab SP500Idx	43.28	...	+6.2
T. Rowe Price BCGR	109.13	+1.84	+14.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.80	+1.20	+10.2
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	258.58	+2.80	+7.6
Vanguard DivGrIn	28.49	+0.6	+11.2
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	79.29	+4.1	+5.1
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	77.12	+1.22	+8.6
Vanguard HCAmrl	94.42	+7.9	+1.7
Vanguard IntTrngAdm	9.29	+0.1	-1.7
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	13.78	...	+6
Vanguard InsIdInx	255.11	+2.76	+7.6
Vanguard InsIdInxPlus	255.13	+2.76	+7.6
Vanguard InsTHSMInPls	61.83	+6.7	+7.0
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	193.20	+2.45	+3.2
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	146.58	+1.26	+11.5
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.39	...	+2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	72.28	+7.5	+3.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.30	+2.2	+7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.44	+1.5	+8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.54	+2.9	+1.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.63	+1.9	+1.1
Vanguard TRtBdIdxAdmrl	10.31	+0.2	-1.5
Vanguard TRtBdIdxIn	10.31	+0.2	-1.4
Vanguard TRtBdIdxAdmrl	21.90	+0.2	+1.6
Vanguard TRtBdIdxIn	32.87	+0.4	+1.7
Vanguard TRtBdInvm	10.96	+0.2	+6.7
Vanguard TRtBdIdxAdmrl	27.29	+3.5	+6.7
Vanguard			

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE: Chapter 11
 OAKFABCO, INC., Case No. 15-27062
 Debtor, Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer

NOTICE OF (i) HEARING TO APPROVE CERTAIN INSURANCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND (ii) HEARING TO APPROVE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND SOLICITATION MOTION AND DATE TO FILE OBJECTIONS THERETO

If You Were Exposed to ASBESTOS or ASBESTOS-CONTAINING Products Made, Distributed, or Sold by, or are Otherwise a Creditor of, OAKFABCO, INC. f/k/a KEWANEE BOILER CORPORATION, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE.

Please consult with the Noticing Agent referenced below to obtain additional information about the matters covered by this notice.

1. **Bankruptcy Case.** On August 7, 2015, Oakfabco, Inc. f/k/a Kewanee Boiler Corporation (the "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Bankruptcy Court"). The purpose of the Debtor's chapter 11 case is to provide for the resolution of all existing asbestos-related personal injury and wrongful death claims against the Debtor and to implement settlement agreements (the "Insurance Settlement Agreements") between the Debtor and certain of the Debtor's insurers.

2. **Insurance Settlement Agreement.** On November 27, 2018, the Debtor filed with the Bankruptcy Court a motion (the "CNA Insurance Settlement Motion") seeking an order authorizing and approving of the Debtor's Insurance Settlement Agreement with American Casualty Company, Continental Casualty Company, and Columbia Casualty Company (together, "CNA") (the "CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement"). The CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement provides for sales of policies pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code free and clear of all claims and interests. **The CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement also provides certain releases and injunctions, pursuant to which CNA is released from liability for a variety of claims. Specifically, the CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement provides for an "insurance policy injunction" in favor of CNA, which will bar claims based on, arising from, or attributable to insurance policies released and/or sold under the CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement. You should read the CNA Insurance Settlement Motion and the CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement carefully for details about how these documents may affect your rights.**

3. **Hearing to Consider CNA Insurance Settlement Motion.** A hearing on whether the Bankruptcy Court should grant the relief requested in the CNA Insurance Settlement Motion and approve the CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement will be held before the Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the Bankruptcy Court, Courtroom 682, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, on **December 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central time).** You may attend the hearing but are not required to do so. The hearing may be continued from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court or the Debtor without further notice to parties other than by such adjournment being announced in open court.

4. **Objections to CNA Insurance Settlement Motion.** Objections and responses, if any, to the CNA Insurance Settlement Motion must (i) be in writing, (ii) set forth in detail the name and address of any party filing the objection, the grounds for the objection, any relevant and admissible evidence in support of the objection, and the amount of the objector's claims or such other grounds that give the objector standing to assert the

objection, (iii) conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, (iv) be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, and (v) served upon the parties identified on the master service list established in this chapter 11 case so as to be actually received on or before **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on December 17, 2018. If you or your attorney do not file an objection, the Bankruptcy Court may conclude that you do not oppose approval of the CNA Insurance Settlement Motion and may enter an order granting the CNA Insurance Settlement Motion by which you will be bound.**

5. **Disclosure Statement and Solicitation Motion.** On November 29, 2018, the Debtor filed with the Bankruptcy Court its Motion For An Order (I) Approving Disclosure Statement Regarding Second Amended Plan Of Liquidation; (II) Establishing Procedures for Solicitation and Tabulation of Votes on the Plan; (III) Approving the Form of Ballots; (IV) Scheduling a Hearing to Consider Confirmation of the Plan; (V) Approving Procedures for Notice of Hearing to Consider Confirmation of the Plan and for Filing Objections Thereof; and (VI) Granting Related Relief (the "Solicitation Motion"). Among other things, the Solicitation Motion requests the Bankruptcy Court to approve the adequacy of the Debtor's Disclosure Statement in connection with its Second Amended Plan of Liquidation pursuant to section 1125(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

6. **Hearing to Consider Adequacy of Disclosure Statement and the Solicitation Motion.** A hearing on whether the Bankruptcy Court should approve the Disclosure Statement and grant the other relief requested in the Solicitation Motion will be held before the Honorable Jack B. Schmetterer, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the Bankruptcy Court, Courtroom 682, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, on **January 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central time).** You may attend the hearing but are not required to do so. The hearing may be continued from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court or the Debtor without further notice to parties other than by such adjournment being announced in open court.

7. **Objections to the Disclosure Statement.** Objections and responses, if any, to the Disclosure Statement or to the Solicitation Motion must (i) be in writing, (ii) set forth in detail the name and address of any party filing the objection, the grounds for the objection, any relevant and admissible evidence in support of the objection, and the amount of the objector's claims or such other grounds that give the objector standing to assert the objection, (iii) conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, (iv) be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, and (v) served upon the parties identified on the master service list established in this chapter 11 case so as to be actually received on or before **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on January 7, 2019. If you or your attorney do not file an objection, the Bankruptcy Court may conclude that you do not oppose approval of the Disclosure Statement and the Solicitation Motion and may enter an order approving the Disclosure Statement and granting the Solicitation Motion by which you will be bound.**

8. **Additional Information.** Copies of the CNA Insurance Settlement Motion, the CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement, the Solicitation Motion and the Disclosure Statement may be obtained by contacting Logan & Company, Inc., the Debtor's noticing agent, (a) at <http://www.loganandco.com>, by navigating to the case information page for Oakfabco, Inc., (b) upon request by mail to Logan & Company, Inc., 546 Valley Road, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043, or (c) upon request by contacting the noticing agent by phone at (973) 509-3190 or by facsimile at (973) 509-1131. To the extent any portion of this notice conflicts with the CNA Insurance Settlement Motion, the CNA Insurance Settlement Agreement, the Solicitation Motion or the Disclosure Statement, the terms of those documents control over this notice.

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OBITUARIES

ROY KRUSE 1941-2018

Architect who designed area housing complexes

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

Architect Roy Hans Kruse left his mark on Chicago through his designs of many prominent multi-unit housing complexes built in the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s.

Prolific but not known as a self-promoter, Kruse worked with major developers including Stephen Ballis and Dan McLean of MCL Development Corp.

Some of the larger projects that Kruse worked on included apartment buildings and town homes in the Central Station neighborhood on the Near South Side, the Pointe of Lincoln Park development on the site of an old hospital in Lincoln Park, the Tuxedo Park town home development in the River North area and homes in the University Village redevelopment on the Near West Side.

"He loved architecture," said his wife of 54 years, Marie. "It was just in his blood."

Kruse, 77, died of complications from heart failure on Nov. 13 at Rush Medical Center in Chicago, Marie Kruse said. He had been an Oak Park resident for 50 years.

Born in Chicago, Kruse grew up in the Andersonville neighborhood and graduated from Lane Tech College Prep. He also was active in Boy Scouts and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1957.

Kruse earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1964. His first job after graduating was with architect Seymour Goldberg. Kruse started his own firm in 1973.

Kruse's early work consisted of smaller projects, including overseeing renovations of vintage homes and designing single-family houses.

In 1982, he designed the contemporary-style Dickens Court development of 10 town homes in the 2000 block of North Halsted in Lincoln Park.

In the mid-1980s, Kruse designed the conversions of two Lincoln Park structures into condos: a 1910 building on North Clifton Avenue as well as a Victorian-era building at 1125 West Belden Ave.

Kruse's early work with MCL and McLean included designing 110 town homes



FAMILY PHOTO

Roy Kruse left his mark on Chicago through his designs of housing complexes.

in the mid-1980s that created the Lakewood Commons development on North Lakewood Avenue in Lincoln Park. MCL had bought the land from the estate of the bankrupt Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad.

"Roy was great," said McLean, who is now retired. "He was a good architect, and what I liked so much about Roy was that we considered him among the most practical of architects. That's why we continued to use him. We used him on a lot of projects."

Kruse went on to design a variety of other projects for MCL, including some of the custom homes and penthouse units in the Embassy Club development in Lincoln Park in the late 1980s. Kruse also designed town homes and single-family homes in the Dearborn Park development on the South Side.

In the early 1990s, Kruse designed the Harbor Square condominium units in Burnham Place, which is the initial low-rise residential phase of the Central Station development just south of Roosevelt Road.

Kruse also designed the Homes of Mohawk North on Larrabee Street between Clybourn and North avenues in 1995. The following year, he designed MCL's luxury Oak Club town home development on the Near North Side.

"He had a big architectural impact on a lot of nice residential communities that got built both on the North Side and the South Side," McLean said.

One of Kruse's largest — and most visible — projects was also for MCL: designing about 150 terrace homes, town homes and coach homes on a former hospital site at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Armitage avenues in Lin-

coln Park. Known as the Pointe, the project was some of the work of which Kruse was most proud, his wife said.

Kruse also designed for several other developers. Another noteworthy project was in the late 1980s for Ballis, when Kruse designed all the residences in the Maud Street project in the 1900 block of North Maud Street in Lincoln Park. And working with developers Joseph Freed and Centrum, Kruse designed the conversion of a former garment factory into the 66-unit Olympia Lofts project in Greektown in 1997.

Architect Ana Wolfe began freelancing for Kruse and continued working alongside him for seven years.

"Everything I learned about what I do in residential architecture came from him," Wolfe said. "He was a great teacher and knew a lot about a lot of things. I had the immense pleasure of working with him."

Architect Pete Weismantle, a longtime friend, described Kruse as a "devoted acolyte" of legendary modernist architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, who died in 1969.

"(Kruse) was a frequent attendee at the annual Mies birthday party at IIT, where I would remind him that it was unlikely that Mies would show up for the festivities," Weismantle quipped.

Weismantle called Kruse "an engaging, down-to-earth guy" who "was a humble man, rarely discussing and never boasting about his work."

"He had a lust for an active life and was always more interested in the joy of people and family around him," Weismantle said.

Kruse retired in 2011. Outside of work, Kruse enjoyed sailing and recently had been elected commodore of the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club. He also was involved in the rehabbing and remodeling of the club's clubhouse at Monroe Harbor, his wife said.

In addition to his wife, Kruse is survived by a son, Matthew; two daughters, Jennifer Kruse and Amy Nixon; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Elaine Aicher.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Baldoni, Jane C.

Jane C. Baldoni, nee Petersen, age 95; beloved wife of the late Charles; loving mother of Betsy, Phyllis (Mark) Orzechowski, John and Gail; cherished grandmother of Alex and Matt; dearest sister of Lois (the late Richard) Weber; dear aunt of many. Lying in State, Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Service, 10:30 a.m. at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church 1300 W. Crescent, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Interment to follow at Town of Maine Cemetery. Arrangements by **Nelson Funeral Home** 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com



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Berman, Revelle

Revelle Berman, nee Singer, 98, beloved wife of the late Hyman; loving daughter of the late Harry and Flora Singer; devoted mother of Harriet "Holly" Lucero and the late Marshall Berman; cherished grandmother of Davina Lucero; caring aunt and treasured friend of many. Revelle was also an office manager of twenty-five years who retired as a conscientious community volunteer for an additional twenty years. Chapel service Wednesday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For information, (847) 255-3520 or shalom2.com

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Brader, Heddie A

Brader, Heddie A., nee Mueller, 96, passed away on Saturday December 1, 2018. She was a loving wife to the late Carl, Sr.; beloved mother to Carol (Michael) Cunneen, Carl, Jr. (Therese) and Mary Lou (Dean) Stamm. Adoring grandmother of seven and great grandmother of six. A longtime parishioner at Queen of Angels Church. Visitation Wednesday 9:30am at Queen of Angels Church, 2330 W. Sunnyside, Chicago, IL. Mass of the Christian Burial to follow at 11:00am. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Info call 773-561-6874 or www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Brouillette, Martha M.

Martha M. Brouillette, age 94 formerly of Plainfield, IL. (Carillon) passed away Sunday December 2, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Harry Pluchrat and Richard Brouillette; loving mother of Jerry (Patricia) Pluchrat and the late Diane (James) Bertoglio and a late baby infant girl; cherished grandmother of Stephanie (Mike) Lapato, Lisa (Chris) Samuels and Lori Pluchrat and great-grandmother of Aiden Lapato; fond sister of the late Frank, Alice, Ronnie, Jennifer, Catherine and Jean; many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Brouillette retired from Amphenol Corp., Cicero, IL. after 25 years. Visitation Wednesday December 5, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **Anderson Memorial Chapel** 606 Townhall Dr. Romeoville, IL. Funeral service Thursday December 6, 2018 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Romeoville, IL for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, Hillside, IL. For information 815-886-2323 www.andersonmemorialhomes.com

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Brozek, Richard J.

American War Veteran. Dear son of the late Stanley and Josephine. Loving husband of Linda. Beloved father of Robert Siller and Kerri (Doug) Pajeau. Cherished grandfather of Michael and Anthony Siller. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephew. Visitation Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home**, 4101 S. Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402. Funeral chapel service will start at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home** (708) 749-2033. Interment Mount Auburn Memorial Park.



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Burns, Sally

Beloved wife of 60 years to John M. Burns. Loving mother of John (Mary Beth) Burns, William (Claudia) Burns, and Patricia Ferriter. Cherished grandmother of Amanda (Stan) Yip, Ashley (Cody) Jesernik, Lauren Burns, William (Terese) Burns, Jessica Burns, Kaitlyn Burns, Colin Ferriter, and Erin Ferriter. Adored great-grandmother of Claire Yip, Olivia Jesernik, Benjamin Jesernik, and Nora Yip. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Thursday 9:15 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Christy, Andria

nee Ferrara; loving mother of Harold (Nell) Christy; dear sister of the late Frank Ferrara. Visitation Wednesday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompei, 1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago. Cremation Oak Ridge Cemetery. Inurnment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery at a later date. Funeral Arrangements **Dalcamo Funeral Home** 312-842-8681 or www.dalcamofuneralhome.com to sign guestbook.

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Colin, June

June Colin, nee Gluck, 10/2/1921 - 12/1/2018, loving daughter of the late Rose and Ernest Gluck; beloved wife of the late Eugene Colin; devoted mother of Laurel (Daniel), Jeffrey, and Jinny (Aaron); proud grandmother of Colin (Lisabeth), Jessica (Julian), Katherine, and Hannah; adoring great-grandmother of NoraJune, Atticus, and Eliot. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Ann Kiley Center: 1401 W. Dugdale Road, Waukegan, IL 60085, 847-249-0600. A memorial service will be held at Weinstein and Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL on Wednesday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Diez, Phyllis Carol

Phyllis Carol Diez, age 89, nee Cooper. Beloved wife of the late Harold Arthur Diez Sr.; dear mother of Harold Jr., Frank, Victoria, Thomas and the late Christopher (Wendy); loving grandmother of Ian and Claire; daughter of the late Otto and Caroline Cooper; sister of the late Herbert; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 Talcott Road (at Cumberland), Park Ridge, IL 60068. Family and friends will meet Friday, December 7, 2018 at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago, IL 60642 for a 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass. For further information please call 847-823-5122.



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Donovan, Janice M.

Age 77, passed away peacefully, December 1, 2018. Funeral services for Janice Donovan will be December 5, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 516 E. Jackson Street, Morris, at 11 a.m. Visitation 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the church. Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Morris. For information, call (815)-942-5040, or visit her memorial tribute at www.fredcdames.com



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Ellison, Karen M.

Karen Marie Ellison, nee Visus, age 62, passed away on December 1st surrounded by her loving family. Karen was the beloved wife of Steven R. for 27 wonderful years; loving mother of Andrew Steven (Jasmine Chorath) Ellison; dearest daughter of the late Patricia and Andrew Visus; dear sister of Deborah and Valerie J. (Michael Hickey) Visus; fond aunt, cousin, niece and friend of many; dear master of baby Trixie. In lieu of flowers, donations to: Rush University Cancer Center to Benefit Multiple Myeloma 1725 W. Harrison St. Suite 1010 Chicago, IL 60612 would be appreciated. Visitation Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral service will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to St. Celestine Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at All Saints Cemetery. Info 708-456-8300.



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Endicott, Karen A.

Karen A. Endicott (nee Boyce) Age 77, Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Patricia Morang and Robert (Courtney) Endicott. Cherished grandmother of Nichole (Kori) Johnson, Michael Morang, Jared, Jackson, Heaven, George, Julian, Japheth and Liberty Endicott. Dear sister of Ronald (Merle) Boyce, Celeste Bailey and the late Thomas Boyce. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Hann Funeral Home 8230 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL. Prayer Service Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Hann Funeral Home, processing to St. Fabian Church 8300 S. Oketo Ave., Bridgeview, IL, for Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Private interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. For funeral info call 708-496-3344 or www.hannfuneralhome.com.

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Foster, Dick

Dick Foster, 83. Life partner of Jack Kanuk for 57 yrs. Son of the late Robert and Effie; brother of the late Donald. Long time member of Lyric Opera, CSO, and the Art Institute. Burial was held 12/1/18 at Rosehill Cemetery. For information call **Barr Funeral Home** (773) 743-4034 or leave a condolence at BarrFuneralHome.com.

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Giron, Carmen

Carmen Giron, nee Caballero, age 82, of Melrose Park, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at her daughter's home; beloved companion of Paul Praise for 35 years; loving mother of Leslie (Jeffrey) Webb, Edwin (Judy) Giron and Betsy (Adrian Serrano) Giron; proud grandmother of Erin, Natalie and Benjamin Webb, Marcus, Daniel, Lucas and



Jacob Giron, Michael, David and Eric Serrano; dear sister of Rosita (Leon) Soto, Guadalupe (Enrique) Manjarrez, Ramon (Adrianna) Caballero and the late Joaquin (Irma) Caballero; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 819 North 16th Avenue, Melrose Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1801 Meyers Rd, Ste 100, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. For further information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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ON DECEMBER 4 ...

In 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

In 1816 James Monroe was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1918 President Woodrow Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942 U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II.

In 1965 the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James Lovell aboard.

In 1980 the bodies of four American nuns slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. Five national guardsmen were later convicted of murder.

In 1984 a five-day hijacking drama began as four armed men seized a Kuwaiti airliner en route to Pakistan and forced it to land in Tehran, where the hijackers killed American passenger Charles Hegna.

In 1991 Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

In 1992 President George H.W. Bush ordered American troops to lead a mercy

mission to Somalia, threatening military action against warlords and gangs who were blocking food for starving millions.

In 1994 Bosnian Serbs released 53 out of about 400 UN peacekeepers they were holding as insurance against further NATO airstrikes.

In 1996 the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., and began speeding toward Mars on a 310 million-mile odyssey. (It arrived on Mars in July 1997)

In 1997 the NBA suspended Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors for one year for choking and threatening to kill his coach, P.J. Carlesimo.

In 2000 a Florida state judge refused to overturn Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida, and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts.

In 2014 hundreds of protesters in Chicago decrying the failure of a New York grand jury to indict a white police officer in the death of unarmed black man Eric Garner marched through downtown and briefly shut down Lake Shore Drive. The protests continued through the next day.

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Lotto jackpot: \$2M
Pick 3 midday 136 / 3
Pick 4 midday 7089 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto midday 12 25 26 37 39
Pick 3 evening 824 / 4
Pick 4 evening 8960 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening 08 23 28 33 34

Dec. 4 Mega Millions: \$18M
Dec. 5 Powerball: \$17M

WISCONSIN
Dec. 3
Pick 3 877
Pick 4 0648
Badger 5 01 07 10 22 28
SuperCash 05 13 16 21 23 28

INDIANA
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Hogan, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Hogan of Rocky River, Ohio, formerly of Chicago, passed away on November 4, 2018 at a hospice facility in Westlake, Ohio. Beloved wife of Richard Leusch of Rocky River, her stepchildren and grandchildren. Loving sister of Edward (Carol), Patrick (Virginia), Thomas (Cathleen) and Joseph (Maureen) Hogan and fond aunt of 10 nieces and

nephews as well as 5 grandnieces. A Memorial visitation will be held Saturday Dec. 8th. at St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago from 11:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mother McAuley High School 3737 W. 99th. St. Chicago, IL. 60655 or St. Mary's of the Woods College in Terre Haute, IN. 47876. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com.



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Hosteny III, Joseph Nevi

Joseph Nevi Hosteny III, Age 73, Lt. U.S. Navy (1967-1971). Born into Eternal Life on November 30, 2018. Beloved husband of Cathleen (nee Coulas) for 47 years. Loving father of Joseph Nevi Hosteny IV (Claire), and Laura Hosteny. Proud grandpa of Joseph Nevi Hosteny V, and Lucas John Hosteny. Devoted brother of Joanna Hosteny. Fond brother-in-law of Irma

Hammer, Carol Coulas, and James J. Coulas, Jr. (Colleen). "Uncle Joe" was also loved by his many nieces and nephews. Lt. Hosteny served as an officer in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Sturgeon (SSN-637) earning the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Navy Achievement Medal. He trained at the U.S. Naval Submarine School and U.S. Naval Nuclear Power School. He earned his B.S. in Engineering from Marquette University, his J.D. from DePaul University, and formerly served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and with the law firm of Niro, Haller, and Niro in Chicago. Visitation Thursday 3-8pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Friday morning for visitation 9:30am-10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial Friday at 10:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to AIM at Melanoma Foundation, 5729 Lebanon Road, Suite 144-305 Frisco, TX 75034, Christ the King School Foundation, or St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Ingmire, Mary Jeanne

Mary Jeanne Ingmire (nee Austin) age 91, of LaGrange Park and Joliet passed away November 30, 2018. Born in Brewster, KS, Mary loved books and was a lifelong learner. Mary was the health science librarian at Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, for nearly two decades. Her husband of 71 years, Dr. Cecil W. Ingmire, a Will County veterinarian, preceded in her death earlier this year. She is survived by her children, Wayne (Jane Tinker) Ingmire, Linda (Paul) Graham, Celia (Edward) Fitzgerald and Jann (William Schweiker) Ingmire, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mary received degrees from Rosary College and Lewis University, and completed classes at Joliet Junior College and Kansas State University. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Joliet, Silver Cross Hospital Advisory Board, and auxiliaries to the American and Illinois State Veterinary Medical Associations.

Lying in State at Grace United Methodist Church, 1718 Avalon, Thursday, December 6th from 9:00 A.M. until service at 10:00 A.M. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorials to Grace United Methodist Church or Silver Cross Hospital Foundation will be appreciated. Visitation will be held at the Carlson-Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home & Crematory, Wednesday, December 5 from 3:00 - 7:00 P.M. For information please call (815) 744-0022 or www.CHSFUNERAL.com



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Karoff, Muriel "Bobbi"

Muriel "Bobbi" Karoff, nee Cohen, 87; beloved wife for almost 70 years of Seymour "Sonny"; loving mother of Pam (Douglas) Harman, Michael (Amanda) Karoff and Andrea (Greg) Slocum; adoring grandmother of Jamie, Lesley, Steve and Meredith; avid lover of her great-grand-dog Chief; sister of the late Howard (Ruth) Cohen; aunt of Alisa (Scott), Ilene and Sherry (Jay). Graveside service Wednesday, 1:00 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. For information and condolences: **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Kaufman, Richard Frederick

Richard F. Kaufman, age 91, passed away on November 27, 2018 in California. Dick grew up in Detroit and Muskegon, Michigan, the son of an immigrant, and always remembered having been a child during the Great Depression. He graduated from Culver Military Academy, was a WWII naval veteran, and earned a B.A. from Yale University

and then an MBA from Harvard Business School. In his long tenure as CEO and President, he transformed and grew Armstore, now a third-generation, 104-year-old designer and manufacturer of store fixtures for leading American retailers. He and his wife Sylvia were actively involved in the Aspen Institute, the National Councils of the Aspen Art Museum, the Aspen Music Festival, and the Anderson Ranch Arts Center. In Chicago they have been involved in the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Art Institute, and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. For a more detailed obituary please visit www.clockfuneral-home.com to leave a memory or sign the online guestbook.

SURVIVORS
Wife of 61 years, Sylvia; sons, Michael (Julie Hyatt) Kaufman, Andrew (Corinne Simon) Kaufman, Greg (Dafna) Kaufman, Robert (Yael) Kaufman; grandchildren, Daniel & Jonathan Kaufman, Ari, Alana & Adam Kaufman, Benjamin, Ian & Evan Kaufman; brother, Gordon (Lorna) Kaufman; niece & nephew, Leigh & David.

SERVICE
Friday, December 7, 2018, 10:00 AM at Temple B'Nai Israel in Muskegon, MI. with visitation on Thursday, December 6, 2018 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM at **Clock Funeral Home** Muskegon. **MEMORIAL:** In lieu of flowers, a contribution to the Kaufman Interfaith Institute (<https://www.gvsu.edu/interfaith/>) or the Shalom Hartman Institute (<https://hartman.org.il/>) would be appreciated.

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Konlon, Brian M.

Brian M. Konlon, 54, beloved husband of Lynda, nee Jutovsky, for 10 wonderful years; loving and devoted father of Sayde Maxwell Konlon; adored son of Lynne Davis, the late Barry Konlon and son-in-law of Judy and the late Larry Jutovsky; dear brother of Lisa Weiss (Rick, fiancé), Wendy (Jeffery) Goldman and brother-in-law of Michael (Mary) Jutovsky and David (Laura) Jutovsky; caring uncle of Alyssa, Danny, Sydney, Morgan, Ben, Katey, Sarah and Haley; fond nephew of Howard (Susan) Lazar and Susan (Michael) Katz; treasured cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Thursday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. For information, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

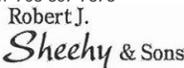


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Lanigan Sr., John J. "Jack"

Founder of Mi-Jack Products. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Lynch). Loving father of Jack Jr. (Laura), Michael (Mary Kay), William (Donna), and Daniel (Jill). Devoted grandfather of 11. Cherished great-grandfather of 21. Fond brother of Patrick and the late Thomas, Myles, Catherine Dillon, and Margaret Delis. Kind uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Tuesday 3-8 p.m. Funeral Wednesday 8:30 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Honor Flight Chicago, 938 West Montana Street, Chicago, IL 60614 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Lembesis, Louis C

Louis C. Lembesis, age 94, died on November 30, 2018 after a lengthy illness throughout which he received loving care from his daughters. Louis was born on October 14, 1924 in Cicero, Illinois. He served in the U.S. Army/Air Force in Guam during WWII and graduated from Northwestern University. A resident of Mt. Prospect for over 60 years, Louis worked for Allstate Insurance Company in Northbrook, IL. He is survived by his wife, Carol, nee Duffy-Kelley; his children, Paul (Meghan), Patricia and Diane; and his grandson, Alexander. His wife Lenore (Idaszak), the mother of his children, and his grandson Nicholas Lembesis preceded him in death. His siblings, Dr. Anne Lembesis, Meta (Jerry) Georgopoulos, and Chris Lembesis, also preceded him in death.

Visitation Wednesday, 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect. Funeral Thursday, 11:30 A.M. at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 E. Dempster St., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Lowery, Margaret E.

Margaret E. Lowery nee Donegan, longtime resident of Homewood, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2018 with family at her side. Beloved wife of 56 years of the late Richard J. Lowery. Loving mother of Gayle Campbell and Karen (Tom) Kennedy. Dearest Grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 10. Visitation at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home** 18230 Dixie Highway in Homewood on Thursday December 6, from 9am until time of prayers at 10:30 am. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph Church at 11 am. Interment private at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. For additional info contact www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Maragos, Cleo

Cleo Maragos (nee Mavrick); beloved wife of the late Honorable Illinois State Senator and Judge Samuel Maragos; loving mother of Dean T. (Antonia, nee Vaselopulos), John, Dr. James (Mary, nee Kasimatis) and George (Dana, nee Dejanovich) Maragos; loving grandmother of Nicholas S. (Dawn), Michael, Alex, Andrew, Samuel, Nicholas G., and Anastasia Maragos; loving sister of Patricia Mavrick. Cleo was born in Peru, Indiana and graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Cleo was an active member of many Hellenic organizations, including President of the Philoptochos at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, active member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral and the Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Center in Wheeling, IL. Visitation at Conboy's Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blocks west of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to meet on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester IL 60154. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, located at 9100 Archer Ave., Willow Springs, IL 60480. Memorials to: Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Center, 220 N. First St., Wheeling, IL 60090, or International Orthodox Christian Charities, 110 West Road, Suite 360 Baltimore, MD 21204, are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Chris J. Balodimas, Funeral Director**. Info: 708-F.U.N.E.R.A.L.

Chris J. Balodimas

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Mattingly, Valerie

Nee Tomassone. Passed away November 30, 2018. Former realtor of 40 years, also worked as office clerk after graduation from Kelvyn Park HS in 1957. Later also tended bar in Hanson Park area. Caring mother of Vince (Barbara) Aceto, Maria (the late John) Aceto, and Sandra (Aceto) Glazek of Washington state. Grandmother to Jessica (Mark) James, John Glazek, and Alexis Aceto. Daughter of the late James Tomassone and the late June Lind. Loving sister to the late Corinne J. Lind (Larson). Favorite aunt of Venus Lind and the late Dawn McDonald as well as many others. Cherished memories of the love of her life, Jack Fela. Valerie loved the rain, swimming, bowling, books, art and theater plays. Visitation Tuesday 3 - 8 pm at the ORIGINAL RAGO BROTHERS FUNERAL HOMES 7751 W Irving Park. Family and friends to meet for burial 11 am Wednesday at Irving Park Cemetery. For info: 773-276-7800 or www.ragofuneral.com

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Olson, Patricia Lee

Patricia Lee Olson, 77 years old, passed away peacefully in the late afternoon of Friday, November 30, 2018 in Glenview, Illinois with her loving daughter at her side. Patricia was born at Chicago Lying-in Hospital on April 16, 1941, the daughter of the late Judge Joseph P. Sullivan and Leah Belle Sullivan (Briley) of Whiting, Indiana. She was a 1958 graduate of Whiting High School and a 1962 graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. in elementary education. At Purdue, she was a proud member of Delta Gamma Social Sorority and various philanthropic groups. In 1966 she graduated with a M.A. degree from Roosevelt University. A devoted elementary educator, she taught at Hammond Public Schools for almost 40 years and received numerous honors in the field, including being awarded Teacher of the Year multiple times by the Jefferson School P.T.A.. Additionally, she was awarded Life Member in the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Societies. Pat was a pillar in the community. She was on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Indiana Symphony for over 20 years and booked numerous community concerts, performances and was a volunteer at the Munster Center of Performing Arts. An active member of P.E.O., a Munster-Highland Indiana Educational Philanthropy Organization, and the Munster-Highland Chapter of Tri Kappa Associate Service Organization. Pat was an avid gardener and member of the Munster Garden Club. She was an active volunteer with multiple organizations including Munster Community Hospital and Auxiliary Board Member, Woodmar United Methodist Church preschool administration board, the Calumet Chapter of Hospice, and a member of the Lake County Retired Teachers Association. She loved volunteering with her beloved dog, Miss Honey, through Pet Ministries. Patricia was a pancreatic cancer warrior. Her ultimate legacy will live on through her donation to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois where she hopes her body can train the next doctors who cure cancer. She is survived by her loving, devoted, and cherished daughter Amy Lee (Olson) Netz, beloved and supportive son-in-law Robert Michael Netz, and her pride and joy: grandsons Trevor Joseph Netz, and Nicholas Robert Netz. Patricia was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert W. Olson, who she simply adored. A memorial service will be held at 1 PM Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Woodmar United Methodist Church, 7320 Northcote Ave, Hammond, IN 46324. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Woodmar United Methodist Church, JourneyCare Foundation in Glenview Illinois, or Hospice.

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Piecha, Dorothy M.

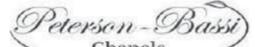
Dorothy M. Piecha, nee Czarniecki; Dear wife of the late Eryk; Loving mother of Christopher, Peter and Richard (Pam); Cherished grandmother of Chris Colin & Joshua; Also survived by nieces Vicky, Diane Anna Marie; nephews Derrick and Kevin & thoughtful friend Bill; After church and family, her life joy was singing; blessed with a lyric soprano voice; studied with teachers in Indiana & Chicago and sang well into her eighties!! Visitation Wednesday 9:30-10:30 a.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. at St. Priscilla Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com



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Power, William H.

William H. Power, age 75. Passed away at his home on November 29th. Beloved father of William (Bridgette); Loving brother of David, Marge (the late Joe) Liesenfeld and ex-wife Cynthia Fioramonti; Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews; He coached high school, college basketball and won Conference Championships at all levels. William was a teacher and a coach for over 40 years. Visitation is Wednesday from 3-9p.m. with a prayer service at 8:30p.m. at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS 6938 W. North Avenue. Future interment private. Info 773.637.4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com



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Proietti, Theresa L

Theresa L Proietti, loving Godmother and aunt of Frank(Megan) Klupshas, cousin and great aunt to many. Memorial mass December 8, 2018 at 10:00am at St. Bernadette Church 9343 S Francisco, Evergreen Park. Interment to follow at St Mary Cemetary 87th and Hamlin Evergreen Park.

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Sampey, Finn Jacob

Finn Jacob Sampey, 7 of Addison. Beloved son of Michael and Monique nee LeBeau. Cherished brother of Michael, Keegan and Kaelan. Dearest grandson of Michelle (Dale) Trahan and Judith (Jacob) Mueller. Preceded in death by his grandfathers Clayton LeBeau and Francis Sampey and uncle Timothy Erjavac. Also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral Service Friday, 9:15 AM from Humes Funeral Home 320 W. Lake St. Addison (2 Mi. E. of Rt. 53, 2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83) to Holy Ghost Church, Wood Dale for Mass at 10 AM. Interment Mt. Emblem. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations to <https://www.gofundme.com/finn-jacob-sampey-memorial-fund> greatly appreciated. For info, www.HumesFH.com or 630.628.8808



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Schechtman, Melvin A.

Melvin A. Schechtman, Age 69. Loving son of the late Sara and Emanuel Schechtman. Devoted brother of the late Gloria (Martin) Silverman. Fond uncle and great uncle of Robert (Carrie) Silverman, Nate and Shane Silverman. Best friend of Ellen Rae Schechtman, and will be missed by his many family members, friends, and coworkers. Service was held on Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory can be made to the Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Organ Transplant Center. 1001 Highlands Plaza Drive West, Suite 140. St. Louis, MO 63110-1337. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnf.com



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Srebro, LaVerne D.

LaVerne D. Srebro (nee Kurtys) 92, of New Lenox, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 2, 2018 with her family at her bedside. Beloved wife of the late Joseph W. Srebro; loving mother of Donald (Linda Lauer) Srebro, Jane (Frank) Jurcak, Regina (Steve) Mallen, Laura (Jerry) Holman, Nancy (Jeff) Cutler, and Shirlee (Mark) Tomczak; cherished grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 10; dear sister of Shirley (late Walter) Keifer and Judy (Joe) Preissig. LaVerne was also preceded in death by her daughter Linda Srebro and a grandson Joey Srebro. LaVerne was a retired Real Estate Broker. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Road, New Lenox, IL 60451, on Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 4-8 PM. Funeral service Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:30 AM in the funeral home chapel. Interment private.

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Sroka, Michael L.

Michael L. Sroka, of Plainfield, age 76. Beloved husband of Judi; loving father of Diane (J.J.) Blatter, Michael (Laura) Sroka, Lori (Francisco) Orlovski and Jessica (Matt) Michels; proud grandfather of Jason, Anthony, Brandon, Megan, Maggie, Briana, Brittany, Kayli, Bridget, Brayden and Jacob; dear brother of Betty (the late George) Mudry and Ronald (Sandy) Sroka; fond uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday Dec. 6, 2018 from 3 to 9 p.m. Chapel prayer Friday 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home, proceeding to Elm Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Diabetes Assoc. www.diabetes.org, are appreciated. Info: 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Stell, Lois Jean

Lois Jean Stell, nee Lindmeier, age 71, beloved wife for 50 years to Ronald D. Stell. Loving mother of Amanda (David) Wacker. Devoted daughter of the late Walter and Mary Lindmeier. Dear sister of the late Robert Ondrayka, Raymond Ondrayka and Edward Lindmeier. Visitation Thursday, December 6, 2018, from 3-8 PM at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave., (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Service and interment private. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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Stephen W. Zucker

Stephen W. Zucker, age 78, loving, caring, and devoted husband for 48 years of Shelly Zucker, nee Young; devoted son of the late Mildred and Herbert Zucker; beloved son-in-law of the late Naomi and Herb Young; caring and stunning father of Neal (Marko Iglenza) Zucker, Herbie Zucker, Jennifer Healy, and Tory (Randy) Boyer; loving Papa of DJ, Ally, Cassidy,

Sammy, Daniel and Lizzie; dear brother of Patti (Howard) Penner; cherished brother-in-law of Alan (Cara) Young; treasured uncle and friend to many.

Member of Tamarisk Country Club, Rancho Mirage, CA; attended DePaul University LLB 1966 and DePaul University JD 1969; Member of the Illinois State Bar, ABA, Northern District of Illinois, Federal Court, Illinois Supreme Court and member of the Florida Bar; former member of the DePaul University Deans Advisory Council School of Law; former member of the Presidents' Council of Roosevelt University; former member of the NFL Player Association, MLB Players Association, and the NBA Players Association. In 2011, Steve was the first agent to be inducted into the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame. In 1994, recipient of the Ed Kelly's Giants Award Dinner. In 1997, recipient of the Illinois Fatherhood Initiative. Sustaining board member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and founding member of the Juvenile Diabetes Metropolitan Chicago. Service Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60602, www.jdrf.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Sullivan, M.D., Patrick Joseph

SULLIVAN, PATRICK J., M.D. Pat passed away peacefully on July 11, 2018 surrounded by his family. Loving son of Joseph S. and Catherine (nee Dever), adoring and adored husband of Nancy (nee Ryan), badass rock star Dad of Mary-Lisa (Michael Roberts), Robert, Mary Clare, William (Carrie), John (Kristi), and Matthew. Bedazzled Fancy Grandpa

of Francesca Lenore Sullivan, Caitlin Elizabeth Sullivan, Hugo Padraig Alaric Sullivan, and Ryan Noble Sullivan, and granddogs Buehrle, Dagny, Berlioz, and Rudder. Loving brother of Mary Kay Joyce (Edward), Connie Oswald, and the late William Joseph. Loving brother-in-law of Mary Ann Sinnott. Fond uncle of the Sinnott, Joyce and Oswald children. Grandson of 1906 World Series-winning catcher (and inventor of the chest protector) Billy Sullivan. Pat was a perpetual student who graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep, the College of the Holy Cross, Northwestern Medical School, Brooks School of Aerospace Medicine and Loyola University School of Law. Pat was a flight surgeon in the United States Air Force and held the rank of Captain. After the Air Force, Pat completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, followed by a residency in Internal Medicine. (Pat would have followed the Internal Medicine residency with a Cardiology residency but he valued his marriage too much.) He was an Assistant Professor and Internist in private practice at Northwestern University School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial Hospital for forty-three years. Pat loved being a physician and he was a master diagnostician. He adored his patients. Pat retired two years ago and missed his practice and his patients every day. Pat spoke several languages, loved music, playing the piano, flying, and just spending time with Nancy, the kids, the grandkids, and the granddogs. Consistent with his love of learning, Pat donated his body to science. In lieu of flowers, the Sullivan Family encourages contributions to support and honor his commitment to medical education through the Patrick J. Sullivan, M.D. Scholarship at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine via <https://weill.northwestern.edu/feinberg> or by calling 312.503.1718. A memorial mass and celebration of Pat's life will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093.

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Timothy, Lori A.

Lori A. Timothy nee Houman, 54; Paramedic Field Chief 454, C.F.D.; Loving wife of Michael J., retired Battalion Chief, C.F.D.; Devoted mother of Ryan (Ryan) Kohler, Michael P. Timothy, Sean F. Timothy and Katelyn Timothy and grandmother to Jack and Luke Kohler; Beloved daughter of the late Frank and the late Audrey Houman; Dear sister of Susan, Mary Lynn, Janine and Lisa; Fond aunt, cousin and friend to many; Special dog-mom to her companion Nala. Memorial Visitation Thursday Dec. 6th from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Chicago Fire Department honors will be at 7:00 p.m. Friends and family to meet Friday at St. Bartholomew Church 3601 N. Laverne in Chicago for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Lori's memory to American Cancer Society www.cancer.org. Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Virruso, Joyce Rae

Joyce Rae Virruso, nee Guintoli, age 87; beloved wife of Vincent; loving mother of Ann Pere and Deborah (Brian) Kennebrew; cherished grandmother of Lary Saladin and Nicholas Pere; Adored G.G. of Biscotti; dearest sister of the late Beverly (late Alex) McGlynn, and Iralia Guintoli; fond sister-in-law of Joseph (late Nola) Virruso; also many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wed 3 to 9pm at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien where funeral service will be held Thurs 10am. Ent. Queen of Heaven Maus. For info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Walaszek, Helen Anna

Helen Anna Walaszek, nee Barwacz; Previous wife of the late Marian; Loving mother of Marge (Nick) Hoffmeister, Bob (Jolanta) and Nancy (David) Thomsen; Cherished grandmother of Katie, Nicholas, Brandon and Luke; Dearest aunt, friend and prayer-warrior to many; Visitation Wednesday 8:30 -10:30 a.m. at Belmont Funeral Home, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago; Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. at St. James Church. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com



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Walsh Jr., Richard A.

Richard A. Walsh Jr., age 59 of LaGrange Park, formerly of River Forest, died suddenly; beloved husband of Roberta; loving father of Natalie and Ricky; dear brother of Mark (Eva), Patrick (Elizabeth "Lou"), Brian (fiancée Debbie Gansauer), Kate (Patrick) Hennessy, Annie Walsh, and Teresa Potasiak; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many; devoted son of the late Richard A. Sr. and Patricia "Patsy" Walsh. Richard was a 1977 graduate of Oak Park and River Forest High School and graduated from Illinois State University. Visitation Wednesday 3 to 9 p.m. at Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Friends and family will meet at St. Luke Church on Thursday for mass at 10 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the ASPCA (aspc.org) or The Congregation of St. Joseph (csjoseph.org) are appreciated. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechsler-brownwilliams.com

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Weissman, Franklin D.

Franklin D. Weissman, 74, beloved husband of Sheryl, nee Heller; devoted father of Andee (Jonathan) Harris and Jill (Brian) Henden; loving step-father of Gabe (Adrienne), Eli and Alex (Sophia) Schmidt; loving Papa of Max, Nathan, Avery, Eden, Ava, Ben, Violette and Jacob; dear brother of Arlene (Vic) Spellberg; brother-in-law of Harlan Heller; former husband of Carol Boas; caring uncle, cousin and friend to many. Chapel service today, 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom, Illinois Holocaust Museum or Lewey Body Dementia Association. For shiva information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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White, Juanita J.

Juanita Jane-Ellen White (Garth), 86, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away on the 21st Day of November, 2018. Beloved daughter of the late Esther E. (Houston) and Theodis E. Garth Sr.; Cherished wife of the late Johnny F. White, Sr.; Loving Mother of Johnny F. White, Jr. (deceased), Evelyn D. White (deceased), Theodora Weston, Alfred White (deceased), Juanita White II, Ronald E. White and Debra Dilworth; Funeral services December 1, 2018 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1301 North Mohawk, Chgo. Interment with spouse December 3, 2018 at Lincoln National Cemetery 11:30am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to www.donate.jw.org and/or epilepsychicago.org

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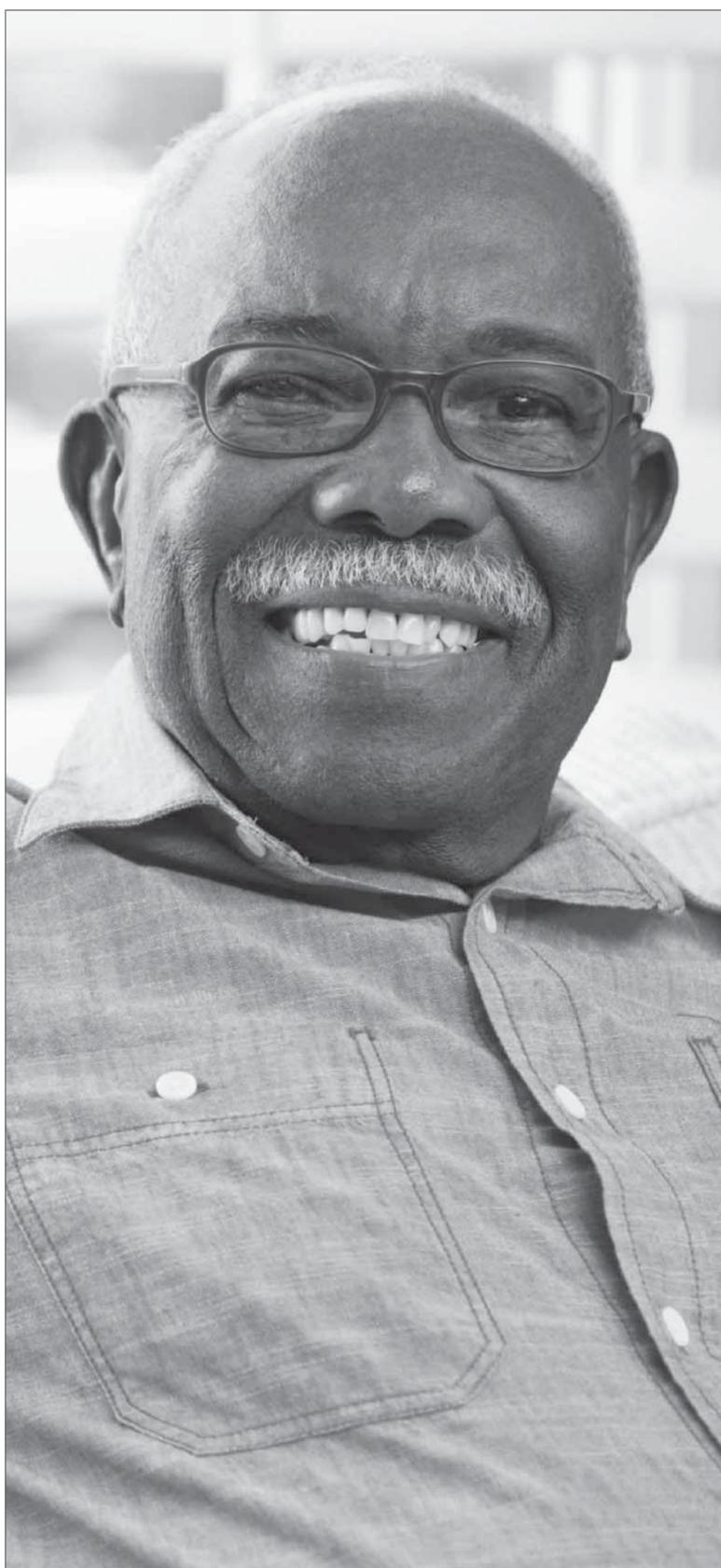


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Very truly yours,
DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Darion D Porter AKA Darrion Porter

A MINOR
NO. 2018JD01720

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Williams Porter (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **October 19, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **12/17/2018 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 56 COURTROOM 10,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 4, 2018

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kennedy Jackson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Ryan Booker (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00471

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **May 15, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/18/2018, at 10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, 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 THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 4, 2018

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

Jan Guben & James Abrams have applied for an Illinois Coastal Management Program Federal Consistency Concurrence for the repair and modification to an existing groin, in Lake Michigan, at 49 Lakeview Road, Highland Park, IL. Inquiries and requests to view the complete application may be directed to Jim Casey of the IDNR/OWR's Chicago Office at (312) 793-5947 or james.casey@illinois.gov. The full application is also available at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/CMPPederalConsistencyRegister.aspx>. You are invited to send comments regarding this project to 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 5-703, Chicago, IL 60601 by January 2, 2019.

LEGAL NOTICES

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. LAURA M. EDWARDS; MICHAEL EDWARDS, AKA MICHAEL P. EDWARDS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE HALINA ZUKOWSKI DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED APRIL 12, 2006, Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-13140

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, The Unknown Successor Trustees of the Halina Zukowski Declaration of Trust Dated April 12, 2006, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, The Unknown Successor Trustees of the Halina Zukowski Declaration of Trust Dated April 12, 2006, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before December 20, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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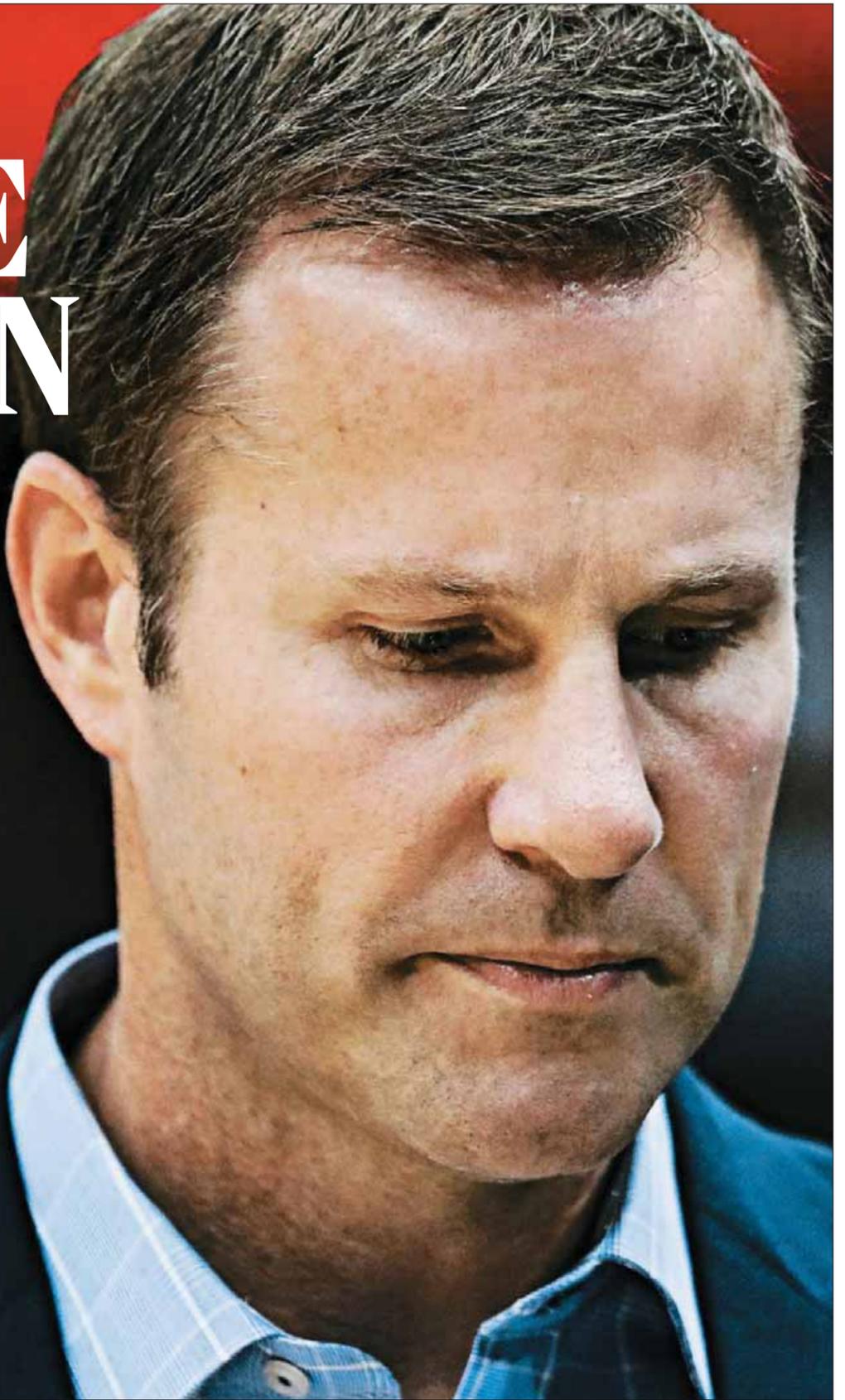
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AT THE BOYLEN POINT

Blaming the team's lack of 'competitive spirit,' Paxson fires Hoiberg, promotes top assistant

Fred Hoiberg is out, Jim Boylen is in as coach of the Bulls.

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Passion plays: Paxson picks Boylen to crank up the heat



DAVID HAUGH

In the Wake of the News

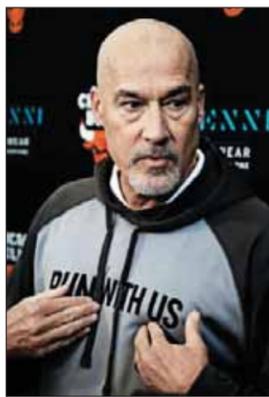
Playing to his strengths — and, let's face it, to a Chicago sports crowd that loves fire and passion from our city's coaches — Jim Boylen identified what he wants most out of the Bulls team he suddenly finds himself coaching.

"What I hope is that we can own the 'BULLS' across our chest better," Boylen said Monday at the Advocate Center in a hastily arranged news conference. "We've got a lot to play for in this program and this place."

Boylen spoke with a raspy voice and his eyes drooped because he barely slept during a restless Sunday night after getting a surprising phone call: Executive Vice President John Paxson informed Boylen he was replacing Fred Hoiberg — and not just on an interim basis. The 53-year-old finally was getting his full-time shot in the NBA.

Around 8:30 Monday morning, the Bulls made it official by announcing they had fired Hoiberg, 115-155 in his fourth season as head coach. In replacing Hoiberg, Boylen believes he can improve the intensity on the Bulls bench. Just ask him.

"I think I'm a more passionate in-game coach than Fred," said Boylen, whose contract runs through next season.



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Bulls Executive Vice President John Paxson: "What we're lacking is an energy and spirit."

"You have to put your hand-print on it."

Expect the Bulls to ball their fists under Boylen, a defensive specialist.

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By **K.C. JOHNSON** | Chicago Tribune

In December 2007, following a blowout loss to the Rockets, John Paxson fired Scott Skiles and promoted Jim Boylan to interim head coach.

Eleven years later, following a blowout loss to the Rockets, Paxson fired Fred Hoiberg and promoted Jim Boylen — who once worked with Boylan at Michigan State — to head coach.

There's no interim in Boylen's title because he's under contract through next season, and the Bulls plan to give him every opportunity to become the long-term answer for a management team that in 15 years has now hired five coaches: Skiles, Vinny Del Negro, Tom Thibodeau, Hoiberg and Boylen.

"Jim will bring a strong voice to our locker room, and

he's a lifer," Paxson said, alluding to Boylen's 21 seasons of NBA experience. "He's been in a lot of situations. You guys can go down the list of head coaches he's sat next to over his time as a coach — Jud Heathcote, Tom Izzo, Gregg Popovich, Rudy Tomajanovich. He's earned this chance.

"We've seen him operate for several years here. We know what he's like every day. He's done a great job forming relationships with our guys. As a head coach in this league, you have to be able to form relationships and gain trust with players in order to coach them hard. When players know you have their best interest at heart, even when

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NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL

Will Packers take a look at Fitzgerald?

Report says NU coach might be logical choice to replace McCarthy

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**
Chicago Tribune

There's a theory among many who know Pat Fitzgerald that he would leave Northwestern for only one job — the Bears.

Now there's some buzz about Fitzgerald and the Bears' top rival. And there are enough connections between Fitzgerald and the Packers to think it's within the realm of possibility.

A tweet and story from Tom Silverstein of the Milwaukee

Journal Sentinel showed a picture of Fitzgerald with these words: "Next coach could come from the college ranks." Silverstein is highly respected, a two-time Wisconsin sportswriter of the Packers since 1989.

The story mentioned eight coaches, including four from the college ranks: Michigan's Jim Harbaugh, Stanford's David Shaw, Oklahoma's Lincoln Riley and Fitzgerald.

On Fitzgerald, Silverstein wrote: "It's almost a lock the Packers will contact Fitzgerald, who came up through the ranks on the defensive side of the ball but has a high-octane offense.



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Pat Fitzgerald was named NU coach by Mark Murphy, now president and CEO of the Packers. Four former NU players are on the Packers.

(Packers President and CEO Mark) Murphy was athletic director at the school and surprised many people when he picked Fitzgerald to coach the team

when Randy Walker died of a heart attack before the 2006 season. Fitzgerald has helped

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BEARS



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One challenge to the next

The Bears need to remove mistakes and elevate their play against Todd Gurley and the 11-1 Rams on Sunday night if they want to avoid their first two-game losing streak since the Dolphins and Patriots defeated them in mid-October.

■ Brad Biggs finds the bright side in loss to the Giants. **Back Page**

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Hicks dupes Fox announcers

The Bears' Akiem Hicks set up his straight-ahead touchdown run Sunday against the Giants, a la William "Refrigerator" Perry, with a misdirection play Saturday on Fox announcers Kevin Burkhardt and Charles Davis.

Burkhardt and Davis still seemed less surprised than most by coach Matt Nagy's decision to use the 6-foot-5, 332-pound defensive end as a ball carrier on a second-quarter play reminiscent of how Mike Ditka deployed "The Fridge" in the 1980s.

With the Bears facing fourth-and-goal from the Giants 1, Davis noted "a bunch of defensive guys on the field for the Bears," including Hicks, which led Burkhardt to recall a conversation the announcers had with Hicks on Saturday night.

"I asked him if he was going to get the ball. He said, 'I can assure you I'm a lead blocker if I'm in.' We'll see," Burkhardt said warily as the Bears got set. "Fourth-and-goal. They give it to Hicks! He's in! It's 'The Fridge Part 2!' He lied to us, Charles!"

"With a straight face!" Davis said, later adding that "when we see Mr. Hicks again next time, we'll question his word and congratulate him."

"Had a feeling," Burkhardt said. "Didn't you just have a feeling the way that all went? Even Matt Nagy said, 'Wellllll, we may have a wrinkle or two for the defensive guys.'"

Wellllll, of course he did. Bears radio voice Jeff Joniak acknowledged on WBBM-AM 780/WCFS-FM 105.9 the defensive players coming into the game on offense, but he mentioned Hicks' backfield presence only as the ball was snapped and handed to him.

"'Fridge' revisited!" Joniak said. "Akiem Hicks punctures the goal line, and the Bears have the lead! Akiem's got that baby rocking under his right arm. He's not giving that bad boy up ever. He is mobbed on the sideline. Akiem Hicks with a thunder run on fourth down, and the Bears have the lead here in Jersey."

Tom Thayer, Joniak's on-air partner, could be heard trying to get in a word edge-wise. When he finally got his chance, he recalled blocking for Perry.

"The only thing you thought about as an offensive lineman was to complete your block with movement so he doesn't drill his helmet in the middle of your back," Thayer said. "I'm sure the left-hand side of



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Akiem Hicks had "that baby rocking under his right arm" after scoring a touchdown, according to Jeff Joniak's radio call.

the line had the same thought ... because big Akiem, you don't want him driving that large helmet in your rib cage."

Giants radio announcer Bob Papa was quick to notice the Bears were "bringing in some of their big bodies," including "Akiem Hicks as one of the blockers."

Or ... "Bears quarterback Chase Daniel gives to Hicks and he's in for the touchdown ... and Akiem Hicks is being mobbed by his teammates," Papa said. "It's not often a 332-pound defensive lineman gets a snap on offense."

"Shades of Refrigerator Perry," said Giants analyst Carl Banks, who added that "the offensive coaches of this league have no problem accessing the archives (so) defensive coordinators are going to have to do the same."

Papa, like the Giants defense, got a bit tripped up on the Bears' game-tying trick-play touchdown as time expired in regulation to send the game to overtime.

He and Banks correctly identified the fact the 5-6 Tarik Cohen (or "29," as Banks kept referring to him) would play a role. Not exactly clairvoyant given how 29 already had played. But Papa missed the handoff to Trey Burton, who tossed to Cohen, who threw to Anthony Miller for

the score.

As with other Bears scores, it was an opportunity for the Giants radio crew to review the team's defensive miscues setting up the scoring play.

"That's calling it like it is," Banks said. Bears commentator Thayer never seemed to doubt the game was headed to overtime.

"No way to stop it," he said just before the Miller touchdown play, which the Bears dubbed "Oompa Loompa."

"Shotgun snap," Joniak said, urgency clear in his cadence. "Handoff to Burton. To Cohen. To throw. To the end zone. And it's caught! For the touchdown, Anthony Miller from Tarik Cohen! And Matt Nagy pulls another trick out of his bag!"

On TV, Davis called it "another Chicago Special," an allusion to the "Philly Special," the play that helped the Eagles win the Super Bowl in February.

Burkhardt quickly corrected him, pointing out that the Philly Special had Burton, then an Eagle, throwing the pass.

Burton this time, Burkhardt said, "became the initiator off of the handoff (with) the toss to Cohen, and look at that: (Cohen) sets another record — for the smallest player in NFL history to throw a touchdown pass."

Which just goes to show that, when it comes to preparation, Fox's Burkhardt and Davis are ready for eventualities both big and small.

Ratings on the rise: Three-quarters through the regular season, the Bears' household ratings in the Chicago TV market are up 37.8 percent from last year at the 12-game mark.

The 2017 Bears, who were 3-9 en route to a 5-11 finish, averaged a 20.1 household TV rating in the Chicago area through the first 12 games. The 2018 Bears, who are 8-4 and lead the second-place Vikings by 1½ games, have averaged a 27.7 household rating locally, which represents almost 900,630 homes.

Sunday's loss to the Giants averaged a 26.3 household rating — or about 855,000 Chicago-area homes — and peaked in the final 15 minutes at 30.1 as the Bears tried to win in overtime.

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5 things about Boylen

Jim Boylen is the new Bulls head coach. Even though he has been Fred Hoiberg's assistant since 2015, you might not know a lot about him.

1. No, not that Jim Boylan

This is confusing. Jim Boylen is the new Bulls coach and never has been the Bulls coach (if you don't count that Easter Sunday when he filled in for an ill Hoiberg). Jim Boylan, however, was the Bulls interim head coach in 2007-08. The two actually worked together at Michigan State. Boylan was Scott Skiles' longtime right-hand man and went 24-32 down the stretch of the 2007-08 season. Boylan almost fared well enough to keep the job. But as the Bulls lucked into drafting Derrick Rose that offseason, John Paxson began a coaching search that ultimately netted Vinny Del Negro.

2. Born in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Boylen, 53, graduated from East Grand Rapids High School and went to the University of Maine. As a player at Maine, he was first-team All-North Atlantic. His senior year in 1986-87, he scored 19 points and had eight assists as Maine upset Michigan State at home, the same season he finished runner-up to the late Reggie Lewis for conference player of the year.

3. Has three championship rings

He earned two of those working under Rudy Tomjanovich when the Hakeem Olajuwon-led Rockets interrupted the Bulls dynasty, and he got one with the Spurs as an assistant in 2014.

4. Head coach at Utah from '07 to '11

He compiled a 69-60 record with the Utes. Before that he was an assistant at Michigan State from 2005 to '07 and 1987 to '92. He also served as an assistant with the Bucks (2004-05), Warriors (2003-04) and Rockets (1992-03).

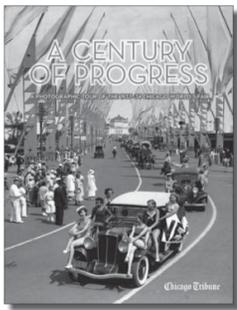
5. Named Bulls assistant coach in '15

The Bulls hired him after he spent two years with the Spurs as an assistant to Gregg Popovich. "He bleeds the game," Popovich said. "He loves the game and is a great source of knowledge. He's an unbelievable worker and loyal friend. He's just a genuinely great guy."

— Tim Bannon

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Paxson has faith in Boylen

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Looking at the Eastern Conference standings makes it easy to understand why the 5-19 Bulls would fire Hoiberg, even in early December with an injury-depleted roster. But Paxson prefers the players to look within themselves to take responsibility for what has happened and find the missing element. Dressed in a gray two-tone sweatshirt with "RUN WITH US" across the front, Paxson expressed the need to see something no basketball metric can measure. In Paxson's mind, the Bulls rank too low across the league in intangibles and lack the identity he wants. Paxson sounded like a guy more concerned with his roster's tenacity than its talent, the Bulls' collective approach more than individual ability.

"This decision was not based on our record, plain and simple," Paxson said. "We were in a similar situation last year at this time. Poor record. But the entire energy about this group was different then. What we're lacking is an energy and spirit. It's not as simple as saying we would've gotten that with healthy players."

Hoiberg never coached a fully healthy Bulls team this season, never saw how the trio of Zach LaVine, Lauri Markkanen and Wendell Carter Jr. — the Bulls' Big Three — would play together in his space-and-pace offensive system.

Along those lines, Bulls history will show Hoiberg never really received a fair opportunity to prove whether he could coach at the NBA level after general manager Gar Forman lured him off the campus of Iowa State in 2015. Hoiberg's first team contained too many square pegs for the round holes of his offense. His second was marred by the dysfunctional so-called leadership of Jimmy Butler and Dwyane Wade. His third team tanked the final portion of last season. Consequently, the narrative constantly changed under Hoiberg and the Bulls never enjoyed continuity. They never built momentum that carried over from one season to the next. Yet the front office that forced Hoiberg on the franchise concluded it had seen enough 24 games into his fourth season, essentially hitting reset on the rebuild that began on the night the Bulls traded Butler in June 2017.

No one thing about Hoiberg's laissez-faire coaching style this season pushed Paxson over the brink. Not LaVine disrespectfully waving Hoiberg off late in a final possession to take a step-back, 25-foot 3-pointer during a loss to the Spurs. Not Carter, all of 19, making public pleas for leadership the teenager couldn't have realized indicted his coach. Not a singular empty stare or easy transition basket that underscored the Bulls' embarrassing commitment to defense. Conventional wisdom says a coach at any level can control two things: effort and attitude. And those traits too often were inconsistent for



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Jim Boylen meets the media Monday at the Advocate Center to discuss his new appointment as the coach of the Bulls.

the Bulls under Hoiberg. Everything would be easier for Hoiberg to accept if Paxson bemoaned his team's lack of athleticism or depth, but, in a more stinging rebuke, he questioned his team's "competitive spirit" under the coach.

"It was about what we were seeing internally," Paxson said. "So many small things."

They can add up to big problems. The irony: The college coach the Bulls hired three years ago ultimately couldn't get through to players, so they replaced him with an NBA lifer hoping to quicken the team's pulse.

"He's a coach that has paid his dues in this league," Paxson said of Boylen. "He has a passion and energy that I think our players will respond to."

Passive is out at the United Center. Passionate is in — again. The Bulls hired a highly regarded longtime NBA assistant known for his defensive prowess expected to sharpen the edge of a team badly in need of structure, similar words spoken the day in June 2010 when the Bulls introduced Tom Thibodeau. Hopefully, Boylen will be nicer to the secretaries in the building.

Thibodeau won at a historic rate, but the Bulls fired him in 2015 because his personality eventually proved too irascible. Hoiberg's message slowly became irrelevant. If the Bulls are wrong about Boylen, a smart coach with a strong reputation, then the next voice everybody tunes out will be Paxson's.

"The right decision at the right time," Paxson insisted.

This time, it better be.

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New Bulls coach Jim Boylen observes practice at Advocate Center on Monday after Fred Hoiberg was dismissed after three-plus seasons.

Golden opportunity

No interim tag for Boylen, who will get chance to put his stamp on the Bulls

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Last summer, Jim Boylen spent the better part of three days with Phil Jackson.

Boylen, then preparing for his first head coaching interview with Michael Jordan's Hornets, visited to talk coaching philosophies and to soak up whatever he could from the most decorated coach in NBA history.

When the get-together ended, Jackson contacted Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf to share how impressed he was.

Boylen isn't carrying an "interim" tag on his newly minted head coach title with the Bulls, who fired Fred Hoiberg on Monday. Boylen also has every chance to keep the job. Team sources said Boylen's already hefty associate head coach salary for next season — just shy of \$1 million — will be "looked at" for possible renegotiation.

"We've obviously gotten to know Jim well over his time here, and he's a coach that has paid his dues in this league," executive vice president John Paxson said of Boylen, who was hired away from the Spurs shortly after Hoiberg became coach in 2015. "He has been an assistant for some of the

best coaches in the league. We think he's got the intangibles to be a really good head coach in this league. He has a passion and an energy to him that I think our players will respond to. I think he'll be able to take his personality and get these guys to buy in to what he's doing.

"He's a teacher of the game. And when you have a young basketball team you need a coach and a staff that can drill down to the fundamentals. He has a philosophy. He has a belief system in who he is and how he wants to play."

Boylen, who said Lauri Markkanen will start over Jabari Parker on Tuesday and that Windy City Bulls assistant Dean Cooper will be added to the otherwise intact assistant coaching staff, detailed that belief system by stating what he believes are the 5-19 Bulls' biggest issues.

Defensive rebounding. Transition defense. Offensive execution. Better screening, passing and cutting. More physicality.

"I don't think anyone has a better vantage point of who this team is, what it was, what it can be than me," Boylen said. "And from the experiences that I've had and where I've been, who I've been with, I'm going to try and use all

that to make us into a better ball club and to build our culture in a positive way."

Boylen should get a natural boost from the imminent returns of Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis, which will come shortly after Markkanen made his season debut Saturday. But Boylen said the Bulls' issues extended beyond personnel.

"I wasn't raised that way to think that you can't box a guy out whether you're 6-1 or 6-8," he said. "We have to do our technique better. We have to be more physical. We have to care about it more. And that's what I hope I can help us do."

It's a coincidence that Boylen's first game is against the Pacers in Indiana, where he served two seasons as Frank Vogel's lead assistant from 2011-13. Boylen, 53, also has worked for Rudy Tomjanovich in Houston and Gregg Popovich in San Antonio, helping the Rockets with two championships and the Spurs another. Boylen was in his 21st season as an NBA assistant, and he has been a college assistant at Michigan State and a head coach at Utah.

Boylen went 69-60 with one NCAA tournament appearance in four seasons at Utah from 2007-11, and he won an April Fool's Day matinee over the Wizards last season when he stepped in for an ill Hoiberg.

"I think I'm a little more

passionate in-game coach than maybe Fred is," Boylen said. "You might see a different style of play at the offensive end.

"You have to put your handprint on it and make it yours, but we also have to understand there's a shock involved with the team. You've got a new voice and a new coach. The great thing about it is I have relationships with our guys. I put the time into our guys. And I feel like we can make this adjustment together."

Boylen detailed how in recent offseasons he has visited Markkanen in Finland, Dunn in Connecticut and Jimmy Butler in California to build relationships. He has publicly stated his ambition to land a head coaching job, which led to some speculation he undermined Hoiberg.

Boylen, who thanked Hoiberg, Hoiberg's family, the Reinsdorfs, Paxson and Gar Forman, emphatically rejected that theory.

"The perception may be there, but I've proven every day on this practice floor with this team my loyalty and devotion to Fred. And I busted my hump for him — rightfully so. That's my job," Boylen said. "Fred was loved by these guys. Fred is a wonderful person and they knew that he cared about them.

"Fred and I talked this morning. Fred said he's disappointed but, 'I'm happy for you.' That's the kind of guy he is."



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Gar Forman, right, remains the Bulls general manager after the dismissal of coach Fred Hoiberg.

Paxson reiterates Forman's job is safe

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Jim Boylen is the fifth Bulls head coach the managerial regime of John Paxson and Gar Forman has hired, following Scott Skiles, Vinny Del Negro, Tom Thibodeau and Fred Hoiberg, who was fired Monday.

Before the season, team President Michael Reinsdorf, in an interview with the Tribune, reiterated ownership's belief in the front office. And nothing about Monday changed that stance, per team sources.

Paxson, the team's vice president of basketball operations, addressed Forman's job security as general manager after practice.

"Gar is absolutely safe," Paxson said.

Paxson also forcefully shot down the belief that Forman single-handedly hired Hoiberg, whom the organization targeted to replace Thibodeau for months in a poorly kept secret that fell under the guise of a coaching search.

"First of all, the belief that Gar solely made that decision was wrong and always has been," Paxson said. "Those are reports. We can't battle everything. I was 100 percent on board with hiring Fred. Jerry and Michael (Reinsdorf) were 100 percent on board with hiring Fred. I work with Gar every day. I understand his internal value to this organization."

Forman sat to the side as Paxson addressed reporters.

"As far as speaking, I'm the spokesman as the executive vice president of the Bulls," Paxson said. "Gar has a role. We work in tandem together. We make decisions together.

"But I'm the person who will stand up in front and talk about why we do certain things. That's just the way it is. It's not that he's not talking because he doesn't want to. It's because I choose to speak for this organization. And I feel passionately about his role with us.

"We've made some great decisions in terms of young personnel the last couple years. And as we have the opportunity to make more decisions, he'll be front and center. We'll work in tandem and we hope to do the right thing."

Michael Reinsdorf also sat to the side as Paxson spoke. Here's what Reinsdorf told the Tribune in October about management:

"I have a lot of confidence in John and Gar. I think they've done a great job," he said. "We made the decision to rebuild. And they secured the best possible deal. I was really happy with that trade. We took the 30th pick in Jimmy Butler and turned it into Zach (LaVine), Kris (Dunn) and Lauri (Markkanen). That is pretty impressive. I think if you look at their history of our drafts over the years and you compare to other teams in the league, we're near the top.

"Jimmy Butler was a really good pick. We drafted Taj Gibson at 26. Bobby Portis was 22nd, and look at who was drafted after him. You're going to make some mistakes. But you also have to recognize the successes.

"I also think they've done a great job from a financial management perspective. ... I think they've done a really good job of managing the cap and allowing us to have financial flexibility. This year is a perfect example: If we don't put ourselves in position to have financial flexibility, we're not able to sign Jabari Parker. Overall, I think they've done a really good job and we have the utmost confidence they're going to get us back to a championship level."

Boylen replaces Hoiberg

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you're pushing them to certain limits, players will respond to that."

In touting Boylen's strengths, Paxson made clear what he viewed as the weaknesses of Hoiberg, who, upon replacing Thibodeau in 2015 was presented as a creative offensive mind and the missing piece to a championship-ready roster.

Instead, that season quickly devolved because of a divided locker room and a team on its last legs. Jimmy Butler called out Hoiberg to coach harder and hold players accountable, and the Bulls missed the playoffs as the difficult circumstances that landed on Hoiberg's plate were too much to overcome.

"You can have a team that plays hard every night no matter who you put out there," Paxson said. "That's energy and passion right there. You have to get your guys to buy in and be connected. Fred was here for three-plus years. Unless you're in it every day and you're in this building and you're on airplanes and in locker rooms after games, there are many intangibles. For us to sit here and think that just because we're getting (injured) guys back, I think that would've masked the problems that we've seen. Then we wouldn't have made good decisions going forward.

"We gave Fred opportunities. And he did a lot of good things for us. But I'm tasked with, (general manager) Gar (Forman) is tasked with, looking at the underlying things in an organization. And if you don't think competitive spirit is important for an organization or basketball team, then you're wrong. And we were lacking that."

Hoiberg, who compiled a 115-155 record with one first-round playoff exit, arrived at the team's

practice facility Monday morning prepared to run the 11 a.m. practice. Despite knowing he'd be under the microscope this season and feeling some recent isolation from management, Hoiberg was caught off guard by the firing, working under the impression he'd at least get time to work with a relatively healthy roster.

Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen each have played one game this season. Bobby Portis has played four. And Denzel Valentine is out for the season following left ankle surgery.

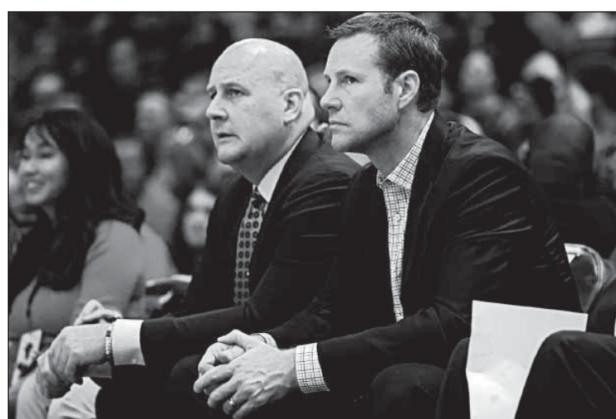
"It wouldn't have been based on if we'd gotten guys back and gone on a winning streak. That's not what it was about," Paxson said. "It was about what we were seeing internally and the vibe and the energy that was in this building."

The widespread injuries forced Hoiberg to play back-of-roster players, some of whom are more suited for the G League than the NBA. But Paxson disputed a question about how Hoiberg's player development, which was lauded by management last season, the first of a full rebuild following the Butler trade, could be judged now with so many core players injured.

"He did a good job with the individual players," Paxson said. "But it's about more than individual development."

Boylen said he found out about his new job Sunday night. According to sources, the Bulls wanted to give him time to prepare for Monday's practice while waiting to fire Hoiberg face-to-face to offer a human element.

"(The decision) was made most difficult because all of us in this organization like Fred Hoiberg a lot," Paxson said. "He's a great person, handles himself with class, he was respected by every-



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Associate head coach Jim Boylen, left, and coach Fred Hoiberg watch the Bulls get destroyed by the Raptors 122-83 on Nov. 17.

body. We also acknowledge that Fred had to deal with a lot of difficult circumstances.

"But this decision wasn't based on our record. We were in a similar situation last year at this time. Poor record. But the entire energy about this group was different then. ... You have to be able to get your identity across to your team."

For Hoiberg's second season, management added Rajon Rondo and Dwyane Wade in free agency. Neither player was well-suited for Hoiberg's preferred offensive philosophy that emphasizes outside shooting. Nevertheless, Hoiberg guided the Bulls to a 2-0 lead in a first-round playoff series over the second-seeded Celtics before Rondo fractured his thumb and the Celtics won four straight.

Last season, the Bulls finished 27-55 but drew praise throughout the league for their competitiveness and player development. Hoiberg also adroitly managed the preseason fistfight between Portis and Nikola Mirotic, when Portis drew an eight-game suspension for breaking two bones in

Mirotic's face. Mirotic missed 23 games, but both players played well after that until Mirotic was traded to the Pelicans in January.

Perhaps that's why so many coaches rallied to Hoiberg's defense.

"Fred never had a chance without really any talent to work with to build something," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said.

Hoiberg initially will decompress but still wants to coach, preferably at the NBA level, a source said. His five-year, \$25 million contract runs through next season and is fully guaranteed, sources said, which means he'll be paid by the Bulls until he lands another job.

Hoiberg once worked as an assistant GM for the Timberwolves and is still highly regarded by owner Glen Taylor. That franchise is weighing the dual executive and coaching roles of Tom Thibodeau, who regularly is booed at home games despite winning since his own Butler trade.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
						LAR 7:20 NBC-5, AM-780	
	@IND 6 NBCSCH, AM-670			OKC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670	BOS 7 WGN-9, AM-670		SAC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670
	@ANA 9:30 WGN-9, AM-720		@VGK 9 NBCSCH, AM-720			MTL 5 NBCSCH, AM-720	

TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	
6 p.m. Bulls at Pacers	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
8 p.m. Spurs at Jazz	NBA TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
5:30 p.m. New Hampshire at Seton Hall	FS1
6 p.m. Indiana at Penn State	BTN
6 p.m. Notre Dame vs. Oklahoma	ESPN, WMVP-AM 1000
6 p.m. Providence at Boston College	ESPN2
7:30 p.m. UTEP at Marquette	FS1
8 p.m. Michigan at Northwestern	BTN, WGN-AM 720
8 p.m. West Virginia vs. Florida	ESPN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
6 p.m. UConn at Saint Louis	CBSSN
NHL	
6:30 p.m. Maple Leafs at Sabres	NBCSN
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER	
1:55 p.m. Watford vs. Manchester City	NBCSN

LATEST LINE

NBA	
<i>pregame.com</i>	
at Indiana	8½
at Miami	2½
at Dallas	1½
at Sacramento	6½
at Utah	6
at Phoenix	6
at San Antonio	6
COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
at Boston Coll.	3
at Dayton	14
at Penn St.	2½
at Miami	4
at Syracuse	11
at Cincinnati	11
at Cincinnati	6½
at Bradley	4
at Alabama	8
at Evansville	11
at Missouri	11½
at Marquette	6½
at Michigan	6½
at Oklahoma	3½
at Florida	1½
at Providence	14
at Detroit	14
at Indiana	14
at Pennsylvania	4
at Northeastern	11
at N. Kentucky	11
at Yngstown St.	6
at Uair	4
at Georgia St.	4
at Arkansas St.	2
at UTEP	11½
at Northwestern	6½
at Notre Dame	3½
at W. Virginia	1½

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE												
ATLANTIC			GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	28	20	7	1	41	108	80	11-4-0	9-3-1	7-2-0		
Toronto	27	19	8	0	38	98	70	9-5-0	10-3-0	3-2-0		
Buffalo	28	17	8	3	37	86	78	9-2-1	8-6-2	6-3-1		
Boston	26	14	8	4	32	71	64	9-3-0	5-5-4	6-3-1		
Montreal	27	12	10	5	29	83	72	7-3-2	6-6-1	2-3-4		
Detroit	27	12	12	3	27	76	87	7-6-2	5-6-1	3-5-1		
Ottawa	27	12	12	3	27	98	109	9-4-2	3-8-1	5-5-1		
Philadelphia	25	10	10	5	25	82	91	5-4-3	5-6-2	3-1-3		
New Jersey	26	9	12	5	23	75	91	7-2-4	2-10-1	4-4-1		
METRO												
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV			
Washington	26	15	8	3	33	95	83	8-4-2	7-4-1	5-2-1		
Columbus	26	15	9	2	32	90	83	7-4-1	8-5-1	3-3-1		
N.Y. Islanders	25	13	9	3	29	83	77	7-3-2	7-3-2	4-3-1		
N.Y. Rangers	28	13	12	3	29	80	88	10-4-1	3-8-2	2-4-1		
Carolina	26	12	10	4	28	66	71	7-4-3	5-6-1	3-3-1		
Pittsburgh	25	10	10	5	25	83	84	5-6-2	5-4-3	2-5-1		
Philadelphia	25	11	12	2	24	76	88	5-7-1	6-5-1	3-3-0		
New Jersey	26	9	12	5	23	75	91	7-2-4	2-10-1	4-4-1		

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL												
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV			
Nashville	28	19	8	1	39	90	67	11-5-0	8-3-1	6-2-0		
Colorado	27	16	6	5	37	99	73	6-2-3	10-4-2	3-3-1		
Winnipeg	26	16	8	2	34	91	77	9-3-2	7-5-0	5-3-0		
Dallas	28	15	10	3	33	78	72	9-3-1	6-7-2	1-2-1		
Minnesota	26	14	10	2	30	83	76	8-4-2	6-6-0	6-3-0		
Chicago	28	9	14	5	23	77	104	5-5-3	4-9-2	4-3-1		
St. Louis	25	9	13	2	21	74	85	6-1-1	3-6-2	3-6-3		
PACIFIC												
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV			
Calgary	27	16	9	2	34	91	76	8-3-2	8-6-0	6-4-0		
Anaheim	29	14	10	5	33	70	83	7-3-5	7-7-0	5-3-2		
San Jose	28	13	10	5	31	85	89	8-3-2	5-7-3	4-2-1		
Vegas	28	14	13	1	29	82	78	7-3-1	7-10-0	7-2-1		
Edmonton	27	13	12	2	28	71	83	7-4-1	6-8-1	3-3-1		
Arizona	25	12	11	2	26	66	66	6-6-1	6-5-1	2-2-1		
Vancouver	29	11	15	3	25	82	102	5-6-1	6-9-2	3-5-1		
Los Angeles	27	10	16	1	21	58	82	6-8-1	4-8-0	3-4-1		

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL GLANCE			
DATES	BOWL	SITE	TEAMS
D15	Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)
D15	Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. La-Lafay. (7-6)
D15	New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah St (10-2)
D15	Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St (7-5)
D15	Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. So. (9-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)
D15	New Orleans	New Orleans	MTSU (8-5) vs. Appalachian St (10-2)
D18	Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB (10-3) vs. North Illinois (8-5)
D19	Frisco	Frisco, Tex.	San Diego St (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4)
D20	Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)
D21	Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)
D21	Idaho Potato	Boise	W. Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)
D22	Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)
D22	Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (9-2)
D22	Dollar General	Mobil, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)
D22	Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)
D26	SERVPRO	Dallas	Boston Coll. (7-5) vs. Boise St (10-3)
D26	Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)
D26	Cheez-It	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)
D27	Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)
D27	Pinstripe	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)
D27	Texas	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)
D28	Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)
D28	Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)
D28	Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St (8-4) vs. Wash. St (10-2)
D29	Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)
D29	Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)
D29	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	Ark. St (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5)
D29	Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)
D29	Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Alabama (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)
D31	Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)
D31	Sun	El Paso, Texas	Stanford (8-2) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)
D31	Redbox	San Antonio, Calif.	Michigan St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)
D31	Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St (6-6)
D31	Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)
D31	Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)
J1	Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)
J1	Citrus	Orlando	Kentucky (9-3) vs. Penn St (9-3)
J1	Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)
J1	Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St (12-1)
J1	Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2)
J1	CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners

OTHER BOWLS

J19	Shrine	St. Petersburg, Fla.	East vs. West
J19	Collegiate	Pasadena, Calif.	American vs. National
J26	Senior	Mobil, Ala.	North vs. South

FCS PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	
Maine (9-3) at Weber State (10-2), 7	
TURSDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	
Colgate (10-1) at	
North Dakota State (12-0), 11*	
South Dakota State (9-2)	
at Kansas State (11-1), 1	
UC Davis (10-2) at	
Eastern Washington (10-2), 3	
DIV. II PLAYOFFS	
SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS	
Notre Dame (Ohio) (13-0)	
at Valdosta State (12-0), 11*	
Ferris State (14-0)	
at Minnesota State-Mankato (13-0), 2	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED			
1. Gonzaga (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Wednesday.			
2. Kansas (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Tuesday.			
3. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Hartford, Wednesday.			
4. Virginia (8-0) beat Morgan State 83-45. Next: vs. UConn, Sunday.			
5. Michigan (8-0) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Tuesday.			
6. Nevada (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Arizona State, Friday.			
7. Tennessee (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Gonzaga, Sunday.			
8. Auburn (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. UNC Asheville, Tuesday.			
9. Kentucky (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.			
10. Michigan State (7-2) beat No. 18 Iowa 90-68. Next: at Florida, Saturday.			
11. Florida State (7-1) beat Troy 83-67. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.			
12. Wisconsin (8-1) beat Rutgers 69-64. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.			
13. Texas Tech (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.			
14. North Carolina (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. UNC Wilmington, Wednesday.			
15. Virginia Tech (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. VMI, Wednesday.			
16. Kansas State (6-1) did not play. Next: at Tulsa, Saturday.			
17. Buffalo (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Le Moyne, Wednesday.			
18. Iowa (6-2) lost to No. 10 Michigan State 90-68. Next: vs. Iowa State, Thursday.			
19. Ohio State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Wednesday.			
20. Arizona State (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Nevada, Friday.			
21. Villanova (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Wednesday.			
22. Mississippi State (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. McNeese, Tuesday.			
23. Maryland (7-1) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Thursday.			
24. Nebraska (7-1) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.			
25. Furman (8-0) did not play. Next: at Elon, Tuesday.			

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED			
1. UConn (7-0) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Tuesday.			
2. Notre Dame (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.			
3. Oregon (7-0) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Sunday.			
4. Baylor (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Morehead State, Wednesday, Dec. 12.			
5. Louisville (8-0) did not play. Next: at UT Martin, Tuesday.			
6. Mississippi State (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Marquette, Thursday.			
7. Maryland (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. James Madison, Saturday.			
8. Oregon State (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Sunday.			
9. Tennessee (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stetson, Wednesday.			
10. N.C. State (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Hampton, Wednesday.			
11. Stanford (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Bay State, Saturday, Dec. 15.			
12. Texas (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Tennessee, Sunday.			
13. California (7-0) did not play. Next: at Saint Mary's, Wednesday.			
14. Minnesota (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Incarnate Word, Saturday.			
15. Syracuse (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland Eastern Shore, Wednesday.			
16. Iowa (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.			
17. Arizona State (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern University, Friday.			
18. Marquette (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Mississippi State, Thursday.			
19. Kentucky (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Bay State, Saturday.			
20. DePaul (4-5) beat Temple 102-88. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.			
21. Drake (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Clarke, Tuesday.			
22. South Carolina (4-4) did not play. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Wednesday.			
23. Missouri (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. UMKC, Thursday.			
24. Gonzaga (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Sunday.			
25. Miami (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. New Orleans, Sunday.			



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Travis Hamonic of the Flames is flattened after receiving an elbow from Chris Kunitz of the Blackhawks on Sunday night at the United Center.

BLACKHAWKS

Penalties have been killers

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

After Sunday's 3-2 loss to the Flames, Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton said he still didn't have answers to many of the issues that plague his team.

"I don't know these guys that well that I can look into their psyches," he said. "But I do think they were trying to do the right things."

One of the steps the Hawks could take is to cut back on costly penalties and continue to improve their power play.

On Sunday, the Hawks were shorthanded because of an ejection for a second game in a row. Chris Kunitz was back in the lineup after four straight healthy scratches, but he was ejected in

the second period for elbowing Flames defenseman Travis Hamonic.

They tried to kill a five-minute penalty, but the Flames took advantage and scored two goals in two minutes for a 3-1 lead.

In the previous game against the Predators, defenseman Duncan Keith was ejected after fighting.

"A seven-minute power play and a five-minute power play aren't easy to kill off," Dylan Strome said after Sunday's game. "They scored one in Nashville and scored two tonight. It's a long time to kill."

"Our killers have been doing a great job blocking shots and the (defensemen) have been getting pucks out. I think our kill's been great. It's a long time to kill and

they're going to get chances. Obviously the refs made their decision, but that's the way it goes and hopefully we don't have to kill such a long one off next game."

One positive, captain Jonathan Toews said, is that some of the penalties have come from teammates standing up for themselves or others.

"We'd love to argue with the officials on how they came up with those decisions, but it is what it is," he said. "Sometimes when you're standing up for a teammate or you're standing up for yourself, it's just a little bit of fight that we want to see in our guys. We'll find a way to kill off those penalties."

The Hawks have allowed power-play goals in five straight games and seven of the last eight. Strome helped the Hawks at-

tempt to break out of another type of slump.

Heading into the Flames game, the Hawks were 0-for-13 on power-play opportunities in the previous six games. They started 0-for-2 Sunday, but Strome found the net with a backhanded goal in the second period.

"We had a couple looks," Colliton said. "Structurally we can still do more, I think just making a few more plays. But we did win some battles and out of that we created a few chances. Nice to get one off the rush there; we had another chance off the rush there in the third, too, so those count also. We wouldn't mind creating a few more of those."

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WHITE SOX

After 40 years, Sox trainer transitions to emeritus role

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

Most of Herm Schneider's life has been consumed with being on time and in the right spot. As a result, he was able to prolong the careers of Bo Jackson and Robin Ventura and even save the life of Greg Walker.

But as Schneider transitions into a new position as head trainer emeritus after 40 seasons as head trainer of the White Sox, he's not sure where he and his wife, Janet, will travel when they enjoy their first summer weekend off.

"We'll go find somewhere," Schneider, 67, said during a conference call Monday, shortly after the Sox announced the longest-tenured head trainer in the majors would be shifting to a less hectic role at his request.

Just as analytics has infiltrated player evaluations, so have modern methods permeated training over the course of Schneider's 42 major-league seasons that started as an assistant trainer with George Steinbrenner's Yankees in 1977.

Training staffs have expanded to include strength and conditioning coordinators, physical therapists, massage therapists and nutritionists.

"If there are a lot (more) spokes in the wheel than there were," Schneider insisted, "(it's a) good thing for the players."

But after this year's All-Star break, Schneider started to wonder if a younger trainer might be more beneficial to the organization. Those feelings had grown stronger by the end of the season, and he conveyed them to top executives Ken Williams and Rick Hahn despite a "very generous" two-year offer to remain head trainer.

"I thought it was time for a younger person to step in and be able to relate and deal, not that I couldn't," Schneider said. "I felt like it was the right time. All of us, sooner or later, will know when it's the right time to walk away or do something a little different."

There are no assurances the rest of the medical staff will remain intact. Either way, the adjustment will be tougher for the Sox than for Schneider. From 2012 to '18, the

Sox used the disabled list 185 times for 9,057 days missed — the lowest totals in the majors. They led the American League eight times during Schneider's tenure in fewest player days missed and were second four times.

Then there was the miraculous recovery of Jackson, who played three seasons with an artificial hip thanks to the rehab Schneider supervised after Jackson suffered a career-ending football injury in a 1991 game with the Raiders.

"Without his athletic training assistance, I would never have gotten back on the field to play baseball," Jackson said in a statement. "He is dedicated to his trade, and he sacrificed over half of his life to make sure thousands could have the quality of life that he should be enjoying."

Ventura broke an ankle in a 1997 spring training game and was feared lost for the season, but Schneider's program got him back on the field in four months.

Walker suffered a seizure during batting practice before a game in 1988, requiring Schneider to smash Walker's teeth so he could pull his tongue out of his throat after his jaw was shut tight.

"If Herm doesn't do what he did, Greg's gone," Sox manager Jim Fregosi told the Tribune's Bob Verdi at the time.

Schneider also helped alleviate a life-threatening situation in April after reliever Danny Farquhar suffered a brain aneurysm.

If Schneider ever showed his restlessness, it would occur in a hotel lobby if a member of their lunch party would arrive late.

Punctuality was important to Schneider in his effort to fulfill players' needs — from stretching the back of Hall of Famer Jim Thome to working on the hamstring of a backup infielder.

That often meant leaving his Naperville home around 10:15 a.m. for a night game and not leaving the park until around midnight.

"I'd rather be an hour early than a minute late," Schneider said.

Finally, he'll have time to plan that well-deserved vacation.

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Pat Fitzgerald was promoted to be Northwestern coach by Mark Murphy, now president and CEO of the Packers.

Will Packers take look at Fitzgerald?

Northwestern, from Page 1

establish the Wildcats as a football contender, taking them all the way the Big Ten championship game Saturday against Ohio State. In 13 seasons, he has 95 wins and has led Northwestern to eight bowl games."

The high-octane part is a stretch, given that over the last three seasons, the NU offense has ranked 87th, 56th and 107th in scoring and 73rd, 55th and 106th in yards.

But the connections are legit. Murphy had the vision to make Fitzgerald the youngest FBS coach at 31.

Murphy and his personnel officials are so fond of Northwestern players, they have four on the 53-man roster: safety Ibraheim Campbell, fullback Danny Vitale, defensive tackle Tyler Lancaster and defensive end Dean Lowry.

Fitzgerald's agent, Bryan Harlan, is the son of legendary Packers executive Bob Harlan, who hired Murphy in December 2007 to succeed him as CEO and who remains the team's chairman emeritus.

Murphy on Sunday fired Mike McCarthy, surprising many in the league by sacking the team's Super Bowl-winning coach of 13 seasons with four games to play.

Murphy installed offensive coordinator Joe Philbin as inter-

im head coach and said, "We will immediately begin the process of selecting the next head coach of the Green Bay Packers."

The Journal Sentinel reported that the Packers made the move now in part to "get a jump on identifying and researching potential candidates."

"We have history and tradition," Murphy said at a news conference Monday afternoon. "The resources we have available for coaches — it's an attractive job."

Fitzgerald replied to a text for comment by saying he's out recruiting and adding, "GO CATS!"

NU football is essentially off this week after returning from Indianapolis, where the Wildcats put a scare into Ohio State in the Big Ten title game before falling 45-24.

Fitzgerald signed a 10-year extension in 2017 that pays him well. He is believed to make between \$3.5 million and \$4 million and has tight relationships with athletic director Jim Phillips and university President Morton Schapiro. Northwestern also has among the best athletic facilities in the nation, having opened the \$270 million Ryan Fieldhouse and Walter Athletics Center this year.

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BEARS NOTES

Trubisky 'better,' soon could practice

BY DAN WIEDERER
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Chicago Tribune

Bears coach Matt Nagy wouldn't say Monday whether he expects injured quarterback Mitch Trubisky to return to practice in full this week.

With the Bears preparing to host the Rams on Sunday night at Soldier Field, Trubisky's availability will be a big deal. But Nagy kept his update at surface level during his news conference at Halas Hall.

"He's getting better and he's feeling better," Nagy said. "And so I think it's only fair for today, tomorrow and the next couple of days to go by that. We just keep seeing him throw and we see how he feels and then he tells us. And if we feel like it's an opportunity for him to go out there and he's going to be good and safe and our team is good and safe with him in there, then that's what we'll do."

Trubisky missed the last two games with a right shoulder injury but resumed throwing in a practice setting Friday. He also did some on-field throwing Sunday morning at Met Life Stadium before the Bears officially made him inactive for the Giants game.

The Bears will return to practice Wednesday afternoon in Lake Forest. Trubisky's participation will be closely monitored and likely a strong tell toward which direction the Bears are leaning for Sunday's game.

Fumbled opportunities: The Bears didn't lose any of Chase Daniel's four fumbles Sunday, but two were unforced errors and three were real killers.

Nagy made a good point Monday about the quarterback-center exchange and ball-handling in the backfield in general: It's easy to take it for granted until there are problems. That certainly was the case after three fumbles on the Bears' overtime possession.

Knowing a touchdown would win the game, they sputtered because they either couldn't execute a shotgun snap in the drizzle or the pass protection was insufficient.

The first fumble occurred in the second quarter on third-and-2. As Daniel turned from under center to hand the ball off to Jordan Howard, he simply coughed it up. The Bears had a rare third-and-short and couldn't even execute a handoff.

In overtime, Daniel was charged with three fumbles in a span of six plays.

On second-and-3, a high-high shotgun snap was off target enough that Daniel didn't catch it. Center Cody Whitehair will undoubtedly be hard on himself about that inaccuracy. Meanwhile, Daniel put the blame on himself, saying: "Cody's worried about blocking a 350-pound defensive lineman every snap. I just have to catch the football — bottom line."

That put the Bears in third-and-12, but they overcame it with consecutive completions. As it turned out, the revival was short-lived.

On the ensuing second-and-2, the Bears lost 2 yards when an accurate shotgun snap went through Daniel's hands. The close-up replay on the Fox telecast showed Daniel's eyes dart to the right instead of looking the ball all the way in. The Bears appeared to have called a run-pass option, which probably could have picked up the first down on a short completion. Instead, it put them in third-and-4.

On that third down, linebacker Olivier Vernon timed the snap count perfectly to gain an advantage on left tackle Charles Leno. Vernon got on Leno's edge almost immediately, and Daniel never felt the pressure. He stood tall in the pocket and was stripped as he tried to throw. The Bears recovered, but it put them in a fatal fourth-and-8.

Of course, we'll never know how Trubisky would've fared in those conditions. He has had his own occasional troubles with the snap. But it's safe to say it couldn't have been much worse than Sunday's untimely gaffes.

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BEARS

Missing in action: Big-play takeaway would have helped

All things considered, defense did a good job corralling Beckham and the Giants



BRAD BIGGS
Bears rewind

When Ryan Pace watches Leonard Floyd take a free run at the quarterback like he did late in the second quarter Sunday at MetLife Stadium, it has to remind the Bears general manager why he traded up to select the outside linebacker in the first round in 2016.

The Bears moved up for fear the Giants would land Floyd, who delivered his second sack of the season, rocking Eli Manning on a twist with defensive end Akiem Hicks for a 7-yard loss. It was an example of what went right for the Bears in a 30-27 overtime loss.

There were some communication breakdowns, things defensive coordinator Vic Fangio will surely work to tighten up this week, and the secondary's tackling needs to be a little better against the run. Other than that, the only thing the Bears didn't get was the big-play takeaway or defensive touchdown like they've enjoyed this season — and it would have come in handy.

Floyd's sack was possible because Hicks ate up right guard Jamon Brown and right tackle Chad Wheeler, creating an open lane for Floyd, who closed on Manning instantly. Behind the line, the Bears were in quarter-quarter-half coverage, and inside linebacker Danny Trevathan dropped to a spot where he effectively took away both front-side options: tight end Rhett Ellison, who was in front of him, and wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr., who was running a skinny post behind him. There was no window for Manning, and he was forced to take the impact of Floyd.

Hicks and the Bears dominated the Giants front throughout the game when Manning attempted to pass, making it easier to cover Beckham on the back end. He was targeted nine times but made just three catches for 21 yards.

It's hard to tell what went wrong on Beckham's 48-yard touchdown pass to Russell Shepard, but the Bears got burned by a trick play just as they've been doing to opponents. Cornerback Prince Amukamara sank on the back side while safety Adrian Amos came up to play running back Wayne Gallman. On the front side, cornerback Kyle Fuller and safety Eddie Jackson were sucked up, and the Bears didn't have anyone in the deep middle of the field.

Beckham's 1-yard touchdown reception also came on a busted play as the Bears had miscommunication when the Giants hustled to the line of scrimmage. From a bunch formation on the front side, Beckham was able to navigate his way across the field with the Bears rushing six defenders, including nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan. Manning did a nice job of holding the ball and then lobbing it to the back of the end zone.

It was unfortunate because the Bears had stopped the Giants on three straight plays from the 1 before the Giants scored on the fourth-down play.

Magic leg: No kicker has had more success on inside kicks since the start of the 2014 season than Cody Parkey, and he picked one up late in the fourth quarter with a well-placed kick that tight end Daniel Brown recovered when the Giants didn't aggressively play the ball.

Inside kicks require a good deal of luck and wacky bounces to have a chance of success, but Parkey has been freaky good when it comes to converting them. Since the start of the 2017 season, all others attempting inside kicks are 11-for-91 (12.1 percent). In that same span, Parkey is now 5-for-6. He was 4-for-5 for the Dolphins last season with the four recoveries believed to be a single-season record. Three of them came late in games, and Parkey also converted an SOS — surprise inside — that he recovered himself.

Since Parkey's rookie season in 2014, he is 6-for-10 on inside kicks, including one recovery in 2016 for the Browns when Bears special teams coordinator Chris Tabor was his coordinator. Retired Colts punter Pat McAfee, who had a gift for on-side kicks, is next best in that span at 4-for-7. Packers kicker Mason Crosby (3-for-12) is the only other player with more than two recoveries by his team since the start of 2014.

In this instance, the Bears had three players near the boundary with linebacker Joel Iyiebuniwe on the outside, tight end Ben Braunecker next and Brown on the inside. Iyiebuniwe and Braunecker ran a little twist. Brown and Braunecker were both unblocked by the careless Giants trio of safety Curtis Riley, running back Eli Penny and tight end Rhett Ellison. Then Beckham arrived and made sure he didn't get in harm's way.

"We practice it a lot and it's a little luck," Parkey said. "Honestly, just trying to get it 10 yards and hope it goes our way."

Ground-game woes: Jordan Howard carried 13 times for 68 yards in the first half, then got only three more carries in the second half and overtime. Coach Matt Nagy explained the Giants were playing the run well and the Bears got in passing mode when they were trailing in the fourth quarter, but they seem to be coming up with new explanations each week for why they can't sustain success on the ground.

In two games with backup quarterback Chase Daniel, who struggled to get the ball downfield against the Giants, the Bears didn't commit to the run. Running back Tarik Cohen was fantastic with 12 catches for 156 yards, but both of Daniel's interceptions came on balls targeted for Cohen and the high volume of check-down and underneath routes underscored the fact Daniel wasn't seeing the field well.

It was an odd game because the defense flustered Manning and the Giants. Saquon Barkley is going to get his yards against anybody, and the draw play for 22 yards at the end of the first half was bad. But the Bears never found a rhythm or identity on offense, tinkering with the run before focusing the passing game on Cohen.

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Running back Todd Gurley and the Rams have averaged 34.9 points and 439.9 yards per game.

Defense looks to tidy up mistakes

Rams offense should provide Bears stiff challenge, prove they've learned lessons

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Giants rookie Saquon Barkley took the pitch from Eli Manning and darted through the human-sized hole created by three of his blockers.

When he reached 10 yards for the first down, he cut to the sideline and used wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. as a shield to fend off the Bears' Kyle Fuller and Eddie Jackson. He then made it another 9 yards before Jackson finally knocked him out of bounds to complete a 29-yard run to open the Giants' winning drive in overtime Sunday at MetLife Stadium.

It was one of a few big plays that will make the Bears defense cringe as they go back over the film this week of their 30-27 overtime loss. The defense started well before cracking at some key moments, but Bears coach Matt Nagy said Monday at Halas Hall he expects his group to respond accordingly.

"We have grown men," Nagy said. "We have leaders. We have guys that will be up for this challenge. ... I'm talking about the rest of the year, have zero concern with how this team will react."

The Bears need their defense to elevate its play this week if they hope to avoid their first two-game losing streak since back-to-back losses against the Dolphins and Patriots in mid-October.

Barkley, the NFL's third-leading rusher, racked up 125 yards on 24 carries, his second longest a 22-yard magic act in which he cut and swerved and surged around falling Bears defenders to help set up the Giants' 57-yard field goal to end the first half.

At about the same time Sunday, Rams running back Todd Gurley, the top rusher in the NFL, was doing his thing in Detroit against the Lions, taking 23 carries for 132 yards and two touchdowns.

Gurley comes to town for a Sunday night game at Soldier Field with a Rams team that is averaging 34.9 points and 439.9 yards of offense.

"Losing sucks, but you've got to

"You'd like to learn from winning, but that's not always the case. Sometimes when you fail, you learn a lot more."

— Jay Rodgers, Bears defensive line coach

take some of the things you experienced in that loss and know what it felt like so you don't allow it to happen again, whether it be a run here, pass rush here, big play here and there," defensive line coach Jay Rodgers said. "Why did that happen? Did it contribute to the loss? How can we fix this? Was it communication or alignment? There are a lot of things you can learn from. You'd like to learn from winning, but that's not always the case. Sometimes when you fail, you learn a lot more."

Defensive backs coach Ed Donatell added to Rodgers' comments, noting a Bears motto: "We either win or learn."

The Bears pass defense, which had the Bears' only takeaway on Kyle Fuller's sixth interception, had its own breakdowns Sunday, most notably on Beckham's passing and receiving touchdowns.

Beckham was uncovered in the

end zone, with Danny Trevathan and Adrian Amos trailing far behind him, when he caught his 1-yard touchdown from Eli Manning in the third quarter.

Nagy said a communication breakdown earlier in the third quarter left wide receiver Russell Shepard wide open in the middle of the field on the trick play that gave Beckham his second touchdown pass of the season. Cornerback Prince Amukamara said the Bears were supposed to be in a Cover-3 defense. Jackson wandered over from the middle to the right side of the field, where Fuller was, and took a tumble, and Shepard was alone in front of the end zone to catch the 49-yard pass.

"They had a nice scheme, and with all the confusion that was going on, they got us down the middle," Donatell said. "We have to work improve to see that doesn't happen next time."

Next time also will mean facing quarterback Jared Goff, a step up from this season's version of Manning. Goff is fourth in the NFL with 312.8 passing yards per game and has thrown 27 touchdown passes and seven interceptions. The Rams secured the NFC West title Sunday against the Lions, but they still have home-field advantage throughout the playoffs to play for.

The Bears are striving for their own playoff berth, but Rodgers indicated the best way to reach it is to focus on their weekly preparation.

"The biggest thing when you're going after the hunt is put the blinders on, put the earmuffs on and just grind it," Rodgers said. "When you look up and take a breath, that's not the time for that stuff right now. In the past, when we've been a part of playoff teams, you feel that confidence. You feel when you go out there on the field you're going to do well, but you feel that way because you've prepared well."

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Eddie Jackson (39) and Bryce Callahan defend a pass intended for Giants receiver Odell Beckham, who had only three catches Sunday.

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Tyson Campbell and Alabama ended Georgia's hopes of a return trip to the College Football Playoff with a comeback victory in Saturday's SEC championship game in Atlanta.

COMMENTARY

Be thankful for playoff

This year's semifinal matchups appealing but it's OK to admit system still has flaws

BY BARRY SVRLUGA
The Washington Post

If you're a Georgia fan, you spent Sunday afternoon fuming, because Alabama's 12 previous opponents had failed to come within three touchdowns of the Crimson Tide, and the Bulldogs forced the SEC Championship Game into what-have-we-here mode before gamely falling by a measly seven points. Surely, such a performance against peerless Alabama — to go along with an 11-2 record — means Georgia is among the four best teams in the country.

If you're an Ohio State fan, you spent Sunday afternoon fuming, because your team won the Big Ten by emphatically beating its archrival in the regular-season finale and then manhandling Northwestern in the conference title game. The cognoscenti in Columbus and beyond might have quibbled about the aesthetics of some of the Buckeyes' victories, but in the end, 12-1 and a conference champion is 12-1 and a conference champion.

Let's be clear about this: The College Football Playoff, as currently constructed, is so much better than the system used to determine a national champion even five years ago. Imagine if Sunday was used to determine that field: a national title game between Alabama and Clemson, and an undefeated Notre Dame left out? Blimey!

So let's be thankful for what we have: Alabama vs. Oklahoma and Clemson vs. Notre Dame in a pair of national semifinal games. Big-boy football games between four teams who have played 51 football games this season and lost one of them — Oklahoma to Texas, by three points.

But let's also be clear about this: the current system is flawed, too, or at least impossibly subjective.

This is, in a way, the opposite of what sports is. In a given year, there may be clarity, but that would be achieved by happenstance, not by a true meritocracy. Sunday afternoon, after the selection committee made its an-

nouncement, there was clarity in Norman, a muddled mess in Athens and Columbus — and Orlando, which we'll get to.

Cast the football playoff process against that of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. There are, currently, 321 Division I programs. Each of them begins the season knowing: If we win our conference tournament, we are in the field. If we don't, we're handing our fate to the selection committee, and who knows what will happen with them? Gripe about seeds, or the resume of one of the last four teams out versus one of the last four teams in, but the rules were clear from the beginning: Win and you're in.

The rules in football: Win — and wait.

And what if you win all your games, and the waiting yields nothing? For all the hand-wringing in Athens, Georgia, and Columbus, Ohio, though, the answer might be: Um, beat LSU, Georgia and don't lose to Purdue, Ohio State. The answer to Central Florida is — what, exactly?

The Knights' last loss came Dec. 17 - 2016. They concluded last season by beating Auburn — you know, Auburn of the unparalleled SEC — in the Peach Bowl to finish 13-0. Criticize the Knights' schedule all you want. Their only game against a Power Five opponent, a September date against North Carolina, was canceled because of Hurricane Florence, but who doubts UCF would have struggled with the 2-9 Tar Heels?

All the Knights did, for the second year in a row, was win each game that was put before them, including the American Athletic Conference championship game Saturday against Memphis without injured quarterback McKenzie Milton. And their reward is: not even a sniff of a chance when the four spots were handed out Sunday.

This isn't to argue that UCF should replace — well, any of the four teams that made it in. But it is to state the plain truth: teams from a non-Power Five conference — and that includes Boise State and Western Michigan and others from years past — have



KYLE ROBERTSON/

Paris Campbell Jr., hoists the Big Ten title trophy Saturday, but Ohio State didn't garner a playoff berth.

zero opportunity to make the playoff as it's currently constructed. That's not a crime, necessarily. But given that fact, the current system can't be presented as equitable. It's one that offers a path for 65 of the teams it professes to serve, but not the other 64.

And ask Ohio State, champion of one of those Power Five conferences, whether it feels all that equitable, even to one of the sport's blue bloods.

"It's not a playoff," tweeted UCF Athletic Director Danny White Sunday. "It's an invitation."

He's exactly right. I've argued this before, and I'll argue it again: The answer, of course, is to expand the field to at least six and, more appealingly, eight. Don't let anyone make you believe the arguments against it —

that college presidents want to protect "student-athletes" from too much football, that the regular season would be irreparably diluted — hold water, because they don't. Television executives know it. Conference commissioners know it.

A field of eight would include the five champions of the major conferences — ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac 12 and SEC — plus the best team from outside those conferences, and two at-large bids, regardless of conferences. Seed them, have the higher seeds host the first-round games on campus, and — boom! — a smorgasbord.

This year, that would bring the following quarterfinal matchups: Alabama-Washington, Clemson-UCF, Notre Dame-Ohio State and Oklahoma-Georgia. In that case, the aggrieved party would be Michigan, left out because Pac-12

champ Washington needed a spot. But at least then you'd be able to say to the Wolverines: Beat Ohio State, and the problem takes care of itself.

I love the College Football Playoff. It's so much better than the system that preceded it, and it's important to remember that.

But you don't have to live in Athens, Georgia, or Columbus, Ohio, or Orlando, Florida, to understand that the system we have remains imperfect. The schools from those towns will report to their bowl games and try to use those stages to further prove how wronged they were — rather than having the opportunity to decide it on the field. That's what Alabama, Clemson, Notre Dame and Oklahoma all have. How great would it be if Central Florida, Georgia, Ohio State and Washington had that chance, too?

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Like hoops team, expect Badgers to bounce back

BY TOM OATES
Wisconsin State Journal

In what is shaping up to be a terrific bounce-back season, coach Greg Gard and the Wisconsin men's basketball team have supplied us with something that has been in short supply around here lately:

Perspective.

Wasn't it just last winter that talk radio and social media were rife with complaints that Gard couldn't coach, the players didn't have enough recruiting stars attached to their names, the culture was eroding and the program was heading south after a lengthy run of success?

And now look at the Badgers. Gard stayed the course, injured players returned, young players improved, everyone learned from the experience and they're off to one of the best starts in school history.

So it is with the UW football program this fall. A 2017 season that ended seven points shy of a College Football Playoff bid, a No. 4 ranking in the AP preseason poll in August and an offense that returned virtually intact led to enormous expectations, which generated a vitriolic backlash when UW limped home with a 7-5 regular-season record.

That reaction was predictable in this age of instant gratification. People jumped to the conclusion that Paul Chryst couldn't coach, the players didn't have enough recruiting stars attached to their names, the culture was eroding and the program was heading south after a lengthy run of success.

Sound familiar?

This is where perspective comes in. Yes, it has been a hugely disappointing season for fans and rightly so, but Chryst didn't get dumb overnight, the players were still prominent on the All-Big Ten teams, the culture of development and accountability remains intact and the program isn't in danger of falling off the map. UW just had a bad season, something that happens in every program.

As with the basketball team, UW's problems were largely rooted in personnel. The Badgers simply didn't have the depth and experience to reload following severe graduation losses, especially on defense. Then injuries hit and the shortage of depth and experience became even more acute. And the offense, which was supposed to carry the team, was hampered by inconsistent quarterback play compounded by coaches who coached as if they felt limited by their personnel.

How bad was the roster instability? UW had 40 players start games. A stunning 23 players made their first start, 15 on defense.

On offense, UW was hamstrung by uneven quarterback play, a shortage of explosive players not named Jonathan Taylor and a line that wasn't as dominant as expected.

UW was counting on junior quarterback Alex Hornibrook to take a step up after his stellar play in UW's bowl win over Miami (Fla.), but, other than the Iowa game, it didn't happen. Then Hornibrook developed concussion issues and inexperienced Jack Coan was thrown into the fire, with his three starts coming at Northwestern, at Penn State and at Purdue. Any rational person would have anticipated Coan would struggle in those difficult venues, though he did show signs of improvement at Purdue.

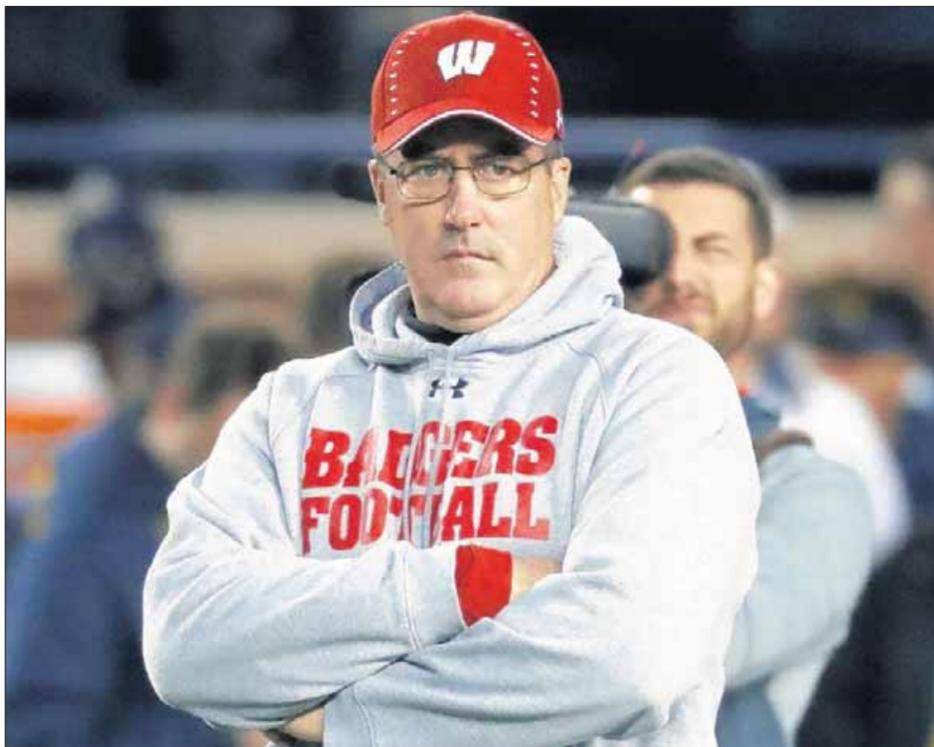
Whoever played quarterback was hampered by a lack of explosive receivers. The season-long suspension of Quintez Cephus took away the most dynamic playmaker among the wide receivers and tight ends. Not surprisingly, UW's longest pass all season was 44 yards. And there were no backs who could catch short passes and threaten the defense with their speed and quickness like Chryst had with Brian Calhoun, James White and Montee Ball as UW's highly acclaimed offensive coordinator from 2005 to 2011.

As for the line, it didn't live up to its billing as the nation's best unit, but it did run-block well enough to have the nation's leading rusher (Taylor) even though defenses dared UW to throw all season. Still, the line's pass protection was suspect against top defenses and



DYLAN BUELL/GETTY

QB Alex Hornibrook's surprising struggles were just one reason Wisconsin didn't live up to its No. 4 ranking. But he'll be back next season.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst has a strong program built on solid principles. It likely will rebound in 2019.

the never-ending run of penalties remains a mystery.

Defensively, UW was held together by its four linebackers, especially when nose tackle Olive

Sagapolu and safety D'Cota Dixon, two senior stars, lost four games each due to injury. Everywhere else, a mix of inexperience and injuries led to a revolving door.

Of the 15 first-time starters on defense, eight were freshmen — five in the secondary, three on the line. Coordinator Jim Leonhard somehow managed to keep the

defense reasonably competitive despite the occasional blown coverage, pass-interference penalty or failure to set the edge against the run.

On special teams, the extreme youth led to excessive penalties that cost UW field position. Throw in a subpar performance by some of the veteran specialists and special teams was a battle UW lost almost weekly.

Many of the criticisms fans leveled at Chryst were for being too conservative and predictable on offense. Those weren't necessarily wrong, but there likely were reasons for his approach.

Chryst's offense once was filled with motions and shifts and jet-sweep actions designed to confuse defenses and get his most athletic players on the edges, but there was little of that this season. The best guess was Chryst had so little confidence in his QBs and pass-catchers to perform with consistency that he decided the best way to operate was to simply pound opponents in the running game.

That's not like Chryst, who has always excelled at making the most out of whatever talent he has. Still, he never found a solution on offense all season and the lack of productivity seemed to sap the team's energy toward the end.

That doesn't mean UW is headed for oblivion. Chryst has a strong program built on solid principles. Like the basketball program, it will bounce back.



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Jon Heder plays the manager of a Chicago-area bowling alley in "When Jeff Tried to Save the World."



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A candlelight vigil for Bland at Federal Plaza in Chicago.

Sandra Bland doc: What we learned

By **TRACY SWARTZ**
 Chicago Tribune

Sandra Bland died in a Texas jail in 2015 after she was pulled over for failing to signal while changing lanes. The documentary "Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland" leaves viewers with more questions than answers about the circumstances surrounding Bland's death, which sparked national debate over police treatment of African-Americans.

Filmmakers Kate Davis and David Heilbroner trailed Bland's family for two years as they tried to find out why she was allegedly found hanged from a plastic trash can liner at the jail in Hempstead, a small city northwest of Houston. The documentary — which premiered Monday on HBO — was filmed primarily in Texas and the Chicago area, where family members recalled Bland's childhood in Villa Park and visited the Willow Springs cemetery where she is buried.

The 28-year-old Bland was in Texas to start work at Prairie View A&M University, her alma mater, when she was pulled over by state trooper Brian Encinia on July 10, 2015. A shouting match and struggle between the two ensued.

The documentary includes footage of their tense encounter; Bland's interactions at the Waller County jail after she was arrested on a charge of assaulting a public servant; and the scene inside cell 95 after her death. Texas authorities determined Bland's death to be a suicide — a ruling her family has disputed amid unanswered questions about Bland's three days in custody.

Here's what we learned from the film.
■ In the months before her death, Bland filmed a series of video messages that addressed the Black Lives Matter movement; police brutality in the black community; and Chicago's black history, among other topics. These "Sandy Speaks" videos, peppered

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A well-worn refuge from the world

Jon Heder on his upcoming Chicago-set film and his 'nerd credibility'

By **NINA METZ** | Chicago Tribune

In the Chicago-shot indie "When Jeff Tried to Save the World," the manager of an agreeably down-at-the-heels bowling alley learns the place is up for sale to a developer and hatches a plan to prove that the business actually *is* worth keeping around.

Played by Jon Heder ("Napoleon Dynamite"), Jeff is unassuming but graced with an intelligence and a good-natured stubborn streak — he's precisely the sort of guy who would take pride in keeping the bowling alley on its feet. He's found home and refuge from the world in this well-worn environment, with its equally eccentric denizens.

The film is the debut of writer-director Kendall Goldberg and it has a few things in common with another recent workplace indie "Support the Girls." Both share a low-key blend of comedy and drama, with nearly all the action and energy centered on managers in service industry jobs, doing their best despite the odds.

I talked with Heder, who is coming to Chicago for the film's screenings Wednesday and Thursday at the Music Box. The following is an edited transcript of the conversation.

Q: What initially drew you to the story?

A: I auditioned for it — it was a script that came through my agent's office. Every time it's different; Sometimes there are offers, sometimes there are auditions, sometimes there are meetings. But this was a script that came through, and I remember I read it. I liked it and I immediately saw: Oh, I can do this guy. I also liked that it was a little more dramatic than what I'm used to doing. I've done some dramas, but I'm always looking to try different dramatic roles just a bit more.

And so I auditioned. And knowing that it was an independent film, I was like: "Wow, this is a very small film, why *am* I auditioning?"

Q: I was thinking the same thing! Most



A staff meeting in the bowling alley's arcade (filmed at Lan-Oak Lanes in Lansing) with Candi Milo (from left), Brendan Meyer, Jon Heder, Richard Esteras and Steve Berg.

first-time filmmakers would be thrilled to have an established actor agree to do their movie. There usually isn't an audition involved.

A: Right, when you're doing those kinds of small films you don't typically audition because normally (the filmmaker) is trying to get a name to help get it going — or financed. So it's just not typical.

That said, knowing how this film came about, it totally made sense. She (Goldberg) had ideas for everybody else (in the cast), but she didn't know who her Jeff was. We didn't know each other beforehand, so it wasn't like she wrote the role with me in mind. And she had no idea I was coming in to audition, so it wasn't like: "Oh, Jon Heder? Let's try him out, let's see how he does in the audition." She had no idea, it was a surprise to her.

Q: Wait — what was a surprise to her?

A: That I came in and auditioned.

Q: Hold on, back up!

A: I know! I wasn't like I came in unannounced. But she did not know I was on the list.

Q: That's hilarious, come on!

A: But I remember doing the audition and

thinking, they would be stupid if they didn't cast me. I mean, I nailed it! That sounds so bad, but I nailed it.

When you audition you normally don't think that — even if you think you nailed it — because you don't know exactly what the director's looking for. Maybe they want someone shorter, or with a different energy.

But I guess I was what she was looking for ...

Q: In your mind, who is Jeff?

A: Jeff is a modern everyman. He's a good guy. The parts of him that I relate to — I think a lot of people will — are the expectations that are put upon him. He's very smart and bright and he's capable, but the pressures of everyone expecting him to do big and great things, that kind of scares him a bit. He's riddled with anxiety — so much that he is medicated. He needs to kind of hide, so that's what he does, he hides away from these pressures by working a job managing a bowling alley.

It's not the kind of job he ever expected to do, it was to keep himself busy while he hides away from his potential. And along the way, not only does he discover the courage to try

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Double Door to reopen in old Wilson Avenue Theater in Uptown

By **JESSI ROTI**
 Chicago Tribune

As Chicago's independent venues rally in the face of an uncertain future under the shadow of \$5 billion Lincoln Yards development, one of its most storied spaces announced plans for a rebirth: Double Door is returning — but this time, it will call Uptown home.

"Well, the secret is out...." tweeted 46th Ward Ald. James Cappleman on Saturday. "Double Door, welcome to Uptown's Entertainment District in the 46th Ward!"

The news came as rock band Smashing Pumpkins announced its merchandise pop-up ahead of last Friday night's gig at Aragon Ballroom. The Pumpkins' announcement noted that the former Wilson Avenue Theater was "soon to be new Double Door."

The theater, opened in 1909, was once one of Uptown's largest venues; showing two vaudeville performances a night and fre-

quently hosting performers from the American Music Hall in the Loop. It seated 600 on the main floor and 300 in the balcony before being converted to Fidelity Bank in 1919. Most recently, it housed a TCF Bank until 2011 and was purchased by Cedar Street Commercial properties in 2013.

"I knew that this was in the works two months ago," Cappleman said Monday afternoon. "I knew that after Smashing Pumpkins were going to have their concert that the announcement about Double Door might leak, but I am extraordinarily excited.

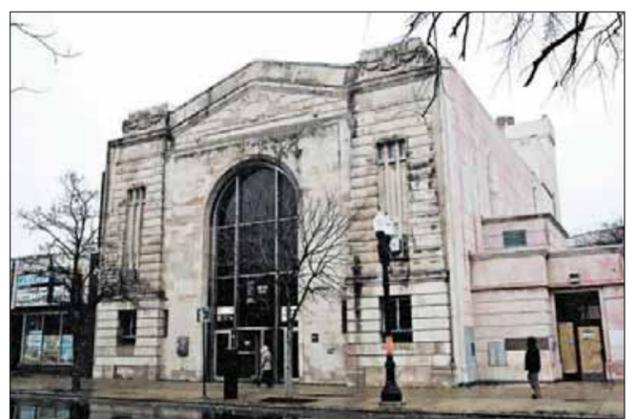
"(Uptown residents) are elated," he continued. "It's going to produce so many additional jobs in the community. The residents here certainly would benefit from having more employment opportunities, and many of them said it certainly compliments the entertainment district we already have with The Riv, Aragon and soon-to-be Uptown Theatre. It's the perfect fit."

Reopening one of the city's most beloved venues has been

tumultuous since owners Joe Shanahan (Metro) and Sean Mulrone were formerly evicted from the 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. location in February 2017 after 24 years. Double Door opened in 1994, just as Wicker Park was gaining notoriety for harboring exciting up-and-coming bands and artists such as the Pumpkins, Liz Phair, Material Issue, Eleventh Dream Day and countless others.

When the venue's lease expired in October 2015, former landlord Brian Strauss filed a complaint seeking the club's eviction and initially, doors were to close by the end of December 2016. At the time, the club's attorney Cary Schiff told the Tribune's Greg Kot the property was reportedly worth millions of dollars, and a new tenant could potentially bring five times Double Door's agreed-upon \$22,760 monthly occupancy payment.

As the legal battles continued through most of 2017, there were rumors of the club reopening in Wicker Park in the former Cen-



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Beloved Chicago venue Double Door is slated to return at the site of the former Wilson Avenue Theater, located at 1050 W. Wilson Ave.

tral Furniture Mart and just a bit further north at 2551 N. Milwaukee Ave., the Logan Square State and Savings Bank building, but nothing was ever established.

The now-shuttered DNAinfo had reported that Shanahan and Mulrone had failed to garner

enough neighborhood support for the move to Logan Square, citing 32nd Ward Ald. Scott Waguespack, who claimed that "most immediate neighbors opposed the plan and threatened to

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Ariana Grande's "Thank U, Next" set the YouTube record for most views in the first 24 hours of release.

Grande video breaks YouTube record

Ariana Grande's "Thank U, Next" video is a bona fide overnight sensation: It smashed YouTube's all-time record for most views in the first 24 hours of release.

The video, an homage to female-driven movies from the early 2000s, dropped Friday after weeks of buildup — and set the record in just under 22 hours. As of Monday, "Thank U, Next" has racked over 90 million views.

In addition, according to YouTube, "Thank U, Next" set the record for most-viewed video that used YouTube's Premiere scheduling feature with 829,000 viewers watching simultaneously at its peak. Grande fans sent over 516,000 chat messages during the video debut, also a record for YouTube Premieres.

The video is saturated with references to movies "Mean Girls," "Bring It On," "13 Going On 30" and "Legally Blonde." It features cameos by "Mean Girls" actors Jonathan Bennett and Stefanie Drummond — with Kris Jenner as the dancing/camcorder-branishing mom. It also includes appearances by YouTube stars Colleen Ballinger and Gabi DeMartino, Jennifer Coolidge ("Legally Blonde") and singer Troye Sivan.

The video for "Thank U, Next," a bittersweet ode to old flames, includes references to Grande's exes.

— Variety



SEAN RAYFORD/INVISION

Hootie & the Blowfish to reunite: Twenty-five years after "Cracked Rear View" launched their careers, Grammy-winning rock band Hootie & the Blowfish will release a new album and launch an official tour next year after a decadelong break. The Southern pop-rockers, featuring lead singer Darius Rucker, above, broke out with their major label debut in 1994. Their last official tour was in 2007. Rucker said they hope to have a single out in the spring with a full album next summer.

Grammy noms pushed back: The nominations for the 2019 Grammy Awards, originally planned for Wednesday, will now be announced Friday. The Recording Academy said Monday that because of former President George H.W. Bush's funeral and public viewing this week, it will push back the release of its nominations. Select nominees for the Grammys will be announced on "CBS This Morning" and Apple Music.

Hefner auction: The typewriter Hugh Hefner used in college was the top-selling item at an auction of the Playboy magazine founder's possessions. Julien's Auctions says the Underwood Standard portable typewriter sold for \$162,500. The auction took place Friday and Saturday in Los Angeles. The proceeds will benefit the Hugh M. Hefner Foundation, which defends civil rights and civil liberties.

Dec. 4 birthdays: Actor Jeff Bridges is 69. Actress Marisa Tomei is 54. Comedian Fred Armisen is 52. Rapper Jay-Z is 49. Model Tyra Banks is 45.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Dad seeks to be closer to far-away son

Dear Amy: I am a 71-year-old man, retired and happily married for 44 years. We have a son, age 45, and a daughter, age 43.

Do you remember the Harry Chapin song "Cat's in the Hat"? That song describes our relationship with our son perfectly.

When I was working, it was go, go, go — lots of travel, building for the future. When I was home, I thought I gave enough of my time to my son and daughter, but looking back — maybe not. Today, our son is very successful, but, just like me, it is go, go, go — he is always at work.

He and his family live 2,500 miles away. We try to see them at least twice a year. In the interim, the only time we have with them is a once-a-month Skype session with our grandchildren.

Our relationship with our daughter and her family, who live within a three-hour drive, is much closer. I want a closer relationship with our son, but I just do not know how to draw us closer. Any suggestions?

— Wayward Dad

Dear Wayward: Thank you for the reminder of the Chapin ballad, which tells the story of a too-busy father who raises a son who then adopts his father's values and becomes too busy for his father.

I'd first like to suggest that you be the patient, present and attentive grandfather that your grandchildren deserve to have. Given the distance between your families, this would ideally involve summer visits where the children travel to be with you. Establishing family-cen-

tered and low-key rituals with them might lead to more than monthly Skype calls. For now, write letters to both children regularly.

In terms of your relationship with your son, it is hard to establish a closer relationship without spending one-on-one time together. Even an annual short holiday or weekend trip with just the two of you would advance your relationship. Ideas include traditional activities like fishing or camping, to taking weekend cooking classes, performing a service project or attending a weekend of TED Talks together. Ideally you would choose an activity that has some unstructured time, when you two would basically get to know each other. If this busy man wants to spend time with his father, he will pry open his schedule.

I also suggest you send him a sincere letter stating your wishes, along with the lyrics, or a link, to Chapin's ballad; the idea being that if you had known then what you know now, you might have done things differently. Say that you would like to be a different kind of parent now and that you hope it isn't too late.

Dear Amy: We have good friends who invite my husband and me to the same restaurant on the same night every year during the holiday season. It is their tradition to go there and invite other friends to join them.

We have gone with them several times, but the truth is I don't care for this restaurant and have actually become sick after eating there.

They have invited us again this year. I would like to decline in a nice way, but don't know how. I don't want to lie and say we have other plans when we don't. What should I do?

— Reluctant Guest

Dear Reluctant: Ideally, you would find a way to attend this annual dinner without consuming foods you don't like. Otherwise, don't lie. Simply cop to some awkwardness.

You can say, "This is a little embarrassing, but I just don't like that restaurant. Aside from great times there with you, I've had a bad reaction to their food. We love this tradition, but I think we need to bow out this year. We'd love to see you; can we make a plan for sometime just after the holidays?"

Dear Amy: I have a big problem with your answer to "Anxious," who wanted to tell her daughter about her father-in-law's suicide. I couldn't believe that you advocated continued secrecy about this! Suicide tends to run in families. The girl should be told.

— Upset

Dear Upset: I advocate for being truthful and transparent about suicide. But this girl was in primary school. The child's father should lead this disclosure, because it was his father who died. This family should take time to come to terms with this loss and then disclose it with honesty and compassion.

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R&B singer Maxwell, from a 2016 performance at the United Center.

IN PERFORMANCE

Maxwell's resonance brings time to a standstill at Chicago Theatre

By ALTHEA LEGASPI
Chicago Tribune

When Maxwell promises an intimate night, it isn't just talk. On Sunday, the first of his two-night stint of his "50 Intimate Nights" tour, the R&B crooner suavely delivered on the swoon with a career-spanning set that showed that classics transcend trends.

In an era when speed and incessant output are often valued over reflection, Maxwell's approach may seem out of step. The artist took seven to eight years between releasing his last three albums, but it's precisely that contemplation that adds resonance to his material. "For me, it's not a pop contest or about making money," he explained Sunday, adding that he was grateful to sing songs he wrote when he was in his 20s while in his 40s and thanked fans for supporting his pace.

Their dedication was rewarded with a riveting, soulful show. Backed by an excellent ensemble that included longtime collaborator Hod David on guitar and Chicagoans Darryl Howell on drums and backing singer LaTina

Webb, the purveyor of sophisticated smooth emerged from a giant, moon-styled globe to open with the poignant "Pretty Wings." From attraction's first blush (strutting, grooved-up "Get to Know Ya") to lust ("...Til the Cops Come Knockin'") and pleading ("W/As my Girl," "Fistful of Tears") on through the hope of lasting love (closer "Whenever Wherever Whatever"), he touched on romance's nuanced intricacies, punctuated with his tingly falsettos and suave dancing.

But it wasn't all seductive bedroom jams and sexy come-ons. Maxwell addressed gun violence and unjust imprisonment, dedicating the compelling "Lifetime" to victims of those conditions, and later thanked fans for voting in the midterm elections. He also highlighted his most recent single slated for his forthcoming "Night," the final LP installment of a trilogy he launched about a decade ago. He dedicated the yearning, empowering "Shame" to every woman; it was a call for self-love and also addressed the concerning negative im-

pact social media has on how people relate to each other, both romantically and beyond.

While Maxwell's lyrics primarily meditate on the importance of love and the in-between feelings that can accompany and derail it, he also injected humor into the mix. He exagerrated dance moves and performed a hilarious freestyle riff ("I want to let you know that this (stuff) isn't auto-tuned / Brown liquor in my cup / I'm making this (stuff) up," he sang) before covering Al Green's "Simply Beautiful."

Eschewing trends and machismo in favor of mood, emotion and a discerning look at how love and social justice inherently intertwine, Maxwell's sumptuous material and savvy performance was testament to his timelessness.

8 p.m. Monday, Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. \$50-\$150, www.ticketmaster.com

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BROADWAY REVIEW

'Cher Show' lets Cher be Cher

A killer trio plays the star, and Bob Mackie provides decadent costumes

By **CHRIS JONES**
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Even jukebox musicals and celebrity bio-shows need clear reasons for theatrical being. In her one-woman show, Elaine Stritch memorably described herself as a “existential problem in tights.” In “Jersey Boys,” Frankie Valli was always running as fast as he could, “trying to get home.”

So what was Cher's deal? “The Cher Show” begins, appropriately enough, on a battleship, its iconic subject sumptuously clad in a Bob Mackie masterpiece while surrounded by sycophantic, somersaulting sailors. Her Cherness then offers up the central question of her evening: Why would a mature woman such as herself still want to “earn her living prancing around in a sling-shot and sparkles?”

The answer — as delivered by Stephanie J. Block, the fearless leader of a trifecta of Chers in this new biographical musical penned by Rick Elice, directed by Jason Moore and choreographed by Christopher Gattelli — is disarming in its simplicity.

“I'm shy.”
Sure, Cher, sure.
From there, we turn back time and follow Cher's trajectory from back-up singer to the co-star of “The Sonny and Cher Show” to

the Oscar-winning actress in “Moonstruck” to the power-disco diva of “Believe,” “Strong Enough” and “Woman's World” to, well, we of course await her next reinvention. By the end of Act 2, the show's message has melded with the lyrics to “You Haven't Seen the Last of Me.”

“There will be no fade out,” Cher sings. “This is not the end.” If you're doing an authorized and approved biography of the living Cher, a stricture which inevitably leads you toward a hagiography, shyness morphing into the eternal human quest for immortality is not a bad organizing principle, and it will probably be enough for her fans to have a good time. For all the obvious flaws of “The Cher Show,” it's an honest, self-deprecating effort, given the givens. Vastly different and greatly improved from its Chicago tryout, which was framed around a phony TV show about Cher, the final Broadway version of the show has Block's Cher striding to center stage and proceeding to tell Cher's story strictly on Cher's terms.

Elice, it seems, finally decided to cut away the clutter and deliver a show that clearly delivers the three words on the marquee: “The Cher Show.” As in of, by, about, and adoring Cherilyn Sarkisian, comedian, singer, actress and, above all, a symbol of steadfast womanly strength.

Most jukebox shows look for ways to introduce musical variety. Not “The Cher Show,” which features a trifecta of Chers. The hugely talented Micaela Diamond



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Teal Wicks, from left, Stephanie J. Block and Micaela Diamond in “The Cher Show” at the Neil Simon Theatre.

plays the young Cher (or Babe) and Teal Wicks (Lady) essays the early-career diva. Both give the spotlight to Block (her third is called Star), but the women don't follow chronological rules. Often, they all show up at once, Star offering a mature woman's advice to Babe, say.

Vocally, all three are very much within the Cher palette, which means you have to like the Cher sound to be happy in this show, but, then again, you knew that when you read the title. While Wicks struggles not to be stuck being the bologna in the Cher sandwich, Diamond (a real find) has the advantage of youthful talent and Block commands the stage in a way that is so close to her subject as to be almost creepy.

Cher is no Carole King, of course. Her persona is cool to the touch and that is what the show captures. The warmer colors of the evening come from Jarrod Spector, who is both funny and charming as Sonny, even though the script treats the late congressman harshly, and from the terrific

Emily Skinner, who plays Cher's highly sympathetic mother, Georgia Holt, a kind of proto-Cher in this telling. Cher's other main loves, Gregg Allman (Matthew Hydzik) and Rob Camilletti (Michael Campayno) are there too, but kissed off. In the show's telling, they're nice guys who cannot go the Cher distance.

Cher never married Bob Mackie, who is both the costume designer of “The Cher Show” and a character therein, but he's the spouse of her skin here. Mackie's custom creations are paraded throughout the evening in the most entertaining fashion, giving the show an atypical glamour and level of spectacle that exceeds most of its competition.

Aside from the clothes, though, “The Cher Show” mostly stays within the lanes of the jukebox musical and cannot avoid many of its tropes. Since Cher mostly narrates “The Cher Show” and there's a lot of life to depict, that leads you to some forced scenes where characters introduce themselves as part of their dialog

(“I'm not wrong, I'm Robert Altman”). And the show still runs into problems in the crucial heart of Act 2 when Cher inconveniently turns to acting in straight plays and movies, neither of which lend themselves easily to this kind of musical: Elice tries to get around the problem by having Cher sing at an audition for a play with no music whatsoever.

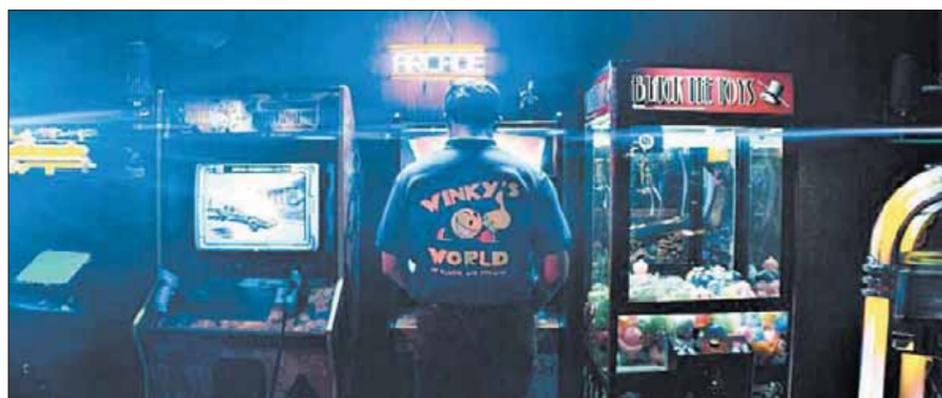
Having three Chers takes the pressure off Block, whose performance then can reach surprisingly intense heights. You really have to admire what she is doing here. Block can't be warm and cuddly, but she is vulnerable very much in the same way as the subject of her formidable performance and it reads on stage.

She's scary, just like Cher.

“The Cher Show” plays at the at the Neil Simon Theatre, 250 West 52nd St.; www.thechershowbroadway.com

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WHEN JEFF LLC

Bowling alley manager Jeff (Jon Heder) in his favorite spot: the arcade.

Heder

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to overcome his fears but he also grows to love this job and he finds a sense of community and belonging at this bowling alley. There's no shame in it. There's pride there. And he's like, whether or not I'm going to be here for the rest of my life, I want to save this place.

Q: I love that bowling alley. It reminded me of a bowling alley from my childhood, with the arcade and the bar that have seen better days. I don't think these kinds of places exist much anymore. They're mostly updated — or closed.

A: That was a working bowling alley (Lan-Oak Lanes in south suburban Lansing). The whole idea for the story and the script was that Kendall wanted to base everything in a bowling alley. And when she was in California, she looked at many, many bowling alleys and they were either too big or too small or just too expensive.

She's from Chicago. And she lives just a 10-minute drive from the bowling alley where we shot it. The story is, she was visiting back home and I think someone said, “Well, take a look at this one.” And

she took one look and I think she cried because not only was it perfect, but it matched the concept art that she had a friend make up for her years before when she was conceiving this idea. So she was like, this is it. It's been under my nose the whole time right here back at home.

The owner was an incredible person. He shut it down for three weeks and let us use his bowling alley for free. He was so gracious and it really felt like the movie. We just set up camp there.

Q: Are you a good bowler?

A: I, er ... I'm not terrible. I can impress when I'm playing with regular people.

Q: When I was doing research before this interview, I came across something online suggesting that fans of “Napoleon Dynamite” were maybe disappointed or felt betrayed that you're not as nerdy or dorky in real life as the character you played in the movie. I mean, you're an actor, but I guess people are really attached to that character.

A: I'm not sure what they're referring to. I guess when the movie first came out, people kind of almost thought it was real. That I was that guy.

Q: I think the idea might be something like, you look or seem cool in real life.

A: Well, I'm not cool. I don't think I'm ever cool. I try to be cool. But there's definitely, I mean ... maybe looks-wise I'm much different. But outside of that, I mean, I tell people all the time that so much of Napoleon, it's like they (screenwriters Jared and Jerusha Hess) looked into my life.

I mean, so many things. I made boondoggle keychains at scout camp, I made nunchucks — I mean, things directly in the film that he talks about or does. Those boondoggle keychains that they make for “Vote for Pedro.” I was on set making them in my spare time helping out the art department. My brothers and I used to pull each other on ropes attached to our bikes on skateboards or rollerblades.

Q: You stand by your nerd credibility!

A: For sure there's nerd credibility. Yeah. (deadpan) How dare they think otherwise. How dare they think I'm cool!

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throughout the documentary, showcase her fighting spirit.

Chicago attorney Cannon Lambert represented Bland's family in their search for answers. He said Bland contacted his office after she was involved in a motorcycle collision in April 2015. “She had a big personality, and it was a big, bright personality,” Lambert said.

The day after Bland's death, her family called Lambert for help. He said he traveled to Texas days later to gather evidence, but he took issue with information provided by officials.

“The lead investigator for the Texas Rangers, Shane Ellison, had told us that specifically, Sandy made upwards of 21 phone calls, yet they tell us they don't know what phones she used to make these 21 calls. That doesn't make sense to me,” Lambert said.

“They showed us some photographs of her body in the cell. They did not have any photographs that depicted her hanging, and we were told explicitly that they don't exist.”

In an interview for the film, Waller County District Attorney Elton Mathis said photos of Bland's hanging don't exist because authorities focused on attempting to revive her, not taking her picture.

Lambert also raised questions about preservation of evidence. He pointed out that reporters were allowed inside Bland's cell not long after her death.

And as Bland's family prepared to hold her funeral in Lisle, Lambert said he received text messages from Mathis about an initial toxicology report that showed Bland had marijuana in her system at the time of her death. He said Mathis instructed that Bland's body not be “disturbed anymore” so “she will be available for future examination by qualified experts.”

“You don't release a body if there's more tests that you need on that body,” Lambert said.

An independent autopsy was performed by Dr. Joye Carter, who determined the marks on Bland's body were consistent with hanging, but ruled out her death was a homicide by these means.

She noted there were key pieces of information missing from the initial examination of Bland's body, including her core body temperature. Carter determined there was “not a whooping amount” of THC, the primary psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, in Bland's system. She said she found evidence of “deep bruising” on Bland's body, which could have been from her struggle with Encinia.

Bland's family and friends insist she wouldn't have committed suicide because she was excited about starting a new job. On a jail form, Bland indicated

she had attempted suicide after suffering a miscarriage the prior year, but she was not currently thinking about killing herself. Her family wondered why she was held alone in a cell without surveillance cameras and given access to a trash bag.

A friend said that Bland “has had much harder times than sitting in jail for three days.” Years before her death, she reportedly served a total of six weeks in jail in Texas in lieu of paying ticket fees for possession of marijuana and driving while intoxicated.

Mathis speculated that Bland was scared that she was going to lose her job because she now had a felony on her record and upset that her family didn't pay the bond to get her out of jail.

Bland's mother, Geneva Reed-Veal, doesn't buy those reasons.

“Sandy was bold and knew exactly what was right and what was wrong. I don't believe Sandy shut her mouth when she got to that jail. I believe she kept talking. I believe she let them know, ‘I'll see you guys in court.’ I believe she did all of it, and I believe they silenced her, so no, it's not settled and no, I don't believe she committed suicide still,” she said.



Bland

Lambert stressed the “extremely, extremely mysterious” circumstances of Bland's death. “I watched over 130 hours' worth of video, and you don't see anybody go into her cell or come out of her cell,” he said.

“She was hung from a trash bag. Well, problem with that trash bag is that it didn't have her fingerprints on it. In fact, it didn't have anybody's fingerprints on it. In fact, it didn't even have her DNA on it. We know there's a bunch of evidence that's out there that we'll never have any ability to grab or touch. It's lost. But ultimately, I don't look at it from the standpoint of whether or not it was a suicide or whether or not it was a murder. It was an in-custody death. Sandy should be here. Period.”

Bland's family has worked hard to make sure her death was not in vain. The family filed a wrongful death lawsuit that was settled for \$1.9 million and a promise of jail reform and police de-escalation training.

The film notes that the year-old Sandra Bland Act mandates statewide reforms, but changes to police procedure were stripped from the legislation.

Encinia was the only official to face criminal indictment related to Bland's arrest. A misdemeanor perjury charge against Encinia was dismissed after he agreed to end his law enforcement career.

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thwart the zoning change.”

Earlier this summer Block Club Chicago reported that at a “State of the Ward” meeting, 1st Ward Ald. Joe Moreno assured Wicker Park business owners that the venue would be returning to Wicker Park, but could not reveal where just yet.

“We tried really hard to keep them in Wicker Park,” Moreno — who notoriously tried to rezone 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. and was accused of trying to intimidate owner Strauss in 2017 — said Monday afternoon. “Ultimately, I'm just glad they're reopening in the city of Chicago. It's a loss for sure, I wouldn't say anything less. It'll be an asset to Uptown, but it's a citywide asset.”

Now, it seems the Double Door's future is bright as its read-

ied to join the likes of The Riviera, Aragon Ballroom and Green Mill. Once the hotly-anticipated renovation of the Uptown Theatre begins — Ald. Cappleman laid out a timeline of construction beginning in August 2019, with a grand re-opening tentatively slated for February 2021 — the North Side hub will have five venues to call its own, even as the battle over the business of being an independent music venue in the city rages on.

“I helped those guys (Bob Gomez (Subterranean/Beat Kitchen), Joe Shanahan, etc.) strategize around that.” Moreno continued. “That is the key to not only my neighborhood, but the city. I'm adamantly opposed and I've already told the city that any kind of venues that would have — look, it's not about the competition, the independent venues will say that. It's the fact that they come and put very restrictive contracts on up and coming bands and that is something we cannot

support. We have some of the best small, independent music venues in the city: Empty Bottle, Subterranean. These are the lifeblood and that threatens that.”

“The Congress Theater will be opening up in the next year or so and coming back to life, so they're involved as well. There's not a scene in Chicago, scenes come and go. Chicago has a sustaining, independent music culture that — without these venues — never would've happened and wouldn't have sustained.”

As for the Double Door's original home? In June, Strauss sold it for \$9.1 million to CA Residential, the apartment investment and development division of CA Ventures. It was announced last month that the site would become the first Chicago storefront of high-end cooler and outdoor gear purveyor, Yeti.

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Megan Fox

"Legends of the Lost With Megan Fox" (7 p.m., 2 a.m., TRAVEL): Possessed with a keen natural curiosity, actress Megan Fox travels on an extended journey to re-examine some of the world's most enduring legends and lore in this new four-part series. In the series premiere, "Viking Women Warriors," Fox travels to both Scandinavia and England to investigate a bold hypothesis that is gaining wide support: that women played an invaluable role in helping Viking legions become the most feared army of their time.

"A Christmas to Remember" (6 p.m., HMM): Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino stars in this 2016 holiday drama as an abrasive TV personality who tries to take a break from the pressures of her career by driving to a rustic mountain retreat. On her way there, however, an unexpected blizzard hits, forcing her car off the road and leaving her with amnesia from a blow to her head. Luckily, a friendly widower (Cameron Mathison) offers her shelter with him and his children.

"The Conners" (7 p.m., ABC): A concerned Dan (John Goodman) frets over the intentions of Peter (guest star Matthew Broderick), Jackie's (Laurie Metcalf) latest and unemployed boyfriend, especially after he finds out about the extravagant Christmas gift she's bought for him in the new episode "Hold the Salt." Elsewhere, Darlene (Sara Gilbert) gets some interesting advice from an unlikely source, and Mark and Mary (Ames McNamara, Jayden Ray) put together their Christmas wishlist.

"Chopped" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Four real-life grandmothers bring their time-tested cooking skills to the show's kitchen to give judges Manet Chauhan, Scott Conant and Amanda Freitag an unforgettable dining experience in the holiday-themed new episode "Holly Jolly Grandmas." Ted Allen hosts.

"NCIS: New Orleans" (9 p.m., CBS): It's one thing to live one's life to the fullest, but in the new episode "Risk Assessment," Pride (Scott Bakula) and his team probe the murder of Navy contractor Jacob Bell (guest star Andrew Rush), who took that maxim to the extreme. Or was his name Jacob Landry? That's an important question, given that the victim apparently lived two lives for decades, complete with separate wives, families and careers. Lucas Black and Vanessa Ferlito also star.

"The Profit" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., CNBC): Over the past five seasons, entrepreneur Marcus Lemonis has invested nearly \$100 million of his own money, not to mention his literally invaluable professional advice, to help dreamers turn their ventures into a reality. Now, as his Critics' Choice Award-nominated business series returns for Season 6, 11 new small businesses get the spotlight.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m., TBS): Conan travels to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and other locales in Israel.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Saoirse Ronan; professional basketball player Russell Westbrook; Alessia Cara performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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A+E NOTES

'La Havana Madrid' to return

"La Havana Madrid," the 2017 hit show for Teatro Vista by Chicago Latin playwright and actor Sandra Delgado, will return next spring in a co-production by Teatro Vista and Collaboracion. Performances will be May 11 to June 23 at the Den Theatre (1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.). The show, with live music and a nightclub setting for the audience, is based on a 1960s Chicago nightclub and is inspired by true stories of Chicago's Cuban, Puerto Rican and Colombian immigrants. It first opened at Steppenwolf's 1700 Theatre and also played The Miracle Center in Hermosa and the Goodman's Owen Theatre. Teatro Vista ensemble

member Cheryl Lynn Bruce will return as director in the spring production, which promises a more immersive nightclub setting.

— Doug George

Shattered Globe adds members

Shattered Globe Theatre has announced the addition of four new ensemble members, along with four new artistic associates.

Joining the ensemble will be Colin David, Daria Harper, Deanna Reed-Foster and Nate Santana. New artistic associates include Tim Newell, Aila Peck, Hailey Rakowiecki and Ayanna Wimberley.

Shattered Globe also welcomes the 2018-19 class of its Protege Program: Clare Brennan, Demetra Drayton, David Gallo, Val "Jay" Gerard Garcia Jr., Vic Kuligowski, Nicole Velasco Lockard, Ilirida Memedovski, Sarah Jane Patin, Roy Pugh,

Kalika Rose, Aja Singletary and Allyce Torres. The program identifies emerging artists and affords them the opportunity to work alongside a professional, ensemble-based theater.

— KT Hawbaker

'Evan Hansen' will be a movie

Tony Award-winning musical "Dear Evan Hansen" is making its way to the big screen.

Universal Pictures has acquired film rights to the Broadway hit, with "Wonder" director Stephen Chbosky set to handle filmmaking duties.

Sources say Ben Platt, who originated the role and won a Tony for his performance, is in talks to step back into his role.

The musical is coming to Chicago's Nederlander Theatre (currently the Oriental Theatre at 24 W. Randolph St.) from Feb. 12 to March 10; www.broadwayinchicago.com — Variety

TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 4

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Tailing Angie." (N) ©	FBI: "Compromised." (N) ©	NCIS: New Orleans: "Risk Assessment." (N) ©	News (N) ♦			
	NBC 5	The Voice: "Live Top 10 Eliminations." (N) ©	Saturday Night Live: "Christmas." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦				
	ABC 7	The Conners (N) ©	Kids-Alright (N) ©	blackish (N) ©	Splitting Up Together (N)	The Rookie: "The Ride Along." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	blackish (N) ©	blackish (N) ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Reindeer Games (R,'00) ♦♦	Ben Affleck. ©			The Deep (PG,'77) ♦♦♦ © ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago To-night (N)	Sarah Brightman: Hymn (N) ©			Joni Mitchell Live at the Isle of Wight Festival 1970 (N) ©		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game Gomer Pyle	Engagement WKRP Cincinnati	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Broke Girl Hogan Hero	Seinfeld © C. Burnett	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©						
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	Scandal: "Blown Away." ©	Assault on Precinct 13 (R,'05) ♦♦♦	Ethan Hawke.	Alex Cross ♦			
	FOX 32	The Gifted: "gaMe changer." (N) ©	Lethal Weapon: "Bad Santas." (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©			
	Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal ♦		
	Telem 44	La sultana (N) ©	Falsa identidad (N) ©	Señora Acero (N) ©	Chicago (N)	Chicago (N)		
	CW 50	The Flash (N) ©	Black Lightning (N) ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♦			
	UniMas 60	Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema		Rosario Tijeras: "Mucho dinero." ♦				
	WJYS 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Monument	
	Univ 66	Jesús	Mi marido tiene familia	Amar a muerte	Noticias (N)			
	AE	Leah Remini: Scientology	Leah Remini (N)	The Killing of JonBenet ♦				
	AMC	The Polar Express (G,'04) ♦♦♦	Voices of Tom Hanks.	Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG,'06) ♦♦♦				
ANIM	North	Lone Star	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N) ♦				
BBCA	Revenge of the Nerds (R,'84) ♦♦	Robert Carradine.	Revenge of the Nerds (R,'84) ♦♦♦ © ♦					
BET	♦ The Bobby Brown Story	The Family Business (N)	Hustle in Brooklyn (N)	Rants (N)				
BIGTEN	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Michigan at Northwestern. (N) ©	The B1G					
BRAVO	Below Deck ©	Below Deck (N) ©	Unanchored (N) ©	Watch (N)				
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
CNBC	Shark Tank ©	The Profit (N) ©	The Profit (Season Premiere) (N) ©	The Profit ♦				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦				
COM	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Daily (N) ♦		
DISC	Rat Rods (N)	Vegas Rat Rods (N)	Garage Rehab © ♦					
DISN	Raven	Raven	Raven	Stuck	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven	
E!	Miss Congeniality (PG-13,'00) ♦♦	Sandra Bullock. ©	Busy (N)	Miss Congeniality ♦♦♦				
ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Jimmy V Classic -- West Virginia vs Florida. (N)						
ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	30 for 30 ©	SportCtr (N)					
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News				
FOOD	Chopped ©	Chopped (N) ©	Chopped ©	Chopped ♦				
FREE	♦ (5:50) The Santa Clause	(7:55) The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ♦	The Escape Clause ♦	700 Club ♦				
FX	Daddy's Home (PG-13,'15) ♦♦	Will Ferrell. ©	Daddy's Home (PG-13,'15) ♦♦♦ © ♦					
HALL	Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe (NR,'18) ©		Christmas Joy (NR,'18) © ♦					
HGTV	Fixer Upper ©	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Fixer ♦			
HIST	♦ Digging (N) Curse-Oak	The Curse of (N)	Brothers in Arms (N)	Oak Island ♦				
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	♦ (6:30) Jaws (PG,'75) ♦♦♦♦	Roy Scheider. ©	(9:15) Jaws (PG,'75) ♦♦♦♦ © ♦					
LIFE	Happily Ever After	Happily Ever After (N)	Happily Ever After (N)	Island (N) ♦				
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)				
MTV	Jersey Shore--Vacation	The Challenge (N) ©	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.			
NBCSCH	♦ NBA Basketball: Bulls at Pacers (N)	Chicago	Chicago	Beer Money	Basketball ♦			
NICK	Loud House	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION	♦ (6) Glory (R,'89) ♦♦♦♦	Matthew Broderick.	A League of Their Own (PG,'92) ♦♦♦♦					
OWN	The Haves, Notes	The Haves, Notes	The Haves, Notes	The Haves ♦				
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	NCIS © ♦				
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master (N) ©	Mummy ♦			
SYFY	♦ (5:58) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	Nightflyers (N) ©	Witch ♦					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Guest (N)	Conan © ♦		
TCM	Norma Rae (PG,'79) ♦♦♦	Sally Field, Ron Leibman. ©	(9:15) Boys Town (NR,'38) ♦♦♦♦					
TLC	7 Little Johnstons (N)	The Little Couple: "Will Returns to China." (Season Finale) (N) ©	7 Little ♦					
TLN	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on	Difference	Life Today	Insights	Camp ♦	
TNT	Shooter (R,'07) ♦♦	Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. ©	Gone in Sixty Seconds ♦					
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Legends- Lost (Series Premiere) (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Monster Encounters (N)	Expedition ♦				
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©		Real Country (N) ©	Mod Fam ♦				
VH1	T.I. & Tiny: Friends	Love & Hip Hop ©	Black Ink ♦					
WE	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal Minds ©	Criminal ♦				
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		
PREMIUM	HBO	(7:15) The Prestige (PG-13,'06) ♦♦♦	Hugh Jackman. ©	My Bril. (Subtitled-English)				
	HBO2	Say Her Name: The Life and Death	Room 104	Room 104	Sally4Ever	VICE © ♦		
	MAX	The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13,'06) ♦♦♦	Meryl Streep.	(8:50) Woman on Top (R,'00) ♦♦				
	SHO	♦ (6) American Assassin	Inside the NFL (N) ©	Escape at Dannemora	Inside NFL ♦			
	STARZ	♦ (6:17) Salt ('10) ♦♦♦	Outlander: "Savages." ©	(8:58) The Edge (R,'97) ♦♦ ♦				
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 4): Dreams and visions articulated this year last for a decade. Focused financial attention grows prosperity. Adapt to work and health changes. Hit the jackpot this winter, before launching your next adventure. Summer collaborations reap extra largesse, inviting new income sources.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Discover a benefit to shared accounts. Conditions are favorable for signing contracts and transactions. Add a touch of glamour to celebrate. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Love is the game and the prize. Collaborate with someone attractive. A partnership develops naturally. Put a sweet spin on your sales pitch.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Physical action goes further than expected. Something long-planned or envisioned appears within reach. Keep practicing and refining techniques for a strong performance.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Follow your heart. A dream opportunity presents itself. Imagine perfection, and take action for love. Express your feelings with creativity, beauty and a sense of humor.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. A domestic dream beckons. Something long-desired comes into focus. Imagine the end result, and get family involved. Research the options.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Get the word out. Share a juicy possibility. Generate some buzz to get everyone in on the action. Share encouragement and motivation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Everything seems possible. Move quickly to take advantage of a lucrative opportunity. Provide excellent service. Push to advance your agenda.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Others appreciate your decisiveness. Take the ball, and run with it. Push to realize a dream. You can get what you need. Keep the faith.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Imagine a long-term future worth taking action for, and then initiate your plan. Crazy ideas might work. Prioritize and focus on your objective.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You're energized by love. It motivates you to propel a group endeavor forward. Your faith and support helps realize a community dream. Compassion begets compassion.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Repay a professional favor. Keep your deadlines. The more completed, the more gained. One thing leads to another; you can find what you need.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Explore and investigate a subject of your fascination. Travel beyond your familiar stomping grounds. Push your own boundaries. Discover unexpected harmony and hidden treasure.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

North
 ♠ 2
 ♥ KQ
 ♦ KJ106
 ♣ AKQ853

West
 ♠ AKJ87
 ♥ 10
 ♦ Q72
 ♣ 10942

East
 ♠ Q65
 ♥ 97653
 ♦ A93
 ♣ 76

South
 ♠ 10943
 ♥ AJ842
 ♦ 854
 ♣ J

Doubling a good player just because you have five trumps is usually a bad idea, especially when they are low trumps. You send a telegraph about the bad trump split that your opponent will use to help him. South in today's deal was Jill Meyers, from California, a seven-time World Champion.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♦	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

*At least 5 hearts, may be minimum
Opening lead: Ace of ♠

North was California expert Ed Davis, a longtime partner.

Note Davis's excellent three-heart bid. He would have raised earlier with three, so two good ones were enough to raise now. West continued with a second spade at trick two, forcing dummy to ruff with the queen of hearts.

Meyers led a club to her jack and a heart to the king. When West followed with the 10, she started playing high clubs from the dummy. East ruffed the third club as Meyers discarded her last spade.

East led his last spade. Meyers ruffed and led a diamond to dummy's 10, another play suggested by the double. East won with his ace, but with only hearts and diamonds remaining, there was nothing he could do. He chose to return a diamond, which Meyers won in dummy and led high clubs. Eventually, East had to ruff and Meyers picked up all of East's trumps to bring home her contract. Well played, but East gave her the telegraph.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



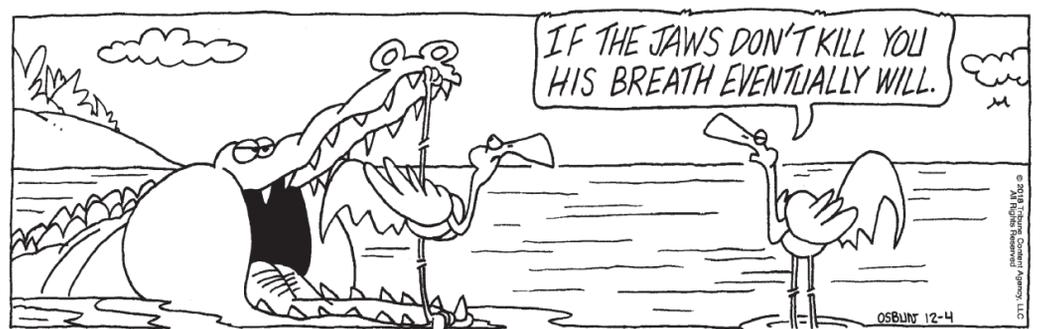
Pickles By Brian Crane (Pickles is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this strip from 2003.)



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



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TUESDAY, DEC. 4

NORMAL HIGH: 39°

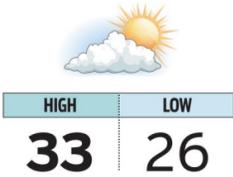
NORMAL LOW: 24°

RECORD HIGH: 66° (1998)

RECORD LOW: -6° (1871)

Month's dismal open to turn sunny by weekend

LOCAL FORECAST



- Dreary December weather lingers across the region.
- Another gray, chilly start to the day. Temps generally range in the mid-upper 20s early.
- Lake effect snow showers linger across NW Indiana/SW Michigan.
- Peeks of sun emerge at times, but temps rise little. Afternoon readings peak in the low 30s.
- NW-W winds 10-15 mph.
- Some flurries possible during the afternoon and evening, but no accumulation is expected.
- Clouds persist at night. Lows again hold in the mid-upper 20s.

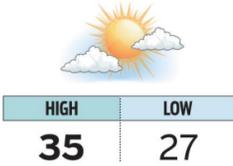
NATIONAL FORECAST



Rain, thunderstorms, snow and extensive cloudiness have marked the opening three days of December. During this period, the city has logged a mere 4 percent of its possible sunshine. Satellite imagery shows more clouds covering much of the Midwest and Great Lakes regions, suggesting gloomy conditions will continue to dominate area skies through Tuesday. Partial sunshine is expected to emerge midweek.

Colder air is forecast to reach the area Thursday. After cloudiness and possible flurries in the morning, a large area of high pressure will build across the region, bringing clearing skies and diminishing winds. Though temperatures will likely stay below freezing Friday into Saturday, conditions are expected to be tranquil for December. Near 100 percent sunshine is expected through the weekend.

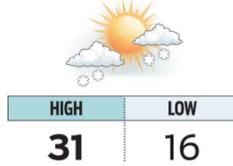
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5



Considerable clouds gives way to partly sunny skies. Temps moderate slightly, reaching highs in the mid 30s. SW winds 15-20 mph. Clouds thicken again overnight. Flurries possible toward morning.



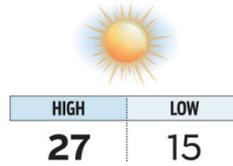
THURSDAY, DEC. 6



Pre-dawn cold front brings a chance of light snow/flurries early. Turning partly sunny, colder. Temps hold around 30 degrees through the day. Brisk NW winds 15-25 mph add to the chill.



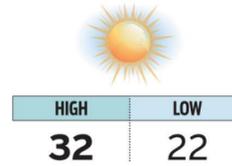
FRIDAY, DEC. 7



Polar origin high pressure settles across the Midwest bringing abundant sunshine and diminishing NW winds. Cold. Daytime temps slowly climb to highs in the mid-upper 20s. Clear, cold overnight.



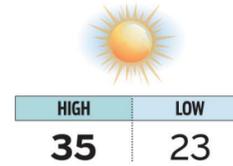
SATURDAY, DEC. 8



Sprawling high pressure remains across the upper Mississippi valley. Sunshine and light winds dominate area weather, but temps stay below normal. Clear and seasonably cold at night.



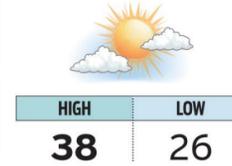
SUNDAY, DEC. 9



Little change in the weather, though temps continue to slowly moderate. Afternoon readings peak in the upper 30s under sunny skies. Tranquil, with light and variable winds.



MONDAY, DEC. 10



Winds turn SW at 10-15 mph as high pressure shifts E/S of the area. Continued dry, though some high clouds may filter afternoon sun. Temps rise above normal, reaching highs near 40 degrees.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 This November was one of the city's coldest and snowiest. Was it the worst?
 — Chuck Kennell

Dear Chuck,
 Rating months in terms of cold and snow, this past November was not the city's worst. Even though the month ranked fourth snowiest (12.7 inches) and 13th coldest (34.6 degrees), November 1951 was both colder and snowier. That month was the city's third snowiest (14.3 inches) and fifth coldest (32.8 degrees). Winter hit hard and early in 1951 with a 4.4-inch snowfall on Nov. 3, quickly followed by 9.3 inches on Nov. 6-7. Snow fell on an additional four days that month, but totaled only 0.6 inch. This November did overshadow 1951 in terms of lack of warmth and sunshine. The month's highest temperature was just 52 degrees versus 64 in 1951, and was far cloudier with 28 percent of possible sun compared with 48 percent in 1951.

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Dreary open to December; sub-normal chill rest of the week

DECEMBER'S LACKLUSTER SUNSHINE

Dismal open to the new month

Date	Minutes of sunlight	Percent of possible sunlight
Sat. Dec. 1	50 minutes	8%
Sun. Dec. 2	30 minutes	5%
Mon. Dec. 3	0 minutes	0%

Opening days of Dec. 2018

Day	% OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	TOTAL MINUTES OF SUNSHINE
Dec. 1 to 3 Chicago	4%	80
Midway		

OVER THE PAST WEEKEND:

Saturday produced Illinois' worst December tornado outbreak on the books*

- 23 touchdowns reported downstate
- Previous highest Illinois December tornado count: 21: December 18-19, 1957

*NOTE: detailed Illinois tornado records go back to 1950

EF3 INTENSITY TORNADO

155 mph winds

- NO fatalities
- ✓ 30 were injured
- ✓ 21 sent to the hospital—several with critical head injuries
- Hardest hit: Taylorville, Illinois
- ✓ 34 homes severely damaged or destroyed
- ✓ 60 homes with major damage
- ✓ 406 homes damaged but inhabitable

THE NEXT 6 DAYS: BELOW-NORMAL DAYTIME TEMPS CONTINUE

Predicted Chicago O'Hare high temps

Temp departures from normal—how much "below normal"?

Day	High	Low
TUESDAY	33°	-6°
WEDNESDAY	35°	-3°
THURSDAY	31°	-7°
FRIDAY	27°	-10°
SATURDAY	32°	-5°
SUNDAY	35°	-2°

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives
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MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	TUESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	sh 37 26	pc 43 31		Albany	su 53 37	pc 57 48		Fairbanks	pc 17 12	pc 28 19		Albuquerque	ts 82 62	pc 71 55	
Carbonate	sh 33 24	pc 36 29		Albany	pc 32 20	pc 33 23		Fargo	pc 27 15	ss 21 3		Albuquerque	pc 68 47	sh 62 49	
Champaign	sh 33 24	pc 36 29		Albuquerque	su 44 25	pc 50 25		Flagstaff	pc 37 16	pc 46 25		Albuquerque	pc 41 25	cl 39 26	
Decatur	sh 33 24	pc 36 29		Amarillo	pc 46 26	pc 52 26		Fort Myers	ts 81 58	su 69 46		Ankara	pc 69 49	pc 72 50	
Moline	sh 31 22	su 37 24		Anchorage	rs 34 30	cl 37 33		Fort Smith	su 44 26	su 53 34		Athens	pc 61 46	pc 61 46	
Peoria	sh 33 24	pc 39 29		Asheville	pc 41 27	pc 35 21		Fresno	sh 57 47	sh 57 46		Auckland	pc 66 56	pc 66 56	
Quincy	sh 33 25	su 44 27		Aspen	pc 45 9	sh 36 20		Grand Junc.	su 34 17	sh 37 24		Baghdad	pc 69 58	pc 69 58	
Rockford	cl 29 21	pc 33 24		Atlanta	su 48 30	su 44 26		Great Falls	pc 37 21	sh 25 11		Bangkok	pc 66 56	pc 66 56	
Springfield	sh 33 24	pc 40 31		Atlanta City	su 43 27	cl 39 28		Harrisburg	pc 40 24	cl 37 25		Barbados	sh 84 78	pc 84 78	
Stirling	sh 29 22	pc 35 24		Austin	su 58 41	pc 59 49		Hartford	su 36 21	pc 35 23		Barcelona	pc 65 48	pc 65 48	
Indiana				Baltimore	su 43 29	cl 39 28		Helena	su 33 13	pc 26 5		Beijing	pc 66 56	pc 66 56	
Bloomington	cl 36 26	pc 33 27		Billings	su 36 19	pc 30 13		Honolulu	pc 82 73	pc 81 71		Beirut	ts 68 61	pc 68 61	
Evansville	ss 36 26	pc 38 29		Birmingham	su 46 28	su 47 26		Houston	su 63 43	pc 62 50		Berlin	pc 46 32	pc 46 32	
Fort Wayne	pc 33 26	sh 30 26		Bismarck	pc 31 14	pc 26 10		Int'l Falls	su 25 16	sh 19 0		Bermuda	ts 75 68	pc 75 68	
Indianapolis	cl 35 26	pc 32 27		Boise	pc 33 13	pc 31 14		Jackson	su 51 30	su 52 31		Bogota	pc 68 46	pc 68 46	
Lafayette	sh 34 24	pc 32 27		Boston	su 36 24	pc 34 26		Jacksonville	su 67 42	su 57 40		Brussels	sh 47 38	pc 47 38	
South Bend	cl 32 24	sh 29 26		Brownsville	sh 67 61	sh 70 64		Juneau	cl 35 32	pc 36 31		Bucharest	cl 33 25	pc 33 25	
Wisconsin				Buffalo	cl 31 24	sh 33 29		Kansas City	sh 33 26	pc 48 27		Budapest	sh 46 30	pc 46 30	
Green Bay	cl 27 19	cl 27 20		Burlington	pc 26 17	pc 29 22		Las Vegas	pc 55 38	sh 53 40		Buenos Aires	su 77 52	pc 77 52	
Kenosha	pc 31 22	pc 32 25		Charlotte	pc 52 34	pc 47 26		Lexington	sh 36 28	cl 33 25		Cairo	pc 72 56	pc 72 56	
La Crosse	sh 25 17	pc 29 17		Charlton SC	su 59 39	su 52 36		Lincoln	pc 29 17	pc 36 13		Cancun	ts 85 72	pc 85 72	
Madison	sh 27 19	pc 31 20		Charlton WV	sh 38 28	ss 35 24		Little Rock	pc 46 27	su 52 34		Caracas	pc 75 60	pc 75 60	
Milwaukee	sh 30 21	pc 32 23		Chattanooga	pc 43 29	pc 42 25		Los Angeles	pc 69 52	su 59 54		Casablanca	su 75 54	pc 75 54	
Wausau	cl 23 16	sh 24 15		Cheyenne	su 31 17	ss 35 11		Louisville	cl 39 30	pc 36 29		Copenhagen	pc 42 36	pc 42 36	
Michigan				Cincinnati	sh 36 27	cl 33 26		Macon	pc 56 32	su 50 27		Dublin	cl 46 41	pc 46 41	
Detroit	cl 34 25	sh 33 27		Cleveland	ss 34 28	sh 33 28		Memphis	pc 42 27	su 48 33		Edmonton	pc 31 11	pc 31 11	
Grand Rapids	cl 34 27	sh 31 29		Colo. Spgs	su 37 14	pc 46 15		Miami	ts 82 66	pc 75 56		Frankfurt	pc 47 31	pc 47 31	
Marquette	pc 32 25	pc 30 22		Columbia MO	sh 33 26	pc 46 31		Minneapolis	su 23 19	pc 27 13		Geneva	sh 51 39	pc 51 39	
St. Ste. Marie	sh 32 22	sh 29 24		Columbia SC	pc 56 38	pc 50 29		Mobile	su 58 37	su 55 38		Guadalajara	su 79 48	pc 79 48	
Traverse City	sh 32 26	sh 30 28		Columbus	cl 34 28	sh 33 26		Montgomery	su 54 31	su 51 29		Havana	pc 87 67	pc 87 67	
Iowa				Daytona Bch.	pc 68 46	su 61 45		Norfolk	pc 47 34	cl 42 28		Heikinki	pc 42 36	pc 42 36	
Ames	sh 26 19	pc 34 16		Denver	su 41 22	pc 44 19		Okla. City	pc 45 27	su 54 42		Hong Kong	su 77 71	pc 77 71	
Cedar Rapids	sh 28 20	pc 36 18		Des Moines	sh 26 19	pc 34 17		Omaha	sh 26 16	pc 32 13		Istanbul	cl 55 51	pc 55 51	
Des Moines	sh 26 19	pc 34 17		Dubuque	sh 29 21	pc 35 20		Orlando	sh 70 48	pc 62 43		Jakarta	pc 61 46	pc 61 46	
El Paso	pc 61 39	cl 63 46		Florida								Johannesburg	pc 89 63	pc 89 63	
												Kabul	su 57 30	pc 57 30	
												Kiev	sh 36 32	pc 36 32	
												Kyiv	sh 36 32	pc 36 32	

CHICAGO DIGEST

MONDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	35	30	Midway	36	32
Gary	37	33	O'Hare	35	31
Kankakee	37	33	Romeoville	36	31
Lakefront	36	31	Valparaiso	40	34
Lansing	35	32	Waukegan	34	30

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Mon. (through 7 p.m.)	0.01"	0.09"
December to date	1.29"	0.28"
Year to date	47.15"	34.92"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Mon. (through 7 p.m.)	0.2"	0.1"
Season to date	1.24"	9.3"
Normal to date	2.0"	2.0"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Wind NW/W 6-16 kts. WSW 15-25 kts.	
Waves 1-3 feet	
Mon. shore/crib water temps 39°/37°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 3	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	43.7%	9.7%
Average snow depth	2.4"	0.8"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	3 days	3 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Monday's reading: Good
 Tuesday's forecast: Good
 Critical pollutant: Ozone

TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:02 a.m.	4:19 p.m.
Moon	2:55 a.m.	2:36 p.m.

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:50 a.m.	3:44 p.m.
Venus	3:31 a.m.	2:23 p.m.
Mars	12:20 p.m.	11:25 p.m.
Jupiter	6:32 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
Saturn	9:00 a.m.	