

Race sees union aid, split with aide

Teachers group, affiliates of 2 others give blessing to Preckwinkle campaign

By GREGORY PRATT | Chicago Tribune

A beaming Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Thursday accepted endorsements for mayor from the powerful Chicago Teachers Union and two affiliates of another major union.

In a short speech, Preckwinkle outlined her support for a fully elected Chicago Public Schools board, a freeze on charter schools, tax reform legislation in Springfield and a moratorium on school closings — all points backed by the teachers union.

“We have to have confidence that all our kids, all our kids, are receiving a quality education, not just some of them,” Preckwinkle said.

Preckwinkle spoke at the headquarters of Service Employees International Union Healthcare Illinois, where she accepted the backing of the CTU, SEIU Healthcare Illinois and SEIU Local 73. SEIU Local 1



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Chicago mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle on Thursday picked up some key political endorsements.

previously endorsed Preckwinkle.

The CTU endorsement had been expected by many of Preckwinkle’s opponents. Union officials present at the rollout praised Preckwinkle as the right person to lead Chicago. CTU officials, in particular, highlighted that the delegates who voted

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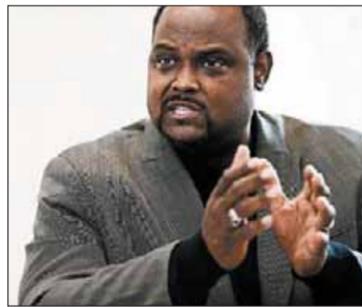
Preckwinkle’s ex-security chief says he was axed because it was ‘expedient’ for her run

By GREGORY PRATT | Chicago Tribune

As Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle’s security chief, Delwin Gadlen’s job was to protect her.

He spent two decades in Preckwinkle’s political orbit, at first volunteering with her campaigns and then for nearly the last eight years working on her executive security detail. But their relationship soured this fall when he was fired amid the fallout of a watchdog report stemming from a bizarre incident the morning after Election Day 2016. A Cook County SUV — nearly exclusively driven by Gadlen — was found vandalized and abandoned near southwest suburban Lemont. A cache of political materials was found inside.

The IG’s report on the incident, released in October, became a political hot potato for Preckwinkle — it’s illegal to use county vehicles for political campaigning — and Gadlen was fired.



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Delwin Gadlen, former security chief for Toni Preckwinkle, was fired this year.

Speaking publicly for the first time about the November 2016 incident and its aftermath, Gadlen told the Chicago Trib-

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The flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush passes through Magnolia, Texas, on Thursday. The locomotive commissioned in honor of the 41st president in 2005 and painted to resemble Air Force One took him from Spring to College Station, where he was laid to rest at his presidential library at

Texas A&M University. The train’s sixth car, a converted baggage hauler called “Council Bluffs,” was fitted with transparent sides to allow the mourners lining the tracks, standing in the cold and rain, some holding American flags, a chance to pay their respects and view the casket. **Nation & World**, Page 9

City takeover of N. Side rail line’s on track

Vote would put new transit artery in reach, although route itself is far down line



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Chicago is close to assuming control of abandoned railroad tracks that run through Goose Island, a key step toward creating a public transit route along the Chicago River on the city’s North Side.

On Wednesday, the City Council is expected to vote to take over rights to the Chicago Terminal Railroad line. The former freight train route could eventually become part of a transit way for buses or trains that the city wants to create from the edge of Lincoln Park and Bucktown to commuter trains at Ogilvie Transportation Center.

The route would boost public trans-



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portation options between downtown and an area of the North Side expected to see a dramatic influx of residents and office workers. The plan has the potential to reduce traffic and relieve crowding on the CTA’s Red, Blue and Brown Line trains.

A trip from Lincoln Yards — on land along the river between Webster and

North avenues — to Ogilvie could take as little as 12 minutes under the preliminary plan, said Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, whose ward includes much of the proposed transit route.

Taking over the 1.8-mile former freight

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Flare-ups end alleged police cover-up trial

By MEGAN CREPEAU, CHRISTY GUTOWSKI AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Much of the evidence in the landmark conspiracy case against three Chicago cops was sterile and dry, relying on reams of fine-print paperwork and obscure internal police procedures.

But the trial closed Thursday with rhetorical fireworks as attorneys sparred fiercely over whether the defendants collaborated to thwart an investigation into then-Officer Jason Van Dyke’s fatal 2014 shooting of Laquan McDonald.

“Laquan McDonald was a human being,” special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes said during nearly four hours of closing arguments. “He deserved due process in the law and not to have police officers write false reports and shape a false narrative. ... It’s not honorable. It’s a violation of the public trust. It’s a violation of their oath of office.”

Ex-Detective David March, former patrolman Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney are charged with conspiring to cover for Van Dyke. Prosecutors alleged the men filed false paper-

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JOHN KASS

A college kid running for alderman gets local lesson

The history of the little guy being squashed by massive Chicago political clout at election time is just too long to print without weeping.

But the story for today is so amazing that some Chicago election officials have never seen the like.

"No one can remember anything approaching this," said an election official.

Really?
It's overkill of epic proportions, like using a sledgehammer to kill a gnat, or firing off a nuclear weapon to kill a sparrow. A Southwest Side David vs. Goliath story.

The David is David Krupa, 19, a freshman at DePaul University who drives a forklift part time. He's not a political powerhouse. He's just a conservative Southwest Side teenager studying political science and economics who got it in his head to run for alderman in a race that pits him against the most powerful ward organization in Chicago.

The Goliath is the 13th Ward Democratic Organization run by House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, aka Boss Madigan, the most powerful politician in the state. Boss Madigan has long hand-picked his aldermen. He likes them loyal and quiet. The current silent alderman of the 13th Ward is Marty Quinn.

"I'm from Clearing," Krupa told me. "All I want to do is get on the ballot to address the serious issues we have, from public safety to taxes. People don't want to say things out loud here. People who've challenged the 13th Ward get intimidated. You know the neighborhood."

Yes, I do know the neighborhood. For decades, my father and uncle ran a family supermarket in the 13th Ward, at 58th and Pulaski. We'd cash paychecks without charging a check-cashing fee. On government paycheck days, the line of city, county and state workers would ring around the store, for hours upon hours, thousands of them.

Even then I knew the power of Boss Madigan.

To get on the ballot, Krupa was required to file 473 valid signatures of ward residents with the Chicago Board of Elections. Krupa filed 1,703 signatures.

But before he filed his signatures with the elections board, an amazing thing happened along the Chicago Way.

An organized crew of political workers — or maybe just civic-minded individuals who care about reform — went door to door with official legal papers. They asked residents to sign an affidavit revoking their signature on Krupa's petition.

Revocations are serious legal documents, signed and notarized. Lying on a legal document is a felony and can lead to a charge of perjury. If you're convicted of perjury, you may not work for a government agency. And I know that there are many in the 13th Ward on the government payroll.

More than 2,700 revocations were turned over to the elections board to cancel the signatures on Krupa's petitions. Chicago Board of Elections officials had never seen such a massive pile of revocations.

"The board has received a few



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Political workers went door to door with official legal papers and collected more than 2,700 affidavits of people revoking their signatures in support of David Krupa.

revocations here and there in very rare electoral board cases over the years," said election board spokesman Jim Allen.

But more than 2,700? Impossible, no?

"They're pretty rare, and no one can remember anything approaching this volume of filings in past cases," Allen said. "For the board, the next step is to begin the hearings on all of the objections that have been filed against any candidates' nominating petitions. We can't speculate, though, on the legitimacy or any other legal questions about any of the objections or the corresponding petitions."

The number of revocations far exceeds the number of signatures Krupa collected. That means false affidavits were filed with the elections board.

Why would thousands of people lie on a legal document of revocation, and say they'd signed Krupa's petitions, when they didn't sign Krupa's petitions? Were they just being nice?

Mike Kasper, the elections lawyer for the 13th Ward, said his side has filed objections to Krupa's petitions of candidacy and "we'll wait for the elections board to take it up when it does."

Pressed about the large number of revocation petitions, Kasper said he's aware of the issue, but that "it is my practice to decline comment on any pending litigation."

There is no litigation, yet, but election attorney Michael Dorf, who is representing Krupa, says this case is a "clown car of felonies."

"You know the 13th Ward better than I do," Dorf said. "This is clown

school and election fraud. This is going way, way beyond the line. David is a huge underdog. Go ahead and beat him on Election Day, or do subtle fraud, like taking away yard signs, but when this number of false affidavits are filed, you're talking fundamental fraud, epic fraud.

"We turned in 1,703 signatures. We compared them to the 2,796 revocations, and found only 187 matches, meaning only 187 people who signed David's petitions filed revocations," Dorf said. "So, what about the 2,609 people who didn't sign for David but who filed revocations? That's fraud. That's perjury. That's felony."

Dorf said that he will ask the elections board next week to refer the matter to Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

But Foxx, a Democrat, won't want to anger the Boss.

Neither will incoming Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, who famously said he would not "go fishing" for corruption, and who also received a million dollars in Madigan political money.

And current Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan, is the Boss' daughter.

This is Chicago, where the Davids get crushed by the Goliaths. And where the boss is the boss.

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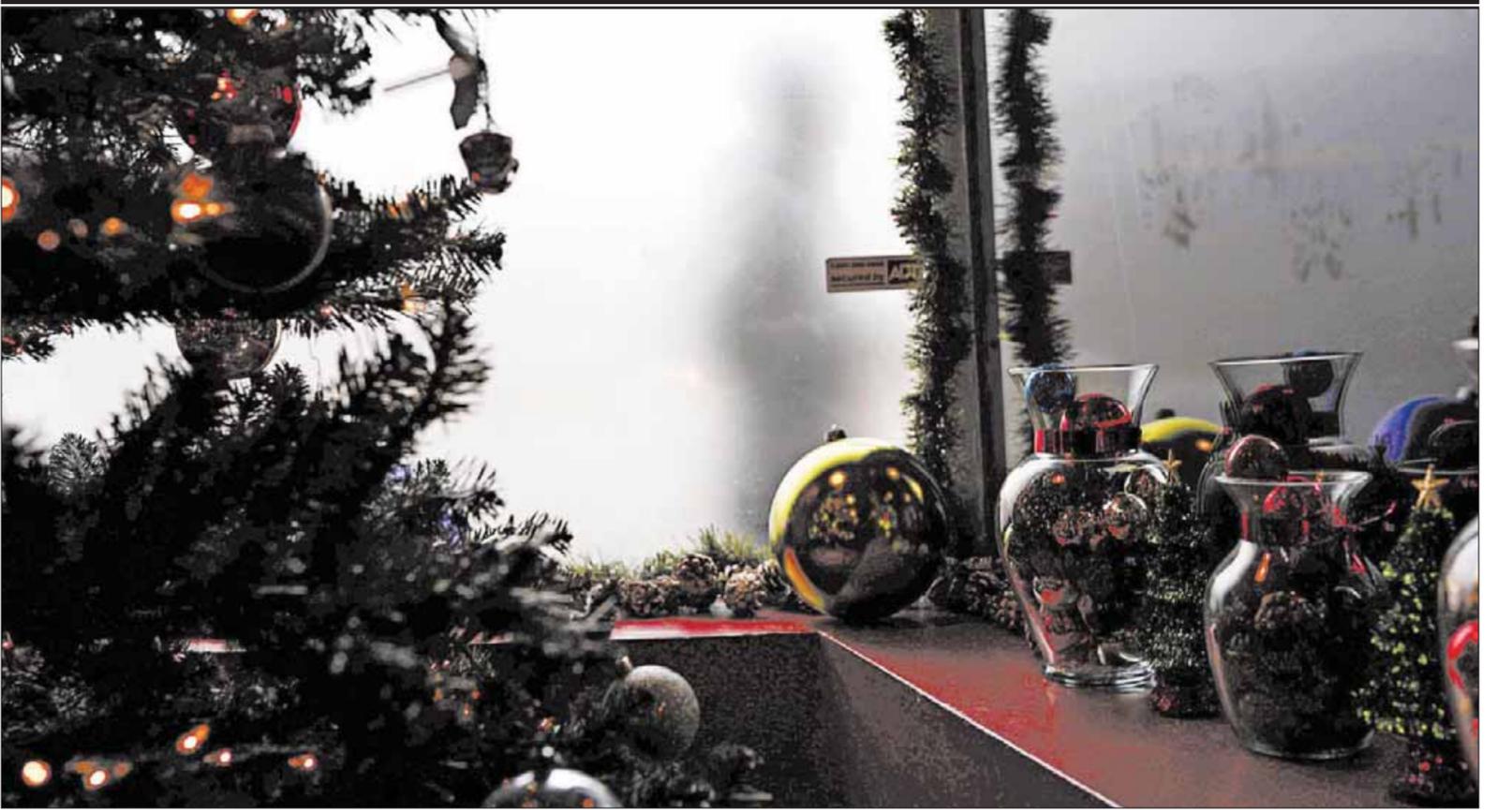
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MARY SCHMICH

Have you weighed in on “Baby, It’s Cold Outside”?

A man I know asked me this question Thursday. I haven’t, but obviously, it’s time to summon an opinion. It’s December, after all, that festive

time of year when “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” is back in the cultural outrage cycle.

The controversy over the old song isn’t new. What’s new this holiday season is that at least a few radio stations have heeded the the outcry over its lyrics and refused to play it.

How big is the outcry? Hard to measure, but loud enough that stations in Cleveland, San Francisco and Denver pulled it from the holiday rotation.

“I gotta be honest,” Glenn Anderson, a host at Cleveland’s WDOK, wrote on the station’s website. “I didn’t understand why the lyrics were so bad...Until I read them.”

The song was written in 1944 by Frank Loesser, the composer of many Broadway hits. It was featured in the 1949 film “Neptune’s Daughter” and won the Oscar for best original song.

It’s more musically sophisticated than other potentially offensive holiday songs,

‘Baby, It’s Cold Outside:’ Nostalgia versus #MeToo

say, “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer,” and the lyrics, from a purely literary standpoint, are better.

In the song, two voices intertwine in a call and response. In the original movie version, one voice belongs to a woman who wants to go home, the other to a man who tries to stop her.

I really can’t stay (Baby, it’s cold outside)
I gotta go away (Baby, it’s cold outside)
She tries to leave. He persists. She agrees to half a drink more. He replies: *I’ll put some records on while I pour.*

She sips.
And then comes a line that in the #MeToo era is hard to hear as benign: *Say what’s in this drink?*

When I watch the video of the movie scene, with the guy manhandling the woman who looks more irked than amused, I cringe. That’s not flirtation. That’s aggression.

Of course, I cringe at a lot of lyrics, in whatever season. I cringe at the violent and vulgar songs playing in my gym and

in my favorite cafe.

I raise an eyebrow when I hear the Police song with the lines “Every breath you take/ Every move you make/ I’ll be watching you.” I still sing along, but even Sting, its author, has conceded its sinister side.

Loesser, on the other hand, apparently had no ill intent when he wrote “Baby, It’s Cold Outside.” His son once told Vanity Fair that “it was never anything other than a sweet couple’s number for him and his spouse.”

But that was a long time ago, before “consent” and “date rape” were in our common vocabulary, before the phrase “no means no,” before Bill Cosby and Harvey Weinstein and all the others were exposed as sexual thugs.

Anderson at WDOK in Cleveland acknowledged that the changing times change how we hear the song.

“I do realize that when the song was written in 1944, it was a different time,” he wrote, “but now while reading it, it

seems very manipulative and wrong. The world we live in is extra sensitive now, and people get easily offended, but in a world where #MeToo has finally given women the voice they deserve, the song has no place.”

He makes a good argument, but not sufficient to persuade legions of protesters, many of them women. The Denver station that pulled the song is playing it again in response to listener demand. The San Francisco station is taking a listener poll and reconsidering.

Arguing over a holiday song may seem trivial. But it’s part of a larger discussion over what to do with art — books, movies, songs — created in a less enlightened era. I think it’s OK to keep those potentially offensive works in circulation, as long as we’re listening, reading or looking in a more enlightened way.

I wouldn’t play “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” inside my home. I appreciate that the men who make decisions at the radio stations that have banned it have taken the complaints seriously, and seemingly for the right reasons. That’s progress.

Still, I’d say don’t ban it. Keep it around as an excuse to think and talk about how our sensibilities have changed and how much more they need to.

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ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Want to be a part of history? Help re-create this image

By **ELVIA MALAGON**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago residents will have a chance Saturday to be part of the history of the Art Institute during a re-creation of a photo from the institution's early years.

The photo re-creation will take place at 10 a.m. on the front steps of the museum, 111 S. Michigan Ave. The event is part of its 125th anniversary. There will also be two tours, at noon and at 2 p.m. Saturday, that will explain the history of the building, said Kati Murphy, spokeswoman for the Art Institute. Admission to the museum is required for the tours.

The photo being re-created has been widely circulated online for years, although museum

officials aren't certain when it was taken or where it came from, Murphy said. There has been speculation that the photo was taken on or around the time when the museum opened in 1893.

The black-and-white photo shows a large crowd filling the steps of the Michigan Avenue building and spilling onto the street. Three people who appear blurry can be seen walking in front of the crowd. It appears the photographer captured the moment from Adams Street facing Michigan Avenue.

Like much of Chicago's history, the story behind the Art Institute's building dates to the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. The fair committee collaborated with the Art Institute's trustees to construct the

building, which was used during the fair for international assemblies and conferences, according to the Chicago Architecture Center's website.

The photo has become iconic in the Art Institute community, which is why officials thought re-creating it could be an exciting part of the 125th anniversary celebration, Murphy said. The new photo will be shared on social media and become part of the museum's archives. She said the museum hopes its members and members of the public participate.

"Being inclusive and inviting everyone is part of who we are and part of our civic mission," Murphy said.

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The Rev. Tom Boharic blesses a memorial to the 10 children who died in a Little Village fire. The fire broke out early Aug. 26 in the rear apartment where the kids were having a sleepover.

Little Village building to be razed

Landlord's lawyer: Complex where fire killed 10 kids is likely to be torn down

By **ELVIA MALAGON**
Chicago Tribune

The Little Village apartment where 10 children were sleeping when a deadly fire broke out earlier this year is likely to be demolished, according to an attorney for the landlord.

The city's case against Merced Gutierrez, the owner of the property in the 2200 block of South Sacramento Avenue where a fire broke out Aug. 26, was heard Thursday morning in Cook County Circuit Court. Gutierrez did not appear when the case was called in front of Cook County Judge Leonard Murray.

Murray granted an order that will allow tenants of the front building to retrieve their belongings on Dec. 18. Anthony Peraica,

Gutierrez's attorney, said the landlord will then begin repairs, which includes replacing an electrical system damaged in the fire, and will eventually advertise for new tenants.

Peraica told Murray that all indications point to Gutierrez hiring someone to demolish the rear structure where the children had been sleeping during the fire. The structures on the property have remained vacant and secured, Peraica said.

The fire broke out early Aug. 26 in the rear apartment where nine first cousins and a close family friend were having a sleepover. There were no survivors of the fire, and firefighters previously said they did not treat any adults.

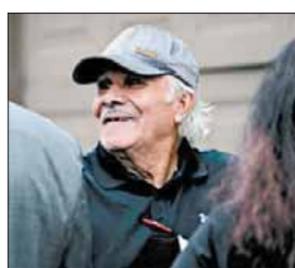
The children were identified as Amayah Almaraz, 3 months;

Alanni Ayala, 3; Gialanni Ayala, 5; Ariel Garcia, 5; Giovanni Ayala, 10; Xavier Contreras, 11; Nathan Contreras, 13; Adrian Hernandez, 14; Cesar Contreras, 14; and Victor Mendoza, 16.

In the days after the deadly fire, the city filed more than 40 code violations against Gutierrez, including six violations that were specifically issued for the rear building where the children were sleeping. The citations call for the landlord to do things such as repair building damages and post his contact information.

The cause of the fire remains undetermined, and Peraica said his client maintains he was not at fault. They are awaiting findings into what caused the fire.

"Three teams of investigators combed through the property. We still don't know what the cause and origin of the fire was, but we believe that it was nothing Mr. Gutierrez did or did not do that



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Merced Gutierrez is the owner of the site in Little Village where a deadly fire broke out in August.

caused the fire," Peraica said.

As of Thursday, the cause and manner of deaths for the 10 children remained pending, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The last time the city had inspected the building before the fire was July 3 at the request of Chicago police, and inspectors

found violations ranging from graffiti to an excessive number of extension cords in all of the units, according to city records.

Another inspection had taken place June 8 after a tenant complained, and two electrical code citations were issued when an extension cord was found from the rear building to the main apartments, according to the city's Buildings Department.

Gutierrez has owned the property for at least 29 years, according to county records. Peraica said Gutierrez did not have document leases with any of his tenants, and that his client had been in the legal process of trying to evict the family from the apartment where the children were sleeping when the blaze happened.

Gutierrez is expected to return to court Feb. 7.

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Panel to review if changes needed to city fines, fees and collection system

By **JOHN BYRNE**
Chicago Tribune

City Clerk Anna Valencia is launching a group to consider whether Chicago's fines, fees and collection practices need to be changed to help residents get out from under the sometimes crushing debt they can pile up for things such as late vehicle stickers or unpaid parking tickets.

The Chicago Fines, Fees & Access Collaborative will include eight aldermen, representatives of the city's Budget, Finance and Police departments, among other city officials, plus various non-profits, Valencia said in a news release.

The group will meet for the next six months to "review existing policies and provide recommendations to reform existing

fines and fees schedules, payment plans structures, accessibility of information and processes, impact of penalties for nonpayment, role of private debt collectors, debt-based policies tied to employment opportunities and the process of enforcement of violations," the release says.

It remains to be seen whether Valencia's election-year move will amount to more than a report that gathers dust. A new mayor taking office in May might not make it a high priority to act on the recommendations of the sitting clerk, especially one as closely aligned with outgoing Mayor Rahm Emanuel as Valencia. The next mayor will be seeking ways to raise revenue to meet crushing pension obligations without resorting to tax increases, and targeted fines and fees are often seen

as politically preferable.

"The City of Chicago needs revenue for its streets, services and schools, but it's good for local government to take a pause and reflect on past policies that have been created over decades to ensure they are serving their intended purpose," Valencia said in a news release.

Valencia has incentive to address the city fine policies. Criticism has been mounting on the city this year about the way drivers are fined for not renewing the city stickers on their cars on time, with late fees and parking tickets quickly spiraling into the hundreds of dollars. That's a program administered by the clerk's office, so it makes sense for Valencia to have an answer for voters about what she's doing about it as she seeks re-election



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City Clerk Anna Valencia says the review is intended to ensure that policies created over years "are serving their intended purpose."

against challenger Patricia Horton.

And a ProPublica Illinois series this year detailed how unpaid parking and automated camera tickets, late fees and other penalties can quickly turn into an

insurmountable pile of debt for Chicago's working poor, threatening their livelihoods and forcing some to declare bankruptcy.

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NRA, Cloud Gate artist settle usage dispute

BY LIAM FORD
Chicago Tribune

Anish Kapoor, the British artist who created Cloud Gate, better known as The Bean, has declared victory over the National Rifle Association after the group agreed to remove an image of the Millennium Park sculpture from a 2017 video.

Titled "The Violence of Lies," the video, starring NRA spokeswoman and conservative commentator Dana Loesch, flashed a picture of the sculpture on the screen as Loesch spoke about former President Barack Obama.

The ad, also known online as "The Clenched Fist of Truth," stated that "the only way to save our country, the only way to fight this violence of lies is with the clenched fist of truth." The video was released in April 2017, and while Kapoor commented negatively about it a few months later, this spring he issued a more forceful statement about it and filed a lawsuit in June, claiming the ad

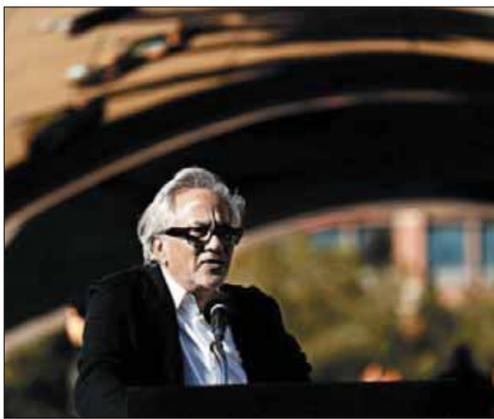
violated copyright because the NRA didn't have permission to use the image.

Both Kapoor and the NRA said in statements the group will remove the image of The Bean from the video.

"We are pleased to declare victory over the NRA. They have now complied with our demand to remove the unauthorized image of my sculpture Cloud Gate from their abhorrent video 'The Violence of Lies,' which seeks to promote fear, hostility and division in American society," Kapoor said in a statement released by the gallery that represents him.

"This is a victory not just in defense of the copyright of my work, but it is also a declaration that we stand with those who oppose gun violence in America and elsewhere," he said.

In an emailed statement, NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said the group has "settled Anish Kapoor's baseless copyright lawsuit in exchange for removing the fleeting image of Cloud Gate (oth-



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"This is a victory not just in defense of the copyright of my work, but it is also a declaration that we stand with those who oppose gun violence in America and elsewhere," Anish Kapoor, creator of Cloud Gate, said.

erwise known as The Bean) from a video, The Violence of Lies, by Dec. 12 ..."

"Notably, Kapoor demanded a minimum of \$150,000 in damages in his complaint, as well as recovery of his attorneys' fees. The NRA paid Kapoor nothing," Arulanandam said.

Kapoor said he wanted to "invite the NRA to do the honorable thing and donate \$1 million to the victims of gun violence in America through charities such as Every Town for Gun Safety, The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, Giffords, The Brady Campaign and Moms Demand

Action for Gun Sense in America."

The groups mentioned by Kapoor traditionally have opposed the NRA's reading of the Second Amendment's right to bear arms, including some of them making themselves available to media during NRA conventions to counter the group's view.

Kapoor's lawsuit, originally filed in Chicago federal court, had been transferred to Virginia, where the NRA is based. The online docket for the case did not yet show Thursday that it had been settled.

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Southwest Side bolsters affordable housing rules

BY JOHN BYRNE
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A Mayor Rahm Emanuel-backed move to bolster affordable housing rules in Pilsen and Little Village moved ahead Thursday, though an alderman who opposes the plan says the vote on the measure violated City Council rules.

The package hikes up the number of affordable units in the gentrifying neighborhoods to 20 percent of the total number in a development from 10 percent, and increases the per-unit cost developers must pay to get out of the requirements by \$50,000.

Pilsen Ald. Daniel Solis, 25th, and Little Village Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd — who are both retiring — back the plan. They say it's an important step to preserving affordability for Hispanic families in historically Latino areas that are in danger of becoming playgrounds for wealthy white 20-somethings, especially when the city completes the Paseo mixed-use trail on an old railway right-of-way that's envisioned as a Southwest Side version of The 606 train-track park, which has driven gentrification in Humboldt Park.

But Ald. Raymond Lopez,

15th, argues the ordinance is a half-measure that's too late to preserve the makeup of Pilsen in particular. "Everyone in that room would readily acknowledge Pilsen is fully gentrified," Lopez said. "If we want to protect parts of the city from gentrification, we should do so in parts of the West and Southwest sides where we want that development but haven't seen it yet."

Lopez called for a quorum in the Housing Committee, arguing the body was breaking council rules by taking a vote on the ordinance without a majority of the 15 members on hand. Committee Chairman Ald. Joe Moore, 49th, called a recess to try to drum up more members, and eventually passed the measure.

Lopez said it was illegal for Moore to take the recess action without a quorum, and the affordable housing measure therefore can't head to the full City Council next week for an up-or-down vote. "I have reached out to the Inspector General's Office to see how to proceed, because I don't know that we have a clear precedent for this situation," Lopez said.

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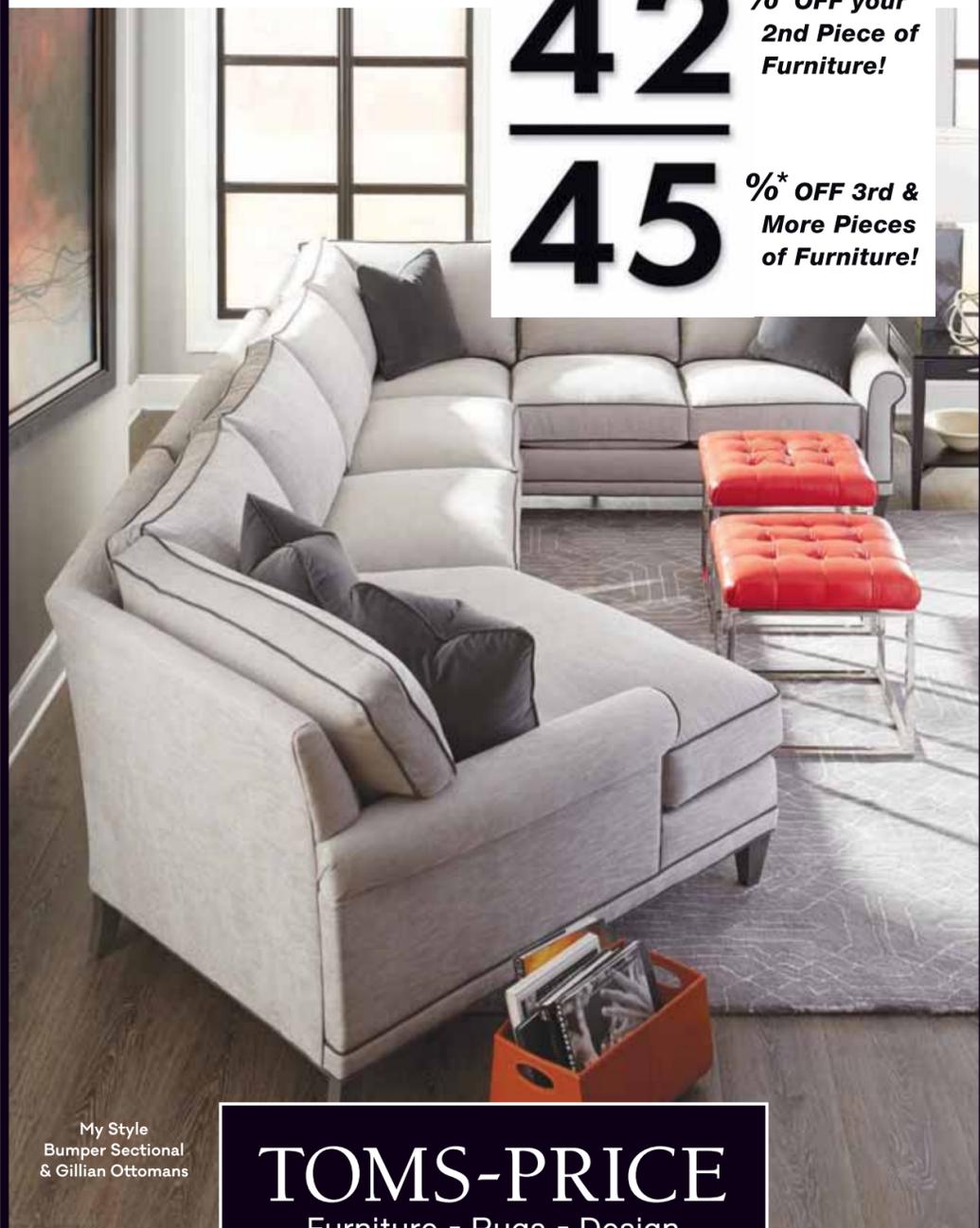
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Ex-security chief feels 'betrayed'

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une that Preckwinkle unfairly ousted him to protect herself and her mayoral ambitions. Gadlen denies abandoning the car and said he has no idea who put the political materials in the vehicle.

"She fired me because it was expedient to get rid of me for her mayoral campaign," Gadlen alleges.

Under the county's ethics law, it's illegal to use government property or resources for political activity. While Preckwinkle has denied authorizing such activity and has not been accused of wrongdoing, the incident could have political repercussions for her campaign.

Through her county spokeswoman, Becky Schlikerman, Preckwinkle did not answer an extensive list of detailed questions about Gadlen's allegations and she declined an interview with the Tribune. Instead, Schlikerman released statements saying "individuals who are fired are not widely known to provide glowing comments about their previous employer" and calling Gadlen a "disgruntled former employee who was rightfully terminated."

He was fired Nov. 1 after an internal review's initial assessment of the security detail's operations found a change in leadership was warranted, Schlikerman said.

Gadlen said he first realized his job was in danger on Oct. 5, when he received a call from a Preckwinkle staffer asking him to come in for a meeting about Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard's investigation into the abandoned SUV incident.

Gadlen said he raced to the Mellow Yellow restaurant in Hyde Park, where Preckwinkle was having a morning meeting, to privately ask her: Would he be fired? According to Gadlen's account, Preckwinkle hesitated, said no and directed him to give a staff member his response to Blanchard's findings. In hindsight, Gadlen recalled, her answer seemed noncommittal.

"She said, 'Well, Delwin, you can always go back to Chicago (police). You're on a leave of absence and once I become mayor, I'll be in a better position to help you,'" according to Gadlen.

Gadlen said he did not quit that day or two weeks later, when Preckwinkle requested his resignation, because he doesn't believe he did "anything wrong."

Gadlen's account does not solve two key unanswered questions — who was driving the SUV the night in question and how did the political materials supporting Preckwinkle allies get in the vehicle? Nevertheless, his first public remarks offer a look at how he says Preckwinkle has managed a political crisis that has dogged her mayoral campaign and leadership of county government.

Records Gadlen released also show Preckwinkle used her political campaign fund to pay his legal fees in connection with the inspec-



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Delwin Gadlen stands last month outside the school he attended in his old neighborhood on Chicago's West Side.

tor general's investigation.

Preckwinkle's mayoral campaign released a statement about the campaign expense, noting she supported the IG investigation and her priority "was to ensure their investigation was thorough and complete." Schlikerman later said that Gadlen personally asked for Preckwinkle's help and she agreed.

'Mother figure'

Born on the West Side and raised by a single mother, Gadlen lived in the ABLA Homes, he said. Gadlen, 45, attended Dunbar High School and later graduated from Chicago State and St. Xavier universities, personnel records show.

In the 1990s, Gadlen lived in an apartment complex near 34th and Cottage Grove with his first wife. Gadlen began volunteering with Preckwinkle, then a member of the Chicago City Council, around 1998 after someone suggested he get to know his alderman if he wanted to become a police officer.

"I wanted someone to give me a recommendation," Gadlen said, adding that Preckwinkle did not help him become a police officer three years later.

Over the years, Gadlen said, he kept volunteering with Preckwinkle, and she asked him to be her security chief after becoming County Board president. He took a leave from the department to take the job.

Gadlen said he came to see Preckwinkle, 71, as a "mother figure" and the security detail as "family."

On Election Day 2016, Gadlen took a personal day off work and picked up Preckwinkle at her home in his personal vehicle. He drove her to see a busload of

volunteers headed to Iowa to support Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, he said.

Throughout the day, Preckwinkle visited polling sites and a church. Gadlen said he went to pick up a county vehicle as he planned to accompany her to two events she had in her capacity as the County Board president: An interview with WGN Radio at Tribune Tower and a victory party for ex-Preckwinkle chief of staff Kim Foxx in celebration of her ascension to state's attorney.

They stayed downtown until "probably close to 11:30," Gadlen said, and then he dropped her off at home. Preckwinkle told Blanchard's investigators she was home around 9:30 p.m. A schedule released by Cook County and Gadlen, however, shows she had planned to be with WGN and Foxx's party until 11:30 p.m. The administration did not address the Tribune's questions about what time she actually went home.

Days before, a county-owned Chevy Tahoe used by the security team was left parked outside another security detail member's Orland Park home, as employees sometimes rotated vehicles based on logistical needs, Gadlen and the employee told the IG. It was still parked at the employee's home on election night, the employee told the IG.

About 12:30 a.m. Nov. 9, a citizen called the sheriff's office and reported that vehicle being abandoned in mud on a street near Lemont. The caller also reported seeing a person walking near the vehicle, officials said.

Gadlen said he didn't know anything was wrong until 2:15 a.m., when he got a call from the sheriff's office informing him it was

found near Lemont. Experts later said the damage seemed staged.

"I said I didn't authorize anyone to remove the vehicle from where it was in Orland Park so I said, at this point, the vehicle is stolen," Gadlen said.

Gadlen said he has no idea who stole the vehicle and crashed it. His timeline — having driven a different vehicle with Preckwinkle that evening — clears him as a suspect, he said.

He also said he doesn't know how the political materials, which included a button with Preckwinkle's face on it, handouts promoting Foxx's candidacy and sample ballots, wound up in the vehicle.

"I can definitely say the materials weren't mine," Gadlen added. "I did not know the bags were in the back of the truck either."

Preckwinkle has said she rarely used the county vehicle and denied she allowed it to be used for political campaigning. She also has denied knowing how the materials ended up in the vehicle and said she did not allow county resources to be used for political campaigning.

During the subsequent investigation, Gadlen said, he told Preckwinkle several times the materials found in the SUV were not his.

"I'm not the committeeman. I'm not the machine, the Cook County Democratic chairperson. Why would I carry around bags of candidates' political material? It doesn't benefit me," Gadlen said he told her. "She said, 'No, no, no. I know, Delwin.' ... In other words, she knew the stuff wasn't mine."

Legal fees paid

Cook County sheriff's investigators referred the sit-

uation to Blanchard, who issued a much-publicized report in October and is working on a follow-up.

For the initial report, Gadlen told Blanchard the materials may have been "planted," leading to criticism from incredulous county commissioners when the report was published. Looking back, Gadlen said, he was being "facetious" and "sarcastic" because the investigators were aggressive. For his second interview, Gadlen said he asked to be represented by county lawyers but was rebuffed.

Gadlen said he eventually hired Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona to represent him and said Preckwinkle's campaign paid the tab. State campaign records and a signed copy of Preckwinkle's campaign check shows her campaign paid the firm more than \$4,000 in July.

In a statement released by her mayoral campaign, Preckwinkle said "Delwin was a longtime employee whose job was to protect me — often doing so off county time. He approached me for assistance and I wanted to support that if it would help get all the facts out. This was not at taxpayers' expense."

The campaign also released a statement from attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthofer defending Preckwinkle's use of the campaign funds as "lawful and appropriate," noting she was "not conducting the investigation nor a subject of it."

Crisis mode

When Blanchard released his findings on Oct. 15, Gadlen said, Preckwinkle called him into her office for a "heads-up" that she'd be releasing a statement. He read the statement, which mentioned a review of the security de-

tail's operations without defending him. Shortly after, Gadlen said, she called him back and told him he should take off the rest of the week to avoid media attention.

Two days later, after a County Board meeting and news conference, Gadlen said she called him again and they talked for about half an hour, he said. By the end, Gadlen said he volunteered to accept a reprimand or a suspension.

"That's what my job is ... (to) take one for the team," Gadlen recalled. "She is the team. To protect her, I'll take that."

Preckwinkle thanked him, Gadlen said, but called back two days later following more reporting on the situation. "She said, 'Delwin, I need to ask you for your resignation because the story is not going away,'" Gadlen said.

He said he was upset and complained that staff did not involve him in a response. He also disputed that he had been negligent and said he wouldn't resign.

"I said, 'I'm not going to,'" Gadlen said, adding that he told her he was disappointed in the lack of support.

On Oct. 26, the county completed its initial review, though Preckwinkle officials have only released heavily redacted findings.

Another plea

Gadlen wrote Preckwinkle a handwritten letter dated Oct. 27 pleading his case. In the letter, released by the county, Gadlen twice notes that he doesn't want to embarrass Preckwinkle.

"Toni, the truth is that I care very much about you!" he wrote.

But, Gadlen said, he also has the right to defend his "character, integrity and professionalism." Gadlen disputed what he says is Cook County's response that he was negligent as unfair and also says a staffer's claim that he declined a two-week suspension is "absolutely untrue!"

"To conclude, I have known you for 20 years and have served you for the past almost eight years with dignity, professionalism and integrity," Gadlen said, noting his desire to remain on the job.

He also provided responses to Blanchard and a timeline of the night in question. Preckwinkle's administration released almost completely redacted versions of those documents, but Gadlen and his attorney, Michael P. Cohen, shared unredacted versions with the Tribune.

In his response, Gadlen says the investigation was "flawed" and "politically motivated," and that the sheriff's office failed to thoroughly investigate the crime of the stolen vehicle and its vandalism.

Since his firing, Gadlen said he feels "betrayed."

"I never would've thought she would ... step on a little man to accomplish her goal (of) running for mayor," Gadlen said.

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Preckwinkle accepts CTU's nod

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on the endorsement "overwhelmingly" chose Preckwinkle, despite some media reports to the contrary.

The backing of the big unions with their potential for manpower and contributions could be key as candidates try to build momentum for their campaigns and separate themselves from the pack in the crowded mayoral field. Currently, there are 21 candidates seeking to get on the Feb. 26 ballot.

How much of an impact the CTU will bring to the race is unclear. CTU, SEIU and SEIU Healthcare contributed \$4 million to Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia in 2015, a total that boosted his candidacy and helped him push Mayor Rahm Emanuel into the city's first mayoral runoff.

The union's leadership changed in September after Karen Lewis stepped down as president. Under Lewis, the union grew into a force

that aggressively challenged Emanuel for years.

CTU President Jesse Sharkey was noncommittal when asked how much CTU would spend to back Preckwinkle's campaign.

"Our union is not a piggy bank," Sharkey said. "But what I think our union does have is some legitimacy in the eyes of many people in Chicago. We're not just a union, we're also a movement."

He noted the union won't be able to compete financially with the contributions "corporate-funded" candidates will receive, but the union will bring shoe leather, "clarity of vision" and people.

CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates slammed the Chicago government under Emanuel.

"Our city has had to struggle with a public school system that doesn't respect our voices as stakeholders, as educators, as parents," Gates said. "For the last eight years, we have

had to struggle to figure out how to afford to live in this city as working people."

She said "today is the beginning of a new beginning," and not just because of the endorsement.

"As a union, as a coalition of progressive forces in this city, we have put forth an agenda that says Chicago must be affordable for the people who live here," Gates said. "We have set forth an agenda that says public schools must respond to the needs of those who live in the community. We have set forth an agenda that said it's wrong to push black people out of this city."

During a question-and-answer session, Preckwinkle was asked about her support for charter schools in her ward as a member of the City Council. She acknowledged that, but said charters often have troubling disciplinary records and make it harder for neighborhood schools.

"What's happened to the schools in the city of Chi-



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Cook County President and mayoral candidate Toni Preckwinkle hugs fans on Thursday.

cago is we've put an incredible amount of resources into basically privatizing our school system," Preckwinkle said. "What I believe is every neighborhood deserves a good public school that will take all of our children and support them and educate them and provide them with access to opportunity."

In her speech, Preckwinkle also recalled her own life path, from wanting to be a "cowgirl" to becoming a teacher and politician. Teaching helped prepare her for politics, she said, because teachers have to deal with many "constituencies," including parents and administrators.

As an educator, Preck-

winkle said she loved "connecting to the next generation."

"Young people have such incredible enthusiasm and optimism," she said. "It's contagious and really encouraging as a human being and as a teacher."

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Lawyers duel as officers' trial wraps

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work exaggerating the threat posed by McDonald to make the shooting appear justified.

Defense attorneys scoffed Thursday at those accusations, expressing indignation that prosecutors would paint the officers as criminals for doing their jobs.

After closing arguments ended shortly before 7 p.m., the three defendants walked out of Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson's courtroom with nearly two weeks to wait before learning her decision on the charges of official misconduct, obstructing justice and conspiracy. Stephenson said she would announce her verdict Dec. 19 after reviewing all the evidence.

In a separate, historic trial earlier this year, a Cook County jury convicted Van Dyke of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery. He is awaiting sentencing in jail.

Thursday's arguments were undoubtedly familiar to Stephenson, who heard the lawyers hit near-identical notes twice already in the previous four days of trial.

March's attorney, James McKay, once again blasted the case as weak, saying in a voice that rose to a shout that prosecutors had "failed miserably" to show that any of the officers had done anything wrong.

As the case's lead detective, March determined that the shooting was justified, but that doesn't mean he committed a crime, McKay argued. The finding was simply one man's opinion, the attorney said.

"Do not criminalize opinions," he told the judge. "Do not find words amount to a crime. There is no evidence of an agreement, no evidence of a conspiracy."

At one point, he mockingly asked that everyone in the courtroom to "take a moment" to consider the proof prosecutors had of any wrongdoing by the officers.

"OK, we're done," McKay said after pausing for less than a second.

Attorneys last week fought extensively over whether prosecutors could introduce emails between police supervisors as evidence of a conspiracy — which Stephenson allowed. And on Tuesday, the two sides sparred for nearly three hours over the defense's effort to get Stephenson to acquit all three officers at the close of the prosecution case. The judge rejected that bid.

Each set of arguments, including Thursday's, fell along similar lines.



Attorney William Fahy, representing Thomas Gaffney, delivers closing arguments at the trial of three police officers accused in an alleged conspiracy.

The paperwork and the video simply do not match, prosecutors said, and the fact that each of the defendants' police reports contained identical errors is solid proof that they collaborated to get their stories straight and cover for Van Dyke.

The reports were "all false," Holmes said. "But there's strength in numbers."

"This case is about public trust," she told Stephenson. "It's clear, it's straightforward and it's concise. It boils down to what the defendants wrote on paper — black and white — versus the (shooting) video."

Defense attorneys' closings Thursday also echoed their previous arguments: McDonald did, in fact, pose a threat that night, the opinions presented in their police reports do not amount to a crime and no evidence exists of an overarching conspiracy.

"Maybe you don't like the way (Walsh) filled out his report, maybe you don't agree with his perception," said Thomas Breen, one of Walsh's attorneys. "That doesn't make him (a) criminal. Not by any stretch of the imagination."

Along with McKay, Breen focused much of his time arguing that the officers on the scene that night had good reason to fear McDonald, who he said was closing the distance between himself and the police before he was shot.

"Cop killers don't give the cops a lot of notice,"

Breen said. "It's usually sudden, irrational and insane. And (the officers) wanted to go home after their shift."

Breen said there was no evidence that Walsh was covering for Van Dyke.

The officers had just gone through a traumatizing event in which they feared for their lives and filled out their reports to the best of their ability, Breen said. The fact that they might have reached a consensus about what had happened is not proof that they collaborated to get their stories straight, he said.

"Consensus is not conspiracy," Breen said. "To think for one moment that Joseph Walsh and other policemen filled out (reports) that night trying to prevent an independent investigation of this matter ... is just absurd."

In his commanding rebuttal, assistant special prosecutor Ronald Safer said when the consensus is to lie, it's the very definition of conspiracy. He also hit hard at defense attorneys for attacking McDonald.

"He is not on trial here, unfortunately," Safer said. "If things were done correctly he would be on trial for those crimes. That's what the law requires — ... that he be brought to justice, not that he be murdered on the street and not that these officers covered it up."

And the idea that the three co-defendants were acting in the stress of the moment was preposterous,

said Safer, raising his voice.

"There were no hearts pounding when these crimes were committed. There was no adrenaline flowing," Safer said. "This case is not about the decision to shoot. This case is about what these defendants did in the calm, cool, reflective atmosphere of their offices and how they got their stories together and conspired to obstruct justice."

Gaffney's attorney, William Fahy, noted that prosecutors and state's witnesses lauded the officer's actions that night. He and his partner were the first patrolmen to encounter McDonald, following him at a distance for blocks. They called for assistance and waited for a unit with a Taser to arrive. When Gaffney tried to cut off McDonald's path with his squad car, the teen used his knife to pop the tire on Gaffney's squad car and stab at the windshield.

"There has never been even a whiff or a suggestion of any kind that Tom Gaffney was anything less than honest and forthcoming about everything he did and his actions in this case," Fahy said.

But prosecutors said Gaffney's good policing ended the moment he filed the allegedly false paperwork.

"He wasn't assaulted. He wasn't battered," Holmes said. "Gaffney didn't use any force, and therefore there is

nothing to report."

Holmes said there was only one reason for Gaffney to lie.

"He did (it) so he could lend his voice to the choir that was singing for the justification of the killing of Laquan McDonald," she said.

But there were inherent flaws in the way the police system required Gaffney to report what happened that night, Fahy said. For one thing, Fahy said, Gaffney's paperwork was clearly describing the incident in which McDonald popped the squad car tire, not the shooting blocks away that Gaffney never witnessed.

The officer merely gave "an imperfect answer to an imperfect question on a form that is less than perfect," Fahy said.

Prosecutors accused the defense of muddying the waters and urged Stephenson to use her common sense when considering the video evidence.

"They are trying to say that what you're seeing with your own eyes is not what happened," Safer said. "What is the explanation for three demonstrably false identical (reports)? ... There is no innocent explanation, absolutely none. It is because they have conspired together."

The defense rested its case earlier Thursday with none of the defendants choosing to testify.

McKay called one witness — a retired Chicago

police detective who in 2014 entered March's name and star number as the case's assigned detective onto Officer Dora Fontaine's barebones scene report. Fontaine alleged that March instructed her to write in her report that Van Dyke was injured by McDonald.

The witness was an attempt to distance March from that paperwork, showing that although March's name was on the report, he did not approve or review it.

McKay also submitted as evidence more than 50 exhibits — most of which comprised the voluminous paperwork created by March as part of his investigation of the case. The exhibits appear to be an attempt to bolster McKay's argument that March conducted a thorough and extensive inquiry into the shooting, contrary to prosecutors' allegations that he covered it up.

In the day's final words, Safer told Stephenson that she will be the last voice in McDonald's shooting and the historic fallout.

"No matter how hard it is, no matter how painful it is, you must find these defendants guilty," Safer said. "The law requires it. Justice demands it. Our society depends upon it."

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City nears takeover of North Side rail line

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rail line, as part of a rails-to-trails conversion, is only one part of the city's long-discussed plan to create the route on former rail and industrial properties along the North Branch of the river.

The public transportation expansion could be years away from construction, and there's no guarantee it ever will happen. Several big unknowns remain, including the project's design, cost and how it would be funded.

If it becomes a reality, it would ease strains on existing roads, bridges and public transportation around Sterling Bay's proposed Lincoln Yards development and other big projects proposed in a 3.7-mile-long stretch of formerly industrial land north of the Loop.

"You put a quick connection to downtown from Goose Island, and it's game-changing," said Matt Garrison, managing principal at development firm R2, which owns several properties near the proposed route.

"It makes too much sense not to happen," Garrison added. "The city is being progressive and acquiring the right of way while it has the opportunity."

The Chicago Terminal Railroad line goes through

the Lincoln Yards development site along the river and Cortland Street, and runs south on Kingsbury Street. It crosses the river west on Cherry Street, where it continues toward the south end of Goose Island.

The rail line ends there, but early plans for the transit way call for the route to continue across the river — possibly using the Halsted Street bridge — onto 37 acres owned by Tribune Media.

A path along separate rail lines on Tribune Media's site would bring the transit line to Grand Avenue. The Chicago Department of Transportation and other agencies are examining ways to extend the route south to Ogilvie.

Buses, light rail and autonomous vehicles have been discussed as potential transportation modes. Light rail is the least likely option, because of the higher cost.

One option being explored is an autonomous bus-train hybrid, on wheels rather than tracks, Hopkins said. Public transportation would be alongside trails for bikes and pedestrians, and the route would be closed to car traffic.

Severe traffic congestion has been a prominent topic during Sterling Bay's public presentations for its plans to bring 23,000 workers

and as many as 5,000 homes to the riverfront land. The developer is proposing more than 12 million square feet of offices and residential towers, retail and entertainment including a 20,000-seat soccer stadium and multiple music venues.

"Whatever mode is eventually used, clearly this would be the fastest way to get from downtown to the Lincoln Yards development, which would relieve a lot of the congestion that my constituents are talking about at every one of these meetings," Hopkins said.

Sterling Bay's proposal also includes new roads and bridges and reconfigured intersections, as well as a relocated Metra station and water taxi stops.

Other major developments are in the works along the river, including Tribune Media's plans for a mixed-use development called the River District just north of the Loop.

Potential routes are being studied by CDOT and the city's planning department, CDOT spokesman Mike Claffey said. The department is in talks with the CTA to plan and operate the transit way, he said.

Tribune Media's plans, including a joint venture to redevelop the northern 7 acres with Riverside In-



Pedestrians on North Avenue pass the Cherry Street bridge to Goose Island in Chicago.

vestment & Development, include a route for the transit way to pass through the site, said Murray McQueen, president of Tribune Real Estate.

As part of its proposal to potential anchor tenants for its office towers, Riverside is offering private shuttle buses through Tribune Media's site and on to commuter train stations, Riverside CEO John O'Donnell said. But the longer transit way would have a greater impact on diverting people away from existing CTA bus and train lines.

"This would greatly alleviate pressure on the Red, Blue and Brown lines as you move north of downtown," O'Donnell said.

The city has the opportunity to control the rail line now after negotiations between Sterling Bay, the

city and the longtime owner of the rights to the Chicago Terminal Railroad, Iowa Pacific Holdings. In a legal dispute also involving the U.S. Surface Transportation Board, Sterling Bay reached a settlement with Iowa Pacific to permanently deactivate the train tracks. CDOT, Sterling Bay and other property owners last year complained of Iowa Pacific's practice of storing tanker cars on train tracks running through city streets. R2's Garrison dubbed the rail line's owners "railroad trolls," saying Iowa Pacific demanded money to have the rail cars moved.

The Surface Transportation Board in April issued a certificate of interim trail use for the line, allowing the city to become a potential sponsor of a rails-to-trails conversion that also

could include public transit, according to the city ordinance.

The agreement is part of a plan to extend the 606 elevated trail under the Kennedy Expressway and over the river east onto the Lincoln Yards site.

Easement rights for the rail line would be passed from Iowa Pacific to the city, pending the City Council vote. Hopkins said he expects the City Council to approve the ordinance, which will come at no cost to the city.

The ordinance would allow city lawyers to negotiate to buy rights to other properties to complete the transit way, or to seize land using eminent domain, according to ordinance documents.

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Pearl Harbor sailors return home

After 77 years, some who died during attack identified and will finally be laid to rest

Associated Press

HONOLULU — More than 75 years after nearly 2,400 members of the U.S. military were killed in the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, some who died on Dec. 7, 1941, are finally being laid to rest in cemeteries across the United States.

In 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed nearly 400 sets of remains from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii after determining advances in forensic science and genealogical help from families could make identifications possible. They were all on the USS Oklahoma, which capsized during the attack, and had been buried as unknowns after the war.

Altogether, 429 sailors and Marines on the Oklahoma were killed. Only 35 were identified in the years immediately after the attack. The Oklahoma's casualties were second only to the USS Arizona, which lost 1,177 men.

As of earlier this month, the agency has identified 186 sailors and Marines from the Oklahoma who were previously unidentified.

Slowly, the remains are being sent to be reburied.

Here's a look at some of those who have either already been reburied this year or who will be interred Friday:

Durell Wade: He was born in 1917 in the Hardin Town community of rural Calhoun County, Miss. He en-

listed in the Navy in 1936 and in 1940 re-enlisted for another two-year tour.

His burial in his home state was originally planned for a weekend, when it would be more convenient for people to attend. But because of scheduling conflicts at the North Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery, his family decided the 77th anniversary of the attack would be an appropriate date, even if some people have to take time off, said his nephew, Dr. Lawrence Wade.

He was one of the sailor's relatives who provided DNA to help identify him.

"My middle name is his name, Durell. My grandson has that name also," said the 75-year-old retired psychiatrist from Baton Rouge, La. "I'd gone through my life not really knowing anything about him, other than I carried his name and he was killed at Pearl Harbor. Once this DNA process came along and made it possible to identify his remains, it just made him much more of a real person to me."

William Bruesewitz: Renate Starck has been pondering the eulogy she'll give at the funeral for her uncle, Navy Seaman 1st Class William Bruesewitz.

"We always have thought of him on Dec. 7," she said. "He's already such a big part of that history."

Bruesewitz, of Appleton, Wis., will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. "It's a real blessing to have him returning and we've



CHRIS ZOELLER/AP

U.S. Navy sailors fold the U.S. flag over the casket with the remains of Seaman First Class Leon Arickx in Osage, Iowa.

chosen Arlington because we feel he's a hero and belongs there," Starck said.

About 50 family members from Wisconsin, Florida, Arkansas and Maryland will attend.

"We were too young to know him but we're old enough that we felt his loss," Starck said. "We know some stories. There's this stoniness about things from that time that kept people from talking about things that hurt."

William Kvidera: Hundreds of people filled a Catholic church in Traer, Iowa, in November for William Kvidera's funeral.

The solemn ceremony in his hometown included full

military honors, the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier reported.

"It's something like a dream," his brother, John Kvidera, 91, said.

John Kvidera was 14 when he found out about the bombings at Pearl Harbor and remembers huddling around a radio to find out what was going on. The family initially received a telegram saying William, the oldest of six siblings, was missing in action.

A telegram in February 1943 notified the family of his death.

Lowell Valley: For 20 years, Navy Fireman 2nd Class Lowell Valley's brother worked to identify

USS Oklahoma sailors.

Now that Valley has been identified and his remains have been returned home to Ontonagon, Mich., Bob Valley expects his role in helping identify a group of 27 sailors will soon be over. All 27 have been located.

Lowell Valley was buried at the Holy Family Catholic cemetery in July, the Iron Mountain Daily News reported.

Leon Arickx: More than 76 years after he died, the remains of Navy Seaman 1st Class Leon Arickx were buried on a brilliant summer day at a small cemetery amid the cornfields of northern Iowa.

Hundreds gathered in

July for Arickx's graveside service at Sacred Heart Cemetery outside Osage, Iowa, in a sparsely populated farming region just south of Minnesota, where Arickx grew up. Among them was his niece, Janice Schonrock, who was a baby when Arickx died.

"My family talked about him all that time," Schonrock, 77, said. "I felt I knew him because everyone talked about him."

Although they didn't have Arickx's remains, his family held a memorial service and placed a grave marker at Sacred Heart Cemetery in 1942. When his remains were finally returned, they were buried at a site not far away.

Texans bid farewell as Bush 41 laid to rest

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush was laid to rest Thursday at his presidential library at Texas A&M University in College Station after nearly a week of services honoring his life.

After a state funeral in Washington, Bush was flown back to his adopted home in Houston on Wednesday. Flags had been at half-staff across the state since the nation's 41st president died last Friday at age 94 at his home in Houston's Tanglewood neighborhood.

More than 11,000 people filed solemnly through nearby St. Martin's Episcopal Church overnight to pay tribute to the former president and vice president. Many had visited the family's church to mourn Bush's wife, Barbara, who died in April at age 92.

On Thursday morning, Bush's five children, 17 grandchildren and other family filled the pews for a final funeral service. They were joined by a host of Bush's friends, an eclectic mix that included his former secretary of state and

chief of staff, James Baker; former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger; Texas Gov. Greg Abbott; and country singers Reba McEntire and the Oak Ridge Boys. The singers also performed during the service: McEntire "The Lord's Prayer," the Oak Ridge Boys "Amazing Grace."

Baker was the first to speak after readings by Bush's granddaughters, becoming emotional at times as he recalled his friend of 60 years by his nickname: "Jefe," Spanish for chief.

"My hope is that in remembering the life of George Herbert Walker Bush and in honoring his accomplishments, we will see that we are really praising what is best about our nation. The nation he dearly loved and whose values he embodied," Baker said, wiping tears as he stepped down from the altar.

Bush's grandson, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, recalled spending time with his "Gampy" playing horse shoes, watching him fly fish and relax at the family retreat in Kennebunkport, Maine. He said the late president wrote his grandchildren letters of encour-

agement along the way, and they followed him not only into public service, but into the military.

"He left a simple yet profound legacy to his children, his grandchildren and his country: service," Bush said.

After the hourlong service, Bush's body was taken — as he requested before his death — to a Union Pacific train that traveled about 70 miles northwest, passing through five small towns on its way to College Station. It was the first presidential funeral train since Dwight D. Eisenhower's body was borne from Washington to his Kansas hometown 49 years ago.

Bush's train, decorated to simulate Air Force One, had transparent sides so that mourners lining the tracks could see Bush's flag-draped coffin.

Flag waving-crowds lined the tracks.

As the train passed through the towns a group of elementary students could be seen holding a banner that read "THANK YOU," firefighters saluted atop their truck on an overpass and a woman in a red hat held a sign that said "Rest in Peace George" with



JEFF ROBERSON/GETTY

The flag-draped casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services honor guard followed by family members Thursday in College Station, Texas.

hearts.

Judy Hulsey said it was a "very moving experience" to be able to wave at the Bush family as they rode the funeral train to Texas A&M University.

Hulsey, of Brenham, was among those who went to

Navasota to watch as the train passed through on its way to College Station. American flags were hung on buildings and a large sign read "President George H.W. Bush Thank You For A Lifetime Of Service."

She said it was worth

standing out in the cold and rain to be able to honor Bush and his family.

Kerry Dunford, of Rosenberg, said, "I think it's great for the country to do this sort of thing so more people can be a part of showing their respects and giving a tribute to this man who truly deserves it."

Some who lined up along the train route decided to make — or pick up — their own keepsakes to remember the day.

Some left coins on the tracks to be flattened as the train passed over and others picked up nearby rocks to take home.

Doug Allen, 55, of Cypress, left eight coins on the tracks before the train passed through Pinehurst. The train left his three quarters, three dimes and two pennies flattened and slightly discolored.

He says he only thought of the idea a few moments before the train passed and his wife and her friend found the coins in their bags.

"It's something we'll always keep," Allen said.

After arriving at Texas A&M, Bush's body was then driven along George H.W. Bush Drive for a private family burial behind his presidential library, beside his wife and daughter Robin, who died of leukemia in 1953 at age 3.

The Associated Press contributed.



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People wave as the train carrying George H.W. Bush to his final resting place passes through Navasota, Texas.

41st president rides the rails one last time

Associated Press

SPRING, Texas — The locomotive was painted to resemble Air Force One, but George H.W. Bush joked that if it had been around during his presidency, he may have preferred to ride the rails rather than take to the skies.

"I might have left Air Force One behind," Bush quipped during the 2005 unveiling of 4141, a blue and gray locomotive commissioned in honor of the 41st president and unveiled at

Texas A&M University.

On Thursday, that same 4,300-horsepower machine left a suburban Houston railyard loaded with Bush's casket for his final journey after almost a week of ceremonies in Washington and Texas. The train embarked on a slow roll to his presidential library in College Station, passing thousands of people who stood along the tracks.

One of the first small towns to greet the train was Pinehurst, where Andy Gordon, took his daughter,

Addison, 6, out of school so she and her 3-year-old sister, Ashtyn, could witness the moment.

"Hopefully, my children will remember the significance and the meaning of today," Gordon, 38, said.

At one point, state troopers hovering in a helicopter ordered people to get off the tracks as the train approached.

The train's sixth car, a converted baggage hauler called "Council Bluffs," was fitted with transparent sides to allow the mourners

lining the tracks a view of Bush's coffin. The train rolled past the flashing lights of fire trucks, some hoisting American flags from their ladders, and past troopers who saluted from the side of the tracks.

It is the eighth funeral train in U.S. history and the first since Dwight D. Eisenhower's body traveled from the National Cathedral in Washington through seven states to his Kansas hometown of Abilene 49 years ago. Abraham Lincoln's train in 1865 was the first.



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Eiffel Tower, other cultural sites to close amid riot fears

BY ANGELA CHARLTON AND ALEX TURNBULL
Associated Press



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The Eiffel Tower will be closed Saturday amid 'yellow vest' protests planned on the same day in Paris.

PARIS — Authorities across France braced Thursday for the possibility of more riots and violence at anti-government protests this weekend, holding emergency meetings and deploying tens of thousands of police and security forces. Museums, theaters and shops in Paris announced they would close Saturday as a precaution — including the city's famed Eiffel Tower.

Police unions and city authorities met to strategize on how to handle the protests Saturday, which are being held even though French President Emmanuel Macron surrendered Wednesday night and canceled a fuel tax hike that had unleashed weeks of unrest.

On the other side of France's volatile social debate, disparate groups of protesters did the same thing, sharing their weekend plans on social networks and chat groups.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe told senators Thursday that the government will deploy "exceptional" security measures for the protests in Paris and elsewhere.

Speaking on TF1 television, Philippe said 89,000 police officers will be deployed Saturday across France — up from 65,000 last weekend.

In Paris alone, 8,000 police officers will be mobilized. They will be equipped with a dozen armored vehicles — a first in a French urban area since 2005.

Some "yellow vest" protesters, French union officials and prominent politicians across the political spectrum called for calm Thursday after the worst rioting in Paris in decades last weekend.

Macron agreed to abandon the fuel tax hike, part of his plans to combat global warming, but protesters'

demands have now expanded to other issues hurting French workers, retirees and students. And in a move questioned by both critics and supporters, the president himself has disappeared from public view.

The prime minister reiterated the government's plan to scrap a fuel tax rise planned by the previous government because of the "extreme tensions" France is facing.

"No tax deserves to put civil peace in danger," Philippe said.

The rioting in Paris has worried tourists, prompted the cancellation of four French league soccer matches this weekend around the country and damaged the local economy at the height of the holiday shopping season. Rampaging groups last weekend threw cobblestones through Paris storefronts and looted valuables in some of the city's richest neighborhoods.

The Eiffel Tower, along with more than a dozen museums, two theaters and other cultural sites in Paris, will be closed Saturday for security reasons.

Two music festivals in Paris have been postponed and the Arc de Triomphe remains closed since it was damaged in last weekend's

protest, which left more than 130 people injured.

Paris police have also urged shops in the city's high-end Champs-Elysees area to close Saturday as a precaution.

Protests simmered Thursday in several French regions.

Scores of protesting teens clashed with police at a high school west of Paris, as part of nationwide student protests over new university admissions procedures and rising administrative fees. Drivers wearing their signature yellow safety vests continued to block roads around France, expanding their demands to include broader tax cuts and wider social benefits.

A small union representing police administrators called for a strike Saturday, which could further complicate security measures. Two police union officials told The Associated Press they are worried that radical troublemakers from both the far right and far left will hijack Saturday's protests.

Macron doesn't face reelection until 2022 and his party has a strong majority in parliament, but his political opponents are increasingly vocal and plan a no-confidence vote in the government next week.

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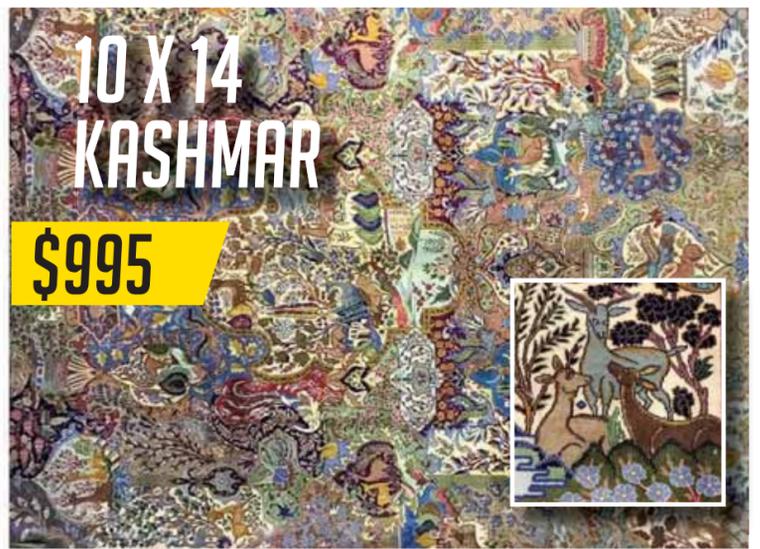
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Minorities struggle to quit smoking

A new study hopes to find ways that will make it easier for blacks, Hispanics

BY ANERI PATTANI
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Black and Hispanic Americans are less likely to smoke cigarettes than white Americans. Yet once they've started, they're more likely to stay hooked. National data show they successfully quit only about half as often as white smokers.

These communities often have less access to nicotine-replacement therapy and counseling that can help them quit.

But experts say that's only one piece of a much larger issue.

Black and Hispanic Americans, especially those with low income and education levels, often work or live in places without smoke-free laws, said Stella Bialous, an associate professor of social behavioral sciences at the University of California, San Francisco. Being around others who smoke makes it more difficult to quit.

Higher levels of stress experienced by these communities also can make them more likely to turn to cigarettes for the relief nicotine can offer, said David Williams, a public health professor at Harvard University who studies racial health disparities.

Given such obstacles, what could help these smokers quit?

The federal Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute has awarded \$11 million to a team of researchers, led by the University of Pennsylvania, to answer that question.

The study will include 3,200 smokers who are black, Hispanic, live in a rural area, or have a low income or education level — all groups for whom data show smoking cessation is most challenging. They will be recruited during lung cancer screenings at the University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadel-

phia, Geisinger Health System in northeastern and central Pennsylvania, Kaiser Permanente in Southern California and Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

Annual lung cancer screenings are recommended for heavy smokers over the age of 55 who currently smoke or have quit within the last 15 years. Many screening programs are required to offer smoking-cessation services to their patients.

"But most are scrambling to figure out what programs to offer," said Scott Halpern, lead researcher of the study and professor of medicine at Penn. "It's entirely unclear what approaches work best among people presenting for lung cancer screening, let alone which work best among underserved populations."

It's a missed opportunity, he said. Patients undergoing screening are often more concerned about their health. A study from the University of Texas found lung cancer screening participants are three to four times more likely to quit successfully than other smokers.

Study participants in each health system will be randomly assigned to one of four interventions to help them quit smoking.

The first group will receive the standard approach employed at lung cancer screenings now: Clinicians ask patients about their desire to quit, advise them to quit, and refer them to resources such as hotlines or support groups.

It's a passive system that often puts the burden on patients to follow through on referrals, said Stanton Glantz, director of the UCSF Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education.

The second group will receive the standard approach plus free access to nicotine patches and gum, as well as FDA-approved



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drugs to help with quitting.

The third group will be referred to support resources, receive free nicotine-replacement aids, and a mobile health app that will text participants personalized reminders of what they will gain by quitting.

The fourth group will receive all those services and will be paid up to \$600 for successfully quitting. Previous research has shown financial incentives are one of the most effective strategies to help people quit.

Though this approach has an upfront cost, Halpern said, it saves money in the long run by decreasing the likelihood that patients will develop lung cancer or heart disease.

All four interventions will be offered for six months, then researchers will follow up with patients for another year. The trial is set to start in 2020 and end in 2022.

"We're confident that if we succeed in producing this evidence, health systems and payers will respond," Halpern said.

Smoking-cessation experts caution that helping smokers in underserved populations quit is a complex challenge.

A common myth is that paying for nicotine-replacement products will solve the problem, said Glantz, of UCSF. But studies show that gums and patches don't work well without counseling.

In fact, Glantz explained in a 2017 essay for the American Journal of Public Health, many patients end up using them in addition to cigarettes rather than as a replacement.

Counseling is crucial to address the underlying stress that drives people to smoke, said Williams, of Harvard.

"You're looking at a population with fewer alternatives to cope," he said.

"That makes it harder for them to give up that aid."

The new study will not require patients to undergo counseling, though they can choose to pursue resources provided by clinicians.

Environment is another potential barrier to success, said Bialous, of UCSF. "People who don't see cigarette ads, who don't shop in places that sell cigarettes," she said, "have an easier time quitting."

Research shows that people of lower income are more likely to live in neighborhoods with high rates of tobacco retailers.

In Philadelphia, which has the highest rate of adult smokers among the nation's 10 largest cities, almost half of all tobacco retailers are located in low-income communities, according to the city Department of Public Health.

That's no coincidence, Glantz said. "While smoking has come down in the general population, the to-

bacco industry has been focusing more and more on holding onto people with less education and lower income," he said. Such efforts have included handing out cigarettes in housing projects, issuing tobacco coupons with food stamps, and fighting attempts at regulation.

The FDA recently moved to restrict e-cigarette sales at most gas stations and convenience stores because it said they were encouraging more youth to start smoking than adults to quit. The agency also announced plans to ban menthol cigarettes, which are disproportionately popular among African-Americans.

That may prevent future smokers, Bialous said. But it's only one side of the issue.

"It's important to understand how we can eliminate the disparity in quitting, just as we try to eliminate the disparity in starting," she said.

Pelosi takes hard line on wall: 'It's immoral, ineffective'

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi on Thursday rejected the idea of paying for President Donald Trump's border wall in exchange for helping hundreds of thousands of young immigrants avoid deportation.

Funding for the wall — a top Trump priority — and legal protections for so-called Dreamers, a key Democratic goal, should not be linked, Pelosi said.

"They're two different subjects," she said.

Her comments came as the House and Senate approved a stopgap bill Thursday to keep the government funded through Dec. 21. The measure, approved by voice votes in near-empty chambers, now goes to the White House.

Trump has promised to sign the two-week extension to allow for ceremonies this week honoring former President George H.W. Bush, who died Nov. 30.

But he wants the next funding package to include at least \$5 billion for his proposed wall, something Democrats have rejected. Trump is set to meet Tuesday at the White House with Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer.

Pelosi, who is seeking to become House speaker in January, said the lame-duck Congress should now pass a half-dozen government funding bills that key committees have already agreed on, along with a separate measure funding the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the border. Funding for the homeland agency should address border security and does not necessarily include a wall, Pelosi said.

Most Democrats consider the wall "immoral, ineffective, expensive," Pel-



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Nancy Pelosi meets with reporters at her weekly news conference on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

osi said, noting that Trump promised during the 2016 campaign that Mexico would pay for it, an idea Mexican leaders have repeatedly rejected.

Even if Mexico did pay for the wall, "it's immoral still," Pelosi said.

Protecting borders "is a responsibility we honor, but we do so by honoring our values as well," she added.

Schumer said Thursday that a bipartisan Senate plan for \$1.6 billion in border security funding does not include money for the 30-foot-high concrete wall Trump has envisioned. The money "can only be used for fencing" and technology that experts say is appropriate and makes sense as a security feature, Schumer said.

"This is something Democrats have always been for: smart, effective, appropriate border security," he said on the Senate floor.

If Republicans object to the proposal because of pressure from Trump, Schumer said lawmakers should follow Pelosi's advice and approve six appropriations bills and a separate measure extending current funding for Homeland Security.

Either option would avert a partial government shutdown, which lawmak-

ers from both parties oppose, he said.

"The one and only way we approach a shutdown is if President Trump refuses both of our proposals and demands \$5 billion or more for a border wall," Schumer said. He called the wall "a nonstarter" for Democrats, who face increasing pressure from outside groups and liberal lawmakers to resist Trump's continued push for the barrier, which Trump says is needed to stop an "invasion" of Central American migrants and others from crossing into the country illegally.

Schumer called the spat over the wall unnecessary, noting that the administration has not spent more than \$1 billion approved for border security in the budget year that ended Sept. 30. "The idea that they haven't spent last year's money and they're demanding such a huge amount this year makes no sense at all," he said.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby said he prefers to include Homeland Security in an omnibus package containing seven unresolved spending bills for the current budget year.

"I believe the best route is to keep all seven together and pass them," the Alabama Republican said.

N.C. GOP leader open to new House election if fraud found

BY GARY D. ROBERTSON
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Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina Republican Party would support a new election in the state's unresolved congressional race if an investigation shows that wrongdoing swayed its outcome, its executive director said Thursday, softening the organization's stance as allegations of absentee ballot fraud mount.

Amid the developments, U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said the House "retains the right to decide who is seated" and could take the "extraordinary step" of calling for a new election if the winner isn't clear.

Unofficial totals have Republican Mark Harris leading Democrat Dan McCree by 905 votes. But the state elections board refused to certify the results last week because of allegations of "irregularities and concerted fraudulent activities" involving mail-in ballots in the district. The board is meeting later this month to hear evidence, but it's unclear whether the race will be settled then.

North Carolina GOP Executive Director Dallas Woodhouse texted a statement to The Associated Press saying in a statement that the GOP would back a new election if the state's elections board were to show that absentee ballot issues changed the outcome of the 9th Congressional District race.

"If they can show a substantial likelihood it could have changed the race then we fully would support a new election," he said.

However, he said that if the investigation shows that the outcome would not have been changed, Republican candidate Harris should be certified the winner.

Entertaining the idea of a



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Dallas Woodhouse, right, said the Republican Party is looking for "substantial likelihood" that wrongdoing swayed North Carolina's unresolved congressional race.

new election represents a significant change from last Thursday, when state GOP Chairman Robin Hayes issued a statement saying: "Democrats are throwing everything, including the kitchen sink, at the wall to try and steal an election." On Sunday, Hayes said there weren't enough questioned ballots to change the race's outcome, and the next day he accused a Democratic member of the state board of "score-setting."

At issue is who can handle completed ballots. North Carolina law allows only a family member or legal guardian to drop off absentee ballots for a voter.

In affidavits offered by the state Democratic Party, some Bladen County voters have described that people came to their homes to collect their absentee ballots, whether or not they had been fully completed or sealed in an envelope to keep them from being altered.

The revelations and ensuing national news coverage have put pressure on Republicans and attracted attention from top Democrats.

Pelosi, who's nominated to become House speaker when Democrats take con-

trol in January, said Thursday that "any member-elect can object to the seating and the swearing-in of another member elect." She also noted the investigative power of the House to determine race winners.

It's "bigger than that one seat," she said, pointing to the overall "integrity of elections."

A state election board spokesman confirmed Thursday that subpoenas seeking documents had been sent to the Harris campaign, the firm serving as Harris' chief strategist and the campaign committee of the sitting Bladen sheriff. The board released documents showing that McCrae Dowless, a contractor hired by the firm, seems to have collected the most absentee ballot request forms in Bladen County this fall.

In North Carolina, several state Senate Republicans whose districts overlap the 9th called for further scrutiny of voting irregularities going back to 2010 and urged Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper to create a bipartisan task force — separate from the state elections board — to investigate irregularities beyond this year's election.



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Immigration rule risks citizen kids' insurance

By DIANNE SOLIS
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A proposed rule change affecting immigrants seeking green cards could put medical insurance coverage at risk for millions of U.S. citizen children with noncitizen parents, a D.C.-based think tank says in a new study.

The government has proposed redefining who might be declared a "public charge" — a federal designation for people it believes are overly dependent on federally funded social services. Under the proposed changes, immigrants who are "likely at any time" to become a public charge could be ineligible to get visas and green cards that give them legal permanent residency.

U.S. citizen children of noncitizens are eligible for Medicaid coverage. Nationally, 6.8 million citizen children with noncitizen parents are estimated to be enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Urban Institute said in the study released Tuesday. In Texas, nearly a third of enrollees are U.S. citizen children with at least one noncitizen parent, the D.C. think tank said.

The Urban Institute estimates that about 93 percent of citizen children with noncitizen parents who were eligible for government insurance participated in federal insurance in 2016. The institute, immigration attorneys and immigration advocates say many of these children are at risk because their parents may pull their children out of the programs rather than risk their chances at green cards or U.S. citizenship.

"Fear over immigration-related repercussions could lead noncitizen parents to drop Medicaid or CHIP

"Fear over immigration-related repercussions could lead non-citizen parents to drop Medicaid or CHIP coverage for their children."

—Urban Institute study

coverage for their children," the report says.

CHIP isn't included in the proposed rule changes published October 10 in the Federal Register. But the Department of Homeland Security said it is being considered as part of the final rule.

"Finding that such a large share of Medicaid or CHIP-covered children are in families with at least one non-citizen parent suggests that if the effect of this rule reduces Medicaid or CHIP coverage on these families, the impact could be quite large both nationally and in states like Texas," said Jennifer Haley, one of the authors of the Urban Institute's study.

More than 115,000 people have entered official comments on the proposed rule, with many in opposition to the change. After Dec. 10, the proposed rule change moves to a review stage before any changes are finalized.

Josephine Lopez Paul, the lead organizer for Dallas Area Interfaith, said her group continues to push for people to comment.

"We have already heard stories of parents unenrolling their kids from CHIP," Lopez Paul said.

The Dallas Morning

News reported in October that immigrants, including some parents of U.S. citizen children, have stopped enrolling their children in federal health and food assistance programs because they're afraid future rule changes will affect their chances of getting green cards. One woman even delayed reporting an alleged rape because she feared deportation. In all cases, the noncitizens lacked legal immigration status.

The Center for Immigration Studies, which wants more restrictions on immigration, has emphasized that the proposed change to the public charge rule "does not apply to eligible children here legally." The group said an update on 1999 definitions was overdue.

But the final rule, still weeks, if not months, away from being published, could affect more immigrant parents of citizen children who make decisions on behalf of those children.

And that may create a path for likely legal challenges to the rule.

The federal government must also respond when there is a substantial volume of negative commentary to a proposed rule, said Tom Saenz, the president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF.

The original public charge "statute had no intent to limit, in rights or practice, the rights of U.S. citizens," Saenz said. "And that may be the reason that ultimately these regulations cannot stand."

Congress could also reject the regulations, Saenz added, noting there was precedent to do that.

DHS estimates the new public charge rules would apply to about 380,000 immigrants each year.

Trump to pick Nauert as new U.N. ambassador, sources say

By JENNIFER JACOBS
AND NICK WADHAMS
Bloomberg News



Nauert

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has decided to nominate State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert to replace departing U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, according to three people familiar with the decision.

Nauert, 48, is an unorthodox choice for the U.N. role given that she had little experience in government or foreign policy before joining the administration in April 2017 after several years as an anchor and correspondent for Fox News, including on the "Fox and Friends" show watched by Trump.

Haley also didn't have foreign policy experience when she took the U.N. posting, but she had twice been elected governor of

South Carolina.

Nauert has gained Secretary of State Michael Pompeo's trust after being excluded from the inner circle of his predecessor, Rex Tillerson. She is also aligned with Trump's daughter, Ivanka Trump, and her husband, Jared Kushner.

The president was said to have picked Nauert after considering other potential nominees, including former White House aide Dina Powell, Ambassador to Canada Kelly Craft and Ambassador to Germany Ric Grenell.

If she wins Senate confirmation, Nauert will face a broad agenda at the U.N. topped by the need to maintain international sanctions on North Korea. Haley rallied global support for tougher measures in 2017, when Pyongyang ramped up its ballistic missile and weapons test, but there has been increasing pressure to ease up on the restrictions following Trump's meeting with Kim Jong Un in June.

She'll also take up the administration's efforts to defend Israel at the U.N. and counter what Haley called the organization's bias against the Jewish state. In a sign of the difficulties the administration has had, the U.N. General Assembly on Thursday rejected a resolution condemning Hamas, the Islamist group that has ruled the Gaza Strip since 2007.

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Honduran mom in caravan gives birth in U.S.

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A Honduran woman affiliated with a caravan of Central American migrants gave birth on U.S. soil shortly after entering the country illegally amid growing frustration about a bottleneck to claim asylum at official border crossings.

Border Patrol agents arrested the woman Nov. 26 after she entered the country illegally near Imperial Beach, Calif., across the border from Tijuana, Mexico, Customs and Border Protection said this week.

She was arrested with her husband, 20, and 2-year-old son.

The woman, who was eight months pregnant, was taken to a hospital after complaining about abdominal pain the day after her arrest, Customs and Border Protection said.

The family was released from custody Sunday, pending the outcomes of their immigration cases.

Univision reported that the family is seeking asylum and hoped to join family in Columbus, Ohio, while their cases are pending.

Maryury Serrano Hernandez, 19, told the network giving birth in the United States was a "big reward" for the family's grueling journey.

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Barr emerges as a contender for AG position, sources say

WASHINGTON — William Barr, who served as attorney general under President George H.W. Bush, has emerged as a top contender for that job, two people familiar with the president's selection process said Thursday.

The appointment of a new attorney general would come at a precarious time as special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, which the department oversees, is showing signs of entering

its final stages.

President Donald Trump is "very seriously considering" Barr, said one of the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because no decision has been announced, adding that Barr is "someone very much on the president's mind."

Trump has been known to change his mind on key personnel decisions before announcing them. Barr was attorney general between 1991 and 1993.

Senate approves president's nominee for watchdog agency

WASHINGTON — In a party-line vote, the Senate approved President Donald Trump's nominee to run the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on Thursday, ending a six-month battle over the fate of the consumer watchdog agency.

The vote was 50-49 in favor of approving Kathy Kraninger, who worked as a mid-level official in the White House's budget office, to a five-year term.

Kraninger has zero experience in financial services and had never run a federal agency, a criticism that made Democrats hostile to her nomination.

The CFPB was created as part of the Dodd-Frank Act, the law that rewrote the financial rules and regulations governing banks after the 2008 financial crisis. The CFPB has been a target of Republicans who have vowed to abolish it.

Judge orders State, Justice to reopen Clinton email inquiry

WASHINGTON — A U.S. judge ordered the Justice and State departments Thursday to reopen an inquiry into whether Hillary Clinton used a private email server while secretary of state to deliberately evade public records laws, and to answer whether the agencies acted in bad faith by not telling a court for months that they had asked in mid-2014 for missing emails to be returned.

In issuing the order Thursday, U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth said the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act required it.

In a narrow opinion, Lamberth wrote that despite the government's claimed presumption of transparency, "(the Obama administration's) State and Justice departments fell far short" of the law's requirements in a lawsuit for documents.



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A Syrian boy carries produce Thursday as he makes his way through the mud after heavy rain at a camp for the displaced near the village of Shamarin, near the border with Turkey, in northern Aleppo province. The Syrian civil war has been ongoing since 2011.

1 survivor, 1 dead and 5 missing in U.S. military crash off Japan

TOKYO — One of two crew members recovered after two U.S. warplanes collided and crashed off Japan's coast early Thursday is dead and five others remain missing, the U.S. military said.

The Marine Corps said the other recovered crew member was in fair condition. It said an F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet and a KC-130 Hercules refueling aircraft collided during training at about 2 a.m. after taking off from their base in Iwakuni, near Hiroshima. The seven crew members included two in the F/A-18 and five in the KC-130.

The Marines said the two planes were involved in routine training, including aerial refueling, but that it was still investigating what was happening when the accident occurred.

The crash took place 200 miles off the coast, according to the U.S. military. Japanese officials said it occurred closer to the coast, about 60 miles, and that's where the search and rescue mission found the two crew members.

Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force, which dispatched aircraft and vessels to join in the search operation, said Japanese rescuers

found one of the crew from the fighter jet in stable condition. The Marines said the crew member was taken to a hospital on the base in Iwakuni and was in fair condition, but did not provide any other details.

Japan's coast guard also joined the search.

President Donald tweeted on Thursday that his thoughts and prayers are with the Marine Corps crew members involved in the collision. He thanked the U.S. Forces in Japan for their "immediate response and rescue efforts" and said "Whatever you need, we are here for you."

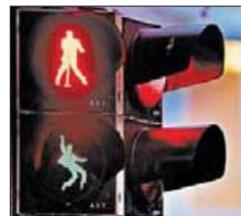
In German town, it's now or never to cross street

BERLIN — Keep your blue suede shoes behind the curb: The central German town where Elvis Presley was stationed as a U.S. soldier in the 1950s has installed three pedestrian lights with images of the rock icon.

The red shows an image of the singer striking a pose

at a microphone and the green depicts his trademarked hip swivel dance.

They went online this week in the town of Friedberg, where Elvis, who died in 1977, was stationed at the U.S. Army's Ray Barracks from October 1958 to March 1960. He lived in nearby Bad Nauheim.



MICHAEL PROBST/AP

NOAA report: 76 whales died last year from entanglements

PORTLAND, Maine — Federal officials said Thursday in a report that last year was slightly worse than average for the entanglement of large whales, which is a threat to the animals' populations.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the number of cases nationally was 76, and that 70 of the entanglements involved live animals. The 10-year average is closer to 70 entanglements.

The agency said about 70 percent of the confirmed entanglement cases were attributable to fishing gear, such as traps, nets and fishing line.

NOAA said the entanglements happened along the coasts except for the Gulf of Mexico. Entanglement is a concern for jeopardized species such as the North Atlantic right whale, which number about 440.

CNN bomb threat: Police on Thursday night investigated a phoned bomb threat at a building housing CNN's offices in Manhattan. Police said the threat was received at the Time Warner building. CNN said several fire alarm bells signaling an evacuation rang in its newsroom shortly after 10:30 p.m.

In Yemen: Yemen's warring sides agreed to a broad prisoner swap Thursday, sitting down in the same room together for the first time in years at U.N.-sponsored peace talks in Sweden. The 3-year-old conflict pits the government against Shiite rebels known as Houthis, who took the capital of Sanaa in 2014.

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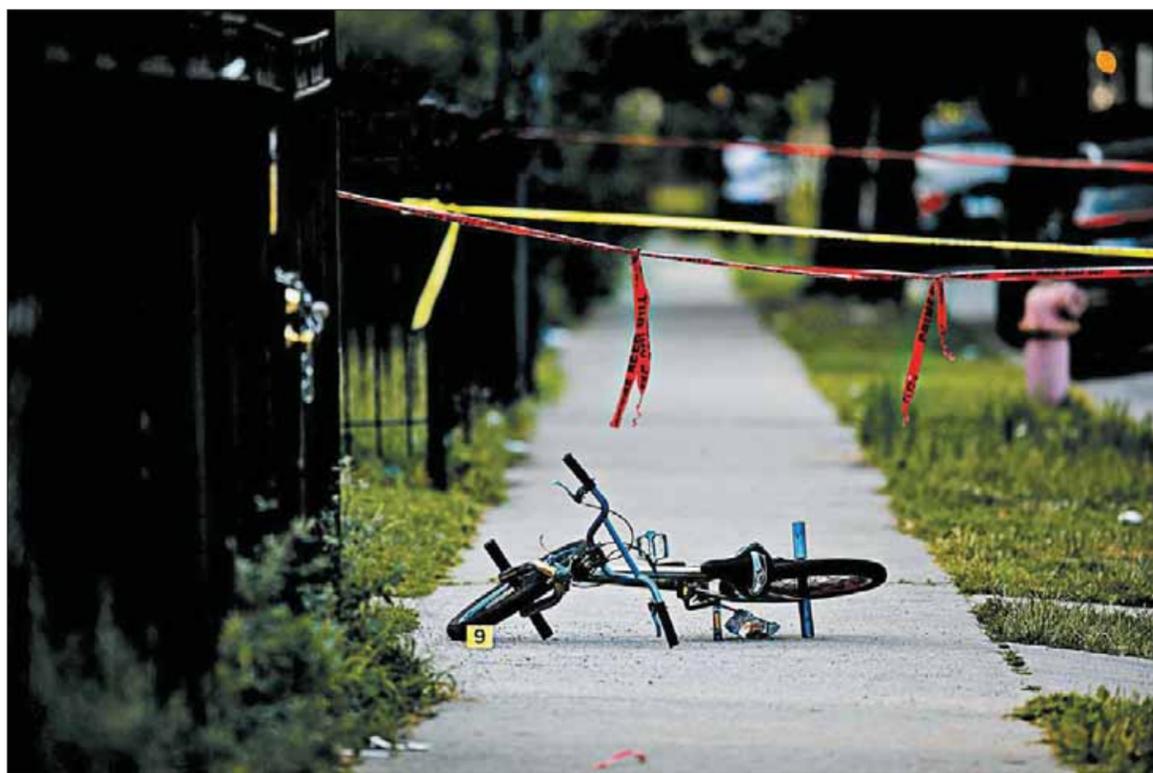
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EDITORIALS



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A 17-year-old boy was fatally shot in the 7600 block of South Union Avenue in Chicago on Aug. 5, one of 13 gun deaths that weekend.

UNSOLVED 75 SHOT, 3 CHARGED

4 months after a violent weekend, few arrests

Four months after an extremely violent weekend in Chicago, neighborhood residents would feel reassured if suspects were locked up and all cases closed.

If only that were so. There were 40 shooting incidents the weekend of Aug. 4 — at least 75 people were shot, 13 of them fatally. Chicago hadn't endured such a savage stretch in years. It's now December, and the Chicago Police Department has made just three known arrests. Which likely means most of the shooters are still on the streets.

So how about CPD detectives: Are they also still on the streets? Have they canvassed neighborhoods in relentless efforts to crack these cases? The answer, troublingly, is unclear. Tribune reporters Annie Sweeney and Jeremy Gerner determined that after one of the shooting incidents that weekend, police never followed up with multiple witnesses.

"We've got to take ownership of what we didn't do right," Deputy Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan acknowledged.

What's going on here? Chicago's gun violence crisis has two aspects: the shootings, followed by efforts to arrest offenders. CPD's track record for solving these cases is abysmal. According to Sweeney and Gerner, through September police had arrested or identified suspects in about 17 percent of all homicides that had occurred so far in 2018. That's the same rate as last year, the lowest so-called

Some residents were contacted, but others didn't hear from detectives or observe any canvassing work.

clearance rate for killings in several years. This year's clearance rate for nonfatal shootings is an anemic 6.5 percent.

To understand the challenges as CPD investigates shootings, Tribune reporters are keeping close watch on the aftermath of the August weekend. One incident occurred around 12:50 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5, on Karlov Avenue near Iowa Street west of Humboldt Park. Gunfire erupted during a party, with shots exchanged between someone in a dark blue Cadillac and people on the street. As many as 80 casings from seven guns were scattered across the block. Four people were shot then. And now? No arrests made.

Lori Pierson was on her couch watching television when she heard gunfire. She hit the deck, then peeked outside. Pierson saw some of what happened, yet police never did a follow-up interview with her. Some residents were contacted, but others didn't hear from detectives or observe any canvassing work.

Shootings in Chicago — many of them gang-related — aren't easy cases to solve.

Often it's violent chaos in motion. Shots come from gangways, from moving vehicles, from somewhere down the block. When bullets start flying in formation, some people are intended victims but others get struck accidentally. Sirens sound. Perpetrators flee. Witnesses can be reluctant to speak up.

CPD knows it must do a better job of policing. More residents in high-crime areas would be willing to help if relations were better between the department and community members, but trust has been broken due to past incidents of police abuse and intimidation meted out by gangbangers.

Then there's the investigative response: Is the department properly staffed to solve these cases? The day after the Tribune story about the Karlov incident appeared, CPD announced that it would add 50 sergeants to supervise detectives investigating violent crimes, including shootings and homicides. CPD also plans to bring in experts from the Los Angeles Police Department and U.S. Department of Justice. We trust that Chicago's cops will listen to the outsiders with open minds — just as they expect officers in other departments to listen when CPD gang officers and other specialists travel the country to share their techniques.

Chicago cannot continue to be a battleground. Preventing shootings from happening would be ideal. Making arrests in as many cases as possible is mandatory.

23 cheerleaders meeting a special friend's needs

This week's news from the adult world has dwelled on a special counsel's investigation of alleged crimes, striking Chicago charter school teachers and the funeral of a former president who gave us the phrase "a thousand points of light." Then came a story from the adolescent world: "Teen with Down syndrome has lots to cheer." Voila, 24 unanticipated points of light.

Tribune reporter Nara Schoenberg introduced readers to Audrey Chisholm of suburban Homer Glen and her mom, Jody. Audrey is 13 and has the intellectual development of a third-grader. So even though coach Christine O'Donnell said Audrey was welcome to join a successful youth cheerleading team, the Mokena Burros, Audrey's mom was uneasy: "You'd think that everyone would be raising an eyebrow: 'Is she going to help us win a second state championship, or is she going to pull us down?'" Jody Chisholm told Schoenberg. "But I'll tell you, we walked in, and within a day, all the girls were embracing Audrey, and they all wanted to be her friend. These girls mean so much to me, and they mean so much to Audrey."

O'Donnell assured the Tribune that she pushes Audrey through four hours of team practice each week, just as she pushes the other 23 girls. The return on investment: In November the Burros won their division at the 2018 Mid-America Spirit Championship at Northern Illinois University. That qualified them for this week's Pop Warner National Cheer & Dance Championships in Orlando, Fla. And Thursday night, the Burros won a national championship in their division.

Their routine includes a stunt in which two teammates lift Audrey waist-high while another supports her from the back. Teammates also support her outside of competition. On a Magic Kingdom tour, Audrey's teammates worked together to avoid theme park characters dressed as animals, because they know that such mascots frighten her.

Developing cheer skills, earning confidence and working with others greatly benefits Audrey. But not just Audrey. "These 23 girls are going to be the leaders of tomorrow," Jody Chisholm says of Audrey's teammates. "And they're going to know what it's like to have a friend with a disability and to be protective of them. Through these 23 girls, the world will be a better place."

Audrey focuses less on that adult-world analysis and more on the moments when she and the Burros take the stage: "My heart moves faster when the music starts."

Other hearts too, Audrey. Other hearts too.



JODY CHISHOLM

Audrey Chisholm, 13, left, hugs her Mokena Burros teammate Kailey O'Donnell, 14.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

For many Robert Mueller watchers, the air these days is electric. People sense the big shoes are about to drop. ... We see the familiar cycle of hype, and there's no use fighting it, but, once heart rates have slowed, the same old question remains: So what? ...

(T)he purpose of the investigation was to address suspicions of underlying conspiracy — that is, a plan by Trump staffers to get Russian help on a criminal effort. Despite countless man-hours of digging, this conspiracy theory, the one that's been paying the bills at "Maddow" for a couple of years now, has come no closer to being borne out. Or, as the true believers would say, at least not yet. ...

As for those tapping along to "SNL" songs in praise of Mueller and his indictments, they might want to remember that Trump won't always be in office. The weapons you create for your side today will be used by the other side against you tomorrow. ...

If it's any consolation to Trump haters, we can say this much: The special counsel's office is going to put together a hell of a report. ... But the international conspiracies will be few, and the collateral damage of the Russia scare will be extensive, stretching far beyond Trump or his circle to the country as a whole.

It might hurt a president whom many Americans hate, but even the president's most ardent foes should reflect on a question that will linger: Was it worth it?

T.A. Frank, Vanity Fair

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PERSPECTIVE



JOHN HART/WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL

Opponents of an extraordinary session bill submitted by Wisconsin Republican legislators rally Monday in Madison.

Wis., Mich. prove we need to kill lame ducks



ERIC ZORN

Give Michael Madigan this: Even at his most devious and Machiavellian, the veteran Democratic Illinois House speaker hasn't used the lame-duck session of the General Assembly to attempt to nullify the results of an election.

For all that Madigan's foes bleat about his heavy-handed partisan tactics, they've got to admit that he hasn't tried what Republican legislators are now trying in Wisconsin and Michigan — passing laws during the lame-duck session to disempower an incoming governor of the opposing party.

North Carolina Republicans paved the way. In December 2016, outgoing Republican Gov. Pat McCrory called a special ambush session of the GOP-dominated North Carolina General Assembly aimed at curtailing the power of then Democratic Gov.-elect Roy Cooper.

Just weeks before Cooper was sworn in, the GOP legislature cut the number of jobs appointed by the governor to 300 from 1,500, imposed a new requirement that Cabinet appointments be OK'd by the state Senate and wrested control of elections from the governor's office, among other crippling changes.

Republican legislatures are now mounting similar coups to pre-emptively dilute the power of Wisconsin's Gov.-elect Tony Evers and Michigan's Gov.-elect Gretchen Whitmer, both Democrats.

In Wisconsin, where Republicans lost

every major state office in the midterm elections and won just 46 percent of the overall popular vote for legislative seats, the Wisconsin State Assembly, which will remain in Republican control due to heavily gerrymandered political maps, has acted to tilt power toward itself and hamstring Evers' agenda.

Republican state House Speaker Rep. Robin Vos is unapologetic, saying that without the changes, "we are going to have a very liberal governor who is going to enact policies that are in direct contrast to what many of us believe in."

Many but not, evidently, most.

In Michigan, where Democrat Whitmer won by nearly 10 percentage points to take a Republican-held seat and Republicans won just 48 percent of the overall popular vote for state House and Senate seats, the Michigan Legislature, which also will remain in Republican control due to gerrymandered maps, is attempting similarly brazen moves to neutralize the new governor and Democratic attorney general.

Adding to the shamelessness in Michigan is that GOP lawmakers voted Tuesday to scale back paid sick-leave requirements and delay a minimum wage hike that they'd previously approved in order to keep those issues off November's referendum ballot.

Outgoing Republican governors in both states are expected to sign the sore-loser initiatives.

Michigan Republican Gov. Rick Snyder was term-limited and couldn't run for re-election, but let's be clear: Voters in Wisconsin fired Republican Gov. Scott Walker.

In nearly every other job, when you get fired, you hand in your credentials immediately and walk out with your belongings in a banker's box. You don't

get several extra months to exercise the power and privilege of your position.

Losing and leaving officeholders get this lame-duck period because incoming officeholders need time to make the transition. But they don't need several months. Not anymore. That window might have been justified when people traveled by horse, but life moves much faster now.

Lame-duck legislative sessions have long provided an opportunity for mischief — for hastily passing controversial laws, casting tough votes and currying favor with potential employers on the way out the door. But in an era when partisanship is intense and no one seems to pay the price for hypocrisy or flipping off voters, Republicans in North Carolina and now Wisconsin and Michigan have taken the mischief-making to a new level.

They should be embarrassed. They should be worried that Democrats won't just get mad but will eventually get even. They should realize that this silly war is bound to escalate and the ideals of democracy will be the loser.

They should turn back. But they won't. The solution, tabled just as often as it has been proposed in Illinois and elsewhere, is to shorten the interregnum to one month, eliminate nonemergency lame-duck legislative sessions and require any actions taken in such emergency sessions to earn a three-fifths majority of the vote in both chambers.

If our Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker wants to start off with a good-government bang when he takes office next month, he can have that idea free for the taking. Maybe it'll pass before Speaker Madigan gets any ideas.

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Don't say marijuana is harmless

A stoned driver killed my daughter

By CORINNE GASPER

When I hear people say marijuana is a harmless drug, from the days of hippies and Woodstock and a time gone by — a time remembered as carefree — I want to tell them my story about today's marijuana. It's a story of grief, loss and what could have been. It's a story about a life snuffed out by a stranger who was too high to operate a car properly.

In 2012, my daughter, Jennifer Hrobuchaka, in the prime of her life, was hit by a man racing through a red light at more than 80 mph. His car slammed into the side of my daughter's car. She had no time to react, to think, to even say goodbye. She died at the scene. She was only 22 years old.

This is how I see marijuana.

This driver, who bought his pot in Michigan, crossed the state border into Ohio unnoticed and then committed a crime I hope no one else ever has to experience. Don't tell me marijuana is victimless. Don't tell me marijuana can be legalized in one state and stay put. Don't tell me this drug is a benefit to society when the facts state otherwise.

In Colorado, the first state to legalize the use of recreational marijuana, a study found that of the 4,000 drivers tested for marijuana in 2016, 73 percent were found to have the drug in their system. What may be more shocking is that police were only able to test a small number of drivers pulled over that year because they deemed it too expensive to check every person for marijuana.

The pot of today is by no means the pot of the 1960s or even the 1990s. Fifty years ago a typical joint contained 5 percent THC (the compound that gives a user a high). Today's high-potency pot is up to 99 percent THC. This is the marijuana that is being pushed as risk-free, and there are plenty of unsuspecting victims.

Some pot shop workers, most with no medical experience and despite warnings from doctors, are telling pregnant women to use the drug to ease morning sickness. Studies also have found traces of THC in breast milk almost a week after a mother's last use.

Children, another favorite target of the marijuana industry, are being enticed by bright and colorful pot-infused candies, gummies and sodas. They are pleasing and attractive to the young eye, and when confused for the real deal can result in an emergency room visit.

This industry wants to plant itself in our cities, towns and neighborhoods and spread its deadly disease. As a mother who lost her daughter to a drugged driver, I can tell you that allowing marijuana anywhere will only bring with it hopelessness, addiction and regret.

Corinne Gasper of Galena, Ohio, is an advocate with *Smart Approaches to Marijuana*, which opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana.

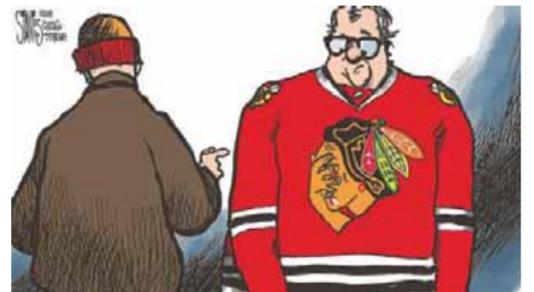
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Welcome affordable housing

Your editorial on affordable housing was right on the mark (“How aldermanic privilege thwarts affordable housing,” Nov. 23). All parts of Chicago need to be made accessible to residents regardless of income.

Our tradition of allowing aldermen to veto public housing in their wards and act, as Ald. Joe Moore, 49th, has observed, as if their ward is their personal “fiefdom,” is not acceptable. We need to start growing our city’s population again so we can afford the infrastructure, police and education services we all need. Why not do this by developing housing throughout the city that retail workers, health care aides and gas station attendants can afford?

There’s a new library being built a few blocks from my house in the Far North 50th Ward. It’s an innovative mix of affordable senior citizen housing and expanded library space. We need more ideas like this. Our alderman was glad to support this plan, because everybody wants Grandma to have a decent place to live. We don’t mind if she moves in right next door. But we also need to welcome Uncle Harry, who’s down on his luck, along with cousin Mathilde, who just moved here from Haiti.

Before the days of zoning laws, our cities were a melange of folks from all walks of life. The washerwoman lived right next door to the banker. It all worked out just fine!

The Chicago Housing Authority is one of the few government bodies in our area with money to spend for capital programs. We need to leverage these funds and put them to work throughout the city. We shouldn’t be afraid of diversity; we should welcome it. It will put our city back on the path to growth and break down the feelings of fear and isolation that are plaguing us all.

— Jane Bannor, Chicago

Snow-blinded

Driving south on Western Avenue two days after the first sizable snowstorm of the year, I was shocked to see that for many blocks, most of the stoplights were not visible. I approached the intersection of Chicago and Western avenues and almost got slammed into as the stoplights were covered in snow.

I understand the danger of having a city worker on a boom lift truck clearing away the snow in the middle of an intersection. But with all of the technological advances we enjoy today, isn’t there some type of solar element that could heat up the stoplights so that any snow buildup could melt? At the very least it seems that after heavy snowfalls, Chicago Department of Transportation crews could set up stop signs at these intersections until the lights become fully visible.

Another cause for concern is whether the city’s red light cameras continue to work despite the inability of drivers to see if the stoplights they are approaching are green, yellow or worst of all, red!

— Karen Stahlecker, Naperville

The GoFundMe cure

Eric Zorn is right to describe crowdfunding for expensive heart surgery as fair (“Patient told to crowd-fund; clinic was harsh but fair,” Dec. 2).

It’s certainly more fair than politicians promising that every procedure, no matter how expensive, would be paid for by a single-payer government system. Far more fair to invite well-meaning people to contribute to the cost of a procedure than for the government to force everyone to pay for everything — no matter the cost, no matter how long the wait.

— Richard E. Ralston, executive director, Americans for Free Choice in Medicine

Don’t politicize reading

When Todd Bol started the Little Free Libraries in 2009, they were intended to bring free books to the public: Take a book. Leave a book. Today, there are over 75,000 registered Little Free Libraries throughout the world.

Little Libraries were never intended to be political statements or tributes to any person. They are tributes to the joy of reading and sharing books among friends and neighbors. The Little Library that was dedicated to former first lady Michelle Obama is totally out of character for the Little Library’s intended use. Don’t make reading a political statement. Remove the dedication and honor the legacy of shared reading. Take a book. Leave a book.

— Mary Ann McGinley, Wilmette

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Beto O'Rourke's impressive if unsuccessful Senate bid got many Democrats excited about his prospects for the presidential race in 2020.

Beto O'Rourke is not the progressive some imagine

BY ELIZABETH BRUENIG

If only the electric chill in the air were an augur of fast-approaching holidays and not the static generated by so many Democratic 2020 presidential hopefuls jockeying for the attention of party leaders and donors.

Alas, with 2019 less than a month away, 2020 has already begun, and with it the fashioning of fresh new faces for the Democratic ticket. Among those early front-runners — at least in terms of intra-party enthusiasm — is Beto O'Rourke, the three-time congressman from El Paso, Texas, who recently lost a valiant Senate run against Ted Cruz.

For some well-positioned Democrats, O'Rourke — usually mononymously styled as Beto — is already heir apparent to Barack Obama's empty throne. Tall and reedy with an affable air, he does seem fit to take up Obama's mantle. But I can't get excited about him, though I am from Texas and had hoped as much as anyone for Cruz's defeat. I'm not sure we need another Obama, or another of any Democrat we've had recently: I think the times both call for and allow for a left-populist candidate with uncompromising progressive principles. I don't see that in O'Rourke.

There's no denying that what O'Rourke's campaign accomplished was genuinely impressive. With the help of veteran Bernie Sanders organizers, O'Rourke's team built a grassroots army that put democracy — talking to constituents, listening to their points of view, inviting them to participate in the process not by mass mail but by name — first. People were genuinely inspired by that, and by the very notion that perhaps they could revive a

dream that sometimes seems to have died with Barbara Jordan and Ann Richards: turning the Lone Star State blue. And — maybe, someday.

In the meantime, though, we have the national election to think about, and when it comes to national politics, O'Rourke is plainly uninspiring. As Zaid Jilani pointed out at Current Affairs, O'Rourke's congressional voting record signals skepticism about progressive priorities. “While the Democratic base is coalescing around single-payer health care and free college, O'Rourke sponsored neither House bill,” Jilani wrote. “During his time in Congress, he never joined the Congressional Progressive Caucus.” Instead, O'Rourke is a member of the New Democrat Coalition, a centrist caucus with Clintonian views on health care, education and trade.

Where it comes to Medicare-for-all, O'Rourke has been carefully unclear about his stance: A Politico article from July notes that, at least for a time, he had sworn off using the terms “single payer” or “Medicare-for-all,” instead using the less-specific, policy-neutral phrase “universal, guaranteed, high-quality health care for all.” His campaign website remains unclear, stating that he aims for achieving universal health care coverage “whether it be through a single payer system, a dual system, or otherwise.”

O'Rourke's other progressive-ish policy positions tend to follow along these lines. While some progressives, rallied by talk of a Green New Deal, have argued for higher taxes on oil and gas company profits, fossil fuel lobbyists to be banned from working in the White House and a whole-economy overhaul slotting Americans into jobs producing carbon-neutral infrastructure,

O'Rourke's statements on energy have been surprisingly thin. He has called the decision between oil and gas and renewable energy sources “a false choice” and proposes on his campaign website mainly to rejoin the Paris climate accord, empower the Environmental Protection Agency and enact energy reform.

None of this is to say O'Rourke's policies are the worst there are, or that he couldn't beat President Donald Trump. (I think that practically any Democrat has a good shot at beating Trump, judging by how many Obama-Trump voters in the Midwest seemed perfectly happy to flip back to blue during this year's midterms.) But the primaries aren't even here yet, so there's no need to begin resigning ourselves to policies that are merely better than Republican alternatives. We still have time to pick a politician with a bold, clear, distinctly progressive agenda, and an articulated vision beyond something-better-than-this, the literal translation of hope-change campaigning. Beto is a lot like Obama, true; it's perhaps time for left-leaning Democrats to realize that may not be a good thing.

As for me, my cards are always on the table: I wish the Democrats would run a left-populist with sincere, well-attested antipathy toward Wall Street, oil and gas, welfare reform and war, who is willing to fight hard to win Medicare-for-all and drastically reverse our current course on climate change. I would love it if he or she came from Texas, but I would take one from anywhere.

The Washington Post

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Cruelty is creeping in everywhere

BY HUGH HEWITT

Against the backdrop of deep savagery in the world — the Syrian genocide, the Islamic State's mass executions, China's concentration camps for Muslim Uighurs, the genocide of Myanmar's Rohingya — complaints about homegrown incivility in the United States seem quaint, even silly. But they are not. The descent of much of the country's political conversation into venom and hate is accelerating and disturbing.

When casual cruelty entered the lifeblood of the United States is impossible to say. Newspapers in late-18th century America were brutal, partisan weapons, and by the time of the Civil War, even the great Abraham Lincoln was mocked as a “barbarian, Scythian, yahoo, or gorilla.” Politics has, from the time of recorded history, been full of condemnations, invective and insults, even to the point of provoking murder occasioned by the duels they instigated.

But what might have been fatal in eras gone by is simply deeply wounding now, and it was far less prevalent in daily life in the 20th century than it is today. (McCarthyism being the exception, not the rule.)

Cruelty is a sin, of course, and no world religion holds it up as other than a sin. But today's culture rewards it. Mightily. The creep of cruelty into our everyday lives probably began with television, and the gentle chiding of the first late-night hosts and their monologues. Slowly, but turn after nightly turn, again and again, the staple of the monologue became one-liners that could be stapled to public figures.

We grew used to this. We all laughed. From Steve Allen to Jack Paar to the incomparable Johnny Carson, on to Jay Leno and David Letterman, deeper and deeper into

slicing and dicing.

The launch of “Saturday Night Live” took the verbal acid and began throwing it about liberally, and when Comedy Central brought us “The Daily Show” and Stephen Colbert, another rung down the ladder was reached. Then came Twitter, and the bottom fell out.

The monetization of cruelty and of playing to ever smaller but more loyal slices of the nearly 330 million Americans in the potential TV viewing audience means that the trend isn't going to be reversed soon. Speaking to me in the '90s about sexuality in the culture generally and pornography specifically, the late Charles Colson, Richard Nixon's political strategist, counseled that, no matter how large a body of water is, enough pollution pumped into it could kill all the life within. What was true of porn is true of the poison of invective.

Programmers, hosts, pundits and performers are responsible for this. Every one of us.

The general reverence for former President George H.W. Bush this week reminded us how far we have traveled down this road in the quarter-century since he left office, tilting toward invective and away from debate, from reason to mere denunciation. Of course, social media is the accelerator. The gentle humor of Alan Simpson and Jon Meacham in the eulogies they delivered Wednesday at the state funeral of “41” was wonderful, but they were museum pieces.

Commenters on this essay will blame President Donald Trump, but whether they are beings or bots, their blame is misplaced. The president does launch cruel attacks, but his are not unique. They are part of a tapestry of brass-knuckled commentary that is everywhere and relentless. Blame whomever you wish. The guilt is shared.

There isn't a cure to the global warming

of invective, just mitigation and adaptation. Some tech wizard will build a new Twitter that somehow blocks anonymity and thus slows the acceleration of the slandering. But that will be only a refuge, not a rollback.

The real requirement is moral regeneration of that part of the collective national consciousness that condemns and punishes in the marketplace the ever-growing venom in the public square. That is a tall order. It would require churches, synagogues, mosques and temples to remind people, if not of hell, then at least of purgatory as the payback for cruelty. So quaint and old-fashioned an idea as the sinful nature of cruelty and its threat to immortal souls first requires the idea of immortal souls to resurface.

“There are no ordinary people,” C.S. Lewis wrote. “You have never talked to a mere mortal.”

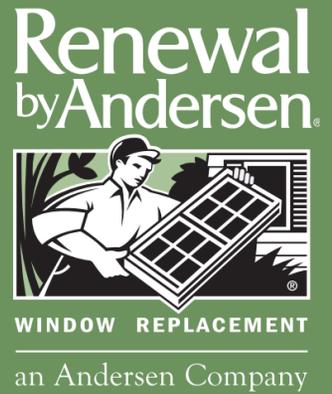
“Nations, cultures, arts, civilization — these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat,” he continued. “But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit — immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.”

That idea was in George W. Bush's farewell to his father. An immortal soul ascended to join “43's” mother and sister — a start perhaps, but probably, sadly, just an interruption. Who knows? Everyone from all parts of the political spectrum should cheer it, though, as a beginning — and could emulate it to the great good fortune of us all.

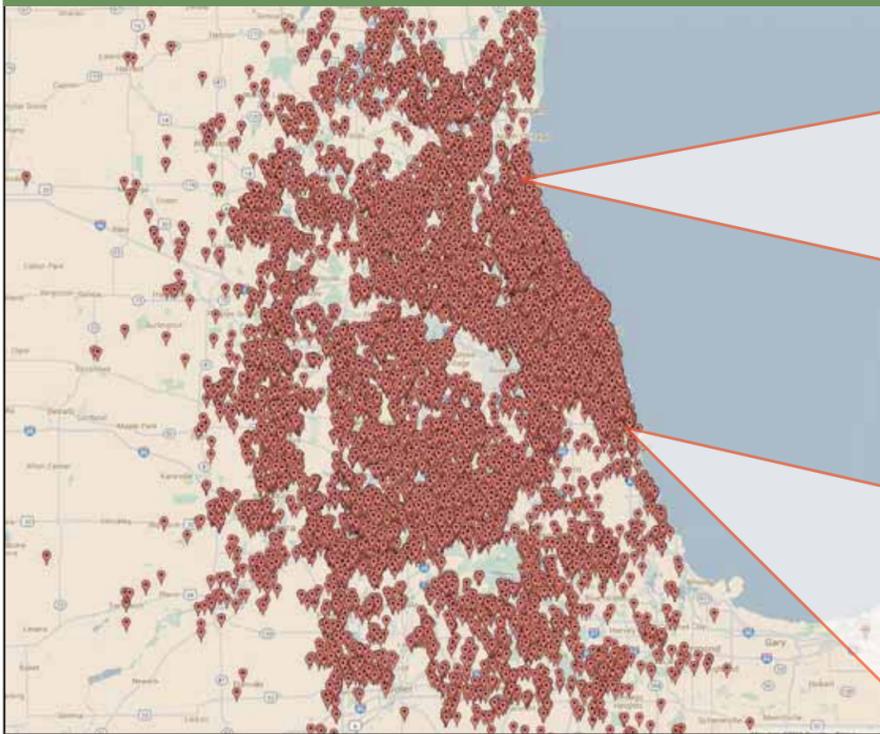
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Shoppers head to the Woodfield Mall and Sears, in Schaumburg, on Black Friday.

Sears chairman bids \$4.6B to rescue retailer

Edward Lampert's hedge fund would run 500 stores, employ 50,000 workers

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

The hedge fund run by Sears Chairman Edward Lampert is offering to buy many of the bankrupt retailer's remaining assets for about \$4.6 billion with hopes of keeping the chain in business and continuing to employ about 50,000 of its workers.

The bid from Lampert's ESL Investments includes about 500 Sears and Kmart stores, headquarters and distribution centers, and Sears brands and businesses including Kenmore, DieHard and Sears Home Services.

"ESL believes that a future for Sears as a going concern is the only way to preserve tens of thousands of jobs and bring continued economic benefits to the many communities across the United States that are touched by Sears and Kmart stores," Lampert's hedge fund said in the letter sent to Sears' investment banker Wednesday and filed Thursday with the U.S.

Securities and Exchange Commission.

Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp., which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October, got the Bankruptcy Court's approval last month to begin auctioning assets, including a group of top-performing stores. The retailer previously received court approval to begin store closing sales at 142 unprofitable stores.

The 500 stores Lampert and ESL want to purchase include Sears locations in Bloomingdale, Chicago Ridge, North Riverside, Oak Brook, Schaumburg, West Dundee, Cherry Valley, Peoria and Fairview Heights and Kmart in Bridgeview and Des Plaines. The bid also includes the headquarters in Hoffman Estates and other facilities in Manteno, Melrose Park, Naperville, Romeoville, Moline, Granite City and Bloomington.

The \$4.6 billion offer includes up to \$950 million in cash that would be funded by a new loan and a \$1.8 billion credit bid, in which ESL would swap Sears debt it

holds for ownership of a newly formed company. Other financing includes an estimated \$1.1 billion from taking on Sears' obligations to honor Sears Home Services protection agreements, gift cards, and loyalty program points.

In the letter, ESL said it believes long-struggling Sears can successfully reorganize around the smaller group of stores. The fund said it expects to continue employing about 50,000 Sears workers and reinstate a severance program in place before the company sought bankruptcy protection.

The bid comes days after Sears filed an updated budget with the Bankruptcy Court showing the retailer expected to earn almost \$246 million less during the critical holiday shopping season than it forecast when it declared bankruptcy. The more recent budget came after Sears said it planned to sell 505 stores that would continue in business, about 100 more than initially planned, which may have affected revenue forecasts.

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Lampert

China demands Canada free Huawei executive

Arrest of tech firm's CFO complicates trade talks with U.S.

BY JOE McDONALD AND ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Thursday demanded that Canada release an executive of Chinese tech giant Huawei who was arrested in a case that compounds tensions with the U.S. and threatens to complicate trade talks.

Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Huawei Technologies Ltd., faces possible extradition to the United States, according to Canadian authorities. The Globe and Mail newspaper, citing law enforcement sources, said she is suspected of trying to evade U.S. trade curbs on Iran.

Huawei, the biggest global supplier of network gear used by phone and internet companies, has been the target of deepening U.S. security concerns. Under President Donald Trump and his predecessor, Barack Obama, Washington has pressured European countries and other allies to limit use of its technology.

The U.S. sees Huawei and smaller Chinese tech suppliers as possible fronts for spying and as commercial competitors. The Trump administration says they benefit from improper subsidies and market barriers.

The timing of the arrest is awkward

following the announcement of a U.S.-Chinese cease-fire in a trade war that has its roots in Beijing's technology policy. Meng was detained in Vancouver on Saturday, the day Trump and Xi Jinping met in Argentina and announced their deal.

U.S. national security adviser John Bolton told NPR that he knew of the pending arrest in advance. He declined to talk about the specifics of the case and said he didn't know if Trump knew about it before it happened but added that there has been enormous concern about the practice of Chinese firms like Huawei allegedly using stolen U.S. intellectual property. He said that would be a major subject of negotiations with China.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he was given a few days advance notice of the intention of Canadian authorities to arrest her but said it was the decision of law enforcement and there was no political interference.

"I can assure everyone that we are a country of an independent judiciary and the appropriate authorities took the decisions in this case without any political involvement or interference," Trudeau said.

He also said he could not comment



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further because of a publication ban. A spokesman for Canada's justice department said Meng requested the ban and the department could not comment further.

Stock markets tumbled on the news, fearing renewed U.S.-Chinese tensions that threaten global economic growth.

A Chinese government statement said Meng broke no U.S. or Canadian laws and demanded Canada "immediately correct the mistake" and release her.

Beijing asked Washington and Ottawa to explain the reason for Meng's arrest, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang. He said arresting her without that violated her rights.

But the Ministry of Commerce signaled that Beijing wants to avoid disrupting progress toward settling a dispute with Washington over technology policy that

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Walgreens pharmacy to deliver nationwide

BY TOM MURPHY | Associated Press

Walgreens is joining rival drugstore chain CVS Health in expanding home deliveries for prescriptions nationwide, as stores continue adjusting to a retail world made more consumer-friendly by online competition.

Walgreens said Thursday it will partner with FedEx to deliver prescriptions as soon as the next day for a \$4.99 fee, and it also is providing same-day deliveries in several cities including New York, Chicago and Dallas. The Deerfield-based company started offering deliveries in several markets in October.

Walgreens and FedEx Corp. began a partnership last year where the drugstore chain started offering package drop-off and pick-up services at several thousand stores.

Woonsocket, R.I.-based CVS Health Corp. also announced the expansion of a nationwide prescription delivery program last June. They also will deliver other items like allergy medicines, vitamins or household products.

The companies say their delivery services are faster options than mail-order prescription programs that have been around for years.

Retailers have been breaking out more customer-friendly services in recent years to hold Amazon.com at bay.

The online retailer offers same-day deliveries of goods typically sold in the front end of drugstores, or the area outside the pharmacy. That has hurt store sales for the major drugstore chains, which spent years building nationwide store networks to get closer to consumer homes. Walgreens Boots Alliance and CVS Health both run more than 9,000 U.S. locations.

Investors have been worried about a potential Amazon leap into the turf of drugstores, especially after watching the online giant dive into groceries with the acquisition of the Whole Foods chain. Amazon sent drugstore shares tumbling briefly in June when it announced the acquisition of PillPack, an online pharmacy that offers pre-sorted dose packaging and home delivery.

Illinois teams with 38 states to stem tide of robocalls

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Hello, this is a very important message. Did you know that you probably received more robocalls per day in November than any previous month in the history of recorded phone messages?

That disturbing trend has led attorneys general from Illinois and 38 other states to form an anti-robocall coalition, seeking technological and political solutions to reduce the number of nuisance calls.

"Robocalls are an obnoxious form of consumer harassment," Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said in a news release. "I am pleased to be part of this bipartisan group that will provide people simple ways to avoid annoying and invasive robocalls."

There were 5.1 billion robocalls made in November — a record 1,963 per second — meaning that the average person did in fact hear more annoying health insurance, easy-money and interest rate scam pitches than ever before, according to a monthly YouMail survey.

Chicago ranked fourth among cities with more than 164 million robocalls last month, trailing only Atlanta, Dallas and New York, according to the survey.

The coalition of attorneys general has had meetings with several major telecom companies to push the carriers to "quickly develop and implement technology" that would identify and block robocalls for consumers. The states may also make recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission after determining the best possible solutions.

Scams and telemarketing account for 60 percent of robocalls, with payment requests, alerts and other reminders making up the balance, according to YouMail.

Last month, the FCC introduced a proposal to cut down on robocalls by creating a database of newly changed phone numbers to help "legitimate businesses" such as banks and pharmacies from mistakenly auto-dialing the wrong customers with payment and prescription reminders.

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Beware toys that can spy

Internet link, lack of security creates risks

BY CHRISTIAN HETRICK
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Children talk to their toys as if they're really listening, sometimes confiding in dolls and stuffed animals.

Now toys are actually listening. And remembering.

This holiday season, shoppers can buy "smart toys," internet connected playthings equipped with microphones, cameras, and the ability to collect reams of data about children.

Consumer advocates warn the toys pose privacy and security risks for kids. Security experts have shown smart toys can be easily hacked, and toy makers have taken heat for major data breaches and sharing personal information with third parties. Examples include a doll banned in Germany for recording children and a teddy bear with a hackable camera.

Smart toys seemingly come to life utilizing "internet of things" (IoT) technology that has wirelessly connected coffeemakers, thermostats, and yes, toilets. But smart toys have proven to be particularly vulnerable to cyber attacks. Manufacturers try to keep toy prices low and lack an incentive to add reasonable security mechanisms, said Kayne McGladrey, member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the world's largest technical professional organization.

"Toys are basically the poster child for bad security in IoT," said Bree Fowler, cybersecurity editor at Consumer Reports. "Nest and

Google, they have huge security departments. They can actually sink some cash into security when they build things if they choose to. Toys don't really have that background. They're not tech companies."

The FBI warned consumers last year that smart toys raise "concerns for privacy and physical safety" of children. The potential risks range from hackers eavesdropping on kids to stealing a child's identity. The mining of sensitive data such as GPS location, pictures or videos, and known interests all could aid kid-nappers, the FBI wrote.

In January, the Hong Kong-based electronic toy maker VTech agreed to pay \$650,000 to settle charges by the Federal Trade Commission after a data breach exposed the personal information of millions of parents and children, including names, gender, birth dates, and email addresses. It was the FTC's first children's privacy and security case involving connected toys. And kids might not know the full ramifications of smart-toy data breaches until they apply for loans later in life and learn their identity has been stolen, experts said.

Last year, German officials labeled an innocent-looking smart doll, My Friend Cayla, an illegal "espionage device" and asked parents to disable it. The blond, childlike doll recorded conversations, translated them to text, and shared data with third-parties, according to a complaint filed in 2016 by consumer groups.

This went on despite the

toys' assurances that it would keep things confidential. If you asked Cayla "can you keep a secret?" the doll said: "I promise not to tell anyone; it's just between you and me." The manufacturer, Genesis Toys, which is incorporated in Hong Kong and headquartered in Los Angeles, did not return a request for comment.

Internet-connected smart toys are growing in popularity, with the \$6 billion market expected to expand to \$18 billion by 2023, according to Juniper Research.

Federal law requires companies to get parental permission before collecting and sharing data of children under 13. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act also mandates clear privacy policies. It gives parents access to their children's data, and enables parents to have the personal information deleted, among other rules.

Consumer groups and security experts have identified other smart toys that raise privacy and security concerns.

Take the Fisher-Price Smart Toy Bear, a teddy bear stuffed with a microphone, camera, speaker, pressure plate, and an accelerometer for knowing when it's tossed in the air. The toy can have a conversation with a child and is familiar with world events. Mattel, which owns Fisher-Price,



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said it has stopped manufacturing the toy, but it can still be bought from major retailers including Amazon and Walmart for \$55.99.

In April, researchers at Indiana University said they discovered a security flaw that allowed them to gain unauthorized access to the toy bear's nose camera.

"It is capable of recording children or their families without any warning that the camera is in operation," the researchers wrote. "There is no light or other indicator for the user to know the camera is in operation. Since the bear does operate as a screenless phone, the normal notifications that are screen-based are unavailable to protect the user."

In a statement, a Mattel spokesperson said the company "takes the safety and privacy of our consumers very seriously."

"We have implemented various security updates since the product was manufactured in 2015," spokesperson Lisa Fujioka said. "We have no knowledge of any consumer data breach related to this product."

Earlier this month, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group said parents

should be wary of buying Amazon's popular children's tablet, the Fire HD Kids Edition. The group cited research from the Mozilla Foundation, which warned that "Amazon gets to know your kid's personal information from the cradle on."

The tablet comes equipped with "FreeTime" software that acts as a walled garden for kids, allowing parents to limit what children can see and do on the device. Amazon gathers usage data on kids' tablet activity so parents can monitor what their children are watching and reading. But the company said it does not

share children's data with third parties. (If parents give kids access to third party apps, however, then those third parties could collect a kid's data, according to the privacy policy).

"This product is built from the ground up for kids, with kids and parents and their priorities in mind," said Kurt Beidler, Amazon's director of kids & family. "It's been used by over 10 million kids. Parents and kids both love it. We've earned parents' trust by respecting things that they care about. And kids safety, kids education, kids privacy are things that are first and foremost on that list."

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Vincent Surace works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

U.S. stocks claw back from an early plunge on Fed report

BY ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

U.S. stocks clawed most of their way back from a deep slide Thursday that at one point had wiped out the market's gains for the year.

An early plunge briefly knocked more than 700 points off the Dow Jones Industrial Average as the arrest of a senior Chinese technology executive threatened to cause another flare-up in tensions between Washington and Beijing.

The sell-off eased by late afternoon, however, after The Wall Street Journal reported that the Federal Reserve is considering breaking with its current approach of steady interest rate hikes, favoring a wait-and-see approach. That was relief to investors worried that the Fed might raise interest rates too fast, which could choke off economic growth.

"The Fed is trying to, in essence, come out and make it clear they are not on a rigid schedule of rate hikes next year," said Quincy Krosby, chief mar-

ket strategist at Prudential Financial.

The S&P 500 index fell 4.11 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,695.95. The benchmark index had been down as much as 2.9 percent.

The Dow dropped 7940 points, or 0.3 percent, to 24,947.67. The average briefly slumped as much as 784 points.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite reversed an early loss to finish with a gain, adding 29.83 points, or 0.4 percent, to 7,188.26.

The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks gave up 3.34 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,477.41.

Traders continued to shovel money into bonds, a signal that they see weakness in the economy ahead. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.89 percent from 2.92 percent on Tuesday, a large move.

U.S. stock and bond trading were closed Wednesday because of a national day of mourning for President George H.W. Bush.

Losses in banks and energy and industrial stocks outweighed gains in internet and real estate companies.

Citigroup fell 3.5 percent to \$60.06. Halliburton slid 4.7 percent to \$29.79. Discovery climbed 4.7 percent to \$26.99.

Last week, stocks jumped after Fed Chairman Jerome Powell indicated the central bank might consider a pause in rate hikes next year while it gauges the impact of its credit tightening program.

The Fed has raised rates three times this year and is expected to boost rates for a fourth time at its Dec. 18-19 meeting of policymakers. That steady pace of rate hikes has begun to worry some investors amid growing signs that some sectors of the economy are hurting, including U.S. home sales. At the same time, there has been growing evidence that the global economic growth is slowing.

"The market seems right now to be focused on increased risks for a 2020 recession," said Patrick Schaffer, Global Investment Specialist, J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "It's a very hard market to buy when you see really strong signals that we are indeed late (in the economic) cycle."

A U.S. market for bilingual books? Si.

Small companies step in to fill void in offerings to children

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You might have heard of the three blind mice or the itty-bitsy spider who went up the water spout. But have you ever heard of the little cold and hungry chicks?

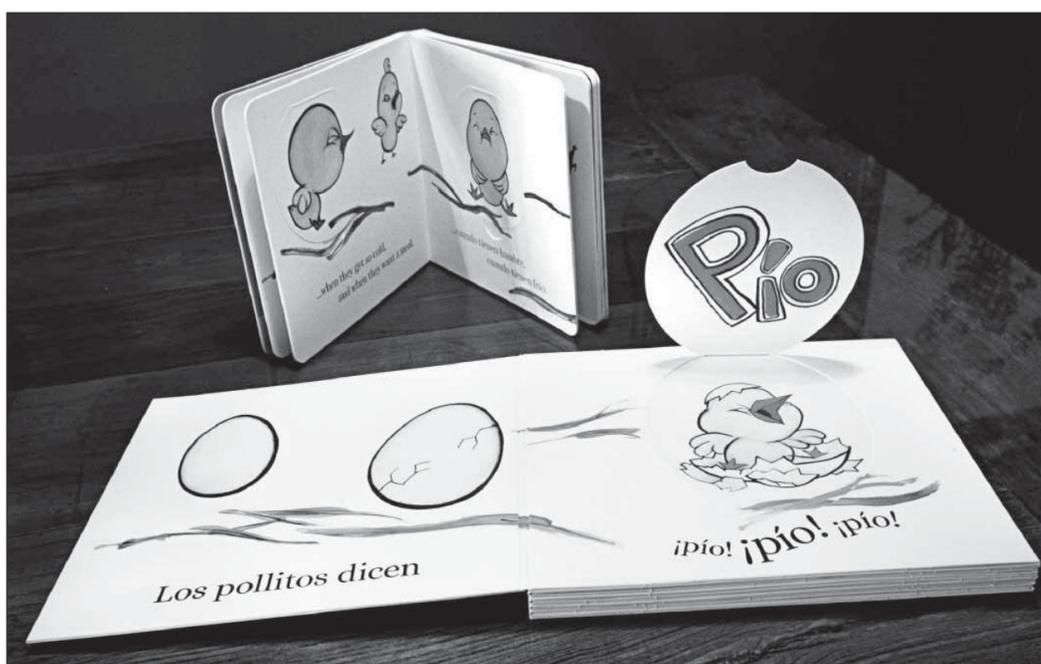
If you grew up speaking Spanish, the answer is probably yes. But Susie Jaramillo wants everyone to know “Los Pollitos,” a bedtime song about a hen taking care of her hatchlings that’s as familiar in the Spanish-speaking world as “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” is to English speakers.

The song is the heart of Canticos, a series of bilingual books, companion apps and singalong videos that the Venezuelan-American mother of two dreamed up after she couldn’t find enough Spanish-language books to read to her children. The brand, which debuted in 2016, had its biggest breakthrough this year when Nickelodeon adapted it to develop a series for toddlers on its digital platforms.

Canticos capitalized on a growing market for Spanish books in the United States, which the traditional publishing industry has addressed in fits and starts. Small companies are stepping in to fill the void, leveraging social media and strategic retail partnerships to target key customer bases, often ones they themselves belong to.

“When I had my first child, I went online and thought, ‘Where are all the board books of these songs that I grew up with?’” said Jaramillo, a former co-founder of a Latino-focused New York advertising agency.

Jaramillo teamed up with fellow mother Nuria Santamaria Wolfe, a former head of multicultural strategy at Twitter, to launch Encantos Media Studios, an entertainment company that released Canticos as the first of its planned



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Susie Jaramillo co-founded the media company behind the Canticos series, above.

bilingual brands.

Two other mothers, Patty Rodriguez and Ariana Stein, founded their own publishing company in 2014 when Rodriguez couldn’t sell mainstream publishers on her concept of a bilingual board book series featuring Latino icons and traditions. The company, Lil’ Libros, landed a partnership with Target just five months after publishing its first book, “Counting with Frida,” now the best-seller on Amazon among children’s counting books.

The books are now sold at 1,300 stores nationwide.

“We didn’t expect this reaction. We were doing it for love. If 100 kids picked

up our books, we would have been happy,” said Rodriguez, a senior producer for the radio show “On Air With Ryan Seacrest.”

Friends Chiara Arroyo and Celene Navarette were on the book fair committee of their children’s bilingual school in Los Angeles when they noticed the spotty Spanish-language selection. They persuaded Mexican publishers to send some titles, set up two tables and quickly sold out. They founded their business five years ago, selling books at other school fairs and then online.

By 2015, they had opened La Libreria, a store in central Los Angeles and nationwide distributor of



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Celene Navarette and a friend set up the La Libreria book store in Los Angeles.

books from Latin America and Spain.

U.S. sales of children’s Spanish-language books rose 6 percent over the past year to 1.5 million units, according to NDP BookScan. Overall Spanish-language books jumped 15 percent.

But that still represents less than 1 percent of the overall book market in a country with more than 41 million Spanish speakers.

Major publishers and distributors have pursued the Spanish-language market for years with mixed results. Some closed or downsized Spanish-language imprints after sales fell short of expectations during the Great Recession,

and as the industry struggled to adjust to the Amazon era that squeezed traditional booksellers.

In an internet-driven age of fractured consumer markets, Jaramillo and Santamaria Wolf said strategic partnerships have been key, particularly with brands and retailers like Target, which considers Hispanic mothers a key customer base.

Pam Kaufman, president of global consumer products at Viacom/Nickelodeon, said the company had been looking for a baby brand when she was introduced to Canticos at an industry conference. When she showed the videos to her Hispanic colleagues,

some teared up.

“I thought, ‘OK, we have something here,’” Kaufman said.

Nickelodeon, which also added a Spanish-language hub to its video subscription service in the spring, is planning a line of Canticos toys, clothing and decor for next year.

With sales picking up, major players in the traditional book industry are expanding their Spanish-language business. HarperCollins launched a new Spanish-language division in 2015. Chicago-based distributor IPG, already a key distributor of Spanish-language books, added two publishers from Spain and one from Mexico in November.

Arroyo and Navarette, owners of La Libreria, said the rise of dual-language programs in schools is driving interest in children’s books originally written in Spanish.

The trouble is keeping up with demand. Latin American and Spanish publishers tend to have printing cycles that are too slow and small for the U.S. consumer market.

In the United States, a growing number of Hispanic authors are pushing for Spanish translations of their books or weaving the language into stories with bilingual themes.

Juana Martinez-Leal wrote both the Spanish and English versions of her award-winning “Alma and How She Got Her Name” and insisted on a publisher that would release them simultaneously, said her agent, Stefanie Sanchez Von Borstel.

Von Borstel said sales of the Spanish edition have been a little slower, partly because bilingual and Spanish-language books face a tough battle for shelf space.

Rodriguez and Stein understand that problem well.

Once, they were stunned to find Lil’ Libros — an American series — upstairs in the “foreign section” of an Oregon bookstore.

Stein scooped them all up and marched them downstairs to the children’s section herself.

Waymo One, first commercial robotaxi, is up and running

BY RUSS MITCHELL
Los Angeles Times

Robot cars are now officially a real business.

Waymo this week launched a commercial robot ride-hailing service in Arizona called Waymo One.

Like Uber or Lyft, customers will summon a ride with a smartphone app. But in this case, the car will be driving itself.

“This is a game changer. It’s historical in nature,” said Grayson Brulte, who heads driverless car consulting firm Brulte & Co.

Only “a few hundred customers” will have access to the app and participate in the early stages, according to Waymo, which is an arm of Google parent Alphabet Inc. Although the cars will drive themselves, a Waymo engineer will sit behind the wheel in case anything goes wrong. Waymo did not say when the cars will start arriving without a human minder or when the program will be expanded.

Waymo’s cars, Chrysler Pacifica minivans bristling with autonomous driving technology, are available in

several eastern and southeastern Phoenix suburbs, including Chandler, Tempe, Mesa and Gilbert. The fares are similar to those charged by Uber and Lyft.

Waymo has ferried Phoenix-area passengers in robot cars since April 2017 in what the company calls its Early Rider program. Unlike Early Rider, which will continue, Waymo One customers won’t be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and won’t be expected to continually provide feedback about their experience.

Waymo One represents the beginnings of a business that could be worth a lot of money. How much, no one yet knows: Wall Street estimates of Waymo’s market value, should it be spun off, range from \$50 billion to \$175 billion.

Waymo began driverless-car development in 2009. Although dozens of companies, from small start-ups to major motor vehicle manufacturers, are developing driverless systems, Waymo is considered the emerging industry’s leader — in large part because of Google’s

expertise in mapping and machine learning combined with the rich ample investment dollars churned out by Google’s search advertising money machine.

There appears to be far more demand for the service than Waymo is able or willing to provide at present. The Early Rider program attracted 20,000 applicants, the company said, but only about 400 were chosen.

A big reason for the slo-mo nature of commercial rollout, according to Waymo, is safety.

The emerging driverless car industry suffered a blow in March when an Uber robot car hit and killed a pedestrian in Arizona. The experimental vehicle, with an apparently inattentive Uber employee behind the wheel, plowed into a woman walking a bicycle across a highway at night. Although the pedestrian wasn’t in a crosswalk, neither the human driver nor the driverless system applied the brakes until after the woman was hit.

Deaths involving Tesla’s Autopilot system have also



MICHAEL LARIS/WASHINGTON POST

Driverless Waymo cabs are ferrying passengers around Phoenix suburbs, in a first for a U.S. commercial company.

drawn headlines, although Autopilot is not intended to be used as an autonomous system.

Practically every company developing driverless cars uses a combination of radar, optical, ultrasound and lidar sensors — except Tesla, which has said expensive lidar, which uses laser light to detect objects, will not be necessary for the driverless cars it plans to

deploy.

Even if robot cars prove safer than human drivers, one of the intended aims, bad publicity from freak accidents or manufacturer missteps could slow the technology’s acceptance by the general public and political representatives.

The Phoenix area was chosen deliberately for its friendliness to driverless cars — and not just because

of the support of Arizona’s governor and local officials. (Regulations on driverless cars are less stringent in Arizona than in California.)

The flat, snow-free desert terrain, the well-kept and well-marked roads, the scarcity of trees to block street signs, and sun-blasted sidewalks on which few pedestrians tread all lend themselves to early robot car deployment.

U.S. household wealth jumps \$2 trillion in Q3, only to slip recently

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A stock market rally, which has since reversed, propelled U.S. household net worth to a record high of \$109 trillion in the July-September quarter.

The Federal Reserve said Thursday that the value of Americans’ stock and mutual fund holdings soared \$1.2 trillion. Home values rose \$200 billion. Other assets, such as bank ac-

counts, also increased. Total net worth climbed \$2 trillion from nearly \$107 trillion in the April-June quarter.

Greater household wealth can help the economy by lifting consumer spending. Yet wealth has been increasingly concentrated since the Great Recession, with just 10 percent of U.S. population owning 84 percent of stocks.

Richer households are less likely to spend from additional wealth compared with poorer ones.

The figure reflects the value of assets such as homes, bank accounts and stocks minus debts such as mortgages and credit cards. The figures aren’t adjusted for inflation or population growth.

Since the July-September quarter covered by the Fed’s report, household wealth has suffered a sharp blow, and may be on track to decline in the final three months of 2018.

The S&P 500 stock market index reached a record high Sept. 20, only to fall

steadily through October and November. It has also fallen sharply this week over fears of a worsening trade fight between the United States and China and a potential slowdown in U.S. and global economic growth.

On Thursday, the S&P 500 fell sharply before most of the day before recovering after a news report suggested that the Federal Reserve could slow its current pace of interest rate hikes.

The increasing impor-

tance of stock ownership to building wealth, compared with owning a home, has exacerbated wealth inequality since the recession. For most middle-class Americans, real estate ownership is the main source of wealth.

While home prices have risen at a robust pace over the past five years, they haven’t increased as much as stocks. And home price growth has slowed this year, along with sales.

Strong gains in household wealth haven’t spurred

as much spending in the past decade as in previous years. Historically, in what economists call the “wealth effect,” an additional dollar in financial or real estate wealth has lifted spending by 3 to 5 cents, which accelerates the economy.

But since the recession, Americans have been more reluctant to spend from their wealth. Economists suggest that households increasingly see wealth gains as potentially temporary and are more cautious about spending it as a result.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,951.01 Low: 24,242.22 Previous: 25,027.07



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+29.83 (+.42%)	-4.11 (-.15%)	-3.34 (-.23%)
Close: 7,188.26	Close: 2,695.95	Close: 1,477.41
High: 7,189.52	High: 2,696.15	High: 1,479.16
Low: 6,984.34	Low: 2,621.53	Low: 1,442.84
Previous: 7,158.43	Previous: 2,700.06	Previous: 1,480.75

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.05 to 2.87%	-3.00 to \$1,238.10	-.54 to 112.65/\$1	-.0024 to .8793/\$1	-1.76 to \$51.49

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
-1.54	-1.17	-1.53	-4.75	-4.55	-3.95	+3.04	+5.51	+2.24

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE CHG.	
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	510	510	499.50	505.25	-9.25
		Mar 19	518	518.50	510	515.50	-2.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	374	374.50	369.25	372	-2.25
		Mar 19	384.25	384.75	380	382.75	-1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	911.50	912.25	897	909.50	-4
		Mar 19	923.50	924.25	909.75	922	-3.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	28.49	28.52	28.27	28.47	-1.10
		Jan 19	28.83	28.83	28.47	28.71	-1.13
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	311.30	311.30	307.40	310.00	-1.90
		Jan 19	313.70	314.70	309.20	312.20	-1.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	52.93	53.30	50.08	51.49	-1.40
		Feb 19	53.15	53.53	50.31	51.70	-1.42
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	4.450	4.489	4.271	4.327	-1.42
		Feb 19	4.311	4.350	4.145	4.217	-1.13
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.4426	1.4517	1.3748	1.4334	-0.122
		Feb 19	1.4499	1.4568	1.3793	1.4333	-0.158

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	71.54	+0.4	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	102.38	+2.90	Mondelez Intl	O	44.25	-2.2
AbbVie Inc	N	90.33	-2.2	Equity Residential	N	72.65	+1.89	Morningstar Inc	O	116.48	-7.3
Allstate Corp	N	85.09	-1.31	Exelon Corp	N	46.90	-0.05	Motorola Solutions	N	129.76	-3.2
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.63	-1.31	First Indl RT	N	32.40	+9.5	NiSource Inc	O	26.81	-28
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.53	-0.7	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	42.54	+31	Nhrn Inc	O	90.94	-3.43
Baxter Intl	N	66.79	-4.7	Gallagher AJ	N	75.06	-1.05	Old Republic	O	22.09	-0.6
Baxter Co	N	331.90	-10.60	Grainger WJ	N	299.57	-1.03	Packaging Corp Am	O	95.35	-6.2
Brunswick Corp	N	51.13	-5.2	GrubHub Inc	N	81.41	+3.65	Paylocity Hldg	O	64.81	-0.5
CBOE Global Markets	N	103.62	-2.8	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	95.75	-2.9	Stericycle Inc	O	45.18	-1.26
CDK Global Inc	O	49.23	+1.8	IDEX Corp	N	135.04	+5.5	Teleph Data	N	35.25	+1.6
CDW Corp	O	95.54	+1.69	ITW	N	133.26	+5.0	TransUnion	N	62.92	+3.2
CF Industries	N	41.56	-9.9	Ingredion Inc	N	99.42	-2.59	Tribune Media Co A	N	44.95	+1.4
CME Group	O	189.02	+8.2	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	138.24	+5.25	US Foods Holding	N	32.19	-3.1
CNA Financial	N	45.07	-6.3	Kemper Corp	N	71.66	-1.01	USG Corp	N	43.11	+0.7
Caterpillar Inc	N	128.37	-9.5	Kraft Heinz Co	O	49.52	-4.6	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	292.92	+1.79
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	31.62	-4.6	LKQ Corporation	O	26.36	-3.0	United Contl Hldgs	O	93.03	+1.09
Deere Co	N	154.39	+2.80	Littelfuse Inc	O	178.15	-4.98	Ventas Inc	N	65.42	+2.26
Discover Fin Svcs	N	66.49	+1.1	MB Financial	O	42.98	-1.4	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	82.94	+1.2
Dover Corp	N	81.84	-1.65	McDonalds Corp	N	185.45	+4.1	Wintrust Financial	O	72.21	-9.7
Equity Commonwth	N	32.08	+3.4	Middleby Corp	O	112.01	+1.2	Zebra Tech	O	172.58	+1.56

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	26.28	-5.6
Gen Electric	7.35	+0.7
Chesapck Engy	2.72	-1.7
Ford Motor	9.02	-1.6
Transocean Ltd	8.74	-5.8
AT&T Inc	30.53	-2.0
Wells Fargo & Co	51.09	-6.9
Oracle Corp	46.68	-2.07
Citigroup	60.06	-2.20
Vale SA	13.53	-0.7
Nokia Corp	5.62	+2.2
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.53	-0.2
Aphria Inc	5.54	+1.03
EnCana Corp	6.47	-2.8
Nabors Inds	3.06	+0.1
Ambev S.A.	4.17	-1.0
Pfizer Inc	44.98	-1.6
Hewlett Pack Ent	16.02	+9.7
Petrobras	14.14	-5.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co	105.19	-2.04
ENSCO PLC	5.15	-6.6
Twitter Inc	32.96	+4.0
Verizon Comm	58.08	-0.1
Alibaba Group Hldg	155.83	-2.51

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	21.30	+1.8
Helios and Matheson	.02	..
Microsoft Corp	109.19	+6.7
Apple Inc	174.72	-1.97
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.35	+1.6
Cisco Syst	48.39	+1.04
Micron Tech	37.67	+7.9
Intel Corp	48.37	+6.2
Marvell Tech Grp	16.09	+5.9
Facebook Inc	139.63	+1.70
Comcast Corp A	37.88	+1.9
Huntgrn Bancshs	13.63	-0.5
JD.com Inc	21.23	-2.2
Activision Blizzard	48.15	+1.63
Caesars Entertain	7.95	-0.1
Qualcomm Inc	57.11	..
Nvidia Corporation	158.29	+1.18
Starbucks Cp	66.55	-1.0
Applied Matis	34.69	-7.4
Uxay Limited ADS	3.76	+9.0
Ebay Inc	29.47	+2.1
21st Century Fox A	49.50	+3.8
TheStreet Inc	2.06	+5.4
Momo Inc	27.05	-4.64

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2605.18	-44.6/-1.7
Stoxx600	343.31	-11.0/-3.1
Nikkei	21501.62	-534.4/-2.4
MSCI-EAFE	1764.51	-35.8/-2.0
Bovespa	88846.50	-193.3/-0.2
FTSE 100	6704.05	-217.8/-3.2
CAC-40	5012.66	-41.3/-0.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	155.83	-2.51
Alphabet Inc C	1068.73	+17.91
Alphabet Inc A	1078.08	+15.61
Amazon.com Inc	1699.19	+30.79
Apple Inc	174.72	-1.97
Bank of America	26.28	-5.6
Berkshire Hath B	207.96	-2.16
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.39	-1.04
Facebook Inc	139.63	+1.70
JPMorgan Chase	105.19	-2.04
Johnson & Johnson	145.91	-1.2
Microsoft Corp	109.19	+6.7
Pfizer Inc	44.98	-1.6
Royal Dutch Shell B	60.77	-1.76
Royal Dutch Shell A	59.19	-1.50
Unitedhealth Group	276.85	-1.70
Visa Inc	141.05	+2.41
WalMart Strs	94.77	-1.04
Wells Fargo & Co	51.09	-6.9

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.35	2.37
6-month disc	2.48	2.49
2-year	2.74	2.79
10-year	2.87	2.92
30-year	3.14	3.16

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1238.10	\$1237.10
Silver	\$14.390	\$14.463
Platinum	\$789.60	\$802.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.58

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	37.7003
Australia (Dollar)	1.3846
Brazil (Real)	3.8827
Britain (Pound)	.7827
Canada (Dollar)	1.3393
China (Yuan)	6.8828
Euro	.8793
India (Rupee)	70.671
Israel (Shekel)	3.7387
Japan (Yen)	112.65
Mexico (Peso)	20.3591
Poland (Zloty)	3.76
So. Korea (Won)	1120.60
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.88
Thailand (Baht)	32.86

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.98	-0.7	+6.6	
American Funds AmnBAlA m	26.98	-0.6	+2.1	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	46.83	-3.6	-4.6	
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	58.32	-2.7	-3.6	
American Funds FdMtlInvSA m	60.39	-3.0	+1.1	
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.12	-0.2	+5.8	
American Funds InvAmrcA m	22.37	-1.1	-5	
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	38.93	-1.4	+1.1	
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	42.41	-2.2	-1.1	
American Funds WAMtlInvSA m	44.72	-2.2	+4.7	
DFA IntlCorEqIn	12.26	-1.6	-1.1	
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.29	-0.1	-1.1	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	39.50	-0.7	-11.6	
Dodge & Cox Stk	200.91	-9.6	+3.7	
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.35	+0.1	+8	
Fidelity 500ldxmsPrrm	94.58	-1.1	+4.5	
Fidelity Contrafund	12.56	+0.3	+5.8	
Fidelity ContrafundK	12.57	+0.3	+6.0	
Fidelity TlMtlDxmsPrrm	77.58	-0.7	+3.9	
Fidelity USBldxmsPrrm	11.16	+0.1	-1.3	
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.22	-0.1	-5	
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.30	+0.2	-1.0	
PIMCO IncInslT	11.77	
PIMCO TlRetIns	9.91	+0.1	-9	
Schwab SP500ldx	42.28	-0.6	+4.5	
T. Rowe Price BCGr	105.35	+3.0	+11.3	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	66.61	+1.9	+7.9	
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	249.92	-3.1	+4.5	
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.80	-0.4	+8.4	
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	76.93	+0.4	+2.3	
Vanguard GrlDxAdmrl	94.54	+2.2	+5.7	
Vanguard HCAmrl	71.68	-5.1	+11.1	
Vanguard IntlGrdAdm	9.31	+0.1	-1.6	
Vanguard IntlTEAdmrl	13.85	+0.3	+3	
Vanguard InsldxIn	246.57	-3.0	+4.5	
Vanguard InsldxInPlus	246.59	-3.0	+4.5	
Vanguard InsTlSMInPls	59.72	-0.6	+4.0	
Vanguard MDCpDxAdmrl	186.65	-2.5	+6	
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	141.62	+3.5	+8.4	
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.4			

OBITUARIES

PETE SHELLEY 1955-2018

Leader of influential punk band Buzzcocks

BY GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

Pete Shelley, who died Thursday at age 63, was a subversive songwriter who helped sharpen the leading edge of punk. The first incarnation of his band the Buzzcocks didn't survive the punk era, but Shelley's catchy, caustic songs endured.

After the Buzzcocks were extolled by artists and bands such as R.E.M., Bob Mould and Nirvana, the quartet reunited nearly 30 years ago, and was still active when Shelley died in Estonia, apparently of a heart attack, according to the BBC. The singer-guitarist, born Peter Campbell McNeish in the English town of Leigh in 1955, succinctly described the band's enduring appeal in a 1993 interview with the Tribune: "There's a lot of noisy music out there. But there's not much noisy music you can go away humming afterward."

Many of his songs were hits in England; not for nothing is one of the band's most revered releases titled "Singles Going Steady," an immaculate collection of pithy, mostly two-minute blasts of buzzing melody and lusty, double-edged lyrics: "What do I Get?" "Ever Fallen in Love (With Someone You Shouldn't Have)?" "Everybody's Happy Nowadays."

Shelley's songs toyed with teenage themes (desire, lust, frustration) but gave them a twist from the viewpoint of a misfit perpetually on the outside looking in: "It seems so real, I can see it... then why can't I touch it?" Shelley sang with adenoalid yearning.

As if addressing a generation passing into an adulthood bereft of opportunity, another Shelley classic summed it up: "Life's no illusion, love's not a dream, now I know just what it is." Unlike peers such as the Sex Pistols and Sham 69, the Buzzcocks dressed like students instead of safety-pinned rebels. But they drew from the same well of inspiration.

After seeing the Sex Pistols, Shelley and his fellow art-punk upstart Howard Devoto hosted the band on June 4, 1976, at Lesser Free Trade Hall in Manchester, England. It was the Pistols' first gig outside London, and the audience included



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Pete Shelley performs with The Buzzcocks at Metro in Chicago in 1991.

future members of Joy Division and the Smiths, as well as soon-to-be Factory Records chief Anthony Wilson, producer Martin Hannett, and Steve Diggle, who was hired immediately after as the Buzzcocks bassist and later guitarist.

Shelley, Devoto and Diggle were joined at the first Buzzcocks rehearsal by 16-year-old drummer John Maher.

"We set up with one cheap amplifier and made this incredible racket," Shelley once told the Tribune. "I thought even then, 'There's something to this.'" He was right. The songs, mostly written by Shelley but with significant contributions at the beginning from Devoto and later Diggle, weren't as political as those of the Sex Pistols and Clash, but they were urgent, noisy, smart and irreverent. If the melodies echoed the pop instincts of the Beatles, the racing tempos mainlined punk adrenaline.

The Buzzcocks were among punk's first do-it-yourselfers. Their "Spiral Scratch" EP was the UK's first self-released punk record because the band was in no mood to suck up to the big labels that could've fashioned them into rock stars. Album sleeves designed by Martin Garrett underlined this notion, as they satirized the dreary rituals of English society as effectively as the lyrics.

"The whole punk thing wasn't just rebellion," Shelley told the Tribune. "There were a lot of things happening on the sidelines, away from the music, that reflected a long line of artistic thinking, going back to the situationists. There were ideas being exchanged, involving graphic designers, journalists, musi-

cians. The music was a soundtrack to what was going on. It was intelligent without being intellectual."

After Devoto departed to resume his education, Shelley became the primary vocalist, Diggle moved over to play second guitar and bassist Steve Garvey joined Maher in the rhythm section. It was with this lineup that the band recorded its finest music in a two-year rush of brilliance. After the singles gold rush of 1977-79, Shelley crafted the Buzzcocks final statement from its first era with the '79 album "A Different Kind of Tension."

"I wanted to do five songs on one side to put across an idea, about the disintegration of the ego," Shelley once said in a Tribune interview. It built to the seven-minute "I Believe," more than double the length of most Buzzcocks songs. Shelley sang the closing chant of "There is no love in this world anymore" with such ferocity that it became more of a catharsis than a resignation.

"It was a culmination of a lot of frustration, and a lot of psychedelic abuse," Shelley once said. The band broke up in 1981, but Shelley remained as timely as ever. He crafted the international dance-club hit "Homo sapien," an emancipatory track in a couple ways: breaking from the Buzzcocks with its synthesizer-based sound and becoming one of the first overtly gay-themed hits, even though it was banned by the BBC for its explicit lyrics.

When pop-punk exploded on the commercial charts in the '90s with the rise of bands such as Green Day and the Offspring, the members of the Buzzcocks once again found themselves in demand, and Shelley and Diggle resumed touring and recording regularly with a new rhythm section.

Shelley was happy to be back, still bemused that he'd somehow managed to turn a burst of rebellion into a body of work that would endure for decades. "I'm glad our music has been of some use to people," he once told the Tribune. "But I think it's time to go back and show 'em how it should be done. Our exacting standards, you know."

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ON DECEMBER 7 ...

In 1787 Delaware became the first state to ratify the Constitution.

In 1796 electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

In 1836 Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1842 the New York Philharmonic gave its first concert.

In 1863 retailer R.W. Sears, co-founder of Sears, Roebuck & Co., was born in Stewartville, Minn.

In 1873 novelist Willa Cather was born near Winchester, Va.

In 1941 Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

In 1946 fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

In 1963 during the Army-Navy game, videotaped instant replay was used for the first time in a live sports telecast as CBS re-showed a one-yard touchdown run by Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh. (Navy won, 21-15.)

In 1972 America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Cana-

veral. **Also in 1972** Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was then shot dead by her bodyguards.

In 1982 convicted murderer Charlie Brooks became the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.

In 1983, in Madrid, an Avionic DC-9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

In 1987, 43 people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots.

In 1988 a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.

In 1993 a gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train in New York, killing six people and wounding 17.

In 2017 Minnesota Democrat Al Franken announced he would resign his U.S. Senate seat amid sexual misconduct allegations.

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Dec. 7 Mega Millions: \$226M
Dec. 8 Powerball: \$217M

WISCONSIN
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Alberts, Susan

Susan Alberts nee Weinstein, age 71, beloved daughter of the late Ann and Charles of Flint, Michigan, adored wife of Barry and loving mother of Jaime, on Dec. 4 at 5 pm Eastern. Susie was originally a social worker at the first abortion clinic in Illinois, and later became devoted to facilitating healthy child development through Feldenkrais and Childspace. A lover of books, poetry, art and music, she was passionate about time in nature, travel, and relationships with family and dear friends. Susie was a beacon of light and joy, who danced to the beat of her own drummer and touched innumerable lives. Her body is gone but her love is not. Service Friday, 1 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to HIAS Chicago, 216 West Jackson Blvd #700, Chicago, IL 60606 or the Chicago Foundation for Women, 140 S Dearborn St #400, Chicago, IL, 60603. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Barder, Joseph 'Larry'

Joseph "Larry" Barder, age 69, of Darien. Vietnam War Veteran. Beloved husband of Barbara, nee Zilic. Loving father of Joe and Mike (Rose). Devoted grandfather of Violet and Jonas. Dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle to many. Visitation 3-9pm Friday at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove, where funeral service will be held 8pm Friday evening. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations for a future memorial would be appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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Beaty, Karyn T.

Karyn T. Beaty (nee Hogan), age 56, a resident of Plainfield, IL since 2012, formerly of Hinsdale and Bolingbrook, IL, passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital in Bolingbrook after a long battle with cancer. She was born September 6, 1962 in Chicago Heights, IL. Visitation Sunday, December 9, 2018, 2:00-7:00 PM at **Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 15219 S. Joliet Rd., Plainfield, IL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, December 10, 10:00 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church, 600 Brook Forest Ave., Shorewood, IL. Interment to follow at Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. For a complete obituary please visit www.overman-jones.com or call (815) 436-9221 for more information.



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Bexes, Georgia

Georgia Bexes, nee Roumeliotis, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Georgia was born on February 19, 1933 in Ancient Corinth, Greece and was the beloved daughter of the late Panayiotis and Marina Roumeliotis. Georgia came to the United States in 1960 where she later met and married her husband Gust in 1962. They resided in Chicago and later in Skokie. Georgia was the devoted wife of the late Gust F. Bexes; loving mother of the late Frank (Vicki) Bexes and Marina (Stephan) Aliferakis; loving and cherished grandmother of Anna Zoe Aliferakis and Georgia Bexes; dear sister of late Saranti Roumeliotis and the late (Katina); Andrianna and the late (Nick) Dakas, and Stavroula (William) Bebonis; adored aunt of many nieces and nephews and their families who loved her dearly. Georgia devoted her life to her family, her friends, and her church and will truly be missed. Visitation will be held at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave in Chicago, IL 60646 on Sunday, December 9th from 4:00-8:00 pm. Funeral service will be held at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles, IL 60174 on Monday, December 10th at 11:00 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, St. John Chrysostomos Greek Orthodox. Info 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Buchanan, Ruthi

Ruthi Buchanan (nee Gelfand), age 71, adored daughter of the late Dr. Leonard and Trudy Gelfand; beloved wife of Ronald Buchanan, happily married for over 49 years; loving mother of Bradley (Lisa) Buchanan; cherished grandmother of Rachel; much loved sister of Sandi (Nat) Gershman; treasured aunt to many nieces and nephews. Ruthi had a great passion for opera, the arts and was a tireless advocate for many causes. Chapel service Sunday, December 9, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crohns and Colitis Foundation or Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park. Information and condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Fleisher, Stephan Marc

Stephan Marc Fleisher, 52. Devoted son of Ronald Fleisher and Linda (Steven) Randall. Loving brother of Rabbi Randy (Amy) Fleisher and Jodi (Ken) Wittenberg, step-brother of Jessica Droeger, Joshua (Michele) Randall, Steven Randall and Bleusette Randall. Dear uncle of Zoey, Gabe and Sylvie and adored friend to many across the globe. Service Sunday, 1:00 pm at Congregation Solel, 1301 Clavey Road, Highland Park. Private interment will be held on Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org or your charity of choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Formoso, Norma E.

Norma E. Formoso, (nee Marco), age 89, formerly of the East Side. Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Loving mother of Marian Martino, Mark (Julie) Formoso, Marcia (Robert) Carlson, Tom (Pam) Formoso and Gail (Bill) Kelleher. Cherished grandmother of 11. Adored great grandmother of 9. Dearest sister of the late Dominick "Bud" (late Charlotte) Marco. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Norma was a retired teachers aide for Phil Sheridan Grammar School. Visitation Sunday 2-7pm. Funeral services Monday, December 10, 2018, 9:30am prayers from **Elmwood Chapel**, 11200 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago to Church of the Annunciate. Mass of Christian Burial 10am. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Please omit flowers. 773-731-2749 www.elmwoodchapel.com

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Gindorf, Lionel J.

Lionel J. Gindorf, of Western Springs; husband of 68 years to the late Anne Gindorf; loving father of Merry (the late Phil) Nicholson & Jeffrey (Andrea) Gindorf; proud grandfather of Christine & John Nicholson, Joie & Jamie Gindorf; wonderful uncle of many; mentor and role-model to all. Lionel known to most as "Tiny" lived an extraordinary life. He was a WWII veteran, the President and business manager of Local 399 International Union of Operating Engineers, served as International Secretary Treasurer of IUOE, and the list goes on. There are no words to capture his real accomplishment and the extent of his influence which created livelihoods and guaranteed success for generations of families. He gave a million favors and never asked for one in return. Visitation 2 to 9pm on Sunday, December 9th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Visitation continues at the funeral home from 9am until time of funeral service, 10am on Monday, December 10th. Interment Fairmount-Willow Hills Memorial Park. Any Local 399 members who would like to contribute to the Anne S. Gindorf Scholarship fund would be appreciated. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfurnerals.com

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Gausam SLW, Mary Ann

Sister Mary Ann Gausam, SLW 78, a Sister of the Living Word, was born January 3, 1940 in New Ulm, MN and passed away December 5, 2018. Mary Ann is survived by her sisters Patricia (Steve) Burdick and Nanette (Robert) Helgeson; her brothers Robert (Nancy) Gausam, Michael (Kathleen) Gausam, Tom (late Theresa) Gausam, John (Evie) Gausam and James (Sandra) Gausam and many nieces and nephews plus grandnieces and grandnephews. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents Eugene and Theodosia (nee Shellum) Gausam.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 3:00 pm at Resurrection Life Center Chapel, 7370 W.Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 12:30 PM until the time of the Memorial Mass at 1:00 PM at St. Martha Catholic Church, 8523 Georgiana Avenue in Morton Grove, IL. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sisters of the Living Word, 800 N. Fernandez, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Funeral info 847-253-5423 or lauterburgoehler.com

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Hans, Douglas S.

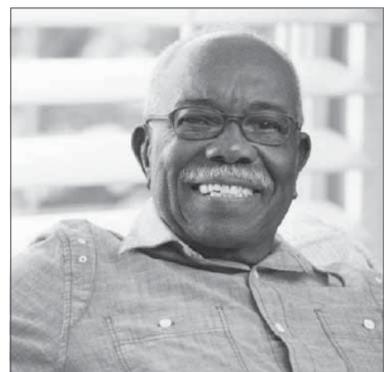
Douglas S. Hans, 71, passed away December 5, 2018. Beloved husband of Nancy Hans; Cherished Son of Rudy and the late Marian Hans; Step Father of Jessica (Mike) Degen and Alison (Marc) Gaddis; Grandfather of Zachary, Max, Joey, and Mila; Dear Brother of Dale (Peggy) Hans and James (Hilma) Hans; Uncle of Heather (Brian Strickland) Hans. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 9th, 2018 from 3-8pm at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St. (corner of Northwest Hwy./Rt.14 and Rand Rd.), Des Plaines. Funeral service Monday, December 10th, 2018, 10am at Oehler Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights. For information, please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



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Heraty, Martha K.

Martha K. Heraty, nee Kilcoyne. Age 87. After a short illness passed away peacefully on December 5, 2018. Devoted wife of the late Warren E. Heraty. Loving and dedicated mother of Kathleen (Lynn) Stetson, Greg (Barb) and Celine Heraty, Margaret, Elizabeth (Chuck) Daly, Daniel (Lisa), the late David (Kitty) and Kelly (Andy) Fuhr. She will be missed

so very much by her 15 wonderful grandchildren, Conor (Candace), Jessica (Scott), Sean, Becki, Mary Kate (Brian), Clare, Julie (Pete), Meeghan, Brennan, Griffin, Kevin, Colin, Patrick, Katherine, and Aidan. And by her great grandchild whose latest photo was always her screensaver, the beloved Ella. Her extended family and friends gave her much joy in her life, including Marilyn O'Brien, Patti Kay, her wonderful nieces and nephews, Josh, Catherine, Val and many more. Marti, or as she spelled it in high school, Marde, was a trouble maker from the start. When quite young, she was singing and dancing on a street corner just to amuse herself when someone gave her a penny for her performance. She quickly realized the value and went around to different corners until caught by her Aunt who dragged her by her ear all the way home. In high school, she was a proud founding member of the renowned Damma Phi Datum Sorority at Notre Dame High School for girls. The gang still keeps in touch. A lifelong democrat who was always a judge at the polls during voting, Marti always said she had to vote to cancel that of her republican husband. She called or wrote monthly to her congressional rep Henry Hyde to complain. So much so that he knew her by name. Her voting wisdom passed on to her children was, vote for Irish politicians and Polish judges. Marti loved music and saw many of the great musical artists of her day: Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington, Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald, Harry Belafonte, Louis Prima, and, uhm .. Donna Summer! She lied her way backstage to meet Billy Eckstine and talked of it to this day. Along with Jo Hanch she directed the Mary Seat of Wisdom parish variety show, the Chez Paree in the '70's. She loved her Chez Paree years and took great joy in the productions. She performed only one year, as Dolly Levi from Hello, Dolly and she would like you all to know she "killed it", in the very best way! We will miss her ready laugh and quick wit and meatballs with gravy. But not so much her tuna fish and peas. There is no doubt in our minds that if there is a place beyond this one, she is once again living her very best life with all those she loved who have gone before her. She'll be the one with the Virginia Slims, and an ice cold Tab grabbing some rays by the pool. No doubt, there will be plenty of chocolate there, too. We were greatly loved by you Mom and our love for you will endure forever. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 3 p.m. until time of Memorial Service, 6:30 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Misericordia Home, www.misericordia.com. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Hroza, Cindy Ellen

Cindy Ellen Hroza, daughter of Robert J. and Joyce E. Hroza, dear sister of Lorrine (Jim) Hendron, Roberta (Heidi) Hroza and Holly Luisi; loving aunt of Brandy, Jimmy, Joey and Robin. Visitation Sunday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Lack & Sons Funeral Home**, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Funeral Service Monday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Donations to East House, 259 Monroe Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607 would be appreciated. For info 708-430-5700.

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Lenzo, Edith Kossiv 'Eadie'

Edith Kossiv Lenzo, "Eadie," 84, Loving wife and best friend of the late Phillip Lenzo; Devoted mother of Sherri (Dennis) Gossman and Jeff Einbinder (Patti Mosberg); Proud "Mama" of Stuart (Shelly), Meredith, Isaac (Jackie), and Josh; Adoring great-grandmother of Stasia, Sora, and Willow; Dear sister of June (the late Leonard) Fisher and the late Roz (Jack) Pomerantz and Marilyn (Irwin) Smiley; Caring aunt to many nieces and nephews; a good friend to many. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. Funeral services: Sunday, December 9th, 2018 at 1:00 pm at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie IL. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Luczynski, Henry J.

Henry J. Luczynski, age 83, of Oswego, IL, peacefully passed away with his family by his side on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at his residence. He was born March 9, 1935 in Karkow, Poland, the son of the late Stanley and Florence nee Wajass Luczynski.

Henry proudly served his country in the US Army from 1954 to 1956. Following his service, he worked as a plant manager for Wen Products. He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Oswego, IL. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Anita nee Poletto, sons John (Debbie) Luczynski, Michael (Kathy) Luczynski, grandchildren Susan, Nicole, Drew, Alex and a sister Gerry (Bob) Gorz. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a memorial service with military honors starting at 6:00 PM at **DUNN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME with CREMATORY**, 1801 S. Douglas Road, Oswego, IL 60543. Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131. For information: 630/554-3888 or www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com

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McCabe, Michael H.

Michael H. McCabe, age 74; beloved husband of Christine nee Wright; loving father of Christopher, Molly and Megan McCabe; also devoted father of Michael (Judy) McCabe. Visitation Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until time of Service at 11:30 A.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Melvin, William L.

Devoted husband of Shirley, nee Bouma, for 69 years; Loving father of Linda (Jim) McMahan, Jeffrey (Tamara), Lori (David) Vorwald, and the late Gary; Proud grandpa of Travis (Tracy), Ashley (Alex), Ryan (Jennifer), Trey, Bryce, Robert (Amy), and the late Bryant; Cherished "G-Pa" of Rylie, Brody, Steven, and Lilly; Beloved brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to many; Proud U.S. Army Korean War Veteran; Visitation Sunday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL; Funeral Monday, all family and friends will meet directly at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 9358 S. Homan Ave. Evergreen Park, IL; Service 11:00 a.m. Interment Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, memorials to First Methodist Church of Evergreen Park; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneral-home.com

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Niemiec, Allen J. 'Al'

Allen J. "Al" Niemiec, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, beloved husband of Karla J. and the late Patricia, nee Radziwon. Loving father of Tami Daly, Casimir (Jessica) Sakowicz and Christopher (Marianne) Sakowicz. Cherished grandfather of Christopher, Madison, Kayla, Kelsey, Jason, and Jax. Devoted son of Stella and the late Albert Niemiec. Dearest brother of Daniel (Rosemary) Niemiec and his "sis", Dee Renk. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Al was a dedicated employee of Darwin Furniture for over 30 years. Visitation Sunday 1-9 p.m. Funeral Service Monday 11:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Private at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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O'Brien, Thomas P.

Thomas P. O'Brien, age 68, Army Veteran, formerly of Blue Island; beloved husband of the late Joanne (nee Sullivan); loving dad of Tracy Smith, Leslie O'Brien and the late Lisa Garcia; dear grandpa of Meagan, Danielle and James Garcia, Cody, Travis and Alyssa Smith and Jeremy, Justine, Billy and Trinity Newhouse; cherished great-grandpa of Cameron, Turner, Kainen, Jackson, Logan, Jacob and Pierce; fond brother uncle and friend to many. Visitation Monday 9:00 A.M. until time of Service 11:45 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200.

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Polovina, Robert

Bozidar Robert "Bob" Polovina age 96, a resident of Glendale, CA former resident of Hammond, IN passed away after a brief illness on December 1, 2018.

Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nada (Trbovich); parents Mile and Cvijeta; sister Jelena (Bozidar) Milanovic; brother, Milan (Desa) and brother, Nikola.

He is survived by his devoted daughter Candice "Candi" and son-in-law, Dr. Steven Rosen along with their children who adored their Tati-Deda: Melissa (Alex); Jennifer; Natalie (Arthur); and Nicholas and great-granddaughter - Lillian "Lili" Mack. Bob is also survived by godson Christopher (Janet) Dremonas, sons Milo (Gayle) and Ned (Vicky) and grandsons: Ben, Alec and Eli along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Bob was born on June 29, 1922 in Pittsburgh, PA. At the age of seven his parents decided to return to their home in Gornirje, Yugoslavia to raise their family. The atrocities of WWII had a life altering affect on Bob. After years in concentration and displaced persons camps, he made his way to East Chicago, IN. He worked at Inland Steel for 35 years. Bob was a hero, sponsoring many individuals and couples that he met over the course of his imprisonment in their quest to emigrate to the U.S.

A member of Inland Steel's 25 year Club, founding and lifelong member of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Schererville, IN. He will be remembered for his gentle nature and kind soul. Private funeral services with burial at Oak Hill Cemetery in Hammond. Donations can be made in his memory to Door of Hope, a residence for homeless families P.O. Box 90455, Pasadena, CA 91109 or Canine Companions for Independence, 124 Rancho Del Oro Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057. May his memory be eternal.

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Scheye, Elaine

Elaine Scheye age 73, devoted daughter of the late Gunther and Rose. Elaine will be missed by her many friends at Anshe Emet Synagogue. Service Friday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Sunset Ridge Memorial Park Cemetery, Kenosha, WI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60613, www.anshemet.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Shapiro, Elliott

Elliott Shapiro, husband, father and grandfather, died suddenly aged 91 on December 2 after a short illness. Born and raised in Chicago, the son of Mary and Meyer Shapiro, Elliott joined the Navy at the end of World War II and attended college on the GI Bill, graduating from Northwestern University. A sales rep for most of his working life, he married Nancy (who he called Rusty) Obenhaus in 1954 and moved to Highland Park where they lived until his death. He leaves daughters Helen, Hilary and Stacy, and grandsons Jason, Max and Alex. A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 11:00 am at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. In lieu of flowers, the family has designated the American Cancer Society for memorial contributions. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Simon, Donna Jean Rice

Donna Jean Rice Simon, age 71, of Plainfield formerly of Chicago. At rest November 28, 2018. Beloved wife of Edward Simon (ret. CPD). Loving Mother of Craig (Kim) Punzirudu, Timothy (Annette) Simon and Carrie (Dennis) Dalton. Proud Nonna of Monica, Kevin, Brett, Nora, Clare and Ryan. Great Grandmother of Emma and Harper. Dearest sister of Reggie (Diane) Rice and Jerry (Janet) Rice. Fond Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Sunday December 9, 2018 from 12 noon until time of Memorial service 3:00 p.m. at **Ridge Funeral Home**, 6620 W. Archer Ave. Chicago. Interment private. Please dress in casual attire. In lieu of flowers, memorials made to Operation Smile (www.operationssmile.org) would be appreciated. Info: 773-586-7900 Or www.ridgefh.com.

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Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Family & Friends will gather Monday, December 10th directly at Saint Alexander Church, 7025 W. 126th Street, Palos Heights, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please omit flowers. www.kerryfh.com - (708) 361.4235 - www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral

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Sullivan, Jeanette M.

Jeanette M. Sullivan, nee Lechner, Age 89, passed away on December 3, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Sullivan. Loving mother of Gerald (Christine) Sullivan, Kathleen (Ross) Horne, John (Traci) Sullivan, Patricia (Thomas) James and Mary Ellen (Joseph) Muscolino. Dear Nana of Ryan, Erin, Eileen, Michael, Kelly, John, Jack, Tara, Fisher, Charlotte, Colleen, Thomas, Katie, Sean, Dana, Lauren, Kristy and Joseph. Dearest great-grandmother of many. Dear sister of Roy (Nancy) Lechner, Fay (Seth) Miller, the late Bernice (the late Walter) Tkachuk, the late Raymond Lechner and the late Earl (the late Mary Kaye) Lechner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation, Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3:00PM to 9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. Funeral, Monday, December 10, 2018, 9:30AM prayers to begin from the funeral home to St. Symphorosa Church, 6135 S. Austin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for 10:30AM Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/donate, are appreciated. For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Williams, Joyce Hadley

Joyce Hadley Williams, 81, wife of the late Albert Dickens Williams, Jr. of Lake Forest, IL and Wellington, FL. passed away on December 2 in Florida. The mother of the late Theodore S. Gary, III (Genevieve and Hayden), Laura Gary (Alexa and Morgan Butler), the late James H. Gary (Hadley and Samantha (Nick) Skuce and Matthew), Whitney W. (Clarke) Jones (Caroline, Clarke, Jr. and Eleanor) and Leslie W. (Mark) Mahler (Benjamin and Nina).

Joyce was born on May 26, 1937 in New York, NY and was raised in Dayton, OH.

Joyce was a longtime volunteer for and supporter of Lake Forest Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital, Allendale, Infant Welfare Society, Ducks Unlimited and was a member of Women's Board of Lake Forest Hospital. Additionally, she was a member of the Founders' Board of Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago. She was also a loyal and enthusiastic owner and supporter of show jumpers, and spent her winters cheering them to success in the show rings of Wellington, FL.

Loving and impeccable care was provided to Joyce for more than 18 years by Diane & Darek Nowakowski and Ewa Palucha.

A memorial service will be held in late spring in Lake Forest, IL.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that contributions be made to Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, 1000 North Westmoreland Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. Please make checks payable to "Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital"

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Zaporowicz, Maria

Maria Zaporowicz, age 95, at rest on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Stanley. Loving mother Kristine Zaporowicz-Cheevers (John Cheevers) and Irene Zaporowicz - Short (Robert Short). Dear grandmother of Sarah and Jacob Short. Dear sister of Sophie, and the late Joseph, Peter and Stanley. Fond aunt of Many nieces and nephews. Maria was a strong woman, a survivor, hard worker with strong beliefs and convictions. Visitation Sunday, December 9th 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Funeral Monday, beginning at funeral home at 11:00 a.m. and will then proceed to St. Francis Borgia Church for 12:00 Noon Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300

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Zorich, Mathew F.

Beloved husband of 65 years of the late Helen (nee Benakovich) Zorich. Loving father of Jacklynn Zorich, Diane (Nicholas Dracopoli) Zorich, and Nancy (Robert C.P.D.) Cranston. Adored grandpa of Marco and Maria Dracopoli, Jake, Kevin, Danny and Sawyer Anne Cranston. Devoted brother of the late Eva (late Frank), Tomasino, and Anne Grgich. Special thank you to the Palos Hospice staff. Visitation Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Funeral Monday 9:15 from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Julie Billiard Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Nagy, McVay similarities hint at a budding rivalry



RICH CAMPBELL
On the Bears

Take it from Dave Ragone, who'll be the best-connected person at Soldier Field on Sunday night.

It's no coincidence that Matt Nagy's Bears (8-4) and Sean McVay's Rams (11-1) are fighting for playoff position as division leaders in the NFC.

Ragone would know. Three years before the quarterbacks coach joined Nagy for his first season in Chicago, he worked with McVay on the Redskins' offensive staff. Ragone has behind-the-scenes experience with two of the NFL's most successful, new, young, offensive-minded head coaches.

"The two guys are more similar to each other than anybody else I could compare them to," Ragone said.

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OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom

It's early, but the fear is Jim Boylen-Jeremy Colliton will recall the Bulls-Hawks glory years of Tim Floyd-Lorne Molleken. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



CUBS

Morrow likely to miss opener after surgery

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

The Cubs' need for late-inning relief help for at least the first month of the 2019 season has become as important as acquiring an impact hitter.

President Theo Epstein revealed Thursday that closer Brandon Morrow, who missed the entire second half of 2018 because of a bone bruise in his right arm, likely won't be ready for opening day after undergoing arthroscopic surgery Nov. 6 to repair cartilage and remove bone debris.

"It underscores the need for

depth and late-inning options early in the year," Epstein said in a briefing before baseball's annual winter meetings, which start Sunday in Las Vegas.

Morrow's procedure, similar to the Sept. 12 cleanup on pitcher Yu Darvish, will prevent him from throwing until Feb. 6 — about a week before spring training.

The Cubs have scoured the free-agent and trade markets for late-inning relievers, but the public knowledge of Morrow's latest setback could put a premium on the cost.

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2018 CHICAGO TRIBUNE SILVER FOOTBALL WINNER

OHIO STATE QUARTERBACK DWAYNE HASKINS

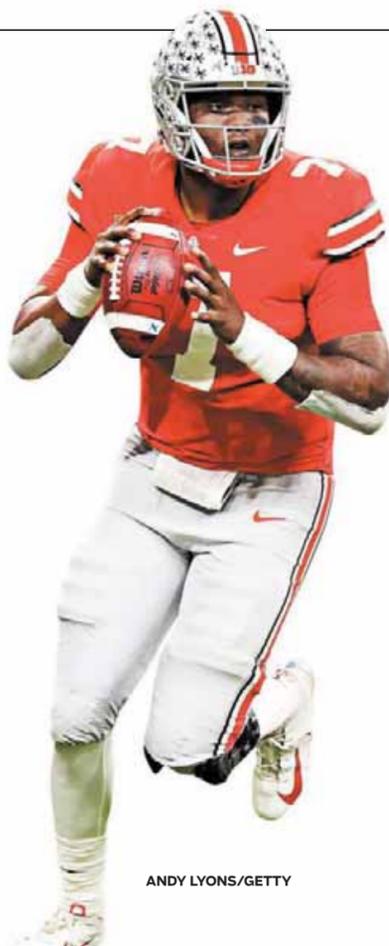
Strong family, faith and academics define standout Buckeyes QB much more than his play on the field — but that's not shabby either



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BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — Between bites of omelets and waffles, Dwayne Haskins Jr.'s father, mother and sister are telling stories about the young man they love.

They recall when two-time Pro Bowl cornerback Shawn Springs marveled at Haskins' throwing motion, telling his father, "When the body catches up to the mind, you are going to New York."

As in, for the Heisman Trophy presentation.

Dwayne was in the seventh grade.

Going back to May 3, 1997, Dwayne Sr. recalls wife Tamara delivering the 7-pound, 11-ounce baby. He looked at little Dwayne's head and told doctors he was concerned because the shape was "oblong."

Yes, like a football.

The sport already has made Haskins famous. And one day, likely sooner than Ohio State fans would like, it will make him very rich.

Haskins enjoyed a historic 2018 season, breaking Big Ten records for passing yards (4,580) and touchdown passes (47). He threw for a program-record 499 yards against Northwestern in the conference championship game, earning MVP honors. Michigan allowed seven touchdown passes in its first 11 games — and six to Haskins in the Buckeyes' 62-39 romp.

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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Prayers for Lester, Quintana

The Old Man and the Snark:

Annual MVP candidate and new Cardinals first baseman Paul Goldschmidt slugs .750 with an on-base-plus-slugging percentage of 1.321 against Jon Lester, but hey, at least that solves the whole ugly can't-throw-to-first-base thing.

Goldschmidt slugs — slugs! — 1.375 against Jose Quintana, but hey, at least that solves the whole ugly pitching-from-the-stretch thing.

When was the last time the Cardinals got better offseason toys than Theo Epstein's Cubs?

And during Hanukkah, no less.

The NFL didn't really investigate former Chief Kareem Hunt about charges of committing violence against a woman last February, and the league certainly didn't come up with the videotape from the Cleveland hotel where the sick incident occurred.

Because the NFL didn't care enough to know what happened.

TMZ cared. TMZ released the videotape of Hunt abusing a teenager. That occurred in the wake of the Redskins claiming Reuben Foster off waivers seemingly only hours after he was charged with abusing a woman.

The NFL regularly shows you how despicable it is.

What's more, the fact that Matt Nagy, the most visible spokesperson for the Bears, didn't immediately dismiss bringing in Hunt tells you the Bears are willing to wallow in despicability. Is this the way your father's league should act, Virginia McCaskey?

Email from Patrick K.: "As the old adage goes, if Hannibal Lecter could run a 4.3 40, some NFL GM would claim he just had an eating disorder."

Is it just me, or is Taquan Mizzell becoming Nagy's Neifi Perez?

Will Colin Kaepernick enter the courtroom for his collusion case against the NFL wearing a Mark Sanchez Redskins jersey or a Josh Johnson Redskins jersey?

I've heard "Jeremy Boylen" and "Jim Colliton." C'mon, people, we need a decision.

So, Boylen's doppelgänger: "Uncle Fester," "Dr. Evil" or Hank from "Breaking Bad?" Web poll!

Bulls management's philosophy: Hire a coach, give him the wrong players, fire the coach. Blather, wince, repeat.



Bulls new permanent interim coach's philosophy: Take pace-and-space players, make them run suicides in practice but demand they play like mudders in games, later wonder how you lost the locker room in five minutes.

Although, I will allow this one ray of hope that Boylen is smarter than his bosses because he knows his best chance to succeed is to develop a style opposite of the way his bosses claim the roster is designed to play.

When the Blackhawks fired gimme Hall-of-Fame coach Joel Quenneville, they said it was a bottom-line business, and Colliton now has coached Stan Bowman's players almost to the bottom of the Western Conference. Hawks management wonks ought to tell this roster that the playoffs are the other way.

Paul Goldschmidt rounds the bases after Jose Quintana serves up a three-run homer.

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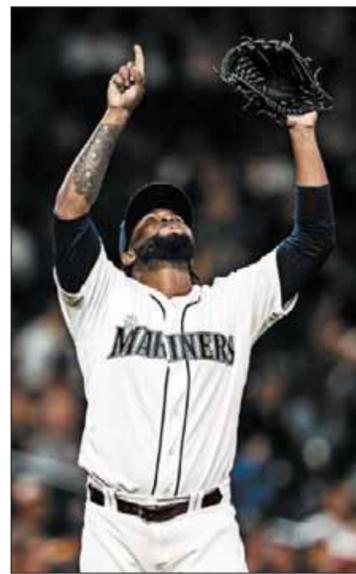
Oh, wait, they already did, and how'd that work out for everyone?

Attendance for the Illini's 77-67 loss to Ohio State at the United Center on Wednesday was 5,285, and all I can say is, those people are lucky we aren't publishing their names.

If Illini coach Brad Underwood continues losing, he should be looking at a big extension, and I'm wondering, does the business school at Illinois study the athletic department?

What's up, Adam Archuleta?

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Alex Colome, who set up for Edwin Diaz with the Mariners last season, is in line to close for the White Sox.

WHITE SOX NOTES

Colome aims to compete as Sox closer

Former Mariners setup man will battle Jones to win job

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

Newcomer Alex Colome's 96 career saves make him a natural candidate to handle the closer role for the White Sox.

"I wasn't expecting a trade to Chicago," Colome said Thursday during a conference call with reporters. "But I was really happy when it happened, especially after my agent told me I'd have a pretty good opportunity to be a closer again."

The Sox acquired Colome, 29, from the Mariners on Friday for catcher Omar Narvaez. Colome, a former closer with the Rays, will have the opportunity to compete for the role with Nate Jones, who missed most of 2018 because of a muscle strain in his right arm.

"I can't tell you right now that I'm going to be the closer," said Colome, who was used in a setup role behind Edwin Diaz (since dealt to the Mets) after being traded from the Rays to the Mariners on May 25. "I know I have to earn that position. I will be ready for that. That's something I have to prove in spring training, and I'm very confident in myself and know I can do the job."

Colome had a career-high 47 saves with the Rays in 2017. He admitted he was initially unhappy in the setup role but responded with a 2.53 ERA with 47 strikeouts in 46 1/3 innings and one save with the Mariners.

"My mind wasn't in the right spot in that moment," said Colome, who came to embrace the opportunity to still pitch "with the game on the line" in a setup role.

Colome, whose fastball tops out in the 98-mph range, sounded invigorated by his trade to the Sox. He said he has yet to speak with manager Rick Renteria.

With six years of experience, Colome believes he can help a young team, especially after the likes of veteran relievers, including Fernando Rodney and Joel Peralta, mentored him.

"I can be a very good example for the guys," Colome said. "I'd personally like to talk to the guys and help them in best way I can."

Colome described his trade as a "big surprise," given that he had joined a Mariners team with playoff ambitions less than seven months ago.

"When I started seeing all the trades, it really surprised me," Colome said. "I wasn't expecting that."

"But when they traded me to the White Sox, I felt happy because I know this is a young team with a lot of energy, a team that is planning to be a competitive team and fight for a playoff spot in years to come."

Thinking long term: It isn't "do or die" for the Sox if they don't land a top free agent, such as Bryce Harper, this off-season, general manager Rick Hahn said.

"We don't want to do anything shortsighted at this point, anything that just necessarily is going to make us have a short-term Band-Aid, so to speak, and potentially put us in a difficult situation for the long term when in fact we are in position to contend on an annual basis," Hahn said during a conference call in advance of the winter meetings, which begin Sunday in Las Vegas.

"In other words, yes, there are top-of-the-market, premium-type players, and we've made no secret about potentially them fitting our long-term vision for the organization. However, if for whatever reason anyone along those lines doesn't end up in a White Sox uniform, that doesn't mean they're going to scurry around and look for just short-term fixes to get modest improvement."

Chicago Tribune reporter Phil Thompson contributed.

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CUBS

Hottovy, 37, named pitching coach

Former major-leaguer was advance scouting coordinator

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

The Cubs took an unconventional route in hiring advance scouting coordinator Tommy Hottovy as their pitching coach Thursday, but they believe their pitching infrastructure remains sound.

Hottovy, 37, who pitched parts of two seasons with the Red Sox and Royals (2011-12), joined the Cubs' baseball operations department in 2015 but never has served as a pitching coach.

He joins a staff that includes catching/strategy coach Mike Borzello — who added the title of associate pitching coach — and bullpen coach Lester Strobe.

Hottovy has helped sculpt game plans with the coaching staff and assisted pitchers on a daily basis for the past three seasons.

"We talked to a number of other people," President Theo Epstein said. "We just felt

there was great risk going outside and losing some of what we had initially.

"The more we looked at it, the more it kept coming back to trying to empower Tommy, Borzi and Lester. It became clear the right answer was to go all-in to those guys."

Epstein added that Hottovy had received interest from another team about its pitching coach opening and "we would have lost him had we not made this move."

"But this is not why we made it," Epstein said. "He was the best person, and those three individuals — Tommy, Borz and Lester — were the right people to keep supporting our pitching staff."

"Tommy is a tremendous communicator, great worker ... and has terrific relationships with the pitchers. He's a problem solver. He's adept at using the vast resources and technology that we have at our disposal to help pitchers get better."

Hottovy replaces Jim Hickey, who re-



Hottovy

signed last month for personal reasons.

The other newcomers to the coaching staff are Chris Denorfia as quality assurance coach and Termel Sledge as assistant hitting coach.

Denorfia served last season as a special assistant to the president/general manager after a 10-year playing career that included a stint with the Cubs in 2015.

Sledge, who played parts of four seasons in the majors (2004-07) as well as five seasons in Japan (2008-12), was the hitting coach for the Cubs' Class A Eugene affiliate in 2015 before serving the past two seasons as a hitting coach in the Dodgers organization.

The rest of the coaching staff consists of third-base coach Brian Butterfield, bench coach Brandon Hyde, first-base coach Will Venable and hitting coach Anthony Iapoce, whose hiring was announced in October.

Staff assistants Franklin Font and Juan Cabreja and bullpen catcher Chad Noble will return.

Morrow likely to miss opening day after surgery

Cubs, from Page 1

Pedro Strop, who earned 11 saves in the second half while Morrow was sidelined, has the most experience closing games among current candidates but mostly has handled setup duties the last three seasons.

Meanwhile, Epstein remained vague about detailing the Cubs' 2019 payroll and whether they can add an impact hitter, such as free agent Bryce Harper.

"I understand the desire for a big name every winter," said Epstein, who is juggling a payroll that will be the highest in franchise history and could exceed the luxury-tax threshold of \$206 million. "And there will be winters when we do acquire a big name, and there will be winters that we don't acquire a big name."

"I don't know what category this winter will fall into yet, but there's a chance there's going to be a winter where we don't acquire a big name from outside the organization. That does not represent failure."

"We should be judged on the product on the field, how many games we win, whether we make the playoffs, how we perform in October."

Based on his conversations with returning players, Epstein could rely on offensive

improvements from within a roster that won 95 games but scored one run or fewer in 40 games and saw its OPS fall from a league-leading .771 in the first half to .705 (10th) in the second.

"It's time to perform," said Epstein, speaking for himself as well as the rest of the organization.

"This year is really a reckoning in a lot of ways. We do have a lot to prove. It sounds funny after 95 wins, but it feels like we underperformed. I think you're going to see a highly motivated group of players out there, whether we have a big offseason or a more nuanced offseason to judge us on how we play next year."

The Cardinals' addition of slugger Paul Goldschmidt wasn't lost on Epstein, whose Cubs fell to the Brewers in a one-game playoff for the division title, then dropped the NL wild-card game to the Rockies, putting an abrupt end to their fourth consecutive playoff appearance.

"Whoever wins the NL Central, it's going to have to be earned — as it should be," Epstein said.

Epstein said Kris Bryant, the 2016 NL Most Valuable Player who missed 50 games last season because of a left shoulder injury, is "progressing without limitations" and

wasn't concerned after a report that he could be traded.

Trainer PJ Mainville told Epstein that Darvish was expected to resume throwing in two weeks and looked "strong and healthy" during a recent visit.

But the Cubs are still looking for a bench player — a middle infielder or catcher — "to help put us in the right direction, playing with purpose and with a mission as a team with a sense of urgency in 2019 because we'll need it," Epstein said.

Javier Baez will handle the shortstop duties, at least until Addison Russell completes a 40-game suspension in early May for violating Major League Baseball's domestic-abuse policy. In the meantime, Epstein stressed the Cubs will continue their involvement in prevention and monitoring Russell's counseling.

Russell is eligible for a 10-game minor-league rehab assignment during the final days of his suspension.

"At appropriate junctures, certainly I'm sure toward the end of spring training there will be an opportunity to check in on him," Epstein said.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Notre Dame's Dexter Williams, left, and Micah Dew-Treadway celebrate a touchdown.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

Swinney: Irish a daunting test

Games in multiple venues make 'battle-tested' team a challenge for Clemson

BY LAMOND POPE | Post-Tribune

Notre Dame's travel has been well-documented. The Irish played four of their final five regular-season games away from Notre Dame Stadium, with trips to San Diego, Evanston, New York and Los Angeles.

The way they toppled each of those tests to earn a College Football Playoff berth impressed Clemson coach Dabo Swinney.

"They're battle-tested," Swinney said Thursday. "They've been in some great venues this year, some unique places that they've had to go play. They've played some excellent teams and they've had a lot of different challenges. They've handled adversity."

Notre Dame (12-0) and Clemson (13-0) will meet Dec. 29 in a CFP semifinal in the Cotton Bowl. Alabama (13-0) plays Oklahoma (12-1) in the second semifinal in the Orange Bowl.

The four coaches met with reporters Thursday in Atlanta ahead of the ESPN College Football Awards show.

Asked to name an X-factor for Clemson, Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly pointed to the Tigers' ability to close out games. Clemson is in the CFP for the fourth consecutive season.

"They know how to win," Kelly said. "Everybody that's up here has developed and built a winning culture within their teams."

"You can't pin that on any one particular player. That's something that's within the fabric of the program that's been built over time."

Here are three other things we heard during Thursday's news conference:

Nick Saban called Oklahoma's offense "dynamic." The numbers back up the Alabama coach's praise. The Sooners lead the nation in total yards (5779 per game) and scoring (49.5 points per game).

"This is a team that is as explosive as any as I've ever seen," Saban said. "It's designed that way. And it's very difficult to stop a team like that. Coach (Lincoln) Riley does a great job and their players believe in it and execute it extremely well."

The offense has had to do a lot of the heavy lifting. Oklahoma is 108th in total defense, allowing 448.1 yards per game.

The Sooners might have a second straight Heisman winner. Yale (1936-37), Army (1945-46) and USC (2004-05) are the only schools to have two players win the Heisman Trophy in consecutive years. Reggie Bush's win in 2005 was later vacated.

Oklahoma quarterback Kyle Murray is a finalist this year after quarterback Baker Mayfield won the award last season.

"To have a chance to have guys back to back, you'd really never dream it," Riley said. "But give those kids the credit. Give those players credit around him."

Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins are the other finalists.

Saban is pleased with the progress of Tagovailoa's ankle. The sophomore was sidelined late in the SEC title game against Georgia with a high right ankle sprain. Jalen Hurts came off the bench and rallied the Crimson Tide to a 35-28 victory.

Tagovailoa had arthroscopic surgery this week to repair the sprain.

"The procedure they did usually takes two weeks for a guy to be able to have any explosive movements, and then we'll go from there," Saban said.

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BLACKHAWKS & BULLS

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

As Hawks' skid grows, time not on their side

Even with his team on skids, Colliton finds some positives

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — Take out your phone, open the stopwatch — or if you're old school, just take out your stopwatch — and run off 1.8 seconds.

That's how much time separates the Blackhawks from having two eight-game losing streaks in a little more than a month.

As bad as that sounds, it's actually worse. If it weren't for Alex DeBrincat's goal Nov. 24 against the Panthers with 1.8 seconds remaining in regulation, the Hawks would have three eight-game skids since February.

There's little question the Hawks are amid their worst stretch of hockey in many years, which presents a choice. First, you can focus on the 3-13-3 record over the last 19 games entering Thursday, fall to the floor in the fetal position and let out a primal scream.

Or you can approach it like coach Jeremy Colliton has since taking over for Joel Quenneville and look for whatever positives you can find.

That has been difficult some nights, no question. But entering Thursday night's game against the Golden Knights, Colliton felt the Hawks had something to build on.

Yes, the Hawks on Wednesday lost to the Ducks 4-2 after once again digging themselves into an early hole. But there's more to each game than the final score — or at least that's what you need to believe when

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wins are so scarce.

"(It was probably as good an effort as we've had since I've been here," Colliton said of the Ducks game. "So it's frustrating not to get the points. But nothing to do but keep digging, keep playing.")

The Hawks have no choice, of course: They still have 52 games left on the schedule after Thursday. But nothing is likely to change until they stop falling behind in the first period — as they did the last eight games.

It also would help to actually take a lead during a game. In the one Hawks win in their last eight — that Nov. 24 matchup against the Panthers — they didn't lead until Erik Gustafsson's overtime winner.

The Hawks haven't led during a game since Nov. 18 against the Wild — nearly three weeks ago — a span of 482 minutes, 28 seconds, including the Panthers game.

"We got to be much harder to play against," Gustafsson said. "It's tough to always go in in the first period and be down two or one or three goals, whatever it is. That's what we have to be better at."

The Hawks have been saying that for a while now. One of these days, they'll be right.

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

DeBrincat gets hot at right time

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD | Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — If the Blackhawks are going to get back on track, they need Alex DeBrincat to locate his scoring touch.

After scoring eight goals in the season's first 10 games, DeBrincat has just three in the last 19 but is showing signs of breaking out.

The right wing has at least one point in six of his last seven games and scored a highlight-reel goal and hit a post in Wednesday night's 4-2 loss to the Ducks.

With the Hawks trailing 2-1 late in the second period, DeBrincat settled down a Jonathan Toews pass with his leg. After the puck hit the ice it popped a few inches into the air, and DeBrincat chipped it past Ducks goalie John Gibson to briefly tie the score.

Despite DeBrincat's strong game, he had a hard time getting off the bench in the first period. He didn't take his first shift until there was 14 minutes, 19 seconds left in the period, and he ended up playing only 3:32, including just 47 seconds of even-strength time.

Crawford in again: Goalie Corey Crawford started back-to-back games for the first time this season against the Ducks and Golden Knights, which has been an uncommon occurrence in recent years.

The 33-year-old started both ends of back-to-back games 10 times during his rookie season in 2010-11 and five times the following season. He has done it a total of 14 times over the last six-plus seasons.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said he has faith in Crawford, who is 0-6 with 26 goals allowed in his last six starts with an .864 save percentage.

"He's the guy," Colliton said. "So it's a chance for him to bring it for us."

One-timers: Gustav Forsling was scratched against the Golden Knights after hurting his shoulder against the Ducks and is day to day. "He did play through it in the game so hopefully it's not too bad but not exactly sure on that," Colliton said. ... Entering Thursday night's game, the Hawks were 0-4 against the Golden Knights since they entered the NHL last season and have been outscored 22-11.

BULLS NOTES

'Unbelievable' Collins has Boylen's ear

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

After another two-hour practice during the dawn of the Jim Boylen era, the new Bulls coach sat in a folding chair in deep conversation for several minutes with a former Bulls coach.

Doug Collins, who coached the team from 1986-89 and now serves as a senior adviser, has been a sounding board for Boylen.

"I want all the advice and help I can get to put in what I want to do," Boylen said after practice Thursday at the Advocate Center. "Coach Collins, first of all, (has) 'Bulls' across his chest. (That) means a ton. I love that about him. He cares for us, he cares for the players, cares for ownership, management. He's invested. He's an unbelievable resource for me. I like that."

Boylen, who replaced the fired Fred Hoiberg on Monday, said he wanted to keep his conversation with Collins private. But Boylen noted he's leaning on Collins' experience to help him turn the Bulls' season around.

They have lost seven straight games and 20 of their first 25 entering their matchup with the Thunder on Friday night at the United Center.

"He's got everything," Boylen said of Collins. "He's won. He's lost. He's played in the playoffs. He's got a perspective, 45 years in this business, every situation. ... He's good at giving it back to me."

Another 'step forward': Boylen wouldn't commit to point guard Kris Dunn and forward Bobby Portis returning to the lineup for Friday's game. But the coach did say it was a possibility after both players went through their second consecutive day of full-contact practice.

Dunn sprained the MCL in his right knee Oct. 22. Two nights later, Portis suffered the same injury. If they do return Friday, their minutes would be limited.

"He showed flashes of who he could be," Boylen said of Dunn's practice Thursday. Other than Denzel Valentine, who is out



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Jim Boylen, above, values Doug Collins' advice: He has "Bulls" across his chest.

for the season with a left ankle injury, the Bulls finally are nearing full strength. Lauri Markkanen returned two games ago from a sprained right elbow that had sidelined him since the third day of training camp.

"We almost had our full team," Boylen said. "That's a step forward. We competed two days in a row, which is a step forward. We're treating each other with respect but competing."

'Ground level': One thing that stands out about Boylen's practices: the running. So much running.

"We're doing a lot of running," Ryan Arcidiacono said. "We're getting up and down the floor. I can't emphasize it enough. We're doing a lot of running."

Boylen promised after he took over that conditioning would be a focal point.

"We're getting in better shape," Arcidiacono said. "I thought we were in good shape before. He didn't. We're going to have to stick to it and put our heads down and respect his opinion. We did a lot of running with Fred as well in training camp. Every coach is different. We can definitely get better."

Asked whether he was worried about wearing out his players before games, Boylen said he has priorities.

"Obviously, we want to win," he said. "I want us to be at a level where we get the full force of what we do. I don't think our conditioning allow us to do that. I'm not dancing around the question either."

"We're at ground level. We're on A. I'd like us to get to D and E. Maybe in two weeks, we'll see. We can't get to D and E if we're not in shape."

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BEARS



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Tarik Cohen looks to throw on the final play of regulation against the Giants in the Bears' overtime loss.

BEARS NOTES

Burton handed off trick play to Cohen

BY COLLEEN KANE

Chicago Tribune

Trey Burton couldn't sleep after the Bears installed the play before the Patriots game in October.

It was called "Oompa Loompa," the same play the Bears used to tie the game against the Giants in the final seconds of regulation Sunday. And it strongly resembled the biggest play of Burton's NFL career.

Burton, a former quarterback before he converted to tight end in college, famously threw a touchdown pass to Eagles quarterback Nick Foles in their Super Bowl victory over the Patriots in February.

As Burton prepared to face the Patriots again with his new team, Bears coach Matt Nagy wanted him to attempt another touchdown pass on a play similar to the "Philly Special."

"Honestly when they put it up on the board (in practice), I got crazy anxiety," Burton said. "I was kind of freaking out a little bit, just because a ton of unbelievable memories come back to mind from the Super Bowl. ... I remember not really saying much and going out in practice and trying to do it, and I just couldn't. Physically there was some type of block that wasn't letting me do it."

Burton told Nagy the play flooded him with too many memories to make him feel comfortable running it. Nagy's response? "No big deal."

The Bears turned to running back Tarik Cohen, who threw a touchdown pass last season, to run it instead. They didn't use the play against the Patriots, but they turned to it on Sunday with the game on the line and ball at the 1-yard line.

Burton still was a part of the play, taking the handoff from quarterback Chase Daniel and pitching it Cohen. Wide receiver Anthony Miller ran around the left side of the offensive line, cut across the end zone and was wide open for Cohen to hit with the pass.

It worked out for the best — for a few minutes, at least, until the Giants won in overtime.

And what was the pro's assessment of Cohen's pass? "Great execution," Burton said.

Kindergarten clash: Nagy has looked comfortable in his first season as leader of the Bears, taking the franchise quarterback under his tutelage, installing a new offense and molding a large group of players and coaches into an 8-4 team in the playoff hunt.

The coach, who was praised as a strong teacher and communicator when the Bears hired him in January so far has looked to be both. Just don't ask him to teach kindergarteners.

"I'll never forget the day I went home and told my wife, 'I'll never be a kindergarten teacher,'" Nagy said Thursday at Halas Hall. "Never."

Before working his way up the NFL coaching ranks and during his playing career in the Arena Football League, Nagy worked as a substitute teacher.

His teaching background came up Thursday because he likened Chase Daniel's two-game stint as Bears starting quarterback to being a substitute teacher. He thought Daniel took command in that role, but Bears players are working with starter Mitch Trubisky again this week as he returns from a right shoulder injury.

That brought Nagy to teaching. He liked working with seventh- and eighth-graders, and fourth- and fifth-graders weren't too bad either. Kindergarteners were a different story.

"They don't listen," Nagy said. "I'm weird about eye contact and listen to me and make sure that we're connecting, and I got none of that. I normally don't get frizzled. But I was frizzled that day when I left. I was beat. They beat me up. I'm serious too. I'll never forget that day."

Injury report: Bears safety Deon Bush was the only player on the injury report for Thursday's practice. He didn't practice because of a hamstring injury.

Trubisky practiced in full for the second straight day as he remains on track to start Sunday night against the Rams.

"He was throwing the ball strong," Nagy said Thursday morning before practice. "He felt good. That's what I was hoping for."

Running back Benny Cunningham (ankle) and cornerback Sherick McManis (hamstring) also practiced in full.

Honored: Burton was among the 32 nominees announced Thursday for the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.

Burton is donating \$1,000 per catch and \$2,500 per touchdown this season to the International Justice Mission, which aims to end slavery and human trafficking. He also is a member of the Bears' social justice committee. The winner of the award will be announced Feb. 2.

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Michaels hearing Bears-Rams 'buzz'



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On media

The Bears' return to relevance seems to please NBC's Al Michaels, but perhaps not as much as it pleases NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "I remember John Madden, years ago, used to say, 'It's good for the league when Chicago is good, and he's right,'" said Michaels, the consummate play-by-play pro of "Sunday Night Football," which will feature the Bears yet again this weekend.

"The Bears — it's just the history of the franchise, which goes all the way back. When you say, 'Chicago is on,' people pay attention, and especially now that they're good again."

The Bears at 8-4 do indeed seem to be good again, last week's stumble against the Giants notwithstanding.

They're good enough at least to be flexed into the NFL's leading prime-time showcase for a second time in four games, taking on the league-leading 11-1 Rams at Soldier Field, after only two "SNF" appearances over the previous three substandard seasons.

Chicago's return to playoff conversations has Michaels — who worked alongside Madden when the Hall of Fame coach was still broadcasting football games rather than just lending his name to one — returning to Chicago with analyst Cris Collinsworth.

"It's an ascendant team, there's no question about it," Michaels said of Matt Nagy, Vic Fango, Mitch Trubisky, Tarik Cohen, Khalil Mack, Roquan Smith and the rest of the Halas Hall contingent.

"This game is going to have a lot of buzz. The Rams are back. Chicago's back. ... The whole thing sets up really nicely. I've told a couple people the last couple days the game we have and they go, 'Yeah!'"

After the Bears' road loss to the Packers in their opener and victory over the second-place Vikings last month, this marks the first time since 2009 that the Bears have had three NBC prime-time games in a season.

(Add NBC's coverage of the Bears' preseason opener against the Ravens in Canton, Ohio, and it's the fourth.)

This also is the first time since 2006 that Michaels and "SNF" have traveled to Chicago for Bears games twice in a single season.

"And, hey, we could see them again before it's all said and done," Michaels said.

If the Bears fail to lock up the division early and a playoff berth remains on the line, NBC has the option to pick up the Dec. 30 season finale on the road against the Vikings.

Yet even that might not be all.

"We're doing a wild-card game as we always do and a divisional playoff game as we always do," Michaels said. "So who knows? I mean, this will be four, including preseason, and it could be as many as six, I guess."

Like Madden, Michaels enjoys dropping in the occasional reference to Sid Luckman, who sadly remains nonpareil among Bears quarterbacks 68 years after his retirement and 20 years after his death.

Another old-time Bear whose name Michaels is wont to slip into a telecast is Johnny Morris, the former Chicago sportscaster who remains the franchise's leading receiver 51 years after leaving the game with 5,059 yards and 31 touchdowns on 356 receptions.

The two names illustrate the sort of offense the Bears have tended to rely upon — or, more specifically, not rely upon — over the years. But there's also a personal connection.

Michaels loves to recall how, as a youth in Brooklyn, he was playing punchball — a variation on stickball minus the stick — when he and the other kids spotted Luckman, who lived nearby, and convinced the ex-QB to play with them.

Meanwhile, Michaels' first network football broadcast, as a fill-in for NBC on a Bills-Vikings game in 1971, was with Morris as his commentator. Four years later, when he began to do games for CBS, his first partner again was Morris.

Michaels' moves to ABC and later back to NBC came later.

Sunday's matchup looks to be classic "SNF" with two division-leading teams led by two of the hottest young coaches in Nagy and the Rams' Sean McVay, two much-discussed quarterbacks in Trubisky and the Rams' Jared Goff, a candidate for most valuable player, defensive stars and more.

"You've got the (Rams) high-octane offense against the Bears defense, but the Bears can score as well," Michaels said. "I don't want to say it's an Achilles' heel for the Rams because they're 11-1, but their defense is not of the caliber of their offense, even though Aaron Donald is off the charts."

"You've got Khalil Mack on one side and Aaron Donald on the other side, two guys who could be defensive player of the year, and people are talking about Aaron Donald as the MVP, period. That would be very difficult for an interior lineman, but the guy's got 16½ sacks, which is almost impossible when you play his position. So you've got that."

"You look at the defensive coordinators. You've got two guys with great histories who've been around a long time. (The Bears' Vic) Fango on one side. (The Rams') Wade Phillips on the other side. That's an interesting little chess match."

It's good for the Bears, good for the NFL and good for Michaels, who until the Vikings game hadn't called a game in Chicago since 2012.

"I always get excited when I come in from the airport," Michaels said. "That's as beautiful a skyline as you'll see anywhere in the world. Spectacular. I don't have to tell you. It's got a great feel. Good restaurants. Good everything there."

Including, for the first time in years, the Bears.

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Similarities between Nagy, McVay hint at a rivalry in the making

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That's a promising endorsement as Nagy guides the Bears' season-ending push for the NFC North title.

McVay visits Sunday as the new standard for the next big thing. The Rams are 22-6 since he took over, and he has last year's NFL Coach of the Year award on his mantel. To be fair, he's the first to admit his loaded roster has something to do with it.

Both coaches, though, embody a combination of interpersonal skills and football intelligence that has helped reverse their teams' fortunes. As Ragone sees it, three traits link them while setting them apart from others.

"These," he said, "are two extremely competitive, compassionate and passionate guys."

For McVay, the compassion comes naturally. There's no clearer way to explain it other than he's wired to invest in people around him.

His contagious friendliness and charisma energize others. It's not contrived. He understands that a leader with strong relationships is an effective

leader. This was evident long before McVay became a head coach at age 30.

"It's the time you give players based on building a relationship that's real and not exclusive to football," McVay said this week. "Getting to know them as a human being."

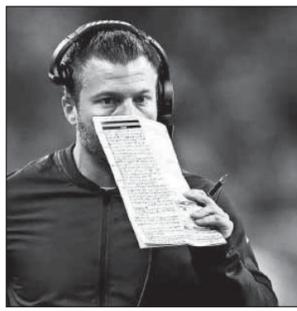
Ragone's three kids, for example, know McVay as Mister Sean. As in, they saw Mister Sean get mad on the sideline or excited after a touchdown — that competitive side.

How Nagy mirrors that is "pretty eerie," Ragone said.

When the 40-year-old Nagy installs a play, it reminds him of McVay as the Redskins offensive coordinator.

"You can feel their passion about a play," Ragone said. "When you feel it, you think as a player or coach, man, this play has to work."

To the surprise of no one who knew McVay on his meteoric rise, he has called more than a few successful plays for the Rams. He's a football whiz. No team scored more points than the Rams in 2017, and only the Chiefs have scored more this year. (And the Rams beat the Chiefs last month in a 54-51 classic.)

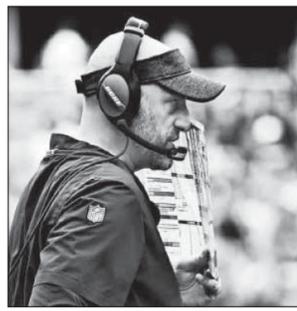


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Rams coach Sean McVay and Bears coach Matt Nagy have their teams poised to make a playoff run with four games left in the regular season.

"They make a lot of things look alike," Nagy said, "and when you do that, it can be challenging to a defense because when things come in threes, it's hard. He does things in fives."

Schematically, McVay's lineage traces to Super Bowl champion coaches Jon Gruden and Mike Shanahan. The Rams' scheme is rooted in Shanahan's outside zone running attack, which sets up the play-action passing game. No team in the NFL runs play-action more than the Rams, who incorporate it on 37 percent of their passes.



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As for his play-calling, though, McVay deflects credit, saying his quality players make him right more often than he's wrong.

It's a good point. There's no telling what the Bears running game would look like if Nagy inherited Todd Gurley, as McVay did.

Then again, Rams quarterback Jared Goff was 0-7 as a rookie starter in 2016 before he paired with McVay. If Nagy and Trubisky achieve similar gains even next year, that would be a massive success.

To that end, Nagy's stewardship has upside as he

continues to familiarize himself with the roster and his big-picture needs. Yes, the Bears have improved this season to 20th in total offense from 30th in 2017, but Nagy would be the first to say that's not good enough. Every position around Trubisky could be addressed.

Meanwhile, the quarterback-coach partnership is still in its nascent stages. Nagy's football relationship with his second-year QB understandably is lagging behind where Nagy was last season in his fifth year with Chiefs veteran Alex Smith.

"It takes time," Nagy said. "When you get to that point, that's when the well-oiled machine starts rolling."

We'll know the Bears have reached that point when their season box score looks like the Rams' — full of arcade-game numbers.

And when it does, there's a good chance Nagy will look across the field and see McVay in a matchup with playoff stakes. Perhaps Sunday's meeting is simply their first.

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BEARS



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'15: Coulda, shoulda

Gurley was available when Bears drafted White in first round

BY DAN WIEDERER
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On the night Ryan Pace made his first draft pick as an NFL general manager, he came bounding into the PNC Center at Halas Hall with a wide smile and uncontrollable excitement in his voice. The Bears had just selected West Virginia receiver Kevin White with the No. 7 pick, and Pace was confident he had hit a home run.

"I know I spoke about getting impact players in the draft, especially when you're picking in the top 10, and that's exactly what Kevin White is," Pace said that night. "We couldn't be more thrilled right now. This guy's dynamic. He's big, he's strong, he's ultracompetitive."

The Bears were envisioning big things with a pairing of White and Alshon Jeffery at receiver.

Pace called White "a special athlete." He praised his "fire and energy." He called it "an easy pick."

In the minutes after Pace picked White, the first round hummed onward. The Falcons grabbed edge rusher Vic Beasley at No. 8. The Giants used the ninth pick on offensive lineman Ereck Flowers. Then Rams general manager Les Snead scooped up running back Todd Gurley at No. 10, and that organization expressed its excitement in a different news conference in a different city.

"This is the running back of our future," then-coach Jeff Fisher said on draft night.

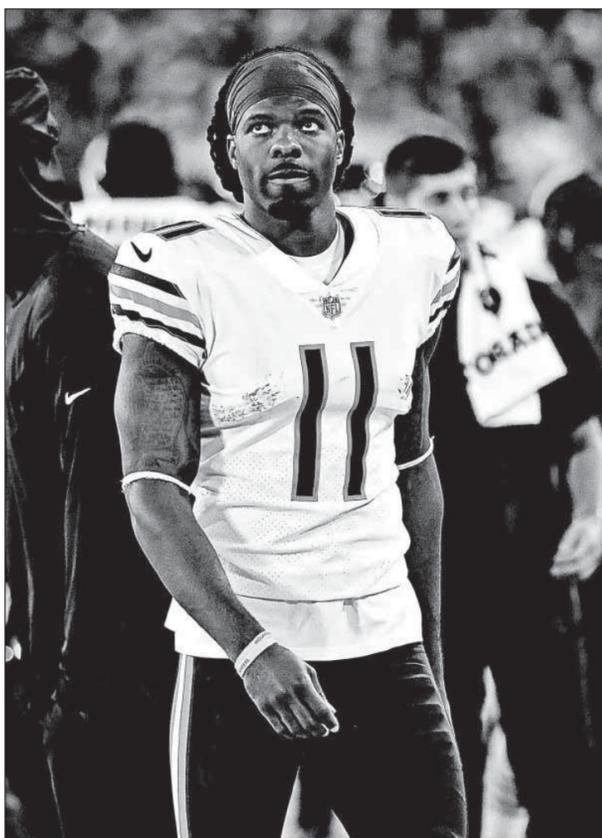
That first night of the draft is always an explosion of hope, a hype-filled pinata rupturing across the NFL with teams and their fans believing in best-case scenarios. Who knew, at the time, how things would play out?

Forty-three months later, it's clear the Bears swung and missed on White while the Rams got everything they wanted and more from Gurley.

When the Rams visit Soldier Field on Sunday, both top-10 picks from 2015 will be in attendance. White, though, might be a healthy scratch for the fifth time this year after injuries derailed his first three seasons. Gurley, meanwhile, remains the engine of a high-powered offense that has given the 11-1 Rams the league's best record.

White's time in Chicago is drawing to an end, his rookie contract likely to expire in March. Gurley signed a four-year extension in July worth up to \$57.5 million with \$45 million guaranteed.

White has made 24 catches in his career. Gurley has 54 touchdowns and more than 6,000 yards



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Rams running back Todd Gurley (top) has been tearing up the NFL since he was drafted three picks after the Bears took Kevin White (11).

from scrimmage and is in the conversation as a legitimate MVP candidate.

So why, you might ask, did the Bears not draft Gurley when they had the chance?

In retrospect, it was a miscalculation. At the time, the Bears believed White filled a bigger need and would become a highly productive NFL player. They also couldn't predict the injury bug would keep biting the young receiver.

The notion that the Bears under Pace always use a "best player available" approach to drafting is technically correct. But it has to be pointed out that Pace and his staff don't work off an itemized ranking list. Instead, they group players with similar draft grades in clouds, then match those clouds with team needs. That's what happened in the White-over-Gurley decision in 2015 with both players grouped in the same cloud of candidates for the No. 7 pick.

The Bears believed they had bigger holes at receiver and, with Matt Forte still on the roster, less urgency to prioritize a running back.

Pace is also a loyal subscriber to the philosophy that teams can find a quality running back without requiring a high-end investment. After passing on Gurley, the Bears drafted Jeremy Langford in the fourth round that year. Pace took a running back on Day 3 in

his next two drafts as well: Jordan Howard in the fifth in 2016 and Tarik Cohen in the fourth in 2017.

In fact, after four seasons on the job, running back is the only position group besides punter that Pace hasn't addressed with either a first-round pick or a high-profile free-agent signing.

Still, what about Gurley's medical concerns heading into the draft? Wasn't that the biggest reason some draft experts expected him to last until the late teens or early 20s? How big of a deterrent were those issues in persuading the Bears to go in a different direction?

Not very big actually. Yes, Gurley was coming off a torn anterior cruciate ligament that ended his career at Georgia. But nothing in the Bears' pre-draft research indicated he wouldn't make a full recovery. It was simply a matter of when.

The Rams, you'll recall, brought Gurley along slowly in his rookie season. He sat out the first two games, then took just six carries in his NFL debut in Week 3.

The bigger question for Pace and his staff at draft time was determining if a full-strength Gurley would become the type of rare game-changing back who was worth a top-10 pick.

In that discussion, there was no clear-cut consensus in league circles heading into the draft. NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock had Melvin Gordon as the No. 1

"He's just an absolute freight train as a runner."

— Todd McShay's assessment of Todd Gurley in 2015

back in the class and Gurley at No. 2.

"Todd Gurley is a home-run hitter," Mayock said then. "He's a difference maker. That's why there's so much intrigue. When you talk about height, weight, speed, I mean this guy was on the U.S. under-19 hurdle team that went to France when he was 18 years old. So at 222 pounds, you know he's a world-class sprinter. And when you look at the big plays he made in the SEC and the high level he played at, it's easy to see how teams would say, hey, that's a difference maker for us."

This was ESPN's Todd McShay's assessment of Gurley: "He's just an absolute freight train as a runner. One cut and go. Lowers his shoulder and he's like Marshawn Lynch. He just breaks through so many one-on-one tackles."

"And then what separates him from a lot of other big backs is his top-end speed. It's an elite combination of size and speed. And then the second quality is his pass-catching ability, which no one seems to talk about. But I was blown away by how comfortable and natural he is catching the football, adjusting to the ball, transitioning from catching the ball and getting up the field quickly. And if you give him some daylight, it's over. It's lights out. Once his momentum gets going, he has just rare top-end speed for his size."

To be fair, similar praise was being heaped on White at that time. Most considered Amari Cooper to be the best receiver in the class, but White's upside was intriguing. In some circles, he compared favorably to DeAndre Hopkins. His time of 4.35 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the combine was eye-popping. His size, speed and strength were undeniable.

Ultimately, the Bears felt confident White could make a big impact in their offense while filling a significant need. Alas, that didn't happen.

Forty-three months later, they'll get an up-close look at arguably the best player they passed on that night.

To be fair, Pace's subsequent draft success — most notably with Eddie Goldman, Eddie Jackson and Cohen — has helped. But what if Gurley was also part of the equation? If you took Gurley away from the Rams and put him on the Bears, could an argument be made that the Bears would be the better team?

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Rams bracing for Mack

Offensive linemen know 'he's a monster'

BY GARY KLEIN
Los Angeles Times

Much of the prime-time focus when the Rams play the Bears on Sunday night will be on quarterback Jared Goff, running back Todd Gurley and other skill-position players in the Rams' star-studded offense.

Andrew Whitworth and Rob Havenstein also will be in the spotlight.

The Rams tackles are charged with neutralizing Khalil Mack, the Bears' 6-foot-3, 252-pound edge-rushing linebacker and the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history.

"He's a monster," Havenstein said.

Like Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald — who succeeded Mack last season as NFL defensive player of the year — Mack was a holdout during training camp. The Rams, in fact, contacted the Raiders about trading for Mack.

But the day after the Rams signed Donald to a \$135 million extension, the Raiders traded Mack to the Bears, who signed him to a \$141 million deal.

Now he has a team-best nine sacks for a defense that ranks fourth in the NFL and has helped the NFC North-leading Bears to an 8-4 record.

"He plays with great urgency and juice every single play," Rams coach Sean McVay said. "He can really bang and turn an edge, and then when he gets close to the quarterback, I mean, he is violently attacking that football."

Early in the season, Mack lined up on the left side and wreaked havoc on right tackles. But as the season progressed, Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio also began deploying Mack from the right side, putting Mack in matchups with the left tackle.

Whitworth, a 13th-year pro and four-time Pro Bowl player who plays on the left side, welcomes the opportunity.

"Anytime you play those great rushers, it's a challenge for you," Whitworth said. "But it's one you look forward to."

Havenstein, a fourth-year pro, and Whitworth will not handle the task alone.

Mack's speed, power and reactionary skills require tackles to have help from tight ends, receivers or running backs, offensive line coach Aaron Kromer said. The goal: Prevent Mack from taking control of big situations.

"You have to create a situation where he's not alone, where it's not one on one," Kromer said.

The Bears have made opponents pay for those kinds of mistakes. Consider this: They rank 20th in the NFL offense, but they are fifth in scoring.

That's because they lead the league with 30 takeaways, including 21 interceptions. Defensive players have scored seven touchdowns, three by safety Eddie Jackson.

It will be a big test for a Rams offensive line that for the second consecutive season has remained intact. Whitworth, Havenstein, guards Rodger Saffold and Austin Blythe and center John Sullivan have started every game this season. They have cleared the way for Gurley — who is making a run for league MVP — and protected Goff.

The line gave up only six sacks in the first five games but has surrendered five in a game three times. Still, the 26 sacks allowed is ninth-fewest in the NFL.

"Anytime your offense is having this much success and your team is 11-1, you're obviously doing some things well," Whitworth said.

When the NFL released the schedule last spring, it looked like the Rams would face Mack in the opener. But his trade to the Bears reset the date for Week 13.

"We avoided him Week 1 and now we've got to face him," said Goff, who expressed confidence in Whitworth and Havenstein's ability to protect him.

"Quarterback's best friend," he said, "having guys like that and being able to trust them on both sides."

Bears coach Matt Nagy schemed against Mack for four seasons with the Chiefs, two as quarterbacks coach and two as the offensive coordinator. Mack had 5½ sacks in eight games.

So Nagy is happy to have Mack on his side.

"We're certainly loving the fact that he's on our team," he said. "He's been everything and more than what we thought."

NFL

Week 14 picks

By SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

Last week: 8-8 (6-9-1 vs. spread)
Season: 126-64-2 (91-93-8 vs. spread)



JETS (3-9)
AT BILLS (4-8)
Noon Sunday
Bills by 3½ (O/U 38½)

The Jets have lost six in a row, and even though they're getting Sam Darold back this week, he's playing on a sore foot. Josh Allen is running around and making some plays for the Bills.
Bills 26, Jets 17



GIANTS (4-8)
AT REDSKINS (6-6)
Noon Sunday
Giants by 3½ (O/U 41)

The Redskins are capable of running the ball, as Adrian Peterson showed last week. But they're down to their third quarterback, and that's a lot to ask of just-arrived Mark Sanchez.
Giants 27, Redskins 20



SAINTS (10-2)
AT BUCCANEERS (5-7)
Noon Sunday
Saints by 8 (O/U 55½)

The Saints lost their opener 48-40 to the Buccaneers at home, but these are very different teams than they were then. The Saints can't afford to lose another game and stay in the hunt for the No. 1 seed.
Saints 34, Buccaneers 24



PATRIOTS (9-3)
AT DOLPHINS (6-6)
Noon Sunday
Patriots by 7½ (O/U 47)

These teams have split in four of the last five seasons, with all of the Dolphins' victories coming in Miami. So even though the Patriots blew out the Dolphins earlier this season ... oh, still go with the Patriots.
Patriots 30, Dolphins 20



RAVENS (7-5)
AT CHIEFS (10-2)
Noon Sunday
Chiefs by 6½ (O/U 51½)

The Ravens' No. 1 defense flexed its muscles in Atlanta last week, and it will give the Kareem Hunt-less Chiefs some problems. But it's a tall order to shut down that high-octane offense, or match it.
Chiefs 27, Ravens 21



COLTS (6-6)
AT TEXANS (9-3)
Noon Sunday, CBS-2
Texans by 4½ (O/U 49½)

The Texans have won nine straight, so it's tough to pick against them. But the Colts will put up some points, something they failed to do last week. Not a cakewalk for the Texans, though.
Texans 27, Colts 24



FALCONS (4-8)
AT PACKERS (4-7-1)
Noon Sunday, FOX-32
Packers by 5 (O/U 50)

Both teams are disappointing. The Packers are still at home and still have Aaron Rodgers, however, and they might get a boost in the wake of Mike McCarthy's firing. Dome team in the cold?
Packers 27, Falcons 23



PANTHERS (6-6)
AT BROWNS (4-7-1)
Noon Sunday
Panthers by 1½ (O/U 47)

The Panthers have always been able to fall back on their defense, but not so much this year. The Browns aren't a playoff team, although they have a solid roster and can piece together a win here.
Browns 28, Panthers 24



BRONCOS (6-6)
AT 49ERS (2-10)
3:05 p.m. Sunday
Broncos by 4 (O/U 45½)

The 49ers are beat up and running on fumes of pride. The Broncos are looking to make an against-all-odds playoff run, and they have the soft schedule to pull it off. The Broncos keep it going.
Broncos 30, 49ers 21



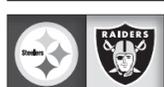
BENGALS (5-7)
AT CHARGERS (9-3)
3:05 p.m. Sunday
Chargers by 14 (O/U 48)

Stranger things have happened, but the Chargers should run away with this one. Without Andy Dalton or A.J. Green, the Bengals are toothless. No emotional hangover for Chargers after their big victory.
Chargers 31, Bengals 17



LIONS (4-8)
AT CARDINALS (3-9)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Lions by 3 (O/U 40½)

The Lions have a better roster, but the Cardinals are riding a little wave of confidence after their upset victory last week at Lambeau Field. Without a healthy Kerryon Johnson, Lions can't exploit the run.
Lions 21, Cardinals 17



STEELERS (7-4-1)
AT RAIDERS (2-10)
3:25 p.m. Sunday
Steelers by 10½ (O/U 51½)

The Steelers tend to play poorly on the West Coast, and they're coming off an emotional loss to the Chargers. Still, they're just a better team than the Raiders, even though the Raiders are still playing hard.
Steelers 31, Raiders 23



EAGLES (6-6)
AT COWBOYS (7-5)
3:25 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32
Cowboys by 3½ (O/U 44)

Which Eagles team is going to show up? The Cowboys are solid, especially on defense, and they're a young team with confidence. That's what they need in December. Go with the home team.
Cowboys 27, Eagles 23



RAMS (11-1)
AT BEARS (8-4)
7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC-5
Rams by 3 (O/U 51½)

Weather could be a factor, and Chicago's defense is scary. Still, the Rams, led by Aaron Donald, are the best team in football at the moment, and they know they have no margin for error with home-field advantage left on their checklist.
Rams 28, Bears 20



VIKINGS (6-5-1)
AT SEAHAWKS (7-5)
7:15 p.m. Monday, ESPN
Seahawks by 3 (O/U 45)

The Vikings are desperate and they can stop the run. That's not a good matchup for the Seahawks, who live on a steady diet of running the ball. The Seahawks still have a significant advantage in their place, but ...
Vikings 28, Seahawks 23

NFL NOTES

Fired McCarthy says farewell to Packers players

Associated Press

Fired coach Mike McCarthy was welcomed back to bid farewell to the Packers players on Wednesday.

"Mike came by the office, I think Tuesday we all saw him as a staff, which was great," interim coach Joe Philbin said before Thursday's practice.

"Then we talked, and he wanted an opportunity to speak with the team. I was 100 percent, fully supportive of that, and he did a fantastic job talking to the team. Not just about football and winning football games, but his passion.

"His passion for the game, his love for the players was clearly evident. I'm sure it was emotional for him and everybody in the room. It was awesome. I thought he did a great job."

McCarthy, who was in his 13th season, was fired after Sunday's home loss to the Cardinals. The team's fifth loss in six weeks sent the Packers to 4-7-1 on the season.

Clay Matthews spent all 10 seasons with McCarthy.

"I was happy to see him," Matthews said. "Obviously, first thing's first, you understand that this is a business and not many people get that opportunity. For him to invest the past 13 years in this team, has given his heart and soul to us, to have that kind of closure, it was great of the organization."

Foster's ex-girlfriend opens up: Reuben Foster's ex-girlfriend tells ABC's "Good Morning America" that he slapped her and pushed her during an incident in Tampa, Fla., that led to his arrest for domestic violence.

Elissa Ennis said in the interview televised Thurs-

day that Foster abused her three times, most recently last month in Tampa. Foster, 24, was charged with one count of first-degree misdemeanor domestic violence.

The 49ers released Foster after the incident, and the Redskins claimed the second-year linebacker off waivers.

Foster was put on the NFL's Commissioner Ex-empt list, which means he cannot play or practice.

Ennis said when the Redskins signed Foster she was shocked and thought, "I can't believe somebody picked him up" so soon.

Giants' Collins sidelined:

The Giants placed two-time Pro Bowl safety Landon Collins on injured reserve with a shoulder injury.

Collins was hurt Sunday against the Bears and will need surgery to repair a partially torn labrum.

The Giants signed defensive back Kenny Ladler off their practice squad to fill the roster spot. He had six special teams tackles with the Redskins this season before being released on Nov. 6.

Collins was the Giants' leading tackler in each of his first three seasons. He led the team this year with 96 tackles.

Extra points: With WR Sammy Watkins limited in practice with a nagging foot injury, the Chiefs reportedly hosted former Bills WR Kelvin Benjamin. ESPN's Adam Schefter first reported Benjamin's visit. ... The Panthers' Julius Peppers, the Broncos' Von Miller and the Redskins' Vernon Davis are among the 32 nominees announced for the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year award.

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CALENDAR

TEAM	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
			LAR 7:20 NBC-5, AM-780				
	OKC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670	BOS 7 WGN-9, AM-670		SAC 7 NBCSCH, AM-670			@ORL 8:30 NBCSCH, AM-670
			MTL 5 NBCSCH, AM-720		@WPG 7 NBCSCH, AM-720	PIT 7 NBCSN, AM-720	

FRIDAY ON TV/RADIO

NBA	ESPN
6 p.m. 76ers at Pistons	ESPN
7 p.m. Thunder at Bulls	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
8:30 p.m. Warriors at Bucks	ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. UMass at Providence	FS1
8:30 p.m. TCU vs. USC	FS1
11 p.m. Nevada vs. Arizona State	ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. FCS playoffs: Maine at Weber State	ESPN2
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GOLF

12:30 p.m. QBE Shark Shootout	Golf Channel
3:30 a.m. (Sat.) South African Open	Golf Channel

NHL

7 p.m. Blues at Jets	NHL Network
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COLLEGE HOCKEY

7 p.m. Minnesota at Michigan	BTN
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FIGURE SKATING

10:30 p.m. ISU Grand Prix	NBCSN
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SKIING

Noon U.S. Grand Prix	NBCSN
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BUNDESLIGA SOCCER

1:20 p.m. Werder Bremen vs. Fortuna Dusseldorf	FS2
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SERIE A SOCCER

1:20 p.m. Juventus vs. Inter Milan	ESPN2
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COLLEGE SOCCER

7 p.m. Michigan State vs. Akron	ESPN
9:30 p.m. Maryland vs. Indiana	ESPNU

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

11 a.m. Marquette at Illinois	ESPNU
1 p.m. Kentucky at Nebraska	ESPNU
3 p.m. Michigan at Texas	ESPNU
5 p.m. Washington at Penn State	ESPNU

COLLEGE WRESTLING

5 p.m. Indiana at Michigan State	BTN
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2018-19 DIV. I BOWL	GLANCE	TEAMS	TM
D15 Celebration	Atlanta	NC A&T (9-2) vs. Alcorn St (9-3)	11*
D15 Cure	Orlando	Tulane (6-6) vs. La-Lafay. (7-6)	12:30
D15 New Mexico	Albuquerque	N. Texas (9-3) vs. Utah (10-2)	1
D15 Las Vegas	Vegas	Fresno St (11-2) vs. Ariz. St. (7-5)	2:30
D15 Camellia	Montgomery, Ala.	Ga. So. (9-3) vs. E. Michigan (7-5)	4:30
D15 New Orleans	New Orleans	MTSU (8-5) vs. Appalachian St (10-2)	2
D18 Boca Raton	Boca Raton, Fla.	UAB (10-3) vs. North Illinois (8-5)	6
D19 Frisco	Frisco, Tex.	San Diego St (7-5) vs. Ohio (8-4)	7
D20 Gasparilla	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Marshall (8-4) vs. USF (7-5)	7
D21 Bahamas	Nassau	Toledo (7-5) vs. FIU (8-4)	11:30*
D21 Idaho Potato	Boise	W. Michigan (7-5) vs. BYU (6-6)	12:30
D22 Birmingham	Birmingham, Ala.	Memphis (8-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)	1
D22 Armed Forces	Fort Worth, Tex.	Houston (8-4) vs. Army (9-2)	2:30
D22 Dollar General	Mobile, Ala.	Buffalo (10-3) vs. Troy (9-3)	6
D22 Hawaii	Honolulu	La Tech (7-5) vs. Hawaii (8-5)	9:30
D22 SERVPRO	Dallas	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8
D26 Quick Lane	Detroit	Minnesota (6-6) vs. Ga. Tech (7-5)	4:15
D26 Cheez-IT	Phoenix	California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6)	8
D27 Independence	Shreveport, La.	Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5)	12:30
D27 Pinstrip	Bronx, N.Y.	Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	4:15
D27 SERVPRO	Houston	Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6)	8
D28 Music City	Nashville	Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5)	12:30
D28 Camping World	Orlando	W. Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3)	4:15
D28 Alamo	San Antonio	Iowa St (8-4) vs. Wash. St (10-2)	8
D29 Peach	Atlanta	Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2)	11*
D29 Belk	Charlotte, N.C.	S. Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5)	11*
D29 Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	12:15
D29 Cotton	Arlington, Tex.	Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0)	3
D29 Orange	Miami Gar., Fla.	Miami (8-4) vs. Alabama (13-0)	7
D31 Military	Annapolis, Md.	Cincinnati (10-2) vs. Va. Tech (6-6)	11*
D31 Sun	El Paso, Tex.	Stanford (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (7-6)	1
D31 Redbox	Santa Clara, Calif.	Saginaw St (7-5) vs. Oregon (8-4)	12:30
D31 Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Missouri (8-4) vs. Oklahoma St (6-6)	2:45
D31 Holiday	San Diego	Northwestern (8-5) vs. Utah (9-4)	6
D31 Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	NC St (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (8-4)	6:30
J1 Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Mississippi St (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4)	11*
J1 Citrus	Ocala, Fla.	Louisiana Tech (8-4) vs. Penn St (9-3)	noon
J1 Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	LSU (9-3) vs. UCF (12-0)	noon
J1 Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Wash. (10-3) vs. Ohio St (12-1)	1
J1 Sugar	New Orleans	Texas (9-4) vs. Georgia (11-2)	7:45
J1 CFP Final	Santa Clara, Calif.	Cotton vs. Orange winners	7

FCS PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	Maine (9-3) at Weber State (10-2), 7
SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS	Colgate (10-1) at North Dakota State (12-0), 11* South Dakota State (8-3) at Kansas State (11-1), 1 UC Davis (10-2) at Eastern Washington (10-2), 3

CHAMPIONSHIP

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
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AP PLAYER OF YEAR

VOTING	1	2	3	TOT
Kyler Murray, Okla.	39	13	2	145
Tua Tagovailoa, Ala.	13	36	6	117
Dwayne Haskins, Ohio St.	4	5	32	55
Will Grier, West Va.	0	1	3	5
Gardner Minshew, Wash. St.	0	0	4	4
Christian Wilkins, Clemson	0	0	2	2
Travis Etienne, Clemson	0	0	2	2
Mich Hyatt, Clem	0	1	0	2
Jonathan Taylor, Wisc	0	0	1	1
Josh Allen, Kentucky	0	0	1	1
Rondale Moore, Purdue	0	0	1	1
Quinnen Williams, Ala.	0	0	1	1

DEBUT AP PLAYERS

2018: Kyler Murray, QB, Oklahoma
2017: Brock Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma
2016: Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville
2015: Christian McCaffrey, RB, Stanford
2014: Marcus Mariota, QB, Oregon
2013: James White, QB, Florida State
2012: Johnny Manziel, QB, Texas A&M
2011: Robert Griffin III, QB, Baylor
2010: Cam Newton, QB, Ohio State
2009: Reggie Bush, RB, Southern Cal
2008: Sam Bradford, QB, Oklahoma
2007: Tim Tebow, QB, Florida
2006: Troy Smith, QB, Ohio State
2005: Reggie Bush, RB, Southern Cal
2004: Matt Leinart, QB, Southern Cal
2003: Jason White, QB, Oklahoma
2002: Brad Banks, QB, Iowa
2001: Rex Grossman, QB, Florida
2000: Josh Heupel, QB, Oklahoma
1999: Ron Dayne, RB, Wisconsin
1998: Ricky Williams, RB, Texas

COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS

Biletnikoff Award (Receiver)	2018: Jerry Jeudy, Alabama
Bronko Nagurski (Defensive Player)	2018: Josh Allen, Kentucky
Brylows Award (Assistant Coach)	2018: Mike Locksley, OC, Alabama
Burtsworth Trophy (outstanding player who began college career as a walk-on)	2018: Hunter Renfrow, Clemson
Bufkus Award (Linebacker)	2018: Devin White, LSU
Deinark Award (Defensive Player)	2018: Troy Smith, QB, Ohio State
Davey O'Brien Award (Quarterback)	2018: Kyler Murray, Oklahoma
Doak Walker Award (Running Back)	2018: Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin
Spirit Award (Inspiration Person/Team)	2018: Tyler Trent and Purdue University

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	OL	SL	PT	GF	GA
Iowa	13	4	2	32	81	59	59
Milwaukee	14	8	3	0	31	69	67
G. Rapids	14	7	0	2	30	77	70
WOLVES	10	9	2	1	25	87	81
Rockford	10	9	1	4	25	66	69
Texas	11	9	1	0	24	73	73
Manitoba	10	11	1	0	21	57	72
San Antonio	9	15	1	0	19	62	77

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Newsies at Iowa	
Binghamton at Syracuse, 6	
Laval at Belleville, 6	
Springfield at Utica, 6	
Cleveland at WIS/Scranton, 6:05	
Hershey at Lehigh Valley, 6:05	
Providence at Rochester, 6:05	
Charlotte at Hartford, 6:15	
Long Rapids at Rockford, 7	
Milwaukee at Texas, 7	
Ontario at Tucson, 8:05	
San Diego at Colorado, 8:05	
Manitoba at Stockton, 9	

GOLF

EUROPEAN PGA	63 (-8)	Marcel Siem	34-32
SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN	Kurt Kitayama	31-32	David McIntyre
1st of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	64 (-7)	Ernie Els	31-35
2nd of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	65 (-6)	Branden Grace	33-33
3rd of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	66 (-5)	Ernie Els	33-33
4th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	67 (-4)	Max Schmitt	33-33
5th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	68 (-3)	Jake Ross	34-32
6th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	69 (-2)	Also 68 (-4)	34-32
7th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	70 (-1)	Jarin Todd	36-32
8th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	71 (E)	66 (-3)	36-32
9th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	72 (+1)	67 (-2)	36-32
10th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	73 (+2)	68 (-1)	36-32
11th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	74 (+3)	69 (E)	36-32
12th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	75 (+4)	70 (+1)	36-32
13th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	76 (+5)	71 (+2)	36-32
14th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	77 (+6)	72 (+3)	36-32
15th of 4 rounds Randpark GC; Johannesburg, South Africa:	78 (+7)	73 (+4)	36-32
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

‘Not your average player’

Haskins, from Page 1

It's no wonder Big Ten coaches voted Haskins the winner of the 2018 Chicago Tribune Silver Football, awarded annually to the conference's best player. Illinois' Red Grange won the first award in 1924, and Penn State's Saquon Barkley received it last year.

Many of the greats on that list were driven by demanding parents who would “punish” their kids by having them do push-ups or sprints.

That's not the Haskins family. As they tell it at Maxine's Chicken & Waffles in Indianapolis on the morning of the Big Ten title game, Haskins practically stumbled into football. During family Super Bowl parties, he would wander away from the TV after one quarter.

“Dwayne was never really into sports,” his father says. “He was into Power Rangers, Pokemon, Michael Jackson.”

Haskins made great grades, so his parents would reward him and sister Tamia with vacations to places such as Disneyland or Busch Gardens. Sometimes they would drop off Dwayne at a football camp. At the end they would notice a medal hanging from his neck.

“We'd be like: How did that happen? How'd you get that?” Tamara recalled.

Haskins loved math and did an eighth-grade science fair presentation on the aerodynamics of throwing a football, analyzing how one generates the highest velocity.

“He came in, I think, fourth place,” Dwayne Sr. says.

“Third,” Tamia responds.

“It's been a while,” Dwayne Sr. says.

‘This kid was different’

The food arrives. Tamia, a 17-year-old high school senior and budding actress, asks to say grace.

“Father God, thank you for today. Please let everyone that sits at this table and everyone we encounter today be blessed by you. To know that everything is possible. Please watch over the hands that have prepared this food. Let this food nourish our bodies and our souls. In your name. Amen.”

Christianity is at the core of the Haskins family. At age 3, Dwayne asked for a little sister. Tamara endured a difficult pregnancy and emergency C-section, but the result was a beautiful girl who would become her brother's best friend.

“Dwayne is so special,” Tamia says. “Everyone should have a Dwayne in their life. If you don't, I'm sorry.”

Dwayne Sr., an entrepreneur who has developed and produced Christian-themed music and events, says of his son: “God gave gifts to him. He's like a Stevie Wonder. God gave a gift to him with song. When it comes to football, Dwayne does everything at ease. It comes natural to him. He doesn't struggle. His comprehension is such, you don't have to repeat it.”

Tamara calls faith “our foundation.” Before major decisions, the family looks for a sign from God.

They got the equivalent of a lightning strike on Oct. 11, 2015, when Maryland fired coach Randy Edsall after consecutive blowouts by West Virginia, Michigan and ... Ohio State.

Haskins had committed to Maryland five months earlier. His family had moved from New Jersey to Potomac, Md., so Dwayne and Tamia could attend the prestigious Bullis School. Dwayne bonded with Edsall and assistant Mike Locksley and intended to stay near home.

To look back now, how could Ohio State not have been his destination, his destiny?

Tamara's sister, Trudy Gaillard, earned a Ph.D. at Ohio State, where she held a faculty position in the university's college of nursing. She encouraged Haskins to attend a football camp there in the spring of 2008, when Haskins was 11.

Coach Jim Tressell took to him, insisting he play quarterback and telling him something along the lines of this: “When you grow up, come back and visit. We might have a scholarship for you.”

A home video from the camp shows Haskins, wearing a white headband and red Ohio State No. 7 jersey, throwing passes and saying he “wants to come to college here.”

Dwayne Sr.: “Now if you come to Ohio State, what position are you going to play?”

Dwayne Jr.: “Quarterback.”

Haskins loved Troy Smith, who won the 2006 Heisman Trophy.

On top of all that, Springs entered the picture when Haskins was in middle school. The former



Dwayne Haskins, above, gets a first down in the Big Ten title game as his parents, Tamara and Dwayne Sr., in matching black jerseys, watch him play.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Ohio State All-American and 13-year pro was in New Jersey to visit his son, Skyler, a friend of Dwayne's. Springs sized up Haskins at a football camp and was floored.

“My kid throws it about 20 yards and this kid throws it like 50,” Springs recalled. “They were the only two black kids there, so I look into the stands and say to Dwayne (Sr.): ‘Hey, man, that's got to be your kid because we're the only two brothers here.’”

Every time Springs returned to New Jersey, he would visit the Haskins home. They lived in Highland Park near the Rutgers campus.

“This kid was different,” Springs said, referring to his diligence. “He'd do his workout, then do his homework. We'd have a conversation about football, and it was like talking to a pro. I've been in enough locker rooms and been around enough quarterbacks to know.”

Springs encouraged the family to move to the DMV area — DC./Maryland/Virginia — where Dwayne could play against better competition and get more attention from recruiters. They chose Bullis, a small private school, mainly because it was Tamia's first choice. (It has a great theater department.)

Haskins had every intention of enrolling at Maryland. Had he done so and stayed, his 2018 season would have been wrecked by scandal and more firings, not filled with victories and touchdown passes.

Haskins didn't seem like a perfect fit at Ohio State because Urban Meyer offenses thrive on dual-threat quarterbacks such as Braxton Miller and J.T. Barrett. In November of his senior year, Haskins reopened his recruitment and texted Meyer, asking to visit campus.



“Who is this?” Meyer replied. “?” Haskins shot back.

Haskins sat for two seasons behind Barrett and then had the greatest season in the history of Ohio State quarterbacks: His 4,580 passing yards and 47 touchdowns lead the nation, and his 70.2 percent completion rate ranks sixth.

“He's blessed,” Buckeyes receiver Parris Campbell said. “He is touched with the physical ability to be able to throw the ball.”

Meyer, by the way, still calls him “Seven.”

‘Built for this moment’

During a midweek phone interview, Haskins said he was not surprised by Meyer's decision to step down from Ohio State.

“Coach has been going through a lot the last couple of years with health issues,” Haskins said. “I'm happy for him; he still has his health.”

Haskins said becoming a Heisman finalist, venturing to New York this weekend as Springs had predicted, “means everything.”

“Now it's etched into history,” he said, “so I can show that to my kids one day and say: ‘Daddy was a pretty good football player.’”

He'll make a final decision after the Rose Bowl on whether to turn pro. But let's get real. ESPN's Mel Kiper wrote this week that Oregon's Justin Herbert is no longer the clear-cut No. 1 draft-eligible quarterback. Haskins, listed at 6-foot-3 and 220 pounds (his father says he's at least 6-4), is “breathing down his neck.”

“Things are looking good right now,” Haskins said of his pro prospects, “but I'll let it play out.”

Haskins is two semesters shy of earning a degree in journalism. His post-NFL ambitions include opening a quarterback training facility; becoming a studio or game analyst on TV; creating a clothing line; helping Tamia with her acting career; and assisting girlfriend Savannah Cousins with her fashion endeavors. (Savhana Cousins is related to NBA star DeMarcus Cousins; in fact, they are cousins.)

Told that the Giants will need a quarterback and that New York would be a great landing spot for his career, Haskins replied, “I'm hoping for that too.”

Reminded of the eighth-grade science project, Haskins spoke in technical terms beyond the capacity of a mere sportswriter. He compared throwing motions of celebrated quarterbacks such as

‘He is touched with the physical ability to be able to throw the ball.’

— OSU receiver Parris Campbell on Dwayne Haskins

Drew Brees, Tim Tebow (don't laugh), Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. His takeaway: An over-the-top motion produces the cleanest release, tightest spirals and highest velocity. He got an A on the project.

“Finished third,” he said.

Springs can envision Haskins shattering stereotypes of African-American quarterbacks. He will use his mind more than his feet.

“He is closer to Peyton Manning,” Springs said, “than he is to Cam Newton.”

Haskins' parents have the utmost faith their son is ready for whatever comes next.

About 12 hours before he threw the last of his 34 completions against Northwestern, Tamara says: “He is a leader and understands his role. He is a distributor. He is a servant. Everybody wins and looks good together.”

Dwayne Sr. puts it like this: “He is well-mannered. He loves people. He loves the Lord. He has so much to offer. ... He is an alpha male of alpha males. He doesn't overwhelm you or try to manipulate you to believe in what he does. He will say two or three words and then he goes out and represents it. Then you follow him and you want to respond to him.”

“He doesn't need to kick over a Gatorade cooler. Doesn't need to throw his helmet down. If you watch his mannerisms when he quarterbacks, it's with confidence. He has been around it. He has NFL friends that mentor him. He is not your average college football player. He does not get overwhelmed. He is emotionally intelligent. He is built for this moment.”

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Aerial view of fans of Boca Juniors during a gathering to bid farewell to their players who travel to Madrid to play River Plate in the Copa CONMEBOL Libertadores second leg final.

Copa Libertadores final: A sign of Argentina's decadence

Rotten state of local soccer forces biggest club match to be played elsewhere

By DEBORA REY
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentina's proud soccer tradition has been sullied by its fervent, fanatical fans.

The land of Lionel Messi and Diego Maradona has won the World Cup twice, and it felt a sense of overwhelming pride in hosting perhaps the most important club final ever.

But the second leg of the globally anticipated "Game of the Century" between Buenos Aires rivals Boca Juniors and River Plate will be played Sunday more than 6,000 miles from the Argentine capital at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.

"We're going to play the Copa Libertadores 10,000 kilometers away," complained River coach Marcelo Gallardo. "Someday we're going to rethink what just happened, and we're going to remember this as a total embarrassment."

The change of venue happened after Boca Juniors players were injured when their bus was attacked by River Plate fans. That prompted organizers to postpone, and eventually move, the second leg of the final to Europe. The teams drew 2-2 in the first leg.

The switch only highlighted the rotten state of local soccer, which has been plagued with corruption, chaos and unrelenting violence for years. The decision also showed the waning influence of South American soccer's governing body, which found it impossible to stage its biggest club match on its own continent.

"It's a tough blow," Argentine President Mauricio Macri told The Associated Press in an interview this week.

Macri, a die-hard Boca fan who presided over the club for more than a decade, said the attack "must lead us all to reflection."

The rivalry between Boca and River ranks up there with the most intense in the world of sports. The matchup was more magnified than usual because the clubs were facing each other for the first time in the final of South America's equivalent of the Champions League.

The Argentine soccer federation promoted the game as a personal achievement — a way to overcome the national team's failure at the World Cup, where Argentina was eliminated in the last 16 by eventual champion France. Since then, Messi has skipped the national team's friendly games and there are reports that he is still dismayed by Argentina's poor performance in Russia.

Obsessed with promoting Ar-



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Argentinian River Plate's supporters protest outside the club's stadium in Buenos Aires on Saturday, forcing the second leg to be moved to Madrid.



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In this photo released by Telam, supporters of Boca Juniors gather at Lezama park in Buenos Aires on Tuesday to cheer for their team before their trip to Madrid.

gentina's image abroad, Macri had said visiting fans should be allowed at the two-leg final. It was a call at odds with a 2013 ban in Argentine soccer aimed at reducing violence. Macri had said it was "a good opportunity to show maturity, and that we're changing, and (soccer) can be played in peace." He later backtracked on the proposal and left the decision up to the clubs.

The nonprofit group "Let's Save Football" says 328 people have been killed in soccer-related vi-

olence dating from 1924.

"We have recorded more aggressions against players, referees and soccer bosses than fights or aggressions between rivaling fans," the NGO said in a recent report. "Violence doesn't disappear but rather mutates it's a cultural problem, not just a problem that has to do with police."

Some Boca players were injured in their bus a few blocks from River's Monumental Stadium when rocks and pieces of wood thrown by River supporters

shattered the windows. Some players were also affected by tear gas and pepper spray used by police to quell the violence.

"Many years ago in England, there was a similar problem. And a strong decision changed that," said Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino, who is from Argentina. "Today, it's fantastic to come here and watch football at the stadium. It's a sport to enjoy. It's not a drama. In Argentina, we're still far from that."

"We're an amazing country and

"We're going to play the Copa Libertadores 10,000 kilometers away. Someday we're going to rethink what just happened, and we're going to remember this as a total embarrassment."

River coach Marcelo Gallardo

people but we still have a lot of problems it's cultural. It's going to be a very tough job to change that. I'm not sure it's going to change."

Although it's not the most serious episode of violence in South America, governing body CONMEBOL said Argentina was not in condition to host the final.

Many see the decision to move the game abroad as a lucrative business deal aimed at filling the pockets of a few. Others say it shows how Argentina has lost influence at CONMEBOL since the 2014 death of Julio Grondona, the longtime head of the country's soccer federation who was also a senior vice president of FIFA and head of the FIFA finance committee.

Maradona, former Paraguay goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert and Brazil defender Dani Alves were among those who criticized CONMEBOL for what they say is giving in to Europe's might. The tournament, named after the "liberators" of South America from Spanish rule, is now dependent on the old colonial conqueror, prompting some to joke that it should be named "Conquistadors."

Even the mood in Argentina has soured among Boca and River fans, who have yet to buy all of the 5,000 tickets available for each team.

The cost of traveling to Madrid is too much for most, especially during a time of economic crisis in Argentina, where the peso has lost about half of its value this year. But even if they did have the means, many say it will never live up to the hype after they were stripped of the "Final of All Finals" in their homeland.

"The Libertadores final is not the same," said former Boca playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme, who won the tournament three times. "They took away our final. It will now be the most expensive friendly in history."

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Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson ranks fourth in the NFL with 29 touchdown passes, only trailing the Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes, the Colts' Andrew Luck and the Saints' Drew Brees.

Seahawks' run game helps develop Wilson as passer

BY GREGG BELL
Tacoma News Tribune

Except for what he apparently did to an opposing player's shoe, Russell Wilson is throwing less.

And he's throwing best. The best, in terms of efficiency, of his career.

Pete Carroll says it's a "marvel." No quarterback in the NFL who has started each of his team's games has thrown fewer passes than the Seahawks' franchise QB this season. His 326 attempts are his fewest passes through 12 games since the 2012 (317 throws) and '13 (305) seasons. Those were his first two years in the league, when Seattle has Marshawn Lynch and were only beginning to trust Wilson to win games by himself, if need be.

Yet Wilson has thrown 29 touchdown passes this season. That's the fourth-most TD throws in the league. That's also the most Wilson's had through 12 games in any season of his seven-year career.

You want efficiency in your Seahawks offense that was going backwards passing 73 percent of the time through two games to start the season, both losses? Here's some more math:

Thirteen percent of all Wilson completions go for touchdowns. Only Kansas City's wondrous Patrick Mahomes has a higher TD rate among completions (14.2 percent).

Mahomes (41), Andrew Luck (32) and Drew Brees are the only QBs who have thrown for more touchdowns this season than Wilson. Mahomes has thrown it 103 more times than Wilson. Luck has 163 more passes. Brees has passed 58 more times, about two games' worth more throwing than Wilson.

Wilson has more touchdowns than Jared Goff, who has thrown it nearly 100 times more for the NFC West-champion Rams. Wilson has three more touchdown passes than Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger, who has thrown it almost 200 more times. Wilson has five interceptions all season, to Roethlisberger's 13.

Wilson's passer rating through 12 games of 115.5 will be, if he sustains it over the final four games, his career high for a season.

Sunday in the 43-16 win over San Francisco, Wilson threw three touchdown passes on just six throws in the first half. That's unheard-of efficiency, scores on 50 percent of one's passes. Three of his first four completions against the 49ers went for TDs.

"We're maxing out on the attempts," Carroll said. "Unusual that you would get so much out of six passes in the first half of the game. But that's playing off the running game, and we're taking advantage of that. It's not really



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Wilson, left, celebrates a touchdown pass with Jaron Brown against the 49ers on Sunday. Wilson's passing efficiency has improved since the Seahawks put more of an emphasis on the running game.

how many shots we take out of it, it's really what we're getting out of it and we're really getting a lot of production.

"Russ has thrown 29 touchdown passes at this point. With the numbers of attempts, you kind of marvel: '(How) how could you be that on it?'"

"But he is." This, Wilson's career-best efficiency, is why these Seahawks run so often. It's not only to gain yards on the ground, though Seattle is doing that better than any other NFL team at 149 yards rushing per game.

The mere fact of running the ball so often has forced defenses to play the Seahawks more honestly. It's slowed down foes' pass rushers, which in turn has helped Seattle's offensive line that for years, including this one, has struggled to pass protect on consecutive downs and series when the opponent knows what's coming.

No other team has run more than Seattle's 380 rushes. The Seahawks do it so often early in games—seven and four consecutive carries to begin games, 10 rushes in their first 12 plays Sunday against San Francisco—to set up play-action passing later in games.

"We keep doing it so that we can use the play-action stuff and get the ball over top of them. That's part of it," Carroll said. "And if they've got to commit that hard (to stopping the run), it does give us space to throw the football. That's how it fits together."

Look how it's helped Germain Ifedi. All the early running in games forces pass rushers to take

the second or two at the snap to read run or pass. That's the second or two Ifedi needs to get outside from right tackle and meet edge rushers to block them.

Last year and through the first two games of this season when the Seahawks had the lowest run and running-back production in many years, Ifedi led the league in penalties holding and committing false starts trying to slow sack men coming off the edge with no regard to Seattle running the ball instead. And Wilson was under siege.

When the Seahawks were throwing it all around the lots in Denver and Chicago to begin the season, Wilson got sacked 12 times. That was the most in the league through two games, and Seattle was 0-2. When Von Miller, Khalil Mack and their friends knew the Seahawks were almost always going to throw, Seattle's linemen had little chance in slowing them from pressuring Wilson.

Carroll admitted last month he overestimated at the time how improved his offensive line was in pass blocking after replacing line coach Tom Cable with Mike Solari and signing new starting guards D.J. Fluker and J.R. Sweezy.

So after the loss at Chicago he went back to his promise since January to run the ball more. And the Seahawks (7-5) have won seven of 10 games to seize an inside track to the NFC playoffs entering Monday night's home game against Minnesota (6-5-1).

They've run it more than they've passed in every game since that Chicago loss in mid Septem-

ber, except for two.

Against the Chargers Nov. 4, Seattle's defense gave up huge plays to Philip Rivers, the Seahawks fell behind by two scores and had to throw, and Los Angeles sacked Wilson four times in its 25-17 win.

Two weeks ago at Carolina, the Panthers devoted nine and sometimes 10 men to the line of scrimmage to stop the run. But Seattle still ran it enough on situations such as Chris Carson on third and 3 early in the fourth quarter that on third and 3 with 1 minute left, Wilson had enough pass protection to slide left, look from his left to his right to find Tyler Lockett breaking deep on an improvisational route. Wilson hit Lockett with the 43-yard pass. That set up Sebastian Janikowski for his winning field goal with no time left.

Wilson and Lockett did it again last weekend against the 49ers. After all of Seattle's running early, Wilson had the time to allow Lockett to run from right to left on a diagonal across the field past linebacker Malcolm Smith for a 52-yard touchdown. That extended Lockett's career high of nine touchdown receptions this season.

The most efficient game for Wilson this season—14 completions for 248 yards, three touchdowns and the first perfect passer rating of 158.3 of his career—came when Seattle ran it 42 times and threw just 17 in a two-touchdown win at Detroit Oct. 28.

"You always want to have great balance because it causes prob-

lems for the defense," Wilson said.

"It helps definitely, for sure, in terms of what we can do across the board. We want to play-action it. We also want to drop back in the empty (backfield) game. We want to be able to throw it around the ball park, but also we want to be physical. And we want to be able to run the ball downhill. Just that mixture is key for us."

Early this season first-year coordinator Brian Schottenheimer was learning. Learning what Wilson can do. What Carroll wants. Most of all, what his linemen were and were not capable of executing consistently. The result: two losses to start the season while the play caller, coach and quarterback were figuring each other out.

Now?

"I think coach Schottenheimer is doing a tremendous job," Wilson said. "He's dialing everything up. It's a lot of fun. We get to work, you get to study a lot, and get ready for the week. You go into the game, and you feel really excited and prepared. That's key."

"And it all starts with our offensive line doing a great job."

Carroll echoed Wilson after the win over San Francisco.

"I think it's a really nice job from Schotty, on down through the guys that are really on the same page," Carroll said. "They understand and they're executing really well."

Asked about Wilson's progress from the 12 sacks and game-losing interception late in the 24-17 loss at NFC North leader Chicago in week two, Carroll said: "I think he's in better control of what's going on up front, in the running game and also protection-wise. He and (center) Justin Britt were doing a really good job of working things out and figuring out stuff to put us in the right spots."

"I think that the development of the pass protection has been really obvious, and Russ has taken advantage of that. That's why he's been able to be more effective getting the second looks and sliding up in the pocket, and hitting Tyler on the big play was a perfect example of that. Really good protection. He gets to move to give one more beat to get Tyler a chance to get behind him and deliver the throw."

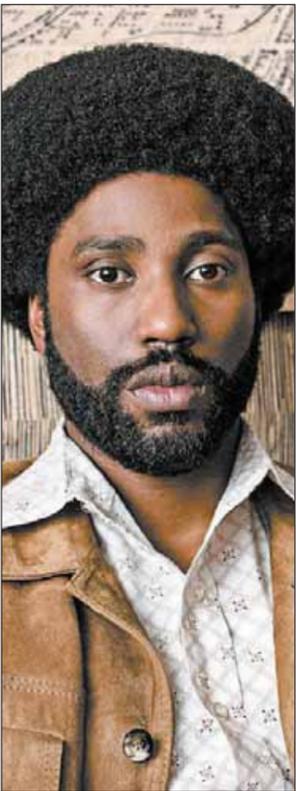
"I just think it's connected with what's going on up front. But his overall command of what we're trying to get done communication-wise has really helped the other guys play well."

None of it — not Wilson's 29 touchdowns on the fewest throws by an NFL full-time starter, nor Seattle's winning and inside track to the playoffs—wouldn't be happening without the run first.

"We don't think we're not going to throw it. We want to take advantage of it off the running game," Carroll said.

"It's no secret. So I don't mind saying it."

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"BlackKkKlansman" stars John David Washington in the Spike Lee film based on a true 1970s undercover investigation.



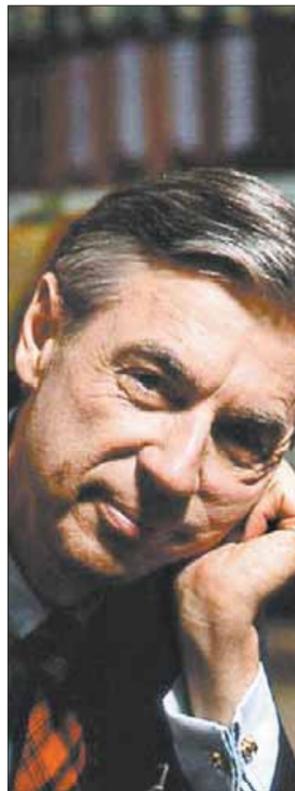
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Kathryn Hahn plays the wife of a childless couple in "Private Life."



ERIKA DOSS/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Amandla Stenberg in the screen adaptation of "The Hate U Give."



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"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" is now on streaming services.



MAGNOLIA PICTURES

Regina Hall stars in the comedy "Support the Girls."

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The best movie to make under \$129K in theaters — and other noteworthy 2018 titles



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Talking Pictures

Can we talk about end-of-year lists a sec?

Mine come out next week. Invariably the assembly of these lines requires a lot of scrambling to catch up with films I missed

earlier in the year. Now and then I take a vacation. Sometimes, two new movies screen for Chicago critics on the same night on two different screens, meaning a choice must be made, and it's a probable 12-to-7 (to quote Stubby Kaye in "Guys and Dolls") that I backed the wrong horse. I seem to remember the Dwayne Johnson gorilla movie "Rampage" screening up against something that, in retrospect, was a little better. But I chose to cover "Rampage" because it was set and partly shot in Chicago. Same, I

think, went for the Bruce Willis remake of "Death Wish."

So I've been catching up, and seeing some very good films, two listed below, along with three more that'll juuuuust miss my Top 10. You shouldn't miss them on those grounds, however. Those aren't grounds for dismissal. Oh, no. No. These five reward your time and attention, albeit for different reasons.

Best American movie released in 2018 that made less than \$129,125 in theaters: "Support

the Girls." Regina Hall won the New York Film Critics Circle award for best actress last week, prompting civilian moviegoers nationwide to murmur: *What? What's that film, again?* Well, it's the latest from one of America's essential unsung writer-directors, Andrew Bujalski, whose "Beeswax" and "Computer Chess," among others, reveal his love for enclosed, eccentric, humanely authentic communities.

Most of "Support the Girls" takes place in a Texas "breastau-

rant" modeled on Hooters. Hall plays the beleaguered but resourceful manager; Haley Lu Richardson (so good in the recent "Columbus") takes supporting honors as the sunniest of her employees.

It's daringly light on conventional plotting, which explains the dollar figure up top there. American moviegoers show a reasonable amount of nerve with lots of things, but character-based work isn't one of them. At its best,

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MUSIC BOX FILMS

Alba August as "Pippi Longstocking" author Astrid Lindgren and Henrik Rafaelsen in "Becoming Astrid."

'BECOMING ASTRID' ★★★ 1/2

How a writer's life fueled 'Pippi' books

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Chicago Tribune

With some screen biographies, you go in predisposed to like the film because you're hot for the music ("Bohemian Rhapsody"), or you admire the subject's political brinksmanship ("Darkest Hour"). Or maybe you grew up adoring the books written by the movie's protagonist.

For many, that third example will surely be the case with "Pippi Longstocking" author Astrid Lindgren and the engrossing, beautifully acted new film depicting a dramatic portion of her life. The Swedish writer's tumultuous early years, focused on her late teens and

No MPAA rating (some nudity and thematic elements)

Running time: 2:03

Playing: Now through Dec. 13 at the Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St.; siskelfilmcenter.org. In Swedish and Danish with English subtitles.

early 20s, take up most of the acreage in "Becoming Astrid," opening Friday at the Gene Siskel Film Center.

My own experience with Lindgren's work is practically nil, though the 1984 film version of Lindgren's folkloric fantasy "Ronia, the Robber's Daughter"

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BROADWAY REVIEW

Through lens of greed, broken mission

Bryan Cranston stars as an angry, howling anchor in 'Network'

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

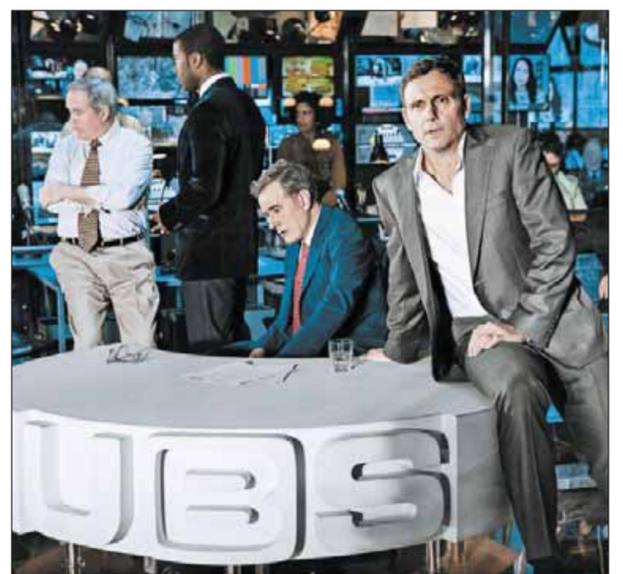
Americans were mad as hell and not going to take it anymore in 1976. And — take a look outside your window — they're still mad as hell and not going to take it anymore in 2018. But the prescience and staying power of Paddy Chayefsky's screenplay for "Network" — now adapted by Lee Hall into a tense, thrilling, high-tech Broadway play starring the craggy Bryan Cranston at his withering peak — lies in how brilliantly it captured how much easier it is to be angry than to articulate the cause.

Howard Beale, the deranged anchorman who seduces network suits with his cathartic, ratings-grabbing, howled-from-the-gut catchphrase, even as he descends further and further into on-air madness, never defines that little dangling pronoun. We all wake up some mornings knowing we can't take it anymore. Trouble is, we usually can't define the "it," let alone come up with a fix.

That's because it's the human condition, people! The existential malaise! Cry it out, scream it from the rooftops, have another drink and then go buy some neat stuff! Clickety-click.

That's America, then and now. As "Network" understands better than any other current show in New York City.

In the pre-Fox News 1970s, director Sidney Lumet's Oscar-



JAN VERSWEYVELD PHOTO

Bryan Cranston, center, Tony Goldwyn, right, and the cast of "Network" on Broadway at the Belasco Theatre.

winning movie was rightly seen as a parody of how the news media were retreating from their moral mission in favor of market share, the 1970s equivalent of clickbait. When evening newscaster Beale (Cranston) first reveals his suicidal tendencies in a national, on-air meltdown, his pompous bosses recoil in horror — but only until they see how many people are watching. When the greedy network suits realize that the front page of that day's Daily News suddenly is all Beale coverage, the sharper minds quickly figure out they've got a lucrative populist on their hands, they ditch all that costly

coverage of the world at large and give Beale, the crazy prophet spouting apocalyptic nonsense, as many microphones as they can find.

For those of us of a certain age, to watch director Ivo van Hove's production — the storytelling takes place in part on a slew of screens throughout the theater — is to mutter to ourselves about how on earth wily old Paddy C (he died in 1981) knew so well what was coming. Everything the movie predicted, like, happened. And that's why it no longer plays as a satire of

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CELEBRITIES

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Jessica Simpson criticized Natalie Portman after Portman questioned some early Simpson work.

Simpson responds to Portman remarks

Jessica Simpson fired back at Natalie Portman after the actress questioned the sexual nature of some of Simpson's earlier work in the entertainment business.

During a USA Today interview about her upcoming pop-star film "Vox Lux," Portman shared her thoughts on how sexuality often influences the music industry before recalling a specific photo of Simpson that she said "confused" her as a young woman.

"I remember being a teenager, and there was Jessica Simpson on the cover of a magazine saying 'I'm a virgin' while wearing a bikini, and I was confused," she said.

Portman's statement prompted response from Simpson, who criticized the actress for shaming the way she dressed.

"I was disappointed this morning when I read that I 'confused' you by wearing a bikini in a published photo taken of me when I was still a virgin in 1999," she wrote. "I was taught to be myself and honor the different ways all women express themselves. I have always embraced being a role model to all women. In this era of Time's Up and all the great work you have done for women, I encourage you to do the same."

Portman commented on Simpson's Instagram post later, thanking her for her statement. "I didn't mean to shame you and I'm sorry for any hurt my words may have caused," Portman added. "I have nothing but respect for your talent and your voice that you use to encourage and empower women all over the globe."

— Variety



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Penn working on Khashoggi documentary

Sean Penn is in Turkey working on a documentary about the slaying of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Yasin Aktay, an adviser to Turkey's president, said that the Oscar winner interviewed him as part of his "preliminary preparations" for the documentary before leaving for Istanbul where he was due to meet with Khashoggi's fiancée. Turkish media showed Penn filming in front of the consulate building Wednesday.

R. Kelly documentary screening evacuated

A screening of an upcoming documentary detailing abuse allegations against singer R. Kelly was evacuated after phone threats were made. The New York Police Department says the threats to the NeueHouse Madison Square came in Tuesday when it was hosting a screening of Lifetime's "Surviving R. Kelly" series. Officers determined there was no immediate threat but decided to have attendees exit out of caution.

Elvis Christmas lights in Germany

The central German town where Elvis Presley was stationed as a U.S. soldier in the 1950s, Friedberg, has installed three pedestrian lights with images of the rock icon. The red shows an image of the singer striking a pose at a microphone and the green depicts his trademarked hip swivel dance. Elvis was stationed there from 1958 to 1960.

Dec. 7 birthdays: Country singer Gary Morris is 70. Singer Tom Waits is 69. Actor Jeffrey Wright is 53. Singer Sara Bareilles is 39. Singer Aaron Carter is 31.



ASK AMY

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Helpful man poses a #MeToo riddle

Dear Amy: I like to think that I am a caring and sensitive man — one who respects women and appreciates the spirit of the #MeToo movement. Therefore, a recent experience has me disturbed. I am looking for some objective feedback.

One recent evening, I was with a woman that I know well. We had drinks before, during and after dinner. It became apparent to me that she was quite intoxicated and probably should head to bed to sleep it off. I helped her up the stairs to the bathroom. After a few minutes, when I heard the bathroom door open, I came back upstairs to check on her. This is when things got "tricky." She was naked and made strong sexual advances toward me.

I knew that the "right" thing to do was to help her get dressed and into bed for sleep and then go on about my own business. But I was weak, partly due to my strong attraction to her. We engaged in sexual activity, and during the acts I believed there was a possibility that the next day she would not remember (or at least she might not remember how things got started). Yet I continued, and for this I am feeling remorseful.

Have I committed "date rape"? Am I a "predator"? If the situation came to a courtroom, or if I were a public figure, would I be judged to be a "bad" man?

And finally, Amy, does it matter that this woman is my wife of 25 years?

— Wandering Husband

Dear Husband: I hope this didn't happen; I'm assuming instead that your

question might be a disingenuous and rude little riddle, designed to trip up an unsuspecting reader.

However, let's press on. You ask for an objective opinion. Here's mine: Let's establish that no, you are not a caring and sensitive man. No, you do not respect the #MeToo movement. That much is obvious. Taking the scenario at face value — yes, you sexually assaulted your wife. She was drunk; you were sober. She wasn't able to consent to sex — not that you asked her. No, you did not commit "date rape." You did, however, commit "marital rape." You pursued an incapacitated woman for the purpose of having sex with her. Yes, this makes you a predator.

Importantly, and unfortunately, your wife is married to a man who thinks this is a clever and legitimate question worthy of some sort of debate. I genuinely feel sorry for her. You should be ashamed of yourself.

Turn in your good husband card. You are a cad.

Dear Amy: You ran a question from "Pay it Forward," who was insulted when a stranger in line at the store offered to pick up their tab. "Pay" refused the gesture.

Here is my response: My wife of 40 years died recently and suddenly, during a routine medical procedure. I couldn't face another night eating alone, so I reserved a table at a favorite restaurant — an expensive gourmet place that my wife and I frequented.

After appropriate hugs and condolences from the staff, I was seated next to a

sociable older couple who ordered what I was going to select. I asked about their order and the conversation turned to some things we had in common.

Eventually, I explained my lack of a dinner companion. We chatted amiably, friended each other on Facebook and they left. I motioned for my bill and found it had been taken care of by my new friends. Their kindness and generosity made me tear up. (Of course, I reached out to thank them.)

The ability to accept an act of kindness is a lost art and it is this country's most desperately needed form of etiquette. We can't give kindness if we don't learn how to accept it.

— Thomas

Dear Thomas: My sincere condolences. You have attached the perfect lesson to accepting this generosity, and I think your story is going to inspire a lot of people to do the same. Connecting with others helps keep all of us afloat.

Dear Amy: Ah, your advice to "Middle Schooler" about dealing with testing jitters made me smile ... especially this part: "... imagine a big, friendly golden retriever sitting calmly beside you while you take your test."

What a great image! I'm not in middle school, but I'm going to use it.

— A Fan

Dear Fan: Well, it works for me!

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JAN VERSWEYVELD PHOTO

Bryan Cranston is an imposing, astonishing force in "Network" on Broadway.

Network

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greedy executives and facile fools but as a gut-wrenching morality play about how capitalists — and their sad-eyed human tools — destroyed most of the real news. And they did so mostly by tapping into a single human constant — anger at the unchangeable unfairness of the world. Beale, Alex Jones, Sean Hannity. Only the names change. Not the feelings tapped.

Hypnotic throughout, Cranston has some truly stunning moments in a role in which he is ideally cast: The "Breaking Bad" star is imposing and authoritative enough to make Beale's power and potency utterly credible, but sufficiently haggard to also feel like one of those worn-out tramps in Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot." He's accessible in his agony but also terrifying in his remove from the quotidian: If the perils of life get him, you shudder, God only knows what it has in store for me.

The central directorial conceit of "Network" — that the story is told

through a plethora of greedy lenses — is a measure, of course, of van Hove's genius. The aesthetic, designed by van Hove's partner Jan Versweyvel, is rooted in the 1970s but not stuck there, allowing the ideas in the piece, which is a fancy way of saying its focus on life's horrors, to cascade down over the intervening years. Whenever we're in the studio — one of those places where unlike humans run around to try and calm their inner feelings of dread — the show is on fire.

Not all of the personal scenes are as strong as Cranston's astonishing solo spots. Tatiana Maslany is surely credible as a mercurial TV exec willing to dive low for ratings, but she's unchangeable and thus inaccessible when it comes to the deeper themes of the piece. Tony Goldwyn works better — you can read the pain on his face — but he's too tentative, especially as compared with William Holden in the movie, meaning that Cranston and Maslany can run for their touchdown into lucrative insanity with too few old-school line-backers in their faces, especially since Joshua Boone, playing a role made

famous by Robert Duvall, feels uncertain, too. But there's one blistering exception: a scene between Goldwyn's Max Schumacher and the superb actress Alyssa Bresnahan, who plays Max's wife, Louise. It's a killer confrontation, instantly recognizable to anyone with a ring on their finger and a reminder of the human cost of going rogue.

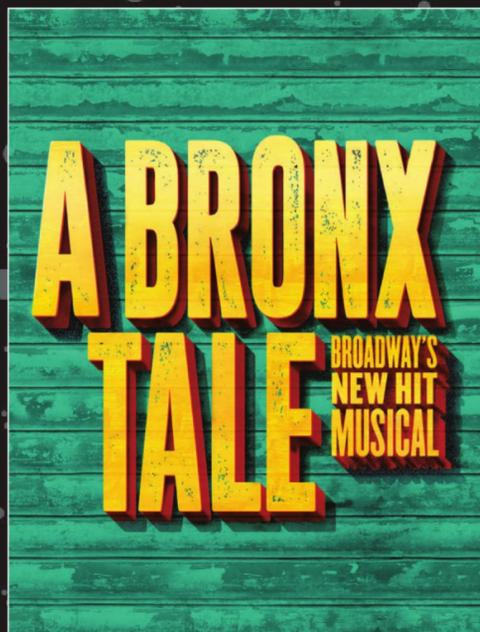
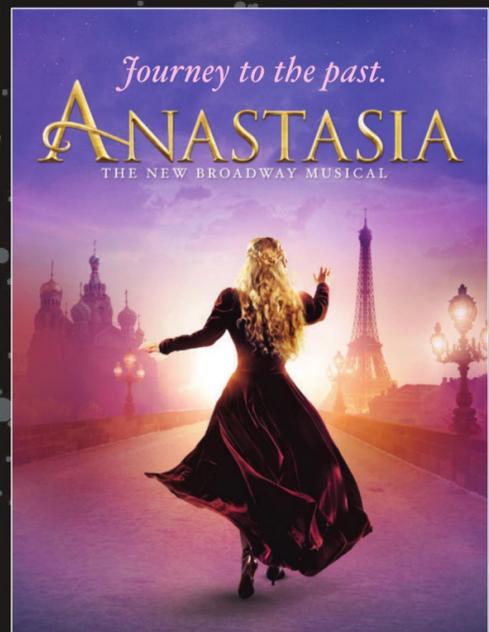
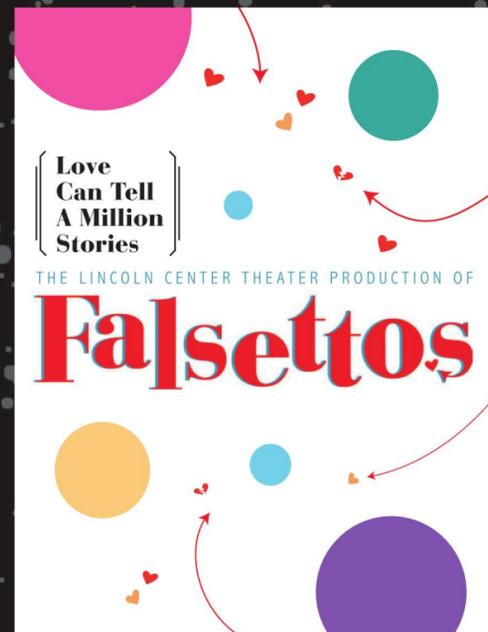
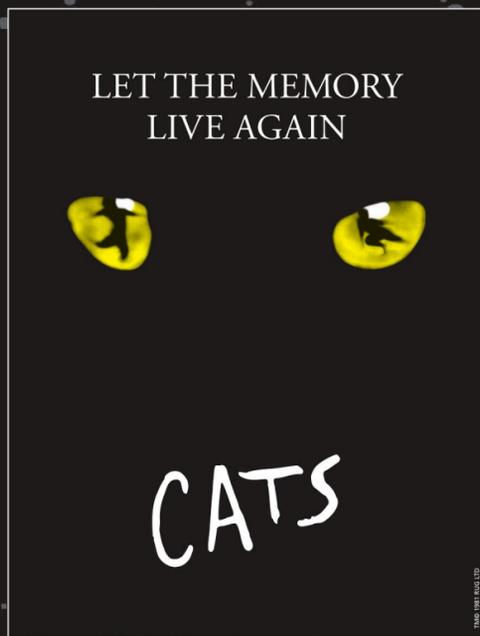
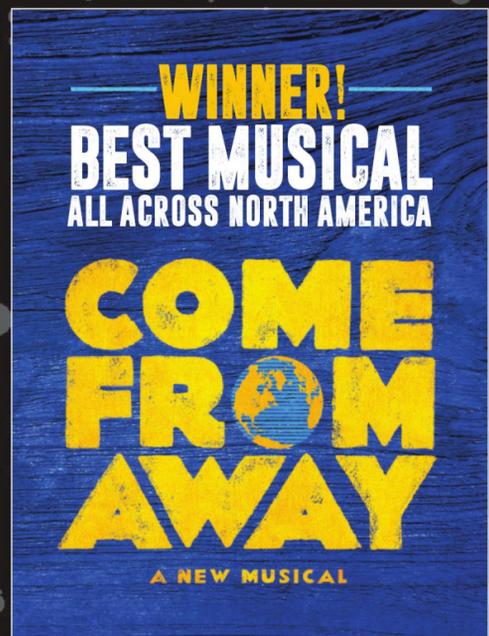
But while you might wish for more depth in some scenes, that's just not the point of the production, which arrives after success at London's National Theatre. This is one profoundly clever show, the rare conceptual masterwork that puts all the current railing against fake news and cheap network theatrics in a much broader temporal context. If you feel like we're all mad and in hell, here's the show that reminds you it was ever thus, suckers.

"Network" plays at the Belasco Theatre, 111 W. 44th St., New York. Call 212-239-6200 or visit Network Broadway.com

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WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Jason Lewis

"Midnight, Texas" (8 p.m., NBC): Creek (Sarah Ramos), the mortal girl next door who abandoned her lover Manfred (Francois Arnaud) when all the local occult weirdness just got too much for a "normal" gal to handle, returns to Midnight in the new episode "No More Mr. Nice Kai." Elsewhere, Walker (Josh Kelly) the demon hunter inevitably causes friction in the relationship of Joe and Chuy (Jason Lewis, Bernardo Saracino).

"Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You" (7 p.m., AMC): The pop superstar is heard as herself in this 2017 yuletide feature inspired by Carey's smash (and inescapable) Christmas tune, but her younger, CGI-animated self is voiced by Breanna Yde in a story that opens with little Mariah yearning to get a puppy. She has her eye on a pooch at the pet store, but first she must prove that she's responsible enough by dog-sitting Jack, her uncle's crazy, high-maintenance canine.

"Icebox" (7 p.m., HBO): This 2018 feature-length adaptation of a 2016 film short of the same title revolves around Oscar (Anthony Gonzalez), a 10-year-old boy from Honduras who is forced to flee his native country and seek asylum in the United States, only to get trapped in the maze of the U.S. immigration system. When he tries to reach an uncle in Arizona, the boy is captured by Border Patrol and thrown into the Icebox, a detention center for immigrant kids.

"Christmas Lost and Found" (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): After years of blowing off family gatherings, Whitney Kennison (Tiya Sircar) takes a long-overdue break from her busy job as a New York event planner to spend Christmas in Chicago with her Grandma Frances (Diane Ladd). All is going well until Whitney accidentally throws out a cherished box of ornaments that are family heirlooms.

"Love After Lockup" (8 p.m., 9:01 p.m., 10:01 p.m., 11:01 p.m., 2:01 a.m., WE): Season 2 of this unscripted series about couples who fall in love while one of the partners is behind bars follows six couples of they share the intensely emotional journey of being united for the first time after years of being allowed only supervised visits. Among them are two couples whose stories began in Season 1, but who were left in a state of romantic limbo due to complications with an anticipated release date.

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Ice Cube talks and performs; actress Amber Heard; radio show host Elvis Duran.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Comic Kathy Griffin.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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BROADCAST	CBS	2	MacGyver: "Matty & Ethan & Fidelity." (N) ©	Hawaii Five-0: "Pio Ke Kukui, P?ele Ka Hale." (N) ©	Blue Bloods: "Authority Figures." (N) ©	News (N) ♦			
	NBC	5	Blindspot: "Screech, Thwack, Pow." (N) ©	Midnight, Texas: "No More Mr. Nice Kai." (N)	Dateline NBC (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	ABC	7	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	Speechless (N) ©	Victoria's Secret Fashion Show Holiday	(9:01) 20/20 ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	WGN	9	blackish: "Churched." (N) ©	blackish ©	Stellar Tribute to the Holidays ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)		
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV	9.3	The Dog Who Saved Christmas (PG, '09) *** ©				Dog Who Saved Christmas ♦		
	PBS	11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Chicago River Tour with Geoffrey Baer					River Tour ♦
	The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
CABLE	Bounce	26.5	Scandal ©		A Stone Cold Christmas (NR, '18)	Demetria McKinney.			Thin Line ♦
	FOX	32	Last Man Standing (N)	The Cool Kids (N) ©	Hell's Kitchen: "One Hell of a Party." (N) ©	Fox 32 News (N)	Bears Unleashed		Flannery Fired Up
	Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ♦
	Telem	44	♦ (6) The Expendables **		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	CW	50	Dynasty (N) ©		Crazy Ex-Girlfriend (N)		CSI: Miami: "Meltdown."		Chicago ♦
	UniMas	60	Reto 4 elementos: Naturaleza extrema				Rosario Tijeras: "La primera noche."		
	WJYS	62	Kenneth Cox Ministries	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Monument
	Univ	66	Jesús	Mi marido tiene familia		Amar a muerte			Noticias (N)
	AE		(7:06) Live PD: Rewind		Live PD: "Live PD -- 12.07.18." (N) (Live) © ♦				
	AMC		Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You (*17)			Year Without a Santa			Rudolph ♦
ANIM		Tanked: Unfiltered (N) ©		Tanked (N) ©		Scaled (N) ©		Tanked ♦	
BBCA		♦ WarGames	Total Recall (R, '90) ***	Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rachel Ticotin.				Norton (N) ♦	
BET		blackish	blackish	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13, '08) **				Martin Lawrence.	
BIGTEN		College Hockey: Minnesota at Michigan. (N) (Live) ©			The BIG			Football ♦	
BRAVO		♦ Married to Medicine ©		Married to Medicine (N)		Happy Gilmore (PG-13, '96) **		© ♦	
CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic. Best	Weekend	Politics	
CNBC		Deal or No Deal ©		Deal or No Deal ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ♦	
CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Wonders (N)	
COM		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Cellar (N)	
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E!		The Parent Trap (PG, '98) ***		Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid.				Princess ♦	
ESPN		♦ NBA Basketball: 76ers at Pistons (N)				NBA Basketball: Warriors at Bucks (N) ♦			
ESPN2		College Football: NCAA FCS Championship Round -- Maine at Weber State. (N) ©						SportCtr (N)	
FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
FOOD		Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	
FREE		♦ (6:20) Toy Story 3 (G, '10) ***		Voices of Tom Hanks.		(8:50) Life-Size 2: A Christmas Eve ♦			
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HALL		Mingle All the Way (NR, '18)		Jen Lilley. ©		The Sweetest Christmas (NR, '17) ♦			
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HIST		Ancient Aliens ©		(8:02) Ancient Aliens		(9:05) Ancient Aliens		Aliens ♦	
HLN		Family Massacre		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
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LIFE		Christmas Lost and Found (NR, '18)		Tiya Sircar. ©		(9:03) The Christmas Pact (NR, '18) ♦			
MSNBC		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
MTV		Ridic. (N)		Ridic. (N)		TooStupid		Ridiculous. Ridiculous. ♦	
NBCSCH		NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)				NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls (N)			
NICK		Lip Sync	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
OVATION		♦ (6) Terms of Endearment (PG, '83) **** ©				Amistad (R, '97) ***		Morgan Freeman. ♦	
OWN		20/20 on OWN ©		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 ♦	
ORX		Dateline: Secrets		Killer Couples ©		Killer Couples ©		Killer ♦	
PARMT		Men in Black (PG-13, '97) ***		Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. ©		Men in Black II ('02) *** ♦			
SYFY		♦ (6) Jeepers Creepers 3		Z Nation (N) ©		Van Helsing (N) ©		Nightfly. ♦	
TBS		♦ (6) A Christmas Story		A Christmas Story (PG, '83) ****		Peter Billingsley.		ELEAGUE	
TCM		The Graduate (PG, '67) ****		Dustin Hoffman. ©		The Thomas Crown Affair ('68) ****			
TLC		90 Day Fiancé: "Love Is a Battlefield." (N)				90 Day (N)		Return to Amish (N) ©	
TLN		Camp Meeting				Life Today		Dare	
TNT		Man of Steel (PG-13, '13) **		Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. ©				The Giver ♦	
TOON		Gumball	Gumball	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV		Ghost Adventures ©		Ghost Adventures: "Haunted Mansions." (N) ©				Ghost ♦	
TVL		Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam ♦	
VH1		RuPaul's Drag Race (N)		RuPaul's Drag Race ©		(9:01) Bruce Almighty ('03) **		© ♦	
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	HBO2		Rampage (PG-13, '18) **		Dwayne Johnson. ©		Camping ©	Sally4Ever	
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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Play That Goes Wrong' ***

Desperate to see anything tonight?

Those shut out of 'Hamilton' will find old-school laughs with this touring production of the London and Broadway comedy

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

At the top of "The Play That Goes Wrong," the touring comedy from London and Broadway now making its debut in Chicago, an apology is issued from the stage. There has been a ticket mix-up, we are told, and it is fervently hoped by the management that all persons assembled will enjoy themselves every bit as much as if they had been attending the show for which they had paid, "Hamilton."

That scored a big enough laugh at the Oriental Theatre on Wednesday night to suggest that, in fact, most of the persons assembled would rather have been at "Hamilton." (Duh!) But good on "The Play That Goes Wrong" for openly and proudly embracing its position on the B-list of holiday attractions, the also-ran amusement for those who couldn't (either practically or psychically) get in for Scrooge or "Miss Saigon." You know, those shut out from the Joffrey Ballet's "Nutcracker," by dint either of cost or a pre-existing condition, those allergic to magicians that advertise on trashcans or smart-talking elves or cozy radio plays where everyone learns to be temporarily nice. Those whose idea of ideal holiday entertainment involves the schadenfreude of seeing an actor going up on lines, getting sucked down a hole in the scenery or being smacked in the face, thrice, by a piece of plywood.

For anyone in those categories, especially those whose sorry lives are seasoned with nagging nostalgia for the Pythonesque, "The Play That Goes Wrong" is a heck of a good laugh. I do not pull out a critic's cliché. This is a data-driven observation. People laughed at this thing



JEREMY DANIEL PHOTO

The cast of the touring production of "The Play That Goes Wrong" at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago.

When: Through Dec. 16

Where: Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.

Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes

Tickets: \$25-\$98 at 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com

all night. (Most people. I caught the eye of a couple of crazed dissenters).

Laughs are the whole kit and caboodle here — to say there are other reasons for

attendance at the work of writers Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields would be akin to saying that Brexit was an inspired idea rich in practical detail. You're going for old-school, retro amusements, or you're in trouble all night long. The premise is simple: You're watching a group of feckless amateur theatrical types from Blighty try to get through a murder mystery that turns into a collective actors' nightmare, wherein everything imaginable falls

apart.

Literally. "The Play That Goes Wrong" makes "Noises Off" look like intellectual Germanic drama. It's all farcical silliness.

All of our lives, of course, are an experience of chaos and here at least is a show that understands how some days, we're better off just staying in bed. This is way too small a show to sit well at the Oriental (this ain't "Wicked"; we'd all be far better at the Broadway Playhouse) and the tour has just about the tattiest set

ever to be sent out to these here hinterlands by our East Coast cultural overlords. But the actors are strong and live enough to overcome the laugh-killing dangers of way too much time and space. In this touring cast, I especially enjoyed Brandon J. Ellis, who has a voice like a bottle of good Scotch, an instrument so melodious as, by comparison, to render that of the late, great newscaster Carl Kasell a mere squeak.

Evan Alexander Smith is

funny, too, as are Scott Cote and the truly wacky Angela Grovey, bewigged, bewildered and otherwise.

Best of all though is the attack on the audience. "You wouldn't behave like this at the Goodman," Smith rants like a spoiled English schoolboy as the world turns and the crowd starts to jeer. "Deep dish isn't even proper pizza. Ha!"

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 7): Invent an inspiring dream for the next decade. Discipline with money earns high dividends. Discover health and work revelations. A profitable winter supports your new educational direction. Shared accounts expand this summer, coming in personally handy.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Study with master teachers. Education, travels and exploration sprout under this Sagittarius new moon. Consider new views and perspectives. Learn some fresh tricks.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Find creative ways to grow your family's nest egg. A lucrative phase dawns with this new moon. Launch a profitable initiative together. Collaborate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Love is the bottom line. Support each other through change and transformation. A partnership blossoms under this new moon. Start a new chapter together.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Fresh energy floods your work, health and vitality under this Sagittarius new moon. Nurture yourself before caring for others. Power into physical routines.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. This new moon sparks a family, fun and passion phase. A romantic relationship transforms.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Wrap your love around home and family. A new domestic phase arises with this new moon. A seed planted long ago flowers. Connect together.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Adapt to unexpected news. Profit through communications. Breakthroughs arise in conversation under this Scorpio new moon. Share gratitude and appreciation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Use creative communications for sales and marketing under this new moon. Step into new levels of prosperity. Begin a new financial chapter.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. A new personal phase dawns with this new moon in your sign. Take charge. Take your talents, capacities and skills to new levels. Explore.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle under this new moon. Discover something new about the past. Begin a philosophical, spiritual and mindful phase.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Take a group endeavor to new heights. Breakthroughs in friendship, social networks and community provide cause for celebration under the new moon.

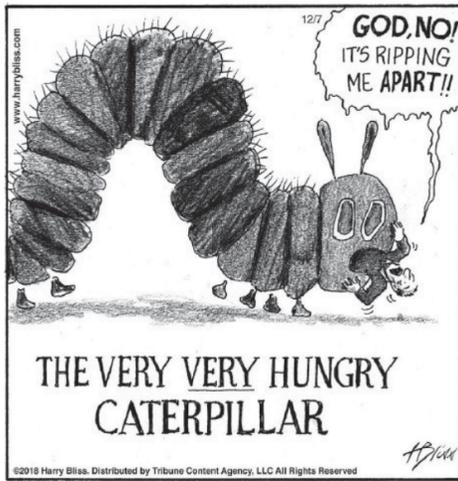
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Develop a project from an idea to reality. Professional opportunities shine under this new moon. Accept new responsibilities and prepare for an exciting project.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North

- ♠ Q 9 5 4
- ♥ K 10 9 2
- ♦ 5
- ♣ 10 8 6 3

East

- ♠ 10 7 3 2
- ♥ J
- ♦ A 9 8 6 3 2
- ♣ Q 2

South

- ♠ A 8
- ♥ A Q 7 6 5 3
- ♦ Q 7
- ♣ K 7 5

What would you bid, if anything, with the East hand in today's deal? The exciting 6-4 distribution seems to call for some action, but don't get carried away. This is not a very good hand, after all. Bidding three spades is fine if partner is going to carry on with a raise to four spades. But what if partner is all in after his take out double? Perhaps you should bid four diamonds, instead, as it might be easier to take 10 tricks in diamonds than take nine tricks in spades. Also, what if the opponents compete to

The bidding:

South West North East

1♥ Dbl 3♥* 3♠

4♥ All pass

*Pre-emptive

Opening lead: ?

four hearts and partner is on lead? Then you surely want to bid diamonds.

After the given auction, West led the six of spades, his partner's suit. Curtains! South rose with dummy's queen, led a spade to his ace, and then exited with a diamond. West won and continued with a spade, ruffed by South. The last diamond was ruffed in dummy, and the ace and king of hearts drew the trumps. A club to declarer's seven now ended West, who had to yield a ruff-sluff or set up the king of clubs.

Note that four hearts will certainly fail after a diamond lead from West at trick one. Getting up your courage to make an aggressive bid is often a good thing but think about the possible consequences. As they say in pro sports, "they're paying the other guys too".

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Baby Blues



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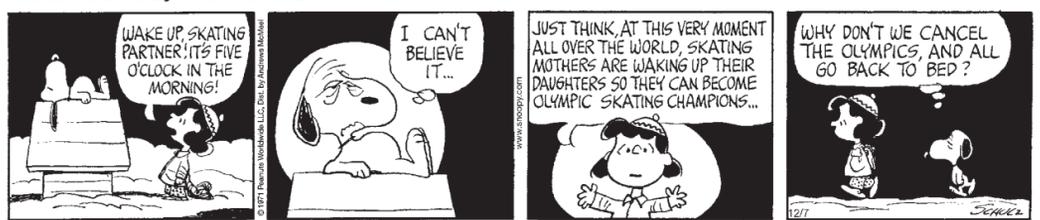
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



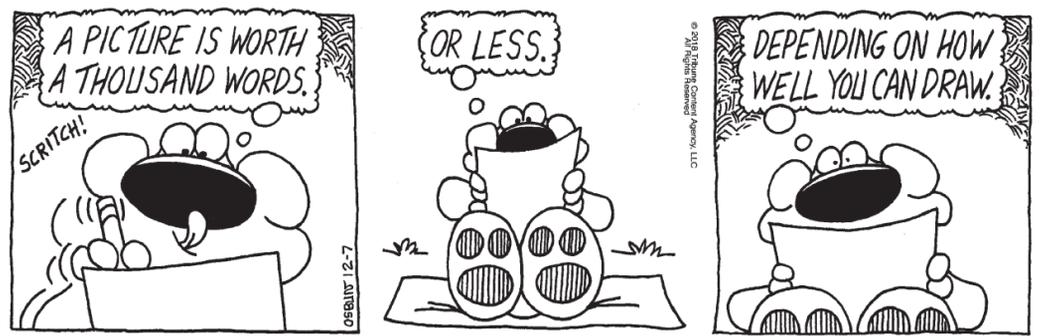
Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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FRIDAY, DEC. 7

NORMAL HIGH: 37°

NORMAL LOW: 23°

RECORD HIGH: 64° (1916)

RECORD LOW: -6° (1882)

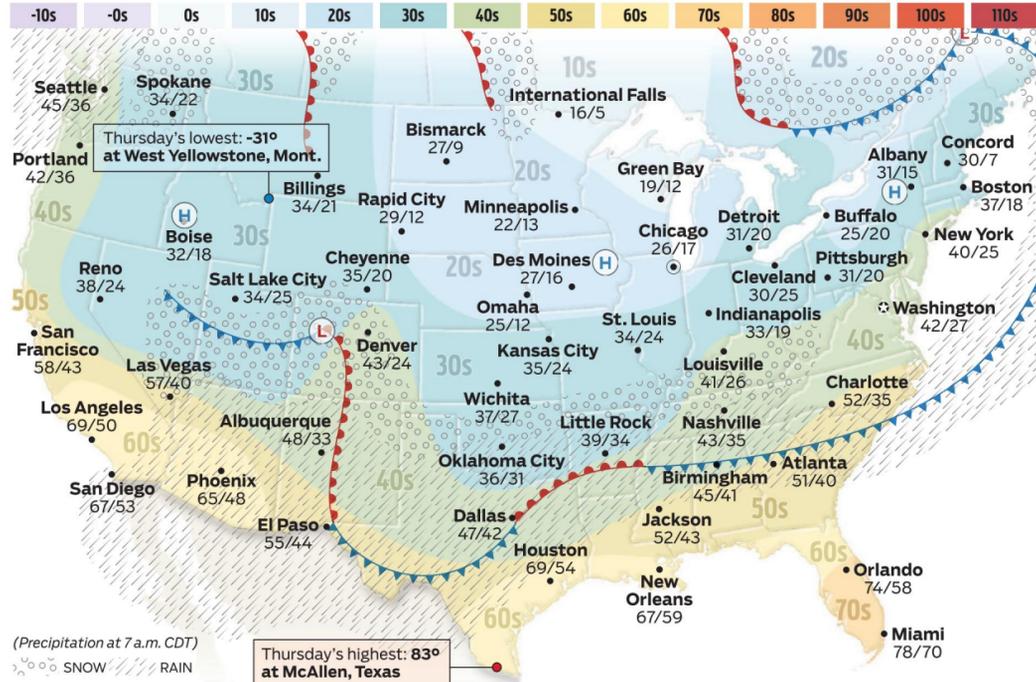
Friday set for coldest morning since February

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 26 **LOW** 17

■ **Pearl Harbor Day.** An extended period of high pressure expected – very cold at start (Friday) then a gradual moderation in temps beginning over weekend.
 ■ Chilly temps in the 10-15 degree range with single-digit wind chills at sunrise. Mostly sunny cold day with afternoon highs in middle 20s – 11 degrees below normal for this date and even some 5 degrees below normal if we were in the middle of January.
 ■ Clear skies and cold overnight with lows in the upper teens to lower 20s.
 ■ W/NW winds 8 to 15 miles per hour.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Early Friday morning temperatures will likely be the coldest we have experienced since the middle of last February, generally in the 10- to 15-degree range. Sunny skies will help it feel a little warmer during the day, if you're outside, but afternoon highs probably won't get much warmer than the mid-20s.

After another chilly morning Saturday, readings will begin a slow moderating process that will see daily high temperatures slowly climb through the 30s in the coming days. As opposed to the rains and winter storm over the southern U.S., it should be a dry period here until the middle of next week, when low pressure approaches out of the central Plains, spreading first rain and then a wintry mix over our area by next Thursday.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

HIGH 33 **LOW** 20

Mostly sunny and cold – afternoon highs in the lower 30s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light northwest winds.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

HIGH 36 **LOW** 23

Sunny and not quite as cold. Afternoon highs in the mid 30s. Mostly clear skies overnight. Light easterly winds.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

HIGH 37 **LOW** 25

Sunny with highs in the middle to upper 30s. Clear skies at night. Light northeasterly winds.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

HIGH 38 **LOW** 28

Sunny again. Temperatures continue to slowly moderate – highs in the upper 30s to around 40-degrees south. Clear skies overnight. Light southwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

HIGH 40 **LOW** 34

Increasing cloudiness during the day with high temperatures around the 40-degree mark. Clouds lower quickly at night with rain likely. Southwest winds.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

HIGH 38 **LOW** 30

Cloudy with rain or a rain/snow mix likely. High temperatures in the mid to upper 30s. Wintry mix changing over to snow showers overnight. Southerly winds shift north at night.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 I love to watch the sunrise, but I was wondering, is the official time of sunrise for me in McHenry the same as it is in Chicago?
 — Sue Shearer, McHenry

Dear Sue,
 It is not. The reason is the location used to determine the time of sunrise and sunset, and in a large metropolitan area like Chicago, the difference is noticeable. At Chicago's latitude, the Earth rotates at about 13 miles a minute, so sunrise/sunset times vary by about a minute for every 13 miles of east-west travel. At McHenry, about 45 miles northwest of Chicago, the variance during the year causes sunrise to be as much as four minutes later. Chicago's official sunrise/sunset times are determined by the U.S. Naval Observatory based on a reference point near the Stevenson Expressway and Western Avenue, a location representing the city's population weighted center.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Extended sunny spell here; powerful storm passes south

FINALLY! SUNSHINE THURSDAY

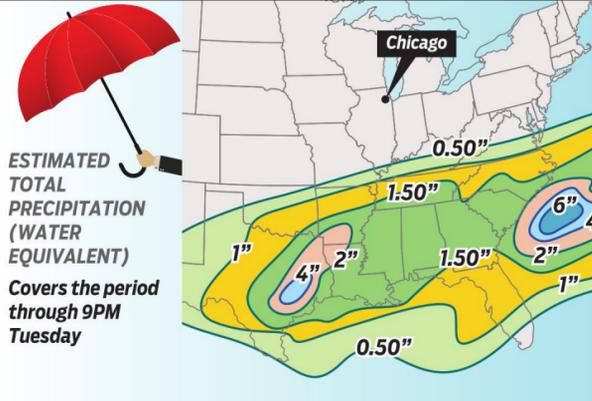
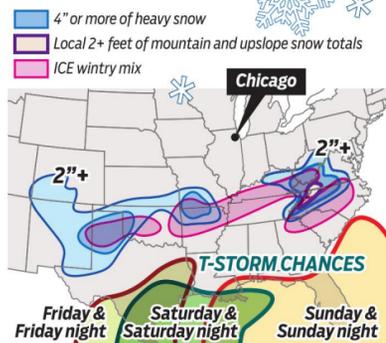
MORE SUN TO COME OVER THE NEXT 5 DAYS IN CHICAGO!

60%
 350 minutes of sunshine Thursday

Predicted percentage of cloud cover
 Indicates amount the sky covered by clouds at noon each day

19% **10%** **19%** **17%** **19%**
 FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY

WEEKEND STORM RAKES ACROSS SOUTH



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

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CHICAGO DIGEST

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	32	23	Midway	33	27
Gary	34	28	O'Hare	33	25
Kankakee	33	26	Romeoville	33	24
Lakefront	33	27	Valparaiso	33	23
Lansing	32	26	Waukegan	31	22

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Thu. (through 7 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
December to date	1.24"	0.54"
Year to date	47.15"	35.18"

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	13.0"	9.4"
Normal to date	2.7"	2.6"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	W 6-15 kts.	NW 4-12 kts.
Waves	1-2 feet	1 foot
Thu. shore/crib water temps	37°/37°	

U.S. SNOW COVER	2018	2017
DEC. 6		
Area covered by snow	42.8%	23.4%
Average snow depth	1.9"	1.1"

TRACKING THE COLD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	3 days	3 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Thursday's reading	Good
Friday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Ozone

SUN	RISE	SET
Sun	7:05 a.m.	4:19 p.m.
MOON	RISE	SET
Moon	7:11 a.m.	4:57 p.m.

NEW	1ST Q	FULL	3RD Q
Dec. 7	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29

FRIDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:28 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
Venus	3:26 a.m.	2:16 p.m.
Mars	12:10 p.m.	11:23 p.m.
Jupiter	6:20 a.m.	3:47 p.m.
Saturn	8:47 a.m.	5:57 p.m.

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

SHOWSTOPPING NEWS

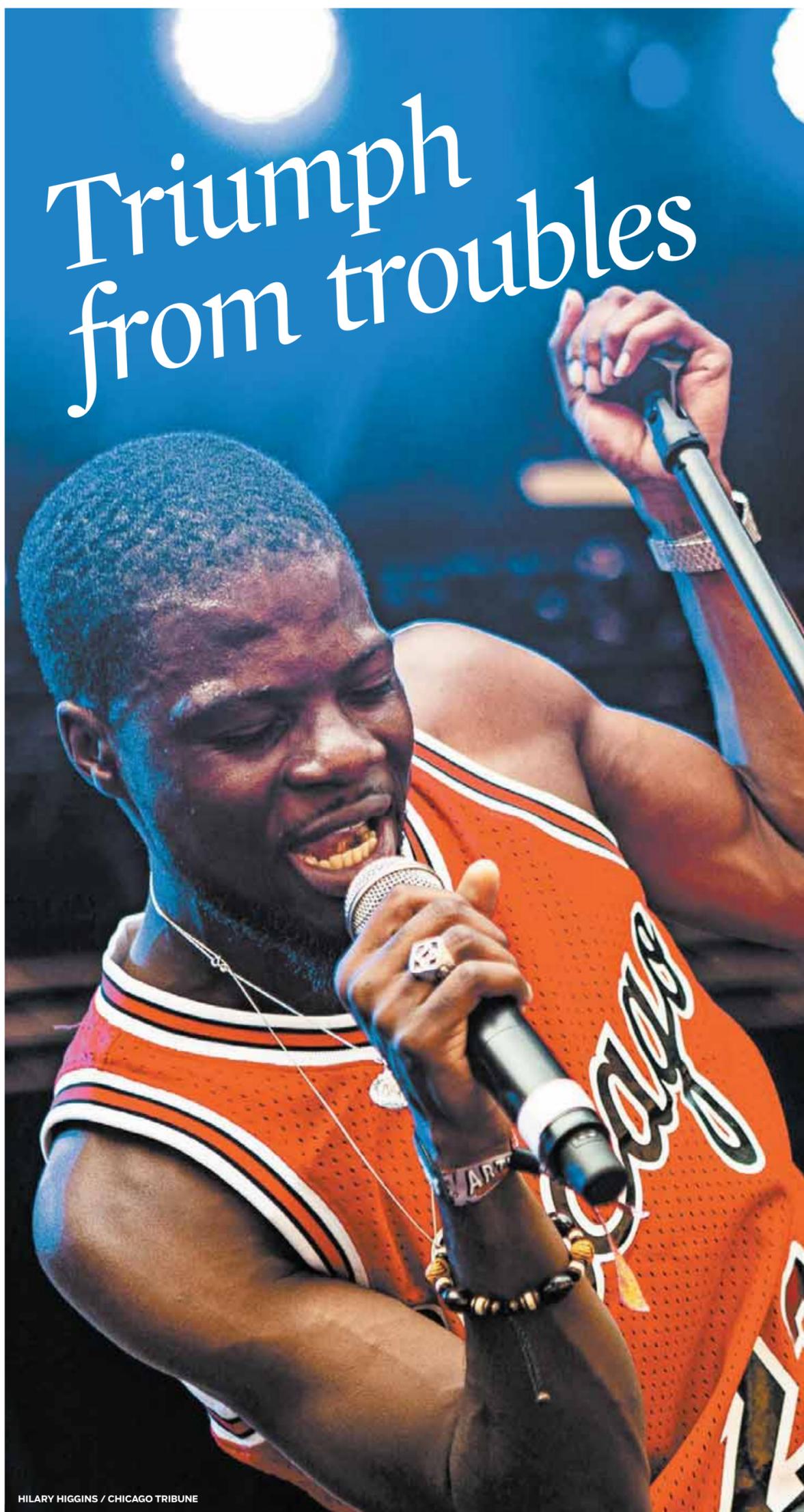
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Chicago's own Chris Jones, covering theater news and reviews from Chicago to Broadway:

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BY GREG KOT | Chicago Tribune

Chicagoans have a complicated relationship with summer, so it's fitting that the video for Femdot's "summer" song, "Snow in July," was released just as the city experienced its first taste of winter.

The moody track wrestles with a contra-

dition, a microcosm of Femdot's soul-drenched, deeply introspective, heavily autobiographical debut album, "Delacreme 2" (Closed Sessions). Femdot's generational peers, including artists such as Noname, Jamila Woods and Chance the Rapper, have woven the notion of summer as a time of fear and loathing in the African-American

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TAKE 10

BY JESSI ROTI | Chicago Tribune



1. Krampus: A Haunted Christmas: Who said haunted houses are only for Halloween? Krampus, Jack Frost, creepy elves and other holiday ghouls are spreading Christmas fear for all to hear — for two days only. *General admission \$28.*

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday. 13th Floor Haunted House Chicago, 1940 George St. tinyurl.com/y9gzwcjh

2. Asleep with the Fishes: Holiday Overnight: Get the whole family together for a sleepover at the Shedd Aquarium. This holiday-themed edition comes complete with hot cocoa, crafts and a visit from Santa. *Regular tickets start at \$85. Doors open at 6 p.m. Friday.* 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive. tinyurl.com/y8c9kwtd

3. TBOX 2018: Can you make it through all 12 Bars of Xmas? Wrigleyville's pop-up bar crawl returns for its 23rd year to put you to the challenge. In addition to the drink specials all day long, your ticket also comes with a Chicago flag gym bag, food throughout the day (including breakfast) and two free tickets to the Laugh Factory. *\$33.33, 21 and older. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. To pick your start bar, visit tbox.org*

4. "Duke It Out" Nutcracker: Tchaikovsky's classic gets a jazz twist thanks to this production from the Music Institute of Chicago. While the traditional "Nutcracker Suite" will still be played, the version featuring music by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn — with transcription from James Stephenson — will surely be a more rollicking time. *\$5. 2 p.m. Saturday.* Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave. tinyurl.com/y82qnl0j

5. Ganser: The quintet's latest LP, "Odd Talk," is post-punk designed to fray the nerves. There's no excuse to miss this show (*it's free*). Cafe Racer will also play. *9:30 p.m. Saturday.* Cole's Bar, 2338 N. Milwaukee Ave. tinyurl.com/yocrdbg66

6. Christmas: A Cocktail Story: Inspired by the holiday favorite, "A Christmas Story," — CH Distillery decked itself out for the season, complete with all the leg lamps and other tacky decor synonymous with the film. *Through Dec. 22.* 564 W. Randolph St. tinyurl.com/y83en14z

7. Blues & Sones: Crosscultural Concerts: Legendary Billy Branch and the Sons of Blues and the acclaimed Sones de Mexico come together for a free concert showing the connection of sound between blues and Mexican folk songs, and Afro-Mexican traditions that still thrive today. *7 p.m. Friday.* National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th St. tinyurl.com/y93bbsvu

8. NewCity Winter Carnival: Train rides, face painting, carnival games, crafts and other interactive activities make up the Winter Carnival. Santa is also set to make an early visit. *Free. 4-6 p.m. Saturday.* 1457 N. Halsted St. tinyurl.com/yc4sdn92

9. Sunday Funday Characters on Ice: Rosemont's rink offers something extra on Sundays in December: Skate with Aladdin and Jasmine this Sunday morning from 9-11 a.m. Bring your own skates or rent there (rentals are \$8). *Chicago Wolves Ice Rink, 5501 Park Place. For the schedule of characters, visit tinyurl.com/yafbh5cl*

10. Underground Art Mart 2018: This pop-up art market provides an affordable venue for displaying, creating and selling art and fashions focused on wellness, repurposed objects, and functional art. *12-8 p.m. Sunday.* Salvage One, 1840 W. Hubbard St. undergroundartmarket.com

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TURN IT UP

BY GREG KOT



Femdot makes life-affirming music from contradictions

Femdot, from Page 1

community into their songs, a season of guns and death. “Snow in July” creates a similarly chilling atmosphere – how can something so bright and beautiful feel so cold?

“The idea came from a couple summers that were really weird, things were not going that well at all for me,” Femdot says. “Summers are supposed to mean happiness, but why do I act like there’s snow outside and I don’t want to go out? I wrote down the title years ago, before I wrote the song. I had this image, and then I started mapping out these smaller moments that led to that feeling, these little moments I learned from: The clouds can’t stay. I know the sun is going to shine. It always gets brighter.”

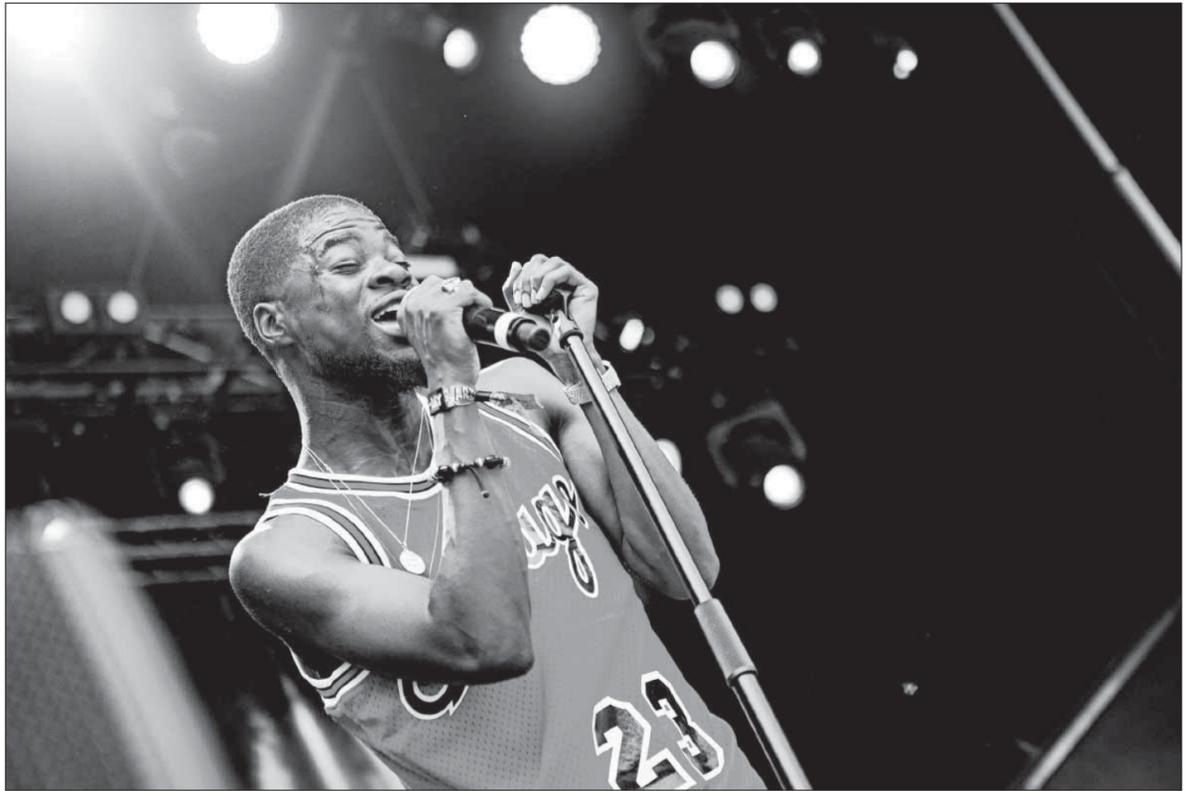
His struggles – being broke, struggling to keep up with his grades in college while working on his music, his indecisiveness about where his life and career were heading – at times felt overwhelming.

“When so much is going on, I can’t write about it in the moment,” he says. “But when you pull out of that dark period, you gain perspective that you didn’t have previously. I see my life as a big contradiction. A lot of what I have seen and done growing up do not necessarily correlate with the path people see me on as a rapper. People are diverse, they are not one dimensional, and I tried to write about that in the song and on the album.”

The MC, born Femi Adigun in Evanston to Nigerian immigrants, was transformed by the hip-hop his older brother introduced to him. But he struggled to find his voice, both literally and figuratively. “I always thought my voice sounded weird, it was too low, and didn’t sound like anything I heard on the radio,” Femdot says.

But taking part in Chicago’s open-mic scene, including YOUmedia and Young Chicago Authors, opened his mind to a new possibility.

“First time I went to open mic, I was 15-16, and it was a Pivot (Gang) feature (the hip-hop collective that includes Saba and Joseph Chilliams), and I thought everyone



HILARY HIGGINS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Femdot performs at Lollapalooza.

When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21

Where: Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave.

Tickets: \$10 and \$15; www.lh-st.com

was much older than me because the talent was ridiculous,” Femdot says. “There was so much talent -- back to back to back, everybody’s hot. It’s crazy. I realized I needed to step my bars up. It became a skill type of thing. You can’t come here and not be fire, because you know everybody else is. Pretty soon I realized this is not normal. My favorite artists were all people my age in the same city.”

The diversity of the voices he heard encouraged him not to imitate, but to accentuate his individuality. He didn’t sound like anyone on the radio, but so what?

“In our city, you may meet a lot of artists who don’t sound like anyone else, but they are authentic in themselves,” he says. “It showed me I could grow without having to

change who I am, and as a matter of fact who I am is why I can grow. You look at Saba, Noname, Smino, and what stands out is how much of them is in their sound. It’s encouraging. You may not like all the elements of you right now, but bringing that out is what will make you successful.”

Femdot juggled college (Penn State and DePaul) and rapping for a time, but eventually made hip-hop the focus rather than his health-science studies a few years ago. A steady stream of self-released music led to his deal with Closed Sessions, the release last June of “Delacreme 2” and a performance at Lollapalooza a few months ago. The artist made the most of his opportunity, with an eight-piece band providing the first live introduction to his new material.

“I’m the kind of person that has a checklist of things to do, and Lollapalooza was one of them,” he says. “I lost my voice the day before, and I was super angry the whole day, trying to conserve as much of my voice as I could. But once we got on

stage, I had a ball, my friends had a ball, and I learned so much about myself, and how things like that work. It was a super hot day, but no one passed out, and there were more people at the end of the set than at the beginning. Given the situation I was in, it went as best as it possibly could go.”

Now that he’s joined the front ranks of Chicago’s hip-hop wave, he’s still processing the twisting path that took him there. “It’s kind of surreal, going from open mics to a larger show like that,” he says. “But in my head, even when I was doing those open mic shows in front of a few people, I always thought I was performing in front of a Lollapalooza-sized crowd.”

Greg Kot co-hosts “Sound Opinions” at 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday on WBEZ-FM 91.5.

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Rapper follows scientific logic to make rhymes

BY BRITT JULIOUS
Chicago Tribune

“I feel like what I want is for people to do what they want to do. Walk in whatever lane they want to walk in and just be comfortable and confident,” said Jordan Holmes, who raps under the moniker DXTR Spits.

An engineer and scientist by day, Holmes claims he takes a scientific approach to his music. “Being an engineer and having that systematic approach to things helps with my songwriting because I’m able to think in structure, arrangement, and composing. They are more tied together than people think,” he offered. “That’s what makes song construction. I apply the same logic from my engineering field to my work in the arts.”

Holmes said he brainstorms and maps the story he wants to tell with each album, track by track. Then, he starts to search for beats already created or have producers make music for the record which aligns with that initial vision. Later, he begins writing the lyrics. “I kind of weave (science and the arts) together and they’ve kind of grown together as part of my image now,” he said.

After growing up in the DMV area and graduating from Virginia Tech in 2014, Holmes relocated to Chicago to grow his music from solo experiments previously reserved for his ears only. Finding a balance between his daytime work and his creative pursuits has not been difficult for Holmes, who said coming to Chicago helped him maintain the motivation it takes to pursue one’s art. He describes the city as resilient. “Chicago doesn’t back down. If anything, it faces things heads on,” he said. “It goes beyond the arts community. It’s part of the culture of the city to grind it out.”

For Holmes, staying resilient means maintaining internally coaching himself to stay motivated and utilizing self-care tools. Pursuing anything in the arts, he said, requires keeping an eye on your Northstar. “You have to pick your Northstar and consistently remind yourself what that Northstar is,” Holmes offered. “So when things crash and burn, which they often do, you’ll at least have an answer for it and keep moving forward.”

His upcoming projects include a collaborative release with local artist Chai Tulani and a solo album, scheduled for release in early 2019. But before that, fans old and new can catch Holmes at one of his “Mad Scientist” shows. “My motto is to live life like an experiment,” Holmes began. “These shows are a full embodiment of that.”



BRITTANY HINRICHS

Jordan Holmes, engineer and scientist by day, raps as DXTR Spits for his musical alter-ego.

When: 9 p.m. Friday

Where: Cole’s Bar, 2338 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Tickets: Free (21+); www.eventbrite.com

The highly curated performances operate like a lab experiment gone wrong in the best possible way. Holmes takes over a venue with his own unique lighting and props to transform the environment into a place where people can “be weird,” aka just be themselves. “I want people to come into the space of a Mad Scientist show and not worry about somebody looking at how you dance or somebody looking at your clothes or something else,” he offered. “I want you to turn up and not worry.”

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30 years later, piano whiz returns to the Green Mill



HOWARD REICH
On Music

Thirty years ago, a little-known pianist from Champaign-Urbana moved to Chicago and quickly aced a standing engagement in one of the city's top jazz rooms, the Green Mill.

Since then, Laurence Hobgood has built a formidable reputation as a double-threat keyboard virtuoso and Grammy-winning arranger.

So when Hobgood celebrates his 30th anniversary at the Mill this weekend, he'll have cause to feel a bit nostalgic about how much has transpired since those early days.

Back then, "Like anybody else, I was hoping to at least get on the radar and make a name for myself of some kind, whatever that means," says the pianist.

He decided to start by dropping in at the Mill, where saxophonist Barry Winograd was leading the late-night Friday jam session. When the evening's pianist was late in getting to show, Winograd invited Hobgood to take his shot.

"At the end of the gig, Barry and (bassist) Steve Hashimoto said: 'Hey, do you want to do this gig every week?'" remembers Hobgood.

"So I had a steady at the Mill, and I'd only lived in Chicago for three days."

Anyone who has heard Hobgood — even back then — would not be surprised

by that offer, even if the pianist himself was. For the fluidity, tonal sheen and narrative arc of Hobgood's pianism long has set him apart from contemporaries, his work only deepening through the decades.

Of all the subsequent residences he held at the Mill before moving to New York, in 2006, none has been more important to him than his tenure in former Chicago saxophonist Ed Petersen's Monday night band.

"Ed's book was so challenging, and that music was so hard," says Hobgood, who also accompanied singer Kurt Elling's appearances at the Mill in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

"If there were eight to 10 crazy hard pieces that we were focusing on, you'd think that at least you'd have another chance next Monday to try to do better."

"But that wasn't the way Ed ran the gig. He might call a tune that was hard to play, and he might not call it for another six months. That band just ratcheted up our standard for what was conceivably possible in terms of complexity. Like playing a piece that's 11 pages long with almost impossible chord changes and odd phrase lengths."

At one point, Hobgood rebelled.

"We had played this tune before, and it had been a frustration before," remembers Hobgood. "This one particular time we played it, about a chorus-and-half into my solo, I just basically said: To hell with it, and I totally went off script. I stopped looking at the paper. ... I was just playing



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Laurence Hobgood, whose career took flight at the Green Mill, will return to the historic club to celebrate an anniversary.

When: 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday

Where: Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway

Tickets: \$15; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com

whatever.

"And at the end of the tune, Ed got on the mic and said: 'Wow, I don't think I've ever heard anybody butcher my chord changes quite like that.'"

"And then he goes: 'The thing is, I totally dug it.'"

That's the effect Hobgood's work tends to have on listeners, even the most demanding of them: It sweeps you along on the journey, whether you intend to go or not.

One other Green Mill

memory holds a large place in Hobgood's life: the night in fall of 2015 when he proposed to actor-singer-dancer Ariane Reinhart.

"The main thing is that I succeeded in completely surprising her, and if you know my wife, you know that that's very difficult to do," says Hobgood, who'll lead a quintet during this weekend's appearances.

"But there was absolutely no way — in her mind — that I was going to do that there, because of the way I get when I'm in the middle of a weekend like that — there's nothing but the music."

"It was really magical. I pretended to drop something on the ground, so that it got me on my knees. And I came up with the ring,

and she was completely flabbergasted. The club was packed, as it gets, people standing.

"So nobody, except for the people standing right by us, saw it happen. But after I stood up and we were hugging and she was crying, and I was probably crying a little bit, it took less than a minute for the whole place to erupt into an ovation. It just spread like wildfire: 'Laurence asked Ariane to marry him.'"

Only at the Mill.

Grossman Ensemble debut

In one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the season, the Chicago Center for Contemporary Composition, at the University of

Chicago, launches the Grossman Ensemble this weekend. The center's resident group, staffed will make its bow playing world-premiere compositions by Shulamit Ran, David Rakowski, Sam Pluta and Tonia Ko. Ben Bolter, co-director of Northwestern University's Contemporary Music Ensemble and associate director of Northwestern's Institute for New Music, will conduct. 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St.; \$15; students free with ID; visit c3cc.uchicago.edu.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Jingle stuff, youthful pop stars

Sabrina Carpenter, Lauv on music and teenage fame

BY ALLISON STEWART
Chicago Tribune

Like Demi Lovato and Selena Gomez before her, Sabrina Carpenter used the Disney Channel as a springboard to pop stardom. Carpenter, 19, first began releasing music while starring in the series "Girl Meets World." After years on the cusp she's had a big 2018, releasing her third, most ambitious full-length, "Singular: Act 1" (home to the new single, "Sue Me"), and co-starring in the film "The Hate U Give."

Pop star Lauv, 24, has also had an eventful year: His new hit single, "There's No Way," is a duet with his new-ish girlfriend (Julia Michaels, also a pop star). He also dropped "I Met You When I Was 18," a collection of his finest, most heartbreaking-est EDM-pop songs, including the multi-platinum "I Like Me Better."

He also gained traction for his My Blue Thoughts project, in which brief notes written by fans and dropped in a blue box at Lauv's shows are collated and put online. It's an innovative-and sometimes heartwrenching-new way to communicate with fans: Lauv and Carpenter both have devoted social media followings.

Lauv, born Ari Leff ("lauv" means "lion" in Latvian) is at work on his official debut; Carpenter is currently assembling "Singular: Act 2," both slated for release next year. Lauv plays B96's Jingle Bash at Allstate Arena on Saturday, Carpenter appears at KISS FM's Jingle Ball at Allstate on Wednesday. In separate phone interviews, Lauv and Carpenter discussed their recent stints as stadium show openers (Lauv opened shows for Ed Sheeran, Carpenter for Ariana Grande), and their fraught early years.

The following are excerpts from those conversations:

On their teenage growing pains

Lauv: Growing up, I played in bands, and my sister would drive me and my friends on tour. We were fourteen, fifteen, and we would play to zero people. I don't consider myself a super confident person, especially when I was younger. I didn't really like high school or anything. I felt outside the main vibe of high school. I went from wanting to be an artist when I was a kid to spending a few years trying to be behind the scenes, and write pretty songs (for other artists), before really focusing on myself.



AMANDA CHARCHIAN

Sabrina Carpenter took off for fame via the Disney Channel, and 2018 has been a breakout year for her.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday (Jingle Bash); 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Jingle Ball)

Where: Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont

Tickets: \$70-\$125 (Jingle Bash); \$30-\$125 (Jingle Ball); 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com

Sabrina Carpenter: I started songwriting before I ever booked my first role on a television show or a movie. ... I don't want to say it's harder (starting out as a Disney star). I can't say because I don't know, but for some reason there's this, not negative energy, but a "You have to prove yourself to me" kind of energy when you come from that network, for whatever reason. I don't quite understand it.

On finding their voices during their early years

Carpenter: I was always given the ability, but I don't think I ever took as much of the opportuni-

ties as were probably there. I don't think I was comfortable enough around the people I was working with, that I felt I could completely control the room, and I could control what I could be and sound and feel like. I was trusting a lot of other people that they knew better than I did, and I should let them take the lead.

Lauv: I felt like I wasn't using music the way I wanted to. I wanted to say things with the music, and I was like, "Okay, then you have to go and actually do it." It wasn't like I was unhappy having attention. I feel awkward under pressure and unsocial sometimes, but I wanted to have my own platform.

On forging a deeper bond with fans through social media

Carpenter: If I didn't have (social media), I wouldn't be able to access them so easily, and I wouldn't be able to talk to them and know if they're liking the

things that I'm doing. ... It's so nice when I get to talk to them on a more personal level. Not, "My people (will talk to) your people." We get to connect as friends.

Lauv: Every night, I've been going through the (blue thoughts) notes, and I take photographs and put them on the online site, so fans can see that somebody halfway through the world is going through the same thing as them, and feel like they're not alone. I haven't really gotten anything (alarming). If there was something, for safety my team would be forced to do something. But it's more like people talking about struggling with an eating disorder, or losing a parent, or maybe having a crush on their best friend.

On what they learned from their stints as stadium tour openers

Lauv: Just by observing (Sheeran) and being friends with him, he treated me and my crew so well on tour.... It had made a

big difference for him when he was treated like that, and he decided that when he was playing big places, he was going to treat people under him with that same level of respect and hospitality. He's a rare example of somebody who's just a normal dude who's really dedicated to his craft. He writes songs every day, he's focused on the music, he's focused on being a good person, and he works hard, and that was really it. That's inspiring to me.

Carpenter: As long as I'm honestly being authentic and happy and enjoying what I'm doing still, that's all that really matters, but ever since I was a little girl I've always wanted to play arenas and stadiums. Every chance I get to be on a stage like that, I never take it for granted.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Luke Combs climbs to top of the country scene

BY DAN HYMAN
Chicago Tribune

It's been a hectic few weeks for Luke Combs since he won the New Artist of the Year award at the 52nd annual Country Music Association Awards, but as the North Carolina-raised country star said when calling from his adopted home in Nashville hours before decamping for Maui, it's just been that kind of the year.

"Sometimes I'll be having a conversation with someone and they'll be saying, 'Hey, do you remember this thing we did?' and it won't have even been a year ago. And I'll be like, 'Man, that feels like it was three years ago!'" said Combs, who in the past 18 months has seen all four singles off his debut album, "This One's For You," hit Number One on the Billboard Country Airplay chart. "It's all been pretty wild."

Having arrived on the national scene last year with his breakout single, "Hurricane," Combs — all grizzled and gnarly twang on record but calm and collected in conversation — said he's aware how, at first glance, his success might resemble an overnight success story. But as the bearded and burly 28-year-old grinder explained, having spent years steadily amassing a dedicated fanbase via his fiery live show, and only landing a major-label deal with Sony Music Nashville once his fanbase and ticket-selling prowess became too obvious to ignore, nothing can be

When: 8:30 p.m., Dec. 13

Where: Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont

Tickets: \$35-\$55; 847-261-0392 or www.joesliverosemont.com

farther from the truth.

"It was a lot of time spent eating ramen noodles," the Asheville native said with a laugh of his salad days pounding the pavement. "But I'll tell you what: I was having as much fun then as I'm having right now. Looking back it does look like this really awesome master plan," Combs, who plays Joe's Live Rosemont on Thursday, added of his decision to not immediately beg for a label deal but rather remain independent for years and fight through failure before striking it big. "But really I was just a guy doing what I thought was the next best thing to get where I was trying to go."

It worked: in roughly five years, Combs progressed from dingy bar gigs to his 28-date headlining Beer Never Broke My Heart arena tour that kicks off next month. To hear him tell it, it's all thanks to him and his long-time band's no-frills live show. "I've never been a fan of tons of bells and whistles," he said. "Big flames? We don't do any of that stuff. We want to keep the focus on us and the music onstage. We want to sing and play every note right. Of course we don't every night and that's fine. Because people can relate to the fact that



JIM WRIGHT

Luke Combs has followed his breakout single, "Hurricane," with awards and a string of No. 1 singles.

it's not perfect and it's not this rehearsed thing where every night's the same.

"Honestly though I didn't have a notebook in front of me with a goals list," Combs said of his mindset during the lean years. "It was all logical steps. You're setting the foundation for your success. Baby steps to bigger things." A notable one in recent times being the singer selling out two consecutive nights at Nashville's famed Ryman Theater this past February. "But really," he added when it's posited that an accomplishment like that must feel worlds away from his bar-fueled days, "when you're booking your first bar gigs in the world that you're living in then that's as big as playing the Ryman. Everything that's happening now is all making me look like a genius, sure. But I certainly am not. I think it was just really a

lot of dumb luck."

Did Combs have a dose of good fortune? Sure. What successful artist hasn't? Then again, when Combs' number was called, he arrived prepared to thrive: the everyman-looking singer — who is quick to admit his dude-next-door vibe makes him relatable to fans — not only possesses his idol and fellow Ashevillean Eric Church's authentic country swagger, but as evidenced by some of his best singles from "She Got The Best of Me" to "One Number Away," he also has a natural ear for a pop hook. "I think there's a very cookie-cutter way of doing things sometimes and we try to live outside of that box," he says of his and his tight-knit team's approach to his career. To wit, earlier this year Combs performed alongside soul singer Leon Bridges on a standout episode of "CMT Crossroads" that

saw each of the stellar young talents covering each other's songs.

And yet for all his humility and the recognition that he needs to embrace this admittedly surreal moment while it lasts, Combs admitted his life has indeed changed in rather profound ways. "It can just be a little bit hard to believe how many people recognize you on the street," he said of his newfound fame. Though there are, of course, exceptions. "When we're out in Los Angeles there's not as many people coming up to you," he noted with a laugh, "but when you're in Middle Tennessee it can sometimes feel like you're Elvis."

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WEEKEND DINING

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Uni chawanmushi is on the menu at Yugen, which recently opened on the Near West Side.

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Katsumura aims for the big time

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

"Despite the snow and the holidays," said Mari Katsumura, "business was pretty steady."

Thus went the first two weeks of Yugen, which was crazy/brilliant enough to debut just before Thanksgiving, eliminating the possibility of a packed dining room but easing the pressure on what, despite its considerable ambition, is very much a fledgling operation.

Chef Katsumura, daughter of the late, legendary Yoshi Katsumura, is known throughout the city as a pastry chef, but her savory work is virtually unknown (though she worked pastry and savory stations at Michelin-starred Entente). Yugen is her first head-chef position. Opposite her, the restaurant's general manager



Head chef Mari Katsumura

and director of operations, Morgan Olszewski (daughter of owner Michael Olszewski) has an MBA, but this is her first foray into the restaurant business.

The two are assisted by two veterans. Pastry chef Jeanine Lamandieu was most recently at Smyth (two Michelin stars) and Le Bernardin (three); beverage

director Olivia Noren was previously at Le Bernardin, Per Se (three Michelin stars) and Sepia (one).

The restaurant is in the former home of Grace, which Michael Olszewski owned (it closed after a partnership dispute). The dining room was redesigned in earth and jewel tones and what Katsumura called Zen touches, including a living greenery wall. Tables in dark charcoal wood convey a sense of minimalism.

Here, Katsumura creates a 10-course tasting menu, which she describes as "contemporary Japanese, with avant-garde techniques and Midwestern ingredients." The menu is priced at \$205; optional matching beverages are \$135. (There's also a "secret" sake pairing, available by request.)

Among the dishes on the opening menu are seaweed salad

with fried oyster and black sesame; uni chawanmushi with pear and foie gras; wagyu shabu-shabu; and binchotan-grilled octopus with smoked chateaufort.

The space also contains Kaisho, a 15-20 seat cocktail lounge (an a la carte menu of small plates will be added soon, Katsumura said) that seats guests on a first-come, first-served basis.

Former guests at Grace will note that the restrooms, each decorated for a different season, remain the same.

"Seasonality is a big part of our culture," Katsumura said, "so the restrooms fit perfectly."

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Bonci This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust, topped with hundreds of different high-quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. This is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: sold by weight, about \$10/person. 161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — Nick Kindelsperger

Cafe Marie-Jeanne Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Cafe Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave., 773-904-7660. — Phil Vettel

Cafe Spiaggia The less-expensive sister restaurant to Spiaggia has food that is rustic yet sophisticated. Starters and pastas are scaled for one but can certainly be split if you order a couple. Do. All dinner entrees save the steak are meant for sharing, and the assortment of gelatos for dessert dazzles. Open: Lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Small plates \$9-\$21; entrees \$28-\$48. 980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280-2750. — Bill Daley

Ceres' Table This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound. The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the reasonably priced cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124

N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — Phil Vettel

Cherry Circle Room A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. Executive chef Peter Coenen's menu recalls steakhouse classics in his refined takes on Caesar salad and beef tartare. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$45. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — Phil Vettel

Chopo Chicken Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The sh*tick: a short menu of four or five proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger

City Mouse From the team behind Logan Square's Giant comes this Fulton Market District restaurant in the Ace Hotel. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the casual, eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. Open brunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$34. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — Phil Vettel

Cochon Volant For a restaurant whose name translates to "flying pig," this boisterous brasserie in the Hyatt Centric Hotel is pleasingly down to earth. Can't-miss



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Che Figata Tucked into the Hotel Arista in Naperville, Che Figata encompasses a spacious dining room, kitchen-view horseshoe bar and a long outdoor patio with fire pits. The menu lists more than a dozen cicchetti (which means "small dishes" everywhere but here; chef and founder Mark Grimes doesn't do small) and a large variety of salads and soups, pizzas, pastas and meat and fish entrees. If you can't find something to like here, you're not even trying. The pizzas, above — Roman al taglio-style ovals, made with proofed-for-days dough that results in an airy, focaccialike base with well-crisped edges — are terrific. In-house pastas are also good, particularly the short-rib ravioli with black truffle and Gorgonzola in a Parmesan brodo. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Pastas and main courses \$17-\$44. 2155 City Gate Lane, Naperville, 630-579-3210. — Phil Vettel

signatures include the silky chicken-liver mousse. Open: Dinner and breakfast daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$14.95-\$24.95. 100 W. Monroe St., 312-754-6560. — Phil Vettel

Craft Urban Owner Bernie Laskowski worked at Everest, Marche, mk, Bin 36 and Park Grill before opening this restaurant. The compact menu features snacks like tempura-fried cheese curds, gourmet "breads and spreads," seafood, porchetta, beef and desserts. The restaurant also has cocktails, wine and a late-night ramen offering. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Entrees: \$19-\$34. 211 James St., Geneva, 331-248-8161. — Phil Vettel

Cruz Blanca Cooks heap freshly

grilled meat and tortillas on a paper-covered platter for DIY assembly at Rick Bayless's long-awaited taqueria. The spot is also a brewery with food-friendly beers. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$13. 904 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975. — Nick Kindelsperger

The Delta Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales. They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. Open dinner and late night daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — Nick Kindelsperger

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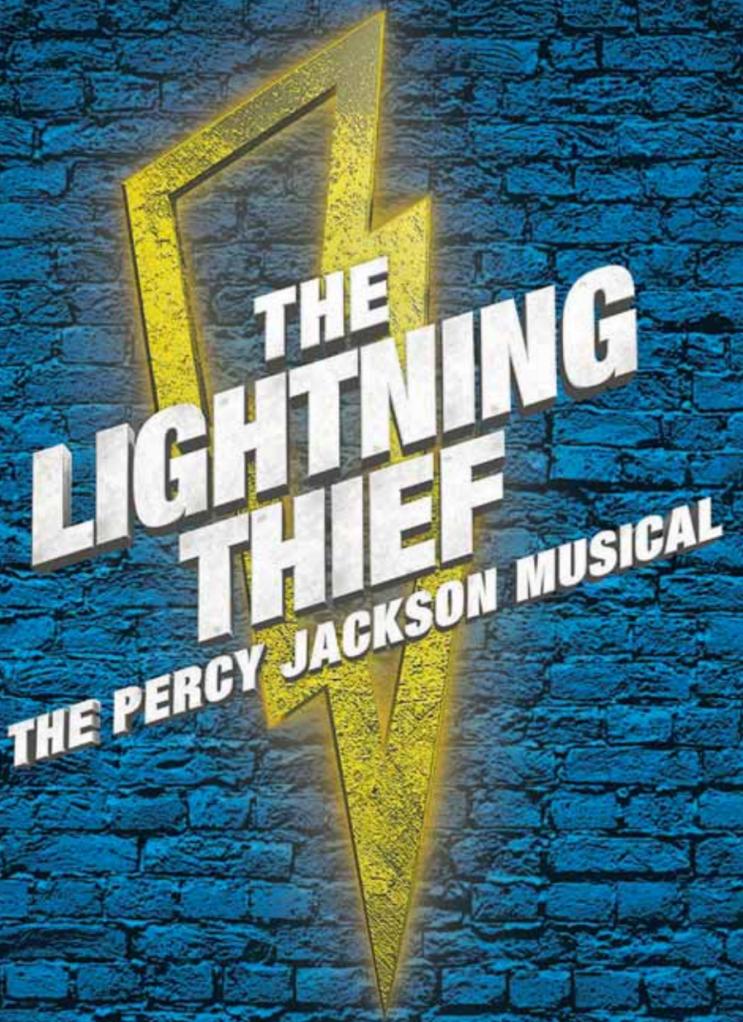
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THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



Theo Ubique opens in Evanston

Fans of Theo Ubique Theatre, the diminutive, distinguished Chicago theater that really started the now-buoyant trend of micro-musicals in Chicago, have been left nibbling cold turkey this fall, as the company awaited the readiness of its new home.

It's been a long hiatus. Theo Ubique has not produced a show since "Sweeney Todd" last April. That Sondheim mini-extravaganza closed in August. Since then, no Theo Ubique actors have performed choreographic extravaganzas in a space smaller than some living rooms, nor sung sweet ballads just inches from their paying customers.

Come Monday, though, Theo Ubique is officially re-opened for business — not in the Chicago neighborhood of Rogers Park, its longtime home, but just across the border in Evanston. To celebrate, many of its performers will be removing their clothing: the first show at the new Theo Ubique Theatre is "The Full Monty," the popular movie-turned-musical about a bunch of steelworkers who decide to get their collective kit off as a means of fighting back against their own obsolescence.

"So, so busy," said the clearly delighted artistic director Fred Anzevino, 61, during a brief chat on Tues-



CODY JOLLY PHOTO

Jacquelyne Jones as Mrs. Lovett and Philip Torre as Sweeney Todd in "Sweeney Todd" by Theo Ubique at the No Exit Cafe.

day. "Dishes to be washed. Liquor to be served. A show to be directed."

The new Theo Ubique actually is all of about 10 feet outside the city limits. It's located at 721 N. Howard St., which is on the Evanston side of the boundary street, the street once also the home of the Wisdom Bridge Theatre. Theo

Ubique's new building is a renovation of a double storefront — one side used to be a mailing service, the other a church. A popular restaurant, Peckish Pig, is a block away and the theater will share its \$8 valet parking service with neighborhood eateries.

Although it has struggled to get a major arts building

downtown — Northlight Theatre's plan to move to downtown Evanston as part of a new high-rise was scuppered after neighborhood opposition to the whole development — Evanston has been far more successful in getting behind the arts in its southern wards. The City of Evanston kicked in some \$1.2

million in so-called tax increment financing (or TIF) funds, one of the larger commitments that community has made to the arts in recent years.

Theo Ubique raised another \$205,000 on its own, but Evanston's contribution largely was what made the move possible. The theater will pay rent to the city on an ongoing basis, but even that commitment has been waived until opening night, allowing the theater to build out new sound and light systems and generally find its feet in a new locale.

Anzevino said he wants the experience of watching a show in the new space to retain all of the intimacy of the much-loved No Exit Cafe, the previous home on Glenwood Avenue in Rogers Park. Although the capacity has gone from 60 to 85 — still tiny by most theatrical standards — the mix of cabaret tables and standard theater seating will remain the same. The bar — long a focal point of this theater — will still be in the playing space. And show-themed food still will be served, as an optional extra, before the show.

One key change for the fiscal health of the theater is that it will now control its own bar and retain those profits (catering is to be outsourced, at least initially, to an Evanston company).

Ticket prices will have risen only around five bucks or so.

Theo Ubique — known for its truly uncanny ability to spot and showcase young talent — once was the only theater in town where you could see musicals performed in so tiny a space by live Chicago professionals. But to its south, L. Walter Stearns now is doing something very similar in his cabaret space, "Venus," on Southport Avenue, a few miles to the south.

Anzevino says he's aware of all that, tries not to spend too much time looking over his shoulder, and sees the new location as advantageous when it comes to attracting that crucial musical-loving audience from the North Shore. So far subscriptions are up about 15 percent.

After "Full Monty" closes, Theo Ubique will stage "The Bridges of Madison County" and then "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," which should blow out a few Evanston eardrums, if Hedwig is doing her job.

And if you are curious about the old space, the No Exit Cafe? A new jazz bar, Le Piano, just opened therein.

Chris Jones is a Tribune critic.

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OPENINGS

Saturday

"The Winter Wolf": Cora is visited by her ailing grandfather, who tells her the legend of the Winter Wolf, a strange creature stalks those in the winter of their lives. *Through Jan. 6 at Otherworld Theatre, 3914 N. Clark St.; www.otherworldtheatre.org*

Monday

"The Full Monty": Based on the cult film of the same name, a group of unemployed steel workers from Buffalo start stripping to make some quick cash. *Through Jan. 27 at Theo Ubique, 721 Howard St., Evanston; 773-347-1109 and www.theo-u.com*

Wednesday

"Cirque Dreams Holiday": A combination of Broadway musical and a circus spectacle, the show is in Chicago for the holidays. *Through Dec. 16 at the Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.; 312-462-6300 and www.cirqueproductions.com*

CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"A Shayna Maidel"

★★★★
Barbara Lebow's 1980s play "A Shayna Maidel" is a simple story of the reconciliation of a father and his two Jewish, Polish-born sisters, one of whom survived a concentration camp, the other who escaped the Holocaust and came to America. But you don't escape anything, of course. *Through Dec. 16 at TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave.; \$40-\$54 at timelinetheatre.com*

"Gaslight District" ★★★

The best work in the new Second City e.t.c. Stage revue "Gaslight District" engages at an equal level with the paying customers in the seats. For example, there's a terrific Uber Pool bit mocking the faux communities that emerge in the traffic-snarling world of shared rides. *Open run on the Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$48 at www.secondcity.com*

"Gypsy" ★★★★★

If you doubt that the passion of one performer can raise the game of an entire young cast, you have not seen E. Faye Butler as Rose in the fabulous new Porchlight production of "Gypsy." Watching Butler, an African-American, play the part for which she clearly has longed merely intensifies the themes of this musical. *Through Dec. 29 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St.; \$34-\$61 at www.porchlightmusictheatre.org*

"Hamilton" ★★★★★

This heartland "Hamilton" is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Miss Saigon" ★★★★★

Some 26 years after its signature chopper first descended on the Auditorium Theatre, "Miss Saigon" is back in Chicago. Under the supervision of the original producer Cameron Mackintosh, it still delivers the spectacular experience that made Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil ("Les Misérables") into a duo of unparalleled success. *Through Dec. 8 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; \$35-\$120 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*



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Bradley Armacost and Adam Wesley Brown star in "The Woman in Black," at the Royal George Theatre through Feb. 17.

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"The Woman in Black" ★★★★★

"The Woman in Black," at the Royal George Theatre, is an old-school Gothic ghost story, adapted by Stephen Mallatrat from the novel by Susan Hill about a young lawyer sent to a remote English house to deal with a dead woman's affairs. Plenty of people could tell you what happens next. Director Robin Herford's 1987 production was such a hit that it moved to London's West End, where it plays to this day. Chicago's show is actually directed by Herford, starring Adam Wesley Brown and Bradley Armacost. With low levels of lighting, amplified sound effects and no digital trickery, this is most certainly the scariest show in town. *Through Feb. 17 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at 312-988-9000 or theroyalgeorgetheatre.com*

"Plainclothes" ★★★

Spenser Davis' "Plainclothes" is an ambitious but overstuffed situation comedy from Chicago's burgeoning Broken Nose Theatre. The setting is the loss-prevention office at a Chicago department store, with hourly employees trying to catch mostly impoverished shoplifters. There are elements of improvisation, but also a hyper-naturalistic sensibility and several amped-up performances from the likes of Alejandro Tey, Stephanie Shum and RjW Mays. This could be an entire television series. *Through Dec. 15 at The Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.; tickets pay-what-you-can at www.brokennosetheatre.com*

"Rightlynd" ★★★

"Rightlynd," a very promising new play by Ike Holter at the Victory Gardens Theater under the direction of Lisa Portes, is a

work about Chicago. Set in the fictional 51st Ward of the city, it follows newly elected alderman Nina Esposito (Monica Orozco) in her struggle against gentrification. *Through Dec. 30 at Victory Gardens Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; \$27-\$60 at 773-871-3000 or www.victorygardens.org*

"Southern Gothic" ★★★★★

As you walk into the theater for the play "Southern Gothic" by Leslie Liautaud, you're asked to enter what looks like a real house. You and your 27 fellow audience members join four couples, variously loving, scheming, cheating and feuding. Thanks to this truthful cast, it all works spectacularly well. *Through Dec. 9 at the Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road; \$65-\$85 at 773-891-8985 and www.windycityplayhouse.com*

"The Steadfast Tin Soldier" ★★★★★

The hero of the gorgeous new show at Lookingglass Theatre is tormented by a big baby, swallowed by a storm drain, chased by a rat and incinerated. Mary Zimmerman's new adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" is barely more than an hour long and does not use a lick of human speech. But this is a major new work, with the message that we don't die, we merely change shape. It's one holiday show you don't want to miss. *Through Jan. 13 at Lookingglass Theatre in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$35-\$85 at 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglasstheatre.org*

"This Bitter Earth" ★★★★★

In the most powerful moment in "This Bitter Earth," a new two-character play by Harrison David Rivers, we see a young white man

berating his African-American lover for what he sees as shameful political inaction, especially when it comes to matters of race. His lover, played at About Face Theatre by the resonant Sheldon Brown, stares back at him. How can his own partner not see the great cost of his merely surviving in this world? *Through Dec. 8 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; \$20-\$38 at 773-975-8150 or www.aboutface.org*

"Twelfth Night" ★★★★★

William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night, Or What You Will" takes its name from the coming of the Feast of the Epiphany — and director Michael Halberstam's warm-centered new production of the venerable comedy of intrigue and disguise has invested heavily in that. Many of Chicago's classical heavy-hitters are here — the likes of William Brown and Sean Fortunato — and they make the comic scenes of merriment particularly strong. *Through Dec. 16 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 and www.writers theatre.org*

"Witch" ★★★

The Faustian myth — wherein some ambitious dude sells his soul to the devil — is one of literature's most popular themes. In Jen Silverman's most interesting "Witch," which has its world premiere at Writers Theatre in Glencoe, Faust becomes Elizabeth, a woman who has an especially strong motivation to sell her soul to the devil, given that everyone in her community already believes her to be a witch. How does the equation change when the Faustian bargain must be made by a woman? The scenes between Audrey Francis (as Elizabeth) and Ryan Hallahan (the devil) are the high points of this lively new play — and, indeed, of director Marti Lyons' production. *Through Dec. 16 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 and www.writers theatre.org*

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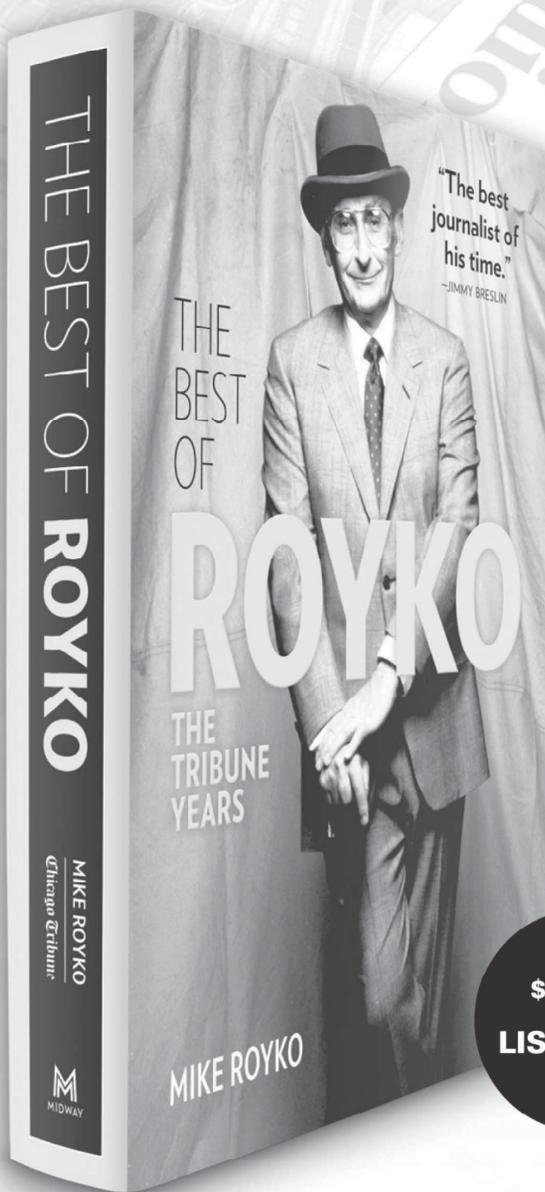
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REVIEW: 2019 HONDA INSIGHT



A good-looking hybrid? Thank you, Honda

The federal government loves to tell folks what to do, like insisting automakers build cars that meet hundreds of different requirements, and it's why cars like the new 2019 Honda Insight Hybrid exist — to meet federal fuel economy mandates that dictate that an automakers fleet average 54.5 mpg by 2025. But this is one case where being told what's good for us is actually good for us.

Slotting between the Civic and Accord, the new Insight doesn't look dorky or odd like most other hybrids. Its eloquent elegance is striking. It's not merely the best-looking sedan in the Honda line-up; it's the best-looking hybrid on the market, wearing a sophistication that was once common on all Hondas.

Similarly, the Insight delivers enough power to tackle the Pokey Parkway Grand Prix, but not so much as to make a Middle Eastern oil minister happy. Honda's two-motor hybrid system, similar to the one used in the Accord Hybrid, employs a 1.5-liter Atkinson-cycle four-cylinder engine and a pair of electric motors. One motor drives the front wheels while another produces electricity. The result generates 151 horsepower and 197 pound-feet of torque while returning an EPA-rated 55 mpg city, 49 mpg highway, on base LX and mid grade EX models, 51 mpg city, 45 mpg highway on top-level Touring models. In a mix of heavy-footed suburban and highway driving, the Insight returned 43 mpg.

Obviously, your mileage will be better if you listen to the Insight scolding you to drive efficiently.

Uniquely, the Insight doesn't use a conventional transmission or a continuously variable transmission. Instead, a clutch connects the gas engine and electric generator motor to the electric propulsion motor. This results in power being supplied directly to the front wheels without a conventional transmission, saving weight and space.

As with any electric vehicle, throttle response is strong off the line, feeling sprightly, yet delivering a driveline response. But release your inner Andreotti, and/or increase your speed, and you'll find the gas engine starts droning unpleasantly. Once it does, you'll find the Insight does not like being pushed around; smooth gradual inputs are rewarded. The regenerative braking, which captures energy during deceleration, is satisfactory, and the amount can be adjusted through paddles mounted on the steering wheel.

The Insight offers selectable driving modes, with Sport providing more punch thanks to extra battery assist, and the throttle seems more responsive. But it doesn't make the Insight a corner carver. Instead, you'll find driving it to be akin to a well-engineered mainstream sedan, with a quiet cabin, roomy interior — even in the rear seat — and the usual array of technology.

The roominess is especially notable. Unlike other hybrids, engineers placed the Insight's hybrid 60-cell lithium ion battery pack under the rear seats rather than in the trunk, allowing for a generous 15.1 cubic feet of cargo space and a folding rear seat back. What's also notable is the car's incredibly low seating position, which makes getting in and out of the car a test of core strength.

As you'd expect, the Insight comes with Honda's suite of driver assistance and safety features, which includes Collision Mitigation Braking, Forward Collision Warning, Lane Keeping Assist System, Road Departure Mitigation, Lane Departure Warning, Adaptive Cruise Control and Traffic Sign Recognition.

This third-generation remains best Honda has produced, with handsome styling, a beautiful interior and quiet demeanor that lent it the aura of a car that belies its price.

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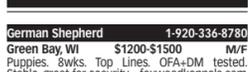
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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Messiyah Anderson AKA Messiyah Ariel Anderson Ferrell

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mary Anderson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA01069

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Larry Taylor Harold** (Father), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 16, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Richard Stevens** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/21/2018** at **11:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **6 COURTR00M F**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS **December 7, 2018**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Shantell Belk

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lashanda Wells (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00780

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown** (Father), respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 16, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/21/2018** at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR **10 COURTR00M J**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY 118 NORTH CLARK STREET ROOM 608 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 312-603-6649; FAX: 312-603-3643 LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Zyan Dampier

A MINOR NO. 2018JD01854

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Maurice Quinn** (Father), respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **November 15, 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 **Linda Paulini** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **12/20/2018** at **9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **60 COURTR00M 12**, 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 of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT **December 7, 2018**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **M. Long, W. Lacy, A. Wright**

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FORECLOSURES

MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. ERNESTO CRUZ, SR.; JAZMIN CASSIO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-12717

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Ernesto Cruz, Sr., Jazmin Cassio, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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:

Lot 12 in Block 5 in Treat's Subdivision, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

1030 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651 16-02-313-033-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Ernesto Cruz Sr., Jazmin Cassio, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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 January 7, 2019, 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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Alan S. Kaufman (6289893) **MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC** Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-030181 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 12/7, 12/14 & 12/21/2018 6022306

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. ERICA N. JONES, AKA ERICA JONES; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.; THE LAW OFFICES OF CHRISTOPHER D. EDMONDS, CITY OF CHICAGO; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-12824

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Erica N. Jones, AKA Erica Jones, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before January 7, 2019, default may be entered against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 45 (Except the North 10 feet there of) and the North 20 feet of Lot 404 1/2 W. McCormack's Westmoreland, a subdivision in the West 1/2 of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 12, North of the Indian Boundary Line, in Cook County, Illinois.

1435 South Spenser Avenue, Berkeley, IL 60163 15-08-109-049-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Erica N. Jones, AKA Erica Jones, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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 January 7, 2019, 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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Michael A. Phelps (6297416) **MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC** Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-mphelps@manleydeas.com file number: 18-030524 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 12/7, 12/14 & 12/21/2018 6022942

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MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, GUARANTEED RATE, INC., Plaintiff, v. DESIREE TAYLOR; CITY OF CHICAGO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018-CH-13440

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Desiree Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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:

The West 33 feet of the East 42 feet of the South 150 feet of Lot 403 in Austin's Subdivision of Block 14 in Austin's Second Addition to Austinville, in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

5826 West Race Avenue, Chicago, IL 60644 16-08-217-017-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Desiree Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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 January 7, 2019, 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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MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICES, Plaintiff, v. LAWRENCE A. GLINES; MARY THERESA GLINES, AKA MARY T. GLINES; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 27 DAY OF JANUARY 1990 AND KNOWN AS THE JAMES P. FILKINS AND ANNELEESE M. FILKINS TRUST, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH13482

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 Trust Agreement dated 27 day of January 1990 and known as the James P. Filkins and Annelee M. Filkins Trust, 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:

Lot Four (4) in Block Five (5) in Gillick's Lot Four, being a subdivision of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 35, Township 41 North, Range 12 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

734 South Vines Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068 09-35-410-015-0000

Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, The Unknown Successor Trustees of the Trust Agreement dated 27 day of January 1990 and known as the James P. Filkins and Annelee M. Filkins Trust, 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 January 7, 2019, 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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Alan S. Kaufman (6289893) **MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC** Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER: 18-029675 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 12/7, 12/14 & 12/21/2018 6022313

MANLEY DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. MIRANDA L. COOPER; WEST SUBURBAN BANK; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH13549

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Miranda L. Cooper, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, 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:

Lot 9 in the Subdivision of Block 10 in Harding's Subdivision of West 1/2 of the Northwest

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TO: 130 Broadway, Inc.; 130 Broadway, Inc., c/o Francis J. Bongiovanni, Reg. Agent; Wheaton Bank & Trust Company, as Successor to Community Bank-Wheaton/Glen Elyn; Wheaton Bank & Trust Company, a division of Wintrust Bank, as Successor to Community Bank-Wheaton/Glen Elyn; Brotshul Potts LLC; Weiss Insurance Agencies, Inc., c/o John D. Weiss, Reg. Agent; John D. Weiss; Melrose Park Currency Exchange, Inc., c/o Robert C. Samko, Reg. Agent; Melrose Park Currency Exchange; Weiss Insurance Agency; Occupant, 130 Broadway St., a/k/a 130 N. 19th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property; TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007988 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0002078 SOLD FOR GENERAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 130 BROADWAY ST. A/K/A 130 N 19TH AVE., MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 15-100-056-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015199

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TO: Occupant, 1309 HARVEY AVE., BERWYN, IL; Anthony Saracco; T & G Properties Development L.L.C.; Gregory Dimit; ST. CHARLES BANK & TRUST COMPANY; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; City of Chicago; Asset Acceptance, LLC; Occupant, 1309 HARVEY AVE., BERWYN, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007688. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/12/2017. Certificate No. 175-0000008. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2006-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1307 HARVEY AVE., BERWYN, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-20-110-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/11/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018990

TO: Hector Vela; Bijan Mehdiian; Anne K. Mehdiian; First Financial Bank; La Bendicion, Inc., c/o Hector Vela, Reg. Agent; La Bendicion, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; La Bendicion Truck Sales; Occupant, 1233 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; Occupant, 1231 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; Occupant, 1239 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007984 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 3, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0000674 & 15-0000678 SOLD FOR GENERAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1231 & 1239 S. CICERO AVE., CICERO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 16-22-102-002-0000 & 16-22-102-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015174

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TO: Meshal F L G H Almutairi; American Real Estate Investment Group, LLC; Shorewood Properties Construction and Management Corporation; Real Estate Solutions 360 Inc.; Justus Collins, City of Chicago; Occupant, 6814 S. Champlain Ave., Chicago, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007154. FILED: 10/18/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0006916. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 6814 S. Champlain Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-22-410-031-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018706

TO: Castletown Homes, Inc.; Krystyna Inc; Occupant, 1190 128th St., LEMONT, IL; Occupant, 15064 128TH ST., LEMONT, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007692. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0002234. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2011-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at an irregularly shaped parcel whereas the Southwest corner of tax subject parcel is located at a point 138.35' West of Krystyna Crossing and 607.13' South of 128th St., LEMONT, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-33-118-008-0001. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. GOOGLE INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6019037



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TO: Leticia Jenkins; Lezette Milton; Antwonne Strong; Bourama Therra; City of Chicago, City Clerk; Tata Africa Hair Braiding; a/k/a Tata Professional African Hair Braiding; Leron's Best of Both Worlds, a/k/a Leron's Restaurant; Leron's Best of Both Worlds LLC, c/o Leron Pennil, Reg. Agent; Occupant, 12253 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60628; Occupant, 12255 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60628; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007991 FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 6, 2017 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 15-0008735 SOLD FOR GENERAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 12253-12255 S. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 25-28-124-044-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015228

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TO: BB Development LLC; Fay's Point Boat Slip Condominium Association; South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority; Fay's Point Master Association; Pan American Bank & Trust; Mack Investments 1, LLC; James H. McClelland, manager; GAN C LLC; Occupant, Unit 61 at 1443 W. Broadway Ave., Blue Island, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007570. FILED: 11/7/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/4/2018. Certificate No. 16-0001029. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (including 2013 2nd). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at Unit 61 at 1443 W. Broadway Ave., Blue Island, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-32-308-016-1005. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/29/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/29/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/3/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/29/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. South Suburban Holdings Land Trust, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018833

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STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP: MM – DOB 5/11/2016 AND FERNANDO LITTLE, JR. (ALLEGED FATHER) ALISA MCCLURE (BIOLOGICAL MOTHER) AND ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS

TO: Fernando Little, Jr. and Any Unknown Alleged Father Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any

Unknown Alleged Fathers whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court, One Hamilton Square, #337, Noblesville, IN 46060 – 317-773-9635 for a Continued Initial Hearing on 2/25/2019 at 10:00 AM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.

You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption nor other placement of said child.

You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2018.

Michelle J. McCuen, #16650-701
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
938 N. 10th St.
Noblesville, IN 46060
FAX: (317) 232-2306
Office: (317) 773-2183

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IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING

CAUSE NO: 29C01-1808-JT-001196

Tammy Baitz, Clerk

12/7/2018, 12/14/2018, 12/21/2018 5974407 HSPAXLP

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TO: Fay's Point Town Home Condominium Association; Fay's Point Master Association; Pan American Bank & Trust; BB Development LLC; Mack Investments 1, LLC; James H. McClelland, manager; 1510 Water St., Blue Island, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007571. FILED: 11/7/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/4/2018. Certificate No. 14-0001030. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (including 2013 2nd, 2014 1st & 2nd, 2015 1st & 2nd). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1510 Water St., Blue Island, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-32-309-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/29/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/29/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/3/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/29/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. FP Holdings Land Trust #1400. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018880

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TO: Jesse J. Corres; Occupant, 7060 Centennial Dr., Unit 109, Tinley Park, IL; Occupant, 7060 Centennial Dr., Unit 105, Tinley Park, IL; Centennial Medical Condominium Association; Occupant, 7060 CENTENNIAL DR., UNIT 103, TINLEY PARK, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007689. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0001684. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2000-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 7060 CENTENNIAL DR., UNIT 103, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-19-100-038-1009. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. GOOGUE INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018998

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TO: Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services - Child Support; Sara Brown; Deandre Walton; Stanley Brown; Rachel Mills; Audrey Putnam; City of Markham; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services; Occupant, 17513 Cypress Ave., Country Club Hills, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007152. FILED: 10/18/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0001213. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 17513 Cypress Ave., Country Club Hills, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-34-217-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018693

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TO: Quad Plus 1; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor trustee to Suburban Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee u/a dated 02/05/2010 and known as trust no. 74-4301, c/o CT Corporation System; Reg. Agent; Quad Plus 1 Investments and Construction, Inc., c/o Kirby Miles, Reg. Agent; Golden Eagle Community Bank; Lilah's Restaurant Grill & Banquets, Inc., c/o Greg Goldstein, Reg. Agent; Lilah's Restaurant Grill & Banquets, Inc.; Lilah's Sports Bar & Grill; Occupant, 14908 Chicago Rd., Dolton, IL 60419; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007992. FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017. CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0003285 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property Located at: 14908 CHICAGO RD., DOLTON, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S). 29-10-108-071-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015210

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TO: Wentworth 2 LLC; Wentworth 2 LLC, c/o Mitchell H. Simborg, Reg. Agent; BC28, LLC, c/o Nicholas S. Coburn, Reg. Agent; Diaz Tire Services; Occupant, 15460 Wentworth Ave., South Holland, IL 60473; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007990. FILED: November 29, 2018 TAKE NOTICE. COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: April 4, 2017. CERTIFICATE NO(S). 15-0003485 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2015 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property Located at: 15460 WENTWORTH AVE., SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(S). 29-16-205-164-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 24, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 24, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 5, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 24, 2019, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: November 29, 2018 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/5, 6, 7/2018 6015221

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TO: U.S. Attorney General; Hanmi Bank; Louis M. Casale, Escrow Agent; Full Gospel Christian Assemblies International; U.S. Attorney IRS; Occupant, 3451 175th St., HAZEL CREST, IL; Occupant, 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007690. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0001782. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2010-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at the real estate commonly known as 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-26-402-062-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6019007

TO: Fay's Point Town Home Condominium Association; Fay's Point Master Association; Pan American Bank & Trust; BB Development LLC; Mack Investments 1, LLC; James H. McClelland, manager; GAN C LLC; Occupant, 1511 Water St., Blue Island, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007572. FILED: 11/7/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 5/4/2018. Certificate No. 14-0001031. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2016 (including 2013 2nd). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1511 Water St., Blue Island, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-32-309-009-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/29/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/29/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/3/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/29/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. FP Holdings Land Trust #1400. Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018908

TO: Tinley Park South Condominium Association; RCM Inc.; Robert C. Murphy; Occupant, 17726 OAK PARK AVE., UNIT E, TINLEY PARK, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007691. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0001800. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2006-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 17726 OAK PARK AVE., UNIT E, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-31-103-026-1014. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. GOOGUE INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6019024

TO: Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services - Child Support; Sara Brown; Deandre Walton; Stanley Brown; Rachel Mills; Audrey Putnam; City of Markham; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services; Occupant, 17513 Cypress Ave., Country Club Hills, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007152. FILED: 10/18/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/3/2016. Certificate No. 14-0001213. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 17513 Cypress Ave., Country Club Hills, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-34-217-003-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018693

TO: Terrence Galloway; Signature Real Estate; Darlene Galloway; Village of South Holland; City of Chicago; Bill Ralph; First Midwest Bank, Successor to Standard Bank and Trust Number 1844; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Occupant, 16740 Prince Dr., South Holland, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007153. FILED: 10/18/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0003550. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 16740 Prince Dr., South Holland, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-23-400-029-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018703

TO: Terrence Galloway; Signature Real Estate; Darlene Galloway; Village of South Holland; City of Chicago; Bill Ralph; First Midwest Bank, Successor to Standard Bank and Trust Number 1844; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Occupant, 16740 Prince Dr., South Holland, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007153. FILED: 10/18/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 6/6/2016. Certificate No. 14-0003550. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 16740 Prince Dr., South Holland, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-23-400-029-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 3/15/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 3/15/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 3/27/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 3/15/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. LONGSTREET CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: 12/3/2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6018703

TO: U.S. Attorney General; Hanmi Bank; Louis M. Casale, Escrow Agent; Full Gospel Christian Assemblies International; U.S. Attorney IRS; Occupant, 3451 175th St., HAZEL CREST, IL; Occupant, 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD007690. FILED: 11/15/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/13/2017. Certificate No. 175-0001782. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017 Scavenger (2010-2015 included). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at the real estate commonly known as 17401 KEDZIE AVE., HAZEL CREST, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-26-402-062-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 4/11/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 4/11/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 4/17/2019. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 4/11/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 5959 LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: December 3, 2018. Pub: 12/7, 10 & 11/2018 6019007

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- ACROSS**
- Present topper
 - ... No, it isn't very pretty what ___ without pity can do"
 - Foot part
 - Forbids entry to
 - Shakespearean lover
 - ___ smoothies; healthy shakes
 - Study all night
 - '60s dance craze
 - Eiffel Tower's composition
 - Accompaniment for meatballs
 - Pharmacy orders, for short
 - Unpleasant
 - White lie
 - Portion of bacon
 - Ideal examples