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From shopping malls to violent street corners, security guards are meant to protect the public but operate with little scrutiny

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY, SAM ROE AND CECILIA REYES | Chicago Tribune

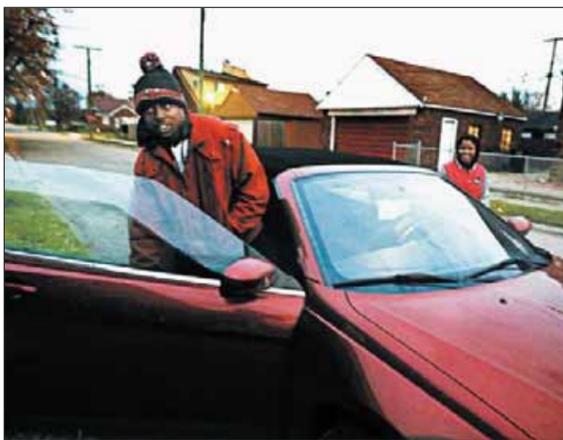
The shooting took place at the upscale Oak Brook mall, on a Sunday in June, in the middle of the afternoon.

Stores went into lockdown, customers took cover and police raced to the scene, only to find that the gunman was a security guard who had shot someone trying to steal Rolex watches from a jewelry store.

The suspect had attempted to smash a display case with a hammer. Records show that when the guard drew his gun, the man put his hands in the air and lay face down on the floor.

The guard told police that when he approached with handcuffs, the man jumped up and came toward him, so he shot the man in the leg.

The Oak Brook police chief



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Levert Jones leaves his mother's home last month in Detroit. At top, Jones was shot by a security guard while attempting to rob a jewelry store in Oak Brook in 2013. The guard fired while Jones was on the ground, according to surveillance video.

described an even more aggressive suspect, telling reporters initially that the man ignored the guard's order to put down the hammer and then "started to advance."

But store surveillance video obtained by the Tribune contradicts both the guard's account and the police chief's statement in key ways.

The video shows that the man dropped the hammer and that he remained on the floor, with his hands behind his back, as the guard walked toward him. Holding a gun in one hand and handcuffs in the other, the guard stepped beside the man, bent down and fired his gun while the man was still on the ground, according to the video, police reports and court re-

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Cohen learns his fate: 3 years

Trump's ex-fixer owns up to crimes, citing 'blind loyalty'

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER AND TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's one-time fixer, was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison for crimes that included arranging the payment of hush money to conceal his boss's alleged sexual affairs, telling a judge that he agreed time and again to cover up Trump's "dirty deeds" out of "blind loyalty."

Separately, the legal and political peril surrounding Trump appeared to deepen when prosecutors announced that another major piece of the investigation had fallen into place: The parent company of the National Enquirer acknowledged dispensing some of the hush money in concert with the Trump campaign to fend off a scandal that could have damaged his bid for the White House.

Cohen, 52, shook his head and closed his eyes as a

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PM May survives challenge in Britain

Brexit plan still at risk ahead of new talks in Brussels

BY JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May survived a political crisis over her Brexit deal Wednesday, winning a no-confidence vote by Conservative lawmakers that would have ended her leadership of party and country.

But the margin of victory — 200-117 — leaves May a weakened leader who has lost the support of a big chunk of her party over her handling of Britain's exit from the European Union. It also came at a steep price as she promised not to run for re-election in 2022.

Britain's Brexit problem, meanwhile, remains unsolved as May seeks changes to her EU divorce deal in order to make it more palatable to Parliament.

May said she was "pleased to have received the backing of my colleagues" but acknowledged

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Retiring Emanuel pushes public pension fix

But proposal to cut benefits draws ire of likely successors

BY JOHN BYRNE AND BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel immediately faced stiff resistance Wednesday to a key pillar of the proposal he's hoping will cement his status as the guy who responsibly took on Chicago's

crushing public pension debt.

Emanuel delivered a City Hall speech calling for a state constitutional amendment to allow a reduction in public workers' pension benefits, an idea several high-profile candidates vying to follow him in office ripped and that new Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker dismissed as a non-starter.

Emanuel treated his pension blueprint with

pomp and circumstance, delivering it to aldermen in a half-hour speech big on legacy building at the City Council meeting.

"For the last 7 1/2 years, we have worked together to stabilize, strengthen and secure Chicago's pension funds, from our city's pension funds, to our schools, to all of our sister agencies," he said. "Together, we have been addressing this challenge

honestly and forthrightly."

The mayor gave his remarks as Chicago braces for nearly \$1 billion in new required annual retirement payments just five years from now. Those increased payments ramp up beginning next year. He's leaving office in May, so the bulk of the heavy lifting to address pension debt will come from his successor.

Still, the lame-duck mayor

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel delivers a speech before the City Council.

Bears, Packers have reversed roles this season

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Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi talk on Wednesday after a meeting with President Donald Trump.



JOHN KASS

Chuck, Nancy, Donald and ‘The Wall’

There was a moment in that Trump, Chuck and Nancy meeting about “The Wall” at the White House when I thought Nancy would surely win the day.

She'd put on her best Katherine Hepburn “On Golden Pond” voice, place her arm around Chuck, slumping in his chair, and tell him, ever-so-brightly, “You are my knight in shining armor.”

But it didn't turn out that way, did it? President Trump won the meeting.

And afterward, the two Democrats, once and future House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, tried to spin their way out of it.

But they lost, and Trump won, publicly willing to accept blame for shutting down the federal government if he doesn't get a paltry \$5 billion for that wall he wants.

And now Chuck and Nancy have once again allowed Democrats to become the party of no-border security. Trump, who ran and won the White House on the promise of building his wall along the Mexican border, fashions himself as America's Hadrian.

Hadrian actually built his wall. Trump just talks about building one.

The Nancy, Chuck and Trump show will continue, although the 36-month sentence handed down to Trump's fixer lawyer Michael Cohen may at some point in the future derail this fine drama through impeachment.

Yet it was clear by the pained smirk on Chuck's face, and by Pelosi's bizarre vulgarity, babbling on as she did about skunk urine and manhood, that Trump won their meeting.

The way I see it, Democrats want unfettered illegal immigration, so the undocumented can be put on costly welfare and other social programs and thereby become a new crop of Democratic voters. It is a time-tested formula that has worked before. And the Republican establishment, which has long turned a blind eye to illegal immigration because their donors still want cheap labor, still hate Trump. And American taxpayers?

A lot of them want a wall, they want an immediate stop to illegal

immigration, and they don't like being played.

Which is probably why, in their White House meeting, Nancy complained about the media being into the room.

“So, I don't think we should have a debate in front of the press on this,” she said, repeating her media discomfort many times.

Happily, for that one day at least, the media weren't the enemy of the people. They were enemy of the Pelosi and Schumer.

Clearly, Pelosi believes that certain topics, i.e., American border security, should never be discussed in front of the children.

And who are the children? The American people, seated at the kids table, so they won't be troubled by troublesome grown-up talk. But Nancy? Not all American taxpayers yearn to be infantilized.

After it was over, Chuck mumbled as if he'd just had unmentionable outpatient surgery. And Nancy bragged about how she was “the mom” in the room, before she veered off to a treatise on skunk urination fights while questioning the president's “manhood.”

We can at least thank Pelosi for having the decency not to hold up her hands.

But when a gentlewoman like Nancy Pelosi feels compelled to discuss skunk urine in the most vulgar terms, while putting her “I was trying to be the mom” in the same rhetorical stew as her ruminations on “manhood,” it suggests she's lost the day.

I'm clearly in the minority. Many pundits puffed up their chests and waxed proudly that Pelosi was “the mom.”

But let me ask you: Does your mom talk about skunk urine in public?

I will not repeat her quotes here. Cheering on a great lady like Pelosi as she debases herself by crawling through the mud of VulgarTowne is something I just won't do. Feel free to Google her comments while you're eating lunch.

But Trump won, even without much help from that silent white-haired throw pillow in the room. I believe the pillow may have been the

vice president of the United States.

Now, how much did Hadrian spend on his wall blocking the blue-painted Scots from drifting southward into what became England?

Hadrian had his legions, and slaves, so it probably didn't cost the \$5 billion Trump is demanding for his wall.

The upshot of the Nancy, Chuck and Trump show the other day at the White House is that the president is willing to take credit for shutting down the government if he doesn't get that money.

While many who “believe” in government as others “believe” in Christ might freak at the prospect of a government shutdown, it means only that unnecessary government workers will go on furlough, and get their checks, later.

Watching them yak at each other in the Oval Office, Trump using his reasonable voice and Pelosi at least trying to fight him while Schumer played the wrinkled root vegetable in the back of your crisper, I wondered about Rand Paul.

Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, the non-interventionist, was the candidate I hoped would win the White House.

I wondered if Paul might have trapped them as did Trump, without a trace of irony on his face. I just don't think Paul could have pulled it off.

But Paul would have done what Trump forgot to do, with those cameras rolling and Nancy thinking of skunk urine and not wanting the kids to hear:

Paul would have reminded Democrats in the room about all the anti-illegal immigrant border talk from Democrats just a very short time ago.

All that tough anti-illegal immigration speechifying from Schumer and Barack Obama, Bernie Sanders and Bill and Hillary Clinton?

But they don't want the kids to hear about it.

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Trump attorney Cohen goes to prison. Why is nobody locking HER up?!?



REX W. HUPPKE

Once again, the American justice system has failed to lock her up. Her, of course, being Hillary Clinton.

Despite fervent chants at President Donald Trump's rallies and repeated cries from Fox News hosts like Sean Hannity, the justice system keeps mistakenly locking "him" up. And the "him" in these cases keeps being one of Trump's associates, like his longtime personal attorney Michael Cohen, who was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison for what the judge called "a veritable smorgasbord of fraudulent conduct."

Doesn't that judge know he was supposed to lock "her" up? It doesn't matter that Cohen pleaded guilty to lying to Congress. It doesn't matter that he pleaded guilty to campaign violations — hush money paid during the presidential campaign to women who claim they had affairs with Trump — or that he and federal prosecutors say those illegal payments were made at the direction of the current president of the United States of America.

What matters is that Cohen is a "him," and the specific instructions coming from all those Trump rallies — and from the mouths of Trump associates themselves — were: "Lock HER up." I don't see how it could have been more clear.

Yet here we are. Cohen is getting locked up. And former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos — also a him — already got locked up for 14 days. Former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort is locked up awaiting sentencing. Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, is about to get sentenced and might get locked up. And former Trump cam-



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Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former personal attorney and fixer, exits court after his sentencing hearing Wednesday.

aign aide and Manafort associate Rick Gates has pleaded guilty and might get locked up.

You know what they all have in common? They're all not "her." (And they all were involved with Trump's campaign or presidency and have all now admitted to felonious activity.)

The locking up of "her" is proceeding in entirely the wrong direction!

Hannity's dedicated and unflagging calls to bring down not-president Hillary Clinton haven't done a thing. And now Hannity's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, is the one heading to prison.

Flynn — likely to soon be locked up — led a "Lock her up!" chant during the Republican National Convention, and now the Republican National Committee has to watch as its former deputy finance chair, who is also Michael Cohen, is sent off to prison.

How unfair is that? Just because high-profile people in Trump's orbit keep admitting to doing crimes, some of which they claim were orchestrated by Trump himself, doesn't mean that they (hims) should all be getting locked up while the real culprit — her — remains non-locked-up.

Where's the justice in that? What kind of country have we become if loud chants encouraging the imprisonment of a person who hasn't been charged with an actual crime are ignored while people who have admitted to actual crimes are imprisoned?

That's not the America I know. That's not the America I want to believe in to avoid facing harsh realities that will show what a terrible mistake I made trusting people who were obvious con men.

Clearly, as Trump has said repeatedly, all these him's get-

ting locked up are just witches ensnared in an elaborate anti-Trump witch hunt.

And Cohen's sentencing hearing showed just how elaborate that wildly successful witch hunt has become.

A prosecutor from special counsel Robert Mueller's team investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election said Cohen has been cooperative and has given "valuable information" relating to "any links between a campaign and a foreign government."

And U.S. District Judge William H. Pauley III noted in open court that Cohen has admitted — and federal prosecutors assert this as well — that he made illegal hush-money payments to an adult film star and a former Playboy model "at the coordination with and the direction of Individual-1." Individual-1 in this case is Trump, a him who should definitely not

be locked up.

What a miscarriage of justice it is when a she who is perfectly guilty — as proven by large, chanting groups and a Fox News host slavishly loyal to Trump — remains free while a him who was an attorney for both Trump and the Fox News host is locked up for, as Cohen said during his sentencing, covering up Trump's "dirty deeds."

C'mon, America. It's clear we've made a horrible pronoun-related judicial mistake.

We must stop locking up all the him's just because they admitted they're criminals and start locking up the "her" we know in our gut is guilty of everything we can imagine.

It's only fair. And it's the only thing that will keep those "Lock her up!" chants from looking really, really stupid.

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Hamilton Park summer day campers tumble down in a demonstration of shrinking open lands and prairies in 2005.

Advocates: Park District fails minority areas in city

Fewer programs seen in black neighborhoods

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

More than 35 years after the Chicago Park District agreed to spend more in minority communities after a lawsuit claiming discrimination, Friends of the Parks says the district still is failing the city's black and Latino neighborhoods.

Resources from park space to programs continue to be unequally distributed across the city, according to a report released Wednesday by Friends of the Parks, the city's largest park advocacy and preservation group.

The report is the first major look into inequities in the Chicago park system from the watchdog group in about 20 years.

"We don't have a specific plan to sue at this time but we have heard from the community that it's time for a new lawsuit," Friends of the Parks Executive Director Juanita Irizarry told the Tribune Wednesday.

The 1982 discrimination lawsuit filed against the park system alleged that black and Latino neighborhoods were neglected as resources flowed to white neighborhoods.

A year later, the park district entered a federal consent decree, agreeing to spend more money in underserved neighbor-

hoods while not admitting to discrimination. The decree was dismissed in 1989.

"On the 35th anniversary of the consent decree which was put in place to remedy the Chicago Park District's systemic discrimination against minority communities, Friends of the Parks' analysis finds that the Chicago Park District again is balancing its budget on the backs of African-American and Latino communities," said Friends of the Parks board member and former Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners President Maria Saldana in a news release. "In 2018, the Chicago Park District invested the least in park programming, capital, and park acreage in communities that need it the most. And we see a similar approach in their proposed 2019 budget."

The park board voted Wednesday to approve its 2019 budget. At the meeting, Irizarry spoke on behalf of Friends of the Parks and presented some of the findings of the report.

Chicago Park Board President Jesse Ruiz said Friends of the Parks was not working with a complete data set and asked why there had not been an ongoing dialogue about some of the issues presented in the report.

"There's certain things here that are just not accurate," Ruiz said at the meeting.

Another speaker re-

ferred to the report as a benchmark, prompting Ruiz to respond, "It's flawed and it's inaccurate, so it cannot be a benchmark."

"It's not done in a vacuum," said parks Budget Director Juliet Azimi, who also noted the budget allows for flexibility in designating resources.

Chicago Park District spokeswoman Michele Lemons said the district only received the report yesterday and is evaluating the claims.

Findings of the report include:

- Latino communities receive the lowest capital investment from the park district.

- The North Side still receives more robust resources. The park area with the most programs had a much higher percentage of white residents, while the one with the least had poorer residents, more of whom were black.

- Capital requests in black communities were approved at half the rate of those in white communities.

Irizarry said the park district has made great strides in diverting resources to parkland on the Southeast Side, but overall, the communities that already have the most resources tend to receive the most investment.

One section of the report focuses on two region areas, similar in population size, with extreme differ-

ences in programming. Region Area N4 — which includes community areas Albany Park, Avondale, Forest Glen, Irving Park, North Center and North Park — offers about 2,974 activities. Region S2 — which includes Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Englewood, Gage Park, New City and West Englewood — offers 757.

The North Side region serves mostly white and Latino communities and has a lower poverty rate than the South Side region, where the residents are predominantly black, according to the report.

The two regions have similar activities for teens and seniors, but the North Side region has twice as many open-enrollment and camp sessions, three times as many youth programs, five times as many instructional programs and 48 times as many early-childhood programs.

"It's hard to imagine that the park district would allow itself to get to a place where the number of programs on the North Side region would be almost 3,000 while in the South Side region it's less than 800," said Irizarry.

"Just that wide of a gap, even that I think surprised us."

Friends of the Parks plans to give the report to mayoral candidates and aldermanic candidates.

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Cook County restores tax on parking apps

Unanimous board acted before Jan. cut took effect

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Cook County commissioners voted nearly unanimously Wednesday to restore a 6 percent tax on parking reservations made through apps such as SpotHero that was set to be cut in January.

In October, the board voted to pass a measure changing how parking apps such as SpotHero and ParkWhiz are taxed. Instead of requiring that reservations made through parking apps pay a 6 percent tax to the county, the rate charged to parking garage operators, the ordinance made it so people using the app only pay 1.75 percent — the county sales tax rate. The new tax rate was set to go into effect Jan. 1.

But the board on Wednesday repealed the October ordinance. Commissioner Larry Suffredin said "taxes need to be both fair and uniform," then said the October ordinance created "a very strange pattern which is neither fair nor uniform."

Currently, and under Wednesday's measure, the county tax will uniformly be 6 percent. Only Republican Commissioner Sean Morrison voted against Suffredin's ordinance.

Board President Toni Preckwinkle said she always opposed the initial measure, which her administration said would cost the county \$725,000 in lost taxes.

"Today's repeal vote returns Cook County to the previous tax," Preckwinkle said at a post-meeting news conference. "Let me be clear: Nothing has changed."

Ahead of the vote, the repeal's opponents worked hard to keep the October ordinance intact. But the repeal sailed through without debate by commissioners.

Before the repeal, Suffredin also said he wanted to sit down with various officials and stakeholders in the future to work something out.

SpotHero spokeswoman Natalie Bauer Luce said the company was disappointed by the move and said the decision "reintroduces confusion and ambiguity that the previous law sought to clarify for parking garage owners, valet operators and

parking reservation apps."

"It is clear we need to continue this important policy discussion that we have been engaged in for months prior to October's vote so that the county can fully and definitively strike a legal balance that accurately reflects our business model and acknowledges that parking reservation apps don't own or operate parking reservations. We take Commissioner Suffredin at his word that he wants to find a solution."

In other news, Commissioner Alma Anaya introduced a bill to regulate how the Cook County sheriff's office uses the Regional Gang Intelligence Database, including a requirement the sheriff notify people "of their designation into the gang database and be prohibited from sharing information with third parties," she said.

Sheriff Tom Dart's spokeswoman, Cara Smith, said her office is aware of

"Today's repeal vote returns

Cook County to the previous tax.

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— Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board president

Anaya's ordinance and looks forward "to continuing discussions that we began with Commissioner (Jesus "Chuy") Garcia about this important issue with (Anaya) and the (board)."

At her news conference, Preckwinkle said she finds gang databases "very troubling" and said she supports abolishing the city's controversial gang database and the county's.

"They profile individuals, it's almost entirely black and brown people on these lists," Preckwinkle said. "There's no transparency about how you get on this list or how you get off."

She also was asked whether the political materials found in an SUV used mainly by her security chief after it was abandoned in a bizarre November 2016 incident were hers. Twice she said no, and reiterated that she does not know how the materials got in the car.

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Media pushing for access to trial exhibits

Judge presiding in alleged cover-up case pushes back

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County judge held off Wednesday on deciding whether to publicly release trial exhibits until more than two weeks after she is scheduled to announce the fate of three Chicago cops charged with covering up Laquan McDonald's shooting.

Associate Judge Domenica Stephenson sharply questioned and repeatedly interrupted attorneys for several media organizations who sought the documents on First Amendment grounds, wondering aloud why they thought the issue was so urgent as to file an "emergency" motion last week during the trial.

"The exhibits were testified (to) in open court," she said. "There's no right of the public to have a (television) monitor that flashes or shows the exhibits to the gallery. ... Even allowing the

media's presence in the courtroom is not a right. It's a privilege. I don't understand where you're coming from."

Attorneys for the media organizations argued that documents admitted into evidence at trial are a matter of public record. There is particularly no need to shield them from view now that the trial has all but concluded except for Stephenson's ruling on the officers' guilt or innocence, they said.

Attorney Kristen Rodriguez, representing the Chicago Tribune, told the judge that the failure to publicly display the evidence was "effectively closing down a part of the trial."

"The exhibits as they were being discussed and entered into the evidence were not presented to the press, which functions (as) the eyes and ears of the public," she said.

But the judge expressed frustration that the request was being made at all, saying that the evidence was introduced to the public through the testimony of witnesses and that she is the

only person who examines the actual documents.

Rodriguez urged the judge to release the exhibits and transcripts now, saying it would help the public and press to better understand the high-profile case before Stephenson's scheduled ruling Dec. 19.

"This is a time when it is right for the public and the press to distill and understand what exactly happened in this trial," she said. "Open trials are absolutely a bedrock of our criminal justice system."

Over the attorneys' objections, Stephenson said she would not decide on their request until Jan. 3.

In recent weeks, Stephenson presided over the trial of three current or former Chicago police officers on charges they conspired to protect then-Officer Jason Van Dyke in the hours and days after he shot 17-year-old McDonald 16 times.

Ex-Detective David March, former Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney face charges of conspiracy, ob-

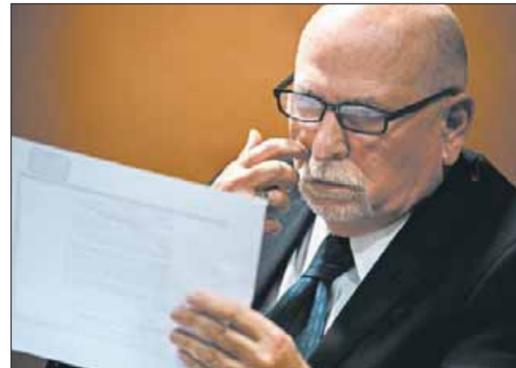
structing justice and official misconduct.

Stephenson, who allowed cameras in the courtroom for the trial, briefly permitted a monitor to display exhibits that had been admitted into evidence so that viewers of the live video feed could observe the same documents and videos as witnesses testified about them.

Stephenson explained her about-face by saying there could be sensitive personal information in the documents that should not be public. But the ban meant none of the exhibits — whether they contained sensitive information or not — were displayed on the live feed.

During the trial, Stephenson also denied the media access to transcripts of sidebars — discussions between the attorneys and the judge that were conducted on the record but away from public view.

Special prosecutor Patricia Brown Holmes took no position on the issue, but the attorneys for the three officers objected to the re-



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Earl Briggs, a Cook County medical examiner investigator, examines one of the exhibits the media is seeking access to.

lease of the evidence.

Stephenson's approach stood in sharp contrast to Van Dyke's televised trial, which ended this fall with a jury's historic verdict finding the veteran officer guilty on second-degree murder and aggravated battery charges. The evidence was displayed on large screens in Judge Vincent Gaughan's courtroom so both spectators in the audience and viewers watching the live TV feed could view exhibits and videos.

Stephenson, apparently unaware that evidence was

publicly displayed during Van Dyke's trial and many others, said Wednesday the media is only ever allowed to watch testimony, not view the admitted evidence.

"I'm not following the logic," she said. "There was no seclusion of any evidence. None of the evidence was sealed. ... In every single trial, whether it's a bench or a jury, the (public) gallery and the media do not get the actual exhibits. They hear the testimony."

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Ozil, 6, looks up at Antorcha Guadalupe, or Guadalupe Torch, that was lit during the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thousands walk miles in the cold to pay homage at shrine

Visit to Our Lady of Guadalupe 'an act of faith beyond culture, tradition'

By LAURA RODRIGUEZ
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In 2011, Arturo Martinez lost his job after suffering an accident that severely hurt his back. That same year, he decided to take a nearly 15-mile pilgrimage from his church in Franklin Park to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines.

He wanted, he recalled, to thank the Virgin Mary for "simply being alive," and to "beg her for health."

Seven years later, a now-healthy and employed Martinez no longer walks alone. More than 50 people from St. Gertrude Church joined him Tuesday night on the six-hour walk to the shrine.

They were among the thousands who were expected to make the annual pilgrimage from dozens of parishes across the Chicago Archdiocese for the annual Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, an overnight celebration to mark the days in December 1531, when it's believed the Virgin Mary appeared before the peasant Juan Diego in Mexico.

"Thanks to her, I was healed. Faith moves mountains," Martinez said during the journey.

This year, the weather

was relatively pleasant, compared to bitter cold and snow in previous years. But the pilgrims show up, he said, because "to pay homage to our beloved mother, because she continues to intercede on our behalf. We owe this to her to thank her. It goes beyond just tradition and culture; it's faith and love."

In Martinez's youth in his native Mexico, he would walk over five days from his home in the state of Michoacan to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

In past years, more than 200,000 predominantly Latino Catholics have made the pilgrimage to Des Plaines on Dec. 12. This year, organizers prepared to receive more than 300,000 people over the course of the feast, which began with an opening Mass Tuesday evening with representations of the apparitions, continued with a serenade and torch-lighting at 10 p.m. and a midnight Mass. Prayers were scheduled to continue throughout the day Wednesday, with a closing Mass at 7 p.m.

There are nearly 30 pilgrimages registered in Illinois, the farthest coming from south suburban Blue Island, said Ignacio Perez, a

spokesman for the shrine. Many more participate but aren't registered.

A pilgrimage is not only a way to show and keep the faith alive, said the Rev. Esequiel Sanchez, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"It is something so beautiful that unites and makes people feel the love of God, because our people feel a lot and they like to share their feeling of love and gratefulness," he said. "But everyone has a story to share of why they made the journey."

The group walking with Martinez sang and prayed along the way. An 11-year-old boy, walking with his mother, led the pilgrimage, holding a banner depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Desde el cielo una Hermosa manana, desde el cielo una Hermosa manana, la Guadalupea bajo el Tepeyac," a woman sang through the megaphone, which translates to: "In the sky, we can see a beautiful morning, we see our Lady of Guadalupe by the Tepeyac hill," where Juan Diego saw the apparition.

Those who show a deep faith in Our Lady of Guadalupe are known as *guadalupeños* in Mexico and Latin America.

"It's part of our identity and our being," Griselda Mendiola, whose son led the St. Gertrude pilgrim-

age, said as the group walked along River Road. Some passing drivers honked their horns; others rolled their windows down with curiosity.

Mendiola began walking in 2003 from a church in Chicago. Unlike past years, this year she didn't have to wear too many layers of clothing to stay warm and safe.

"We've had mild snow, winter storm, rain, but I'll never stop coming," she said. "Being able to walk and make this sacrifice in honor of Guadalupe fills me with emotion and joy to be able to thank her for everything that she does for us."

As the group approached the shrine, the songs and prayers got a bit louder, with mariachi and banda music filling the air. Some worshippers began to cry softly; others smiled.

"It's inexplicable what one feels during the walk, but the emotion just takes over once we get to the shrine," Martinez said. "I forget that I'm sick; I forget everything. I just know I thank her for allowing me to get there once again."

"Let's not forget where we come from," he added, "because it has been this faith which has helped us cross borders and continue standing."

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Lincoln letter unveiled prior to planned sale

Penned in 1863, it gave safe conduct to wife's family

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A letter penned by Abraham Lincoln in 1863 ordering Union troops in Arkansas to allow his wife's family to return to their plantation at the height of the Civil War was unveiled Wednesday in advance of a planned sale.

Signed the week of Christmas 155 years ago, the letter was kept in the family of first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, according to Nathan Raab, president of the Raab Collection, a historical document dealership that is offering the letter for sale.

Lincoln intended for the letter to travel with Todd's family from Washington, D.C., back to their plantation after the Union had secured its hold on Arkansas near the Mississippi River, Raab said.

"The language in it is pretty remarkable. He's talking about how his Southern family wants to return to their plantation and it's been decimated," Raab said. "He's basically giving an order to the United States military not to bother them, saying, 'Those who have loyalty to the United States, that they should be allowed to return to their lives.'"

In its entirety, the letter says:

"Mr. and Mrs. Craig, of Arkansas, whose planta-

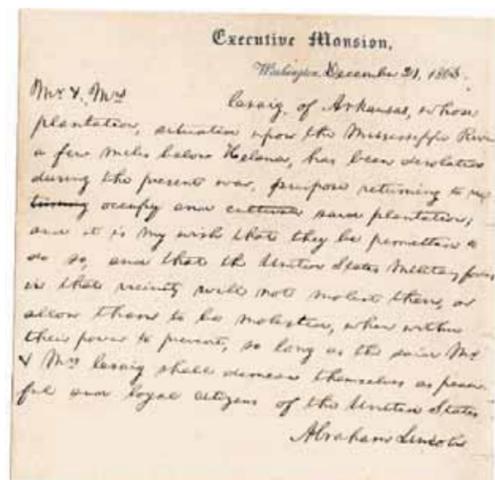
tion, situated upon the Mississippi River a few miles below Helena, has been desolated during the present war, propose returning to reoccupy and cultivate said plantation; and it is my wish that they be permitted to do so, and that the United States military forces in that vicinity will not molest them or allow them to be molested, as long as the said Mr. and Mrs. Craig shall demean themselves as peaceful, loyal citizens of the United States."

Mrs. Craig was Mary Todd Lincoln's first cousin, and the letter was kept by direct descendants of Mrs. Craig for the past century and a half.

"It required some preservation," Raab said. "It was fixed to a board, from which it had to be archivally removed."

Raab estimates the letter, written on "Executive Mansion" letterhead — meaning the White House — is worth about \$60,000. Raab said letters penned from the White House were being summarized or duplicated from George Washington's day and the existence of such a letter was long known. It would have been unclear where the original document was, or even if it had been preserved, however. Raab learned of the letter when a descendant of Mrs. Craig contacted his office to sell it, he said.

Chris Wills, a spokesman for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, said staffers there were aware of the



RAAB COLLECTION

This letter written by Abraham Lincoln will go up for sale Thursday, and is expected to fetch about \$60,000.

letter's contents prior to the letter being offered for sale.

"It might be a newly discovered version or something that has been unearthed after disappearing from view for decades. But the existence of such a letter has long been known," Wills wrote in an email to the Tribune. "I am told that a transcription of the letter appeared in a 1905 book called 'The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln.'"

Raab said determining the fair market price for a unique historical document is nuanced.

"We deal in a product for which there are no duplicates," Raab said. He explained that most people who start a collection of historical documents will want to have an original Abraham Lincoln letter. In fact, Raab said, as a historical document seller, he sells more documents signed by Abraham Lin-

coln than by any other historical figure.

"It's not because he's cheap to buy, as you can see, but because he is widely admired," Raab said.

Documents signed by Lincoln have sold in the past for millions of dollars. One of 48 copies of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Lincoln and originally sold to raise money for Union troops was sold by Sotheby's in 2012 for more than \$2 million.

The letter will go up for sale on his website Thursday morning, Raab said. He expects the buyer will be an individual consumer, as research and history libraries typically want series of correspondence.

"It's hard to know who the buyer will be for this," Raab said from his office in Philadelphia.

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Who paid for 'Crooked Joe' election flyers?

Judge orders release of names behind smear campaign

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One flyer depicts Joe Tiro in a bandit-style black mask and gloves, claiming he "hired cronies from a slush fund" and took a taxpayer-funded vacation.

Another accuses him of "destroying the GOP with Chicago style sleaze." Yet another purports that he's part of a "fringe element of dangerous extremist" who are "not Donald Trump Republicans" and says Tiro has "dangerous" and "racist" pals. Each refers to Tiro as "Crooked Joe."

Whoever was behind these flyers — which Tiro's lawyer claims were sent to thousands of homes during last spring's primary election in McHenry County, where he ran for clerk — they apparently didn't have the intended effect: Tiro won the seat and was sworn in last week.

But Tiro went to court to find out who was behind the shadowy group that took credit for the mailings, which he said defamed him and harmed his reputation. And now a judge has ordered that the name or names be provided to Tiro by Thursday.

Lawyers representing his Republican primary opponent and the Chicago business that apparently printed the flyers have sought to halt that action as they appeal the ruling. They called the language on the flyers mere "hyperbole," typical political mudslinging that doesn't amount to libel because they contained generalizations but no specific accusations. They noted that Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker and Gov. Bruce Rauner also traded claims of crooked behavior during that campaign.

The local controversy reflects a longstanding debate at the federal level about how much has to be revealed about who is behind campaign spending. In August, a federal judge invalidated a rule that allowed those contributing to "dark money" groups to remain anonymous.

The flyers in question were mailed in early 2018 as Tiro and former McHenry City Clerk Janice Dalton battled it out for the GOP nomination for county clerk. Some arrived at Tiro's Woodstock home. All say in small print: "Paid for by the Illinois Integrity Fund."

The only problem is, if there is an Illinois Integrity Fund, it's hiding itself pretty well.

There is no corporation, limited liability company or nonprofit group by that name registered in Illinois, according to online records. Nor is any organization with that moniker registered with the Illinois State Board of Elections, even though any entity spending more than \$5,000 on political campaigns is required by law to register — and Tiro's camp asserts that the printing and distribution of multiple flyers would "vastly exceed" that threshold.

The Illinois Integrity Fund lists its address on Forbs Avenue in Hoffman Estates, in a large, nondescript office building off the Jane Addams Tollway near Sears Centre Arena. But "there is no sign, office or emblem associated with the Illinois Integrity Fund" at that location, according to Tiro's filing.

Tiro's attorney, Phil Prossnitz, points out that Dalton used language similar to the flyers in a robocall, where she said, according to court records, that her opponent "has been overcharging customers and using a secret taxpayer-financed slush fund to take trips and pad his payroll with patronage workers."

Those claims stem from Tiro's tenure as county recorder, an office to which he was elected in 2016 and still holds. He denies the claims, saying there is no slush fund, that the office is funded by user fees, that the four people he has hired were not personal acquaintances and that, while he did travel to New Mexico for a work-related seminar, no family or friends joined him, he expensed less than \$50 in meals for a three-day trip and chose a hotel cheaper than the one where the seminar was held.

Moreover, Tiro has said he will stop taking his recorder salary and supports the elimination of the recorder's office, which is scheduled for 2020 after being approved by voters through a binding ballot initiative. The duties of the office are to be absorbed by the clerk, who is also responsible for running elections in the county.

"We are not trying to stop ugly speech, nasty speech," Prossnitz said. "What you can't do is specifically, precisely accuse a public official of committing a crime if it is all false."

Prossnitz also noted the statements were not made verbally "in the heat of the moment" but in a "cold and calculated" manner.

But Natalie Harris, who represents Dalton as well as Breaker Press, which is listed on the flyers' bulk mailing stamps, has argued that Tiro isn't entitled to know who paid for the mailings. She said the anonymous speech, including what she called typical political "mudslinging," is protected by the First Amendment and that language in the flyers is too general to make a case that Tiro was defamed.

"It's a leap to make the (statements) an indictable accusation," Harris said, adding Tiro has "repeatedly failed to plead defamation, and he is not entitled to learn the identity of the speakers."

McHenry County Associate Judge Kevin Costello has sided with Tiro and given Harris' clients until Thursday to provide names to Tiro, though it's not clear if they will be made public.

"The First Amendment is not intended to protect defamatory statements," the judge has said.

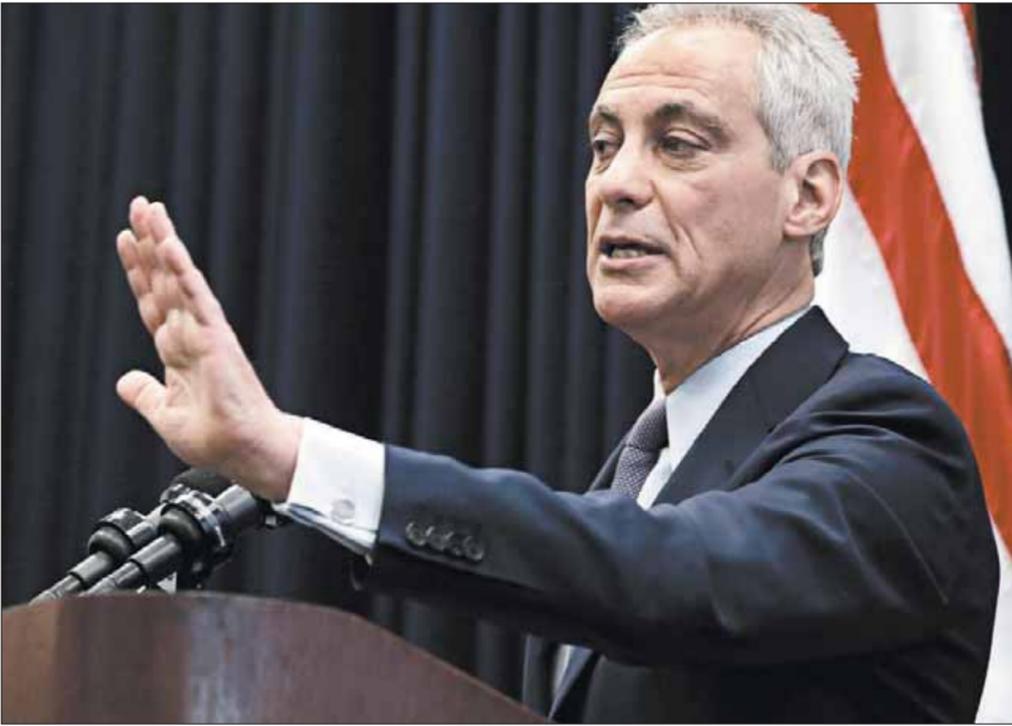
Tiro wants to get the names before the statute of limitations runs out early next year on filing a possible defamation lawsuit. In courtroom exchanges between the two lawyers that have at times becomes testy, Harris has argued that Tiro can file a John Doe lawsuit if the question hasn't been settled by then.

Geoffrey Stone, a law professor and First Amendment scholar at the University of Chicago, said the Constitutional right to anonymous speech is not unlimited, though he said it's not clear what side of that line the McHenry case would fall. He agreed that simply calling someone a crook isn't enough to upend the right to anonymity.

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Joe Tiro has taken legal action to find out who was behind the shadowy group that took credit for campaign flyers.



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel speaks to the media after delivering a speech on pension funding to the City Council.

Emanuel pushes pensions fix

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or insisted he has the clout to push forward the series of revenue raisers he unveiled to pay for projected pension shortfalls. They also include a controversial city bond structure, reliance on money from a city-owned casino and legalized recreational marijuana that would need approval in Springfield.

Asked afterward why he waited so long to make his proposal and why he thinks the next occupant of the mayor's office will listen, Emanuel argued he has been trying to cope with the looming problem since he took office. And without naming his predecessor Mayor Richard M. Daley, Emanuel contrasted his approach with the prior administration's, saying it's "the responsible thing to do" to leave the next mayor some possible solutions.

What won't work, Emanuel said, is the "tax the wealthy" mindset embraced by the progressive wing of the Democratic Party that could take an increasingly central role in charting the city's future after he steps down.

"Now, there may be some bitter medicine, and I get it," he said. "But to my friends in the progressive circles, don't just think you're going to tax the wealthy as a way to grow this economy. You're going to cut jobs doing that."

Pritzker opposes amendment

That assessment came despite Emanuel saying in his speech that while there is "no single solution" to the impending payment cliff, the city's response "must be based on progressive principles." Instead, Emanuel positioned himself as the pro-pension realist in a world that's very different from 1970, when the Illinois Constitution, which says pension benefits "shall not be diminished or impaired," was adopted.

But Pritzker threw cold water on the constitutional amendment idea, which is opposed by powerful public-sector unions whose members would take the financial hit if their benefits were decreased.

"I really believe strongly that when you're promised something, you've saved properly in order to pair it up with what whatever you've been promised in a pension, that you ought to get that pension and not have it cut," Pritzker said, labeling it a push by Republicans.

"I just don't see the

likelihood of anybody getting a constitutional amendment passed to change that provision in our constitution, and it's not something I'm out promoting in any way," he said at the Bronzeville announcement of a \$10 million JPMorgan Chase low-interest loan investment for the South and West sides.

Told of Pritzker's remarks, Emanuel predicted that once the Democrat gets into office, he'll realize that in order to pass the progressive income tax he favors, he'll need to do something to reform the state and city pension systems. Only increasing taxes, Emanuel said, won't be enough to consolidate votes in a Democratic caucus that increasingly features members from suburban districts that lean more conservative on the issue.

"I do think that the legislators will weigh in, if they go forward on a tax increase," Emanuel said. "If you try to resolve the fiscal challenge of the state solely on revenue, you won't find a balanced approach and can adversely affect the economic and jobs environment of the state."

Even if a constitutional amendment gets on the ballot and is approved by voters, it's not clear it would allow the city to reduce current and past city employees' retirement benefits, something Emanuel acknowledged Wednesday. And changes already have been made to lower new city employees' benefits.

Three-fifths of the state Senate and House would have to vote to place the proposed amendment on the ballot, which then would have to be approved by voters. The earliest such a proposal could appear on the ballot is 2020, and its approval would likely set off years of litigation that could involve both state and federal courts.

Ralph Martire, executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, a union-backed bipartisan research group, said going through all that would be a waste of time, because the constitutional change couldn't be retroactively applied to retirees or current employees who were promised compounded cost-of-living adjustments when they were hired.

The mayor also proposed that tax money from the legalization of recreational marijuana be dedicated entirely to pensions along with any taxes generated by a long-sought Chicago casino.

Following Emanuel's

speech, Laurence Msall, president of the Civic Federation, commended him for tackling the huge pension problem head-on, but questioned the wisdom of counting on money from legal weed and a casino. "Gambling is not a reliable source, marijuana is not a reliable source, but it really makes the point that all available revenue is going to be needed to fix the pensions if you don't take real action on it," he said.

Possible borrowing

The mayor also said he would set up the framework to issue pension obligation bonds to help reduce the money the city owes the retirement funds in the near term.

Emanuel has floated borrowing as much as \$10 billion in pension obligation bonds to infuse the retirement funds with cash, with the hope being that investment returns on that money would outpace the interest rates tied to repaying the debt. The mayor said he does not plan to borrow the money before leaving office and would leave the decision to his successor.

Some financial experts have described the plan as risky, and it has drawn opposition and concerns from many of the 21 candidates running for mayor in the Feb. 26 election.

Emanuel on Wednesday said the city has to be willing to confront that to deal with its pension problems. "Risk is everywhere," he said.

During his tenure, Emanuel has issued record property tax increases and other fee and fine hikes to help shore up the city's four pension funds, which were grossly underfunded when he took office.

Among those he laid out were a graduated income tax, but he said it would be "a fundamentally missed opportunity if we made our tax system appropriately more progressive, but left in place a benefits system that is regressive."

Candidates bash amendment

Emanuel's call to open up the constitution to address the issue drew criticism from nine mayoral hopefuls at a cacophonous candidate forum Tuesday night on the Northwest Side where contenders spent much of the time taking shots at one another as they try to separate themselves from the pack. Emanuel's proposed amendment emerged as

the only point of consensus among all nine candidates at the Copernicus Center.

"We can find the resources in this city to live up to our obligations, and as we go forward, we can figure out how to do other things better," said candidate Gery Chico, a former City Hall chief of staff for former Mayor Richard M. Daley.

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza agreed.

"We do not mess with people's pensions because there were promises that were made and we have to keep them. End of story," said Mendoza.

Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot also said she wanted pensions to remain untouched. "People spend their whole working lives figuring out what their magic number is, when they're going to be able to retire, and we can't pull the rug out from under them," she said.

Speaking to a crowd with a heavy contingent of the city workers, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle also planted her flag on preserving pensions.

"I was criticized earlier for reinstating the penny sales tax. The reason I did it was to meet our pension obligations," she said. "We used 90 percent of the money in the first two years to ramp up our payments, so we could meet the actuarially required contribution, which was higher than the statutory contribution."

Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas said he has a five-year city budget plan to fully fund pension obligations if he's elected. But he also warned the crowd that the city's share could end up being much more than predicted.

Public policy consultant Amara Enyia said she would seek other ways to raise revenue. "There are options on the table for generating revenue, re-amortizing our debt, that we can actually look at, expanding the tax on services, which other states do, before we start to cut pension benefits," Enyia said.

On Wednesday, candidate Bill Daley took a different tack. "As I said a few weeks ago, everything must be on the table, including amending the state constitution," he said in a statement. "One thing that cannot be on the table is more property taxes."

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Pritzker doesn't dismiss possibility of gas tax hike

But says public works bill won't come quickly

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Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday didn't dismiss the possibility of a gas tax hike to help pay for rebuilding the state's infrastructure, but he also cautioned that a major construction program won't come quickly when his administration begins Jan. 14.

Pritzker also said a capital program and money to pay for it isn't something the lame-duck legislature should pursue when it returns to Springfield on Jan. 7.

"I think it's unnecessary to do it before I take office. We're going to work hard on it all together to make it happen and I want to make sure that we're focused on it immediately upon taking office," Pritzker said at an unrelated event in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood.

Still, Pritzker said it "might take a little time" to put together a comprehensive statewide bill to build and replace roads, bridges, water systems and mass transit, along with "the various sources that might fund it."

"So, I wouldn't suggest to you that it's going to happen in the first week or first few weeks of my taking office — mainly because there's a lot of work to get it done," he said.

"There are only ... 4½ months really of session ... so (I'm) not sure exactly how many weeks it will take or months, but suffice to say it's something we'll be working on in the first session," he said.

Republican leaders have indicated initial support for exploring a new capital program to replace one enacted in 2009. But the potential of

construction projects also can be a powerful political tool for leveraging votes of both Republicans and majority Democrats in the legislature in exchange for items on the new governor's agenda. That could lead to end-of-session deal-making in May.

Pritzker's comments came a day after outgoing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel offered support for an increase of 20 to 30 cents per gallon in the state's 19 cents-per-gallon gasoline tax to help fund a capital program. The state's tax hasn't changed since 1990, when it was boosted from 16 cents per gallon.

Pritzker said he had no conversation with Emanuel about the mayor's proposal.

"Oh no, that was his idea, his proposal," the governor-elect said.

Still, Pritzker said he hasn't "taken anything off the table" involving finding new revenue to fund bonds used to pay for public works projects, though he noted there are other potential sources for money such as expanded gambling.

"Well, we're going to look at all the various ways that we can fund an infrastructure plan, but there's no question about the fact that it's been 10 years since we had a capital fund, a capital project fund, for the state of Illinois," Pritzker said. "We need a capital bill and there's got to be funding for it. So we're going to look at every which way we can do that."

"As you know, there have been some other proposals made. Sen. Bill Brady (the Senate Republican leader from Bloomington) proposed that we expand gaming in the state as one of the sources for the funding of that capital bill. So we're going to look hard at that as well," he said.

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Plan would strip Burke control of city program

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A plan introduced before the City Council on Wednesday would strip Ald. Edward Burke of his control of the city workers' compensation system, nearly two weeks after federal agents raided his offices.

The ordinance sponsored by Ald. John Arena and other progressive aldermen would place the \$100 million-per-year program under the control of the corporation counsel, who is appointed by the mayor. The corporation counsel would have the power to designate people to oversee the fund and to approve payment vouchers.

It remains to be seen whether Arena, 45th, has the juice to take control away from Burke, the city's most powerful and longest-serving alderman. Political opponents undoubtedly see Burke as weakened after agents pulled records and computers out of his City Hall and ward offices late last month.

Arena, who sometimes clashes with Mayor Rahm Emanuel, said it's a matter of transparency and accountability. He pointed out that the mayor wants to change the state constitution to allow pension benefits for retirees to be reduced, while at the same time there is no clarity on how workers' compensa-



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Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, presides over the City Council Finance Committee on Monday.

tion payments are made, he said.

"At the same time that Mayor Emanuel is proposing cutting benefits for our senior citizens and city workers, we have a program that is at \$100 million year over year where other municipalities are in the range of \$20 million," Arena said. "We have no clear understanding of how this program is administered."

The workers' compensation program is currently exempt from the scrutiny Inspector General Joseph Ferguson exercises over the much of the rest of the City Council, a fact that has rankled some aldermen since Ferguson was allowed partial oversight of the council in 2016.

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Girl accused in Uber driver's death to be moved to adult jail

By BRIAN L. COX
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A Chicago girl accused of attacking and killing an Uber driver last year will be moved to adult jail when she turns 18 next week, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Eliza Wasni's public defender fought against moving the troubled teen to Cook County Jail.

Officials say she has committed hundreds of rule

violations in juvenile detention and repeatedly received discipline for attempting to harm herself and others.

Wednesday's hearing also revealed that Wasni has made comments in detention about wanting to commit other violent acts.

She still is awaiting trial on charges she stole a knife and machete from a Walmart in Skokie and then used them to fatally attack

Uber driver Grant Nelson in Lincolnwood on May 30, 2017.

Authorities have said the attack was unprovoked and occurred moments after Nelson, 34 and from Wilmette, picked up Wasni, 16, after she used the ride-share app to request a ride.

Wasni's public defender, David McMahon, raised concerns that she would be unsafe if moved to adult detention and would not

receive the same level of treatment for emotional and mental health issues.

"The best place for Eliza is the place that keeps her safe," he said.

Prosecutors countered that Wasni was a danger to guards and to other juveniles in detention. They said she has incurred more than 450 rule violations in juvenile detention.

Prosecutors said the incidents range in severity from

"unauthorized movements" to attacks on guards and other prisoners. They also said Wasni has had to be taken to Cook County's Stroger Hospital at least six times after harming herself.

Wasni also told another detainee that she wanted to go on a "killing spree" and spoke of how body parts could be disposed of, prosecutors said. She also recently wrote the word "die" on a detention center wall

using her own blood, officials said.

"Based on these infractions, she should be transferred," said Assistant State's Attorney Diann Sheridan.

In allowing the transfer, Judge Lauren Edidin said Wasni would continue to receive mental health treatment.

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Little scrutiny of many guards

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The bullet ripped through the man's lower torso, damaging his appendix, small intestines and colon, medical records show.

The man survived, pleaded guilty to attempted armed robbery and served nearly four years in prison. But since the 2013 shooting, no one, including the state regulators responsible for monitoring the security industry, has challenged the guard's version of events.

Unlike police officers, who in recent years have faced widespread and intense scrutiny over excessive force, including the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald, the growing industry of private security guards often operates unwatched and unchecked, a Tribune investigation has found.

State regulators issue licenses to guards but exercise alarmingly little oversight over what amounts to a massive, shadow police force that Illinois businesses, neighborhoods and citizens increasingly rely on for day-to-day safety.

In the last seven years, the Tribune could not find a single case where the state disciplined a guard for his or her role in a shooting. In fact, Illinois regulators don't even track incidents in which guards fire guns. Training requirements, meanwhile, are extremely limited — even barbers must complete more classroom time — and Illinois has set no standards for the use of force.

Using state and police records, court documents and media reports, the Tribune found that Illinois guards fired their guns in work-related incidents at least 37 times since April 2011, the earliest period for which the state could provide information. Three additional incidents involved off-duty police officers working as security guards. Eleven people died in these shootings, including a 20-year-old woman who was shot in the head as two security guards at a Chicago liquor store fired a barrage of bullets at a fleeing SUV.

Illinois law requires security companies to report shootings to the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation, the agency that licenses guards. The agency then can open an investigation to determine if the guards remain fit for duty.

But the Tribune found 11 shootings since April 2011 that were not reported as required, and none of the firms was disciplined by the state, records show. The Tribune identified an additional 10 shootings that weren't reported, but there wasn't enough information available to determine whether or not they needed to be. That's because Illinois law exempts small in-house security forces from the requirement.

R. Paul McCauley, a professor emeritus of criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, said the unreported shootings signal a lack of accountability in the industry.

"I think that's unacceptable," he said. "I'm assuming the legislative intent was not to allow security people to be so-called cowboys."

The number of licensed security workers in Illinois — a category that includes locksmiths and private detectives in addition to guards — has grown by about 20 percent over the last decade, a Tribune analysis of state records found. As of June, there were more than 97,000 licensees, though some might not currently be working. The number of working security guards nationwide reached 1.1 million last year, almost double the total for police officers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

These people are doing dangerous work — guards are often the first to respond to a crime in progress. In 2016, 33 guards were slain on the job in the U.S., according to federal data. In Illinois, at least 12 guards have been shot in recent years, according to a Tribune review of news accounts. Six of those shootings were fatal, including that of a security guard killed in a Robbins bar this month by a police officer responding to a call about gunfire.

Yet training requirements in Illinois are meager compared with those for law enforcement. Unarmed guards must complete 20 hours of training while armed guards need 40 hours, half of which must focus on firearms. By contrast, Chicago police recruits spend six months in the academy followed by three months of



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Levert Jones displays the surgical scars from his gunshot wound. Jones pleaded guilty to the attempted armed robbery at C.D. Peacock.



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There were 10 customers and six salespeople in the C.D. Peacock jewelry store at Oakbrook Center when security guard Doyle Farrell shot Levert Jones on June 23, 2013.

training on the street.

A handful of states require armed guards to pass a mental health examination; Illinois is not among them. Guards here must undergo a background check, but the state has discretion to grant anyone a license. No one, including people convicted of violent felonies and registered sex offenders, is barred by law from becoming a guard.

Some guards don't face any oversight at all from state regulators, as small forces of fewer than five guards who provide in-house security don't need to be licensed. For example, a restaurant could hire two people to provide security on weekends, and those work-

ers would not be required to undergo training and would face no oversight or professional discipline for misconduct.

"It makes no sense," said Steve Amitay, executive director of the National Association of Security Companies, the industry's leading trade group. "Anybody out there functioning as a security officer should be under the same requirements, restrictions and regulations."

Though the public trusts guards for protection, many have proved capable of committing crimes themselves, a Tribune analysis found. In the last decade, nearly 1,800 current and former security workers were disciplined

by the state over criminal convictions or failure to report such cases, according to the analysis. In dozens of instances, the Tribune found, the crimes were serious: sex offenses, domestic violence, battery, drug charges and, in three cases, murder.

Bryan Schneider, head of the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation, declined through a spokesman to be interviewed for this story, as did Jessica Baer, director of the agency's division of professional regulation. The agency asked for questions in writing and then did not answer them.

In a brief statement, the department said it reviews all reports of

shootings, complaints and other information to determine whether disciplinary action should be taken. The agency said it oversees more than a million licensees in a variety of professions and pays special attention to security workers and companies. The department said its "top priority is ensuring public safety."

When the Tribune requested various records related to guard shootings, the department provided very few, saying most of the documents were either confidential or didn't exist. In its examination of the Oak Brook mall shooting, the Tribune used police records to identify the guard as Doyle Farrell, now 60.

Farrell declined to answer detailed questions from the Tribune about the shooting, but he described the encounter to police detectives in two separate video-recorded interviews. Police and state's attorneys did not pursue charges against him.

A supervisor at the security company where Farrell worked described him as an "excellent employee" who always showed up on time and had never been disciplined, according to a police report. He had not previously fired his gun while on the job, the supervisor told police.

The man Farrell wounded, Levert Jones, is now 30 and lives in Detroit. He says he made a terrible mistake that day but didn't deserve to be shot.

Jones said he had never seen the video from the store until the Tribune showed it to him.

"Damn, you know what I'm saying?" he said after watching it. "Why did he shoot me, bro? Why did he shoot me?"

A robbery, interrupted

On the afternoon of the shooting, Jones and two other men walked into Oakbrook Center, an



OAK BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT 2013

Surveillance video from a jewelry store at Oakbrook Center shows Levert Jones smashing a jewelry case with a hammer, top photo. Shortly after, Jones was shot by security guard Doyle Farrell, an event captured by surveillance video, bottom photo.

“I always hope I never have to pull my gun on nobody. I have seen a lot of security officers get hurt ... so I try my best not to take no chances.”

— security guard Doyle Farrell

supervisor on the case, defended his department's decision not to pursue charges against Farrell. The DuPage County state's attorney's office said it reviewed the case reports and agreed.

“The attack felt worse to him than it looks on our video,” King said. “But of course, easy for us to say now, sitting here like this.”

Still, Oak Brook police officials said, a trained police officer likely would have handled things differently.

Before handcuffing a suspect, Kruger said, a lone police officer is supposed to radio for backup and wait for it to arrive, if possible. Guards, by contrast, usually have to dial 911 from a cellphone, explain the situation to dispatchers and wait for officers to be assigned, a process that takes much longer.

Kruger said his original statement to the news media was made about an hour after the shooting based on preliminary information given to him by his officers.

He added that some retail surveillance videos have little value as evidence because their quality is too poor to determine what transpired. Specifically, he said, the video from C.D. Peacock is so choppy that it may not capture every movement of the suspect.

Deputy Chief Jason Cates said he thought Farrell was giving an honest account of what happened, but the trauma of experiencing a robbery attempt and shooting someone for the first time may have affected his ability to describe the encounter precisely.

“There's no sound associated with this video, and we're not feeling it and we're not seeing it from the perspective of this security guard,” Cates said.

At the time of the shooting, police records show, Farrell was working for Command Security Corporation and assigned to the C.D. Peacock store. State records show the company did not report the incident to the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation as required by law, and there is no evidence authorities investigated. Public records requests by the Tribune yielded no state documents related to the shooting.

Representatives from Virginia-based Command Security declined to comment on the case. Tom Keevan, a spokesman for C.D. Peacock, said the company no longer uses Command Security for reasons unrelated to the shooting. Oakbrook Center did not return multiple messages seeking comment.

When the Tribune first called Farrell, he said he was in the back of the store during the robbery attempt and didn't fire the shot.

In a subsequent conversation, a reporter informed him that numerous police records — including his own witness statement — showed that he had indeed shot Jones.

Farrell responded that he didn't want to talk about it.

“It's something years ago that happened that I'm trying to put behind me,” he said. “It's in the past.”

Farrell said he still works as a guard; records show he has an active license and has never been disciplined. He did not respond to additional requests for comment.

Jones, meanwhile, pleaded guilty to attempted armed robbery, and his accomplices were never caught. He served just under four years in prison. The entire time, he said, he had to wear a colostomy bag to collect waste because of his gunshot wound. “It was worse than hell,” Jones recalled.

Now on parole, Jones is living in Michigan, where he said he does landscaping work.

Though years have passed since he was shot, Jones said he continues to struggle with medical complications, such as back pain and bladder problems. He is also thinking about getting help with the psychological scars left by the shooting.

“I don't cope. I just try to get through it,” Jones said. “I just try to get through the days.”

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Coming next

A young woman dies when security guards open fire.

outdoor shopping complex that boasts luxury stores like Burberry and Louis Vuitton. After eating at Subway and Sbarro, the men made their way to the C.D. Peacock jewelry store around 3:45 p.m., police reports show.

Inside, Farrell was sitting in a chair behind a desk. It was a busy day. The store was filled with 10 customers and six salespeople.

What happened next is laid out in detail in police reports, the surveillance video and two video-recorded police interviews with the guard.

Two workers asked the three men if they needed help, but no one replied.

Jones, wearing jeans and a baggy white T-shirt, walked toward a glass case of Rolex watches and stopped behind it. He put his hands on top of the case and leaned over it, then suddenly pulled a 4-pound hammer from his waistband. He swung it twice, cracking the case.

Employees and customers ran for the door. One salesperson, a 45-year-old woman, ducked behind a counter and curled into the fetal position.

Farrell drew his .357 Magnum Smith & Wesson revolver, pointed it at Jones and told him to freeze, police records state.

“Don't shoot me!” Jones said, according to a customer's account to police.

Jones dropped the hammer on the case, raised his hands and walked to the center of the store, where he lay on his stomach. By then, Jones' accomplices had bolted out the door.

Farrell ordered Jones not to move, witnesses and Farrell later told police.

Jones, unarmed and on the floor, held his hands behind his back as Farrell walked toward him holding the gun and bent down, the store video shows. The guard later told police that Jones jumped up and came toward him.

That's when, Farrell said, he fired his gun.

“You shot me! You shot me! Get me an ambulance!” Jones said, the same customer told police.

Farrell responded, “I told you not to move,” according to a statement from the 45-year-old saleswoman.

On the video recording, Jones appears to have moved as Farrell attempted to handcuff him, but the guard's back blocked most of the camera's view of Jones at that moment.

Later, Oak Brook police Detective Vel Torlo would testify that when he watched the video, he saw Jones “turn in an attempt to flee or possibly even fight the security guard.” He did acknowledge, however, that Jones never got onto his feet or knees and remained in a prone position on the ground the entire time the guard was behind him.

Jones told the Tribune that he complied with Farrell's orders and that he thought about running but did not.

Inside the jewelry store, when police arrived, they found Jones on the ground, groaning. Blood had soaked through his shirt. According to a police report, Jones asked an officer: “Why did the guy shoot me?”

Paramedics transported Jones to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, where a surgeon cut open his abdomen to assess and treat damage to his internal organs. He would spend four days in the hospital.

The bullet that hit Jones passed through his body, leaving no fragment behind, according to medical records obtained by the Tribune with Jones' permission. A police report states that one surgeon who treated Jones “speculated” he was shot from behind because the bullet hole in his back was slightly smaller than the one in his front. Another surgeon wrote in the medical records that

the bullet had entered through Jones' abdomen and left through the lower back, without discussing the size of the wounds.

Contacted by the Tribune, both surgeons said they are not experts in ballistics or forensics and could not say for sure where the bullet struck Jones. They said they focus on repairing damage caused by a bullet, not its trajectory.

Following the shooting, Farrell told detectives at the Oak Brook police station that he initially thought the hammer might have been a gun and didn't know if Jones had more weapons.

“I was walking towards him to put my handcuffs on him,” Farrell said in the video-recorded interview. “Before I got, even from maybe 3 feet, he jumped up off the floor and come towards me. So that's when I shot him.”

He also said: “I didn't know if he was coming towards me to attack me or trying to get away or what.”

Police Chief James Kruger told reporters at the mall a similar but more dramatic story, one in which Jones did not drop the hammer and came at the guard.

Two days later, police wanted to interview Farrell again. A detective had watched the store surveillance video — the same one the Tribune would eventually obtain — and she had additional questions.

When Farrell got there, two detectives conducted the interview. One told Farrell she was getting ready to wrap up the investigation and wanted to give him an opportunity to relay any more information.

Farrell didn't waver from his original statement. “I was fearing for my life because when I asked him to lay down, he looked at me and jumped towards me,” Farrell said. “He was coming toward me.”

During the interview, Farrell was visibly upset and in tears, a police report states. He said he couldn't sleep and didn't have

anyone to talk to about what happened. He told detectives that he felt lucky because in robberies, “they usually take out the security guards first.” Farrell also said he was worried that Jones' accomplices might be looking for him.

The interview was brief, just eight minutes. Video of the interview shows that the detectives did not ask him any questions about the surveillance video.

During his two interviews with police, Farrell described the dangers of his job. At a different jewelry store, Farrell said, robbers took a diamond and then tried to run him over with a vehicle when he chased after them. Farrell also said he knew a security guard who was badly beaten with his own gun by bank robbers, according to a video of his interview with police.

“I always hope I never have to pull my gun on nobody,” said Farrell, who told police he had 20 years of experience. “I have seen a lot of security officers get hurt ... so I try my best not to take no chances.”

The value of a video

One recent morning, Oak Brook police Patrol Cmdr. Mark King sat down in his office to answer questions about the shooting and the surveillance video.

He said he had seen the video before but agreed to review it again at the Tribune's request.

A reporter flipped open her computer, plugged in a USB flash drive and clicked play. The video, obtained from Oak Brook police through a public records request, shows Jones lying on his stomach, his hands behind his back, as Farrell walks toward him with his gun drawn.

The video is grainy and jerky, but it does not show Jones jumping up or approaching Farrell to attack, as the guard told police.

As he studied the video, King, a

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200 cases of failure — and counting

Congress has tried for anti-lynching law but failed

BY JAWEED KALEEM
Los Angeles Times

It was nearly a century ago that Rep. Leonidas Dyer, a Republican from Missouri, introduced a bill to make lynching a federal crime. With vigilante slayings of African-Americans rampant, it promised to force the federal government to prosecute lynch mobs for murder.

The bill wasn't the first in Congress to target lynchings.

Others had tried to stop the killings carried out against blacks by angry Southern whites who nearly always got away without punishment.

The first attempt, in 1900, by Rep. George White, a North Carolina Republican and the only black person in Congress, was defeated in committee.

But Dyer's legislation was the first to have a serious chance of becoming law when it passed in the House of Representatives and made it out of committee in the Senate.

Southern Democratic senators filibustered to block the bill in 1922, with one, Sen. Lee Slater Overman of North Carolina, saying that African-Americans did not want the law and "do not need it."

It was one of more than 200 failed attempts to make lynching a federal crime. Bill after bill failed, even as the killings continued.

Tuskegee University researchers documented 4,475 lynchings that took place in the U.S. from 1882 to 1968. Most occurred in the South and targeted black people, though Mexicans, Native Americans and some white people were also victims.

"Southern white federal officeholders repeatedly blocked anti-lynching legislation over the decades of



Wretha Hudson discovers a marker on lynchings in Lee County, Texas, while visiting the National Memorial For Peace and Justice. Hudson, whose father's family came to Alabama from Lee County decades earlier, said the experience was overwhelming.

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the early 20th century, asserting that a federal role in thwarting lynching would violate 'state's rights,'" said Michael Pfeifer, a history professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

Lynchings, he said, "performed a terroristic function, in the sense that they were intended to intimidate and create fear" among African-Americans and other minorities.

Dyer, who served in Congress until 1933, made several more attempts to pass a law and repeatedly hit the same opposition from Democratic senators.

Even people later known as civil rights champions were against outlawing lynching.

When President Harry Truman pushed Congress

to pass laws against lynching and segregation in interstate transportation in 1947, then-Rep. Lyndon Johnson of Texas — who as president signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 — called out the president for a "farce and a sham — an effort to set up a police state in the guise of liberty."

Now, Congress may add one more anti-lynching attempt to its list of shortcomings.

Bipartisan groups of lawmakers introduced bills in the House and Senate over the summer to make lynching a federal hate crime, with the Senate text calling lynching the "ultimate expression of racism" after Reconstruction.

The proposed laws are symbolic, as modern-day lynchings are rare and un-

likely to go without punishment. Lynchings declined dramatically after the Justice Department, which long ignored them as "local matters," began prosecuting them in the 1940s, Pfeifer said.

Yet lawmakers behind the bills and supporters including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said a new law would go a long way in setting the record straight on where the country stands on racist violence.

They also said the law would amount to a long-overdue follow-up to an apology the Senate issued 13 years ago for failing to advance anti-lynching laws.

The Senate bill cited the rise in hate incidents, such as that of white supremacists who marched in Char-

lottesville, Va., last year, as another reason to codify the nation's stance on lynching. The law would also put more federal resources toward tracking and prosecuting future lynchings.

"Only by coming to terms with history can the United States effectively champion human rights abroad," the Senate bill says.

The bill, introduced by the chamber's three black senators — Democrats Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey and Republican Tim Scott of South Carolina — passed the Senate Judiciary Committee in October. The House bill was introduced by Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., and referred to committee.

"After more than a hundred years of failed efforts, we are now one step closer to finally making lynching a federal crime and putting an end to a long period of congressional inaction and indifference," Booker said in an October statement.

He said the law would "send a very clear signal that we as a nation will not tolerate bias-motivated violence in any form."

But with a new session of Congress set to convene in early January, neither bill has made it to a floor vote.

The reasons vary.

For one, more than 5,000 bills are introduced in Congress each year. Most don't make it out of committee, and only a few hundred become laws. A symbolic law with bipartisan support is unlikely to be prioritized in Congress because it doesn't need a certain party to be in the majority to pass. And an anti-lynching law, political science and African-American history experts say, isn't seen as urgent because the crimes are viewed as being from a long-ago era.

"Until very recently, Americans have made little effort to remember or learn from the country's extensive history of lynching and racial violence," Pfeifer said.

But interest in that his-

tory is changing through new historical exhibits and educational efforts, he said.

When it opened two years ago, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture highlighted the history of lynching and displayed the casket of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old killed in Mississippi in 1955. His mother's decision to hold an open-casket funeral showing his disfigured face shone a galvanizing light on lynchings. This year, the Justice Department reopened its investigation into the killing.

In April, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice opened in Montgomery, Ala., dedicated in part to "people terrorized by lynching." The central feature of the memorial, which spreads over six acres of land on a hill overlooking the city, is a collection of 800 hanging 6-foot steel monuments for each county where a lynching took place.

Last month, Mississippi Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith's campaign was nearly derailed when a video emerged of her saying she would sit in the front row of a "public hanging" if invited by a supporter. The senator went on the defensive when critics said the remark invoked the state's history of lynchings.

There have also been reports of what have been described as attempted lynchings.

In 2016, the family of a 12-year-old black girl in Waco, Texas, accused a private school of negligence for not stopping bullying that a lawsuit said led to white students dragging the student after tying a rope around her neck. Last month, a jury ordered the school to pay \$68,000 in damages.

In 2016, four white students in Wiggins, Miss., reportedly tied a noose around the neck of a black football player in the locker room and pulled it.

Senate to debate U.S. support for Saudi-led war in Yemen

BY SHANE HARRIS AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
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WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to formally start debating a measure to end U.S. support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen, setting up what is likely to be the first of several bipartisan rebukes of President Donald Trump's support of Saudi Arabia that senators hope to deliver.

The 60-37 vote exceeded the expectations of the Yemen resolution's supporters, who had guessed that most of the 14 Republicans who supported the measure through an opening procedural hurdle last month would peel away as it advanced. But 11 Republicans joined all Democrats in voting to start debating the resolution.

Should even part of that coalition hold together, the Senate is set to deliver a historic message to Trump

that the status quo on Saudi relations is no longer acceptable.

Lawmakers have launched several efforts to condemn, chastise or curtail traditional U.S. support to Saudi Arabia after the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a Washington Post contributing columnist.

Momentum around several of those efforts — particularly the Yemen resolution from Sens. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Mike Lee, R-Utah — built dramatically after the CIA determined that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was probably responsible for Khashoggi's killing in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, findings Trump has dismissed as he continues to embrace the prince.

Wednesday's Senate vote came hours after CIA Director Gina Haspel briefed the House about the agency's assessment that Mo-

ammed probably ordered the killing of Khashoggi.

It was the second time in two weeks that she has given lawmakers a closed-door look at the CIA's classified examination of Khashoggi's death. It is based in part on intercepted communications between the crown prince and one of his top aides, who investigators think oversaw the team that killed and dismembered the journalist Oct. 2.

After Haspel briefed senators last week, they accused Mohammed of complicity in the death of Khashoggi, whose writings were critical of the crown prince. Later this week, senators are expected to vote on a resolution condemning Mohammed as responsible for Khashoggi's killing.

But in the House, senior members have been far more tight-lipped about their plans.

The Sanders-Lee resolu-



CIA Director Gina Haspel arrives Wednesday to brief the House about the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

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tion that is expected to pass the Senate this week is all but guaranteed to be dead on arrival in the House, where lawmakers narrowly voted Wednesday to block any similar resolution from consideration.

Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., the incoming chairman of

the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has committed to holding a series of hearings early next year, on a variety of issues relating to Saudi policy, including the war in Yemen. But those plans lack the specificity of activity underway in the Senate, where lawmakers

are already planning how to pivot off a successful vote on the Sanders-Lee measure to work on others in the new year.

Chief among their new targets is a bill, sponsored by Sens. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., and Todd Young, R-Ind., that would sanction Saudi officials found to be responsible for Khashoggi's death. The measure also would stop the transfer of anything but purely defensive weapons to Saudi Arabia until it ends hostilities in Yemen.

When House leaders emerged from the briefing with Haspel, none claimed that her testimony had proved Mohammed's culpability — in stark contrast to what senators said after their similar session last week.

The full House is expected to be briefed Thursday by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who also spoke with senators late last month. Both have adopted a stance closer to that of Trump, who emphasizes that Mohammed told him on several occasions that he was not involved.

Clinton, Beyonce attend big, fat, crazy, rich Indian wedding

BY EMILY SCHMALL
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — In a season of big Indian weddings, the Wednesday marriage of the scions of two billionaire families might be the biggest of them all.

The bride, Isha Ambani, is the Ivy League-educated daughter of industrialist Mukesh Ambani, thought to be India's richest man. Forbes estimates his net worth at over \$43 billion.

The groom, Anand Piramal, is the relative pauper.



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Newlyweds Anand Piramal, left, and Isha Ambani.

His father, industrialist Ajay Piramal, is thought to be worth \$10 billion.

The festivities began weeks ago, starting in September with an engagement

party at a lakeside Italian palace.

Over the weekend, thousands attended pre-wedding parties at a 16th-century palace in the Indian desert city of Udaipur, where videos shot by partiers showed Hillary Clinton dancing with Shah Rukh Khan, one of India's biggest movie stars, as former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry danced just a few feet away.

A highlight was a performance by Beyonce, who sang "Crazy In Love,"

among other hits, with a band backing her up and a series of costume changes that included at least one India-inspired outfit.

Indian weddings are famously elaborate, driving many families into debt with expectations that they invite hundreds or thousands of people, and arranging professional song-and-dance shows.

Among India's rich, weddings are displays of almost unimaginable wealth, with guests flown in on chartered jets from around the

world and celebrities paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for brief appearances.

The Indian media noted that the actual Ambani wedding, in Mumbai, was expected to be a relatively small affair, with just 600 or so people in attendance. More parties will follow the marriage ceremony.

Indian grooms traditionally ride to their weddings on horses, but Piramal arrived at the Ambani home in a classic Rolls Royce, with marching bands playing in

the procession and scowling bodyguards scattered through the crowds.

The competitiveness of India's wintertime wedding season is growing more extreme, according to Archana Dalmia, a social activist in New Delhi.

The wedding of Indian actress Priyanka Chopra and American singer Nick Jonas earlier this month — which included palace parties and lots of celebrities — has been quickly overshadowed by the Ambani festivities.

Cohen gets 3 years for 'dirty deeds'

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Judge pronounced his sentence for evading \$1.4 million in taxes, lying about Trump's business dealings in Russia and violating campaign finance laws in buying the silence of porn star Stormy Daniels and Playboy centerfold Karen McDougal, who claimed they had sex with the candidate. Cohen and federal prosecutors have said the payments were made at Trump's direction to influence the 2016 election.

"Time and time again, I felt it was my duty to cover up his dirty deeds rather than to listen to my own inner voice and my moral compass," said a choked-up Cohen, a lawyer who once boasted he would "take a bullet" for Trump. "My weakness can be characterized as a blind loyalty to Donald Trump, and I was weak for not having the strength to question and to refuse his demands."

The twin developments represented a double dose of bad news for Trump, who ignored reporters' questions about Cohen at the White House later in the day.

Cohen is the first and, so far, only member of Trump's circle during two years of investigations to go into open court and implicate him in a crime, though whether a president can be prosecuted under the Constitution is an open question.

In a possible sign of further trouble for the president, Cohen said he will continue cooperating with prosecutors, and one of his legal advisers said Cohen is also prepared to tell "all he knows" to Congress if asked.

At the sentencing, defense attorney Guy Petrillo pleaded for leniency for Cohen, saying, "He came forward to offer evidence against the most powerful person in our country."

U.S. District Judge William Pauley said the defendant deserved modest credit, but his assistance "does not wipe the slate clean."

"Somewhere along the way Mr. Cohen appears to



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Michael Cohen exits federal court after his sentencing hearing Wednesday in New York.

have lost his moral compass," the judge said.

The judge also ordered Cohen to pay \$1.39 million in restitution to the IRS, forfeit \$500,000 and pay \$100,000 in fines. He was ordered to report to prison March 6 and left court without comment.

The prison sentence was in line with what prosecutors asked for. Sentencing guidelines called for four to five years, and the government asked in court papers that Cohen be given only a slight break.

The sentence was the culmination of a spectacular rise and fast fall of a lawyer who attached himself to the fortunes of his biggest client, helped him get elected president, then turned on him, cooperating with two interconnected investigations: one run by federal prosecutors in New York, the other by special counsel Robert Mueller, who is looking into Russia's efforts to

influence the presidential election.

Beyond the guilty pleas, it is unclear what Cohen has told prosecutors or what he has left to say, though one of Mueller's prosecutors, Jeannie Rhee, said in court that Cohen has "provided consistent and credible information about core Russia-related issues under investigation." Legal experts said Cohen could get his sentence reduced by cooperating.

In the hush-money case, Cohen arranged for American Media Inc., parent of the pro-Trump National Enquirer, to pay \$150,000 to McDougal to buy and bury her story, according to prosecutors. Cohen also said he paid \$130,000 to Daniels and was reimbursed by Trump's business empire. Both payments were made during the heat of the 2016 campaign.

Prosecutors said those secret payouts were not re-

ported as campaign contributions and violated the ban on corporate contributions and the \$2,700 limit on donations by an individual.

Shortly after Cohen's sentencing, federal authorities announced a deal not to prosecute AMI. As part of the deal, prosecutors said, AMI admitted making the payment to McDougal "in concert" with the Trump campaign to protect him from a story that could have hurt his candidacy. An AMI representative had no comment.

In addition to pleading guilty to the campaign finance and tax charges, Cohen admitted lying to Congress to conceal that he was negotiating a proposal to build a Trump skyscraper in Moscow well into the presidential campaign season. He said he lied out of devotion to Trump, who insisted during the campaign that he had no business ties to Russia.

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Erdogan vows to clear Kurd fighters in northeastern Syria

BY UMAR FAROOQ
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Los Angeles Times

BEIRUT — Turkey will launch a military operation against U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters in northern Syria “within a matter of days,” President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday, threatening to upend an uneasy detente.

That could put it on a collision course with Washington, which backs the Kurds with thousands of service members, special forces and contractors who maintain a presence east of the Euphrates River, while Turkey and its coalition of Syria rebels stay to the west.

Turkey will target the east to “save the area from the separatist terrorist movement,” Erdogan said, using his routine term for Kurdish militias.

“Our target is never American soldiers, but members of the terrorist organization operating in the region. This is especially emphasized.”

Turkey has long protested Washington’s support of the People’s Protection Units, Kurdish militias also known as YPG. Turkey views the YPG as an extension of the separatist Kurdistan Workers’ Party, which has fought a decadeslong guerrilla war against Turkey.

“This step will allow for the path to a political solution to be opened and for healthier cooperation with the U.S.,” Erdogan said in a televised speech from the capital, Ankara.

Washington’s support of the YPG has enabled its fighters to beat back Islamic State from much of its territory in northeastern Syria.

The Kurds now control wide swaths of land, a development that has enraged Turkey and worsened a rift between Washington and Ankara, NATO countries and putative allies.

Since 2016, Erdogan has



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President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s move could put Turkey on a collision course with the U.S., which backs the Kurds.

launched two operations to stop the Kurds from establishing what he called “a terror corridor” along the 511-mile Syrian-Turkish border. Working with Syrian rebel factions as his proxy, he has secured much of Syria’s north.

But fears of armed clashes between Turkish troops and what the Pentagon says are about 2,000 service members in Syria, as well as potentially thousands of special operators and contractors, had so far stayed Erdogan’s hand from attacking east of the Euphrates or in Manbij, a city about 15 miles southwest of the river.

Still, tensions have risen, with reports of Turkish forces shelling YPG positions even as the Pentagon doubled down on its support of the Kurds, who are struggling to finish off extremists bunkered in pockets of territory near the Syria-Iraq border.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has built 19 military bases in northeastern Syria, according to reports from the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a pro-opposition watchdog group, and has pledged funds to stabilize war-ravaged areas under Kurdish control.

In a news release this week, Defense Department spokesman Col. Robert

Manning announced that, despite Ankara’s objections, the U.S. had established observation posts in the northeast Syria border region “to address the security concerns of our NATO ally Turkey.”

“We take Turkish security concerns seriously and we are committed to coordinating our efforts with Turkey to bring stability to northeastern Syria,” Manning said.

That did little to mollify Erdogan.

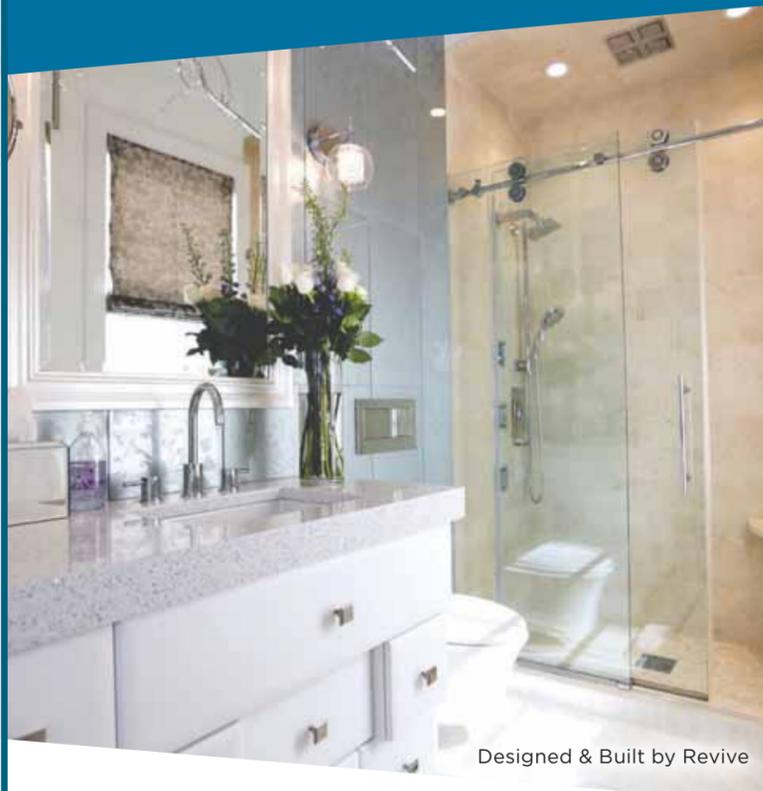
“It’s clear that the purpose of these U.S. observation posts is not to protect our country from terrorists but to protect terrorists from Turkey,” he said Wednesday.

He accused the U.S. of using Islamic State’s presence as a “stalling tactic” on an agreement over Manbij that began this month with joint U.S. and Turkish patrols around the city and would end with the YPG leaving Manbij and ceding it to Turkish stewardship by the end of the year.

The scope of the operation Erdogan promised Wednesday is still unclear, but Turkey’s previous cross-border incursions into Syria involved special forces working alongside Syrian rebels, with Turkish aerial and artillery support clearing the way.

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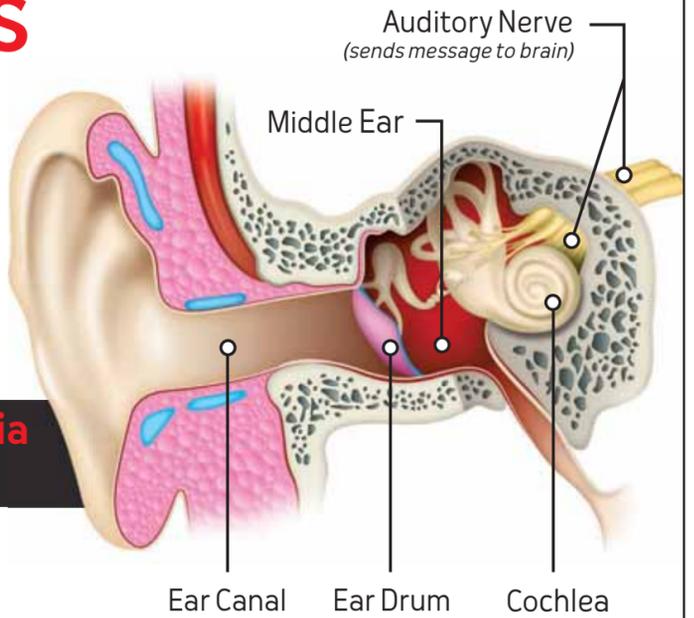
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Embattled May survives challenge in Britain

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that “a significant number” had voted against her in Wednesday’s secret ballot.

“I have listened to what they said,” May promised as she stood outside No. 10 Downing St., the official residence of the prime minister, after what she called a “long and challenging day.”

The threat to May had been building as pro-Brexit Conservative lawmakers grew increasingly frustrated with the prime minister’s handling of Brexit. Many supporters of Brexit say May’s deal, a compromise that retains close economic ties with the EU, fails to deliver on the clean break with the bloc that they want.

The balloting came after May’s Conservative opponents, who circled the beleaguered prime minister for weeks hoping to spark a no-confidence vote, finally got the numbers they needed to call one.

The vote was triggered when at least 48 lawmakers — 15 percent of Conservative legislators — wrote letters asking for a no-confidence ballot.

On Monday, May postponed a vote to approve the divorce deal to avoid all-but-certain defeat. She has until Jan. 21 to bring it back to Parliament after — she hopes — winning concessions from the EU.



British Prime Minister Theresa May comments on her “long and challenging day” Wednesday outside 10 Downing St.

The result of the vote was announced to cheers from lawmakers gathered in the House of Commons. Under party rules, May cannot be challenged again by fellow Conservatives for a year.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling, an ally, said the result showed that May “has the support of her party.”

But pro-Brexit lawmaker Mark Francois said the result was “devastating” for May, who has lost the sup-

port of a third of her party in Parliament.

Before the vote Wednesday, May had vowed to fight for the leadership of her party and the country “with everything I’ve got,” and spent the day holed up in the House of Commons trying to win over enough lawmakers to secure victory.

In a bid to win over wavering lawmakers, May indicated she would step down before the next elec-

tion in 2022.

May’s victory does not lay to rest uncertainty about Britain’s EU departure March 29.

Opposition lawmakers expressed outrage at the Conservative civil war erupting in the middle of the Brexit process.

“This government is a farce, the Tory party is in chaos, the prime minister is a disgrace,” Scottish National Party leader Ian Blackford said during a

Prime Minister’s Questions session in the House of Commons.

British business figures expressed exasperation at the political uncertainty.

“With news that the prime minister remains in place, business communities will hope that these political games can finally be put to bed,” said Adam Marshall, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce. “Westminster must now focus all its ener-

gy on urgently giving businesses clarity on the future and avoiding a messy or disorderly Brexit.”

On Thursday, May will head to an EU summit in Brussels facing another difficult task. She is seeking changes to the withdrawal agreement that can win support in Britain’s Parliament.

But EU leaders say the legally binding text won’t be reopened, and the best they can offer are “clarifications.”

May said she would “be seeking legal and political assurances that will assuage the concerns” of lawmakers.

The European Parliament’s Brexit point man, Guy Verhofstadt, could not contain a note of annoyance, tweeting: “Once again, the fate of EU-U.K. relations, the prosperity of businesses & citizens’ rights are consumed by an internal Conservative party catfight over Europe.”

On the streets of London, some felt sympathy for the embattled leader.

“It’s embarrassing for a start to the rest of the world and I feel really sorry for Theresa May — she’s being battered by everybody,” said Abby Handbridge, who was selling Christmas cards and wrapping paper at a London street market. “I hope she stays in power and sorts it out.”



Mourners light candles Wednesday at the Christmas market in Strasbourg, France.

Suspected gunman in French attack has long police record

BY LORI HINNANT, SYLVIE CORBET AND JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

STRASBOURG, France — A massive manhunt involving hundreds of police and soldiers was underway Wednesday for a suspected extremist who yelled “God is great!” in Arabic during a shooting attack around one of Europe’s most famous Christmas markets. The assault in the eastern French city of Strasbourg killed two, left one person brain-dead and injured 12 others, authorities said.



Chekatt

Police union officials identified the suspected assailant as Frenchman Cherif Chekatt, 29, who was monitored as a suspected religious radical by the French intelligence services. Two officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to publicly discuss details of the ongoing investigation.

The suspect’s parents and two brothers, also known for radicalism, have been detained, according to a judicial official.

The government raised the security alert level and sent police reinforcements to Strasbourg, where 720

members of security forces were involved in the search. A terrorism investigation was opened, but the motive of the attack is unclear.

The suspect’s more than two dozen convictions, including bank robbery, also involve crimes in Germany and Switzerland, according to court documents. The German government said it has stepped up controls on the country’s border with France following the attack.

The U.S. government, among others, warned citizens in the area to be vigilant. The city is home to the European Parliament and considers itself a capital of Europe — and promotes itself as the “capital of Christmas.”

Prosecutor Remy Heitz said the suspect was shot in the arm during an exchange of fire with French soldiers during his rampage in the city center Tuesday. He then took a taxi to another part of the city, boasting of the attack to the driver. There, he exchanged more gunfire with police and disappeared.

Heitz said the man attacked his victims with a handgun and a knife. Previously, French authorities

had said the assailant killed three people, but Heitz said two people were confirmed dead while the third was brain-dead. Also, 12 people were injured, six of them gravely.

Witnesses described shots and screams after the gunman opened fire around the Christmas market Tuesday evening. They also reported that the assailant yelled “God is great!” in Arabic during the attack, the prosecutor added. For several hours swaths of the city were under lockdown.

Senior Interior Ministry official Laurent Nunez said the suspect had been radicalized in prison and had been monitored by French intelligence services since his release in late 2015, because of his suspected religious extremism.

Nunez said on France-Inter radio that police sought to arrest the man on Tuesday morning, hours before the shooting, in relation to an attempted murder. He was not at home but five other people were detained, authorities said.

Heitz said police seized a grenade, a rifle and knives during the operation.

A neighbor, who asked not to be named because the gunman was still at large, said he was rarely home.

Hand of man seen behind 15 weather disasters in '17

BY SARAH KAPLAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A drought that scorched the Great Plains, causing wildfires and \$2.5 billion in agriculture losses.

Catastrophic floods that submerged more than a third of Bangladesh.

Record-shattering heat waves that killed scores of people in Europe and China.

These were among 15 extreme weather events in 2017 that were made more likely by human-caused climate change, according to a suite of in-depth studies published this week in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society. At least one episode — a devastating marine heat wave off the coast of Australia that cooked ecosystems and damaged fisheries — would have been “virtually impossible” without human influence, scientists said.

The findings, which were presented this week at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union, underscore the degree to which climate change is already harming human society, researchers said.

“People used to talk about climate change as a very complex and difficult problem of the future — something that would happen in places far away and on long time scales,” said Jeff Rosenfeld, the Bulletin’s editor in chief. “But hurricanes and wildfires and bleaching and drought... they’re happening to us right now, and we face new and challenging risks of how they’re going to affect us in the future.”

The Bulletin has published an “Explaining Extremes” report, which seeks to determine what weather events can be attributed to climate change, every year since 2011. This is the second year in a row that scientists have identified an event that could not

have happened without human-induced warming.

This year’s report features 17 peer-reviewed analyses of 16 disasters by 120 researchers looking at weather across six continents and two oceans. Each study uses historical records and model simulations to determine how much climate may have influenced a particular event.

A study of the record-breaking heat wave that devastated Europe and the Mediterranean in 2017 found that such events are now three times more likely than they were in 1950. The chance of such an event recurring in any given summer is now 10 percent. In China and Bangladesh, climate change made deadly flooding twice as likely. And a drought in East Africa that left 6 million people in Somalia facing food shortages was caused by dramatic ocean warming that could not have occurred without humans’ impact on the environment.

Ocean warming played a role in several of the events examined, Rosenfeld said.

This runs counter to a popular image of the ocean as a vast global warming buffer, capable of taking up huge amounts of additional carbon that humans have added to the global system.

“The fact that we’re seeing the oceans as a link in a chain of causes that ultimately tie human causes to extreme weather events on land means the ocean is not just there to keep us from being bothered by climate change,” Rosenfeld said. “Quite the opposite.”

The studies in the report don’t represent a comprehensive analysis of all extreme weather in 2017. Stephanie Herring, a meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who was the lead editor of the report, said that the examined events were selected for

diversity in type and location. None of the researchers involved knew whether they would discover a climate link when they began work on the report.

Yet only one of the studies — a look at wildfires in Australia — did not find a role for climate change.

Martin Hoerling, a NOAA scientist and co-editor on the report, said “the human fingerprint is more evident” than when the Bulletin began quantifying climate change influence on extreme weather seven years ago. The warmer Earth’s average temperature gets, the more scientists are seeing how sensitive weather is to the change. “The climate of Earth keeps moving further and further from the world which many of us, and certainly our parents, were initially accustomed to,” Hoerling said.

Scientists have traditionally been wary of blaming any individual event on climate change. The global climate is a complex system, and the consequences of humans pumping atmospheric greenhouse gas levels to nearly twice their preindustrial average can be difficult to disentangle. Most conversations about climate’s impact did not get more specific than global averages and seasonal shifts.

But “it is now possible, with confidence, to determine how much an extreme weather event has been affected by human activities,” Hoerling said. “It is a key step toward better understanding the economic consequence of climate change, since extreme events are often associated with the most dire losses in property and life.”

But thanks to improved data collection and increasingly sophisticated climate models, researchers can now see the influence of climate change on specific disasters.

Alabama girl’s family says racist taunts, bullying led to suicide

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER
The Washington Post

McKenzie Adams wanted to be a scientist when she grew up. The 9-year-old excelled in math. But she also liked riding her bike, playing with dolls and PlayStation 4 and recording goofy home videos with her cousins, according to media reports in Alabama, where Adams attended elementary school in the city of Demopolis.

Instead of making plans

to gather McKenzie and her cousins for Christmas, the child’s family is preparing to bury her Saturday after she hung herself. Her body was discovered Dec. 3 at their home in Linden, Ala., by her grandmother, family members told the Tuscaloosa News.

Now, they are blaming bullying for the death, saying the black fourth-grader had told teachers and an assistant principal at U.S. Jones Elementary School that she was being harassed. Her mother, Jasmine Ad-

ams, told a CBS affiliate that the abuse appeared to have been racially motivated, directed against her daughter because she was driven to school by a white family and had developed a friendship with a white boy. On Facebook, Adams mourned her daughter’s death, writing, “My world is gone.”

“She was being bullied the entire school year, with words such as ‘kill yourself,’” the girl’s aunt, Edwina Harris, told the Tuscaloosa News. She was also told, “you think you’re

white because you ride with that white boy,” Harris said, and called “ugly” and other unprintable epithets.

“Just die,” Adams was instructed, according to her aunt, who has turned the family member’s death into a call to action against bullying.

But the school — whose motto is, “Where hope begins and dreams come true” — disputes the family’s version of events.

Alex Braswell, an attorney for the Demopolis City Board of Education, said the

school system conducted an internal investigation and found no basis for the family’s claims.

“We have concluded our internal investigation to the allegations of bullying which led to this senseless death,” he said. “There have been no findings of any reports of bullying by either the student or family. The findings of this internal investigation are consistent with the results of the investigation of the Linden Police Department at this point in time.”

Linden police Chief Robert Alston said his department was looking into the matter. “We weren’t able to confirm whether she was bullied or not at this point,” he said late Tuesday.

Other students may be able to shed light on the situation, Alston said, but the police investigation was made more difficult by the age of McKenzie and her classmates. “There’s resistance from parents who don’t want to get their kids caught up in this,” he said, calling the events “tragic.”



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Dallas' obsession with Oswald homes

Gentrification surrounds 2 places JFK assassin stayed

By MICHAEL GRANBERRY
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Patricia Puckett Hall sits alone in her home at 1026 N. Beckley Ave., pondering the future while immersing herself in the past.

Hall is the third generation of women from the same family to have kept her Oak Cliff residence open as a rooming house. Her grandmother and mother are gone, but long after Hall is gone, no one will forget who lived in the house on Nov. 22, 1963, the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

He was a tenant, a sullen, quiet man, whose name was Lee Harvey Oswald.

Fifty-five years after Oswald was taken into custody on suspicion of killing Kennedy and Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit — who was gunned down less than a mile from the rooming house — curiosity and questions remain.

People still want to know where Oswald lived, so busloads of visitors still flock to Hall's house, where she leads them on a \$40-per-person guided tour. She has restored Oswald's eerie closetlike bedroom, which contains his same narrow bed and an upright armoire that housed his clothing and his handgun. The house as a whole has a Miss Havisham feel to it, as though it's frozen in 11/22/63.

But will it always be that way? A while back, Hall tried to sell — for \$500,000. No one matched the offer. But her home and a nearby duplex, at 214 W. Neely St., where Oswald and his wife, Marina, lived in the months before the assassination, pose a daunting challenge to the city of Dallas.

What if these houses are sold? Will the buyer be as



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The home at 214 W. Neely St. in Dallas, where Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife, Marina, lived in 1963.

rigorous in maintaining history as Hall has tried to be?

Nicola Longford, chief executive of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, says the museum has not been approached in recent years about any "potential collaborative tour concept" shared with owners of the houses where Oswald once lived. Even so, she says, museum officials "help guide any interested guests to visit other historical sites." And she did not rule out possible partnerships in the future that would explore the "overlapping" relationships between Dealey Plaza and houses linked to Oswald.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings also weighed in, saying: "I'm a huge advocate for historic preservation and we'd be happy to talk to any property owner about ways we can further that critical cause anywhere in Dallas. That said, we have not heard from the owners and I'm not aware of any taxpay-

er funds allocated for programming or preservation related to those properties."

Part of what puts the Oswald houses at risk is the nature of Oak Cliff itself.

In recent years, developers have invaded Oak Cliff like a gentrification army. They are busily constructing, block after cluttered block, hipster apartment buildings, gourmet coffee shops, chichi shops and restaurants where even gourmands like to eat. The presence of not one but two Oswald houses is, at this point, strangely anachronistic.

David Spence, whose company Good Space has spearheaded much of the redevelopment and preservation in North Oak Cliff, says the house at 214 W. Neely St. can't be divided into anything more than its existing two units. It is a duplex. It could become a single-family residence but not a triplex, for instance. Zoning restrictions keep its

use limited to what it is, and it can't be commercial.

Hall's house on North Beckley, however, could be expanded or converted into something else entirely. "That one," Spence says, "is a candidate for the kind of dense commercial and multifamily development we're seeing in North Oak Cliff."

That's shorthand for saying that Hall's home, once lived in by Oswald, could easily become a high-rise apartment building, or yes, even a latte-selling Starbucks. Hall prides herself on having striven for years to preserve her chapter of Dallas history, but at 66, she admits she can't do it forever. At some point, she will have to sell, she says, or her two sons will own the home, and they will most likely sell, even to a developer who has different ideas of what to do with the property than keeping intact where Lee Harvey Oswald once slept.

The owner of the house

at 214 W. Neely is listed in Dallas County property records as 1122 Holdings LLC. Officials for 1122 Holdings declined to be interviewed but did permit photographs on the property.

Speaking of, one that was taken in the backyard of 214 W. Neely is forever chiseled into infamy: It is a chilling black and white image of a smirking Oswald, holding his rifle, his handgun strapped to his side, taken by Marina in the spring before Kennedy died. It is one of history's darkest examples of a grim foreshadowing.

All of this adds up to a delicate issue of historical preservation, but the city of Irving gets kudos for figuring out how to do it and do it tastefully.

In 2009, Irving acquired the former residence of Ruth Paine at 2515 W. Fifth St. The house opened as a museum in 2013, near the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's death. The house is

now on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors have included history buff and talk-show host Conan O'Brien.

Paine, who once owned the property, was estranged from her husband, Michael Paine, when she welcomed into her home a pregnant Marina and her 1-year-old daughter, June Lee. Marina and Lee lived apart for months, but on the night before Oswald killed Kennedy, he and Marina slept in the same bed in Paine's home in Irving.

Unbeknownst to their generous host, Oswald had his rifle wrapped in a blanket in Paine's garage, and Marina knew about it, as she told investigators after Kennedy died — in front of a horrified Paine.

Oswald's last night in Paine's house before being arrested was memorable for a slew of reasons. He pleaded with Marina to have sex with him, to take him back. He even promised her a new washing machine. We'll always wonder, what might have happened had Marina agreed to Oswald's requests?

Resigned and dejected, Oswald left almost all his money (\$170 in cash) and his wedding ring on a nightstand in the room where Marina was sleeping when he left for work. When the co-worker who gave him a lift downtown asked about the long, package he had with him, he told him it was curtain rods for his bedroom on Beckley. It was, of course, the murder weapon.

Author Thomas Mallon wrote a terrific book about this called "Mrs. Paine's Garage." In an interview years ago, he said its theme was "no good deed goes unpunished." Paine had not only taken in a pregnant Soviet refugee, estranged from her husband, she even helped Oswald land the job at the Texas School Book Depository, unwittingly making this 24-year-old drifter and loony malcontent a soldier of fate.

Migrants working while they wait

They're relieved to get out of overcrowded shelter for a while

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico — Before dawn each morning, migrants slip away from a Tijuana shelter within sight of the U.S. border to head to jobs across this sprawling city. Moving solo or in pairs, they are easily recognized by their determined strides as people with someplace to be.

By sunrise, another crowd has gathered at a corner near the shelter to wait for job offers.

On a recent morning, a dozen migrants scrambled into the bed of a Dodge pickup, their enthusiasm bringing a chuckle from the driver. The migrants didn't even know where they were going or when they'd be back — some carried bedrolls — but said the work would be peeling tomatoes.

Facing a likely months-long wait in Tijuana before getting the chance to request asylum in the United States, many migrants are looking for work.

Others who have already decided to stay in Mexico have applied for — and in

some cases — received permits to work in Mexico. It's something the Mexican authorities have encouraged all the migrants to do in the hopes that jobs will help them put down roots here rather than crossing into the U.S.

In most cases the migrants are relieved to have something that takes them away from the miserable conditions in the overcrowded shelter — where the hours pass slowly — and puts some money in their pockets.

"Here you make a little money," said Nelson David Landaverde, a 21-year-old Honduran who was out looking for food for his 16-month old son when someone approached and asked if he wanted to work at a car wash.

He didn't think twice. He and his pregnant wife have put their names on an informal list of thousands of potential applicants for asylum in the U.S., but in the meantime he's eager to earn money to make their lives a little easier in Tijuana.

The job pays about 75 cents per car, and by washing as many as 10 cars on a

good day he hopes to take in more than Mexico's minimum wage, which is less than \$5 a day.

While authorities have closed the shelter near the border and relocated many of the migrants to another more distant shelter, hundreds have refused to leave the old one and are camped outside. The reason many give is that they have found jobs nearby.

Marco Rosales, a Honduran immigrant who has lived in Tijuana for eight years, stood in the street surrounded by Central American migrants eager for his job advice.

"Don't come here with the mentality of Honduras," he said. "This is a new country, a new state where you can change yourself if you want to."

He only had room that morning for a handful to work at another nearby car wash, but he was sure he could find work for more later if they were willing.

"I'm trying to explain to them that you'll get ahead doing things the right way," he said, when asked why he had urged them to work instead of joining a march to



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Daniel Villafranca cuts fellow migrant Juan Francisco Medrano's hair as others wait their turn.

the border.

Among those who have taken advantage of work opportunities in the city is Jared Carnales, who walked purposefully through downtown Tijuana's darkened but still lively streets, his red wind breaker zipped up against the pre-dawn chill, his red baseball cap pulled low.

The 23-year-old from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, didn't look at the people still chatting loudly around bar entrances or staggering down the sidewalk. Carnales was on his way to work in a Mexican restaurant across town where the specialty was tripe stew. He didn't know the name of the

restaurant's street or even the neighborhood, but he had memorized the route.

He waited for 10 minutes on a corner outside a 7-Eleven for a commuter bus, letting several buses pass in order to save 15 cents before boarding the cheapest one available. Carnales, who drove a bus in Honduras' capital, said transportation in Tijuana was about twice as expensive.

After a 15-minute ride, Carnales got off in a hillside neighborhood and set off walking. Across the street from the restaurant he knocked on the steel door of another of Tijuana's many shelters. Arriving a couple days ahead of the caravan,

he had spent his first nights there. That was how he found his job at the restaurant.

He took his position in a corner of the kitchen and began pulling tripe from a bin. He dunked them in water, wrung them dry and scraped them on the counter.

Carnales had thought of leaving Honduras for a long time, but the caravan gave him the first opportunity. He said he wanted to make it to the U.S. to work so he could help out his mother and siblings back home, but for now Tijuana was OK.

"There's work here," he said. "I'll spend some time here and then go there."

Mysterious illness paralyzing children reaches record count

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — This year has seen a record number of cases of a mysterious paralyzing illness in children, according to U.S. health officials.

It's still not clear what's causing the kids to lose the ability to move their face, neck, back, arms or legs. The symptoms tend to occur about a week after the children had a fever and respiratory illness.

No one has died from the rare disease this year, but it

was blamed for one death last year and it may have caused others in the past.

What's more, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials say many children have lasting paralysis. And close to half the kids diagnosed with it this year were admitted to hospital intensive care units and hooked up to machines to help them breathe.

The current mystery can be traced to 2012, when three cases of limb weakness were seen in California. The first real wave of confirmed illnesses was

seen in 2014, when 120 were reported. Another, larger wave occurred in 2016, when there were 149 confirmed cases. So far this year, there have been 158 confirmed cases.

In 2015 and 2017, the counts were far lower, and it's not clear why.

The condition is called acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM. Investigators have suspected it is caused by a virus called EV-D68. The 2014 wave coincided with a lot of EV-D68 infections and the virus "remains the leading hypothesis," said Dr.

Ruth Lynfield, a member of a 16-person AFM Task Force that the CDC established last month to offer advice to disease detectives.

But there is disagreement about how strong a suspect EV-D68 is. Waves of AFM and that virus haven't coincided in other years, and testing is not finding the virus in every case. CDC officials have been increasingly cautious about saying the virus triggered the illnesses in this outbreak.

Indeed, EV-D68 infections are not new in kids, and many Americans carry

antibodies against it.

Why would the virus suddenly be causing these paralyzing illnesses?

"This is a key question that has confounded us," said the CDC's Dr. Nancy Messonnier, who is overseeing the agency's outbreak investigation.

Experts also said it's not clear why cases are surging in two-year cycles.

Also, more than 17 countries have reported scattered AFM cases, but none have seen cyclical surges like the U.S. has.

When there has been a

wave in the U.S., cases spiked in September and tailed off by November. Last week, CDC officials said the problem had peaked, but they warned that the number of cases would go up as investigators evaluated — and decided whether to count — illnesses that occurred earlier.

As of Monday, there were 311 illness reports still being evaluated.

This year's confirmed cases are spread among 36 states. The states with the most are Texas, with 21, and Colorado, 15.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Julian Castro moves toward 2020 run for the White House

SAN ANTONIO — Former Obama housing chief Julian Castro said he's taking a step toward a possible White House campaign in 2020 by forming a presidential exploratory committee. The Texas Democrat added that he will announce a decision Jan. 12. The move Wednesday gives the 44-year-old former San Antonio mayor an early start to what's shaping up as a crowded Democratic field without

a clear front-runner to challenge President Donald Trump. An exploratory committee usually is a formality before candidates launch a presidential campaign. It legally lets them begin raising money. Castro would be among the youngest candidates in the field. Sens Elizabeth Warren and Cory Booker, former Vice President Joe Biden, and departing Rep. Beto O'Rourke are also potential candidates.

S.C. teen pleads guilty in deaths of his dad, 6-year-old student

A 16-year-old pleaded guilty Wednesday to two charges of murder for fatally shooting his father in their home and a 6-year-old boy at a South Carolina elementary school. Jesse Osborne faces 30 years to life in prison when he is sentenced. The teen said little in court beyond answering Circuit Judge Lawton McIntosh's questions on giving up his right to a trial and other legal matters

with "yes, sir" and "no, sir." Osborne had just turned 14 when he shot and killed his father in their home Sept. 28, 2016, then drove his dad's pickup truck to Townville Elementary School in Anderson County, authorities said. Osborne crashed the truck into a fence and fired several shots at a group of students outside. Jacob Hall, 6, was shot in the leg and died from blood loss.

Official: Mexico to regulate entry at southern border

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's top security official says the government will effectively close off illegal entry at its southern border with Guatemala. Interior Secretary Olga Sanchez Cordero said Mexico will end undocumented or illegal crossings over the Suchiate River, which marks much of the border between the two countries. Sanchez Cordero said Wednesday that "in the

south there will be only one entry, on the bridge." She added that "anyone who wants to enter illegally, we are going to say: 'Get in line and you can enter our country.'" Sanchez Cordero is offering no details on how that would be done. Mexican authorities briefly tried to block migrants crossing the river with police and military personnel in October, but without success.



DMZ diplomacy: A North Korean soldier, left, greets a South Korean soldier Wednesday. Dozens of North and South Korean troops peacefully crossed the border to verify that 11 front-line guard posts had been removed on each side. About 200 posts remain.

Michigan GOP advances bill to make ballot drives harder

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan Republicans moved Wednesday to curtail ballot initiatives by advancing a measure limiting how many signatures could come from any one region of the state, the latest proposal assailed by critics as an unconstitutional, lame-duck power grab from incoming Democratic officeholders or voters. The House Elections and Ethics Committee passed the bill 6-3 along party lines on a day when hundreds of protesters again demonstrated at the Capitol. Republican lawmakers

are trying to make it harder to mount ballot drives after voters last month legalized marijuana for recreational use, overhauled the process of redrawing district lines that the GOP dominated in recent decades and expanded voting options. The move also comes a week after GOP lawmakers maneuvered to scale back minimum wage and paid sick time laws that began as ballot initiatives. At the behest of the business lobby, the Legislature pre-emptively adopted the wage and leave measures before the election, rather than let them

go to a public vote, so it would be easier to change them after. The Michigan bill to tighten requirements for ballot initiatives would affect ballot committees initiating constitutional amendments, bills and referendums by capping the number of signatures that could come from an individual congressional district at 10 percent. There is no geographic threshold currently. Petition circulators also would have to file an affidavit with the state saying if they are a paid or volunteer signature gatherer.

Trump tells Meadows he won't be next top aide

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday told Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C. — one of his leading congressional allies and a contender for White House chief of staff — that he would like Meadows to remain on Capitol Hill, taking the conservative lawmaker out of con-

tention to fill a top position that will soon be vacated by John Kelly. "The president told him we need him in Congress, so he can continue the great work he is doing there," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement. Trump spent much of

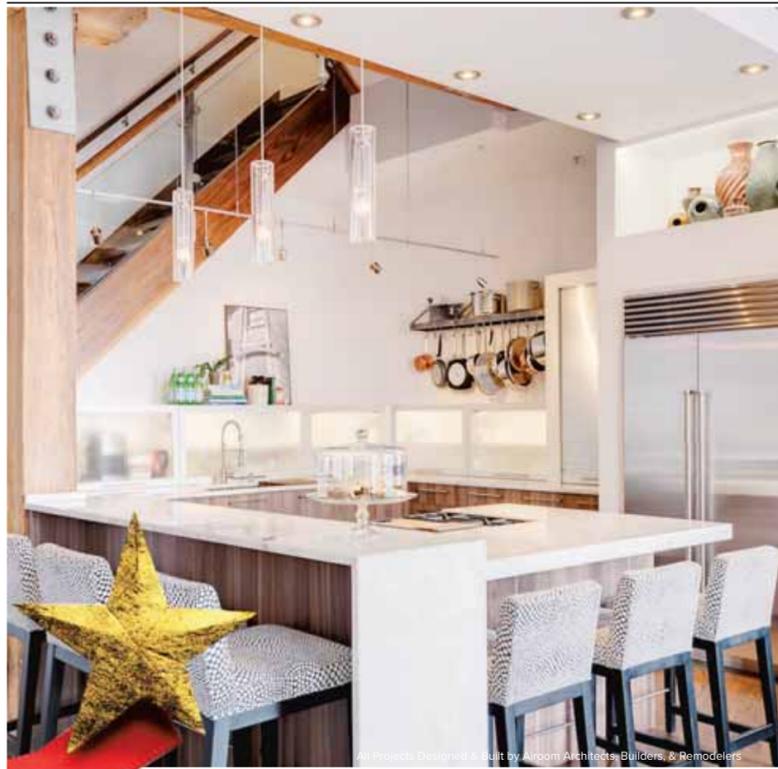
Wednesday speaking privately with friends and senior aides about dozens of candidates, including Meadows, as he tries to narrow down a list that has expanded ever since Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff, Nick Ayers, bowed out of consideration over the weekend.

Pelosi, foes reach deal for her return as House speaker

WASHINGTON — Rep. Nancy Pelosi and fellow Democrats who had tried derailing her effort to become House speaker reached an agreement that would all but ensure her election to the post, aides said Wednesday. As the price for winning decisive support from her opponents, Pelosi, D-Calif., has agreed to serve no more than four more years as speaker. Aides said an agreement would all but certainly bring her the votes she'd need to be elected when the House convenes for the new Congress on Jan. 3. They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe private talks. Pelosi has already been nominated by Democrats to be speaker. To formally win the job, she must win a majority of votes — probably 218 — when the full House votes. Republicans will likely solidly oppose her.

In Australia: Cardinal George Pell has been convicted on charges related to sexual abuse, according to media reports, becoming the highest ranking Vatican official to face such a punishment. Pell had taken a leave of absence from the Vatican's third most powerful position, as the economy minister, to fight the charges.

Fire damage: Insurance claims from last month's California wildfires already are at \$9 billion and expected to increase, the state's insurance commissioner announced Wednesday. About \$7 billion in claims are from the Camp Fire that destroyed the Northern California city of Paradise and killed at least 86 people.



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EDITORIALS

Calling all mayors: Join Emanuel's pension push

There's no question Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel can influence public policy with unique firepower. Even as he leaves the city's top post, his ideas to address Chicago's pension challenges can perk the ears of a wide and influential audience. He also softens the landscape for Chicago's 2019 mayoral candidates, and lawmakers in Springfield, to make difficult but necessary changes.

Mayors, county board presidents and other public officials statewide need to lead, too. Will they?

In a speech to the City Council on Wednesday, Emanuel summarized his actions since his 2011 win trying to tame the pension beast, mostly by raising taxes and fees. He acknowledged it won't be enough in the future. The money governments are required under state law to contribute toward their employee pension funds rises steeply by 2020. Chicago will need an additional \$276 million just for its public safety funds. Don't let your eyes glaze over. That's an insurmountable number without major reform.

As Emanuel prepares to leave City Hall, he proposed a multifaceted approach to address a deepening pension crisis. Should Emanuel have pushed for this sooner? Yes. But we'll applaud any serious attempt at slowing this runaway train. Every reform movement needs someone to goose it. That could be Emanuel.

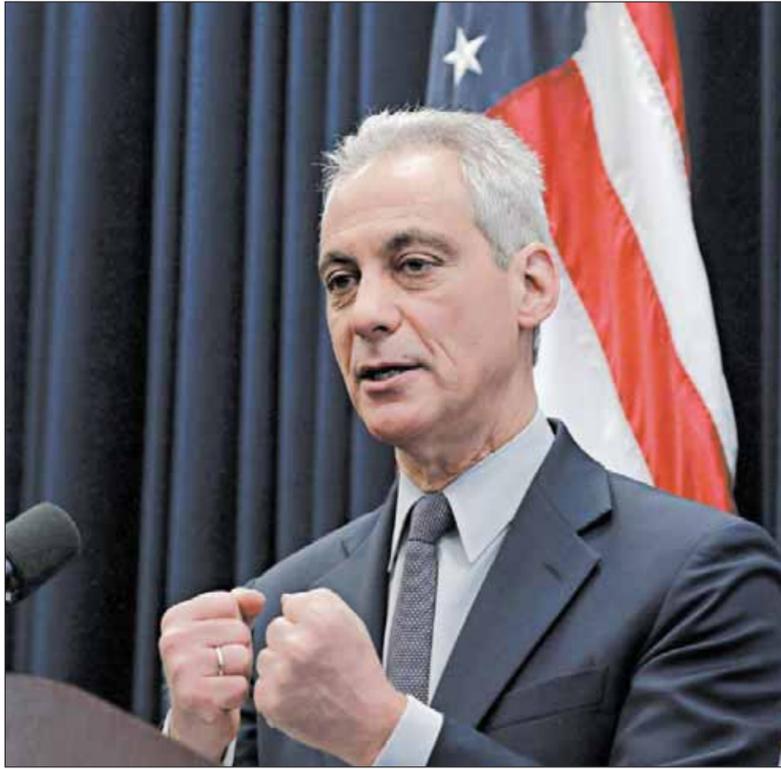
Here's what he proposes: Amend the Illinois Constitution's pension clause that in effect says the retirement benefits in force on an employee's first day of work can't be changed for the rest of his or her life. Scale back the too-generous 3 percent compounded cost-of-living adjustments that most retirees receive. "The fact is, a 3 percent annual compounded COLA in an era of very low nonexistent inflation is not progressive and not sustainable," Emanuel said.

He also lobbied for a constitutional amendment switching the state from a flat income tax to a graduated one that would hit wealthier taxpayers. "Coming at this challenge from both sides, revenue and reform, is the clearest path out of this challenge and the fairest," he said.

Emanuel also suggested borrowing in the short term to shore up the funds, reintroducing what's known as a "consideration" model to give public employees more retirement savings choices, and bringing a casino to Chicago.

Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker already has signaled he's not in favor of changing the pension clause of the Illinois Constitution. But there could be a workaround if a movement coalesces. A governor's signature isn't needed to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot. A three-fifths vote of the legislature is. That legislature, Emanuel pointed out, is increasingly Democratic and suburban. Those lawmakers could face rising pressure to find pension relief for taxpayers, especially if the lawmakers want a graduated income tax.

Mayors and other local officials statewide could apply leverage, too.



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Among Mayor Rahm Emanuel's pension proposals is to amend the Illinois Constitution.

Many of them have the clout to push their local lawmakers for change. They see up close how pension costs are straining local budgets.

In Rockford, the city's unfunded pension liability for police and firefighter retirement funds has climbed to nearly \$300 million. Rockford voters continually reject the option of giving city officials home-rule power to increase taxes. How about building support for a constitutional amendment to ease that pension pressure, Mayor Tom McNamara?

In Springfield, the city's budget director, Bill McCarty, repeatedly has warned of pension costs squeezing taxpayers. The entire city property tax levy this year isn't enough to cover what the city owes to its police and firefighter funds. Are you listening, Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder?

How about Evanston Mayor Stephen Hagerty? The City Council just raised the property tax levy, again, in addition to a local school district's levy increase, to offset pension costs. According to that city's budget office, Evanston taxpayers pay roughly \$22,683 per day in Fire Department pension costs alone. Get on the phone, Evanston residents. Change the constitution.

Earlier this year, south suburban Harvey became the state's first municipality to have its sales tax revenue from the state held back as a form of collateral. The city of Harvey had not paid enough into its police and fire pension funds to sustain them. Many municipal officials

know their communities are not far behind. There's only so much taxation voters will tolerate. South suburban Calumet Park recently outsourced its fire services to a private firm. The firefighters union fought the change, but Mayor Ronald Denson knew there was no other way to protect taxpayers.

Belleville, Danville and Streator all have grappled with rising pension costs that strangle taxpayers — and spending on services.

"Public pension debt at the state and local level is the most serious threat to Illinois' future," Streator Mayor Jimmie Lansford wrote to the Tribune in July. "There have been a few proposals to reform local government pensions ... none have advanced."

Danville Mayor Scott Eisenhower took the rare step of instituting a special fee, just to cover police pension costs. For each Danville household, that fee is about \$270 per year.

Mattoon dismantled its Fire Department ambulance service to free up money for its pension obligations.

If mayors and local officials statewide, along with legislative leaders and Chicago's departing mayor, create enough pressure to reform the pension clause of the constitution, they might withstand the powerful public employee unions who will fight like heck to maintain the status quo that will devastate Illinois.

It might be one way to make the impossible, possible. Will they do it?

The prescription: Amend the Illinois Constitution

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday delivered his proposals for improving Chicago's public pension system, which is only 26 percent funded. Emanuel diverted from Democratic Party orthodoxy by calling for an amendment to the Illinois Constitution that would allow easing a rigid clause stating that public pension benefits "shall not be diminished or impaired." Excerpts (as prepared for delivery) from his provocative speech:

The truth is, going back decades too many elected officials, labor leaders, and civic leaders — people in positions of responsibility — agreed to a funding and benefits system that was not sustainable and therefore not responsible.

Some knew it, and others should have known it.

Simply put, leaders in the past made commitments without the resources to back them up. And now, inevitably, the bill has come due. ...

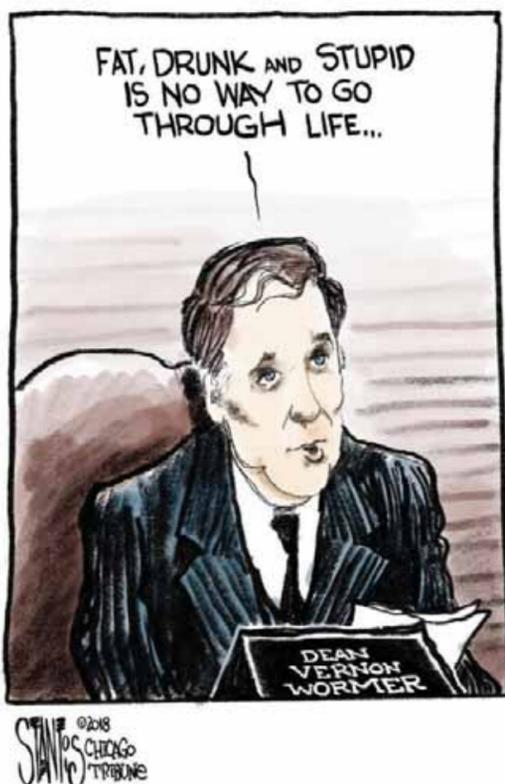
Funding workers' retirements going forward will require more smart and tough choices. It will require balancing our pension obligations with the obligation to keep growing the economy, creating jobs, and making Chicago a destination for economic growth by investing in our future. ...

There is a conversation in Springfield today about amending the Illinois Constitution to allow for a graduated income tax. ... But I believe it would be a fundamentally missed opportunity if we made our tax system appropriately more progressive, but left in place a benefits system that is regressive. ...

That is why I am also for amending the (pension protection) clause added to the constitution in 1970 that caused the Supreme Court to shoot down our initial agreements with laborers and municipal employees. Think about it. What kind of progressive, sustainable system guarantees retirees 3 percent annual compounded pay increases when inflation has been at basically zero and current employees have at times been furloughed, laid off, or received minimum pay increases? There is nothing progressive about 3 percent compounded raises for retirees and furloughs for workers.

The mantle of progressivity must not just be more taxes on the wealthy, which I am for. It must be more respect for our workers' paychecks. ... The fact is, a 3 percent compounded COLA in an era of very low inflation is not progressive and not sustainable. Now, it made sense in 1970 when we had more workers than retirees and high inflation, but neither of those cases exists today. In fact, over the next 40 years, experts estimate that the City will contribute \$42 billion to our pension funds just to cover the cost of the 3 percent annual COLA. ...

Amending the state constitution to allow for both a progressive income tax and new agreements with labor is an important step toward fiscal stability and progressivity.



SCOTT STANTIS



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Will racial blending undermine identity politics? Let's hope so.

Behold, the most incendiary statistic in America: the Census Bureau's projection of when whites will become a minority in what last century was "their own" country. ... When in 2008 that red-letter date moved up to 2042, notes California demographer Dowell Myers, "People went crazy."

After decades of progressive lobbying for multicultural inclusion, the startling proximity of this demographic tipping point is enticing a certain brand of activist to embrace the rhetoric of replacement instead. Evident during the midterms, this new approach to the melting pot is militant. If I may paraphrase: "Move over. You white people have had your day, and now we're taking over. You're all old, and you're dying out. We're outnumbering you, so this is our hang now. We're going to remember that you treated us like dirt, too, and the miserable handful of you white people left will be sorry."

However satisfying, crowing over outnumbering the native-born erstwhile majority is divisive, and encourages whites to regard votes for minority candidates as votes for their own demise.

Besides, as an American sick to death of race being put at the forefront of every issue, I adore the spanner of intermarriage — which creates a growing category of people who don't fit into the pigeonholes of identity politics, and mercifully blurs the arbitrary dividing lines between groups that needn't be at each other's throats. I love the idea of race in the future becoming increasingly vague.

Lionel Shriver, Spectator USA

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Anti-Brexit campaigners wave British and EU flags Wednesday outside Parliament in London. A sizable number of Britons seem to have Brexit buyer's remorse.

A simple solution for the Brexit dilemma



STEVE CHAPMAN

We've all had the experience of getting something we want and soon realizing that we really didn't want it. Maybe it was the dress that looked so much better in the store than at home, the car that kept breaking down or the treadmill that was never used. It's called buyer's remorse. In the modern age, we can usually return any item we find disappointing.

Can someone tell the Brits? In 2016, they voted to abandon the European Union, taking their bangers and mash and retreating to splendid isolation. But they have yet to decide how to do that. On Monday, Prime Minister Theresa May backed off from a pending vote on the deal she had reached with the EU. She then survived a no-confidence vote forced by rebels in her own party, but the future of Brexit remains murky.

A variety of impulses motivated the popular decision. Those who favored Brexit told the British people that the nation was sending huge sums of

money to the EU. They said the nation was being overrun with unwanted immigrants. They portrayed the step as an overdue assertion of British sovereignty.

The vote reflected a generalized discontent with the status quo and the common impulse to tell the people in charge to get stuffed. As one of the politicians who campaigned for Brexit proclaimed, "People in this country have had enough of experts."

But it was widely taken for granted that the public would vote to stay. Even many of the people who voted for Brexit were shocked when it won. In the days afterward, the top Google search topics in the United Kingdom were "What does it mean to leave the EU?" and "What is the EU?" Many of these voters didn't want to win; they just wanted to vent.

But win they did, and May's government has spent the past two years trying to reach terms that comply with the expressed will of the people without doing serious damage to the economy, disadvantaging British citizens living and working on the continent or giving up access to the huge European market.

In the end, though, the agreement she secured with the EU left just about everyone dissatisfied. The country would remain subject to EU rules but

give up its old voice in shaping them. Former Prime Minister Tony Blair spoke for many on the left and the right when he called the deal "the worst of both worlds. In the cause of 'taking back control' we lose the control we had."

There is also the insoluble conflict between the desire to close Britain's borders with the EU and the need to preserve unimpeded movement between Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom, and Ireland, which is not — and which is a member of the EU.

The 1998 Good Friday Agreement, which ended the sectarian violence that had wracked Northern Ireland for decades, largely dissolved the border, fostering commerce, travel and better relations between the two peoples.

Former Irish President Mary Robinson warned that bringing back security checkpoints would help extremists, "who could be not only disruptive but actually go back to violence." Or it could provoke the people of Northern Ireland to leave the U.K. and unite with the Republic of Ireland.

The negotiations between Britain and the EU have exposed the full downside of Brexit. As *The Economist* magazine editorialized, "May's deal is in almost every respect worse than the carefully constructed one Britain

already has, which gives it the benefits of being in the EU, while allowing it to opt out of the single currency, maintain its own passport checks and receive a large budget rebate."

Neither the supporters nor the opponents of Brexit like it. But the alternative is to leave the EU without any deal, which could cause major disruptions in air travel, financial payments, goods shipments and other interactions between Britain and EU nations. Britain would have to endure whatever the EU chose to impose.

Fortunately, there is a solution to this excruciating dilemma: Let the people vote again. Now that they have contemplated the bleak reality they voted for, they would most likely leap at the chance to change their minds.

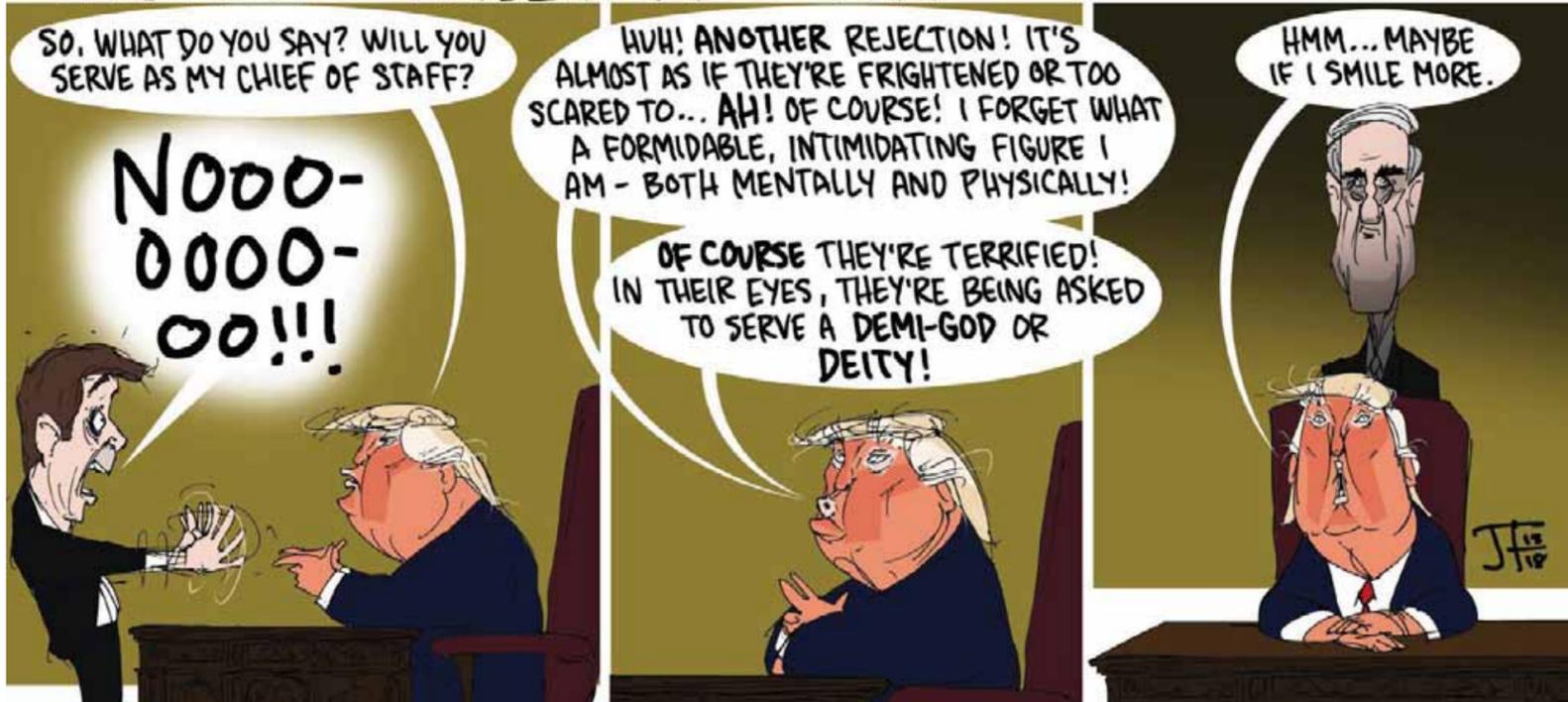
The British people are now in the position of the prisoner once cited by Winston Churchill "who languished for 20 years in a dungeon until one morning the idea struck him to push the door, which had been open all the time." Having created the Brexit predicament, they also have a way to escape it.

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PERSPECTIVE



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President Donald Trump argues Tuesday with Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Nancy Pelosi as Vice President Mike Pence looks on.

Pelosi-Trump spat put rudeness of 'talking over' on full display

BY JOANNE CLEAVER

If you're a woman who talks, you've been talked over.

Run over in meetings, primarily by men, whose culture perpetuates mutual interruption as a form of nonverbal communication. Ignored, only to have your comment repeated moments later by someone else, to immediate response and recognition.

Tuesday, the whole country was treated to this scenario in full glaring color, live from the White House on national television. Nancy Pelosi, minority leader of the House of Representatives and arguably the most powerful woman in the country, had to fight Male-Pattern Balderdash.

With the weariness of the parents of an un-toilet-trained 4-year-old, we, as a nation, expect this from President Donald Trump.

But where were Vice President Mike Pence and Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.? They were in the room, and they are each, in their own way, champions of women. Pence styles himself as a throwback to the chivalrous, mythical past. As a progressive, Schumer presumably considers himself a standard-bearer for gender equality.

Each had an opportunity to say, "Let

Ms. Pelosi finish," or "Excuse me, Ms. Pelosi needs to complete her thought."

Neither stepped in. But that's all it takes to talk back at talking over. One person sticking up for another. One person unwilling to let a colleague be run over by someone who's louder, more determined, who's relentlessly, recklessly rude.

Ten years ago, I had my own Pelosi moment.

In the midst of the real estate market meltdown of 2008, I was the real estate editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Local brokers of property and loans were upset as their livelihoods imploded. They demanded a meeting with the paper's editors, as though our coverage had precipitated the crisis, or could stop it.

Of the 19 people seated in that circle of misery were only two women: me and an executive with a local real estate brokerage.

The agents and brokers took turns hampering our coverage. The two editors accompanying me tried to explain the role of factual reporting even in a period of economic distress. The men of the industry were not having it.

At some point, I spoke up. I don't recall exactly what I said, only that I tried to

make a neutral comment about the type of coverage that would add nuance to our ongoing coverage of the meltdown.

Nobody acknowledged what I said. Not the industry guys and not my two bosses.

A minute later, one of the industry guys pounded the table and repeated what I'd just said, word for word, as his own insight. This was immediately cheered. My bosses perked up. A point of agreement, at last!

"No," said the only other woman in the room. "No. Joanne just said that. If you agree, give her the credit."

They all looked at me as though I'd just arrived. Until she backed me up, I was invisible.

That's when I got it. Thanks to her example, I now advocate for others who are anonymized in real time, both women and men.

It would have been a moment of national relief and respect had Pence, Schumer or both done the same for Pelosi.

It's not hard. You can do it too. Stop the conversation and redirect the credit to whom it's due. That's all it takes to stop talking over from taking over.

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Corporate help for CPS? Here's how it can work

BY ARNE DUNCAN AND DALE ERQUIAGA

No matter how hard educators try, they don't have the means to ensure educational opportunity, let alone future success, for every student.

We learned this important truth in our past lives as education officials, and it's a reality that teachers and principals face every day in Chicago, where 3 in 4 public school students are economically disadvantaged and neighborhood violence, though declining, remains devastatingly high.

What it will take to improve all students' chances is complex, but it's not a mystery. In Chicago and across the country, school districts, private social service organizations and corporations are joining forces to create the scaffolding every student needs to do well in school and in life. For Chicago Public Schools — America's fastest-improving urban school district — working in Chicago and across the nation. By putting its money behind proven programs, the company is fast-tracking the work of these organizations so more students can be reached sooner.

Communities In Schools' nationally replicated model — in which staff members embedded in schools connect students to the essential services they need — has been shown to boost graduation rates, reduce dropout rates and improve student performance on state-mandated assessments. Here in Chicago, Communities In Schools' local affiliate will expand to 16 new schools, reaching 7,000 more students a year and doubling the number of staff it places in schools to counsel students at risk of dropping out. Each year, 95 percent of students who work one-on-one with these highly trained staff members graduate or are promoted to the next grade. (The citywide five-year graduation rate was 78 percent last year.)

Communities In Schools' comprehensive approach is complemented by City Year's laser focus on academic tutoring and mentoring. The AmeriCorps national volunteering program, which places young adults as mentors in high-needs schools, including in Chicago, will expand to serve more than 18,000 students in 36 schools in Chicago over the next five years. The program has been found to shrink chronic absenteeism and lift scores on math and English assessments.

Meanwhile, The University of Chicago Education Lab, which aims to improve education in America's most distressed urban neighborhoods, will work with CPS



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Private social service organizations and corporations are joining with school districts in areas across the U.S. in an effort to bolster education opportunities.

to implement programs for youth who face the stiffest barriers to staying in school. Just as important, it will evaluate how well these efforts work and test them in other parts of the country, spreading what it has learned in Chicago to other districts just as thirsty for change.

The future of Chicago's children depends on putting in place what we know works and finding new and better ways to ensure every child receives the education he or she deserves. And while looking to corporate funding and nonprofit innovation is not a panacea for every ill students face, it is an essential step toward leveling the playing field for every student, because schools just can't do it alone.

The stakes are high. If three-quarters of Chicago's students are still poor in a generation, then the city will have failed at what we see as a major goal of public education: breaking the cycle of poverty. But change is possible. We envision a day when every Chicago public school student — and every student in the nation — graduates from high school and is prepared for success.

The private sector can play a critical role here, helping to make Chicago a bellwether for the nation and a shining example of how we can all work together for the future of our children.

Arne Duncan is managing partner at Chicago CRED, a nonprofit that connects young men to jobs and opportunity, and the author of "How Schools Work." He served as U.S. secretary of education and Chicago Public Schools CEO. Dale Erquiaga is president and CEO of Communities In Schools, a national nonprofit dedicated to keeping students in school. He served as Nevada's superintendent of public instruction.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Bickering Bulls. Practice more, bicker less.

After the Bulls were humiliated and suffered their worst loss ever — 56 points to the Celtics — their new coach scheduled a practice for the next day, Sunday.

You would think the players would appreciate the extra practice time to maybe get better, to maybe not lose by 56. But instead some of them threatened to boycott, and the practice did not happen. Instead they had a group therapy session.

The players were offended not by losing by 56, but by their coach actually trying to make them better.

Somewhere Michael Jordan — the best player ever and most determined practice player — is cringing. The modern pro athlete, perhaps because of his bank account, is soft.

— William Choslovsky, Chicago

Debunking climate change myths

A Chicago Tribune op-ed piece points out how serious climate change really is by correctly debunking the myths that climate change deniers keep using to roll back regulations designed to slow the planet's warming. The piece is a reminder to us all that we're going in the wrong direction ("5 Myths about climate change," Dec. 9).

Thanks to President Donald Trump and his Cabinet, we're back to supporting drilling for oil on public land and in the Arctic, encouraging the building of coal-fired power plants and failing to install emissions controls on existing ones.

I hope everyone refers to the Tribune piece whenever a climate denier calls the genuine dangers facing us a "hoax."

— Tom Minnerick, Elgin

Reining in carbon emissions

Worldwide emissions, which plateaued in the prior two years, have started increasing again. ("We are in trouble! Global carbon emissions reached a record high in 2018," Dec. 5) And there is a huge chasm between where countries' emission reductions need to be versus where they are to avoid climate disaster. Fortunately, there is a silver lining. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act was introduced by three Republicans and three Democrats in the Climate Solutions caucus. This proposed legislation places an annually increasing "fee" on energy suppliers for their carbon emissions. That fee would be distributed back to all households evenly as a "dividend" to offset eventual price increases. A torrent of investment in energy efficiency and "green" alternatives would come from clear market direction. As markets transition to cleaner energy options, emissions would be reduced. Agriculture is exempted so food prices wouldn't increase. Incoming tariffs would punish any countries that don't follow a similar policy. Studies show this program would grow jobs and GDP.

We won't be "in trouble" if you call your U.S. representative and senators and insist that they support The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

— Andrew Panelli, Homer Glen

The fight against robocalls

I was so happy to see your article about Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan trying to do something about unwanted telemarketing calls. ("Illinois teams with 38 states to stem tide of robocalls," Dec. 7)

I find these calls an infringement of my privacy. Like the article said, we also average two to three telemarketing calls every day. In my case, my wife (who has since passed) was in extremely poor health for several years and sorely needed her rest. But it seemed like every time she fell asleep we would get an unwanted call that woke her up. I do hope that Madigan can make some inroads on this problem.

— Richard Hahn, Chicago

Pot legalization's downside

Corinne Gasper, who lost her daughter to an impaired driver, is right on the money when she has us look at the fact that marijuana is not the panacea many make it out to be ("Don't say marijuana is harmless. A stoned driver killed my daughter," Dec. 7).

As a teen, I knew several peers who aged into less than reasonable people because their regular pot smoking — often when they were upset about something — resulted in them being stunted emotionally.

It is my fervent hope that Gov.-elect Pritzker will keep this in mind and stop rushing to legalize marijuana when so much more investigation into its negative effects needs to happen.

— Maja Ramirez, Chicago

Stop polluting!

We are so busy arguing over whether humans caused the 1-degree change in recent average temperature that we all get distracted from the critical and obvious point: Pollution is bad. Stop polluting!

— Douglas Peterson, Naperville

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Illinois continues growth in STEM

Second only to California in number of computer science degrees awarded — and more from survey

By **ALLY MAROTTI** | Chicago Tribune

Illinois is cranking out science and technology workers, but diversity and inclusion in the fields are still lacking.

That's according to the Illinois Innovation Index, released Wednesday by the Illinois Science & Technology Coalition. The index, which examines the state's STEM workforce between 2013 and 2017, includes careers in science, technology, engineering and math as defined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and uses degree-completion data from the National Center for Education Statistics. It does not include health care fields.

Illinois ranks fifth nationally in the number of STEM degrees awarded and has the fifth-largest STEM workforce in the country.

Still, "we have a long way to go to (be) more inclusive in tech," said Mark Harris, president and CEO of the coalition. Here are four takeaways from the index.



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A new report finds that Illinois is cranking out science and technology workers.

Ill. sees quick job growth

More than 5 percent of jobs in the state are in STEM fields, and Illinois' workforce in those fields is growing at a quicker pace than the national average, according to the index. STEM employment in the state has risen 2.7 percent annually for the past five years.

The average wage for people working in the fields in Illinois is more than \$79,800, which is roughly \$2,000 higher than the national average.

Computer science reigns

One out of 10 computer science degrees in the nation comes from Illinois colleges and universities, according to the index. California is the only state that churns out more.

The number of computer science graduates has been growing nationally, but Illinois' annual growth of 21.5 percent outpaces the national average of 19.8 percent.

Data science also is growing in prominence as a profession, with increasing numbers of degrees and jobs in data science-related fields, the index found.

Graduates are staying

Leaders in Chicago's tech world often fret over a pipeline that leaks talent to the tech-heavy coasts. However, a new analysis from LinkedIn cited in the index found that since 2013, Illinois computer science graduates are 4.5 times more likely to work in Chicago than San Francisco, the second most common destination. Champaign-Urbana was the fourth most

likely place for those graduates to end up.

The recent graduates who stayed in Illinois are largely employed by out-of-state tech behemoths, such as Google, Microsoft, Amazon and Facebook.

Tech still lacks diversity

Race and gender diversity remains a weak point, in Illinois and nationally, the index found. However, there have been some improvements. In 2017, 64 percent of domestic STEM graduates in Illinois were white, but the share of Asian and Hispanic graduates were up more than 2 and 3 percentage points, respectively, from 2013. However, the share of African-American graduates fell during that time, from 6.5 to 5.4 percent.

The numbers don't improve much in the professional world. African-Americans, who are 9.9 percent of Illinois' workforce, make up just 4.9 percent of the STEM field. Hispanics, meanwhile, make up 11.1 percent of Illinois' workforce but only 5.2 percent of STEM workers.

Though more women have received science and technology degrees in Illinois over the last five years, so have more men, meaning the proportion of degrees earned by women actually fell, from 35.9 percent in 2013 to 34.8 percent in 2017.

There is a bright spot, however. The number of women earning computer science degrees in Illinois each year more than tripled, from 267 to 857, during that time.

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China exec gets bail; Trump muddies talks

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's Foreign Ministry on Wednesday denied knowledge of the detention of a former Canadian diplomat, as Chinese citizens rejoiced over a Canadian court's decision to release Meng Wanzhou, a top Huawei Technologies executive, on a \$7.5 million bail.

Many in China believe the detention of former diplomat Michael Kovrig was related to Meng's case.

But although the United States and China have taken pains this week to emphasize that their trade talks are separate from the U.S. case against Meng, President Donald Trump obliterated the distinction in the space of a few words.

Trump said Tuesday that he would wade into the case if it would help produce a trade agreement with China. "If I think it's good for what will be certainly the largest trade deal ever made — which is a very important thing — what's good for national security — I would certainly intervene if I thought it was necessary," Trump told Reuters.

The comment suggests Meng could be a political pawn in talks and makes things more awkward for Canada, which arrested her on America's behalf during a Dec. 1 layover at the Vancouver airport.



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Flowers arrive at the residence of Meng Wanzhou after she was released on bail in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday. "Regardless of what goes on in other countries, Canada is, and will always remain a country of the rule of law."

Meng was detained Dec. 1 at the request of the U.S., which accuses Huawei of using a Hong Kong shell company to sell equipment to Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions.

Canadian Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale confirmed Kovrig's detention. The International Crisis Group said he was taken into custody Monday night by the Beijing Bureau of Chinese State Security, which handles intelligence and counterintelligence matters in Beijing.



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Governor-Elect J.B. Pritzker, left, and JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon listen to Calvin Holmes, president of the Chicago Community Loan Fund, on Wednesday.

Nonprofit gets investment for South, West sides

JPMorgan Chase lends The Chicago Community Loan Fund \$10 million to fund development

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Community Loan Fund is receiving its largest capital investment to date: a \$10 million low-cost, long-term loan from JPMorgan Chase.

The loan is designed to boost the Chicago nonprofit lender's work financing small-business and commercial development on Chicago's South and West sides — particularly projects that might

struggle to get financing at traditional financial institutions, Chase said Wednesday.

CCLF expects to begin using the loan to fund projects in the first quarter of 2019, Chief Operating Officer Bob Tucker said. There are about 16 commercial real estate projects in the organization's pipeline that could benefit, including entertainment, healthy food and retail businesses and

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ACA sign-ups lagging as deadline looms

Enrollment down 20% from last year at same time

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Health insurance sign-ups for the Affordable Care Act are down with just a few days left to enroll, even though premiums are stable, consumers have more choice and millions of uninsured people can still get financial help.

Barring an enrollment surge, the nation's uninsured rate could edge up again after a yearslong coverage expansion that has seen about 20 million people obtain health insurance.

A status report Wednesday from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services showed nearly 20 percent fewer new people signed up than at about the same time last year. New sign-ups drive the growth of the HealthCare.gov marketplaces, helping keep premiums in check.

The sign-up deadline in most states is this Saturday, for coverage beginning Jan. 1. A few states that run their own health care websites have later deadlines.

Trying to encourage enrollment, former President Barack Obama posted a whimsical video on social media Monday encouraging young adults to sign up for his signature program. That same day, a crush of people tried to enroll in what was the highest traffic this open enrollment season.

Disappointing sign-ups will add to the long-running political blame game over health care. Democrats accuse the Trump administration of "sabotage" on the health law. Republicans counter that pricey Obama-law premiums are too high for solid middle-class people who don't qualify for taxpayer-financed subsidies.

The administration said in a statement this week, "our primary goal is to provide a seamless open enrollment experience for HealthCare.gov consumers and ensure that those who want coverage offered through the (program) can enroll in a plan."

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Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Elon Musk of the Boring Co. on June 14 announced plans to tunnel for high-speed transit to O'Hare International Airport.

Tunnel to O'Hare moves closer to reality

By **SARAH MCBRIDE**
AND **JANAN HANNA**
Bloomberg News

Elon Musk's planned tunneling project in Chicago, seemingly jeopardized when its biggest champion said he would not run for re-election, has taken an important step closer to building its promised transit route connecting downtown Chicago to O'Hare International Airport.

The Boring Co. is now midway through an environmental assessment, according to Tom Budescu, managing director of finance at the Chicago Infrastructure Trust, the organization charged with negotiating the contract on behalf of the city. Boring Co. was selected for the job this summer, an announcement that came with much fanfare, including a joint press conference with Musk and Mayor Rahm Emanuel. After the assessment is completed, the tunneling project will go to Chicago's City Council for review.

"We're feeling very confident that the project agreement is getting to the point of refinement," Budescu said at an Infrastructure Trust meeting on Tuesday. "We're getting pretty far along in that process." He said that Boring Co. was working with federal

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Virgin Galactic aims to reach space soon with tourism rocket

BY JOHN ANTCAK
Associated press

MOJAVE, Calif. — Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic is gearing up to finally send its tourism rocket ship to the edge of space. If successful, it would be a major step toward the long-delayed dream of commercial space tourism.

The next test flight could come as early as Thursday with two pilots taking Virgin Space Ship Unity high above California's Mojave Desert. A company statement says the next stage of testing aims to "reach a space altitude for the first time."

"Although this could happen as soon as Thursday morning, the nature of flight test means that it may take us a little longer to get to that milestone," the statement said. Space begins at an altitude of 62 miles; the last test flight was at 32 miles.

Reaching that space



VIRGIN GALACTIC

Virgin Galactic will send two pilots up in the VSS Unity in an attempt to reach space altitude for the first time.

threshold would demonstrate significant progress toward the start of commercial flights that were promised more than a decade ago. Virgin Galactic's development of its spaceship took far longer than expected and endured a setback when the first experi-

mental craft broke apart during a 2014 test flight, killing the co-pilot.

More than 600 people have committed up to \$250,000 for rides in the six-passenger rocket, which is about the size of an executive jet. They have been waiting years to feel

the kick of the rocket's ignition, a near-vertical high-speed ascent into the blackness of space and several minutes of weightlessness with a view of the Earth far below.

The spaceship isn't launched from the ground but is carried beneath a special plane to an altitude around 50,000 feet. It then detaches from the plane, ignites its rocket engine and climbs. The rocket is shut down and the craft coasts to the top of its climb — and then begins a descent slowed and stabilized by unique "feathering" technology. The twin tails temporarily rotate upward to increase drag, then return to a normal flying configuration before the craft glides to a landing on a runway.

The endeavor began in 2004 when Branson announced the founding of Virgin Galactic in the heady days after the flights of SpaceShipOne, the first privately financed manned

spacecraft that made three flights into space. Branson's goal: Open up space travel to more and more people.

Funded by the late billionaire Paul Allen and created by maverick aerospace designer Burt Rutan, SpaceShipOne won the \$10 million Ansari X Prize. The prize was created to kick-start private development of rocket ships that would make spaceflight available to the public.

Branson isn't alone in the space tourism business: Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin is planning to take space tourists on suborbital trips, using the more traditional method of a capsule atop a rocket that blasts off from a launch pad. SpaceX's Elon Musk recently announced plans to take a wealthy Japanese entrepreneur and his friends on a trip around the moon.

When Branson licensed the SpaceShipOne technology, he envisioned a fleet carrying paying passengers

by 2007, launching them from a facility in southern New Mexico called Spaceport America.

But there were significant setbacks. Three technicians were killed in 2007 by an explosion while testing a propellant system at Scaled Composites LLC, which built SpaceShipOne and was building the first SpaceShipTwo for Virgin Galactic.

Then, in 2014, SpaceShipTwo broke apart during a test flight by Scaled Composites when the co-pilot prematurely unlocked the "feathering" system and it began to deploy. The co-pilot was killed but the injured pilot managed to survive a fall from high altitude with a parachute.

New versions of SpaceShipTwo were built by a Virgin Galactic sister company and flight testing taken in-house. VSS Unity has made three rocket-powered supersonic test flights so far.



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JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon said these loans help spur additional funding from other investors and banks.

\$10M investment for CCLF

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tech hubs in neighborhoods like Bronzeville, Englewood, Pullman, Woodlawn, West Humboldt Park and Austin, Tucker said.

"We know so many of these communities have a dearth of basic goods and services. They have small-business owners that want to create jobs and run businesses out of their neighborhoods, but they need affordable commercial real estate to do so," said Whitney Smith, executive director of global philanthropy for the Midwest region at Chase.

The \$10 million loan will significantly expand CCLF's \$87 million in assets, Tucker said. "It means we'll be able to do more and move faster, and hopefully have a greater impact," he said.

The loan to CCLF comes on top of the Chase's 2017 commitment to invest \$40

million in historically underserved Chicago neighborhoods, about half of which has been deployed, the bank said. It's also the first loan made under a \$500 million nationwide initiative Chase announced earlier this year, up to \$250 million of which will go to loans like the one to CCLF.

Chase has made philanthropic contributions to nonprofit lenders, including CCLF, but the low-cost, long-term loan approach is meant to help the organization build its balance sheet and attract additional investors, Smith said. The bank declined to disclose the terms of the loan.

In Chase's experience, those loans help spur additional funding from other investors and banks, JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon said Thursday morning at an event in the Bronzeville neighborhood announcing the loan.

"This low-cost funding we're doing, we hope that is the gap that brings in a lot of money behind it," he said.

Democratic Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker, who also attended the event, praised Chase's and CCLF's efforts to support small businesses.

"Focusing on the South and West sides is vitally important if we're going to have a future for our state," Pritzker said.

The loan is modeled on Chase's experience in Detroit, where a pair of \$20 million loans to two community development financial institutions funded projects that attracted a total of \$233 million in investment, the bank said. Those projects helped create 828 residential units and 296,000 square feet of commercial space, Chase said.

One of the institutions Chase worked with, Capi-

tal Impact Partners, added \$10 million to create a \$30 million fund in 2014. Investors who had been active in Detroit before the Great Recession had grown wary, but new capital — especially as part of a partnership between a national bank like Chase and an organization that knew the local community — helped give other foundations and financial institutions the confidence to join in, President and CEO Ellis Carr said.

"It helped activate a market that was stuck," Carr said.

CCLF, which said its investors include banks, religious orders and hospitals, said it expects to see similar results.

"We see that bang for the buck, where \$1 invested turns into a lot more," Tucker said.

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Boring Co. midway through assessment

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and local officials, including the Federal Highway Administration and the Chicago Department of Transportation, on the environmental review mandated by U.S. law. Because the tunnel is likely to go under an interstate roadway, the Federal Highway Administration is overseeing the review.

The project's advancement through the early stages of environmental review signals brisk momentum for a company that launched only two years ago, but also presents a challenge. Musk has yet to prove he can get one of his several proposed tunneling initiatives beyond the concept stage and into commercial service.

The progression may also be a sign of Emanuel's determination to advance the project before he leaves office this coming May. Three months after he announced that Chicago had selected Boring Co. to build the tunnel, Emanuel said he wouldn't run for a third term as mayor, casting doubts on the future of the express service to O'Hare, which has been under discussion for years.

The proposed venture would whisk Chicago passengers from the city's downtown Loop district to the airport in about 12 minutes using Boring Co.'s "Loop" technology: wheeled carriages the company calls autonomous electric skates. The skates would run at up to 150 miles per hour in dedicated tunnels.

It isn't the only Boring Co. project undergoing environmental assessment. A project to build a tunnel connecting Baltimore to Washington is quietly moving ahead, with Boring Co. staff and the Maryland Department of Transportation currently working on an environmental assessment, a spokesman for the depart-

ment told Bloomberg.

Meanwhile, although a test tunnel on Los Angeles's west side was scrapped last month, Boring Co. plans to open a mile-long test tunnel in Hawthorne, California, near the headquarters of Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corp. rocket company. A delegation from Chicago is expected to attend the opening next week.

If Emanuel can steer the project through City Council before he leaves office, it could significantly increase the odds that the transit system, called X Line, will eventually get built. "It's a very quick timetable that they're under," said Rick Harnish, executive director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association. "But not impossible."

The Chicago plan doesn't quite match the vision Musk laid out in a 2013 white paper on what he christened hyperloop, a technology that would run at 760 miles per hour, about triple the speed of any high-speed train currently operating. In a June press conference, Musk said the hyperloop concept would work for longer distances between cities, whereas shorter distances such as the 17 miles between downtown Chicago and the airport are better suited for the scaled-down loop technology. A loop system could one day connect to a broader hyperloop system, he said.

Musk is a major financier of Boring Co., but the business has also raised capital through the sale of merchandise, such as hats (\$1 million in sales) and flame-throwers (\$10 million).

Boring Co. has said the Chicago project will cost \$1 billion, though experts have said similar projects typically cost much more. The company said the price for riders will be about half that of an Uber or taxi, which is currently about \$40 per fare.

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Family of man killed by guard to sue Walgreens

Attorney asks for manslaughter charges added

BY JAVIER PANZAR AND GALE HOLLAND
Los Angeles Times

The family of a 21-year-old man shot and killed by a Walgreens security guard earlier this month in Hollywood will seek \$525 million in a wrongful-death suit planned against the company, an attorney said Tuesday.

Family attorney Carl Douglas also called on Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey to file manslaughter charges against the guard who shot and killed Jonathan Hart on Dec. 2.

Douglas said Hart got

into a verbal confrontation with the security guard in the store and the two pushed each other before Hart tried to leave. That's when the security guard yelled for Hart to freeze and then shot and killed him, the lawyer said.

Hart died from a gunshot wound to the neck, according to a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

Douglas said Hart was unarmed and was not shoplifting. Detectives told family members that Hart had a California ID card in his hand at the time of his death.

Hart had gotten in a confrontation earlier that night with the same security guard and spoke with the store manager before continuing to shop, the lawyer said.

The Los Angeles Police Department did not arrest the security guard after the fatal shooting, said Officer Drake Madison, a police spokesman.

The case is being reviewed by the district attorney's office, spokesman Paul Eakins said.

Douglas, who was joined by Hart's family and friends at a news conference Tuesday, questioned why Walgreens stationed an armed guard at the store at Vine Street and Sunset Boulevard.

"Walgreens, the blood of Jonathan Hart is on your hands," said Douglas, who called for a boycott of the company.

The lawyer said Hart was profiled, harassed and ultimately shot because he was a homeless, gay, black man.

A company spokesman said Walgreens has fired the security firm that worked at the store and is cooperating with police.

"We are committed to providing a safe environment for our employees, patients and customers in the communities we serve," spokesman Phil Caruso said. "We contract for armed and unarmed security, as well as video surveillance, in our stores based on the public safety needs of each location."

The company believes "everyone should be welcomed and treated equally in all of our stores," Caruso added.

At a candlelight vigil Saturday night in front of the Hollywood store, several dozen family members and friends remembered Hart

as an aspiring model who contributed to fashion blogs and wanted to be a hair and makeup stylist and make and release his own clothing line.

"He was stylish," said McKenzie Trahan, 23, a friend from the young Hollywood homeless community.

Other homeless youths, including several trans women, hugged and cried in front of a bank of votive candles and copies of photographs of Hart posted to the drugstore's plate-glass window.

Signs read, "Homeless lives matter" and "Justice 4 Sky," Hart's street name.

Aaliyah Houghton, 23, said she was with Hart when the confrontation with the security guard started.

"He was not shoplifting,"

she said, but declined to give a fuller account of the incident.

"What kills me is I have friends who shoplift. He's too scared to shoplift and he wouldn't lay hands on you," said Leonard Taylor, 24, who also knew Hart from the streets. "He was sweet, always trying to help other people in the homeless situation."

Hart's mother and his twin sister, both named Psykyssyanna Hart, were at the memorial.

The mother, with tears running down her face, said, "Somebody cut my son's life short, and why? This was a criminal act, and it's being covered up from me."

Both women said police had not spoken to them. Hart's family declined to speak to reporters Tuesday.

It takes a snoop to catch a thief

Just in time for holidays: Police use fake Amazon boxes, GPS to nab porch pirates

BY DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

The explosion in online shopping has led to porch pirates and stoop surfers swiping holiday packages from unsuspecting residents. The cops in one New Jersey city are trying to catch the thieves with some trickery of their own.

Police in Jersey City, across the Hudson River from New York, are teaming up with Amazon to install doorbell cameras and plant dummy boxes with GPS tracking devices at homes around the city.

They didn't have to wait long for someone to take the bait.

"We had a box out on the street for three minutes before it was taken," said police Capt. James Crecco, who is overseeing the mission. "We thought it was a mistake at first."

The suspect was caught, Crecco added.

Exact figures on porch thefts are hard to come by. A company commissioned by comparison-shopping service insuranceQuotes.com surveyed 1,000 people and extrapolated that 26 million Americans have had a holiday package stolen from their home. That would be nearly 1 in 12 Americans.

Amazon, which is providing equipment free for the Jersey City program, declined to provide figures on how many packages are reported stolen or missing, as did UPS and FedEx.

"We absolutely report them to local law enforcement when we hear of them, and we encourage our customers to do the same," UPS spokesman Glenn Zaccara said.

Jersey City police Chief Michael Kelly said the locations for cameras and boxes were selected using the city's own crime statistics and mapping of theft locations provided by Amazon.

"Most of the package thefts we've made arrests on revolve around (closed-

circuit TV) or private surveillance cameras that give us a still image," Kelly said. "With the bait packages, some will be under video surveillance, and some will have GPS."

No homeowner is immune.

Crecco said his mother was a victim of a package theft. So was Mayor Steven Fulop, according to his spokeswoman.

Members of the police department who live in the city volunteered to have the cameras and boxes placed at their homes.

Kelly said the program has undergone a legal review and has been approved by a municipal prosecutor. He said the city is hoping to expand the program with assistance from Amazon, the nation's largest online retailer.

Amazon declined to answer questions about the anti-theft program but said in a statement, "We appreciate the increased effort by local law enforcement to tackle package theft and remain committed to assisting however we can."

Similar programs have been tried in other cities including Albuquerque, N.M., and Hayward, Calif.

E-commerce sales have been growing faster than sales at brick-and-mortar retailers for several years. Online sales in the U.S. are forecast to increase 14.8 percent from last year, to \$124.1 billion, for November and December, according to Adobe Analytics, which tracks online spending.

The Postal Service expects to deliver about 900 million packages, and United Parcel Service forecasts it will handle about 800 million parcels between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

That is causing a spike in deliveries to houses and apartments. Sometimes the residents aren't home or aren't aware that a package has been dropped off.

The delivery companies



DREAMSTIME

"We had a box out on the street for three minutes before it was taken. We thought it was a mistake at first."

— Police Capt. James Crecco, who is overseeing the operation in Jersey City, N.J.

provide services that could offer some protection against porch thefts. The boldest might be Amazon's Key service, in which homeowners pay to have a cloud-connected lock and camera installed at the front door, allowing an Amazon delivery person to unlock the door and slide the package inside.

Plenty of people went on social media to raise privacy and security objections after Amazon announced that

service, but the company is betting that others will decide it's convenient.

Some other strategies for foiling snatch-and-run thieves require picking up packages at a company store, which defeats the purpose of at-home delivery.

To avoid parcels being left outside during extended absences, the post office has long allowed customers to set up hold-mail requests.

UPS and FedEx let cus-

tomers sign up for alerts about deliveries and give them the chance to reschedule or change the drop-off address even for deliveries already on their way. They let customers leave detailed instructions for drivers about where around the house to leave a package.

The delivery companies will also let customers pick up packages at other businesses. FedEx, for example, uses some Albertsons and

Kroger grocery stores and Walgreens drugstores.

Other tips:

- Have packages delivered to a workplace or a friend who is home during the day.
- Ask if a signature can be required for the package to be dropped off, particularly if it's an expensive item.
- Doorbell cameras, some for \$100 or less, let residents keep an eye on their porch, which might not stop a thief but perhaps give police video evidence to help catch the culprit.
- There are services that use a locked storage box bolted to the customer's porch; delivery drivers can unlock them by entering a code on a keypad.

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Affordable Care Act sign-ups lagging as deadline approaches

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tary Alex Azar also issued his own sign-up pitch, a straightforward video posted on Twitter.

The new numbers suggest there may be less demand for government-subsidized insurance during a time of strong economic growth. But interviews with current and former officials, consumer organizations and independent experts also revealed several factors that appear to be cutting into enrollment.

- Lack of a strategy for expanding HealthCare.gov, the federal insurance marketplace.

The Trump administration didn't set sign-up targets for the health overhaul, according to a report this summer from the non-partisan Government Accountability Office. Such targets are a standard management tool for govern-

ment agencies.

"Marketing does matter," said Peter Lee, executive director of Covered California, a state-run insurance marketplace. "Not doing active promotion millions of Americans are not going to find their way to HealthCare.gov."

The administration has been using targeted emails and social media messaging that's nowhere near the effort expended in the Obama years.

- No penalty for being uninsured.

Congress repealed the fine for being uninsured, effective Jan. 1, 2019. The tax penalty was the most unpopular part of Obama's law. "The really big change taking effect for this open enrollment period is repeal of the individual mandate penalty, so that is very likely a major factor," said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

The administration also increased access to lower-cost plans that provide less coverage than the more comprehensive insurance offered under the overhaul.

- Immigration fears.

Organizations working to enroll low-income workers report heightened concerns among immigrants that applying for health insurance could have negative consequences due to the administration's crackdown on illegal immigration. Only legal immigrants and citizens can get coverage through HealthCare.gov, but that hasn't calmed the fears.

"We've had a lot of green card holders coming in because they think they might be affected," said Kori Hattemer of Foundation Communities, a nonprofit organization in Austin, Texas, that helps enroll people for coverage. "Pretty much every day we have someone asking us about it."

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As you plot out what you'd like to invest in CDs and for what duration, you'll likely think of one year, two years, three years, etc. And what you find may fall into those tidy increments. But being flexible will open you up to opportunities that could boost your earnings.

Another kind of flexibility is also useful, and that's flexibility of timing. Promotional CDs tend to pop up without warning, and are often available for a limited time. So patiently shopping over time, instead of on a single day, will lead you to more special offers. Funds flexibility will then enable you to jump on a great deal when you find one.

The most lucrative CD portfolios are seldom predictable, perfectly tidy collections. But for savers willing to shop over time and move when they turn up a winner, bottom lines are rewarded.

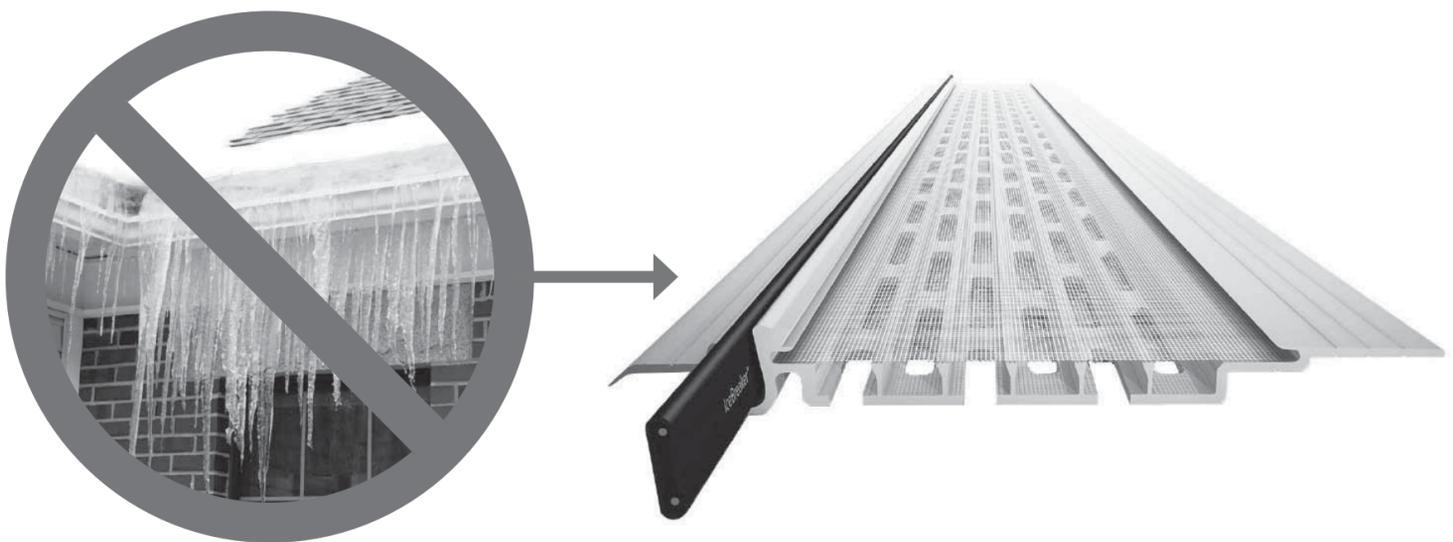
It's not uncommon to see promotions for 5-month, 17-month or 21-month CDs.

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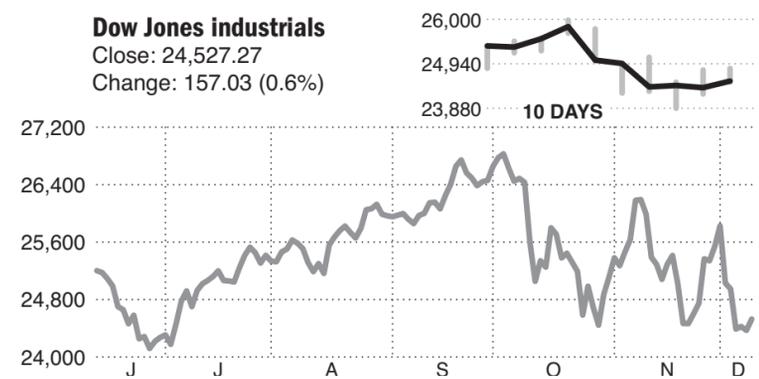
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Close 7,098.31	Close 2,651.07	Close 1,455.32
High 7,197.29	High 2,685.44	High 1,471.96
Low 7,096.56	Low 2,650.26	Low 1,440.70
Previous 7,031.83	Previous 2,636.78	Previous 1,440.13

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.02 to 2.90%	+2.50 to \$1,244.40	-18 to 113.22/\$1	-0.0032 to .8798/\$1	-.50 to \$51.15

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW -2.00	NASD -.84	S&P -1.81	DOW -2.21	NASD -.53	S&P -1.87	DOW -.24	NASD +3.24	S&P -.44

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	520.75	520.75	515.25	515.25	+5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	375.50	378	375.50	376.25	+1.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jan 19	916	928	915.25	920	+5
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18				28.80	+0.9
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	310.30	313.30	310.30	310.80	+1.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jan 19	51.95	52.88	50.94	51.15	-1.70
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jan 19	4.363	4.407	4.081	4.136	-0.271
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jan 19	1.4500	1.4732	1.4153	1.4204	-0.194

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LARGEST COMPANIES

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Alphabet Inc A	1073.73	+12.08

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	31.70	+29	+4.2
American Funds AMRnBA m	26.82	+11	+3.7
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	130.25	+5.8	+5.8

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TOM JOHNSON 1945-2018

Former West Chicago
GOP state legislatorBY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Former Republican state Sen. Tom Johnson of West Chicago evolved from an assistant county prosecutor to a backer of what's now known as criminal justice reform, frequently questioning the moral and monetary costs of imprisonment while advocating rehabilitation over incarceration.

Johnson, who served from 1993 to 2003 in the Illinois House and from 2011 to 2013 in the state Senate, died Dec. 3 of cancer. He was 73.

Johnson, a graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, served in the Army from 1966 to 1968, the latter two-year period including a tour of duty in Vietnam. After the war, he received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan in 1970 and his law degree from DePaul University in 1974.

After law school, he joined the DuPage County state's attorney's office and went on to become chief of its white-collar crime divi-

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2002

Rep. Tom Johnson served from 1993 to 2003 in the Illinois House and from 2011 to 2013 in the state Senate.

sion. In 1979 he co-founded a private law practice, Johnson & Westra, in Wheaton and five years later entered the race for the 14th Congressional District, narrowly losing a bid for the Republican nomination.

During his tenure in the Illinois House, Johnson became chairman of the chamber's judiciary committee and later co-chairman of the Illinois Prison Management Reform Com-

mittee. During his tenure, he went from being a strong supporter of capital punishment and "truth in sentencing" to helping investigate abuses at Illinois prisons.

Johnson also later backed a good-conduct credit early release program for inmates and went on to serve 14 years on the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

He also served on the boards of the Missionary Furlough Homes Foundation, Greater Europe Mission, the Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative, Wheaton Youth Outreach and the advisory board of Illinois Citizens for Life. He and his wife also housed refugees from Ukraine, Iraq and Hurricane Katrina, sometimes for years.

Johnson is survived by his wife, Virginia, three sons and two brothers.

A visitation is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28 at Wheaton Bible Church, 27W500 North Ave., West Chicago. A memorial service is set for 1 p.m. Dec. 29, at 1 p.m. at Wheaton Bible Church. Burial will be private.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON DECEMBER 13 ...

In 1642 Dutch navigator Abel Tasman arrived in present-day New Zealand.

In 1769 Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

In 1862 Union forces suffered a major defeat to the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In 1918 President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928 George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1944 during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130 lives.

In 1964 in El Paso, Texas, President Lyndon Johnson and Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz set off an explosion that diverted the Rio Grande, reshaping the U.S.-Mexican border and ending a century-old dispute.

In 1981 authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1989 South African President FW. de Klerk met for the first time with imprisoned African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, at de Klerk's office in Cape Town.

In 1993 the space shuttle Endeavour returned from its mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope.

In 1994 an American Eagle commuter plane carrying 20 people crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15.



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In 1978 the Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.

In 1995 China's most influential democracy activist, Wei Jingsheng, who already had spent 16 years in prison, was sentenced to 14 more years. (However, Wei was later granted medical parole by Beijing, and allowed to travel to the U.S.)

In 1996 the U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan of Ghana to be the world body's seventh secretary general. **Also in 1996** President Bill Clinton nominated William Daley, brother of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, to be commerce secretary.

In 2000 Republican George W. Bush claimed the presidency 36 days after Election Day; Democrat Al Gore conceded defeat.

In 2001 the Pentagon released a captured videotape of Osama bin Laden in which the al-Qaida leader said the deaths and destruction achieved by the Sept. 11 attacks exceeded his "most optimistic" expectations. **Also in 2001** President George W. Bush served formal notice that the United States was pulling out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile

Treaty with Russia.

In 2002 Cardinal Bernard Law resigned as Boston archbishop because of the priest sex abuse scandal.

In 2004 a jury in Redwood City, Calif., recommended the death penalty for Scott Peterson for the murders of his wife and unborn child. **Also in 2004** NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe resigned. **Also in 2004** a Chilean judge indicted former dictator General Augusto Pinochet on charges of kidnapping nine political dissidents and killing one of them during his 17-year military regime.

In 2005 Crips gang co-founder Stanley "Tookie" Williams, whose supporters argued he had redeemed himself inside prison, was executed in California for killing four people in robberies.

In 2013 student Karl Pearson, 18, used a shotgun to gravely wound a classmate in the head before killing himself at Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo. (Claire Davis, a 17-year-old senior, died Dec. 21.)

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Borchardt, Mary

Mary Borchardt, nee Adinamis, passed away on Monday, December 10, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Gordon Borchardt and loving mother of Linda (the late Bryan Kelley and Karen (Bryan) Doan. Devoted daughter of the late Peter and Helen Adinamis. Proud grandmother of Kristen, Ashlyn and Colin Kelley and Steven and Megan Doan. Dear sister of the late George P. (Susan) Adinamis, the late Anastasia Adinamis and the late Stella (the late Henry) Cuthbert. Fond aunt of Phillip (Amy) Cuthbert, Ellen (Troy) Fluegel and many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. Visitation Friday, December 14, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Road in Elmhurst. Family and friends will meet on Saturday morning, December 15, 2018 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 130 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126 for Visitation at 10:00 a.m. and Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church or Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, 7620 Madison St., River Forest, IL 60305. Arrangements made by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd. For more information please call 630-834-3515 or visit www.ahlgrim.com.

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Broderick, James P.

James P. Broderick, 82, of Rolling Meadows, died December 10, 2018. He was born March 7, 1936 in Chicago. He was a Lithographer. James was the husband of Carol (nee Joyce); father of James III (Ann), Maryalice, Edward (Juli), Donald (Susan), Daniel (Cheryl) and the late John (Jodi); grandfather of 10; great-grandfather of 4 and brother of the late Patricia (William) Ryan. Visitation Saturday 9:30 am until time of memorial mass 10:30 am at St. Colette Church, 3900 Meadow Dr., Rolling Meadows. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Harley Helping Hands, 8 Lake Ridge Court, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. Info (847)253-0224 or www.Meadowsfh.com

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Bush, Sylvia Lillian

Sylvia Bush, born Sylvia Lillian Miller, died December 9, 2018. Sylvia grew up in an apartment in Albany Park. She was the daughter of a hat maker and a doll maker, Harry and Elizabeth Miller. She attended Von Steuben High School. She met her husband, Earl, when every morning as the two were traveling to work on the El' he changed train cars to run into her. She thought it was coincidence, but he knew better. She was married to Earl Bush for 68 years. Together, they raised six children. Sylvia, along with her husband Earl, instilled in their children a love for the outdoors and the City of Chicago, and an appreciation of nature, art, and classical music. One of Sylvia's proudest accomplishments was graduating summa cum laude from Northwestern University after 17 years of night school. Three years later she earned her Master's degree from Northwestern specializing in African history and wanted to continue on to earn a doctorate but was denied admission for being too old. She rose from being a history teacher at the City Colleges of Chicago to being an administrator. There, she spearheaded a program to give veterans college credit for life experience. In retirement, she was a proud and frequent contributor to "Voice of the People" and was recognized by the Chicago Tribune for her contributions. She had nine grandchildren. She spoiled them, always allowing them to have two pieces of pie at Sunday night dinner. She passed down to them her love of chocolate, jewelry, crystal salt and pepper shakers and other fine things. Earl preceded her in death. He lived to age 91, and she never forgave him for dying so young. She also had a sense of humor about her age, often joking that no one would accuse her of dying young. She was regularly shocked when told how old she was. She died at the age of 101. In addition to her husband, Earl, she is preceded in death by her son, Gary, and her sister, Grace. She is survived by her children: Arlene, Diane, Larry, Richard and Lynn; her grandchildren: Keith, Kendra, Joshua, Sarah, Timothy, Brandon, Daniel, Kelsy, and Brielle; and her great grandchildren Noa, Lilly, Emma, Devonte, Josiah, Zion, Devin, Jaxon, Ellie, Isabelle, Cecilia and Emma Jane. Services will be private.

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Clawson, Robert W.

Robert W. Clawson, 89 years of age, at rest December 2, 2018. Loving husband of Evon, nee Barrett. Dear father of Brian (Liz) Clawson, Lynn (Ted) Trautmann and Thomas Clawson. Grandfather of David (Julie), Matthew, Michael and Lauren Clawson and Marcus Trautmann. Brother of Holly (Tom) Bazarnick and Peg (Roger) Brier-Lyons. Memorial Mass is Saturday, December 15, 2018, 11:00 am at Christ the King Church, Lombard, Illinois. Private interment. Info at 630-325-2300 or www.adolfsservices.com

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Coop, Alfred J. 'Jay'

Alfred Johnson "Jay" Coop, age 66, of Centennial CO passed away at The Medical Center of Aurora CO on Thursday, December 6 with his beloved wife Jackie (nee Smothers) at his side. He was born September 29, 1952 to William and Pauline (nee Johnson) Coop in Chicago Heights and grew up in Park Forest IL. The family members were early residents of the then new suburb. Besides his wife Jackie, Jay is survived by his children Julieanne (Chris) Stamp of Edwardsville IL; Adam (Sarah Gadzinski) of Valparaiso IN; Ashley (Greg) Doddridge of San Diego CA; Melissa Coop of San Diego CA; and his stepson David Smothers of Centennial CO. "Grandpa Jay" will be missed by his grandchildren Aiden and Maddeline Stamp; Jeremiah, Nolan and Natalie Coop; Abigail and Olivia Doddridge; Sawyer Anne Coop; and his step-grandchildren Imari, Alexis, and Gary Smothers. Also surviving are Jay's three loving sisters Martha (Emerson) Lacey of Glen Ellyn IL; Carole (Malarkey Wall) Atherton of Redmond OR; and Nel (Bill) Fetherling of Flossmoor IL. In addition, his dear sisters-in-law Pastor Dorothy Jean Smothers of Centennial CO, and Valerie (John) McNair of Broadview IL survive him. He was a favorite uncle of his many nieces and nephews. For many years Jay worked as print and paper buyer for the family business William A. Coop Inc., an advertising and publishing firm, located in the Loop and later in Richton Park IL. He was also employed as manager of Menards commercial contractor service at the Richton Park IL and Sycamore IL stores. Visitation is Saturday, December 15 from 2:00 until 6:00 at **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy, Homewood IL. Service to follow at 6:00, Pastor Don Gordon presiding. Cremation and burial will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations in Jay's name to his favorite charities: The Salvation Army, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the Cancer Research Institute. For additional information contact tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300

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Crandall, Gizella 'Dee'

Gizella "Dee" Crandall nee Toth, passed away peacefully on Wednesday December 12, 2018 at the age of 90. Gizella was the beloved daughter of the late Steven and Gizella Toth. In addition to her parents, Gizella was preceded in death by her brother Steven Toth. She is survived by her loving husband Gerald A. and her sons; Gerald S. (Deborah), David A. (Susan) and Jon J. Crandall as well as her grandchildren; Meagan E. (Martin), Bradley E. (Sheena), Brent S., Hillary L. and sister in law Irene Toth. Many nieces and nephews. Lying in state Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of service 11:00 AM at Tinley Park United Methodist Church 6875 W. 173rd PL., Tinley Park, IL Entombment Private. Gizella was a leading member of the Tinley Park United Methodist Choir and Woman's Society for years, she was a member of the Tinley Park VFW Auxiliary and Federated Women's Club and New Lenox Garden Club, Dee was active for years in these various organizations. Visitation Friday December 14, 2018 at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 S. Harlem Ave Tinley Park, IL from 2:00PM until 9:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Tinley Park United Methodist Church. 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Cubacub, Corazon

Corazon (Cora) V. Cubacub, 90, passed away on December 10, 2018 - just one year after her husband of 67 years, Arturo S. Cubacub. She leaves behind her adoring children Arturo (Jan Heyn) Cubacub, Carol (Romuald) Kazl and Dan (Jen Hatch) Cubacub. She was a devoted grandmother to Cassandra Kazl, Joshua Cubacub, Persephone Kazl, Sky Heyn-Cubacub, and Joseph and Emma Hatch-Cubacub. She is preceded by her grandchildren Michael Cubacub and David Cubacub. She was a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and was well loved by her extended family. She worked as a Pharmacist, Chemist, and after retiring, she worked as a Real Estate Agent and Travel Agent. She loved to travel and along with her husband and her many friends, cruised the world. She worked at Wyeth Laboratories for 14 years before working at Baxter Travenol. She was active in Filipino organizations and was an expert in sewing. She enjoyed sewing for her daughter and grandchildren. Being the eldest of her siblings, she took care of everyone and always put them first. She will be remembered as a smart, determined, and strong role model for many. Everyone went to her for advice and guidance. Visitation Friday 12/14, from 4-9pm at Drake Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Avenue, Chicago IL 60625. Funeral Mass Saturday 12/15 at 10am at St. Hilary Catholic Church. Interment at Rosehill Cemetery. For more information call 773-561-6874.

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Doniger, Jay Alan

Jay Alan Doniger, 77, Loving son of the late Shepard and Alice Doniger; Devoted and loving husband for 54 years of Marcia Doniger, nee Braverman; Loving, proud, and supportive father of Scott Doniger and Michelle (Nick) Long; Adoring "Grandpa" of Erica; Loving brother of Dale (Bobby) Flam. A passionate golfer, avid fossil hunter, and an award winning Creative Director of Medical Advertising. He lightened our spirits with his creativity and endless humor. He made everything seem possible, took us on adventures, and taught us so much. Above all, family was his priority in life. His courage in his last years was an inspiration. A graveside service will be held at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Rd, Arlington Heights, IL, 60004 on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. For information: call Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home: 847-256-5700.

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Egan, Helen A

Helen A. Egan Loving aunt of Joanne (Nee Mazzeo) Sperakas. Proud great aunt of Kristen Sperakas. Fond great great aunt of Mason and Aiden. Dear sister in law of Raymond (Diane) Freutel. A treasured and long time friend who got the job done Mary Gerrity. Life long Cubs fan and exceptional usher in aisle 117 for over 20 years. Her greatest joy was cheering the Cubs on in the 2016 World Series. Visitation at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.. Funeral service at 11 a.m.. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For info 773-588-5850 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Lotto jackpot: \$3M	
Pick 3 midday	420 / 8
Pick 4 midday	7472 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday	14 21 22 34 43
Pick 3 evening	649 / 3
Pick 4 evening	5605 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening	18 21 25 27 43

Dec. 14 Mega Millions: \$262M

WISCONSIN	
Dec. 12	
Megabucks	13 20 25 30 34 46
Pick 3	838
Pick 4	4579
Badger 5	08 11 13 17 28
SuperCash	01 06 09 21 24 29

INDIANA	
Dec. 12	
Lotto	03 07 29 31 33 37
Daily 3 midday	000 / 8
Daily 4 midday	5380 / 8
Daily 3 evening	802 / 4
Daily 4 evening	6560 / 4
Cash 5	08 15 19 22 25

MICHIGAN	
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Englert, Anna

Anna M. Englert (nee Kornfeind), died peacefully surrounded by family on December 9, 2018. Loving wife of the late Ralph Englert. Loving mother of Kathy (Emil) Wehrle and Lisa (Mark) Thuer. Extremely proud grandmother of Heidi (Mike) Koerneman, Andrea Wehrle, Erich and Krista Thuer. Fond aunt (Tante) of many nieces and nephews. Visitation on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect from 3-8pm. Visitation at St. Edna Church, 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts. from 9-10 am on Monday, December 17, 2018, followed by mass. Interment at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.

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Fleischer, Beverly A.

Beverly A. Fleischer, nee Swartz, beloved wife of Larry for almost 50 years; loving mother of Howard (Rebeca) Fleischer and Daniel (Rachel) Fleischer; cherished Bubbie of Joseph, Benjamin, Isaac, Naomi and Levi; daughter of the late Israel and Frances Swartz; dear sister of Paula Scheiner, Stanley Swartz, Lois Levine and Judi (Hesh) Kulman; adored sister-in-law of Ray (Marlynn) Fleischer and the late Davie (Lenie) Fleischer; treasured aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Adam Kuhn Scholarship or Congregation Bnai Tikvah. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Friedman, Mae

Mae Friedman, nee Zapolsky, 94. Beloved wife for 71 years of Sidney; devoted mother of Dr. Allan (Elizabeth Bullitt), Richard, and Michael (Janet) Friedman; cherished grandmother of James (Mina) Friedman, Sarah (Nikhil Sehgal) Friedman, Marshall (Xiu Hu) Friedman, Leia (Ryan) Lawrence, and Heather, Nathaniel, Matthew, and Andrew Friedman; proud great-grandmother of Kiera Friedman. Graveside service Friday, 1 PM, at Menorah Gardens Cemetery, 2630 S. 17th Ave, Broadview. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Fung, Dr. Christopher H

Dr. Christopher H. Fung, Age 79, passed away on December 5, 2018. Beloved husband of Elizabeth Fung, Loving father of Gregory and Teresa Fung, Cherished Grandfather of Ellie and Isabel Fung. Dr. Fung was a graduate of Harvard University '60 and Harvard Medical School '64. He practiced as a pathologist at Mercy Hospital for 30+ years. Dr. Fung was an avid reader with a wide range of interests, most notably philosophy, religion and history. He and his wife Elizabeth were active members of **LaSalle Street Church** and also in International Student Ministries. He was known for being a conscientious, intelligent, and thoughtful man. Memorial Service will be held at **LaSalle Street Church**, 1136 N LaSalle Dr, (312) 573-8800, at 10:30am on December 15, 2018. Gifts may be sent to the International Student Fund at LaSalle Street Church.

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Hallman, Marilyn

Marilyn Hallman, 88, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, died Dec. 10, 2018. She is survived by her husband Newt; sons Robert (Gini) Hallman and Kenneth (Deborah) Hallman and daughter Janet (Charles) Mefferd; and 10 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at Northwest Covenant Church, 300 N. Elmhurst Ave., Mount Prospect. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago.

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Hastings, John T.

John T. Hastings, John Hastings, 91 of Oak Lawn. Dec 11th at home, surrounded by his family. Born Dec 2nd, 1927, in Chicago to Pat & Rose (O'Malley) Hastings; Survived by his wife of 65 years, Marion nee Pierce. Loving father of daughter Catherine, (Tom) Johnson, Brian (Christine) and John Jr. (late Patricia), cherished grandfather to Jessica Alexandrakis (Costas), Lauren Anne, and the late Theresa Rose. Grandsons Ryan and Matthew, and great grandsons George and Jack Alexandrakis. Brother of the late Helen, brother-in-law of Margaret Pierce, Una Donnersberger, and Bridie Bellario. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Beloved by his family, there has never been a more caring, attentive and selfless patriarch. Veteran USAF. Grateful to LCM Hospice for loving care and support during a most difficult time. In lieu of flowers, his family requests contributions to LCM Hospice, 9800 S. Southwest Highway, Oak Lawn; Visitation Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernadette Church, 9343 S. Francisco Ave., Evergreen Park, Interment Private; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Hoffenkamp, Mary L.

Mary L. Hoffenkamp (nee Hanlon), beloved wife of the late Norman C. Hoffenkamp; loving mother of Janice (Bob) Climack-Hoffenkamp, Donald Hoffenkamp, Jean (Ron) Knarr and Karen (Ray) Lang; dearest grandmother of Megan (Anthony) Dituri, Katie (Chris) Culbreth, Ryan (Alyssa) Knarr, Brian (Lauren) Hoffenkamp, Kelly Lang, Nicole (Ed) Rosebaum, Erica Lang, Will and Grace Hoffenkamp; sweet Gigi to Josh, Zane, Zach, Mia and Morgan; dear sister of Therese (Fred) Flesch, the late Tim (Josephine) Hanlon and Janet Daly; cherished sister-in-law of the late Jean Luchini and Jack (the late Mandy) Hoffenkamp; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3 to 9 pm. Funeral Saturday 9:00 am from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 West 159th Street, Orland Park to St. George Church. Mass 10:00 am. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Dementia Society www.dementiasociety.org. Funeral info: 708-429-3200.



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Jabusch, Fr. Willard F. 'Bill'

Fr. Willard F. "Bill" Jabusch, 88, passed on December 8th. Beloved son of the late A. Elmer and Frances Jabusch. Dear brother of Donna (the late Barry) Rankin. Uncle of Christi (Ryan) Swier. Great-uncle of Samuel. Fr. Bill was a Catholic priest, educated at Mundelein Seminary, Loyola University and Northwestern University. His education was enhanced at the University



of London, and as a composer, at the Chicago Conservatory. He was ordained in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1956. Fr. Jabusch served as priest at Old St. James parish and has taught at several institutions including the Chicago-area schools Quigley Preparatory Seminary, Niles College, and Mundelein Seminary, as well as Notre Dame University and the American College at the University of Louvain in Belgium. More recently he served as chaplain and director of Calvert House at the University of Chicago. Fr. Bill was the author of several books including *City on the Tiber*, *Walk Where Jesus Walked*, *The Person in the Pulpit and The Spoken Christ*. He has contributed many articles to *Commonweal*, *America* and *The Tablet*. Fr. Jabusch has also written plays including *Francesco*, *Vincent and the Kingdom* and *No Other Gods*. Fr. Jabusch is also known for singable hymns. The two most popular, "The King of Glory" and "Whatever You Do," have been translated into many languages. He will be remembered and missed by all. Visitation Thursday, December 13th, 6 PM, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1012 Lake Street, Evanston, until time of Funeral Mass at 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Malachy School Chicago, 2252 W Washington, Blvd, Chicago or University of St. Mary of the Lake in Fr. Willard F. Jabusch's name would be appreciated. Interment Friday, December 14th, 11am at University of St. Mary of the Lake, 1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Fr. Bill's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

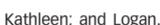
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Janus, Kathleen 'Kelly'

Surrounded by her family, Kathleen "Kelly" Janus (nee Gutowski) passed away peacefully Dec. 6 in Blue Ash, Ohio after a short, brave battle against brain cancer. She was 79. Loving mother of Vince (Sam) Janus, David (Jennifer) Janus, and Carrie (Scott) Fritz. Fond sister of Betty Gutowski. Proud grandmother of Christopher (Anna); Justin; Jacob; Kathleen; and Logan. Kelly also is survived by her former husband, Stan, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her devoted parents Vincent and Kathleen; younger brother Paul (Wendy); and her daughter Janine. Born June 3, 1939 in Chicago, Kelly was the oldest child of a printer and Motorola factory worker. She grew up on the city's South Side, where her hardworking parents for a time ran a neighborhood grocery store. She spent many weekends of her youth at her family's Beverly Shores lake house. Kelly was a good student and popular teen with movie-star beauty. She married and raised her children in Round Lake, IL. They remember her as a generous mom with a big heart who showered them with unconditional love. When her children were sick, she would not leave their side. Whether a childhood sporting event or an important milestone later in life, she rooted the loudest and was their biggest fan. Her beautiful blue eyes welled with tears of pride and joy when she spoke of them and her grandchildren. Kelly worked at Motorola in Schaumburg for 25 years, later moving to Cincinnati to be near her daughter Carrie and newborn grandson. Other family members soon relocated there as well. Along with spending time with family, Kelly's passions included reading, Chinese food, the Chicago Cubs, the color purple, and the holidays, especially Christmas. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday in Sharonville, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society.



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Jaquez, Belen 'Tia Be'

age 87. Lt. Colonel U.S. Air Force Vietnam. Graduate of South Chicago Community Hospital School of Nursing, Loyola University, Chicago and University of California, Los Angeles. Retired U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps, Staff Nurse, Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Former Director of Will County Health Department and Assistant Health Director. Devoted daughter of the late



Bernardo and Maria L. (nee Lopez) Jaquiz. Beloved sister of Alfred (Raquel) Jaques, the late Joseph (Dolores) Jaquez and Virginia (the late Marcos) Mondragon. Loving cousin and aunt of many nieces and nephews. Belen, began a scholarship fund at Loyola University for Hispanic students active with the National Association of Hispanic nurses or students that demonstrate a commitment to working with preserving the Hispanic community. She generously donated her time and energy to many organizations including The Mexican Museum of Fine Art, which she was awarded the Sor Juana Women of Achievement Award. She was a dedicated volunteer for over 15 years at the Field Museum of Chicago. Visitation Saturday 9:00am until time of Chapel Prayers at 11:30am. from the **Maher Funeral Home** 17101 S. 71st Ave Tintin Park (1 Blk East of Harlem on 171st St) to St Lawrence O'Toole Church (4101 St. Lawrence Ave Matteson Il.) for Mass at 12:30pm. Entombment private Good Shepard Cemetery. If family and friends would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers, a check can be written payable to: Loyola University Chicago, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. In the memo section: Belen Jaquez Scholarship. These checks can be mailed to Mr. Like's attention at: Loyola University Chicago, Office of Gift Planning, Attn: Joe Like. 820 North Michigan Ave Chicago IL 60611. To view and sign the guest book please visit WWW.MAHERFUNERALSERVICES.COM. (708) 781-9212.



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Kalyvas, Katherine

Katherine Kalyvas, nee Peppas 84, born in Athens, Greece, beloved wife of the late Thomas; devoted mother of Tina (Dr. Thomas) Karagiannis and Presbyteria Maria (Rev. Odisseys Drossos); dear Yiayia of Vaios and Katherine Karagiannis and Thomas Drossos; loving daughter of the late George and Barbara Peppas; dear sister to Eleni, and the late Matina, Petros, Mihali, Amalia, and Maria, dearest aunt and cousin to many in the U.S. and Greece. Resting at **Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home**, 17W201 Roosevelt Road (just West of Route 83), Oakbrook Terrace on Thursday, December 13th, from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral services to be held on Friday, December 14th at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Road, Westchester at 10:00 a.m. with visitation from 9:30a.m. until time of service. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church www.holyapostleschurch.com or St. Panteleimon Greek Orthodox Church www.stpangoc.org. Info. (630) 941-5860 or www.chapelhillgardenswest.com.



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Kelly, Leah Rae

Leah Rae Kelly, nee Shaner, age 84 of Chicago, passed away surrounded by her loving family on December 10, 2018. Beloved wife of H. Raymond; Loving mother of Colleen (James) Asa and Shaun (Jeanne); Cherished grandmother of Thomas and Daniel. Funeral Service Saturday, December 15, 10:00 a.m. at **Kolbus-John V. May Funeral Home** 6857 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Visitation Friday, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For info. 773-774-3232 or www.kolbusmayfh.com.



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Kelly, Margaret

Margaret Kelly, nee Sweeney; Of Evergreen Park; Native of County Donegal, Ireland; Passed away suddenly on Monday morning, December 10th. She leaves behind her daughter Caroline "Kelly" Merchantz and her son Kevin (Colleen) Kelly; granddaughters Heather, Krysten, and Marykatherine; grandsons Daniel, Brendan, Aiden, and Coleman; Margaret immigrated to the U.S. in 1960 with her late husband, Peter; She was an active member of the St. John Fisher Parish. She will be missed deeply by, both, her loved ones and friends of the church community; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Friday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw Ave, Chicago; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Kleinhubert, Fred C.

Fred C. Kleinhubert, 84 , of the Edgebrook area of Chicago. U.S. Army veteran. Beloved husband of the late Joan T. Kleinhubert nee Kennedy. Loving father of Dan (Tina Johnston), John (Patty), Sue (Fred) Schrantz, Carol Kleinhubert, Mary Pat Kleinhubert and Maggie Strojinc. Proud grandfather of Ashley, Conner, Tiffany, Matt, Meghan, Patty, Theresa, James, Ryan, Johnny, Samantha, Emily, Seamus, Luke, Brenna and Payton. Brother of the late Mary Kettman. Fred is also survived by many cherished in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Retired 30+ year employee of Morton Salt. Visitation Sunday, December 16, 2018 at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Family and friends meeting Monday 10:15 AM at St Mary of the Woods Church, 6955 N. Hiawatha (at Moselle), Chicago. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL, 60631. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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La Mantia

See Nicholas J. Puleo Jr. notice.

Lotta, David

David George Lotta, of Bartlett, passed away Saturday, December 8. Beloved husband of 25 years of Deborah (nee Jensk); loving father of Marie; dear son of Theresa (nee Cwik) and the late George Lotta. Visitation Friday, December 14 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm at **Countryside Funeral Home** and Crematory 950 South Bartlett Rd. (at Stearns Rd.), Bartlett. Funeral Saturday 10:00am. Interment Maryhill. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, appreciated. Info (630)289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Lukasik Jr., Eugene D

Eugene D. Lukasik, Jr., 83, passed away on Monday, December 10, 2018 peacefully at his home. He was born May 18, 1935 in Chicago and was a former 32-year resident of Buffalo Grove, living in Lake Villa for the past 20 years. Eugene retired as the general manager for North Shore Sanitary District after 28 years of service, was past president of Water Environment Federation – Central States and was a devoted catholic and founding member of St. Pius V Shrine in Lake Zurich. He was an avid bird watcher and a member of the Lake County Audubon Society and enjoyed vacationing at his second home and favorite place that he called, "Heaven on Earth" in Ladysmith, WI. Most of all, Eugene loved his children and grandchildren and will be remembered for his loyalty to his wife of 61 years, Helen. Surviving is his devoted wife, Helen (nee Schuster) Lukasik; 6 children, E. Damian (Holly) Lukasik, Karen (Larry) Schlax, Donna Matthias, Michelle Edwards, John Lukasik and Theresa (Anna) Lukasik-Shepherd; 15 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; brother, Daniel (Michal) Lukasik and a sister, Mildred "Millie" (the late William) Deiker. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Mildred Lukasik and his son, Richard Lukasik. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 14, 2018 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville with prayers at 7:30 p.m. A private Tridentine funeral mass will be held Saturday morning at St. Pius V Shrine in Lake Zurich. A funeral service for family and friends will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home followed by interment at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Foundation. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

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Magnuson, Rev. Dr. George Peter

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A service will be held at Winnetka Covenant Church, Sunday 12/16, 2pm. www.monarchsociety.com/obituary/george-magnuson

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Malinowski, Marian T.

Marian T. Malinowski, nee Dvorak, Age 85, passed away on December 10, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edward Malinowski. Loving mother of Steven (Valerie) Malinowski, Robert (Susan) Malinowski and the late James Malinowski. Dear grandmother of Jeff (Nicole) Malinowski, Beth (Greg) Gillis, Michelle (Jeff) Thorsen, Nathan Malinowski (fiancée Beth Radecki) and Claire Malinowski. Dearest great-grandmother of Madelyn, Grace and Johnny Malinowski, Jack Paige and Sydney Thorsen and Kendall Gillis. Fond sister of the late Thomas Dvorak. Also survived by relatives and friends.

Visitation and Celebration of Life, Saturday, December 15, 2018, 12:00PM to 3:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Home are appreciated.

For more information, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Mayer, SVD, Rev. David

Fr. David Mayer, SVD, 80, Born October 25, 1938, Columbia, MO. Loving son of (the late) Dennis T. and Virginia L. (nee Miller) Mayer. Dear brother of Michael. Visitation at Divine Word Residence, Saturday, December 15, 9 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Funeral Mass, at 10:30 a.m. Burial following the Mass, St. Mary Cemetery, Techny, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made in Fr. Mayer's name for the care of retired Divine Word Missionaries at Divine Word Residence, 1901 Waukegan Rd., Techny, IL 60082. Arrangements by **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp** Funeral Home 847-998-1020.



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McDonough, Martin Thomas

Loving father of Teresa, Shannon and Connor. Cherished son of Bridie (nee Lee) and the late Coleman. Beloved brother of Coleman, Maureen (James) Gannon, Bridie (Anthony) Pullia and Ellen (Simon) Small. Dear uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend to many. Memorial Visitation Saturday December 15 from 12-4 PM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL. Interment Private. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

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Miller, Phyllis

Phyllis Miller, age 83, of Eureka, WI, formerly of Chicago, passed away on December 3, 2018. Phil was born on December 11, 1934. She retired from Midwest Canvas in Chicago and was co-owner of Happy Jack's in Eureka. Phil is survived by her son Michael; daughter in-law Sharon; grandchildren Heather, Michael, Jackie and Mallory; and many friends. She is preceded by her life partner Rose Riley and sons Gerald and Craig. Graveside service will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at the Eureka Cemetery, County Road E, Eureka, WI **Kwiatkowski Funeral Home**, www.omrofuneral-home.com

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Moon, Jerry

Jerry Moon, 79, passed on December 5th surrounded by his loved ones. Beloved husband for 57 years to Ardelle, nee Schmidt. Dear father of Shari (Bill) Schlau, Lori (John) Hedrick, and Jerry J. Moon, Sr. Loving grandfather of Tim (Stacy) Hedrick, Jeremy (Kari) Hedrick, Brittany Schlau, Jerry J. Moon Jr., and William Schlau. Great grandfather of Brayden, Tyler, Layla, and Hazel. Loving brother of Kathleen "Mae" Rosenberg. Brother-in-law of John (Bonnie) Schmidt, Darlene (Doug) Jenkins and Susan (Dave) Golz. Extended family member to John "G-Man" Gorman, Shelaine Dunfee, Justin Kurk and Tricia, Ryden and Reese Scarnato. Fond uncle and friend to many. Visitation Sunday December 16th, 3pm to 9pm, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine. Funeral Service Monday December 17th, 10am at the funeral home. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. Info 847-359-8020 or visit Jerry's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Moreland, Norma L.

Norma L. Moreland nee Gallier age 98 passed away December 7, 2018. Wife of the late Robert M. Moreland. Mother of Glenn (Kate) and Russell (Ruth). Grandmother of Grant, Erin, Kara Schlueter, Brenna Dyke, Kyle, and Maeve Masini. Great Grandmother of Valerie, Caden, Katherine, Jay, Henry, Emerson, Emmaline, John, Riley, Finn, Declan, Mary, and Anna. Norma was a 1937 Graduate of Lindbloom High School, Marshall Fields Employee, and a member of Drexel Park Presbyterian Church. She later helped in developing United Presbyterian Church in South Holland. Loved by her family and her many friends for her kindness, needlework, and baking, just to name a few of her interests. Graveside service Saturday 12-15-18 11:00 a.m. Cedar Park Cemetery. For info 708-798-5300 or www.tews-ryanfh.com.



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Moss, Jo Ann L.

Jo Ann Lucille Moss, nee Holz was born Dec. 7, 1943 to Kurt and Frances Holz in Pensacola, FL, where Kurt was serving in the Navy. Upon discharge from the Navy, the family moved to Chicago, IL. Jo Ann attended Calumet High School and then went to college at Northern Illinois University where she got her degree in Elementary Education. Jo Ann married John H. Moss, Jr. in March of 1966. Jo Ann's love of books and children caused her to return to NIU to obtain her Librarian Certificate at age 60. She then became the Librarian at Clay Elementary in Woodstock, IL. Jo Ann is survived by her devoted husband, John; her sister Andi (Bob) Gryzbowski; sons, Jay, Robert (Jenny) and Brian; 6 grandchildren, Sarah, Kelsey, Casey, Westin, Chandler, and Emily Moss. Visitation will be, Sat., Dec. 15, 2018 from 9:30 AM until the 12 Noon funeral service at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. (Rte. 176), Crystal Lake, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org. For information, please contact Davenport Family Funeral Home, Crystal Lake, 815-459-3411. For online condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com.



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Murphy-Galloway, Joan

Joan Murphy - Galloway, 94, of Woodstock, passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at her home. She was born May 30, 1924 in Macomb, Illinois to Howard and Gladys (Simpson) Newland. Beloved wife of two wonderful husbands, the late Clifton "Clink" Murphy, and the late Richard Galloway; loving mother of Thomas M.D. (Jennifer), and Paul (Anita) Murphy; proud grandmother of Tommy M.D. and Caitlin Murphy; dearest sister of Jean Wheeler and the late Barbara Subject; loved by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Joan attended Western Academy in Macomb. She was a past President of the Woman's Auxiliary of Centegra Hospital. She enjoyed crafts, playing bridge, and being in a book club. She will be missed by all who knew her. There will be a visitation on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Schneider Leucht Merwin Cooney Funeral Home, 1211 N. Seminary Avenue Woodstock. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 10:30 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 312 Lincoln Avenue Woodstock. Interment will follow in the Calvary Catholic cemetery in Woodstock. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Neiberg, Renee

Renee Neiberg, nee Lerner, age 90, retired educator and counselor in the Chicago Public Schools for over 30 years, beloved wife for over 50 years of the late Max; loving mother of Laura and Robin Neiberg; cherished sister of Sondra (late Hal) Schatz and the late Faye (Erwin) Pickard; treasured aunt of Michael (Rheta) Pickard and Cheryl Pickard; special great aunt, cousin, friend and mentor to many. Service Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or American Heart Association, www.heart.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Nicholson, John Joseph

75, of Branson, MO, formerly Chicago, passed away peacefully on December 1, 2018. Loving husband of 53 years to Carole (nee Tauscher); loving father of John Michael, Anne (Christopher) Nash, Jennifer (Brian) Fulbrook; dear brother of Thomas; loving grandfather of Morgan, Hannah, Kaela Nicholson and their mother Mirta Nicholson. Memorial visitation Saturday, December 15 1-3 pm (service to follow), **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge IL. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Group of the Ozarks (Parkinsonsgroup.net) or (417) 885-9595. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Olson, Richard L 'Rich'

Richard L. Olson 55, of Lemont IL. He is survived by his wife Michelle and daughters Hanah and Emma. Son of Daniel Olson and the late Shirlee (Kaletka) Olson and his stepmother Evelyn Olson. Brother of Michael Olson of Chicago. Service at St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, 608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL 60439 on Friday, Dec. 15th, Wake 10AM, Mass 11AM.

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Poproch, Walter J.

Poproch, Walter J. Age 95, beloved husband of the late Virginia A. (nee Przisliski); loving father of the late Loretta (the late Donald) Tennant and Bob (Adrienne) Poproch; grandfather of Lynette (Mike) McRoy and Lisa (John) Morrow; great-grandfather of 4; dear brother of Florence and the late Joseph and the late Ester (the late Edward) Nosal; fond uncle of many. Long time treasurer of the Polish Roman Catholic Union. Lying in State Friday 9:15 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Bede the Venerable Church (82nd and Kostner). Entombment Resurrection Mausoleum. 773-783-7700 or visit www.andrewmcgann.com

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Procido, Frieda

Frieda Procido nee Albano, age 94 of Downers Grove. Formerly of Elmwood Park. Retired owner of Albano's Bakery in Elmwood Park. Beloved wife of the late Louis. Loving mother of Louis (Josephine) Bombacino, Carmella (Fred, Sr.) Purpura, Emily (fiancé Bryan Estes and the late Robert) Kelly and the late Joseph Bombacino. Beloved daughter of the late Emilia and Joseph Albano. Proud grandmother of Frank, Charise, Erin, Lisa (Rob), Anthony (Shannon) and the late Anthony. Great grandmother of 6. Dear sister of Frank, the late Eugene and the late Angie. Fond aunt and friend of many. Visitation Friday, Dec 14th 3-9PM at Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home 17W201 Roosevelt Rd. Oakbrook Terrace. Funeral Saturday, Dec. 15th 9AM from the funeral home to Ascension Catholic Church-Oakbrook Terrace for 10AM Mass. Interment Private. 630-941-5860

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Puleo Jr., Nicholas J.

Nicholas J. Puleo Jr., age 77, US Army Veteran, at rest December 8, 2018. Beloved husband of 54 years to Yvonne Puleo (nee La Mantia). Loving father of Kimberly (Mark) Guido and Nick Puleo. Cherished grandfather of Alyssa, Brandon and Seth. Devoted brother of Rose Ann (late Tony) Glaviano and the late Robert (Carol) Puleo. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Friday, December 14, 2018 from 3:00-8:00pm with a Memorial Service 7:00pm at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.** 2921 S. Harlem Ave. Berwyn. All services will conclude after the visitation. Kindly omit flowers. For service info: 708-484-4111 or www.adolfservices.com



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Siegel, William Arthur 'Bill'

SIEGEL, William Arthur "Bill". Bill Siegel brought his deep, strong heart to everything that interested him, and widely shared his wisdom, whip-smart humor, and keen insights. A father who was thrilled by and committed to his two kids, Louie and Johanna, Bill was also a brilliant filmmaker, educator, storyteller, interlocutor, teacher, mentor, activist and life-long friend to an impossibly large number of people. Bill was predeceased by father Richard, mother Libby, and infant brother David, and in addition to children Louie and Johanna, he is mourned by sisters, Ellie (William Warren) Siegel, Janet Ha, Margie (Scott Horne) Siegel; his former wife, Lauren Goffen, partner Kim Wade, and seven nieces and nephews, each of whom, like Bill's countless friends, relished a unique and profound bond with him. Bill earned a B.A. in history from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and an M.S. degree at the Columbia University School of Journalism. An internationally acclaimed, award-winning documentary filmmaker, he made The Weather Underground and The Trials of Muhammad Ali while holding down a demanding day job with the Great Books Foundation, where he served in roles ranging from Trainer to Vice President of School Programs. Bill will be remembered for his kindness and generosity, charm, ferocious curiosity—and for his vast pleasure in being alive. Service Saturday night, December 15th, 6:00 p.m. at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. A gathering will follow the service. For charity information, including contributions to Bill's children's college education, please visit www.cjinfo.com for updated information. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie-Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Simmons, William H.

William H. Simmons CPD. Loving Father of Kathleen (Thomas) Handler and Maureen (Frank) Panzeca; Dearest Grandfather of Brian Handler, Timothy (Priscilla) Handler, Thomas P. (Erin) Handler, Caitlin (David) Bowman, Nicholas (Enza) Panzeca, Sean (Gaby) Panzeca, and the late Francesca Panzeca; Dear Great Grandfather of 12; Dear Brother of the late Phillip; Fond Uncle of 2. Funeral Service Friday 9:30am at Grove Funeral Home 1199 S. Arlington Heights Rd, Elk Grove Village to St. Julian Eymard Church Mass 10:30am. Entombment Private. Proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7, USS LCI National Association, Past Commander of American Legion Post 973, VFW and the Elk's Club. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm. 847-640-0566

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Singer, Marilyn

Marilyn G. Singer, nee Gordon, 71, beloved wife and best friend of Stephen for over 50 years; devoted and loving mother of Aaron (Lauren) and Mitchell (Wendy); adored grandma of Alex, Jori, Reed, Josie and Sophie; caring aunt, treasured cousin and loyal friend of many; ...and Dusty, her furry faithful companion. Chapel service 2:30 PM Friday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Guide Dogs for the Blind (www.guidedogs.com). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Tassistro, Ralph

Ralph "Ralphie" L. Tassistro, of Rosemont, IL Age 73 Beloved husband of Laura (nee Nothnagel). Cherished father of Kim (Joe) Marrese and Kevin (Angie) Tassistro. Loving Papa of Maddie Grace, Joey, Olivia and Alexis. Devoted son of the late Angelo and Cleofe "Cleo". Dear brother of Carl (Anne) Tassistro and Janet Reif. Brother in law of Mike (Jayne) Nothnagel. Fond uncle of many. Ralph was a proud veteran of the Air Force Reserve from 1966-1972. He managed Zenith Electronics for over 30 years. In lieu of flowers donations to shriners-hospitals-for-children.org. Memorial Gathering, Friday, December 14, from 9:30a.m. until time of Mass, 10:30a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 9711 W. Devon Ave, Rosemont. Interment Private. Arrangements entrusted to River Woods Funeral Chapels, 847-635-5900 or www.riverwoodsf.com

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Trossman, Arthur I.

Arthur I. Trossman, 90, passed away peacefully December 12, 2018. Beloved husband of Anita (nee Gold) for 68 years; loving father of Shellee (Georg Panytsch) Trossman, Ellen (Robert) Wigoda, and Steven (Susan) Trossman; proud Papa of Jennifer (Jesse) Marzouk and James (Beth) Wigoda; cherished great-grandfather (Papa) of Jonathan, Julia, Jane, and Charlie; caring uncle to his nieces and nephews, and a friend to many. Arthur was a true gentleman who lived an extraordinary life of kindness, dignity, and integrity. Graveside service Fri, Dec. 14, 2018, at 10:30 AM, at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Jewish National Fund, www.jnf.org. For info, **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**: 847-256-5700.



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Wangerow, Leroy 'Duke'

Leroy "Duke" Wangerow, age 96, of Streamwood. Passed away on 12/10/18. Preceded in death by August and Elizabeth Wangerow. Survived by his wife of 71 years Patricia "Pat" Wangerow and his sons Chuck (Mary), Bill (Lou Ann) and Jim (Patti) Wangerow. Grandfather to Dina, Joe (Taylor), Mike (Kelly) Wangerow, Gina (Kenny) McCauley, Billy Wangerow, Danny (Alex) Wangerow, Rod (Cindy), Melanie, Steve (Rosie) Boston, Olivia, Ryan, and Kevin Wangerow. Great grandfather to Luke, Max McCauley, Kaylee Wangerow. Visitation Saturday December 15, 2018, from 9 AM until the time of the funeral mass at 10 AM at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Interment will be Private at a later date. Funeral Info: (847) 882-5580

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Wirtz, Alice Pirie

Alice Pirie Wirtz, 87, known to her close friends as "Ittie", died peacefully at her home in Winnetka on December 8, 2018 following a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was surrounded by her children, and with her dear dog Molly by her side. Born on March 24, 1931, to Alice Quarles Pirie and John Thomas Pirie II of Winnetka, Mrs. Wirtz graduated from the North Shore Country Day School in 1949 and Finch College in 1953. She was the widow of the late William W. Wirtz, former President of the Chicago Blackhawks and Wirtz Corporation. Her first husband was the late Homer Hargrave, Jr. Mrs. Wirtz is survived by her three children, Charles Pirie Hargrave (Kathy Laughlin) of Wilmette, William Arthur Hargrave (Christina Louise Cox) of Chicago and Alice Quarles Hargrave of Chicago, widow of Jean-Brice Wallon; her eight grandchildren, Sara, Charles, Katie, Jennifer, Ezra, Gabriel, Joseph and Deshler; her great-grandchild Malcolm; and her brother William Quarles Pirie of Minocqua, Wisconsin. Alice will be remembered most of all for her two passions ... her artistic creations and her sense of civic responsibility. In 1972, she became conservator of The Thorne Rooms at The Art Institute of Chicago, a position she held for 14 years. Her lifelong love of miniatures was certainly enriched by her mother-in-law, silent film actress Colleen Moore Hargrave (dear friend of Narcissa Thorne) who created The Colleen Moore Fairy Castle. Alice created exquisite shell-enrobed mirrors, each unique and reminiscent of 18th and 19th century decorative arts which she also collected along with English antiques. Many of these exotic shells were collected by Alice from remote islands in the Bahamas while on trips with her husband, Bill, aboard the Blackhawk. Alice's involvement in the community was manifested in her civic work. She served as President of The Junior League of Chicago, President of the Women's Board of the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital (formerly Children's Memorial Hospital), and volunteer for The Crusade of Mercy. Always a proud alumna of North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, she volunteered as Archivist of the school's history, which included reconnecting alumni from across the country. Most recently, Alice dedicated herself to the John T. Pirie School in Chicago, a well-respected school within The Chicago Public School System, named for her great grandfather, John T. Pirie, founder of Carson Pirie Scott & Company. The department store (founded in 1854) survived the Chicago Fire and resided for over a century in its landmark store designed by Louis Sullivan. Most important to Alice's many friends, family and the neighbors who love her was her extreme kindness and thoughtfulness. She shared her award-winning roses with anyone in need of a special pick-me-up and gifted countless homegrown raspberries and jam. Her hand-written notes of thanks, sympathy or congratulations were all infused with love. Visitation, Thursday, December 20, 2018 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road Skokie, Illinois 60077. A Celebration of her Life will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church 784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Rush University Medical Center's Lung Cancer Research Fund, c/o Kevin R. Gray, 1201 W. Harrison St., Suite 300 Chicago, IL 60607 or The John T. Pirie Fine Arts and Academic Center 650 East 85th Street, Chicago, IL 60619. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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File No. **D18155993** on the Date: **NOVEMBER 26, 2018** Under the Assumed Name of: **IDIOMATIC MUSIC** with the business located at: **PO BOX 613 FOREST PARK, IL 60130** The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **RICHARD HARRIS 1110 S EAST AVE OAK PARK, IL, 60304**

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File No. **D18155939** on the Date: **November 16, 2018** Under the Assumed Name of: **MR. CAKE** with the business located at: **8761 N Oleander Ave Niles, ILLINOIS, 60714** The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Johnson Youkhana 8761 N.Oleander Ave Niles, ILLINOIS, 60714**

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT RAFFI SARRAFIAN, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR OFFICER. ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Thursday, December 13, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Health & Group Benefits Consulting

RFP NO.: 1830-17616

MBE/WBE GOALS: 35% MBE/WBE of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

RFP DOCUMENTS: RFP Document is available for download at: <https://legacy.cookcountyl.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 11AM (CST)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE LOCATION: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, IL 60602

Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Friday, January 18, 2019 at 3PM (CST)

CONTACT: Cynthia Park, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer (312) 603-3075 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) cynthia.park@cookcountyl.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit a proposal. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICE

Suburban Bus Division of the RTA Public Hearing on the Proposed Discontinuation of Route 638 - Arlington Park Station - HSBC Shuttle

Notice is hereby given that Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, is seeking public comment on the proposed discontinuation of Route 638 - Arlington Park Station - HSBC Shuttle due to an expected funding shortfall.

Thursday, January 3, 2019

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Arlington Park Metra Station

Waiting Room

2121 W Northwest Highway

Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed discontinuation of Route 638 -Arlington Park Station - HSBC Shuttle is welcome to attend the public hearing. Prior to the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to Pace, External Relations, 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 or to our website, www.pacebus.com in the "Public Hearing Comment Form" area.

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend the hearing and who require accommodations other than transportation, and individuals who require translation into a language other than English to allow them to observe and/or participate, are requested to contact Pace at (847) 364-7223 option 3, at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

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TO: Hyung Sil Kang, as Co-Trustee of the Hyung Sil Kang revocable trust dated 11/28/2000; Hyung Sil Kang, as Co-Trustee of the Wi Ki Kang revocable trust dated 11/28/2000; Wi Ki Kang, as Co-Trustee of the Hyung Sil Kang revocable trust dated 11/28/2000; Wi Ki Kang, as Co-Trustee of the Wi Ki Kang revocable trust dated 11/28/2000; Hyung Sil Kang; Wi Ki Kang; Monterrosa Tire and Muffler Shop, Inc., c/o Maria-I. Monterrosa, Reg. Agent; Monterrosa Tire and Muffler Shop, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Monterrosa Tire and Muffler Shop, Inc.; Monterrosa Tires & Mufflers; Occupant, 5001 W. North Ave., Chicago, IL 60631; County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008123 FILED: December 4, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: May 9, 2018 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 16-000954 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2016 w/2004 2nd 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: 5001 W. NORTH AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 16-04-203-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 3, 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 June 3, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 12, 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 June 3, 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 BT LIENS, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: December 5, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/12, 13, 14/2018 6024626

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TO: Dan Conrad; Helen E. Reed; Estate of Helen E. Reed; Occupant, 8352 S. Knox Ave., Chicago, IL 60652; Daniel E. Reed, Reg. Agent; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property; TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD008119 FILED: December 4, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: May 8, 2018 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 16-0006912 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2016 w/2010 2nd, 2011 2nd, 2012 1st & 2nd, 2013 1st & 2nd, 2014 1st & 2nd & 2015 1st & 2nd 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: 8352 S. KNOX AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 19-34-323-028-0000 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 June 3, 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 June 3, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 12, 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 June 3, 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 RDIA INVESTMENTS, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: December 5, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/12, 13, 14/2018 6024593

TO: Wayman K. Freelon; Accion/Chicago, Inc. c/o Brad McConnell, Reg. Agent; Logiq, LLC, c/o Wayman K. Freelon, Reg. Agent; Logiq, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corp. Division; Homan Food & Deli, Inc., c/o Ali Abdulreb, Reg. Agent; Jordan Heaven Food, Inc., c/o Gordon Smith, Reg. Agent; Logiq, LLC, d/b/a Smoked Fill Room, Carolina E. Rodriguez; Jordan Heaven Food, Inc.; Homan Food & Deli, Inc., d/b/a Homan Food & Deli; Smoke Filled Room Lounge & Grill; Occupant, 3353-3359 W. 79th St., Chicago, IL 60632; 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. 2018COTD008122 FILED: December 4, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: May 9, 2018 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 16-0006920 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2016 w/2015 1st 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: 3353-3359 W. 79TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 19-35-204-001-0000 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 June 3, 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 June 3, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 12, 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 June 3, 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 RDIA INVESTMENTS, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: December 5, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/12, 13, 14/2018 6024622

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TO: James H. Ford; Mother's Touch Inc. IL, c/o Ethel Bell Daniel, Reg. Agent; City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, Water Department; Occupant, 7757 S. Halsted St., 1st floor, Chicago, IL 60620; Occupant, 7757 S. Halsted St., 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60620; Ford's Beauty & Barber Shop; Victor Ford; Occupant, 7759 S. Halsted St., 1st floor, Chicago, IL 60620; Cutie Pie's Kitchen; Occupant, 7759 S. Halsted St., 1st floor rear, Chicago, IL 60620; Occupant, 7759 S. Halsted St., 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60620; 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. 2018COTD008118 FILED: December 4, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: May 8, 2018 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 16-0007754 & 16-0007755 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2016 w/2014 2nd 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: 7757-7759 S. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 20-28-314-014-0000 & 20-28-314-015-0000 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 June 3, 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 June 3, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 12, 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 June 3, 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 LIEN GROUP, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: December 5, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 12/12, 13, 14/2018 6024612



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BEARS

Prep key in Fuller's interception surge

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Kyle Fuller called it "trying to multitask," which is a nice way to explain away an addiction to a personal electronic device.

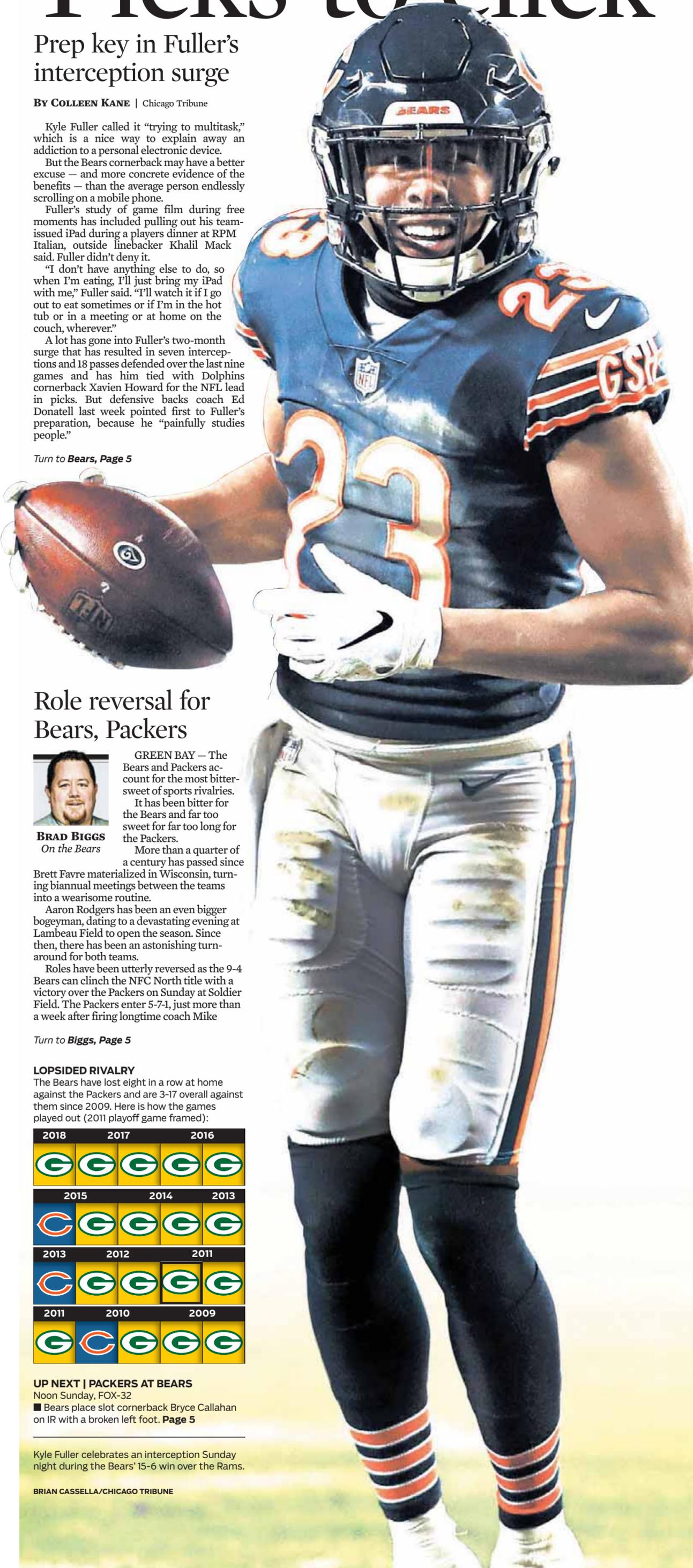
But the Bears cornerback may have a better excuse — and more concrete evidence of the benefits — than the average person endlessly scrolling on a mobile phone.

Fuller's study of game film during free moments has included pulling out his team-issued iPad during a players dinner at RPM Italian, outside linebacker Khalil Mack said. Fuller didn't deny it.

"I don't have anything else to do, so when I'm eating, I'll just bring my iPad with me," Fuller said. "I'll watch it if I go out to eat sometimes or if I'm in the hot tub or in a meeting or at home on the couch, wherever."

A lot has gone into Fuller's two-month surge that has resulted in seven interceptions and 18 passes defended over the last nine games and has him tied with Dolphins cornerback Xavien Howard for the NFL lead in picks. But defensive backs coach Ed Donatell last week pointed first to Fuller's preparation, because he "painfully studies people."

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Role reversal for Bears, Packers



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

GREEN BAY — The Bears and Packers account for the most bitter-sweet of sports rivalries.

It has been bitter for the Bears and far too sweet for far too long for the Packers.

More than a quarter of a century has passed since

Brett Favre materialized in Wisconsin, turning biannual meetings between the teams into a wearisome routine.

Aaron Rodgers has been an even bigger bogeyman, dating to a devastating evening at Lambeau Field to open the season. Since then, there has been an astonishing turnaround for both teams.

Roles have been utterly reversed as the 9-4 Bears can clinch the NFC North title with a victory over the Packers on Sunday at Soldier Field. The Packers enter 5-7-1, just more than a week after firing longtime coach Mike

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LOPSIDED RIVALRY

The Bears have lost eight in a row at home against the Packers and are 3-17 overall against them since 2009. Here is how the games played out (2011 playoff game framed):

2018	2017	2016
G	G	G
2015	2014	2013
C	G	G
2013	2012	2011
C	G	G
2011	2010	2009
G	C	G

UP NEXT | PACKERS AT BEARS

Noon Sunday, FOX-32
■ Bears place slot cornerback Bryce Callahan on IR with a broken left foot. **Page 5**

Kyle Fuller celebrates an interception Sunday night during the Bears' 15-6 win over the Rams.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Culture shock not right way to change

Boylen's hard-nosed methods only made Bulls' situation worse

Jim Boylen speaks and eyes roll, his words supplying punchlines as the Bulls threaten to become an NBA joke.

The mockery spreads and the losses mount, as do the reasons to wonder why a longtime assistant would wait an entire career for an opportunity this good and risk sabotaging his first week as a head coach. Since Boylen replaced Fred Hoiberg on Dec. 3, his tenure has resembled a grand social experiment for a once-proud franchise that should be done experimenting.

From alienating players with mass substitutions and intense practices to sounding like an out-of-touch militaristic taskmaster from a bygone era, Boylen immediately made the Bulls relevant again — for the wrong reasons. Suddenly a team notoriously bad on defense was offering all sorts of resistance to the new coach. This was no way to compete with the Bears and Cubs for headlines.

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MORE COVERAGE

■ Paxson, Boylen, LaVine talk about Bulls' turmoil. **Page 3**

■ Blackhawks 6, Penguins 3:

Scoring outburst helps end 8-game slide. **Page 4**



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Maddon will try to play it by the book

Manager reading about best ways to relate to team's 'ultramillennials'

When Theo Epstein theorized at the general managers meetings that Joe Maddon would be re-energized communicating with the "ultramillennials" in the clubhouse, it seemed like just another clever throwaway line.

What is an ultramillennial anyway? Someone whose personality is extremely characteristic of the millennial generation? Can you really stereotype an entire generation and communicate with all of them the same way?

Apparently so, according to the latest news out of the winter meetings in Las Vegas, at which Maddon revealed he has been reading a book called "Managing Millennials for Dummies" this offseason.

A blurb on the back cover of the book reveals its purpose:

"Love them or hate them, Millennials now make up a majority of the workforce — yet somehow managers are still puzzled over how to best recruit, retain, and engage this confounding generation. With this hands-on field guide, you'll learn to

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MORE COVERAGE

■ Cubs appear willing to wait on any roster moves. **Back Page**

■ White Sox have financial flexibility to sign Harper. **Back Page**

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Bulls coach Jim Boylen, with third-year guard Kris Dunn, on his demanding style: "I feel like I've got to be me."

Boylen has backing

Paxson appreciates coach's passion, believes he's right fit for young team

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

MEXICO CITY — Slow down. That's John Paxson's message to Bulls coach Jim Boylen.

Don't slow down the demands for player accountability. Don't slow down the demands to practice and work. Don't slow down the plans to build a tougher culture.

"I tell him jokingly to slow down because he's got so many things in his head and he's trying to get to all of them," Paxson, Bulls executive vice president, said before Wednesday's practice at Mexico City Arena as part of the NBA's Global Games. "He just needs to settle down, get some sleep. I wouldn't say he's trying too hard. He's so pumped about the opportunity.

"We had Tom Thibodeau. He was a 20-year assistant who was waiting for his opportunity. He knew what he wanted and Jim is the same way. He's got such passion and energy. He'll bring that every day. That's who he is as a person. He brought that as an assistant coach. But it's different when you're the head coach. You have to do it over some time."

Boylen smiled when relayed Paxson's words.

"I feel like I've got to be me," Boylen said. "Some of that is me. Some of it is just we've got things we've got to get it done. Some of it is we're putting building blocks in of who I know I want us to be.

"I take John's advice very seriously. And I think he's concerned that you've got to take the necessary steps in the correct order. I'm trying to do that. But I'm excited too. I'm focused on doing the job. To back off is probably not my personality. To go at a smooth pace, a focused pace is probably good for me."

An international trip only seemed to intensify the Bulls' current place at the epicenter of the NBA. Boylen's old-school coaching tactics, which have included wind sprints, push-ups, five-man substitutions and showing film clips in the postgame locker room, led to two or three players suggesting a boycott of Sunday's practice.

They also have raised eyebrows around the league, even as the Bulls' ears tune out the noise.

"There's so much noise, so much negativity," Paxson said. "I don't feel it inside our building or our locker room. As crazy as it may seem, it's actually been a good week for us for the long term. Jim has come in and set his tone. This is a different day and age than back when I played, so players have more voice than ever before. But it's something that can be worked on and worked out, and Jim has a real open mind to all these things.

"Change is difficult. In this business, when you change in mainstream, it could be even more difficult because there's uncertainty with players. But we're confident that Jim is going to get

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everybody on the same page and we'll grow from this day forward. This isn't about wins and losses right now. It's about getting the team together, on track, and then those things work themselves out."

Asked if he's worried about the players who suggested the boycott splintering from the group, Paxson doubled down.

"Well then it's my job and Gar (Forman)'s job to address that," he said. "I don't think that will be an issue. I kind of have to laugh a little bit about these things because when did it become a bad thing to practice a little bit harder? We've lengthened the season, we don't have as many back-to-backs, don't have the four (games) in five nights anymore. To get better as a player, you have to practice.

"Offseason, I see all these things from players on how they're in the gym two, three times a day. Well, if we want to have them in our gym for two hours working hard, I think that's OK."

Still, some things Boylen is trying aren't typical in today's NBA, which has moved to a greater focus on rest and recovery and the empowerment of players.

"The places I've been successful in the NBA, they work and they are focused," Boylen said, referencing working as an assistant for championship teams in Houston and San Antonio. "The guys are locked into getting better. So I don't know how it's not typical. Maybe that's

how far we've gotten away from just grinding.

"I'm not into just typical. It's not typical to take over a team 20-some games in that is 5-19. So I'm not putting my standards on what other people have done. I'm going to honor what my ownership and management want. It fits my style of how I want to coach."

Boylen even adroitly addressed a question about how Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, whom Boylen worked for and consistently references for his no-nonsense approach, has joined the trend of resting players.

"Pop did do that. And he's terrific at it," Boylen said. "He had a veteran, established team that knew what he wanted, knew the system. In San Antonio, they have standards of behavior and standards of play. We are establishing those. And we can't do that without practicing and without being pushed.

"We're just in a different place than them. Nothing wrong with it. Nothing good or bad. So we're going to work hard. Guys love to work. Guys want to be pushed. This is more about them needing to know how we're going to do it here than anything — and what's expected."

In other words, even if Boylen follows Paxson's advice and slows his desire to implement his myriad ideas, his ways won't change.

"He's detailed. He's passionate," Paxson said. "And he's holding guys accountable. And we need that. A young team needs that more than anything."

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Players striving to stick together

Markkanen stressed unity, quashed potential boycott

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MEXICO CITY — Lauri Markkanen's role in urging Bulls players to show up for a scheduled practice Sunday after some initial talk of a boycott already has been reported.

For the first time, Markkanen addressed his thinking, which led to two hours of team meetings to hash out an emotional first week under new coach Jim Boylen.

"I wanted to have my opinion and let players know what I think," Markkanen told the Tribune on Wednesday. "I think I can be one of the leaders of the team. That's what I suggested. That's how it went."

Not all players were on the initial group text exchange. Multiple sources said Markkanen was and that his voice resonated immediately.

Later, when the text exchange spread to the entire team, Robin Lopez also urged attendance.

"I thought that was a more professional way to go about it," Markkanen said. "I thought about other members of the staff. Like, they show up to work. Obviously, this isn't the main point, but some of the staff lives an hour away and they come to work.

"I try to think how disrespectful that is to tell them that we wouldn't show up."

Asked how he felt about some teammates suggesting the idea, Markkanen paused.

"It was definitely new for me," he said. "It is what it is. It was an idea. We started talking and got it figured out as a team. We have to stick together. Obviously, we had a rough week. We all need to work together. And I think we will."

Zach LaVine said talk of the potential boycott "got blown out of proportion." LaVine, who was visibly frustrated after Saturday's franchise-record 56-point loss to the Celtics, was a vocal leader in the meeting Sunday. He also met with Boylen individually.

"We wanted to speak real with each other," LaVine said. "We resolved some things, found eye-to-eye things."

"It wasn't about practice or the game. It was the collective emotions of afterwards and how we lost and just the whole week. Me and Jim are on the same page. The team is on the same page. I think us moving forward is going to be a really good thing."



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Lauri Markkanen jogs during practice Wednesday at Mexico City Arena, where the Bulls will play the Magic on Thursday.

BULLS NOTES

Team's focus on trip to Mexico City instead of recent turmoil

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

MEXICO CITY — Oh, yeah, a basketball game.

Almost lost to the sideshow that has been the Bulls' turmoil is the fact they face the Magic on Thursday on an international stage as part of the NBA Global Games initiative.

Coach Jim Boylen said Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis again will come off the bench in their

second game back after both missed nearly seven weeks with sprained MCLs in their right knees. That's Portis' regular role. It's not Dunn's, although Boylen said Dunn ventually will supplant starter Ryan Arcidiacono at point guard.

"Yes, sir, I'm not dancing around that at all," Boylen said. "I'm just going to play it how I feel."

The Bulls have lost 13 of 15. Boylen has called this a "family

business trip," but players also recognize the significance of the NBA's growing-the-game initiative.

"We don't take it for granted," Lauri Markkanen said. "It's a privilege to be here."

This is the Finland native's first trip to Mexico.

"It's cool," Markkanen said. "I heard there are a lot of Bulls fans here, so I'm excited.

"I think playing somewhere else than your home is good for

the team, especially what we've been through the last couple weeks."

No go: Asked by a local reporter how his Spanish-speaking abilities are, the always colorful Robin Lopez replied: "No es muy bueno."

Mangled or not, that translates to: "It's not very good."

Lopez is a travel nut who has spent considerable time in Asia. This is his second trip to Mexico

City, which he last visited while playing for the Hornets in 2012-13.

"It's always fun," Lopez said. "It's always very vibrant. It's a wonderful fan base."

"I know the Orlando Magic are the home team, but the Bulls have a wonderful following here. So I'm excited to see the two clash."

The local reporter didn't quit. He asked Lopez to say something about the game in Spanish.

"Vamos Los Bulls," Lopez replied.

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Boylen's methods backfire

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The Bulls needed a culture change, not necessarily the culture shock Boylen created. That process takes time and patience the Bulls can afford with the NBA's second-youngest team. Yet Boylen took the wheel like the driver in rush-hour traffic who constantly beeps his horn while weaving between cars as he accomplishes little more than ruining everyone else's trip. The front office wanted instant impact, not insurrection — which Boylen avoided Sunday with a cathartic, air-it-out team meeting instead of another two-hour practice.

People can question Boylen's sanity but not his sincerity because the earnestness is obvious in his tone. Nobody doubts that he believes forcing pro athletes to run sprints qualifies as good, hard coaching. Nobody disagrees that Boylen needs to sharpen an edge on a Bulls team that became too soft under Hoiberg and establish an identity missing for months. But being as subtle as a sledgehammer was the wrong method to drive home the points Boylen considered most important. It was clumsy, forcing us to remember the interim label on Boylen is implied, if not official.

It was naive to think "shock and awe" — the words Boylen used to describe his early approach — made more sense than "wait and see" when taking over a team limited in large part because of injuries. The guy hired to improve the Bulls' effort simply tried too hard to make a strong first impression. The rest of the season offers Boylen a second chance to prove he isn't oblivious to the NBA world around him, he isn't incapable of connecting with players whom he already might have lost and he isn't destined to go down with Terry Bevington, Mike Quade and Marc Trestman in Chicago sports lore as good guys who were bad hires.

Boylen says he values directness, so somebody the Bulls coach respects must deliver a blunt message: If this is who you are, you need to change. If this is going to work, make a bigger effort to meet halfway. Fair or not, this is on Boylen, who thrust himself into the center of this controversy.

Somebody in the front office must tell Boylen, 53, how imperative it is for him to compromise, to communicate clearly and effectively enough to make high schoolish gimmicks — a leadership committee? — unnecessary. Somebody in charge must remind Boylen that even if he arrived with Phil Jackson's blessing and Gregg Popovich's endorsement, he lacks their cachet, and every reference to his Spurs days lacks the context that neither Tim Duncan nor Tony Parker nor Manu Ginobili plays for the Bulls.

Somebody needs to coach the coach, and that responsibility falls on the increasingly polarizing duo of Bulls executives John Paxson and Gar Forman. As Boylen will be the first to tell you, Paxson and Forman empowered him to use whatever style necessary to close the gap on the roster between production and potential. And Boylen already mentioned a time or two that he finds the unequivocal support from management and ownership "freeing." He even referenced his relationship with the Reinsdorfs several times, but loyalty has its limits.

The Bulls like the talent they have accumulated. They enlisted Boylen to instill the tenacity, to make players as mentally tough as they are physically gifted. Part of me appreciates Boylen's adherence to the age-old belief that athletes must work their way through adversity. The other part — the one where the head overrules the heart — realizes Boylen cannot continue to operate like a Bull in a china shop. Players will persist in pushing back. Free agents will keep staying away. It's overly idealistic to expect any other result.

For a guy who prides himself in speaking the truth, Boylen has sounded reluctant to accept the realities of today's NBA. He can't be if he wants to succeed at this job. Every time Boylen speaks can't sound as if he is issuing an ultimatum, every game can't become a referendum on his worthiness as a head coach. Eventually, that will exhaust everybody in the organization, no matter how much Boylen improves the Bulls' conditioning.

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BLACKHAWKS



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The Blackhawks' Marcus Kruger, right, celebrates his goal with Andreas Martinsen on Wednesday night.

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A little hope

Martinsen's goal, assist helps Hawks snap 8-game skid

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
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It was hard to tell exactly where the puck hit Andreas Martinsen before it deflected off him and into the net.

Could have been his side, his ribs or perhaps even his back. It wouldn't have been the first time he scored a goal off a body part.

"I scored one off my groin," Martinsen said. "That was my first NHL goal. It's usually how I score my goals."

All that mattered was that it went in, and that the Hawks had the first goal of the game.

It shouldn't seem momentous to point out when a team scores first, but Martinsen's tally marked the first time in 12 games the Hawks had done that. It propelled them to a 6-3 win over the Penguins Wednesday night at the United Center that snapped an eight-game losing streak and led to a huge sigh of relief.

"I think everyone probably was feeling a little bit," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "It's no fun to come to the rink when things aren't

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going well. You want to win. Everyone's a competitor here. Hopefully, it releases some tension in the guys and they can play a little freer, because we've had some good moments."

Martinsen, who entered with two assists in 19 games, scored his first goal of the season and made a beautiful pass on Marcus Kruger's game-winner with 16 minutes, 11 seconds left in the third period. It was the first multi-point game of Martinsen's career.

Brent Seabrook and Alex DeBrincat also scored, Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad added empty-net goals and Corey Crawford stopped 40 shots to end a personal eight-game losing streak.

"It's a relief," Toews said. "It's definitely just a good feeling for guys. We've got something to celebrate. We've got something to enjoy."

Seabrook played in his 1,037th game with the Hawks to move past Bobby Hull into second place, trailing only Stan Mikita's 1,396 games.

Top forward prospect Dylan Sikura was able to enjoy his first game with the Hawks after getting

called up from Rockford. He's not a savior, not only because he's not that level of prospect but because one player alone isn't going to save the Blackhawks' season.

Still, one of the few things that can break up a dismal year is the appearance of hope, and Sikura represents just that.

With hope comes expectations, and with expectations can come pressure.

"You've got to be human (and) feel a little bit of pressure," Sikura said before the game. "But that's good and that's part of the game and that's part of the reason you love to play the game. Obviously, it's a little magnified here playing in Chicago in an organization like this, but it comes with the territory."

With Sikura and defenseman Carl Dahlstrom getting called up, the losing streak ending and the Hawks not only scoring first but taking a lead in regulation for just the second time in their last 12 games, Wednesday's victory had an air of change accompanying it.

In some respects, the game was typical for Martinsen as he only was on the ice for 7:21.

Nobody from either team had less ice time than Martinsen.

Nobody came up bigger.

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Dahlstrom confident upon return

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD
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It wasn't a shock to see the Blackhawks bring up forward Dylan Sikura from Rockford on Wednesday. He was leading the IceHogs in scoring, and with Artem Anisimov going on injured reserve there was a need for a forward.

It was more of a surprise to see the Hawks send down forward Alexandre Fortin and replace him with IceHogs defenseman Carl Dahlstrom.

Just not to Dahlstrom.

"Not really," Dahlstrom said. "I think I've shown before that I can really play up here."

Dahlstrom, a 2013 second-round pick, had an 11-game stint with the Hawks late last season and began this year with the

IceHogs. The 6-foot-4-inch Sweden native hasn't stood out, scoring eight points (one goal, seven assists) with a minus-11 in 22 games.

Dahlstrom, 23, was hoping to make the team out of training camp but he was one of the final roster cuts.

"It's always tough," Dahlstrom said. "Coming into camp, there's a lot of good guys you're competing with, especially here. We have a lot of big depth in this organization. I think there were a lot of guys competing for spots. Obviously, I wasn't happy being sent down. But that's hockey, and I think that's part of being a pro hockey player."

It's not clear how long Dahlstrom will stick around. The Hawks currently have eight defensemen on the roster, though Erik Gustafsson was sick on

Wednesday and missed his second straight game.

Anisimov return uncertain: A roster spot for Sikura opened up when Anisimov (concussion protocol) was placed on injured reserve following a hit from Shea Weber in Sunday's 4-3 loss to the Canadiens.

Anisimov missed Tuesday's game against the Jets and is eligible to come off IR on Sunday. Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton hopes it won't be a long-term issue.

"He's going through the protocol with the trainers and obviously we want him ready to go, Colliton said. "But with concussions, you never really know."

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NFL

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League won't pay for video evidence

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Commissioner Roger Goodell said Wednesday the NFL won't pay for video evidence in cases involving domestic violence, and he defended the league's handling of those investigations.

Speaking after owners held their annual winter meeting in Irving, Texas, Goodell said the NFL's approach to dealing with domestic violence is "extraordinary" and that the league has some of the highest standards of any organization.

The NFL came under scrutiny again when surveillance video showed then-Chiefs running back Kareem Hunt shoving and kicking a woman in a Cleveland hotel in February.

Hunt wasn't disciplined before the video was released by TMZ.

After the video came out, Hunt was placed on the commissioner's exempt list, the equivalent of suspending him indefinitely with pay. The Chiefs waived him.

Goodell said the hotel and police in Cleveland declined to release the video to the league.

"First off, we don't pay for video evidence," Goodell said. "... We think that's not appropriate.

"We obtained material that we have access to. But we're not going to do it by corrupting people or trying to find a way to bribe them into giving us video. That's not what we do."

Goodell said the league acted quickly once the video became public.

"I think what we're doing as a league is extraordinary," Goodell said. "We take this seriously. As a league, I think we've responded very quickly. I think that example is being on the commissioner exempt list. They were off the field within an hour."

Flacco loses top job: Joe Flacco has lost his job as Ravens starting quarterback and will be the backup Sunday against the Buccaneers for the first time in his 11-year NFL career.

Flacco is healthy after missing the last four games with a right hip injury.

The Ravens went 3-1 during his absence under rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson, and coach John Harbaugh has decided to stick with the first-round draft pick. Flacco, 33, has been a starter since his rookie season in 2008 and was Super Bowl MVP when the Ravens beat the 49ers to end the 2012 season.

Wentz's status unclear: Eagles QB Carson Wentz is sidelined with a back injury, but The AP reported that he hasn't been ruled out for Sunday's game against the Rams.

"Carson has a little bit of back soreness, a little tightness," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said.

Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles would start if Wentz can't play. Foles hasn't taken a snap since Week 2 but is talking reps with the first team in practice.

Draft heads to Vegas: Goodell announced that Las Vegas will host the 2020 draft — the first time the city has ever hosted the event. Las Vegas will be the fifth different city to host the draft in as many years.

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Had they not dropped a bunch of passes, the Chargers might have beaten the Chiefs in the opener. The Chargers are making those catches now and have the defensive firepower to pull this off against the hobbled Chiefs.
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BEARS

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Broken left foot sidelines Callahan

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The Bears placed slot cornerback Bryce Callahan on injured reserve with a broken left foot Wednesday, ending his season.

Callahan broke his foot in the second quarter of Sunday's victory over the Rams while cutting back on a screen play. Coach Matt Nagy said Callahan's injury requires surgery.

The Bears signed cornerback Marcus Williams to take Callahan's roster spot. Williams is in his fifth NFL season. He had six interceptions for the Jets in 2015 and most recently played two games for the Buccaneers this season.

Callahan had a career-high 45 tackles and two sacks with two interceptions and six passes defended. The Bears brought him back this season on a one-year, right-of-first-refusal tender worth about \$1.9 million. He will be a free agent this offseason.

"Bryce is extremely quick, he's very athletic," Nagy said. "He has great hands.

He's tough. He's a good kid. He's very valuable. That's a big loss for us. But with that said, we're going to have a mentality it's the next man up. ... There's no sulking or none of that. It's somebody else's opportunity."

Nagy said Sherrick McManis could get the opportunity to replace Callahan in the nickel package. McManis played 56 percent of the defensive snaps Sunday. He has 19 tackles, a sack and an interception in 12 games this season.

"It's depth," Nagy said. "It's guys that understand that if they do get presented with an opportunity, they have to make the most of it. That's what he's going to do. That's what he did last week. His teammates have to have his back and help him."

The Bears have counted on McManis, 30, for his special teams prowess more than his defense the last few years. He has played 101 snaps on defense this season and just 49 defensive snaps in the previous two years. But he's ready for an expanded role.

"I've got an opportunity," McManis said. "I want to take advantage of it to go out

there and help the team get a big win. ... I just feel like the more reps you get, regardless of who you are, the better it is for you."

Overheated: After Mitch Trubisky reviewed his inaccurate throwing in Sunday's game, he thought he let the juice of his return from a two-game absence get the best of him.

The issue wasn't his right shoulder, the national TV spotlight, or the caliber of the opponent, he said.

"I was focused on the wrong things — trying to make big plays and trying to do too much," he said. "I should have had a more focused mindset of, OK, I just need to do my job. I need to find completions. I need to catch the snap, do my footwork and get the ball to my playmakers rather than being too amped up about being out there with my guys and trying to make all-world plays."

That's a healthy dose of self-awareness. It can only help Trubisky fix the problem. But let's be clear: He has to fix it. Soon.

And this isn't the first time Trubisky has indicated overexcitement caused him to miss throws. It's particularly noteworthy as the Bears push toward the playoffs and the games increase in importance.

Trubisky at least seems to have a clear understanding of what went wrong against the Rams and how to improve it.

"I've got to keep continuing to follow through, weight shift and make the throws that I know how to make," he said. "I was rushing my footwork a little bit. Antsy to get the ball out, excited to get some completions. But I've got to play within myself and this offense, within the timing and get the ball to our playmakers."

Injury report: The Bears listed only one player on their injury report Wednesday as they resumed practice to prepare for the Packers. Wide receiver Allen Robinson didn't practice with a hip injury, which Nagy will address Thursday morning.

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Besides on-field results, tension between Aaron Rodgers, left, and Mike McCarthy reportedly contributed to McCarthy getting fired.

Role reversal for Bears, Packers

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McCarthy, and they're 0-6 on the road this season, joining the 49ers as the only teams without a victory away from home.

All that remains for the Bears is to beat the Packers, something they failed to do in the season opener when they frittered away a 20-0 lead midway through the third quarter. It was the latest example of how painfully frustrating things have been against the Packers, who ended the Bears' bid for a playoff spot in 2013, defeated them in the NFC championship game after the 2010 season and have won 15 of the last 17 meetings, eight in a row at Soldier Field and 40 of 54 overall since Favre's arrival.

"We've won eight in a row (there)," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "I'm not talking trash to their squad or Akiem (Hicks) or anything, that's just the facts. Great place to play. They have a fantastic fan base, they know when to cheer, they're loud, they're involved in the game."

Barring a miraculous finish and some help, the Packers will miss the playoffs for the second consecutive season. The last time that happened was 2005-06, coincidentally the last time the Bears had back-to-back winning seasons.

When the Packers slid to 7-9 last season, a big explanation was Rodgers had missed nine games. They hit rock bottom this season on Dec. 2 with a 20-17 home loss to the Cardinals — their third straight and fifth in six games. President Mark Murphy fired McCarthy two hours after the game, naming Joe Philbin the interim coach and eliminating what would have been four weeks of public speculation about McCarthy's future.

While the Bears expect to be preparing for a playoff opponent on New Year's Eve, the Packers likely will be launching their first coaching search since 2006. While the Bears have passed the Packers this season, are they finally in position to have an upper hand over their nemesis for seasons to come?

Whether there was more than creative tension between McCarthy and Rodgers isn't as important as the on-field product: The Packers were 22-22-1 in the last 45 games started by Rodgers under McCarthy. That eventually eroded job security for

McCarthy as more is expected when your quarterback is a two-time league MVP.

Clearly things were amiss, though, and a Twitter post by Winston Moss, Packers associate head coach/linebackers, after McCarthy's firing highlighted that.

"Ponder this ... what Championship teams have are great leadership! Period! It's not the offensive guru trend, it's not the safe trend. Find somebody that is going to hold #12 and everybody in this building to a #LombardiStandard! Period! #losing-sucks!" Moss wrote.

That got Moss fired, and he quickly resurfaced Sunday on Fox's "NFL Kickoff," doubling down when he said, "Aaron Rodgers has been the head coach for the last nine years. Just joking, just joking."

Tough to walk that one back. And hard to believe there wasn't growing friction between the quarterback and the head coach.

How the Packers respond from here, hiring a coach to work under Murphy and with first-year general manager Brian Gutekunst will be interesting. It's one of the most appealing jobs in the league because the coach doesn't have to answer questions from an owner, but the newly created triangle of power is a little different. It's assumed Murphy, the former Northwestern athletic director who has never run an NFL coaching search, is going to seek a coach Gutekunst approves of.

Rodgers, 35, enters Sunday's game against the NFL's No. 1 takeaway defense with a record streak of 368 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. The contract extension he signed in August carries through the 2023 season, when he will turn 40, but accuracy aside, some personnel men question whether he is the same electric playmaker he has been in the past. He has a tendency to hold the ball too long, which can lead to magnificent improvisational plays — and take a play completely out of rhythm.

Even if Rodgers has regressed from his peak seasons, you're still talking about a quarterback with a 99.1 passer rating with 3,700 yards passing, 23 touchdowns and just one interception. The Packers have a strong rookie class led by cornerback Jaire Alexander and they have an additional first-round draft pick in 2019, acquired from the Saints. Gutekunst has already

proved he's open to more avenues for player procurement than his predecessor, Ted Thompson. The Packers signed Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller to an offer sheet and had a solid offer on the table to the Raiders for Khalil Mack.

Under Philbin, the Packers rallied to beat the struggling Falcons 34-20 on Sunday and now they prepare to finish out the string. After the Bears, they play at the Jets on Dec. 23 and host the Lions on Dec. 30. Then they'll decide whether they can reload — a fancy term for skipping a rebuilding stage — with a new head coach. What provides confidence that will happen?

"Well, the leadership really," Rodgers said. "That's always been the case. I feel strongly about the men leading this organization and the women. And I feel good about our locker room. I think we have some of the right pieces in place moving forward. I think we have a pretty good young nucleus. I think the draft this year was a good one, really good one."

In New England Bill Belichick and Tom Brady serve as an example of how the coach-quarterback relationship can go through rocky periods. If Rodgers truly had checked out on McCarthy, perhaps the Packers can rekindle the success they've had, which included eight straight playoff appearances.

"I think we can get that back starting this year," outside linebacker Clay Matthews said. "I don't think it's all about next year saying, 'Well, this has been a wasted season because we didn't make the playoffs.' We have three more games and, yeah, the percentages of us making the playoffs are slim to none, but there is a lot of pride on the line and if you look at the success we've had, it's been with a lot of players in this room. We're dealing with some change with our head coach. It's about finishing the season strong and trying to play and at the same time leaving on a good note heading into 2019."

Times have changed if the Packers are talking about playing spoiler. The symmetry for the Bears is perfect with a chance to win the division while the Packers plot their next move.

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Fuller clicking with his picks

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That has helped Fuller total 41 pass breakups over the last two seasons, more than anybody else in the NFL and three ahead of Lions cornerback Darius Slay, according to the Bears.

He has an interception in three straight games, including a third-quarter pick against Rams quarterback Jared Goff on Sunday. Immediately after Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky threw an interception, Fuller leaped in front of Rams wide receiver Josh Reynolds to grab the football and swing the momentum back in the Bears' favor.

It's the type of play that has made Fuller a strong candidate to make his first Pro Bowl in his fifth season, and his first since the Bears matched the Packers' four-year, \$56 million offer sheet in the offseason to bring back their 2014 first-round pick.

"No. 1, he looks very comfortable in what they're asking him to do," Packers interim head coach Joe Philbin said on a conference call with Chicago reporters Wednesday. "No. 2, he's a really, really good athlete. He's got some instincts and some awareness that have helped him really be a very, very productive player for them this year. ... And he certainly is a confident guy. You can see that on film."

The Packers will face the player they almost brought to Green Bay on Sunday as they take on a Bears team looking to clinch its first NFC North title since 2010.

Fuller and the Bears defense don't have an easy task in trying to add to their interception total of 25 in 13 games.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers remarkably has thrown one interception all season — Sept. 30 against the Bills. Last week, he broke Tom Brady's NFL record streak of 358 consecutive pass attempts without a pick and extended it to 368.

"He's just making some good decisions, has some good accuracy," Fuller said. "But there are some where it's like, 'Oh, that could have been picked off.'"

That's a natural segue into the one that got away from Fuller this season.

Fuller knows quite well Rodgers would have two interceptions this season if he had held on to the ball that bounced off his chest and hands late in the fourth quarter against the Packers in Week 1. The interception very well could have sealed a Bears victory, but the Packers scored a touchdown on the drive to win 24-23.

When asked if he still thinks about that play, Fuller, who said he'll watch that game film a couple of times this week, shook it off.

"Not really," he said.

That's not necessarily a bad thing, considering his coaches have pointed to his growing confidence as one of the many reasons he has put together his current stretch.

"It's always good to see a guy come back (from a drop), but he hasn't come back by luck or happenstance," defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said last week. "He has worked hard. He works hard mentally in preparation and on the field ... and it's paid off."

If 2017 was Fuller's comeback season from a lost year due to injury, this season is the one in which he has shown he more consistently can make plays, especially over the last two months.

Donatell believes Fuller was driven by a desire to make good on the Bears' financial commitment to him, but Fuller characterized his drive as the need to "try to be the best player I can be." He thinks his preparation has helped him make strides toward that.

"So far this year, it's more interceptions, being in position, being able to capitalize a bit more," Fuller said. "There were a couple last year I thought I was in position and didn't come up with the pick. I'm just playing more consistently each game, each week, learning and getting better."

Even if it means trading in pleasant dinner conversation for a study session.

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BASEBALL



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After seven seasons with the Nationals, All-Star outfielder Bryce Harper will have plenty of options in free agency, including the White Sox.

WHITE SOX

Hope for Harper

Sox hold payroll flexibility to land star free agent

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — The White Sox might be the exception to agent Scott Boras' post-negotiation forecast involving marquee free agent Bryce Harper.

"In the end, all organizations are going to look back and say: 'What should I have done? How should I have done it? What steps should I have taken?'" Boras said Wednesday, corralled by nearly 100 reporters in front of a Christmas tree at the winter meetings.

"These are pivotal moments. A lot of organizations and general managers will be evaluated about what they did do and didn't do when you have the availability of a player like this."

The Sox, on the verge of turning the corner in their rebuilding mission, would love to sign Harper but can remain on their long-term course if Harper signs elsewhere.

Boras never specifically addressed any team linked to Harper during his 56-minute media session. The Sox, who have committed only \$26 million to five players for 2019, have the financial flexibility to perhaps match any offer.

General manager Rick Hahn, speaking in general terms, addressed the complexity of sculpt-



BEN WALKER/AP

Bryce Harper's agent Scott Boras addresses the media during baseball's winter meetings Wednesday in Las Vegas.

ing a massive contract.

"It's more than just dollars times years," Hahn said. "There's multiple layers from trade protection, opt-outs, deferral structures. There are a lot of moving pieces involved."

The biggest issue, in addition to contract terms, may be the Sox's ability to sell Harper, 26, on the upside of a franchise that lost 100 games last season and hasn't been to the playoffs since 2008.

"Bryce is really open to the geography," Boras said. "What he's really looking for is the ownership to make sure he has every opportunity to achieve his goals: to win a championship, to play on competitive teams ... and all those things. And obviously there are a lot of owners who believe their franchises can do that."

Hahn said the Sox have heard from numerous players interested

in being a part of their "bright future."

"Which shouldn't be surprising," he said.

Boras quelled the perception that he and Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf have an icy relationship.

"Whenever I call him, or he calls me, we have a very respectful relationship and always have good baseball conversations," said Boras, who noted Reinsdorf's financial success and his six NBA championships with the Bulls. "It's good to talk to a very steady guy, and Jerry is very much that about baseball. I'm sure Jerry will do anything that's good business for him."

Although many observers have blushed over Harper's alleged demands — said to be as high as 10 years and \$400 million — Boras pointed to how the value of the

Nationals, Harper's previous team, soared after his arrival in 2012.

"The evidence is when he got to Washington, the attendance went from 600,000 to 700,000 above what it was," Boras said. "TV ratings went from 22,000 households to 77,000 households. The ratings went from 0.8 to 2.8. The franchise value went from \$480 million to over \$2 billion."

"Those are the kind of numbers that owners pay attention to." Sox home attendance hasn't exceeded 2 million since 2011 and dipped to 1.6 million in 2018.

Harper, according to Boras, has received "exhaustive reviews" of every organization and has been involved in talks with interested teams regarding their long-term plans.

"The effectiveness of ownership in meetings is one where they come and talk about histories, their ability to create a winning modality that is consistent with what a club may do over a 10- to 15-year period," Boras said. "If they can establish that and listen to it, when you're signing a long-term contract, you're looking at basically a franchise in the long term, not just the short term."

"I'm optimistic that Bryce has such value to an owner that it would be a great business decision for them to do what they and Bryce feels necessary to reach a contract."

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Maddon will try to play it by the book

Sullivan, from Page 1

navigate the five most prominent Millennial clash points and how to streamline communication and collaboration among Boomers, Xers, Millennials, and even the next generation. Best practices and proven strategies from Google, Netflix, LinkedIn, and other top employers provide real-world models of Millennial engagement across a variety of industries."

According to the blurb, among the lessons one will learn from reading the book are how to "adapt your management style," "fight Millennial fatigue," "eliminate generational biases" and "gain generational awareness."

Sounds like Maddon has his work cut out for him.

"My dad, that generation, thought we were a bunch of babies," Maddon said. "The (baby) boomers, the traditionalists thought we were all soft. And then you think the (Generation) Xers are soft. The Xers think the millennials are soft. It doesn't matter. You have to figure out how to communicate and extract the best out of this group, and make sure you're always on the same page. That's what I've been studying."

Whatever works, I guess, though I'm not sure a proven strategy from Google is the way to fix the Cubs.

But just in case, perhaps Maddon will let former hitting coach Chili Davis borrow the book when he's finished.

Opportunity knocks: When Brandon Hyde took over for Dave Martinez as Maddon's bench coach last spring in Arizona, we talked about the possibility of Hyde managing down the road.

Hyde reminded me he already had one game under his belt, having taken over for Marlins manager Edwin Rodriguez one day in 2011 after Rodriguez abruptly resigned.

"If you go in the Marlins media guide, I'm 0-1," Hyde said with a laugh. "I've got to get back to .500 at some point."

Hyde said he was in no hurry to manage, adding the thought "doesn't keep me up at night."

"But if the opportunity comes, that would be great," he said.

The opportunity has arrived. Hyde will be the next manager of the Orioles, replacing Buck Showalter on the rebuilding team.

Maddon said last year that Hyde would make a great manager because he's a Long Beach State "dirtbag" and was "grounded in Southern California baseball coaches' knowledge."

It's a fine choice for the Orioles and a significant loss for the Cubs because Hyde basically ran spring training the last four years.

Who's next? Who will replace Hyde as Maddon's right-hand man?

The best guess is David Ross if the ESPN analyst wants the job. Epstein said last month at the GM meetings: "We have talked to (Ross) about being around a little bit more this year in a bit of an expanded role. We'll see how that negotiation goes. (It's) not about money, just getting him around more often."

Of course, Ross already has been speculated as Maddon's replacement if Maddon is not extended after 2019, but that shouldn't factor into whether Ross is offered the bench-coach position. The Cubs have missed his leadership when he was part of the championship clubhouse.

In Ross' book, "Teammate," he recalled a mound conversation with Jon Lester during the late innings of a game when they played together in Boston:

"First thing I said to Jon was — and it wasn't in a pleasant tone — 'Are you done? Are you (bleeping) done?' Jon was like, 'No, I'm fine.' I screamed at him this time. 'I will tell (manager John Farrell) you're done and he will get you the (bleep) out of here. We have guys in the bullpen if you are done. I'm not going to sit back here and catch this (bleep) if you are not into it.'"

Ross went on to point out that Lester struck out the side, finishing with 15 strikeouts.

That's probably not the best way to handle pitchers if you're going by "Managing Millennials for Dummies" book.

But there's no doubt most Cubs fans would approve of Grandpa's style.

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CUBS

Roster moves not immediate priority for Cubs

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — Chatting with a healthy Kris Bryant and addressing some changes to a few struggling pitchers will have to be the consolation prizes as the Cubs are unlikely to make a move before the winter meetings end Thursday.

"If things don't happen next week, we know things are going to drag into January," general manager Jed Hoyer said Wednesday. "Every market has been different, but this has been a slower one."

The search for relief help, a polished veteran bench player and a backup hitter might wait until the Cubs are able to make some trades to clear salary space. At the same time, they're examining various ways for their returning players to address any shortcomings from a 2018 season that ended with a loss in the National League wild-card game.

The Cubs were encouraged, however, by a visit from Bryant, who is training without restrictions after missing 50 games

because of a left shoulder injury.

"He's excited and ready to go," said Hoyer, echoing comments made by agent Scott Boras. "He looks good."

After meeting with team officials, Bryant scooted through a hotel lobby, shook hands with a few writers but politely declined to comment. Boras elaborated on the social media posts involving clients and Vegas natives Bryant and Bryce Harper.

"Look, KB and Harp have a great personal and professional relationship," Boras said. "I think a lot of their conversations are about hitting, to be honest with you."

"I think they enjoy one another, but I think they understand that these decisions of what owners do is really independent of their relationship, and they don't have a lot of control over it."

With an extra month of preparation because of the Cubs' early playoff exit, the front office and coaching staff have explored ways to address some of the deficiencies.

New pitching coach Tommy Hottovy watched reliever Bran-

don Kintzler throw a bullpen session in Vegas and has reached out to several pitchers, including embattled Tyler Chatwood.

"We're not holding anything back," Hottovy said.

Chatwood, who walked 95 in 103 2/3 innings and lost his spot in the rotation after the arrival of Cole Hamels on July 27, is one of Hottovy's main offseason projects. Hottovy, who spent the last three seasons as an advance scouting coordinator with an emphasis on run prevention, is implementing data and video in an effort to correct Chatwood's control problems.

"We have a lot of data on mechanics and how to make changes," Hottovy said. "But it's about simplifying it."

"It's about giving him one or two nuggets to focus on, not 10 different things, and then putting him in a good position to throw a baseball."

Because Hottovy was part of the daily game planning with now-associate pitching coach Mike Borzello and the pitching staff, he believes that conveying data to a veteran pitching staff

won't change even with his new title.

"These guys are open to information," Hottovy said. "They really want to learn and get better. They understand how the game is evolving and how the information can help them."

Hottovy also shared how he plans to help pitchers lower their 3.79 walk rate per nine innings.

"It's process-oriented, not results," Hottovy said. "It's what can we do ahead of time that will lead to (fewer walks) — attacking the hitter, having the right approach. And those things will take care of (themselves) if we take control."

The Cubs continued to address all openings in their organization. A source said the team interviewed Bob Tewksbury to replace the late Ken Ravizza to help lead their mental skills department.

Tewksbury, 58, pitched parts of 13 major-league seasons and recently served as the mental skills coach for the Giants.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Blazers' Lillard, McCollum are NBA's masters of media

By **KENT BABB**
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — They're both here and willing, almost always here and willing. Only, at this moment, they're separated by the length of a basketball court in the center of the media universe.

C.J. McCollum, an overachieving guard for the Portland Trail Blazers, is down there on the baseline speaking with reporters — holding court, as it were — with a hoodie tightly encircling his face. Across the way is McCollum's teammate, Damian Lillard, one of the NBA's best guards, sitting on a Madison Square Garden bench with a small crescent of cameras and microphones surrounding him.

"We don't do what we do to be publicized," Lillard will say a few minutes later, and though his words might be true, the Blazers' two best players are remarkably good at attracting attention. Good thing, because they need to be.

The Blazers have one of the NBA's most lethal backcourts, but Portland is the league's eighth-smallest media market, according to Nielsen, and even when the team is surging and the Western Conference looks vulnerable, it's easy to forget about these guys.

Which is why they won't let you, pulling the camera in with their play and keeping it there with their words and savvy.

Lillard and McCollum are young, talented and versatile. They're also underpublicized, which is why it's so interesting — and essential — that two former overachievers from small colleges have achieved NBA stardom in part because they're skilled at creating their own megaphone and uniquely able to keep eyes and ears trained on them.

McCollum, a 27-year-old former journalism major with a popular podcast and the occasional guest column, has continued his media studies in an effort to reach "a better understanding," he said, "of how I want to express myself."

And Lillard, 28, is something of a media chaos agent: He had the NBA watchers watching him this summer as he broke news of reporters changing jobs, reminding them — occasionally by force — that no one at this level is in the business of keeping secrets.

"Nobody knew where I was getting my information from," Lillard would recall, and the power and insider knowledge was at times intoxicating.

Lillard has expanded his profile and stirred up intrigue by deftly bending the media to his will. McCollum has used an increasingly insatiable media to grow his own platform, to sit next to NBA Commissioner Adam Silver for what has become an annual — and surprisingly thoughtful — interview, and to inspire young people in his "CJ's Press Pass" program by introducing them to his two favorite topics: basketball and journalism.

"It's important that we take care of our future generations," McCollum said recently, "and expose them to some new things."

Years ago at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, McCollum called his mother with a little breaking news: He was quitting the business school.

A few weeks into his first semester, he wanted to write. And he planned to switch his major to journalism.

Kathy didn't like it, but C.J. didn't like how much math he had been asked to do. He's not the first aspiring journalist to go looking for salvation in the written word, though his mom would sign off on it under one condition: He'd first write something for her.

He did, and though he doesn't remember much about that first report, it was evidently good enough. Soon he was working a camera at Lehigh volleyball games, spending hours in the athletic department's communications office, penning game stories from swim meets and field hockey matches.

A basketball lifer, McCollum began by researching the sports he'd be covering. A wrestling takedown was worth how many points? A 100-yard fly was what, now?

He'd eventually write and file his dispatch, and the articles with "Story by CJ McCollum '13" at the



Trail Blazers teammates CJ McCollum and Damian Lillard celebrate after McCollum hit a shot late during the second half of a game against the Timberwolves on Saturday in Portland, Ore.

bottom are something of a historical artifact at Lehigh now, a future NBA star humbly writing about the accomplishments of his classmates.

Not that his basketball status, which skyrocketed after the 15th-seeded Mountain Hawks upset No. 2 seed Duke in the 2012 NCAA tournament, granted him much in the way of scoring interviews. Sources forgot to call him or bailed on their appointments, so McCollum became something of a bulldog reporter.

Once, he'd remember later, a profile subject stood him up, and so McCollum emailed the subject and then texted. Nothing. So he looked up the phone number in the student directory, then tracked down the athlete's practice schedule, then cornered his target in the school cafeteria.

"Whatever it takes," McCollum said, and if he weren't pulling down about \$25 million a year from the Blazers, maybe it'd be fair to say he missed his calling. "We can do this the easy way or the hard way."

McCollum became a lottery pick in 2013, though he maintained an interest in journalism. He wrote columns for the Sporting News and the Players' Tribune. He delighted in interviews with former NBA stars-turned-TNT personalities Charles Barkley and Kenny Smith. He considered which questions were respectful and which weren't, preparing for what he hopes is a future in broadcasting (the NBA league office and players association provide media training and other job-related programs for life after basketball).

He expanded his "CJ's Press Pass" program, inviting youngsters to cover a Blazers game and file a story to the editor, McCollum himself. If a few of his fledgling journalists needed money, he'd slip a few dollars their way; if they required tutoring, he'd pay for it.

If nothing else, he said, his fascination with journalism made him a better interview subject. More patient when the questions roll in when he's exhausted or moody, more open-minded when

— as, say, just one example — a stranger approaches McCollum in two cities, collects his phone number, calls and sends multiple texts until one morning he calls just to make it stop.

"You guys have a job to do," he'll say, and perhaps no NBA player understands that better. "Once I went through everything at Lehigh and just having to harass people for stories..."

And that's when McCollum is interrupted, hearing that "harass" isn't exactly the preferred verb of the dogged journalist.

No longer in the business of issuing clarifications, McCollum chuckled.

"I was harassing people," he said.

A few months ago, Lillard and the NBA reporter Chris Haynes were debating the state of media in 2018 amid some reflection.

The men had known each other since Lillard was a Portland rookie out of Weber State and Haynes

was a security guard who moonlit as a Blazers beat writer. By now, Lillard was an NBA star; Haynes, gregarious and tireless, had worked his way to ESPN and knew — perhaps better than anyone — how Lillard saw the media as a useful tool.

He had occasionally made headlines after being snubbed at the All-Star Game or created intrigue regarding his happiness in Portland. It was Haynes, after all, who earlier this year cited anonymous "league sources" when reporting on Lillard's meeting with the late Blazers owner Paul Allen.

Lillard is under contract through the 2020-21 season — though he could find himself eligible for a "super-max" contract with Portland following this season — and so, absent a Kevin Durant- or LeBron James-style free agency pursuit, Lillard must find creative ways to entertain himself.

He appeared to tease the possibility this summer of joining James in Los Angeles, and when Haynes — who was being recruited by several competing media outlets — talked a while back, they discussed an unusual social experiment.

If Haynes opted to leave ESPN, what if it was Lillard who broke the news? Lillard loved it. In fact, he wouldn't let it go.

"We going to do this?" Haynes said Lillard asked him more than once, and when the reporter decided to join Yahoo Sports, he didn't announce it himself. He leaked it to Lillard.

"Sources: Free Agent reporter @ChrisBHaynes reaches agreement w/yahoo sports as Senior NBA insider," Lillard wrote in September to his more than 1.5 million Twitter followers. "Will help build their NBA team. More coming"

How, players and reporters asked Lillard, did he know that? Who told him?

"Sources," he'd flatly say, and if someone suggested he might have put Haynes in a bind by tweeting the news before Haynes himself announced it, Lillard shrugged because that's what reporters do to NBA players all the time.

"Like, 'sources say' this happened or that happened," the three-time all-star said recently. "And they don't check with us all the time to see if it's OK."

Regardless, Lillard said, other reporters began reaching out. Was he aware of this possible move or that one? Two days after his Haynes scoop, Lillard dropped what briefly became known as another "Dame Bomb," this time that veteran reporter Sam Amick was leaving USA Today for The Athletic.

In interviews, Amick and Haynes denied tipping Lillard off on that one, and even now, the player won't say.

"Can't reveal my sources, man," he said.

If anything, Amick said he was less taken aback by how Lillard learned of his yet-unannounced job change than how meticulous he was. Lillard tracked down Amick's phone number and personally sent him a text in an attempt to verify the news.

"The way he comported himself," Amick said, "he'd do just fine in our business."

Eventually, the regular season began and Lillard found other ways to pass the time. He said he talked himself out of breaking a false news story, and though he said he received scoops on other reporters as summer turned to autumn, he didn't report them all. (According to Haynes, one was David Aldridge's move to The Athletic from Turner earlier this year.)

On a recent November morning, Lillard sat at Madison Square Garden and answered question after question. He asked a few of his own. He did group interviews and one-on-ones. He stayed until his messages of the day had been spread and until every journalist got her or his fill.

As he left the bench to head toward a waiting team bus, there was one final question. He of course indulged it: Why, considering his newfound reporting accuracy and burgeoning credibility, did he stop?

Why not keep it going? Lillard smiled. "I made my point," he said.

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COMMENTARY

Olympic leaders failed gymnasts at every level

BY SALLY JENKINS
The Washington Post

Deleted emails. Disappeared documents. Outright lies. Attempts to use cozy relationships with cops to “kill the story” that serial child molester Larry Nassar had preyed on Olympic athletes for years. This is how the leaders of the United States Olympic movement acted, according to a new investigative report. They acted to protect their bloated salaries, rather than to protect young women. They acted like leeches and barnacles. They turned the USOC into a shell.

The USOC’s now fired “chief of sport performance” Alan Ashley made nearly \$500,000 and CEO Scott Blackmun \$1 million in 2016, yet they spent that year sitting on the knowledge that gold-medalist American gymnasts Aly Raisman, Maggie Nichols and McKayla Maroney alleged they had been sexually assaulted by team doctor Larry Nassar. For 14 months, these men held that knowledge in perfect silence. They didn’t tell child services. They didn’t tell parents. They didn’t even tell the USOC board of directors. Somewhere along the way both men even cleansed their email of references to Nassar. How many more girls were exposed to Nassar’s creeping unglowed hands during that time?

At last, the USOC is beginning to self-confess. I’ll admit, I had no confidence that the independent report it commissioned to the law firm Ropes & Gray would be substantive. But investigators Joan McPhee and James Dowden deserve credit for a thorough and unstinting 233-page document, and so does the USOC’s new board chairwoman Susanne Lyons, without whose imprimatur the report presumably would not have been so frank, or action so swift, with Ashley’s prompt firing as soon as it was released Monday.

On page after page, the report refuses to soften sentences or dull the shocking specificity of the failures. Its documentation of what can only be called a coverup by the USOC and foot-dragging by the FBI will be of intense interest to Congressional overseers. In the summer of 2015, USA Gymnastics chief Steve Penny “squarely presented” allegations of Nassar’s sex abuses to the leaders of the USOC, yet they did not take a single preventative measure that would have saved other victims. Instead they pursued a strategy of “secrecy,” the report declares. This “inaction and concealment had consequences: dozens of girls and young women were abused during the year-long period between the summer of 2015 and September 2016,” the report declares.

Dozens. That’s how many.

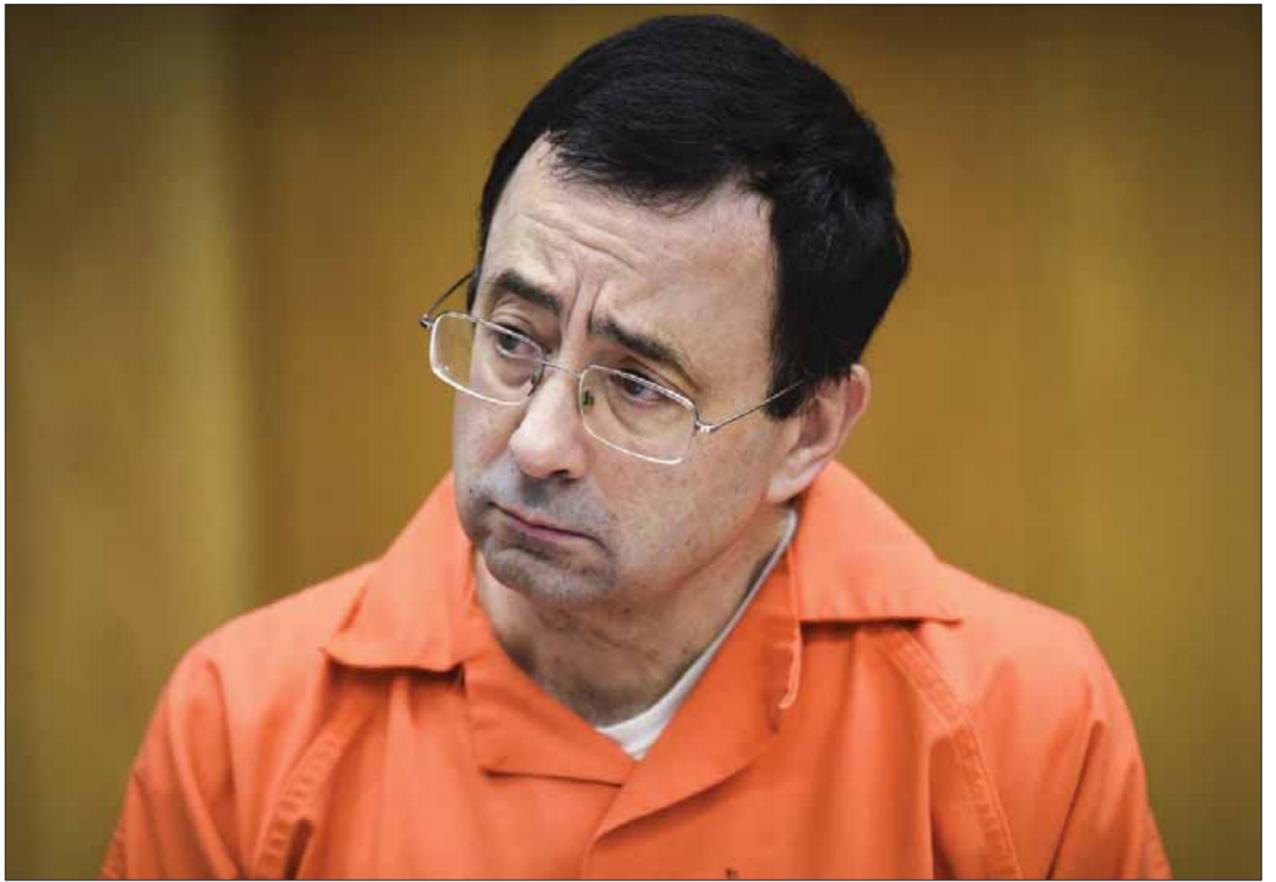
The report makes clear just how culpable and cowardly these men really were. Penny’s first act on hearing that his underaged gymnasts complained of being penetrated by Nassar was not to call police, but hire a private investigator to question their veracity and persuade them to keep it confidential. Only after five weeks did he contact the FBI, and then, he devoted an inordinate amount of time to cultivating an inappropriate friendship with investigating agent Jay Abbott, buying him beers and dangling the possibility of getting him a job as the USOC’s new head of security. Strangely, the FBI declined to interview two of the three gymnasts. It spoke to a third only in a phone call.

Months went by with no investigative action at all.

When the accusations against Nassar finally broke in the Indianapolis Star newspaper in 2016, Penny emailed Abbott, asking, “Am I in trouble?”

These actions fit a larger long-time pattern: On multiple occasions, USA Gymnastics “ignored credible reports of abuse, and essentially operated to block or delay any action on those reports.” It “stifled” responses, repeatedly failed to follow up on complaints, demanded victims go through unreasonable procedures, and its “files contain inexplicable gaps in investigations.”

Worst of all, USAG provided



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Larry Nassar listens during a victim statement in February.



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Then-USOC CEO Scott Blackmun addresses the media during an event in 2016.



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Alan Ashley was fired as USOC chief of sport performance in the wake of an independent report that said neither he nor former CEO Scott Blackmun elevated concerns about the Larry Nassar sex-abuse allegations.

legal counsel to victims, only for its lawyers to turn around and become adversaries to them in legal proceedings, using the information it had acquired about the strength of their cases.

The investigators tried to ask

Jack Swarbrick, the longtime former counsel for USA Gymnastics, about this pattern, which looks suspiciously like a calculated strategy to undermine and discourage victims. But he refused to be interviewed. He re-

mains in hiding behind his athletic director’s desk at Notre Dame.

At the USOC, Blackmun failed to question, much less prevent, Nassar’s continuing access to athletes at USOC-owned and

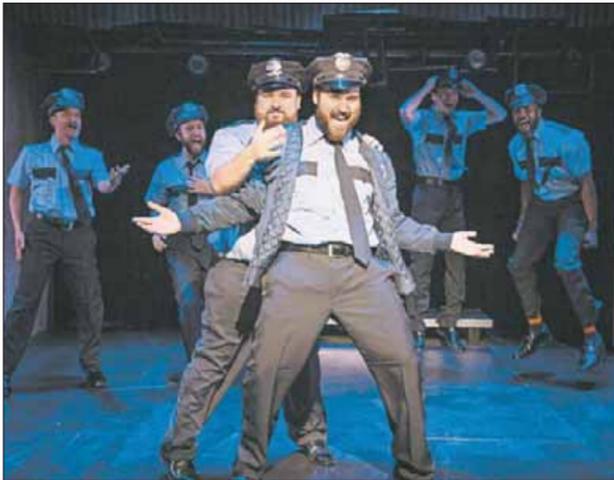
-operated facilities, while knowing the doctor it sanctioned as a leading expert was under federal investigation for child sex abuse. Blackmun did not advise a single youth organization that there was an “ongoing risk of harm” from the Olympic doctor with the big reputation. But that was par for the course for Blackmun, whose most aggressive act was lunging for bonuses.

Blackmun later tried to insist to the Ropes and Gray investigators that he did take some actions to check Nassar. The problem is he lied. None of his colleagues would corroborate his account. “The USOC did not, in fact, take any steps after receiving notice of the allegation,” the report states. Blackmun even actively misled Lyons in a direct exchange about Nassar in 2018, never telling her he’d known about the scandal for three years.

There was such a basic insensitivity and lack of care for athlete safety that nobody at the USOC or USAG bothered to check on the conditions at the remote Karolyi Ranch in Texas, though it was sanctioned as a National Training Center by the USOC. The Karolyi could drive their gymnasts like Eastern Bloc state-owned chattel entirely free from oversight, and Nassar could abuse them in secret and at will with no one around to insist on proper medical protocols. There was usually only one USAG supervisor on site — charged with caring for equipment, fixing the plumbing and “removing snakes and insects.”

The power of the report is its comprehensive grasp and vivid description of the whole rotten, febrile “ecosystem that facilitated criminal acts.” Many people are tangentially responsible for this ecosystem that harbored Nassar and other abusers for so long. Including yours truly. Just like the Blackmun, Pennys and Ashleys, I was not nearly interested enough in how, or at what cost the Karolyi collected their haul of 97 Olympic and world championship medals. I was too busy admiring the gold and making a living off the beauty of the performances that those young women turned in, despite unimaginable circumstances.

What I should have recognized is what the report makes painfully clear: The Olympics in this country became a deeply controlling culture “that eroded normal impediments to abuse,” and made it almost impossible for young women to complain. They lost ownership of their bodies in multiple ways and had no advocate. The young women who have come forward and continue to campaign from courtrooms to Congress to reform that dark culture, deserved this illuminating, truthful report, and apology.



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Nick Druzbanski and Matt Frye, and (background from left) Jonathan Schwart, Neil Stratman, Joe Giovannetti and Marc Prince in "The Full Monty" at Theo Ubique Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Full Monty' ★★ 1/2

Finding footing will take time

'The Full Monty' doesn't yet fit in Theo Ubique's new home

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

Drive down Howard Street — the border boulevard betwixt Chicago and Evanston — and you may be surprised to see the exterior of a modestly scaled but beautifully clad theater, the all-new quarters of the Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre, which, officially on Monday, moved in here after making its departure from its cozy but ominously named former home in Rogers Park, the No

Exit Cafe.

So Theo Ubique now has a handsome Evanston address — although it is located, in a neighborhood where that northern suburb has made significant amounts of investment, all of about 20 feet from the city of Chicago. Win-win you might say, especially since the No Exit Cafe has reinvented itself as a jazz club, Le Piano.

Even as it has moved north, Theo Ubique is taking it all off. The first show in the new digs is "The Full Monty," the David Yazbek and Terrence McNally musical based on the popular 1997 British movie about a bunch of laid-off, blue-collar workers

who decide to rescue their machismo, self-esteem and bank accounts by reinventing themselves as a more "authentic" version of Chippendales-style strippers.

The identity — and the distinguished history — of Theo Ubique always has been inseparable from the physical space in which it makes its work. So let's start there. The new theater has the same mix of bar seating, cabaret tables and traditional seating, but it's a larger footprint. Fred Anzevino, the artistic director and the director of "The Full Monty," knew his old room backwards,

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VH1

Naomi Smalls competes on "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars."

Naomi Smalls talks Chicago's drag scene

BY TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

When she competed on Season 8 of "RuPaul's Drag Race" three years ago, Naomi Smalls was one of the youngest contestants in series history. The Edgewater community resident said she returns to "Drag Race" for the new all-star season as "a way more fully realized Naomi Smalls."

"On Season 8, I was really a baby. I had only been doing drag for two years. I hadn't traveled. I had not been on an airplane by myself. I didn't really have any drag friends," Smalls told the Tribune by phone.

"I think that from the experience of 'RuPaul's Drag Race,' I've gotten to meet amazing people; I've gotten to travel the world and work with people I've really looked up to; I've gotten a better understanding of what I love about drag. It's the conceptualizing and the art direction behind it."

Ten former "Drag Race" contestants compete on the fourth all-star season, which is scheduled to premiere at 7 p.m. Friday. The winner of the VH1 talent competition is slated to receive \$100,000 and a spot in the "Drag Race Hall of Fame."

Smalls and former Chicago resident Kim Chi were runners up on Season 8. Smalls moved from her home state of California to Chicago while the season aired in 2016 because she had grown close to Chi and thought the city would be a "good creative place to be."

She said in Chicago, she has been able to explore "different variations of drag — pageant drag and club kid drag and theater kids. It's just very eye-opening that you don't have to stick to one aesthetic."

Smalls, 25, this year created the YouTube series "Small's World" to show what "Small's World" is like offstage. On one of the episodes, she visits the Yollocalli Arts Reach program, a youth arts education and career training initiative of the



NICOLE RIVELLI/AMAZON

Rachel Brosnahan in a scene from "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel."

COMMENTARY

EXPOSING SEXISM IN 1950S COMEDY

Marvelous Mrs. Maisel' showcases chauvinism, but it's not just a relic from the past

BY ELAHE IZADI | The Washington Post

Becoming a stand-up comedian means constant indignity. I should know, because I've gone through it. There's the waiting around to perform for five people at a sad bar. Showing up repeatedly to open mics to prove yourself.

Spending years becoming decent. Getting bumped for more seasoned or famous comics. The inevitable bombing.

Midge Maisel goes through a lot of that, plus sexism, in Amazon's "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," which follows her journey from 1950s Upper West Side housewife to stand-up comic.

In the second episode of Season 2, released Wednesday, Midge (Rachel Brosnahan) gets booked on a show, and her fellow performers — all men — can't stop commenting on her gender and looks. "Bobby told us there was a lady comic coming on tonight. Didn't tell us she was quite so pretty," one says. Others suggest her big break must have been because she slept with a much more famous comedian. And they're shocked that she knows a four-letter word. "Wow," another says, "liddle lady's got a potty mouth."

They also insult her during their own sets, warning the audience that a woman will perform later and she's probably not funny. When she finally takes the stage (light spoiler ahead), Midge roasts them thoroughly, putting their fragile male egos on blatant display. She also angers the booker, making her return to the club

uncertain.

Things have dramatically improved since Midge's '50s world. A woman doing stand-up isn't the rarity it once was. Rather than "lady comics," there are now many successful comics who happen to be women. The #MeToo movement has sparked conversation about sexual harassment and misconduct and raised a new level of awareness in the comedy scene.

And yet, watching Midge face all that chauvinism didn't feel entirely foreign to me.

Several years ago, I performed a guest spot as I was trying to get back into stand-up. After my set, the headliner took the stage — and spent several minutes talking about my appearance and making graphic, sexual comments. Not wanting to irk the booker by heckling, I felt powerless as I sat silently next to the friends who had come out to see me, vacillating between fury and embarrassment. Apparently not yet done, the male headliner sought me out after the show and gave unsolicited advice: Wear

frumpy clothes, because the audience is focused on how you look, not what you're saying. (People laughed at my jokes, so he seemed to be the only one with this problem!)

It all made me question whether doing comedy was worth putting up with garbage men. I decided that I can't let the trash win. Thankfully, that experience stands as an anomaly in my stand-up career. Most of my male peers have been supportive and treated me with the respect afforded any other comic. I know men who actively support women in comedy. And there are so many talented female comedians with diverse points of view that it's hard not to be inspired.

Still, many women who perform stand-up have stories similar to mine. They've had to worry about their appearance. They've seen people in the crowd immediately adopt a "prove it" posture when they've taken the stage, or men using that time as an opportunity to go to the bathroom. They've been told by audience members, "I don't normally find women funny, but you were great!" And they've been introduced by hosts with "and your next comic is a woman," not with their comedy credits.

Although "Mrs. Maisel" is "set in a different time era, it's still prevalent today, some of these things," comic Holly Lynnea said. "I've been struggling here

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CELEBRITIES

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Oprah Winfrey spoke at a dinner gala Tuesday night honoring Nobel laureate author Toni Morrison.

Winfrey praises Morrison at gala

Oprah Winfrey was in New York to praise one of her idols, Nobel laureate Toni Morrison. "It's impossible to actually imagine the American literary landscape without a Toni Morrison," Winfrey said Tuesday night during a dinner gala in downtown Manhattan hosted by the Center for Fiction, which named Morrison the winner of a lifetime achievement award. "She is our conscience, she is our seer, she is our truth-teller." The 87-year-old Morrison was unable to attend, but she and her longtime publisher Alfred A. Knopf were the evening's clear guests of honor. Winfrey and Morrison have known each other for more than 20 years, dating back to when Winfrey was so determined to learn the author's unlisted phone number that she called the local fire department. When Winfrey started her book club, in 1996, she was thinking of Morrison. Winfrey has since made Morrison an unofficial laureate of her book club, choosing her work a record four times. On Tuesday night, she said that Morrison had both intellect and a "primal" power in how she "both receives and reflects out pain." Morrison is "the empress supreme of doing language," Winfrey said. "And I'm here tonight simply to say Long. May. She. Reign."

— Associated Press



JON KOPALOFF/GETTY

Bush reveals why she left 'P.D.: Actress Sophia Bush says she endured repeated abusive behavior on the set of "Chicago P.D.," which ultimately caused her to quit the series. "The reality was that my body was like falling apart because I was really, really unhappy," Bush explained on a new episode of Dax Shepard's podcast, "Armchair Expert." Bush portrayed Erin Lindsay for four seasons on "Chicago P.D.," which is in its sixth season.

Monroe auction: An auction of Marilyn Monroe memorabilia has taken in more than \$1.6 million, including \$120,000 paid for a touring version of the actress' iconic white dress from "The Seven Year Itch." Profiles in History on Wednesday morning announced the results of the "Essentially Marilyn" auction held Tuesday in Los Angeles. A photograph that Monroe signed to 20th Century Fox executive Ben Lyon was sold for \$45,000.

Carter's clarification: Pop star Aaron Carter clarified that his girlfriend Lina Valentina isn't actually pregnant, weeks after he teased on Twitter that they "might just be expecting." "A few weeks ago, I posted something on social media about hoping to have a child soon and it seems that started some rumors," Carter told *!News* in a statement. "I am looking forward to becoming a dad, but am not expecting a child right now."

Dec. 13 birthdays: Actor Dick Van Dyke is 93. Actor Steve Buscemi is 61. Reality TV star NeNe Leakes is 52. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 51. Singer Taylor Swift is 29.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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He wants to rekindle sexless marriage

Dear Amy: After 10 years of therapy and antidepressants for PTSD from childhood sexual abuse, my wife of 20 years decided that she can no longer tolerate sexual activity, including kissing. All she wants is to hug and hold hands. She believes this state is permanent and necessary for her healing. Amy, we are only in our 50s. I am far too young to no longer have any sexual activity. I have compassion for her pain, but this feels unbearable. I have supported her through her therapy, but I want her to support my needs and desires, also. We have twin teenagers who are wonderful. We have lots of friends and a happy house. I want to also have a wife, not just an affectionate roommate. My therapist thinks my wife should try harder on my behalf. What should I do?
— *Desperate Husband*

Dear Desperate: Your therapist is most likely going to support your goals; your wife's therapist will naturally encourage and support her goals. Because you are both open to receiving therapy, you should consider committing to joint counseling; that way, at least you will both be coached through a conversation about this very important topic. Of course your needs are as important as your wife's, but in a partnership the person with the lower libido controls the connection. You seem to have had a sexual connection at some point, and it is natural to want to maintain — or restore — this connection. Some unknown event may have triggered your wife's reaction to you;

menopause or medication for her depression may be a contributing factor to her low libido and sex aversion. Her sexual history is traumatic — this is the X-factor in your dynamic. I hope she is willing to try to recover your intimate connection. The effort of keeping you at arm's length, and feeling responsible for your unhappiness, will contribute to the aversion cycle. You two make mutual decisions about your house, your friendships and your children. Your sex life should be mutual, too. When your wife refuses to kiss you, you feel unwanted and unloved. If you describe your desire for intimacy in heartfelt and emotionally relatable terms, she might understand and empathize. Esther Perel is a therapist specializing in working with couples. Her TED Talks and podcast offer insight into relationship dynamics. Her book "Mating in Captivity: Unlocking Erotic Intelligence" (Harper Paperbacks, 2017) will offer ideas for how you and your wife could try to relate differently. **Dear Amy:** I usually host the holiday dinners, and every year I listen to my husband complain about my brother's eating habits. No matter what the entree, he uses ketchup and puts it on most things on his plate. It is not something I would do, but my husband is outraged. His position is that it's an insult to me — and the time, energy and expense involved to make a meal. I'm not offended. I think it's odd, but it really doesn't affect me. This year, my husband

chose to make remarks loud enough for my brother to hear but not directly to him. I was furious, and after everyone left I told him I thought his behavior was rude and disrespectful to my brother and me. Needless to say, he does not agree. How do I navigate this minefield at the next holiday dinner?
— *Holiday Stressed*

Dear Stressed: You could offer a solution to your husband: If he will prepare and serve the holiday meal, then he will have earned the right to feel offended if your brother smothered it in ketchup. Your husband does not have the right to be rude and claim it is on your behalf. A gracious host accepts people as they are, annoying quirks and all.

Dear Amy: Responding to "Unsure Grandparents," about giving gifts to step-grandchildren, I was the stepgrandchild who spent 10 Christmases watching my cousins open the latest clothing, toys and electronics, gifted by our "grandparents," while my sister and I were given a sweatshirt and pants obviously from discount stores. If these grandparents can't or don't wish to treat these two children the same, then they should find other ways to dote on their son's child that won't rub the sibling's face in it.
— *Been There*

Dear Been There: Wise. Thank you.

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and he frequently configured it in that way. But he still has a lot to figure out at the new joynt. Much effort is expended to maintain the intimacy of the relationship between performers and audience members, but the actors have more space to cross now, and it impacts the timing of the show. Which moves too slowly as a consequence.

Frankly, the set-up feels too traditional — musical director Jeremy Ramey and his little band are confined to an awkward corner, which doesn't showcase the main reason to do "The Full Monty," a dated musical, in the current era. That would be Yazbek's score — much under-appreciated when this show first appeared on Broadway in 2000, but now appreciable as a kind of precursor to "The Band's Visit," his most recent Broadway hit. The mantra for the future here should be the immersive and innovative use of space — in order for Theo Ubi- que to maintain its aesthetic, the space still will need to have a big say in the heart of the show. That will take time. Meanwhile, there are



AUSTIN D. OIE PHOTO

Nick Druzbanski and Molly LeCaptain in "The Full Monty."

When: Through Jan. 27
Where: Theo Ubi- que Cabaret Theatre, 721 Howard St., Evanston
Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes
Tickets: \$39-\$44 (dinner available for an extra price) at 800-595-4849 or www.theo-u.com

things to enjoy, including Sawyer Smith's droll choreography, a witty performance from Nick Druzbanski, who plays the most reluctant of the strippers, and a really lovely turn from a big young talent named Joe Giovannetti, playing the most sensitive of the moonlighting erotic dancers. Marc Prince, playing the role of Horse

famously originated by Andre DeShields, is fun, too. By Act 2, the show better finds its feet. Overall, the singing is solid but not at the heights of this company at its best. The music just doesn't pop as it should. Anzevino's production also doesn't answer the question of why this show works now, which is something of an imperative, given the material. Then again, I suspect everyone here was also consumed with moving operations on a tight schedule. "The Full Monty" has its moments, but Theo Ubi- que needs more time.

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How three filmmakers got key shots

By GREGORY ELLWOOD
Los Angeles Times

Going undercover with the KKK, running circles through a forest and painting an impressionistic portrait of a post-impressionist painter: Three cinematographers explain how they got their shots and why they mattered.

Chayse Irvin, "BlackKkKlansman"

The scene: Spike Lee's celebrated dramedy finds newly hired Colorado Springs police Officer Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) going undercover to canvass a black student union gathering where Kwame Ture (Corey Hawkins) is giving a passionate speech about civil rights.

Birth of the shot: This scene was a pivotal moment in Stallworth's career and what inspires him to start investigating the Ku Klux Klan. Irvin notes, "In the film, it's depicted like he coincidentally finds an advertisement for the KKK in a newspaper. But it's really his kind of black pride that is sparked in this moment, that makes him really energized."

Ture gave that particular speech in real life and it was shot verbatim. Irvin adds, "Whenever you're working on a set when you know the stakes are high like that, the energy amongst all the collaborators is really clicking at a unique level. And you know, I think it got to the heart of Spike and I's collaboration, which was very much almost like a jazz band, where we did a lot of improvising. But in jazz they have this term called 'in the pocket.' When you're kind of in the zone, you

know? And that's how it felt on set."

Making it work: Lee and Irvin decided to use four cameras simultaneously. There was a second unit in a closet at the location shooting portraits of the crowd actors, two were shooting the speech, and Irvin stayed on Stallworth. It was set up like one big event that they were documenting. Lee played music from the '70s beforehand to get the extras portraying the crowd into an energetic mood.

"I try to light something in a way that, on the set on the day, it feels like anything's possible. Especially for the actors," Irvin says. "I don't want them to feel constrained to a certain space if they feel inspired to kind of work outside of that and whatnot. So I essentially lit the space as it would be lit in that kind of setting, so I set up an array of stage lights almost like a horseshoe shape, above the crowd. And then I set up a soft top light, a soft box. I exposed it at a level that just gave enough detail on all the crowd so that you can sense their presence, but it was still dark and naturalistic. You felt the audience, but your focus was on Kwame."

Robbie Ryan, "The Favourite"

The scene: For a story set in the early 18th century, Ryan and director Yorgos Lanthimos decided to film entirely with natural light. This meant using candles for numerous night scenes and gigantic windows during the day for interior scenes. One of the more memorable moments, however, took place during a daytime excursion in the forest where Samuel



YORGOS LANTHIMOS/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Rachel Weisz and Olivia Colman in a candlelit scene from "The Favourite." The film was shot entirely with natural light.



LILY GAVIN/CBS FILMS

Willem Dafoe as Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh in "At Eternity's Gate" from director Julian Schnabel.

(Joe Alwyn) and Abigail (Emma Stone) become entangled in a flirtatious chase.

Birth of the shot: Originally, Stone and Alwyn had rehearsed a choreographed dance where they were just twirling around each other intensely. On set, however, Lanthimos and the actors transformed the moment into something much more comedic.

Making it work: Ryan was using a hand-held rig he'd never used before,

which made things slightly more difficult as he followed the actors around the forest. "That was kind of a crazy day," Ryan recalls. "It was a poor man's Steadicam because I don't know how to use (one), but I was able to wear a vest that had these kind of exoskeleton arms that housed the gimble with the film camera on it, which gives you a steady, light touch. So I was able to run around after them and that was kind of so bizarre. It was

uneasy. I remember that very well."

Benoit Delhomme, "At Eternity's Gate"

The scene: Julian Schnabel's impressionistic portrait of Vincent van Gogh (Willem Dafoe) is a unique collaboration among filmmaker, cinematographer and actors.

At this particular moment in the film, Van Gogh is upset upon hearing news that Gauguin (Oscar Isaac) will soon be leaving him to return to Paris. The Dutch artist runs from the church where they were speaking to a nearby cemetery, where he has an exhaustive breakdown.

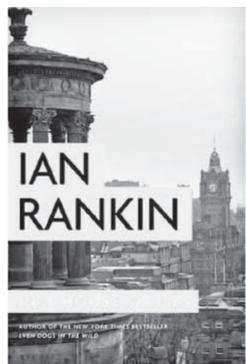
Birth of the shot: "This was such a long scene, such a long dialogue scene, and I knew I should film with the hand-held because I wanted this to be really organic and follow Willem everywhere I could," Delhomme says. "I thought the scene is so long and I need to have a steady camera operator to shoot the scene too. And so I (hired) a guy I really liked, very good cinema operator, and I told

him, when you work with Julian, you need to improvise. You need to show him the shot. And as the shot develops, Julian is going to tell you things and redirect you."

Making it work: Unfortunately, the camera operator left after assessing that the long run behind Dafoe was simply too hard to do, especially as there were only so many takes and Schnabel wanted to shoot it in the magic hour. That left Delhomme to tackle the shot himself.

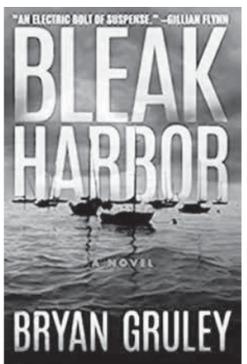
"I remember when I was running behind Willem, he was running so fast and I was out of breath and looking at the (hand-held) camera in my hands, I thought, 'Julian was right because my operating was being quite shaky and emotional, it is adding to the tension of the scene.' I felt like a war photographer going to escape a war zone," Delhomme says. "And I said to Julian, 'Do you think my operating is too shaky?' He said, 'No, Benoit, because life is so shaky. You would never be too shaky for that scene.'"

Crime fiction roundup



"In a House of Lies" by Ian Rankin, Little, Brown, 384 pages, \$27

Nothing can keep Rebus — retired Detective Inspector John Rebus, for those deprived readers who haven't followed his exploits over the past 30 years — on the sidelines. Not emphysema, not creaky bones, not ex-colleagues weary of his antics — and not author Ian Rankin's attempt a few years back to put the aging Edinburgh cop in mothballs. Even Rebus' friend and protegee DI Siobhan Clarke wants him far from the scene when she is assigned to a case involving the newly discovered remains of a private investigator who went missing a decade ago. But Rebus was part of the original, poorly handled investigation of the disappearance, which drew charges of a police cover-up. His instincts as sharp as ever, he wants in, especially after learning the killer may have been a cop. This is not Rankin's breeziest read. You have to get through thickets of history and personal entanglements before the plot kicks in. As great a sidekick as Clarke is, she tends to get lost among an expansive cast of characters, including Rebus' longtime nemesis, crime boss "Big Ger" Cafferty, and old-school Glasgow cop Alex Shankley. But Rankin's seeming inability to make a false step keeps this surpassing series humming, even when its main man is wheezing.



"Bleak Harbor" by Bryan Gruley, Thomas & Mercer, 378 pages, \$24.95

Boasting an even less inviting name than Starvation Lake, the setting of Bryan Gruley's three previous mysteries, the fictional Michiana resort town of Bleak Harbor has never been the happiest place for the family that founded it. Decades ago, the troubled great-grandson of Joseph Estes Bleak died in a mysterious drowning accident. Now, Danny Peters, 16-year-old grandson of reclusive town matriarch Serenity Bleak, has gone missing. A boy genius diagnosed with autism, he has a propensity for disappearing, but a ransom note asking for \$5 million confirms he's been kidnapped. Does the crime have something to do with the blackmail scheme Danny's mother, Carey, is waging against her boss, who stripped away her workplace privileges after she refused to extend their one-night affair? Or is Danny's abduction tied to his stepfather's sizable debt to the drug operation that sold him goods for his medical marijuana shop in Bleak Harbor? Set against the backdrop of the annual Dragonfly Festival, "Bleak Harbor" buzzes with surprises. Gruley, an impeccable craftsman who lives in Chicago, adds to the book's pleasures with such cultural details as Wallace Stevens and the dreaded playing of an Eagles song over and over in all the bars in town.

By LLOYD SACHS
Chicago Tribune



"Pulse" by Michael Harvey, Ecco, 400 pages, \$27.99

Another 16-year-old with uncommon abilities named Danny, or Daniel, is at the heart of Chicago novelist Michael Harvey's latest mystery, set in 1976 in the author's native town of Boston. Daniel Fitzsimmons is an orphaned high school student whose brother Harry, a football star at Harvard, is murdered in a sketchy part of town. A devastated Daniel takes it upon himself to find the killer. In doing so, he awakens strange powers consistent with his oddball landlord's description of quantum entanglement. Daniel begins having intense visions, in which he sees things before they happen and in which he is transformed into a predatory animal. Harvey, whose locally set novels include "The Governor's Wife," takes a flier in venturing into the fantasy realm and deserves credit for attempting something different with a crime novel. But the supernatural elements, which introduce a level of confusion to the plot, don't feel as integral or connected to the story as they do in the novels of Michael Koryta and John Connolly. And so what might have been a strong and atmospheric novel without the effects ends up being a good one despite them.

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BOOK REVIEW

Man Booker Prize winner a rewarding, if difficult, read

By RON CHARLES
The Washington Post

We've waited almost two months to get our hands on Anna Burns' "Milkman," the novel that won the Man Booker Prize in London on Oct. 16. Now, it finally arrives in America during the slough of December. It's the last great novel of the year.

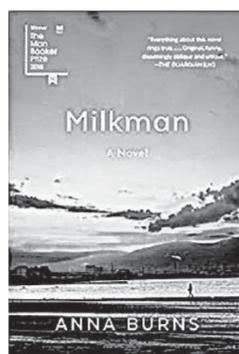
Possibly the most challenging one, too.

None of the characters are named. And the story takes place in an unnamed town in an unnamed country, though it appears to be the author's native Belfast during the 1970s when the Troubles twisted Northern Ireland into a Gordian knot of sectarian murder. Nor are there any political explanations. All of which renders the story intense but dreamlike.

It's customary to bury such warnings at the end of a review, but why play coy with such a remarkable novel? Lovers of modernist fiction, "Milkman" is for you.

It's also for now. Despite taking place 40 years ago, "Milkman" vibrates with the anxieties of our own era, from terrorism to sexual harassment to the blinding divisions that make reconciliation feel impossible. This is a #MeToo testimony in the context of a civil war, a world in which every element of daily life — newspapers, movies, bars, cars, even butter — is tagged as us or them with potentially deadly consequences.

The whole plot is compressed into the novel's first sentence, but it's such an enigmatic declaration that we won't understand it for more than 300 pages: "The day Somebody Mc-Somebody put a gun to my breast and called me a cat and threatened to shoot me was the same day the



'Milkman'

By Anna Burns, Graywolf, 352 pages, \$16

milkman died."

That relentless, indefatigable, tragicomic voice belongs to "middle sister," an 18-year-old woman who walks the streets of her town reading 19th-century novels. "I did not like twentieth-century books," she explains, "because I did not like the twentieth century." No one could blame her; her brief encounter with it has been miserable. Her father died after a crushing struggle with depression. She lost siblings to the Troubles. Her mother is a hectoring, dispiriting force of gloom.

As the novel opens, middle sister is being harassed by a 41-year-old paramilitary officer nicknamed the Milkman — a character of mysterious power amid a vast network of spies, bomb-makers and killers. But what makes him so destructive to the narrator's mental health is that she has no vocabulary with which to resist or even describe what's happening to her.

"At the time, age eighteen," she says, "having been brought up in a hair-trigger society where the ground rules were — if no physically violent touch

was being laid upon you, and no outright verbal insults were being leveled at you, and no taunting looks in the vicinity either, then nothing was happening, so how could you be under attack from something that wasn't there?" Her community, even her family, assumes that she's to blame for enticing the Milkman away from his wife. The whole town is engaged in a culturally enforced conspiracy of gaslighting. "All this made sense within the context of our intricately coiled, overly secretive, hyper-gossipy, puritanical yet indecent, totalitarian district," she writes.

The counterweight to that grim predicament is the narrator's irrepressible wit. This is a young woman who can roll her eyes so forcefully that you almost feel the book lunging to one side. She mocks her town's insatiable hunger for rumors, its glaring hypocrisy, its toxic sexism. Even in the grips of the Milkman's campaign, she swings out into long comic digressions about the quirky characters around her.

The narrator's thick patter, with its long sentences and infrequent paragraph breaks, rings with such a curious sound. It's as though the intense pressure of this place has compressed the elements of comedy and horror to produce some new alloy. Middle sister dares us to keep up as she talks on and on to prove she's alive, still sane in this nightmare. That she survives is a miracle. That she perseveres is a function of her indomitable courage.

I suspect that's a fair reflection of her creator, who, having survived the Troubles, is now, at 56, finding an audience around the world.

'Creed II' steers clear of vilifying Russia

BY ASHLEY LEE
Los Angeles Times

In the movie "Creed II," the titular fighter faces a new opponent. He speaks Russian. His name is Drago.

Wait, wasn't that a plotline in the "Rocky" films?

Yes, this summary sounds familiar — those of sequels and reboots often do, and "Creed II" is a sequel of a reboot, after all. In the follow-up to the 2015 hit, legacy boxer Adonis Creed (Michael B. Jordan) can't resist going toe-to-toe with Viktor Drago, the son and trainee of Ivan Drago, the former Soviet heavy-weight who fatally knocked out Apollo Creed.

"Creed vs. Drago, Round 2: It is, as various on-screen sports pundits breathlessly remind us, the matchup the world has been waiting to see," wrote Los Angeles Times critic Justin Chang in his strong review of the film. "But 'Creed II' seems well aware that, despite the resurgence of Russian hostilities in recent headlines, the world's enthusiasm may not be shared by the wider moviegoing audience."

Indeed, the sequel steers clear of simmering tensions between the U.S. and Russia, which have dominated the news cycle since the 2016 presidential election. It's a strategic storytelling move that paid off at the Thanksgiving weekend box office.

"People go to the movies, especially a movie like this, to escape the news headlines," said MGM Motion Picture Group President Jonathan Glickman. "This wasn't just a commercial decision but also an artistic one."

"Creed II" only faintly echoes the sentiments of



Dolph Lundgren, left, and Florian Munteanu in "Creed II," directed by Steven Caple Jr.

1985's "Rocky IV." Released during the Cold War, the film boasted a political agenda as loud as the flashy, star-spangled blazer that Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) donned in the ring. Ivan Drago was introduced as an indestructible, super-human contender, equipped with steroids and state-of-the-art technology and, therefore, impossible to defeat.

Played by Dolph Lundgren and often dressed in a Soviet military uniform, Drago was robotic, expressionless and incapable of remorse after Apollo died in their fight. Sylvester Stallone's Rocky Balboa then headed to Moscow to avenge the loss of his friend — and America's honor.

"Here is a flag-draped,

David-and-Goliath scenario pitting boxer Rocky Balboa, America's rugged individualist, against Ivan Drago, a Soviet, collectivist, steroid-induced human killing machine," wrote Michael J. Strada and Harold R. Troper in "Friend or Foe?: Russians in American Film and Foreign Policy, 1933-1991."

"Having it out in the ring represents even more than the United States versus the Soviet Union," their analysis continued. "The boxers represent rugged individualism versus collectivism, religious faith versus atheism, the human spirit versus mindless technology, honesty versus duplicity, and freedom versus control."

"Rocky IV" became the

highest-grossing installment of the five-film "Rocky" franchise, raking in \$300 million worldwide. Drago has been referenced in everything from "Family Guy" and "Chuck" to a John Kerry interview in 2014, and it helped set the stage for decades of Russian villains on screen.

All of this fades far, far into the background in "Creed II," which presents its once-robotic Russian rivals in a much more empathetic, humanizing light. Directed by Steven Caple Jr., the sequel takes a moving moment to zoom in on Ivan Drago who, upon losing to Rocky Balboa at the end of "Rocky IV," was banished to Ukraine and has spent three decades in shame and regret.

"Under the old USSR, everything was given to them by the state, and once you failed them, it's liable to be taken away," explained co-screenwriter Juel Taylor. "What happens when everything is contingent on you being successful, and you're not? How does that affect the next 30 years of your life?"

Drago tells Balboa that he's spent that time staging a comeback through the training of his son, Viktor (played by Florian "Big Nasty" Munteanu). Yet for this second generation of Drago, the motivation to chase victory is personal, not patriotic. Unlike the "Rocky" films, the only flag-waving imagery in "Creed II" are the boxers' respective garb in the ring.

Not a single national anthem is ever played in this movie.

The initial idea to revisit the Drago character was Stallone's, just after "Creed" was released in late 2015. However, he never entertained the thought of leaning into the political messaging that "Rocky IV" flaunted.

According to MGM Motion Picture Group's Glickman, that decision wasn't necessarily made to pacify any box-office prospects, as Russia has become a major film market since the "Rocky" movies wrapped.

Instead, the new film reflects what cemented the original franchise as a crowd-pleaser. Just as the "Rocky" movies inverted the audience's initial evaluation of Balboa's first opponent, Apollo Creed, the line between "hero" and "villain" disappears. Viktor Drago and Adonis Creed are not opposites; they're almost kindred spirits whose fates were sealed by their fathers' match.

"Steven wanted to tell a very intimate story — you know, as best you can in a movie where people are punching each other," said co-screenwriter Taylor.

"Especially given modern times, it's low-hanging fruit to play into the xenophobia and hyper-nationalism," Taylor added. "We knew we'd be doing ourselves a disservice if we were gonna shoehorn some political commentary when, really, it's all about these characters."

"Hopefully what you see is more than just America versus Russia, but the story of fathers and sons," added Winkler. "Stories about families always resonate."

Chance, Fleming will pair up for 'Storytelling'

BY STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Chance the Rapper has collaborated with fellow musicians including Big Sean, Lil Wayne and Kanye West.

But opera diva Renee Fleming?

A Chance-Fleming pairing will become a reality — in conversation, not in the recording studio — for a ticketed event at Chicago's Civic Opera House.

"The Art of Storytelling"

featuring Chance the Rapper and Renee Fleming will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, organizers said.

The event is put together by Creative Minds Talks, which in October paired tennis star Serena Williams and hip-hop artist and activist Common in a Civic Opera House conversation.

Former journalist Ewa Poilleux founded Creative Minds Talks in 2015 as "a platform for people who can inspire us, not only professionally but simply as humans," she said in a

statement.

"We always think about a little bit untraditional choices," Poilleux said in a phone interview.

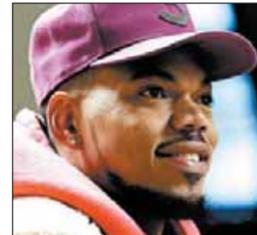
"What can a rapper have in common with an opera singer, right?" she said. "We want to show that even though they are so different, they still can work together. They still can create something beautiful."

Based now in Miami, the native of Poland lived eight years in Chicago last decade and was editor here of

Plus, a journal of Polish-American affairs, she said.

The Creative Minds model includes donating a portion of proceeds to charities of the participants' choice. The January talk will see \$50,000 given to Chance's SocialWorks, a foundation aimed at developing local youth, Poilleux said.

The event, slated for about an hour, will feature just Chance and Fleming talking, with the soprano "leading the conversation," said Poilleux.



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Chance the Rapper



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION 2015
Opera singer Renee Fleming

Fleming is a vice president on the Lyric's board and serves as creative consultant to the company. In those roles, she has championed many nontraditional methods of reaching audiences.

Tickets go on sale Friday for \$55 and can be bought at lyricopera.org or creativemindstalks.com.

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Comedy

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lately a lot with, and most women do, the apparel that you wear onstage. Because a lot of the times you're trying to deflate whatever sort of preconceived notions someone has when you step onstage. Do you dress down? Do you diminish your light because you're trying to be accepted, trying to be taken seriously?"

It's the kind of mental work many women take on that men often don't. Comic Lace Larrabee dresses up for the stage, and for a long time grappled with criticisms from men and women about her appearance. She finally just owned it.

"I'm sure no man has ever considered that in comedy, has ever had a several years-long debate with themselves over whether they should wear their hair straight or curl it, or put more or less makeup on, is it OK to wear a skirt with tights and high heels onstage," she said. "Because you have to consider that: You don't want to be too sexy, you don't want to be too this or that, and it sucks that I spend as much time thinking about that as I do about content."

A performer's experience can vary depending on the scene, city or even club. Sometimes when comedian Mia Jackson is on the road, "especially if I headline somewhere, they'll go, 'Well you're a woman, you're headlining, so we'll make the host a male comic and we'll make the feature a male comic, because we don't want anybody to feel



Rachel Brosnahan, left, and Alex Borstein in a scene from "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel."

too overwhelmed," she said. "You're like, really? You don't want anybody to feel overwhelmed with women, and we're 50 percent of the population? OK."

Years ago, that kind of one-woman-per-show mentality was much more prevalent. (Jackson, for instance, is currently touring with Amy Schumer and Janelle James.) Stand-up Liza Treyger said that "we're not pitted against each other" now, as women and marginalized people have expanded the comedy scene. "We're going to do our own thing," she said. "We cared less about fitting in since there are so many places to perform."

Creating new spaces doesn't mean women are immune to disparate treatment, though.

"Women often get asked, if they're dirtier comics,

"Why are you dirty? ... Uh, great, another woman talking about sex, why do you want to talk about it?" Treyger said. "The point of stand-up comedy is you have an opinion and you talk about it. Why am I having to explain to you why I do stand-up? The questions are crazy. ... I always have to explain the way I talk."

Many times, when women "complain about male standups, the complaints are kind of laughed off as like sensitive, PC culture. But when I've had men complain about my (stuff), I've had clubs try to take spots away," Treyger said.

She once had a Florida club try to cut her time for an upcoming show after three men griped about her performance — despite most of the audience loving it. She also had her spots

reduced dramatically at another club after she was told she was "too dirty" and "disgusting."

"The jokes I hear the men do at the club are no less filthy than me and actually pretty pointed and evil jokes, and my 'man-hating, disgusting evil jokes' are just men should ... care about women's pleasure," Treyger said. "It's not even hateful."

The sexism isn't always so obvious. Lynnea used to have her name misspelled or "people try to cut your time short. Those little nuances. Not overtly, 'you're a woman, you can't be on this show.'"

Many of the comics I spoke to said they don't experience this kind of treatment as much these days. Maybe there's increased cultural awareness. Maybe they're just more

seasoned performers and afforded the respect that comes with that. Whatever the reason, it turns out all of those little jabs haven't been enough to stop them from doing what they love.

"Things bother me, but it hasn't affected my overall experience in comedy, and I love my life," Treyger said. "I don't want to do anything else."

Jackson says she has to do comedy. "I'm not good at anything else anymore because all my skills have vanished," she said with a laugh. "No one wants me in their office doing Excel spreadsheets."

"It's a fascinating career," she continued. "Some of the things you experience in other industries, you experience here. The only difference is we don't have an HR department. So you have to be extra careful."

Smalls

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National Museum of Mexican Art on the Lower West Side. Smalls said she's found that teenagers are some of her biggest fans.

"I think that what kids and I have in common is we're just trying to live our best lives and be as unapologetic about it as possible, and I'm happy that I can be like an example of confidence to these kids," said Smalls, whose legal name is Davis Heppenstall.

To prepare for the new "Drag Race" season, she consulted with Season 8 winner Bob the Drag Queen to improve her comedic and impersonation skills. She found the all-star experience to be more fun than Season 8 because of her personal growth.

"I had a lot more drag knowledge. I knew how to make things happen, the concepts that I actually wanted to execute on the runway or on the main stage. I think just having the confidence this time around just helped," she said. "When you're a scared little kid on national television, it's kind of intimidating, but now I know what I do is something to be broadcast and be celebrated, and I think I'm really good at what I do. So it's really exciting to go back and showcase that."

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Dr. Sandra Lee

“Dr. Pimple Popper: The 12 Pops of Christmas” (8 p.m., 12 a.m., TLC): It’s entirely debatable whether anyone was clamoring for a special holiday episode of “Dr. Pimple Popper,” but by golly, we got one in this new one-hour special that evidently is aimed at fans jonesing for the show’s return in January. Dr. Sandra Lee returns to assist her patients during what turns out to be a busy time of year for her.

“Disney Prep & Landing” (7 p.m., ABC): Santa’s elves suffer job burnout, too. In this charming animated special, Dave Foley gives voice to Wayne, a member of the elite elf team that prepares for and oversees Santa’s arrival at children’s houses. He was hoping for a promotion; instead, he has to stay where he is and train an annoyingly overzealous new assistant (voice of Derek Richardson). Of course, no Christmas special would be complete without a crisis and a lesson to be learned.

“The Secret Life of the Zoo” (8 p.m., 11 p.m., 4 a.m., ANIM): In a special holiday episode called “Christmas at Chester Zoo,” an impetuous young orangutan named Indah can’t resist the impulse to open all of the Christmas stockings the zoo staff has given her family. There’s also a cute Christmas baby over in the facility’s tapir house. Meanwhile, 10 nervous but determined zoo keepers must catch Bali, a reticulated python, so the resident vet can give the snake a health check.

“Baroness Von Sketch Show” (8 p.m., IFC): Someone who is a novice to the Ayahuasca meditation experience has an adverse reaction to the resident shaman’s explanation of what to expect during the ceremony in the new episode “Sometimes It’s Good to Be the Shaman.” In other segments, a veterinarian is taken aback by a client’s reaction to news that her cat must be put down.

“Christmas Next Door” (9 p.m., Hallmark): Confirmed bachelor Eric Redford (Jesse Metcalfe, “Dallas”), who literally writes books about the joys of singlehood, is forced to take in his young niece and nephew just before Christmas, which also means he needs to throw together a cool Yule for the kids on short notice. Eric’s a bit of a Grinch when it comes to the jolly holiday.

“GG Allin: All in the Family” (9 p.m., Showtime): This new documentary profiles the controversial rock ‘n’ roll singer who gained extensive notoriety because of his outrageous onstage antics. His story opens during an impoverished childhood in a wildly dysfunctional household ruled by a tyrannical father who, Allin claims, occasionally plotted to kill his entire family in a murder-suicide scheme.

TALK SHOWS

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Diane Kruger; Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Texas); former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Amy Adams; comics Jeff Ross and Dave Attell; Kurt Vile performs.*

* Subject to change

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ROBERT CHAVERS/BLACK RIVER ENTERTAINMENT

Country star aims to unite audiences

BY EMILY YAHR
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An hour before she was scheduled to take a tour of the White House, country singer Abby Anderson sat in a hotel lobby and tried to remember whether she had been to Washington before. She was home-schooled growing up in Dallas, so she never took a school field trip to the District of Columbia — and if she did visit, she was too young to appreciate the significance.

“This is the first time I’ve actually been able to take it all in,” said Anderson, 21, a performer at the 96th National Christmas Tree Lighting. “Regardless of your political affiliation, it is so cool to just see the history of our nation ... it’s a very patriotic feeling.”

Plus, she was psyched to chronicle her trip to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue: “The Instagram story will be fire today!”

After she signed on for the Christmas Tree Light-

ing, an event President Donald Trump and the first family attended, Anderson braced herself for negative comments on social media — but didn’t receive any. Country artists are routinely advised to not share their political beliefs, and Anderson is a believer in that strategy.

“As an artist, I want to stay away — as much as possible — from political parties I’m affiliated with or whatever. I’m a musician, and my job is to bring people together, not tear them apart,” Anderson said. “I’m thankful to be an American. ... I’m thankful to write music I want to, to say the things I want to and to be a free 21-year-old young woman.”

Anderson is one of the most-buzzed-about new singer-songwriters in Nashville, where she moved when she was 17. Almost exactly two years later, she signed a record deal with Black River Entertainment, the independent label whose flagship artist is Kelsea Ballerini. Anderson’s soulful vocals and sharp songwriting caught the attention of

other tastemakers in town; she was named one of CMT’s “Next Women of Country” last year and landed on Pandora’s “2018 Country Artists to Watch.”

She released her debut EP, “I’m Good,” this fall. Her first single was “Make Him Wait,” a piano-driven ballad that urges girls not to feel pressured while dating.

Written with hit songwriters Tom Douglas and Josh Kerr, it has been streamed more than 4 million times on Spotify. Anderson was surprised the ballad connected so much with listeners, who have shared countless personal stories about what the song means to them.

“That just goes to show how privileged I was growing up to write a song like that and not think anything of it: Like, ‘Yeah, every girl knows this,’” Anderson said. “But most girls don’t know that or understand their worth or understand their value as a young woman. ... I’m really happy with the message that song brought.”

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— Abby Anderson

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 13

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	ABC 7	Disney Prep & Landing	Prep & Landing	The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition: “Cookie and Bread Week.” (N) ©			News at 10pm (N) ♣		
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Bounce 26.5	Scandal ©		Family Time	Mann &	A Thin Line Between Love and Hate ♣				
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	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ♣	
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	MAX	Unforgettable (R,17) ***				(8:45) Veronica Mars (PG-13,14) ***		Kristen Bell. ♣	
	SHO	Shut Up and Dribble ©		Shut Up and Dribble ©		GG Allin: All in (N)		Bourne ♣	
STARZ	♣ Counterpart (7:29) Old Dogs (PG,09) * ©				Counterpart: “Inside Out.”		Other Guy ♣		
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Dec. 13): Envision an inspiring decade this year. Achieve long-term goals with steady action. Navigate a work or health surprise. This winter gets lucrative, before an investigation draws you out. Work together for a summer prize, leading to a change in income sources. Discover and grow your passion.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Peace and quiet suit your mood. Do your homework. Forgive miscommunications. Another obstacle could arise, so just roll with it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Support friends and be supported. Listen, learn and let go of an old trepidation. Extend a team project's reach through connections with shared goals.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Prioritize a professional goal. Money and self-discipline go further than words. Have patience with delays or miscommunications. Focus on the road ahead, and adapt.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Travels and explorations reveal interesting discoveries. Delays could disrupt transportation and communications. Keep a flexible schedule and outlook. Allow extra time for connections.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Chaos could coil your shared finances. Catch up on filing and payments. New developments could change things. Talk is cheap; follow up words with action.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Collaborate for mutual gain. Let go of a preconception. Defer gratification until the timing is right. Check your internal gauges. Keep your attitude positive.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Balance physical work and health. Good food, exercise and rest keep your motor running smoothly. Prioritize practices that strengthen your heart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Relax and play with people you admire and respect. Money flows through your fingers; don't spend frivolously. Little things can express your love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Tackle a household project without spending a ton. Research options for best quality and value. Find simple domestic solutions. Relax with family.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Brilliant ideas buzz and sparkle. Consider dreams and philosophical conundrums. Choose your words carefully so your message reaches the widest audience. Follow a hunch.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Profitable opportunities arise through your networks. Social engagement benefits your business. Avoid risky propositions. Prioritize positive cash flow. Track what's coming and going.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Professional benefits arise in conversation. Take charge of your destiny, and let people know what you want. Go for a personal dream.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

North

- ♠ A 10 6 5
- ♥ AK 9 7
- ♦ Q 7 5
- ♣ 7 2

East

- ♠ 8 3
- ♥ J 8
- ♦ K 10 8 2
- ♣ Q 10 9 6 4

West

- ♠ Q 4 2
- ♥ Q 10 6 5 3
- ♦ A 9 6 4
- ♣ J

South

- ♠ K J 9 7
- ♥ 4 2
- ♦ J 3
- ♣ AK 8 5 3

The late John Lowenthal was an expert player but an eccentric opening leader. His partners described his opening lead style like this: the lead of an honor denied a touching honor, the lead of a low card promised an honor sequence somewhere in the suit, and the lead of trump indicated a desire to ruff something.

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Two of ♠

The auction did call for a trump lead, but who would lead away from three to the queen of trumps except Lowenthal? Signe Buus Thomsen, that's who! The trump lead was the only lead to defeat the contract.

Declarer won the opening lead in hand with the nine, cashed dummy's ace and king of hearts, and ruffed a heart in his hand. It looked like a cross-ruff would easily get him to 10 tricks. He tried to cash the ace and king of clubs, but Thomsen ruffed the king of clubs and led the queen of spades, forcing South to break the diamond suit on his own, losing three tricks there, and the contract failed. Nice lead!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



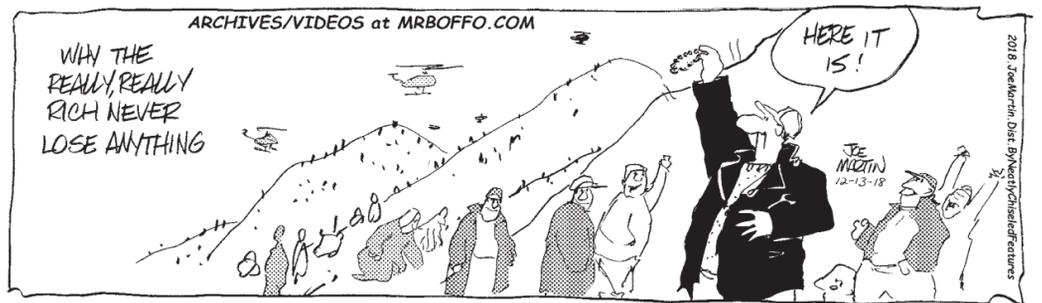
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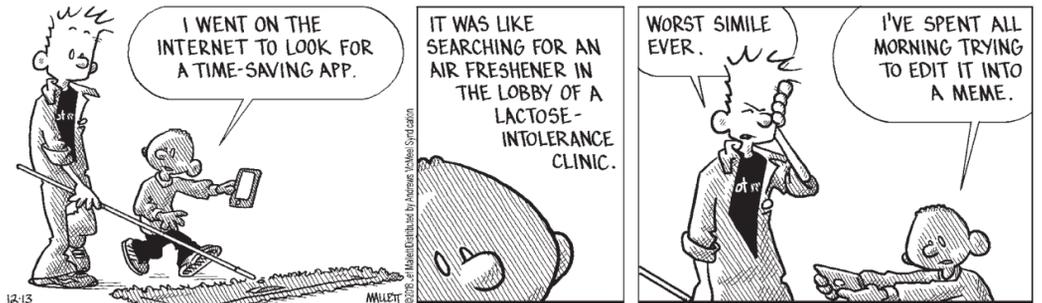
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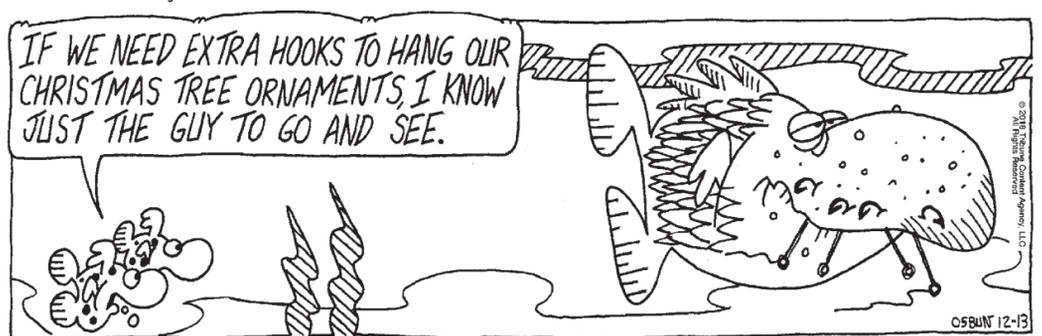
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THURSDAY, DEC. 13

NORMAL HIGH: 35°

NORMAL LOW: 21°

RECORD HIGH: 67° (1975)

RECORD LOW: -13° (1903)

Cloudy skies with rain likely Thursday night

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 44 **LOW** 34

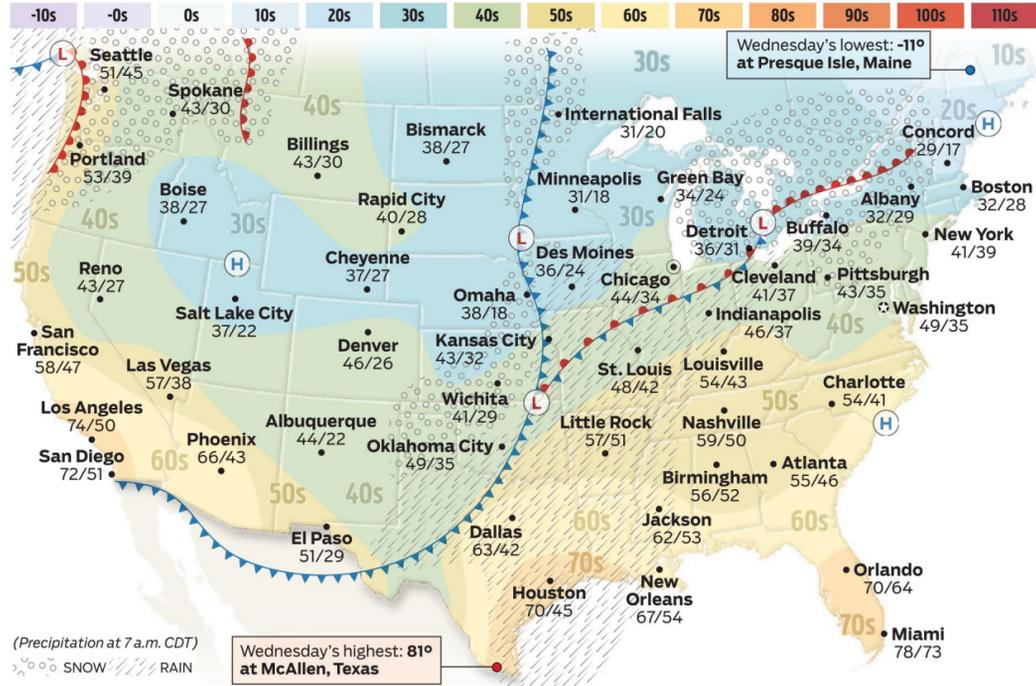
■ Clouds and rain approach our area from the south, as low pressure develops in Oklahoma and slowly moves east.

■ Partial sun early, gives way to increasing and thickening clouds as the day progresses. Rain reaches into southernmost sections. Afternoon highs 40 to 45.

■ Rain overspreading the area from the south at night.

■ Southerly winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Cloudiness will be on the increase during the day Thursday as low pressure develops to our south.

The bulk of the rain will most likely fall Thursday night, with upward of a half-inch possible in many areas.

As the low pressure moves from the Tennessee valley, eventually reaching the East Coast, the Chicago area will rest on the northern edge of the cloud and rain pattern Friday into Saturday.

We should then remain precipitation-free and seasonably mild into the middle of next week, with the exception of a brief incursion of cooler air Monday.

Overall, the coming 10 days will average about 10 degrees warmer than the past 10 and about 8 degrees above normal.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

HIGH 44 **LOW** 32

Cloudy. Chance of showers early. Partly sunny in the afternoon, as clouds/rain moves off to the east. Highs 40 to 45. Clouds increase at night with a chance of rain toward morning. East to northeast winds.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

HIGH 43 **LOW** 31

Remnant showers early, mainly south and east of Chicago. Becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. High temps in the lower 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. NE winds during the day shift to the south at night.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

HIGH 45 **LOW** 29

Mostly sunny with afternoon highs in the middle 40s. Clear skies overnight. Southwest winds shift northwest.

MONDAY, DEC. 17

HIGH 38 **LOW** 28

Partly sunny — highs in the upper 30s. Clear skies at night. Gusty north winds diminish at night.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

HIGH 42 **LOW** 30

Mostly sunny — high temperatures 40 to 45. Clear skies at night. Southwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

HIGH 45 **LOW** 32

Partly sunny with highs in the low to middle 40s. Partly cloudy overnight. Westerly winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
One of my "bucket list" items is to see the northern lights. Where would I have to go to see them?
— Wayne Schleeauf, Streamwood

Dear Wayne,
You could stay here, but on average, the northern lights are only visible in Chicago about once every two years, and they would be hard to see because of light pollution.

However, away from the city in dark rural areas, they might be visible a few times each year. They have actually been sighted in all 50 states and as far south as northern Mexico, but your best bet is to travel north, where the frequency of auroral displays increases dramatically, peaking with as many as 100 annual sightings in Alaska and northern Canada. Autumn and winter are the most common times for viewing the aurora borealis as the period of darkness increases from its summer-time minimum.

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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

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Southern and eastern U.S. brace for winds, rain and t-storms

NEW STORM TO DRENCH THE SOUTH AND EAST

STORM'S TO BE A VERITABLE WIND MACHINE

PROJECTED PRECIPITATION SNAPSHOT

ESTIMATED PEAK NON-THUNDERSTORM WIND GUSTS

COLORADO	NEW MEXICO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TEXAS
Denver 50 mph	Albuquerque 60 mph	Dodge City 60 mph	Oklahoma City 60 mph	Amarillo 60 mph
	Santa Fe 48 mph	Wichita 50 mph		Dallas/Fort Worth 55 mph
				Wichita Falls 70 mph
				Midland 60 mph

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES*

THURSDAY	THURS. PM	FRIDAY	FRIDAY PM
25%	95%	30%	15%

ESTIMATED CHICAGO AREA RAINFALL

GREATEST AMOUNT PREDICTED	AVERAGE FORECAST	LEAST PREDICTED
0.55"	0.47"	0.10"

*Indicates the chance of measurable rain (0.01" or more) at some point in each 12-hour period.

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	39	32	Midway	43	31
Gary	45	32	O'Hare	41	31
Kankakee	43	33	Romeville	42	32
Lakefront	42	32	Valparaiso	46	29
Lansing	42	33	Waukegan	42	30

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	Trace	0.07"
December to date	1.24"	1.04"
Year to date	47.15"	35.68"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	Trace
Season to date	13.0"	9.4"
Normal to date	4.1"	4.0"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	S 10-15 kts.	E 10-20 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	2-4 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps	36°/34°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

DEC. 12	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	37.6%	23.6%
Average snow depth	2.0"	1.2"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	4 days	5 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading: Moderate
Thursday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particles

SUNRISE/SET TIMES

SUN	RISE	SET
7:10 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	

MOON

MOON	RISE	SET
11:33 a.m.	10:19 p.m.	

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:21 a.m.	3:13 p.m.
Venus	3:23 a.m.	2:06 p.m.
Mars	11:54 a.m.	11:20 p.m.
Jupiter	6:03 a.m.	3:28 p.m.
Saturn	8:26 a.m.	5:36 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:00 a.m.	6° SE
Venus	5:45 a.m.	22.5° SE
Mars	5:30 p.m.	42.5° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:00 p.m.	5° SW

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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'Treehouse' for rent

Most sought-after Airbnb home in Dallas is nestled in a woody neighborhood **PAGE 4**



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Preventing home disasters while traveling for holidays

BY DAN DICLERICO
HomeAdvisor

It's every vacationing homeowner's worst nightmare: the call from a neighbor or local authorities with the report of an emergency — a fire, maybe, or signs of a break-in. There's no way to prevent every possible disaster or mishap from striking while you're away from home. But you can increase your peace of mind significantly with these five safeguards.

Check the smoke alarms:

While cooking is the leading cause of home fires, other causes can occur at times when no one is home, things like electrical malfunctions or problems with heating equipment. The best fire protection is working smoke alarms, ideally hardwired. For maximum peace of mind while traveling, consider a "smart" hardwired smoke alarm, which will send an alert to your phone; some alarms also let you designate friends and neighbors to be notified.

Install leak sensors: Another

example of smart home technology, these disc-shaped, Wi-Fi-connected devices can be placed anywhere there's a risk of leaks, such as a flood-prone basement or under the washing machine or water heater. In the event of a leak, you'll receive an alert through the app; some versions can also connect you instantly with a pre-screened service professional, so you're not scrambling to find a plumber or appliance repair person.

In addition to water, many sensors also detect temperature swings, which could be a heads-up that the heating or cooling system has conked out, leading the way to other home mishaps.

Protect water pipes: If you're going away on an extended trip, take steps to keep water pipes from freezing. A single burst pipe can result in \$5,000 worth of water damage. Adequate insulation throughout the home is the first line of defense. If you have pipes in exposed spaces, like a basement or crawl space, they should be fitted with insulation sleeves, available at home centers



DREAMSTIME

Putting lights on timers — an old trick — is still a great way to deter would-be thieves.

and plumbing supply stores.

It's also a good idea to leave the heat on at a temperature no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit and open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors so that warmer air can circulate around water pipes.

Put lights on timers: This is one of the oldest tricks in the books, but it's still a great way to deter would-be thieves. Old-fashioned plug-in timers let you program lamps to turn on and off throughout the day. Or you can

go the high-tech route and screw smart light bulbs into various light fixtures around the house. The connected bulbs make it easy to program randomized schedules that will do the most to keep thieves guessing.

Beef up your home security: In recent years, the market for affordable do-it-yourself security systems has exploded, making it possible to add a layer of protection without massive upfront costs and bur-

dense monthly monitoring fees. For as little as \$100, you can find starter kits that include door and window sensors, motion detectors and a central control hub. If you don't want to go for the full system, even a single exterior camera positioned near the front entrance can be enough to convince burglars to move on to the next house.

Need help with the install? A qualified electrician should be able to have the camera up and running in about hour.

FINDS

Sound judgment in holiday shopping

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

There's always some cool things to add to holiday shopping lists. But as we get down to the shopping deadline, this can include basics for grab-and-go shoppers.

Home essentials that any family, friend or neighbor can use, or even a really cool music system.

Crosley's new retro cassette player/recorder is simply awesome for its looks and functional-

ity, and it includes some nice modern features. I still have boxes of perfectly playable cassette tapes. They bring back some great playlists. Pressing actual buttons for start, stop, pause, play, forward and back might be new to some and refreshing to others. Either way, the portable tape deck is for any generation to play cassette tapes or choose an AM or FM radio station with the side knob and extendable antenna. The CT100 tape deck also has a USB port and SD card slot for playing

digital music. There's also a headphone jack and built-in microphone. <http://crosleyradio.com>, \$59.95

Spot for your Dot: That's written on the box for the iHome iAV2 speaker system built for the Amazon Echo Dot voice assistant hardware, so I can't take credit for it. What I can say is that this is a useful bedside or office desktop system. Along with dimmable time display, 360-degree sound and a USB port for smartphone

charging, the attractive feature is the top sided dock for your Echo Dot (2nd generation). Just drop it there and you can give Alexa commands to play music, playlists, hear the weather when you awake, turn on lights or set an alarm. The features for the cloud-based voice assistant are always growing and having a partner like the AC powered iHome iAV2 makes it even better. While in the dock, the Echo keeps itself charged. www.iHomeAudio.com, \$69.99



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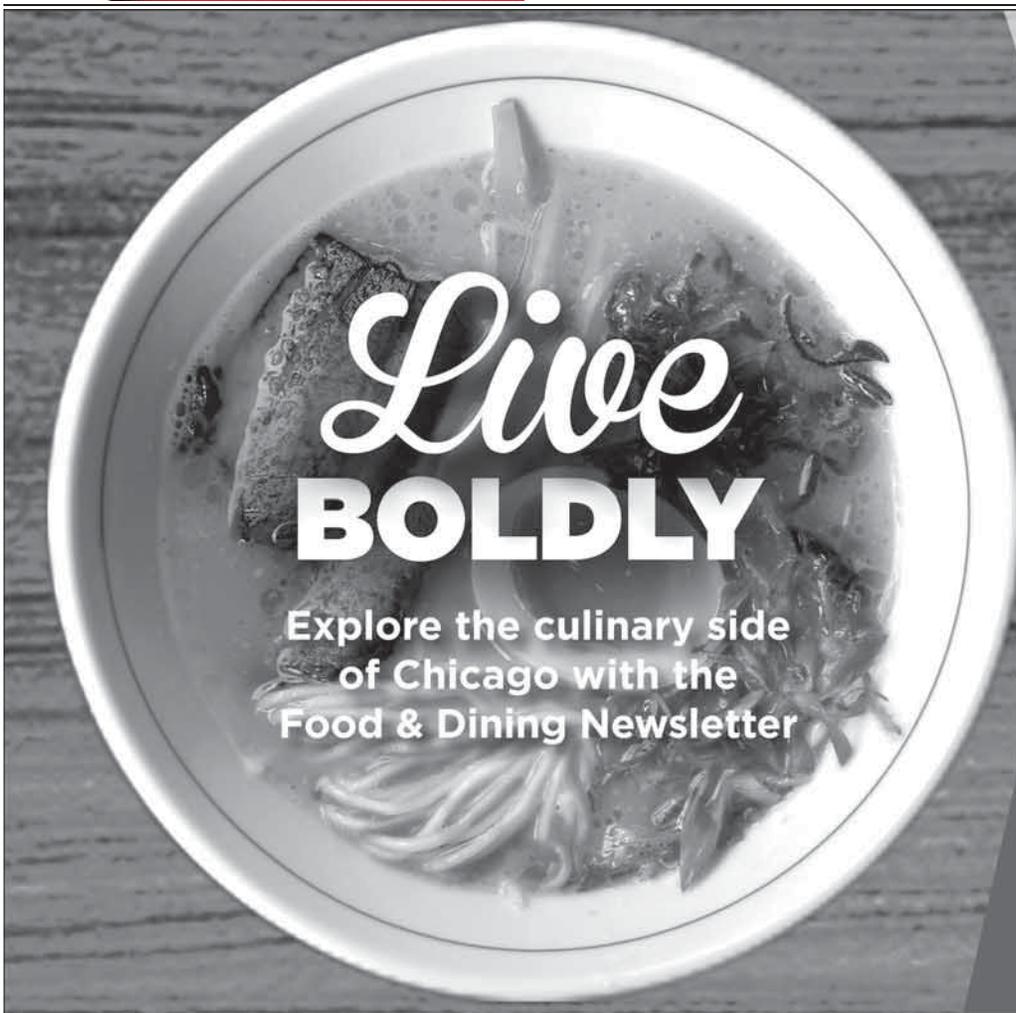
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A rental home near White Rock Lake was ranked in summer 2018 as Dallas' top site by Airbnb based on user wish lists.

'Treehouse' Airbnb site a huge draw

BY SARAH SARDER
Tribune News Service

DALLAS — Nestled in a woody neighborhood near White Rock Lake is a much sought-after rental home that doesn't seem like it's in Dallas at all.

From the living room of this natural refuge there's no sign of a road, only a footbridge over a creek. The so-called treehouse feels isolated and surrounded by flora — Japanese maples, bald cypress and bamboo.

The home is hidden, but it's also more well known than one might expect. In the past year, the treehouse has hosted hundreds of guests and is Dallas' most wish-listed location on the home rental website Airbnb.

Scott and Danielle Kaserman, both 34, bought the place in 2013.

The couple had high-stress jobs in advertising and real estate, and the home, they said, relieved much of the stress.

They decided to move to a more child-friendly home in mid-2017 for their now oldest daughter, but didn't want to sell.

"Within a month of moving out, we put the

place on Airbnb," Scott said. "We wanted to share it with other people because it's so unique."

The first booking came within 24 hours of posting, and more kept pouring in. The treehouse is now booked for nearly every weekend through February and has its furthest bookings in July, said Danielle, who has managed the treehouse since they moved.

The home was ranked in summer 2018 as Dallas' top location by Airbnb based on users' wish lists.

The ranking was a surprise to the Kasermans, who knew the treehouse was popular but not that it had gained such a following in just one year.

The treehouse is priced at \$230 a night, more than double the average in Dallas. Most Airbnbs in the city are concentrated around the downtown area, with an average nightly price of \$105, according to Airbnb.

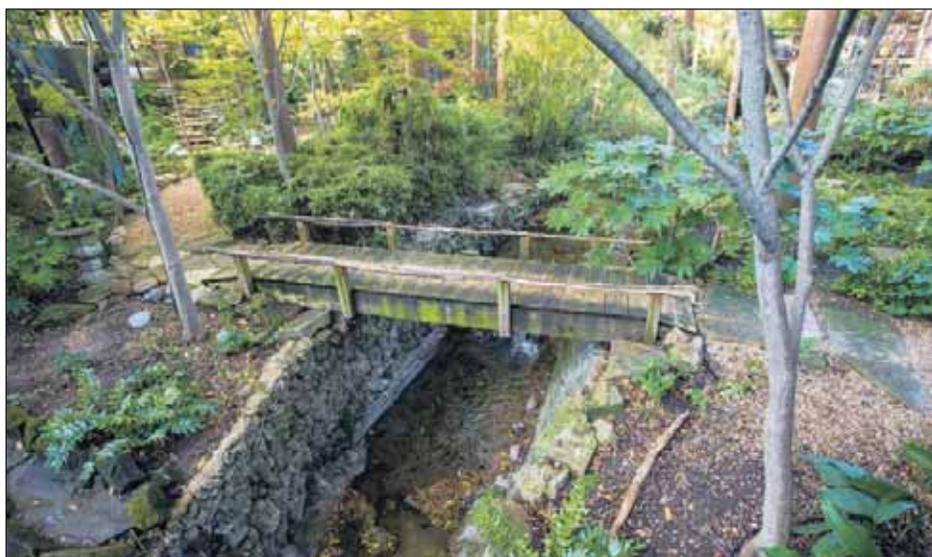
Though downtown Dallas has a higher concentration of Airbnbs, most properties in the city are spread across neighborhoods that lack hotels, creating a rental supply gap Airbnb is able to fill.

The treehouse attracts a



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The main entrance shows off the staircase of the so-called treehouse, which is priced at \$230 a night.



A wooden bridge leads over a creek to the front door of the much sought-after Airbnb.

number of people looking to celebrate life events, but most renters are couples on romantic getaways, Danielle said. The place is sought after because of its "peacefulness and tranquility," she said, and it has been host to everything from proposals and anniversaries to girls' nights and international trips.

The home itself is almost camouflaged among the trees with stucco and dark metals that naturally complement the wooded area in the front. To get to the front door, visitors follow stone steps through a frenzy of greenery — except in fall, when the Japanese maples turn a bright red — to a footbridge that arches over

a brook.

The Kasermans changed little when they bought the house.

The treehouse's original incarnation was as an artist's studio with soaring ceilings built in 1988. The second owner expanded the house beyond what is now the living room to add a kitchen and dining area

hand-crafted with dark woods and repurposed materials. A multitude of windows brightens the house with natural light.

Between the two prior owners, the landscaping evolved to take on a more natural appearance with a Japanese-influenced front garden.

That's part of what initially drew the Kasermans to the home, Danielle said. On their first visit to the property, the two toured the house and grounds, and an hour later, knew they loved the place.

"We just said, how can we make it work?" she said. "We knew it was a unique property."

Though the Kasermans don't go to the treehouse often anymore, they said visiting brings its own form of nostalgia. Scott said they never plan to sell, and will likely move back when their children are older.

"I can't believe we really do own it," he said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime property."



DREAMSTIME

Doorknobs tend to harbor dirt and germs, so give them special attention when cleaning.

HOME REMEDIES

How to rid your home of sickness-causing germs

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

In the cold and flu season, it's more important than ever to minimize germs that could make you and your family sick. Focus on these steps when you're housecleaning to eliminate the nasty bugs taking refuge in your home.

Where are the germs hiding: You'll find germs in the most unexpected places. When cleaning, focus on the elements you touch most often. Light switches, doorknobs, remote controls and faucet handles all harbor lots of germs, so clean them carefully with disinfectant wipes. Wash all your bedding in hot water and the hottest dryer setting once per week. This includes blankets and furniture covers.

Regularly clean your computer keyboard and any mobile devices as well.

If you use a humidifier, clean it regularly. They provide excellent breeding grounds for bacteria.

Toothbrush holders, the kitchen sink and sponges are some of the germiest places in your home, so

take special care to thoroughly clean them. Soak sponges in a bowl of hot water and run them through the microwave for a few minutes. You can also run them through your dishwasher's sanitary cycle instead. This works best for sponges with metal components, which can't go in the microwave.

Wash your hands regularly, using soap and warm water and scrubbing for at least 15 seconds.

When housecleaning, don't overlook your ceiling fan, where dust and debris can settle. Here's an easy trick to clean it: slide an old pillow case over each blade, then remove it carefully to avoid spilling the dust.

Who cleans the cleaners: Even if you diligently stay on top of household cleaning, the supplies you use aren't self-cleaning, and they need regular care to stay in good shape. You may think of them as self-cleaning, since they're constantly doused in soap or cleaning solution, but the grime builds up quickly. Scrubbing down your cleaning supplies on

a regular basis keeps your house cleaner and prevents the spread of germs.

Clean your brooms at least once per month. Shake out debris over a trash can and rinse them thoroughly. Let them soak in a bucket with a bleach and water solution for about 20 minutes, then rinse and dry. Take care not to soak wood handles, though.

That nasty toilet brush should be soaked in a quart of water mixed with two cups of vinegar, a tablespoon of borax and a half-teaspoon of dish soap. Make sure you replace it every four to six months.

Mopping pads and cleaning cloths can be cleaned with a quick run through the washing machine's hottest setting.

You no doubt empty your vacuum's chamber every time you use it, but all those moving parts require attention as well. Regularly inspect your filters and replace them as needed. Check the hose, moving parts and spinning head for hair and string and clear it out. At least twice a year, wash the hard attachments in soapy water.

How to stop white flies, a common houseplant pest

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

There are a bunch of white bugs flying around my houseplants. What are they, and should I do something about them?

— Preston Lewis, Woodstock

White flies (*Trialeurodes vaporariorum*) are tiny insects related to aphids, scales and mealybugs that look more like moths than flies and are a common problem on houseplants. Adults ($\frac{1}{16}$ -inch long) have powdery white wings and short antennae.

They are easily recognized and often found near the tops of plants or on the ends of stems and branches.

You may notice them swarm in the air when you water the plant or touch the leaves. They quickly return to the plant to continue feeding after being disturbed.

Both white fly nymphs and adults damage plants by sucking the juices from new growth, which causes stunted growth and yellowing foliage.

An advanced infestation of white flies can be difficult to control, so be sure to inspect your plant purchases before bringing them home.

In addition to the adults, look for black sooty mold on the plant's foliage that forms on the honeydew that is excreted by the white flies during feeding. The black sooty mold can also be an indicator of other insect problems such as aphids and scales.

Females lay 30 to 40 eggs in a circle on the underside of the leaves. Once hatched, the nymphs suck plant sap for two to three weeks. Wingless nymphs are flat, oval and almost scalelike in appearance. All of the immature stages of this insect are easily overlooked as they are usually pale and blend



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To get rid of white flies, attach yellow sticky cards to wooden skewers or sticks and place in the pots. The white flies will be attracted to the yellow color and then caught by the sticky covering.

in with the color of the leaf to which they are attached. White flies develop from egg to adult in approximately 25 days at room temperature. Adults may live for one to two months. One option for controlling white flies in heavily infested plants is to simply dispose of the plants or at least move them away from your other plants. During warm months, take the plants outside and hose them off to help remove the white flies.

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covering.

You should be able to suppress the population by spraying with an insecticidal soap every seven to 10 days for a total of two to three applications. Be sure to spray under the leaves, too, as the soap works on contact.

There are also some stronger insecticides that can be used if the previous options do not work. Managing a large infestation of white flies is difficult, so take care not to introduce them with new houseplants and to isolate infested plants.

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Cold room? It may be poor duct sizing

BY TIM CARTER
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Q: I've got a forced-air furnace. Several rooms in my house are cold in the winter and are hot and stuffy in the summer when the AC is on. Most of the rooms are comfortable. Why do you think this is the case? What can be done to fix it? And if I build a new home, how can I prevent it?

A: There are several possible reasons why a few rooms in your home might not be as comfortable as others. Let's assume that the vent covers in the rooms are wide open, the damper controls in the branch ducts are wide open, and there are no stuffed animals being held prisoners down in the ducts.

It's important to realize that furnaces and AC units are like shoes and clothes. They are matched to the heating and cooling requirements of your home. If you buy shoes that are too small, you'll be uncomfortable. A professional heating and cooling contractor will do calculations that tell him exactly how many cubic feet per minute of conditioned air must go into each room to keep you comfortable.

The supply air duct system in your home needs to mimic the blood vessels in your body. The reason your blood pressure is the same throughout your entire body, even at your fingertip, is because the blood vessels get smaller



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Heating and air supply ducts need to get smaller the farther away they are from the furnace to provide the proper amount of air flow.

and smaller the farther away they are from your heart.

Your main supply duct needs to do the same. Otherwise, there's not enough energy in the remaining forced air to push into the rooms at the far end of your home. If your basement is unfinished, look at your main supply duct to see if it gets smaller as branch ducts go off toward the other rooms that are comfortable.

You might be able to fix

your existing supply ducts with relative ease if they're accessible. The first step in the process is to have a contractor do the calculations to see if enough air is getting to each room. There are online help aids if you want to do this yourself. Look for a Manual J guidebook if you want to try your hand at the calculations.

The second step is to make sure your furnace or AC units are indeed the correct sizes. A professional contractor will probably

have to assist you with this. If your furnace and AC unit are sized properly, then make sure your main supply duct does get smaller and smaller. If it doesn't, then you'll have to modify it.

Q: I'm in a constant battle fighting mold, mildew and algae on my outdoor patio and sidewalks. I'm tired of scrubbing them. Is there some magic liquid I can spray on the concrete and

paver brick?

A: I have the same problem. On the north side of my home, I've got a paver stone pad outside a door from my garage. It constantly has slippery green algae I have to clean off. Well, I used to clean it!

Mold, mildew, algae and who-knows-what likes to grow where they can get abundant food and moisture. Shaded patios and sidewalks can be prime candidates. These organisms will grow on vertical

surfaces, too, such as siding and brick.

I decided to solve the problem using technology from shipbuilders of old. Go back more than 200 years and the shipbuilders used thin copper plating on the hulls of sailing ships to prevent the growth of barnacles that would create drag and slow down the ships.

Copper is a natural, safe biocide. As with most things, you don't want too much as it can cause problems. I've discovered a safe way to put copper on my pavers so it doesn't leach into the pure water of the lake I live on here in New Hampshire.

I mix up about 1.75 pounds of blue copper sulfate crystals with a gallon of hot water. The crystals dissolve very fast as you stir them. I then put this solution in a standard hand-pump sprayer and apply a fine mist of the liquid just on the pavers and concrete.

I'm careful to make sure I don't get any in the grass, and I only put on enough so it doesn't puddle. You'll discover it almost always soaks into the masonry in a few minutes.

After it dries, I apply more. I do this about three or four times so the copper soaks down into the surface of the masonry. The surface of the concrete does end up with a blueish color, but the color fades away in a week or two. The best part is I don't have any algae, mold or mildew problems, and neither will you!

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Winter winds mean cozying up to warmth of a fireplace

Direct vent types fuel popularity

Why does every other holiday card picture a cozy room with a colorfully decorated tree and a roaring fire in the fireplace? Because this inviting scene has long been the image that Midwestern families relate to in the months when cold winter winds blow and gatherings center on the warmth and beauty of this enduring symbol of home and hearth.

"The atmosphere in a room becomes more inviting when the focal point is a fireplace," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager for Shodeen Homes. "Fireplaces invite family and friends to gather and enjoy warmth and a feeling of togetherness, both in the winter and cool spring and fall evenings. Today's direct vent fireplaces have the added advantage of being clean, safe and convenient as well as offering a dramatic focal point that accent our open concept floor plans."

Fireplaces are offered as options in Shodeen homes, and 90 percent of buyers choose to have them.

"Wood-burning fireplaces are rapidly being replaced by the direct vent type, although our buyers can still choose a wood-burning fireplace," he says.

A direct vent fireplace with a standard marble surround and standard mantle can cost approximately \$5,000 while a wood-burning fireplace is priced from \$7,000. Whatever the choice, there are so many different types of materials for surrounds, including brick, stone, granite and tile as well as extended two-story surrounds, along with a variety of custom mantles. These upgrades add cost, but many buyers want to indulge their creativity in designing a dramatic focal point."

Lund advises that since a fireplace is a structural component, buyers should make their choices before construction begins, and can work with Shodeen Homes design consultants in creating the design.

Shodeen Homes offers new home communities in the far western suburbs and in the Lake Geneva region of southern Wisconsin.

Toll Brothers, a luxury home builder,

includes fireplaces in its single-family homes, an important selling point.

Jennifer Mencias, sales director for the Chicago Division, says that fireplaces are a popular inclusion with virtually every buyer of Toll Brothers upscale single-family homes and townhomes.

"Traditionally, we have included full masonry wood-burning fireplaces but increasingly buyers prefer the direct vent fireplaces that are more energy-efficient, clean and convenient," Mencias says. "These fireplaces are ideal in the open concept floor plans that are popular today, and fireplaces are so popular that they are second only to kitchens on buyers' priority lists. Many buyers choose to enhance their fireplaces with upgraded features.

"A typical wood-burning or direct vent fireplace has a granite surround and an attractive mantle. In the direct vent type, a quality gas log is included that makes a realistic statement. This type can become more elaborate as buyers can choose from a wide range of other surround materials, including stone, limestone, brick and stacked stone. They can opt for a raised hearth or the spectacular surround that reaches to the ceiling," Mencias says.

"Depending on the preferred decorating style, fireplaces can be traditional in style or more contemporary. The choices are abundant, and our designers and stone masons can assist each buyer with designing a fireplace that makes an individualized statement," she says.

Toll Brothers offers luxury new home communities at Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin, The Woods of South Barrington and Tanglewood Hills in Batavia.

At Ashcroft Place and The Townes at



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Fireplaces are more popular than ever, especially the direct vent type.

Ashcroft Walk, sister communities offered by West Point Builders in the master-planned community in Oswego, fireplaces are a popular optional feature.

"Approximately 40 percent of our buyers choose the option of having a fireplace, mostly in our semi-custom single-family homes but also in The Townes," says Christine Smith, sales manager.

"The popularity of fireplaces has really increased with the open concept designs of today's homes and the innovation of the direct vent fireplace by which a family can hit a remote and have a roaring fire

to enjoy during the winter months. This fire can be seen from every area of the open concept living area so many buyers consider them a valuable investment.

"West Point Builders also offers a variety of surrounds, mantles and upgrades to enable buyers to create a statement piece to reflect their preferences. Linear gas fireplaces also are becoming popular with some buyers, and a variety of surrounds are available with this type too," she says.

For more information, visit shodeenhomes.com, tollbrothers.com or westpointbuilders.com

Start the new year in a new Toll Brothers home and save

Buyers who want to start 2019 in a new home will want to visit three suburban Toll Brothers communities to learn more about money-saving incentives and special financing on quick delivery homes in Batavia, Elgin and Barrington Dec. 15 through Dec. 30.

"What better way to start the New Year than in a new home?" says Alison Keifer, senior sales manager for The Woods of South Barrington. "We are inviting buyers to attend our Holiday Open House Event on Dec. 15 from noon to 4 p.m. where, in addition to learning more about the special incentives offered on quick move-in homes in each neighborhood, they can also enjoy seasonal treats, holiday surprises and a complimentary family photo."

Keifer adds that the New Year New Home Savings Event runs Dec. 15 through the 30th and offers buyers a variety of housing styles and delivery dates.

"Buyers can select from a variety of housing styles for quick delivery, including maintenance-free townhomes and luxury ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans," Keifer says. "Homes include some of today's most sought-after features such as open concept floor plans with gourmet island kitchens, wide plank wood flooring, elegant master bedroom suites with luxury baths, Jack-and-Jill bedroom and Princess suites, full basements with 9-foot ceilings, three-car garages and more."

The New Year New Home Savings Event and Dec. 15 Holiday Open House are offered at Tanglewood Hills in Batavia.

Tanglewood Hills offers 63 oversized homesites of ¼ acre or more and a collection of ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans, ranging from 3,200 to over 3,600 square feet in size, with prices starting from the low \$500s. Residents



Your dream home awaits you at one of the Toll Brothers communities in Batavia, Elgin or South Barrington.

appreciate resort-style amenities, including two pools, a clubhouse, tennis courts, playgrounds and miles of walking trails. Children attend the neighborhood Grace McWayne elementary school as well as Rotolo Middle School and Batavia High School, which schooldigger.com ranks as the 39th best high school among Illinois' 645 high schools.

Two homes are offered for quick delivery. They include the 4,900-square-foot Duke Lexington, available now, with five bedrooms, five baths, first-floor guest suite with full bath, gourmet kitchen, full basement and three-car garage, priced from the low \$700s. The 3,200-square-foot Audubon Manor ranch plan, available in January, is priced from the upper \$500s

and includes three bedrooms, three baths, screened porch, full basement with rough-in plumbing and three-car garage.

Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin is nestled in a picturesque setting amid views of the 18-hole public golf course designed by renowned golf course architect Rick Jacobson. Bowes Creek Country Club includes scenic walking trails, an on-site restaurant and bar, Porter's Pub, and a convenient location near the Randall Road shopping and entertainment corridor. Toll Brothers offers four series of homes. They include low-maintenance, luxury townhomes, two collections of spacious single-family homes, and low maintenance 55+ single-family homes. Currently, homes for quick delivery include four townhomes,

ranging from 1,848 to over 2,000 square feet in size, with delivery dates starting in summer of 2019. These townhomes, priced from the \$270s, offer first or second floor master suites, three bedroom, 2½ baths, kitchens open to family rooms, two-car garages and more. Also available in January and priced from the mid-\$300s, a two bedroom, two bath 55+ collection ranch plan with open island kitchen, 10-foot ceilings throughout and master bedroom with French door entry, tray ceiling, large walk-in closet, private luxury bath with shower with a seat and two-car garage. Priced from the low \$500s, buyers may also enjoy a 3,228-square-foot, two-story home in the Masters Collection ready for February move-in. Highlights of the four bedroom home with 9-foot ceilings throughout, include a gourmet island kitchen open to the two-story family room, formal living and dining rooms, study, spectacular master bedroom with sitting area, two walk-in closets and luxury bath with shower and Roman tub, basement and three-car garage.

The Woods of South Barrington is a scenic master-planned community served by Barrington School District 220, ranked fourth best in Illinois. Homes are on home-sites of ½-acre acre or more. The luxurious Stansbury Heritage plan, priced from the low \$900s, offers 4,200 square feet of living space with five bedrooms, five baths, 9-foot ceilings throughout, full finished basement, three-car, side-load garage and so much more.

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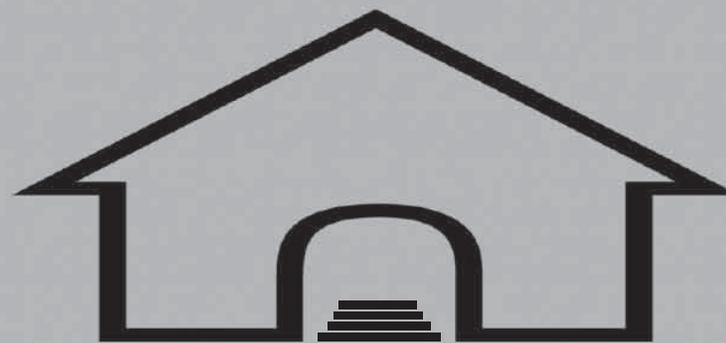
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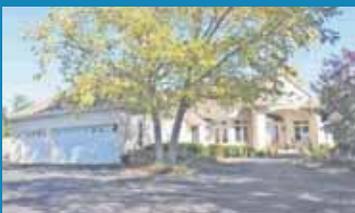
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